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Group sues to stop governor's prayer day

Freedom from Religion Foundation lawsuit says event violates Constitution

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A group of atheists and agnostics filed a federal lawsuit on Wednesday seeking to stop an evangelical Christian prayer event next month that was proposed and is endorsed by Texas' governor.

The Freedom from Religion Foundation argues in its lawsuit filed in Houston that Republican Gov. Rick Perry's day of prayer and fasting would violate the constitutional ban on the government endorsing a religion. The event, which is called The Response and is billed as Christian-only, is scheduled for Aug. 6 at Houston's Reliant Stadium.

"The plaintiffs seek a declaration that Texas Governor Rick Perry's initiation, organization, promotion and participation as governor in a prayer rally at Reliant Stadium ... violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution," the complaint says.

The group, which unsuccessfully sued to stop a national day of prayer earlier this year, filed the case on behalf of 700 members in Texas and called on the court to stop Perry from participating in the meeting or using his office to promote or recognize it.

Perry held a conference call with ministers who will be participating in the event Wednesday, according to his spokeswoman, Catherine Frazier. She did not have any details on what was discussed, but said the lawsuit will not change his plans.

"He believes it will serve as an important opportunity for Americans to gather together and pray to God, seeking his wisdom and guidance as our nation navigates the challenges before it. The pending litigation does affect plans for the prayer event to carry out as planned." Frazier said.

A spokesman for the event, Eric Bearse, dismissed the foundation's claims.

"This kind of legal harassment is no surprise, but we will vigorously defend the right of Americans to

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Rebecca Nicholson, chairwoman of the board of directors for Communities in Schools of the Permain Basin, talks about how the grant they received will help in the upcoming school year during the Permian Basin Area Foundation grant award ceremony Wednesday at Midland Community Theater.

Permian Basin Area Foundation awards $380,800 in grants

When Carmen Barber received a letter alerting her the Sterling County Senior Citizens Center had received a grant, she was so excited she jumped into the air.

Collecting herself, Barber said she then glanced around to make sure no one had seen her and looked at the notice again to ensure she'd read correctly.

"I was excited, thrilled and thankful," she said relating the experience during a reception for Permian Basin Area Foundation grant recipients on Wednesday. "What the center provides is so important to the senior citizens of Sterling County."

The senior center was one of 24 nonprofits throughout West Texas awarded a portion of the $380,800 granted during the Permian Basin Area Foundation's most recent grant cycle.

Guy McCrary, foundation president and CEO, said the grants are the result of applications submitted in April. Recipients were chosen based on their ability to meet community needs in Midland and other surrounding communities.

"The way these grants become possible is because donors are willing to create and leave legacies that will sustain good works in the communities we call home," he said, speaking after the event. "That's what we do."

Organizations receiving funds ranged from arts-related nonprofits to youth programs to health initiatives.

Molly Wallace, executive director of the Bynum School, said the grant provides scholarships for the students and adults with disabilities.

"Our families struggle mightily. They have lots of medical bills and other expenses," Wallace said. "There are so many students at Bynum who are there only because of your grant assistance."

Friends of Big Bend National Park

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Story by Kathleen Thurber ● Photo by Tim Fischer

Water concerns rise as cattle die in dry Texas

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — The unrelenting Texas drought has produced a cruelly ironic twist: cattle dying from too much water.

Agriculture officials in parched Texas said Wednesday there are no hard numbers on how many head of cattle have died but reports of deaths from too much water or too little are on the rise across the nation's leading cattle production state.

"They over drink because they're thirsty," said Dr. Robert Sprowls of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Amarillo. "Once they fill up on water it happens pretty quickly."

Producers are losing cattle after moving them from withered pastures where water tanks have dried up. Once in new pastures, cattle that die take in too much water too quickly. The animals die within minutes and their carcasses are found near the stock tanks from which they were drinking, Ted McCollum, a beef cattle specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Amarillo, said.

Texas is coming off its driest nine-month period ever and its hottest June on record. More than 90 percent of the state is in the two most severe drought stages. The cattle deaths are occurring earlier, in part because of lack of forage growth in pastures.

"We are seeing more incidents of heat stress in cattle," he said. "More incidents of death and problems with health."

As with humans, water intoxication can occur when there's too much water in the body, which disrupts electrolyte balance in cells. Death can occur.

Typically an average cow grazing green forage consumes as much as 8.4 gallons of water a day from it. This year, because drought precluded forage growth and there's been a relatively low intake of dry forage, daily water consumption is around 0.6 gallons.

That's why stock tanks are so important, especially with this drought's searing temperatures.

"The cow's 'jug of water' is relatively empty this year and the risk of heat stress and water-related problems are greater," he said.

In addition to too much water, ranchers

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Drought exposes lawmaker power limits

By Kate Galbraith
Texas Tribune

The Texas drought has escalated into a significant natural disaster. Around the Panhandle, normally one of the most agriculturally productive regions of the state, acres of dry dirt fill would-be croplands. Lake levels are falling statewide. Cities are tightening water restrictions, amid the driest October-through-June stretch in Texas history.

So what can the government do to help those hit hardest?

Not much at the state level, experts say.

Droughts are tricky to manage. Their effects vary significantly from place to place, so local authorities generally assume primary responsibility for drought management. Different counties or cities not only get different amounts of precipitation, but they also may draw from different sources of water, below the ground or in reservoirs or rivers.

Droughts often do not get the attention accorded other natural disasters. They are slower-moving and lack the drama of a hurricane, earthquake or a tornado. Wildfires, exacerbated by drought, are also more spectacular. Gov. Rick Perry visited West Texas fire devastation in April.

Currently Perry has "no tours ... scheduled at this point" of drought-stricken areas, according to Catherine Frazier, a spokeswoman for the governor. Perry's most publicized drought move was to call for prayers for rain over the Easter weekend. Frazier says the governor is "always being briefed" on the

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In this June 17 file photo, Roy Graham checks the moisture in the soil and the cotton stocks in a irrigated section of his land in Greenwood.

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It's happening ... *this week*

Today

■ Jurassic Park Party, 2 p.m., Midland County Public Library's Upstairs Meeting Room. For more information, contact 688-4323.

Friday

■ Harry Potter mania Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri. "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" and "Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows Part I," 12:30 p.m. Note: Bring a sack lunch and blanket to sit on.

Saturday

■ Midland Downtown Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 501 W. Texas Ave., under the green.

■ Children's storytime, "The Ice Cream King," 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

Saturday and Sunday

■ Sandhills Quarter Horse Show, Ector County Coliseum, Odessa.

■ Cactus & Crude MS Bike Tour. Ride up to 75 miles per day — Saturday (Midland to Big Spring) and Sunday (Big Spring to Post)

Community calendar

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home is planning a free reading event for kindergartners through sixth-graders 4:30-5:30 p.m. July 21.

Children will be read a selection of books including "Summer Switch" and will receive a copy of the book.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ The next in a series of family caregiver support workshops is planned for 6 p.m. July 21 at Hospice Midland Inspiration Center, 4629 Andrews Highway.

The topic is dealing with cognitive issues.

The workshops are sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 689-4663 or emailing caitlin.chapman@homeinstead.com.

■ The South Texas Chapter of The ALS Association is sponsoring the Permian Basin Walk to Defeat ALS and 5K Run, "Because You Can," Aug. 13 at Crestview Baptist Church.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The three-mile walk/run (and 1K Fun Run for kids) is to begin at 9 a.m. All funds raised will be donated to The ALS Association.

For more information, call Crestview Baptist Church at 681-8200 or visit http://web.alsa.org/Permian-Basin.

Soldier returns home

Pfc. Chris Dickens returns to Midland at 11:15 a.m. today at Midland International Airport, according to information provided by the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee.

Dickens is assigned to the Army's Airborne Infantry and has been in Afghanistan since January. He will return to Afghanistan on July 29. Dickens is a 2005 graduate of Lee High School. His wife Angelica and children, Jordyn and Trenton, live in Midland.

Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 14, the 195th day of 2011. There are 170 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On July 14, 1911, Harry N. Atwood became the first pilot to land an airplane on the grounds of the White House after flying in from Boston; he was greeted by President William Howard Taft.

On this date:

In 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese officials a letter from President Millard Fillmore, requesting trade relations.

In 1881, outlaw William H. Bonney Jr., alias "Billy the Kid," was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner, N.M.

In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed.

In 1966, eight student nurses were murdered by Richard Speck in a Chicago dormitory.

Ten years ago: In a boost for President George W. Bush's hopes to build a defense against ballistic missile attack, the Pentagon scored a hit with an interceptor that soared into space from a tiny Pacific isle and destroyed its target, a mock nuclear warhead.

Five years ago: Spurred by Mideast fighting, oil prices rose to an intraday record $78.40 a barrel.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Harry Dean Stanton is 85. Actor Matthew Fox is 45. Country singer Jamey Johnson is 36.

Source: The Associated Press.

TALKING ABOUT LIBRARY BUSINESS

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

John Trischilli III, Midland County's new library director, talks with Sue Brannon and Randy Prude on Friday during the open house at the downtown branch.

Consecutive days without rain

Top 10 consecutive days with zero precipitation 1930-2011

Days	Year and Days
1. 81	Oct 10-Dec. 29, 1946
2. 65	Dec 5, 1966-Feb. 7, '67
3. 63	Feb 10-April 13, 1946
4. 62	June 19-Aug. 19, 1946
5. 60	**Oct 24-Dec 22, 2010**
6. 59	Aug. 8-Oct 5, 2000
7. 55	**March 25-May 18, 2011**
8. 52	**May 21-July 11, 2011**
9. 51	March 19-May 8, 1947
10. 50	Oct. 31- Dec. 19, 1999

Note: Periods in bold represent streaks during the most recent nine-play month drought.

Source: National Weather Service.

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper earns another national honor

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. (PSC) continues, for the 19th year in a row, to be rated among the top design firms in the nation according to two leading architecture/engineering industry magazines from McGraw-Hill Construction.

Engineering News-Record (ENR) currently ranks PSC as 199th in the nation and 23rd for firms headquartered in Texas. The ENR ranking includes engineering and architecture firms as well as construction, planning and environmental firms.

Architectural Record (AR) currently ranks PSC as 98th in the nation and eighth for firms headquartered in Texas. The AR ranking is solely based on a firm's architectural projects.

Joe Rapier, PE, President of PSC, said, "Being recognized as a Top 200 design firm is a testament to the trust instilled in our professional staff by our clients."

Midland International Airport report for June

Enplanements
(people boarding an airplane)
June 2011: 42,963
June 2010: 40,979
Percent difference: 4.8
Year to date: 343,969 (11.1 percent increase from 2009-10)
June 2009 total: 39,618
June 2008: 46,583
Note: This is the 13th straight increase reported by the city.

Total Passengers
June 2011: 83,920
June 2010: 81,425
Percent difference: 3.1
Year to date: 582,419 (10.9 percent increase from 2009-10)

Fuel Sales
(in gallons)
June 2011: 505,182
June 2010: 518,361
Percent decrease: -2.5
Year to date: 4,699,6-4 (14.6 percent increase from 2009-10)
June 2009 total: 430,860
June 2008: 667,207

Parking Revenues
June 2011: $184,459
June 2010: $168,019
Percent difference: 9.8
Year to date: $1,482,534 (13.4 percent increase from 2009-10)
June 2009 total: $158,815
June 2008: $184,239

Source: City of Midland

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If your child is starting kindergarten this Fall, fill out the form below and return it to "KINDERGARTNER PICS" c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701, no later than Friday, August 12, 2011.

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Please enclose a photo of your child (head & shoulders only) suitable for the souvenir edition. Print child's name on back of photo. Do not staple photo to form. Photos will not be returned unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. Photos can be picked up at the Midland Reporter-Telegram until Friday, September 2, 2011. Any unclaimed photos will be destroyed.

McConnell's warning: Don't help re-elect Obama

Congressional leaders meet to discuss looming debt default crisis

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Failure to raise the U.S. debt limit would probably ensure President Barack Obama's re-election in 2012, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell warned fellow conservatives on Wednesday, evidence of deep GOP political divisions on an issue of paramount importance to the nation and its economy.

McConnell spoke before Obama and congressional leaders met privately at the White House for a fourth straight day — they broke up after a little over two hours — struggling to avert an unprecedented government default threatened for Aug. 2.

At the same time, Moody's Investors Service announced it was reviewing the U.S. bond rating for a possible downgrade, a change that could lead to higher interest rates for many Americans. Moody's cited a "rising possibility that the statutory debt limit will not be raised on a timely basis."

At the Capitol, rank-and-file lawmakers advanced their own fallback measures in case the bipartisan compromise talks fail.

One version, authored by Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., was designed to make sure Social Security benefits are paid on time. Another, unveiled by a trio of House conservatives, would give priority to paychecks for members of the armed forces.

"Currently, there is not a single debt limit proposal that can pass the House of Representatives," House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., said in a written statement. He said efforts should focus on "what we can agree upon" rather than Democratic demands for raising taxes or GOP calls to repeal the year-old health care bill.

Without an increase in government borrowing authority by Aug. 2, Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner has said, there could be a default posing a catastrophic risk to the economy.

In a sobering reminder of the stakes, the Treasury Department announced that the federal deficit was on pace to exceed $1 trillion for the third consecutive year, and was likely to top last year's $1.29 trillion.

Moody's released its announcement after the U.S. financial markets had closed for the day, and cited fears of a default on U.S. Treasury debt obligations. Six weeks ago, the firm had announced that a rating review would be likely in mid-July unless there was meaningful progress in negotiations to raise the debt limit.

Associated Press

President Barack Obama smiles as he sits with House Speaker John Boehner, of Ohio, left, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, of Ky., in the Cabinet Room of the White House on Wednesday. Obama met with Congressional leaders to discuss the debt ceiling and the possibility of the nation defaulting on its debt.

Some in GOP doubt default would be catastrophic

WASHINGTON — Some congressional conservatives are discounting their own leaders' claim that defaulting on the nation's debt would be disastrous.

GOP presidential hopeful Michele Bachmann was one of three House members Wednesday who proposed a bill to guarantee military personnel and others would get paid if President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans cannot agree to raise the nation's debt limit by Aug. 2. It wasn't clear that any leaders supported the bill.

Iowa Rep. Steve King said "Excuse me for trying to lead," using Speaker John Boehner's words to Obama during the tense talks.

They were pushing back on claims by Obama, Boehner and others that default could destabilize the national and global economies.

Associated Press

Boehner: No one wants default, would be crapshoot

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker John Boehner said Wednesday that no one wants to see the nation go into government default as the White House and lawmakers scramble to find a deal to avoid that.

The Obama administration says the government will not be able to pay its obligations if Congress does not raise the nation's $14.3 trillion borrowing limit by Aug. 2. President Barack Obama and Boehner, R-Ohio, have both spoken about the importance of avoiding that scenario.

Yet while the White House insists Congress will ultimately vote to raise the debt limit regardless of whether an accompanying deal comes together to slash the deficit, House Republicans say no such bill can pass unless it includes commensurate spending cuts.

Asked whether House Republicans will ultimately vote to raise the debt ceiling regardless, should it come down to the deadline, Boehner said: "Nobody wants to go there because nobody knows what's going to happen. It's a crapshoot."

His office said that Boehner meant going into default would be a crapshoot and that it should be avoided.

In comments to a small group of reporters in his office, Boehner said he has not been able to get commitments from the president and his White House team about cutting big entitlement programs.

He said that "dealing with them the last couple months has been like dealing with Jell-O."

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assemble and pray and we will win," he said.

Perry invited the Obama administration, the nation's governors and Texas lawmakers to attend the event.

"Given the trials that beset our nation and world, from the global economic downturn to natural disasters, the lingering danger of terrorism and continued debasement of our culture, I believe it is time to convene the leaders from each of our United States in a day of prayer and fasting, like that described in the book of Joel," Perry said in his open invitation to attend the event.

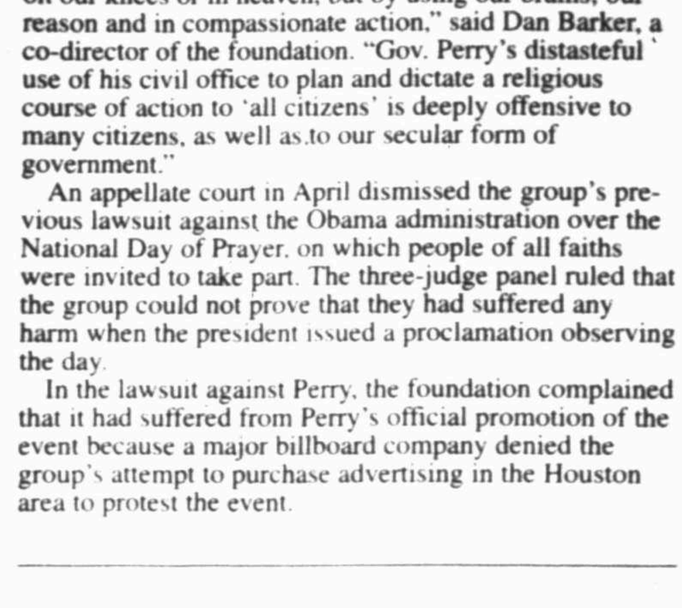
The event is being sponsored by several evangelical Christian groups, including the American Family Association, which has been criticized by civil rights groups for promoting anti-homosexual and anti-Islamic positions on the roughly 200 radio stations it operates.

The foundation said it does not oppose politicians taking part in religious services, but that Perry crossed a line by initiating the event, using his position as governor to endorse and promote it and by using his official website to link to the organizer's website. The plaintiffs also contend that Perry's use of Texas' official state seal to endorse the event and his plans to issue an official proclamation violate the Constitution.

"The answers for America's problems won't be found on our knees or in heaven, but by using our brains, our reason and in compassionate action," said Dan Barker, a co-director of the foundation. "Gov. Perry's distasteful use of his civil office to plan and dictate a religious course of action to 'all citizens' is deeply offensive to many citizens, as well as to our secular form of government."

An appellate court in April dismissed the group's previous lawsuit against the Obama administration over the National Day of Prayer, on which people of all faiths were invited to take part. The three-judge panel ruled that the group could not prove that they had suffered any harm when the president issued a proclamation observing the day.

In the lawsuit against Perry, the foundation complained that it had suffered from Perry's official promotion of the event because a major billboard company denied the group's attempt to purchase advertising in the Houston area to protest the event.



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also must watch for dehydration in their animals and should regularly check on the quality of water from stock tanks cattle use.

"They're all interrelated," McCollum said.

Cattle will drink out of tanks where water quality suffers from high concentrations of salt, nitrates and other organic materials, but they're taking in less water because of the mix. Either the animal cannot or will not consume enough water when the water quality drops.

"Water quality can indirectly affect performance and health by reducing water consumption which exacerbates heat stress and can lead to water intoxication once cattle locate or can access palatable water."

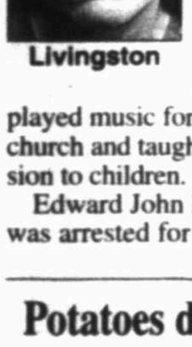
Also, hot, sunny days can warm stagnant water and produce blue-green algae blooms, some species of which are toxic. Ingesting the algae or the toxins from them can be fatal. The dead animals are usually found close to the watering site.

The situation isn't likely to improve anytime soon. Weather forecasters predict the drought in Texas won't diminish until at least the end of September. Ranchers, many of whom are culling their herds, are either providing supplemental fed to their cattle or taking them to other states to graze.

Sex offender arrested, allegedly volunteered with children at church

From staff reports

The Midland County Sheriff's Department turned over a recently arrested sex offender to the U.S. Marshal's Office on Wednesday afternoon who allegedly played music for a Midland church and taught percussion to children.


Livingston

Edward John Livingston was arrested for a California warrant because he failed to continue to register as a sex offender.

Deputies and marshals arrested Livingston about 5:45 p.m. Tuesday. He was released to the federal agency around 8 p.m. Wednesday. Sheriff Gary Painter wrote in an email to the Reporter-Telegram Wednesday evening.

The U.S. marshals were unable to comment further on the investigation and the name of the church Livingston allegedly volunteered at was not immediately available at press time Wednesday night.

Potatoes donated to needy after crash

Associated Press

MILFORD, Del. — Potatoes that spilled from a tractor-trailer after a crash with a freight train are now being used to feed needy families in Delaware.

The crash occurred Sunday on U.S. 13 in Milford. On Monday morning, the Department of Transportation emailed the Food Bank of Delaware and asked if it could use a dump truck full of potatoes, and the food bank immediately accepted.

Food bank spokeswoman Kim Kostes said volunteers sorted through the potatoes to remove the damaged ones. She says bags of potatoes will be offered to the food bank's 440 hunger relief program partners statewide.

Samuel Frymoyer, the driver of the tractor-trailer, said it's "awesome" that the potatoes are going to people in need.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Dewaine White, at podium, president of the board for CASA of West Texas, thanks the Permian Basin Area Foundation Thursday for the grant money CASA received.

GRANTS

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will use its funding to help pay for some of the reconstruction taking place at the park's fossil bone exhibit.

"We feel like it will be a big draw for families," said board member Chris Thompson.

McCrary said the foundation has been working to have a bigger impact in rural West Texas through places like Big Bend or Snyder while still helping organizations in Midland, Odessa and Big Spring.

When the foundation began in 1989, it had assets of less than $500,000, he said. Today, its assets exceed $68 million and it has granted more than $35.2 million in scholarships and nonprofit awards.

"The basic fundamental business we're in is to create partnerships with donors and make grants that are designed to enhance the quality of life in West Texas," McCrary said.

He said they receive an average of 30 funding applications during each cycle. The next round of grant requests are due Oct. 1.

At New Horizons, Larry Fitzgerald said any support is a great help in their efforts to provide psychological treatment to kids who've been abused.

He talked of one pre-school age boy who was brought to their center wrapped in a towel, having nothing but underwear to his name. With the money provided by the foundation, Fitzgerald said they'll be able to buy basic supplies like clothing to provide to children.

"It is essential that we break what is called the abuse cycle," he said.

Barber said in Sterling County they'll be using the funds to buy industrial kitchen equipment to prepare Meals-on-Wheels for area citizens.

"It's a very valuable service," she said.

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

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latest drought news.

The federal government usually takes the lead on disaster aid, after a request from the state, and this drought is no exception. Last month the Department of Agriculture declared nearly all Texas counties disaster areas so farmers and ranchers statewide can apply for low-interest loans for relief. The federal government also has relaxed some requirements of the Conservation Reserve Program, a system designed to prevent another Dust Bowl, to make it possible for farmers with land in the program to use their fields to make hay (which is in short supply). The feds also have provided some emergency relief for wildfires, including for small businesses.

The state takes on some tasks. A group called the Texas Drought Preparedness Council, consisting of multiple state agencies, meets regularly under the auspices of the Department of Public Safety and tries to improve drought-response coordination. It issues a monthly report on conditions. The next meeting is today.

The Texas Department of Agriculture operates a "hay hotline," which helps ranchers find hay in their area. It also is administering a fund, consisting of donations from private individuals or companies, to help ranchers rebuild their fences after the wildfires.

And, of course, the state takes the lead in fighting wildfires, via the Texas Forest Service. "The state response to the fires has been fairly comprehensive," says state Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo.

But most of the power for drought response resides with local and regional authorities, such as groundwater groups that manage particular aquifers or cities. Counties also are responsible for issuing burn bans.

"In a practical sense, drought plans are implemented at a local level," says Chris Brown, executive director of the California Urban Water Conservation Council and a former San Antonio water expert. In Texas, he said water is rarely moved around the state — in contrast to California, where much of the state relies on the Sierra Nevada mountains for its water supply and an aqueduct system allows for statewide transfers of water.

Partly because of the relative powerlessness of the state, the consensus of political observers is that the drought is unlikely to cause a political problem for Perry, even if he campaigns around the country while Texas continues to dry out. "This drought would be going on whether he was in Texas or Hong Kong," Seliger says. "That's not the point."

Historically, however, during the worst drought in recorded Texas history — the 1950s — the governor, Allan Shivers, did take a prominent role in working to get more aid flowing to stricken areas.

"I think you can be assured that we are going to do everything we can on the state level," Shivers said, speaking about the drought to county judges in 1954. A few weeks later, Shivers joined governors of four other Southwestern states in journeying to Washington to ask President Eisenhower (who had convened the conference) for drought aid, including more loans for farmers and small businesses, and firmer price supports for struggling farmers. (Interestingly, Shivers also sought to build more roads and bridges at the time in drought-stricken areas, to create more jobs.)

Some climatologists worry the current drought cycle could rival that of the 1950s. Still, however, the human impact back then was greater. People were poorer in the 1950s, and far more lived in rural Texas and depended solely on the land.

The 1950s drought also spurred the Texas Legislature to create the Texas Water Development Board, in 1957. Ken Kramer, director of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, said other droughts have spurred state action too. For example, he said the current regional planning process put in place by the Legislature in 1997 was partly in response to a drought the previous year.

Kramer and other environmentalists wish this drought would spur stronger conservation measures. In many cities conservation remains voluntary — such as Amarillo, which (as of late June) had had its lowest rainfall totals for the year to date in recorded history.

"Conservation needs to be taken much more seriously," says Mary Kelly, who runs an Austin environmental consulting firm called Parula.

Kramer wishes drought plans would take account of the meteorological forecast, as well as the current status of water supplies. The near-term forecast is bleak through at least early fall, and now meteorologists are suggesting La Niña, a Pacific current that is a major cause of this drought, could return in the fall. With no relief in sight, Kramer says watering restrictions in Austin should already be cut to one day a week (residents can currently water two days a week).

At the end of the day, however, there is one overarching solution: the weather.

"Really what everyone's doing," says Carmen Fenton, a spokeswoman for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, "is praying for rain."

Zoo uses fake eggs so mama flamingoes rest

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio zoo is using artificial eggs to fool its mother flamingoes, so they don't wear themselves out.

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium has found eggs laid by its female flamingoes are most likely to hatch if they're put in an incubator.

But the Columbus Dispatch reports that when eggs are taken away, the mothers may keep laying replacements.

Zoo assistant curator Carrie Pratt tells the newspaper it can be taxing to continue to lay eggs. To get the females to stop producing, the zoo gives them fake eggs made of wood or plaster.

The zoo just welcomed its latest incubated chicks — three that were hatched less than a week ago.

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NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Government agency vote means lower lead in toys

The amount of lead allowed in toys and other children's products sold in the U.S. soon will be reduced to one of the lowest limits in the world. The move was praised by consumer advocates but denounced by critics worried about job losses and shuttered businesses.

In a 3-2 vote split along party lines, the Consumer Product Safety Commission cleared the way Wednesday for the limit to be lowered next month so that most products intended for children 12 and under will move from being about 99.97 percent lead free to 99.99 percent lead free.

Proponents say there's no known safe level of lead, which can cause irreversible brain damage, learning disabilities and other problems such as aggressive behavior.

The Republicans on the commission, Nancy Nord and Anne Northup, criticized the decision — saying the amount of allowable lead already is very low, essentially trace levels.

They said the commission failed to undertake a solid review of whether all manufacturers, especially smaller domestic businesses, can make their products with the lower-lead level plastics, steel and other materials required as part of the new standard. Those materials are often more expensive, and the Republicans argued they may not be commercially available to all manufacturers.

NORTH CAROLINA

Army suspends use of new parachute

RALEIGH — The Army is suspending use of its first new parachute since the 1950s after a paratrooper was killed while jumping with the updated model, which features a square-shaped canopy resembling a huge fitted bedsheet.

The T-11 parachute has been gradually replacing an older, mushroom-shaped design that has remained largely unchanged for more than five decades. The new parachute is supposed to be safer and more reliable because it has a larger canopy to slow a soldier's rate of descent and reduce injuries from hard landings.

The suspension announced Friday came about two weeks after Staff Sgt. Jamal Clay, 25, of Elida, Ohio, died at Fort Bragg following an apparent parachute malfunction during a routine training jump from 800 feet, a typical altitude simulating combat conditions.

After Clay's death, investigators identified problems with the packing process for the parachutes that resulted in tangled loops, twists in the top of the canopy and improper folds that could hamper the chute's operation.

"The observations are significant and pervasive enough to indicate potential systemic shortfalls," according to the Army order suspending use of the T-11.

Path appears clear for oil pipeline from Canada

By Neela Banerjee
McClatchy News Service

WASHINGTON — At a town hall meeting in Pennsylvania in early April, President Barack Obama was asked about a bitter fight between industry and environmentalists over a proposed $7 billion, 2,000-mile pipeline to ship crude from Alberta's oil sands to Gulf Coast refineries.

Because the pipeline crosses the U.S.-Canadian border, a decision on a permit is pending at the State Department. Obama avowed neutrality: "If it looks like I'm putting my fingers on the scale before the science is done, then people may question the merits of the decision later on."

But a 2009 cable from the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa suggests the scale may already have been tipped.

The cable, obtained by WikiLeaks, describes the State Department's then-energy envoy, David Goldwyn, as having "alleviated" Canadian officials' concerns about getting their crude into the U.S. It also said he had instructed them in improving "oil sands messaging," including "increasing visibility and accessibility of more positive news stories."

Goldwyn now works on Canadian oil sands issues at Sutherland, a Washington lobbying firm, and recently testified before Congress in favor of building the 36-inch underground pipeline, Keystone XL.

Environmentalists and industry experts say the cable is among several examples from unguarded moments and public documents that signal the administration's willingness to push ahead with the controversial pipeline, even as its agencies conduct environmental and economic reviews.

In October, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told a San Francisco audience that her department was "inclined" to "sign off" on the Keystone XL permit, a statement her staff quickly backed away from.

"No decision's been made on the pipeline," said Daniel Clune, principal deputy assistant secretary for the State Department's Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental, and Scientific Affairs.

"There is no tipping of the scale," Clune said recently. "In terms of the secretary's comments, she said there were energy security considerations that could make one inclined to permit the pipeline, but she also noted that there are many factors to balance."

The State Department has completed two environmental impact statements on the pipeline with the help of Cardno Entrix, a private environmental consulting firm that has said its biggest clients include TransCanada Corp., the owner of the Keystone pipeline system, whose current routes extend from Hardisty, Alberta, to Oklahoma and Illinois.

Cardno Entrix gained national attention last year as the environmental consultant for BP after the Deepwater Horizon disaster. The Environmental Protection Agency has criticized the resulting assessments as fundamentally flawed.

"What we've seen from the State Department recently are sloppy reports, inadequate investigations and a total disregard for the dozen accidents that occurred" in the existing Keystone I pipeline, said Michael Brune, executive director of the Sierra Club. "If the president doesn't stand up, all signs point to an agency that is simply going through the motions before giving its approval."

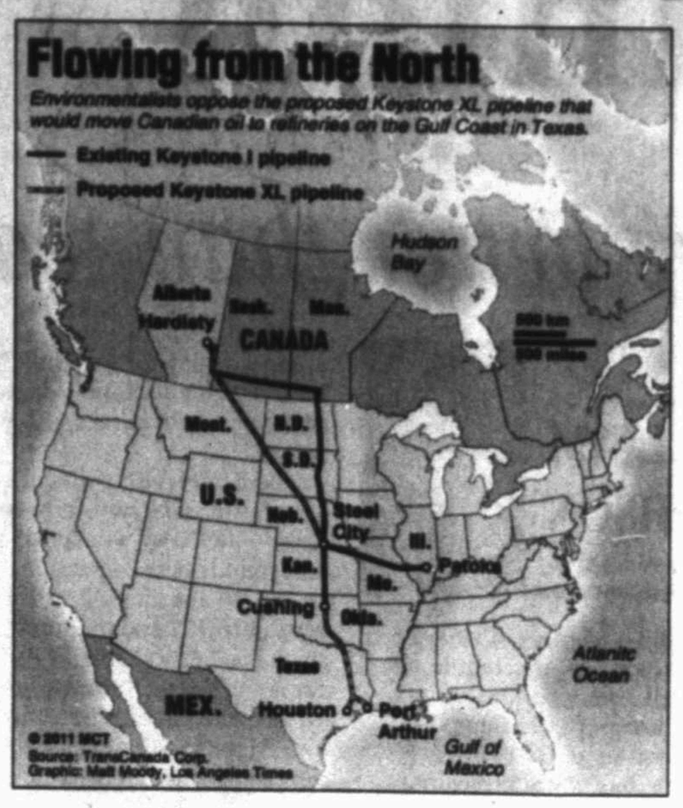
Yet pressure to approve the Keystone XL addition is high. Its supporters in Congress and industry — it also has the support of the AFL-CIO and Teamsters union — estimate that it would create more than 300,000 American jobs, reduce dependence on crude oil from unstable or hostile governments and push down gasoline prices.

"All Americans would rather receive U.S. and Canadian oil from Keystone rather than conflict oil from (Libya's) Moammar Gadhafi or (Venezuela's) Hugo Chavez," Alex Pourbaix, TransCanada's president of energy and oil pipelines, said recently in Montana.

But environmental groups across Canada and the U.S. contend that building the 700,000-barrel-a-day pipeline would lead to ruinous mining and greater air and water pollution.

The oil Keystone XL would carry from Alberta is mined from soil rich in a tarlike petroleum called bitumen and refined to separate the heavy crude. The high-energy demand of mining and refining bitumen has increased greenhouse gas emissions, polluted water sources and harmed the region's boreal forests, environmentalists say. Critics also point to testimony in which TransCanada officials told Canadian regulators the pipeline would drive gasoline prices in the Midwest higher, not lower.

Keystone XL would thread through the vast Ogallala aquifer, the main drinking water source for the U.S. Midwest. The Keystone I system has had a dozen leaks in the last year, stoking fears of a spill in the aquifer from the new pipeline.



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Don't we deserve better than 'eating our peas'?

■ Will Obama provide the leadership to create a long-term solution to the spending problem?

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Creators Sundicate

"This is part of the problem with a political process where folks are rewarded for saying irresponsible things to win elections."

No! Couldn't be! Saying things like "hope and change"? And now — so as to strike the pose of adult calm amid riotous kids -- "Pull off the Band-Aid. Eat our peas. Now is the time to do it."

President Obama's inability to rise above the silly and superficial — in tribute perhaps to the silliness and superficiality he apparently attributes to the voters — is one reason silly, superficial press conferences dominate the news about the debt ceiling. You know — like the one Monday during which Obama, striving to look and sound like an authority figure, urged attention to a problem he and the Democratic leadership of Congress mostly helped shape over the past two years.

It would be, well, silly and superficial to imply Republicans, like the "Captain of the Pinafore," never overspend the resources entrusted to them. The raising of federal debt ceilings is an exercise occasioned by the reluctance, inherent in all politicians, to tell voters no: the *real* parental stuff. "Irresponsible things" do get said at election time. By many.

Rarely, though, has any administration been so disconnected from reality as is the one now lecturing us. Who strong-armed through Congress a health insurance measure on the supposition that somehow we, the taxpayers, will cough up the hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of billions necessary to pay for it forever? As everyone and his dog knows, the Affordable Care Act was the Obama administration's bright idea.

Ironically, the president plans next year, while seeking re-election, to pat himself enthusiastically on the back for winning passage of the very measure that makes control of federal spending so devilishly hard. Having told us to eat our peas, he plans next to remind us how good they tasted.

The democratic political process is a wonderful thing until it becomes — like now — not very wonderful at all. A little foresight is necessary to make it work. A little care and caution. A little civilized restraint. Of these treasured commodities, none has been visible in American politics for some years. If the Bush administration went overboard with creation of an expensive Medicare prescription program, the new president and his helpers dived with glee and gusto into the surrounding sea of red, whooping it up. We didn't have the money to do what they wanted. Bless their hearts, they didn't care. They wanted to do it.

The debt ceiling battle might in retrospect prove a blessing in disguise if it made the participants finally look around them and acknowledge the mess into which their own incaution has dumped them. There does have to be a long-term deal of some sort — one that controls spending, hence the appetite to spend.

The prerequisite to such a deal is of course the kind of leadership to which President Obama seems, ahem, indisposed. He has to look around, say something like, what a mess, we're not doing this anymore, folks! — and mean every syllable of it. He won't otherwise get much help from particular Republicans whose virtue, when it comes to spending, is no greater than his own: in some cases, maybe less.

Virtue is the hardest act to pull off in electoral politics, hence the rarest. The Constitution presupposes it without requiring its performance. Of the presidential office, Hamilton says in "The Federalist Papers," No. 68: "It will not be too strong to say that there will be a constant probability of seeing the station filled by characters pre-eminent for ability and virtue." From presidents, we expect more than little lectures about pulling off the Band-Aid when it's time. We expect hard work and ideas.

"Let's do it, quoth the president. Do what? Most of all, do it how? Obama's gift for snappy injunctions — the kind he deplores even while issuing them — looks like his highest talent: the one that got him where he is. And us along with him. Sigh.

OUR VIEW

Easy to support discipline; assault? Not so much

Like many West Texans we were surprised by the headline "Mother charged in spanking."

Seriously?

Indeed, the Odessa American reported this past weekend that a 30-year-old Odessa woman was charged with injury to a child, a third-degree felony, after police said her 11-year-old son reported she spanked him with a belt.

It became quite the conversation starter. How could law enforcement arrest someone for disciplining their child? That's not right.

Of course, the devil can be in the details. It wasn't just that this woman was arrested for disciplining her child or spanking her child. It was that this woman crossed the line. In fact, according to the Odessa American, "an arrest warrant affidavit stated Child Protective Services was investigating a case in early April and contacted Odessa police officer Mike Troglin. In the afridavit, the boy claimed his mother had spanked him at home with a belt for misbehaving at school, which had left "noticeable bruises to his leg, lower back, shoulder and left forearm."

We understand the need to discipline. We understand the Bible says "spare the rod and spoil the child." It was reported that according to section 9.61 of the Texas Penal Code, a parent still can perform physical discipline if the parent "reasonably believes the force is necessary to discipline the child or to safeguard or promote his welfare."

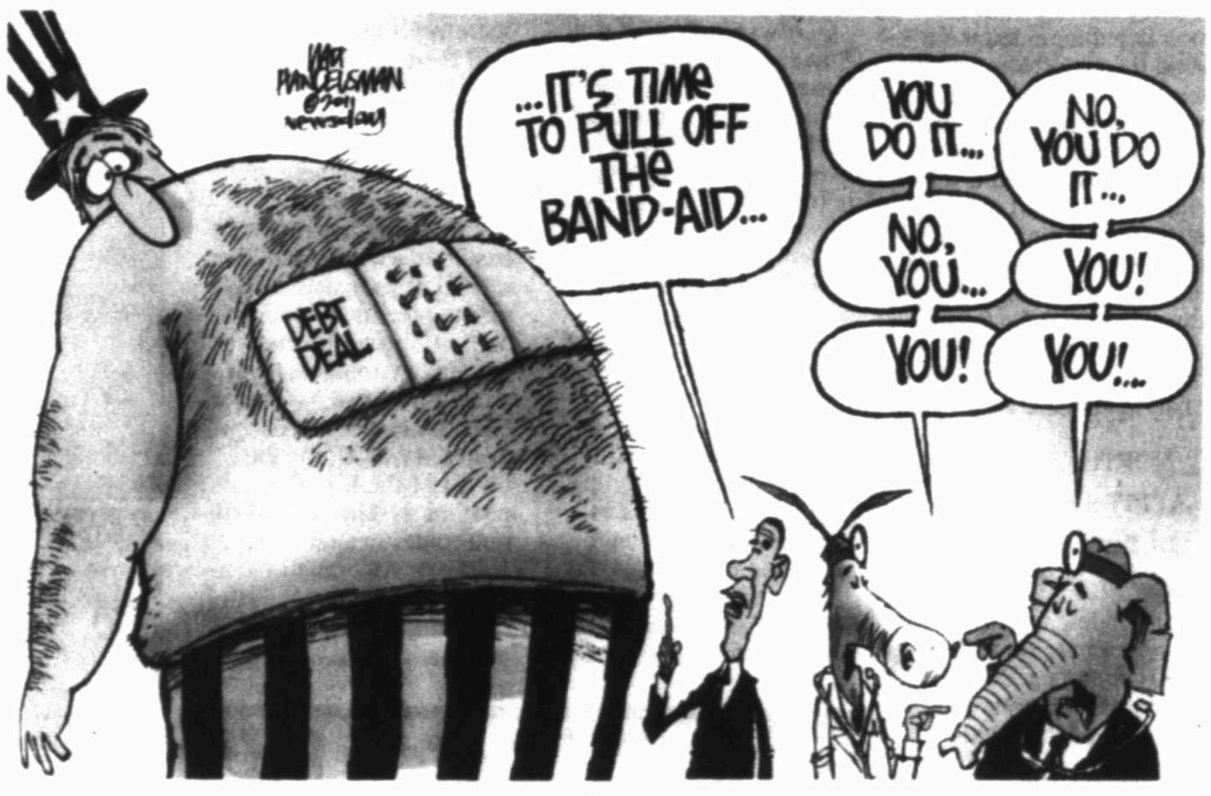
There is no confusion here.

What we don't get is "bruises to the leg, lower back, shoulder and left foreman." At some point parenting was thrown out the window and discipline turned into assault.

Yes, "adults have to control the force they used when disciplining a child," as an Odessa Police Department spokesperson told the Odessa American.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said it well when he added, "there can be no serious damage to the child. That's when it becomes abuse."

We would add if a child's action got to the point where a parent felt the need to go beyond what is proper discipline, their attempts at proper parenting are a day late and a dollar short.



Cantor's slick upper lip gets workout

■ The Republican power player has been consistent in his denunciation of tax increases during debt ceiling negotiations.

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

Eric Cantor has perfected the strategic sneer. It comes, frequently, when he answers a reporter's question about something President Obama has said: The House majority leader's lip curls up on the left side and a look of disgust washes over his face. This week, he has been coupling the sneer with lines such as:

"How in the world can you even accept that notion?"

And, "That is laughable on its face."

And, "That doesn't make sense. ... That again is just nonsensical."

And, "Come on — let us think about this."

Cantor, who is establishing himself as the lead GOP negotiator with the White House as the Aug. 2 default deadline approaches, is answering calls for compromise with contempt. To Obama's complaint that the wealthy are not sharing in the budget sacrifice, he scoffed: "There is plenty of so-called shared sacrifice." Asked about Obama's belief that people like him should pay more in taxes, Cantor retorts: "You know what? He can write a check any time he wants."

He draws out the vowels in a style that is part southern, part smarty-pants. Had young Cantor spoken like this at his prep school in Richmond, the bigger boys may well have wiped that sneer off his face. Yet even then, Cantor was accustomed to having things his way. According to his hometown Richmond Times-Dispatch, the quotation he chose to accompany his yearbook photo was "I want what I want when I want it."

What Cantor wants now is power — and he is prepared to risk the full faith and credit of the United States to get it. In a primacy struggle with House Speaker John Boehner, he has done a deft job of aligning himself with tea party House members in opposition to any meaningful deal to resolve the debt.

He pulled out of debt-limit talks with Vice President Biden. He shot down the outline of a compromise that Boehner attempted to negotiate. Now Cantor essentially has taken over talks with the White House, and he has tamped down any hint of conciliation.

On Monday, Boehner hinted he could accept a tax-reform deal that brought "additional revenues to the federal government" — and his spokesman confirmed the proposal would be "scored" by the Congressional Budget Office as increasing tax revenue. But Cantor was having none of it: "We are not raising taxes, so it has to be net revenue neutral."

Cantor's aides say he merely is reflecting his caucus. But Cantor, a veteran of a decade in the Capitol, surely knows he is jettisoning the last chance in the next couple of years to make a serious dent in the national debt. The White House so far has offered a tantalizing array of concessions — $4 trillion in deficit reduction and overhauls of Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security — but Cantor has yet to offer anything but sneers.

He flashed the trademark facial expression even before taking his seat at a Monday news conference. Asked whether he would offer any concessions, Cantor responded by saying the cuts he demanded from the White House were in fact concessions by him, too. "Nobody relishes the opportunity to go and cut these programs," said the creator of the YouCut website that made budget-cutting into an online game. Cantor further said it was a concession merely to avoid a government default.

The search for a Cantor concession continued. "In terms of shared sacrifice across the country, do you see that one as necessary?"

Cantor swung his arm over his chair back and raised his upper lip. "I think behind this notion of 'We want shared sacrifice' that they continue to say means, 'We want to raise taxes,'" he said.

Claiming there have been "concessions made already" by his side, Cantor was pressed to name some of them. "I don't want to get into the specifics now," he said.

Leaving a House Republican caucus meeting Tuesday morning, Cantor approached the microphones, flashed the cameras a good-morning sneer and demanded to know "why in the world" Obama wants to increase taxes.

NBC's Luke Russert asked what "sacred cows" Cantor would be willing to sacrifice. Cantor repeated his denunciation of Obama's tax policy.

"Where do the Republicans feel pain here, though?" Russert persisted.

After a long and contemptuous day, the majority leader probably feels it most in his upper lip.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

weekdays

Columnist gets spanking issue right

All citizens for sanity will want to thank Shanna Sissom for her editorial Tuesday regarding the value of corporal punishment. No doubt there will be an outspoken minority who will express disdain, so allow me to quickly jump on the wagon of appreciation with this letter of support.

For too long now, the nuts have been telling us spanking is a violent act that teaches more violence. The history of our nation stands against them. Arguably one of the most spanked generations in our nation's history was the generation Tom Brokaw called "The Greatest Generation," while the least spanked generation (the present generation) appears to be the most violent. When parents discipline judiciously on the front end by spanking the back end, they'll nip in the bud both the bad behavior and their growing anger. Time will tell, but I suspect we'll eventually discover (if we don't give in to the insanity too soon) that more judicious spanking will result in less abuse.

For those of us who are Christians and believe the Bible is the Word of God, spanking comes with a divine mandate. So let me go on record as saying parents should always discipline when they are angry, otherwise they won't be motivated to undertake the hard work of doing it well. If their anger is out of control, of course they should wait long enough to cool down, but let's stop being stupid and do what is right for our families, our schools, our societies and our nation.

Thanks Shanna. Keep up the good work!

the Rev. Larry L. Long

Do something constructive with Mervyns building

1. Leave the library where it is.
2. Expand the branch library.
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Why should Midlanders have to drive 40 miles round trip to Odessa to go ice skating and leave our money with them? Can someone answer this question?

Myrna Canady

It's no longer prestigious to have green lawn

It's simple arithmetic.

Before the drought or dry spell in Midland, it was very prestigious to have a lush and green lawn. Now if you are a good, obeying citizen it should be just in reverse.

It is obvious to see who the cheaters are. Watch out, big brother may be looking unless the lawn is painted green.

Let's all pray for rain.

Peter Ditlev

Letters to the editor run Sundays on 11A and Wednesdays and Thursdays on 6A in the Reporter-Telegram. Submit letters via e-mail to letters@mrt.com or via fax to 570-7650. Letters must include name, phone number and address and are limited to 350 words.

DOONESBURY By Garry Trudeau

Fla. lawsuit: Can doctors ask patients about guns?

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

MIAMI — Doctors in Florida are fighting a first-of-its-kind law requiring them to have a legitimate safety concern before they start asking a patient about guns.

The physicians contend the new law is too broad and they should be free to ask patients and parents about firearms in the house to make sure people know how to keep them safely locked away. Doctors routinely offer similar advice about other household risks, from the dangers of tobacco use to swimming pools.

Gun rights supporters who pushed for the new law believe questions about gun ownership are an invasion of privacy and say some people have been dropped by doctors simply because they refused to talk about firearms.

The law, signed by Republican Gov. Rick Scott, took effect June 2. It forbids doctors from inquiring about guns unless the information is "relevant to a patient's medical care or safety, or the safety of others."

Doctors' groups representing about 11,000 physicians in Florida immediately sued, calling on a federal judge to block the law. They say the law is already having a chilling effect on meaningful conversations about firearms with patients, which professional medical organizations have for years advocated as good practice. Many patient questionnaires ask about gun ownership.

"Making sure patients understand the risks around them is a critical part of a doctor's mission," Douglas Hallward-Driemeier, an attorney for the physicians' said Wednesday during a court hearing on the lawsuit.

U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke didn't issue a ruling but asked skeptical questions of the doctors.

"What's relevant about asking about my gun when I came in with a cold?" said Cooke, a 2004 appointee of President George W. Bush. "Maybe it's the other way around. Maybe the questionnaire is overbroad and not the statute."

The judge noted the law allowed for exceptions. People with mental health problems, for example, could be asked about owning guns.

The Florida attorney general's office says doctors are misreading the law. They argue it protects patients from discrimination or harassment and reaffirms a patient's right to refuse to answer. It also prohibits doctors from dropping patients because they own a gun.

The issue found its way to the GOP-controlled Florida Legislature after what is known as the "Ocala incident" took place in 2010, according to the state's response to the lawsuit. In that instance, a young mother was dropped from a doctor's practice solely because she refused to answer questions about firearm ownership. Similar cases came to light as lawmakers debated the measure.

Ala. churches lead opposition to immigration law

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — For some believers and church leaders, opposing Alabama's toughest-in-the-nation law against illegal immigration is a chance for Bible Belt redemption.

During the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s, many state churches didn't join the fight to end Jim Crow laws and racial segregation. Some cross-burning Ku Klux Klan members took off their hoods and sat in the pews with everyone else Sunday mornings, and relatively few white congregations actively opposed segregation. Some black churches were hesitant to get involved for fear of white backlash.

Now that Alabama has passed what's widely considered the nation's most restrictive state law against illegal immigration, mainstream churches, faith-based organizations and individual members are leading opposition to the act. Some see their involvement as a way to avoid repeating mistakes of the past.

"I think what happened in the '60s may be a stimulus for the action that you have seen many of the churches taking on this," said Chriss H. Doss, an attorney and ordained Southern Baptist minister.

Matt Lacey, pastor of a United Methodist church once attended by Birmingham's infamous segregationist police commissioner Eugene "Bull" Connor, said there are all sorts of reasons Alabama Christians are opposed to the law. Making amends for the past inaction of religious groups is among them, he said.

"For me, as pastor of a church that was engaged in that battle, it is very important," said Lacey. "If we take redemption very seriously, then it not only covers our sins but our past actions as a church. I think for some, there is a tendency to want to be on the side of right on this issue. ... I would like to think the church just wants to do what's right."

At 56, the Rev. Al Garrett is old enough to recall some faith communities sitting on the sidelines during the civil rights movement. Garrett, who helped organize a prayer rally that drew a few hundred people Sunday night in Huntsville, said the difference now is uplifting.

"I've thanked God that I've been here to see the way people of faith are taking a stand on this," he said.

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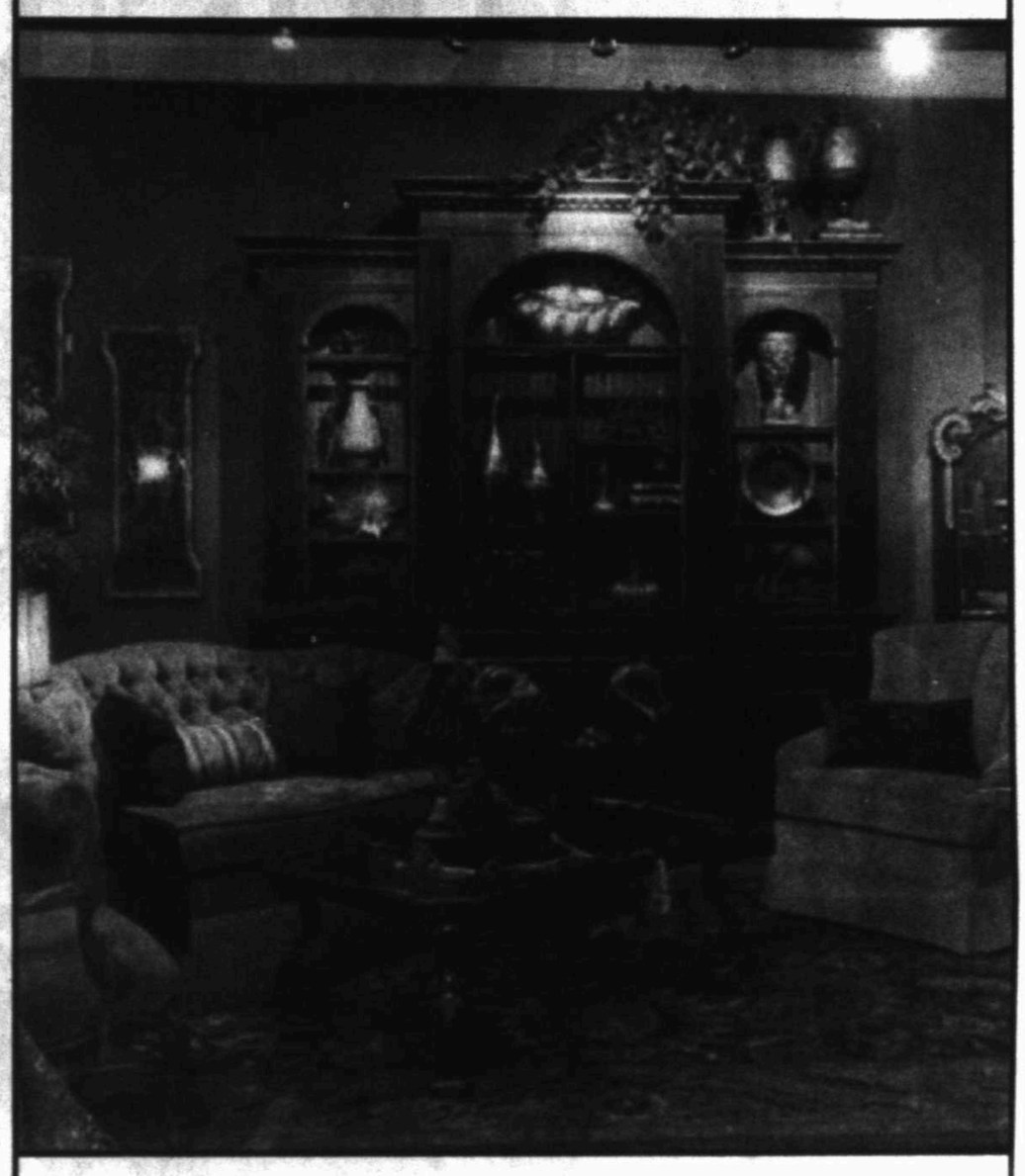

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Netflix price hike angers users; some drop plan

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO— Some Netflix customers called it a slap in the face. Others a betrayal. Many threatened to drop the movie service.

On Wednesday, many of them vented on Twitter, Facebook and elsewhere, seething over Netflix Inc.'s decision to raise its prices by up to 60 percent for the millions of subscribers who want to rent DVDs by mail and watch movies online.

"I can definitely afford it, but I dropped them on principle," said Joe Turick, a technology engineer in Monroe, N.C., who has been with Netflix for about a decade, cancelled his subscription within an hour of learning of Tuesday's price changes and plans to try competitors.

By Wednesday afternoon, more than 40,000 people had responded to a post on Netflix's Facebook page announcing the change, with some saying they would switch to rivals such as Hulu.com's paid service and to Redbox's DVD-rental kiosks.

Outrage bubbled on Twitter and on Netflix's blog a posting about the new plans had garnered 5,000 comments — the limit allowed by the site's host, Google Inc.-owned Blogger — which included many seething customers.

Netflix said company officials expected the intense reaction.

"Everything Netflix does is with extensive research and testing and analysis, so we expected some people to be disappointed," company spokesman Steve Swasey said.

While thousands complained, with 22.8 million customers in the U.S., it's clear that plenty of them are not upset about the change.

In online postings, a number of users concluded that, even at the higher price, Netflix is still a better deal than competitors.

On Tuesday, the company said it was splitting up its two services, which means that subscribers who want both streaming video and DVD-by-mail access will have to get separate plans that cost at least $16 per month total.

Netflix had been offering both services as a single package that was available for as little as $10 per month. The price changes took effect immediately for new subscribers, and will begin Sept. 1 for current Netflix customers.

Netflix isn't changing the $8 monthly price for an Internet streaming-only option.

However, instead of charging $2 more for a plan that also offers one DVD at a time by mail, the company will charge $8 for a comparable DVD-only plan. That brings the total to $16 for customers who want both services.

Customers who want to rent up to two DVDs at a time with streaming will pay $20 per month, or 33 percent more. Those wanting three DVDs at a time with streaming will pay $24 per month, or 20 percent more.

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Local & State

New trucking program raises questions

■ Republicans around Texas see U.S.-Mexico agreement as good for businesses.

By Julian Aguilar
Texas Tribune

Some Texas Republicans are embracing a cross-border trucking agreement between the U.S. and Mexico that labor unions worry could kill jobs and drastically reduce border security.

The binational agreement would end a years-long standoff between the two countries by recognizing an original provision of the North American Free Trade Agreement that allows U.S. and Mexican tractor-trailers to travel beyond the current 20- to 25-mile limits. Critics of the move, primarily labor unions, blasted the decision, saying it would cost jobs and enable the expansion of the nefarious enterprises that have Mexico in the throes of a violent turf war.

But free-trade advocates and some Texas lawmakers and public officials, including Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, welcome the agreement as a boon for U.S. businesses, including those in Texas. "Trade equals jobs, and this agreement to reduce the trade tariffs on U.S. and Texas products entering Mexico will help level the playing field and remove the unfair burden placed on the backs of our hardworking farmers and ranchers," Staples said after last week's agreement was announced.

The Mexican government agreed to suspend tariffs it imposed on U.S. goods in 2009 after the Obama administration defunded a pilot program that had allowed cross-border trucking. The fees applied to about $190 million in Texas agricultural products, according to Staples' office.

Staples is no fan of Obama's border security policy — he launched a website featuring testimonials and news clips he says prove ranchers and farmers along the Rio Grande are in danger and largely unprotected — but the trucking agreement has nothing to do with safety, he said. Eliminating tariffs and creating jobs by moving the trucking agreement forward should not be conflated with the violence on the border — or with the president's policies, Staples said.

"The president's failure to provide safety to innocent Americans being terrorized on Texas land by violent drug

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Accident on Midkiff

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Midland traffic officers work an accident that involved a police patrol car Wednesday afternoon at North Midkiff Road and Sentinel Drive. A 17-year-old woman driving a white Ford Mustang was heading southbound on North Midkiff Road and turned into Officer R. Tobar's patrol cruiser heading northbound. Tobar was on duty and with his wife during the accident. The teen told officers the lane was obstructed and she couldn't see the police car around the other vehicles. Traffic investigators said the teen was cited for failure to yield during a left turn.

Superintendent recognized as best in region

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Retired Grady ISD Superintendent Johnny Tubb was selected as the Region 18 Superintendent of the Year.

Tubb, who served as superintendent for 17 years, was nominated by the Grady ISD and selected by Region 18.

"We always felt that he went above and beyond the call of duty," school board President Brad Tunnell said. "In a small school, they have to wear several different hats at times to get things done, and he was always more than willing to do whatever needed to be done."

He will be recognized Oct. 1 at the Texas Association of School Administrators and Texas Association of School Boards convention in Austin.

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> —BRAD TUNNELL
> Grady school board president

Since becoming superintendent in 1994, Tubb has led the district to 17 exemplary or recognized ratings.

"Grady ISD has been an academically high performing district for many years under his leadership," said John Thomas, Region 18 executive director. "He also did a great job with their facilities and managed the business operations of the district very effectively."

Tubb began working for Grady ISD as a math teacher and coach in 1974. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech University and received his superintendent's certification from Sul Ross State University.

"He has great leadership skills and a real concern for every individual kid," Tunnell said. "He'll do whatever it takes to get them to the point they need to be."

Tubb retired in May and lives in Lubbock with his family. Leandro Gonzales was selected as the new Grady ISD superintendent.

"Mr. Tubb's leadership will be greatly missed in Region 18," Thomas said.

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Education students to learn AVID strategies

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

In hopes of increasing the academic performance of K-12 students, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin is adapting the way teachers are instructed.

This fall, the School of Education will participate in a pilot program that implements AVID strategies into graduate and undergraduate educational methods courses.

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is an elementary through post-secondary college readiness system with the mission of increasing a student's academic performance. It has been available to students in Midland ISD since 2007, Ector County ISD since 2006 and at UTPB since 2009.

AVID teaches a variety of skills including notetaking, organization and time-management. President W. David Watts said UTPB teachers "will have been exposed to those very same strategic elements and components that make AVID a success while working with K-12 students."

Teachers tend to teach the way they were taught, and by having the UTPB faculty teach AVID's methods, it is likely graduates will include those methods in their teaching, said Eileen Friou, national director of AVID postsecondary.

"We always talk about the students coming to college and not being prepared and yet the teachers that are responsible for preparing them for college come from the colleges," Friou said.

Implementing AVID into the coursework for future teachers, school leaders and counselors was a logical step, said Rachel Juarez-Torres, school of education associate dean.

"The long-term goal is to have teachers, counselors and school administrators birthed in the same strategies," Juarez-Torres said.

As a result of the implementation, UTPB sees AVID as a university-wide collaboration. Freshmen take AVID strategies classes, and upper-division teachers reinforce the methods through lecture.

"We have a common mission and a common goal that aligns with the whole university's goal," Juarez-Torres said.

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Kent Crowell: Ready to ride for a cause — again

ED TODD
profile

Anyone who knows Kent Crowell could readily imagine this amiable fellow spinning delightful tales, seemingly without end and with sincerity, while reclining in his rocking chair from the comfort of his front porch.

Instead, he spins tales while joyfully pedaling his bicycle over the flats of West Texas, the up-and-down terrain of the Davis Mountains, the hills and dales of Colorado and the hospitality of Iowa.

In America, bicycling as an avocation may seem esoteric, a relatively rare flair and ambition.

Furthermore, can anyone really appreciate the trials of endurance cycling or marathon running without taking on the rigors?

For Midland's 6-foot-4 Crowell, bicycling and school-teaching are his parallel commitments other than, of course, his marriage.

"My wife (Marla) worries about me," the 54-year-old Crowell says, when he is out cycling the flats, hills and dales or running into headwinds, crosswinds and the weather's elements, especially the blistering heat. Crowell calls it is life-sustaining.

Crowell, in his teenage years on the Texas Gulf Coast, found fulfillment not in athletics but in speech and debate, perhaps his enticement to spin yarns.

"He is encouraging and loquacious," observes fellow bicyclist Peyton Thorn, a congenial "Ramblin' Wreck" Ph.D. chemist from Georgia Tech. "He is a good fellow."

"(Thorn) listens to my stories and laughs at them," Crowell recalls with amusement. "Some people don't laugh at them. Some people don't listen to them."

Crowell took up bicycling about 15 years ago when two of his three older brothers, Max and Steve, lured him into cycling. Brother Jim doesn't bicycle.

In the mid-1990s, he saddled up on an old heavy steel mountain bicycle with knobby tires in the Cactus & Crude MS 150 Bike Ride to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The upcoming weekend ride, which begins this Saturday and was launched as an annual

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Kent Crowell, local biking enthusiast and teacher at Midland's Goddard Junior High School, will take part in this year's Cactus & Crude MS 150 Bike Ride, which begins Saturday.

Obituaries

Billy Ray "Jody" Conaway

Billy Ray "Jody" Conaway – beloved husband, trusted friend, and loving father and grandfather – courageously passed the test of mortal life, and triumphantly entered the joy of eternity on July 9, 2011. Jody was born on June 21, 1928, in Tennessee Valley, Cottle County, Texas, to James Houston and Velma Olyne Pelly Conaway. He grew up in Paducah, Texas, where he fell in love with a little neighbor girl with sparkling eyes, Shirley Ann Blount. After many years of separation, the childhood sweethearts found each other again, and Jody received the best birthday gift of his life, when he and Shirley were married on June 21, 1983.

For more than thirty years, Jody worked for Delta Drilling Company at the Ozona gas processing plant. Jody could fix anything – from the most complex piece of large machinery to the intricate workings of a fine watch – but his real specialty was in lifting and healing human hearts. Jody never met a stranger, and he and Shirley made lifelong friends in every place their adventures took them.

Jody was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His union with Shirley was sealed for eternity in the Dallas LDS Temple. Jody was a Master Mason at Masonic Lodge #747 in Ozona, TX.

Jody was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Ann Conaway; his mother and father; his daughter, Connie Copeland; and his older brother, James G. "Sonny" Conaway. He is survived by his children Bill Underwood and wife, Denise Underwood; Jan Pinborough and husband, Thomas Pinborough; Mary Kay Fryer and husband, James Fryer; and Rosanne Gerrard and husband, Steven Gerrard; and son-in-law, Michael Copeland and Gary. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Brooke, Buck, and Kate Underwood, Elizabeth and Christianna Pinborough, and Calvin and Hillary Marquardson.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, 2011, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 14, 2011, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints/Gateway. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

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Charles "Chuck" Daniel Meador, Jr.

Charles "Chuck" Daniel Meador, Jr., age 50, passed away on Sunday, July 10, 2011, at his Odessa residence. He was born in Stamford, TX to Charles Meador, Sr. and Jimmie (Bumpass) Meador. Mr. Meador was employed by Odessa Glass and Mirror for sixteen years and was currently the glazier shop foreman.

He loved the outdoors; riding motorcycles and grilling. Yard work was his passion. Chuck was also a very talented artist, who was always drawing as a child, and worked with glass, braiding, and leatherwork. He was a hard worker with a great sense of humor, always having a funny comment for any situation. He was a loving person and loyal friend.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Lisa Meador of Odessa; parents, Charles Daniel Meador, Sr. and Jimmie Meador of Midland; step-son, Troy Dylan Holmes of Weatherford; and brother, Chris Meador of Midland.

Memorial services will be at Acres West Funeral Chapel at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 16, 2011, Bro. Dewey Blevins officiating. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel and online condolences may be sent to the family at: acreswestfuneral.com.

Cynthia Ann Acosta Erives

Funeral services for Cynthia Ann Acosta Erives will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 15, 2011 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church with Msgr. Tim Schwertner officiating. Cynthia passed away July 13, 2011 in Stanton, Texas surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 28, 1966 in Big Springs Texas to Jose Angel Sr. and Rosa Acosta.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jose Angel Acosta Sr. She is survived by her husband, Abel Erives; her daughters, Veronica Erives of Midland, Texas; and Jasmin Erives of Stanton, Texas; her mother, Rosa Acosta of Stanton, Texas; a sister, Elvia Erives and husband, Miguel of Stanton, Texas; a brother, Jose Angel Acosta Jr. and wife, Yvonne of Stanton, Texas; a granddaughter, Zaeda Royals of Midland, Texas; nieces, Suzie Erives of Big Spring, Texas and Nikki Salazar of Stanton, Texas; nephews, David Erives, Joseph, Jonathan, and Joshua Acosta of Stanton, Texas; a great nephew, Brian Tagle; uncles, Frank Acosta Sr. and wife, Florencia of Lenorah, Texas; Ruben Fuentes and wife, Lucilla of Odessa, Texas; Transito Juarez and wife, Elida; Manuel Juarez and wife, Margarita; Raymundo Juarez and wife, Zoila; Gillermo Juarez and wife, Juanita all of Benito Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico; aunts, Simona Morales and husband, Lupe of Lenorah, Texas and Maria Urias of Big Spring, Texas.

A Rosary will be held Thursday July 14, 2011 at 5p.m. in the Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Franklin "Frank" Ray Doyle

On July 11, 2011, at 12:37 p.m., God called Frank home. Franklin "Frank" Ray Doyle of Midland, Texas, was born February 5, 1935, in Corpus Christi, Texas, to George Franklin Doyle and Fannie Bell Vannoy Doyle. Frank was raised and educated in Detroit, Texas, prior to moving to Midland. Frank graduated from Detroit High School in 1954. After high school, Frank joined the U.S. Air Force and proudly served his country, being honorably discharged after 4 years of service. After serving his country, he moved to Victoria, Texas, prior to moving to what he called "God's Country", which is Alaska, in 1968. Frank lived in different towns in Alaska for the next 38 years. During that time he learned the trade of Pipe fitting. Frank worked the Great Alaska Pipeline and on the Aleutian Chain. He also worked for Honeywell as a builder for refineries. He retired to care for his ailing wife, Dorothy, who passed away in October 2001. Frank moved back to Midland 9 years ago to be close to his family. For the last 9 years, Frank worked for Thurman Floors as a tile and carpet installer.

Frank was a 32nd Mason and a Shriner. He will be deeply missed by all he impacted. Frank never knew a stranger and would give you the shirt off his back. He was a very caring and loving man. He was always willing to help anyone in need.

Frank is preceded in death by his parents, George and Fannie, and his wife, Dorothy.

Frank is survived by his sister, Bertha Thurman and her husband, Bob; brother, C. Jerry Doyle and his wife, Joy; brother, Robert Doyle; three nieces, Donna Doyle, Debby Doyle, and Kimberlee Doyle; one nephew, Ryan Doyle and his fiancée, Chrissy Rowlett; one aunt, and numerous cousins.

Family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home on Thursday, July 14, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Services will be held on Friday, July 15, 2011, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, at 11:00 a.m., with Pastor Randall McDonald officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Heart Association (3205 W. Cuthbert, Suite A-8, Midland, TX 79701).

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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Gary L. Porter

Gary L. Porter, age 63, of Pilot Point passed away on July 12, 2011, at Medical City Hospital in Dallas, Texas. He was born on May 31, 1948 in Ft. Stockton, Texas to Ellis Lee and Lois Cobb Porter. He married Susan Crosby on October 30, 1986 in Hobbs, New Mexico. He was a drilling supervisor in the oil and gas business.

Visitation will be held, Thursday, July 14, 2011 from 7:00-8:00 pm at the Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey. A graveside service will be Friday, July 15, 2011 at 10:00 am at Belew Cemetery, with the Rev. Luther Slay officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Susan of Pilot Point; sons, Koley and wife Christie Porter of Austin, Texas; Lee Chase and wife Rhisa Porter of Ft. Worth; Logan Lynn Porter of Pilot Point; and Trey Ellis and wife Sarah Porter of Sugarland, Texas; and cousin, Tommy and wife Cathy Porter of Springtown, Texas.

Services are under the direction of Slay Memorial Funeral Center, Aubrey.

Huey Donovan Ingram

Ozona: Huey Donovan Ingram passed away in his home, July 11, 2011, in Midland, Texas.

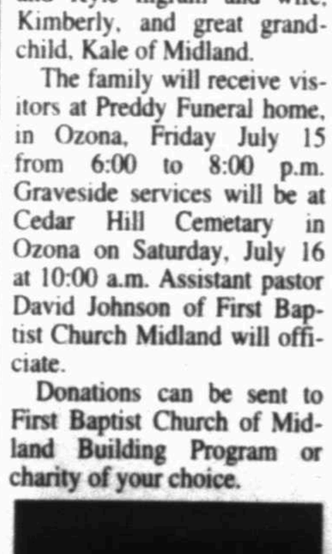
Huey was born May 9, 1929, in Chestnut, Louisiana to Clyde and Ruby Ingram, their seventh child. Huey grew up in Natchitoches, LA and spent his summers in Chestnut with his grandparents. He graduated from Natchitoches High School in 1947 and attended one semester of college before being drafted into the Army. He worked as an electricians helper in White Sands, NM testing captured German rockets. He served in the Army from 1951 to 1953 and 5 more years in the Reserve.

On August 3, 1952, he married Florence Luella Curry. After leaving the Army they lived in San Angelo and then Ozona, where they lived for 54 years. He worked as an electrician, then with Ozona National Bank, and later the Crockett County Schools. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Ozona and in Midland. He was a loving Christian husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend. He loved his family and was a very giving man, who always wanted to do the right thing.

Huey is survived by his wife of 59 1/2 years Lu Ingram of Midland; his sister, Mary Wiseman and husband, Bill of Houston; son, Donovan Ingram and wife, Gene, and grandchildren, David, Kristin, and Mark of Richardson; son, Drew Ingram and wife, Laura, and grandchildren Stephanie Ingram and Kyle Ingram and wife, Kimberly, and great grandchild, Kale of Midland.

The family will receive visitors at Preddy Funeral home, in Ozona, Friday July 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Graveside services will be at Cedar Hill Cemetary in Ozona on Saturday, July 16 at 10:00 a.m. Assistant pastor David Johnson of First Baptist Church Midland will officiate.

Donations can be sent to First Baptist Church of Midland Building Program or charity of your choice.



Ismael E. "Mayo" Salgado

Funeral services for Ismael E. "Mayo" Salgado have been set for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2011 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church with Msgr. Tim Schwertner officiating and Deacon Clemente Villa assisting; interment will follow at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Ismael "Mayo", age 75, passed away at Midland Memorial Hospital, hospice unit, surrounded by his loving family, on Tuesday, July 12, 2011. He was born in Ruidoso, New Mexico on August 12, 1935 to Nestor and Martina Salgado.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Louisa C. Salgado; his parents, Nestor and Martina Salgado; a son, Michael Hernandez; brothers, Thacho; Andres; Felix; Israel and Jose Salgado; sisters, Benina Montez and Jesusita Valles.

He was employed with the City of Midland, Midland Memorial Hospital, and self employed with Salgados' Lawn Service for many years. His favorite baseball team was the Houston Astros and the Midland Angels. Ismael was also a musician. He played the drums, the guitar and sang as well. He also started his nephews, Michael, Ernie, Cruz, Felix and Joe Salgado in the music industry. He was also a Cursillista.

He is survived by one daughter, Olivia Salgado Cortez and husband, Larry; his granddaughter, Cynthia Michelle Saenz and husband, Robert; grandsons, Rudy Salgado Carrasco; Larry Cortez Jr. and Paul Cortez. He also had numerous great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

The Honorary pallbearers were Cruz Salgado, Rudy Carrasco, Paul Cortez, Felix Salgado, Jr. and Joe Louis Salgado. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Jesse Snow

Jesse Snow, 75, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, July 12, 2011.

He was born on March 4, 1936, in Ackerly, Texas, to Roger Lee Snow and Novice Opal Roberts Snow.

Jesse loved spending time with his family. He also enjoyed roping, hunting, and fishing. His favorite saying, which he always told his grandchildren was, "Cowboys don't cry.".

Jesse is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving wife, Peggy Lou (Latham) Snow; their children, Tammy Guess and husband, Johnny, and Denna Pettit and husband, Roy; his brothers and sister, T. L. Snow of Hatch, NM, Bob Snow of Chandler, TX, Doil Snow of Los Cruces, NM, Ray Snow of Cedar Creek, TX, and Richard Snow of Deming, NM, and Betty Hobbs of Deming, NM. Also left to cherish his memory are grandchildren, Shawn Pettit, and Cody Lee Guess, and wife, Casi; and great grandchild, Peyton Pettit.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, July 15, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at the Riverdale Cemetery in Kent County, Texas, with Danny Williams officiating. Pallbearers are Jerald Dicky, Gary Nettelton, Jimmy Pickins, Gerald Crawford, Sid Crawford, and Charles Arnold.

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Kaye Francis Menefield

Kaye Francis Menefield was born on January 22, 1947, to the late Ella Mae Jackson and Ruben Curtis Teal in Brady, Texas. Kaye confessed Christ at an early age. She was educated in the Brad Independent School System. She later attended Midland College.

On November 22, 1963, she was united in marriage to Arthur Gene Menefield. To this union three were born, Raymond Charles Menefield, Crystal Lynett Oliver, and Damien LaRone Menefield.

Both of her parents and one sister, Neddra Teal, preceded her in death.

During her life, she was a dedicated wife, parent, and friend. Kaye was "that girl" to many people. She loving referred to herself as a jack of all trades and the master of none. She especially loved senior citizens. Kaye was the person you called when there was nowhere else to turn for an answer.

During her life, Kaye worked as billing clerk, income tax consultant, Notary, church secretary, event planner, and supervisor in the credit union.

Kaye was a faithful member of New Hope Baptist Church where she worked as the church secretary.

Kaye is survived by two sons, Raymond Menefield and Damien Menefield of Midland, Texas; one daughter, Crystal Oliver of Dallas, Texas; two sisters, Joyce Osborn of Dallas, Texas and Delores McDonald of Brownwood, Texas; four grandchildren, Shannon Menefield, CeTarika Menefield, Dahrien Brown, and D. Menefield; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be Saturday, July 16th, at 11:00 a.m., at the New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. Tony Williams officiating. Burial will be in Serenity Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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Death Notices

Aubrey Lee Culley

Aubrey Lee Culley, 62, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, July 13, 2011.

Services will be on Saturday, July 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Doris Elaine Crawford

Doris Elaine Crawford died June 30, 2011 in Mountain Home, Arkansas. A Memorial Service will be 11:00am, Friday, July 15, 2011 at Cuthbert Avenue Baptist.

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Dallas hospital fined $50,000 in ER tragedy

Associated Press

DALLAS — A Dallas hospital must pay a $50,000 fine for failing to properly treat a patient who died of a heart attack after waiting 17 hours for care in the emergency room.

Federal health regulators slapped Parkland Memorial Hospital with the maximum fine allowed in the case of Mike Herrera, who died in 2008.

The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday that the hospital violated the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act by failing to provide timely and proper medical treatment for Herrera who had told hospital staff he had extreme abdominal pain.

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Memorial services set for MC professor

From staff reports

A memorial service for Midland College organizational management professor Jeff Crain is planned for 10:30 a.m. Monday in the Scharbauer Student Center's Carrasco Room.

Crain, who joined the Midland College faculty in 2004, died Monday while working in his yard.

Friends and colleagues will offer words of remembrance during the service.

"He loved just having a good time in life and laughing," said organizational management professor and friend Amme Cole. "He's my best bud and I'm going to miss him."

Cole is helping the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions in Crain's honor can be made to the Midland College Foundation. For more information, contact Maricela Dominguez at 685-6474 or visit her at the Pevehouse Administration Building.

Domino's sued after Texas deliveryman's death

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Domino's is being sued by the widow of a Texas employee who died a year after being robbed and beaten with a baseball bat by teens who lured the deliveryman to a vacant house.

The lawsuit alleges the company was negligent in failing to follow safety procedures and seeks "all damages" available under state law to Fred Rein's widow, Jackie, plus exemplary and punitive damages. The suit filed Monday in Tarrant County names as defendants the local franchise and national corporation, including Mark of Excellence Pizza Co., Domino's Pizza and Domino's Pizza Franchising, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

"The purpose of this lawsuit is to ensure that nothing this tragic ever happens to anybody else," said attorney Geno Borchardt, who represents Jackie Rein.

Borchardt said the teens used a prepaid cellphone to place a phony order, and that Domino's had never before delivered pizza to the vacant Fort Worth house. When Rein arrived with the pizzas that night in 2009, he was attacked and suffered brain damage. His death 14 months later was ruled a homicide.

Domino's spokesman Tim McIntyre said the company does not comment on lawsuits but is saddened by the loss and sorry for Rein's family.

The three teens were charged as juveniles, but the cases went to court before Rein died.

A boy who was 16 at the time and testified that he beat Rein with the baseball bat pleaded guilty to aggravated robbery and was sentenced to 40 years in a Texas Youth Commission facility. But the teen, who turned 18 this week, was ordered in March to be transferred to adult prison, where he must serve at least half of the 40-year sentence minus time spent in the youth facility.

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BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Wipeout "All Stars" (N)		Expedition "There's Snow in Morocco?" (N)		Rookie Blue "Heart and Sparks" (N)	KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Rules "Zygote"	Big Brother (N)		The Mentalist "Red Gold"	CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Late	
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Fix-Up"	Seinfeld	The Vampire Diaries "Rose"		Nikita "Phoenix"		House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Roseanne	Roseanne "Busted"	South Park	SouthPk "Raisins"
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two and Half Men	Two and a Half Men	You Can Dance "2 of 12 Voted Off" (N)		Glee "A Night of Neglect"		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Dominance"
	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Denis Otero	CCM Ministries	Update News	Brad Scott	Light of the Southwest				NewBeginning	Jack Van Impe	Dr. Denis Otero	Thurman Scrivner
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News	Be Millionaire	Community	Parks and Rec	The Office	30 Rock	Love Bites "Boys to Men" (N)		News-West 9	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	(:35) LateNight
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS Newshour		Daytripper	Parks and Wildlife	Antiques Rd. "San Antonio (Hour Two)"		Pioneers of TV "Late Night"		Charlie Rose		News	Tavis Smiley
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PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65			165	(4:50) The Doctor		★★ Terminal Velocity			(:45) ★ Shadow Conspiracy Charlie Sheen.			★★ Assassination			
	HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) His Way		True Blood		True Blood		True Blood		Taxicab: NY		Holly	Citizen
	HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:30) ★★ Anything Else		★ Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps				Making		Magic & Bird			Movie
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	MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★★ Vampires Suck		★★★ Liar Liar Jim Carrey.				★★ A Perfect Getaway			(:40) Sex Chronicles "Sensuality"		
	MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★ The Whole Ten Yards				★ Cyrus ('10, Com) John C. Reilly.				(:35) ★★ Aliens in the Attic		★ It's Complicated	
	PLEX			96			Movie	(:50) ★ Hercules and the Amazon Women				★ Police Academy 6: City U...				★★★ The Bourne Identity Matt Damon.		
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:45) ★ Letters To Juliet.			The Big C	The Big C	Weeds	The Franchise		G. Room	The Franchise		G. Room
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(3:15) ★ Everybody'...	★ Made in Romania				(:35) ★ Far Cry Til Schweiger.			(:10) ★ Twelve Kiefer Sutherland.			Movie
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Floated Away/ Tagged"		First 48 "Southwick/ Devil's Doorway"		The First 48 "Burning Rage/ Fallen Soldiers"		The First 48: Missing "The Graduate"		The First 48 "Tangled Web/ Street Justice"		First 48 "Southwick/ Devil's Doorway"	
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ★ Marked for...		★★ Kill Bill Vol. 1 ('03, Act) Lucy Liu, Uma Thurman.				★★ Kill Bill Vol. 2 ('04, Act) Uma Thurman.					
	BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park (L)		★★ Harlem Nights ('89, Com) Richard Pryor.					F Crews	Mo'Nique Show (N)		Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO	65	63		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives				Watch (N)	Real Housewives (N)		Watch
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Supermarkets Inc		Titans "Herb Kelleher"		Titans "Herb Kelleher"		Mad Money		Titans "Herb Kelleher"	
	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	Deadliest Catch		D. Catch "The Island"		Secrets of Seal Team		Surviving The Cut		Secrets of Seal Team		Surviving The Cut	
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Babysit.	Babysitter	GoodLuck	SoRandom	★ Sharpay's Fabulous Adven...		(:45) Ferb		Babysit.	Babysit.	Wizards	Wizards
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Golf The Open Championship Site: Royal St. George's Golf Club						Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		Tonight	NFL Live
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Poker World Series (L)				WNBA Basketball Seattle vs San Antonio (L)				Poker World Series Day 3 (L)			
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★★ Dirty Dancing				★★★ Overboard ('87, Com) Goldie Hawn.				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	Battle "Italiano Battle"		Restaurant Battle		Chopped		Extreme Chef (N)		Iron Chef America		Chopped	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Golden Age	SportsDay OnAir	WPT Poker Hollywood Open		SW Outdoors	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers vs. Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field ... Seattle, Wash. (L)					
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ Mission Imp...		2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men						
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	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	My Place	My Place	Sell NY	Sell NY	HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House	Sell NY	Sell NY
	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		Swamp People		Swamp People (N)		Aliens "Alien Tech"		Ancient Aliens		Swamp People	
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	To Be Announced				To Be Announced		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Old Christine	Old Christine
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow	
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	Sponge	Wife Kids	Wife Kids	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	'70s	'70s	'70s	'70s	'70s	'70s
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	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Wife"	Seinf. "The Apology"	★★ The Bucket List (2007, Adventure) Morgan Freeman, Sean Hayes, Jack Nicholson.				Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan Tina Fey, Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Plan B		Lopez Tonight J.J. Abrams, Lee Lo Green	
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ The Bride ...		★ Ali Baba Goes to Town Eddie Cantor.				★★★ Road to Morocco			(:45) ★ Abbott & Costello Me...		
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	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones "The Foot in the Foreclosure"		Bones "The Gamer in the Grease"		Bones "The Bullet in the Brain"		Bones "A Night at the Bones Museum"		CSI: NY "City of the Dolls"		Franklin & Bash "Franklin vs. Bash"	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Sanford	All Family	All Family	All Family	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Three's Company		3's Co.	3's Co.
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Recoil"		NCIS "About Face"		Burn Notice "No Good Deed" (N)		Suits "Dirty Little Secrets" (N)		Covert Affairs "The Outsiders"		Burn Notice "No Good Deed"	
	VERSUS	38	39				WEC WrekCage		Cycling Tour de France Stage 12 Cugnaux - Luz-Ardiden						WEC WrekCage		Cycling Tour de France	
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cartel members has nothing to do with legal trade at designated points of entry," he said. "The differences between the insufficient manpower to secure our border and inspection protocols at legal points of entry are enormous and is an apples to oranges comparison, or in this case, onions to grapefruit."

Gov. Rick Perry, another frequent critic of Obama's border security policy — and a potential 2012 contender for the White House — also has said he supports the cross-border trucking agreement. "Texas will closely monitor the implementation of this federal agreement to ensure the safety of those on Texas roadways and in Texas communities," said Perry spokeswoman Lucy Nashed.

A spokeswoman for U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said he supported the free-trade measure. When pressed to address the safety concerns, however, he declined to comment.

But opponents, including the national Teamsters union and the Texas AFL-CIO, say they see hypocrisy in politicians' repeated statements about border security concerns and their approval of a trade agreement they worry could cost jobs and make the U.S. even more vulnerable to Mexican drug cartels.

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> Texas AFL-CIO spokesman

"The trucking issue is an economic issue for business people," said Texas AFL-CIO spokesman Ed Sills. "They are looking for cheaper costs of shipping goods."

Sills said he's concerned not only about U.S. truckers losing jobs but about port workers, too. "If we are going to eventually see an influx of Mexican trucks in to the U.S., what's also going to happen is a lot of goods are going to be shipped to Mexican ports, and that starts to affect the jobs of all the port workers in the U.S.," he said.

Though the agreement was inked last week, both sides said it could be months until the first fleet of Mexican trucks traverses Texas highways beyond the current limits.

An official with the U.S. Department of Transportation said Mexican truck companies would be asked to advance through a series of stages before being permanently approved for international travel beyond today's limits. A carrier's vehicles and drivers would be issued provisional operating authority and would be inspected by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration when they enter the country for at least three months. They would advance to a second stage after a favorable review and receive a permanent authority after 18 months, pending another review.

The companies would also have to carry an insurance policy underwritten by a U.S. insurance or surety bond company, adhere to environmental regulations and be subject to a Homeland Security screening. And the foreign trucks must be equipped with electronic-monitoring systems, and drivers will be subject to English-language tests and narcotics screenings.

U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, whose district includes the South Texas port at Laredo, lauded last week's move as a potential job creator and economic catalyst. But Cuellar also said motorists should not expect fleets of Mexican trucks to suddenly bombard Texas' ports of entry.

"That's not going to happen that way. It's expensive for a lot of those trucking companies ... because they have to meet so many requirements on this side," he told the Associated Press.

The status quo may still be the preferred policy, though. Current trade data indicates that despite a global recession and the tariffs on goods, trade between the U.S. and Mexico set a record in 2010. Despite the violence in Mexico, the country remains the U.S.'s third-largest trade partner behind Canada and China, respectively. Trade figures from World City, a data clearinghouse that ranks trade data by import, export and country of origin, showed that though March 2011, trade moving between the U.S. and Mexico was valued at about $108 billion. Of that, about $48.6 billion passed through the Laredo port, $18 billion through El Paso and $7.4 billion through Houston.

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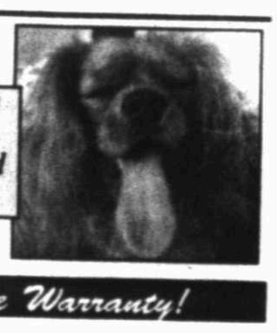

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LEVEL

There is one letter that when added to all of the five-letter words below can be used to form new six-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

SLUES — APISH

CORAL — NAMED

COMMON LETTER

Yesterday's Answer: NAIVER (K A N U T A SEE) — VISA (N U EATEN A K RE)

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Midland walking club to meet Saturday for 10K

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

He suddenly couldn't catch a fly ball anymore.

At the age of 34, Jack Rogers started having vision problems. His doctors thought it was a brain tumor and sent him to MD Anderson in Houston for a diagnosis. Medical staff determined it was multiple sclerosis.

They told him not to try to lift weights; he should walk instead for exercise.

So Rogers did just that. He lived in Fredericksburg and joined the local walking club through the American Volkssport Association in 1980. His first outing with them took him to the mission walk in San Antonio, a 20 kilometer or 12.4 miles trail. He wore old sneakers that he mowed the lawn in and realized rather quickly he needed to get some decent walking shoes.

WANT TO JOIN?
For more information or to view a walk events calendar to find a walk near you, visit online at www.ava.org.

That was three decades ago and over time, Rogers has walked 6,000 kilometers or 3,727 miles. He'll celebrate his 81st birthday next month and was recently notified he'd be the recipient of the AVA Meritorious Service Award.

"It's a wonderful way to exercise," he said.

Rogers, president of the Midland Walkabout Club, will meet with other club members Saturday at the Dolly Neal Chapel at Midland College for a 10K walk through the Racquet Club neighborhood. The walk is open to all in the community who want to attend.

Club members said they will meet at 6:30 a.m. with a plan to leave at 7 a.m., and the walk should last about two hours.

Volkssporting is more of a lifestyle than a sport, said treasurer Alex Rose. It began in Germany and came to the United States where the headquarters was established in Universal City. There are three mapped-out walks in Midland, two in Fort Davis and one each at the Monahans Sandhills Park, the Big Spring State Park, the UTPB campus in Odessa and in Andrews.

Those involved as members of the Volkssport Association can choose to walk different walks in cities across the U.S. Rose said there have been people from Minnesota, New York and Tulsa who have come out to West Texas to take part.

Club members earn credits for the number of events or miles they walk and awards from the association.

The Racquet Club walk on Saturday is one of the prettiest walks in Midland, said Rose, and she's hoping many will bring their families and children to get involved in with it.

Rogers said the walks are something families can do together and can also learn about history along many of the walks.

"It's helped me with my MS. I've been able to do a lot of what I can do because of the exercise. The older you get the more you need to keep circulating," he said.

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TODD

From 1B

event in 1989, is a 150-mile tour that starts from Midland, spends the night at Big Spring and completes the ride at Post. Throughout the years, other final destinations were Snyder or Lamesa.

Crowell will be among the 200-plus cyclists who will enjoy the hospitality of the 100 volunteers who will refresh the riders with water, shade, nourishment, iced-down towels and encouragement every 10 to 12 miles.

"The first thing we do on Sunday morning (at Big Spring) is climb out of the valley when the sun will be popping up," Crowell notes. From there, the riders will cycle past the cotton fields and along what Crowell describes as "undulating landscapes," a poetic way of saying uphill and downhill and straight away.

It is the cyclists' grit that takes on headwinds, crosswinds, the summer heat and the terrain.

"There is a lot of camaraderie with the cyclists and volunteers on the event and the planning," Crowell says. "We have got a fantastic bike shop (Peyton's Bikes) that takes care of you."

During this year's Cactus & Crude Bike Ride, Crowell will ride his 30-gear, high-performance Cannondale Synapse bicycle bearing the colors of his alma mater, Texas Tech University's scarlet and black.

"It smoothes out the road, gives you a smooth ride," he says gratefully. "I have to manage my time on the ride. I am not racing. I am moving along on a good pace, stopping at the rest stops to say 'thank you' to the volunteers. It is such a premier event."

Crowell says he has worked with teachers who suffered from MS.

He also is safety director of the Permian Basin Bicycle Association (PBBA), which is participating in the Cactus & Crude Bike Ride. He is the safety-conscious mainstay of PBBA rides, including the Fort Davis Cyclefest. Crowell always cautions riders to be aware of their surroundings, to properly prepare their equipment, and to "follow the rules of the road."

Crowell's motivation for cycling is not just for his physical, mental and spiritual health and his joy of cycling — he loves the fun among the toil, and the fellowship.

"You've got to have fun," he says.

Outside of PBBA events, Crowell rides the Des Moines Register's annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa and, with his brothers Max and Steve, Crowell cycles the Denver Post's Ride the Rockies, a week of riding in the Rocky Mountains and crossings of the Continental Divide.

Because of his experience, Crowell can rate the difficulty of landscapes.

"Flat is OK," he says. "You can ride with the wind or against the wind. The most difficult is going uphill against the wind."

Crowell fits his rides around his teaching schedule at Midland's Goddard Junior High School.

He teaches "career exploration" by which his mission is inspiring students to become prepared for "tomorrow's high-skilled, high-paying, high-demand workplace careers."

Crowell's teaching philosophy is simple: "'All kids can learn. Period.' I set up my classroom so all kids can be successful and all kids can behave."

Before his current teaching assignment, Crowell taught woodworking, which requires high-order thinking skills such as imagination, creativity and problem-solving. "It is a big deal. You have to visualize, plan and figure out what your steps are."

That process, as Crowell says, is a function of education. It is the art of critical thinking, which also applies to safe and enjoyable bicycling and living well in a framework of wisdom and discernment.

Ed Todd writes for the Reporter-Telegram.

AVID

From 1B

The implementation process began with 13 school of education faculty members at the AVID summer institute in Dallas.

UTPB and the University of Texas at Arlington are the only pilot program participants. Friou said AVID will evaluate the program's success by surveying faculty and students about their confidence and attitudes toward teaching.

If successful, AVID is interested in developing a project to enrich the student-teaching experience and provide support for teachers during their first few years in the classroom, Friou said.

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FRIDAY Sunny high 99 low 72

SATURDAY Mostly cloudy high 98 low 74

LOCAL FORECAST

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Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 99, a low around 72 and south winds around between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday, look for mostly cloudy skies with a high around 98 and a low around 74.

The high on Wednesday reached 102 while the low dropped to 77. The record high for July 13 is 107 set in 1933. The record low is 49 set in 1936.

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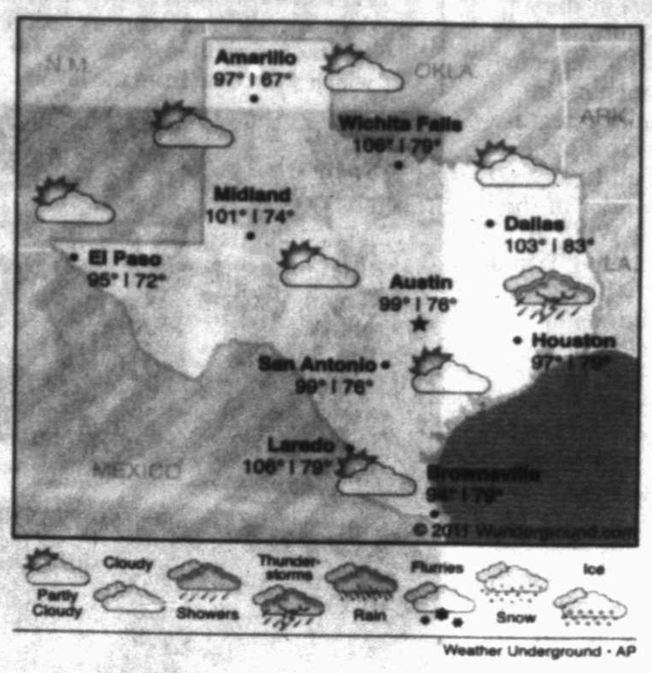
A high pressure system settling over the Great Lakes and Northeast today will bring plenty of sunshine and low humidity to those regions. High temperatures will range from the 70s around the Great Lakes and in northern New England to the mid-80s from southern New England to the mid-Atlantic States.

Drenching thunderstorms will be found across the Southeast, especially in the afternoon. High temperatures will be in the 90s for most of the region.



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Rainfall Tuesday ....Trace
Rainfall Wednesday ..0.00 in.
Total for month .....Trace
Total for year .....0.16 in.
Normal total (year to date) .....6.55 in.

Wednesday's temperatures
High 102
Low 77
Normal high 94
Normal low 69
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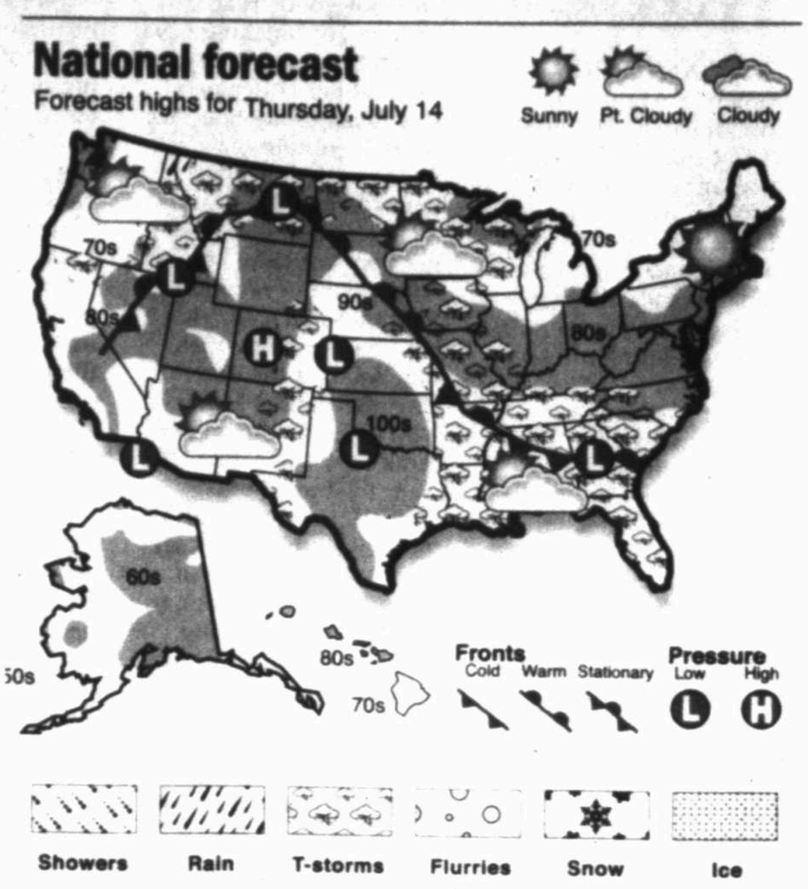
Sunset ... 8:56 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, July 14



Widowed mom's ugly behavior is sign she needs help

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 agree with your advice to "Driven Away in Georgia" (May 26), whose widowed mother has become so bitter, all eight of her children avoid her. As a clinical neuropsychologist who works with people with dementia and other aging-related problems, I'd like to share my thoughts.

When a spouse dies, previously undetected early-stage dementia can become apparent to others. If the surviving spouse had pre-existing cognitive deficits, they may have been concealed by the competency of the other spouse. After the spouse dies, the structure and functional support once provided is suddenly removed. Symptoms then become apparent to family members. Another diagnostic option might be depression, which can often resemble dementia in elderly people.

There are medications that can help manage and even slow down the progression of dementia, and early intervention may partially stabilize her at a higher level of functioning. You were right to recommend that family members become more involved rather than back away because this woman clearly needs either psychiatric or neurological intervention, or both. Thank you for shedding light on a common problem that can touch any family. — RICHARD FULBRIGHT, Ph.D., DALLAS

DEAR DR. FULBRIGHT: Thank you for sharing your expertise and raising awareness for those with family members who are also struggling with similar issues. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In addition to concerns about dementia, the mother may be overwhelmed with living life as a widow. The eight surviving children should try to arrange for part-time hired help for her household chores that build up. If Mom is living on limited income, she may be crushed with financial stress. Perhaps it's time for her to downsize to a more manageable home.

Instead of avoiding her, these "kids" need to find out exactly what problems are overwhelming their mother and get her help. — CONCERNED SON IN LAUREL, MD.

DEAR ABBY: "Driven" and her siblings could offer more by getting together, taking potluck dishes and meeting at Mom's house over a weekend to split up her chore list. My own mom would say, "Many hands make labor light" — and laughter makes the time pass quickly. If they can do this two or three times a year, Mom might feel more secure and relaxed.

Her children also should take turns taking Mom out to dinner and a movie once a month. It will give her something to look forward to. When you lose someone who was involved in your daily life, it gets lonely.

A tip to the kids: Imagine yourselves in your mom's shoes instead of thinking about how much you have to do. Even a person with dementia, if this is the case, can be happy with the right help. — NANCY IN PAYSON, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: If each child contributed a small amount of money each month, they could hire a handyman to take care of the various projects Mom needs to be done. A cleaning person is also an option. Aging parents can be a challenge, but pulling away and spending less time with them will only lead to regrets later. — LAUREN, SAN DIEGO

DEAR ABBY: Anytime our family got together, or my folks were having special guests over, my mom would ask me to clean her house. I resented it, figuring because I could clean my home, Mom could clean hers. Mom passed more than a year ago, and I'd give ANYTHING to be able to clean house for her again. — BILL IN TRASKWOOD, ARK.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Speed Kills

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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♡ K Q 10 4 3
♢ 6
♣ J 5 3

WEST
♠ 8 7 6 2
♡ 8 7 5
♢ J 8 4 3
♣ 8 7

EAST
♠ Q 10 9 5 3
♡ Void
♢ A 10 9 7 2
♣ 9 4 2

SOUTH
♠ Void
♡ A J 9 6 2
♢ K Q 5
♣ A K Q 10 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♢	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♣	Pass	6♣	Dbl
6NT	Pass	7NT	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Two of ♠

Beware of playing at an opponent's tempo. You could get caught with the short end of the stick!

Looking at the two top spade honors, North should have suspected that South's three spades was a cue-bid with a void, not natural. Even if it were, there was no reason to leap to slam in spades rather than hearts. The East hand looked like a winning lottery ticket and South removed to six no-trump, at which contract 12 tricks were available. But North felt he had not yet shown his all and proceeded to seven no-trump. East saw no reason not to increase the size of the gain.

Sitting South was P. Hal Sims, one of the fastest analysts in the game. Without hesitation he won the first trick with the king of spades and cashed the ace, discarding the five and king of diamonds from hand. Next came five rounds of clubs, on which dummy's diamond and low spade were ditched, followed by four rounds of hearts, ending in dummy. Sims had arranged to come down to the three of hearts and jack of spades on the table, while East held the queen of spades and ace of diamonds and declarer held the deuce of hearts and king of diamonds.

When South now led the three of hearts, East had no idea which heart spot declarer held. Since the three looked low, East elected to discard the queen of spades, confident that South would have to win the trick and concede a diamond to the ace.

Unfortunately for the defense, that was not the case. Dummy scored the last two tricks with the three of hearts and jack of spades. Just another routine grand slam.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 14, 2011:

This year, you juggle your emotions and your thoughts, often wondering which voice to listen to. You will discover which way to go and how to simplify your life. Relationships have a volatile but exciting tone, whether single or attached. You might not want to make a major commitment this year. If you are attached, you will learn to juggle your and your sweetie's different concerns and needs. CAPRICORN can be challenging and sometimes withdrawn. He or she cares and is more emotional than you are aware.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You could be pushed to the max by an associate or partner. You do have your hands full, but so does everyone else. A tendency to overindulge a roommate or family member emerges. Extremes force you to not make a decision just yet. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information, especially if you don't like what you are hearing. Know that there is another solution, even if you aren't sure what it is. Try to break through restrictive thinking. Remain responsive to the many calls and inquiries. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Deal with a partner directly, knowing full well what you want and expect from a situation. There could be a lot of wavering, making solidifying a situation close to impossible. Accept what is happening. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Realize what is stopping you from relating to a key person. You could be overwhelmed and questioning what you are doing. Rome wasn't built in a day, and it might take you a while to get past a restriction. Tonight: Go with another person's suggestion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that needs to be done, and you only have so much energy. Establish boundaries. A conversation with a sibling could be difficult. The same thing could happen with a neighbor. Tonight: Easy works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Your creativity surges, allowing more flex than you have had in a long time. You want to deal with a situation differently. Your finances continuously seem to be an obstacle, but you can work it out, if you want to. Tonight: Juggling favorite friends and loved ones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your current fatigue could be getting the best of you, causing a situation to be distorted. Take your time understanding why you are doing this. Take a deep breath, and decide to head in a new direction. Your caring comes through to a family member. Tonight: Consider heading home and screening your calls.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ How you deal with someone you care about in the present confusion could define your relationship in the near future. It might be better to indulge this person than to be too stern. Discussions go back and forth without resolution. Tonight: Make important calls.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Be aware of the financial implications of what is happening. Then you will make a good decision, no matter what goes down. You will want to overindulge a friend or associate. At the same time, you will do for yourself. Tonight: Help a dear friend loosen up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ The Full Moon today puts the spotlight on you. You could have your hands full juggling different concerns — essentially, relationships. You might want to do something else, but you might not be able to fit it in. Tonight: Finally, it is your decision.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Retreating and not getting involved in a situation — which, at best, is difficult — is smart. Listen to what is being shared by a co-worker or someone in your daily life. You could have difficulty seeing the big picture. Tonight: Not available.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You could be surprised by how a long-term goal or desire heads in from out of left field. A partner might not be as accepting or as excited as you are. A child or loved one keeps expressing his or her caring in a meaningful way. Tonight: Where your friends are. Celebrate.

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BORN TODAY

Actress Polly Bergen (1930), actor Matthew Fox (1966), folksinger Woody Guthrie (1912)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Medea's husband
6 Tarboosh: Arabic :: Turkish
9 When bulls crow?
14 Utah County seat
15 Obit number
16 Hamilton of "The Terminator"
17 Continental alliance's intl strategy
20 Prime meridian hrs.
21 Drops a pop
22 Otolaryngologist's diagnosis
23 "Richard III" star McKellen
24 E or G, e.g.
25 Treat thicker than the original
32 Bluesy Waters
33 Resistance units
34 "Outstanding!"
36 Looking displeased
37 50-50, say
38 Covered in goo
40 Allotment word
41 Rabbit's title
42 Actor Davis
43 Toyota RAV4 competitor
47 Two-time Indy 500 champ Luyendyk
48 Old boat-steering tool
49 Yes or no follower
52 Askew view
54 Storm of the '90s
57 Complaint after a reluctant act
60 Slop
61 Canada's smallest prov.
62 Moved like goo
63 Country's Tucker
64 You can find one in the four longest puzzle answers, even if you don't believe
65 Draws closer

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1 File format for pics
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3 Player's piano?
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5 "Seriously!"
6 Not foul
7 Clutch contents
8 Path to enlightenment
9 Smashed
10 Slicker
11 Taking care of business
12 Year when "Harriet" is believed to have been completed
13 Remarks
18 Beach bird
19 Vanishing sounds
23 "Doubtful"
24 Digito
25 He played Dillinger in "Public Enemies" (2009)
26 Great Plains natives
27 Swahili for "freedom"
28 "Got that right!"
29 One taking things wrong?
30 Dadaist Max
31 Jack of "The Great Dictator"
35 Batik artist
38 Show leniency toward:
39 Red letters?
41 Prickly shrub
44 Person sometimes 9-Down
45 Biological ring
46 Gallivant
49 Part of DOS: Abbr
50 Midwest university with 23 team wrestling championships
51 Bollix up
52 Grievance
53 Peculiar Pref
54 Strip under duress?
55 Cabinet dept since 1977
56 Numbers on horses
58 PC core
59 Soil-moving tool

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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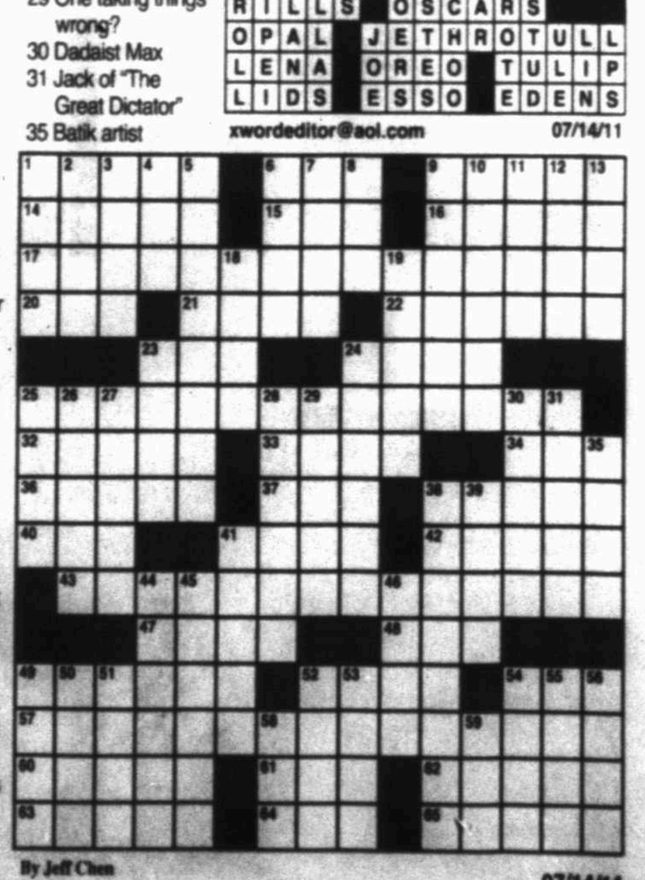

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Female Afghan military pilots making history in US

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — For women in Afghanistan, said Masooma Hussaini, it's not like "it was in Taliban times." Her sisters are in school, women work in offices and, by next year, Hussani and three other young women could be among their country's first females piloting military helicopters.

Their training in the U.S. is significant. The Afghan military has a small but growing female rank, yet the skies are almost an exclusive province for men, except for one Afghan woman trained in the Soviet era.

Afghanistan remains a male-dominated culture — Afghan President Harmid Karzai spoke out as recently as last fall about women in his country still being oppressed. Hussaini, a second lieutenant, acknowledges that some Afghan men think "it's not good" that women are breaking new ground in the military, but she and her colleagues said Wednesday that they weren't joining the Afghan Air Force for themselves.

"We're going to open the door for ladies in Afghanistan," second Lt. Sourya Saleh said. "It's a big deal for us to open this door for the others. That these other ladies who have the dream and think they can't do it. We want to show them."

The four women, all in their 20s, arrived at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio last week to continue their training. They'll stay in Texas until they master English — the international language for aviation — and are scheduled to transfer to Alabama early next year for actual hands-on piloting.

By September, the women could have their wings.

"We are just at the beginning right now in terms of what's happening in Afghanistan, in terms of gender integration. But this is a huge step," said Col. Eric Axelbank, commander of the 37th Training Wing at Lackland. "Having female officers who will become pilots, a traditionally male-dominated field in the Middle East, is groundbreaking.

"Not just in Afghanistan, but in the entire Middle East."

The U.S. is among 14 nations advising the Afghan Air Force, which has about 4,700 members and more than 50 aircraft. The plan is for the Afghan Air Force to be self-operational by 2016, according to British Royal Air Force Group Capt. Adrian Hill, deputy commander of the NATO Air Training Command-Afghanistan.

Education agency to lay off 178 employees

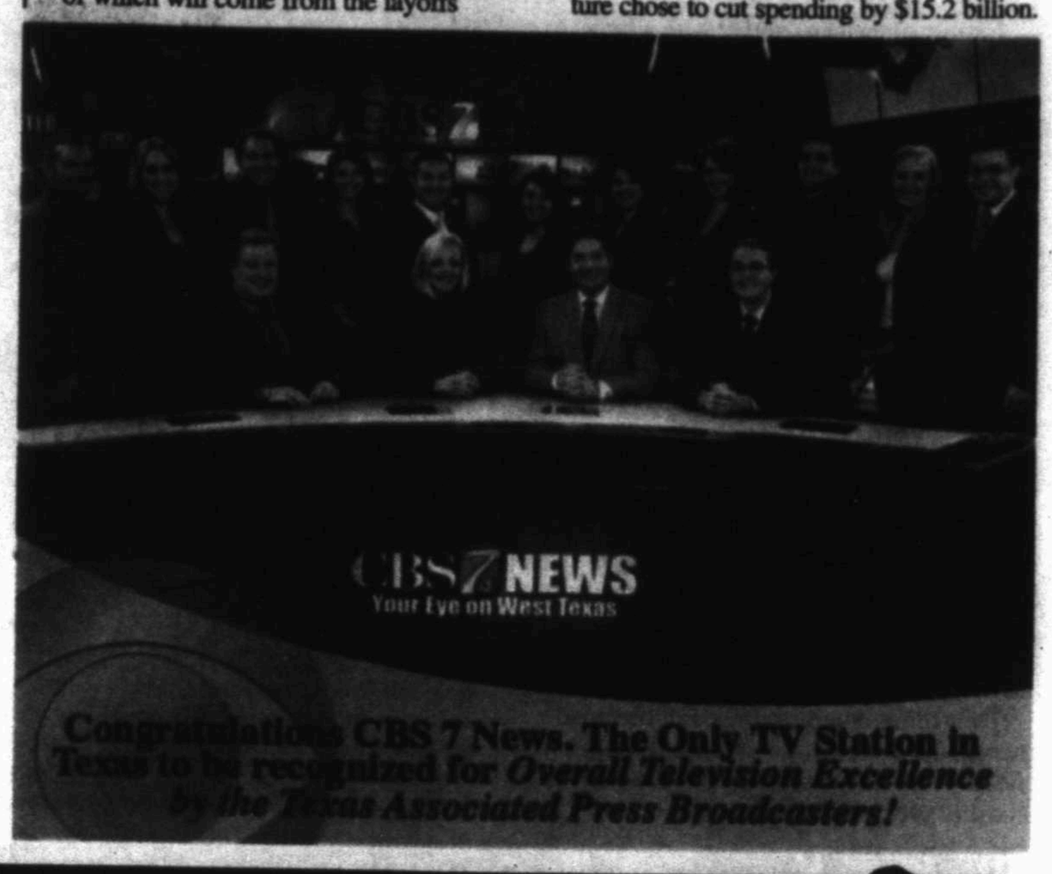
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Education Agency is laying off 178 employees this week as part of budget cuts ordered by the state Legislature.

TEA spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe said the agency is reducing its operating budget by $48 million, or 36 percent, most of which will come from the layoffs because payroll and benefits are the bulk of its costs.

The state education agency oversees pre-kindergarten to 12th-grade education and allocates billions of dollars to school districts.

The cuts are being made to deal with reduced state tax revenue caused by the nation's economic downturn. The Legislature chose to cut spending by $15.2 billion.



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Sports

US, Japan secure spots in World Cup final

By Raf Casert
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — Both call teamwork the highest good and both are in the final of the World Cup after 3-1 victories. Yet few teams could be as different as the United States and Japan.

The U.S. team again fed off the emotional high of overcoming fatigue and setbacks to find exhilarating unity and late goals to beat France.

Japan, meanwhile, prided itself on an inner calm when it trailed Sweden early and stuck tightly to coaching instructions to methodically fight back and win.

It leaves the U.S., a perennial power, to face the first-time finalist in Sunday's title match at the three-week tournament.

"These wins, we can't do it alone. We know a whole nation is cheering us on," said U.S. forward Wambach after scoring the go-ahead goal late in the match. "We believe in ourselves and we're in the final."

After their spectacular escape against Brazil in a quarterfinal ending in a penalty shootout, the semifinal was bound to be a letdown in comparison. Victory though, gave the Americans their first final since winning the title in 1999.

"We didn't play well today," U.S. coach Pia Sundhage said. "However, we find a way to win and that's a credit to the players' hearts."

Wambach broke a tense 1-1 deadlock with a big header from Lauren Cheney's corner kick in the 79th minute. Cheney delivered the ball perfectly to the far post, and Wambach jumped over the scrum and French goalkeeper Berangere Sapowicz to put it in the empty net. It was Wambach's third goal of the tournament and 12th of her career, putting her level with fellow American Michelle Akers for third on the all-time World Cup scoring list.

Alex Morgan added an insurance goal in the 82nd, the first for the World Cup rookie.

Despite the loss, the World Cup was a resounding success for the French, who made their first appearance in the semifinals and qualified for next summer's London Olympics.

The Americans had only two days'

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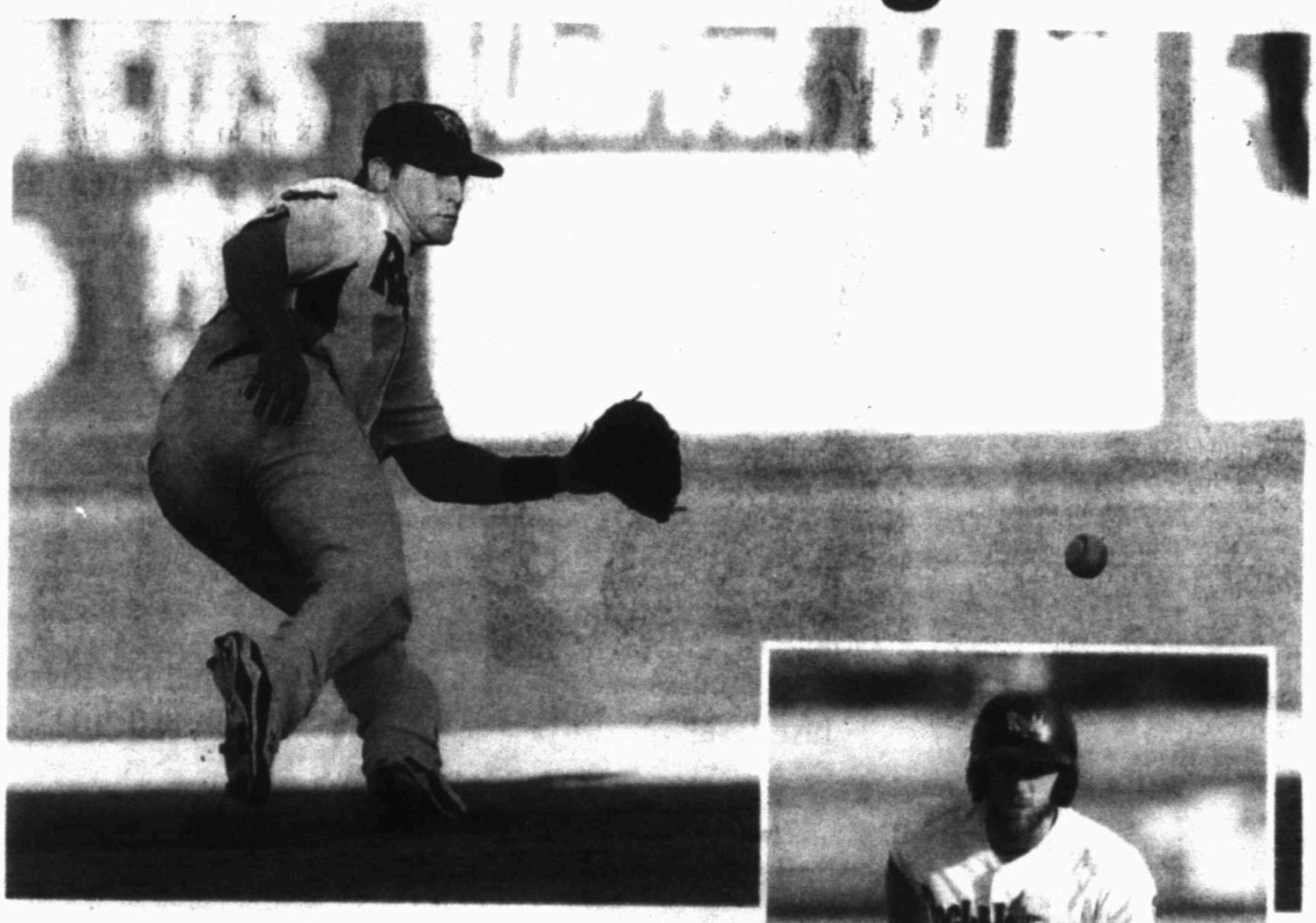
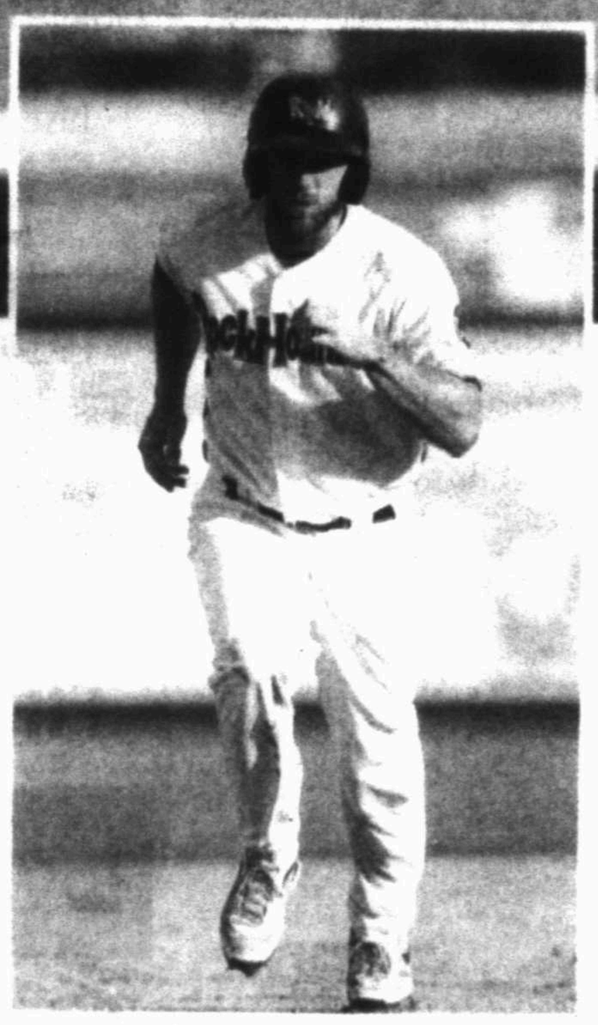
Associated Press

U.S. players celebrate their 3-1 win in the semifinal match between France and the United States at the Women's Soccer World Cup in Moenchengladbach, Germany, on Wednesday. The U.S. will face Japan in the final.

'Hounds coming home





ABOVE: RockHounds third baseman Stephen Parker fields a ball hit by the Arkansas Travelers' Darwin Perez on June 30 during their game at Citibank Ballpark. The RockHounds begin a brief four-game homestand against the San Antonio Missions tonight at Citibank Ballpark. The game starts at 7 p.m.

RIGHT: Josh Horton prepares to round third and head for home on a Stephen Parker RBI single during the first inning of the 'Hounds game against the Travelers on July 1 at Citibank Ballpark.

Photos by Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Injuries to stars mar 1st half of baseball season

By Jon Krawczynski
Associate Press

From Derek Jeter to Albert Pujols and Joe Mauer, you could put together an All-Star team just from the guys who have been stuck on the disabled list this season.

If 2010 was the Year of the Pitcher, 2011 might just be the Year of the Injury. David Wright, Buster Posey and Zack Greinke have missed big chunks of time as well, and the rash of injured stars may be one of the biggest reasons that all six division races are so close heading into the unofficial second half of the season.

With so many teams playing shorthanded, no one has been able to break away from the pack yet and take command of the pennant race, setting up a 2½-month sprint to the finish.

Jeter spent 21 days on the shelf with a calf injury that slowed his pursuit of 3,000 hits, Pujols stunned everyone by coming back from a broken forearm after just two weeks and Mauer's seemingly unimpeachable image in his home state of Minnesota took a big hit when he spent most of the first two months of the season rehabbing a mysterious leg injury.

The current disabled list is chock full of stars — Johan Santana, Jon Lester, Roy Oswalt, Carl Crawford, Josh Johnson, Justin Morneau. And many of the trips haven't been quick ones. Wright has been on the list since May 16 with a stress fracture in his lower back. Morneau is not expected back until mid-August after having neck surgery and Johnson was placed on the 60-day disabled list with right shoulder inflammation on May 17.

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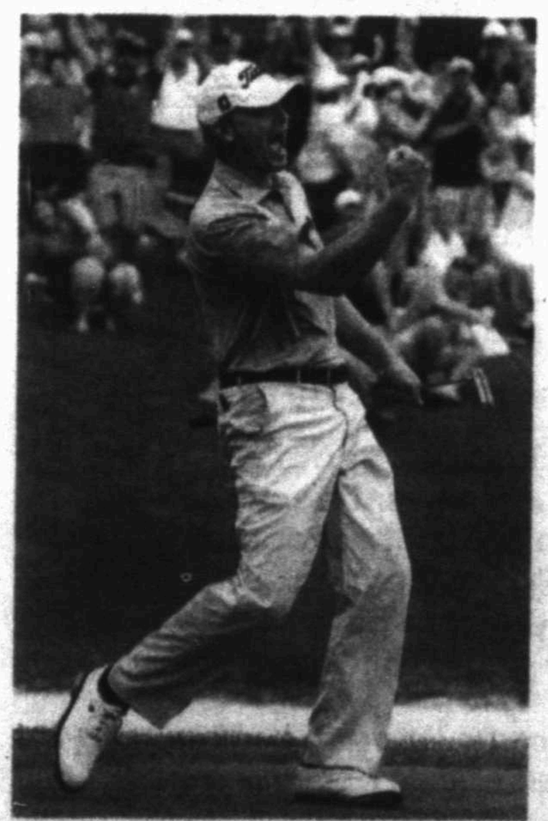
A windy test awaits at British Open



Associated Press

Steve Stricker reacts after making a birdie putt on the 18th green to win the John Deere Classic golf tournament at TPC Deere Run on Sunday in Silvis, Ill.

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SANDWICH, England — Steve Stricker can appreciate better than most how the British Open is unlike any other major.

One day after winning the John Deere Classic with a birdie-birdie finish on the green, manicured fairways of a TPC course in America's heartland, Stricker was trying to stand upright on the lunar links of Royal St. George's. The yardage book was more of a guide than the gospel. It was tough to control his golf ball through the air, even harder when it was bouncing along the ground.

"It's quite a turnaround," Stricker said Wednesday. "To learn and adapt to this style in 2½ days is a challenge."

That short time was all he needed, however, to learn what most others have about this links course in the southeast of England. It's a strong test for golf's oldest championship on a mild day. When the wind is up, which it has been all week, it can be a beast.

The 140th edition of this championship gets under way today at Royal St. George's, as unpredictable as any links on the Open rotation. This is the course where Greg Norman in 1993 became the first Open champion to win with all four rounds in the 60s. It's the same course where Ben Curtis was the only player to break par when it was last here in 2003.

A dry spring has kept the rough from getting too thick, which is but a small reprieve.

"It's a big challenge, and we are the best players in the world here," PGA champion Martin Kaymer said. "So it should be tough. At the end of the day, everybody has to deal with the same golf course."

Even so, it's not always the same for everyone.

The piece of information getting most of the attention on the eve of the British Open was the weather report. The forecast is for gusts up to 25 mph this morning with patches of rain.

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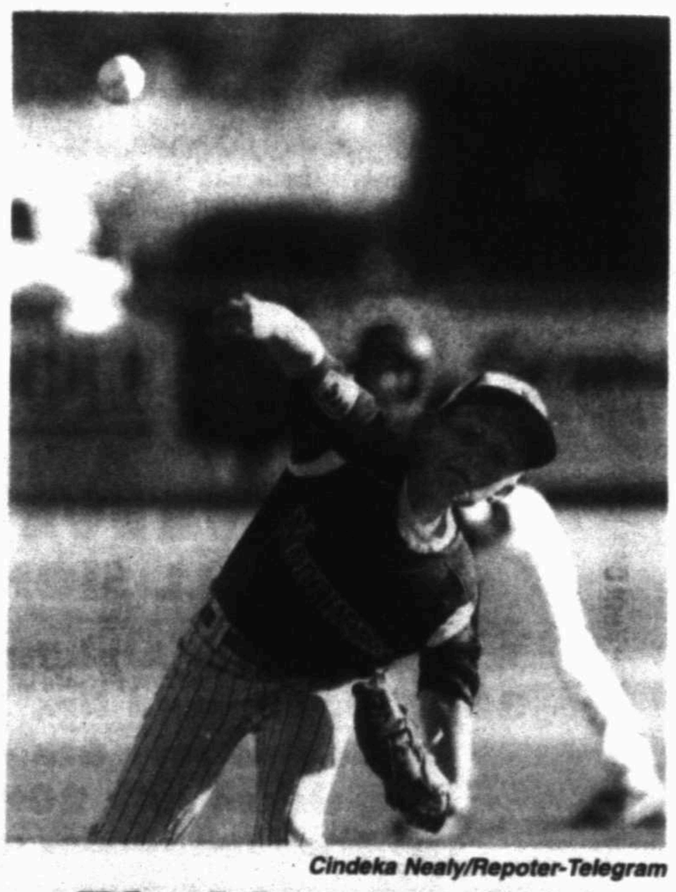

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Pitching power

Northern Little League pitcher Carter Keiling throws a pitch Wednesday during the 9-10 year-old Championship All-Stars game against Southwest at Bluebird Park. Find Little League results on page 2C.

NASCAR PAGE 5C

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Southwest Little Leagues' Sudden Saipien slides onto second base as Northern Little League short-stop Jaxson Bayley attempts the tag Wednesday during their 9-10 year-old Championship All-Stars game at Bluebird Park.

Northern All-Stars top Lubbock Southwest

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — The Northern 12-year-old All-Stars forced an if-necessary game in the championship round of the sectional tournament with a 9-5 victory over Lubbock Southwest at Maxey Park.

Today's 7 p.m. game will determine which team wins the sectional championship and heads to the state tournament.

Northern.....9
Lubbock Southwest 5

Offensively for Northern, Eric Hillman was 3 for 3 with two home runs and three RBI; John Withrich was 2 for 3 with a run scored; McLane Mannix was 2 for 3 with an RBI and run scored; Jaxon Hallmark was 2 for 4 with two home runs; Colby Standard was 2 for 2; and Avian Martinez was 1 for 1 with a run scored.

Payton Tranum got the win on the mound as he had eight strikeouts. Mannix closed it out and had three strikeouts.

Little League bracket

Little League Sectional Tournaments
9-10 year olds
Bluebird Park
Double-elimination
Friday, July 8
Game 1: Lubbock Southwest 10, Alpine 4
Game 2: Northern 22, Abernathy 1
Saturday, July 9
Winner's Bracket
Game 3: Lubbock Southwest 11, Fabens 1
Game 4: Northern 9, Spearman 5
Sunday, July 10
Loser's Bracket
Elimination games
Game 5: Spearman 8, Alpine 4
Game 6: Fabens 4, Abernathy 1
Monday, July 11
Winner's Bracket
Game 7: Lubbock Southwest 12, Northern 2
Loser's Bracket
Elimination game
Game 8: Chidress 12, Post 2
Tuesday, July 12
Loser's Bracket
Elimination game
Game 9: Northern 18, Chidress 2
Championship Series
Wednesday, July 13
Game 10: Northern 9, Lubbock Southwest 5
Thursday, July 14
Game 11 (if necessary): Northern vs. Lubbock Southwest, 7 p.m.

Elimination game
Game 5: Spearman 18, Fabens 4
Tuesday, July 12
Loser's Bracket
Elimination game
Game 9: Lubbock Southwest 10, Spearman 8
Wednesday, July 13
Championship
Game 10: Northern vs. Lubbock Southwest (Late
Thursday, July 14
Game 11 (if necessary): Lubbock Southwest defeats Northern in Game 10, 1 p.m.

10-11 year olds
Maxey Park, Lubbock
Double-elimination
Friday, July 8
Game 1: Lubbock Southwest 13, Pecos 0
Saturday, July 9
Game 2: Lubbock Southwest 12, Northern 2
Sunday, July 10
Loser's Bracket
Elimination game
Game 3: Midland 4, Pecos 3
Championship
Monday, July 11
Game 4: Lubbock Southwest 18, Northern 0

12 year olds
Maxey Park, Lubbock
Double-elimination
Friday, July 8
Game 1: Northern 12, Post 0, 4 innings
Game 2: Lubbock Southwest 13, Childress 0
Saturday, July 9
Game 3: Northern 22, Pecos 5
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YOUTHSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Courtesy photo

NORTHERN SQUAD WINS DISTRICT The Northern 9-10 year old All-Stars won the Little League District 3 tournament last week. Top row from left to right, Sal Sanchez, Korey Keling, Andy Bayley; middle row from left to right, Nathan Wooldridge, Felix Hinojosa, Tyler Mays, Suddin Sapien, Karter Keling, Logan Acosta; bottom row from left to right, Jordan Matthews, Austin Day, Carson Smith, Derek Sanchez, Jaxson Bayley.

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Girls
Singles
Final
Sarianna Kuustila (1), Albuquerque, N.M. def. Natasha Gonzalez (2), Houston, 2-6, 6-4, 10-7

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MCC-Green Tree CC Ladies Challenge

Green Tree Country Club defeated Midland Country Club 73.88 to 75.16 in a Ladies Challenge Match at Midland Country Club on Wednesday. Scores were determined by taking the average of the lowest 80 percent of the team's net scores.

Low gross for MCC: Betty Simpson
Low net for MCC: Donna Weller
Low gross from Green Tree: Jennie McIlvain
Low net for Green Tree: Mary Brown

Needles have Clemens DNA, steroids

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Prosecutors said Wednesday that needles and cotton balls Roger Clemens' former trainer says he used to inject the pitcher tested positive for Clemens' DNA and anabolic steroids — evidence the defense said was faked.

Assistant U.S. attorney Steven Durham revealed the results during opening arguments in Clemens' trial on charges of lying to Congress. Clemens' attorney Rusty Hardin responded that he won't dispute the needles contain Clemens' DNA and steroids, but accused the trainer Brian McNamee of "mixing" it up.

HALFWAY

From 1C

Others won't be back at all this year. Posey, San Francisco's bright young star catcher, is out after breaking his left leg and straining some ligaments in his left ankle on a home plate collision with Florida's Scott Cousins on May 25. Cardinals ace Adam Wainwright, Yankees right-hander Joba Chamberlain and Boston's Daisuke Matsuzaka have all had surgery on their pitching elbows and are rehabbing for 2012.

It even sent the All-Star managers searching a little bit to fill a few holes created by injuries.

"You are scrambling a bit when you have the number of injuries that we have to deal with before we chose the team," NL manager Bruce Bochy said on Monday.

The Red Sox, Cardinals and Giants have somehow been able to weather a series of significant injuries and sit atop their respective divisions as the second half of the season is about to commence.

Others such as the Twins, who have watched eight regular players hit the DL for extended periods of time, and the Tampa Bay Rays, who saw Evan Longoria miss 26 games with an oblique injury, got off to slow starts in part because of health problems.

With the air-tight nature of the playoff chase — all six division leaders have a cushion of 3 1/2 games or fewer — it is conceivable that the teams who are able to remain the healthiest and avoid any more key injuries will be the ones that advance to the postseason.

How teams choose to address key injuries will also add some intrigue to the trade deadline, which is three weeks away.

Major League Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Boston	55	35	.611	—	—	9-1	W-6	28-17	27-18
New York	53	35	.602	1	—	6-4	W-2	30-19	23-16
Tampa Bay	49	41	.544	6	5	4-6	L-2	21-21	28-20
Toronto	45	47	.489	11	10	5-5	W-3	19-22	26-25
Baltimore	36	52	.409	18	17	1-9	L-7	22-22	14-30

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Detroit	49	43	.533	—	—	5-5	W-1	27-19	22-24
Cleveland	47	42	.528	1/2	6 1/2	5-5	L-3	27-18	20-24
Chicago	44	46	.478	5	11	4-6	L-1	21-25	23-23
Minnesota	41	48	.461	6 1/2	12 1/2	7-3	W-1	20-19	21-29
Kansas City	37	54	.407	11 1/2	17 1/2	4-6	L-1	24-27	13-27

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	51	41	.554	—	—	8-2	W-7	31-16	20-25
Los Angeles	50	42	.543	1	5	8-2	W-4	26-22	24-20
Seattle	43	48	.473	7 1/2	11 1/2	4-6	L-5	23-22	20-26
Oakland	39	53	.424	12	16	3-7	L-4	23-21	16-32

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	57	34	.626	—	—	6-4	W-1	34-15	23-19
Atlanta	54	38	.587	3 1/2	—	7-3	L-1	28-19	26-20
New York	46	45	.505	11	7 1/2	5-5	L-2	19-22	27-23
Washington	46	46	.500	11 1/2	8	5-5	W-1	26-18	18-28
Florida	43	48	.473	14	10 1/2	7-3	W-5	22-28	21-20

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	49	43	.533	—	5	5-5	W-1	33-14	16-29
St. Louis	49	43	.533	—	5	5-5	W-2	25-21	24-22
Pittsburgh	47	43	.522	1	6	6-4	W-1	23-22	24-21
Cincinnati	45	47	.489	4	9	3-7	L-1	23-21	22-26
Chicago	37	55	.402	12	17	3-7	L-1	20-28	17-29
Houston	30	62	.326	19	24	1-9	L-4	14-33	16-29

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	52	40	.565	—	—	6-4	W-2	28-18	24-24
Arizona	49	43	.533	3	5	5-5	L-2	23-19	26-24
Colorado	43	48	.473	8 1/2	10 1/2	4-6	L-1	22-22	21-26
Los Angeles	41	51	.446	11	13	5-5	W-4	23-27	18-24
San Diego	40	52	.435	12	14	3-7	L-5	19-27	21-25

All-Star Game
Tuesday's Score
NL All-Stars 5, AL All-Stars 1
American League
Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled
Today's Games
Cleveland at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

National League
Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled
Today's Games
Florida at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 9:05 p.m.

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The RFC is a noh contact camp, in which participants will need shorts, T-shirt, and cleats or tennis shoes.
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Texas League

North Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Arkansas	11	7	.611	—
Tulsa	8	10	.444	3
Northwest Arkansas	7	11	.389	4
Springfield	7	11	.389	4
South Division				
x-San Antonio	13	5	.722	—
Frisco	11	7	.611	2
Corpus Christi	8	10	.444	5
Midland	7	11	.389	6

x-clinched first half

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Today's Games

Corpus Christi at Frisco, 7 p.m.

San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.

Springfield at Northwest Arkansas, 7 p.m.

Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

Racing Glance

NASCAR
LENOX INDUSTRIAL TOOLS 301
Site: Loudon, N.H.
Schedule: Friday, practice (Speed, 10:30 a.m.-noon), qualifying (Speed, 2-4 p.m.); Saturday, practice (Speed, 6:30-9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-noon); Sunday, race, noon (TNT, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.).
Track: New Hampshire Motor Speedway (oval, 1.058 miles).
Race distance: 318.48 miles, 301 laps.
Last week: Kyle Busch won the first Sprint Cup race at Kentucky Speedway for his third victory of the year and 99th in NASCAR's three national series. He also took the points lead.
Fast facts: Kyle Busch has 22 Cup wins, 48 in the Nationwide Series and 29 in Trucks. ... The race marks the start of the second half of the 36-event season. ... Kevin Harvick also has three victories this season. ... Clint Bowyer won the Chase opener at the track last September.
Next race: Brickyard 400, July 31, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

NATIONWIDE
NEW ENGLAND 200
Site: Loudon, N.H.
Schedule: Friday, practice (Speed, 12:30-2 p.m.); Saturday, qualifying (Speed, 9:20-10:30 a.m.), race, 2:30 p.m. (ESPN, 1:30-5 p.m.).
Track: New Hampshire Motor Speedway (oval, 1.058 miles).
Race distance: 211.6 miles, 200 laps.
Last week: Brad Keselowski won at Kentucky Speedway, stretching his fuel over the final 67 laps for his first victory of the year. Kevin Harvick was second.
Next race: Federated Auto Parts 300, July 23, Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS
COCA-COLA 200
Site: Newton, Iowa.
Schedule: Friday, practice; Saturday, qualifying; race, 7 p.m. (Speed, 6:30-9:30 p.m.).
Track: Iowa Speedway (oval, 0.875 miles).
Race distance: 175 miles, 200 laps.
Last week: Kyle Busch raced to his fifth Trucks victory of the year, raining from the back row at Kentucky Speedway. Parker Kligerman was second.
Next race: Lucas Deep Clean 200, July 22, Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

INDYCAR
Next race: Edmonton Indy, July 24, Edmonton City Centre Airport, Edmonton, Alberta.
Last week: Dario Franchitti raced to his fourth IndyCar victory of the season and third career win in Toronto, surviving a crash-filled race to extend his lead in the season standings.
Online: http://www.indycar.com

FORMULA ONE
Next race: German Grand Prix, July 24, Nuerburgring, Nuerburg, Germany.
Last week: Fernando Alonso won the British Grand Prix to give Ferrari its first victory of the season. Series leader Sebastian Vettel's hopes were thwarted by a pit-stop blunder.
Online: http://www.formula1.com

NHRA FULL THROTTLE
Next event: Mopar Mile-High NHRA Nationals, July 22-24, Bandimere Speedway, Morrison, Colo.
Last week: Mike Neff won the Route 66 NHRA Nationals on Sunday for his fourth Funny Car victory of the season. Del Worsham (Top Fuel), Greg Anderson (Pro Stock) and LE Tonglet (Pro Stock Motorcycle) also won.
Online: http://www.nhra.com

OTHER RACES
ARCA RACING SERIES: Prairie Meadows 200, Saturday (Speed, 4:45 p.m.), Iowa Speedway, Newton, Iowa. Online: http://www.arcaracing.com
WORLD OF OUTLAWS: Sprint Car Kings Royal, Saturday, Eldora Speedway, Rossburg, Ohio. Late Model Friday, River Cities Speedway, Grand Forks, N.D. Online: http://www.worldoutlaws.com
U.S. AUTO RACING CLUB: Sprint Car, Thursday, Brownstown Speedway, Brownstown, Ind.; Friday, Bloomington Speedway, Bloomington, Ind.; Saturday, Tri-State Speedway, Haubstadt, Ind. Online: http://www.usracing.com

AUTO RACING

Pa.
Aug. 14 — Helluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 21 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 27 — Irwin Tools Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
Sep. 4 — Labor Day Classic 500, Hampton, Ga.
Sep. 10 — One Last Race To Make The Chase 400, Richmond, Va.
Sep. 18 — Chicagoland 400, Joliet, Ill.
Sep. 25 — Sylvania 300, Lockon, Ill.
Oct. 2 — AAA 400, Dover, Del.
Oct. 9 — Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 15 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 23 — Talladega 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 30 — TUMS Fast Relief 500, Ridgeway, Va.
Nov. 6 — AAA Texas 500, Fort Worth, Texas
Nov. 13 — Kobalt Tools 500, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 20 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.
x-non-points race

2011 Driver Standings
1. Kyle Busch, 624.
2. Carl Edwards, 620.
3. Kevin Harvick, 614.
4. Kurt Busch, 606.
5. Jimmie Johnson, 605.
6. Matt Kenseth, 602.
7. Jeff Gordon, 583.
8. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 548.
9. Ryan Newman, 538.
10. Denny Hamlin, 529.
11. Tony Stewart, 527.
12. Clint Bowyer, 514.
13. Juan Pablo Montoya, 497.
14. Greg Biffle, 496.
15. David Ragan, 494.
16. Paul Menard, 486.
17. Kasey Kahne, 484.
18. A.J. Allmendinger, 483.
19. Mark Martin, 477.
20. Joey Logano, 469.

2011 NASCAR Nationwide Series schedule, standings
Feb. 19 — DRIVE4COPD 300, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Tony Stewart)
Feb. 26 — Bashas' Supermarkets 200, Avondale, Ariz. (Kyle Busch)
March 5 — Sam's Town 300, Las Vegas (Mark Martin)
March 19 — Scotts EZ Seed 300, Bristol, Tenn. (Kyle Busch)
March 26 — Royal Purple 200, Fontana, Calif. (Kyle Busch)
April 9 — O'Reilly Auto Parts 300, Fort Worth, Texas (Carl Edwards)
April 16 — Aaron's 312, Talladega, Ala. (Kyle Busch)
April 23 — Nashville 300, Lebanon, Tenn. (Carl Edwards)
April 29 — Bubba Burger 250, Richmond, Va. (Denny Hamlin)
May 6 — Royal Purple 200, Darlington, S.C. (Kyle Busch)
May 14 — 5-hour ENERGY 200, Dover, Del. (Carl Edwards)
May 22 — John Deere Dealers of Iowa 250, Madison, Iowa (Ricky Stenhouse Jr.)
May 28 — Top Gear 300, Concord, N.C. (Matt Kenseth)
June 4 — STP 300, Joliet, Ill. (Justin Allgaier)
June 18 — Alliance Truck Parts 250, Brooklyn, Mich. (Carl Edwards)
June 25 — Bucyrus 200, Elkhart Lake, Wis. (Reed Sorenson)
July 1 — Subway Jalapeno 250, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Joey Logano)
July 8 — Feed The Children 300, Sparta, Ky. (Brad Keselowski)
July 16 — New England 200, Loudon, N.H.
July 23 — Federated Auto Parts 300, Lebanon, Tenn.
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. 10 — Virginia 529 College Savings 250, Richmond, Va.
Sep. 17 — Dollar General 300, Joliet, Ill.
Oct. 1 — Dover 200, Dover, Del.
Oct. 8 — Kansas Lottery 300, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 14 — Dollar General 300, Concord, N.C.
Nov. 5 — O'Reilly Auto Parts Challenge, Fort Worth, Texas
Nov. 12 — Wypall 200, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 19 — Ford 300, Homestead, Fla.

2011 Driver Standings
1. Elliott Sadler, 641.
2. Reed Sorenson, 637.
3. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 614.
4. Justin Allgaier, 598.
5. Jason Leffler, 568.
6. Eric Almirola, 553.
7. Kenny Wallace, 532.
8. Steve Wallace, 490.
9. Michael Annett, 483.
10. Brian Scott, 483.
11. Mike Wallace, 422.
12. Josh Wise, 413.
13. Trevor Bayne, 409.
14. Mike Bliss, 409.
15. Joe Nemechek, 391.
16. Jeremy Clements, 345.
17. Timmy Hill, 338.
18. Derrike Cope, 302.
19. Eric McClure, 297.
20. Blake Koch, 289.

2011 Formula One schedule and standings
March 27 — Australian Grand Prix, Melbourne, (Sebastian Vettel)
April 10 — Malaysian Grand Prix, Kuala Lumpur (Sebastian Vettel)
April 17 — Chinese Grand Prix, Shanghai (Lewis Hamilton)
May 8 — Turkish Grand Prix, Istanbul (Sebastian Vettel)
May 22 — Spanish Grand Prix, Catalunya (Sebastian Vettel)
May 29 — Monaco Grand Prix, Monte Carlo (Sebastian Vettel)
June 12 — Canadian Grand Prix, Montreal, (Jenson Button)
June 26 — European Grand Prix, Valencia, Spain (Sebastian Vettel)
July 10 — British Grand Prix, Silverstone England (Fernando Alonso)
July 24 — German Grand Prix, Nurburgring
July 31 — Hungarian Grand Prix, Budapest
Aug. 28 — Belgian Grand Prix, Spa-Francorchamps
Sept. 11 — Italian Grand Prix, Monza
Sept. 25 — Singapore Grand Prix
Oct. 9 — Japanese Grand Prix, Suzuka
Oct. 16 — Korean Grand Prix, Yeongam, South Korea
Oct. 30 — x-Indian Grand Prix, Delhi
Nov. 13 — Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Nov. 27 — Brazilian Grand Prix, Sao Paulo
x-Subject to circuit approval

2011 Driver Standings
1. Sebastian Vettel, 204.
2. Mark Webber, 124.
3. Fernando Alonso, 112.
4. Lewis Hamilton, 109.
(tie) Jenson Button, 109.
6. Felipe Massa, 52.
7. Nico Rosberg, 40.
8. Nick Heidfeld, 34.
9. Vitaly Petrov, 31.
10. Michael Schumacher, 28.
11. Kamui Kobayashi, 25.
12. Adrian Sutil, 10.
13. Jaime Alguersuari, 9.
14. Sergio Perez, 8.
(tie) Sebastien Buemi, 8.
16. Rubens Barrichello, 4.
17. Paul di Resta, 2.

2011 IndyCar schedule and standings
March 27 — Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg (Fla.) (Dario Franchitti)
April 10 — Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama (Birmingham) (Will Power)
April 17 — Grand Prix of Long Beach (Calif.) (Mike Conway)
May 1 — Sao Paulo Indy 300 (Will Power)
May 29 — Indianapolis 500 (Dan Wheldon)
June 11 — Firestone Twin 275 Race 1 (Dario Franchitti)
June 11 — Firestone Twin 275 Race 2 (Will Power)
June 19 — The Milwaukee 225, West Allis, Wis. (Dario Franchitti)
June 25 — Iowa Corn Indy 250, Newton (Marco Andretti)
July 10 — Honda Indy Toronto (Dario Franchitti)
July 24 — Edmonton Indy
Aug. 7 — Honda Indy 200, Lexington, Ohio
Aug. 14 — TBA, Loudon, N.H.
Aug. 28 — Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma (Calif.) County
Sept. 4 — Baltimore Grand Prix
Sept. 18 — Indy Japan 300, Motegi, Japan
Oct. 2 — Kentucky Indy 300, Sparta
Oct. 16 — IZOD IndyCar World Championships, Las Vegas

2011 Driver Standings
1. Dario Franchitti, 353.
2. Will Power, 298.
3. Scott Dixon, 270.
4. Oriol Servia, 232.
5. Tony Kanaan, 221.
6. Ryan Briscoe, 219.
7. Marco Andretti, 216.
8. Graham Rahal, 208.
9. J.R. Hildebrand, 193.
10. Alex Tagliani, 173.
(tie) Danica Patrick, 173.
12. Helio Castroneves, 172.
13. Vitor Meira, 171.
14. Takuma Sato, 167.
15. James Hinchcliffe, 158.
16. Mike Conway, 156.
17. Justin Wilson, 153.
18. Ryan Hunter-Reay, 150.
19. Simona de Silvestro, 137.
20. E.J. Viso, 135.

2011 NHRA schedule and standings
Winners in parentheses: TF—Top Fuel; FC—Funny Car; PS—Pro Stock; PSM—Pro Stock Motorcycle
Feb. 27 — Winternationals, Pomona, Calif. (TF—Morgan Lucas; FC—Robert Hight; PS—Jason Line)
March 13 — Gatornationals, Gainesville, Fla. (TF—Del Worsham; FC—Mike Neff; PS—Jason Line; PSM—Eddie Krawiec)
April 1-3 — SummitRacing.com Nationals, Las Vegas (TF—Antron Brown; FC—Robert Hight; PS—Mike Edwards)
April 14-17 — Wide Nationals, Concord, N.C. (TF—Del Worsham; FC—Jack Beckman; PS—Greg Anderson)
April 29-May 1 — O'Reilly Spring Nationals, Houston (TF—Del Worsham; FC—Jeff Arend; PS—Vincent Nobile; PSM—Andrew Hines)
May 13-15 — Summit Racing Equipment Southern Nationals, Commerce, Ga. (TF—Antron Brown; FC—Jack Beckman; PS—Jason Line; PSM—LE Tonglet)
May 20-22 — O'Reilly Summer Nationals, Topeka, Kan. (TF—Spencer Massey; FC—Robert Hight; PS—Shane Gray)
June 2-5 — SuperNationals, Englishtown, N.J. (TF—Scott Kalitta; FC—Mike Neff; Allen Johnson; PS, Matt Smith; PSM)
June 17-19 — Thunder Valley Nationals, Bristol, Tenn. (TF—Larry Dixon; FC—Robert Hight; PS—Mike Edwards)
June 23-26 — Summit Racing Equipment Nationals, Norwalk, Ohio (TF—Del Worsham; FC—Mike Neff; PS—Vincent Nobile; PSM—Eddie Krawiec)
July 7-10 — Route 66 Nationals, Chicago (TF—Del Worsham; FC—Mike Neff; PS—Greg Anderson; PSM—LE Tonglet)
July 22-24 — Mopar Mile-High Nationals, Denver
July 29-31 — FRAM-Autolite Nationals, Sonoma, Calif.
Aug. 5-8 — Northwest Nationals, Seattle
Aug. 18-21 — Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals, Brainerd, Minn.
Aug. 31-Sept. 5 — Mac Tools U.S. Nationals, Indianapolis
Sept. 16-19 — O'Reilly Auto Parts NHRA Nationals, Concord, N.C.
Sept. 22-25 — O'Reilly Super Start Batteries Fall Nationals, Dallas
Sept. 29-Oct. 2 — Keystone Nationals, Reading, Pa.
Oct. 14-16 — Arizona Nationals, Phoenix
Oct. 27-30 — Las Vegas Nationals
Nov. 10-13 — Automobile Club of Southern California Finals, Pomona, Calif.

2011 Driver Standings
Top Fuel
1. Del Worsham, 1,323.
2. Spencer Massey, 872.
3. Larry Dixon, 867.
4. Antron Brown, 809.
5. Tony Schumacher, 764.

Funny Car
1. Mike Neff, 1,005.
2. Jack Beckman, 833.
3. Robert Hight, 786.
4. Cruz Pedregon, 742.
5. Matt Hagan, 642.

Pro Stock
1. Jason Line, 858.
2. Greg Anderson, 804.
3. Mike Edwards, 781.
4. Vincent Nobile, 765.
5. Greg Stanfield, 721.

Pro Stock Motorcycle
1. Eddie Krawiec, 485.
2. Karen Stoffer, 479.
3. Matt Smith, 424.
4. Andrew Hines, 401.
(tie) LE Tonglet, 401.

AFL

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

West Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Arizona	15	2	0	.882	1059	787
Spokane	8	9	0	.500	839	891
San Jose	7	9	0	.438	917	980
Utah	7	9	0	.438	944	990
Central Division						
x-Chicago	12	4	0	.750	863	735
x-Dallas	11	5	0	.688	968	899
Tulsa	7	9	0	.438	774	749
Kansas City	5	11	0	.313	750	855
Iowa	5	11	0	.313	808	970

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

South Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Jacksonville	13	3	0	.813	1035	804
Georgia	9	7	0	.563	886	832
Orlando	9	7	0	.563	854	840
Tampa Bay	6	10	0	.375	705	891
New Orleans	3	13	0	.188	724	893
Eastern Division						
Cleveland	9	7	0	.563	768	711
Pittsburgh	8	8	0	.500	754	857
Philadelphia	6	10	0	.353	866	908
Milwaukee	5	11	0	.313	735	777

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Friday's Games
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Montreal	2	0	0	4	69	51
Winnipeg	2	0	0	4	46	32
Toronto	1	1	0	2	39	43
Hamilton	0	2	0	0	26	52

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Edmonton	2	0	0	4	70	38
Calgary	1	1	0	2	55	55
B.C.	0	2	0	0	58	64
Saskatchewan	0	2	0	0	53	81

Thursday's Game
Calgary at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.

Friday's Game
Toronto at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Saskatchewan at Hamilton, 4 p.m.
B.C. at Edmonton, 6 p.m.

Am. Association

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Gary	32	26	.552	—
Wichita	31	27	.534	—
Sioux City	29	28	.509	2 1/2
Lincoln	26	31	.456	5 1/2
Kansas City	25	32	.439	6 1/2
North Division				
Winnipeg	36	21	.632	—
St. Paul	33	24	.579	3
Fargo-Moorhead	26	31	.456	10
Sioux Falls	25	32	.439	11
South Division				
Grand Prairie	39	18	.684	—
Amarillo	28	28	.500	10 1/2
Shreveport-Bossier	28	30	.483	11 1/2
Fort Worth	25	31	.446	13 1/2
El Paso	16	40	.286	22 1/2

Wednesday's Scores
Winnipeg 10, St. Paul 4
Sioux Falls 9, Fargo-Moorhead 5
Wichita 1, Shreveport-Bossier 0
Kansas City 7, Lincoln 0
Grand Prairie 11, Fort Worth 4
El Paso at Amarillo, late
Sioux City 5, Gary 3

Today's Games
Sioux Falls at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Kansas City at Fargo-Moorhead, 7:02 p.m.
Amarillo at Lincoln, 7:05 p.m.
St. Paul at Sioux City, 7:05 p.m.
Fort Worth at El Paso, 8:05 p.m.

Tour de France

Wednesday
At Carmaux, France
11th Stage
A 104.1-mile ride in the rain from Blaye-les-Mines to Lavaur, with a couple of minor hills but no major difficulties.
1. Mark Cavendish, Britain, HTC-Highroad, 3 hours, 46 minutes, 7 seconds.
2. Andre Greipel, Germany, Omega Pharma-Lotto, same time.
3. Tyler Farrar, United States, Garmin-Cervelo, same time.
4. Denis Galimzyanov, Russia, Katusha, same time.
5. Edvald Boasson Hagen, Norway, Sky Procycling, same time.
6. Romain Feillu, France, Vacansoleil-DCM, same time.
7. Jose Joaquin Rojas Spain, Movistar, same time.
8. Sebastien Turgot, France, Europcar, same time.
9. Francisco Ventoso, Spain, Movistar, same time.
10. William Bonnet, France, Francaise des Jeux, same time.
11. Arnold Jeannesson, France, Francaise des Jeux, same time.
12. Gerald Ciolek, Germany, Quick Step, same time.
13. Anthony Delaplace, France, Saur-Sojasun, same time.
14. Sebastien Hinault, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.
15. Dario Mariarpian, Belgium, Francaise des Jeux, same time.
16. Jurgen Roelandts, Belgium, Omega Pharma-Lotto, same time.
17. Pablo Urtasun, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, same time.
18. Mark Renshaw, Australia, HTC-High road, same time.
19. Rob Ruijgh, Netherlands, Vacansoleil-DCM, same time.
20. Tomas Vaitkus, Lithuania, Astana, same time.

Also
29. Andy Schleck, Luxembourg, Leopard Trek, same time.
35. Christian Vande Velde, United States, Garmin-Cervelo, same time.
36. Tony Martin, Germany, HTC-Highroad, same time.
39. Peter Velits, Slovakia, HTC-Highroad, same time.
47. Alberto Contador, Spain, Saxo Bank Sungard, same time.
49. Tom Danielson, United States, Garmin-Cervelo, same time.
50. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC, same time.
55. George Hincapie, United States, BMC, same time.
66. Philippe Gilbert, Belgium, Omega Pharma-Lotto, same time.
75. Thomas Voeckler, France, Europcar, same time.
82. Frank Schleck, Luxembourg, Leopard Trek, same time.
86. Andreas Kloeden, Germany, Radioshack, same time.
95. Luis Leon Sanchez, Spain, Rabobank, same time.
96. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Radioshack, same time.
97. Brent Bookwalter, United States, BMC, same time.
144. Tejay Van Garderen, United States, HTC-Highroad, 5:03 behind.
171. Danny Pate, United States, HTC-Highroad, 5:43.

Overall Standings
(After 11 stages)
1. Thomas Voeckler, France, Europcar, 46 hours, 52 minutes, 39 seconds.
2. Luis Leon Sanchez, Spain, Rabobank, 1 minute, 49 seconds behind.
3. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC, 2:26.
4. Frank Schleck, Luxembourg, Leopard-Trek, 2:29.
5. Andy Schleck, Luxembourg, Leopard-Trek, 2:37.
6. Tony Martin, Germany, HTC-Highroad, 2:38.
7. Peter Velits, Slovakia, HTC-Highroad, same time.
8. Andreas Kloeden, Germany, Radioshack, 2:43.
9. Philippe Gilbert, Belgium, Omega Pharma-Lotto, 2:55.
10. Jakob Fuglsang, Denmark, Leopard-Trek, 3:06.
11. Ivan Basso, Italy, Liquigas-Cannondale, 3:36.
12. Damiano Cunego, Italy, Lampre-ISD, 3:37.
13. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, AG2R La Mondiale, 3:45.
14. Kevin De Weert, Belgium, Quick Step, 3:47.
15. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Rabobank, 4:01.
16. Alberto Contador, Spain, Saxo Bank Sungard, 4:07.
17. Tom Danielson, United States, Garmin-Cervelo, 4:22.
18. Rein Taaramae, Estonia, Cofidis, 4:52.
19. Christian Vande Velde, United States, Garmin-Cervelo, 4:53.
20. Samuel Sanchez, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, 5:01.

Also
35. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Radioshack, 7:16.
48. George Hincapie, United States, BMC, 14:53.
52. Tejay Van Garderen, United States, HTC-Highroad, 20:19.
137. Brent Bookwalter, United States, BMC, 53:50.
150. Tyler Farrar, United States, Garmin-Cervelo, 1:01:32.
163. Danny Pate, United States, HTC-Highroad, 1:07:30.

'Hounds Watch

Tuesday's Score
Springfield 13 Midland 3

Today's Game
San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m., Citibank Ballpark

Records
Midland 7-11, San Antonio 13-5

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Monday	Tuesday	Today	Friday	Saturday
Springfield 4, Midland 3	Springfield 13 Midland 3	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.	

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

CYCLING
Tour de France, stage 12, Cugnaux to Luz-Ardiden, France, 5:30 a.m., VERSUS

GOLF
British Open, first round, 3 a.m., ESPN
Nationwide Tour, Chiquita Classic, first round,1 p.m., TGC

PGA Tour, Viking Classic, first round, 3 p.m., TGC

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Regional coverage, N.Y. Yankees at Toronto or Cleveland at Baltimore, 6 p.m., MLB
Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., FSS

WNBA
Seattle at San Antonio, 8 p.m., ESPN2

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed RHP Mitch Talbot on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Ezequiel Carrera from Columbus (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with RHP Rafael Betancourt and assigned him to the GCL Yankees.
National League
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with RHP Colten Brewer and RHP Jason Creasy.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jaime Garcia on a four-year contract extension.
American Association
AMARILLO SOX—Released RHP Colin Allen.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS—Signed RHP Dan Bewell.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Released RHP Sean Potter.
Can-Am League
NEWARK BEARS—Signed RHP Doug Jennings.
QUEBEC CAPITALES—Signed OF Mitch Delaney.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
INDIANA PACERS—Named Brian Shaw assistant head coach. Retained as assistant coach Dan Burke.
FOOTBALL
Canadian Football League
CFL—Fined Saskatchewan RB Craig Butler an undisclosed amount for an illegal hit on Montreal WR S. Green during Saturday's game.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Named Dossama AbouZeid interim chief executive officer.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Agreed to terms with C Brandon Sutter on a three-year contract.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Signed C Cody Bass to a one-year contract.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed F Mika Zibanejad to a three-year contract.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed F Jonathan Cheechoo to a one-year contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Re-signed C Matthew Pistrutti to a one-year contract.
ECHL
ALASKA ACES—Named Rob Murray coach.
CHICAGO EXPRESS—Announced an affiliation agreement with the Columbus Blue Jackets.
ELMIRA JACKALS—Signed D Mario Larocque.
READING ROYALS—Agreed to terms with F Phil Auconi.
LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
MINNESOTA SWARM—Traded D Ryan Cousins, A Aaron Wilson, G Kevin Crosswell and a 2011 second-round draft pick to Edmonton for 2011 first- and fourth-round draft picks and a 2012 second-round draft pick.
TORONTO ROCK—Traded F Matt MacLeod, D Creighton Reid and the ninth and 14th picks in the 2011 draft to Colorado for F Dan Carey the 28th pick in the 2011 draft and the rights to Rochester's 2013 first-round draft pick.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS—Suspended Los Angeles F Chris Birchall for two games and fined him $500 and suspended Chicago F Diego Chaves one game and fined him $250 for reckless challenges in a game on July 3. Fined San Jose coach Frank Yallop $500, on top of his automatic one-game ban and $500 fine, for getting sent off during a game against Philadelphia on July 9.
CHICAGO FIRE—Signed MF Sebastian Grazzini.
NEW YORK RED BULLS—Signed G Frank Rost.
COLLEGE
NCAA—Named Mark Emmert athletic director Mike Bobinski chairman of the Division I men's basketball committee for the 2012-13 season.
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HOCKEY CONFERENCE—Announced the name for the conference that Colorado College, Denver, Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota-Duluth and North Dakota will have formed to being play in the 2013-14 season.
SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE—Named Calhoun Hipp assistant director of communications.
CARROLL—Announced G Dee Crandall has transferred from Northwest Wyoming State.
GEORGETOWN—Named Stephanie Wetmore women's assistant tennis coach.
INDIANA STATE—Named Dave Telford quarterbacks coach.
LA SALLE—Named Shannon Witzel women's assistant lacrosse coach.
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE—Named Greg Grensing men's assistant basketball coach.
MINNESOTA—Named Mike Quentzer men's assistant head hockey coach.
VANDERBILT—Announced men's and women's cross country coach Steven Keeh will add women's track and field to his coaching duties.

TENNIS

ATP

MercedesCup
Wednesday
At TC Weissenhof
Stuttgart, Germany
Purse: $642,000 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Victor Hanescu, Romania, def. Jan Mayer, Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.
Second Round
Pablo Andujar, Spain, def. Albert Montanes, Spain, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
Doubles
First Round
Santiago Ventura, Mexico, and Adil Shamasdin, Canada, def. Jean Morris and Julien Obry, France, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Marc Lopez, Spain, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine and Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 7-6.
Quarterfinals
Christopher Kas, Germany, and Alexander Peya, Austria, def. Alexander Waske and Michal Zyzik, Germany, 7-6, 6-4.
SkiStar Swedish Open
Wednesday
At Bastad Tennis Stadium
Bastad, Sweden
Purse: $642,000 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, def. Andriy Golubev, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.
Andreas Haider-Maurer, Austria, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 7-5, 2-6, 6-4.
Juan Monaco (6), Argentina, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (7), 6-2.
Second Round
Pablo Starace (8), Italy, def. Jonathan Dasnieres de Veigy, France, 6-0, 6-7, 6-4.
Tomas Berdych (3), Czech Republic, def. Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Robin Soderling (1), Sweden, def. Diego Junqueira, Argentina, 6-0, 6-1.
Doubles
First Round
Franco Ferreiro and Andre Sa, Brazil, def. Julien Benneteau, France, and Jamie Murray (3), Britain, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
David Marrero and Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo (4), Spain, def. Carl Bergman and Patrik Rosenholm, Sweden, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Simon Aspelin and Andreas Siljestrom, Sweden, def. Patrik Brydsall and Michael Ryderstedt, Sweden, 6-2, 6-4.

WTA

Nuernberger Gastein Ladies
Wednesday
At TC Wels 76
Bad Gastein, Austria
Purse: $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Sybille Bammer, Austria, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Second Round
Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, 6-3, 6-1.
Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, def. Nastja Kavcic, Slovenia, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.
Katerina Bondarenko, Ukraine, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.
Laura Pous Tio, Spain, def. Kristina Barrois, Germany, 7-5, 6-3.
Doubles
First Round
Klaudia Jans and Alicja Rosolska, Poland, def. Sarah Borwell, Britain, and Katalin Marosi, Hungary, 6-4, 4-6, 10-8.
Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, and Julia Goerges, Germany, def. Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Vladimira Uhlirova, Czech Republic, 4-6, 7-5, 10-7 (Tiebreak Quarterfinals)
Nicole Hofmanova and Melanie Oudin, Austria, def. Nova Laplotare Gorica and Katerina Pena Cardona, Spain, walkover.

SNAI Open
Wednesday
At ASD Country Time Club
Palermo, Sicily
Purse: $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Second Round
Tsvetana Pironkova (5), Bulgaria, def. Soraina Cristea, Romania, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.
Petra Cetkovska (8), Czech Republic, def. Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, 6-2, 6-4.
Polona Hercog (7), Slovenia, def. Aravane Rezai, France, 6-0, 6-7, 6-4.
Flavia Pennetta (1), Italy, def. Mathilde Johansson, France, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Doubles
First Round
Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, and Daniela Jurak, Croatia, def. Lara Arruabarrena Vecino and Eva Fernandez Brugues, Spain, 6-4, 6-1.
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (1), Italy, def. Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, and Alberta Brianti, Italy, 6-4, 6-1.
Quarterfinals
Teodora Mironov, Croatia, and Laura Thorpe, France, def. Beatriz Garcia Vega, Spain, and Claudia Giovine, Italy, 6-4, 6-4.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Friday
At Roseland Ballroom, New York (ESPN2): Pawel Wolak vs. Delvin Rodriguez, 10, junior middleweights.
At Las Vegas (SHO), Diego Magdaleno vs. Alejandro Perez, 10, for Magdaleno's NABF junior lightweight title.
At Club 7600

WORLD CUP

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rest following the Brazil game, their quickest turnaround of the tournament, and there had been concern that fatigue or emotions might get the best of them. But Wambach, who has been playing with an Achilles' tendon so sore it often keeps her out of practice, again kept going till the difference was made.

"In the end, we're in the finals," Wambach said, "and that's all that matters."

To Japan, a whole lot more matters.

The Japanese players always had more on their minds than their next game in the marquee event for women's football. In the wake of the March 11 tsunami and earthquake, they wanted to provide a feel-good story for fans back home.

And they came through.

Following their latest win, they again unfurled a huge banner that said "To our Friends Around the World — Thank You for Your Support," referring to the global outpouring of aid after the tsunami, that left nearly 23,000 dead or missing.

"What we have been doing so far is very good for Japan," Sasaki said. "We are still recovering from the disaster. there were so many victims," he said.

"Even little things, like a win, can give people courage and hope."

Captain Homare Sawa made up for a huge error by scoring the go-ahead goal and push Japan toward its first final.

Surprise call-up Nahomi Kawasumi had two goals for Japan. She had just played 29 minutes in the tournament before coach Norio Sasaki started her in Japan's biggest game ever.

"She is very tough and fit," he said. "I didn't ask her to score two goals but she did an excellent job."

AT A GLANCE

QUARTERFINALS
Saturday, July 9
At Leverkusen, Germany
France 1, England 1, France won 4-3 on penalty kicks
At Wolfsburg, Germany
Japan 1, Germany 0, OT
Sunday, July 10
At Augsburg, Germany
Sweden 3, Australia 1
At Dresden, Germany
United States 2, Brazil 2, U.S. won 5-3 on penalty kicks

SEMIFINALS
Wednesday
At Monchengladbach, Germany
United States 3, France 1
At Frankfurt
Japan 3, Sweden 1

THIRD PLACE
Saturday
At Sinsheim, Germany
France vs. Sweden, 10:30 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday
At Frankfurt
United States vs. Japan, 1:45 p.m.

Associated Press

Three-time Tour de France winner Alberto Contador, of Spain, center, rides in the pack during the 11th stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 104.8 miles starting in Blaye les Mines and finishing in Lavaur, south central France, on Wednesday.

Contador hopes knee holds up in Pyrenees

Associated Press

LAVAUR, France — Defending Tour de France Alberto Contador wants to show his rivals he is still the world's best climber when the race hits the Pyrenees on Thursday. It just depends whether his troublesome right knee lets him.

The three-time champion has been bugged by a swelling in his right knee since he crashed on last week's fifth stage, and he banged the same knee again when falling of his bike on stage 9 last Sunday.

With two mammoth climbs up the Col du Tourmalet and an uphill finish to Luz-Ardiden awaiting him on today's 12th stage, the Spaniard feels quietly confident his body will not let him down. It had better not, otherwise Andy Schleck and Cadel Evans, his main Tour rivals, will not hesitate to try to knock him out of contention.

Cruel, but that's the Tour. After all, Contador did not wait around when Schleck's chain came off last year.

"My knee is responding well so I'm obviously very happy," Contador said Wednesday's 11th stage. "But keep in mind that I didn't climb the Tourmalet today. I have to see how it responds and on that basis I will make a decision how to do the race on the last climb tomorrow."

British sprinter Mark Cavendish won Wednesday's 11th stage with a blistering late attack to clinch his third Tour stage win of the race, and Frenchman Thomas Voeckler kept hold of the race leader's yellow jersey for another day.

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before the wind tapers off in the afternoon. The wind is expected to remain moderate Friday morning, then switch directions and return to gusts upward of 25 mph by the end of the day.

If that holds true, the players teeing off early today and late Friday could get the worst of it. And as a reminder of how significant the tee times can be, remember that Louis Oosthuizen teed off at 6:41 a.m. in the second round last year at St. Andrews, missed the worst of the weather in his round of 67 and was on his way to a seven-shot win.

Among the early starters today: Rory McIlroy, the overwhelming favorite to add the claret jug to his U.S. Open trophy.

McIlroy, who has not played since his record-setting win at Congressional last month, did most of his preparation last week at Royal St. George's. He played in a strong, southwesterly wind, which is typical this time of the year. The 22-year-old from Northern Ireland played at 6:30 a.m.

Wednesday in a wind coming out of the opposite direction.

He played at the same time Tiger Woods used to practice, and while the gallery for McIlroy wasn't quite as large, the kid caused a frenzy when fans tried to get his autograph after he finished. For the rest of the day, officials banned autographs in the area leading from the 18th green.

It's a different test for McIlroy, with conditions much more firm and dry than at the U.S. Open.

"It's firm. It's fast," he said. "But the thing is with this wind, you're going to have to keep the ball low. But sometimes it's hard to run the ball into these greens because they're so undulating and they can go so many different ways."

The wind direction during three days' of practice has the Royal & Ancient concerned enough that it might move some tees forward. Chief executive Peter Dawson said the most likely candidates were the par-5 seventh (some players couldn't reach the fairway) and the par-3 11th (Phil Mickelson couldn't reach the green with a driver).

Tee Times

At Royal St. George's
Sandwich, England
Purse: approximately $7.97 million
Yardage: 7,211 yards; Par: 70
(a-amateur)
Today-Friday

12:30 a.m.-6:31 a.m. — Jerry Kelly, United States; Nathan Green, Australia; Danny Willett, England.
12:41 a.m.-5:42 a.m. — Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand; Mark Calcavecchia, United States; Graeme Storm, England.
12:52 a.m.-5:53 a.m. — Gregory Havret, France; Charley Hoffman, United States; Markus Brier, Austria.
1:03 a.m.-6:04 a.m. — Todd Hamilton, United States; Simon Khan, England; Prayad Marksaeng, Thailand.
1:14 a.m.-6:15 a.m. — Rhys Davies, Wales; Fredrik Jacobson, Sweden; Mark O'Meara, United States.
1:25 a.m.-6:26 a.m. — Thomas Bjorn, Denmark; Simon Dyson, England; Gary Woodland, United States.
1:36 a.m.-6:37 a.m. — K.T. Kim, South Korea; Ryan Moore, United States; Alvaro Quiros, Spain.
1:47 a.m.-6:48 a.m. — Bo Van Pelt, United States; K.J. Choi, South Korea; Martin Laird, Scotland.
1:58 a.m.-6:59 a.m. — Stephen Gallacher, Scotland; Bill Haas, United States; Hiroyuki Fujita, Japan.
2:09 a.m.-7:10 a.m. — Geoff Ogilvy, Australia; a-Peter Uihlein, United States; Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain.
2:20 a.m.-7:21 a.m. — Francesco Molinari, Italy; Tetsuji Hiratsuka, Japan; Stewart Cink, United States.
2:31 a.m.-7:32 a.m. — Nick Watney, United States; Matteo Manassero, Italy; Angel Cabrera, Argentina.
2:42 a.m.-7:43 a.m. — Yuki Ikeda, Japan; Ian Poulter, England; Dustin Johnson, United States.
2:58 a.m.-7:59 a.m. — Ben Curtis, United States; Paul Casey, England; Aaron Baddeley, Australia.
3:09 a.m.-8:10 a.m. — Ernie Els, South Africa; Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland; Rickie Fowler, United States.
3:20 a.m.-8:21 a.m. — Luke Donald, England; Ryo Ishikawa, Japan; Sergio Garcia, Spain.
3:31 a.m.-8:32 a.m. — Retief Goosen, South Africa; Hunter Mahan, United States; Anders Hansen, Denmark.
3:42 a.m.-8:43 a.m. — Brian Davis, England; Camilo Villegas, Colombia; David Duval, United States.
3:53 a.m.-8:54 a.m. — John Daly, United States; Ross Fisher, England; Peter Hanson, Sweden.
4:04 a.m.-9:05 a.m. — Gregory Bourdy, France; Jason Duffner, United States; a-Craig Hinton, England.
4:15 a.m.-9:16 a.m. — Alexander Noren, Sweden; Paul Lawrie, Scotland; Kevin Na, United States.
4:26 a.m.-9:27 a.m. — Sean O'Hair, United States; Seung-Yul Noh, South Korea; Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark.
4:37 a.m.-9:38 a.m. — Simon Edwards, Wales; Bob Estes, United States; Richard McEvoy, England.
4:48 a.m.-9:49 a.m. — Francis McGuirk, England; Matthew Millar, Australia; Kevin Streelman, United States.
4:59 a.m.-10 a.m. — Mark Laskey, Wales; Thomas Shadbolt, England; Rick Kulacz, Australia.
5:10 a.m.-10:11 a.m. — Simon Lilly, England; Chris Tidland, United States; Neil Schietekat, South Africa.
5:31 a.m.-12:30 a.m. — Peter Whiteford, Scotland; Spencer Levin, United States; Thomas Aiken, South Africa.
5:42 a.m.-12:41 a.m. — Prom Meesawat, Thailand; Martin Maritz, South Africa; Harrison Frazar, United States.
5:53 a.m.-12:52 a.m. — Chad Campbell, United States; Kenneth Ferrie, England; Scott Jamieson, Scotland.
6:04 a.m.-1:03 a.m. — Raphael Jacquelin, France; Mark Wilson, United States; Kyle Stanley, United States.
6:15 a.m.-1:14 a.m. — Steve Marino, United States; Richard Green, Australia; Pablo Larrazabal, Spain.
6:26 a.m.-1:25 a.m. — Rory Sabbatini, South Africa; Sandy Lyle, Scotland; Anthony Kim, United States.
6:37 a.m.-1:36 a.m. — Edoardo Molinari, Italy; Charles Howell III, United States; Joost Luiten, Netherlands.
6:48 a.m.-1:47 a.m. — Brandt Snedeker, United States; a-Lucas Bjerregaard, Denmark; Trevor Immelman, South Africa.
6:59 a.m.-1:58 a.m. — Darren Clarke, Northern Ireland; Jonathan Byrd, United States; Y.E. Yang, South Korea.
7:10 a.m.-2:09 a.m. — Lucas Glover, United States; Hiroo Kawai, Japan; Robert Karlsson, Sweden.
7:21 a.m.-2:20 a.m. — a-Bryden Macpherson, Australia; Matt Kuchar, United States; Padraig Harrington, Ireland.
7:32 a.m.-2:31 a.m. — Zach Johnson, United States; Adam Scott, Australia; Justin Rose, England.
7:43 a.m.-2:42 a.m. — Graeme McDowell, Northern Ireland; Jason Day, Australia; Bubba Watson, United States.
7:59 a.m.-2:58 a.m. — Jim Furyk, United States; Bernhard Langer, Germany; Tadahiro Takayama, Japan.
8:10 a.m.-3:09 a.m. — Lee Westwood, England; Steve Stricker, United States; Charl Schwartzel, South Africa.
8:21 a.m.-3:20 a.m. — Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa; Martin Kaymer, Germany; Phil Mickelson, United States.
8:32 a.m.-3:31 a.m. — Henrik Stenson, Sweden; a-Tom Lewis, England; Tom Watson, United States.
8:43 a.m.-3:42 a.m. — Robert Allenby, Australia; Davis Love III, United States; Fredrik Andersson Hed, Sweden.
8:54 a.m.-3:53 a.m. — Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium; J.B. Holmes, United States; S.M. Baek, South Korea.
9:05 a.m.-4:04 a.m. — Webb Simpson, United States; Robert Rock, England; Alejandro Canizares, Spain.
9:16 a.m.-4:15 a.m. — Kurt Barnes, Australia; Justin Leonard, United States; Jeff Overton, United States.
9:27 a.m.-4:26 a.m. — Lee Corfield, England; Ben Crane, United States; Floris De Vries, Netherlands.
9:38 a.m.-4:37 a.m. — Ryan Palmer, United States; Tom Lehman, United States; Adam Wootton, England.
9:49 a.m.-4:48 a.m. — Jung-Gon Hwang, South Korea; Gary Boyd, England; Robert Garrigus, United States.
10 a.m.-4:59 a.m. — George Coetzee, South Africa; Andy Smith, England; Brad Kennedy, Australia.
10:11 a.m.-5:10 a.m. — Jason Knutzon, United States; Andrew Johnston, England; Chih-Bing Lam, Singapore.

Garcia may not be a bad long shot in British Open

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

SANDWICH, England — By now, he should have won a few of these, maybe more. When Sergio Garcia first teed it up in the British Open as a teenager there seemed no way his name wouldn't someday be inscribed on the claret jug.

It might still happen, though by now it seems more hope than destiny. Too many Opens have passed, and too many scars remain for Garcia to fully realize the promise of a time gone by.

The tournament that seems to torment him begins Thursday, and Garcia is lucky to even be in the field. His game and his life had been in such disarray that it took a second-place finish in his last tournament just to get an invite.

Once a player everyone talked about, he's now an afterthought in an Open loaded with good players younger than him. He doesn't particularly like the golf course, and he hasn't won in so long that he's almost forgotten what it's like.

But take a look at Garcia bounding around the golf course Wednesday as if he were still a teenager, and you might suddenly be tempted to put a few quid on him at the 33-1 odds local bookmakers are offering.

Apparently there can be something liberating about playing without great expectations.

"I'm going in the right direction," said Garcia, who was going in such a wrong direction that the only way he made the European Ryder Cup team last year was as its official cheerleader.

Garcia was the one being cheered as he played his way around Royal St. George's in his final practice round for the Open. For the fans, there was a lot to like about a player who smiled and laughed from the first tee on and was ready with a Sharpie between holes to sign the hats and programs thrust at him.

At one point, Garcia even jogged over to a ball in the bunker, much like a pro soccer player he once hoped to be. Golf seems fun again for a player so down on his game and himself following a breakup with Greg Norman's daughter last year that he took 10 weeks off without touching a club.

The bitter failures of his past, though, are a constant reminder of the toll this tournament has taken. The major everyone expected him to win one day still eludes him, and it can't be easy knowing that so many have gotten away.

Playing second banana to Tiger Woods while dressed head-to-toe in yellow in the final round in 2006 was embarrassing. Losing in a playoff to Padraig Harrington the next year when all Garcia had to do was sink one of three makable putts was frustrating.

And complaining afterward that somehow, someone had it out for him eventually proved to be humiliating.

"You only watch the guys that make the putts and get the good breaks," he told reporters.

Lately, though, it's been Garcia making the putts and getting the good breaks. He barely got into the U.S. Open, then played solidly to finish in a tie for seventh. He followed that with a playoff loss in the BMW International on the European Tour that qualified him for the British Open, a tournament he hasn't missed since playing as an amateur in 1999.

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ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern

Sprint Cup
Lenox Industrial Tools 301, 1 p.m., Sunday — TNT

Nationwide Series
New England 200, 3:30 p.m., Saturday — ESPN

Truck Series
Coca-Cola 200, 8 p.m., Saturday — SPEED

BURNING ISSUES

▶ If a new business opens, it usually draws interest. If the crowds show up and the business is unprepared, it's hard to get patrons to return.

▶ In other words, to paraphrase Darrell Waltrip, Kentucky Speedway's got some "splaining" to do.

▶ The race to get out of the track was quite a bit more competitive than the Quaker State 400 that preceded it.

▶ The initial reaction to the traffic nightmare was a bit tone-deaf on the part of track, NASCAR and political figures alike. Many seemed to be waiting in vain for the "S-word": sorry.

▶ A good deal of post-race finger-pointing went on. NASCAR officials said it was the track's responsibility. Track officials suggested they weren't responsible for traffic off the grounds and used the situation to lobby for improvements in infrastructure. Fans didn't care much for all the excuses.

▶ Kyle Busch dominated Kentucky Speedway's first Sprint Cup race, but track position was his greatest ally.

▶ In the three NASCAR national touring series, Busch has won 99 times, including 22 Cup victories.

▶ Kansas Speedway announced it will coat the 1.5-mile track in new pavement following its first race of 2012. The announcement was greeted with disappointment by most drivers.

▶ The new pavement will feature graduated and increased banking, which officials hope will offset the fact that new pavement often has the short-term effect of making passes more difficult.

▶ Kyle Busch both started and finished first, the former being a result of qualifying being rained out. There was, however, some upward mobility. David Reutimann finished second after starting 17th, and Ryan Newman roared home fourth after starting 18th.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Kyle Busch	624
2. Carl Edwards	- 4
3. Kevin Harvick	- 10
4. Kurt Busch	- 18
5. Jimmie Johnson	- 19
6. Matt Kenseth	- 22
7. Jeff Gordon	- 71
8. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	- 76
9. Ryan Newman	- 86
10. Denny Hamlin	- 95
11. Tony Stewart	- 97
12. Clint Bowyer	- 110

Nationwide Series	
1. Elliott Sadler	641
2. Reed Sorenson	- 4
3. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	- 27
4. Justin Allgaier	- 43
5. Jason Leffler	- 73
6. Aric Almirola	- 88
7. Kenny Wallace	- 109
8. Steve Wallace	- 151
9. Mike Annett	- 158
9. Brian Scott	- 158

Camping World Truck Series	
1. Johnny Sauter	347
2. Cole Whitt	- 23
3. Austin Dillon	- 25
4. James Buescher	- 32
5. Parker Kligerman	- 35
6. Ron Hornaday Jr.	- 37
7. Timothy Peters	- 39
8. Matt Crafton	- 50
9. Joey Coulter	- 55
10. Brendan Gaughan	- 60

WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP

Race: Lenox Industrial Tools 301
Where: New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon (1.058 mi.), 301 laps/318.458 miles.
When: Sunday, July 17.
Last year's winner: Jimmie Johnson, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 133.572 mph, Sept. 19, 2010.
Race record: Jeff Burton, Ford, 117.134 mph, July 13, 1997.
Last week: Kyle Busch drove his Toyota to a dominating victory at Kentucky Speedway's Sprint Cup debut. Busch joined Kevin Harvick as the season's second three-race winner and took over the points lead from Harvick, who fell to third behind Carl Edwards.

NATIONWIDE

Race: New England 200
Where: New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon (1.058 mi.), 200 laps/211.6 miles.
When: Saturday, July 16.
Last year's winner: Kyle Busch, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Kevin Harvick, Chevy, 130.716 mph, May 11, 2001.
Race record: Kyle Busch, Toyota, 111.925 mph, June 27, 2009.
Last week: The 2010 series champion, Brad Keselowski, conserved enough fuel to keep Kevin Harvick at bay and win for the first time this season at Kentucky Speedway. An indecisive pit call cost Harvick dearly in the pursuit of his rival. Crew chief David Hyder instructed Harvick to pit, then changed the call after Harvick had slowed.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: Coca-Cola 200 Presented by Hy-Vee
Where: Iowa Speedway, Newton (.875 mi.), 200 laps/175 miles.
When: Saturday, July 16.
Last year's winner: Austin Dillon, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Mike Skinner, Toyota, 137.052 mph, Sept. 5, 2009.
Race record: Mike Skinner, Toyota, 99.181 mph, Sept. 5, 2009.
Last week: Kyle Busch's victory at Kentucky Motor Speedway was his 98th in NASCAR's national touring series, and the Toyota driver would make it 99 two nights later in the Sprint Cup race. After missing the drivers' meeting, Busch drove to front from the back of the pack.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DATA

TNT July 17 Sept. 25 ESPN

NEW HAMPSHIRE MOTOR SPEEDWAY "Live Free or Race!"

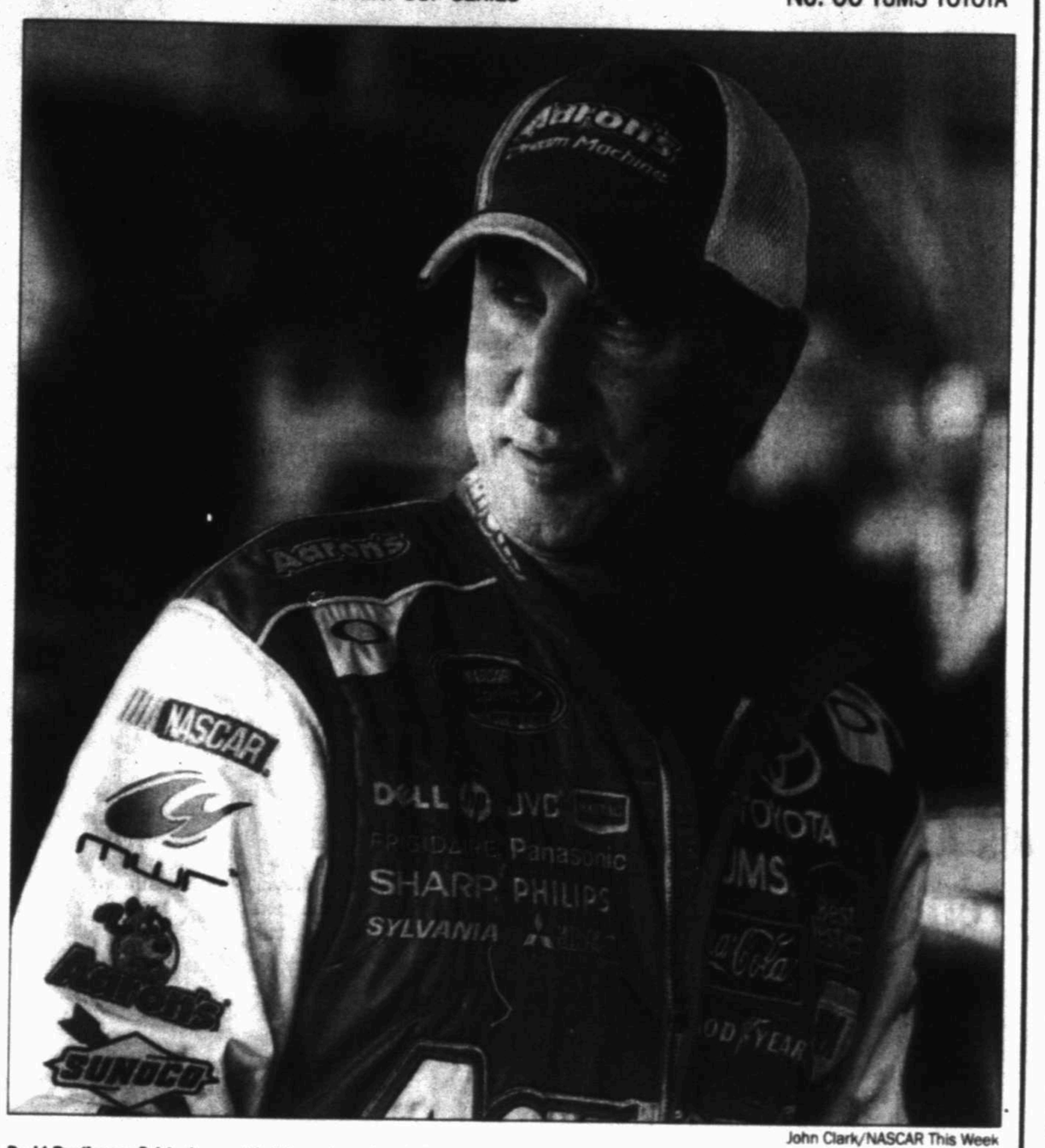
Banking in straights: 7°

Distance:.....1.058 mile oval
Length of frontstretch:.....1,500 ft.
Length of backstretch:.....1,500 ft.
Miles/Laps: 317.4 mi. - 300 laps

Banking in turns 1-4: 12°

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

DAVID REUTIMANN SPRINT CUP SERIES No. 00 TUMS TOYOTA



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

David Reutimann finished second in this past weekend's Quaker State 400 at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Ky. The 41-year-old Florida native had finished no better than ninth before Saturday's race.

Proud Moment For Reutimann

Florida native's push to second feels just like trip to Victory Lane

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

SPARTA, Ky. – Second place was almost a first, and who could blame David Reutimann for feeling that way after the inaugural Quaker State 400 at Kentucky Speedway?

Before roaring past five-time Sprint Cup champion Jimmie Johnson at the finish, Reutimann, who has two career Cup wins, had finished no better than ninth in 2011.

"We unfortunately have a bit of a history of being fast when it doesn't really matter," said Reutimann. "Tonight worked out where we were fast at the end of the race, which is evidently what you've got to do.

"Proud of my guys."

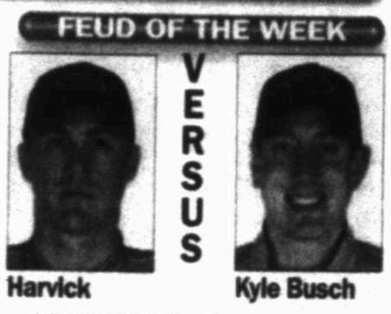
The 41-year-old Reutimann is from a racing family. His father, Buzzie, is a short-track legend. The Zephyrhills, Fla., native made his Cup debut on Oct. 15, 2005, at Charlotte Motor Speedway, and claimed his first victory at the same track on May 25, 2009. He followed up with a Chicagoland Speedway triumph on July 10, 2010.

Kentucky aside, Reutimann has struggled this year. He is 24th in the points standings, 201 behind current leader — and Kentucky winner — Kyle Busch. Reutimann trails 10th place — and one path to the Chase — by 106. With eight races to go, the odds are long, but his best chance is to win one race (preferably two) and get into the top 20 in points. He only trails the current occupant of 20th place, Joey Logano, by 46. Two Chase spots go to drivers on the basis of victories, but eligibility is limited to the top 20 in points at the end of the regular season, which is still eight races away.

"One thing about this sport," said Reutimann, "it changes every week. We seem to have been behind on things. We knew we were behind, but you just don't make changes overnight. Between the help of Toyota and their engineering staff, Toyota Racing Development, all the guys at Michael Waltrip Racing, guys being in the wind tunnel, working their guts out, finally got us a car, at least this weekend, we're closer to what we needed.

"Not that we've had bad cars in the past. The guys you're running against, their cars constantly evolving, changing things. We're trying to catch up sometimes."

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Harvick VERSUS Kyle Busch

KEVIN HARVICK VS. KYLE BUSCH

There have been no recent outbreaks in this long-term rivalry – there's the matter of probation and a certain history – but it's blossoming into the positive version of feud. It's a rivalry. Two drivers – Harvick and the younger Busch brother – have won three times in the season's first half. Rivalries thrive amidst success.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "We could be watching this with interest for quite some time. A crucial ingredient is that the two don't particularly care for each other."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Not everyone suffered in Kentucky

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

We thoroughly enjoyed the inaugural Sprint Cup race at the Kentucky Speedway. ... We enjoyed the excellent weather and a wonderful race because, as experienced NASCAR fans, we took some precautions. Knowing the inaugural race would draw an overwhelming crowd, we left home very, very early that Saturday morning.

It's about a 3.5-hour drive from our house to the Kentucky Speedway. ... We were all set up with our canopy and folding chairs, sitting in the shade watching the huge arriving crowd by 11:30 a.m. ... Throughout that afternoon, we sat and watched as the volume of traffic continued unabated. We too couldn't imagine just where all those vehicles were going to be parked.

Much later, as the time for the start of the event came closer, we could still see stopped traffic. ... From our seats we could see a portion of ... I-71. Stopped traffic could be seen, cars, tour buses, all gridlocked as the green flag fell. ...

... Everyone can learn from this experience. Any inaugural NASCAR event like this one always draws an overwhelming crowd. Fans should anticipate and leave plenty early, expecting to encounter traffic problems. By us leaving early as we did, we had no problems and enjoyed a stellar NASCAR event.

David Qualkenbush
Huntingburg, Ind.

Thanks for telling us your story, David. We're glad you used your experience to good advantage and had a memorable experience at the track. As many noted, there's only one inaugural race.

FAN TIPS

A First For Biffle Family

Greg Biffle and his wife, Nicole, welcomed their first child, a baby girl, into the world on July 6. Emma Elizabeth weighed in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was born just before 5 p.m. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

Dennis Bickmeier, 44, is the new president of Richmond International Raceway, succeeding Doug Fritz. Bickmeier previously served as vice president of consumer sales and marketing at Michigan International Speedway. He worked previously at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana and as manager of community relations for Anaheim Sports Inc., owners of what were then the Anaheim Angels of the American League and the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim in the National Hockey League.

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A DAY ON WALL STREET

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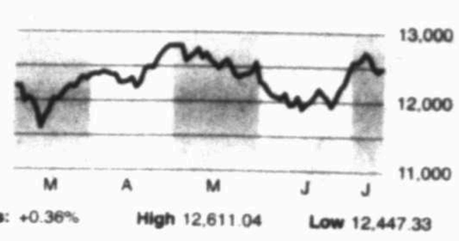

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AP graphic

July 13, 2011
Nasdaq composite
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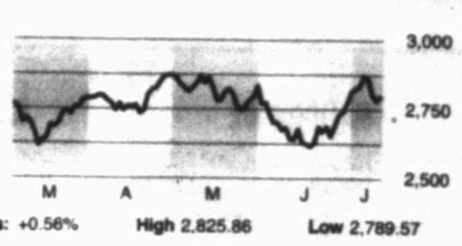

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Standard & Poor's 500
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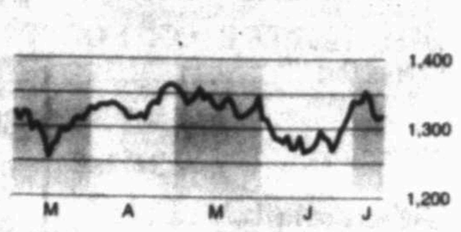

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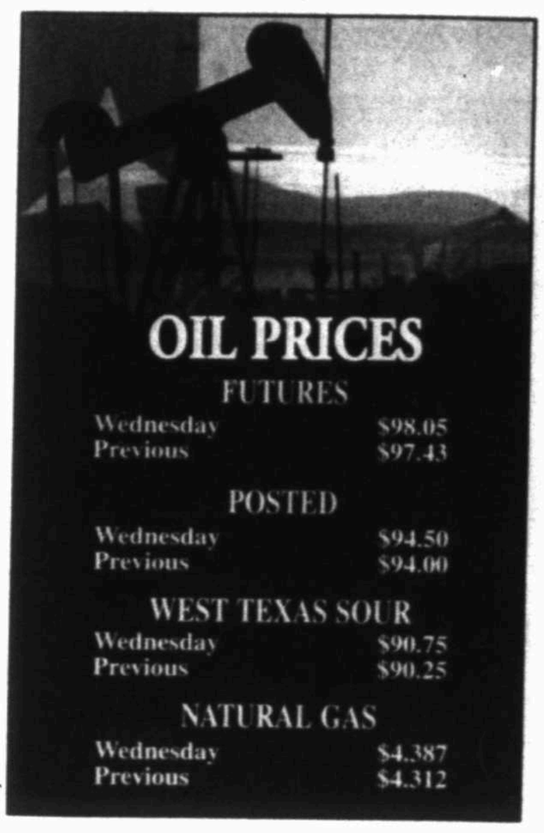

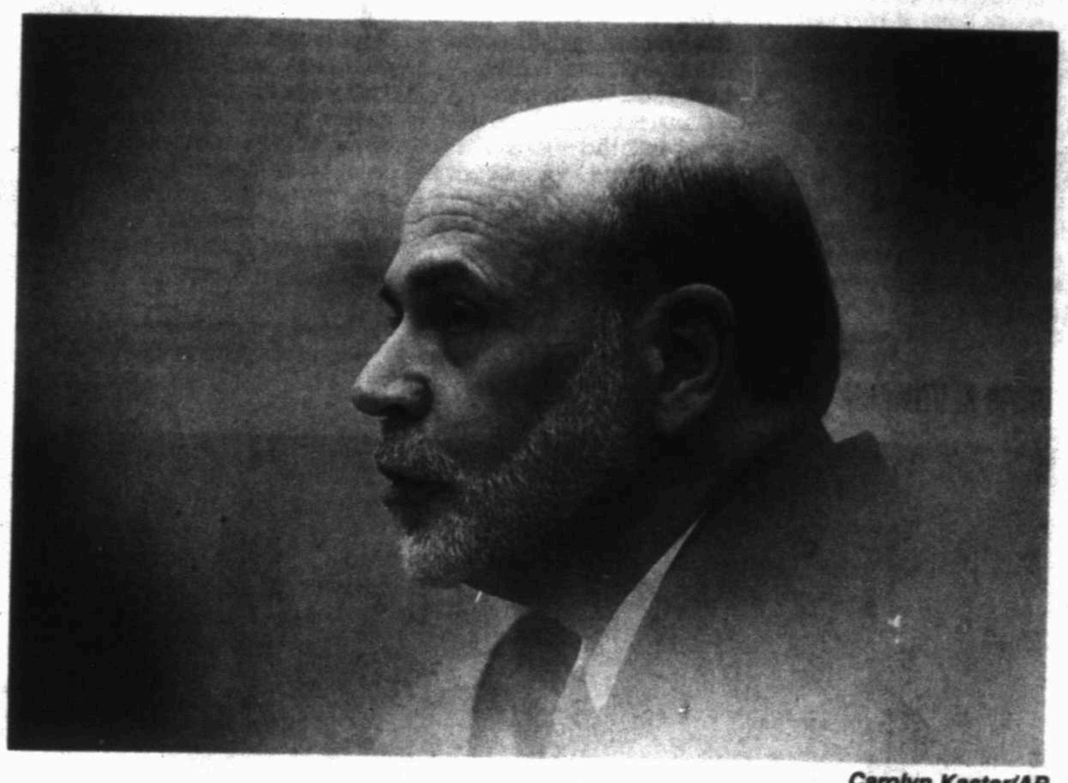

Carolyn Kaster/AP

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies Wednesday on Capitol Hill in Washington before the House Financial Services Committee where he delivered the semiannual Monetary Policy Report.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1399608	131.84	-.44
BkofAm	1614301	10.20	-.01
SPDR Fncl	843272	14.99	-.01
iSHR2K	739596	83.59	-.74
SHEMkts	576157	46.87	-.76

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Taomee n	12.70	+2.01	+18.8
GuaranEn n	2.13	+.22	+11.5
PrmSUtSv	197.79	+20.10	+11.3
US Gold	6.66	+.62	+10.3
BRFBrasil	19.50	+1.67	+9.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
InvTech	11.78	-1.91	-14.0
ProUSSvr rs	15.27	-1.97	-11.4
Orbitz	2.94	-.34	-10.4
TorchEngy	2.18	-.22	-9.2
Valdus	28.02	-2.75	-9.1

DIARY

Advanced	2,039
Declined	976
Unchanged	121
Total issues	3,136
New Highs	60
New Lows	24
Volume	3,570,417,396

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GoldStr g	83565	2.80	-.26
NA Pall g	82494	4.68	-.73
NthgtM g	71616	2.90	-.01
NovaGold g	57178	10.27	-.36
NwGold g	53797	11.07	-.34

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PrloryBio	5.01	+.97	+19.2
NewEnSys	2.23	+.36	+18.9
NA Pall g	4.68	+.73	+18.5
AmLorain	2.11	+.24	+12.8
Medgenic n	4.66	+.48	+11.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WellsGard	2.18	-.24	-9.9
ChinaPhH	2.26	-.14	-5.8
BoveMed	2.35	-.14	-5.6
SoCTBcp	2.84	-.16	-5.3
HaderaPap	63.96	-3.49	-5.2

DIARY

Advanced	315
Declined	147
Unchanged	42
Total issues	504
New Highs	7
New Lows	6
Volume	137,663,319

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NewsCpA	1402718	15.93	-.58
PwShs QQQ	697658	57.76	-.24
SiriusXM	529967	2.24	-.06
Cisco	468977	15.57	-.03
Intel	424320	22.48	-.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ShengInno	2.05	+.58	+39.5
KingsLn n	2.03	+.41	+25.3
SORL	5.07	+.65	+14.7
AmLearn	2.24	+.28	+14.3
PeregrineR	2.27	+.28	+14.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TranscepRP	4.94	-3.65	-42.5
OakRidgeF	3.05	-.50	-16.4
LimeEngy	4.28	-.66	-13.4
VertnsBn n	11.91	-1.58	-11.7
TOP Ship n	3.50	-.41	-11.5

DIARY

Advanced	815
Declined	756
Unchanged	108
Total issues	2,679
New Highs	48
New Lows	24
Volume	1,847,179,066

Bernanke: Fed ready to act if economy worsens

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told lawmakers Wednesday the Fed is ready to act if the economy gets weaker. He warned them that allowing the nation to default on its debt would send "shock waves through the entire financial system."

Underscoring how fragile the economy remains two years after the Great Recession, Bernanke laid out three new steps the Fed could take, including a fresh round of government bond purchases designed to stimulate economic growth.

"We have to keep all the options on the table. We don't know where the economy is going to go," Bernanke told the House Financial Services Committee.

The Fed chairman stopped short of promising anything, but Wall Street appeared comforted the central bank was poised to act. The Dow Jones industrial average was up more than 150 points during his testimony to Congress, and closed up 45.

The nation was creating about 200,000 jobs a month this spring. But hiring slowed almost to a standstill in June, with 18,000 new jobs. It takes about 125,000 a month just to keep up with population growth.

While Bernanke made his twice-yearly appearance before Congress, lawmakers and the White House were trying to salvage talks on how to reduce the federal deficit and whether to raise the limit on what the government can borrow.

If they fail to strike a deal on the debt limit by Aug. 2, the White House has said the nation will default. President Barack Obama has said he cannot guarantee even that Social Security checks would go out the next day.

Moody's Investors Service threatened Wednesday to lower the United States' credit rating, saying there is a small but rising risk of default. Economists have warned that the credit system would tighten, not unlike the worst days of the 2008 financial crisis. Before Congress, Bernanke added his own dire predictions.

"If we went so far as to default on the debt, it would be a major crisis because the Treasury security is viewed as the safest and most liquid security in the world," he said.

"It's the foundation for most of our financial — for much of our financial system," he added. "And the notion that it would become suddenly unreliable and illiquid would throw shock waves through the entire global financial system."

Asked whether interest rates would go up for everyday Americans, Bernanke said: "Absolutely."

The Fed bought $600 billion in government bonds late last year and early this year, a program designed to keep interest rates low and support the prices of assets such as stocks.

It was the second time the Fed had taken that step since the recession started. It was known on Wall Street as "QE2," or a second round of "quantitative easing." Besides a third round, Bernanke laid out two additional options if the economy gets weaker:

■ The Fed could offer financial markets more clarity about how long it tends to leave interest rates at record lows, where they have stood since December 2008. For now, the Fed says only that rates will remain "exceptionally low" for an "extended period."

■ It could start paying banks less interest on the excess money they park with the Fed. It doesn't pay much now — 0.25 percent. But paying even less would encourage the banks to loan the money out rather than sending it to the central bank.

Oil up as supplies drop

An unexpected drop in U.S. crude supplies boosted oil prices Wednesday, and more government stimulus spending could help push oil even higher this year.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for August delivery rose 62 cents to settle at $98.05 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. WTI got as high as $99.21 before easing back. Brent crude, which is used to price many foreign oil varieties, gained 91 cents to settle at $117.85 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Retail gasoline prices rose a penny on Wednesday to a national average of $3.645 per gallon.

Oil jumped after the Energy Information Administration said that the nation's crude supplies fell by 3.1 million barrels last week, a million barrels more than the decline that analysts forecast in a survey by Platts, the energy-information arm of McGraw Hill Cos. The drop was due in large part to lower imports of foreign oil. The EIA also said that oil and gasoline demand fell.

Dollar sinks

The dollar fell broadly Wednesday after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the central bank would provide more support for the U.S. economy if weak growth continues.

The euro rose to $1.4151 late Wednesday from $1.4035 late Tuesday.

In other trading, the British pound rose to $1.6110 from $1.5939. The dollar dropped to 78.99 Japanese yen from 79.43 yen, but remained above a four-month low of 78.49 hit Tuesday.

The dollar also tumbled to 95.88 Canadian cents from 96.37 Canadian cents, and hit a record low against the Swiss franc at 0.8199 Swiss franc, down from 0.8299 Swiss franc.

Gold for August delivery gained $23.20 to settle at $1,585.50 an ounce after hitting $1,589 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $36.12 Up 1.44

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $66.62 Up 1.13

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $91.35 Up 0.48

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $33.78 Up 0.19

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.41 Up 0.12

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $8.72 Up 0.07

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $16.65 Up 0.07

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72	9	30.82	-.05	+4.9
Abraxas	...	...	4.41	+.19	-3.5
AdamsEx	51e	...	11.11	.01	+3.4
AMD	...	7	8.48	+.05	-20.8
AlcatelLuc	...	...	5.26	.10	+77.7
Alcoa	.12	18	15.85	-.14	+3.0
AlonUSA	.16	...	11.60	+.32	+94.0
Amgen	...	12	56.61	-.29	+3.1
Anadarko	.36	...	76.76	-.23	+.8
Annaly	2.59e	7	18.10	+.05	+1.0
Apache	.60	13	121.32	+.39	+1.8
ApidMatl	.32	10	12.44	-.20	-11.5
ATMOS	1.36	15	33.75	+.03	+8.2
AutoData	1.44	22	53.69	.12	+16.0
BP PLC	.42e	...	43.74	+.33	-1.0
BakrHu	.60	30	74.83	+2.40	+30.9
BcoBrades	.80r	...	19.04	+.35	-6.2
BkofAm	.04	19	10.20	.01	-23.5
Bar iPVix rs	...	...	22.57	...	-40.0
BasicEnSv	...	...	36.12	+1.44	+119.2
BerkHa A	...	17	114850.00	+1250.00	-4.6
BerryPet	.30	34	53.93	+1.14	+23.4
BlkHillsCp	1.46	19	30.90	+.18	+3.0
BostonSci	...	21	7.18	.10	-5.2
BrMySq	1.32	15	29.03	+.02	+9.6
BrownFA	1.28a	18	72.00	+.11	+3.7
BrownFB	1.28a	19	74.51	.04	+7.0
CVS Care	.50	15	37.30	.07	+7.3
Cameron	...	22	49.57	+.23	-2.3
Caterpillar	1.84f	19	108.64	+1.71	+16.0
Celestic g	...	10	8.46	+.10	-12.8
CntryLink	2.90	12	38.78	-.53	-16.0
ChesEng	.35f	10	29.94	+.17	+15.6
Chevron	3.12f	10	105.09	+.70	+15.2
Chicos	.20	23	15.89	+.34	+32.1
Chimera	.52e	5	3.38	-.04	-17.8
Cimarex	.40	15	85.45	+.45	-3.5
Cisco	.24	12	15.57	-.03	-23.0
Citigrp rs	.04	13	39.47	+.40	-16.6
ClayEng	...	64	65.62	+1.13	-21.9
CocaCola	1.88	13	68.06	+.21	+3.5
ColgPal	2.32f	18	87.90	-.05	+9.4
Comcast	.45	18	24.57	-.05	+12.3
CompPrdS	...	23	36.70	+2.15	+24.2
ConAgra	.92	14	26.27	-.05	+16.3
ConchoRes	...	...	91.35	+.48	+4.2
ConocPhil	2.64	11	74.40	+.06	+9.3
CrackerB	.88	12	49.04	+.65	-10.5
CrosTim	2.80e	16	44.29	+.85	+11.1
DCP Mid	2.50f	...	40.83	.55	+9.2
DTE	2.35	14	49.78	-.23	+9.8
Dataram h	...	...	1.58	.01	+.6
Dawson	...	...	33.78	+.19	+5.9
DevonE	.68	9	78.30	+.53	-.3
DrSCBr rs	...	...	33.13	-.92	-29.3
DnFnBull	...	...	24.23	+.08	-13.0
Disney	.40f	17	39.56	+.41	+5.5
DowChm	1.00f	18	34.25	+.20	+.3
EOG Res	.64	...	98.94	+.21	+8.2
EmpDist	...	17	19.59	+.03	-11.8
Energen	.54	15	57.12	+.10	+18.4
EngyTsfr	3.58	41	48.04	-.14	-7.3
EnPro	...	14	40.27	+.51	+18.6
EntPrPt	2.39f	38	42.75	-.08	+2.7
EricsnTel	.37e	...	13.80	+.29	+19.7
ExterranH	...	...	18.68	-.24	-22.0
ExxonMbl	1.88f	12	82.48	+.59	+12.8
FifthThird	.24	15	12.17	+.15	-17.1
FordM	...	6	13.27	+.15	-21.0
ForestOil	...	17	23.45	+.24	-38.2
FMCG s	1.00a	11	54.89	+1.06	-8.6
FrozenFd	...	...	3.98	+.20	-9.8
GATX	1.16	23	37.70	+.33	+6.9
GabGloM	.80	...	7.90	+.06	-3.8
GAInv	.43e	...	28.26	+.16	+5.4
GenElec	.50f	16	18.51	+.13	+1.2
Golfsmith	...	...	3.61	+.01	+49.2
Goodrich	1.16	22	93.34	+.24	+6.0
GlPlainEn	.83	14	20.94	-.12	+8.0
Hallibrtn	.36	22	52.62	+.40	+28.9
Heinz	1.92f	17	53.44	-.18	+8.0
Hitachi	...	...	60.51	+1.50	+13.4
HuntBnk	.04	19	6.19	...	-9.9
iShJapn	.17e	...	10.68	+.20	-2.1
iShSilver	...	...	37.23	+2.03	+23.4
iShEMkts	.84e	...	46.87	+.75	-1.6
iS Eafe	1.68e	...	58.49	+.86	+.5
iShR2K	.94e	...	83.59	+.74	+6.8
IntegrysE	2.72	16	51.80	-.21	+6.8
Intel	.84f	10	22.48	+.03	+6.9
InterDig	.40	15	43.59	+.18	+4.7
ItauUnibH	.67e	...	20.89	+.05	-12.6
JPMorgCh	1.00	9	39.62	+.23	-6.6
JohnJn	2.25f	15	67.53	+.60	+9.3
KimbClk	2.80	15	66.74	+.03	+5.9
KindME	4.56f	44	72.96	-.18	+3.8
KindMM	4.56f	65	65.43	+.08	-2.2
KineticC	...	17	68.23	+3.74	+62.9
LVSands	...	54	44.30	+.95	-3.6
LegacyRes	2.12f	...	29.41	+.12	+2.4
LevelG	...	...	2.44	-.01	+149.0
Lubys	...	...	6.02	+.25	-4.0
MGM Rsts	...	...	14.85	+.36	...
MktVGold	.40e	...	59.27	+1.90	-3.6
MaselliCp s	1.20f	...	18.65	+.13	+9.0
McDnlds	2.44	18	84.96	-.03	+10.7
Merck	1.52	16	36.03	+.40	...
MeritMed s	...	44	18.05	+.01	+42.5
MexcoEn	...	...	8.72	+.07	+13.9
MicronT	...	12	7.49	+.18	-6.6
Microsoft	.64	6	26.63	+.09	-4.6
MorgStan	.20	11	21.30	+.08	-21.7
Nabors	...	52	24.31	+.65	+3.6
NatGrid	2.92e	...	48.97	+.50	+10.3
NOVarco	.44	20	77.30	+.87	+14.9
NewsCpA	.15	14	15.93	+.58	+9.4
NewsCpB	.15	15	16.36	+.28	-.4
NokiaCp	.55e	...	5.67	-.13	-45.1
NvMMid	.39	...	14.15	+.01	+8.2
NvPMI	.92	...	13.58	-.04	+3.9
NuvPI	.92	...	13.26	-.01	+3.4
NSTFI3	.54	...	13.91	+.06	+8.2
NTXQI	.86	...	15.60	+.11	+4.6
Nvidia	...	36	14.66	-.03	-4.8
OcciPet	1.84	17	102.97	+.94	+5.0
Oracle	.24	20	32.69	+.09	+4.4
ParTech	...	18	3.75	+.01	-34.3
ParkDrl	...	...	6.75	+.33	+47.7
PattUTI	.20	27	31.79	+.21	+47.5
PenRE	.60	...	15.92	+.01	+9.8
Pmian	1.36e	16	22.56	+.15	-.4
Petrobras	1.28e	...	32.78	+.09	-13.4
Pfizer	.80	19	19.99	-.01	+14.2
PioNtrl	.08	15	87.63	+.26	+.9
PlainsAA	3.93f	26	64.04	-.24	+2.0
PwShs QQQ	.42e	...	57.76	+.24	+6.1
Praxair	2.00	26	107.30	-.42	+12.4
PrmEgy	...	...	23.24	+.08	+20.1
PrUSh S&P	...	...	20.61	-.14	-13.3
ProctGam	2.10	17	64.64	+.11	+.5
Qualcom	.86	24	56.09	-.43	+13.3
RAM Engy	...	...	1.17	-.02	-36.4
RangeRs	.16	...	56.00	+1.12	+24.5
RachMcIn	...	4	28.15	-.33	-51.8
Rowan	...	18	36.84	+.49	+5.5
RoyDShllA	3.36	19	71.14	+.67	+6.5
SpdrDJIA	3.06e	...	124.80	+.47	+7.9
SpdrGold	...	...	154.14	+1.37	+11.1
S&P500ETF	2.44e	...	131.84	+.44	+4.8
SabnR	3.90e	18	64.01	-.68	+7.5
SanderFm	.68	10	46.28	-.03	+18.2
SandRidge	...	...	10.28	+.06	+40.4
Sapient	...	41	14.86	-.05	+22.8
Schlmbrg	1.00	24	87.00	+.16	+4.2
SigmaAld	.72	23	73.80	+.09	+10.9
SilvWhtn g	.12	37	38.29	+1.63	-1.9
SiriusXM	...	...	2.24	+.06	+37.7
Smucker	1.76	19	76.44	-.06	+16.4
SprintNex	...	...	5.41	-.02	+27.9
SP Engy	1.06e	...	75.35	+.56	+10.4
SPDR Fncl	18e	...	14.99	+.01	-6.0
SP Inds	.67e	...	36.91	+.15	+5.9
SunocoLg	4.78f	9	84.60	-.73	+1.2
TaiwSemi	.52e	...	12.44	+.20	-.8
TelefEsp s	1.98e	...	22.50	+.61	-1.4
Tesoro	...	14	23.56	+.18	+27.1
3M Co	2.20	16	96.19	+.31	+11.5
Trchmrk s	.44f	10	41.75	+.08	+4.8
TriContl	.29e	...	14.93	...	+8.5
TylerTech	...	36	26.76	+.20	+29.0
UDR	.80f	...	25.69	+.33	+10.1
UBWV	1.20	15	24.47	+.33	-16.2
Vale SA	.90e	...	32.88	+.40	-4.9
ValeroE	.20	30	25.50	+.26	+10.3
VangEmg	.82e	...	47.89	+.71	-.5
VulcanM	1.00	...	36.93	+.02	-16.7
Walgrn	.90f	17	42.79	+.24	+9.8
WellsFargo	.48f	11	27.53	+.14	-11.2
WstnRefin	...	68	19.83	+.29	+87.4
WhitingPt s	...	33	56.44	+.87	-3.7
WmsCos	.50	22	28.79	+.39	+16.5
XcelEngy	1.04f	15	24.22	-.09	+2.8
Xerox	.17	21	10.22	+.02	-11.3
Yahoo	...	18	14.91	+.05	-10.3

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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD %Chg	52-wk % Chg
12,876.00	9,936.62	Dow Jones Industrials	12,491.61	+44.73	+.36	+7.90	+20.50
5,827.85	4,010.52	Dow Jones Transportation	5,416.26	+30.10	+.56	+6.06	+26.82
441.86	375.84	Dow Jones Utilities	432.38	-.68	-.16	+6.76	+13.40
8,718.25	6,594.95	NYSE Composite	8,246.80	+54.05	+.66	+3.55	+19.46
2,490.51	1,830.65	Amex Index	2,398.15	+28.60	+1.12	+8.59	+27.35
2,887.75	2,099.29	Nasdaq Composite	2,796.92	+15.01	+.54	+5.43	+24.32
1,370.58	1,039.70	S&P 500	1,317.72	+4.08	+.31	+4.78	+20.32
14,562.01	10,877.63	Wilshire 5000	14,026.34	+55.36	+.40	+5.00	+22.22
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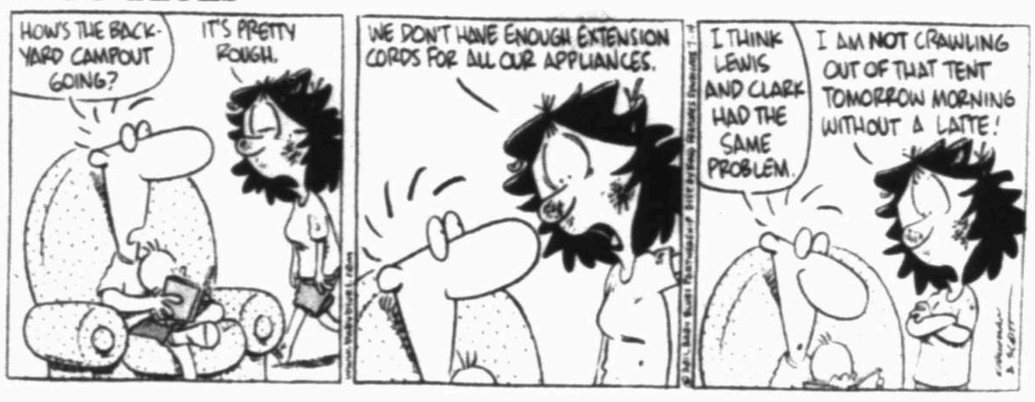

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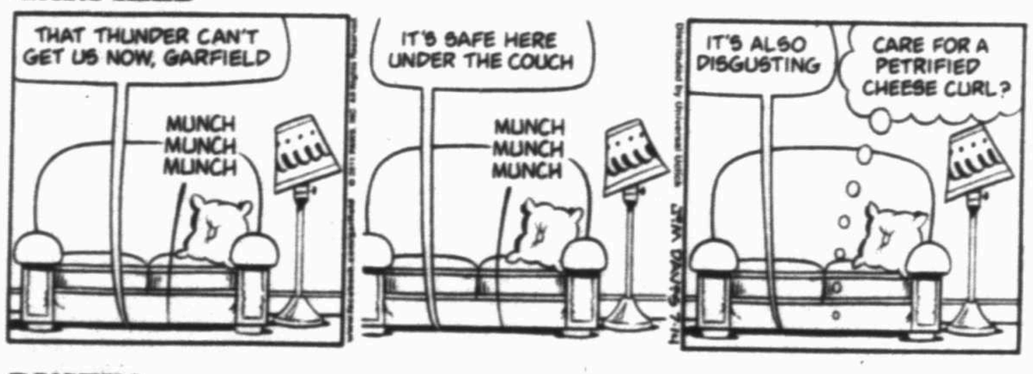

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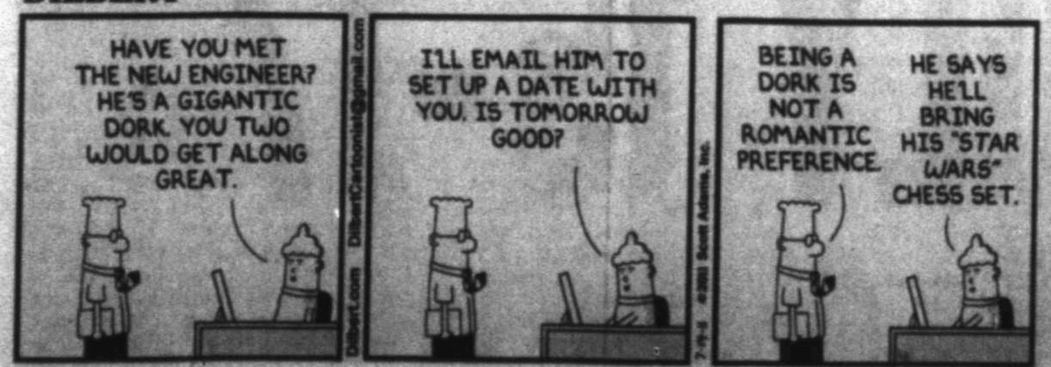

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Legal & Public Notices

Pastian Oil and Ranch, Ltd. is hereby providing Notice of Intent to Move in Equipment and Spud the Fee "AX" No. 1315 well located 500' FSL and 890' FEL of Section 18, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, within the City Limits of Midland. This notice is a requirement of the City of Midland Under Title VI, Chapter 1, Section 23 labeled "Ordinance No. 5769 more particularly found under Section L (7) effective January 1, 2010.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

On June 29, 2011, Letters of Guardianship of the Estate and Person were issued by the County Court at Law of Midland County, Texas for Rodney Spiwak, Ward to the Texas Department of Aging & Disability Services (DADS).

Any party having a claim against the estate of Rodney Spiwak, Ward, is hereby notified to present such claim in a timely fashion for consideration of payment to the Guardian, DADS at the following address:

Texas Department of Aging & Disability Services
Estate of Rodney Spiwak
Attention: Shelly Hayes
901 W. Wall St.
Midland, TX 79701

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Dickie Dean Coats, Deceased, were issued on June 7, 2011, in Cause No. 16642, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Brian Neal Coats.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Jennifer E. McNeel**
Attorney at Law
24 Smith Road, Suite 400
Midland, TX 79705

DATED the 13th day of July, 2011
Jennifer E. McNeel
Attorney for Brian Neal Coats
State Bar No.:24031761
24 Smith Road, Suite 400
Midland, TX 79705
Telephone: (432) 686-7743
Facsimile: (432) 683-6229

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ronald Dale Lloyd, Deceased, were issued on July 12, 2011, in Cause No. P-16,715, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Kim Marie King, Independent Executor, whose residence address is 10421 N. Overview, Spokane, Washington, 99217.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. in care of the Executor.

Dated the 13th day of June, 2011

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(432) 682-3672 (FAX)

By: /s/ Cory R. McDowell
State Bar No. 24051888
Jerry D. Zant
State Bar No. 22245480
ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF OPAL RUDELL HAMILTON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Opal Rudell Hamilton, Deceased, were issued to Jimmy Don Hamilton and David Ralph Hamilton, Co-Independent Executors, on the 12th day of July, 2011, in the proceedings styled "Estate of Opal Rudell Hamilton, Deceased", No. P-16,685 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Co-Independent Executors, at the address given below before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Said Co-Independent Executors' addresses are:

David R. Hamilton
3806 S. County Rd. 1135
Midland, Texas 79706

Jimmy Don Hamilton
P.O. Box 2835
Midland, Texas 79702

Co-Independent Executors of the Estate of Opal Rudell Hamilton, Deceased, No. P-16,685 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 38 Case No. 7C-0271226
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 29, 2011 — Status/Permit No. 718285
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 10, 2011
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-7324
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 11, Bk. Y, GC&SF RR CO Survey, A-189, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 10.3 miles NE direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6846.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug 10, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	LANE "11"
Lease/Unit Well No. :	6
Lease/Unit Acres :	200.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	467.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1342.0

Lease Lines :	467.0 F SOUTH L.	1980.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines :	1980.0 F WEST L.	467.0 F SOUTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10900 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, PATRICIA CHI, at (972) 969-3725.

Lost & Found

FOUND 2 black Lab mix male pups off of loop 250 and Andrews hwy. 432-661-2885.

FOUND 2 Pugs, near corner of Wadley/Godfrey. Call 432-269-9323.

FOUND ENGLISH Bulldog near Kent Quick. Call to identify 432-682-7555.

FOUND FEMALE Jack Russell Terrier, all white w/brown face, near 4600 Wilshire. 432-425-6536.

FOUND MALE Dachshund, call to identify. 432-425-7528.

LOST SASSY, 5lbs black and brown female Chihuahua mix. Daughter heartbroken. Reward. 934-5789 or 697-4212.

LOST VERY large round key chain with keys. Please call 432-631-5388.

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Sale of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY. Sale Date is Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 10 a.m.
Aztec Storage Center
500 S. Midland Dr.
Midland, TX 79703
#87 Mary Avila — Household Goods

Notice of Sale of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY. Sale Date is Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 11 a.m.
Aztec Storage Center
1131 E. 52nd St.
Odessa, TX 79762
#28 Jason Paschal"
#53 Rose Mary Rubio" "Household goods
#104 Alicia Morales - Urteaga"

NOTICE

TO: ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOHN LEO RICE, JR.

Notice is hereby given that on July 12, 2011, Letters Testamentary were issued to Joni Marlene Rice as Independent Executrix in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of John Leo Rice, Deceased" being Cause No. P16713 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Joni Marlene Rice, Independent Executrix of the Estate of John Leo Rice, Jr., Deceased, in care of the Estate's attorneys, Steven R. Pitzner, 1509 W. Wall Street, Ste. 100, Midland, Texas, 79701, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED July 12, 2011
Joni Marlene Rice, Independent Executrix of the Estate of John Leo Rice, Jr., Deceased

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., August 10, 2011 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 3795-11

For: The City of Midland is taking sealed competitive bids for construction of the I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Nature Study Area (RFB 3795-11)

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from Rhotenberry Wellen Architects, 1102 W. Texas Ave, Midland, Texas. Please contact T.J. McClure at 432-682-1252.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Notice of Application for Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES, 5205 N O'CONNOR BLVD., IRVING, TEXAS 75039, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the ELENBURGER, GIDDINGS ESTATE FEE "C" Lease, Well Number 1238D. The proposed disposal well is located 19 miles NORTH of RANKIN in the SPARABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, in UPTON County.
The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 10,000 to 13,260 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.

Requests 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).

LOST WHITE male Maltese, shaved hair, had a sweater on, near Harvard/Trinity. Call 432-570-5006.

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BUICK 1994 LeSabre garaged, only 66k. Must see! 683-3489 after 10am.

CADILLAC 1991 DeVille, 113K mi, cold air, loaded, leather. $1900. 432-664-4690.

CADILLAC 2009 CTS V6 DI w/ 18k Miles Completely Loaded / Diamond White w/ Tan Interior Under Factory Warranty $36,000.00 · Please Call 432-559-7801

CHEVROLET 1997 Suburban. Cold A/C. All power, runs great. $2200. 432-853-7432.

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.

CHEVY 2008 MALIBU 43k mi, 30 plus mi per gallon, non smoker, no wrecks, transferrable extended warranty, $13500 obo, 432-352-7154.

FORD 2010 Edge SEL, metallic white w/tan leather seats, panoramic roof, loaded, 14,200 miles. Nana got an upgrade! $1000 below retail, asking $26,635. Call or text Jim at: 432-413-3277.

HONDA 1994 Accord LX, 112k mi., very clean, exc. interior, great gas mileage, $2,650. Call 553-0298

KIA 2003 Spectra. Cold A/C, nice car. $2900. 432-853-7432.

LEXUS 2007 LS460 23,000 mi, 4 door, mica green exterior, like new, leather, 1 owner, garage kept, $39,000 (432)-270-5090.

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TOYOTA 2003 AVALON XLS, 4 door sedan, fully loaded, well maintained, 76,300 mi, $12,500. 687-4617

VOLVO 2000 S70, 79K miles, looks great but needs work. $3,200. Call 432-686-2815.

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

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CHEVY 2009 Corvette, victory red w/ ebony interior, loaded 18k mi, $42,000. 935-8205

CORVETTE 2009 convertible, orange metallic, automatic. 1500 actual miles. 432-686-8820

Antique & Vintage

1974 FLEETWOOD Brougham - Talisman, original title, 23,000 verifiable miles. $7,500. WM A. Brigi 27x31, the Quiet Place # 7133. 432-553-4955

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CADILLAC 1970 Convertible, needs some restoration. Call 432-661-1502.

CHEVROLET 1968 Camaro, $8,900 (631) 699-1335.

CHEVROLET 1979 Corvette, 2 ton e blue, good condition. $6700 830-768-3202 830-313-2566

DATSUN 1971 240Z. $800 obo. Great project or parts car. Call 432-631-1654

Antique & Vintage

FORD 1963 FALCON Futura, 2 door convertible, runs good, $7500 firm, 432-270-0741.

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CHEVROLET 1998 S10, extended cab stepside. Three door, V6, great gas saver. 163K miles, $3000. Andrews, 523-2111, 556-9759.

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Pickup Trucks

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Pickup Trucks

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12th Semi-Annual City Wide GARAGE $ALE

Start Planning Now For The Biggest Garage Sale Event In Midland!

What is "City Wide Garage Sale?"
"City Wide Garage Sale" is simply a lot of different garage sales held all over Midland on the same day- Saturday, July 30th.

How do I participate?
It's easy. Clean out your closets. Go through your garage. Gather together all your goodies. Then call the Midland Reporter-Telegram by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 27th to place your ad.

What's so great about this garage sale?
1) Your ad will reach over 53,000 potential customers. (In the Midland Reporter-Telegram alone)
2) Your garage sale location will be referenced on a map published in the Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com on Friday & Saturday, July 29th and 30th, if you place your ad on or before our Wednesday deadline.
3) You'll receive our FREE Money Maker Garage Sale kit which includes: 2 Garage Sale Signs, Successful Tips Sheet, Garage Sale Inventory Sheet, and Peel-off Pricing labels, a $3 off coupon for your next ad, and a package of flavored drink mix.

2 day package - $25
3 day package - $30
4 day package - $35

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GARAGE SALE Sponsored by WIN 1 OF 2 $50 GIFT CARDS

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Midland Reporter-Telegram Classified 682-6222

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AUTOMOTIVE

Auto Mechanic

Experienced certified Auto Mechanic needed for car dealership. Full time guaranteed. Call 432-352-7557.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Accounting Clerk/Secretary

Car dealership needs an Accounting Clerk/Secretary. Quickbooks a plus. Call 432-352-7557

Administrative/Parts Assistant

Deer Horn Aviation FT

Immediate Opening @ Deer Horn Aviation for Administrative/Parts assistant. Competitive wages with excellent package, including **medical insurance for employee & family. 100% matching 401K up to 15% of salary**, sick leave, paid vacation. Candidates must be energetic & team player oriented. Fax resume to 432-561-5662, or email resume to LC@deerhornaviation.com. Deer Horn Aviation Ltd. is a drug free work place.

ENERGEN RESOURCES

Regulatory Analyst

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation has an immediate opening for a **Regulatory Analyst** in its Midland, Texas office. Responsibilities include:

- Regulatory compliance and filings for Company operated wells in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico
- Obtaining Permits to Drill for new drilling activity
- Timely submission of post drilling requirements for all Company wells
- Water flood operations and injection well permitting
- Annual filings as required by state and federal agencies
- Written and verbal communication with regulatory agencies concerning production and operations of wells

The qualified applicant will have 1-3 years of office experience in the oil and gas industry with 1 year of regulatory experience preferred. A broad knowledge of operations and regulatory functions in Texas, New Mexico, and Federal Lands. Strong communication, office communication, and verbal communication skills a must.

Energen offers competitive salary which includes a bonus plan and complete benefit package.

To apply for this position, please go to www.energen.com and select Job Opportunities, complete an online application.

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ENERGEN RESOURCES

— REGULATORY ASSISTANT —

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation has an immediate opening for a **Regulatory Assistant** in its Midland, Texas office. Responsibilities include:

- Assist Regulatory Analyst in Routine Duties
- Copying, Typing, Data Entry and Filing
- Preparation of Regulatory Reports for Approval prior to Submittal
- Research Files for Regulatory Forms and Well bore data information

The qualified applicant will have 1-3 years of general office experience, preferably in the oil and gas industry. Candidate should also have knowledge/experience in computer applications including Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel and Access. We offer a highly competitive salary and bonus plan with a complete benefit package.

To become part of our outstanding Midland team and a growing Industry Leader in the Permian Basin, please go to www.energen.com and select Job Opportunities under Employment to complete an online application.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Representatives

Confidential

Customer Service Representatives needed. High school diploma or GED required. Must pass 7 year background check. Bilingual a plus. 11am-8pm. No weekends. $12 an hour. Interviewing this week! Call now! 432-520-1571

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Leasing/Title Positions

Leasing/Title positions available. Strong proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite and strong work ethic required. Email resume with cover letter and references to administration@crucialenergysolutions.com

SCADA Automation Technicians & Installers

Resource Production Company FT

SCADA Automation technicians experienced with Oil & Gas production automation. Ability to install, troubleshoot and maintain SCADA equipment & telemetry applications. Career positions. Excellent pay & benefits. Fax resume to 505-326-0019 or email to HR@RESOURCEPRODUCTION.COM

Spooler Trainee

Horizon Cable FT

Seeking Spooler Trainee. Benefits and uniform after 90 days. Class B CDL preferred. Will train. Call 432-563-4443 or come by 12215 West County Road 129, Odessa, TX. 79765 from 8am - 4pm

HEALTHCARE

Clinic Nurse LVN-Addiction Treatment Center

Midland/Odessa FT

Monday-Friday, 5:15am-12pm weekdays & 6am-9:30am on Saturdays. Travel required between Midland & Odessa clinics. Assessments, TBs, dispense meds. Paid holidays, CEU days & personal days. Fax resume to 800-671-8364

Dental Assistant

John H. Hatten, DDS FT

Seeking Dental Assistant for Private Practice. Must have 2 years of dental experience. Pay determined by experience. Benefits included. Please fax resume to 432-332-8301.

Front Admissions/Scheduler for Medical Business Ofc

Texas Surgical Center FT/PT

Fast paced ambulatory surgery center is offering an exciting opportunity as a Front admissions/Scheduler. Candidate with medical experience preferred. Position will require cross training in insurance verifications, billing/collections, and other duties to be discussed. Benefits include medical, dental, and vision health coverage, 7 paid holidays, 401 K, and profits sharing. Send resume to: TEXAS SURGICAL CENTER, 5609 DEAUVILLE BLVD, MIDLAND, TX 79706

Front Office Staff

Pedi Med Center FT

Looking for energetic and dynamic full-time Front Office Clerk to work in our busy office. Duties include: answering phones, insurance verification and scheduling appointments. Applicants must have at least 2-3 of experience. We offer excellent pay, bonuses, benefits, ect. If interested, please mail resume to attention: Office Manager, Pedi Med Center, P O Box 8973, Midland, TX 79708

Physical Therapy Tech

Midland Physical Therapy FT

Midland, TX 79701

Physical Therapy Tech needed for busy Physical Therapy office in Midland. Must have excellent communication skills, be pleasant and outgoing. Experience preferred. Fax resume to: 432-570-8713.

Primary Home Care Attendants

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT/PT

Nurses Unlimited Inc. is seeking enthusiastic and outgoing primary home care attendants to assist clients in the home with personal care, meal prep. and light housekeeping. P-T, EOE. Call Melissa or Charlotte @ 1-800-458-3257.

Receptionist

Confidential FT

Needed Receptionist for busy Doctors office. Monday-Thursday 8am-6pm, Friday 8am-1pm. Includes benefits. Send resume to: M- 1 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

HEALTHCARE

RN - Case Manager

Martin County Hospital FT

Martin County Hospital District in Stanton, Texas with a Home Health Agency is seeking a dedicated energetic, compassionate RN / Case Manager to work full time in a team-nursing enviroment, 8a-5p shift. Benefits included. Contact Terri Frame @ 607-3227 or tframe@martinch.org or apply in person at 610 N. St. Peter Street, Stanton, TX.

SEEKING Registered Field Nurse

Home health agency seeking qualified candidate to case manage Monahans/Pecos area. Must be bilingual, have valid TX driver's license, and current nursing license. Company car provided, sign-on bonus, excellent pay and benefits (PTO, Medical, Dental, and Retirement) Interested parties contact Larry @ **432-218-7996** or email resume to **lharmon@hochomecare.com** or fax **432-699-4102**.

Sitters/CNA's

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT

Nurses Unlimited, Inc seeking Experienced Sitters/CNA's to work for private duty clients. Hourly rate. Experienced preferred. Call 522-5080.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

All Positions

Travel Lodge

Immediate openings for Front Desk Clerk, Night Auditors, Housekeeping and Maintenance. Full-time and part-time positions available. Please apply in person at: 2500 Commerce Dr. 79703.

JOB SEARCH AIDS

Cased Hole Wireline Engineers & Operators

API Perforating FT

is new to Midland, Tx & is seeking experienced cased hole wireline engineers and operators. Excellent benefits, scheduled days off & top pay depending on experience. Contact Justin at 325-338-9289 or Chip at 432-556-5740.

OTHER JOBS

Direct Care Staff/ Part Time, non exempt

Provide for all needs of the children including constant supervision throughout the duration of the work schedule and provide quality care to children who have been abused, neglected or temporarily separated from their family due to a crisis situation. Minimum requirements are: High school diploma or GED, 25 or older, clear TB test, drug and driving check, good writing and communication skills, and the ability to work evenings and every other weekend or work as an awake night staff. Contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org for information on this great opportunity.

Driver

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Immediate Openings CDL and Non-CDL and Swampers, good driving record. Days, nights and weekends available. Weekly pay. Call 570-0865.

Midland Reporter-Telegram has immediate openings in it's Distribution Department (Mailroom)

Part-Time Shift Work Available

Schedule consists of a combination of day and night shifts. Night Shifts - 12 (midnight) until 3-5 a.m. Starting pay is $8.25 hourly.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Insert various products into newspapers
- Bundle newspapers
- Load newspapers into vehicles
- Operate a forklift
- Operate a bundling machine

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk
Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: efitsworth@hearstnp.com

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Floral Designer

Flowerama FT/PT

Flowerama seeking experienced Floral Designers. Apply in person at 907 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79701

General/Shophand

Startex Gasoline & Oil Distributors FT

General-shophand needed. Clean driving record. No felonies. Benefits- 401K, medical & paid vacation. Apply in person, 3524 E. Hwy 158, Midland 79706

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If you are looking for a career, not a job in Heating and Air Conditioning, we have installation technicians that earn $55,000 + per year and have advancement opportunites. Must be well-groomed, drug-free and dependable. Year round work. Experiene necessary. Will train.

Call Tim to set your future in motion at

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General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)

MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD
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IF INTERESTED CALL
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Nursery Caregiver

First Presbyterian Church PT

First Presbyterian Church is hiring part-time Nursery Caregiver. Background check and drug screening will be required. To fill out an application come by: 800 West Texas Ave., administration office. No phone calls please.

Oilfield Experienced HSE & DOT Compliance Officer

Required: 5yrs experience in DOT compliance, accident investigation, travel. Full benefits package includes medical, dental, vision, life, AFLAC, 401 K, pd vacations, scheduled days off. Other duties will consist of: TCEQ, Safety Meetings, H2S Certification, and CPR Certification. Send resume to: P O Box 51005, Midland TX 79710

TEXAS LICENSED MEDIC / HSE TECH

Remote work, 2 on/2 off. Email resume: **jenna.kroll@fairweather.com**

Warehouse/Delivery Driver

Confidential FT

HVAC wholesale company is seeking a Warehouse/Delivery Driver for a full-time position. Must be willing to work in Midland or Odessa, be PC proficient, and able to lift 100lbs. Must have valid driver's license with clean driving record, prospects must also have solid work ethics coupled with the ability to multi-task. Benefits include; profit sharing, yearly bonuses & health insurance, potential growth to inside sales position. Send resume to: M-2 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

OTHER JOBS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Excellent Career Opportunity

High Sky Children's Ranch is in search of individuals who desire a career in working with children who have trauma histories of abuse and neglect. The following positions are now open: Emergency Care Director, Full-time, Exempt. The shelter Director is responsible for supervision, monitoring, and leadership of the Emergency Care Program. This director will ensure that all guidelines and standards are followed, and will work with other directors to meet the needs of children in the foster care system. Minimum requirements include: Bachelor's degree in a Human Service Field, 2 years experience working with children who have abuse histories, the ability to be on-call, and clear background checks. Other crucial aspects are the ability to communicate clearly both verbally and in writing, as well as strong leadership skills. Contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org for information on this great opportunity.

Full Time Manager

RNO FINANCE CO. FT
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MIDLAND TX 79705

WE ARE SEEKING A FULL TIME ,SELF-MOTIVATED PERSON FOR A FULL TIME MANAGER.
- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT
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- CLEAN DRIVING RECORD & DRUG FREE
- BILINGUAL A PLUS

APPLY IN PERSON TODAY
CALL FOR APPOINTMENT 550-0770
OR FAX APPLICATIONS TO 432-362-0252

Professional Home Cleaner

Join Busy Bee's Professional Home Cleaning Team! Enjoy an independent work environment, paid training, all necessary supplies, and uniform. Must have own transportation, $10/hr. All cleaners are drug tested and background checked. Bonded and insured. Call J. Williams Management at 432-699-2090

QA & QUALITY CONTROL

API Thread Inspector

United Casing, Inc. FT

OCTG company in Midland, Texas looking for qualified API thread inspector. Minimum 2 years experience. Must be able to handle and set up gages. API Q1 experience is a plus. Good starting pay & benefits. Email resume to gpatterson@unitedcasing.com or fax to 281-586-8978.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Closing Drivers

Domino's Pizza needs YOU! Now hiring Full-Time Closing Drivers.
● Make cash everyday ● Great part time & full time shifts ● Starting wage - $7.25 an hour (no Tip Wage here) plus delivery reimbursement, plus tips ● We more than reimburse for high gas prices ● Senior citizens and stay at home Moms always welcome. Apply at any Midland Domino's Pizza locations. 3300 W. Illinois Ave., 604 N. Big Spring St., 4519 N. Garfield St., 2410 Rankin Hwy.

Delivery Drivers

Papa John's Pizza FT

PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA NOW HIRING! Delivery Drivers. Start Today! Drivers Can Earn $10-15/hr. Our employees enjoy: Flexible schedules, a fun work environment, & pizza discounts. You must be at least 18 and have a reliable car with valid insurance, a good driving record and a positive attitude. EOE. Apply in Person at: 4408 W Loop 250 N Midland

SALES JOBS

Media Sales Trainee

KPEJ

KPEJ (FOX WEST TEXAS) is looking for a Media Sales Trainee. This position requires previous sales experience. If you have always wanted to get into the media business, we may have an opportunity! We are looking for an individual who is detail oriented, creative thinker, computer literate and can think and speak on their feet. Position is responsible for assisting Senior Account Executives as they train you in media sales. In addition, you will be asked to work various FOX FAN FUN ZONE events. To be considered as a part of the FOX family, send your resume and a cover letter to: kking@kpejtv.com
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Sales Representative

Carboline Company FT

Carboline Company, a world leading supplier of high performance coatings, linings and fireproofing, is seeking a hands-on, self-motivated individual to fill an immediate opening for a **Sales Representative** in the **Midland/Odessa, Texas area.**

The ideal candidate will possess a Business or Technical degree. Previous industrial sales experience within the coatings industry is preferred.

Key responsibilities include but are not limited to calling on prospective and existing industrial customers including coatings contractors, fabricators, engineering firms and industry related owners, and generating sales growth in the geographical target market.
The ideal candidate will be familiar with industrial markets such as Petrochemical, Wastewater, Oilfield Service Companies and Equipment Manufacturers. Carboline Company offers an attractive benefits package and salary based on experience. To apply, please visit the Careers section of our website, www.carboline.com or e-mail resumes to resumes@carboline.com.
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SKILLED LABOR

A&P Mechanic

Deer Horn Aviation FT

Immediate Opening @ Deer Horn Aviation in Midland, Tx. For A&P Mechanic, two years experience preferred. **Candidate must hold a current A&P license.** Competitive wages with excellent package, including medical insurance for employee & family. **100% matching 401K up to 15% of salary**, sick leave, paid vacation. Candidates must be energetic & team player oriented. Call 432-560-2470 (Don or Paul), fax 432-561-5662, or email resume to LC@deerhornaviation.com. Deer Horn Aviation Ltd. is a drug free work place.

CNC Threading Operator

United Casing, Inc. FT

OCTG company in Midland, Texas looking for qualified operator for Mazak Powermaster machine. Requires 2 years API threading experience and ability to setup machine and offset program. API gaging experience a plus. Good starting pay & benefits. Email resume to gpatterson@unitedcasing.com or fax to 281-586-8978.

Dozer & Loader Operators

Confidential FT

Dozer and Loader Operators needed. Persons with rock crushing experience who can operate and maintain a crusher also needed. Scalehouse person also needed with computer skills. Good pay and benefits. Call 903-335-9912.

Drilling Rig Electrician

Union Drilling, Inc. FT

Union Drilling, Inc. is seeking an experienced drilling rig electrician. Knowledge of motor controls, generators, SCR and VFD helpful. Apply in Person at 2712 East I-20 in Midland

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Electricians
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Electricians/Electrician Helpers
GTG Automation, Inc.
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Electrician
Tessco Powerline Company FT
License Journeyman Electrician, Apprentice Electricians, Lineman and Lineman Apprentice needed. Oil field Experience is helpful. Tessco offers health/life insurance, 401K, holiday and vacation pay. Must be able to pass drug test and have a clear driving record. Apply in person at 2202 N Hwy 137 Stanton, TX, or send your resume to cmadison@tesscousa.com or fax to 432-756-3949.

Experienced Lineman & Apprentice Lineman
Primary Utility Services, LLC FT
Primary Utility Services, LLC is accepting application for the following positions:
- **EXPERIENCED LINEMAN**
- **APPRENTICE LINEMAN**

Must have CDL. Must pass DOT Physical and drug exam
Call (325)574-1776 or Apply Online www.primaryutilityservices.com

General Labor, Shipping Manager
Viking Pool FT
Vacation, dental and health insurance. Must pass drug screen. Apply in person, 8am-5pm, 10600 W. I-20 East, Odessa, TX 79765.

GREAT WHITE PRESSURE PUMPING

Great White Pressure Pumping in the Midland/Odessa area has immediate openings for the following positions:

Shop Foreman
Shop and Field Mechanics

Pay scales based on experience. There will be overtime involved in most positions. Great benefits such as company matched 401k at 6%, Paid Medical, Dental and Life.
Paid Personal Time Off and 10 paid holidays.

Submit resumes to: RCalaway@GreatWhiteEnergy.com
Or apply in person at 7611 W Industrial Ave Midland, TX 79706 Ph# 432-563-5333

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Heavy Equipment Technician
Permian Tractor Sales 210 E 67th Odessa, TX
Experienced Heavy Equipment Technician. Must furnish own tools. Vacation. Insurance, 401K, Uniforms. Competitive pay. Apply in person. 432-367-8628.

HVAC Installers
TMI Mechanical FT
HVAC Duct Installers and Experienced Helpers needed for work on local job. Salary depending on experience. Call 432-686-0002 for interview.

Journeyman/Electrician
Advantage Control Solutions/Electric FT
1625 West Florida Ave
Midland, TX 79701
$21 per hour plus 401K and benefits. Apply in person or call for appointment 432-682-7070.

Journeyman Electricians and Helpers
Resource Production Company FT
Journeyman electricians and helpers experienced in industrial installations hazardous wiring, automation & control. Excellent pay & benefits. Career positions. Fax resume to 505-326-0019 or email to HR@RESOURCEPRODUCTION.COM

Journeyman Electricians
Apple Electrical
Apple Electrical Contractors has immediate openings for Licensed Journeyman Electricians with industrial experience in the oil and gas industry. Pre-employment drug testing and a valid driver's license is required. Applicants must be willing to travel for projects in Texas and SE New Mexico. We offer paid vacation and holidays, group medical insurance and a 401K program. Call 1-800-416-3118 for information. Please send resumes to: PO Box 12741, Odessa, TX 79768 or Email to: drankin@appleelectric.com or jsledge@appleelectric.com

Kelly Services Has Immediate Openings For:
- **Shop Technician-** Assembly, dealing with large motors for oil rigs. Forklift
- **Shipping/Receiving Clerk-** Must have inventory experience. Forklift
- **Shophand-**Prefer oilfield background and Forklift experience

Temp to Hire positions. Salary $12.00- $15.00 Call Kelly Services 689-9801 or apply in person at 6 Desta Drive Ste 1260, Midland, TX

Licensed Journeyman & Apprentices
Robertson, Inc. FT
Electrical company looking to hire experienced and licensed journeyman and apprentices immediately. Must be licensed. Please send resume and license info to robertsoninc@sbcglobal.net.

Secretary
Confidential FT
Small fast growing company needs a Secretary. Full or part-time with flexible hours. Must be friendly, professional and customer service oriented. Call 575-706-9352.

Mack Truck Diesel Mechanic
Permian Petroleum Services, Inc. FT
Need experienced Mack Truck Diesel Mechanic. Must have own tools. Paid health insurance, uniforms and vacations. Retirement, family medical, dental, vision coverage available. Excellent pay and sign-on bonus. Apply to 4601 Rankin Highway, call 432-682-0434, or fax resume to 432-683-7407.

Maintenance/Make Ready
Summerhill Apartments FT
Now hiring **Maintenance/Make Ready & Leasing Agent**. Apply at **3001 North Midland Dr. Midland, TX 79707** or call **432-697-6039.**

Maintenance Technician
Confidential FT
Maintenance Technician, plumbing or electrical experience a plus. Salary DOE, drug test, 401K, plus benefits. Apply in person at: 303 W. Wall #2300.

Manual Lathe Operator
United Casing, Inc. FT
OCTG company in Midland, Texas looking for qualified manual lathe operator. Requires experience manufacturing and re-chasing API threads. Knowledge of API gages a plus. Must be U.S. citizen, have valid Social Security Card & Driver's License. Pay rate based on skills and experience. Health insurance & 401k match provided. Email resume to gpatterson@unitedcasing.com or fax to 281-586-8978.

Project Representative
Municipal construction Project Representative (inspector). High school degree minimum with 10+ years experience. Municipal projects preferably. Position located in Midland. Send resumes to hr@pkveng.com

It's Your Move...

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an exceptional opportunity for a Sales Facilitator/Production Artist. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting the sales team in achieving goals and executing operational processes and objectives. Candidates must have a passion to deliver unparalleled customer service and the ability to assist a team towards sales targets.

DESIRABLE SKILLS:
- **Experience preferred in print media, publishing, marketing, or production environment.**
- **Experience with Adobe CS software, Microsoft Explorer and Windows software.**
- **Knowledge of advertising concepts, promotions, and marketing.**
- **Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form.**
- **High level of organization and ability to work independently with minimal supervision.**
- **Ability to effectively present information and respond to questions from clients, customers, and the general public.**
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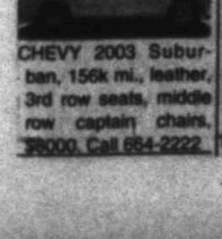

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GREECE

Giver of Great Gifts to the World

Greece is a small country. It would fit inside the state of Alabama with room to spare. But there has been nothing small about its gifts to the world – superheroes, the Olympics, art and even democracy!

Week 7 Passport to Adventure stamp

HERCULES

The myths told by the ancient Greeks were full of stories of superheroes. One was named Hercules.

Hercules was ordered by King Eurytheus to complete 12 **labors**, or tasks. These labors seemed impossible, but Hercules used his strength *and* his brain.

One of the labors was to get golden apples that belonged to the Greek god Zeus. Atlas, the god who the ancient Greeks believed held up the earth, was the only one who could get the apples.

Hercules offered to hold up the world while Atlas went to get the apples. Atlas was tired of holding up the world, so he agreed. When he returned with the apples, he told Hercules that he would take the apples to the king, leaving Hercules to hold up the world for the rest of time.

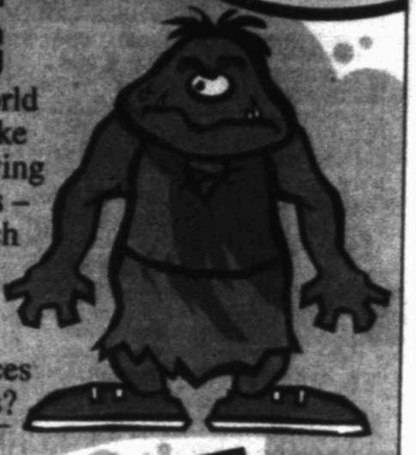
Hercules asked Atlas to take the world back for a short time so he could find some padding for his shoulders. Atlas agreed and took the world back. Hercules then took the apples and returned to the king.

Ancient Greek pottery was often decorated with scenes of popular myths and stories. Number the pictures in order to show the story of Hercules and the Golden Apples.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Order a number of objects.

CYCLOPS

Greek stories gave the world wonderful superheroes like Hercules, as well as terrifying monsters such as Cyclops – bad-tempered giants, each with a single eye in the middle of its forehead.



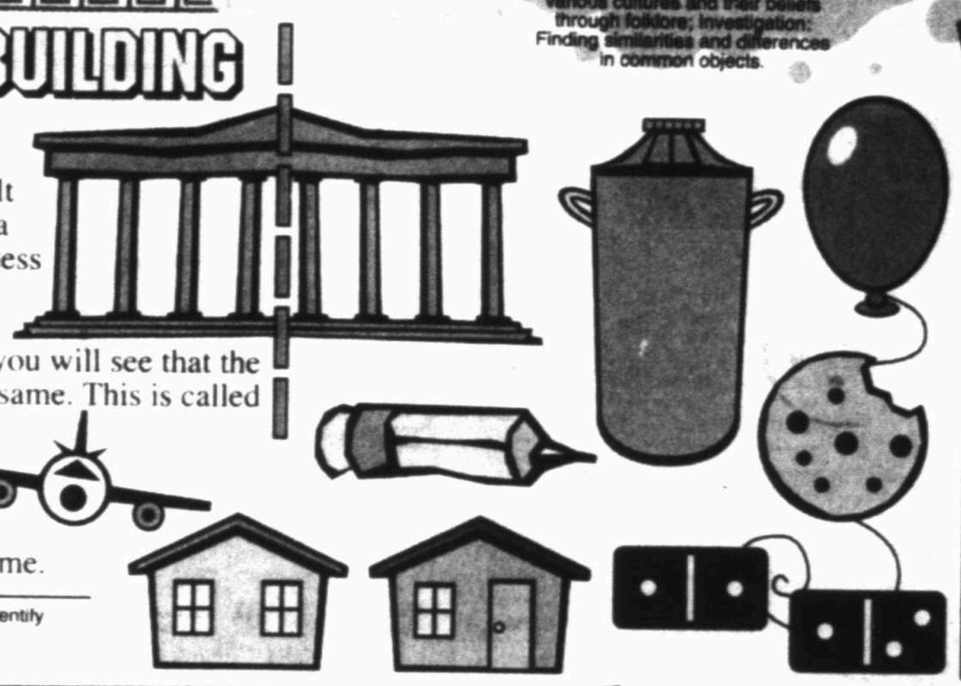
Can you find the differences between the two Cyclops?

Standards Link: History: Understand various cultures and their beliefs through folklore; Investigation: Finding similarities and differences in common objects.

BALANCED BUILDING

One of the most famous buildings in the world is the Parthenon. It was built on a hilltop in Athens as a temple to the Greek goddess Athena. If you draw a vertical line down the middle of the Parthenon you will see that the two sides are exactly the same. This is called **symmetry**.

Which of these objects are symmetrical? Both sides must be the same.



Standards Link: Geometry: Students identify symmetry in objects and shapes

Extra! Extra!

Help for Hercules

Look through the newspaper for a story about a problem. If Hercules were real, how would he help people to solve this problem? Write a myth about how Hercules helped.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief fictional narratives.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The first Olympic Games in 776 B.C. were held in Greece. For 1,170 years the games were held in Greece nearly every four years. Then they stopped until 1896. Use the code to find out where the modern Olympic Games were held when they were started again.

= A = E = R = T
= C = G = S = Y

HERCULES'S CHALLENGE

Can you figure out what year the ancient Olympic Games stopped?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

WORLD
ZEUS
HERCULES
GREECE
OLYMPIC
GODDESS
HILLTOP
CYCLOPS
LABORS
ATLAS
MYTH
KING
HELP

M	S	U	E	Z	O	I	L	G	M
G	D	C	M	A	H	E	A	T	S
O	L	Y	M	P	I	C	B	P	E
D	R	C	S	G	L	E	O	L	L
D	O	L	A	S	L	E	R	E	U
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S	A	P	T	M	O	G	T	U	R
S	W	S	A	V	P	Y	P	L	E
G	N	I	K	U	M	A	M	O	H

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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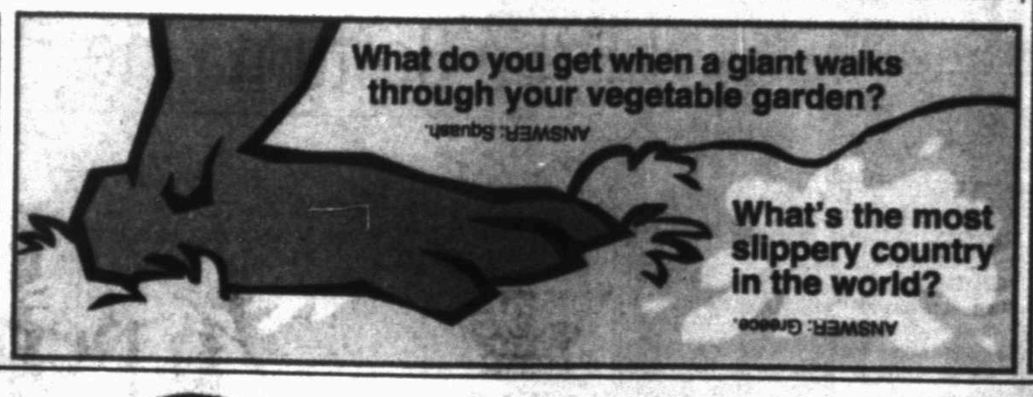
People Rule!

Greece was the first country to adopt democracy, or rule by the people. Look through today's newspaper to find examples of people participating in running your community, state and country.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand the rights and individual responsibilities of citizenship.



What do you get when a giant walks through your vegetable garden?

ANSWER: Squash.

What's the most slippery country in the world?

ANSWER: Greece.

Weekly Writing Corner

WRITING CORNER

Vacation Postcard

Write a postcard from a place you think would be a great place to vacation.

Dear Friends,
Hi! I'm on the tropical island of Hawaii. I just got off the boat. It was a long ride. We are checking into our hotel that is right by a beach. Then I will climb a huge volcano. Afterwards, we will go surfing, but my dad will go fishing. He likes to fish. I know I will have so much fun here.

Jose,
4th grade

My name is Michel. I am packing to go to Maxwell Park with my family. We will be sitting by the basketball courts and we will be having a barbecue. My cousins and I will play tag. We will put up a tent. Tomorrow we will go for a hike in the hills. This will be the best vacation ever!

Michel,
3rd grade

I'm packing up all the stuff I need to go to Disneyland. I'm traveling with my parents and grandparents. We will be staying at the Disneyland Hotel. Tomorrow I'm going to ride roller coasters, spinning teacups, fantasy rides and a lot more! Wish you were here.

Angela,
4th grade

Hi friends,
I'm backpacking in the mountains with my brother and sisters. It's going to be the best hiking trip ever. When we get to the top of the mountain, we will wait to watch the sunset. We will put up our tents and will wake up before the dawn so we can watch the sunrise also. It is so beautiful here but you have to drink plenty of water when it gets hot. See you in a week.

Margaret,
5th grade

I am at Disneyworld in Florida. There is so much to see and do. Last night I went to dinner with Mickey. It was so much fun! Today I'm going to a show in Magic Kingdom Park. See you soon.

Bethany,
3rd grade

I'm sending you this postcard from Yellowstone National Park. Two weeks ago we got a letter in the mail that said, "You have won a holiday in Yellowstone National Park. You and your family will stay in the Lodge for 7 nights!" I was so shocked but I love it here.

Erin,
4th grade

Guess what! I'm in New York City with my mom and dad and my brother. This place is busy but it's amazing. We went to see a show last night and then we had a pizza. It was the biggest pizza place I've ever seen and we sat upstairs. There's a museum here that is all about television. It was fun.

Kayla,
3rd grade

I'm on a safari in Africa and this is the most exciting time of my life. Yesterday we saw lions, a mother and four cubs. The cubs were so cute and they had spots. Our guide told us that lion cubs have spotted fur but they lose that, as they get older. Tomorrow we are taking a hot air balloon over the swamps and I hope we get to see some crocodiles and some giraffes.

David,
5th grade

I learned how to water-ski yesterday on the lake. What I really like to do is tubing, that is so much fun. The water in the lake is really cold and there is still snow on the mountaintops. My brother got to go parasailing but I'm too short.

Connor
5th grade

Write On!

Lovely as a Tree

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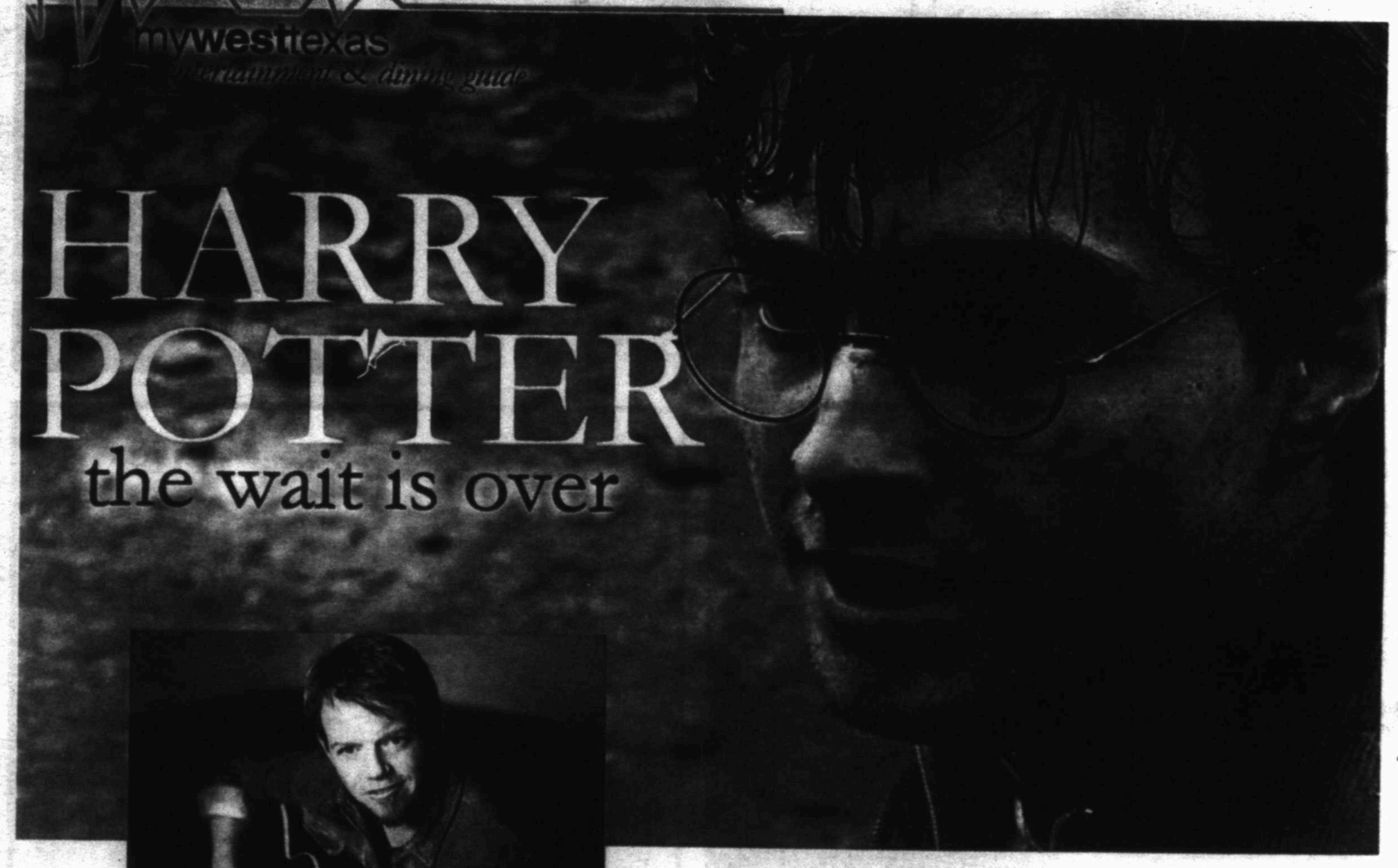

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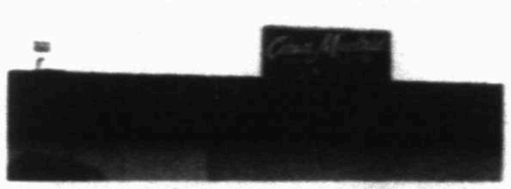

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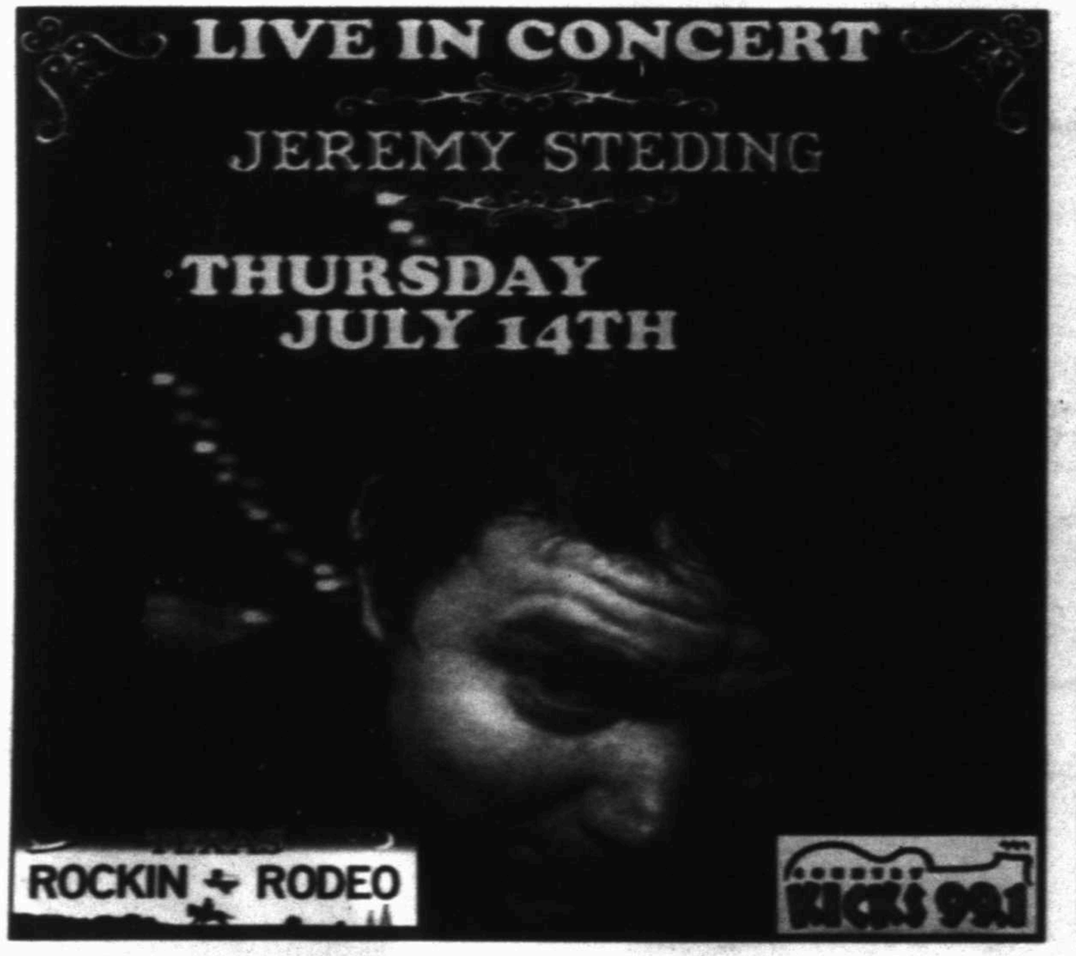

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Friday

SUMMER MUMMERS
When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday through Sept. 3
Where: Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St., downtown.
Tickets: $20 for the pit, $15 for the house, or $10 for the balcony (no popcorn is allowed to be thrown from the balcony), may be purchased at www.summermummers.com or by calling the MCT box office, 570-4111, Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There is an additional service fee for all non-member ticket purchases.
Info: Melodrama is "Ribaldry at the Rodeo" or "Hoping for an 8 Second Ride" by David & Jennifer Odom. Evening includes an olio. The annual event is a fund raiser for Midland Community Theatre.

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When: 4:30-7 p.m. July 15
Where: 3939 E. 52nd St., Odessa
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When: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.
Where: 501 W Texas Ave., under the green.

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Info: Sweet onions, squash and fresh eggs.

TUESDAY NIGHT DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: 1225 N Adams, Odessa, (corner of 13th and Adams)
Admission: $5 members, $6 guests. Live country band.

Kids Zone: Summer

Check for potential children's activities at the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum and the Blakemore Planetarium, 683-2882; Midland Community Theatre, 682-2544; and the YMCA, 682-2551.

VBS BIG APPLE ADVENTURE:
When: 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Where: Macedonia Baptist Church, 201 South Carver
Info: For transportation, call 210-5590.

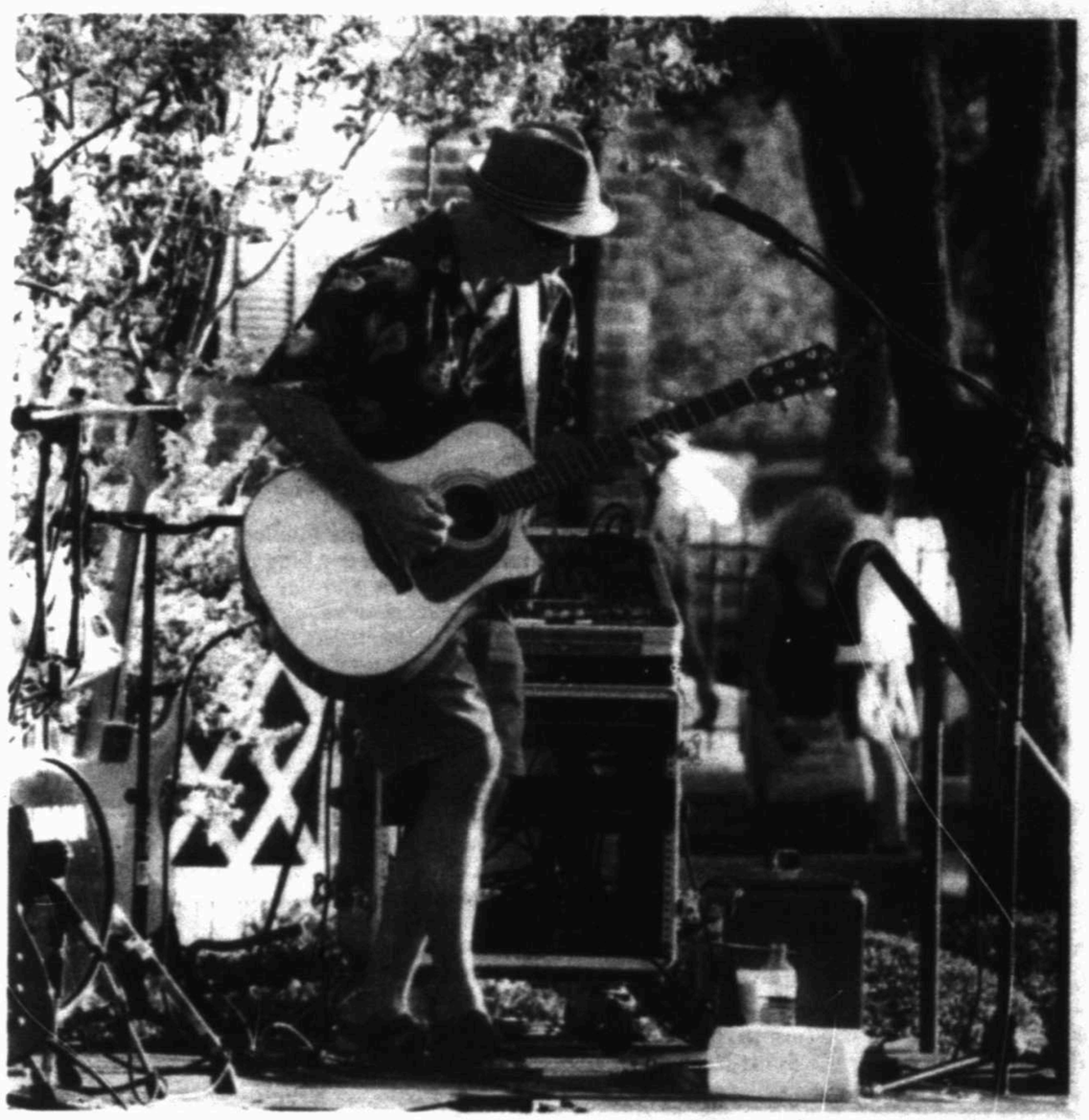
Midland County Public Library: The library has been presenting programs throughout the months of June and July. (All are subject to change so call ahead: 688-4320.)
Monday. 2 p.m. fifth grade to 13 years.
Tuesday. Storytime 10 a.m. toddler -first grade.
Wednesday. Storytime 10 a.m. toddler -first grade.
Thursday. 10 a.m. "Fun Stuff." all ages.
"Teen's Afternoon." Various times. Seventh through 12th grades.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.,"The Ice Cream King"
Super Hero Tuesday: 4 p.m.: Summer reading theme Imagination's Destination. Wear your best pirate costume and join the fun.
Wednesday storytime (various themes on most Wednesdays), 10:30 a.m., Barnes & Noble Booksellers

The Petroleum Museum
1500 Interstate 20 West
Friday: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for children entering fourth, fifth or sixth grades. "Let's Talk," sign up by July 8. Cost: $20 museum members. $25 non-members. Call 683-4403. Tuesday, 1-3:30 p.m. Film: "Ratatouille" for 6 years old and up. Part of the museum's Movie Camp. Cost $3 per child. Free popcorn and lemonade included in the admission.

Ellen Noel Art Museum: Summer Art Camp
4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Call 550-9696 ext. 10.
July 18-22, art for students with visual challenges, ages 6-8, 9-12 and 13-17, $80, multi-sensory art;
July 18-22, teen class for ages 13-17, art to wear, $50. Classes begin at 9:15 a.m. and go through noon (excluding the teen class).

In the limelight
Lawn Concert



Graham Dixon

By Graham Dixon

Finally made it to a Sunday evening concert at the Museum of the Southwest. The 100 plus degree days had been too much for this thin-blooded Englishman, but body temperature is just about tolerable. The children were playing, the soft desert breezes blew, the wine flowed and the band was WeatherStone.

They are a middle of the road trio who play middle of the road songs — just about perfect for a lazy summer evening. This reviewer was honored — I think that is the right word, but I am not entirely sure – to have one song dedicated to him, and one other to "Graham Dixon's Uncle Charlie." I don't have an Uncle Charlie, but at least the thought was there.

WeatherStone played some of the most familiar songs of the past 30 years. From a fine version of "Last Dance With Mary Jane" to a soulful rendition of Supertramp's "Give a Little Bit." The latter started a little uncertainly — those famous opening chords didn't quite have enough punch – but the band excelled in the more challenging bridge and the dreamy harmonies at the end of the song.

Speaking of ends — they tackled REM's signature song "It's the End of the World As We Know It." I can't remember hearing a cover band doing this song — most would probably regard the speedy lyrics as too risky, but WeatherStone did very well. It was good to hear a song that is rarely covered. Less sure was "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" — a song so owned by Freddie Mercury it is difficult to imagine anyone else being successful with it.

The band was very impressive in "Hotel California" — that weird mixture of erotic possibility and imminent threat captured perfectly in the vocals. Lead guitarist Ryman Peters wandering up and down the neck in those final riffs with a flourish. But as with other songs, the lack of a bass guitar was felt here — we need the range and body given by that instrument.

Eric Schreiber produced a rather fine Mark Knopfler impersonation on "Sultans of Swing," although there seemed to be a little disconnect between the musicians in the central section of the song. Dire Straits music may sound simple to play, but it isn't. Folsom Prison Blues was upbeat and melancholy — just as it should be — while Steve Miller's "The Joker" sounded impressively complete considering the fact that just three musicians were playing it. Schreiber is also a fine harmonica player, as shown throughout.

And so as dusk was falling, WeatherStone's gig ended.

These Sunday evening concerts are part of the gently repeating patterns of Midland life. The weather is nearly always the same, the characters fondly familiar — George circulating with a glass of wine, never sitting down; those uniquely stylish friends who feature an Annie Lennox look-alike; the children playing off to the side, instant friendships born of a common search for fun; and the music — songs as familiar as a child's school portrait, yet like that image, subtly changing as the years roll by.

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ALL THE DETAILS:

SUMMER SUNDAY LAWN CONCERTS
When: 7:45-8:45 p.m. Sunday
Where: 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
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In the limelight
Music Man

By Graham Dixon

The musical tale of an inveterate con-man who reveals that he has a heart almost as golden as the brass instruments that he delivers to small-town America takes the stage at the Permian Playhouse in "The Music Man." The production shows the Playhouse can now attract actors — and an audience — to rival that of more well-known theaters in the area.

The title role is played by Dale Jenkins. He tackles the verbal assault course of numbers like "(Ya Got) Trouble" with ease, and manages to range from a creepy determination in "Marian the Librarian" to believable trickster in "Seventy-six Trombones" and on to surprised lover in "Till There was You." The lead female role — town librarian Marian Paroo — is brought to life by Jenness Rouse. She has a powerful and beautiful voice that does not really need amplification. She is believable as the only educated person in a town cursed by ignorance. Her yearning for a kindred spirit is palpable in "Goodnight, My Someone."

But there are some weaknesses. One problem is the great age difference between the two leads. It is not plausible that a young, beautiful Marian would fall in love with an aging — albeit rather dashing — Harold Hill. Of course much of this is down to the script, as the transformation from deep suspicion to love occurs so rapidly that neither character is given time to appreciate the new vision given by Hill's influence on Marian's little brother. The ages of the actors here draw attention to a lack of believability that is already present.

Yet beyond this difficulty, much of "The Music Man" is infectiously funny and remarkably polished. David Mossbarger plays the hapless but enthusiastic Mayor Shinn perfectly, while D'Alice Belanger creates a fine comic role as his energetic but equally inept wife. Brock Bizzell negotiates the transformation from painfully shy little boy to enthusiastic potential band member with youthful style. His role is pivotal to the idea that Hill brings happiness to the town even if he never actually will lead a fully-fledged band.

We see that happiness emerge on Bizzell's face.

The barber-shop quartet of previously feuding school-board members is not perfectly harmonious, but they are very funny and reflect Hill's almost supernatural quality to avoid answering difficult questions. The large ensemble moves about the stage well and are always in character. The sets are attractive, with the library being rather creepy with its all-light colors that seem to reflect the antiseptic, loveless life of the librarian.

Special kudos to Lu Ann Lane. She is precise as the vocal director and expressive on the piano. I particularly liked the "Piano Lesson" number in which Lane is involved in an intricate musical joke with a young cast-member at the piano. The little delays before that stubbornly wrong note had great comic timing.

About half-way through the first half, the Permian Playhouse's most unusual audience-member — a rather large bat — started its jerky but elegant flights around the auditorium. It joined in the festivities during the last production, too. I don't know much about bats, and thus little about how to catch and remove them — but perhaps the management might invest a little time in such a cause. The bat is interesting, but inevitably distracting.

In the end, "The Music Man" is about the power of imagination over reality, of the Think System of making music versus actual technique, of a naïve new love versus years of cynical experience. As the band of children indulges in a cacophony of sound, led by that most unlikely of benign Pied Pipers, Professor Harold Hill – we are convinced optimism can win in the end.

A lovely production, well worth seeing.

"The Music Man" runs through July 24. For tickets go to www.permianplayhouse.com or call 550-5456.

ALL THE DETAILS:

"THE MUSIC MAN"

When: July 15-17, 22-24. 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. on Sunday

Where: Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa

Tickets: $14. Students and seniors $12. Groups of 12 or more $10. Children under 12 $7 .

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When: 3 and 6:30 p.m. July 21

Where: Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Hwy., Odessa

Tickets: $15 and $20. A limited number of $30 Gold Circle Seats and $55 Dino Seats are also available. Additional fees and discounts may apply.

Info: Dino Seats feature front row seats and a pre-show meet and greet with Barney. For more information, or to charge tickets by phone, call Central Ticket Office at 800-462-7979. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.centralticketoffice.com. For information online, visit www.barneylivetour.com. Like Barney Live in Concert on Facebook.

ART CLASSES

When: July 26-29 for ages 5-7 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Aug. 2-5 for ages 8-12 also from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Cost: $45 per session. Class size 12 students.

Teacher: Sara Drescher Braswell. Call the museum. 683-2882, and ask for the Children's Museum or email sara@sdb-gallery.com.

VALENTINE SHRINE CIRCUS

When: July 26

Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

"TEKKEN BLOOD VENGEANCE" IN 3D

When: 7:30 p.m. July 26

Where: Century Theatre, 4221 Preston Smith Road, Odessa

Tickets: $14 adults, $13 seniors and students, $12 children. Tickets may be purchased at the box office or at www.FathomEvents.com.

TALL CITY BLUES FEST

When: July 29-31

Where: Centennial Plaza, downtown

Info: Educational workshops July 30 at Midland Center, seminars and music. Performers on July 29 Bernie Pearl, Burt Herrin & The Global Warming Band, Andy Macintyre & The Primal Groove, Billy Hendrix Experiment, Woody Russell, Diddley Squat and Smokin' Joe Kubek with special guest Bnois King, and on July 30 E-Flat Porch, Gasoline Alley, Jennifer 8 & The Grove Kings, Jeff Strahan, John Lisi & The Delta Funk, St. Blues Band, James Hinkle, James Boogaloo Bolden Blues Band and Eddie Turner.

JAZZ AND SOUL CONCERT

When: 7 p.m. July 29

Where: Midland High School Auditorium

Sponsors: Midland African American Roots Historical / Cultural Arts Council, Inc. and Midland Festival Ballet

Road Trip

Ruidoso Downs, N.M.

"WILD, WILD WEST - JOURNEY TO STATEHOOD" July 23. Fundraiser for Hubbard Museum of the American West, 26301 Highway 70. Includes dinner, hosted bar, dancing to the music of the Graham Brothers. Reservations for the event are $130 per person or $1250 for a table of 10, and can be purchased by calling 575-258-5919 or 575-378-4142, ext. 223. Held each year in conjunction with the Rainbow Futurity at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

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BEST BETS

NO JUSTICE WEDNESDAY @ GRAHAM CENTRAL STATION, ODESSA

The members of this Red Dirt/Texas Country band are originally from Stillwater, Okla., a town that also produced Jimmy LaFave, Garth Brooks, The Great Divide, Cross Canadian Ragweed, Stoney LaRue, Mike McClure and Jason Boland & the Stragglers. Having been a fixture in Stillwater since 2001, No Justice developed a large following across Oklahoma and Texas, averaging more than 200 shows a year while the No Justice sound developed into a balanced compound of roots, red dirt, country and blues. The band was signed in 2010 by Carved Records and released the album "Second Avenue." Since the release, the members have made a lot of television appearances including Good Day Dallas, Great Day Houston, Good Day Tulsa, Rise & Shine (Oklahoma City) and Chicago's WGN. Members are singer/guitarist Steve Rice, guitarist Jerry Payne, bassist Joey Treviño, drummer Armando Lopez and lead guitarist Cody Patton.

BRIAN MILSON WEDNESDAY @ SHACK IN THE BACK

Odessa native Brian Milson — a graduate of Permian High School and the Permian Panther football program — started singing in junior high school, took up the guitar when he was 17 and was a member of the Permian High School Show Choir "Black Magic." He was raised on traditional country and rock and roll and his influences range from Ernest Tubb, Hank Williams (Sr. and Jr.), Willie Nelson, George Strait, Temptations, Four Tops, The Rat Pack, Kevin Fowler and Pat Green. Milson has covered songs from Bruce Springsteen, Guy Clark, Mark David Manders, Jack Ingram, Steve Earle and Willie Nelson. Milson, who received a bachelor's degree in business management from Texas Tech University, started writing his own songs his freshman year in college after a breakup with a girlfriend. The writing came easy. "Our music gives us a chance to express ourselves," Milson said on his Web site. "For me, it is easiest to play my music and sing."

LIVE WIRE

Midland/Odessa

Thursday, July 14

Jeremy Steding @ Rockin' Rodeo

Such is Life, We Are the Union, I Call Fives, The Story So Far @ Pine Box

Friday, July 15

Black Gold Rally featuring Black Eye Shiner, Talkin' Stick

Bobby Champion @ The Detour

Pat Green @ Graham Central Station

The Restless Natives @ Cigar Frog's

The Shades @ Hot Summer Nights

Friday, July 15, and Saturday, July 16

Darren Welch Group @ The Bar

Reload @ Riley's

3 Lit Pigz @ Your Place

Saturday, July 16

Black Gold Rally featuring GloveBox, the Barkin Spiders, VooDoo Blue

Lorrie Morgan @ W. Texas Horse Ctr.

Tommy Pool @ Cigar Frog's

Sunday, July 17

Barlow Brothers & Friends @ Museum of the Southwest

Drowning Pool @ Dos Amigos

Justin Langston @ Music City Mall

Tuesday, July 19

Curt Brewer, Kentucky Knife Fight, Whiskey Folk Rambler @ Pine Box

Wednesday, July 20

Brian Milson @ Shack in the Back

No Justice @ Graham Central Station

Lubbock

Thursday, July 14

Scooter Brown @ Depot District Oyster Bar

Monday, July 18

Royal Bangs, Colourmusic, Oh No! Oh My! @ Jake's

Tuesday, July 19

Alien Ant Farm @ Wreckers

Dallas-Fort Worth

Thursday, July 14

Avant, Ginuwine, Silk, H-Town @ Fair Park

Sunday, July 17

Kid Cudi, Chip Tha Ripper @ Verizon Theatre

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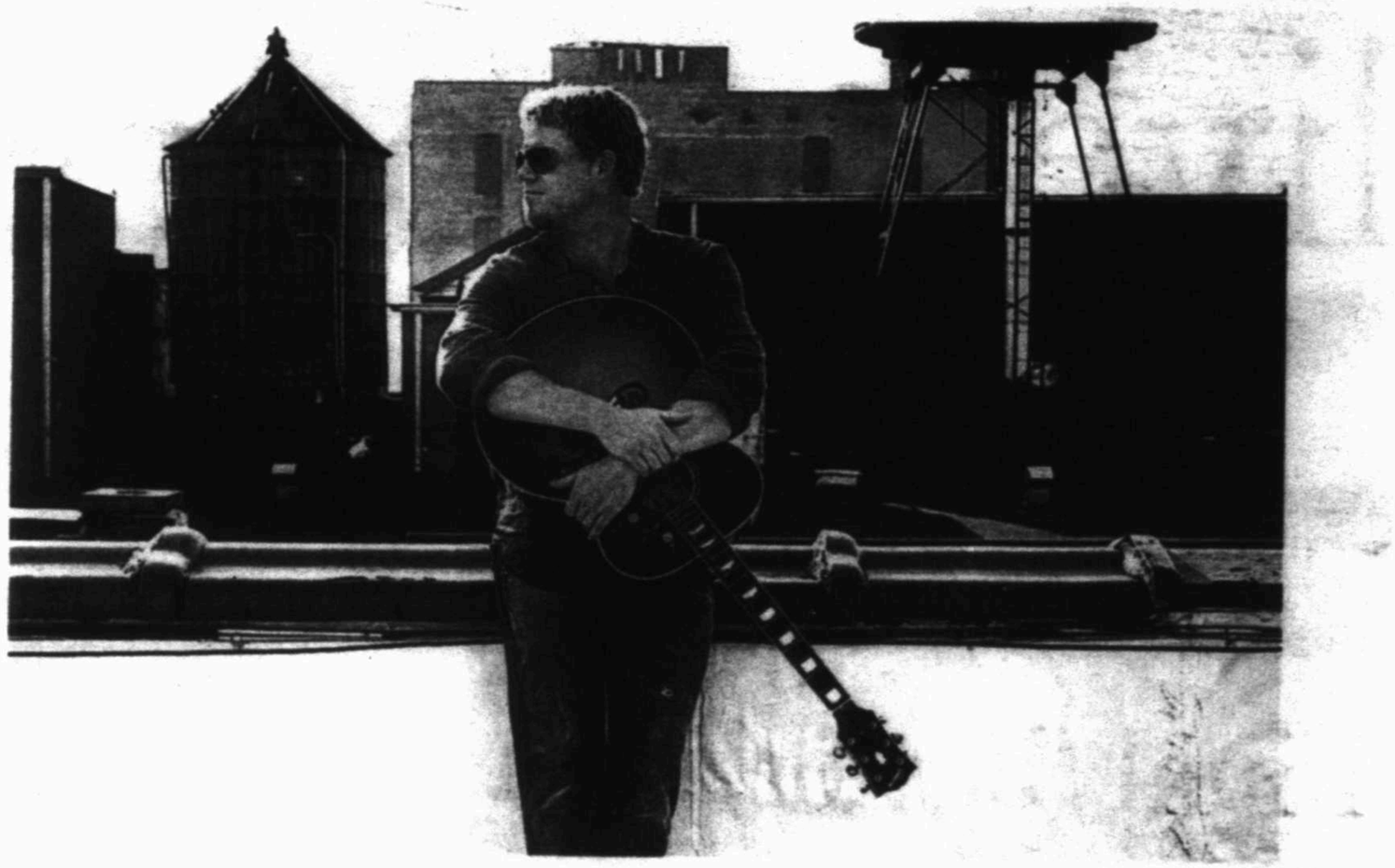

ALL THE DETAILS

PAT GREEN
When: Friday
Where: Graham Central Station, Odessa

Pat Green talks about the business of music

By Eric Woods

These days, country artist Pat Green is gearing up for a new phase of his career including a solo album, a follow-up to "Songs We Wish We'd Written" with Cory Morrow and a new record label.

This is Green post-Nashville, and while he's taken some guff for his move to Music Row, he's unapologetic, unhindered and ready to make music on his own terms.

"Songs We Wish We'd Written" is a compilation CD of covers from artists including Waylon Jennings and Merle Haggard. Now that the album has turned 10 years old, Green and Morrow are back for another edition. When asked why the two country artists had decided to take on the project, Green said they were knocking around some ideas as well as a few golf balls.

"Honestly, it was a drunken afternoon on a golf course," Green said and laughed. We just decided it would be fun to make a record of songs that we weren't good enough to write. Our tools hadn't been sharpened yet, and so we just thought we'd just sing great songs by other guys and make a bunch of money."

Also, Green said he's working on a new solo release on one of the larger indie labels but was unable to release any details on what label or when he will release the album. What Green did say is that with this album, he's going to have more creative control, something he hasn't had in a while.

"I'm signing with a company that is going to allow me to butter my own muffin if you will," he said. "I don't have to make corporate music anymore, you know, I'm kind of past that point in my life. The music that I made, well that made the most headway for me were songs that no record label would touch. I had to pretty much force feed them on that stuff."

The new album follows up Green's "What I'm For," which was released in 2009 on BNA Records. Green, who has taken more than his fair share of shots from critics concerning his ties to Nashville, has no regrets.

"I experienced a great deal of success there (Nashville)," Green said. "I mean it's difficult to make music for a large company because they are spending millions to make you famous. My humble opinion is that if someone is going to spend millions of dollars to make me money, then I'm going to listen to their opinion. You know, like it or not, I'm going to listen to it."

"I think a lot of times I stood on the desk and stomped my feet," he added. "I did that at the appropriate moment, and they forced my hand a time or two, you know, but I think everybody for the most part made their best bet. I totally understand why there are numerous people who come out of record labels and feel like they got spit out. At the same time there are a lot stories like mine where we had some huge hits."

To those who would put him down for what some consider selling out and moving away from the Texas country music scene, Green justified his move as one that made perfect sense. Green said making a move to Nashville wasn't just a good move for him but also monumental for those in the Texas country and Red Dirt scenes. Country fans from all over mainly are exposed to what he referred to as music pitched down the middle, and that country out of the mainstream has little chance at getting national airplay.

To Green, wearing a Texas country brand can mean limited exposure, something he hopes will change as more Texas country artists become more adept at navigating the waters of mainstream music.

"I'm a business guy when it comes to radio and record making and all of that," he said. "I mean I'm an artist when it comes to songwriting and being on stage, but I do get it. It's a tough market out there, man. Radio guys are trying to do one thing and one thing only, and that's selling advertising. It's not about cutting a cool radio station anymore; I mean those days stopped with WKRP in Cincinnati. You know, you can't blame them."

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Final 'Potter' film is sad and satisfying

By Christy Lemire
Associated Press

If last year's "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" marked the beginning of the end with a gripping feeling of doom and gloom, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" wraps things up once and for all on a note of melancholy.

Oh, it's dramatic, to be sure: gorgeous, somber and startling as the young wizard faces his destiny and fights the evil Lord Voldemort. But the end of this staggeringly successful movie franchise, an epic fantasy saga spanning eight films over the past decade, provides a necessary emotional catharsis for Harry and for us. Even those who aren't ardent Potterphiles — who aren't waiting in a line around the theater with their homemade wands and hand-drawn lightning scars — might find themselves getting unexpectedly choked up a couple of times.

That's always been the real magic of the series, based on J.K. Rowling's novels: that mixture of the exotic and the everyday, the otherworldly and the utterly relatable. No longer the innocent children they were when they entered Hogwarts, Harry, Ron and Hermione are growing up and moving on, and so must we. That the future of the wizard world hangs in the balance in this final installment is only part of the tale.

Still, director David Yates has accomplished the difficult task of bringing it all to a close in satisfying fashion. Having directed the last four of the eight films, Yates has provided a momentum and cohesion to the "Harry Potter" canon, which has gotten progressively darker and more mature. And Steve Kloves, who's written all but one of the screenplays in the series, has once again risen to the challenge of trying to please purists and casual viewers alike in adapting Rowling's revered writing.

It's hard to imagine how complicated this must have been, given the density of the mythology, even though the final book was divided into two films. (Although the epilogue, which features some of the main characters decked out in grown-up makeup, does seem a bit cheesy and hasty and it might inspire a few giggles.)

At the same time, because it took two films to depict the action in the last installment, this second half doesn't feel overstuffed or overlong. It moves with great urgency toward the final showdown between Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) and Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes, deeply disturbing as usual); danger infuses every moment, and it never overstays its welcome.

HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART 2
Warner Bros. Pictures
Rated PG-13
130 minutes
★★★½

Much of that has to do with the look of the film, both in its attention to inventive detail and to the sweeping, elaborate set pieces. The cinematography from Eduardo Serra, who also shot "Deathly Hallows: Part 1," is once again richly ominous and beautifully bleak. Here, Hogwarts isn't a warm, bustling place full of possibilities but rather a fearsome fortress swarming with Death Eaters, where Professor Severus Snape (the deliciously icy Alan Rickman) rules as if leading his own fascist regime.

Yes, "Deathly Hallows: Part 2" is in 3-D — it's the only installment in the series to be presented that way — and as usual, that was unnecessary. The technical elements all looked flawless and immersive in the previous film. (Warner Bros. wisely chose not to rush the conversion from 2-D on "Deathly Hallows: Part 1," and instead took more time for the process here.) But the addition of a third dimension does allow some details to pop, and it's never a distraction.

Although the "Potter" films have always been about the escape of the spectacle, the kids and their struggle to navigate both good and evil provides some much-needed rooting in reality. Radcliffe has never been better, and brief flashbacks to the earliest images of him in the role only serve as a reminder of how far he's come. The character has long since been cemented into his identity, but more is required of him physically and emotionally than ever before, and he's more than up for it all.

"Deathly Hallows: Part 2" drops us into a menacing version of this world we've come to know, immediately and without explanation; it's a bit disorienting at first, even if you've seen all that's come before it. Then again, if you're bothering to check out the finale, in theory you should know what's going on.

Harry, Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) are still hunting Horcruxes — scattered containers that hold pieces of Voldemort's soul, which are crucial to Harry's survival — in order to destroy them. One of them is being stored in Bellatrix Lestrange's bank vault, which allows Helena Bonham Carter to have a bit of fun with her wicked character. Hogwarts is no longer a place of refuge as Voldemort draws ever closer; his attack on the stately school is thrilling, but it also provides moments of heroism for some characters you might not expect.

Still, this is the place where all the narrative and emotional threads must converge and tie up at last. While "Deathly Hallows: Part 2" offers long-promised answers, it also dares to pose some eternal questions, and it'll stay with you after the final chapter has closed.

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Recent releases

"HORRIBLE BOSSES" — This raunchy buddy comedy wallows in silliness — gleefully, and without an ounce of remorse or self-consciousness — and even though you're a grown-up and you know you should know better, you will be happy to wallow right along as well. It's a film that's wildly, brazenly stupid — but also, you know, fun. Because like "Bad Teacher," "Horrible Bosses" knows exactly what it is and doesn't aspire to be anything more, and that lack of pretention is refreshing. It isn't trying to say anything profound about society or the economy or the fragile psyche of the post-modern man. It's about three guys who hate their jobs and want to kill their bosses. And really, who among us hasn't pondered such a plan? Naturally, no member of this trio is nearly as clever or sophisticated as he thinks he is. Together, they bumble and bungle every step of the way and occasionally, by accident, they get something right. But the dynamic between Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis and Charlie Day as they bounce off each other is cheerfully loony, and the energy of their banter (which often feels improvised) has enough of an infectious quality to make you want to forgive the film's general messiness. Kevin Spacey, Colin Farrell and Jennifer Aniston, as the titular bosses, are clearly enjoying the freedom of playing such showy, inappropriate characters. R for crude and sexual content, pervasive language and some drug material. 98 minutes. Three stars out of four.

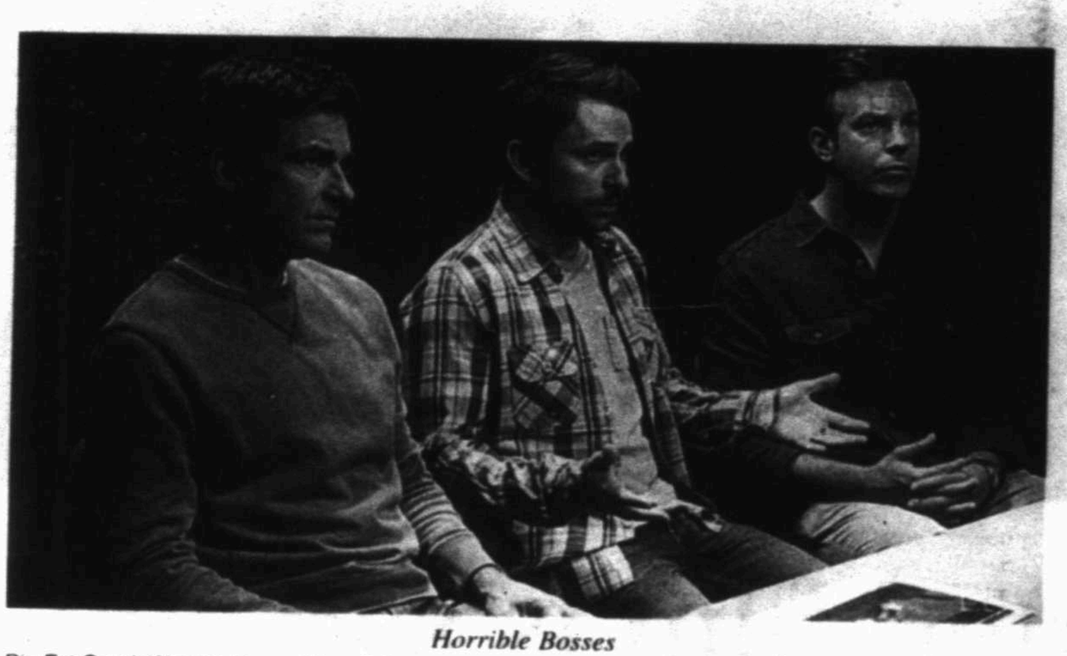
— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

"ZOOKEEPER" — Movies where humans and animals converse are a bad idea in principle, and this Kevin James comedy is not here to prove that interspecies ensembles have simply been a misunderstood, underappreciated subgenre. It's as dumb as they come, the movie that finally allows Adam Sandler to lend annoying voice to a Capuchin monkey as it talks incessantly about flinging poop around. This is a comedy whose filmmakers know what they want — stupid gags and obnoxious slapstick — and goes for it without restraint. James is dopily likable as the title guy able to commune with his zoo critters, which try to help him win back an old flame (Leslie Bibb). Yet his character and the other humans are so thinly drawn that a melancholy gorilla voiced by Nick Nolte shows more personality and comes off as the movie's highest primate. Rosario Dawson co-stars among the human cast, while the animals speak in a variety of famous Hollywood players' voices — Cher, Nolte, Sylvester Stallone, Jon Favreau, Judd Apatow. As the monkey, Sandler seems to be aiming for a screechy impersonation of Gilbert Gottfried, in case that's something you've been dying to hear. PG for some rude and suggestive humor, and language. 104 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— David Germain, AP Movie Writer

"LARRY CROWNE" — You can have two of the most likable, bankable stars on the planet together, but strong writing is crucial to making them shine. Even the combined, blinding brilliance of Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts cannot salvage the corny, contrived script — which Hanks, who also directed the film, co-wrote. His longtime friend Nia Vardalos ("My Big Fat Greek Wedding") was his collaborator, and the shticky nature of her style is just overpowering. Main characters behave in unbelievable ways and say just the right poignant things at just the right times, while supporting players are relegated to one-note roles that are straight out of a sitcom. But the main problem is that Hanks is as bland as the film's title. Larry Crowne undergoes a major life change when he finds himself downsized out of his job at a behemoth superstore; middle-aged and divorced, he decides it's finally time to go to college. But there's not much momentum, and it's hard to get a handle on who he is beyond his generically pleasant demeanor, so his transformation lacks the punch it should have had by comparison. Roberts co-stars as the professor who becomes Larry's unlikely love interest, while Gugu Mbatha-Raw plays the impossibly gorgeous fellow student who gives him a makeover. PG-13 for brief strong language and some sexual content. 98 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic



Horrible Bosses

"MONTE CARLO" — The French Riviera, that golden-hued playground of Grace Kelly and Cary Grant, here gets taken over by teenyboppers. In her biggest role yet, Disney Channel star and pop singer Selena Gomez plays Grace, a Texas 18-year-old who has long dreamed of visiting Paris. Traveling with her best friend (Katie Cassidy) and stepsister (Leighton Meester), their visit to the French capital is a bust. But when a British heiress look-alike (also played by Gomez) turns up, Grace impersonates her and earns a private-jet trip to Monte Carlo the next day. In Monaco, the scheme mostly leads to romance and sappy self-discovery. Impersonating a famous heiress, one would think, might lead to numerous comical situations. But this isn't "Some Like it Hot"; "Monte Carlo" likes it lukewarm. Gomez, while endearingly earnest, doesn't command the screen, and Meester and Cassidy ultimately carry the movie. Nevertheless, director Thomas Bezucha ("The Family Stone"), production designer Hugo Luczyc-Wyhowski and composer Michael Giacchino ("Up," "Super 8") do exceptionally well in giving the limp material a first-rate production. Giacchino's graceful work is like a B-side to his superb score to "Ratatouille." PG for brief mild language. 108 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— Jake Coyle, AP Entertainment Writer

"TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON" — Director Michael Bay serves up another loud, long, bruising and wearisome onslaught of giant, shape-shifting robots. Bay tries to inject more flesh-and-blood consequence this time, but the human element arises largely from archival footage involving the 1960s moon race, along with images that may disturb younger kids as screaming, scrambling humans are vaporized by the 'bots like insects in a bug zapper. In 3-D, too, so you get to wear those clunky glasses for the franchise's longest movie yet. Puny humans Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel, John Turturro and Tyrese Gibson again are caught up in the war between benevolent Autobots and evil Decepticons, joined by new cast members Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, Frances McDormand, John Malkovich and Patrick Dempsey. Leonard Nimoy provides the voice of an Autobot elder, his age-old, gravelly vocals proving the most human element in the movie. The visuals are dazzling, but Bay lets the battles grind on so long that the motion and noise turns numbing. PG-13 for intense prolonged sequences of sci-fi action violence, mayhem and destruction, and for language, some sexuality and innuendo. 154 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— David Germain, AP Movie Writer

Capsule reviews of feature films

RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

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Going: "Green Lantern" (3D); "Hangover 2"

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Coming: "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2"; "Horrible Bosses"
Going: "Green Lantern"; "Super 8"

BAD TEACHER 2 1/2 stars. Some pricelessly derisive turns from Cameron Diaz, as a boozy, gold-digging middle school instructress who sets her sites on an impossibly rich, impossibly nice new colleague, played by Justin Timberlake. But the jokes aren't as good as the concept, and things settle into predictable default-mode raunch. 1 hr. 32 R (sex, nudity, drugs, profanity, adult themes) — Steven Rea

CARS 2 2 1/2 stars. Mater, the little tow truck who could, is the hero of of this sequel to the movie widely considered the lemon in the Pixar cornucopia. Despite Mater's bucktoothed charm, John Lasseter fails to turn this globe-trotting sequel into lemonade. 1 hr. 52 G — Carrie Rickey

THE GREEN LANTERN 1 1/2 stars. Almost as enjoyable as an explosion in a mold lab. This intermittently-amusing, interminable affair stars a tongue-in-cheek Ryan Reynolds, an earnest Blake Lively and a scenery-chewing Peter Sarsgaard who never quite emerge from the green gunk encrusting the sets like so much Silly String. 1 hr. 54 PG-13 (sci-fi violence, action) — Carrie Rickey

THE HANGOVER, PART II 2 stars. Todd Phillips' overfamiliar sequel to his unexpected 2009 hit is a Bangkok-and-bull story, virtually a scene-for-scene clone of the first — this time in Thailand. With Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper and Zach Galifianakis. 1 hr. 41 R (frontal nudity, sexual candor, profanity, drugs, general raunch) — Carrie Rickey

MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS 2 stars. Jim Carrey stars as a hard-driving New York real estate guy whose icy heart gets thawed when a six-pack of penguins show up at his Park Avenue door. Putative comic mayhem, potty-training jokes and profound life-lessons ensue. 1 hr. 35 PG (cartoon mayhem, potty jokes, adult themes) — Steven Rea

SUPER 8 3 stars. A model of recycling, this adolescent romantic thriller from JJ Abrams salvages the best parts from Steven Spielberg blockbusters. Because Abrams likes his melancholy characters and lets them be awestruck and aw-shucks, it works. With newcomer Joel Courtney and Elle Fanning. 1 hr. 52 PG-13 (intense action sequences, drug refereces) — Carrie Rickey

DVDIVA'S *pick of the week*

By Nancy Adamson
DVDiva columnist

Pick of the week –

13 ASSASSINS (R) Takashi Miike can reside in some very dark places. The Japanese filmmaker made such a controversial episode for the Showtime series "Masters of Horror" that it was banned from broadcast (That short film, "Imprint," eventually surfaced on DVD). He has earned a cult following with his distinct brand of filmmaking. Among his best-known features are "Audition" and "Ichi the Killer," films noted for originality and shocking violence. With "13 Assassins," Miike treads in samurai territory, showing he can not only walk with the master — Akira Kurosawa — but throw in a dash of David Lynch kinky to keeps things interesting. A-

THE FRANKENSTEIN SYNDROME (R) With perhaps only a couple of exceptions over the years — "48 Angels" from 2007 and the post-apocalyptic drama "20 Years After" from the same year — no sound fills me with dread more than the theme used to introduce a film distributed by MTI video. It means 90-120 minutes of pure mediocrity is about to commence. And so it goes for this awkward bloodfest that surely had Mary Shelley rolling in her grave when she saw how her tale had been twisted. Story follows a group of unethical doctors at a privatized medical research lab who stumble on a trick for reanimating dead tissue. For all the care that appeared to have gone into making the medical verbage accurate, it's a shame the rest of the film took no such care. Do yourself a favor — if you like the premise, watch the amazing, campy "Re-Animator" from 1985. F

HOBO WITH A SHOTGUN (R) Remember the fake trailers shown before and between features in the "Grindhouse" experience Quentin Tarentino and Robert Rodriguez put together in 2007? This is the second full-length feature derived from those trailers. The first, of course, was last year's gloriously uberviolent "Machete." This film follows that same path of blood, and it was debatable whether the film could live up to its title. With veteran actor Rutger Hauer in the lead role, it does. It is ruthlessly gory but throws in enough humor to balance everything out. Now if only Rob Zombie would give us his "Werewolf Women of the SS." B+

LEBANON, PA (PG-13) A man returns to his hometown when his father dies, where he falls for a married woman and befriends his pregnant teenage cousin. While it appears filmmakers were setting out to prove Thomas Wolfe was right when he penned "You Can't Go Home Again," they instead crafted a film with subtle Christian themes. Not all will appreciate the path the story takes but showing the characters wrestle with their moral dilemmas was realistic and compelling. B-

LEGEND OF THE FIST: THE RETURN OF CHEN ZHEN (R) Like a lot of Hong Kong martial arts films relegated to the chopsocky genre, there are a lot of scenes that are pure caca. Most of those scenes in this case also are filled with pure fun. Despite his age — he'll be 48 in a couple of weeks — Donnie Yen is on top of his game. B

OF GOD AND MEN (PG-13) This Cannes Film festival award winner is based on the true story of a group of monks in Algeria caught in a civil war between the government and Islamic extremists. Painfully slow and meandering for a little more than two hours, it also is beautifully photographed. The pace was deliberate to enhance the effect, of course, but it went a little too slow. The story and the performances are powerful but it shows too much restraint. B

THE PASSION OF DARKLY MOON (unrated) There's probably a lot to be said about a film made in 1995, released on DVD in 1996, allowed to die a deserved death then re-released this year. Most of what can be said is not good. An all-star cast, including Brendan Fraser, Ashley Judd and Viggo Mortensen is what brought it back to shelves but it cannot carry this voyeuristic nightmare toward any semblance of decency. The story of a naive young Christian fundamentalist exposed to a free-spirited woman is dark, creepy and just painful to watch. D

WITCHVILLE (not rated) A newly crowned king employs a witch hunter to rid his kingdom of evil. Running a close second to the aforementioned MTI distribution group must be the SyFy folks, who are responsible for this atrocity reaching the shelves. Imagine the worst-ever episode of "Xena" or "Hercules" then lower your expectations. You still will be shocked by what you see. D-

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Mexican

Ajuua's Mexican Restaurant and Drive-Thru (SD)
3205 W. Cuthbert Ave.
694-4116

Serving authentic Tex-Mex cuisine for lunch and dinner, Ajuua's offers an expansive menu with traditional favorites such as enchiladas, tacos, burritos and combination plates. The seafood menu features dishes with catfish, shrimp and oysters. Fajitas with beef, chicken, pork, shrimp or fish are available for $7.99 daily. Menudo is available Saturday and Sunday.
Entrée Price Range: $5.99 - $31.95
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Casa Lopez Cafe (SD)
4411 W. Illinois
699-7373

Extensive menu featuring all types of Mexican food specialties. Appetizers include items such as nachos, chile con queso, bacon wrapped shrimp and stuffed jalapenos. Variety of fajitas, combination plates, enchiladas, salads, steaks and a kid's menu. Sports bar in separate room with large TV. Delicious food and friendly service. Catering. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, cash, checks.
Entrée price range: $5.99-$13.99 Lunch specials,

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El Banquete (SD)
1802 Rankin Highway
620-0123

Popular Mexican food establishment featuring daily specials. Appetizers such as chili con queso, guacamole, nachos and quesadillas. Taco salads, numerous burritos, beef or chicken fajita salads as well as various enchiladas plates are also on the menu. Beef tacos as well as soft pork tacos and T-bone steaks are also offered. Breakfast burritos served daily. Kid's menu available. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks.
Entrée Price Range: $6.50-$10.49, T-bone dinner $15.99.
Hours: Monday -Friday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Jorge's Café (SD)
3323 N. Midland Drive (Fairmont Shopping Center near Miss Cayce's)
Second location - 4400 N. Big Spring
689-0032 (Midland Drive)
683-6303 (N. Big Spring)

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Cancun Grill (SD)
223 W. Wall
618-0390

Located inside the Midland Tower Building across from the courthouse, this Mexican restaurant offers everything. Colorful dining room and décor. Full service bar. Large menu offering traditional Mexican dishes as well as numerous specialties and seafood, chicken and salads. Food is beautifully displayed on the serving dishes. Tres Leches cake is delicious. Cancun Grill is perfect for those working downtown. Catering and kid's menu available.
Entrée Price Range: Lunch, $6.50-$11.95; Dinner, $7.75-$19.95.
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5:30-9 p.m.; Saturday 5:30-9 p.m.

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Entrée price range: $5.75-$12.50.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

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Entrée Price Range: $4.99-$14.99
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

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903 Andrews Highway 520-2358
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3116 W. Front
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Entrée price range: $4.95-$10.95.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 p.m.

Dos Compadres (SD)
2200 W. Wadley
#1 Oak Ridge Square
684-7239
www.Doscompadres.net

Mexican restaurant offering various rooms for seating. Appetizers offered include a variety of nachos and quesadillas as well as chile con queso. There are 15 house specials to choose from as well as a large selection of combination plates. Also on the menu are steaks, seafood, and fajitas. Kid's menu available. Catering. Full service bar. Daily specials. Friendly service and family atmosphere. Payment Accepted: major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: $5.25-$16.95 for a 12-ounce ribeye.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Gerardo's Casita (SD)
2407 N. Big Spring
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La Herradura Mexican Cuisine (SD)
1422 Rankin Highway
687-3000

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Entree price range: $2-$14.99
Hours: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily

La Mision (SD)
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682-0320

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Average Entrée Price Range: $8.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Dona Anita's (SD)
305 W. Florida Ave.
683-6727

Serving traditional Tex-Mex entrees such as tacos, burritos, enchiladas, chile rellenos and combination plates, Dona Anita's is located near downtown and offers weekday lunch specials. The menu also includes fajitas with chicken, steak or shrimp, flautas, salads, quesadillas and other Tex-Mex specialties as well as American dishes such as hamburgers, a catfish platter and chicken fried steak. On Sundays, customers may order specials such as huevos con chorizo, menudo, huevos rancheros and migas.
Entree price range: $6.95-$14.95
Hours: Lunch: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m; Dinner: Monday-Saturday 5-9 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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La Bodega Mexican Restaurant and Bar (SD)
2700 N. Big Spring St.
684-5594

Opened in 1972, La Bodega serves a variety of traditional and unique Mexican dishes. Popular dishes include the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — and the rueda which is described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. Traditional Tex-Mex entrees include fajitas, enchiladas, nachos, tacos, burritos and flautas. A variety of salads, seafood dishes and Southwest-inspired plates also are available. La Bodega has several dining rooms, including an enclosed patio room. The bar is located upstairs and is accessible from both inside and outside the building. The bar keeps later hours than the restaurant.
Entree price range: $4.55 - $15.50
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. daily

Romie's Mexican Restaurante (SD)
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Sedona Mexican Grill & Cantina (SD)
2101 W. Wadley, #45
570-9600

Sit out on the patio and enjoy traditional Mexican food dishes. Start your meal off with delicious chile con carne queso. Enchiladas, quesadillas, burritos, carne guizada and tacos are all on the menu. All Mexican dinners are served with rice, beans, guacamole, and two flour tortillas. Assorted selection of soups, taco salads and sandwiches, burgers and salads, seafood and steaks also offered. Daily specials and catering available. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée Price Range: Mexican dishes, $5.99-8.99, fish & steak dishes, $9.99-24.99.
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily for restaurant, bar is open until midnight daily.

Tampico Spanish Inn (SD)
2411 W. Wall Street
682-5074

Go early to get a table at this popular Midland eatery. Wide variety of appetizers including jalapeno chips, queso, chile con queso, guacamole, avocado salad, stuffed jalapenos and a selection of quesadillas and nachos (available in whole and half orders). Lunch specials are offered and change daily. Traditional Mexican selections in addition to burgers, chicken fried steak, pork chops and salads. Kid's menu and catering available. Payment Accepted: major credit cards, cash, and checks.
Entrée price range: $4.99-$14.99.
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-9:45 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-9:45 p.m., Sunday 8-11 a.m. (breakfast), 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (lunch).

Javi's Mexicano Restaurante (SD)
1511 Rankin Highway
684-4898

Serving breakfast and lunch. Also features a bakery offering all types of baked goods as well as a tortilla and tamale factory — all located right beside the restaurant. Menu includes a wide choice of burritos such as combination, steak with potatoes, chile relleno, great fajitas of chicken and beef or carne guisada. Nachos including bean, beef, chicken and beef fajita or combination. Single entrées can be ordered with a side of rice, beans and two flour tortillas for $5.99. For those who love hamburgers, Javi's menu offers several different types of burgers with a side of fries. Breakfast burritos with ham, chorizo, beans, potatoes or bacon are on the menu as well as plates such as two eggs and bacon or sausage or eggs with pork chops or short ribs in addition to Huevos rancheros. Plates include beans, potatoes and two flour tortillas. Breakfast dishes can be ordered throughout the day. Entrée price range: breakfast $2.69-$7.99; lunch $3-$7.99. Payment Accepted: major credit cards, checks, cash. Hours: Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Casa Madrid: Cheery atmosphere, friendly service, delicious food

By Joan Huff

CASA MADRID

911 S. Big Spring St.

685-1350

Payment Accepted: Cash, checks, all credit cards
Entrée price range: average $8, a la carte items available
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday; 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sat.; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-10 p.m. Friday; closed Sunday
Meals served: lunch, dinner
Kid's menu? Yes

Parking? Ample parking lot
Outdoor seating? No
Private dining room for parties? Yes
Take out? Yes
Catering? Yes
Gift Certificates? Yes

Casa Madrid has been in business for 25 years, and it's obvious Midlanders enjoy the Mexican food dishes there.

My friend and I recently went to the restaurant on a weekday and were greeted by a very friendly server. He took us to a table, handed us menus and asked for our drink orders.

While the exterior of the building is plain white, the interior is brightly colored with strings of lights hanging around each wall. Blue tiled arches divide the dining rooms. At one end of the restaurant there is a separate bar area with tables and chairs that can be used for parties. Decorative Mexican items cover the walls and soft music plays, giving the restaurant a fun atmosphere.

As we looked over the menu, we saw various options for appetizers, including chicken tenders, Buffalo wings, jalapeno poppers, queso and nachos. A sampler platter features these items in addition to nachos, quesadillas, flautas, guacamole and sour cream.

One section on the menu lists Casa Madrid's specials, many of which are named after someone. I tried Martha's, which consisted of a cheese enchilada, tamale, beef taco and cheese chalupa with guacamole, rice and beans. Everything on my plate disappeared as soon as I tasted it because it was all so good.

My friend ordered the San Antonio special of grilled brisket tacos served with guacamole, rice and beans. She thought the meat was seasoned perfectly; it was tender and was a nice change from regular tacos.

Another part of the menu features Mexican plates with items such as tacos, tamales, flautas or enchiladas. Each plate comes with rice and beans. Salads include a diet chicken fajita salad and a chicken, beef or fajita taco salad.

If you love fajitas, you won't be disappointed as Casa Madrid has several from which to choose. Shrimp, beef, chicken or mixed fajitas in addition to fajita plates including an enchilada, taco, tamale, cheese chalupas, rice and beans will satisfy the hungriest of appetites. Steaks such as a ribeye or T-bone and pork chops, chicken, burgers and fish also are on the menu. A la carte items are available for those with smaller appetites. Desserts include sopapillas or sopapillas with ice cream.

Casa Madrid seems to have something for everyone. The restaurant will serve fajitas family-style and the employees even make their own tortillas at their in-house tortilla factory.

Kids have their own menu with items for $5.25 including one cheese enchilada or one taco with a chile con queso quesadilla and rice and beans, or chicken tenders and fries, a beef smothered burrito with rice and beans or two bean and cheese burritos and a side of queso or a hamburger.

Casa Madrid also offers a daily all-you-can-eat lunch buffet for $8.25. Items on the buffet include a salad bar, flour tortillas, chicken fajitas, enchiladas, menudo, asado, tacos, beans, rice and posole. Happy hour is 5-7 p.m. daily with $2 domestic longnecks and margaritas.

I highly recommend Casa Madrid for its friendly and attentive service, variety of menu items, cheery atmosphere and delicious food.

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Pickwicks to present 'Fame'

The popular stage musical "Fame" opens Friday at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. New York City's High School of Performing Arts provides the backdrop for the Pickwick Players's production.

"Fame" offers something for all age groups, said Reagan Cruse. "I think adults will definitely get something out of it. Kids will enjoy it because it's fun. It's family friendly, and it's a good story. It's all about change, and it's real interesting because it takes place over four years so a lot happens to the characters in that span of time."

The stage musical is based on the 1980 musical film. Conceived and developed by David De Silva, the musical has a book by Jose Fernandez, music by Steve Margoshes and lyrics by Jacques Levy.

ALL THE DETAILS

"FAME"

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. July 22 and 23

Where: Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Tickets: $18 adults, $12 children (18 or younger), $15 seniors (65 or older), $10 active military with ID.

Reservations: Call 570-4111 or email boxoffice@mctmidland.org

Info: Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinee is the Reach Out and Pay What You Can performance.

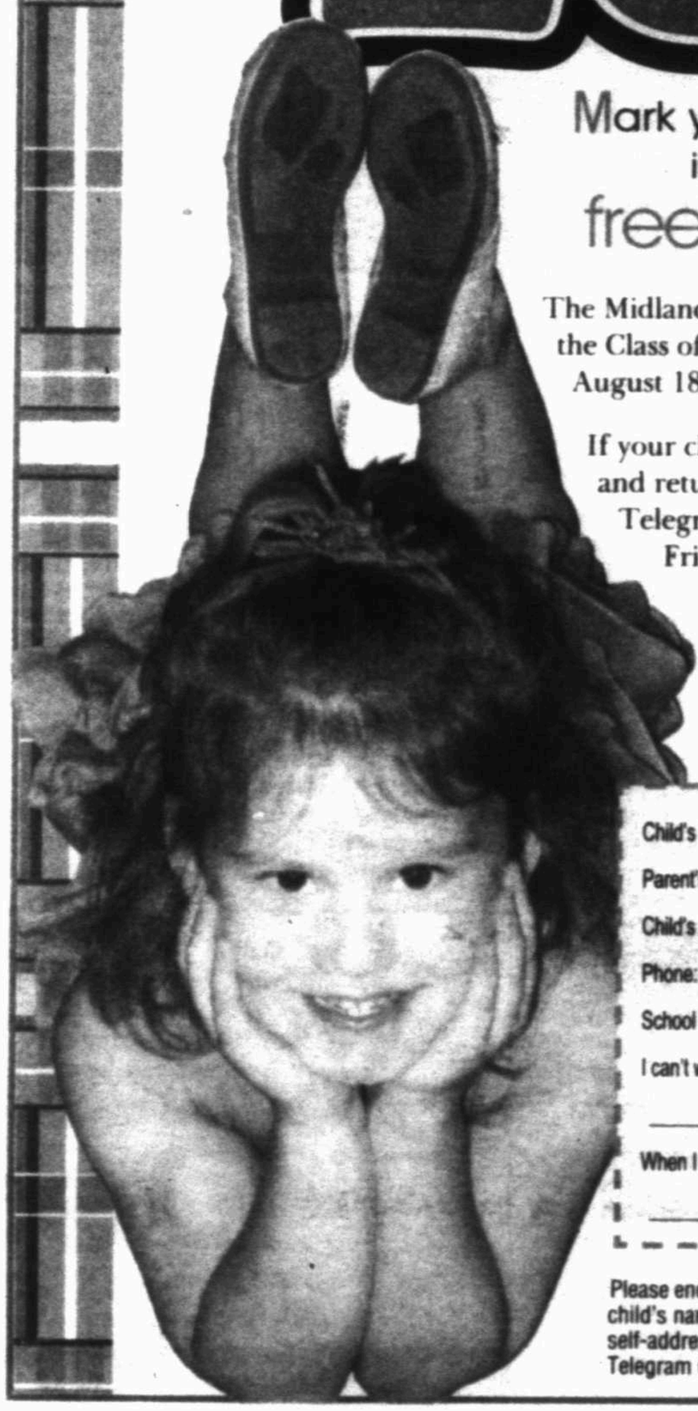
Pickwick production crew: Samantha Foster, stage manager; Alice Ly, lights; Olivia Taylor, sound; Holland Hardie and Julie Butler, assistant stage managers; and Savannah Cantwell, Candice Atwater and Paul Dingus, back stage crew.

Cast members playing the students at the school: Lana Sanford, Stone Fuglaar, Alex Speight, Nathan Hobbs, Logan Pitts, Landry Edwards, Kyle McDuffey, Shannon Murphy, Eileen Small and Austin Green.

Cast members playing the teachers at the school: Reagan Kruse, Meg Jones, Paul Hernandez and Shelby Collins.

Chorus members: Claire Altany, Bailey Brooks, Toni Burandt, Darian Butler, Krysten Denney, Brittany Jennings, Brooke Lookabaugh, Samantha Shepherd, Patton Small, Michelle Smith and Angela Torres.

The Class Of 2024



Mark your kindergartner's first day of school in a big way with a

free photo greeting!

The Midland Reporter-Telegram helps you celebrate the milestone with the Class of 2024 in a back-to-school souvenir supplement, publishing on August 18, 2011.

If your child is starting kindergarten this Fall, fill out the form below and return it to "KINDERGARTNER PICS" c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701, no later than Friday, August 12, 2011.

One child will be randomly selected to win a $50 Kohl's gift card for new school clothes and a backpack full of school supplies! The winner will be notified on August 17, 2011 & will be featured in the Sunday edition on August 21, 2011.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's/ Guardian's Name: _____

Child's Age: _____

Phone: _____

School child will attend: _____

I can't wait to learn about: _____

_____

When I grow up, I want to be: _____

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Please enclose a photo of your child (head & shoulders only) suitable for the souvenir edition. Print child's name on back of photo. Do not staple photo to form. Photos will not be returned unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. Photos can be picked up at the Midland Reporter-Telegram until Friday, September 2, 2011. Any unclaimed photos will be destroyed.