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Judges work to save treatment center

Satterwhite: CRTC provides valuable service to Midland County

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Midland County officials are appealing to the state for reconsideration after it stripped $1.2 million in funding from the Court Residential Treatment Center and effectively closed the facility.

"This is devastating for us," said Jed Davenport, director of the Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

The 50-bed facility is one of eight statewide being closed, Davenport said. Other facilities sustained a reduction in funding. Between the cuts, 343 beds in Texas are being lost for substance abuse treatment through the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Judge Rodney Satterwhite, of the 441st District Court, said they were alerted on July 11 of the closure and received a formal letter explaining the CRTC's defunding on Monday.

"It provides a valuable service to the citizens of Midland County," he said, speaking to county commissioners. "We as the judges of Midland County have decided we are going to appeal the decision."

Davenport said historically 73 percent of medium-risk inmates and 61 percent of high-risk inmates who complete the CRTC program still are clean three years later. This year, they are on track to have a success rate of 88 percent or higher, he said.

The program includes an intensive treatment period, counseling, support groups and measures to prepare inmates for life after treatment, such as GED attainment and work experience.

Since hearing of its funding cut, Davenport said men who were enrolled in the program already have been vacated from the facility. The center's about 30 staff members will complete their last day of work on Friday, Davenport said.

"We're desperately trying to find anything that can help them out," he said.

Commissioners agreed unanimously to issue a resolution of support as Davenport and the district judges appeal the funding decision

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A bedroom at the Court Residential Treatment Center is shown in 2010. The center has since been defunded, but district judges have made an appeal to have the facility reopened.

TAKING CARE OF TREES

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Geoff Rice, owner of Tree, Lawn, and Landscaping, cuts away some of the dead branches from a live oak tree Monday on the 2200 block of Hanover Drive. Rice believes the branches are dying due to a lack moisture or disease.

Elected county officials to receive raises

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Midland County staff and elected officials likely will receive a 4 percent raise during the coming fiscal year.

County commissioners unanimously approved the raise for elected officials during its meeting on Monday. County Judge Mike Bradford said he also will recommend a 4 percent cost of living raise for non-elected employees as part of the budget process. Commissioners still are discussing whether to provide that raise to all employees or only those who've completed a certain amount of service with the county.

"There's been two years without any raises," Bradford said. "I thought it was appropriate to recommend at this time."

About 10 years ago the county went several years without providing raises and it became difficult to retain employees, Bradford said, which is what they're trying to avoid by keeping up with cost-of-living increases.

Through the raise, all elected officials received a 4 percent increase, including Bradford and each of the commissioners. Commissioners' salaries were at just more than $55,000 annually and in the coming fiscal year will be at just more than $57,000, according to data provided by the County Treasurer's office.

Bradford's salary will increase from $106,870.55 to $110,290.17.

Several citizens expressed outrage in online forums about the raises, particularly as it applies to county commissioners. However, no one spoke in opposition to the raises during Monday's meeting or during earlier budget hearings.

Bradford said he understands citizens question commissioners voting on their own raises, but said that's the system the state of Texas has agreed to and they're simply following the law.

"This is the process prescribed by the state of Texas," Bradford said. "Commissioners have to vote on all raises, even themselves."

Several department heads at Midland County asked commissioners to apply the 4 percent raises to all employees. The initial recommendation was to give such raises only to those who've been with the county for at least a year.

"By doing a raise that is not across the board it is not truly a cost-of-living raise," District Attorney Teresa Clingman said.

Clingman said in her department alone, 12 individuals have been there less

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Revised test for grad school hopefuls to launch Monday

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Come Monday, antonyms, analogies and essay choices will be a thing of the past on the Graduate Record Examination.

Though the revised GRE will continue to test applicants on verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning and analytical writing, test developers at Educational Testing Services hope it better aligns a student's skills with the needs of graduate and business programs.

"I think that it's going to give a much better look at a student's readiness for graduate work," said Karen Smith, assistant vice president for graduate studies and research at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Testing in the 50th percentile on the GRE, a good undergraduate GPA and letters of recommendation are requirements for admission to

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Gov. Perry appoints Kalenak to 11th Court of Appeals

By Shanna Sissom
City Editor

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Midland County First Assistant District Attorney Eric Kalenak to the 11th Court of Appeals in Eastland, for a term to expire next general election.

"Eric is a superior legal intellect, honest character, and I don't think you could ask for more in an appeals judge," said his former boss, District Attorney Teresa Clingman. "It is unusual, I submit, for an appellate lawyer from a criminal prosecution staff to be appointed to the bench and I consider it to be a great compliment, first of all to him, but also to our office, that they selected him."

Kalenak, a 17-year veteran of the Midland County District Attorney's Office, worked in an appeals court and district attorney's office in El Paso after graduating from law school at Texas Tech University. Before becoming first assistant district attorney in Midland, he was the office appellate chief.

"It's really humbling; you feel you have a lot of responsibility to live up to the confidence the governor has placed on you," Kalenak said of his new post, which was vacated with the resignation of Judge Rick Strange.

Eric Kalenak: Midland County First Assistant District Attorney appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to a position in the 11th Court of Appeals, based in Eastland.

"He has done an excellent job the whole time," former Midland County District Attorney Al Schorre said, reflecting from his Fort Collins, Colo., home on Kalenak's earlier days in his office. "All the trial lawyers and the judges really respect him."

Kalenak, a 1983 Odessa High School graduate, is a captain in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps., past president of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, past board member of Midland Need to Read and a past member of the Midland Downtown Rotary Club.

Kalenak said he and his wife, Isabel, will remain in Midland and he will commute to Eastland as needed. Still, he will miss his friends and colleagues in the everyday operations of the district attorney's office.

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County, SPCA team up

Midland County and the SPCA are teaming up to launch a spay and neuter voucher program for county residents. LOCAL & STATE/1B

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Meetings schedule

■ **City Council**
10 a.m. today
Council Chambers City Hall, 300 N. Loraine St.

LHS band rehearsals

Lee High School bands will begin rehearsals Monday for fall's marching show. Section rehearsals and committee meetings begin this week.

■ Percussion players and color guard: 9 a.m.-noon, 2-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, band hall;

■ Drill instructors: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Grande stadium;

■ Librarians: 9 a.m.- noon, 2-4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, band hall;

■ SCORE: 2-4 p.m. Friday, band hall;

■ Band officers: 9 a.m.-noon, 2-4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, band hall.

Students who need to check out instruments beginning Wednesday should call Randy Stone at 661-3074.

Agency might win new car

The West Texas Food Bank is among agencies vying for a new Prius in Toyota's 100 Cars for Good Campaign.

Residents can vote 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday at the food bank's Twitter page, @WTXFB; or Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FeedWestTX; or at http://apps.facebook.com/carsforgood.

Walmart renovated

A grand reopening of the Walmart at Midland Drive and Loop 250 is planned for 8 a.m. Friday.

The event includes a ribbon-cutting and cake and punch.

After16 weeks of remodeling, the store will have wider aisles, low-profile shelves, a brighter interior and easy-to-read signage, according to manager Wade Perry.

Registering at MC?

■ Online registration for the fall semester continues through Aug.26. Go to www.midland.edu for Campus Connect Online Registration.

■ Walk-in registration begins Monday and continues through Aug.26.

■ Payment is due at the time of registration.

■ Classes begin Aug.29.

Block captains appreciation party

The Midland Police Department is gearing up for the annual National Night Out. An appreciation party and training for block captains will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

For more information, call the Midland Police Department at 685-7582.

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Today in history

Today is Tuesday, July 26, the 207th day of 2011. There are 158 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On July 26, 1775, Benjamin Franklin became America's first postmaster-general.

On this date:

In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1847, the western African country of Liberia, founded by freed American slaves, declared its independence.

In 1882, the Richard Wagner opera "Parsifal" premiered in Bayreuth, Germany.

In 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte ordered creation of a force of special agents that was a forerunner of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, which established the National Military Establishment (later renamed the Department of Defense).

In 1952, Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron, died in Buenos Aires at age 33.

In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy on America's fourth manned mission to the moon. Photographer Diane Arbus died in New York at age 48.

In 1986, kidnappers in Lebanon released the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, an American hostage held for nearly 19 months. American statesman W. Averell Harriman died in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., at age 94.

In 1989, Mark Wellman, a 29-year-old paraplegic, reached the summit of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park after hauling himself up the granite cliff six inches at a time over nine days.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Ten years ago: China granted parole to two U.S.-based scholars convicted of spying for Taiwan.

Five years ago: In a dramatic turnaround from her first murder trial, Andrea Yates was found not guilty by reason of insanity by a Houston jury in the bathtub drownings of her five children; she was committed to a state mental hospital. A thinner but combative Saddam Hussein returned to his trial for the first time since his hunger strike and hospitalization.

One year ago: A Spanish man who'd undergone the world's first full face transplant appeared before TV cameras; the 31-year-old, identified only as "Oscar," thanked his doctors and the family of the donor. Matt Garza pitched the first no-hitter in Tampa Bay Rays history, beating the Detroit Tigers 5-0.

CRTC

From 1A

through TDCJ. In a 5-0 vote, commissioners also agreed to offer the state a 10-year lease at the CRTC facility for a rate of $10 annually.

The lease is contingent upon funding being restored during the current biennium or during the next biennium and also will require the state to pay operational costs at the center, which it has done in the past. An option to extend the lease an additional five years if all requirements are met will be included in the lease contract as well as a provision allowing the county to move CRTC services to a comprable facility if it deems that necessary.

In previous years, the state has paid the county $36,000 a year to lease the CRTC facility located behind the Midland County Detention Center. A formal lease, though, has not been signed for the center since April of 2009, which prompted the state to cite the building's availability being in jeopardy as part of its reason for cutting CRTC funding, 142nd District Court Judge George "Jody" Gilles said.

Judge Robin Darr, of the 385th District Court, said they want to be able to show the state every issue brought up in its letter has been addressed, which is part of why they think the lease is so important.

"I would just not want it to look like Midland County is semi-supportive — supportive in word, but not in deed," Darr said.

Gilles said the letter also explained the state looked at the center's utilization rates from 2008 when making its decision. Since that time, he said, Davenport has taken over the department and utilization and success rates have both improved.

"It serves a need in our community," Gilles said. "We can't argue the fact that there's been problems along the way, but those have been corrected."

Sheriff Gary Painter said without the CRTC he expects the number of inmates at the Midland County Detention Center will increase. The sheriff's office likely also will have to pick up transportation costs for taking inmates to other substance abuse treatment centers, he said.

If treatment could be taken care of in the county, Painter said it likely would better address each person's issues since their wait time for a bed would be shorter and their transition back into society in Midland more seamless.

"Anything that would keep a person from ending back in jail is absolutely necessary and I think needs to be addressed," Painter said.

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Associated Press

Lark Nash, 14, holds up a donated human eye so her lab partner can take a picture during a medical camp session on removing corneas from eyes at Fauquier Hospital in Warrenton, Va., on July 13. Dissecting human eyes isn't the normal fare of summer camp. It's part of an unusual program at a small Virginia hospital that aims to hook kids as early as middle school on the possibilities of a medical career. It's not for the squeamish. But no one's ever fainted over the eyes.

Eye anatomy at camp?

Kids get taste of medical careers

By Lauran Neergard
Associated Press

WARRENTON, Va. — Again and again, 12-year-old Brianna Bowens cautiously pokes the human eyeball. On purpose.

The donated eye is tougher than you'd think. It takes a few slices with a sharp scalpel to pierce the white part — the sclera, she learns — and eventually remove the cornea in front.

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"I've got a strong stomach," says Brianna, of Stafford, Va., who wants to be a pediatric surgeon "or maybe a nurse."

She betrays her excitement when she's done, the twig-like optic nerve, magnifying lens and clear cornea carefully laid out. Whipping out her cellphone, she exclaims, "Wait, I've got to take a picture."

Tom Gaile of the Old Dominion Eye Foundation teaches the crash course at Fauquier Hospital's medical camp, using eyes donated for education, to explain the importance of organ and tissue donation.

"This is something that's going to stay with them the rest of their lives," he says.

Programs to entice budding scientists, from building robots to measuring pollution, increasingly are becoming part of the summer ritual. On the health side, it can be harder to find hospitals that free up space and staff to give youngsters a taste of what beginning medical students learn — how to suture skin, take blood pressure, put on a cast, insert an IV, type blood — much less handle precious donated eyes.

But more medical camps are cropping up, although no one keeps a count. And if 12 sounds young, well, Virginia in particular is targeting middle-school students so they line up enough science courses for the best shot at increasingly competitive college training programs.

"You can't wait 'til you're a senior and decide 'I want to go into health care,'" says Barbara Brown, vice president of the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association, which helps fund the camps.

She counts 760 mostly middle-school students going through one- to five-day medical camps at 26 hospitals this summer.

The idea is to show kids a wide variety of critical health careers, from nurse-anesthetists to pharmacists to physical therapists.

"Nobody ever says, 'I want to be an organ recovery technician,'" says Julie Fainter of Fauquier Health, who coordinates the medical camp in this town west of Washington, D.C.

Judging from the questions that pepper Gaile, maybe some will. Does removing the eye affect funeral viewing? No, the lids are closed. People can donate only the cornea or the entire eye, important as the sclera is transplanted in some eye surgeries and the rest is used for research. Does an eye's color change after it's out of the body? Yes, all irises turn brown after a while.

Marquesia Atwater, 14, came from suburban Atlanta after her mother did a Google search for medical camps.

"I decided my whole life I wanted to be a doctor," she says, a decision the camp cemented. As she examined the eye's lens, she says, "I never knew there was so much stuff in an eye."

During July and August, 92 kids will spend two days each in Fauquier's camps designed for either beginners or returning students. Funded mostly through a $15,000 hospital association grant and staff contributions, kids pay $50 to attend.

Eyes aren't the only hands-on experience.

How do you learn to stitch up a cut when you can't practice on people? They use pigs' feet, but nurse Wendy Greenwood makes sure the kids keep things sterile just like as if it was a person.

Gloves on. Swab the wound with iodine. No scratching your nose, Greenwood tells one student — and watch where you lay the curved needle so no one gets stuck.

Will Merriken, 12, of Warrenton, Va., finishes seven stitches, each a little faster as he gets more comfortable with the painstaking knots. "It's much easier once you have practiced and got the motions down."

On to the hospital's lab. If a kid's going to get lightheaded, this is where it happens. Fainter says, maybe because of the faint chemical odor or the warmth necessary for culturing bacteria. She arms them with peppermints to ward off wooziness.

Inside, Will volunteers first to prick his finger and test his blood type. He drips blood onto a slide and medical technologist Suzie Capron explains how different antibodies make one type clump but not another. He's a B-positive.

Down in the emergency room on a quiet Wednesday morning, Dr. Greg Wagner gathers a dozen of the students for what's called a mock code, a resuscitation drill that doctors and nurses perform to fine-tune their own skills.

Paramedics race in a mannequin: A 45-year-old woman in cardiac arrest.

The kids, each assigned an ER job, spring into action under Wagner's direction. One pumps air into the "patient's" lungs. One inserts a tube to open the windpipe. Three trade off CPR. Another sets up the defibrillator, calling "Clear!" before each of three shocks. Others give injections of heart-stimulating drugs.

Ten minutes later, they abruptly fall quiet as Wagner asks how long they should keep trying before declaring death. No one volunteers.

"How often do patients pass away?" 14-year-old Lark Nash of Warrenton finally asks.

Probably once a week, Wagner responds, describing the hardest part of his job. Nurses reveal a body bag lining the bed, and the students zip it over the mannequin.

GRE

From 1A

UTPB's 19 graduate programs, Smith said.

The ability to skip questions, change answers and use a calculator are among the biggest changes to the test's design.

Content changes to the verbal reasoning section include additional reading comprehension and contextual vocabulary questions.

Mathematical concepts will remain the same, but a stronger emphasis will be placed on data interpretation and real-life scenarios.

"I think it's going to be better, but not necessarily easier," said Smith, noting that there weren't study materials to prepare students for the revised test.

In the analytical section, test takers will not have a choice of essay prompts and will be forced to respond to questions with more focused answers.

This summer UTPB has seen an increase in the number of students taking the GRE, said testing coordinator Christina Fullbright.

However, Fullbright said this is most likely because of application deadlines, not students leery of changes to the test.

Test scoring will change from a 10-point to one-point scale. Quantitative and verbal reasoning section scores will range from 130 to 170 points in contrast to the current 200 to 800 point range. Scoring in the analytical section will remain constant on a 0 to 6 half-point scale.

The test is normally $160, but during August and September, Educational Testing Services is offering the test for 50 percent off. Examinees must register online for all tests administered at UTPB.

Though the GRE is important, Smith said she doesn't think it is the only measure of a good student.

"I always encourage people to come back and get a graduate degree, especially for the long-term benefits financially, professionally and personally," Smith said.

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RAISES

From 1A

than a year. Of those, she said, eight could have to wait through 18 to 22 months of employment before being eligible for a raise and that's only if raises are provided again next year.

"We've given more money to animals this morning than we have those people," she said, referring to an earlier vote regarding animal control services. "These are folks who could really use the support."

Others agreed and said most of their staff who've been with them less than a year are entry-level employees who rely on every cent they receive. Whether lowering the requirement to six months of service or to even less than that, staff asked commissioners to consider increasing the number of individuals being recommended for a raise.

"I need some method to help keep these people here," Sheriff Gary Painter said.

Treasurer Mitzi Wohleking said she would recommend either providing raises to everyone or only to those who've been with the county at least a year.

The total fiscal impact of raising all elected and non-elected employees' salaries by 4 percent would be $918,825 for fiscal year 2012. In providing raises only to those who've been with the county for at least a year, the cost would be decreased by just more than $100,000, Bradford said.

A final budget recommendation will be made in August.

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Post office looking to close offices to save money

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Postal Service is launching a study of thousands of local post offices for possible closure in an effort to save money.

The cash-strapped agency, which lost $8 billion last year, scheduled a briefing for today at which it is expected to announce the action.

Most of the approximately 3,600 offices that face reviews are in rural areas, but postal officials say they are looking into alternate service, such as locating offices in local businesses, town halls or community centers.

The so-called "village post office" would replace one to be closed.

And coming under review doesn't necessarily mean an office will close. The post office announced in January it was reviewing 1,400 offices for closing. So far 280 have been closed and 200 have finished the review process and will remain open.

Once an office is selected for a review, people served by that office will have 60 days to file their comments and, if an office is to be closed, they will be able to appeal to the independent Postal Regulatory Commission.

The post office has been struggling to cope with the loss of first-class mail to the Internet at the same time a lot of advertising mail declined because of the recession.

KALENAK

From 1A

"You don't spend 17 years of your life anywhere without forming any attachments," Kalenak said. "I had the best bosses I could have and it was very hard to leave."

His investiture has been scheduled at the Midland County Courthouse Aug. 17 at 1:30 p.m.

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Clock ticks as debt ceiling deadline inches closer

Obama, Boehner push rival plans

Associated Press

President Barack Obama addresses the nation Monday from the East Room of the White House in Washington on the approaching debt limit deadline.

Debt ceiling Q&A

What is the debt ceiling?
A: It's a legal limit on how much debt the government can accumulate. The government takes on debt two ways: It borrows money from investors by issuing Treasury bonds, and it borrows from itself, mostly from the Social Security trust fund, which comes from payroll taxes. Congress created the debt limit in 1917. It's unique to the United States. Most countries let their debts rise automatically when government spending outpaces tax revenue. Congress has increased the debt limit 10 times since 2001.

What is the federal deficit, and how does it differ from the debt?
A: The deficit is how much government spending exceeds tax revenue during a year. Last year, the deficit was $1.29 trillion. The debt is the sum of deficits past and present. Right now, the national debt totals $14.3 trillion — a ceiling set in 2010.

Why is the prospect of not raising the debt ceiling so worrisome?
A: The government now borrows more than 40 cents of each dollar it spends. If the debt ceiling does not rise, the government would need to choose what to pay and what not, including benefits like Social Security, wages for the military or other bills. It also might delay interest payments on Treasury bonds. Any default could lead to financial panic weakening the country's credit rating, the dollar and the already hobbled economy. Interest rates would likely rise, increasing the cost of borrowing for the government and ordinary Americans.

Who holds the $14.3 trillion in outstanding U.S. debt?
A: The U.S. government owes itself $4.6 trillion, mostly borrowed from Social Security revenues. The remaining $9.7 trillion is owed to investors in Treasury securities — banks, pension funds, individual investors, state and local governments and foreign investors and governments. Nearly half of that — $4.5 trillion — is held by foreigners including China with $1.15 trillion and Japan with $907 billion.

How did the debt grow from $5.8 trillion in 2001 to its current $14.3 trillion?
A: The biggest contributors to the nearly $9 trillion increase over a decade were:

■ 2001 and 2003 tax cuts under President George W. Bush: $1.6 trillion.

■ Additional interest costs: $1.4 trillion.

■ Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan: $1.3 trillion.

■ Economic stimulus package under Obama: $800 billion.

■ 2010 tax cuts, a compromise by Obama and Republicans that extended jobless benefits and cut payroll taxes: $400 billion.

■ 2003 creation of Medicare's prescription drug benefit: $300 billion.

■ 2008 financial industry bailout: $200 billion.

■ Hundreds of billions less in revenue than expected since the Great Recession began in December 2007.

■ Other spending increases in domestic, farm and defense programs, adding lesser amounts.

Associated Press

By Davd Epso
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In unprecedented back-to-back appearances on nationwide television, President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner clashed Monday night over the cause and cure for the nation's debt crisis. The two men spoke as Congress remained gridlocked on legislation to avert a threatened default after Aug. 2.

Decrying a "partisan three-ring circus" in the nation's capital, Obama assailed a newly minted Republican plan to raise the nation's debt limit as an invitation to another crisis in six months' time. He said congressional leaders must produce a compromise that can reach his desk before the deadline.

"The American people may have voted for divided government, but they didn't vote for a dysfunctional government," the president said in a hastily arranged prime-time speech. He appealed to the public to contact lawmakers and demand "a balanced approach" to reducing federal deficits — including tax increases for the wealthy, as well as spending cuts.

Responding moments later from a room near the House chamber, Boehner said the "crisis atmosphere" was of the president's making.

"The sad truth is that the president wanted a blank check six months ago, and he wants a blank check today. That is just not going to happen," the speaker said. "The president has often said we need a 'balanced' approach, which in Washington means we spend more, you pay more."

Obama stepped to the microphones in the East Room of the White House a few hours after Republican lawmakers, then his own Democrats, drafted rival emergency legislation to head off a potentially devastating default.

The back-to-back speeches did little to suggest that a compromise was in the offing, and the next steps appeared to be votes in the House and Senate on the rival plans by mid-week.

Despite warnings to the contrary, U.S. financial markets have appeared to take the political maneuvering in stride — so far. Wall Street posted losses Monday but with no indication of panic among investors.

Without signed legislation by day's end on Aug. 2, the Treasury will be unable to pay all its bills, possibly triggering an unprecedented default that officials warn could badly harm a national economy still struggling to recover from the worst recession in decades.

Obama wants legislation that will raise the nation's debt limit by at least $2.4 trillion in one vote, enough to avoid a recurrence of the acrimonious current struggle until after the 2012 elections.

Republicans want a two-step process that would require a second vote in the midst of the 2012 campaign with control of the White House and both houses of Congress at stake.

Monday night's speeches were a remarkable turn in a six-month-old era of divided government as first the president, then his principal Republican opponents appealed to the nation in a politically defining struggle.

Obama quoted Ronald Reagan — a hero to many conservatives — who also spoke of a balanced plan and stressed a need for compromise. Obama stopped well short of threatening a veto of the GOP-drafted legislation that he criticized.

Wealth gap widens between whites, minorities

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The wealth gaps between whites and minorities have grown to their widest levels in a quarter-century. The recession and uneven recovery have erased decades of minority gains, leaving whites on average with 20 times the net worth of blacks and 18 times that of Hispanics, according to an analysis of new Census data.

The analysis shows the racial and ethnic impact of the economic meltdown, which ravaged housing values and sent unemployment soaring. It offers the most direct government evidence yet of the disparity between predominantly younger minorities whose main asset is their home and older whites who are more likely to have 401(k) retirement accounts or other stock holdings.

"What's pushing the wealth of whites is the rebound in the stock market and corporate savings, while younger Hispanics and African-Americans who bought homes in the last decade — because that was the American dream — are seeing big declines," said Timothy Smeeding, a University of Wisconsin-Madison professor who specializes in income inequality.

The median wealth of white U.S. households in 2009 was $113,149, compared with $6,325 for Hispanics and $5,677 for blacks, according to the analysis released Tuesday by the Pew Research Center. Those ratios, roughly 20 to 1 for blacks and 18 to 1 for Hispanics, far exceed the low mark of 7 to 1 for both groups reached in 1995, when the nation's economic expansion lifted many low-income groups to the middle class.

The white-black wealth gap is also the widest since the census began tracking such data in 1984, when the ratio was roughly 12 to 1.

Stock holdings play an important role in the economic well-being of white households. Stock funds, IRA and Keogh accounts as well as 401(k) and savings accounts were responsible for 28 percent of whites' net worth, compared with 19 percent for blacks and 15 percent for Hispanics.

According to the Pew study, the housing boom of the early to mid-2000s boosted the wealth of Hispanics in particular, who were disproportionately employed in the thriving construction industry. Hispanics also were more likely to live and buy homes in states such as California, Florida, Nevada and Arizona, which were in the forefront of the real estate bubble, enjoying early gains in home values.

But those gains quickly shriveled in the housing bust. After reaching a median wealth of $18,359 in 2005, the wealth of Hispanics — who derived nearly two-thirds of their net worth from home equity — declined by 66 percent by 2009. Among blacks, who now have the highest unemployment rate at 16.2 percent, their household wealth fell 53 percent from $12,124 to $5,677.

In contrast, the median household wealth of whites dipped a modest 16 percent from $134,992 to $113,149, cushioned in part by a stock market recovery that began in mid-2009.

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Asian art expert and veteran "Antiques Roadshow" appraiser Lark Mason poses with a collection of Chinese rhinoceros horned cups in Tulsa, Okla., on Saturday. PBS says the collection was judged by Mason to be worth $1 million to $1.5 million, the most valuable item brought in for appraisal in the history of "Antiques Roadshow," which will air its 16th season next year.

$1M-plus Chinese cups tops for 'Antiques Roadshow'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An Oklahoma man has more than a million reasons to be happy he brought his collection of Chinese rhinoceros horned cups to be appraised by experts with the PBS series "Antiques Roadshow."

PBS says the collection was judged Saturday by Asian art expert Lark Mason at a taping in Tulsa, Okla., to be worth $1 million to $1.5 million. That's easily the most valuable item brought in for appraisal in the history of "Antiques Roadshow."

Show spokeswoman Judy Matthews said the collection owner was surprised by the appraisal and quipped, "I guess I won't have to rely on Social Security anymore." The owner wishes to remain anonymous.

Teen thought he would die in Alaska bear attack

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — As the grizzly furiously thrashed him about in the Alaska wilderness, all Sam Gottsegen could think about was what he would miss: college, traveling, life.

"I thought, 'I'm going to die,'" the 17-year-old Denver resident said. "I thought, 'This just can't be happening to me.'"

Then the bear left, only to return a moment later to continue mauling him and his other teenage friends. When the minute-long attack ended, four teens, including Gottsegen, were injured. Three others were unhurt.

The attack Saturday night in the Talkeetna Mountains north of Anchorage came as the group was nearing the end of a 30-day course to learn how to survive in the backcountry. The teens were at the stage of the course where they could try out their skills without adults around.

Authorities believe the bear was aggressive because it was with its cub. Gottsegen said no one ever saw a cub.

The group was hiking through bushes that got so thick they decided to wade through a river, walking in single file. Around a bend in the river, Joshua Berg, 17, of New City, N.Y., began yelling "Bear! Bear!"

The bear took him down first. The animal made angry, snarling noises as it attacked, Gottsegen told The Associated Press from his hospital bed in Anchorage, recounting the attack.

"It was so sudden. There was no time to pull out their bear deterrent spray and no one had a gun. Berg, badly wounded, called for someone to set off the personal locator beacon they carried for emergencies.

Gottsegen said everyone scattered and he ran, even though the students had been told to play dead.

His instincts wouldn't let him, though.

"When I heard that bear, when I saw it, it was all just like natural instincts," he said. "All night long I was thinking I should have played dead."

He kicked at the grizzly, to no avail.

Then the bear struck him, biting him on the head, lashing out at the teen's arms and chest, puncturing a lung and breaking two ribs. The attack on the group probably lasted less than a minute, he said.

After it was over, it started raining.

The teens set up a camp and tended to the injured, making good use of their survival skills. They plugged a deep wound in Gottsegen's torso with a plastic trash bag secured with an Ace bandage.

They also activated the beacon.

Patricia Allaire, the mother of another injured student, Noah Allaire, 16, of Albuquerque, N.M., said her son initially tried to activate the beacon, thinking the bear was gone, but then it struck again.

Atom smasher closes in on elusive particle

Associated Press

GRENOBLE, France — Scientists hoping to puzzle out how the Universe began will find a long-sought theoretical particle — or rule out that it exists — by the end of 2012, the director of the world's largest atom smasher predicted Monday.

Rolf Heuer, director of the European particle physics laboratory near Geneva, said his confidence was based on the latest findings from the $10 billion proton collider under the Swiss-French border.

"I would say we can settle the question, the Shakespearean question — 'to be or not to be' — end of next year," he told reporters at a major physics conference in Grenoble.

The Higgs boson isn't just any particle. It's the linchpin of the Standard Model of particle physics theory that explains the Big Bang, because it is believed to answer a fundamental question about why matter has mass. The particle itself is thought to give mass to other particles, and thus to objects and creatures in the Universe.

Heuer said these are "exciting times" for particle physicists because of the latest findings among two separate teams of scientists operating the Atlas and CMS detectors at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research near Geneva, that he directs.

Scientists are starting to pinpoint the precise level of high energy where the Higgs boson is expected to be found.

Last year, the collider for the first time threw together two proton beams, tiny particles traveling in opposite directions though a 17-mile at incredible speeds in conditions simulating those 1 trillionth to 2 trillionths of a second after the Big Bang. The crash on a subatomic scale is aimed more at improving our knowledge of how the universe was created than at finding immediate new technology uses to improve our lives.

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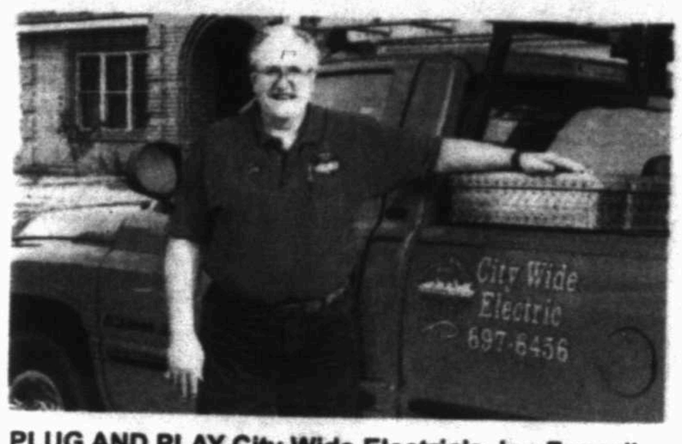

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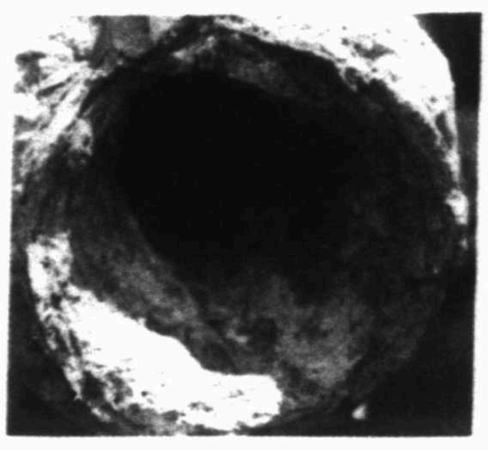

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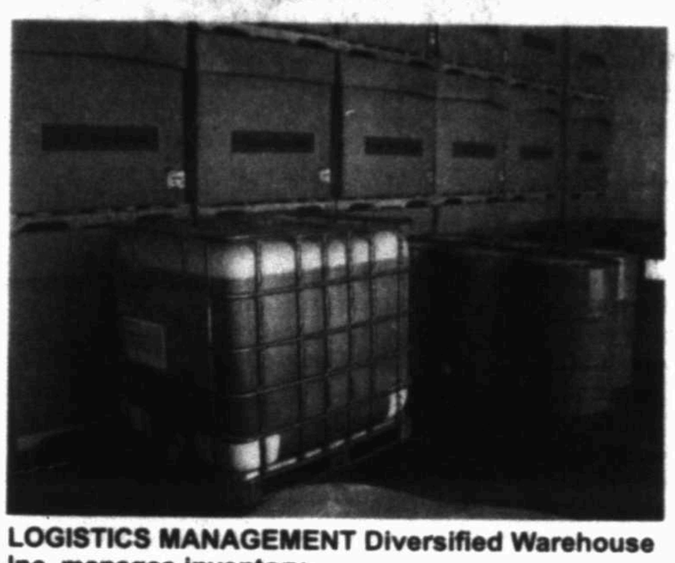

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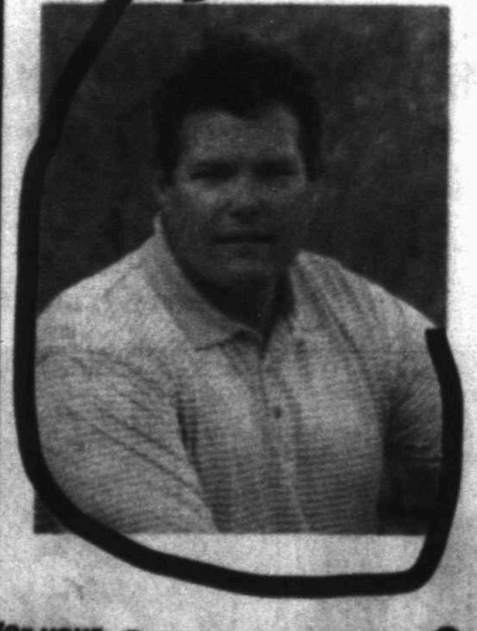

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Between 6 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Sunday, the nation began a constitutional course-correction. The current occupant's vanity and naivete — a dangerous amalgam — are causing the modern presidency to buckle beneath the weight of its pretenses. And Congress is reasserting its responsibilities.

At his Friday news conference-cum-tantrum, Barack Obama imperiously summoned congressional leaders to his presence: "I've told them I want them here at 11 a.m." By Saturday, his administration seemed to be cultivating chaos by suddenly postulating a new deadline: The debt-ceiling impasse must end before Asian markets opened Sunday evening Eastern time, lest the heavens fall.

Those markets opened; the heavens held. The faux deadline, reportedly invoked at a Saturday White House meeting by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, who should resign, inevitably seeped into the media and invited overseas panic, thereby risking the nation's currency, for brief tactical advantage.

Amid these tawdry episodes, House Speaker John Boehner signaled constitutional sanity regained: "Congress will forge a responsible path forward." Obama has marginalized himself.

Inordinate self-regard is an occupational hazard of politics and part of the job description of the rhetorical presidency, this incessant tutor. Still, upon what meat doth this our current Caesar feed that he has grown so great that he presumes to command leaders of a coequal branch of government? He once boasted (June 3, 2008) that he could influence the oceans' rise; he must be disabused of comparable delusions about controlling Congress.

When he was a lecturer on constitutional law, he evidently skipped the separation of powers doctrine. But, then, because this doctrine impedes the progressives' goal of unlashing untrammeled government, they have long loathed it: Woodrow Wilson, the first president to criticize the American founding, considered the separation of powers the Constitution's "radical defect."

It has, however, rescued the nation from Obama's preference for a "clean" debt-ceiling increase that would ignore the onrushing debt tsunami. There are 87 reasons for Obama's temporary conversion of convenience to the cause of spending restraint — the 87 House Republican freshmen. Their inflexibility astonishes and scandalizes Washington because it reflects the rarity of serene fidelity to campaign promises.

Obama — a demagogue for an age of smooth surfaces; Huey Long with a better tailor — pretended Friday to wonder whether Republicans "can say yes to anything." Well.

House Republicans said yes to "cut, cap and balance." Senate Democrats, who have not produced a budget in more than 800 days, vowed to work all weekend debating this. But Friday they voted to table it, thereby ducking a straightforward vote on the only debt-reduction plan on paper, the only plan debated, the only plan to receive Democratic votes.

Obama's last venture into public specificity was his February budget, which proposed accelerating the nation's descent into debt. It was rejected by the Senate 97-0.

Although histrionically impatient with Republicans' refusal to accept certain measures, Obama insists he will "not accept" a debt-ceiling deal that does not increase income taxes. Surely this is the meaning of his July 11 words: "I do not want, and will not accept, a deal in which ... I'm able to keep hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional income that I don't need."

To understand Republican distrust of him, consider, from the many examples of his paltering with the truth, his July 15 news conference, wherein he veered from the subject of the debt ceiling to say "I've got three trade deals ready to go" yet they are "being held up because some folks don't want to provide Trade Adjustment Assistance to people who may be displaced as a consequence of trade." The facts are:

TAA, which has existed since 1962, enjoys bipartisan support. The 2009 stimulus increased it, supposedly temporarily, and it did revert to pre-stimulus levels in February. Now, however, Democrats suddenly insist that TAA's stimulus levels be made permanent.

Obama's wee mendacity about TAA illustrates the large stakes of the debt debate, which is a proxy for an epochal argument about the nature of American governance. Obama's money gusher has driven federal spending from under 20 percent of GDP to almost 25 percent. Democrats consider this the new normal — until it becomes the base from which they launch their next surge of statism.

This fact refutes those who loftily dismiss the debt-ceiling debate as much ado about not very much. And those who are loftily contemptuous of today's supposedly "dysfunctional" Washington have forgotten that the branches of government are supposed to be jealous rivals.

OUR VIEW

It's up to council to sell tax rate increase

Few things in local politics year in and year out are as emotional for citizens than tax rate. Setting that rate is the job of the City Council, and they are in the process of determining where that rate will stand to fulfill the needs of the city's proposed budget.

In fact, the council will hold public hearings Aug. 2 and Aug. 9 so citizens can have their say on the proposed rate of 47.054 cents per $100 valuation. If adopted, that rate will represent a decrease from the current 47.285 cents per $100 valuation. There was a small increase in the tax rate last year.

But taxpayers don't really pay much attention to tax rates, per se. What they really want to know is if they will pay more or less taxes when the tax man cometh at the end of the year. So, you also have to figure in the effective tax rate, or what the county actually will receive when accounting for growth or — heaven forbid — decline in the local property valuations.

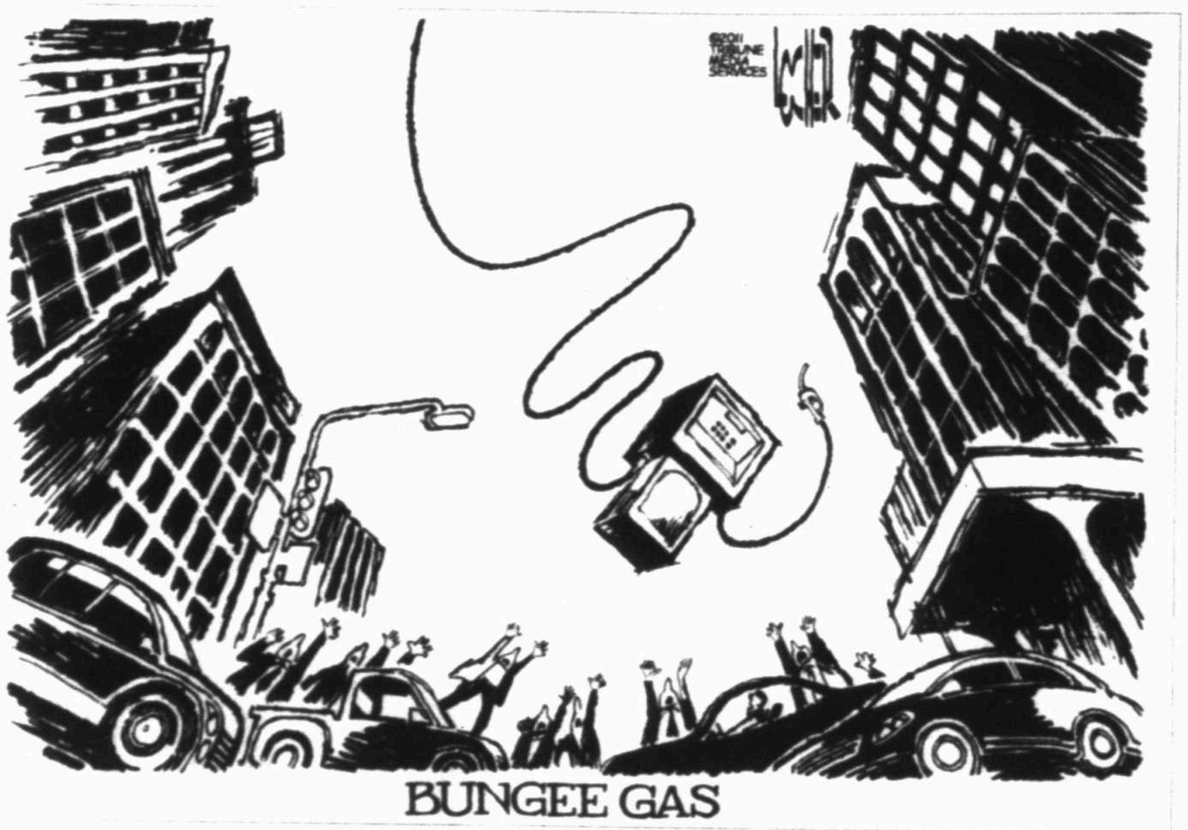
So, the rate of 47.054 cents per $100 property valuation would cover the proposed general fund budget for the city of Midland. It represents about a 1.09 percent increase over the effective tax rate and is a decrease from the present rate.

As we have said before, we think this is a fair rate for Midlanders in this tax cycle. It will allow the city to gain the revenue it needs to give employees a small raise and allow the city to add another fire station to the city system without an extra burden to the taxpayer.

We also understand there will be some opposition to this path on the tax rate. Basically, many citizens expected a significant drop in the tax rate since the city has done well on adding to its tax base with increased numbers of buildings, enhanced property and new businesses on the tax rolls. Also, extra money has come in from sales tax revenues as the city nears record retail sales in recent months with double-digit growth. The council also raised the tax rate in 2011, which was seen as a tax increase.

This view also has merit, and undoubtedly, this position will be presented to the council during the two upcoming public hearings. We think this discussion should take place. It's part of our city political heritage. Citizens should have the right to confront our council members at times other than at the ballot box.

It should be an interesting time. Midlanders usually are pretty supportive of tax rates set by the council if they buy into the needs of the city. It's up to the City Council to sell that need to the public.



BUNGEE GAS

GUEST EDITORIAL
Amarillo Globe-News

Work begins now that grant has been obtained

One of the world's pre-eminent philanthropic organizations has equipped the Texas Panhandle with an arsenal of weapons to help the region battle chronic under-education.

This is a welcome addition to our efforts to create a more marketable job force for the future.

A $1.3 million grant has just been announced by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The grant goes along with $1.4 million raised locally — with the total to be administered by the Amarillo Area Foundation.

The goal is huge: to slice away at the percentage of young people who lack either a high school diploma or any post-high school education. The payoff for success is equally significant: an increase in a qualified labor pool that becomes a magnet for employers.

Amarillo was one of three communities to obtain the Gates grant; the others were Raleigh, N.C., and Brownsville, in the Rio Grande Valley region of Texas. The three communities were among more than a dozen proposals sent to the Gates Foundation.

The specifics about how the money will be spent are still to be worked out, but the potential benefit from its success is almost too big to comprehend.

A better-educated pool of young people improves the quality of the labor pool; employers improve the quality of their payrolls; business expands, creating more revenue for the community; and the revenue gets cycled back through the economic infrastructure many times.

This application is the product of a lot of effort by a number of organizations dedicated to the economic well-being of the Panhandle.

Now that the groups have been armed with this important new weapon, it's time to produce a plan of attack.

As Amarillo Area Foundation board chair Alice O'Brien said, "Now the work begins."

Norway is added to list of unsafe places

■ Civilians are banned from carrying concealed weapons, but if someone on Utoeya Island had returned fire, perhaps fewer people would have been killed.

CAL THOMAS
Tribune Media Services

When parents send their children off to summer camp, they reasonably expect them to return refreshed and more attuned with the world than when they left home. Even in their wildest nightmares, they don't foresee them returning in a pine box.

We must now add Norway to the expanding list of unsafe places that includes Columbine, Oklahoma City, the World Trade Center, London, Madrid, Fort Hood and Virginia Tech. The host of the 1994 Winter Olympics and home to the Nobel Peace Prize has had its sense of safety and security violated in ways it never could have imagined — shattered by a crazed gunman with an inflated sense of self, on a mission from hell where he'll soon be sent.

Police are calling the gunman, Anders Behring Breivik, a "Christian fundamentalist" because we must have labels (except when describing Muslim fundamentalists, which police, politicians and much of the media try to avoid for fear of angering Islamists). Breivik is as much a "Christian fundamentalist" as Judas Iscariot was, and he deserves a similar fate.

Writing in London's Daily Telegraph, reporter Mark Hughes notes, "Norway's intelligence service had previously been criticized for its failure to keep track of suspected terror cells and the country was felt to be complacent about the prospect of a terror attack," according to secret cables from WikiLeaks files.

That may be true, but how does a government crack a "cell" that isn't a cell? Breivik only recently created a Facebook page and his 1,500-page manifesto ranted against Muslims (about 2 percent of Norway's population is made up of Muslim immigrants, and that number is growing) and indigenous Europeans, whom he accused of betraying their heritage. That none of his young victims are responsible for the conditions he railed against adds to the madness of this inexplicable event.

Listening to some of the survivors tell their stories is heartbreaking. It took Norway police 90 minutes to arrive on scene, probably because of the "diversionary" bomb Breivik exploded outside government offices in Oslo. Breivik used the time to hunt down more victims until police finally arrived.

Norway forbids civilians from carrying concealed weapons, or owning an automatic weapon, unless they are gun collectors. As in America, gun laws do not deter criminals who are determined to cause harm with a weapon. What would have deterred Breivik would have been a gun in the hands of a competent person capable of stopping his mass-murdering spree.

If Norway can be a site for terror, is there a safe place on Earth? The answer is no. There are no "safe" places; no one can be 100 percent safe. Does that mean everyone should be armed? Not necessarily. What it means is that for some countries, some people and some places, a way to make the environment as safe as humanly possible is to have properly armed and trained people who can respond to such events.

Would Anders Behring Breivik have thought twice about his killing spree if he had known in advance that someone would shoot back? That is impossible to know. But if someone on Utoeya Island had returned fire, there's a possibility that far fewer would have been killed. This approach may not be pleasant for some to contemplate, but the alternative is more personal and national mourning, as is now being experienced in Norway.

DOONESBURY

By Garry Trudeau

NATION BRIEFS
FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARKANSAS

Shooter in US soldier killing sentenced to life

LITTLE ROCK — A man who killed one U.S. soldier and wounded another — an act he called retribution for the deaths of Muslims abroad — took an unexpected plea deal Monday that abruptly ended his murder trial and spared him the death penalty.

Abdulhakim Muhammad repeatedly has said he drove up to a Little Rock, Ark., recruiting station, drew an assault rifle and fired on the two uniformed soldiers. On Monday, Muhammad stood before a judge and once more admitted to the shooting that killed Pvt. William Andrew Long and wounded Pvt. Quinton Ezeagwula.

Wright then sentenced Muhammad to life in prison without parole for capital murder, with 11 more life sentences on the remaining charges and an additional 180 years in prison.

In exchange for Muhammad's plea, prosecutors could not pursue the death penalty.

NEW JERSEY

ACLU likely to drop records lawsuit against governor

TRENTON — The American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey on Monday said it will likely drop a lawsuit filed earlier in the day against Gov. Chris Christie for records that confirm he met with the head of Fox News last year.

The ACLU filed the lawsuit on Monday on behalf of a reporter for Gawker Entertainment LLC, saying the governor's office had issued a blanket refusal to release any records pertaining to the meeting.

After the governor's office confirmed the September 2010 meeting, the ACLU relented.

More airlines raise fares to grab tax savings

AP file photo

Passengers arrive for flights out of Cleveland Hopkins Airport in Cleveland in 2008. Some airline customers won't see savings this weekend even though several federal taxes on tickets have expired. The taxes expired after midnight Friday when Congress failed to pass legislation to keep the Federal Aviation Administration running. A number of airlines say they've raised fares to offset any tax savings.

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — The great tax holiday of 2011 for air travelers is just about over.

By Monday, most U.S. airlines had raised fares to reap the benefit of lower federal taxes on airline tickets. A few airlines that were passing the savings on to consumers changed their minds.

Several federal taxes on airline tickets expired over the weekend after Congress failed to pass legislation to keep the Federal Aviation Administration running at full speed.

Raising the fares allows the airlines to charge the consumer the same amount as before, while pocketing money previously collected for the government.

It could turn into a windfall for airlines if the stalemate in Congress drags on. The government estimates that the expiring taxes total $200 million a week. And with jet fuel prices much higher than last year, airlines can use the cash.

As of midday Monday, nearly all large U.S. airlines had raised prices, but fare watchers said Alaska Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines and Spirit Airlines had not. The CEO of Spirit, a small, low-fare outfit that accounts for less than 1 percent of the market, said the industry looked bad.

"The taxes that Spirit and all the other airlines collect don't belong to us," Ben Baldanza said. "It's the taxpayers' money. It was never Spirit's money. It would be a grab to take that money."

Some travel experts called the fare increases a public-relations mistake.

"One of the major airlines could have said, 'Hey, at least for a week we're going to give this money back to the consumers,'" said Rick Seaney, who tracks prices as CEO of FareCompare.com. "I'm surprised no one made promotional hay over this."

Airlines collect various federal fees, including a 7.5 percent tax on all tickets that expired at midnight Friday night. Once the taxes expired, airlines began raising fares by an equal amount. On some tickets, the expired taxes can top 10 percent of the price.

A spokeswoman for the Air Transport Association, a trade group for major U.S. airlines, said consumers will benefit if the tax savings increase airline profits.

"This short-term additional revenue for airlines, which does not mean a fare increase for consumers, benefits all stakeholders — customers, employees and investors — by temporarily improving tiny industry margins to better cover costs and enable airlines to invest in their product and service," the spokeswoman, Jean Medina, said in an email.

US Airways and American Airlines were the first to raise fares. They were joined quickly by United, Continental, Delta, Southwest, AirTran, JetBlue and Frontier.

Lawmakers trade blame over airport project delays

By Joan Lowy
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House and Senate leaders exchanged blame Monday for the legislative stalemate that precipitated a partial shutdown of the Federal Aviation Administration while making no overture to resolve the dispute.

The FAA's operating authority expired at midnight Friday, forcing a partial shutdown of the agency. Dozens of airport construction projects across the country have been put on hold and thousands of federal employees were out of work.

Air traffic controllers have continued to work, as well as FAA employees who inspect the safety of planes and test pilots. Transportation officials have said safety won't be compromised. But it was unclear how long the FAA can continue day-to-day operations before travelers begin to feel the effects of the shutdown.

Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, said there have been no negotiations between the Republican-led House and the Democratic-led Senate to resolve the dispute.

Republican leaders said they are determined to hold to their position that the Senate must accept a House-passed bill to extend the FAA's operating through mid-September even though it contains a provision eliminating $16.5 million in air service subsidies for 13 rural airports that Democrats say is unacceptable.

"This is sort of sad, you know," Mica told reporters. "On the eve of the country's finances near collapse, it's sort of symbolic of the whole problem here: No one is willing to eliminate any wasteful programs."

The subsidy program was created after airlines were deregulated in 1978 to ensure continued service on less profitable routes to remote communities. Not all those communities are remote anymore. The GOP provision would end subsidies to communities less than 90 miles from a hub airport or where subsidies average greater than $1,000 per passenger.

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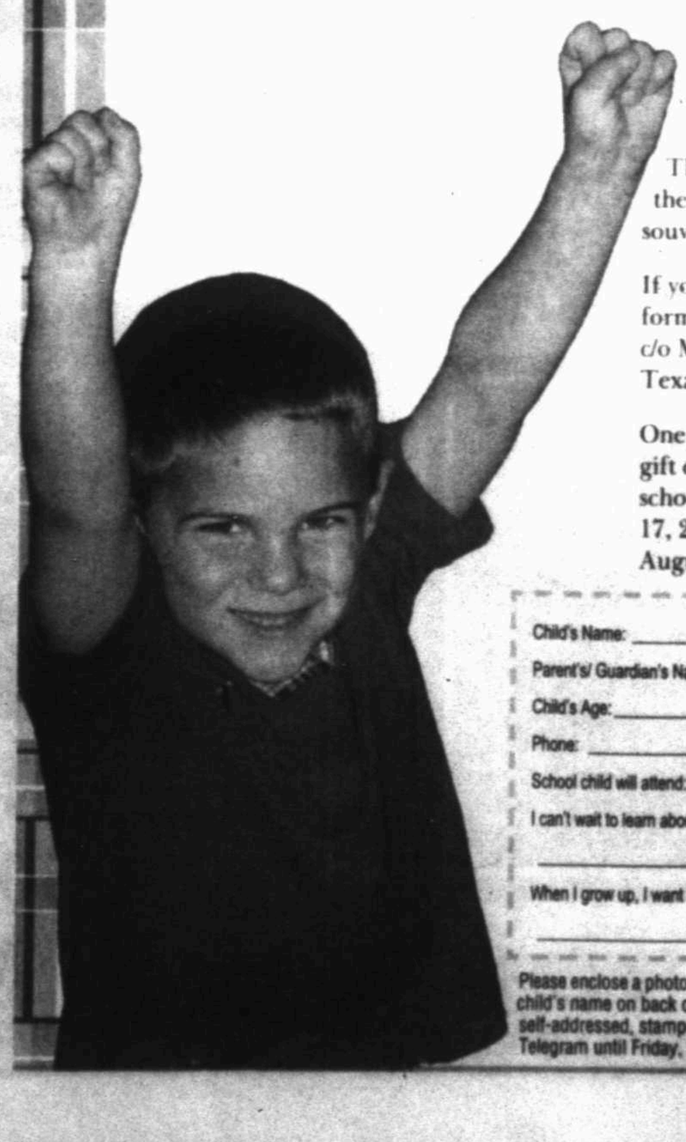

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WORLD BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SOMALIA

UN races to get food to hungry Somali refugees

DOLO — The U.N. will airlift emergency rations this week to parts of drought-ravaged Somalia that militants banned it from more than two years ago — a crisis intervention to keep hungry refugees from dying along what an official calls the "roads of death."

The foray into the famine zone is a desperate attempt to reach at least 175,000 of the 2.2 million Somalis whom aid workers have not yet been able to help.

Tens of thousands already have trekked to neighboring Kenya and Ethiopia, hoping to get aid in refugee camps.

VENEZUELA

Chavez set on 2012 re-election bid despite cancer

CARACAS — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said he is certain he will pursue his re-election bid next year even as he struggles to overcome cancer.

Chavez said in an interview published Monday in the government newspaper Correo del Orinoco that he hasn't "for an instant thought about withdrawing from the presidency."

He said if there were physical reasons to step down he would do so but that he is pursuing his candidacy "with more strength than before."

"I'm resolved to reach 2013," Chavez said.

The leftist president has been in office since 1999 and is seeking another six-year term.

Norway rampage suspect held in isolation

Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — The self-described perpetrator of Norway's deadly bombing and shooting rampage was ordered held in solitary confinement Monday after calmly telling a court that two other cells of collaborators stood ready to join his murderous campaign.

Anders Behring Breivik, who has admitted bombing the capital and opening fire on a youth group retreat on an island resort, told authorities he expects to spend the rest of his life in prison. Declaring he wanted to save Europe from "Muslim domination," he entered a plea of not guilty that will guarantee him future court hearings and opportunities to address the public, even indirectly.

Norway has been stunned by the attacks and riveted by Breivik's paranoid and disturbing writings. Hundreds thronged the courthouse, hoping to get their first glimpse of the man blamed for the deaths of 76 people — lowered Monday from 93. At one point, a car drove through the crowd and onlookers beat it with their fists, thinking Breivik might be inside.

Still tens of thousands of Norwegians also defied his rhetoric of hate to gather in central Oslo to mourn the victims and lay thousands of flowers around the city.

Associated Press

People comfort each other outside Oslo City Hall as they participate in a "rose march" in memory of the victims of Friday's bomb attack and shooting massacre Monday. Police announced Monday that they had dramatically overcounted the number of people slain in a shooting spree at a political youth group's island retreat and were lowering the confirmed death toll from 86 to 68.

Police believe Breivik, 32, acted alone, despite his grand claims in a 1,500-page manifesto that he belonged to a modern group of crusaders. But they have not completely ruled out that he had accomplices.

Judge Kim Heger ordered Breivik held for eight weeks, including four in isolation, noting his reference to "two more cells within our organization."

In an interview published Monday, Breivik's estranged father said he wished his son had killed himself instead of unleashing his rage on innocent people.

The outpouring of emotion stood in stark contrast to what prosecutor Christian Hatlo described as Breivik's calm demeanor at the hearing, which was closed to the public over security concerns and to prevent a public airing of his extremist views. Hatlo said he "seemed unaffected by what has happened."

Meanwhile, police revealed they had dramatically overcounted the number of people slain in the shooting spree on Utoya island, lowering the death toll there from 86 to 68. Police spokesman Oystein Maeland said police and rescuers were focused on helping survivors and securing the area, and may have counted some bodies twice, though he did not immediately explain how the errors occurred.

Police also raised the toll from a bombing outside the government's headquarters in Oslo from seven to eight.

The sharp reduction in the death toll adds to a list of police missteps: They took 90 minutes to arrive at the island retreat after the first shot and survivors who called emergency services reported being told to stay off the lines unless they were calling about the Oslo bombings.

On Monday, the force revealed its entire Oslo helicopter crew had been sent on vacation and thus couldn't be mobilized to the scene.

By contrast, Breivik, who donned a police uniform as part of a ruse to draw campers to him, appeared in total control during the island rampage, police official Odd Reidar Humlegaard said.

"He's been merciless," Humlegaard said.

Authorities say Breivik used two weapons during the island attack — both bought legally, according to his manifesto. A doctor treating victims told the Associated Press the gunman used illegal "dum-dum"-style bullets designed to disintegrate inside the body and cause maximum internal damage.

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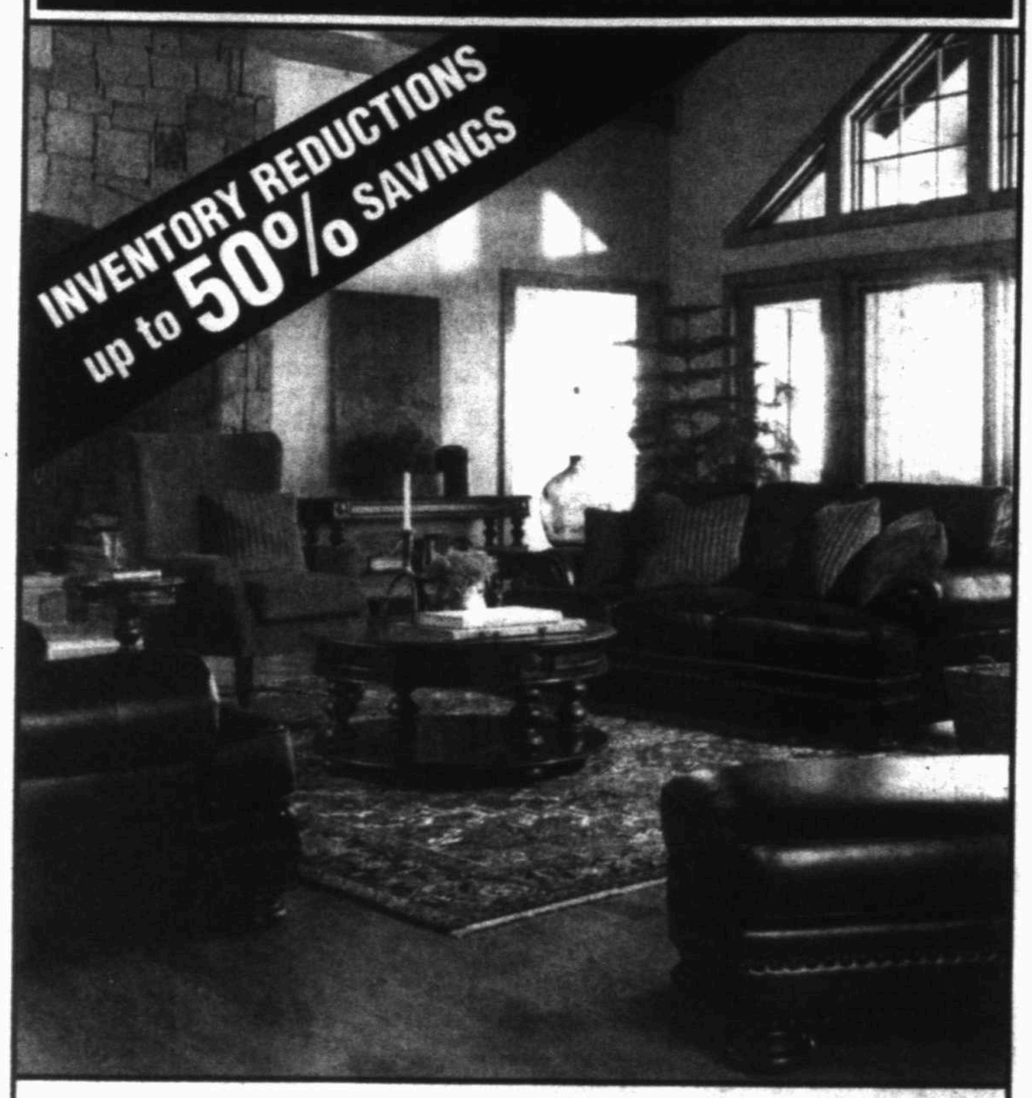

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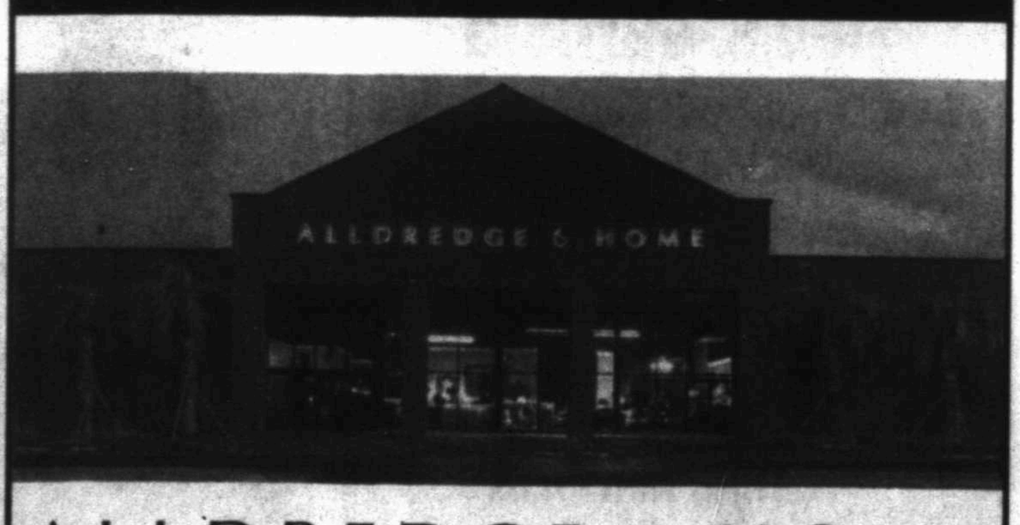

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SPCA, county team up to launch spay-neuter program

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By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Midland County will team up with two animal rescue organizations in an effort to address its animal control issues during the coming fiscal year.

County commissioners voted Monday to provide $25,000 to Midland SPCA to start a spay and neuter voucher program for county residents and also to pay the nonprofit $1,000 per month to handle rabies vaccinations, registrations, dog bite quarantines and investigations.

The Midland Humane Coalition — which is on track to open an adoption center inside of PetSmart by mid-November — then was provided a $15,000 grant to go toward operation costs because a portion of the animals it will handle come from Midland County, said Randy Prude, commissioner for precinct 4.

"We think it will be a great benefit to county residents," Prude said, of the partnerships.

The issue is one the county has been researching since budget discussions began in May.

Constable Charles "Choc" Harris was responding to animal control calls before he resigned, but since early this year the burden has fallen mostly to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Under the agreements still being finalized with County Attorney Russell Malm, the Midland SPCA will be on a six-month trial period with the county and the donation to the Midland Humane Coalition will, for now, be a one-time gift.

Midland SPCA Director Karen Junker said they will use the $25,000 grant to provide $70 spay or neuter vouchers to residents living within the county but outside

Please see SPCA/3B

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Curious cats are available at the Midland SPCA. County commissioners voted Monday to provide $25,000 to Midland SPCA to start a spay and neuter voucher program for county residents and also to pay the nonprofit $1,000 per month to handle rabies vaccinations, registrations, dog bite quarantines and investigations.

GIRL SCOUTS CAMP

ABOVE: Natali Sanchez, 8, and her group follow the movements of their instructor while singing "Oom, Plucky, Plucky" on Monday during the Girl Scouts "Time Machine Travelers" day camp. **RIGHT:** Kayleigh Kitto, 11, left, and Rehun Meissner, 11, look for pieces as they work at constructing their Sphinx puzzle Monday during the Girl Scouts day camp. The camp continues through Friday at the Girl Scout Program Center at 901 W. Dengar. The program is for girls in kindergarten through 12th grade, and activities include arts and crafts, games, flag ceremonies, archery and singing.

Photos by Cindeka Nealy
Reporter-Telegram

Council may award mineral leases to Windsor Permian LLC

■ Company is one of two being considered for a lease to drill at Midland Airpark.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Windsor Permian LLC could move closer toward drilling at Midland Airpark if it's awarded a bid for an oil and gas lease agreement during today's city council meeting.

The company was one of two being considered for the lease. It's being recommended to win the bid by a committee that consisted of council members, airport staff and an Airport Planning and Development Board member.

"There was just a multitude of items that stuck out from their proposal," said Marvin Esterly, director of airports.

Both Windsor Permian and Endeavor Energy, the second company that placed a bid on the leases, offered the city royalties of 25 cents for every dollar earned through oil and gas activity.

Esterly said Windsor Permian offered to work with Midland College in utilizing its drilling sites to provide instruction to students pursuing petroleum engineering.

Committee members also noted the company had a well thought out drilling plan as far as the placement of rigs within and around Midland Airpark.

Esterly said they also have a good history with regulatory agencies.

Today's vote would allow City Manager Courtney Sharp to negotiate and execute an oil and gas lease agreement with

Please see COUNCIL/3B

Jury selection begins in polygamist case

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

SAN ANGELO — The first hint of polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs' defense strategy came Monday when his attorney said his right to freedom of religion was trampled by Texas prosecutors, who claim he sexually assaulted two underage girls after manipulating them into "spiritual marriages."

Jury selection began Monday in the case of the 55-year-old ecclesiastical head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, an offshoot of mainstream Mormonism that believes polygamy brings exaltation in heaven. The church's 10,000 members see Jeffs as a prophet who speaks for God on Earth.

About 280 potential jurors showed up, but around 60 were released because of scheduling conflicts and other routine issues. Those remaining filled out a form with 17 questions.

It did not mention Jeffs' church but asked potential jurors to list TV shows they regularly watch and whether they or a close relative had been the victim of a sexual crime.

The proceedings only got started, however, after District Judge Barbara Walther rejected a request for a three-month delay from Jeffs' latest attorney, Deric Walpole. He said he had spent 18 to 22 hours a day on the case since being hired

Please see JEFFS/4B

Green grass becoming a thing of the past?

SHANNA SISSOM
City Editor

A reader recently sent a letter describing with her compliments some thriving, large trees not normally seen in Midland in a certain block on the south side.

She thought it might make a good story, so over the weekend I went out to meet the property owner. It was indeed an oasis.

Grass and green foliage abounded around the trees, and it felt like we were somewhere else.

The kind man was quick to point out what the sign in his yard already stated. Those sprinklers running at 5 p.m. on a Sunday were drawing from his own well water.

Upon learning why I had come to visit him, he said he wasn't interested in any publicity but invited me to drive around to his back alley to see more. A reporter was with me that day, and we were both amazed at what we saw in the midst of the worst drought in recorded history.

His land isn't thirsty like it is almost everywhere else, and it was a sight to behold in the parched desert.

We noted other residential lots on his street either had brown grass or no grass, making the sight on his property all the more remarkable.

"They can spend $5,000 like we did if they want green grass," he said — or something to that effect — about his water well. It made me wonder if his well ever would run dry.

At least for those without wells, it has become almost socially unacceptable to have green grass.

But what's remarkable to me is we have a situation where neighbors often are reporting neighbors.

Occasionally people email me time- and date-stamped photos of people watering when they're not supposed to, and I always suggest they call the city.

It seems no one wants to be caught red-handed.

One thing I've noticed in the past two weeks is there's not as many sprinklers watering concrete, a source of contention for water-conscious Midlanders. And the city has reduced its overall

> "I've often heard it said our oil is worth nothing without water. As we continue to pray for rain, let's hope we can figure out ways to preserve our life-sustaining resource.

Please see SISSOM/3B

Obituaries

Carrol Allen Wilson

Carrol Allen Wilson, age 80, of Midland, Texas, and formerly of Devine, passed away Thursday, July 21, 2011, in Big Spring, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Eulyss and Estee (Pierce) Wilson; son, Videan Allen Wilson; daughter, Carolene Wallis.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Wilson of Midland, Texas; sons, Arnold "Bo" Shutt and wife, Vicki of Graham, Washington, Danny Shutt and wife, Cheryl of Midland; daughter, Debbie Wilson of Bandera; brothers, Jesse Wilson of Crane, Texas, Jerry Don Wilson of Hebronville, Leslie Dean Wilson of New Braunfels; sisters, Eulane Graham of Yoakum, Geraldene Cathy of LaVernia, Jo Ann Moody of Jourdanton, Betty Lou Wilson of Jourdanton; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held in the Hurley Funeral Home Chapel in Devine, Wednesday, July 27, 2011, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 27, 2011, in the Hurley Funeral Home Chapel in Devine. Services will conclude at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hurley Funeral Home, 303 W. College Ave., Devine, Texas 78016.

Charlotte Beeson

Charlotte Beeson, 70, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2011.

She was born on July 4, 1941, in Spur, Texas, to Don and Daisy Ramsey.

Charlotte is preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Joe Don Ramsey.

She is survived by her sons, Kip and wife, Catherine, and Craig and wife, Carla. Also left to cherish her memory are four grandchildren, Tara, Rhett, Caity and Brian. They will all miss her brownies and chicken and dumplings.

Family will receive friends for visitation on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be a graveside service held at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, July 28, 2011, at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland, Texas. Condolences can be made online at:

www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Don Marie McIntire

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2011, at the 1st Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. Walter Thompson, at 10:30 a.m., for Don Marie McIntire. She passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2011, at Midland Memorial Hospital. She was born at home, to Don Carlos Lewis and Giles Lipscomb Avriett on June 20, 1927, in Cameron, Texas.

Don Marie grew up in Austin and graduated from Austin High School. She earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration degree from the University of Texas.

On March 25, 1950, she married William Leigh McIntire in Austin, Texas. During his employment with Humble Oil and Refining Co./Exxon Co., the couple lived in Kingsville, Corpus Christi, Houston, Denver, New Orleans, and Kingwood, moving to Midland in 1986. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta, the Col. Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Permian Basin Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary, and 1st Presbyterian Church.

Don Marie was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Giles Croxton Avriett and Jack Lewis Avriett, and sister, Mary Rebecca Avriett.

She is survived by her beloved husband, son, Leigh Andrew McIntire and wife, Kelly, of Tacoma, WA; daughter, Carla Anne Orlandi and husband, David, of Novato, CA; grandchildren, Giles and Gabrielle McIntire, Jack and Sam Orlandi; and numerous cousins.

The family would like to thank the staff of The Critical Care Unit at Midland Memorial Hospital for the care and kindness that was shown to her while she was a patient.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Midland, P. O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702, or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Cremains will be interred in the Oak Hill Cemetery of Cameron, Texas.

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Elizabeth Frances "Betty" Ward Crow

Memorial services for Elizabeth Frances "Betty" Ward Crow, age 74, of Seminole, Texas, will be held Wednesday, July 27, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., at the M.S. Doss Chapel. Services are under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

Betty was born May 6, 1937, in Morton, Texas, to Frances Irene (Sanders) and A. C. Ward. She lived much of her life in Seminole, before moving to Midland, Texas, and then returned to Seminole in 2003. Betty was an all-district volleyball player for Seminole High School, and she graduated in 1955. She led the creation of the girls' softball program in Seminole.

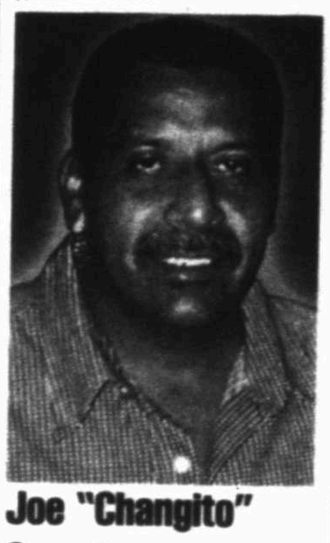
Betty was a member of the Junior Study Club, the Seminole/Gaines Co. Sheriff's Posse, and the Friends of the Museum, and was also a member of First Baptist Church in Seminole. She worked as a legal secretary for attorneys in both Seminole and Midland. She served as secretary, as well as a friend to many, at the Midland Senior Center for several years while a resident there. Upon her retirement from the Senior Center, she returned to Seminole.

Betty single-handedly created and managed the database for some 7,000 Seminole alumni as a member of the SHS Great Comeback Committee. She enjoyed many hobbies, including painting, crochet, knitting, calligraphy, and gardening.

Betty always felt her greatest achievement was being a homemaker and mother to her children, attending their activities, and being an active participant. She was called "Mom" by many children other than her own. One of her fondest joys was being first a grandmother and then a great-grandmother.

Betty Ward Crow is preceded in death by her parents, Irene and A.C. Ward; and by two brothers, Arthur Ward and Don Ward.

She is survived by: 1 son, Marcus Crow and wife, Beverly of Loop, Texas; 3 daughters, Shelby Concotelli and fiancé Tony Fitzgerald of Seminole, Texas, Becky McCann and husband, Fred of Midland, Texas, Brentz Mason and husband, Tim of Andrews, Texas; 2 sisters, Sandra Ward of Seminole, Texas, Jeanette Terry and husband, B. U. of Angelfire, New Mexico; 1 brother, Bill Ward and wife, Barbara of Hobbs, New Mexico; 12 grandchildren, Clint Crow, Kim Crow Aten, Ryan Concotelli, Chase Concotelli, Trevor McCann, Heather McCann, Garret Timmons, Nolan Timmons; and 4 great-grandchildren.



Joe "Changito" Gonzales

Joe "Changito" Gonzales, 49, went to be with our Lord on Friday, July 22, 2011, after a short illness, in Abilene, Texas. Born May 31, 1962, in Midland, to Sipriano Gonzales, and Margarita Neria.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and a brother, Adam "Changito" Gonzales.

He leaves to cherish his memory his brothers, Henry (Alicia) Gonzales, and Tony Gonzales both of Midland; three nieces, Tina Gonzales, Margaret Gonzales of Midland, and Rosita Gonzales of Phoenix, AZ; nephews, Enrique Gonzales, Christopher Gonzales, and Fabian Torres of Midland; two great nephews, Jayden Gonzales of Midland, and Adam Lopez of Phoenix; three great nieces, Alize Gonzales, and Abrielle Torres of Midland, and Angel Gonzales of Phoenix, AZ.

Joe was a very well liked person in Abilene, and everyone who knew him loved him. He was a kind person and opened his door to anyone who needed a place to stay. He enjoyed working and spending time with family and friends. He loved his old Tejano music, especially Selena. He will be missed by all.

A rosary prayer vigil will be Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., in the Thomas Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be Wednesday at 11:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Burial will be in Serenity Memorial Park under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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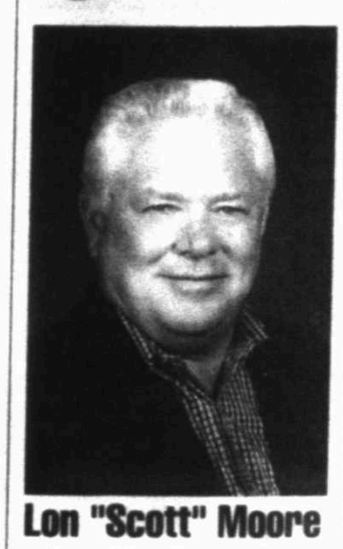


Lon "Scott" Moore

Lon "Scott" Moore, age 65, died peacefully at his home in Aubrey, Texas, on July 23, 2011, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Scott Moore was born on October 9, 1945, to Due Rander Moore, Jr. and Bertha Juanita Smith Moore in Dallas, Texas. He grew up in Austin, and resided in Midland/Odessa, Irving, and Denton, Texas prior to moving to Aubrey, Texas, in 1999.

Throughout his life, Scott Moore was a successful home builder and land developer. He was a member of the Austin Homebuilders Association before he was old enough to vote. He took great joy and pride in creating a sense of community in the areas where he built homes. He was dedicated to providing quality homes to families for many years with Jimmy Smith of Moore & Smith Builders. Scott served on the Planning and Zoning Commission in Aubrey for several years, helping to shape the area's growth.

Scott will be remembered for his great love of fishing. He fished with family and friends often, and he was always excited to pass along his love of the outdoors to his family and friends. It is often said of Scott that he made everyone he knew feel as though they were his favorite. His generosity was boundless and his heart and mind were always focused on helping others in ways small and large.

Scott's family was his greatest love. He delighted in his roles as Son, Brother, Husband, Father, Grandpa, and Uncle.

Survivors include Terry Fran Moore, wife, of Aubrey, TX; Bertha Juanita Smith Moore, mother, of Oak Point, TX; Gregory Scott Moore, son, his wife, Lori Ann Moore, and grand-children, Madison Lindsey Moore (15) and Jacob Riley Moore (13) of San Diego, CA; Todd Hunter Moore, son, of Oak Point, TX; Terry Mark Hunt, stepson, of Denton, TX; Stephanie Dawn Berry-Fitch, stepdaughter, and granddaughter, Macie Mackey-Berry of San Antonio, TX.

Scott was the eldest of 8 children: G. W. "Rusty" Moore (Malinda) of Crowell, TX, Larry Moore (Karen) of Aurora, CO, Bonnie Moore of Denton, TX, Obie Moore (Alina) of Geneva, Switzerland, Jay Moore (Rhonda) of Jackson, MN, and Patty Moore Locke (Randal) of Oak Point, TX. He is survived by three step brothers and sisters: D.R. "Sonny" Moore, George Moore, and Betty Morrow (Lefty); and by 16 nieces and nephews; and 10 great-nieces and great-nephews, who all love their Uncle Scott.

Scott was preceded in death by his father, and infant sister, Bernadine Moore.

Friends are welcome to attend services at Slay Funeral Home in Aubrey, Texas. Visitation is Tuesday, July 26, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Memorial services will be Wednesday, July 27 at 4:30 p.m. Burial will be at Belew Cemetery in Aubrey, Texas, following the service.

Donations may be made to the Family Resource Center of North Texas, in lieu of flowers, to P. O. Box 2242, Denton, Texas 76202, or www.familyresource-nt.org.

Death Notices

Rossie Prince

Rossie Prince, 98, of Andrews passed away Saturday, July 23, 2011, in Andrews.

Mrs. Prince will be in state at McNett Funeral Home beginning Monday afternoon through Tuesday.

Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 28, 2011, at Evergreen Cemetery in Paris, Texas under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

She is survived by her daughter, Elsie Taylor; sons, Charlie Little, Bob Little, and Kenneth Little; nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

REGIONROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Texas drought affecting food for bats

Experts say the drought is causing Mexican free-tailed bats that hang out under a Texas bridge to change their eating habits, and that could get them killed.

Hundreds of thousands of bats at the Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge in Austin are emerging earlier than usual in the evening to find bugs.

Ed Arnett with Bat Conservation International said predators like hawks can more easily see and kill the bats.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday that drought has limited healthy plants, so bats must go where they can find bugs, such as irrigated farmland.

University of California-Santa Cruz ecologist Winifred Frick recently visited Texas to try to find where bat foraging happens in dry years. Frick said one bad year for drought isn't going to make or break bats.

NEW MEXICO

Fires burn nearly 22,000 acres

CARLSBAD — Two fires burning southwest of Carlsbad in the Guadalupe Mountains have charred more than 34 square miles of brush and trees.

Fire officials said the Lookout and Acrey fires had burned nearly 22,000 by Monday morning.

The Lookout Complex fires, as two blazes are known, are burning in steep, rocky and inaccessible terrain on forest land.

The 3,000-acre Lookout fire is burning about seven miles southwest of Queen.

The 18,836-acre Acrey Fire is burning 16 miles northwest of Queen and has the potential to threaten a natural gas field.

Authorities said two homes and four outbuildings also are threatened by the fires.

NEW MEXICO

Magistrate court offers safe surrender

CARLSBAD — Carlsbad residents with warrants can surrender Friday and possibly take care of court obligations without being taken into custody. The Safe Surrender program is not an amnesty. Carlsbad Magistrate Court officials say it's a way of taking care of outstanding warrants as quickly and efficiently as possible.

The Carlsbad Current Argus reports the surrender begins at noon and runs until 8 p.m. Friday.

Residents who surrender July 29 will be arraigned and have a bond set as quickly as possible.

Special master sought to oversee oil spill claims

By Harry R. Weber
Associated Press

The lead attorneys for people and businesses suing BP over last year's Gulf oil spill want a federal judge to appoint a special master to oversee the claims process.

They said in court papers Monday that administrator Kenneth Feinberg has been too slow to process interim payments from the $20 billion fund that BP set up to compensate people who lost their livelihoods when crude oil gushed from BP's blown well. The payments are meant to tide people over until claims are settled.

The lawyers said BP and Feinberg's Gulf Coast Claims Facility have benefited from desperate victims who choose quick, one-time payments in exchange for promises not to sue. There was no immediate ruling by the court in New Orleans.

Last week, the Justice Department said an independent audit would be done to determine if claims are being processed appropriately.

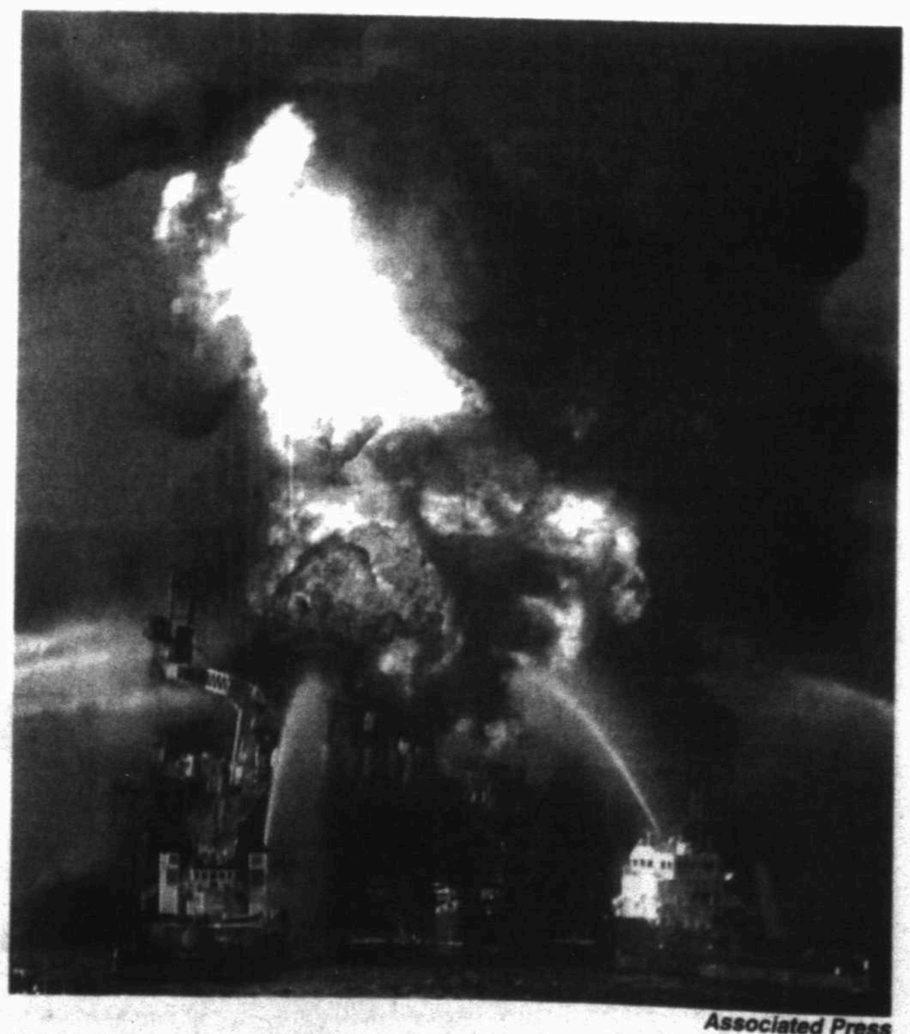
Feinberg said in a statement emailed to the Associated Press that the GCCF has made interim payments to more than 20,000 claimants and that there are more than 40,000 final payment offers outstanding. He said some $250 million in interim payments have been made. Feinberg said the GCCF will respond to the court filing in "due course" but did not elaborate.

An AP review published in February that included interviews with legal experts, government officials and more than 300 Gulf residents found a claims process beset by red tape and delay, and at the center of it all a fund administrator whose ties to BP have raised questions about his independence. As of Monday, roughly $4.8 billion of the $20 billion has been paid out to 199,248 claimants.

Feinberg, the Washington lawyer who runs the fund and was lauded for his work overseeing the compensation fund for 9/11 victims, has insisted he is being fair.

He has acknowledged that the system is clogged by the sheer volume of oil spill claims, along with inflated or outlandish requests. More than a year after the disaster, complaints about the process continue. Despite those complaints, BP has argued repeatedly that it believes the payouts have been too generous, and it has prodded Feinberg to scale things back.

The Deepwater Horizon rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico off Louisiana on April 20, 2010, killing 11 men and leading to the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history. The rig was owned by Transocean and was being leased by BP to drill the oil giant's well a mile beneath the sea.



Associated Press

In this April 2010 file image provided by the U.S. Coast Guard, fire boat response crews battle the blazing remnants of the offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon. The owner of the rig largely blames oil giant BP for the disaster in an internal investigation report released June 22.

Skate rink DJ: Gunman 'smooth, cool' as he shot 5

Associated Press

DALLAS — Guests had just finished singing "Happy Birthday" to an 11-year-old boy when his father spoke to him briefly, then pulled out a gun and shot the child's mother, four of her relatives and himself, said a disc jockey who witnessed the shooting spree at a Texas roller rink.

Tan Do, 35, was "sm.oth, cool" as he shot his victims at close range, DJ Allen Tillotson told the Associated Press on Monday.

He "knew exactly the people he wanted" to shoot and paused only to reload a weapon that had been hidden in his pants, Tillotson said.

"After he went for the wife, he went for the next lady, then a man, then a young lady," he said.

Do killed his estranged wife Trini Do, 29; two of her sisters, Lynn Ta, 16, and Michelle Ta, 28; her brother, Hien Ta, 21; and her sister-in-law, Thuy Nguyen, 25. Four others were wounded. At the end of the Saturday-night rampage, Tran Do shot himself.

Tillotson said he was on his way to get a garbage can to clean up the DJ booth when the shooting began.

"I thought I was going to be dead, but Jesus had me," the 19-year-old said.

Police in suburban Grand Prairie have concluded the attack was planned.

"Domestic violence had been going on for quite some time, and he used the party to kill these people," department spokesman John Brimmer said.

COUNCIL

From 1A

the company for the area in and around Midland Airpark Airport. The award would provide Windsor Permian the exclusive right to explore, drill and operate the production of oil and gas in the area.

The council has the option to reject all bids and to re-bid the leases.

Mayor Wes Perry said, at least for his part, he's pleased with the bid from Windsor and thinks they'll "be a good corporate citizen."

Jeff Sparks, councilman for District 1 who served on the committee, said the committee agreed last week on which company to recommend.

If awarded the bid, Esterly said there still are a lot of steps for Windsor Permian to complete. Sharp likely would have about 30 days to negotiate terms of the agreement. Windsor Permian then would have around 60 days to research the land and ensure all minerals under specific plots are owned by the city.

Windsor Permian also would have to submit drilling plans and have them approved for location and height restrictions by the Federal Aviation Administration and Midland International Airport.

"There's a lot of hoops they have to jump through in order to drill on the property," Esterly said.

Any revenue earned for the city through drilling at Midland Airpark would have to be put back into the airport system and used at Midland International Airport or Midland Airpark, according to FAA regulations.

A request for proposals regarding the mineral leases was released on May 31. Public hearings on the issue also were held on May 24 and June 14.

Esterly said more than two companies picked up packets concerning the leases, but Windsor Permian and Endeavor Energy were the only two to submit a bid.

Kathleen Thurber can be reached at kthurber@mrt.com.

MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL

- 10 a.m. today
- Council Chambers, 300 N. Loraine St.

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From 1B

usage.

I've often heard it said our oil is worth nothing without water.

As we continue to pray for rain, let's hope we can figure out ways to preserve our life-sustaining resource.

My favorite quote concerning this dreadful drought comes from District 2 Councilwoman Vickey Hailey.

"I would much rather know that my yard is dry and brown (and) to know the water will be there when I take a shower."

Well said, Ms. Hailey.

SPCA

From 1B

the city limits.

The city's Animal Control offers a similar program and Junker said making that available to county residents will go a long way in reducing strays in the years to come.

"This is something that's needed in Midland County," she said. "If we can eliminate that, then in the long-run we'll eliminate stray animals."

Junker and her organization also will take on the responsibility of responding to rabies calls 24 hours a day in the county and providing quarantine services, vaccinations and registration for those animals.

Sheriff Gary Painter said his department still will respond if an individual calls 911 because of an animal but that it will be great for deputies to have a place to alert of the situation once they've responded.

"It will give us a place to go where we didn't have that before," he said, adding deputies are being trained in animal control by the city's Animal Services director.

Prude said the six-month period approved with the Midland SPCA on Monday will serve to ensure both parties are satisfied with the arrangement.

The agreement will become effective Monday. The Midland Humane Coalition will use its $15,000 grant toward operation costs at its adoption facility.

The nonprofit is working in conjunction with PetSmart Charities to open an adoption center inside of PetSmart off Loop 250.

Animals adopted from the store will be received from Midland Animal Services with the goal of completely reducing euthanization at the city shelter among pets deemed "adoptable."

Board President Susie Hitchcock-Hall said PetSmart Charities required the coalition to raise $130,000 — or about a year in operation costs — before it would commit to building the adoption center.

Those funds had been raised as of July 1 and PetSmart Charities now is moving ahead, with a tentative opening date for the adoption center set for Nov. 12, she said.

Money provided by the county will go to further supplement operational funds, including supplies, staffing and other costs incurred in working to find homes for dogs and cats at the center.

For now, aggressive breeds such as pit bulls will not be adopted from the center, though that may be something they work to expand to in the future, she said.

"I'm thrilled," she said. "We will be very, very good stewards of the money."

Kathleen Thurber can be reached at kthurber@mrt.com.

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	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS Newshour		History Detectives (N)	Frontline "The Pot Republic" (N)	POV "Mugabe and the African" (N)	White	Charlie Rose / Tavis Smiley
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PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) ★ Necessary R...		★★ Playing God		(:35) ★★ Terminal Velocity Charlie Sheen.		★★ Traveller Bill Paxton.
	HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	Real Sports		★★ Dinner for Schmucks Steve Carell.	Curb	Entour.	(:35) True Blood (R) Mature
	HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:00) ★ Percy Jack...		★ Going the Distance		(:40) TstLook Bill Maher	Boxing WCB Khan vs. Judah & Card TBA	
	HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:45) ★★ Waiting to Exhale			★★★★ Inception ('10, Act) Joseph Gordon-Levitt.			★★★ Up in the Air
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	MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:10) ★★ Gattaca ('97, Sci-Fi) Uma Thurman.			★ The American		(:40) Life Top (:20) ★★ Seed of Chucky	Movie
	PLEX		96				(5:50) ★★★ Parenthood Steve Martin.			★ The Odessa File ('74, Susp) Jon Voight.		(:15) ★★ Blind Blues Matthew Broderick.	
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie	★ Holy Rollers Jesse Eisenberg.		Weeds	The Big C / Weeds	The Big C / Therapy	The Real L Word / Therapy
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ School Ties		★ Furry Vengeance		(:35) ★ The Janky Promoters		★★ Surveillance / Movie
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Simmons: Family	Simmons: Family	Jewels "Mr. Tweed Goes to Canada"	Family Jewel "The Kids Are Not Alright"	Simmons: Family "Belize it or Not"	Simmons: Family "Belize it or Not"	Jewels "Mr. Tweed Goes to Canada"
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ Pearl Harbor		★★★★ A Few Good Men ('92, Dra) Demi Moore, Tom Cruise.				★★★ A Few Good Men Tom Cruise.
	BET	58	26		40		(4:00) 106&P	★★ Madea's Family Reunion ('06, Com) Tyler Perry.		Toya (N) / Toya		Mo'Nique Show (N)	Wendy Williams
	BRAVO	65	63		41		Flipping Out		Flipping Out	Flipping Out (N)	Flipping Out	Wives "L.O.V.E. Duel"	Housewives NJ
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		CNBC Special	CNBC Special	CNBC Special	Mad Money	CNBC Special
	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA		In the Arena	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	D. Catch "The Island"		Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch Sp.	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch Sp.
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Shake Up	★★ Eloise at the Plaza	(:40) GoodL (:05) Ferb	Babysit. / Wizards / Wizards
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	E:60 (N)		Poker World Series	Poker World Series	Baseball Tonight (L)	SportsCenter	Tonight / NFL Live
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Football	NFLLive (N)	Soccer World Challenge (L)		SportsNation	E:60 (N)	To Be Announced
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Liar "Never Letting Go"		Pretty Little Liars (N)	9 Chloe King (N)	Liar "Surface Tension"	The 700 Club	Line? / Line?
	FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity	On the Record	The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity
	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "Sweet Tea"		Cupcake Wars (N)	Chopped	Chopped	Cookies	Unwrap'd / Chopped
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Sports Stories	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark - Arlington, Texas (L)			Rangers Live (L) / Media Day	H.S. Football Texas Coach's All-Star Game
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Two 1/2	★★★ The Proposal ('09, Com) Sandra Bullock.		★★ 27 Dresses ('08, Com) Katherine Heigl.		
	HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		L. House "Little Lou"	Frasier / Frasier	Frasier / Frasier	Frasier	Frasier / G. Girls / G. Girls
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	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Pawn Stars	Pawn Star "Wheels"	American Pickers "Getting the Boot"	American Pickers "One Pony Town"	Roseanne's Nuts / Roseanne's Nuts	Dance Moms "Wildly Inappropriate"	Old Christine / Met Your Mother / Rachel Maddow
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show	The Last Word	
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	Sponge	Wife Kids / Wife Kids	G. Lopez / G. Lopez	70s / 70s	Nanny	Nanny / Nanny / Nanny
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	Auction / Auction	Auction / Auction	Auction / Auction	RepoG (N)	RepoG (N) / WaysD / WaysD
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ Star Trek: Nemesis			★★★ Star Trek: First Contact Patrick Stewart.			★★★ Star Trek: Nemesis
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Finale"	Seinf. "The Finale" 2/2	The Office / The Office	Office "Fun Run" / Office "Fun Run"	Office "Local Ad" / The Office	Conan (N)	Lopez Jenna Elfman, Shaggy, Tim Gunn (N)
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(:15) Bill Murray		★★★ Five Graves to Cairo		★★★★ The Black Tent Anthony Steel.		★★ Three Kings
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	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "White Lie"		Rizzoli & Isles "Sailor Man"	Memphis Beat "Body of Evidence" (N)	HawthoRNe "To Tell the Truth" (N)	Memphis Beat "Body of Evidence"	HawthoRNe "To Tell the Truth"
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Sanford	All Family	All Family / All Family	Loves Ray / Loves Ray	Loves Ray / Loves Ray	Hot In	Divorced / Roseanne / Roseanne
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Parasites"	White Collar "As You Were" (N)	Covert A. "Welcome to the Occupation" (N)	Necessary Rough "Habit Forming"	White Collar "As You Were"
	VERSUS	38	39				Poker Heads Up		WEC WrekCage	UFC Mixed Martial Arts		WEC WrekCage	UFC Mixed M Arts
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee Brewers Site: Miller Park - Milwaukee, Wis. (L)			News	Scrubs / South Park / South Park

Company recalls papayas after salmonella outbreak

Associated Press

MCALLEN — A South Texas company is recalling papayas imported from Mexico because they could be contaminated with salmonella.

Agromod Produce Inc. of McAllen said the Blondie, Yaya, Mananita and Tastylicious brand papayas sold before July 23 could be linked to 97 reported salmonella cases in 23 states, including 10 hospitalizations.

An advisory the company posted on the Food and Drug Administration website said the FDA found the salmonella strain in two papaya samples collected at Agromod and in Agromod-bound papayas stopped at the border.

The fresh, whole papayas were distributed nationwide and to Canada. Distribution has been halted while the FDA investigation continues.

In a statement, Mexico's Agriculture Department said it's "premature" to single out Mexican papaya as the outbreak source, but the company that exported the fruit is being inspected.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Javier Rodriguez-Benavides, 28, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland County deputies on a charge of evading arrest and detention.

Jose Hernandez, 41, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Andrew Johnson, 29, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of violation of parole.

Oscar Natividad, 24, of Stanton, was arrested Sunday by Midland County deputies on a charge of criminal non-support.

Terrance Reed, 33, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony.

Juan Rodriguez, 50, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of violation of probation.

Eldon Shipman, 57, of Bridgeport, was arrested Sunday by Midland County deputies on a charge of burglary of a building.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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JEFFS

From 1B

last week but it wasn't enough time to prepare. He said it would be a "great injustice" to start the trial Monday.

"I've done everything I can to get ready," Walpole said. "I'm not asking for a lot given the gravity of this case."

Jeffs, backed by an FLDS land trust worth more than $110 million, has had seven attorneys appear on his behalf in recent months.

Prosecutors say his frequent switching of counsel is a delay tactic.

In turning down Walpole's request, Walther said one reason he has had so much work to do in so little time is that Jeffs not only fired his previous attorney but asked Walpole not to consult him — an order that was beyond the court's control.

While stating his case, Walpole gave the first public hint of Jeffs' planned defense, saying "my client's right to practice religion as he sees fit is in jeopardy."

All of Jeffs' attorneys have been tight-lipped about their approach to the case, as have prosecutors. Walpole said Jeffs provides input on all motions he files, including his pending request to have the trial moved because San Angelo residents frequently check out anti-FLDS books at a library across the street from the courthouse.

Tall and lanky with thick glasses, Jeffs has made numerous appearances in Walther's court wearing a prison jumper and chains. He was unshackled and had on a black suit Monday and spent part of the hearing for a delay with his head bowed and his eyes mostly closed — as if he were praying.

Jeffs was more attentive during the subsequent jury selection process, frequently whispering to his attorneys. Church faithful rise when he enters the room.

Jeffs is accused of sexual assaulting two girls, one younger than 17 and one younger than 14. The charges against him include aggravated sexual assault of a child, which is punishable by up to 99 years to life in prison.

He faces a separate trial for bigamy in October.

The charges stem from an April 2008 police raid on a church compound known as Yearning For Zion outside the town of Eldorado, about 45 miles south of the West Texas oil and gas town of San Angelo.

Authorities who believed girls were being forced into polygamous marriages removed more than 400 children living at the compound, and TV images of women wearing frontier-style dresses and 19th century hairdos were shown across the country.

The original call to a Texas domestic abuse hotline that sparked the raid turned out to be a hoax. Most of the children seized from the compound have since been returned to their families, but the evidence collected proved enough to charge Jeffs and 11 other church men with crimes including sexual assault and bigamy.

Seven church members have been convicted and received prison sentences of between 6 and 75 years.

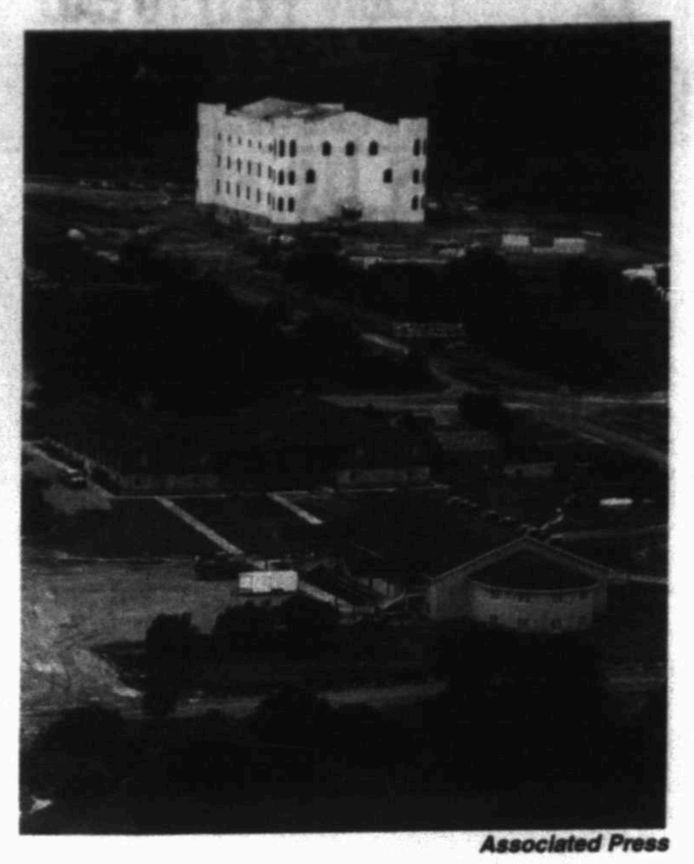
Jeffs' church has its traditional headquarters along the Utah-Arizona border, and Jeffs was convicted as an accomplice to rape in Utah in 2007, though that ruling was overturned by the state Supreme Court.

Jeffs was extradited to Texas from Utah on Nov. 30 and his defense team has repeatedly sought delays since then given that the evidence includes tens of thousands of pages of documents seized from Yearning For Zion.

Asked about defense assertions that Jeffs is being rushed into court, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott pointed out that the trial was originally set for January and Walther delayed it nearly six months to give his attorneys extra time, Abbott's office is handling the case, and while he is not lead counsel, he showed up Monday and said he would drop in periodically.

He expects the trial to last at least a month.

"If anything, it's been delayed too long," Abbott said. "We're happy this day has arrived and happy that this case has started."



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ABOVE LEFT: Polygamist leader Warren Jeffs arrives at the Tom Green County Courthouse on Monday in San Angelo where jury selection is scheduled to begin. Jeffs faces two counts of sexual assault of a child. **ABOVE RIGHT:** This March 2, 2005, file photo, shows an aerial view of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints compound under construction near Eldorado. Members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints — a radical offshoot of mainstream Mormonism that believes polygamy is the key to heaven — were subject of a SWAT team raid where 439 children were seized from mothers in 2008.

Houston restaurant tycoon helps Giffords, husband

By Zain Shauk
Houston Chronicle

For six months, he has been a giant in the background for U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and her husband, quietly leveraging his power to help the couple rebound from devastation.

His private jets, his River Oaks home in Houston, his ranch, his media connections and even his restaurant empire have played roles in simultaneously supporting Giffords and protecting her from public view as she has pushed through her recovery, sources close to Giffords said.

But Houston restaurant tycoon Tilman Fertitta, a close friend of Giffords' husband, League City astronaut Mark Kelly, doesn't think much of his role, even as it has highlighted a compassionate side of him that is often lost amid headlines about his hardball business tactics.

"That's just what you do," 54-year-old Fertitta said of his efforts to help Kelly and Giffords.

Besides, said the man who held a party on his yacht in Florida to celebrate Kelly's role in commanding the final launch of the space shuttle Endeavour, Kelly is as close as a friend can get.

Fertitta's reaction to the shooting that almost took Giffords' life was automatic, a natural response for a man who has a small circle to which he shows unyielding loyalty.

"That's what happens when things like this happen in families," he said.

Doctors have said that Giffords' rehabilitation from a gunshot wound to the head has been helped with opportunities to leave the hospital, something she did frequently as a result of Fertitta's help, even before she checked out of TIRR Memorial Hermann in Houston on June 15.

"Tilman has been a great friend to Gabby and me," Kelly told the Houston Chronicle. "He and (his wife) Paige have done everything they could possibly do to support us through this very difficult time. Without their assistance this would have been a much more difficult experience."

Fertitta's help has given Giffords escapes from her hospital setting, extensive time with her husband, and a rejuvenating weekend trip to Tucson. Those benefits have helped the Arizona congresswoman make an improbable recovery that has so far surpassed her doctors' expectations.

In seven months, she has progressed from near death after a bullet was shot through her brain Jan. 8 to an appearance at a NASA event in front of hundreds last month. There, she smiled, laughed, spoke with those around her and rose from a wheelchair to kiss and hug her husband.

Throughout her recovery, Fertitta has supported Giffords with an intensity usually associated with his business persona.

"I'm there for my friends, and I'd like to think I'm there for my employees," Fertitta said.

Fertitta, a Galveston native, owns Landry's Restaurants, which counts among its $4 billion in assets hotels, entertainment venues and more than 30 restaurant brands nationally — think Rainforest Cafe, Joe's Crab Shack and Golden Nugget hotels and casinos.

He has been known to personally empty garbage cans onto kitchen floors to confront employees about discarded silverware (then tip them afterwards to clean it up) and to publicly criticize companies he is trying to acquire. For Giffords, his energy was channeled into a protective role, his friends said.

It started on the day Giffords was shot while meeting with constituents outside a Tucson supermarket. Minutes after it happened, Kelly emailed Fertitta, who got the message on his Blackberry.

"Gabby's been shot," it read.

Kelly and Fertitta had become good friends in recent years, with Fertitta hosting a 2010 campaign fundraiser for Giffords at his 18,800-square foot River Oaks mansion. The men and their wives also had vacationed together and often met for dinners when Giffords came to Houston on trips from Washington or Tucson.

When Fertitta got the email, his 12-seat Bombardier Challenger jet was refueling at Hobby Airport. He arranged for it to fly to Tucson, with Kelly, his two daughters from a previous marriage, and his mother on board. As the plane was en route, Fertitta heard reports that Giffords had died and suspected they were erroneous.

With an aggressive drive that has become a hallmark of the headstrong multimillionaire, Fertitta set out to debunk the reports, even before he knew they were false. Kelly, devastated by the news, broke down in a bathroom on the plane.

His twin brother, astronaut Scott Kelly, was on the International Space Station 220 miles above Earth. He tried to reach Kelly on his cellphone to ask about the reports, but could not get through. His next call was to Fertitta.

Fertitta contacted his close friend Tom Koch, an anchor for Channel 13. He asked that Koch pass confirmation to ABC News in New York as soon as Kelly could find out whether Giffords was alive. Kelly called the hospital and then the Houston ABC affiliate, quickly spreading the story and countering the earlier reports.

Later, when Kelly and Giffords moved to Houston for treatment on Jan. 21 (flying again on Fertitta's Challenger jet), Fertitta offered a guest house at his home to the astronaut. Kelly stayed there for much of the last six months, an arrangement that kept him far closer to Giffords' bedside at TIRR Memorial Hermann than his League City home.

Fertitta's home, ranch and restaurant have also been used as refuges from the hospital setting throughout Giffords' recovery, allowing the congresswoman to experience more normal environments without being hounded by media.

Fertitta's friends said his persistence in supporting Kelly grows out of his tenacious character in the business world, an arena where he recently declared about a potential acquisition of national seafood chain McCormick & Schmick's, "When it's all over, I'll end up with it, because that's just the way it is."

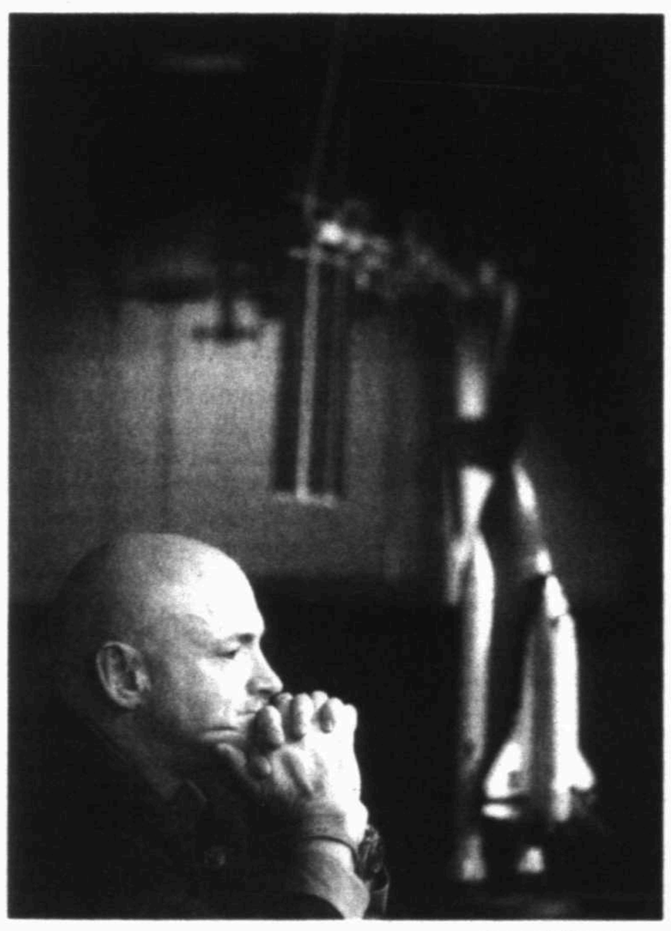
That determined mentality, although most associated with his business dealings, translates to Fertitta's efforts for the causes and people he cares about, his friends said.

He doesn't hesitate to insert himself into dominant positions where his "operator mentality" takes hold, said Scott Kelly, a close friend of Fertitta's.

Fertitta is chairman of the Houston Children's Charity and the Houston Police Foundation.

He also sits on the board of regents for the University of Houston and is on the board of directors for the Houston Museum of Fine Arts and Texas Heart Institute."You've got to be tough to succeed in business, and he can be tough, but he's tough in a principled, compassionate way," said Dave Jacquin, the owner of North Point Advisors and friend of Fertitta's.

His unflinching support for a friend like Kelly was not unexpected for a man who lets few people into his circle, his friends said.



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In this Feb. 2011 file photo, astronaut Mark Kelly prepares to discuss his decision to command the final flight of the Space Shuttle Endeavor during a news conference at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

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LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies and hot conditions today with a high near 103, a low around 77 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and hot conditions with a high near 103, a low around 75 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday, look for mostly sunny skies and hot conditions with a high near 102 and a low around 76.

The high on Monday reached 101 while the low dropped to 74. The record high for July 25 is 105 set in 2000. The record low is 62 set in 2004 and 1976.

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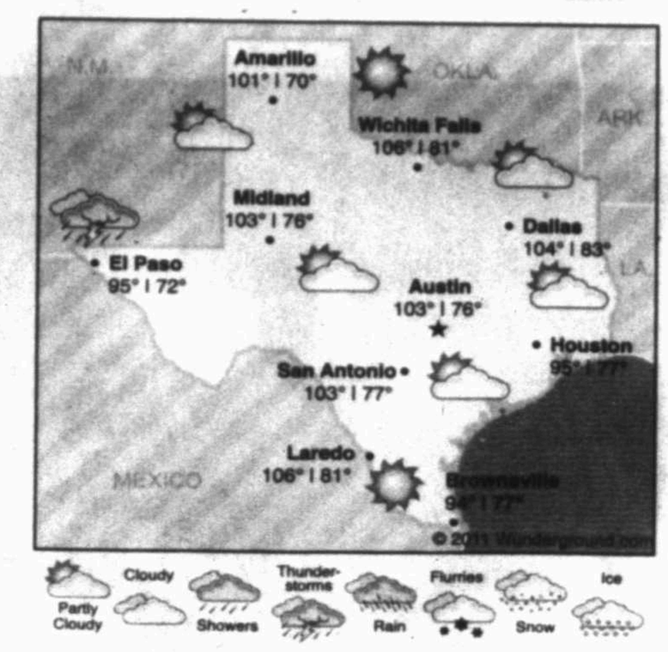
Cooler, less humid air will push into the Ohio Valley and Northeast as high pressure drifts over the southern Great Lakes. The most pronounced cooling will be felt from the central Appalachians to interior New England.

Drenching showers and locally gusty thunderstorms are expected along the leading edge of the dry air over eastern New England and in the South. A weak tropical system will spread downpours into South Florida and the Keys.

Farther west, extreme heat will continue over Texas and the southern and central Plains.

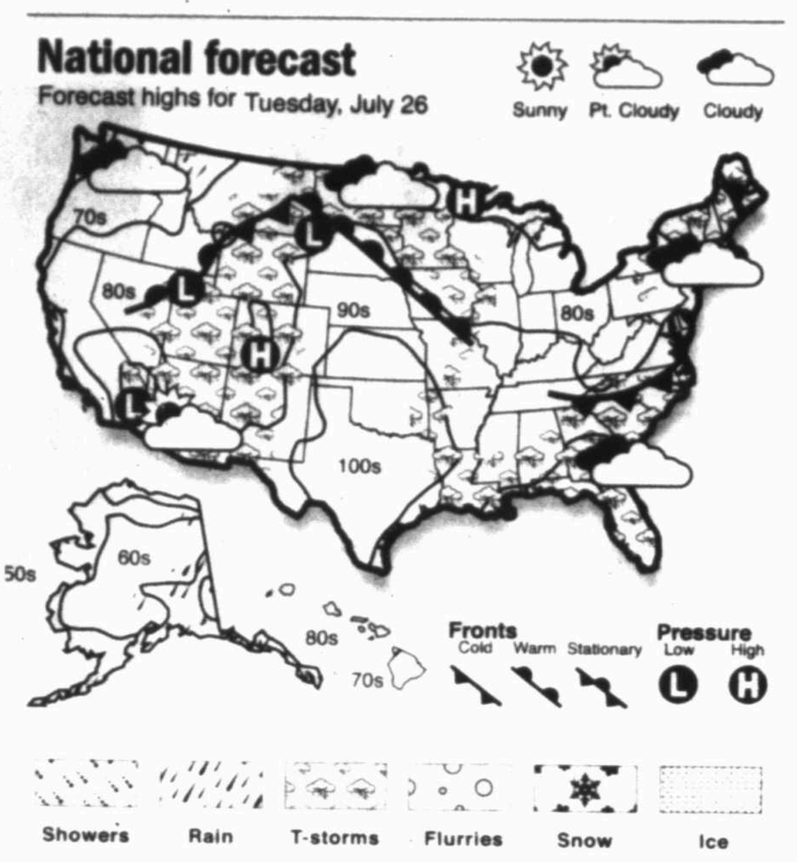


Precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Total for month	Trace
Total for year	0.16 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.29 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	101
Low	77
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	7:00 a.m.
Sunset	8:50 p.m.



Woman ponders how to smile for Facebook

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I reluctantly signed onto Facebook at the urging of my siblings. The problem is, I am now receiving many replies from people I knew back in college and elsewhere saying how glad they are they have found me, how much they have missed me, and that they would like to catch up. It made me remember that I was very well-liked then, and how when I graduated from college with honors people said I had a bright future.

But now I am nowhere near what I used to be when those people knew me. My life has not been very productive or happy since I moved from the East Coast to California.

I am married to a wonderful man. We have no children, and I have had only sporadic employment over the past few years due to treatment for depression and alcoholism. I'm trying to get better, but it's hard.

Most of those who have written tell me about their children, grandchildren and the career progress they have made in their lives.

I can't tell them any of that about myself.

Please don't tell me to get counseling. I am. And don't tell me to go to AA meetings. I do. And don't tell me to take medication, because I'm doing that, too.

Just tell me what to write to all those old friends who seem to have achieved many of the conventional things in life that I haven't. I don't want to say nothing, and I don't want to lie, but I also don't want to tell them the depressing truth, either. — UNSURE OUT WEST

DEAR UNSURE: Crafting upbeat prose can be difficult when someone is as depressed as you appear to be. But you are getting the help you need and working to pull yourself out of it, and for that I applaud you.

Before composing your Facebook entry, take stock of the positive things you have going for you and make a list. You are married to a wonderful man, you haven't had to work over the past few years, but it hasn't caused serious economic hardship — although you wouldn't mind re-entering the workforce at some point. If you volunteer in the community, have read an amusing or uplifting poem, mention that, too.

In other words, "spin." That's what everyone else on social media does, so don't feel guilty about it.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my boyfriend, "Mark," for five years and we have talked about marriage, though we are not officially engaged. For sentimental and financial reasons, I would like to wear my deceased grandmother's engagement ring.

I worry that it may appear presumptuous if I were to ask my father for the ring, especially because I'm technically not engaged yet. I have considered asking my sister if she would suggest the idea to Dad, but I'm not sure about that either.

I'm nervous that Mark might go ahead and buy me a ring in the meantime if Dad hasn't already offered him the ring. Then I wouldn't have the chance to honor my grandmother's memory. How would you suggest I let my wishes be known? — JITTERY FUTURE BRIDE IN BOSTON

DEAR JITTERY: Let your wishes be known by telling your boyfriend, "Mark, it has always been my dream to wear my grandmother's engagement ring." That will let him know he won't have to buy one for you.

But do not approach your father asking for the ring until you ARE "technically" engaged.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Sparkling Defense

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ 7
♥ K Q 10 4 2
♦ K 3
♣ 10 9 7 4 3

WEST
♠ 9 8 5 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ A Q 9 6 2
♣ 5

EAST
♠ 4
♥ A J 8 5
♦ J 7 4
♣ A K Q 8 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 10 6 3
♥ 7
♦ 10 8 5
♣ J 6

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
2♣	2♠	Pass	3
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: Five of ♣

Ask any expert what is the most difficult aspect of the game, and the answer will be defense. This stellar example is from a championship match in Sweden.

Systemically, East's two-club opening bid was either a six-card or longer suit or, specifically, five clubs and a four-card major. The rest of the auction was natural, and West attacked with his singleton in partner's suit.

When declarer followed to two rounds of clubs, the whole hand was an open book and West played as if the cards were made of glass. East had to have five clubs and four hearts, so declarer was marked with a 7-1-3-2 distribution. West knew how to defeat the hand, but could not be sure that his partner had the same information.

To avoid partner making an error, West ruffed the second club and shifted to a low diamond! Declarer rose with the king in dummy and took his best shot by leading the king of hearts from dummy, but East was alert. He won the trick with the ace and reverted to diamonds. West took the queen, and sealed declarer's fate by returning the nine of spades, and the table was dead. West could sit back and take the setting trick with the ace of diamonds.

So many bidding gimmicks can help a pair in settling on the best contract. The trouble is that they give the same information to the defense, and anything they say can be used against them.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, July 26, 2011:

This year, you focus even more on living and loving. Friendship and networking play significant roles in your plans. If you know what you want, manifesting it becomes likely. Often, you might be overly serious or tense, creating a lot of tension in those around you. Learn to relax and go with the flow. A stress-buster hobby might be great, too. If you are single, you draw many potential suitors because of an innate intensity. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy more togetherness if you can get through the tension. GEMINI is a fun friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Keep your eyes wide open when dealing with another person. Brainstorming might produce a great solution and a great idea. Open up to new possibilities. Read between the lines. Tonight: Talking up a storm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Listen to another person's analysis of what needs to happen. Investigate and do necessary research, especially if you feel something might be off. Trust your sixth sense and see what comes up. Cancel a meeting or appointment if you need more time. Tonight: Easy does it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You could see a situation differently because of what comes up. You also see that others are far too serious or dominated by what they are hearing. All personality and smiles, others seem to willingly agree with you. Tonight: Dance away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Understanding will evolve if you don't close down. Discuss your feelings and opinions with a respected friend or adviser. You might be jumping to some ungrounded conclusions. Question what is happening within your immediate circle. Tonight: Anchor in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ A meeting might not only be provocative but also a source of friendship. Listen to news and realize the variables in others' responses. Center on what you want rather than your expectations. You will head down a direct path. Tonight: Where the gang is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Take a stand and stay ahead of the game. Be aware of the natural pitfalls of a decision you make. Remember, the variables are the people you will be dealing with. Everyone comes from a different space. Tonight: Where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Be forthright. Call a spade a spade. Reach out for an expert if you don't have a solution. Your instincts carry you where intellect doesn't. With integrity and resolution, plus quality information, the inevitable happens. Tonight: Go for the unusual.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Open up to new people and extreme situations. You might want to approach a situation differently. You'll become more in tune with your inner needs. Listen to a partner. Evaluate this person's concerns. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Let others call the shots. You are full of humor, fun and mischief. Allow others to see your less-professional personality. You might have some extra, unexpected time and freedom. Use it well. You'll have a ball wherever you go. Let the fun begin. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Understand what is going on with an associate or someone in your daily travels. No one knows the dynamics more than you. Feel free to move forward, though pay attention to what is needed to oil the cogs. Tonight: Put your feet up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Choose to be more in touch with your feelings. If you do head down this path, you will notice a major change in other areas of your life. The more connected you are to your authentic self, the more fluid your life becomes. Tonight: Let your hair down.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Interest in a personal matter could cause you to look within. You note a similarity to something from your past. You just might not be sure what to do about it. Talk to someone who has succeeded in processing what you are looking at. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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BORN TODAY

Psychologist Carl Jung (1875), singer Mick Jagger (1943), Olympic ice skater Dorothy Hamill (1956)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Aaron of Cooperstown
5 Fast ender
9 Drink in a Dixie cup?
14 Lotion additive
15 __ breve: 2/2 time
16 Get under one umbrella, so to speak
17 Filled to capacity
19 Panel member
20 Soaking and relaxed
21 One seeking repayment
23 Form W-4 fig.
24 NFL mike wearer
26 Ballpark fig.
27 Certain wildlife refuge
34 Annoying kid at the pool
36 Catch, as a podcast
37 Panache
38 What a fluid oz. measures
40 Half of MCDII
41 Geometry measure
44 Was in pain
47 Hit from the "Moulin Rouge!" soundtrack
49 Ending with Cray
50 CBS's Rather
51 Shakespearean exclamations
54 Ticking danger
59 Summer pitcherful
61 Stradivari's tutor
62 Spineless one
64 Star in the same constellation as Betelgeuse
65 Latin 101 infinitive
66 Collette of "United States of Tara"
67 Ouzo flavoring
68 White House maiden name
69 Name-dropper, often

DOWN

1 Pilgrims to Mecca
2 Greenspan and Turing
3 Area of uncertainty
4 Held on to
5 Shakespeare's shortest tragedy
6 Yellowstone grazer
7 Guinness of "Star Wars"
8 Soup kitchen volunteer
9 Martial art emphasizing throws
10 Word on a dime
11 Pre-euro Italian currency
12 Harrow rival
13 Cheeky
18 New Age-y emanations
22 Words before "of rules"
25 Have a hunch
28 Like some barbecue sauce
29 Periscope part
30 Wrapped up
31 Hiking or biking
32 Nasty habit
33 Oklahoma city
34 Broker's order
35 Entreaty
39 Four-sided campus space
42 BlackBerry network choice
43 Saintly ring
45 Made things harder for the lifeguard
46 Ornate
48 Engine for missiles
52 Like some easy questions
53 Indian honorific
54 O'Hara plantation
55 "See you," in poker
56 Star-struck trio?
57 Hot times in the café
58 Anka's "Eso __"
60 Young newts
63 Source of some '60s trips

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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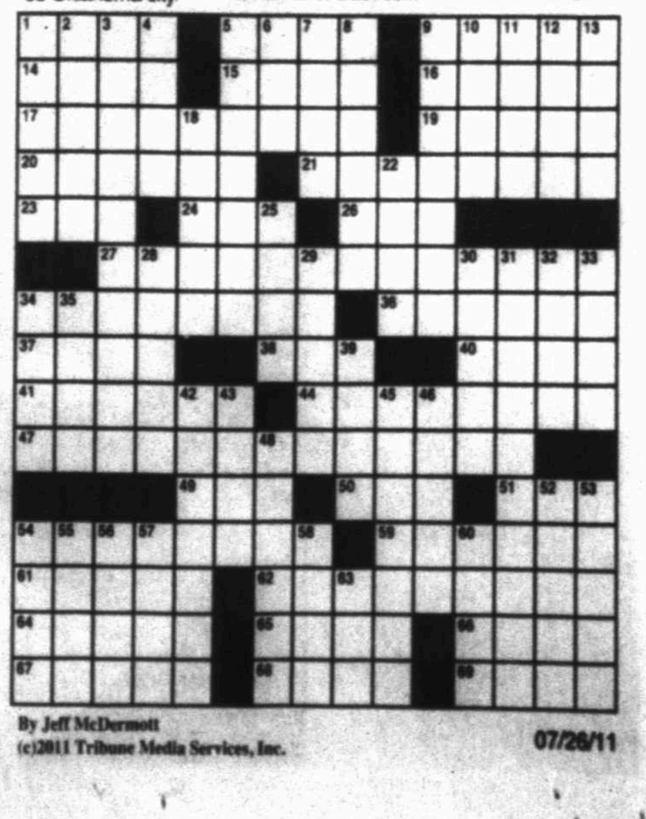

By Jeff McDermott
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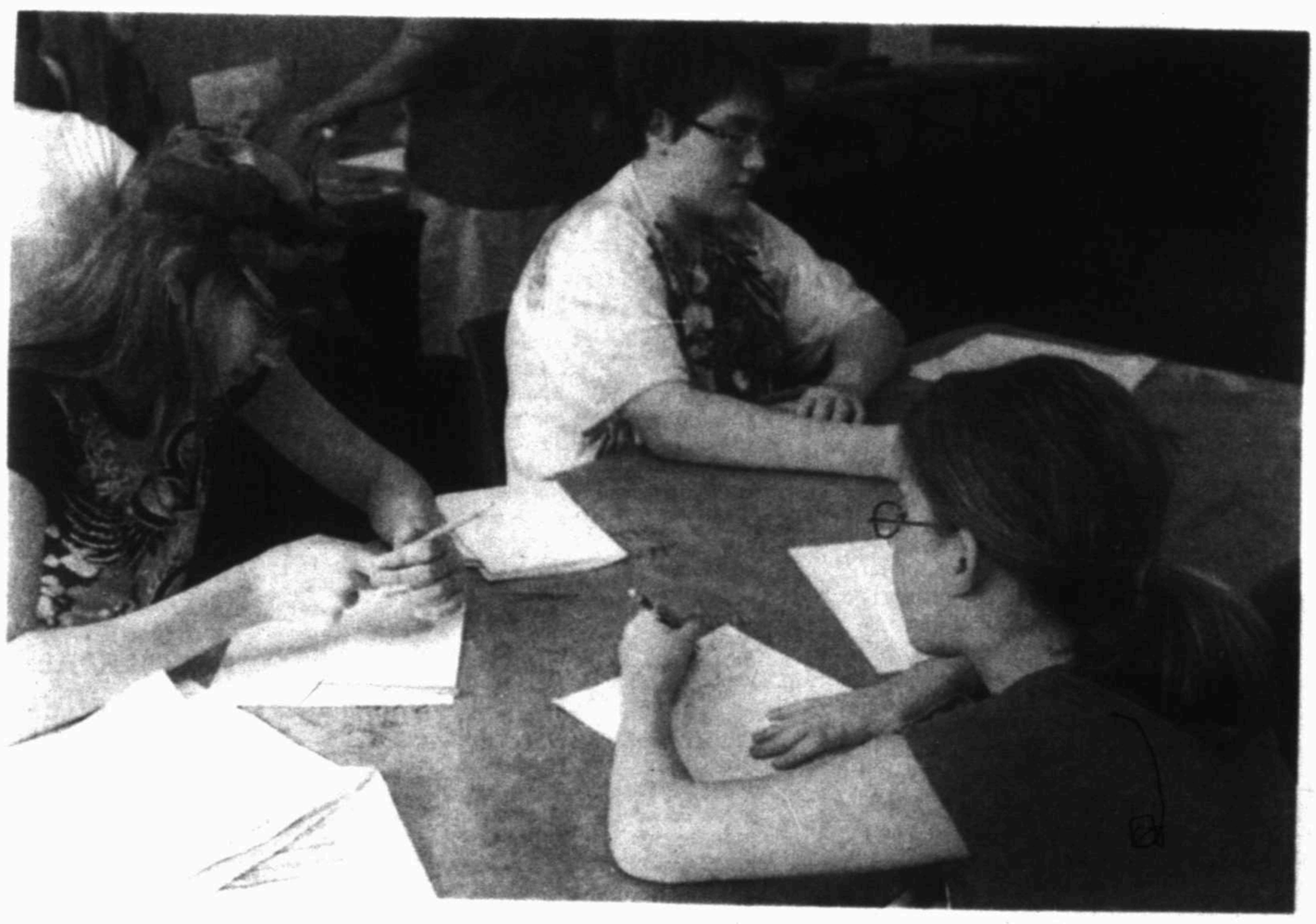
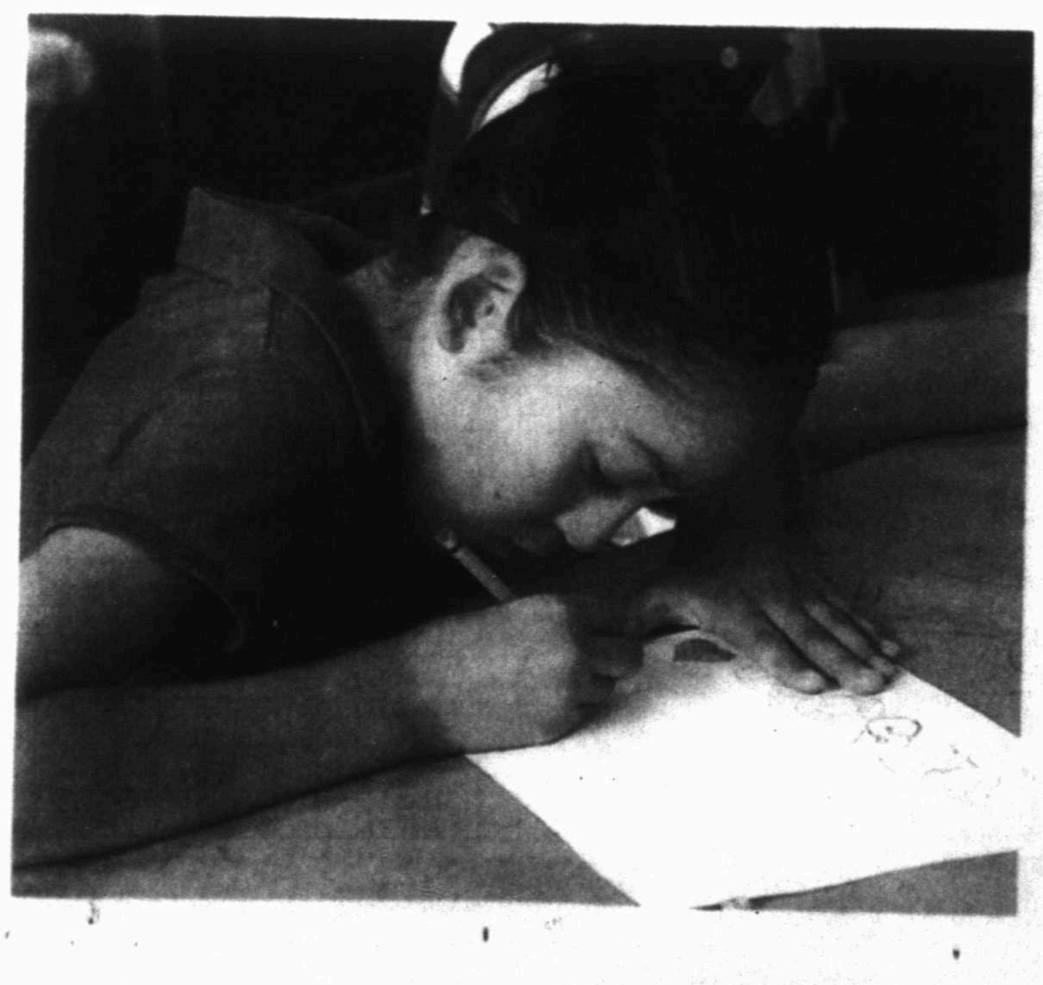
Camp time

MCT's Summer Theatre School

TOP: Kalin Hunt, 7, pretends to use a cone as a magnifying glass as others in her group try to guess what she is doing in Midland Community Theatre's summer camp last month at Cole Theater. LEFT: Shelby Collins, one of the theater school assistants, plays games with children in drama class. BELOW: Marion Dearstyne, her sister, Frances, and Levi Graham sketch scenes for a play as part of the visual arts class. BOTTOM: Briana Carillo draws a scene from a play as part of the visual arts class.



Youth create 'Creature Feature'



Midland Community Theatre's Summer School 2011 was themed "Creature Feature." "Monsters that go bump in the night" were brought into the daylight in theater, visual arts and music and movement classes. The younger kids' work was based on "There's a Monster in My Closet," "Monsters, Inc." and "Where the Wild Things Are." Older students created "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein." At the end of the one- and two-week sessions, students put on a presentation for families and friends.

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Sports

Big 12 eyes still focused on Longhorns and network

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — All the eyes are still on Texas in the slimmed-down Big 12 Conference, though for some different reasons this time.

The Longhorns are coming off their first losing season in 13 years under coach Mack Brown, who has new offensive and defensive coordinators and is still unsure who his quarterback will be.

What is also being watched by other Big 12 teams is how much extra exposure, and potential advantage, Texas will have when its own 24-hour cable network debuts next month.

"I'm sure people will watch that," Texas A&M coach Mike Sherman said Monday. "We'll have half a million Aggies watching it and we'll have the Big 12 watching it, and the advantage and disadvantage thereof."

Sherman was the first coach at the podium for Big 12 media days — half of the 10 teams appeared Monday; preseason league favorite Oklahoma is among the five teams on Tuesday's schedule. The first question Sherman was asked was about the possible impact of the Longhorn Network on high school and college recruiting.

"Truthfully, I'm just focusing on what I've got to do and with my job, and let's win our first game," he said. "I'm sure you all can sort that one out yourselves."

Texas A&M athletic director Bill Byrne, who has long had concerns about the Longhorn Network, said Monday that athletic directors and Big 12 staff will be meeting "within the next few weeks."

When there were reports last week that Texas might show one of its conference games as well as prep football games on its subscription-based network, Byrne issued a statement that "our concerns were heightened further" and that questions remained even after Big 12 commissioner Dan Beebe said that there would be no high school content on the network until conference members have a chance to consider all the issues.

Byrne, just back from an Alaska vacation, said he had been advised that he "should play nice and not say any more." He said he would do that — for now.

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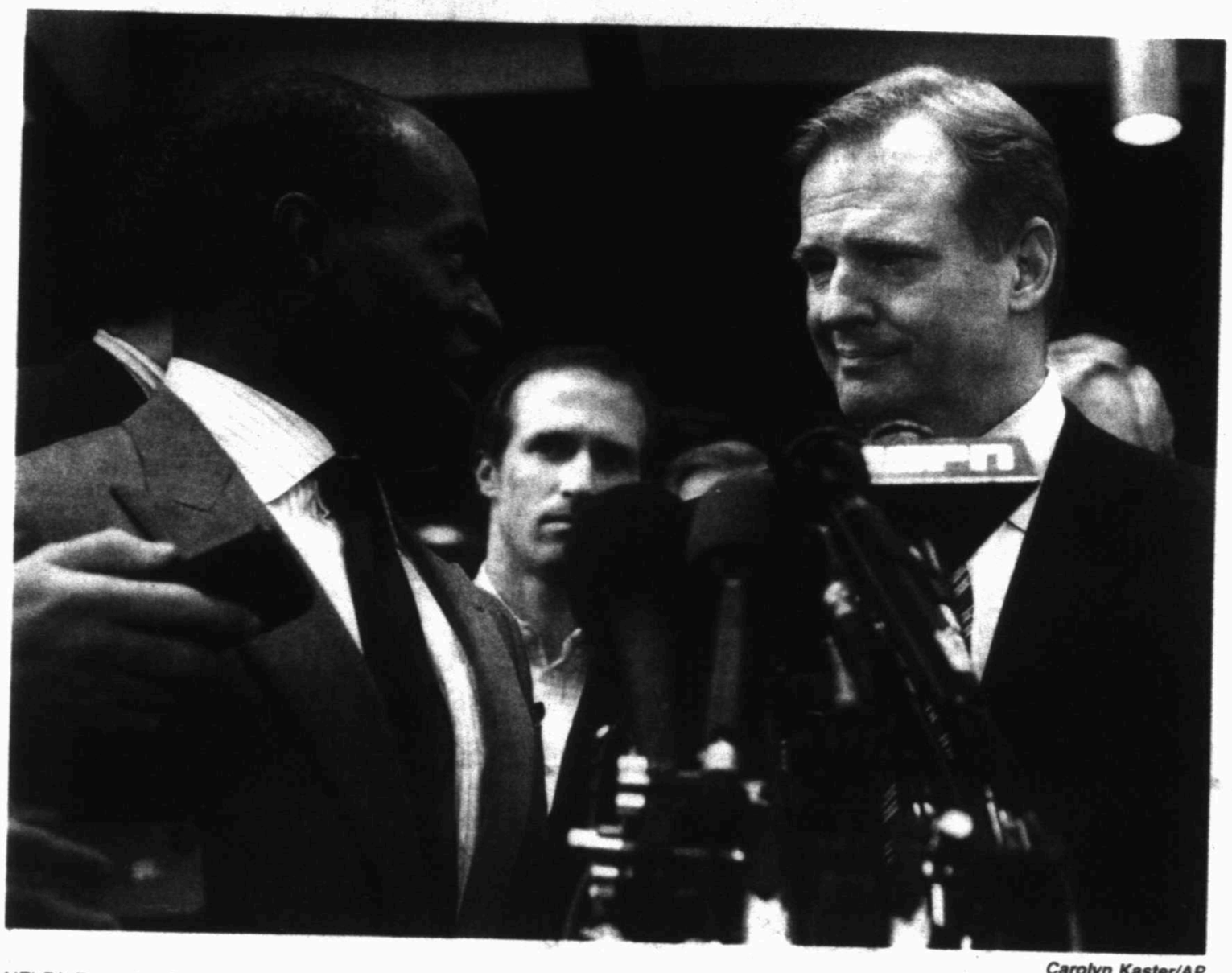
Matt Strassen/AP

Texas head coach Mack Brown answers questions Monday during Big 12 Media Days in Dallas.

Lockout over



Carolyn Kaster/AP

NFLPA Executive Director DeMaurice Smith, left, and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell take part in a news conference at the NFL Players Association in Washington on Monday after the NFL Players Association executive board and 32 team reps voted unanimously to approve the terms of a deal with owners to the end the four-month lockout.

Players vote to OK deal to end NFL lockout

By Howard Fendrich and Barry Wilner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Now it can be said with certainty: Get ready for some football!

NFL players voted to OK a final deal Monday, days after the owners approved a tentative agreement, and the sides finally managed to put an end to the 4 1/2-month lockout, the longest work stoppage in league history.

"This is a long time coming, and football's back," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said, "and that's the great news for everybody."

The labor dispute comes to a close after claiming one exhibition: the Hall of Fame game between the Bears and Rams, scheduled for Aug. 7 in Canton, Ohio. Otherwise, the entire preseason and regular-season schedules remain intact. Club facilities will open to players Tuesday, when 2011 draft picks and rookie free agents can be signed.

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> — ROGER GOODELL
> NFL Commissioner

Getting back to business could be wild.

"Chaos," said Jets fullback Tony Richardson, a member of the NFL Players Association executive committee. "That's the best word for it."

At a joint appearance outside NFLPA headquarters, Goodell and NFLPA head DeMaurice Smith shook hands, surrounded by some of the owners and players who were involved in the talks. They spoke shortly after the NFLPA executive board and 32 team reps voted unanimously to approve the terms of a 10-year deal.

"We didn't get everything that either side wanted ... but we did arrive at a deal that we think is fair and balanced," Smith said.

Owners can point to victories, such as gaining a higher percentage of the more than $9 billion in annual league revenues, one of the key issues throughout. Players persuaded teams to commit to spending nearly all of their salary cap space in cash and won changes to offseason and in-season practice rules that should make the game safer.

If there was one unexpected moment during the press conference it was certainly Indianapolis Colts center Jeff Saturday's eloquent tribute to New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft, who was lauded as instrumental in helping forge the

Please see **LOCKOUT**/4C

Garrett maximizes Cowboys training camp schedule

By Jaime Aron
Associated Press

IRVING — Jason Garrett is going to have the Dallas Cowboys on the practice field during training camp for nearly as much as the new rules allow.

With a lost offseason to be made up for, and with the new coach still trying to implement a tougher work ethic than his predecessor, Garrett has tentatively scheduled the Cowboys to be on the turf of the Alamodome for four hours a day on 11 of the 14 days of camp.

Garrett

Starting Thursday, the Cowboys are supposed to have a walkthrough from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., then a full practice from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day of camp. The only exceptions are both Sundays, when the walkthrough will be dropped, and the final day, Aug. 10, when there will only be a walkthrough because everyone will head back to Dallas for the preseason opener against Denver the next night.

The schedule was released Monday afternoon hours after word that the NFL lockout was ending. Players will be allowed to report to team headquarters on Tuesday and must be in San Antonio on Wednesday.

All NFL teams will be scrambling to get players in football shape, and to make sure guys know each other and the playbook, so it remains to be seen how extreme Garrett's schedule compares with others.

Regardless, it'll be a big change from the way Wade Phillips ran things last year.

A lazy, cross-country training camp is among the reasons many believe the Cowboys started 1-7 last season, costing Phillips his job. Garrett took over as interim coach and demanded everyone work harder. Practices became more physical and the team went 5-3 over the second half, earning him the job for keeps.

Things could still change, but the initial camp schedule clearly sends the message that Garrett means business.

"Coming off last year, I think we're all anxious about getting started," tight end Jason Witten said Monday.

As the team's labor representative, Witten was closest to the negotiations. He's thrilled to be going from contract details to Xs and Os.

"A lot's going to happen quick," he said. "Teams are going to have a lot on their plates, handling practice, free agency, negotiations, but that's part of the process. My perspective is to go into camp, work at your craft and all that will work itself out. You're hopeful that you can get the best team in place. The people that need to handle that — Jason, the Jones family and everyone else — they've been handling that, I'm sure, and have been waiting for this moment."

The Cowboys will be breaking in a new defensive coordinator, Rob Ryan, and several more new position coaches.

As for the roster, well, that's a work in progress.

The first priority is re-signing left tackle Doug Free, who has become a free agent through the new labor deal. He could be among the most sought linemen on the market.

Please see **GARRETT**/4C

Northern 9-10 year olds top Lorena for state title

From staff reports

For the first time during the all-star season, the Northern 9-10-year-old All-Stars had to rebound from a loss. To make the task even more daunting, a Texas West Little League title was on the line.

But after being routed on Sunday, Northern answered the bell on Monday, playing solid defense, getting some strong pitching and coming up with timely hits. In the end, the 9-10 year olds overcame a tough squad from Lorena and managed to push a run across in an extra frame for a 4-3 victory and the second state title of the year for a majority of their players, who won one with a select team earlier this year.

Northern	4
Lorena	3

"It was exciting. I don't even know where to start," Northern coach Andy Bayley said. "They had a tough game (Saturday). They fell apart for one inning. It's really the first time during this whole all-star thing they have fallen apart. It cost us a run rule. But they came ready to play (Monday)."

With the game tied 3 after five innings, Northern went to bat in the bottom of the sixth understanding it only needed to get one run across to win the championship. Jaxson Bayley led off the inning with a double, putting the winning run in

Please see **NORTHERN**/2C

Defensive lapses help Missions bury RockHounds

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

When multiple defensive lapses put the Midland RockHounds behind the San Antonio Missions in the fifth inning Saturday, the RockHounds were able to recover and win in 12 innings.

But on Monday, San Antonio learned its lesson, burying the RockHounds after two errors in the first staked the Missions to an early lead in a 14-2 rout at Citibank Ballpark.

"Eventually with the type of team we have the hits are going to come," Missions shortstop Andy Parrino said. "We just try to score runs as much as we can."

Missions	14
'Hounds	2

Green

The Missions' bats had help Monday as the RockHounds fell behind early thanks to the same type of routine fielding errors that helped the Missions erase a four-run deficit Saturday.

It started with two men down in the first, when a double steal by Jedd Gyorko and Blake Tekotte put them on second and third respectively.

Later in the at-bat, Sawyer Carroll hit a routine grounder to short that Tyler Ladendorf scooped up but threw low to first, leading to Michael Spina mishandling the throw, which allowed Tekotte and Gyorko to score.

"Just an uncharacteristic throw from Ladendorf who's been solid, and Spina's been really good about picking balls," RockHounds manager

Please see **ROCKHOUNDS**/2C

Rangers collect 27 hits in rout of Twins

Associated Press

Rangers 20
Twins.....6

ARLINGTON — Ian Kinsler homered and drove in four runs as part of the Texas Rangers' offensive barrage in a 20-6 rout of the Minnesota Twins on Monday night.

Kinsler had four of the Rangers' league-best 27 hits. Mike Napoli and Nelson Cruz also had four hits as all the Rangers starters had at least two except for third baseman Chris Davis, who was hitless in six at-bats.

Michael Young also went deep and had three RBIs for Texas, which had 18 runs by the end of the fifth inning.

Things were so one-sided that Michael Cuddyer moved from right field to the mound to pitch the eighth for the Twins. Cuddyer gave up a double to Napoli, a bloop single to Mitch Moreland, and walked Kinsler with one out to load the bases.

But Cuddyer retired Elvis Andrus on a fly ball and David Murphy on a pop-up for a scoreless inning.

The last Twins position player to pitch was outfielder John Moses against California on July 31, 1990.

Derek Holland (9-4) easily won his career-high ninth game of the season, allowing an unearned run and five hits in six innings with four strikeouts to surpass his eight-win rookie season in 2009.

Josh Hamilton and Endy Chavez also drove in three runs each to help the Rangers surpass Cleveland's output in a 19-1 blowout at Kansas City on May 16. Texas also passed the 25 hits that the Los Angeles Dodgers had against Minnesota on June 27.

Holland once again was the recipient of excellent run support, with the Rangers putting up 14 runs and 16 hits after only four innings against three pitchers.

Texas has scored at least four runs in each of Holland's last 12 starts, with Holland going 6-3 with three no-decisions during that stretch.

AL West-leading Texas has won 15 of 18 to open a four-game pad over Los Angeles, which was beaten by Cleveland 3-2 on Monday night.

Jason Kubel hit a 449-foot homer off Arthur Rhodes in the eighth for the Twins, who've lost six of nine.

Minnesota starter Nick Blackburn (7-7) was knocked around for nine runs — six earned — and 11 hits in 2 2-3 innings.

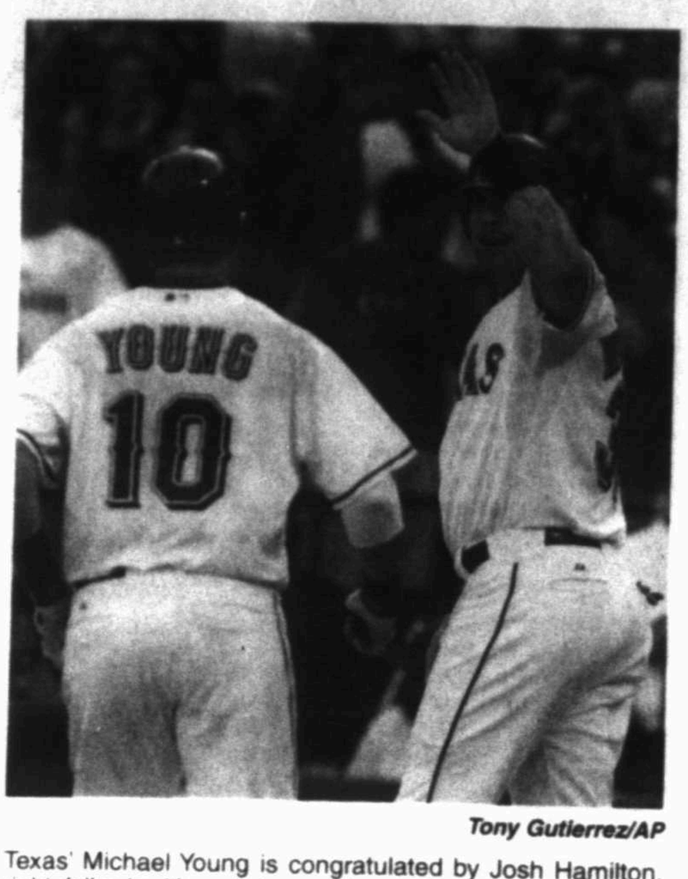
The Rangers jumped to a 3-0 first-inning lead a day after they were limited to four singles by Toronto's Brett Cecil in the Blue Jays' 3-0 victory on Sunday night.

Andrus reached on an infield single and scored on Hamilton's double. Young followed with his ninth homer into the right field seats on Blackburn's 1-0 pitch.

In the second, RBI doubles by Kinsler and Hamilton and Young's run-scoring single gave Holland a 6-0 pad, and Kinsler added a three-run blast in the third.

When Andrus followed with a single, Blackburn's shortest outing of the season was over, matching the most runs he's allowed in any of his 113 career starts.

Minnesota got on the board in the fourth with an unearned run aided by an error by Andrus at shortstop. After Alexi Casilla singled, Joe Mauer hit a sharp grounder that Holland gloved. Holland fired to second to start what appeared to be an easy double play, but the throw bounced off Andrus' glove.



Tony Gutierrez/AP

Texas' Michael Young is congratulated by Josh Hamilton, right, following Young's two-run home run that scored Hamilton on Monday in Arlington.

MONDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

American League

INDIANS 3, ANGELS 2: At Cleveland, Jason Kipnis delivered his first career hit with the bases loaded and two outs in the ninth inning to give the Indians a victory over the Angels.

Kipnis hit a 1-0 pitch from Hisanori Takahashi between first and second base to give the Indians their 11th home win in their last at-bat and break a four-game losing streak.

Tony Sipp (5-2) pitched a scoreless ninth for the win after Bobby Abreu's two-run homer off Vinnie Pestano put the Angels ahead 2-1 in the eighth.

Angels closer Jordan Walden blew his seventh save in 30 tries.

YANKEES 10, MARINERS 3: At New York, Derek Jeter and Mark Teixeira each homered and drove in three runs. Freddy Garcia stifled his former team and the Yankees handed the snakebit Mariners their 16th straight loss.

A rain delay of 1 hour, 57 minutes was the only thing that slowed this loss for Seattle. The game was barely under way when Teixeira crushed any pregame hopes Seattle had of jumping out early and snapping the streak, hitting a rare homer into the second deck in left field after Curtis Granderson walked in the first. In the third, Jeter hit his first homer since connecting for hit No. 3,000 on July 9. He also tripled in the eighth.

National League

CARDINALS 10, ASTROS 5: At St. Louis, catcher Yadier Molina was a triple shy of the cycle for the second time in three games and Kyle McClellan ended an eight-game victory drought for St. Louis.

Trailing 8-1, Carlos Lee made it interesting with his 16th career grand slam in the eighth off P.J. Walters, cutting the gap to three runs before St. Louis answered with two.

Colby Rasmus homered for the second straight game and had three RBIs for the Cardinals.

Molina missed his only shot for the cycle when he took a called third strike from Mark Melancon in the eighth. His eighth homer came in the fourth off J.A. Happ (4-12).

McClellan (7-6) allowed one run on six hits and walked none.

PADRES 5, PHILLIES 4: At Philadelphia, Aaron Harang outpitched Cliff Lee. Chris Denorfia stole home and the San Diego Padres beat the Philadelphia Phillies for the first time in more than a year, 5-4 on Monday.

Harang (9-2) gave up four runs in six innings to help the Padres avoid a four-game sweep and defeat the Phillies for the first time since June 7, 2010. The Phillies had beaten the Padres 10 straight times, their second-longest streak against them since winning 11 from 2004-06.

Lee (9-7) lasted only four innings, his second-shortest outing of the season. He allowed 10 hits, five runs and made a pickoff blunder that allowed Denorfia to steal home. His soft toss to first gave Denorfia the opening he needed to bolt from third and give the Padres a 3-1 lead.

Heath Bell pitched the ninth for his 29th save.

After the Phillies staked Lee to a 1-0 lead, he unraveled in the second. Lee, who had allowed only three runs over 14 innings in his last two starts, gave up four in the inning.

METS 4, REDS 2: At Cincinnati, Carlos Beltran's sacrifice fly started a four-run rally in the seventh inning and New York prevented Cincinnati from its first three-game win streak of the season.

The Mets rallied against Mike Leake (8-6) and two relievers, stopping the Reds' modest two-game streak. The Reds haven't won three in a row since they swept the Dodgers from June 13-15.

R.A. Dickey (5-8) allowed eight hits and a pair of runs in 6 2-3 innings. David Wright had a run-scoring single and Daniel Murphy and Jason Bay each hit an RBI double for the Mets.

Jason Isringhausen got his third save in six chances.

Associated Press

Abron's 27 leads North to coaches' All-Star win

Associated Press

North 103
South 94

FORT WORTH — Seagoville's Devonta Abron scored a team-high 27 points to lead the North to a 103-94 victory Monday night in the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star Basketball Game at Texas Christian University.

Abron, a 6-foot-8 post who has signed to play at Arkansas, scored 12 fourth-quarter points — including a thunderous slam dunk in the final seconds — to put away the South, which didn't take its first lead until midway through the third quarter.

Abron was selected the North team's Most Valuable Player. Guard Tre Demps of San Antonio Reagan was selected South MVP, keeping his team in the game with a game-high 28 points.

Forrest Robinson of Eastland, a University of North Texas signee, had 17 points and eight rebounds for the North.

The North jumped out to an early lead with a 14-2 first-quarter run. The North extended its lead to 11, but the South cut into the deficit with a 7-0 run in the final 1:30 of the second quarter to trail by four at half, 51-47.

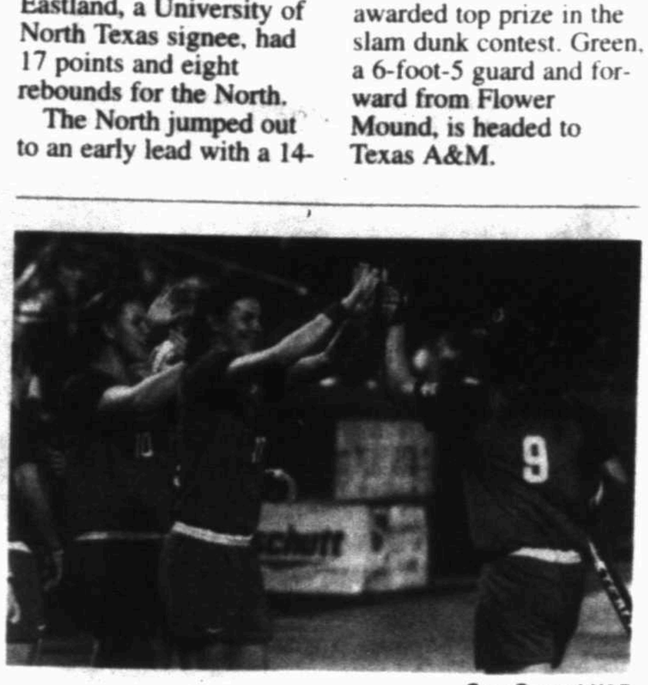
Demps, who has signed to play at Northwestern, scored 11 third-quarter points to help lead the South completely back.

Deonnte Breedlove's 3-pointer with 6:30 left in the third gave the South its first lead, one point, which it took into the fourth quarter.

But the North outscored its state rivals 31-21 in the game's final 10 minutes.

Tyler Friedel of Class 4A Victoria East won the 3-point shooting contest with 15 made shots in 45 seconds.

Jordan Green was awarded top prize in the slam dunk contest. Green, a 6-foot-5 guard and forward from Flower Mound, is headed to Texas A&M.



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The United States' Kaitlin Cochran, right, is congratulated by teammates Monday after scoring against Japan in the third inning of the championship game of the World Cup of Softball in Oklahoma City.

US beats Japan for softball World Cup title

By Jeff Latzke
Associated Press

United States.....6
Japan 4

OKLAHOMA CITY — Taylor Hoagland hit a two-run home run, Valerie Arioto and Megan Langenfeld had RBI singles and the United States beat rival Japan 6-4 Monday night to win its fifth straight World Cup of Softball championship.

Jordan Taylor (1-0) retired the first eight batters she faced and carried a no-hitter into the fifth inning, never letting the Americans fall behind after they grabbed a 2-0 lead without needing a hit in the first inning.

The U.S. got even for a 7-0 loss in the championship game of the Canada Cup earlier this month in the latest matchup between the sport's two powerhouses.

The Americans won the first three Olympic gold medals and have won the past seven world championships, but Japan holds the gold medal from the 2008 Olympics.

The teams have met in the finals in five of the six World Cups, with the U.S. winning four times.

Hoagland's two-run blast that made it 6-2 in the bottom of the sixth proved crucial when Michelle Moultrie dropped Eri Yamada's two-out fly to deep left in the seventh. Two runs scored and Yamada reached third, but Misa Okubo popped up a bunt try to Keilani Ricketts to end the game.

Ricketts, who got the final two outs, earned the save.

Much of the star power was missing in this World Cup, with no Olympic veterans on the U.S. roster as the sport won't be played on that stage until at least 2020 — if then. Several stars have retired since the 2008 games, and others decided to play pro ball instead of continuing on Team USA.

The Japanese were without injured ace Yukiko Ueno, a nemesis for the U.S. with wins including the 2008 gold medal game, the 2005 World Cup title game and a three-hit shutout in Canada earlier this month.

ROCKHOUNDS

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Steve Scarsone said. "Out of 100 times I think we didn't really see that twice. That seemed to set the tone for some reason."

The errors continued in the second with San Antonio still up two, when Tekotte lined out straight to pitcher Gary Daley who turned and whipped it to second looking for a double play.

Ladendorf wasn't able to handle his throw then tried to go to first but whipped the ball out of play, allowing Bryan Altman to score on the two-base error.

Daniel Robertson, who advanced to third on the error, scored on the next at-bat, an RBI single by Parrino that put the Missions up 4-0.

The next batter, Jaff Decker crushed the first pitch he saw off the bullpen wall in left to score Parrino and the rout was on.

"We were just trying to get a good pitch to hit," Parrino said. "He made some mistakes early, and we took advantage of it."

The Missions added five runs in the next two innings, including a full-count solo shot to center by Parrino followed by back-to-back triples by Carroll and Jason Hagerty, who later crossed the plate on a wild pitch to make it 10-0 in the fourth.

All these runs came at the expense of Rock Hounds starter Gary Daley, who allowed eight runs — six earned — on nine hits.

The Missions added insult to injury by tacking on three runs in the ninth, including an RBI single by Parrino, who finished 3 for 5 with three RBI and two runs.

Missions starter Simon Castro, though, was nearly flawless Monday going eight innings, only giving up runs on a Grant Green two-run blast in the sixth.

"We were taking pitches early in the count for strikes, which leads you to believe that he's hitting his spots and using multiple pitches," Scarsone said. "We got a pretty good piece of him last time in, and tonight he seemed to get us."

The RockHounds have now lost two straight, and will look to rebound in a brief road series against the Frisco RoughRiders, which begins today.

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HOUND BITES: The RockHounds head to Frisco today for a three-game series before returning home for a seven-game homestand Friday, the first game of the homestand, will be Adult Jersey Night with the first 1,000 fans over the age of 14 receiving a free replica RockHounds jersey. RockHounds starter Gary Daley has now had poor outings in his last two meetings with San Antonio. He allowed seven earned runs on eight hits in 1 2/3 innings in his last meeting with the Missions, and allowed six earned in three innings Monday. Michael Spina was a bright spot for the RockHounds at the plate, getting hits in his first three plate appearances and finishing 3 for 4 on the night.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: A.J. Griffin (2-2, 4.84) is expected to open the series against Frisco today while the RoughRiders are expected to start LHP Robbie Erlin (5-2, 4.37).

MISSONS 14, ROCKHOUNDS 2

San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Tekotte cf	5	1	1	1	Sulentic rf	4	1	1	0
Parrino ss	5	2	3	3	Green cf	4	1	1	2
Decker lf	4	2	1	2	Parker 1b	3	0	1	0
Gyorko 3b	5	3	1	0	Spina 1b	4	0	3	0
Carroll 1b	3	2	2	1	Peterson lf	4	0	0	0
Gale c	2	0	0	0	Heather dh	4	0	0	0
Hagerty c-1b	5	1	2	2	Timmons 2b	4	0	2	0
Contreras 2b	5	1	2	0	Ortiz c	4	0	1	0
Altman dh	4	2	3	1	Ladendorf ss	3	0	1	0
Robertson rf	5	2	2	2					
Totals	43	14	17	10	Totals	34	2	10	2

San Antonio	231	401	003	—14
Midland	000	002	000	—2

E — Ladendorf 2 (15). Parker (18). DP — San Antonio 2, Midland 2. LOB — San Antonio 8, Midland 6. 2B — Decker (18), Carroll (18). 3B — Carroll (4). Hagerty (1). HR — Parrino (4), Green (6).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Antonio						
Castro W, 3-4	8.0	9	2	2	0	9
Buschmann	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Midland						
Daley L, 4-4	3.0	9	8	6	2	3
Smyth	2.0	2	2	2	1	1
Lansford	2.0	3	1	1	1	1
Melcon	1.0	3	3	2	0	0
Barham	1.0	0	0	0	0	0

T — 2:56. Att — 3,649.

TL Standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
NW Arkansas	18	14	.533	—
x-Arkansas	15	15	.500	1
Tulsa	15	15	.500	1
Springfield	11	19	.367	5

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-San Antonio	19	11	.633	—
Frisco	17	13	.567	2
Corpus Christi	14	16	.467	5
Midland	13	17	.433	6

x-clinched first half

Monday's Scores
San Antonio 14, Midland 2
Corpus Christi 9, Frisco 3
Northwest Arkansas 5, Springfield 4
Arkansas 5, Tulsa 2

Today's Games
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m.
Tulsa at NW Arkansas, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Springfield, 7:07 p.m.

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scoring position.

Lorena then intentionally walked Nathan Wooldridge to put a force on first, second and third. That plan unraveled quickly, though, as a passed ball allowed Bayley to move up to third and Wooldridge to take second. With first base open, Lorena opted to again put the force on every bag and intentionally walked Tyler Mays, loading the bases with no outs.

Suddin Sapien came up to the plate knowing any kind of solid contact could give Northern the victory. But the at-bat didn't play out that way. Instead, Sapien fought off some tough pitches and eventually drew a walk, scoring Bayley as the winning run.

"Suddin fouled off a lot of tough pitches," Bayley said. "He made sure he wasn't going to take anything close."

The 4-3 victory comes on the heels of a 13-3 run-rule loss to Lorena on Sunday. It was the first time the Northern All-Stars had lost an all-star tournament game this season and Bayley couldn't be more impressed with the way they responded to that adversity.

"They have a lot of heart for sure," Bayley said. "We've come from behind a few times this year, but this was the first time our backs were against the wall. They answered the challenge."

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Golf

PGA Tour FedExCup Leaders
Through July 24

Rank	Player	Points	Money
1.	Nick Watney	1,798	$4,189,233
2.	Steve Stricker	1,741	$3,497,523
3.	K.J. Choi	1,560	$3,694,242
4.	Phil Mickelson	1,531	$3,186,521
5.	Luke Donald	1,507	$3,628,249
6.	Bubba Watson	1,488	$3,064,485
7.	Mark Wilson	1,365	$2,706,690
8.	Matt Kuchar	1,306	$2,878,861
9.	Webb Simpson	1,284	$2,557,043
10.	David Toms	1,280	$2,509,640
11.	Gary Woodland	1,275	$2,428,363
12.	Brandt Snedeker	1,191	$2,392,395
13.	Jason Day	1,181	$2,776,587
14.	Dustin Johnson	1,170	$2,636,965
15.	Fredrik Jacobson	1,166	$2,117,034
16.	Martin Laird	1,165	$2,348,956
17.	Jonathan Byrd	1,154	$2,358,204
18.	Rory Sabbatini	1,153	$2,222,325
19.	Aaron Baddeley	1,112	$2,329,849
20.	Charl Schwartzel	1,107	$2,311,672
21.	Hunter Mahan	1,106	$2,208,785
22.	Spencer Levin	977	$1,891,208
23.	Bill Haas	958	$1,750,741
24.	Charles Howell III	955	$1,763,768
25.	Keegan Bradley	937	$1,872,460
26.	Steve Marino	935	$1,821,556
27.	D.A. Points	905	$1,719,033
28.	Chris Kirk	902	$1,730,397
29.	Jhonattan Vegas	896	$1,586,468
30.	Zach Johnson	855	$1,482,972
31.	Ryan Palmer	853	$1,661,145
32.	Bo Van Pelt	836	$1,681,316
33.	Ryan Moore	824	$1,557,723
34.	Jason Dufner	813	$1,678,092
35.	Vijay Singh	799	$1,532,130
36.	Tommy Gainey	797	$1,535,851
37.	Lucas Glover	793	$1,522,313
38.	Y.E. Yang	792	$1,678,189
39.	Rickie Fowler	763	$1,342,941
40.	Justin Rose	760	$1,489,920
41.	Brendan Steele	756	$1,460,104
42.	Charley Hoffman	716	$1,123,658
43.	Sean O'Hair	709	$1,283,731
44.	Brandt Jobe	707	$1,252,470
45.	Brian Gay	695	$1,131,954
46.	Kyle Stanley	684	$941,368
47.	Adam Scott	682	$1,541,477
48.	Kevin Na	678	$1,259,734
49.	Robert Garrigus	678	$1,387,787
50.	J.B. Holmes	640	$1,398,583

PGA Tour Schedule/Winners

July 7-10 — John Deere Classic (Steve Stricker)

July 14-17 — British Open (Darren Clarke)

July 14-17 — Viking Classic (Chris Kirk)

July 21-24 — RBC Canadian Open (Sean O'Hair)

July 28-31 — The Greenbrier Classic, The Old White Course, Greenbrier, W.Va.

Aug. 4-7 — WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, Firestone CC (South Course), Akron, Ohio

Aug. 4-7 — Reno-Tahoe Open, Montreaux Golf & CC, Reno, Nev.

Aug. 11-14 — PGA Championship, Atlanta Athletic Club (Highlands Course), Johns Creek, Ga.

Aug. 18-21 — Wyndham Championship, Sedgefield CC, Greensboro, N.C.

Aug. 25-28 — The Barclays, Plainfield CC, Edison, N.J.

Sept. 2-5 — Deutsche Bank Championship, TPC Boston, Norton, Mass.

Sept. 15-18 — BMW Championship, Cog Hill Golf & CC (Dubsdread Course), Lemont, Ill.

Sept. 22-25 — Tour Championship, East Lake GC, Atlanta

LPGA Solheim Cup Standings
Through July 24

1. Cristie Kerr	726
2. Morgan Pressel	447.5
3. Angela Stanford	438.5
4. Stacy Lewis	413.5
5. Paula Creamer	407.5
6. Michelle Wie	358
7. Brittany Lincicome	350.5
8. Brittany Lang	210.5
9. Juli Inkster	188.5
10. Christina Kim	150.5
11. Kristy McPherson	130
12. Vicky Hurst	112.5
13. Katie Futcher	109
14. Wendy Ward	89
15. Pat Hurst	86.5

LPGA Tour Schedule/Winners

July 7-11 — U.S. Open (So Yeon Ryu)

July 21-24 — Evian Masters (Ai Miyazato)

July 28-31 — Women's British Open, Carnoustie Golf Links, Hoylake, England

Aug. 4-7 — Imperial Springs, Imperial Springs GC, Guangzhou, China

Aug. 19-21 — Safeway Classic, Pumpkin Ridge GC, Ghost Creek Golf Course, North Plains, Ore.

Aug. 25-28 — CN Canadian Women's Open, Hillsdale Golf and CC, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Sept. 9-11 — NW Arkansas Championship, Pinnacle CC, Rogers, Ark.

Sept. 15-18 — Navistar PGA Classic, TPC Golf Trail, Capitol Hill, The Senator, Prattville, Ala.

Sept. 23-25 — Solheim Cup, Killeen Castle, County Meath, Ireland

Nationwide Tour Money Leaders
Through July 24

Player	Trn	Money
1. Matthew Goggin	11	$336,964
2. Kyle Thompson	12	$220,080
3. Erik Compton	9	$215,709
4. Troy Kelly	9	$205,149
5. Kyle Reifers	12	$187,205
6. Russell Knox	10	$172,587
7. Ted Potter, Jr.	8	$170,747
8. Steve Wheatcroft	12	$157,455
9. Brett Wetterich	9	$145,064
10. Brendan Pappas	9	$132,573
11. Garth Mulroy	9	$130,765
12. Daniel Chopra	10	$129,537
13. Scott Brown	13	$123,348
14. Will Wilcox	13	$116,620
15. Roberto Castro	13	$114,778
16. Martin Flores	13	$111,460
17. Ryan Armour	13	$110,660
18. Matt Every	8	$105,012
19. Bubba Dickerson	11	$104,043
20. Damon Stiles	12	$101,529
21. Brian Smock	12	$101,412
22. Matt Hendrix	11	$100,316
23. Richard H. Lee	13	$98,990
24. Danny Lee	13	$97,100
25. J.J. Killeen	13	$97,086

Champions Tour Charles Schwab Cup Leaders
Through July 24

Player	Points	Money
1. Tom Lehman	1,533	$1,320,270
2. Russ Cochran	1,163	$918,367
3. Tom Watson	1,064	$852,705
4. Nick Price	1,053	$1,008,718
5. John Cook	868	$1,060,202
6. Mark Calcavecchia	866	$709,010
7. David Eger	822	$746,594
8. Jeff Sluman	769	$910,788
9. Mark Wiebe	721	$786,604
10. Peter Senior	717	$588,604
11. Michael Allen	623	$629,336
12. Corey Pavin	612	$552,297
13. Loren Roberts	501	$410,842
14. David Frost	466	$600,292
15. Fred Funk	400	$486,389
16. Jay Haas	398	$438,552
17. Hale Irwin	388	$378,673
18. Rod Spittle	374	$558,215
19. Jay Don Blake	356	$447,611
20. Joe Ozaki	341	$418,745
21. Kenny Perry	340	$295,668
22. Tom Pernice Jr.	335	$417,575
23. Olin Browne	330	$466,238
24. Eduardo Romero	304	$208,753
25. John Huston	302	$364,272

AL Boxes

RANGERS 20, TWINS 6

Minnesota					Texas				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Repko cf	5	1	2	0	Kinsler dh	6	2	4	2
Span 2b	4	1	1	0	Andrus ss	6	2	2	4
Mauer c-1b	5	0	0	0	Hamilton lf	4	2	2	3
Cuddyr 1b-rf-pr	4	1	1	0	DvMrphy lf	2	0	0	0
Kubel dh-rf	5	1	2	2	N'Walker 2b	3	2	3	3
Valencia 3b	4	2	2	0	Quinlan 2b	1	1	1	0
Dlfong lf	3	0	2	0	Pl'Ramírez 3b	5	1	1	0
Butera c	1	0	0	0	C.Davis 3b-1b	6	1	0	0
Plouffe rf-lf	4	0	1	1	Napoli c	5	3	3	6
Nishioka ss	4	0	0	0	Morlnd 1b	5	2	3	2
					En'Chez cf	6	0	3	3
Totals	39	6	11	4	Totals	52	20	27	19

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Minnesota	000	100	131	—	6					
Texas	330	540	30x	—	20					

E—Nishioka (8), D.Young (5), Mijares (1). Andrus (19), C.Davis 2 (3), Feliz (1). DP—Texas 3. LOB—Minnesota 8, Texas 13. 2B—Valencia (20), D.Young (16), Plouffe (3), Kinsler (25), Andrus (14), J.Hamilton 2 (19), N.Cruz 2 (19), Napoli (13), Moreland (14). SB—Quintanilla (1). HR—Kubel (8), Kinsler (16), M.Young (9). SF—J.Hamilton.

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Blackburn L,7-7	2 2-3	11	9	6	0	0
Migneco	2-3	5	5	5	2	1
James	1	4	4	4	0	1
Dumatrait	1 2-3	3	0	0	1	2
Al.Burnett	1	2	2	2	0	1
Cuddyer	1	2	0	0	1	0
Texas						
D.Holland W,9-4	6	5	1	0	0	4
Feldman	1	2	1	1	0	0
Rhodes	1	3	3	3	1	0
Feliz	1	1	0	0	1	0

WP—Blackburn.
T—3:25. A—35,573 (49,170).

INDIANS 3, ANGELS 2

Los Angeles					Cleveland				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Mizturs 2b	4	1	2	0	Carrer cf	3	0	0	0
Trhnbrg rf	3	0	0	0	Kearns ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Abreu dh	4	1	1	2	Brantly lf-cf	3	2	2	0
V.Wells rf	3	0	1	0	A.Carter ss	4	0	1	0
Callasp 3b	3	0	1	0	Hafner dh	4	0	1	1
Aybar ss	4	0	0	0	Carter pr	0	0	0	0
Bourn 1b	4	0	0	0	Santn 1b-c3	1	1	0	0
Bourjos cf	4	0	0	0	Chsnhll 3b	3	0	0	0
Mathis c	3	0	1	0	Hannhn 3b	0	0	0	0
					T.Buck rf	3	0	0	0
					Kipnis 2b	4	0	1	1
					Marson c	2	0	0	0
					LaPort ph-1b	1	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**Totals**	**31**	**3**	**6**	**3**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Los Angeles	000	000	020	—	2					
Cleveland	100	000	002	—	3					

Two outs when winning run scored.

LOB—Los Angeles 6, Cleveland 6. 2B—Callaspo (16), Mathis (9), Brantley (18), Hafner (11). HR—Abreu (4). SB—V.Wells (5), Brantley (13). CS—A.Cabrera (2).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Haren	7-2-3	3	1	1	2	10
S.Downs	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Walden L,2-3	1-3	2	2	2	1	1
Takahashi	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Cleveland						
Carmona	6	4	0	0	3	3
J.Smith	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pestano	1	2	0	0	0	2
Sipp W,5-2	1	0	0	0	1	0

HBP—by Walden (Hannahan).
T—3:02. A—19,364 (43,441).

WHITE SOX 6, TIGERS 3

Detroit					Chicago				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Auckln cf	5	0	1	0	Pierre lf	5	1	2	0
Boesch rf	5	0	0	0	A.Rmrez ss	5	1	1	0
Ordonez rf	1	0	1	0	Konerk 1b	2	2	1	2
McCarr 1b	4	2	2	1	A.Dunn dh	2	0	0	0
V.Mrtnez dh	4	1	2	2	Quentrr cf	4	0	1	0
J.Peralta ss	3	0	1	1	Lillrdg pr-rf	0	0	0	0
Guillen 2b	3	0	1	0	Rios cf	3	0	1	0
Raburn 3b	4	0	1	0	Przynsz c	3	1	1	1
Avila c	4	0	2	0	Bckhrn 2b	4	0	1	0
					Morel 3b	4	1	3	0
Totals	**37**	**3**	**12**	**3**	**Totals**	**31**	**6**	**11**	**3**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Detroit	002	000	100	—	3					
Chicago	001	031	10x	—	6					

E—Boesch (1), Beckham (4). DP—Chicago 2. LOB—Detroit 10, Chicago 7. 2B—Quentin 2 (27). HR—M.Cabrera (21), Konerko (23), Przynzynski (4). SB—Pierre (15). CS—Pierre (12). S—A.Ramirez. SF—Konerko.

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Below L,0-1	4 2-3	6	4	4	1	4
Ruffin	1-3	1	2	2	0	1
Furbush	2-3	1	0	0	2	0
Purcey	1	3	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Buehrle W,8-5	6 1-0	7	2	2	1	4
Crain	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Sale	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
S.Santos	2-3	2	1	1	0	1

T—3:00. A—37,110. (40,615).

YANKEES 10, MARINERS 3

Seattle					New York				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Suzuki rf	5	0	1	0	Jeter ss	5	1	1	0
Ryan ss	4	0	1	0	Gardnr rf	4	1	1	0
Ackley 2b	3	0	0	0	Teixeira 1b	4	1	1	2
Olivo c	4	0	1	0	Cano 2b	4	0	0	0
Ankiel lf	4	0	0	0	B.Laird 3b	4	0	0	0
Carp dh	4	0	1	0	Swisher dh	4	1	1	1
Smoak 1b	4	0	1	0	Martnr c	4	1	1	1
Figgins 3b	4	0	0	0	Ardnia rf	4	1	1	1
Halman lf	3	0	0	0	Dickrsn lf	1	0	0	0
					Nunez 3b-2b	4	2	2	1
					Gardlf rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**Totals**	**34**	**10**	**11**	**10**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Seattle	001	000	110	—	3					
New York	201	501	21x	—	10					

E—A.Kennedy (3), Ackley (2). DP—Seattle 1. LOB—Seattle 5, New York 4. 2B—Ryan (16), Ackley (8), Smoak (22), Granderson (33). 3B—E.Nunez (10), Gardner (6). SB—Jeter (2), HR—Jeter (4), Teixeira (27). SF—F.Suzuki, Granderson 2.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Vargas L,5-9	4	7	4	4	2	3
Rau	2	2				
Pauley	2	2				
New York						
F.Garcia W,9-7	7-2-3	6	3	1	2	7
Logan	2-3	2	0	0	1	1
Sanchez	2-3	1	0	0	0	1

WP—Rau.
T—2:36. A—44,365 (50,291).

NL Boxes

CARDINALS 10, ASTROS 5

Houston					St. Louis				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	4	0	0	0	Theriot ss	5	0	1	0
Bourgos lf	4	1	2	0	Jay rf	4	1	2	1
Pence rf	3	1	1	0	Pujols 1b	5	0	1	0
Wright ss	3	0	1	0	Holliday lf	5	0	0	0
Cohrane 3b	4	0	1	0	Walters 2b	4	0	0	0
Barmes ss	4	0	0	0	MBiggs p	0	0	0	0
Maloney c	3	0	0	0	Freese 3b	3	1	1	0
Altuve 2b	4	1	3	0	Descalso p	0	0	0	0
Quintnr c	4	0	1	1	Molina c	4	3	3	2
Happ p	0	0	0	0	Rasmus cf	3	1	2	3
DCrpnt p	0	0	0	0	Punto 2b	3	2	1	2
AnRdrg p	0	0	0	0	McCllm p	0	0	0	0
Wallac ph	1	0	0	0	Schmkr rf	1	0	1	1
AngSnc ss	1	0	1	0					

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Totals	**35**	**5**	**11**	**5**	**Totals**	**34**	**10**	**12**	**9**
Houston	010	000	040	—	5					
St. Louis	030	140	02x	—	10					

E—Bourgeois (1). DP—St. Louis 1. LOB—Houston 5, St. Louis 5. 2B—Bourgeois (6), Altuve (12), Y.Molina (21). 3B—Punto (5). HR—Ca.Lee (9), Y.Molina (8), Rasmus (11), CS—Pence (1). S—Happ, McCllellan.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Happ L,4-12	4 2-3	7	6	6	3	1
Da.Carpenter	1-3	2	2	2	0	0
An.Rodriguez	1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Melancon	1	2	2	2	1	1
St. Louis						
McClellan W,1-0	6	4	1	1	0	5
Walters	1-3	3	4	4	1	0
M.Boggs S,4-7	2-3	2	0	0	0	1

T—2:54. A—38,074 (43,975).

PADRES 5, PHILLIES 4

San Diego					Philadelphia				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Denorfia rf	5	0	2	1	Rollins ss	4	0	0	0
Venable lf	4	1	1	0	Mrny lf	3	0	0	0
Headly 3b	4	1	1	0	Utley 2b	3	1	1	0
Ludwick rf	4	0	0	0	Howard 1b	4	1	1	1
Venegas cf	4	0	1	0	Victorino rf	4	1	1	0
Blanks 1b	4	0	0	0	Ibanez lf	4	0	1	1
Guzmn 1b	4	1	0	0	DBrwn dh	3	1	1	1
Hundley c	4	0	1	0	Ruiz c	3	0	0	0
Rchrdsn ss	4	1	2	0	Polanco 3b	3	0	0	0
Harang p	1	0	0	0	BPrncp p	0	0	0	0
Qualls p	0	0	0	0	D.Cntrp p	0	0	0	0
Forsythe pr	0	0	0	0	Lidge p	0	0	0	0
MAdms p	0	0	0	0	Mayrry p	0	0	0	0
H Bell p	0	0	0	0	Stutes p	0	0	0	0
					Madson p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**36**	**5**	**11**	**4**	**Totals**	**33**	**4**	**10**	**4**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
San Diego	040	100	000	—	5					
Philadelphia	100	201	000	—	4					

DP—San Diego 1. LOB—San Diego 7, Philadelphia 6. 2B—Headley 26, Guzman 7, D.Hudson 9, Rchrdsn 4, Victorino 2 (16), Ibanez 20. 3B—Victorino 10. SB—Rchrdsn 3. SB—Denorfia 1, Utley (11). CS—Forsythe 1. S—Ruiz. SF—Ludwick.

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Harang W,9-4	6	6	4	4	1	4
Qualls	1	0	0	0	0	1
M.Adams	1	0	0	0	0	1
H Bell S,29-37	1	4	1	1	0	0
Philadelphia						
Cole L,4-4	4 1-3	6	4	4	1	4
D.Carpenter	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Lidge	1	3	1	1	0	1
Stutes	1	1	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Stutes, Forsythe.
T—3:49. A—45,640 (43,651).

METS 4, REDS 2

New York					Cincinnati				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Jos.Phys ss	5	1	1	0	Stubbs cf	4	0	0	0
Turner 2b	5	1	2	0	Cairo lf	4	0	1	0
Beltran rf	4	0	1	0	Bruce rf	4	0	1	0
Wright 3b	4	0	1	0	BPhillips 2b	4	0	1	0
DMrphy lf	3	1	1	0	Frazier 1b	4	0	1	0
Duda 1b	4	0	0	0	Rendon 3b	4	1	1	0
Thole c	4	0	1	0	Ondrusek p	0	0	0	0
Pridie cf	4	0	0	0	LeGrand p	0	0	0	0
Dickey p	2	0	0	0	Ca.Lee 1b	3	1	1	1
Beato p	0	0	0	0	Arroyo p	0	0	0	0
Byrdak p	0	0	0	0	Frazier lf	1	0	0	0
Tejda pr	0	0	0	0	Janish pr	0	0	0	0
Parnell p	0	0	0	0	Leake p	0	0	0	0
Isringhsn p	0	0	0	0	Bray p	0	0	0	0
					Hanigr p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**36**	**4**	**11**	**4**	**Totals**	**34**	**2**	**9**	**2**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
New York	000	000	400	—	4					
Cincinnati	000	001	100	—	2					

E—D.Wright (5). DP—New York, Cincinnati 1. LOB—New York 10, Cincinnati 7. 2B—Jos.Murphy 1 (4). 3B—Bay (5). SB—B.Phillips (24), Janish (9). SB—Stubbs (26). CS—B.Phillips (6). S—Leake 2, Sf—Beltran.

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Dickey W,3-8	6 2-3	5	2	2	3	4
Beato	1	0	0	0	0	1
Byrdak	1	1	0	0	0	1
Parnell	1	3	2	2	1	0
Isringhausen S,3-6	1	2	2	2	0	1
Cincinnati						
Leake L,8-4	6	8	4	4	2	3
Bray	1	2	0	0	0	1
Ondrusek	1	0	0	0	1	1
LeCrue	1	0	0	0	0	2
Arredondo	1	0	0	0	0	1

Beato pitched to Jeffrey in the 7th.
HBP—by Arredondo (Turner, PB—Thole.
T—3:06. A—25,480 (42,319).

Leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—AdGonzalez, Boston, .344; M.Young, Texas, .333; Bautista, Toronto, .330; Kotchman, Tampa Bay, .326; J.Peralta, Detroit, .322; Ellsbury, Boston, .320; V.Martinez, Detroit, .320.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR

Sprint Cup Points Leaders
Through July 17

1. Carl Edwards	652
2. Jimmie Johnson	645
3. Kurt Busch	641
4. Kevin Harvick	637
5. Kyle Busch	632
6. Matt Kenseth	626
7. Jeff Gordon	587
8. Ryan Newman	586
9. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	577
10. Denny Hamlin	570
11. Tony Stewart	570
12. Clint Bowyer	542
13. David Ragan	524
14. Kasey Kahne	523
15. Greg Biffle	523
16. A J Allmendinger	515
17. Juan Pablo Montoya	511
18. Joey Logano	510
19. Paul Menard	506
20. Mark Martin	500
21. Marcos Ambrose	495
22. Martin Truex Jr.	485
23. Brad Keselowski	475
24. David Reutimann	445
25. Jeff Burton	445
26. Brian Vickers	415
27. Regan Smith	410
28. Bobby Labonte	400
29. Jamie McMurray	400
30. David Gilliland	400
31. Dave Blaney	375
32. Casey Mears	267
33. Andy Lally	215
34. Robby Gordon	193
35. Tony Raines	123
36. Bill Elliott	100
37. J.J. Yeley	73
38. Ken Schrader	73
39. Terry Labonte	68
40. Michael McDowell	68

Sprint Cup Schedule/Winners

July 2 — Coke Zero 400, Powered By Coca-Cola (David Ragan)

July 9 — Quaker State 400 (Kyle Busch)

July 17 — Lenox Industrial Tools 301 (Ryan Newman)

July 31 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis

Aug. 7 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.

Aug. 14 — Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.

Aug. 21 — Pure Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.

Aug. 27 — Irwin Tools Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.

Sep. 4 — AdvoCare 500, Hampton, Ga.

Sep. 10 — Wonderful Pistachios 400, Richmond, Va.

Sep. 18 — GEICO 400, Joliet, Ill.

Sep. 25 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.

Nationwide Points Leaders
Through July 23

1. Reed Sorenson	702
2. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	697
3. Elliott Sadler	688
4. Austin Allgaier	672
5. Aric Almirola	631
6. Jason Leffler	608
7. Kenny Wallace	605
8. Steve Wallace	558
9. Michael Annett	550
10. Brian Scott	537
11. Trevor Bayne	476
12. Mike Wallace	464
13. Mike Bliss	459
14. Josh Wise	437
15. Joe Nemechek	424
16. Jeremy Clements	403
17. Timmy Hill	391
18. Eric McClure	382
19. Derrike Cope	334
20. Blake Koch	332
21. Morgan Shepherd	315
22. Scott Wimmer	269
23. Ryan Truex	249
24. Robert Richardson Jr.	224
25. Sam Hornish Jr.	197

Nationwide Schedule/Winners

July 1 — Subway Jalapeño 250 Powered by Coca-Cola (Joey Logano)

July 8 — Feed The Children 300 (Brad Keselowski)

July 16 — New England 200 (Kyle Busch)

July 23 — Falstaff Auto Parts 300 (Carl Edwards)

July 30 — Kroger 200, Indianapolis

Aug. 6 — U.S. Cellular 250, Newton, Iowa

Aug. 13 — Zippo 200 at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.

Aug. 20 — NAPA Auto Parts 200, Montreal

Aug. 26 — Food City 250, Bristol, Tenn.

Sep. 3 — Great Clips 300, Hampton, Ga.

Sep. 9 — Virginia 529 College Savings 250, Richmond, Va.

Sep. 17 — Dollar General 300 Powered By Coca-Cola, Joliet, Ill.

Camping World Truck Points Leaders
Through July 22

1. Johnny Sauter	431
2. Austin Dillon	413
3. James Buescher	389
4. Cole Whitt	388
5. Timothy Peters	384
6. Mike Wallace	377
7. Parker Kligerman	373
8. Joey Coulter	366
9. Ron Hornaday Jr.	362
10. Todd Bodine	350
11. Brendan Gaughan	346
12. Timothy Peters	334
13. David Starr	327
14. Jason White	319
15. Mike Skinner	317
16. Ricky Carmichael	315
17. Austin Cotton	311
18. Miguel Paludo	302
19. Chris Fontaine	284
20. Justin Marks	276
21. Ryan Sieg	275
22. Travis Kvapil	252
23. Craig Goess	218
24. Johanna Long	213
25. Shane Sieg	209

With the lockout over, Texans look ahead

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A maintenance crew painted white lines on the Houston Texans' practice fields on Monday afternoon, a few hours after the NFL lockout was lifted.

The work on the fields was already planned — the timing with the labor agreement was pure coincidence. But the preparations also offered a tangible sign that the football season is finally going to start after months of negotiations.

The Texans will begin training camp on Sunday, 15 days ahead of their preseason opener against the New York Jets at Reliant Stadium. Houston opens its regular season against Indianapolis on Sept. 11.

"I'm excited, and I guess relieved," All-Pro linebacker DeMeco Ryans, one of the team's player representatives, said Monday. "I think we're all excited to get back to work."

Before camp opens, Houston is expected to be an active player in free agency, and may make a strong bid for All-Pro cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha, one of the top players available. The Texans had the league's worst pass defense in 2010, and new coordinator Wade Phillips is switching from a 4-3 alignment to a 3-4.

Defensive end Mario Williams will move to outside linebacker in the new setup, and cornerback Glover Quin will move to safety, creating an opening on the edge for Asomugha or another coveted free agent cornerback.

Another priority for Houston is re-signing All-Pro fullback Vonta Leach, the lead blocker for Arian Foster, the NFL's leading rusher last season. Because of the lockout, free agency will be squeezed into one chaotic week, and Ralph Vitolo, Leach's agent, wasn't sure what to expect.

"The biggest problem is the timeframe, and the sense of urgency on how we're going to do all this," Vitolo said in a phone interview. "I mean, dealing with the team's free agents, the rookie free agents, the free agents on the street, the draft picks. The timing of this thing is the biggest impediment to what we all have to get done."

All NFL teams can begin signing their 2011 draft picks and rookie free agents on Tuesday. They can also begin negotiations with unrestricted free agents from other teams, but none can be signed until Friday.

League rules forbid teams from talking to players or their representatives during the lockout, so Vitolo and other agents were left to guess who might be potential suitors.

"You can speculate all you want," he said. "But if you can't have any conversations with anybody, who knows? The Texans might come to me on the first day and say, 'We need him back. Let's put some numbers together and get something done.' Or they might not call me at all.

"You can't have all the good players," Vitolo said. "They're going to have to prioritize what they want to do, that's for sure."

Other free agents from the Texans' 2010 roster include receiver Jacoby Jones, defensive end Mark Anderson, tackle Rashad Butler and quarterback Matt Leinart, the 2004 Heisman Trophy winner. Leinart did not take a snap last season, and Houston used one of its fifth-round draft picks on North Carolina quarterback T.J. Yates.

The Texans used six of their eight draft picks on defensive players. They took Wisconsin defensive end J.J. Watt in the first round.

Without any offseason practices, rookies face more pressure to learn playbooks and adjust to the speed of the pro game. But Ryans said their steeper learning curve may not necessarily affect the quality of play in the preseason and regular season.

"It depends on how hard guys worked, and what they did," said Ryans, who's coming off surgery to repair a torn Achilles' tendon. "I know a lot of guys that worked their butts off, trying to get better, maybe even working out harder than they should've been. I can't just say that play will fall off, because I know how hard guys have worked."

GARRETT

From 1C

Teams can re-sign their own players, plus sign draft picks and undrafted players, starting Tuesday. They also will be allowed to start negotiating with players from other teams, but can't sign them until Friday.

Trades also will be allowed starting Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the Cowboys could start cutting players. Running back Marion Barber and right tackle Marc Colombo are among those who could be dropped to help get under the salary cap. However, the team might need Colombo more if they are worried about losing Free.

Dallas also is expected to try restructuring the deals of players such as Tony Romo, DeMarcus Ware and Miles Austin to help clear more cap room.

Super Bowl organizers ready to cancel backup plans

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Super Bowl host committee can finally scrap its backup plan for this season's championship game in Indianapolis.

Less than an hour after the NFLPA's executive committee and 32 player reps unanimously backed a new 10-year labor deal Monday, committee spokeswoman Dianna Boyce said she expects the league to open up the Feb. 12 date a weekend the league wanted to keep open in case the Feb. 5 game was delayed and allow local hoteliers to begin booking rooms.

That means the game will be played on its originally scheduled date.

"We've remained confident this would be resolved, and today it's being resolved," Boyce said. "It allows us not to have to answer the question about it. Now we know when."

For more than a year, host committee leaders have downplayed the significance of the NFL's labor dispute.

Host committee chairman Mark Miles repeatedly said he was not going to let organizers get distracted by concerns over the possibility of lost games, a lost season, a delayed Super Bowl or even the worst-case scenario of losing the Super Bowl for the first time.

Rather, Miles and committee president Allison Melangton kept things running as normal. Last week at a news conference 200 days out from the originally scheduled game, both acknowledged they were sticking to a plan that would have the city ready to host the game Feb. 5.

They spent nearly a full year contending with questions about a backup plan for the 4 1/2 months of the actual lockout. At one point, Miles even acknowledged that if the game was lost that the city would host another Super Bowl after the 2014 game.

Yet he never doubted Indy's first Super Bowl would be played Feb. 5.

"I would say it just ramped up the level of excitement," Boyce said. "There won't be any fewer or any more meetings than there were last week because we've had our nose to the grindstone from Day 1."

While word of a settlement brought no sense of relief to committee officials, it will help local hotels.

Miles told reporters last week he planned on speaking to league officials within hours of a settlement and would begin notifying hoteliers soon afterward that they could begin rebooking rooms for the second weekend. Boyce said that call was expected to take place Monday night or Tuesday.

LOCKOUT

From 1C

deal. Kraft's wife, Myra, died Wednesday after a battle with cancer.

"A special thanks to Myra Kraft, who even in her weakest moment allowed Mr. Kraft to come and fight this out," Saturday said. "Without him, this deal does not get done.

"He's a man who helped us save football."

With that, Saturday wrapped Kraft in a hug, a gesture that symbolized how the lockout ended more than anyone's words.

Owners overwhelmingly approved a proposal to end the dispute on Thursday, but some unresolved issues needed to be reviewed to satisfy players. The sides worked through the week-end and wrapped up nearly every detail by about 3 a.m. Monday on a final pact that runs through the 2020 season and can't be terminated before then.

That's significant because the old collective bargaining agreement contained an opt-out clause, and owners exercised it in 2008. That led to the contract expiring when talks broke down March 11; hours later, owners locked out the players, creating the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987.

"I know it has been a very long process since the day we stood here that night in March," Smith said in a brief appearance about 20 minutes before being joined by Goodell and the owners. "But our guys stood together when nobody thought we would. And football is back because of it."

As he spoke, Smith was flanked by NFLPA president Kevin Mawae and other key members of the players' negotiating team, including Saturday, Saints quarterback Drew Brees and Ravens defensive back Domonique Foxworth.

Brees was one of 10 plaintiffs in the antitrust lawsuit that players filed against the league March 11. They approved the settlement deal Monday, after two unanimous NFLPA leadership votes: to recommend to the plaintiffs that they accept the settlement, then to recommend to all 1,900 players that they re-establish the union.

All players now will take a vote to re-certify the union — it was dissolved March 11, turning the NFLPA into a trade association — and then one more vote to approve the final CBA. That all needs to be wrapped up by Aug. 4 to make everything official, something everyone involved believes will happen without a hitch.

Only once it is back to being a union can the NFLPA finish the contract, covering remaining items such as player discipline, drug testing, disability programs and pensions.

"I believe it's important that we talk about the future of football as a partnership," Smith said.

Later, standing shoulder to shoulder with Goodell, Smith said: "If we don't have a good relationship, it hurts the game and the business of football. I'm not sure any two people have ever come together in a more compressed, public, interesting time than Roger and I. I'm proud to say our relationship has grown."

In addition to Kraft, John Mara of the Giants and Jerry Richardson of the Panthers — all members of the owners' labor committee — were present, too.

"I'd like, on behalf of both sides, to apologize to the fans: For the last five, six months we've been talking about the business of football and not what goes on on the field and building the teams in each market," Kraft said. "But the end result is we've been able to have an agreement that I think is going to allow this sport to flourish over the next decade."

Then, taking a verbal jab at the nearby White House and Congress, Kraft added: "I hope we gave a little lesson to the people in Washington, because the debt crisis is a lot easier to fix than this deal was."

Now comes frenzied football activity, starting immediately.

On Tuesday, clubs can begin talking to veteran free agents, who can sign as soon as Friday. On Wednesday, training camps will start to open.

Both sides set up informational conference calls for Monday afternoon to go over the details of the agreement. The NFLPA told player agents they would be coached in particular on the guidelines and schedule for signing free agents and rookies; the NFL alerted general managers and coaches they would be briefed in separate calls.

The major economic framework for the deal was worked out more than a week ago.

That included dividing revenue (about 53 percent to owners and 47 percent to players over the next decade; the old CBA resulted in nearly a 50-50 split); a per-club cap of about $120 million for salary and bonuses in 2011 — and at least that in 2012 and 2013 — plus about $22 million for benefits; a salary system to rein in spending on first-round draft picks; and unrestricted free agency for most players after four seasons.

"We know what we did to frustrate our fans over the last several months," Goodell said. "They want football, and our job is to give them football."

NFL schedule for this week

NEW YORK — With the players ratifying an agreement Monday to end the NFL lockout, the league gets back to business this week. It's a frantic schedule as everyone crams months of work into a few days.

The upcoming league schedule, according to the NFL:

TODAY

■ Players can report to team facilities for physicals, meetings and to receive playbooks.

■ Teams can start signing 2011 draft picks and rookie free agents. They also can begin making trades.

■ Conversations between clubs and veteran free agents from all teams can start Tuesday, but no signings can occur until Friday. There will be no window for teams to negotiate exclusively with their own veteran free agents.

WEDNESDAY

■ Training camps open for 16 of the 32 teams: Arizona, Baltimore, Dallas, Denver, Jacksonville, New England, Oakland, Philadelphia, San Diego and Seattle.

THURSDAY

■ Camps open for Atlanta, Cincinnati, Detroit, Kansas City, Miami, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Tampa Bay and Washington.

■ Teams can waive or cut players.

FRIDAY

■ Camps open for Buffalo, Carolina, Chicago, Cleveland, Green Bay, Indianapolis, Minnesota, New York Giants, St. Louis and Tennessee.

■ Teams can begin signing free agents and renegotiated contracts. Signed players will be prohibited from physical activity until a CBA is ratified.

■ Signed rookies may participate in camp and have health protection if injured.

SATURDAY

■ Camps open for New York Jets and Houston.

AUG. 4

■ The league year begins if the CBA has been ratified by the NFLPA, which must first re-establish itself as a union.

■ All clubs must be under the salary cap. AUG. 11

■ First preseason game, with Seattle at San Diego.

Associated Press

Title games for 11-man to be played at Cowboys Stadium

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The Texas high school football championships are returning to Cowboys Stadium for the second straight year, this time for even more games.

The University Interscholastic League said Monday that the $1.3 billion home of the Dallas Cowboys will be the site of every 11-man title game, from Class 5A to 1A. The six-man Division I and II championship games are returning to Abilene.

Last year, Cowboys Stadium played host to the finals in the three largest classifications, while games in the smaller classes were elsewhere in the Dallas area.

This year, the 3A Division I game will be Friday, Dec. 9, followed by three games each on Dec. 15, 16 and 17. The 5A championships are the final two games.

The Six-Man games will be Dec. 10.

Matt StrassenAP

Texas A&M head coach Mike Sherman answers questions Monday during Big 12 Media Days in Dallas.

BIG 12

From 1C

NCAA presidents could also address such issues during a retreat with NCAA president Mark Emmert next month in Indianapolis.

"It's a lack of common sense there to think that the network, the university network, can have high school games," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said. "I'll leave that to some other people to make those decisions."

Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds told The Associated Press last week that Longhorns officials were aware of the concerns among Texas rivals that the 20-year, $300 million network deal struck with ESPN earlier this year gives them a recruiting advantage and too much power over the rest of the league.

The network is scheduled to launch Aug. 26, a week before the Longhorns' season opener against Rice that will be shown on the channel.

The ability to start its own network was a key factor in Texas remaining in the Big 12 last summer, when Nebraska said it was going to the Big Ten and Colorado went to the Pac 10, since renamed the Pac-12. Those moves became official July 1.

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said he began to wonder when he heard about the possibility of high school games on the Longhorn Network.

"I would agree that my antenna went up when I started to hear that information," Gundy said. "I have faith in the athletic directors in the league and the Big 12 that we'll make the right decision in that area."

As for the actual football, the Sooners got 41 of 43 first-place votes in a preseason poll of media who cover the Big 12. Texas A&M, Oklahoma State and Missouri were all picked to finish ahead of Texas, which was 5-7 last year after going to the BCS national championship game the previous season.

Brown said the network is a "real positive" for the Longhorns and credited Texas administrators for the ESPN partnership.

"It was available to everybody, and they pulled it off," Brown said. "I didn't think they could do it. I kept hearing about it for the last couple of years and I never dreamed that it would happen. .... I'm glad we have that advantage."

Adding to an advantage the Longhorns have had for a long time.

"Do I worry about? Not a bit. I mean, they're pretty hard to recruit against anyway," said Baylor coach Art Briles, whose team is coming off its first bowl game in 16 years. "They can do it. If there's a need for it, people are going to pay for it, more power to them. Let them have it."

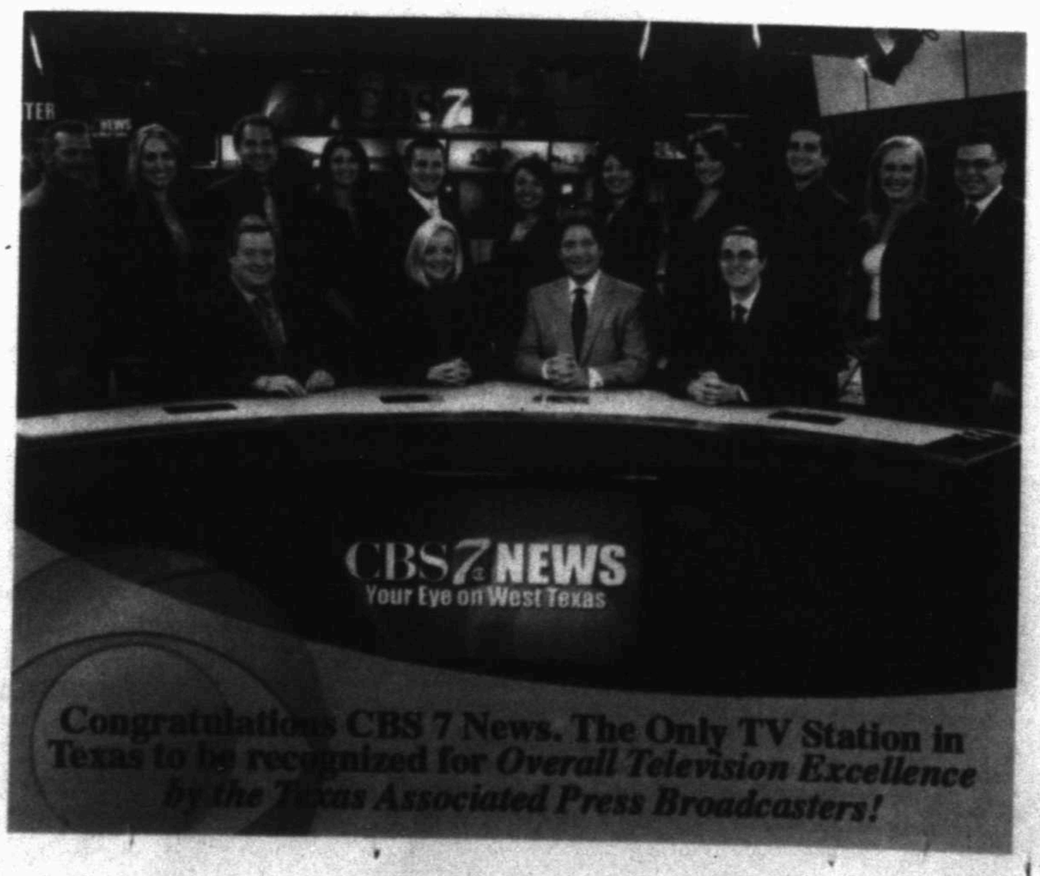
Brown doesn't think showing high school games on the network would impact recruiting for Texas. He said most of the 20-25 high school players the Longhorns sign each year commit before their junior seasons.

He believes instead that televising such games provides exposure to high schools and gives players the chance to be seen by other programs.

"I think the people that would be hurt if you don't show high school games will be the high school coach, the players who 99 percent will not even play college football," Brown said. "My gosh, the Big 12 is full of Texas high school football players. So if you think about it, there would be a lot more prospects from the other teams in the Big 12 on the network than the ones from Texas."

What Brown has concerns about is how much access the network gets to preparing his team.

"It's not going to be an easy partnership, because they're paying us $300 million for access," he said. "We've got to figure out how much access we can give them and not hurt our chance to have an edge to win the game."



Phelps qualifies 11th in 200 fly heats at worlds

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Michael Phelps got through the preliminaries of the 200-meter butterfly at the world championships on Tuesday, going just fast enough while conserving energy for a big night ahead.

Phelps, the world record holder, won his heat in 1 minute, 56.77 seconds, putting him 11th among the 16 swimmers who reached the semifinals.

Phelps

The third night of competition at the Oriental Sports Center will be Phelps' busiest yet. He'll face Germany's Paul Biedermann, American teammate Ryan Lochte and Park Tae-hwan of South Korea in the 200 freestyle final before swimming the semifinals of the fly.

"I just wanted to make it back and that's all I really needed to do," Phelps said. "The real thing is going to be the first event tonight. If I'm able to come up for that and set up something good for a final tomorrow, that's all I can really ask for."

With his mother Debbie, sister Hilary Phelps and girlfriend Nicole Johnson urging him on from the stands, Phelps overtook China's Wu Peng in the final meters of their heat. Wu, who has beaten Phelps twice this year on his home turf in the United States, touched in 1:56.98 to grab the 15th spot for the semifinal.

"Fifteenth was dangerous," Wu said. "The last 50 I was a little bit slow."

Dinko Jukic of Austria had the fastest time of 1:55.26, followed by Leonardo de Deus of Brazil in 1:55.55.

Phelps wasn't even the top American. Teammate Scott Clary qualified fourth.

"It will be a lot better tonight," Clary said. "I had a few mistakes here and there and there's definitely a lot left in my legs."

In the first event of the morning prelims, Brazil's Felipe Franca Da Silva qualified fastest in the 50 breaststroke at 27.19 seconds.

Two Slovenians, Matjaz Markic and Damir Dugonjic, were second and third, followed by American Mark Gangloff.

Laurent Cipriani/AP

Australian Cadel Evans stands on the podium Sunday after winning the Tour de France in Paris.

Evans' victory caps a classic Tour de France

By Naomi Koppel
Associated Press

PARIS — It was a Tour de France many hailed as a classic. There were crashes, dropouts, surprises and, above all, a new champion.

With Cadel Evans becoming the first Australian to win cycling's most prestigious race, the Tour de France had a completely new look this year.

Lance Armstrong's seven-year stranglehold over the Tour was a remarkable demonstration of strength and resolve, but the competition itself was not that engrossing. Alberto Contador then stepped up and won three titles in four years, with his third still in limbo after a positive drug test last year.

This year, with defending champion Contador far from his best, the race was wide open. Despite the early departure of some pre-race favorites, seven key riders were in contention halfway through the final week. And that's not counting Frenchman Thomas Voeckler, who led through the Pyrenees and most of the Alps.

The rivalry between Luxembourg brothers Frank and Andy Schleck finally played out after it was cut short last year by a crash that forced Frank to quit.

The brothers displayed nothing but devotion to each other. Frank seemed genuinely delighted at his younger sibling's success. They embraced at the line seconds after Andy finished his time trial Saturday. Their second- and third-place finishes for Leopard-Trek proved a team doesn't have to tear itself apart if it has more than one contender — though it might take the strength of family ties to make it work.

Two Italians — Ivan Basso and Damiano Cunego — were in the hunt, though their climbing skills weren't enough to counter their poor time trials. Contador was still dangerous, but he couldn't make up the time he'd lost at the beginning of the race. Another Spaniard, Olympic champion Samuel Sanchez, finished sixth and won the polka-dot jersey for best climber.

Amid it all, seemingly untouched by the chaos, was Evans.

"A few people always believed in me. I always believed in me. And we did it!" the 34-year-old rider said after his triumphant entry into Paris on Sunday.

Up every mountain, Evans was never more than one cycle length behind his rivals. With a small lead that he'd picked up in the early stages and a lot of strength in the time trials, he knew he didn't need to attack to win.

Still, when Andy Schleck broke away from the field on the climb of the Galibier pass on Thursday, some thought Evans' BMC team made a critical mistake. But Evans remained calm. He went into the time trial needing to make up almost a minute on Schleck. He made up almost 2 1/2.

"The real highlight of it all was the last three or four kilometers of the time trial," Evans said. "The hardest part had been done until that point and coming into that finish I knew we were on the right track so that was just incredible. For once, the last four kilometers of a time trial wasn't that hard."

The race for the green jersey, given to the best sprinter, was far more clear. Trying to counter the almost-untouchable speed of Britain's Mark Cavendish, organizers introduced another major sprint in the middle of each stage. But Cavendish won the green jersey anyway despite trailing to the finish of every mountain stage.

"The Tour de France for me is so far ahead of everything else," said Cavendish, the winner of five stages this year who at age 26 is already fifth on the career list of stage winners.

"I'll keep coming back for as long as my legs can keep coming back, and I'll keep trying to win for as long as my legs can keep trying to win."

FIFA urged to launch new bribery investigations

By Graham Dunbar
Associated Press

GENEVA — After banishing Mohamed bin Hammam for life in a bribery scandal, FIFA was challenged Monday to uphold its zero-tolerance fight against corruption by further examining a now-infamous meeting in Trinidad.

A wider inquiry must consider three more members of FIFA's executive committee who accompanied the Qatari official on his presidential campaign visit and all the Caribbean soccer leaders allegedly receiving his $40,000 cash gifts, the Transparency International global watchdog said.

A request by FIFA for new investigations will keep the focus on corruption this week as Sepp Blatter and his organization gather in Brazil for the 2014 World Cup qualifying draw Saturday.

Adding to the governing body's unease is bin Hammam's reiterated pledge Monday to fight his life ban through all legal channels in Switzerland. That could result in FIFA and Qatar being tainted by corruption claims for at least 18 months. The 2022 World Cup host has been working hard to quash allegations it won the hosting rights by unethical means.

Top FIFA administrator Jerome Valcke must decide how deep to delve into the most serious scandal in the body's 107-year history.

"Everything has to be investigated," TI sports adviser Sylvia Schenk told the Associated Press. "Regarding this meeting there (in Trinidad), regarding other members of the executive committee having taken part in this meeting, and regarding all the delegates. If bin Hammam is punished for giving money, someone has to be punished for taking money. It can't be otherwise."

Bin Hammam's allies on FIFA's 24-man ruling panel — Worawi Makudi of Thailand, Vernon Manilal Fernando of Sri Lanka and Egypt's Hany Abou Rida — accompanied him on a trip to woo Caribbean voters.

FIFA's code of ethics code requires that "officials shall report any evidence of violations of conduct to the FIFA secretary general," but all three told FIFA investigators that they saw no evidence of wrongdoing in Trinidad.

Up to 15 Caribbean Football Union member countries are under suspicion of accepting $40,000 bribes to back bin Hamman's challenge to FIFA president Blatter, then denying it happened.

Ethics panel chairman Petrus Damaseb, a judge from Namibia, said Saturday he'd asked Valcke to open other cases. Schenk said Damaseb's lack of authority to take up cases was a flaw in FIFA's process.

Bin Hammam's fall puts Qatar 2022 under scrutiny

By Barbara Surk
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The downfall of Mohamed bin Hammam is bringing fresh scrutiny to Qatar's surprise victory in winning the rights to the 2022 World Cup.

FIFA on Saturday banned bin Hammam for life from soccer for his role in a bribery scandal in the governing body's presidential election. The Asian soccer federation president is the most senior official convicted of corruption in FIFA's 107-year history.

The two controversies are daunting for Qatar and the entire Gulf region, where sports have been elevated to something akin to a national cause.

Qatar's emir, Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, and his fellow rulers around the Gulf toasted Qatar's World Cup win as a "source of pride" for the entire Muslim world.

Rulers of the region's oil-rich states compete for vanity projects. Dubai boasts the world's tallest skyscraper, while Abu Dhabi has a New York University campus and will soon be home to Louvre and Guggenheim art museums.

The competition between the Gulf's deep-pocketed sheiks has been particularly fierce in sports with one oil-rich sheikdom trying to outdo the other in hosting a tennis or a golf tournament and luring A-list athletes to their desert fiefdoms.

The World Cup is by far the biggest prize yet awarded to the Gulf. It is, however, in danger of being compromised.

"Guys like bin Hammam never operate independently from the rulers," said Christopher Davidson, an expert on the Gulf and a lecturer at Britain's Durham University.

The FIFA scandal unfolded just months after the 62-year-old bin Hammam helped secure for his tiny, but immensely rich country the world's biggest sporting event after the Olympics.

Tennessee officials defend how Pearl's firing was handled

By Beth Rucker
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee officials say they did not immediately fire former basketball coach Bruce Pearl after he revealed he lied to NCAA investigators because doing so would deter others from reporting misconduct.

The university's official response to the NCAA's 12 allegations of violations shows Pearl continued to cover up wrongdoings though, even after his job was spared.

The coach revealed on his own in July 2010 that he had lied the previous month about improperly hosting prospects at a Sept. 20, 2008, cookout at his home to NCAA officials investigating possible recruiting violations by he and his staff. Pearl's contract was terminated on Sept. 9, and the university reduced his pay by $1.5 million over five years and imposed strict limitations on his ability to recruit.

"In the view of the university's central and athletics administrations, this was a punitive action against Pearl only slightly less severe than complete termination, which would have been the response had he not come forward on his own with the truth," the document says. "It was believed that terminating Pearl's employment might deter students and staff from reporting misconduct."

Pearl eventually was fired on March 21.

The 190-page response, which also addresses allegations made by the Volunteers football staff, was first reported by The Knoxville News Sentinel and later released to other media Monday, two months after Tennessee sent it to the NCAA.

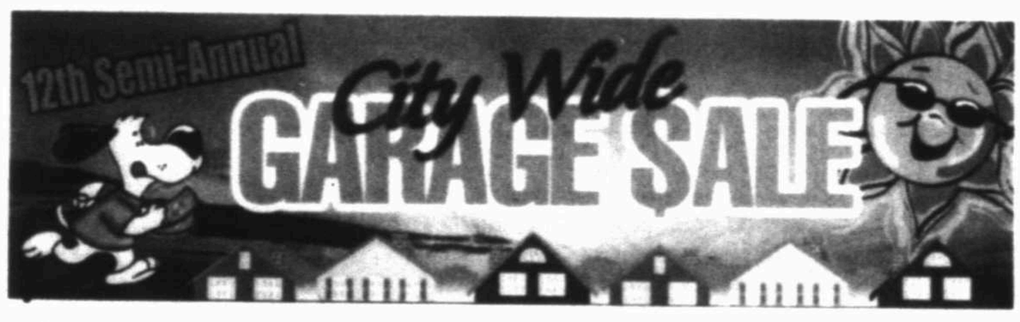
Tennessee has also placed itself on a two-year probation during which it will provide annual compliance reports to the NCAA and Southeastern Conference and imposed minor recruiting restrictions against current basketball coach Cuonzo Martin and football coach Derek Dooley. The NCAA has not issued its final ruling on the 12 allegations.

Specifically, Pearl misleadingly told NCAA enforcement staff on June 14, 2010, that he did not know where a photo of him and then-high school junior Aaron Craft was taken. The photo had been sent anonymously to the NCAA, and attorney Mike Glazier, who has represented Tennessee through much of the investigation, was informed Pearl would be asked about it during his interview.

Pearl later confirmed in an Aug. 5 follow-up interview that the photo was taken at his home, where he was hosting several recruits on unofficial visits, an NCAA violation. A Volunteers basketball player transported the recruits to Pearl's home, where free food and drink were provided to the recruits, which constituted two more violations.

"I brought them all together. I told them that, you know, we were thrilled obviously that they were there and that they were coming to Tennessee but that this part of their visit was not appropriate, not right, and not allowed," Pearl said, according to Tennessee's response. "And two things: one, you're going to have to leave shortly, and I'm sorry, and two, please don't repeat this."

The NCAA enforcement staff interviewed Craft's father, John Craft, on July 9, 2010, about the photo, and John Craft told investigators that Pearl had phoned him after his own interview with the NCAA to see what the Crafts' story would be about the photo and the cookout.



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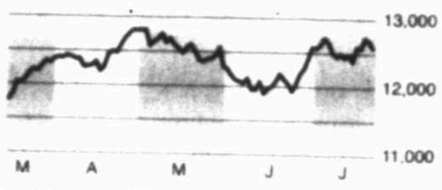

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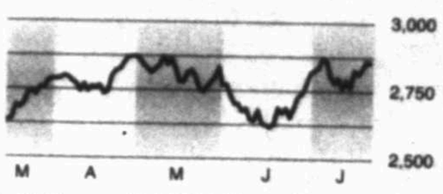

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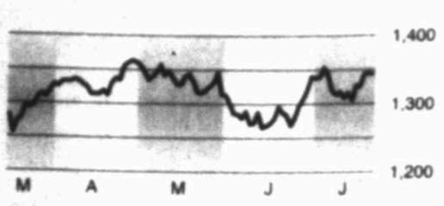

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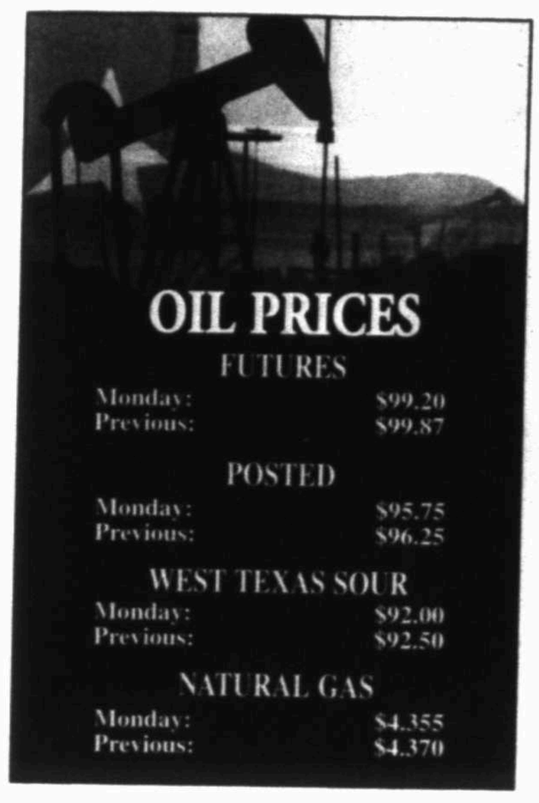

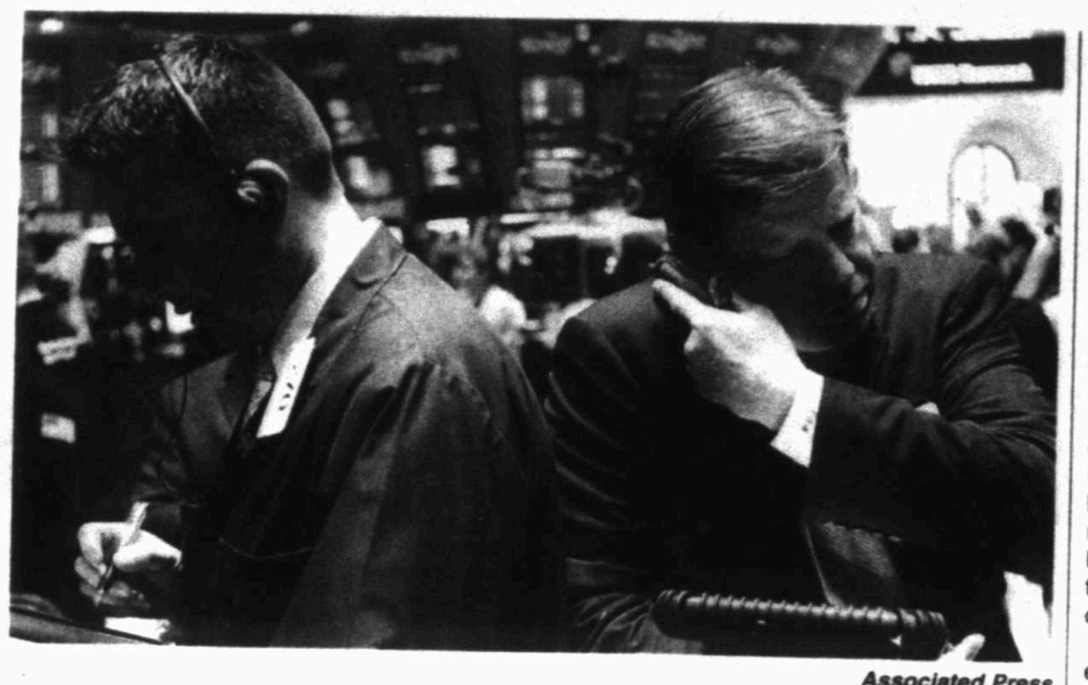

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Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York on Monday.

Impasse over US debt limit sends stocks lower

By Chip Cutter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The debt showdown in Washington is rattling the stock market again.

Stocks fell Monday after Republican and Democratic leaders offered competing proposals to avoid a catastrophic default on the U.S. government's debt.

Lawmakers hoped to reach a compromise on raising the country's borrowing limit late Sunday, but those talks stalled. President Barack Obama wants to raise revenues by letting tax cuts for wealthy Americans expire. Republicans have pushed for more spending cuts and have rejected higher taxes.

If an agreement is not reached by Aug. 2, the U.S. won't have enough cash to pay all its bills. That could have a huge impact on financial markets. The U.S. would likely lose its coveted triple-A credit rating. Interest rates would rise for millions of consumers. And stocks could fall the way they did during the 2008 financial crisis, analysts say.

Most traders expect the White House and Capitol Hill to come up with a last-minute deal. Yet there are still uncertainties about higher taxes or changes to government spending that could affect corporate profits. Investors also worry that the government may only come up with a short-term fix that could still trigger a credit rating downgrade.

"We're thinking this is going to be resolved," said Rob Lutts, president and chief investment officer of Cabot Money Management. "The question: Is it resolved from a standpoint of a long-term solution or a stop-gap measure?"

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 88.36 points, or 0.7 percent, to close at 12,592.80. The Dow had been down as many as 145 points earlier.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 7.59, or 0.6 percent, to 1,337.43. The Nasdaq composite index fell 16.03, or 0.6 percent, to 2,842.80.

Stock trading has varied widely in July because of concerns over debt problems in the U.S. and Europe. Prior to Monday, the Dow had alternated between gains and losses over the previous nine days. The VIX, a measure of volatility in U.S. stock prices, has risen 16 percent in July.

Many investors are reluctant to buy stocks because of concerns over the budget impasse in Washington. Trading volume, or the number of shares bought and sold on a given day, has fallen 22 percent in July on the New York Stock Exchange compared with the same month a year ago, according to FactSet. If that continues, July will have the lowest average daily volume since December 2007.

Some investors have turned to gold and other precious metals as a place to park money while the U.S. and European debt problems get sorted out. Gold rose $10.70 to $1,612.20 an ounce Monday, while silver rose 24 cents to $40.36 an ounce. Gold has risen 14 percent this year, while silver is up 31 percent.

Even as debt troubles continue in the U.S. and Europe, U.S. companies have been reporting higher profits. David Kelly, chief market strategist at J.P. Morgan Funds, wrote in a note to clients that the per-share earnings of companies in the S&P 500 index are expected to rise to a record in the second quarter. If that happens, it would surpass the previous record set in the second quarter of 2007.

Analysts see oil rising

If the U.S. defaults on its debt, it would send shockwaves through oil markets that could push fuel prices higher, analysts said Monday.

Experts disagree about how much oil prices will respond if lawmakers fail to raise the nation's debt ceiling by an Aug. 2 deadline. What's clear is that a default would sink the value of the dollar. When that happens, oil almost always goes up.

"If there's a default, everyone is going to be dumping dollars," said Rice University professor Ken Medlock, who has studied the historic relationship between oil and the dollar. "You should see massive inflation" for any commodity priced in dollars. That includes oil.

Oil was down slightly Monday with eight days left before the deadline. Analysts say they're still confident that Congress will not allow the nation to default, but oil investors could still hedge their bets and begin pricing in the possibility of a default by the end of the week.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for September delivery on Monday lost 67 cents to settle at $99.20 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent crude fell 73 cents to settle at $117.94 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Dollar falls

The dollar slid against the Swiss franc and the Japanese yen Monday after congressional leaders failed to reach a deal to raise the U.S. debt limit over the weekend.

The dollar fell to a record low of 0.8018 Swiss franc on Monday, later inching up to 0.8057. On Friday, the dollar was worth 0.8181 Swiss franc.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkAm	369340	11.01	-.12
SPDR ETF	224642	131.60	-.75
iShEmMkt	100174	43.17	-.11
FordM	87347	15.14	-.14
InterPet	83041	18.44	-.34

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AdlnsPh rs	2.01	+.27	+15.5
NH Gold	47.59	+4.39	+11.1
MeMang7	7.50	+.58	+8.4
QuantMat	7.40	+.57	+8.3
CntlEnt	3.38	+.25	+8.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HCA Hld n	31.37	-3.62	-10.3
Hall Gold	3.44	-.37	-9.7
BridgpFd3	4.77	-.50	-9.5
Dex One	3.02	-.31	-9.3
NBGreceptA	4.18	-.42	-9.1

Diary

Advanced	1,794
Declined	1,313
Unchanged	132
New Highs	124
New Lows	41
Volume	1,270,355,542

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ChesEnerEr	75626	31.54	-.52
KodakCrg	54324	4.54	-.14
DenisnMg g	41771	3.10	-.05
Vecoprobe	28677	3.17	-.10
Quepasa	27404	4.47	-.04

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AcuityH	3.20	+.55	+20.8
NevpropEn	2.11	+.31	+17.2
NDynMn	2.41	+.31	+14.9
Lmnatrx	1.39	+.15	+12.1
QuepasaW	1.41	+.14	+11.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
B&HO	4.80	-.67	-12.3
SaratogaRs	5.54	-.63	-10.2
Banro wt	2.28	-.24	-9.5
incOpR	2.58	-.22	-7.9
MastechH	3.26	-.24	-6.9

Diary

Advanced	134
Declined	124
Unchanged	1
Total issues	259
New Highs	5
New Lows	3
Volume	105,356,441

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsoft	1024357	27.41	-.38
SiriusXM	554502	2.14	-.03
PwShs QQQ	466503	59.48	-.12
Intel	397029	23.03	-.10
Cisco	329759	16.28	-.18

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SevArts rs	4.49	+3.15	+235.8
Atmos Sp	4.69	+1.43	+43.9
OceanFrts	3.47	+2.47	+34.7
Wowjoint	3.57	+.83	+31.2
USeCBkAL	5.25	+1.24	+30.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RaptorPhm	5.00	-1.96	-28.2
SinoGlobal	4.97	-1.78	-26.4
Hollysys	8.62	-1.94	-18.4
LeMaitre n	2.56	-.50	-16.3
Oncothyr	8.32	-1.37	-14.1

Diary

Advanced	1,100
Declined	2,005
Unchanged	85
Total issues	3,190
New Highs	42
New Lows	28
Volume	1,577,659,884

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $35.80 Up 1.13

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $74.00 Down 0.70

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $96.84 Down 1.04

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $36.27 Down 0.33

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.94 Down 0.55

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $9.25 Down 0.15

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $16.47 Down 0.38

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AMR			4.16	.20	46.6
AT&T Inc	1.72	9	29.91	.41	+1.8
Abraxas	...	...	**4.96**	**-.12**	**+8.5**
AdamsEx	**.51e**	...	**11.23**	**.08**	**+4.6**
AMD		...	7.63	.12	-6.7
AlonUSA	.16	...	12.78	+.01	+113.7
Amgen		11	**54.90**	**-.32**	
Anadarko	**.36**		**82.58**	**-.72**	**+8.4**
Annaly	2.59e	7	17.54	.48	-2.1
Apache	**.60**	**14**	**128.06**	**-.41**	**+7.4**
Apple Inc		16	398.50	+5.20	+23.5
ApldMatl	**.32**	**11**	**13.10**	**-.05**	**-6.8**
ATMOS	**1.36**	**15**	**34.22**	**+.05**	**+9.7**
AutoData	1.44	22	52.96	.27	+14.4
BP PLC	**42e**	...	**46.77**	**+.57**	**+5.9**
BakrHu	.60	32	79.94	+.04	+39.8
BkofAm	.04		10.01	-.12	-25.0
Bklreind			1.54	+.38	-41.9
Bar iPVix rs			21.52	+.79	-42.8
BasicEnSv			35.80	+1.13	+117.2
BerkHa A	...	17	**113845.00**	**-1905.00**	**-5.5**
BerryPet	**.30**	**38**	**60.24**	**+.24**	**+37.8**
BlkHillsCp	**1.46**	**19**	**30.81**	**.03**	**+2.7**
BrMySq	**1.32**	**15**	**29.21**	**-.28**	**+10.3**
BrownFA	**1.28a**	**19**	**72.82**	**-.86**	**+4.9**
BrownFB	**1.28a**	**19**	**75.52**	**-.44**	**+8.5**
CVS Care	.50	15	37.06	-.29	+6.6
Cameron		23	52.28	-.66	+3.1
Caterpillar	1.84f	17	105.66	+.51	+12.8
Celestic g		10	9.06	-.29	-6.6
CntryLink	2.90	12	37.95	-.71	-17.8
ChesEng	.35l	11	33.87	-.52	+30.7
Chevron	**3.12f**	**10**	**108.10**	**-.87**	**+18.5**
Chicos	.20	23	15.81	+.45	+31.4
Chimera	.62e	5	3.25	-.08	-20.9
Cimarex	.40	16	91.38	-1.38	+3.2
Cisco	.24	13	16.28	-.18	-19.5
Citigrp rs	.04	13	39.91	-.35	-15.6
ClayEng	**...**	**73**	**74.00**	**-.70**	**-11.9**
CocaCola	**1.88**	**14**	**69.26**	**-.47**	**+5.3**
ColgPal	**2.32**	**18**	**86.78**	**-.84**	**+8.0**
Comcast	.45	18	25.03	+.18	+14.4
CompPrdS	...	20	41.70	+.83	+41.1
ConAgra	**.92**	**14**	**26.25**	**-.27**	**+16.3**
ConchoRes	...	...	**96.84**	**-1.04**	**+10.5**
ConocPhil	**2.64**	**11**	**74.55**	**-.71**	**+9.5**
Corning	.20	8	17.02	.12	11.9
CrackerB	.88	12	46.53	.24	15.0
CrosTim	**2.91e**	**17**	**47.93**	**+.52**	**+20.2**
DCP Mid	2.50f		40.53	1.35	+8.4
DTE	2.35	15	51.28	+.05	+13.2
Dataram h			1.63	-.08	+3.8
Dawson			**36.27**	**.33**	**+13.7**
Dell Inc		10	17.13	+.09	+26.4
DeltaAir		12	7.86	.24	37.6
DevonE	**.68**	**10**	**83.76**	**.59**	**+6.7**
DnxFnBull			24.90	.61	10.6
Disney	**.40f**	**18**	**40.56**	**-.09**	**+8.1**
DowChm	**1.00f**	**19**	**35.99**	**+.41**	**+5.4**
E-Trade		69	16.52	+.88	+3.3
EOG Res	**.64**	...	**106.21**	**-.36**	**+16.2**
EmpDist	...	**18**	**20.43**	**-.17**	**-8.0**
Energen	.54	17	61.82	.27	+28.1
EngyTsfr	3.58	40	46.41	+.35	10.4
EnPro	...	14	**49.17**	**-.27**	**+18.3**
EntPrPt	2.42f	38	43.52	.15	+4.6
EnsnTel	37e		13.09	.39	+13.5
ExterranH	...		**18.72**	**-.34**	**-21.8**
ExxonMbl	**1.88f**	**12**	**84.57**	**-.65**	**+15.7**
FifthThird	.24	13	13.00	+.19	-11.4
FordM		6	13.17	-.14	-21.6
ForestOil		19	26.46	-.54	-30.3
FrozenFd	...	...	**4.15**	**+.04**	**-5.9**
GATX	**1.16**	**23**	**38.08**	**-.06**	**+7.9**
GabGloM	**.80**	...	**7.95**	**-.01**	**-3.2**
GAInv	**.43e**	...	**28.36**	**-.27**	**+5.7**
GenElec	**.60f**	**16**	**18.96**	**-.08**	**+3.7**
Goltsmith			3.66	-.02	+51.2
Goodrich	**1.16**	**23**	**98.29**	**+.11**	**+11.6**
GtPlainEn	**.83**	**14**	**20.70**	**-.09**	**+6.8**
HCA Hld n	...	...	**27.97**	**-6.64**	**-9.8**
Hallibrtn	**.36**	**21**	**57.27**	**+.07**	**+40.3**
Heinz	**1.92f**	**18**	**53.62**	**-.37**	**+8.4**
HewlettP	**.48**	**9**	**37.09**	**+.39**	**-11.9**
Hitachi	**...**	**...**	**61.65**	**+.23**	**+15.6**
HuntBnk	.16f	13	6.02	-.12	-12.4
iShJapn	**.17e**	...	**10.84**	**-.04**	**-.6**
iShSilver	...	...	**39.31**	**+.24**	**+30.3**
iShEMkts	**.84e**		47.55	.10	-.2
iS Eafe	1.68e		59.80	.38	+2.7
iShR2K	.44e		83.06	.99	+6.2
IntegrysE	2.72	16	51.88	.17	+6.9
Intel	**.84f**	**10**	**23.03**	**-.10**	**+9.5**
InterDig	.40	25	71.30	-1.66	+71.2
JPMorgCh	1.00	9	41.69	-.50	-1.7
JohnJn	**2.28**	**15**	**66.25**	**-.47**	**+7.1**
KimbClk	**2.80**	**15**	**66.48**	**-1.42**	**+5.5**
KindME	4.60f		72.99	-.35	+3.9
KindMM	4.60f	63	63.48	-1.32	-5.1
LegacyRes	2.16f		29.94	-.55	+4.2
Lubys	...	...	**5.95**	**-.18**	**-5.1**
MGM Rsts			15.83	+.03	+6.6
MassMCp s	**1.20f**	...	**16.74**	**-.03**	**+9.6**
McDnlds	2.44	18	88.12	-.44	+14.8
Merck	1.52	16	35.89	-.20	-.4
MeritMed s	...	**38**	**16.22**	**-.90**	**+28.1**
MexcoEn			9.25	-.15	+20.9
MicronT		13	7.89	-.20	-1.6
Microsoft	.64	10	27.91	+.38	...
MorgStan	.20	51	23.30	-.60	-14.4
Nabors		57	26.99	-.58	+15.0
NatGrid	**2.92e**	...	**49.59**	**-.35**	**+11.7**
NOilVarco	.44	21	82.31	-1.00	+22.4
NewsCpA	.15	15	18.22	-.20	+11.4
NokiaCp	.55e	...	5.72	-.14	-44.6
NvMAd	**.99**	...	**14.01**	**-.05**	**+7.1**
NvPMI	**.92**	...	**13.61**	**+.01**	**+4.3**
NuvPI	**.92**	...	**13.38**	**-.15**	**+4.4**
NSTFI3	**.64**	...	**13.62**	**-.05**	**+4.0**
NTXQI	**.86**	...	**15.25**	**+.01**	**+2.2**
Nvidia		...	36	14.76	-.24	-4.2
OcciPet	**1.84**	**17**	**107.37**	**-.51**	**+9.4**
Oracle	.24	19	32.21	-.34	+2.9
PerTech	**...**	**18**	**3.80**	**+.06**	**-33.5**
ParkDri	**...**	...	**6.73**	**-.13**	**+47.3**
PattUTI	**.20**	**28**	**33.71**	**-.02**	**+56.4**
PenRE	**.60**	...	**15.92**	**-.16**	**+9.6**
PepsiCo	2.06	16	64.37	-1.39	-1.5
Prmian	**1.41e**	**17**	**23.32**	**+.10**	**+2.9**
Petrohawk	**...**	...	**38.31**	**+.07**	**+109.9**
Petrobras	**1.28e**	...	**34.21**	**+.91**	**-9.6**
Pfizer	**.80**	**19**	**19.81**	**-.26**	**+13.1**
PioNtrl	**.08**	**16**	**98.40**	**-1.13**	**+13.3**
PlainsAA	**3.93f**	**26**	**64.20**	**-.30**	**+2.2**
Popular		6	2.35	-.10	-25.2
PwShs QQQ	.42e		59.48	-.12	+9.2
Praxair	**2.00**	**26**	**105.10**	**-.01**	**+10.1**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**24.80**	**-.29**	**+28.2**
PrUSh S&P			19.96	+.21	-16.0
ProctGam	**2.10**	**17**	**63.31**	**-.94**	**-1.8**
RAM Engy			1.20	-.05	-34.8
RangeRs	.16		63.79	-.64	+41.8
RegionsFn	.04		6.21	+.01	-11.3
RschMotn	...	4	26.67	-1.24	-54.1
Rowan	**...**	**19**	**38.73**	**+.16**	**+10.9**
RoyDShllA	3.36	20	74.64	+.51	+11.8
SpdrDJIA	3.08e	...	125.76	-.84	+8.8
S&P500ETF	2.44e	...	133.83	-.75	+6.4
SabnR	3.90e	18	66.46	-.40	+11.6
SanderFm	**.68**	**10**	**46.26**	**-.62**	**+18.2**
SandRidge	**...**	**...**	**11.82**	**-.19**	**+62.8**
Sapient	**...**	**41**	**14.61**	**-.20**	**+20.7**
Schlmbrg	1.00	25	94.70	+.89	+13.4
SigmaAld	**.72**	**22**	**73.70**	**+.17**	**+10.7**
SiriusXM	...	...	2.14	-.03	+31.0
Smucker	1.92f	20	79.46	-.54	+21.0
SprintNex	...	...	5.15	-.01	+21.7
SP Engy	1.06e	...	79.41	-.32	+16.4
SPDR Fncl	.18e	...	15.21	-.11	-4.6
SuncocLg	4.78f	9	84.05	-.85	+.6
Synovus	.04		1.95	-.11	-26.1
TaiwSemi	.52e	...	12.75	.23	+1.7
TeletEsp s	**1.98e**	**...**	**22.88**	**-.57**	**+.3**
TenetHlth		3	6.02	-.24	-10.0
Tesoro		14	25.16	+.79	+35.7
3M Co	2.20	16	95.07	-.31	+10.2
Trchmrk s	**.44f**	**10**	**41.62**	**-.34**	**+4.5**
TrCont	**.29e**	**...**	**15.11**	**-.12**	**+9.8**
TylerTech	**...**	**35**	**25.97**	**-.49**	**+25.1**
UBWV	**1.20**	**15**	**24.74**	**-.21**	**-15.3**
US Bancrp	.50	13	26.97	+.06	
ValeroE	.20	31	26.68	-.03	+15.4
VangEmg	.82e	...	48.62	.06	+1.0
VerizonCm	1.95	16	36.22	.52	+1.2
VulcanM	**1.00**	**...**	**35.73**	**-.12**	**-19.5**
Weigrn	**.90f**	**16**	**39.80**	**-.22**	**+2.2**
WealthIntl			20.45	+.63	-10.3
WellsFargo	.48f	11	28.95	-.19	-6.6
WstnRefin		74	21.44	+.64	+102.6
WhitingPt s	...	36	62.55	+.29	+6.7
WmsCos	.80f	23	30.71	-.38	+24.2
XcelEngy	**1.04f**	**15**	**24.51**	**-.03**	**+4.1**
Xerox	**.17**	**18**	**9.90**	**-.18**	**-14.1**
Yahoo		16	13.69	-.29	-17.7

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12,876.00	9,936.62	Dow Jones Industrials	12,592.80	-88.36	-.70	+8.77	+19.64
5,627.85	4,010.52	Dow Jones Transportation	5,414.43	-13.81	-.25	+6.03	+20.80
442.01	377.78	Dow Jones Utilities	440.09	+.86	+.20	+8.67	+13.20
8,718.25	6,594.95	NYSE Composite	8,357.57	-50.63	-.60	+4.94	+18.61
2,490.51	1,830.65	Amex Index	2,444.65	-5.35	-.22	+10.70	+27.07
2,887.75	2,099.29	Nasdaq Composite	2,842.80	-16.03	-.56	+7.16	+23.79
1,370.58	1,039.70	S&P 500	1,337.43	-7.59	-.56	+6.34	+19.95
14,562.01	10,877.63	Wilshire 5000	14,194.24	-96.86	-.68	+6.24	+21.04
868.57	588.58	Russell 2000	831.40	-10.42	-1.24	+6.09	+24.98

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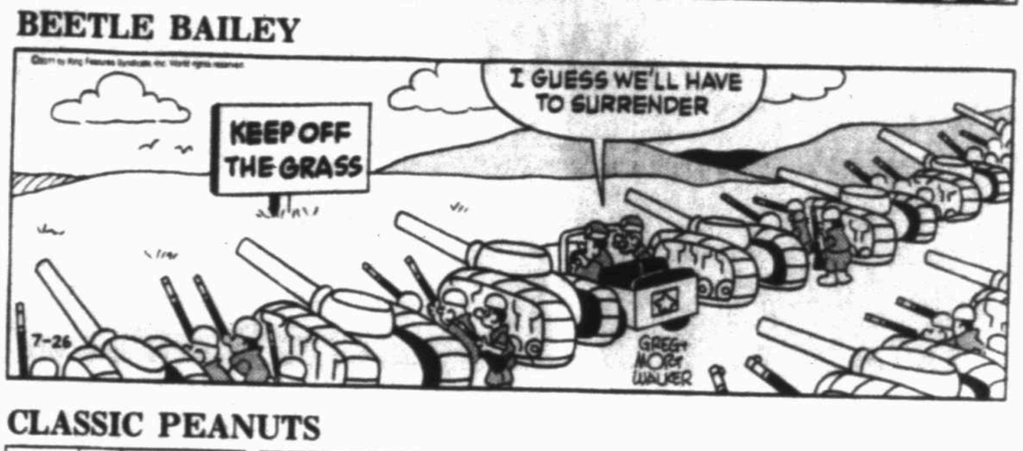

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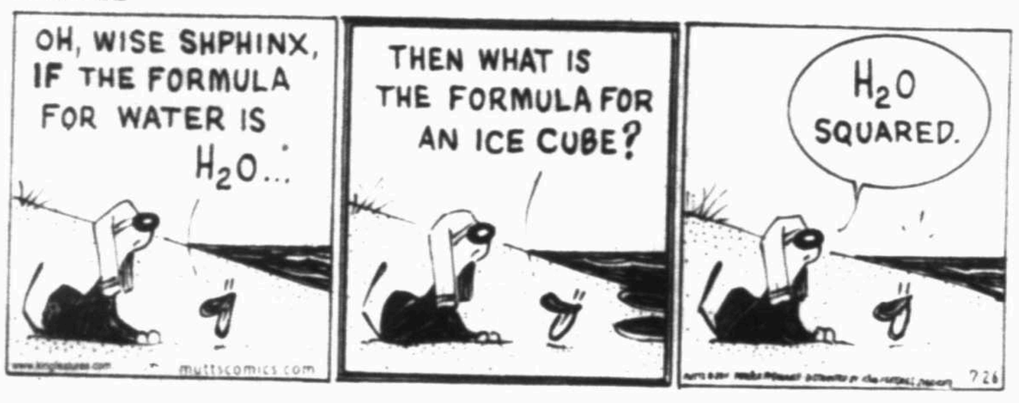

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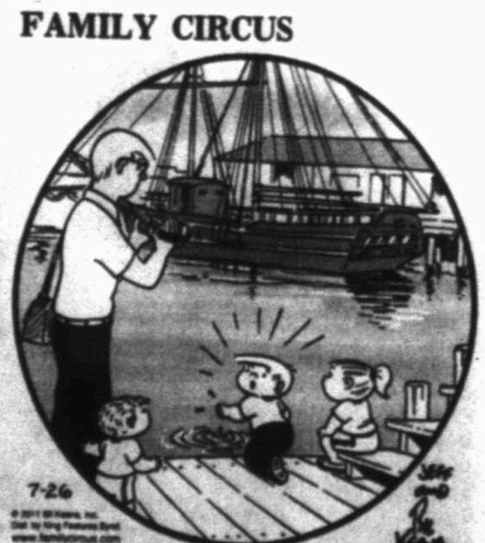

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The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the San Andres Formation in the Goldsmith San Andres Unit Lease, well number: 220W. The proposed injection well is located 15 miles northwest from the city of Odessa in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3854' - 5111' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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L149 - Russell Bills sofa, tables, Queen size bed

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CHEVROLET 2002 Impala. Very nice, 30 MPG, cold A/C $2900. 432-664-4690

CHEVROLET 2002 Z28 convertible, 24K mi. garaged, like new, $14,500. 599-1309

DODGE 2008 Challenger, black on black SRT8, very low mi- 7K $38,000. 634-3034

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GMC 1989 1500 COLD A/C $1700 432-664-4690

GMC 1994 Sierra customized ext cab, 20" wheels, bucket seats white, w/black vinyl top. 432-699-1539

GMC 1995 1500 SLE stepside 5.7L 350 automatic, 118K mi, excellent condition inside/out $8500 OBO Call 432-262-6933 or 325-277-1567

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CHEVROLET 2007 Silverado 110000 miles 4 door, automatic transmission Black exterior, Tan interior, 1GCHK23D87F163476 4WD Many extras, call or email! $13500 (432) 242-1685 brupnid39@aol.com

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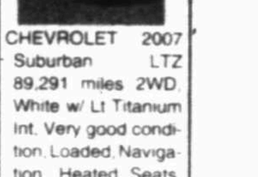

CHEVROLET 2007 Suburban LTZ 89,291 miles, 2WD White w/ Lt Titanium Int. Very good condition. Loaded. Navigation. Heated Seats. Rear View Camera. Remote Start. $22,900 (432) 296-0692

CHEVROLET 2007 Tahoe LTZ, leather, navigation, 3rd row seat, DVD player, excellent condition, 78,600 miles, $23,500. 432-528-3040 or 689-6665

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ALL STATIONS
Newspaper Notice Text

On July 11, 2011 an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission for consent to the transfer of control of Pilot Group GP, LLC ("PGG") which, through intervening entities, controls Double O Texas Corporation, licensee of FM radio stations KHKX, 99.1 MHz, Odessa, TX; KMCM, 96.9 MHz, Odessa, TX and KQRX, 95.1 MHz, Midland, TX. Pursuant to the application, Katonah Pittman Ventures LLC ("KPV") proposes to relinquish the majority voting interest in PGG.

Transferor KPV is a DE LLC controlled and principally owned by Robert W. Pittman.

Transferee PGG is a DE LLC with the following attributable members: Mayo Stuntz, Jr., Howard Lipson, Paul McNicol and Robert Sherman.

A copy of the application is available during regular business hours in the public inspection files of the stations at 3303 North Midkiff, Suite 115, Midland, TX 79705.

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Entry Level Accountant
West Texas Gas FT
Oil & Gas energy firm in Midland, TX is looking to fill an ENTRY LEVEL ACCOUNTING position. Duties would include A/p, A/R, and GL responsibilities including monthly financial statements. Accounting degree required. Benefits include 401K and Cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to Staff Accountant 211 North Colorado, Midland, TX 79701 or e-mail to employment@westtexasgas.com.

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— OPERATIONS ASSISTANT —

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation has an immediate opening for an Operations Assistant at its Midland, Texas office. Responsibilities include:

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- Coding invoices for payment in electronic invoice payment system
- Resolving routine accounts payable issues
- Written and verbal communication with production operations personnel and vendors

The qualified applicant will have 1-2 years accounts payable experience, 1-3 years experience in the accounts payable area of the oil and gas industry and a broad knowledge of general accounts payable functions preferred. Strong computer skills, written communication skills, verbal skills and organizational skills a must. We offer a highly competitive salary and bonus plan with a complete benefits package.

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Alderson European Motors FT
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Administrative Assistant
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Busy office seeking full time Administrative Assistant with exceptional phone skills, attention to detail is imperative. Position requires previous experience in Excel, Word, and QuickBooks. A background in manufacturing is a plus. Salary commensurate with experience. Email resume to patty@mei-usa.net

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Mature, well experienced front desk patient greeter sought. Knowledge of Medical Manager software helpful. Fax resume to 432-570-0602. Top pay for best candidate.

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Must have a minimum of 2-years nursing experience, a current Registered Nursing License, a current Pharmacy Technician Certification or willing to obtain Pharmacy Technician Certification with a Texas Registration within 6-months, and willing to alternate on-call schedules after hours and on weekends. 3pm-12am shift. Contact Terri Frame @ 607-3227 or tframe@martinch.org or apply in person at 610 N. St. Peter Street, Stanton, TX.

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Odessa, TX 79761
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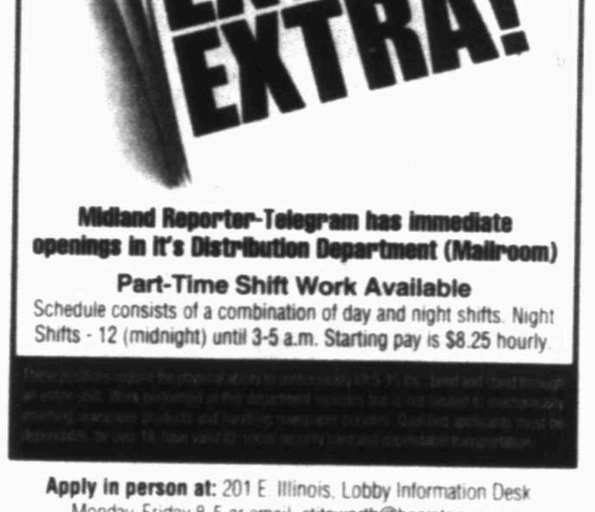

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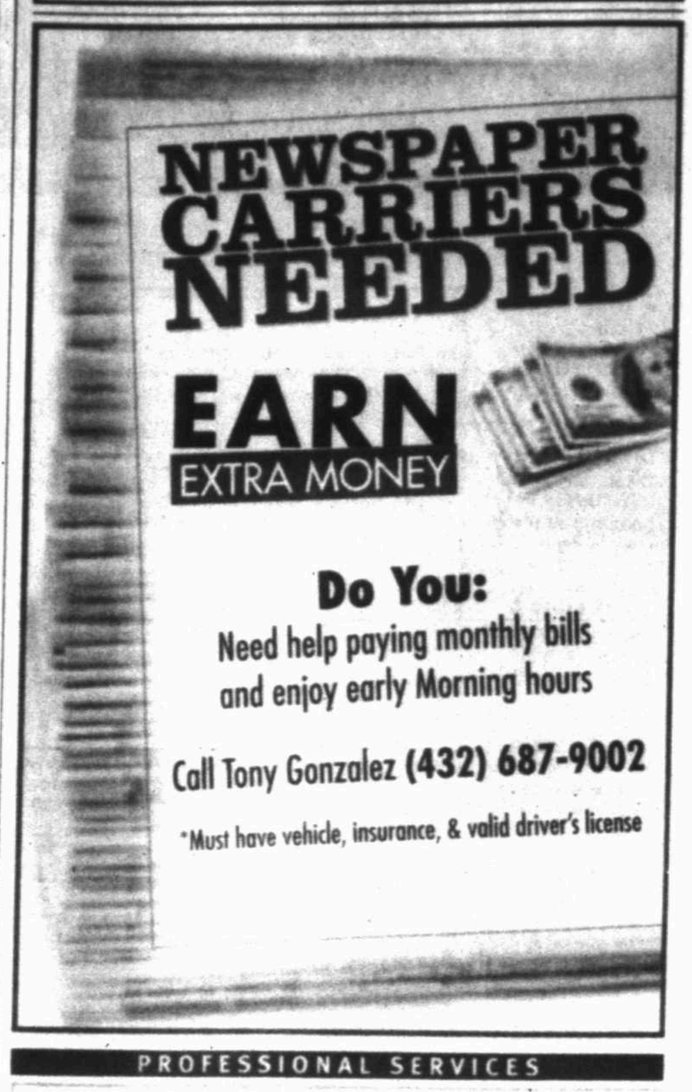

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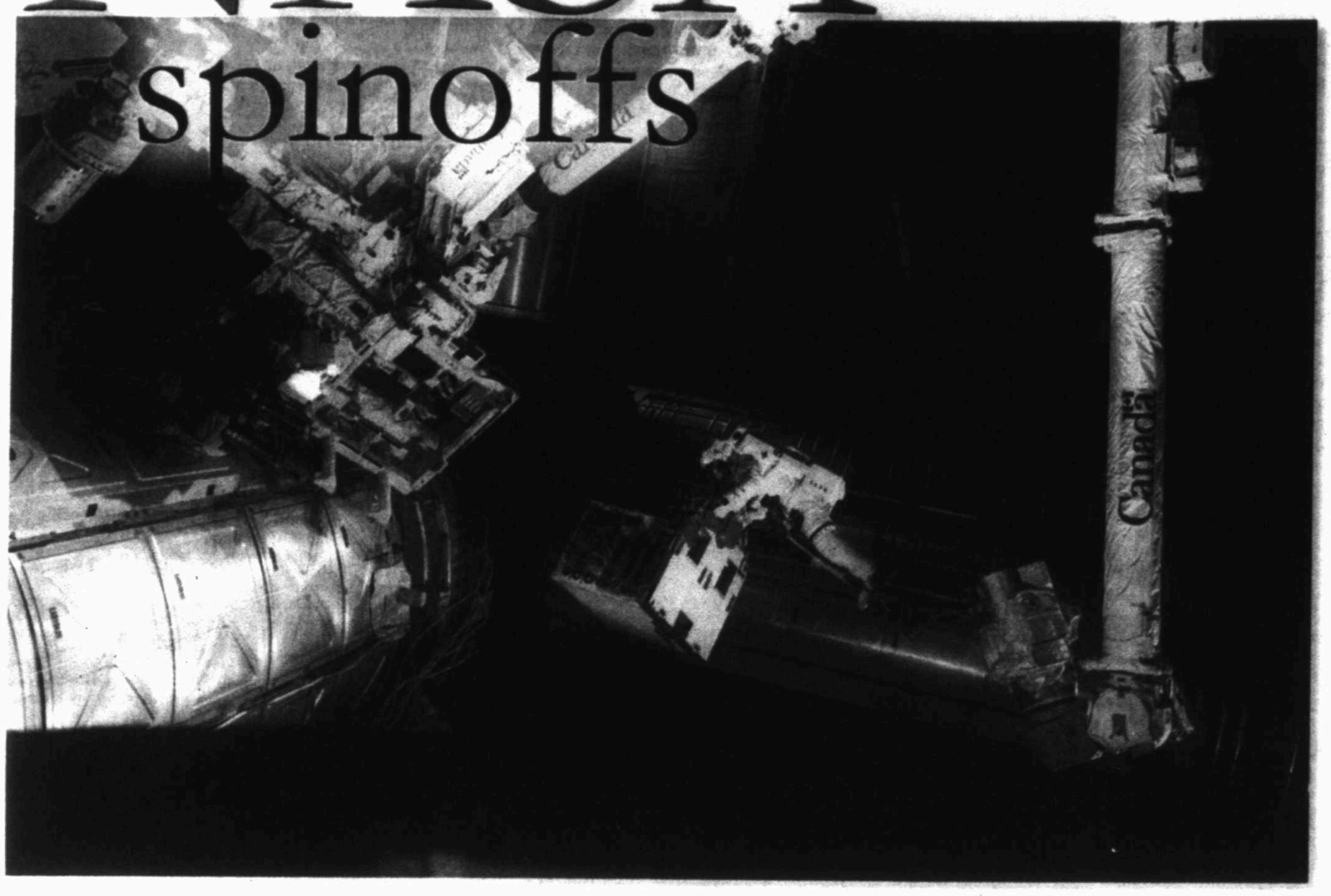

Space shuttle's science brought payoffs to Earth

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Science from the space shuttle helped open Earth's eyes to the cosmos and sister planets. It created perhaps the most detailed topographical map of Earth. And it even is helping doctors understand, and sometimes fix, what's happening in our aging and ailing bodies.

If you need help getting out of a crashed car, or if you're a soldier maneuvering around an active land mine field, space shuttle-derived technology may have saved your life.

And thanks to the space shuttle, we have healthier baby formula and cooling socks to wear in hot weather.

Most Americans wrongly credit the Apollo moon program with creating Earthly "spinoffs" of new technology that it never did: sticky Velcro, non-sticky Teflon and orange powdered Tang — all things used by NASA but not invented there.

Yet the space shuttle program often doesn't get recognized for its science and technology, NASA says. And shuttle-based science will come to an end when Atlantis — carrying mouse stem cell and vaccine experiments — comes home on Thursday.

Of course spending nearly $200 billion on any advanced technology will pay off in various unplanned ways. And one scientist, a prominent critic of manned spaceflight, says NASA's claimed benefits are more hype than hope.

Bob Park, a professor of physics at the University of Maryland, debunker of science myths and author of the book "Voodoo Science," said much of NASA's claims of science and earthly technological benefits is advertising hokum that helps companies sell items as being developed in space.

"If you trace them, there's nothing there," Park said. "Teflon, Tang, nothing was invented in space. Space used it."

But scientists who have worked with and for the space agency say research during the 10 years the shuttle was developed and the 30 years it has flown has paid off.

"There's been a good deal of science learned on the shuttle," said MIT astronautics and health technology professor Laurence Young, who has sent experiments on seven shuttle flights, mostly on how weightlessness affects the body.

Science wasn't the reason the shuttle was built, said Rice University physicist Neal Lane, who was the head of the National Science Foundation and President Bill Clinton's science adviser. However, the shuttle and the International Space Station — which couldn't be constructed without the shuttle — are unprecedented places for important science. He has great hopes for an antimatter physics experiment shuttle Endeavour delivered to the station in May.

People overlook the increased understanding in human biology that the shuttle and station have provided, Lane said. "We've learned some things about the human body that we had no other way to learn except to operate for some period of time — some extended period of time — in space."

Still, the most obvious science the shuttle helped generate is with astronomy. Exhibit 1 is the Hubble Space Telescope, which changed Earth's view of the cosmos and even its understanding of the age of the universe. It was launched with the shuttle, fixed with the shuttle and upgraded four other times by spacewalking shuttle astronauts. Without all that, Earth's view of the rest of the universe would have been fuzzy at best.

Former NASA science chief Alan Stern said the shuttle launched three other major space exploration probes: Galileo, which gave close-up views of Jupiter and its moons; Magellan, which mapped hot chaotic Venus; and Ulysses, which examined the sun's larger influence on the edges of the solar system.

But what's taken for granted even more is how the shuttle improved our view of our home planet with one flight in 2000. The spacecraft carried a set of special radar instruments that mapped most of the world, including previously inaccessible areas such as jungles and mountaintops, with the most precise topographical measurements ever. This is important for military planning and aviation.

Another overlooked item from the space shuttle is the bioreactor, Muratore said. It originally was designed to grow cells and tissue in space for experiments in zero gravity, but it's used on Earth for all sorts of biomedical research, he said. Bioreactors can grow blood and human tissue in a constantly rotating growth medium that simulates the free fall of zero gravity. Then, scientists can direct tissue growth in predetermined shapes using plastic lattices, much like the way ivy climbs walls. It's still a developing technology so who knows where it will lead, said Dan Lockney, NASA's spinoff technology manager.

Each year, NASA puts out a list of shuttle science spinoffs, which are either purposeful or accidental. NASA scientists were trying to design better space food and they looked to algae. They found an algae nutrient that had only been seen in human breast milk and developed it. It is now in 95 percent of infant formula, Lockney said.

"Millions of babies have been fed (by) NASA; that beats Tang," Lockney said.

Will Google Plus be able to compete with Facebook?

Dear PropellerHeads: I heard that Google now has an alternative to Facebook. What's the scoop?

A: We just recently got our invitations to Google Plus. Apparently, Google thought it would be unseemly to send ours right away and possibly influence our review. At least, that's what we tell ourselves to ease the pain.

Google Plus is the search giant's latest attempt at a Facebook-killer. They've gotten many positive reviews so far and we've been impressed, although we've haven't used the service a full week yet.

To sign up, head over to plus.google.com, or see google.com/+/demo for a demo and http://bit.ly/paGIHY for video introductions.

There you'll learn about Circles, one of the biggest differences between Google Plus and Facebook. By default, Facebook treats all friends equally. So those videos of you stumbling onto the stage after one too many at karaoke night aren't just viewable by friends, but also by your boss and fussy old Aunt Sally.

Google Plus fixes this by making you put all your contacts in a "Circle," and lets you share different content with different Circles. So

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put all your party people in your "Friends" Circle, Aunt Sally in the "Family" Circle, and your boss in the "Work" Circle. Then, share karaoke videos with your friends only, which is what people do "in real life."

Facebook provides this option using "Groups." But unlike Facebook, where sharing everything with everyone is the norm, Circles makes you think upfront about who should see what.

Another feature is Hangouts, which are group video chats. Click "Start a Hangout," invite your contacts, and voilà — instant video conference.

Snap a picture of everything with your phone? Then you'll like Instant Upload. Install an app from Google on your phone, and every picture you take will be automatically uploaded to a private photo album at Google Plus. Log in later to specify who can see what.

There's also Sparks, a page where you list your interests ("gardening," "recipes," what-ever) and Google presents you with news articles, blog posts, and other links relevant to those topics.

The last major feature, Huddle, is a smartphone app that simplifies group chat. It does for group text messaging what Hangouts does for group video calls.

Google Plus has its minuses. Categorizing everyone into a Circle is great in theory and curbs inappropriate sharing, but sometimes it requires you to think too much.

We find ourselves pondering "Is Larry really a friend or more of an acquaintance?" before adding Larry. What about one-time friends you haven't talked to since middle school? You could create a Circle just for them, but that seems unwieldy. Does your sister go in both the Family Circle and the Friends Circle so she sees all your karaoke videos too?

The problem of how to divide up your friends will only multiply as more people add themselves to Google Plus, and that could subtract from the experience.

The other challenge for Google is overcoming Facebook's head start. Many people will balk at recreating a list of hundreds of people on the new service.

Also, Google Plus does not yet have profiles for businesses (what Facebook calls "Pages"). Nor can third-party companies (like game companies) build applications for it like they can for Facebook. If you're tired of seeing 37 poker invitations for every status up-date, you'll appreciate the difference, although there are plans to "remedy" this in the near future.

Instead of killing Facebook, the best outcome will be for Google Plus just to compete with Facebook. Right now there's only one big player on the social networking scene and practically no competition.

Already, Facebook has added Groups to complete with Circles and announced a deal with video software company Skype to offer something similar to Hangouts. Competition might also keep both companies focused on how best to protect user privacy.

So just this once, we'll give Google a pass on leaving us off the invite list. But it had better not happen again...

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