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Trustees glimpse new elementary school designs

Buildings offer one-of-a-kind learning neighborhoods for younger students

By Meredith Moriak
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Midland ISD trustees got their first look at the schematic designs of a 92,500-square-foot prototype elementary school that will be built in the Legends Park subdivision and at a to-be-determined site in the Fasken Land & Minerals Ltd's northwest Midland subdivision during Monday's special board meeting.

Jay Edwards, principal at Parkhill, Smith & Cooper — the firm hired to design both 800-student schools — presented the initial schematic designs of the two-story elementary schools to trustees during Monday's meeting at Lee High School.

The school's common area where students are expected to congregate in the morning before classes, eat lunch and sit for on-stage productions is at the center of the campus. The common areas also virtually divide the academic and extracurricular areas of the school.

Both the school's main entrance and back door, to be used by students riding buses, enter directly into the commons and will make it easy for the school to host community events and meetings, Edwards said.

The gymnasium is due east of the commons and in-between the school's kitchen — which features two serving lines, unlike any existing MISD elementary — and the administration offices.

The two-story academic heart of the school is located west of the commons. First-floor features include a music and art room, media center and teacher workroom.

Classrooms for pre-kindergarten through second-grade students are on the first floor while third, fourth and fifth grades are located on the second floor and accessible by three staircases and an elevator.

Grades are grouped together — pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, first and second, and third and fourth — in learning neighborhoods with common multipurpose areas created by capitalizing on often-wasted design space, Edwards said.

Student bathrooms, one-on-one conference rooms and a collaborative office for teachers are included in each learning neighborhood, as well as the multipurpose area that can be used for group discussions, hands-on activities, group projects or a multi-class event.

With everything a student needs — bathrooms, tutoring space and classrooms — located in their learning

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The first day of school

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Students and parents line up outside Burnet Elementary School on Monday morning as they wait for the doors to open for the first day of the 2013-14 school year. For more photos of the first day of school, go to Page 6B and catch a slideshow on www.mywesttexas.com.

County to begin mental health court in fall

By Joseph Basco
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A Midland County judge is tasking herself to start up a special court that will help those with mental health issues, a court that will get those affected out of jail quicker.

238th District Court Judge Elizabeth Leonard outlined her plans Monday at Commissioners Court, requesting $120,000 for the special court to start up this fall.

The mental health court will begin at a time in which about 17 percent of the state jail population are affected by mental health issues, Leonard said. During Commissioners' Court, Leonard said the goal is to help people with mental health issues by getting them out of the jail system more efficiently while still taking care of their needs.

"These are people with mental illness who, if you don't treat them in an appropriate manner, successfully completing probation is difficult," Leonard said.

To move non-violent mental health inmates through the system, they will be identified early in the criminal justice process. The inmates will then be referred for a mental health assessment.

"Sometimes, for the first time, people will have an assessment as to what their

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Hold the water: Some firms able to fracture without it

By Ingrid Lobet
Houston Chronicle

The use of one precious fluid — water — to recover another — oil — chafes in dry country. Rivers and groundwater are receding in Texas for lack of rain and over-pumping just when the demand for water in new oil and gasfields is growing.

Now one exploration and production company in San Antonio is fracturing its wells mostly without water, using gas liquids instead, in a practice that's beginning to spread.

Fracturing refers to using fluid under pressure to create fissures held open by sand; oil or gas flow back through these channels and up through a well.

BlackBrush Oil & Gas LP is using a butane-rich mix for fracturing after being confounded by many of the same obstacles other energy companies face in buying, moving and disposing of large amounts of water.

"Ranchers don't want to give up their water," said Jasen Walshak, production manager at BlackBrush.

The term gas liquids refers here to three fluids — propane, butane and pentane — that occur together with natural gas. They're extracted from natural gas and sold, mostly as fuels.

Switching to gas liquids also seems to reduce controversy for BlackBrush.

"People don't see water transfer lines all over the place," Walshak said, referring to the yards and miles of pipe that move water from rural wells to oilfield tanks and rig trucks.

In the U.S., oil and gas fracturing is done almost entirely with water-based fluids. Fewer than 5 percent of jobs were done with other fluids in 2012, said Mukul Sharma, a professor of petroleum engineering at the University of Texas Center for Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering.

Overall, much less water is drawn for oil and gas than for agriculture or residential use, but the amounts are still significant, and they often come from places where every drop of water was spoken for before the current energy boom began.

It takes about 6 million gallons of water to fracture a well in the Eagle Ford shale, about 2.6 million gallons in the Barnett shale, and less still in some other Texas fields.

Less damage to well

BlackBrush contracts with the Canadian company that developed the method, GasFrac Energy Services. GasFrac is expanding in South Texas and now has offices in Houston and outside San Antonio.

Early in their South Texas plays, BlackBrush and GasFrac used propane purchased on the retail market. That

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The big number
This week, Chicago closed
50 schools
to try and improve academic performance. More on 8A.

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See more first day of school pictures. Page 6B.
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Meet MISD's elementary school principals.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

City Council elections

This year's mayoral race has been set at five candidates after the filing period ended Monday afternoon.

Dan Anderson, John James, Keith McLelland, Jerry Morales and Kathy White are the five hopefuls running. Current Mayor Wes Perry will not run for a third term.

For City Council in District 3 (generally central Midland), Sharla Hotchkiss and Spencer Robnett have filed for candidacy. In District 4 (generally west and northwest Midland), incumbent Councilman Michael Trost will run against J. Ross Lacy.

The elections will be held on Nov. 5.

Meeting today

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

School starting today

Hillcrest School

Young Republicans to meet at Gerardo's

The Midland County Young Republican Chapter will be holding its monthly meeting and annual membership drive at 7 p.m. today at Gerardo's Casita, 2407 North Big Spring St.

Judge Mike Bradford, Midland County judge, will be the speaker, giving members an update on all that is happening in the county and the recently lowered tax rate.

Items on the agenda include officer nominations for the 2013-14 fiscal year, Update on the second annual MCYR Clay Shooting benefitting the Centers for Children and Families and a report from the TYRF State Convention that was held in Austin. Members will be encouraged to engage in an open floor discussion with our speaker and guests. A brief moment will also be spent on discussing all the upcoming events and important dates regarding the Republican Party.

More information about the chapter can be found by visiting the MCYR website http://midland.texasyoungrepublicans.com, facebook (Midland County Young Republicans), Twitter (@MidlandYR), or calling J.Ross Lacy, president at 432-279-0084.

Community calendar

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway will have a town hall meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Centennial Library meeting room, 2503 W. Loop 250 North, in Midland.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570 5935.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m., Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members; 520-4343.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

How sick do you feel?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa on the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE," in order to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether or not their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room... or just staying home.

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The last B-29 visits Midland

FiFi, the only flying B-52 airplane, flies over Midland and Odessa before landing at Midland International Airport on Monday afternoon for some scheduled maintenance and stopover tours.

DESIGNS

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neighborhood, Edwards said the number of students roaming the halls will decrease.

Both fifth and sixth grades are designed as independent neighborhoods with four classrooms and a science lab. Fifth grade is located directly above kindergarten.

In anticipation of MISD creating middle schools and moving sixth-grade students to the campuses for sixth- through eighth-grade students, PSC designed the sixth-grade neighborhood as a "flex" space, as described on the schematic drawings.

The sixth-grade community is located away from all other academic classrooms in the east side of the building behind the administration offices and has been designated for use as life skills classrooms once sixth grade is moved to secondary campuses, the drawings show.

Trustees purchased land in the Legends Park subdivision in December and though MISD has yet to officially purchase land for the northwest elementary school, a site in Fasken Land & Minerals' subdivision was revealed during a Planning and Zoning commission meeting in April.

Edwards said the school design presented Monday will work at both school sites and other than some differences with driveways and building materials on the exterior, the schools will be true prototypes.

With the importance of natural day-lighting in every classroom made apparent at multiple planning meetings this spring, Edwards said the design does provide every classroom with a window and features two outdoor learning spaces. One is located on the west side of the building between the two academic wings, and the other is a second-story learning deck at the front of the school adjacent to the fifth-grade neighborhood.

The school features nine entry points that will all be monitored by security cameras and locked once the school day begins, Edwards said. Once the school day begins all visitors will be required to enter through the office, and the receptionist will have the ability to lock down the entire campus, if needed.

PSC will share its schematic design plans during a public community meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 5 in the Abell Junior High library, 3201 Heritage Blvd. All community members are welcome to attend to learn more and provide the architects feedback on the two school sites.

Midland-based Pate & Associates Architects and Dallas-based WRA Architects, the firms designing the new Bunche Elementary campus, 702 South Jackson St., will present their schematic designs at 6:30 p.m. Thursday during a public community meeting at Carver Center, 1300 E. Wall St.

More from the meeting

■ Approved the 2012-13 final amended budget of $195,239,266 and the 2013-14 official budget of $213,492,365.

■ Set the tax rate at $1.13005 per $100 valuation after hearing from no citizens during the public hearing for comments.

■ Approved 84 elementary teaching, 61 secondary teaching and five central office personnel appointments, in addition to eight resignations.

■ Awarded a $739,603 bid to Laser Tech, Inc. of El Paso for interactive white board (Smart board) mounting and cabling for elementary schools.

■ Voted to continue using Affiliated FM for the district's property and crime coverage after reviewing bids from two additional vendors.

FRACTURING

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was expensive, but they saw immediate advantages, nearly doubling initial production. They were able to use less propane, by volume, than they had water. And fracturing the formation with propane didn't damage the formation the way water did, Walshak told a recent forum in Katy.

On the negative side, gas liquids are less forgiving than water and can be more expensive. Any problem that occurs during fracturing requires the site to shut down.

Walshak said the company has done 20 jobs so far with the liquids. Anticipating concern over the idea of using flammable compounds to recover other flammable compounds, he said, "It is safe." No volatile hydrocarbons are exposed to the atmosphere. A truck on site holds nitrogen to clean gas lines and send the fluids to a flare where they are burned off.

One employee is detailed full time to a thermal camera, checking for leaks. Sensitive monitors are set at strategic potential leak points. If they sense gas, "they hit a global kill," said Dave Nicholas, frac operations manager for GasFrac, and the site is evacuated. Valves automatically open and the flare is lit. But Nicholas says that has never happened in his year and a half on the job.

The companies have experimented with a range of mixes. They tried a 50-50 mix of butane and pentane. Managers now prefer a hybrid, 60-70 percent butane and 30-40 percent "frac oil." Frac oil can refer to a controversial oil that contains compounds harmful to people, including benzene and toluene. The frac oil they are using is green, Nicholas said, and contains none of these.

Sold after use

Forcing fuel downwell could revive the controversy over diesel fuel. Energy companies have denied using diesel as a frac fluid, but a congressional investigation found they used 10 million gallons of straight diesel between 2005 and 2009, nowhere more than in Texas.

BlackBrush and GasFrac recover their oil-butane mix when they're done and sell it as oil. Instead of paying to dispose of polluted water, they have an end product they can sell.

From a climate change perspective, fracking with butane instead of water will not have significant impact, said Barry Lefer, an atmospheric scientist at the University of Houston.

"Propane, butane, and pentane are not greenhouse gases and have relatively short atmospheric lifetimes," he said.

Obama awards Medal of Honor to Afghan war veteran

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama bestowed the nation's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor, on Army Staff Sgt. Ty Carter on Monday, saluting the veteran of the war in Afghanistan as "the essence of true heroism," one still engaged in a battle against the lingering emotional fallout of war.

Carter risked his life to save an injured soldier, resupply ammunition to his comrades and render first aid during intense fighting in a remote mountain outpost four years ago.

"As these soldiers and families will tell you, they're a family forged in battle, and loss, and love," Obama said as Carter stood at his side and members of his unit watched in the White House East Room.

Then as an Army specialist, Carter sprinted from his barracks into a ferocious firefight, a daylong battle on Oct. 3, 2009, that killed eight of his fellow soldiers as they tried to defend their outpost — at the bottom of a valley and surrounded by high mountains — from the onslaught of a much larger force of Taliban and local fighters.

Still suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome, Carter stood nearly emotionless during the ceremony, although a faint smile crossed his face near the end that turned into a broad grin as Obama hung the metal and its blue ribbon around his neck and the audience — which included 40 members of the recipient's family — answered with a rousing standing ovation.

Later, Carter told reporters outside the White House that receiving the medal had been "one of the greatest experiences" for his family and that he would "strive to live up to the responsibility."

He also said he wanted to help the American public to better understand the "invisible wounds" still inflicting him and thousands of others.

"Only those closest to me can see the scars," Carter said, reading his statement. He said Americans should realize that those suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome "are not damaged, they are just burdened by living when others are not."

Obama praised Carter for talking openly about the disorder for some time. Obama said that Carter, like many veterans, "at first resisted seeking help," but later accepted counseling.

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mental health issues are," Leonard said. "And once we understand what those issues are, then we can craft a treatment plan that will be part of their probation."

Sheriff Gary Painter approves of the mental health court, citing how troublesome it is to get those with mental health issues assessed in the state's mental health system. The lack of assessments could have the inmates staying in jail for about two to three years, he said. Painter added that the court could also save taxpayer dollars by not having to pay the $81 per day cost it takes to house an inmate.

"Her (Leonard's) direct assessment and direct involvement in the mental health court is going to save taxpayers thousands and thousands of dollars," Painter said.

When the mental health court begins, Leonard will be adding the extra caseload to her existing work, she said. Starting off in a pilot program manner, her court will handle five cases for one hour every Thursday.

If successful, Leonard said, it could pave the way to other special courts such as drug courts and DWI courts.

"It's not about the efficiency of a jail or court system," said County Judge Mike Bradford. "It's the efficiency of helping the human spirit."

Odessa man arrested for allegedly booby-trapping front door

From staff reports

An Odessa man was arrested early Monday for allegedly injuring a woman with a shotgun rigged to his front door as a booby trap, according to the Ector County Sheriff's Office's public information officer.

Wade D. Woods, 59, was arrested at about 4 a.m. Monday at a motel room on a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He is in custody at the Ector County Detention Center and no bond has been set, said Sgt. Gary Duesler, the office's public information officer.

Ector County deputies responded to a shots fired call Sunday night in the 2000 block of North Palamino Avenue.

The alleged victim said she had gone to a trailer house in the area to serve an eviction notice. When she opened the screen door to attach the eviction notice, a shotgun blast came through the door, Duesler said.

The woman received minor injuries on her hand from the glass from the storm door.

Deputies determined that the renter, identified as Woods, was not home at the time of the incident and that the front door had been booby-trapped so that a shotgun would fire upon the opening of the screen door, Duesler said.

Judge Denn Whalen issued a search warrant for Woods', residence due to the possibility of more booby traps in the home. The Odessa Police Department Bomb Squad made entry to the residence and sweeped the area, but no other booby traps were found, Duesler said.

If convicted, Woods faces up to 20 years in prison.

Associated Press

This Aug. 20 photo shows the Eagle Mountain International Church in Newark. The megachurch, linked to at least 21 measles cases, has been trying to contain the outbreak by hosting vaccination clinics, officials said Monday.

LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Inmate allegedly assaults jailer during disturbance with inmate

A Midland man was charged with assaulting a jailer after getting into a disturbance with another inmate, according to his arrest affidavit.

Ashton Edward Lee, 19, was being held Monday on a $25,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault on a public servant. He previously was charged on a state felony charge of theft between $1,500 and $20,000, which holds a $10,000 bond.

Jailers were conducting an inmate roll call at about 6:55 a.m. Sunday at the Midland County jail when a disturbance broke out.

A jailer pushed Lee away from another inmate in order to prevent a fight and Lee pushed the jailer back, according to the affidavit.

The jailer struck Lee with a closed hand and forced him onto a table in a day room. While placing Lee in handcuffs, the jailer started to have chest pains and then slumped over the inmate. The jailer was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital, according to the report.

If convicted, Lee could face up to 10 years in prison for the third-degree felony charge.

MPD: Wyoming man broke woman's jaw during assault

A Wyoming man was arrested Friday for allegedly breaking a woman's jaw during an assault in Midland earlier this year, according to the arrest affidavit.

Jesse Wayne Garriott, 34, of Casper, Wyo., is being held on a $100,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

The Midland Police Department first received word of the assault on July 17 when the alleged victim told a detective that Garriott assaulted her at her former Midland residence on April 26. She said she and her two children drove back to Casper, Wyo., after the assault.

A Wyoming dentist informed the woman on April 29 that she had a broken maxillary jaw, and the woman had three teeth surgically removed due to injuries sustained in the assault. The woman, who filed a protective order against Garriott, also had lost another tooth after the assault and will undergo reconstructive surgery to repair her jaw, according to the arrest report.

Garriott has a previous conviction for family violence against a former wife, according to the report.

If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison.

MPD: Midland man sexually assaulted two female family members

A Midland man was arrested Friday for engaging in sexual contact with two female family members both under 10 years of age, according to his arrest affidavit.

Adrian Lara Munoz, 47, was being held Monday on a $225,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child and two second-degree felony charges of indecency with a child through sexual contact.

An 8-year-old told investigators on June 3 that Munoz had engaged in sexual intercourse with her on multiple occasions when she stayed at his house. She said the assaults started when she was 5 years old, according to court documents.

The girl's 9-year-old sister also came forward and said that Munoz had inappropriately touched her on several occasions while staying at his house, according to the affidavit.

Munoz's wife said she confronted him about the allegations, but he denied the allegations. She said Munoz fled to Mexico in March and she had not heard from him since then, according to the report.

The affidavit for his arrest warrant, which was issued on June 6, does not detail where Munoz was arrested.

If convicted, Munoz faces five to 99 years for the first-degree felony charge and up to 20 years for each second-degree felony charge.

MPD: Man arrested on burglary charge

A Midland man was arrested Saturday for breaking into a female family member's home, according to his arrest affidavit.

Jay Campos Moreno, 24, was being held Monday on a $20,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation. He also was charged with a class C misdemeanor charge of public intoxication.

Midland police responded to a disturbance at about 4 a.m. Saturday at an apartment complex in the 500 block of West Loop 250 North.

When officers arrived, Moreno was being forced out of the apartment, and he had a small child in his arms. He refused to hand over the child and was described as "highly intoxicated," according to the arrest report.

Moreno said he went by the apartment because be believed a female family member was mistreating his children. He knocked on the door several times before forcing his way into the residence, taking off his shirt and assuming an aggressive stance, according to the report.

Officers had to force the child out of Moreno's grasp before arresting him. Moreno said he didn't believe that he did anything wrong.

If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison for the felony charge.

21 measles cases linked to megachurch in Dallas

Associated Press

DALLAS — A Texas megachurch linked to at least 21 measles cases has been trying to contain the outbreak by hosting vaccination clinics, officials said Monday.

The outbreak started when a person who contracted measles overseas visited Eagle Mountain International Church in Newark, located about 20 miles north of Fort Worth, Texas. Officials with area health departments said those affected by the outbreak range in age from 4-months to 44-years-old. All of the school-aged children with measles were homeschooled, and majority of those who were infected had not been vaccinated.

In a recent sermon posted online, senior pastor Terri Pearsons encouraged those who haven't been vaccinated to do so, adding that the Old Testament is "full of precautionary measures."

"I would encourage you to do that. There's absolutely nothing wrong with doing that. Go do it. Go do it. Go do it. And go in faith," said Pearsons, whose father is televangelist Kenneth Copeland. But she added, if "you've got this covered in your household by faith and it crosses your heart of faith then don't go do it."

"The main thing is stay in faith no matter what you do."

In Tarrant County, where the church is located, 11 of the 16 people with measles were not vaccinated while the others may have had at least one measles vaccination. In nearby Denton County, none of their five cases had been vaccinated.

Texas Department of State Health Services spokeswoman Christine Mann said so far across the state there have been 27 cases of the measles this year, with five of those cases having no links to current outbreak. She said it is unclear whether a case recently diagnosed in Harris County, where Houston is located, is tied to the outbreak. There were no cases in the state last year and six the year before.

"If it finds a pocket of people who are unimmunized, and the majority of our cases are unimmunized so far, then if you are around a person with measles, you will get sick," said Russell Jones, chief epidemiologist for Tarrant County Public Health.

Measles is spread by coughing, sneezing and close personal contact with infected people; symptoms include a fever, cough, and a rash on the face. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that children get two doses of the combined vaccine for measles, mumps and rubella, called the MMR. The first does should be when they are 12 to 15 months old and the second when they are 4 to 6 years old.

Vaccination opt-out rates nationwide have been creeping up since the mid-2000s, spurred in part by the belief the battery of vaccinations routinely given to infants could lead to autism despite scientific evidence to the contrary and the debunking of one of the most publicized studies that first fueled vaccine fears years ago.

Pearsons' father is a pioneer of the prosperity gospel, which holds that believers are destined to flourish spiritually, physically and financially — and share the wealth with others. He has built a vast ministry with a worldwide reach. Eagle Mountain International Church is located on the grounds as the Kenneth Copeland Ministries.

Robert Hayes, risk manager with Kenneth Copeland Ministries, said they have held several vaccination clinics since the outbreak. He said the church has never advised against adults or children getting immunized for measles or seeking medical care.

A statement from the organization said their position regarding any medical condition is to "first seek the wisdom of God, His Word, and appropriate medical attention from a professional that you know and trust."

Hayes did not know why some people had not immunized their children. "Some had for whatever reason chosen not to. Some depending on the age of their child were advised by their physician to wait until the child was a certain number of years old. I don't get a sense for why after that they did not," he said.

He said if people are still choosing to not be immunized and they've been exposed to the measles they are being asked to isolate themselves until it is clear they are not infected.

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Vehicles negotiate barriers as they enter the fortified Lawrence William Judicial Center as the sentencing phase for Maj. Nidal Hasan begins Monday in Fort Hood.

Emotional testimony as jury weighs Hasan's fate

Associated Press

FORT HOOD — A soldier left for dead after being shot in the head. A widow whose two sons won't have their father to take them fishing or teach them how to be gentlemen. A grieving father who includes himself and his unborn grandson in the death toll of the 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood.

Survivors of the attack and relatives of those killed testified Monday during the final phase of Maj. Nidal Hasan's trial. Prosecutors hope the emotional testimony — from sobbing widows, distraught parents and paralyzed soldiers — helps convince jurors to impose a rare military death sentence on Hasan, who was convicted last week of killing 13 people and wounding more than 30 others at the Texas military base.

The sentencing phase also will be Hasan's last chance to tell jurors what he's spent the last four years telling the military, judges and journalists: that the killing of unarmed American soldiers preparing to deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan was necessary to protect Muslim insurgents. But whether he plans to address jurors remains unclear.

Staff Sgt. Patrick Ziegler was among the first to testify, telling jurors how he was shot four times and underwent emergency surgery that removed about 20 percent of his brain. Doctors initially expected him to die or remain in a vegetative state.

Ziegler was hospitalized for about 11 months and had 10 surgeries. He is now paralyzed on his left side, unable to use his left hand, and blind spots in both eyes prevent him from driving.

"I think I'm hopeful I'll continue to recover some movement, but eventually I'll succumb to my wounds and I won't be able to function," Ziegler said.

The married father said he has trouble caring for his 10-month-old son, "like a normal father would," and described his cognitive level as that of a 10th or 11th grader. He also said he has fought severe depression.

"I'm a lot angrier and lot darker than I used to be," he said, adding that the injuries had "pretty much affected every facet of my personality."

Shoua Her wiped away tears as she recalled how she and her husband, Pfc. Kham Xiong, talked about growing old together and having more children. Now, she said, their children know their slain father only through memories and stories.

"We had talked about how excited we were to purchase our first home. We talked about vacations and places we wanted to go visit. And all that was stripped away from me," she said.

"Our daughter will not have her dad to walk her down the aisle. My two sons will never have their dad to take them fishing or (teach them) sports or how to be a gentleman."

"I miss him a lot," she added. "I miss his soft, gentle hands. How he holds me. He made me feel safe and secure. Now the other side of the bed is empty and cold. I feel dead but yet alive."

As she testified, one juror, a male officer, fought back tears.

Juan Velez, the father of Pvt. Franchesca Velez, said his family hasn't come to grips with her death. His 21-year-old daughter was pregnant, and several witnesses testified about hearing her cry, "My baby! My baby!" during the attack.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Midland College District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 1.65% percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, September 3, 2013** at 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Board Room, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, TX, 79705.

The second public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, September 10, 2013** at 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Board Room, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, TX, 79705.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Stephen N. Castle, Linda C. Cowden, Neil M. Florer, Will R. Green, Steven C. Kiser, G. Larry Lawrence, Charlene R. McBride, Kenneth A. Peeler, Ralph L. Way
AGAINST: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Midland College District last year was $171,166. Based on last year's tax rate of $0.14418 per $100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was $246.79.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Midland College District this year is $188,654. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of $0.1330994 per $100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be $247.13.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of $0.133316 per $100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be $251.21.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PLANO

Texas worker drowns when mower pins him underwater

Police say it appears a man cutting grass at a North Texas golf course drowned when his mower toppled into a pond and pinned him underwater.

Plano Fire-Rescue Capt. Peggy Harrell said a lawn maintenance crew that contracts with The Courses at Watters Creek was working Monday morning when the riding mower was seen in the water. Another member of the work crew discovered the man underneath and pulled him from the water. Attempts to revive him were unsuccessful. Authorities have not released his identity.

The man was last seen about 30 minutes before being found in the water.

SAN ANTONIO

Son, 19, sought after father, mom, slain in Texas

Authorities in South Texas are seeking a 19-year-old man suspected in the fatal shooting of his parents allegedly after an argument.

The Bexar County Sheriff's Office said the bodies of Fidel and Eva Meza were located Monday morning when deputies responded to an emergency call. Both were dead at their San Antonio-area home.

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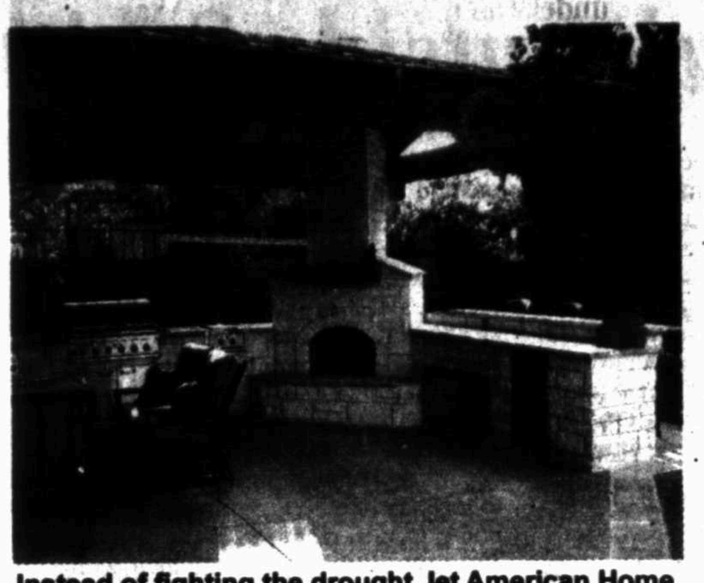

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Adjustments, life become difficult outside Syria

■ There's a best-case scenario for the president. Does he have the political courage to take that road?

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

ZAATRI REFUGEE CAMP, Jordan —

I ask a Syrian refugee named Isra why her 8-year-old boy isn't attending the camp school. "He doesn't like school," she explains. At home in Daraa, an agent of the regime came into his second-grade classroom, forced her son to hold a grenade against his chest and told him, "Go home to your father. Tell him if he doesn't stop fighting for the Free Syrian Army, I will come back next week and pull the pin."

It is a hint of the brutality just across the border, largely hidden from view. When the terror and killing finally calm, one suspects we will find a nation of Srebrenicas.

Aid workers dealing with children in the camp report they are both traumatized and politicized. The FSA actively recruits within Zaatri. A young humanitarian worker running a sports program for restless young men in the camp was recently confronted by a religious leader. "They are having too much fun," he told her. "They won't go back to fight."

The Syrian civil war initially had more to do with tribe, family and power. But the regime and other actors in the regional proxy war have cynically encouraged religious and ethnic divisions. Sectarianism — carefully planted and cultivated — has taken root.

Jordan, the region's buffer zone, fears that the economic strain caused by massive refugee flows could someday become a security crisis. The government's royal nightmare: Jordanian Salafists going across the border into Syria, getting weapons and experience, and coming back home.

This may help explain why the flow of refugees from Syria to Jordan — 4,000 to 5,000 a day earlier in the year — has slowed to a trickle during the last two months. It is not because conditions across the border have improved (at night, the residents of Zaatri can hear the shelling taking place in Syria). It is because the pipeline has been effectively plugged. At the height of the migration, the Free Syrian Army acted as the facilitators of safe passage, moving groups at night (and sometimes giving children sleeping tablets so they would not cry and attract enemy fire). The FSA is no longer playing such a role. Humanitarian and refugee officials generally believe this is the result of an agreement between the Jordanian government and the FSA. "The Jordanians are still letting people in," one told me, "but not at uncontrolled rates." As a result, there may be thousands or tens of thousands (estimates differ wildly) of refugees waiting on the Syrian side of the border.

American policy is making difficult adjustments, as well. Because the worst elements in Syria have grown stronger over time, delay has complicated every course. At first, the Obama administration hoped that Bashar al-Assad would fall without being pushed. Then it adopted a policy of wait-and-see as the tide of battle turned in Assad's favor, with help from Russia, Iran and Hezbollah. Then a policy of arming selected rebels that doesn't seem to have armed any rebels.

President Obama may finally be provoked beyond endurance by another Baathist regime prone to brutish miscalculation. But a cruise missile campaign to protest and deter the use of chemical weapons would do little to change the situation on the ground. And Obama will need to decide if this is his goal.

Not everyone shares it. One European aid worker in Jordan told me the U.S. should stop meddling and "let Darwinism prevail." Yet an Assad victory in much of the country would fill prisons and mass graves, and cause new waves of refugees. And the establishment of al-Qaida safe havens within Syria would be a direct threat to American interests and allies. Some Darwinian mutations are not acceptable.

The best-case scenario is probably this: A negotiated outcome in which Assad departs and other regime elements agree to form an interim government with the non-extremist members of the opposition. The new government would then need to engage in a multi-year power struggle (aided by the U.S.) with the jihadists. But this approach would require convincing the regime it can't win militarily. Which would probably only happen after a Kosovo-style, Western air campaign. And all would depend on making the (relatively) secular opposition a more credible force in the conflict. (The jihadist opposition to Assad, with support from the Gulf states, currently possesses better weapons, cohesion, commitment and leadership than does the FSA.)

Pursuing the best-case scenario is exceedingly difficult, messy and thankless. And it would require exertions of leadership and will the president has not yet shown.

OUR VIEW

Nov. 15 train crash trial should take place in Midland

Do not think that we are excited that a civil trial stemming from the Nov. 15 Show of Support parade train wreck, which killed four wounded veterans, appears headed for Dallas.

In our view, there is no reason for that to happen.

If there are issues of redundancy, as Kevin Glasheen — a Lubbock attorney representing a number of couples affected by the wreck — alleges, then the other cases should be re-filed in Midland County.

Midland is where the accident took place. We believe an impartial jury can be assembled here, and Midland County jurors should decide the outcome of this trial.

We understand we are probably howling at the moon. The Reporter-Telegram's Joe Basco reported Sunday that after months of legal arguing, a judge on Aug. 1 denied UP's request to move the case to Midland, according to Dallas court documents.

We also expect the plaintiffs' decision to join the Dallas lawsuit won't make much of an impact in Midland. While Midlanders grieved as expected immediately after the collision that killed Warrant Officer 3 Gary Stouffer, 37; Army Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Boivin, 47; Army Sgt. Joshua Michael, 34, and Army Sgt. Maj. William Lubbers, 43; in our view, the community has successfully put the event in its rear-view mirror. We anticipate Show of Support's tribute to those killed and injured in its parade will be everything you expect in a remembrance event. Still, we were told in the hours following the wreck that this was one of the great tragedies in our community's history.

There are those who have called the Reporter-Telegram and expressed their opposition to our stance that we would have liked to see as much information about the wreck come out sooner rather than later. Maybe time will show that they are right and that this community has moved on. And maybe this community sides with the opinions that asking questions about accountability will only fall on deaf ears.

We are going to have a hard time seeing it that way. This train wreck happened in our community, and nothing can erase the memories of what happened when that train slammed into a trailer of defenseless heroes and their spouses, creating chaos and the destruction of life that we hope no community ever has to experience. Nothing can change that — certainly not a lawyer's decision to move a civil trial that should take place in Midland.

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Is mine the weakest generation?

■ What will be the legacy of a group turning "routine give-and-take into warfare"

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

In my mother's telling, I exist because of the March on Washington.

Her account went something like this: In 1963, she was a student at Goddard College, an experimental school in Vermont that attracted the forerunners of the hippies. My father had come to Goddard the previous year, and though my mom first noticed him throwing peas in the dining hall (this seems to be an inherited trait) she didn't meet him, she said, until that day on the Mall 50 years ago this week, when Goddard students who had arrived separately executed a daft plan to meet near the Washington Monument.

Alas, my father, when I asked him about it last week, had no such recollection. My mother died five years ago, so I'll never know whether her account — my founding narrative — is apocryphal, or whether memory of it has been clouded by things people did to their minds in the '60s. Perhaps it doesn't matter. Whether they first met that day or not, my future parents, 20 years old at the time, were both there for the signal event of their generation.

"I can still see the scene," my father told me, recalling his spot along the south side of the reflecting pool from which he could see the speakers at the Lincoln Memorial and hear the speeches clearly. "When people talk about Martin Luther King, that's my connection. It's a small connection — no handshake or anything — but I'm proud to have been there."

I envy him that connection, to a cause that stirred so many Americans and defined a generation. My generation has no equivalent.

I was born five years after the March on Washington and three weeks after King's assassination. My mother told me that in those grim days of April 1968, she wondered whether she had done the right thing bringing a child into the world. I grew up on Joan Baez and The Kingston Trio. A poster hung in my bedroom informed me: "War is not healthy for children and other living things." My first political memories were of the George McGovern campaign and of a boycott of Nestle for pushing infant formula on kids in poor countries.

But this culture was my parents', not mine. There have been many noble causes in my time — the fight against apartheid, for gay rights and for environmentalism — but none captured my generation or required the sort of sacrifice the civil-rights movement did.

John McCain, in his campaigns for the presidency, spoke of the importance of "a cause greater than self-interest." The one-time prisoner of war, who refused his Vietnamese captors' offer of release to avoid giving them propaganda value, knows something about that.

But what about those born after 1955, who turned 18 after the Vietnam War draft had been suspended? For the first time in decades — perhaps for the first time in history — Americans came of age without an existential threat to the nation and without massive social upheaval at home. For us, the waning Cold War was just a theoretical threat, and the vestigial air-raid drills at school a curiosity. When we were prepared to sacrifice for the country after the 9/11 attacks, President Bush told us to go shopping. We grew up soft: unthreatened, unchallenged and uninspired. We lacked a cause greater than self.

The effects on our politics has been profound. Without any concept of actual combat or crisis, a new crop of leaders — Ted Cruz, Rand Paul, Paul Ryan, Sarah Palin — treats governing as a fight to the death, with no possibility of a negotiated peace. Without a transcendent social struggle calling us to seek justice as Americans, they substitute factional causes — Repeal Obamacare! Taxed Enough Already! — or manufactured crises over debt limits and government shutdowns. Though the problem is more pronounced on the right today, the generational drift is nonpartisan. President Obama has extraordinary talents but shows no ability to unify the nation in common purpose or to devote sustained energy to a cause greater than his own.

Certainly, there are young leaders serving in the capital who are as enlightened as those of any previous generation, just as there are volunteer warriors fighting for America as bravely as any conscript ever did. But as a whole, my generation, untested by actual trial, is squandering American greatness by turning routine give-and-take into warfare.

Tom Brokaw justifiably called the cohort that survived the Great Depression and fought the Second World War the greatest generation. I'm afraid that my generation will someday be called the weakest.

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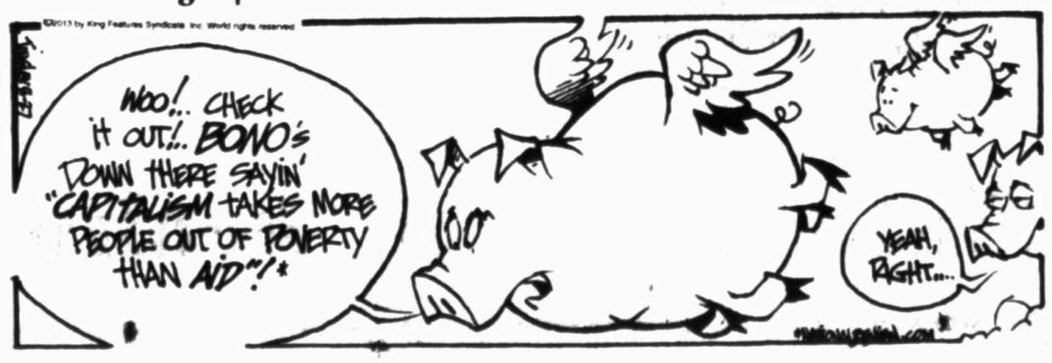

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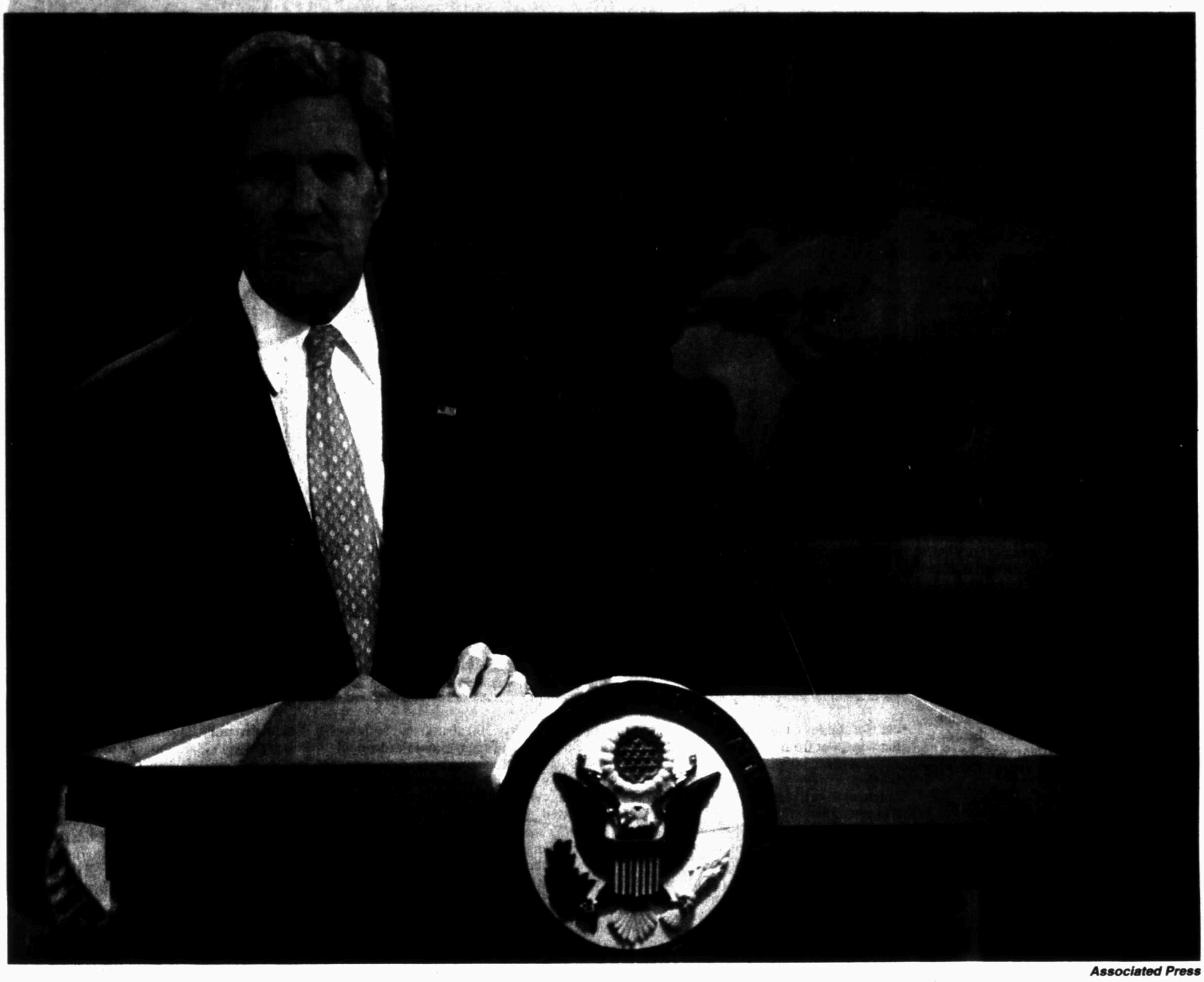

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Secretary of State John Kerry speaks at the State Department in Washington on Monday about the situation in Syria. Kerry said chemical weapons were used in Syria and accused Syrian President Bashar Assad of destroying evidence.

Kerry: Chemical arms use in Syria an 'obscenity'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State John Kerry on Monday outlined the clearest justification yet for U.S. military action in Syria, saying there was "undeniable" evidence of a large-scale chemical weapons attack, with intelligence strongly signaling that Bashar Assad's regime was responsible.

Kerry, speaking to reporters at the State Department, said last week's attack "should shock the conscience" of the world.

"The indiscriminate slaughter of civilians, the killing of women and children and innocent bystanders by chemical weapons is a moral obscenity. By any standard, it is inexcusable and — despite the excuses and equivocations that some have manufactured — it is undeniable," said Kerry, the highest-ranking U.S. official to confirm the attack in the Damascus suburbs that activists say killed hundreds of people.

"This international norm cannot be violated without consequences," he added.

Officials said President Barack Obama has not decided how to respond to the use of deadly gases, a move the White House said last year would cross a "red line." But the U.S., along with allies in Europe, appeared to be laying the groundwork for the most aggressive response since Syria's civil war began more than two years ago.

Two administration officials said the U.S. was expected to make public a more formal determination of chemical weapons use on Tuesday, with an announcement of Obama's response likely to follow quickly. The officials insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the internal deliberations.

The international community appeared to be considering action that would punish Assad for deploying deadly gases, not sweeping measures aimed at ousting the Syrian leader or strengthening rebel forces. The focus of the internal debate underscores the scant international appetite for a large-scale deployment of forces in Syria and the limited number of other options that could significantly change the trajectory of the conflict.

"We continue to believe that there's no military solution here that's good for the Syrian people, and that the best path forward is a political solution," State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said. "This is about the violation of an international norm against the use of chemical weapons and how we should respond to that. "

The Obama administration was moving ahead even as a United Nations team already on the ground in Syria collected evidence from last week's attack. The U.S. said Syria's delay in giving the inspectors access rendered their investigation meaningless and officials said the administration had its own intelligence confirming chemical weapons use.

"What is before us today is real and it is compelling," Kerry said. "Our understanding of what has already happened in Syria is grounded in facts."

The U.S. assessment is based in part on the number of reported victims, the symptoms of those injured or killed and witness accounts. Administration officials said the U.S. had additional intelligence confirming chemical weapons use and planned to make it public in the coming days.

Officials stopped short of unequivocally stating that Assad's government was behind the attack. But they said there was "very little doubt" that it originated with the regime, noting that Syria's rebel forces do not appear to have access to the country's chemical weapons stockpile.

Assad has denied launching a chemical attack. The U.N. team came under sniper fire Monday as it traveled to the site of the Aug. 21 attack.

It's unclear whether Obama would seek authority from the U.N. or Congress before using force. The president has spoken frequently about his preference for taking military action only with international backing, but it is likely Russia and China would block U.S. efforts to authorize action through the U.N. Security Council.

Kerry on Monday made several veiled warnings to Russia, which has propped up Assad's regime, blocked action against Syria at the U.N., and disputed evidence of the government's chemical weapons use.

"Anyone who can claim that an attack of this staggering scale can be contrived or fabricated needs to check their conscience and their own moral compass," he said.

British Prime Minister David Cameron, who like Kerry cut short his vacation because of the attack, spoke Monday with Russian President Vladimir Putin to outline the evidence of chemical weapons use by Assad's regime.

Cameron's office also said the British government would decide on Tuesday whether the timetable for the international response means it will be necessary to recall lawmakers to Parliament before their scheduled return next week. That decision could offer the clearest indication of how quickly the U.S. and allies plan to respond.

More than 100,000 people have died in clashes between forces loyal to Assad and rebels trying to oust him from power over the past two and a half years. While Obama has repeatedly called for Assad to leave power, he has resisted calls for a robust U.S. intervention, and has largely limited American assistance to humanitarian aid. The president said last year that chemical weapons use would cross a "red line" and would likely change his calculus in deciding on a U.S. response.

Last week's attack in the Damascus suburbs is a challenge to Obama's credibility. He took little action after Assad used chemical weapons on a small scale earlier this year and risks signaling to countries like Iran that his administration does not follow through on its warnings.

Syrian activists said the Aug. 21 attack killed hundreds; the group Doctors Without Borders put the death toll at 355 people.

The most likely U.S. military action would be to launch Tomahawk cruise missiles off U.S. warships in the Mediterranean. The Navy last week moved a fourth destroyer into the eastern Mediterranean.

Officials said it was likely the targets would be tied to the regime's ability to launch chemical weapons attacks. Possible targets would include weapons arsenals, command and control centers, radar and communications facilities, and other military headquarters. Less likely was a strike on a chemical weapons site because of the risk of releasing toxic gases.

Military experts and U.S. officials on Monday said that the precision strikes would probably come during the night and target key military sites.

On Capitol Hill, bipartisan support for a military response appeared to be building.

Rep. Adam Schiff, a California Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, backed the idea of targeted strikes against key Syrian infrastructure, saying it would both be a deterrent to future use and carry "less risk of drawing us in further, or spreading the conflict."

Republican Sen. Bob Corker, of Tennessee, said he would support "a surgical, proportional strike" against the Assad regime, but called on the administration to seek congressional authorization for such actions.

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Guards help escort Chicago kids to new schools on first day

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Thousands of Chicago children whose schools were shuttered last spring walked to new ones on the first day of school Monday under the watchful eye of police officers and newly hired safety guards there to provide protection as the kids crossed unfamiliar streets — many of them gang boundaries.

No incidents of trouble were reported, police said. While that didn't surprise parents and grandparents, they said they were still concerned that the city's obvious show of first-day force won't keep their children safe in the weeks and months to come.

"I think it's just show-and-tell right now," said Annie Stovall, who walked her granddaughter, 9-year-old Kayla Porter, to Gresham Elementary School, which is about five blocks farther from home than Kayla's previous South Side school. "Five, six weeks down the road, let's see what's going to happen."

Kathy Miller stood in front of Gresham Elementary with her three children, waiting for a bus that would take them to another school. She scoffed at the Safe Passage program, in which guards clad in neon vests line Chicago streets, saying it won't be long before brightly colored signs announcing the program's routes will be riddled with bullets.

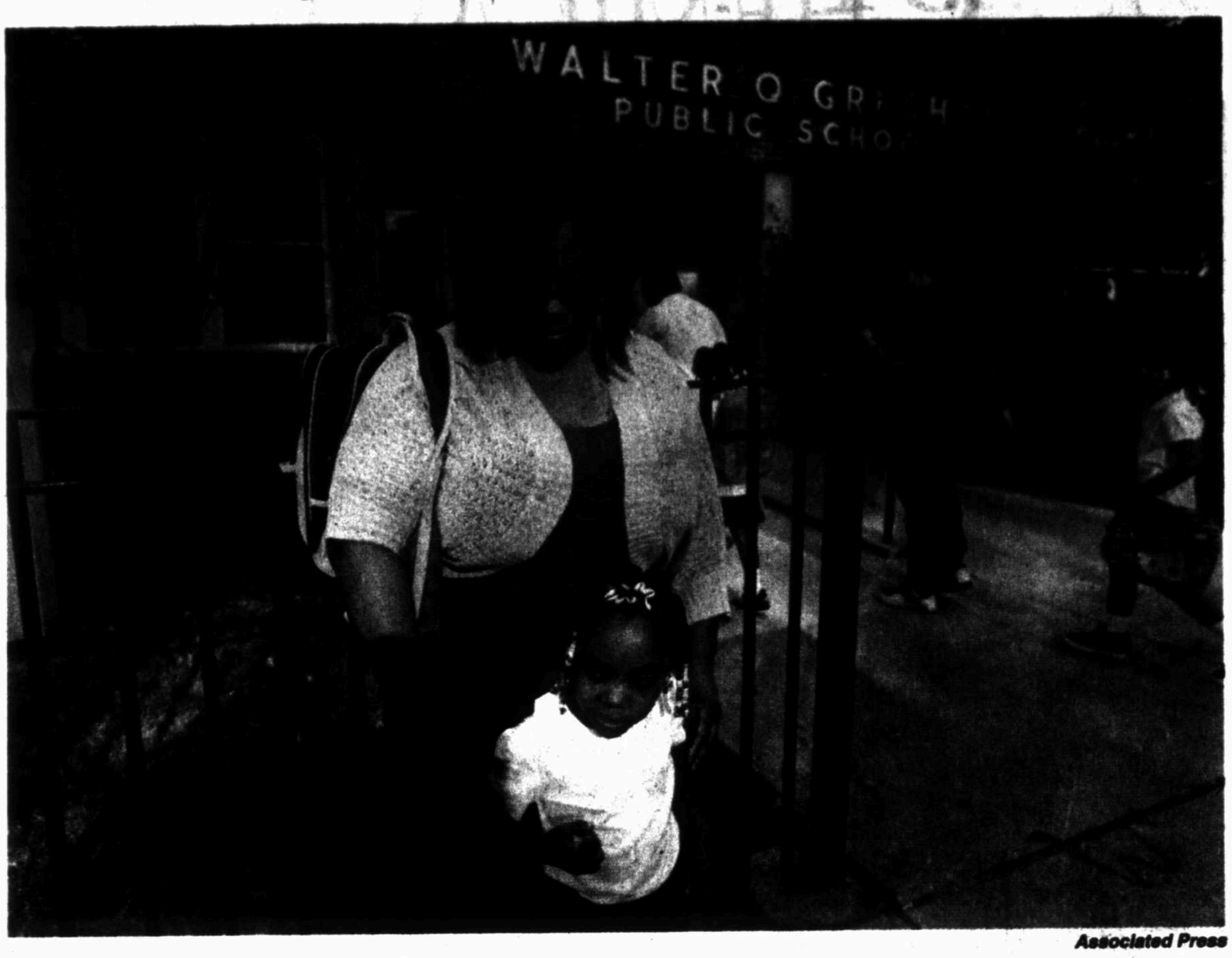
"Those signs don't mean nothing," she said.

The preparation and show of force shows what's at stake for Chicago Public Schools, the nation's third-largest school district, after it closed almost 50 schools last spring in the hopes of improving academic performance and saving millions of dollars. About 12,000 of the district's 400,000 students were affected by the closures.

For months, parents, teachers and community activists have warned that forcing children to pass through some of the city's more impoverished and dangerous neighborhoods — where some already walking in the middle of the street to avoid being ambushed by gang members — to get to school puts them at undue risk.

Statistics suggest those concerns are valid. An analysis of Chicago crime data by WBEZ-FM found that in 2013, there have been 133 shootings and 38 homicides in and around areas that have been newly marked as Safe Passage routes. And on Monday morning, sanitation workers discovered the body of a man inside a garbage can about a half-block from one of the South Side's Safe Passage routes. Police said they think he died overnight, but provided no other details.

If the attention Chicago received after a 15-year-old honor student was killed about a mile from President Barack Obama's home in January is any indication, there is no doubt a similar media firestorm will occur if a child is caught in gang crossfire on the way to or from school.



Associated Press

Jennifer Press, who drove her 4-year-old daughter, Egypt Marshall, to a preschool program, stands outside on the first day of classes at Gresham Elementary on Monday in Chicago. Press, who has two other young children, said gang violence is a concern for her. Thousands of students will walk newly designated "Safe Passage" routes after CPS announced in May it would close about 50 schools and programs. Workers hired to help students get to and from school safely will be stationed along those routes, as well as police, firefighters and even public library security guards.

One officer standing outside Gresham Elementary summed up the pressure the police department and City Hall are under this year, joking that children "better not get a splinter or we'll all be out of a job."

With the hope of preventing problems, the financially strapped city hired 600 workers at a rate of $10 an hour to supplement a Safe Passage program that has existed since 2009, launched the same year a Chicago honors student's beating death was videotaped.

Police worked with residents and CPS to map out routes near 52 of the so-called "welcoming schools" that are taking in students from the closed schools. Along those routes, the city has put up scores of "Safe Passage" signs.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel also deployed city departments to repair sidewalks, replace street lights, paint over graffiti and board up nearly 300 abandoned buildings.

On Monday, Emanuel didn't mention Safe Passage, focusing instead on changes that have been made for this school year, starting with a full day of kindergarten. But last week, he told about 1,000 people at a training session that the program is "about more than just building a route to school.

"It is about building a route to college, career and beyond ..." he said.

Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy said Monday he was pleased with how things were going, particularly in what he saw as evidence of community and parent involvement.

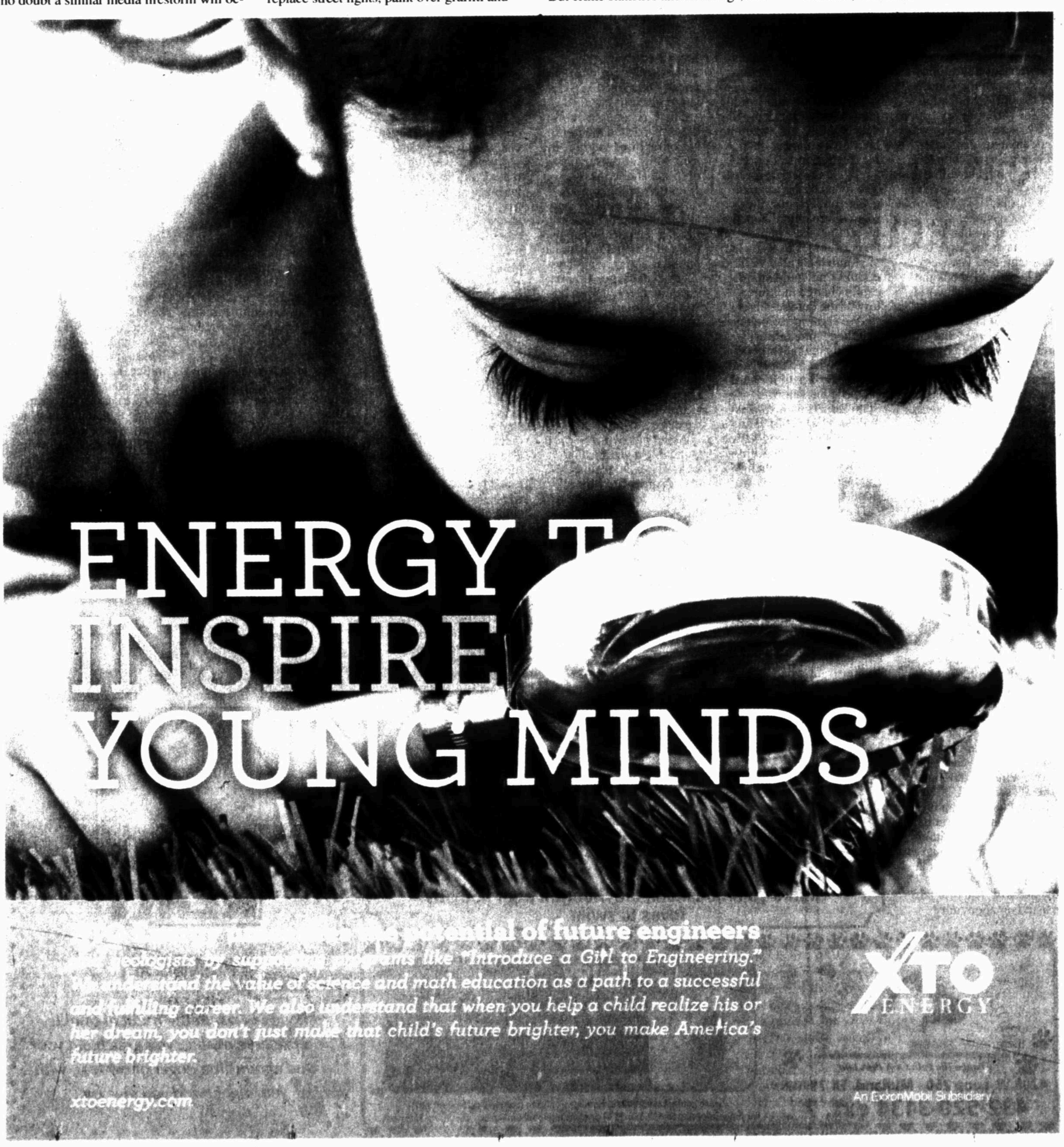
"I'm seeing small groups of kids being walked to school by their parents, or their older brothers or sisters," McCarthy told reporters. "This goes to the heart of what we've been talking about since I've been here, which is, to me, this is an opportunity. This is true community policing."

But crime statistics and shootings, like the one in the Uptown neighborhood last week along a Safe Passage route, only underline what parents say is a fact of life: Danger lurks.

"They will ride to school for the rest of their life, as long as I'm in Chicago," Jennifer Press said, explaining her determination to keep her kids out of harm's way and from gangs from preying on them. She was at Gresham Elementary to register her 4-year-old daughter there because the pre-Kindergarten class at a school closer to her home is full.

For her part, 9-year-old Kayla professed she wasn't worried about all the gangs and the dangers of the streets that she's heard her grandmother, Annie Stovall, and other grown-ups talk about — as long as her grandmother and aunt who walked with her to school are nearby.

"I'm going to be OK, as long as they're with me," she said.



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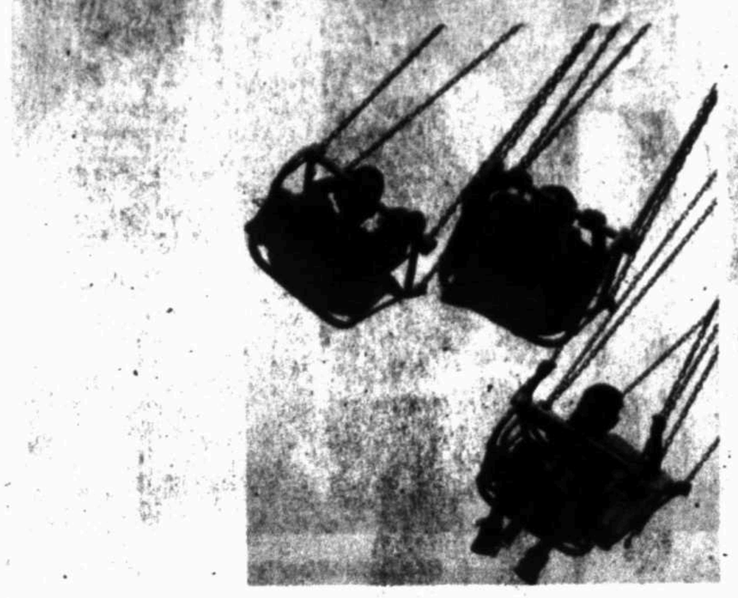

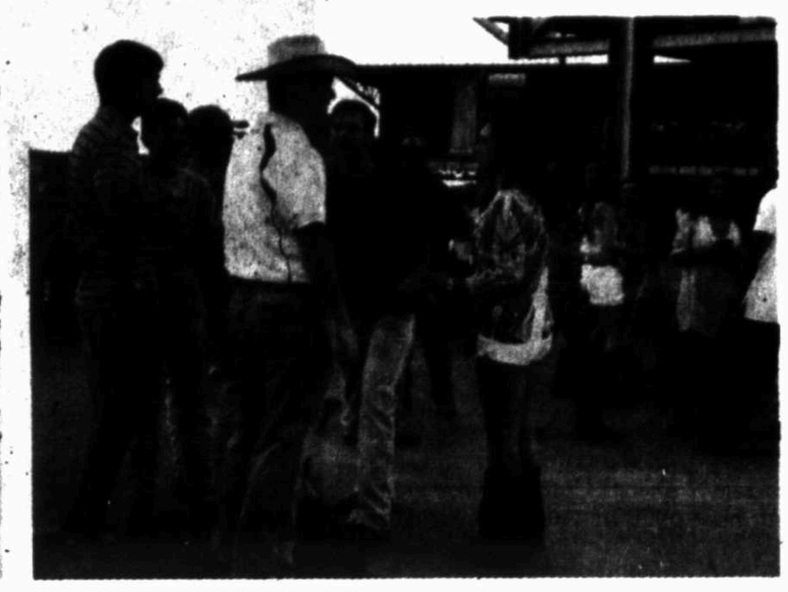

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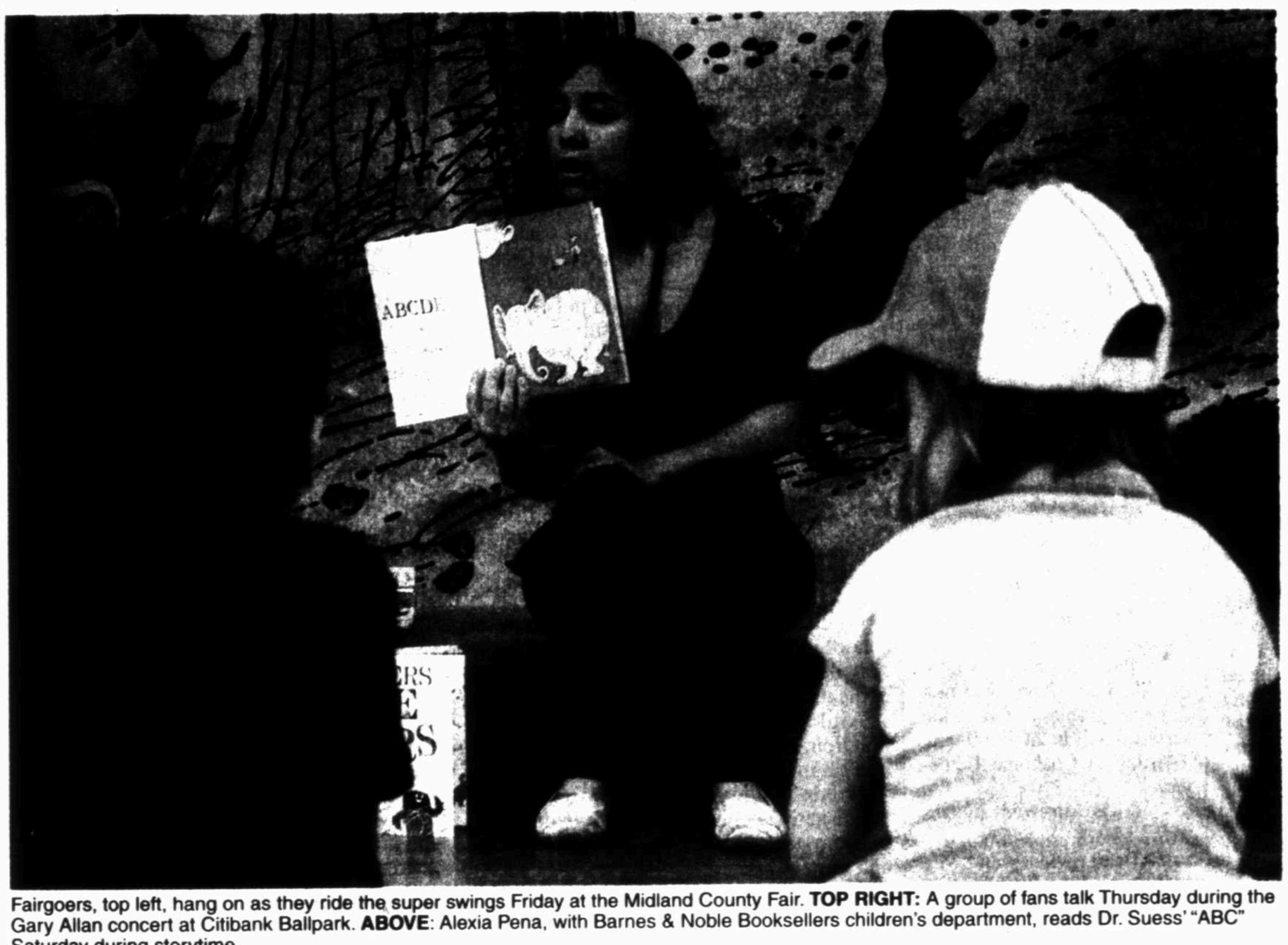

Fairgoers, top left, hang on as they ride the super swings Friday at the Midland County Fair. **TOP RIGHT:** A group of fans talk Thursday during the Gary Allan concert at Citibank Ballpark. **ABOVE**: Alexia Pena, with Barnes & Noble Booksellers children's department, reads Dr. Suess' "ABC" Saturday during storytime.

Tim Fischer | Reporter-Telegram

Season's end brings new schedule of activities for kids, families

From staff reports

Midland kids will spend more of their time this week in classrooms than in museums and community centers and many weekly summer activities are coming to an end. The Museum of the Southwest hosted its final Family Friday program of the summer last week with back-to-school themed crafts. Summer Movie Camp and Summer Science Classes at the Petroleum Museum wrapped up earlier this month.

While many summer programs have ended, others have been rescheduled to accomodate school hours. The city of Midland's Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center will offer its Little Chefs Basics class from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and will continue its Parents' Night Out from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. The center also will have storytime 10:30 a.m.-noon Tuesdays and Fridays for children ages 3 to 5. Activities at the center cost $1, and the new schedule will begin after Labor Day.

Midland families have a lot to look forward to in the fall. Regular storytimes and children' programming at the Midland Public Library will begin in September. The Museum of the Southwest's Septemberfest, Sept. 6-8, will include Kinderfest with a petting zoo, pony rides, crafts and jumpers. The Permian Basin Fair kicks off the same weekend, and the 65th annual St. Ann's Fair takes place the last weekend in September. October brings pumpkin patches and the opening of Fiddlesticks Farms.

Below is a list of kid-centered activities going on this week in Midland.

CALENDAR

■ Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N., offers storytime 10:30 a.m. Wednesday for preschoolers and 10:30 a.m. Saturday. The store also will host LeapFrog LeapReader Hands-on Learning Event at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call 682-8880.

■ Marian Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., will host dome shows 4:15 p.m. today, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday showtimes are 4:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Saturday showtimes are 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. For more information, go to www.museumsw.org or call 683-2882.

■ Exhibits at the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 683-2882. The museum is on the campus of the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

To list an event in the kids calendar, email mbuck@mrt.com. Look for Kids Zone in Thursday's Pulse.

Library to offer sewing classes for beginners

Extra classes offered after first one fills

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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When Edward McPherson asked Judy Ross to teach sewing classes for adult beginners at the Midland County Public Library, he didn't realize how popular they would become.

"I had no idea," said McPherson, education and program coordinator at the library. "Judy and I were going to be happy if each class had four people. We were like, we should set a minimum first so we're not disappointed if we only get two or three."

But within a few days, both of the six-week classes were jam-packed, with eight people in each and more on a waiting list. McPherson said he was "blown away" in surprise.

Because of the demand, a third class was added, and McPherson said the library is likely to add a fourth class if that also fills up.

The three six-week classes will start the week of Sept. 23 at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. The first class meets Mondays from 1-2:30 p.m., the second meets Tuesdays from 1-2:30 p.m., and the third meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m.

As of Monday, the Monday and Wednesday classes are full. The Wednesday class has three people on a waiting list.

The Tuesday class currently has eight open spots.

The classes are for adult beginners, ages 18 and up. Participants will make a pillowcase and an apron and will learn how to use a sewing machine, how to lay a pattern and how to put in a zipper. A supplies cost fee of $35 is required. Sewing machines, thread, patterns, pins and materials will be provided.

Judy Ross will teach all three classes. Collecting sewing machines was a hobby of hers, she said, and the eight machines that she has collected over the years will be used in the classes. That's why each class is capped at eight participants.

McPherson said anyone willing to bring his or her own sewing machine is welcome to join any of the classes, though each class will be capped at 12 people total.

To sign up for the sewing classes, visit the Centennial branch to fill out a registration card and pay the $35 supplies cost fee.

Sewing classes for adult beginners

Where: Midland County Public Library (Centennial branch), 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

When: Once a week for six weeks starting the week of Sept. 23

Cost: $35

How to register: Visit the Centennial branch and fill out a registration card

Free yoga for adult beginners

Where: Centennial branch

When: Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30

Time: 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Cost: Free

Bring: Yoga mat or beach towel

Info: Taught by Anne Lucero, professional yoga trainer at Vertex Complete Yoga Sanctuary. Classes are open to adults 21+. No experience required.

Children's story time (starting Sept. 9)

Centennial branch: Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. (newborn to 24 months) and 10:30 a.m. (ages 2+)

Downtown branch: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. (newborn to 24 months) and 10:30 a.m. (ages 2+)

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Email Joan Huff at foodetcmrt@aol.com. See more recipes at mywesttexas.com.

Alarm clocks all over town are going off earlier than in the past few weeks as school is back in session and the kids have to get out the door to make it to school on time. After a long day in the classroom learning, they come home with not only homework, but a big appetite.

You don't want to spoil their suppers, but you want to give them something satisfying that will tide them over until dinner.

Today's recipes include those that can be made ahead so when the door opens and your student walks in, you can have something tasty ready and waiting. Most of them are easy, so if your child likes to cook, he or she can help.

The no-bake energy balls have become a favorite at our house and have been a perfect pick me up during the middle of the afternoon. When I made them, I did not have any flaxseed and after looking online for substitutes, found that I could use finely chopped pecans. I put them in my coffee grinder to get the consistency I was looking for.

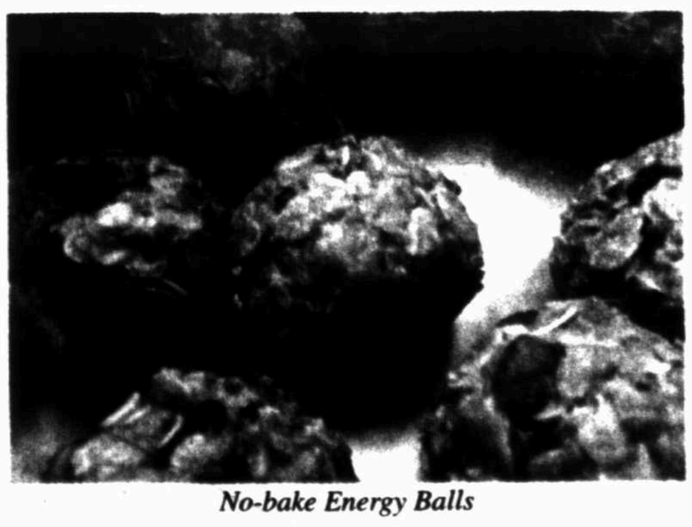
The bagel critters will call out the creative side to your children as they spread softened cream cheese on the bagel and then use various veggies to make faces. Kids also love granola bars. If your kids prefer fruits other than cranberry and apple, you can always substitute those they enjoy.

Having a routine when you get home such as snack time, allows your child to relax before starting on homework. It's also a great time to hear all about their day.

No-Bake Energy Balls

1 cup (dry) oatmeal
1/2 cup chocolate chips
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup ground flaxseed*
1/3 cup honey
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix ingredients together in a large bowl. *(If you can't find flaxseed, use ground pecans as a substitute.) Roll into bite size balls. Refrigerate to set.



No-bake Energy Balls

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Obituaries

Pamela June Kirk

Pamela "Pam" Kirk of Midland, Texas, passed away Tuesday, August 20, 2013 after a brief illness. Pam was born on November 15, 1954 in Cisco, Texas to Winfred and Peggy Kirk. She is preceded in death by her mother and father, and is survived by her aunts; Billie Bennett of Gorman, Texas and Billie Darleen Womack of Odessa, Texas; several cousins and many dear friends.

Pam was a very unique individual and those who knew her admired the brave woman, who even though bed bound, continued to live in her home alone with the assistance of a provider. Pam's greatest joys were feeding the birds outside her window and sitting in her wheelchair putting together jigsaw puzzles. She loved the puzzles so much they adorned almost every inch of wall space in her home.

Pam would want to thank the volunteers from Meals on Wheels, the Ezekiel Sunday School Department from First Baptist Church, and especially Bobby Trimble and Christmas in Action who kept her home in good repair.

Visitation will be held Monday, August 26, 2013 at Ellis Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A graveside service will also be held at Ector County Cemetery in the Rosehill Section, Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., officiated by David Johnson, Associate Minister, First Baptist Church.

Donations in Pam's memory may be made to Christmas in Action, P.O. Box 3744, Midland, Texas 79702, or Meals on Wheels, 3301 Sinclair, Midland, Texas 79707.

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Santos Diaz Lopez

Santos Diaz Lopez, 74 passed away Saturday, August 24, 2013 at his residence. Services for Mr. Lopez will be 10:00 Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at The Church of the Blessed with Pastor Johnny Perez officiating. Burial will follow at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Broadway Funeral Directors. Mr. Lopez will lie in state at The Church of the Blessed all day today with a Celebration of Life service being held tonight at 7:00 pm.

Santos was born January 31, 1939 in Big Spring to Ponciano and Hortencia Lopez. He married Flavia Sanchez on May 29, 1956 in Midland. After working for many years as a concrete laborer, Mr. Lopez opened up Southwestern Concrete which he co-owned with his son for over 19 years. He enjoyed fishing, watching the Rangers and Cowboys games and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Tony Lopez of Shallowater, Felipe Lopez of Lubbock; three daughters, Yolanda Valdivia, Belinda Solis, Melissa Ann Leo all of Lubbock; one brother Habacue D. Lopez of Big Spring; four sisters, Martha Sandoval of Nebraska, Maria Luisa Ladesma, Anna Lopez both of Big Spring, Rosa Flores of Colorado City; 18 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Santos Lopez Jr.; two daughters, Irene Mendez, Gloria Ann Lopez; three brothers, Lucas Lopez, Ponciano Lopez Jr., Joel Lopez; three sisters, Manuela Rosales, Maria Elena Gonzalez, Ruth Contreras; one granddaughter, Amy Vasquez.

Isaiahs Edgar Mendoza

Isaiahs Edgar Mendoza, 3 weeks old, passed away on Friday, August 23, 2013 in an automobile accident. He was born on July 29, 2013 in Midland to Estefany Mendoza. Isaiahs is preceded in death by his mother, Estefany Mendoza and great grandparents, Jose and Maria Mendoza; He is survived by his brother Jeremias Mendoza; grandmother, Elizabeth Mendoza and step-grandfather, Guillermo Perez all of Midland; grandfather, Daniel Cruz of Chihuahua, Mexico; and his great grandmother, Audencia Mendoza of Midland. He is also survived by his aunt, Estefany Mendoza and uncle, Josue Mendoza both of Midland.

Prayer services will held Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 27 & 28 at 7:00pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral service is set for Thursday, Aug. 29 at 10:00 am at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1800 Cherry Lane. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

Death Notices

Cleta Barber

Cleta Barber, 66, of Stanton, passed away on Saturday, August 24, 2013.

She will lie in state at the funeral home Monday and Tuesday. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 PM, Thursday, August 29, 2013 at the First Baptist Church. Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Barber; one daughter, Joanna Barber; two grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

Estefany Mendoza

Estefany Mendoza, 20, passed away on Friday, August 23, 2013.

Prayer services will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 27 & 28 at 7:00p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral service is set for Thursday, Aug. 29 at 10:00a.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1800 Cherry Lane. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by her family; son, Jeremias Mendoza; mother, Elizabeth Mendoza and step-father, Guillermo Perez; Father, Daniel Cruz; and her grandmother, Audencia Mendoza. She is also survived by her brother, Josue Mendoza and sister, Genesis Mendoza.

Hazel Francis Robertson Hamett

Hazel Francis Robertson Hamett, age 90, of Crane, Texas passed away Saturday, August 24, 2013.

A private family service will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Cockrell and husband Jackie, daughter, Dona Bradley and husband Ronnie and son Randy Hamett and wife Marilyn; grandchildren, Renee Hausmann and husband Charles; Keith Cockrell, Stacy Bradley and wife Peggy, Shana Foley and husband Mike, Karen Bell and husband Adam, Ronny Maynard and Randy Maynard; and eleven great grandchildren.

Joe Thomas Swinney

Joe Thomas Swinney, 81, of Rising Star, formerly of Coahoma, passed away on Saturday, August 24, 2013.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 26, 2013 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at Coahoma Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Melva Swinney; two sons: Dean Swinney and wife Jackie and John Swinney and wife Rachael; two grandsons; five granddaughter; two brothers and one sister.

Vicki Lynn Parks

Vicki Lynn Parks, 59, of Peyton, Colorado, passed away on Friday, August 23, 2013.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 31, 2013 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She is survived by her husband Robert Parks; her daughter, Skydria 'Sky' Hall and husband, Tom; two sons, Jeremy Parks and wife, Jessica and Daniel 'Dino' Parks and wife, Joy; her mother Mattie 'Lee' Turner; two sisters, Andrea 'Andy' Moore and husband, Dave; her sister Julie Bartlett and husband, Jeff; and ten grandchildren.

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Retired CBS newsman Bruce Dunning dies

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — CBS News says longtime foreign correspondent Bruce Dunning has died.

CBS said in a release that the retired newsman died Monday at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City from injuries suffered in a fall. He was 73.

In 1975, Dunning captured part of the chaotic end to the Vietnam War. He reported on the last evacuation flight out of Da Nang and the scramble to get aboard as the city fell to North Vietnamese troops.

Dunning spent most of his 35-year career at CBS News reporting from Asia, opening the network's Beijing bureau in 1981 and serving as the Tokyo-based Asia bureau chief. He later covered Latin America and the Caribbean for CBS.

CBS said the New Jersey native's survivors include his partner, artist Tetsunori Kawana, and a brother.

Former Ohio Gov. John J. Gilligan, 92, dies

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Former Ohio Gov. and U.S. Rep. John J. Gilligan, a liberal Democrat whose creation of the state income tax was his most lasting accomplishment and also the undoing of his political career, died Monday. He was 92.

Gilligan's death was confirmed by his caregiver, Frank Kennedy, who did not provide a cause of death.

Gilligan's daughter Kathleen Sebelius, a former Kansas governor, in 2009 became Health and Human Services secretary under President Barack Obama.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich ordered flags lowered to half-staff until the day of Gilligan's funeral. Kasich, a Republican, said he was saddened to hear of Gilligan's death.

"He served with honor and distinction," Kasich said in a statement.

Belen Casillas/Tyler Morning Telegraph

In this June 29 photo, Kim Allen warms up her trumpet before the Tyler Community Band Patriotic Concert at Caldwell Auditorium in Tyler. Despite being visually impaired since birth, Allen plays the trumpet on stage with the Tyler Community Band. While sighted musicians use written notation, blind musicians, such as Allen, rely on memory.

Trumpeter with impaired sight used to challenges

By Belen Casillas
Tyler Morning Telegraph

TYLER — Sitting straight up with her smooth lips on the brass mouthpiece, Kim Allen, 37, despite being visually impaired since birth, plays the trumpet on stage with the Tyler Community Band.

"Kim is just a blessing to us. She comes in and puts us all to shame," said Cheryl Hale, assistant director of the Tyler Community Band, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph. "She comes in and puts on a beautiful sound and a beautiful composition."

Born three months before the due date at 1 pound and 6 ounces, doctors said young Allen would not live to see the light of day.

But she survived, although she never developed eyesight because of abnormal blood-vessel growth in the retina.

Bound by darkness, she focused on touch, smell, feel and listening, paving her way to become a musician.

When she first held a trumpet in middle school in September 1988, learning to play demanded great challenge and dedication.

While sighted musicians use written notation, blind musicians, such as Allen, rely on memory.

"I didn't understand the concept of the music at that time, and I had to learn my music note by note, measure by measure and line by line until I got the song completed. It would take a long time," Allen said.

Dedicating two to three hours to daily practice, seven months later Allen earned 14th chair in the district band. She proved to hundreds of spectators that being visually impaired was not a disability to becoming a great musician.

"I was very excited and nervous at the same time," Allen said. "I wanted to keep going up for more contests, and then I kept going to district."

Her talent and passion for music grew during high school in Troup. She earned a spot with the Association of Texas Small School Bands and then the Texas All-State Band during her junior and senior years. Mastering the art of note memorization by ear and demonstrating her abilities become one of Allen's greatest enjoyments.

However, obstacles remained, she said.

"People really didn't think I would be able to play. They didn't have confidence in me," Allen said. "When I could go to contest, they would try to make as much noise to distract me, I still played. I was going to prove them wrong."

Allen's determination did not go unnoticed. In 1994, she was selected to part take in the American Musical Ambassador Band. Allen toured seven countries in Europe, including Germany, France and Italy. Always giving the best of her, she found satisfaction in the sound in music.

"I like to put in my own emotions and feeling as well," Allen said. "I just enjoy playing, period. I have a passion for music, and I enjoy it."

Today, with zeal and poise, she continues to perform in the Tyler Community Band, which puts on at least four concerts a year.

"I love the band," Allen said. "It brings back a lot of memories from high school, and it makes me feels good. I'm able to continue playing music."

Being a band member for more than 10 years, Allen has found enjoyment in bringing to the community the best of herself in every performance.

Hale said Allen inspires the musicians around her.

"She has to work harder than everybody else, you know," Hale said. "The way she has to learn it is real difficult, and her work ethic is amazing."

Ike-ravaged waterfront rebuilds

By Erin Mulvaney
Houston Chronicle

SEABROOK — Crossing the Texas 146 bridge toward the shimmering Kemah Boardwalk, it's easy to miss this 25-acre strip of underdeveloped waterfront, with its pockmarked, flood-prone roads and storm-ravaged buildings.

The main thoroughfare has an alluring name, Waterfront Drive, but drivers had best keep their eyes on the makeshift dirt path as it weaves through and around heavy construction and past structures destroyed by Hurricane Ike five years ago.

The losses included a Pappadeaux seafood restaurant that was never rebuilt. Today, just seven businesses occupy the 33 parcels of land.

Even before the storm, though, this area known as "the Point," opposite thriving Kemah at the waterway where Clear Lake yields to Galveston Bay, was slow to attract development. It remains, as one surviving business owner described it to the Houston Chronicle, "a diamond in the rough."

But the Point could soon begin to achieve its promise.

With help from the city and a federal grant, Seabrook leaders are at work on a new vision for creating a quaint, rustic entertainment alternative to the bustling boardwalk and siphoning a portion of the millions of tourists who visit Kemah each year.

Economic development director Paul Chavez said businesses may see the potential there after reconstruction of Waterfront Drive is completed by year's end. He noted already hopeful signs in a thriving fish market and a few new restaurants popping up.

Hurricane Ike in 2008 completely submerged the area, but Chavez said it also made it possible for the city to attract government funding to rebuild.

"It was a terrible thing because it devastated the area," he said, "but it provided an opportunity for redevelopment."

In 2009, Seabrook received an $8.4 million federal grant to improve and rebuild the area, particularly Waterfront Drive. Because the road is below sea level, most rainstorms cause flooding and the street looks like a lake, blocking visitors from the businesses.

Construction crews are working to elevate Waterfront Drive by 4 to 5 feet. The city will kick in by adding lights to the road, landscaping and parking, which should make the area safer and more appealing. The roadwork began in June after the city finished upgrading drainage and other infrastructure in the area.

Debbie Duong of Rose's Seafood said her family store was destroyed by Ike, but they opened a new, higher store the next year on their biggest holiday, Good Friday. Each Friday before Easter, people crowd the fish markets at the Point, backing up traffic on Texas 146.

The seafood seller, which attracts buyers from restaurants in Houston and Dallas, was one of the first stores to open in the area in the 1980s.

"Hurricane Ike really opened the city's eyes that something needed to be done with this area," Duong said. "It's not perfect. The roads surrounding this area flood easily. Elevating it will make it more secure and help business."

The Pappadeaux location was another big draw before Ike. That plot of land now has work crews scurrying past the still-standing restaurant sign.

Business owners at the Point and city leaders said they are hopeful it will return, but a representative of the Pappas chain did not respond to inquiries.

Other concerns for businesses planning to develop in the area are new flood maps and new insurance requirements calling for new structures on Waterfront Drive to be elevated at least between 19 and 22 feet above sea level.

Currently, the structures must be at least 14 to 16 feet above sea level. This change will be effective in the next 12 to 18 months, the city of Seabrook said.

The Point will be subject to the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, a federal law that will increase flood insurance rates for hundreds of thousands of coastal home and business owners in Texas and across the nation when a major provision kicks in this October. The act will dictate both construction codes and insurance rates.

Still, many business owners have big hopes for the area. That includes Delaina Hanssen, owner of the Beacon Hill Bed and Breakfast.

The business, which Hanssen has owned for 17 years, fronts on an empty plot of land where shrimp boats once anchored and has a view of the boat parades down the bay.

Rape Crisis Center seeks volunteers

From staff reports

Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center is seeking volunteers to help provide support services to trauma survivors.

The center is planning to start a volunteer training class in September. The training class will be 40 hours and will be conducted by Midland District Attorney's Office staff, local law enforcement and CPS officials on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Volunteer applications include background checks and an interview before the training to answer any questions. Deadline to submit an application is Thursday.

Volunteers will answer a 24-hour hotline that provides emotional support and information to survivors. They also will accompany sexual assault survivors to the hospital for a medical exam, offer support and information about the exam, law enforcement procedures, legal procedures and counseling opportunities. Volunteers also are needed to accompany children and families to court and provide them with information about legal procedures.

The center asks volunteers to be on-call one week a month either for the hotline or hospital accompaniment.

For more information or for an application, call Elaine Leonard at 682-7273 or email elaineleonard@mrccac.org.

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FOOD

From 1B

Peanut Butter Banana Spirals

From Cooking Light, September 2003

1/2 cup reduced fat peanut butter
1/3 cup vanilla low-fat yogurt
1 Tablespoon orange juice
2 ripe bananas, sliced
4 (8-inch) fat-free flour tortillas
2 Tablespoons honey-crunch wheat germ
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Combine peanut butter and yogurt, stirring until smooth. Drizzle juice over bananas, toss gently to coat. Spread about 3 tablespoons peanut butter mixture over each tortilla, leaving a 1/2-inch border. Arrange about 1/3 cup banana slices in a single layer over peanut butter mixture. Combine wheat germ and cinnamon; sprinkle evenly over banana slices. Roll up. Slice each roll into 6 pieces. Nutritional Information Per serving: Calories: 245, Calories from fat: 28%, Fat: 7.7g, Sat Fat: 1.5g, Monounsaturated fat: 3.8g, Polyunsaturated fat: 2.4g, Protein: 9.1g, Carbs: 31.3g, Fiber: 3.9g, Cholesterol: 1mg, Iron: 0.8mg, Sodium: 275mg, Calcium: 37mg.

Whole Grain Marshmallow Crispy Bars

From Southern Living, October 2007

3 Tablespoons butter
1 (10.5-ounce) bag miniature marshmallows
1 (15-ounce) box multi-grain cluster cereal
1 1/4 cups dried cranberries, divided
Vegetable cooking spray

Melt butter in a large saucepan over low heat. Add marshmallows, and cook, stirring constantly, 4 to 5 minutes or until melted and smooth. Remove from heat. Stir in cereal and 1 cup cranberries until well coated. Press mixture into a 13x9-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray. Chop remaining 1/4 cup cranberries, and sprinkle on top. Let stand 10 to 15 minutes or until firm. Cut into 24 bars.

Homemade Chewy Cran-Apple Granola Bars

From Taste of Home, October/November 2011

3 1/2 cups quick cooking oats
1/2 cup whole almonds, chopped
1/2 cup sliced almonds
1 egg, lightly beaten
2/3 cup butter, melted
1/2 cup honey
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup sunflower kernels
1/2 cup shaved sweetened coconut (regular coconut will do)
1/2 cup chopped dried apples
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Spray a 15x10x1-inch baking pan with cooking spray. Add oats and almonds to the pan. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes or until toasted, stirring occasionally. In a large bowl, mix the egg, butter, honey and vanilla together. Then add the sunflower kernels, coconut, apples, cranberries, brown sugar and cinnamon. Stir to coat. Then stir in oat mixture and press into prepared pan. Bake at 350 for 13-18 minutes or until set and edges are lightly browned. Cool completely on a wire rack. Cut into bars. Store in airtight container.

Bagel Critters

From "Everyday Fun Foods"

Bagels, sliced in half
Cream cheese, softened
Assorted toppings — baby carrots (grated or whole), cherry tomato halves, sliced black olives, sliced bell pepper, poppy seeds, cucumber rounds, chopped chives, and crunchy Chinese noodles

Spread cream cheese on cut bagels (going gently over the hole.) Set out bowls of vegetables and crunchy noodles and let the kids turn the bagels into animals, monster faces or people.

Frozen Banana Pops

From "Kellogg's Froot Loops Recipe Book"

2 cups Kellogg's Froot Loops Cereal
1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
3 Tablespoons margarine or butter
4 bananas
8 wooden ice cream sticks

Place cereal in a zip-type bag, seal and crush cereal with rolling pin. Pour crushed cereal into a shallow dish or pan. Set aside. In a microwaveable safe bowl, place chocolate chips and butter and microwave on high for 30-60 seconds or until melted. Set aside.

Peel 4 firm ripe bananas. Cut bananas in half crosswise. Insert stick into cut end of each half. Dip each banana into melted chocolate to coat evenly, then roll banana in cereal, pressing cereal gently into chocolate. Place on waxed paper-lined tray. Freeze until firm, about 2 hours. Serve frozen. Wrap individually in foil or plastic wrap. Place in airtight container. Return to freezer.

Jam Muffins

From www.parents.com

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon apple pie spice or ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 (17-ounce can) sweet potatoes, drained (about 1 cup)
1 beaten egg
1/2 cup milk
1/3 cup fruit jam or preserves (such as plum, strawberry, peach or apricot)
1/4 cooking oil
1 recipe Jam Icing

Jam Icing:

3/4 cup sifted powdered sugar
1 Tablespoon fruit jam or preserves (plum, strawberry, peach or apricot)
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
2-3 teaspoons milk

Lightly grease twelve 2 1/2 inch muffin cups or line with paper baking cups; set aside. In a large bowl, combine flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda, apple pie spice, and salt. Make a well in center of flour mixture; set aside.

In another bowl, mash the drained sweet potatoes with a fork. Stir in egg, milk, jam and oil. Add sweet potato mixture all at once to flour mixture. Stir just until moistened (batter should be lumpy). Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups, filling each about three-fourths full. Bake in a 400 degree oven for 18 to 20 minutes or until golden and a wooden toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean. Cool in muffin cups on a wire rack for 5 minutes. Remove from muffin cups. Cool slightly. Drizzle muffins with jam icing and if desired top with additional jam or preserves.

To make icing: stir together powdered sugar, fruit jam or preserves, vanilla and enough milk (2-3 teaspoons) to make icing of drizzling consistency.

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LEVEL

For each phrase below, rearrange the letters to spell two types of water vehicles. For example, JOB GRIEF TALE can be rearranged to spell BARGE, JETFOIL. The first letter of each word is placed to get you started.

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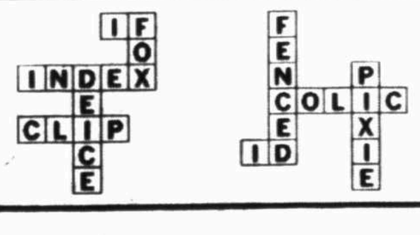

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CONCERT AT THE BALLPARK

Gary Allan, Alyssa Bagley and The Departed performed Thursday at Citibank Ballpark for the RockHounds' annual Summer Concert.

Tim Fischer | Reporter-Telegram

Dallas volunteers craft toys for young hospital patients

By Meagan Clark
The Dallas Morning News

McKINNEY — Gene Dunham, 81, can't remember a time when he wasn't around the earthy, sweet scent of fresh lumber. His grandfather and father taught him as a boy how to cut and carve wood with a jigsaw.

When he read a newspaper story nearly two decades ago about the Hobby Crafters, a group in Dallas that built wooden Christmas toys for poor children, he drove to meet them and volunteered his services. Two years later, Dunham and some friends opened their own wood shop on Coleman Street.

Nearly every Tuesday morning since, he has organized a handful of retirees from Community North Baptist Church who cut, sand and finish wooden toys for patients at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas. The group — about 10 woodworkers and eight seamstresses — makes as many as 1,700 handcrafted toys a year.

Most of the seamstresses are wives of the woodworkers. The women, who call themselves the Loving Hands, fashion items like doll clothes and drawstring bags for wooden jigsaw puzzles.

"We work together hand in glove," Dunham said.

A few cabinet shops donate scrap wood to the toymakers, and they raise money for other materials through craft sales at the church.

Some of the toys are sold at the Scottish Rite Hospital's holiday bazaar, and its summer bazaar and bake sale, two annual fundraising events that benefit patients and their families.

Shoppers at the bazaars appreciate the handmade quality, Dunham told The Dallas Morning News.

"You can get a rocking horse anywhere, but you couldn't get one more durable than that one there," he said, pointing at a brown toy horse, one of a dozen on a shelf in the wood shop.

Some toys are presented as gifts to comfort children before surgery.

And some are used in recreational camps and hospital playrooms.

Andrea Brown, a child life specialist at the Oak Lawn hospital, works with Dunham to come up with a list of items for use in the playrooms.

Dunham's crew will then turn out wooden airplanes, cars, letters, shadow boxes, picture frames and other items that the young patients can paint and decorate. Some items, including birdhouses and pencil boxes, are delivered in pieces for the kids to assemble.

"The thing about the wooden toys is they're such a blank canvas for them to express themselves on," Brown said.

"We're not creating anything. I believe God created everything. We're just fashioning things together."

Gene Dunham, wood carver

Patients come to the hospital, which specializes in pediatric orthopedics, because of conditions outside their control, she said. Creating something they can keep and maybe display in their hospital rooms helps give them some sense of control again, she said.

Dana Dempsey, a recreation director at the hospital who has worked with Dunham for almost 16 years, agreed.

"The crafts give the kids a sense of competence, control and accomplishment," she said. "Who knows, maybe they will develop a particular hobby from them."

Margaret Kykta, 14, has been treated for arthritis at the hospital since she was 4. For the past five years, she has attended a summer camp sponsored by the hospital. There, in crafting classes, she and others get to paint and keep wooden planes, coat racks and puzzles from Dunham's group.

"It really warms my heart to know people take the time and care," she said.

For more than 90 years, the hospital has provided world-class orthopedic care and other medical services at no cost to its patients. That care could be exceedingly expensive at another hospital.

For example, a child who needs a prosthetic limb could require several fittings for new limbs as she grows. By the time she reaches 18, the bill could top $100,000. Surgeries and other complicated treatments might exceed $250,000.

Yet the hospital has never turned away a child for financial reasons. It's able to do so in part because so many people volunteer their time and money.

Some write checks. Some smile behind reception desks. Some serve popcorn from a colorful cart in the lobby.

Some make wooden toys.

"I get a lot of satisfaction knowing these kids get something they can be creative with," Dunham said.

His wife, Dorothy, one of the Loving Hands, recalled Matthew 25:40.

"I always think of the verse, 'If you do it for the least of these,' and I think of the babies," she said.

When the hospital requested chairs with no metal in them, so they would not interfere with MRI machines, the woodworkers delivered rocking chairs held together with wooden pegs. They've also made stepstools, coin banks and horses with moving legs.

For all they've done, Dunham remains humble about his small group.

"We're not creating anything," he said. "I believe God created everything. We're just fashioning things together."

The spirit of giving is contagious, said Stephanie Brigger, who coordinates donations at the hospital.

Sometimes, a child who leaves cherishing his new toy will return with gifts for other patients. One boy in elementary school recently dropped off thousands of toys collected through a drive he organized in his community.

"We have the philosophy that when you do something good, it will come back to you," Brigger said. "And we see that every day."

The Scottish Rite Hospital's holiday bazaar will take place Nov. 7-9 and Nov. 11 at the hospital, at 2222 Welborn St. For information on volunteering or donating, visit the hospital's website, www.tsrhc.org, or call 214-559-7650.

Del Rio man prepares for ultra bike race in mountains

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Big Spring storyteller

Dex Tooke, of Del Rio, is an ultra marathon bicycle racer. In 2011 he successfully completed the most grueling bicycle race in the world, the Race Across America (RAAM). He rode from California to Maryland, a distance of 3,000 miles in just 12 days.

"It's practically nonstop," said Dex. "I averaged two hours of sleep a day during those 12 days. I was on the bike most of the time."

He was only the sixth person in his age category to finish the race. Dex is 63. He wrote a book about his experience titled "Unfinished Business." It chronicles both his 2010 and 2011 races. In 2010, he was 180 miles short of the finish line when the mandatory time limit ran out. Fewer than 300 people in the world have completed the race within the time limit.

Dex does five or six ultra marathons a year, most of which require riders to ride 500 miles in one day. To stay in shape he rides between 17,000 and 20,000 miles a year. To do that he has to average 50 miles every day. I interviewed Dex on a Saturday morning after he had ridden 50 miles. He was going to ride another 50 miles later that day.

When he was 28, Dex was out of shape. He started exercising and running half-marathons, then full marathons, then triathlons.

"Then I discovered the ultra world and can't seem to get out of it," he said. He is fully employed, by the way, working for a company that manufactures heating elements.

This October, Dex is going to be the race director of an ultra bike race called No Country for Old Men. It's a 383-mile race through the Big Bend country that has a 32-hour time limit (383 was his race number in RAAM). He said the Texas mountain country is the best place in the state to ride bikes.

"It's a race made for the elite few that can tackle something like this, because there's not many people who can ride 383 miles in one day. Last year the winner finished in 20 hours," he said. "It has some tough climbing, and temperatures range from 95 down in the park to 40 degrees at night in the mountains."

The race begins Oct. 12 in Alpine, then goes to Study Butte, then to Panther Junction in the Big Bend National Park, then up to Marathon, back to Alpine, then to Fort Davis, where racers will ride the scenic loop (74 miles), then to Marfa and finally back to Alpine. Riders may enter solo or as a team. The cost is around $90. For more information, go to ultradex.net.

There is also a 200-mile version in which riders will leave Alpine, go to Study Butte, where they will turn right and go to Lajitas, then turn around and go back to Alpine. This version, also, can have solo riders or a team of riders.

Dex wants to set a new record for riding a bicycle across Texas. On Nov. 11, he'll leave Brownsville at 3:30 a.m. and hopes to reach the Oklahoma border 850 miles away within 75 hours.

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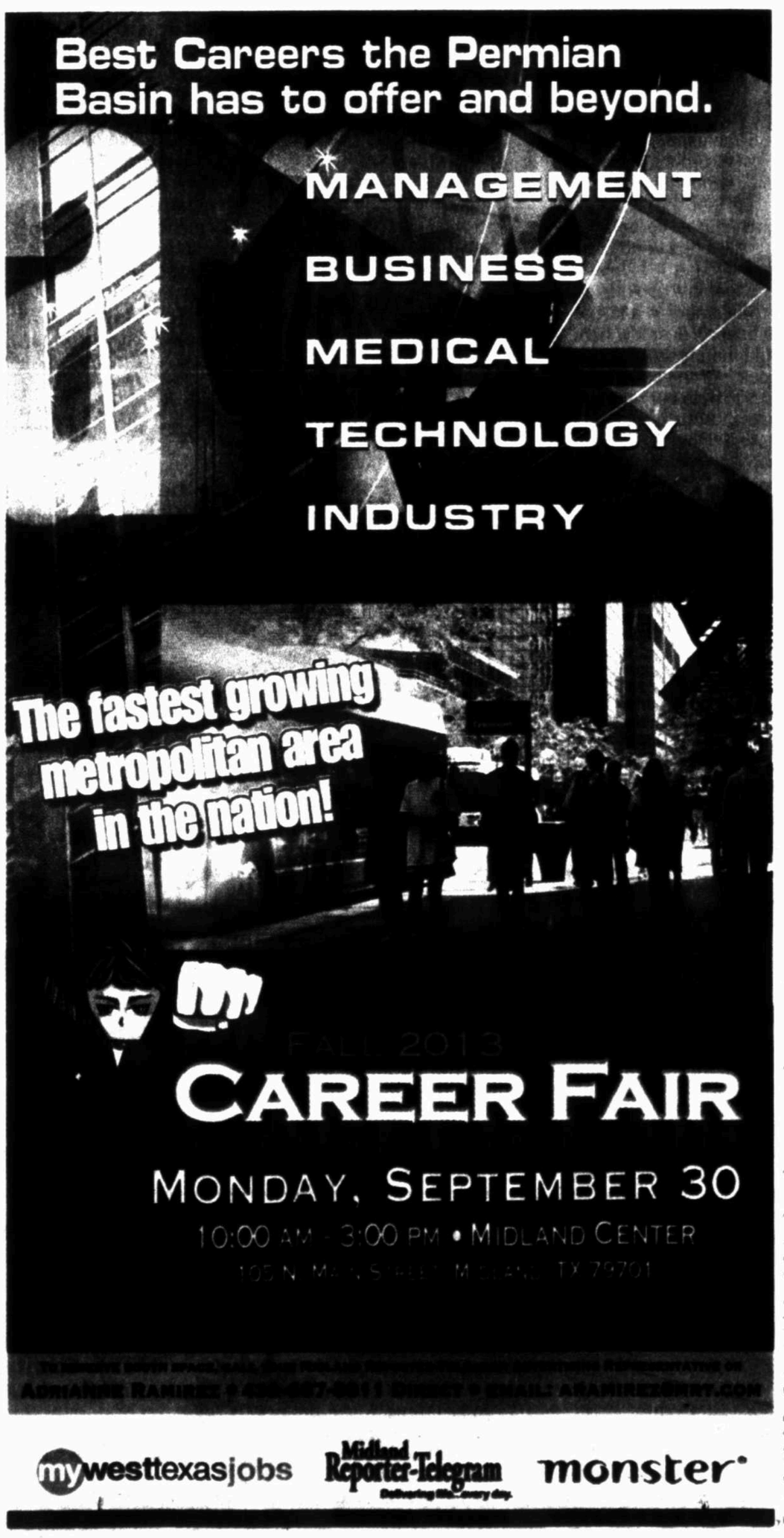

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NEIL SPERRY

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Tree owner needs arborist to evaluate insect problem

Dear Neil: Several years ago I noticed that a tree in my landscape had a lot of ants around its base. What looked like sawdust was coming from holes in the roots. This spring, the tree (still looking normal) was blown over by wind. In clearing it out, I found huge larvae of some type — as large as my ring finger. Now I'm seeing ants in other trees and some of the little holes in the trees' roots. Any suggestions on what I need to do?

Answer: This one will be difficult without seeing the larvae, and without knowing the type of tree. I would think that the ants are innocent bystanders and not the original cause of the problem. That's almost always the case. It sounds like you had some type of borer involved in the base of the tree. I would suggest you take photos of the holes and larvae and leaf samples to a Texas Master Certified Nursery Professional for identification — assuming you still have those samples available. If the trees have value to you, a certified arborist on-site would be your very best option.

Dear Neil: I'm having a persistent problem with briars in part of my front yard. I've tried digging them up, but they come back. They are weaving through a privet plant and up into a crape myrtle. I've considered brushing one of the contact killers on the fresh cuts, but I'm scared I'll hurt the crape myrtle or live oaks that are 15 feet away. I'm sure their roots are mixed in with the roots of the briars. What can I do?

Answer: We live on several rural acres, and our property was shoulder deep in briars, honeysuckle and poison ivy when we bought it. I hired our neighbor with his mower shredder to cut it all, and to my surprise, almost none of it came back. So I learned a quick lesson that smilax briars don't have enough oomph to resprout when cut to the ground. Usually! Probably 2 or 3 percent of the original clumps did come back, and hand-digging eliminated them. Sometimes I had to dig a couple of times to get all of the big roots out. Smilax briar roots take two forms — giant tubers that are easy to find and remove, and woody, pencil-sized roots that network a couple of inches beneath the soil. Those were the ones I found myself digging repeatedly. I learned what to look for, and it seldom has taken more than a couple of tries. Herbicides don't work well at all. That's primarily because the briars' leaves are so very glossy that the weedkiller sprays bead up and roll off. Plus, there isn't enough leaf area in the first place for the weed to absorb enough herbicide to kill out those tenacious roots. My vote for the past 40 years has remained the same: mow 'em, then hand-dig the rest. You can do it! Promise!

Dear Neil: I have your Complete Guide to Texas Gardening, and I like it very much. But you don't mention Texas madrone trees in your section on native trees. We have some in Blanco County. They are attractive, and they seem to be hardy and drought-tolerant. Why did you not include them?

Answer: Very fair question. They are absolutely glorious little trees. I have grown several over the years, so I'm well familiar with them. The reason I didn't include them was that they're not as widely adapted across big sweeps of the state as, for example, Texas mountain laurel and ceniza. Do a quick web search of "Texas madrone native range" and you'll see how small it is. Your property in Blanco County is right in the epicenter of their native homeland. It's been my experience in growing them (and watching others grow them) elsewhere that they freeze easily in North Texas, and they don't do well in poorly draining soils of the eastern half of the state. Enjoy them on your property, but don't move them too far away from home base.

Dear Neil: We have six rose of Sharon plants, and a small infestation of bugs (I guess more properly called beetles) is attacking them. What are these, and how can we control in the most environmentally responsible method? My wife also noticed some very small (scale-sized) brown, spherical insects on the same plants. What might those be?

Answer: You'll notice that the insect in your photo has a shield-shape to its wings and back. That's a giveaway that it's in the Order Hemiptera. Collectively, they're known as the "true bugs," and the list includes box elder bugs, squash bugs, stink bugs and many others. I'm not entirely sure which one you have encountered, but odds are that it won't be a frequent visitor in future years. As far as I know, it is not a common problem for altheaas. The true bugs are among the very most difficult insects to eliminate. Hand-picking does remain one option, albeit slow and somewhat distasteful. The one insecticide that works well on them is Thiodan (Endosulfan). Your local independent retail garden center will be the most likely place to find it. It is not usually found in the national chain stores. As for the other insect, I'm not sure how to help you without seeing it. Again, I'm not aware of any scale insect that does much damage to altheaas.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Get ready. It's coming. This best time of the year for fall vegetables, plant propagation, spring color, new or updated landscapes — just a few activities that can transform your yard into a gorgeous, productive garden. If you can see it in your mind's eye then you can see it in reality, but it begins with planning and preparation.

A plan should begin with evaluation. Evaluate your time, interest and property before you begin to dig. Once you've decided on the project, then you can determine the location. If you are a beginning gardener, start small. Don't let enthusiasm override common sense by tilling up the entire yard.

Plan ahead for irrigation. This may already exist or may need to be adjusted. If the area is in spray heads or bubblers, consider converting them to drip irrigation. This can be controlled automatically or you can simply connect it to a water hose. If a garden hose is going to be used, make there is a hose bib vacuum breaker on the outdoor faucet that will be used.

Vegetable gardens, flower gardens and landscape beds need to be free of weeds and grass. Grass can be removed physically, mechanically or chemically by digging, spading and carefully removing plants, roots and runners (rhizomes). This can be highly successful with St. Augustine and fescue but difficult with bermuda. Sod cutters can be used to remove layers of turf. Set them to remove one or more inches of sod. If it is bermuda grass, be prepared to follow up with tilling or spading and removing rhizome runners. Regrowth can be sprayed. Glyphosate herbicide is the first choice for chemical removal, especially with bermuda. This should be done soon to grass that has been watered and fertilized to promote dark green, vigorous growth. A second spray two weeks later is highly recommended.

After the grass is gone, add a 3- to 4-inch layer of compost to the soil for increased water and nutrient retention, improved soil conditions and other benefits. This can be tilled or spaded into the top 6 to 8 inches of soil, or in some cases used as a top dressing alone. This is especially useful in areas where mature tree and shrub roots are existing.

At some point, mulch should follow on new beds. A 3- to 4-inch layer of mulch will help retain soil moisture, moderate soil temperature, suppress weeds and provide many other benefits.

This sounds like a lot of trouble, but if success is what you seek, project planning and preparation are essential. Find re-leaf in being ready for one of the best seasons for planting.

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Too much care may not be good for trees

JEFF FLOYD

Jeff Floyd is a horticulturist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Email him at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

Might you be guilty of loving your trees to death? While I was strolling through a local nursery recently, one well-meaning tree owner described the excessive number of cultural practices he had been pouring into a prized tree. He appeared jilted as he expressed a concern that his tree was not responding positively to the extra attention.

Not all of our kindness toward trees is necessarily beneficial. Many of the practices that are common in tree maintenance can damage the longterm health of a tree. Most trees are genetically programmed to live 200 years or more, yet rarely do we see trees that old in the home lawns of many cities. This phenomenon, known as the urban mortality spiral, is the norm rather than the exception.

Lawn trees are often uprooted from their native habitat and transported to an environment where they are ill-adapted to survive. These trees are almost always dropped into a foreign soil which scarcely contains an adequate supply of the natural elements they require for growth.

Added to that dilemma, many trees find themselves facing a constant barrage of unnecessary pruning, unnatural irrigation cycles and applications of broadleaf herbicides with a mode of destruction that cannot distinguish between a dandelion and a live oak.

One may well wonder how we have any trees at all in West Texas. In fact, many of the woody plants that have found a home in the urban landscapes of the Southern Llano Estacado perform well in spite of what we do for them rather than because of what we do for them.

So what is the ardent tree owner to do? Develop a minimalist attitude toward tree maintenance. Monitor your trees for problems and in the vernacular you are no doubt familiar with, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Many tree care practices should be prescriptive rather than performed simply for the sake of carrying out annual maintenance.

Do not prune your trees without a purpose. Every leaf on your tree is tasked with manufacturing sugars for growth and development. It is always a good idea to remove branches that are damaged, interfering with pedestrian traffic or touching your home.

Do not fertilize your trees without the benefit of a soil test or the advice of a professional arborist. Excessive nitrogen fertilizer can worsen drought related problems and attract pests to your tree.

Do not put your tree on a regular cycle of pesticide treatments. For years, professional arborists have espoused the idea of a custom designed maintenance schedule for every property. This plant health care program devotes a considerable amount of time to monitoring plant health rather than applying chemicals.

As you might imagine, a total plant health care program that involves primarily monitoring is a hard service to sell. Tree owners like to see something tangible delivered for their money. The dilemma for the arborist is that he or she must sell a service to satisfy the customer. It is fortunate for us all that our physicians do not always conform to similar expectations.

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Register to attend a two-part compost class 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Sept. 3, at the Midland County Extension office, 2445 E. Highway 80 and Sept. 5 at the Time Machine, 816 W. 42nd St. in Odessa. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Permian Master Gardeners will host these free classes that are sponsored by the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, Keep Midland Beautiful, Keep Odessa Beautiful, the cities of Midland and Odessa and Midland and Ector counties. Participants will receive free instruction on composting, one free composting bin per family and, if desired, some composting worms to take home. Make plans to attend both classes.

Mark your calendars for Sept. 16, 17, 25 and 26. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on each of these evenings and running until 9:30 p.m., Texas A&M AgriLife and the Permian Basin Master Gardeners will be hosting the annual Earth-Kind Home Landscape School. This comprehensive short course, which is being held at the Commemorative Air Force Museum Classroom at 9600 Wright Drive, costs $150 and covers basic landscape design principles. Registrants will receive a one-on-one consultation from a landscape designer.

For more information or to register for these programs give me a call at 432-686-4700 or drop me an email at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

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First day of School

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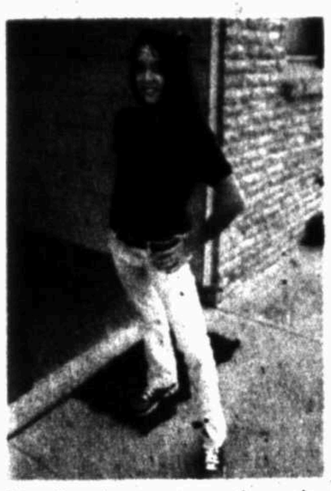
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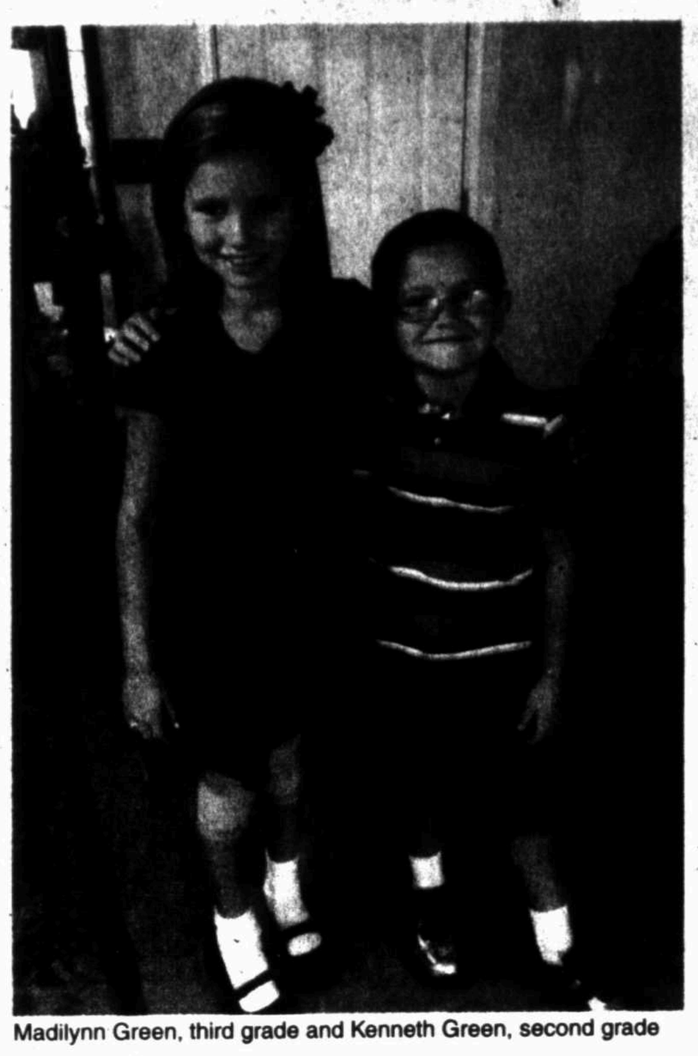
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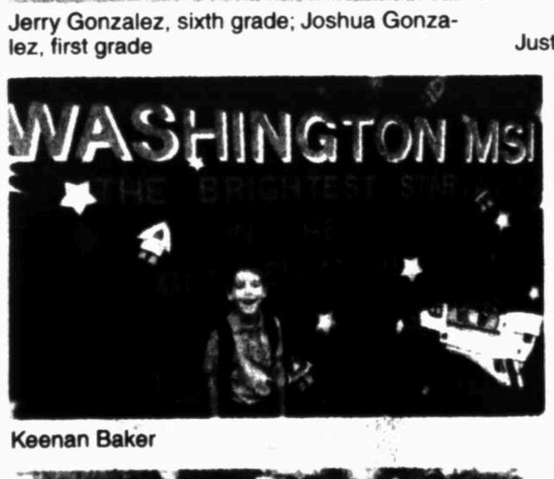

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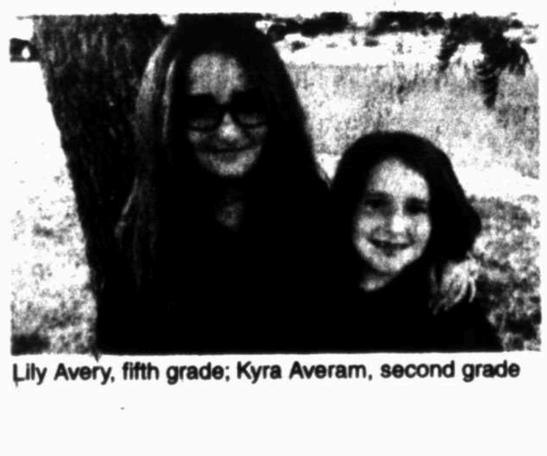
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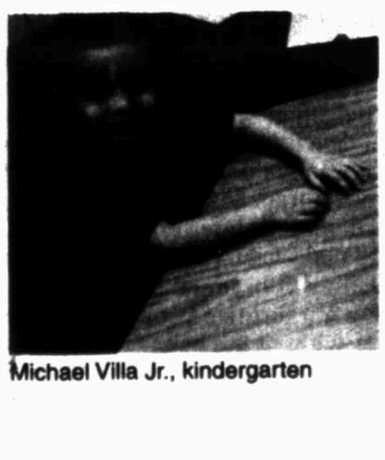
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Cowboys' Murray admits frustration over benching

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

IRVING — While saying he respected coach Jason Garrett's decision, Dallas Cowboys tailback DeMarco Murray called his benching in Saturday's 24-18 preseason win over Cincinnati "a little frustrating" and all but admitted he believed it wasn't necessary.

Garrett pulled Murray shortly after he fumbled in the first quarter inside the Cowboys' 10-yard line. He didn't return to the field until the third quarter.

"I know how important the ball is," Murray said Monday while making his first public comments since the game. "I wouldn't say (being benched) got my attention. You can't fumble. Since I've been carrying the ball from high school to college, even here, I've never been a fumbler. So, I'm not worried about it."

A third-year pro, Murray has fumbled only four times in 325 career carries. But Garrett wasn't happy the former Oklahoma standout lost the handle just one week after the Cowboys committed six turnovers in a 12-7 loss to Arizona, a sloppy showing the coach termed "inexcusable."

"You can't hand the ball to a guy who is going to fumble, OK?" Garrett said Monday. "Those should be safe plays, control-the-game-type plays. If the ball comes out, we really don't have a chance to be a good football team.

"Obviously, last week in Arizona, we turned the ball over six times. All through the offseason and training camp, we have made a huge emphasis on taking care of the ball and taking the ball away, and then we have a game like that. And we make a further emphasis as a staff, as a football team, all week long, and then on the fifth or sixth play of the ball game the ball comes out in the shadow of

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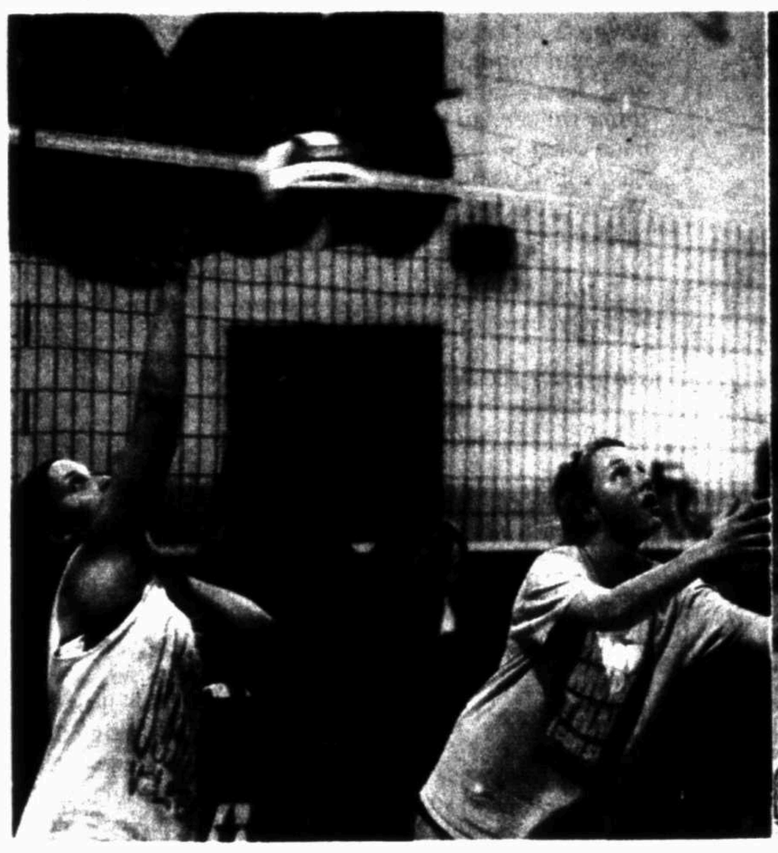
Dallas running back DeMarco Murray stands on the sideline during the second half of Saturday's preseason game in Arlington.

Records count today



Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland high (left photo) and Lee (right photo) volleyball players practice on Aug. 5 each at their own gyms. The District 2-5A season starts today as MHS travels to Abilene Cooper while Lee hosts Abilene High.

MHS, Lee volleyball teams set to start District 2-5A

By Len Hayward
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The non-district season hasn't exactly ended for the Lee and Midland High volleyball teams, but beginning today both teams will start their quests for the playoffs in District 2-5A.

District 2-5A begins en masse today, and for two teams that have seen their share of ups and downs this month, it's probably coming at the right time.

"Just like I told them we have two records, and the one that counts starts today," Lee volleyball coach Daphne Rhoads said.

Lee will begin district play at 6 p.m., today against Abilene High, while Midland High will travel for a match against Abilene Cooper.

Midland High (13-6) is returning home after a trip to New Braunfels where the Lady Bulldogs had their nine-match winning streak ended, but also learned plenty about themselves playing against some of that area's better squads.

Midland High won the consolation final in the bronze bracket, but for coach Amanda Lopez and the squad she learned her team has to work to handle adversity a little better.

"Emotionally there were some times that we shut down a little bit," Lopez said. "That's one thing we are going to

Gillean

Jeter

work on. Not just be tough physically but emotionally as a team, helping the person next to you, going the extra mile. With that tough competition you are really tested."

Midland High rebounded from a rough Friday that included losing all three pool play matches it played in New Braunfels to beat Corpus Christi Calallen and San Antonio Antonioan on Saturday.

"We learned that we need to work on our emotional roller coaster, we were kind of up and down," Lady Bulldog junior middle hitter Jenna Gillean said. "I think we got better throughout the tournament, and we've gotten better as we are going."

Lee (9-6), meanwhile, enters today's home match against a 14-2 Abilene High team looking to find a little bit of consistency. The Lady Rebels finished 1-2 on Saturday at the Nita Vannoy Tournament in San Angelo, beating Uvalde and dropping matches to Bushland and Monahans.

Rhoads said her squad is working to build confidence. Rhoads said sometimes she thinks she has more confidence in them than they do in themselves. Senior Jenn Jeter, who had 10 kills in three

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The games

ABILENE HIGH AT LEE

When: 6 p.m. today
Location: Lee High School gym

MIDLAND HIGH AT ABILENE COOPER

When: 6 p.m. today
Location: Cooper gym

District 2-5A Standings

	Overall		District	
Team	W	L	W	L
Amarillo Tascosa	1	0	1	0
Abilene High	0	0	14	2
Odessa Permian	0	0	12	3
Midland High	0	0	13	6
Lee	0	0	9	6
Lubbock Coronado	0	0	10	8
Abilene Cooper	0	0	9	9
Odessa High	0	0	2	8
San Angelo Central	0	1	12	3

Tuesday, Aug. 20
Amarillo Tascosa def. San Angelo Central, 25-20, 25-17, 21-25, 25-13

Today's Matches
Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 6 p.m.; Abilene High at Lee, 6 p.m.; Odessa High at Lubbock Coronado, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 3
Midland High at Odessa High, 6 p.m.; Odessa Permian at Lee, 6 p.m.; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 6 p.m.; Lubbock Coronado at Amarillo Tascosa, 7 p.m.

For starters, 4 Big 12 teams still not naming QB

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

For starters, four Big 12 teams haven't even revealed who their No. 1 quarterback will be with only a few practices left before the season openers.

There were five until Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said Monday during the first Big 12 coaches weekly teleconference that he had settled on junior college transfer Jake Waters as the starter.

TCU coach Gary Patterson will let everybody find out who starts for the 20th-ranked Horned Frogs when either Casey Pachall or Trevone Boykin run out on the field against 12th-ranked LSU on Saturday night. Both are expected to play.

"The difference with me is I think I can win with both of them in big games," said Patterson, who certainly has to know who will start but isn't saying.

Pachall is 15-2 as a starter, but played only four games last season before leaving school for a substance abuse program. Boykin then won three Big 12 road games.

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy plans to play both Clint Chelf and J.W. Walsh, though isn't saying who will take the first snap for the No. 13 Cowboys against Mississippi State in the other Big 12 vs. SEC matchup on the opening weekend.

"That's really what I've said throughout the spring and it's not changed," Gundy said. "Both quarterbacks have improved from last season, both quarterbacks played fairly well in games last season, so they deserve to play. If there was separation where one was considerably better than the other, then we would play, or name him the starter."

As for having more than one quarterback, Gundy was quick to point out, "last year there were times we had success with three of them." Wes Lunt transferred to Illinois. Chelf and Walsh both threw for more than 1,500 yards with at least 13 touchdowns.

The quarterback job at West Virginia is down from three to Florida State transfer Clint Trickett or Paul Millard, who was Geno Smith's backup the past two seasons. It had been three with redshirt freshman Ford Childress.

"They've kind of risen their game a little bit and they're battling," coach Dana Holgorsen said. "We had to kind

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Venus Williams upsets Flipkens on opening day of US Open

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For years and years, a first-round victory by Venus Williams at a major tournament would hardly merit a mention.

She is, after all, a seven-time Grand Slam singles champion. She's been the runner-up another seven times.

She was ranked No. 1, owns Olympic gold medals, and is second to her younger sister Serena among active women in several key categories, including Grand Slam match wins, with 215.

And yet nowadays, at age 33, two years removed from being diagnosed with an autoimmune disease that saps energy, hampered much of this season by a bad lower back, and her ranking down to 60th, Williams entered Day 1 at the 2013 U.S. Open having won a total of three matches over the past five Grand Slam tournaments. Plus, she was facing 12th-seeded Kirsten Flipkens, who was a semifinalist at Wimbledon last month and beat Williams on a hard court this month.

Looking very much like the player she used to be, Williams smacked serves at up to 120 mph, returned superbly, covered the court well enough to hit a handful of swinging volley winners, and beat Flipkens 6-1, 6-2 Monday to reach the second round at Flushing Meadows.

Flipkens, for one, was not surprised in the least to see Williams play that way. To Flipkens, this was not an upset — no matter what the rankings indicate.

"If Venus is there — if she's fit, if she's focused — she's a top-10 player," Flipkens said. "Everybody who knows a little bit of the game of tennis can see that. Today, she was like a top-10 player."

Williams, who topped the WTA rankings in 2002, hasn't cracked the top 10 since she was No. 9 in March 2011. She hasn't been past the third round at a Grand Slam tournament since a fourth-round exit at Wimbledon later that year. Indeed, Williams lost in the first round in two of her previous four appearances at majors, including at the French Open in May; she sat out Wimbledon for the only time in her career in June.

"I stay positive because I know I can play great tennis. Sometimes you just have to go through more than what you want to go through," the American said after winning the first four games and the last four games against Belgium's Flipkens. "Sometimes you have to have losses."

Their match was the day's second in Arthur Ashe Stadium, and owing perhaps to the early hour — or the stricter security measures, including new metal detectors, that led to long delays for spectators entering the grounds — there were thousands of empty blue seats in the 23,000-capacity arena.

The place was full for the night session, when Serena Williams began her title defense with a 6-0, 6-1 victory, a performance so thoroughly impressive that her opponent, 2010 French Open champion Francesca Schiavone, was prompted in a brief moment of levity to seek comfort by hugging a ball boy.

"I don't need a hug in that moment, I need a game," joked Schiavone, who was trailing 6-0, 2-0 at the time.

The match lasted exactly an hour, and light rain began falling right after it ended. Eventually, play was called off for the day, postponing 17-time major champ on Roger Federer's match against 62nd-ranked Grega Zemlja of

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David Goldman/AP

Venus Williams returns a shot to Kirsten Flipkens during the first round of the U.S. Open on Monday in New York. Williams defeated Flipkens.

'Hounds lose but Myers extends streak

From staff reports

FRISCO — Midland RockHounds center fielder D'Arby Myers extended his hitting streak to 29 games with a single in the fifth inning, but the RockHounds dropped a 5-3 decision to the Frisco RoughRiders on Monday night at Dr Pepper Ballpark.

Myers

Myers' single was part of a two-run fifth inning for the RockHounds, who tied the game at 3 during the inning. Jefry Marte drove in Diomedes Lopez with a sacrifice fly to center, and then Max Muncy drove in Corner Crumbliss with an infield single.

Myers was stranded at second with his single, and finished the night 1 for 4.

The RoughRiders, though, took the lead in the sixth when Brett Nicholas scored on a fielder's choice, and then in the seventh Nicholas drove in Ryan Strausborger with a single to center.

Frisco pitchers Kyle McClellan and Lisalverto Bonilla combined to pitch four scoreless innings as McClellan picked up the victory and Bonilla the save.

The RockHounds (25-38) will begin their final homestand of the season at 6:30 p.m. today against San Antonio with the first game of four-game series at Citibank Ballpark.

ROSTER MOVE: RockHounds infielder Dusty Coleman was promoted to Triple-A Sacramento on Monday. No counter moves were announced by the Oakland Athletics after the move.

RoughRiders	5
RockHounds	3

ROUGHRIDERS 5, ROCKHOUNDS 3

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Crumbliss 2b	4	1	1	0	Sardinas ss	4	0	1	0
Myers cf	4	0	1	0	Odor 2b	3	1	0	0
Marte 3b	3	0	1	2	Nicholas 1b	3	1	2	2
Muncy 1b	3	0	1	0	Sams dh	4	1	2	1
Ladendorf ss	4	0	0	0	Chiang rf	4	0	1	1
Catricala dh	4	0	2	0	Rua 3b	4	0	0	0
Whitaker rf	4	0	0	0	Tellis c	3	0	0	0
Oberacker lf	3	1	1	0	Martinez lf	3	1	1	1
Lopez c	4	1	1	0	Strausborger cf	3	1	2	0
Totals	33	3	8	2	Totals	31	5	9	5

Midland .....001 020 000 —3
Frisco .....002 101 10x —5

E — Oberacker (5). Rua (6). DP — Midland 1. LOB — Midland 7. 2B — Chiang (35). HR — Martinez (13). Sams (13). SB — Oberacker (15). Odor (3). Strausborger (28). CS — Catricala (1). Strausborger (8). SF — Marte.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Neal	5.0	5	3	3	1	3
Long L, 2-2	2.0	3	2	2	2	0
Hassebrock	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
Frisco						
Klein	3.0	3	1	1	1	4
Bleier	2.0	3	2	1	1	0
McClellan W, 2-0	1	0	0	0	3	
Bonilla S, 5	2.0	1	0	0	0	6

WP — Hassebrock, Bonilla. HBP — by McClellan (Oberacker).
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Texas League

Standings through August 26

North Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	33	30	.524	—
NW Arkansas	31	33	.492	2
Frisco	31	32	.492	2
x-Tulsa	30	33	.476	3

South Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	38	25	.603	—
San Antonio	38	25	.603	—
Frisco	26	37	.413	12
Midland	25	38	.397	13

x-clinched first half
z-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Scores

Arkansas 9, Northwest Arkansas 5
Frisco 5, Midland 3
Tulsa 8, Springfield 4
Corpus Christi 5, San Antonio 0

Today's Games

San Antonio at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CYPHER ACES AT NUEVA VISTA

Lindi Cypher recorded a hole-in-one on Sunday at Nueva Vista Golf Club. Cypher used a 3-wood from 112 yards on No. 6. Witnesses were Ryan Savas, Taylor Savas, Chris Cypher and Derrick Hoover.

NUEVA VISTA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Championship — 1. Chad Jordan 70-73—143; 2. John Pelletier 75-74—149; 3. (tie) Brannon Smith 77-75—152; Cory Pickett 79-73—152; 5. Michael Jones 77-82—159

First Flight — 1. George Ulmo 80-74—166; 2. John Garvin 84-91—175; 3. Mike Patel 91-85—176; 4. Press Gill 83-96—179; 5. Bill Frederickson 90-90—180

Senior Division

Championship — 1. Craig Adams 71-76—147; 2. Tom Elder 72-78—150; 3. Robert Parker 80-79—159; 4. Jack Dillard 83-79—162; 5. Mike Jones 82-88—170

First Flight — 1. David Klapproth 97-86—183; 2. Tommy Franklin 94-89—183; 3. Gary McCumber 94-93—187; 4. Mike Braskett 95-93—188; 5. Phil Ryan 94-95—189

TENNIS

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS
Odessa High 14, Midland Christian 5
Midland College Tennis Center
Midland Christian winners

Girls Singles — Yasmin Bonilla
Girls Singles — Kaitlin Bell, Madelyn Hammond, Natalie Keesee
Mixed Doubles — Ryan Adams, Ashley Hedrick

VOLLEYBALL

BIG SPRING TAKES SECOND IN SILVER DIVISION AT GRANBURY

GRANBURY — The Big Spring volleyball team finished second in the silver bracket at the Granbury Tournament this past weekend.

Big Spring defeated Richland (25-19, 28-30, 25-22), Weatherford (25-28, 25-15, 25-16), Abilene Cooper, twice (25-18, 25-12; 25-23, 25-18) and Lubbock High (25-18, 25-12).

The Lady Steers (11-5) dropped matches to Mansfield Summit (25-23, 25-17) and Arlington Grace Prep (25-19, 25-16).

Morgan Seaton was named to the all-tournament team.

Big Spring will take on Grape Creek at 6 p.m. today in a non-district match.

Dominguez, Carter hit HRs in 9th, Astros beat WSox

By Meghan Montemurro
Associated Press

Astros	10
White Sox	8

CHICAGO — Matt Dominguez hit a tiebreaking solo homer with two outs in the ninth inning and Chris Carter followed with his second home run of the game to lift the Houston Astros to a 10-8 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Monday night.

The Astros squandered a five-run lead and trailed 8-7 before tying the score on Carter's RBI single in the seventh inning. White Sox reliever Addison Reed (5-2) struck out Jose Altuve and Jason Castro to open the ninth before Dominguez put Houston back ahead with his 19th homer, a shot to left field on a 1-0 pitch. Carter then added his 25th of the season.

David Martinez (1-0) pitched 2 2/3 innings to get his first major league win, and Jordan Lyles — Houston's third pitcher of the ninth inning — struck out Avisail Garcia looking on a full count with the bases loaded to get his first save in his first chance this season.

Carter finished 3 for 4 with the two homers and four RBI in his third career multihomer game. His two-run homer in the fifth gave the Astros a 6-1 lead before the White Sox rallied for the lead.

Alejandro De Aza finished with four hits to tie his career high set July 20 against Atlanta.

Jeff Keppinger homered to start the bottom of the fifth and right fielder L.J. Hoes dropped Gordon Beckham's fly ball near the wall, which would have been the third out of the inning, allowing a run to score pulling Chicago within three.

Brandon Barnes opened the top of the sixth with a double, advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt and scored on Andre Rienzo's wild pitch to push the lead to 7-3.

The White Sox then took the lead with five runs in the bottom of the inning.

Dunn had a two-run homer, his 30th of the season, to become the second left-handed hitter in White Sox history to have consecutive 30- homer seasons. Jim Thome did it previously from 2006-08.

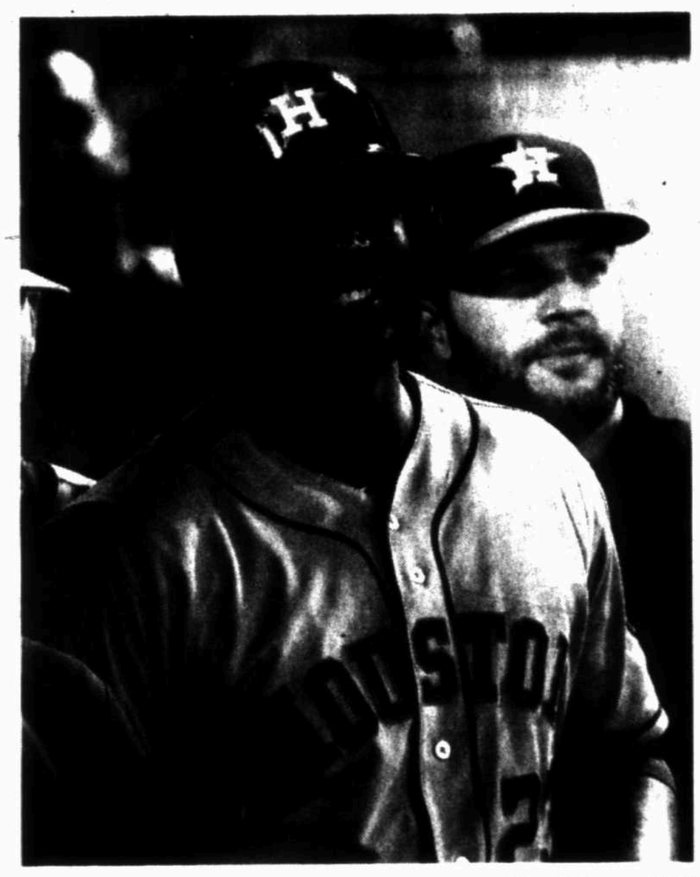
Martinez came on with one out and gave up a single to Keppinger, a double to Dayan Viciedo and an RBI single to Josh Phegley. Martinez then balked to allow Viciedo to score the tying run and De Aza's RBI single to left against a drawn-in infield put Chicago ahead.

Astros starter Brett Oberholtzer allowed only one run through four but failed to get out of the sixth and exited after giving up five runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings.

There was plenty of sloppy play between the teams with the two worst records in the American League. The White Sox and Astros combined for three errors leading to three unearned runs, three wild pitches, a balk and countless mental mistakes.

The Astros took the lead with three runs in the second inning off Rienzo. Castro led off with a solo home run, and Garcia's fielding error on Barnes' single allowed two runs to score.

Beckham had a run-scoring grounder in the third to get the White Sox on the board.



Rex Arbogast/AP

Houston's Chris Carter smiles in the dugout after hitting a home run off Chicago White Sox relief pitcher Addison Reed during the ninth inning Monday in Chicago.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

BLUE JAYS 5 YANKEES 2

TORONTO — R.A. Dickey pitched into the seventh inning, Jose Reyes sparked Toronto's offense and the Blue Jays snapped a 10-game losing streak against the New York Yankees with a 5-2 victory on Monday night.

Alex Rodriguez hit his 650th home run, a leadoff drive in the fifth, but the Yankees lost for the ninth time in 13 road games this month. Rodriguez is 10 homers away from tying Willie Mays for fourth on the career list, which would secure a $6 million bonus for the third baseman.

Derek Jeter went hitless in his return to New York's lineup. Jeter, who had been out with a calf injury, finished 0 for 3 with a walk.

Reyes walked and scored in the third, and doubled and scored in Toronto's three-run fifth as the Blue Jays beat the Yankees for just the second time in 14 meetings this season.

Dickey (10-12) allowed two runs, one earned, and six hits in 6 1-3 innings. Casey Janssen got three outs for his 24th save in 26 chances.

New York right-hander Phil Hughes (4-13) allowed five runs, four earned, and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings. He is 0-6 with a 5.84 ERA in his last nine starts.

ATHLETICS 8 TIGERS 6

DETROIT — Coco Crisp and Daric Barton each drove in two runs, leading Oakland past Miguel Cabrera and Detroit.

Cabrera hit his 43rd homer, bolstering his pursuit of another Triple Crown, but Barton had a tiebreaking RBI single in Oakland's two-run sixth inning. Crisp also had a solo homer during his three-hit performance.

A.J. Griffin (11-9) earned his first win since July 29 despite allowing four runs and seven hits in five-plus innings. The right-hander was 0-2 with a 3.47 ERA in his previous four starts.

Omar Infante and Victor Martinez also homered for the AL Central-leading Tigers, who had won three in a row. Martinez went 4 for 5 and Torii Hunter had two hits.

Barton's tiebreaking single in the sixth came against Jose Alvarez (1-4).

ROYALS 11 RAYS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jeremy Guthrie tossed five effective innings, helping Kansas City roll to the victory in the makeup of a snowed-out game from early May.

Guthrie (13-10) allowed one run and six hits, struck out five and walked three. He fanned Kelly Johnson with two aboard to end the third inning, and then struck out David DeJesus on a called third strike to leave the bases loaded in the fourth.

National League

CARDINALS 8 REDS 6

ST. LOUIS — Allen Craig hit his first career grand slam with two out in the seventh inning, helping the St. Louis Cardinals rally for an 8-6 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night.

Matt Holliday also had a long three-run homer as St. Louis moved into sole possession of first place in the NL Central for the first time since July 29. The Cardinals lead idle Pittsburgh by a half-game and Cincinnati by 3 1/2 games in the top-heavy division.

PHILLIES 2 METS 1

NEW YORK — Philadelphia's Cliff Lee outpitched Zack Wheeler after the Mets learned All-Star starter Matt Harvey has a partially torn ligament in his right elbow, Cody Asche had a two-run triple, and the Phillies beat New York 2-1 Monday night.

Lee (11-3) gave a bullpen taxed by an 18-inning loss Saturday a much-needed rest. He allowed a run and five hits in eight innings to win for the first time in seven starts since July 5. He also made several nice plays in the field.

ROCKIES 6 GIANTS 1

DENVER — Todd Helton homered to move within three hits of 2,500, and the Colorado Rockies beat the San Francisco Giants 6-1 on Monday night.

Juan Nicasio tossed six shutout innings and added an RBI single, and Charlie Blackmon also homered for the Rockies.

DIAMONDBACKS 6 PADRES 1

PHOENIX — Brandon McCarthy turned in seven strong innings, and Paul Goldschmidt drove in two runs to lead the Arizona Diamondbacks to a 6-1 victory over the San Diego Padres on Monday night.

After a shaky first inning, the 6-foot-7 McCarthy (3-8) allowed only four runs over his final six innings. It was his first win since he beat San Diego on May 28. His other victory was a shutout at Miami on May 18.

Chelsea takes home tie against Manchester United

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, England — Wayne Rooney's headline-grabbing presence couldn't inspire Manchester United to victory in David Moyes' first home game in charge as Chelsea ground out a 0-0 draw Monday in the Premier League's first marquee matchup of the season.

Rooney, the subject of two bids from Chelsea over the summer, played the full 90 minutes in his first start of this season and was one of the few standout performers in a disappointing match at Old Trafford that failed to live up to its billing.

Chelsea played with no recognized striker for 60 minutes and barely threatened, although a draw keeps the team unbeaten after three matches in Jose Mourinho's second spell and top of the early standings on seven points.

United had the better of a hard-fought, error-strewn game, with Danny Welbeck wasting its best chance in the second half, but the attacking spark that lifted them to a season-opening 4-1 win at Swansea last weekend was missing.

Rooney's name on the United team sheet added extra spice to a match between two perennial title contenders that is always eagerly anticipated. Just as eye-catching, though, was Mourinho's surprise lineup that included six midfielders and no pure center forward.

What was essentially a 4-6-0 formation by the visitors ensured a congested midfield and few clear-cut chances at either end. A game watched around the world was something of a let-down.

Rooney, who was given a warm ovation by United fans and serenaded with chants of "We'll see you next week" and "Sign him up" by the travelling Chelsea support, was neat and tidy throughout in his role behind Robin van Persie, linking up play well and showing good fitness levels.

He had started on the bench at Swansea, coming on for the final 28 minutes and also looking sharp, and Moyes certainly made a statement by selecting him here in what was arguably the biggest match so far in the Scot's coaching career.

VOLLEYBALL

From 1C

matches on Saturday, agreed.

"I think that we don't give ourselves as much credit as we should and we are a lot better than we seem to think we are," Jeter said. "I just think we need to build each other up, and coach has helped us out a lot. We are good we just need to see it."

Follow Len on Twitter: @Len_Hayward_MRT

ABILENE HIGH AT LEE
When/Where: 6 p.m. today, Lee HS gymnasium
Records: Lee 9-6, 0-0 in District 2-5A; Abilene High 14-2, 0-0
Next: Lee at Wolfforth Frenship Tournament, Friday-Saturday; Abilene at Trinity Double T Tournament, Euless, Friday-Saturday

MIDLAND HIGH AT ABILENE COOPER
When/Where: 6 p.m. today, Cooper HS gymnasium, Abilene
Records: Midland High 13-6, 0-0 in District 2-5A; Abilene Cooper 9-9, 0-0
Next: Midland High at Margaret Hussman Varsity Tournament, El Paso, Friday-Saturday; Abilene Cooper at Granbury Tournament, Friday-Saturday

McGrady retires from NBA

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

Those sleepy eyes always betrayed Tracy McGrady.

Whether he was pouring in 13 points in 35 seconds for Houston in 2004 or sitting on the bench and watching the San Antonio Spurs win another playoff game in June without needing him, that cool expression rarely changed. It all looked almost too easy for McGrady, even if it rarely was.

McGrady announced his retirement from the NBA on Monday, ending a 16-year career that included two scoring titles, seven All-Star appearances, injuries to his knee and back and zero playoff series wins while he was leading the way. The straight-from-high school project who blossomed into a dominant, two-way superstar will always be remembered, too, as a player who struggled with injuries.

"Thank all of you who have supported me over 16 NBA seasons, 7 All-Stars, and countless exciting moments," McGrady tweeted on Monday morning. "Retiring from NBA. Stay tuned."

McGrady didn't rule out continuing his career overseas, perhaps in China where he played last season.

"Officially retired from the NBA," he said on ESPN. "Door's still open."

McGrady was drafted by Toronto out of high school in 1997 and was outshined early in his career by Raptors star Vince Carter, McGrady's distant cousin. He became a star in Orlando, was traded to Houston in 2004 and also played for the Knicks, Pistons and Hawks before finishing up his career with the Spurs last season.

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SPORTSSCOREBOARD

NFL Preseason

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	71	66
New England	2	1	0	.667	65	63
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	78	70
Miami	1	2	0	.333	60	69

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	1	0	.667	74	61
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	67	62
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	67	65
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	40	95

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	98	73
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	79	53
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	57	52
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	.000	46	68

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	1	0	.667	47	72
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	52	52
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	65	79
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	62	71

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	3	0	0	1.000	76	41
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	64	78
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	72	69
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	51	57

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	3	0	0	1.000	76	56
Carolina	2	1	0	.667	67	58
Tampa Bay	1	2	0	.333	54	85
Atlanta	0	3	0	.000	49	88

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	84	78
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	72	50
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	29	41
Minnesota	0	3	0	.000	43	81

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	3	0	0	1.000	88	30
Arizona	2	1	0	.667	36	31
San Francisco	2	1	0	.667	55	37
St. Louis	0	3	0	.000	52	73

Thursday's Games

Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Green Bay at Kansas City, 7 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Baltimore at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Denver, 8 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 9 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 9 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	12	7	5	41	41	35
New York	11	9	6	39	38	34
Sporting KC	11	9	6	39	35	26
Philadelphia	10	8	8	38	37	37
New England	10	9	6	36	34	24
Houston	10	8	6	36	29	28
Chicago	10	10	4	34	30	34
Columbus	8	12	5	29	29	34
Toronto FC	4	12	9	21	22	34
D.C.	3	17	5	14	15	41

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Real Salt Lake	13	8	6	45	48	33
Los Angeles	12	9	4	40	40	32
Portland	9	4	12	39	37	26
Colorado	10	7	9	39	33	27
FC Dallas	9	7	10	37	36	36
Seattle	11	8	4	37	31	26
Vancouver	10	9	6	36	36	33
San Jose	9	10	7	34	28	37
Chivas USA	5	14	6	21	24	45

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Friday's Games

New England at Toronto FC, 6 p.m.
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Seattle FC at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
D.C. United at New York, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Sporting Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Houston at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Chivas USA at Vancouver, 6 p.m.

Auto Racing

NASCAR

Sprint Cup Points Leaders

Through Aug. 24

1 Jimmie Johnson	821
2 Clint Bowyer	803
3 Carl Edwards	768
4 Kevin Harvick	760
5 Kyle Busch	739
6 Matt Kenseth	736
7 Dale Earnhardt Jr	714
8 Kasey Kahne	701
9 Greg Biffle	698
10 Joey Logano	685

Nationwide Points Leaders

Through Aug. 23

1 Sam Hornish Jr	801
2 Austin Dillon	795
3 Elliott Sadler	790
4 Regan Smith	777
5 Justin Allgaier	762
6 Brian Vickers	761
7 Brian Scott	741
8 Kyle Larson	735
9 Trevor Bayne	734
10 Parker Kligerman	696

Camping World Truck Points Leaders

Through Aug. 21

1 Matt Crafton	498
2 James Buescher	449
3 Jeb Burton	445
4 Ty Dillon	440
5 Timothy Peters	426
6 Miguel Paludo	422
7 Ryan Blaney	421
8 Brendan Gaughan	418
9 Johnny Sauter	409
10 Joey Coulter	399

INDYCAR

Points Leaders

Through Aug. 25

1 Helio Castroneves	479
2 Scott Dixon	440
3 Ryan Hunter-Reay	417
4 Marco Andretti	409
5 Simon Pagenaud	380
6 Dario Franchitti	379
7 Justin Wilson	361
8 Will Power	356
9 James Hinchcliffe	350
10 Charlie Kimball	335

FORMULA ONE

Points Leaders

Through Aug. 25

1 Sebastian Vettel	197
2 Fernando Alonso	151
3 Lewis Hamilton	139
4 Kimi Raikkonen	134
5 Mark Webber	115
6 Nico Rosberg	96
7 Felipe Massa	67
8 Romain Grosjean	53
9 Jenson Button	47
10 Paul di Resta	36

College Football

THURSDAY

SOUTHWEST

Incarnate Word at Cent. Arkansas, 7 p.m.

SOUTH

North Carolina at South Carolina, 5 p.m.
Presbyterian at Wake Forest, 5:30 p.m.
UT-Martin at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
Robert Morris at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
Prairie View at Morehead St., 6 p.m.
Akron at UCF, 6 p.m.
W. Carolina at Middle Tennessee, 6:30 p.m.
S. Utah at South Alabama, 6:30 p.m.
SE Missouri at SE Louisiana, 7 p.m.
Cumberland (Tenn.) at Tennessee Tech, 7 p.m.
Jackson St. at Tulane, 7 p.m.
Mississippi at Vanderbilt, 8:15 p.m.

MIDWEST

Liberty at Kent St., 5 p.m.
Illinois St. at Ball St., 6 p.m.
Tulsa at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.
Grand View at Drake, 6 p.m.
Indiana St. at Indiana, 6 p.m.
UNLV at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Missouri St., 6 p.m.
Hampton at W. Illinois, 6 p.m.
Dayton at Youngstown St., 6:30 p.m.
Valparaiso at North Dakota, 7 p.m.

FAR WEST

Utah St. at Utah, 8 p.m.
Monmouth (NJ) at Montana St., 9:05 p.m.
Sacramento St. at San Jose St., 10 p.m.
E. Oregon at Portland St., 10:05 p.m.
Rutgers at Fresno St., 10:30 p.m.
Southern Cal at Hawaii, 11 p.m.

FRIDAY

SOUTHWEST

Texas Tech at SMU, 7 p.m.
Southern U. at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

EAST

Morgan St. at Army, 6 p.m.

SOUTH

Samford at Georgia St., 6 p.m.
FAU at Miami, 7 p.m.

MIDWEST

W. Michigan at Michigan St., 7 p.m.
N. Dakota St. at Kansas St., 7:30 p.m.

FAR WEST

N. Arizona at Arizona, 9 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	77	55	.583	—
Tampa Bay	74	55	.574	1 1/2
Baltimore	70	60	.538	6 1/2
New York	69	62	.527	7 1/2
Toronto	59	73	.447	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	77	54	.588	—
Cleveland	71	59	.546	5 1/2
Kansas City	68	64	.515	9 1/2
Minnesota	57	72	.442	19
Chicago	54	76	.415	22 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	75	55	.577	—
Oakland	73	57	.562	2
Seattle	59	70	.457	15 1/2
Los Angeles	58	71	.450	16 1/2
Houston	44	86	.338	31

Monday's Scores

Kansas City 11, Tampa Bay 1
Toronto 5, N.Y.Yankees 2
Oakland 8, Detroit 6
Houston 10, Chicago White Sox 8
Texas at Seattle, late

Today's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 9-9) at Toronto (Happ 3-3), 6:07 p.m.
Oakland (Milone 9-9) at Detroit (Verlander 12-9), 6:08 p.m.
Baltimore (W.Chen 7-6) at Boston (Doubront 9-6), 6:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Salazar 1-1) at Atlanta (A.Wood 2-2), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 13-6) at Tampa Bay (Ro.Hernandez 6-13), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (Cosart 4-4) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 7-4), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Shields 8-8) at Minnesota (Correia 8-10), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (D.Holland 9-8) at Seattle (Iwakuma 12-6), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	78	52	.600	—
Washington	65	65	.500	13
Philadelphia	60	71	.458	18 1/2
New York	58	71	.450	19 1/2
Miami	49	80	.380	28 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	77	54	.588	—
Pittsburgh	76	54	.585	1/2
Cincinnati	74	58	.561	3 1/2
Milwaukee	57	73	.438	19 1/2
Chicago	55	75	.423	21 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	76	54	.585	—
Arizona	66	63	.512	9 1/2
Colorado	62	71	.466	15 1/2
San Diego	59	71	.454	17
San Francisco	58	73	.443	18 1/2

Monday's Scores

St. Louis 8, Cincinnati 6
Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Colorado 6, San Francisco 1
San Diego at Arizona, late
Chicago Cubs at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games

Miami (Eovaldi 2-4) at Washington (Ohlendorf 2-0), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Lutiee 9-8) at Pittsburgh (Locke 9-4), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Salazar 1-1) at Atlanta (A.Wood 2-2), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 10-10) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 5-6), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 13-4) at St. Louis (J.Kelly 5-3), 7:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Petit 0-0) at Colorado (Bettis 0-2), 7:40 p.m.
San Diego (Kennedy 5-9) at Arizona (Undecided), 8:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-10) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 13-7), 9:10 p.m.

MONDAY'S AL WEST BOXES

ASTROS 10, WHITE SOX 8

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Grssm rf	5	0	1	0
Rosss rf	5	0	0	0
Altuve 2b	5	0	1	0
J.Castro c	4	2	2	1
MDmn 3b	4	3	2	1
Carter dh	4	3	3	4
Wallac 1b	5	1	1	1
BBarns cf	4	1	3	0
Villar ss	1	0	0	0

	ab	r	h	bi
De Aza cf	5	1	4	1
Bckhrn 2b	5	1	4	0
ARmrez ss	5	0	0	0
Konerk 1b	4	1	2	0
LaGarc pr	0	0	0	0
A.Dunn dh	4	1	1	2
JOrdnk pr	0	0	0	0
AGarcd rf	5	0	2	0
Kppngr 3b	3	2	2	1
Viciedo lf	4	1	1	0
Phegly c	4	2	2	1
Flowrs c	0	0	0	0

Totals	37	10	13	7	Totals	38	8	14	5

Houston .....030 121 102 — 10
Chicago .....001 025 000 — 8

E—Hoes (3), De Aza (7). A.Garcia (2). DP—Houston 2, Chicago 1. LOB—Houston 6, Chicago 7. 2B—Grossman (12), B.Barnes (16), De Aza (26), Konerko (14), Viciedo (17). HR—J.Castro (18), M.Dominguez (19), Carter 2 (25), Wallace (11), A.Dunn (30), Keppinger (4). CS—Al Ramirez (8). S—Villar 2, Keppinger.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oberholtzer	5 1-3	8	5	4	1	3
D.Martinez W, 1-0	2-3	5	3	3	0	1
Zeid	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
K.Chapman	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lyles S, 1-1 1-3	0	0	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Rienzo	6	9	7	5	3	4
Petricka	2-3	1	1	1	1	1
Veal	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
N.Jones	1	1	0	0	0	1
A.Reed L, 5-2	1	2	2	2	0	2

K.Chapman pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.
WP—Rienzo 2, Petricka. Balk—D.Martinez.
T—3:30. A—13,404 (40,615).

ATHLETICS 8, TIGERS 6

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	5	1	1	0
Lowrie ss	4	0	1	1
Dnldsn 3b	5	1	1	1
Moss rf	3	1	1	0
Cespds lf	5	0	0	1
S.Smith dh	1	1	0	0
Freimn ph-dh	1	1	1	0

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Jckson cf	4	1	1	0
Infante 2b	5	1	1	2
B.Pena c	4	0	1	0
Iglesias ss	4	0	1	0
Tuiasosp ph-lf	2	0	0	0
Totals	39	6	13	6

Oakland	201	102	110	—	8
Detroit	000	000	011	—	6

DP—Oakland 1, Detroit 1. LOB—Oakland 11, Detroit 10. 2B—Crisp (17), Lowrie (36). HR—Crisp (14), Mi.Cabrera (43), V.Martinez (11), Infante (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Griffin W,11-9	5. 7	4	4	1	4	
Otero	1 2-3	1	0	0	2	1
Doolittle	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
Cook	2-3	2	0	0	1	1
Balfour S,33-34	1	2	1	0	0	0
Detroit						
Ani.Sanchez	5	5	4	4	3	6
J.Alvarez L,1-4	1-3	4	2	2	0	0
Albuquerque	1 2-3	1	1	1	2	2
Bondermn	2	2	1	1	3	0

Griffin pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.
WP—Balfour. PB—Vogt.
T—3:34. A—34,778 (41,255).

MONDAY'S LINESCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ROYALS 11, RAYS 1

Tampa Bay .....000 100 000 —1 7 0
Kansas City .....104 005 01x—1113 0

Hellickson, C.Ramos (3), W.Wright (6) and Lobaton; Guthrie, Collins (6), Coleman (8), Crow (9) and S.Perez. W—Guthrie 13-10. L—Hellickson 10-8. HRs—Kansas City, S.Perez (7), B.Butler (13).

BLUE JAYS 5, YANKEES 2

New York .....100 010 000 —2 7 1
Toronto .....011 030 00x —5 7 1

P.Hughes, Huff (5) and Au Romine; Dickey, Loup (7), S.Santos (8), Janssen (9) and Thole. Arencibia. W—Dickey 10-12. L—P.Hughes 4-13. Sv—Janssen (24). HRs—New York, A.Rodriguez (3).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CARDINALS 8, REDS 6

Cincinnati .....040 001 010 —6 6 0
St. Louis .....003 000 50x —8 8 1

Leake, M.Parra (7), Hoover (7), Ondrusek (8) and Mesoraco; Lyons, Ca.Martinez (6), Maness (8), Mujica (9) and Y.Molina. W—Ca.Martinez 1-1. L—M.Parra 1-3. Sv—Mujica (35). HRs—Cincinnati, Bruce (25). St. Louis, Holliday (18), Craig (13).

PHILLIES 2, METS 1

Philadelphia .....000 200 000 —2 6 0
New York .....010 000 000 —1 5 0

Cl.Lee, Papelbon (9) and Ruiz; Z.Wheeler, Feliciano (7), Rice (8), C.Torres (8), Germen (9) and T.d'Arnaud. W—Cl.Lee 11-6. L—Z.Wheeler 6-3. Sv—Papelbon (22).

ROCKIES 6, GIANTS 1

San Francisco .....000 000 001 —1 7 1
Colorado .....021 200 10x —613 0

Zito, Moscoso (5), Mijares (7) and Posey; Nicasio, W.Lopez (7), Francis (9) and W.Rosario. W—Nicasio 8-6. L—Zito 4-10. HRs—Colorado, Helton (9), Blackmon (4).

RODEO LEADERS

Through Aug. 25

All-around

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $185,321.
2. Tuf Cooper, Decatur $106,920.
3. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $86,495.
4. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash. $85,384.
5. Caleb Smidt, Yorktown $73,840.
6. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden $69,734.
7. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $68,639.
8. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $60,366.
9. Stetson Vest, Childress $59,443.
10. Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M. $53,016.
11. Josh Peek, Decatur $52,488.
12. **JoJo LeMond, Andrews $50,964.**
13. Morgan Grant, New Waverly $48,222.
14. Clayton Hass, Terrell $45,697.
15. Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D. $41,334.

Bareback Riding

1. Kaycee Feild, Payson, Utah $97,853.
2. Ryan Gray, Cheney, Wash. $92,969.
3. Bobby Mote, Stephenville $89,922.
4. Will Lowe, Canyon $83,432.
5. Wes Stevenson, Lubbock $82,933.
6. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $81,692.
7. Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D. $74,337.
8. Jared Smith, Cross Plains $67,223.
9. Clint Cannon, Hooper $62,864.
10. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore $59,273.
11. Jessy Davis, Power, Mont $57,481.
12. R.C. Landingham, Pendleton, Ore $55,945.
13. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $54,172.
14. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore $53,418.
15. Seth Hardwick, Laramie, Wyo. $52,695.

Steer Wrestling

1. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La. $85,574.
2. Matt Reeves, Cross Plains 66,457.
3. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore $64,784.
4. Jule Hazen, Ashland, Kan $59,027.
5. Hunter Cure, Holliday $58,329.
6. Dean Gorsuch, Gering, Neb $58,098.
7. Straws Milan, Cochrane, Alberta $57,341.
8. K.C. Jones, Decatur $57,291.
9. Jason Miller, Lance Creek, Wyo. $54,254.
10. Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif $54,120.
11. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif $52,242.
12. Wade Sumpter, Fowler, Colo. $44,854.
13. Clayton Moore, Pouce Coupe, British Columbia $44,414.
14. Bray Armes, Ponder $43,205.
15. Sean Santucci, Prineville, Ore. $43,211.

Team Roping (header)

1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $96,650.
2. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga $91,894.
3. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz $87,018.
4. Luke Brown, Stephenville $67,829.
5. Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore. $63,593.
6. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $63,568.
7. Drew Horner, Plano $63,090.
8. Turtle Powell, Stephenville $58,500.
9. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. $57,812.
10. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla. $57,409.
11. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $54,189.
12. Justin Van Davis, Madisonville $53,088.
13. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. $51,337.
14. Arky Rogers, Lipan $49,262.
15. Colby Lovell, Madisonville $49,185.

Team Roping (heater)

1. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $96,730.
2. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla $95,002.
3. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $86,917.
4. Jim Ross Cooper, Monument, N.M $71,415.
5. Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla. $64,353.
6. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $62,745.
7. Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan $62,129.
8. Ryan Motes, Weatherford $61,093.
9. Rich Skelton, Llano $58,977.
10. Tommy Zuniga, Centerville $58,328.
11. Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif $56,806.
12. **Patrick Smith, Lipan $54,189.**
13. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev. $53,649.
14. Martin Lucero, Stephenville $52,788.
15. Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan. $51,337.

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $103,877.
2. Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn. $88,359.
3. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $82,281.
4. Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D. $80,838.
5. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $75,856.
6. Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville $69,415.
7. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D. $67,142.
8. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M $60,742.
9. Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa $59,926.
10. Isaac Diaz, Desdemona $55,118.
11. Bradley Harter, Weatherford $54,640.
12. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $54,371.
13. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville $53,585.
14. Chet Johnson, Sheridan, Wyo $50,040.
15. Tyrel Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba $45,264.

Tie-down Roping

1. Tuf Cooper, Decatur $103,181.
2. Tyson Durfey, Colbert, Okla. $87,288.
3. Scott Kormos, Teague $78,684.
4. Sterling Smith, Stephenville $73,914.
5. Justin Maass, Geddings $70,533.
6. Cody Ohl, Hico $66,447.
7. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $63,005.
8. Caleb Smidt, Yorktown $62,535.
9. Timber Moore, Aubrey $58,600.
10. Stetson Vest, Childress $56,409.
11. Shane Slack, Idabel, Okla $54,855.
12. Randall Carlisle, Castor, La. $52,705.
13. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $52,412.
14. Adam Gray, Seymour $51,736.
15. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $50,874.

Steer Roping

1. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan $62,933.
2. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $52,022.
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $49,021.
4. Cody Lee, Gatesville $47,988.
5. **Dan Fischer, Andrews $42,239.**
6. **JoJo LeMond, Andrews $41,948.**
7. **Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews $40,075.**
8. **J. Tom Fisher, Andrews $36,100.**
9. Joe Wells, Cisco $31,838.
10. Tony Reina, Wharton $31,642.
11. J.P Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla. $30,992.
12. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg $29,892.
13. Mike Christie McAlester, Okla $27,029.
14. Bryce Davis, Ovalo $26,997.
15. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D $26,302.

Bull Riding

1. J.W Harris, Mullen $99,847.
2. Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo. $85,556.
3. Cody Teel, Kountze $83,060.
4. Trevor Kastner, Ardmore, Okla $81,207.
5. Cody Campbell, Summerville, Ore $74,475.
6. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash. $74,227.
7. Josh Koschel, Nunn, Colo $71,809.
8. Elliot Jacoby, Fredricksburg $68,899.
9. Cole Echols, Elm Grove, La. $64,212.
10. Cooper Davis, Jasper $61,899.
11. Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont $61,873.
12. Chandler Bownds, Lubbock $61,359.
13. Bobby Welsh, Gillette, Wyo. $59,594.
14. Steve Woolsey, Payson, Utah $58,271.
15. Tyler Willis, Wheatland, Wyo. $56,178.

Barrel Racing

1. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $136,743.
2. Mary Walker, Enns $118,261.
3. Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro $98,087.
4. Michele McLeod, Whitesboro $97,369.
5. Sabrina Ketcham, Yeso, N.M $95,141.
6. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria $88,995.
7. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D $81,293.
8. Christy Loflin, Franktown, Colo $78,174.
9. Kaley Bass, Kissimmee, Fla $77,355.
10. Taylor Jacob, Carmine $71,347.
11. Jean Winters, Texline $68,176.
12. Trula Chuck Hall, Valentine, Neb $59,040.
13. Sydni Blanchard, Albuquerque, N.M $58,831.
14. Jane Melby, Burneyville, Okla $56,756.
15. Brenda Mays, Terrebonne, Ore $54,967.

GOLF

PGA Tour

FedExCup Leaders

Through Aug. 25

Rank Player	Points	VTD Money
1 Tiger Woods	4,009	$8,215,119
2 Adam Scott	3,846	$4,646,513
3 Phil Mickelson	2,625	$5,224,727
4 Matt Kuchar	2,541	$5,100,008
5 Justin Rose	2,397	$3,691,881
6 Brandt Snedeker	2,219	$4,913,261
7 Graham DeLaet	1,806	$2,105,300
8 Bill Haas	1,719	$3,281,963
9 Jordan Spieth	1,684	$2,724,820
10 Gary Woodland	1,633	$1,810,012
11 Keegan Bradley	1,599	$3,180,813
12 Kevin Streelman	1,581	$2,878,018
13 Henrik Stenson	1,552	$3,465,963
14 Jim Furyk	1,516	$3,433,929
15 D.A. Points	1,497	$2,507,287
16 Jason Day	1,497	$2,981,763
17 Billy Horschel	1,488	$3,157,543
18 Webb Simpson	1,461	$2,487,284
19 Jason Dufner	1,419	$2,678,134
20 Boo Weekley	1,394	$2,601,662
21 Hunter Mahan	1,313	$2,414,497
22 Dustin Johnson	1,226	$2,572,844
23 Rickie Fowler	1,185	$1,783,942
24 Charles Howell III	1,179	$1,826,482
25 Zach Johnson	1,142	$2,287,259
26 Harris English	1,136	$2,127,757
27 Bubba Watson	1,123	$1,674,756
28 Steve Stricker	1,118	$2,553,532
29 Charl Schwartzel	1,084	$1,818,323
30 Jimmy Walker	1,073	$1,941,570
31 Lee Westwood	1,069	$2,012,001
32 Patrick Reed	1,063	$1,927,999
33 Russell Henley	1,049	$1,958,106
34 Roberto Castro	1,036	$1,575,164
35 Nick Watney	1,026	$1,401,439
36 Rory McIlroy	1,025	$1,763,936
37 Matt Jones	1,019	$1,492,707
38 Brendon de Jonge	1,019	$1,324,524
39 John Merrick	1,007	$1,847,080
40 Chris Stroud	984	$1,544,269
41 Jonas Blixt	971	$1,990,166
42 David Lynn	964	$1,550,053
43 Kevin Chappell	962	$1,495,919
44 Graeme McDowell	941	$2,135,769
45 John Huh	935	$1,431,882
46 Matt Every	908	$1,138,947
47 Chris Kirk	905	$1,536,416
48 Ken Duke	903	$1,705,863
49 Scott Piercy	898	$1,659,337
50 Jason Kokrak	884	$1,227,221
51 Brian Gay	872	$1,356,047
52 Daniel Summerhays	867	$1,146,686
53 Ryan Moore	865	$1,299,065
54 Luke Donald	855	$1,428,446
55 Sergio Garcia	848	$1,804,085
56 Rory Sabbatini	846	$1,133,725
57 Sang-Moon Bae	839	$1,696,240
58 Michael Thompson	829	$1,672,420
59 Angel Cabrera	827	$1,751,279
60 Ryan Palmer	824	$1,521,592
61 Fredrik Jacobson	821	$1,236,722
62 Scott Stallings	817	$1,567,947
63 Martin Laird	814	$1,755,393
64 David Lingmerth	807	$1,748,109
65 Charley Hoffman	799	$1,512,853
66 Kyle Stanley	780	$1,462,943
67 David Hearn	733	$1,078,515
68 Bryce Molder	717	$763,258
69 Cameron Tringale	712	$954,889
70 Tim Clark	704	$1,355,952
71 John Rollins	696	$1,164,049
72 Josh Teater	687	$1,315,532
73 Nicholas Thompson	684	$857,770
74 K.J. Choi	680	$944,951
75 Kevin Stadler	674	$923,910
76 Marc Leishman	653	$1,334,599
77 Ian Poulter	647	$1,490,589
78 Martin Flores	631	$805,597
79 Scott Brown	629	$1,012,142
80 Brian Davis	622	$931,257
81 Luke Guthrie	607	$991,902
82 Robert Garrigus	602	$1,132,355
83 Derek Ernst	599	$1,330,858
84 Brian Stuard	583	$1,015,708
85 Bob Estes	581	$748,891
86 Stewart Cink	580	$999,457
87 Jerry Kelly	580	$814,310
88 Brian Harman	578	$909,759
89 Brendan Steele	574	$886,721
90 Martin Kaymer	572	$862,110
91 Ernie Els	571	$1,054,508
92 Richard H. Lee	565	$905,398
93 Greg Chalmers	559	$632,283
94 Erik Compton	548	$651,660
95 Pat Perez

Kurt Busch joining Stewart-Haas Racing in 2014

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kurt Busch said Monday he has signed with Stewart-Haas Racing, which is rapidly developing into a super-team and will have four cars next season with the addition of the 2004 NASCAR champion.

"This is the kind of situation every driver wants to be in and I'm grateful to Gene Haas and Haas Automation for providing me this opportunity," Busch told The Associated Press. "Gene wants to win, and wants me to go out there and perform to the best of my abilities."

The deal was first reported by Fox Sports and ESPN. A news conference was scheduled for Tuesday by SHR.

Busch recently received an offer from SHR co-owner Haas to leave Furniture Row Racing to join a team that will now expand next season to four cars. He'll be teammates with co-owner Tony Stewart, who is out the rest of this year with a broken leg, Danica Patrick and Kevin Harvick, who is leaving Richard Childress Racing to join SHR.

Once Stewart returns — the team has said he'll be back in time for next year's Daytona 500 — SHR will have three drivers with a combined 96 Cup victories and four championships. They also have a combined 675 top-10 finishes. Patrick is in her first full season of Cup.

Harvick is replacing Ryan Newman in the lineup, and Stewart said last month that Newman was being let go because SHR did not have the capability to expand to four cars. But Haas stepped in and courted Busch on his own, and will fund Busch's ride out of his own pocket with sponsorship from his CNC machine company.

Busch

Furniture Row tried desperately to keep Busch, who joined the team with six races remaining last year and has the No. 78 Chevrolet in contention for a berth in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship for the first time in team history.

Furniture Row had just one win, three top-five finishes, eight top-10s and 48 laps led in almost 200 races before Busch. Since Busch came aboard, the car has six top-five finishes, 14 top-10s, 368 laps led and has qualified on the front row seven times.

"It was always our intention to extend Kurt's contract with Furniture Row Racing," general manager Joe Garone said. "We made him an offer last week. Though he did not accept our offer we respect his decision and wish him future success. His driving skill and being a dedicated team player will always be appreciated at Furniture Row Racing. But for right now the main focus for Kurt and the team is to qualify for the Chase and contend for the 2013 Sprint Cup Series championship."

Busch was ninth in points before Saturday night's 31st-place finish dropped him to 12th in the standings with two races remaining to set the Chase field.

Stewart left Joe Gibbs Racing to become co-owner of Haas' lowly team in 2009, bringing Newman with him and immediately making it a legitimate and winning organization. Stewart won the championship in 2011, and brought Patrick aboard in 2012 for 10 Sprint Cup races in preparation for her full-time addition this season.

Harvick was signed in November of last year, a full season before he'd join the team, and now Busch is inked, giving SHR an aggressive driver lineup and doubling its car count in just two seasons.

As for Furniture Row, Garone said progress this season has been shown by the "consistently fast race cars that we have brought to the track week in and week out."

"We, along with our technical alliance with Richard Childress Racing, are deeply committed to continuing the work in progress," he said. "We are currently in a search process for a new driver in 2014, one who shares the same commitment and winning attitude that we all do at Furniture Row Racing."

US Open results

Monday
At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
New York
Purse: $34.3 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Men

First Round

Daniel Evans, Britain, def. Kei Nishikori (11), Japan, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
Dmitry Tursunov (30), Russia, def. Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.
Feliciano Lopez (23), Spain, def. Florent Serra, France, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.
Guillaume Rufin, France, def. Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, 7-6 (4), 6-3, 2-6, 2-6, 6-1.
Richard Gasquet (8), France, def. Michael Russell, United States, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
Stephane Robert, France, def. Albano Olivetti, France, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.
Bernard Tomic, Australia, def. Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6 (1), 6-3.
Bradley Klahn, United States, def. Kenny de Schepper, France, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 7-6 (0), 7-6 (4).
Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, def. Andrej Martin, Slovakia, 6-4, 7-6 (2), 7-5.
Janko Tipsarevic (18), Serbia, def. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-3, retired.
Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, def. Rhyne Williams, United States, 6-3, 4-6, 1-6, 7-5, 6-0.
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Ryan Harrison, United States, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.
Andreas Haider-Maurer, Austria, def. Ernests Gulbis (30), Latvia, 3-6, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, def. Fernando Verdasco (27), Spain, 6-3, 7-5, 1-6, 4-6, 6-3.
Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
Frank Dancevic, Canada, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (3).
David Ferrer (4), Spain, def. Nick Kyrgios, Australia, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.
Tommy Robredo (19), Spain, def. Marinko Matosevic, Australia, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-2.
Dudi Sela, Israel, def. Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, 7-6 (2), 6-3, 6-7 (2), 5-7, 6-4.
Vasek Pospisil, Canada, leads Rogerio Dutra Silva, Brazil, 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (9), 0-4, susp., rain.
Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, leads Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (6), 2-1, susp., rain.

Women

First Round

Carla Suarez Navarro (18), Spain, def. Lauren Davis, United States, 6-0, 6-0.
Li Na (5), China, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-2, 6-2.
Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor, Spain, def. Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, 6-0, 6-4.
Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, def. Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, 6-1, 6-2.
Laura Robson (30), Britain, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, 7-5, 6-0.
CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, def. Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, def. Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, 1-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Venus Williams, United States, def. Kirsten Flipkens (12), Belgium, 6-1, 6-2.
Patricia Mayr-Achleitner, Austria, def. Magdalena Rybarikova (29), Slovakia, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Kaia Kanepi (25), Estonia, def. Vania King, United States, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-1.
Caroline Garcia, France, def. Shelby Rogers, United States, 6-3, 6-2.
Jamie Hampton (23), United States, def. Lara Arruabarrena, Spain, 6-4, 6-2.
Sabine Lisicki (16), Germany, def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Anna Schmiedlova, Slovakia, def. Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (4).
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Olga Puchkova, Russia, 6-1, 6-0.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (32), Russia, def. Virginie Razzano, France, 7-5, 6-0.
Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 6-1, 6-3.
Sorana Cirstea (19), Romania, def. Sharon Fichman, Canada, 7-5, 5-7, 6-1.
Zheng Jie, China, def. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-3.
Ashleigh Barty, Australia, def. Estrella Cabeza Candela, Spain, 6-1, 6-4.
Paula Ormaechea, Argentina, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 6-3, 7-6 (7).
Kurumi Nara, Japan, def. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, 6-2, 6-2.
Sloane Stephens (15), United States, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Kristina Mladenovic, France, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 6-1, 1-6, 6-1.
Ekaterina Makarova (24), Russia, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 6-2, 6-4.
Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, 6-4, 6-3.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, def. Mathilde Johansson, France, 6-3, 6-1.
Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, def. Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.
Eugenie Bouchard, Canada, def. Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.
Jelena Jankovic (9), Serbia, def. Madison Keys, United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Angelique Kerber (6), Germany, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-1.
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-0, 6-1.

Texans hope to know more about Reed's status soon

By Kristie Rieken
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Houston free safety Ed Reed, left, and wide receiver Andre Johnson share a laugh during the team's training camp July 27 in Houston.

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans expect by the end of this week to have a better idea whether injured safety Ed Reed will play in their season opener.

Coach Gary Kubiak said Monday that Reed is in Vail, Colo., visiting the surgeon who performed his April hip surgery to repair a partially-torn labrum. He will receive injections in his hip during the visit and then travel Atlanta later this week to continue his rehabilitation.

The Texans wrap up their preseason on Thursday night at Dallas and open the season Sept. 9 at San Diego.

"I think we're going to have a really good idea of where we're at coming out of Dallas," Kubiak said of Reed's status.

It is the second hip surgery for the 34-year-old Reed, who also had a procedure in 2010 that caused him to miss the first six games of that season.

The nine-time Pro Bowler, who joined the Texans in the offseason after spending his entire career with the Ravens, has been on the physically unable to perform list since the start of camp. But he has said that his rehab is going well and that he believes he's ahead of schedule.

Kubiak stressed that they have been part of all the decisions and plans as he recovers, even though he's spent a lot of time away from the team working with the people in Atlanta who helped him come back from his last procedure. They aren't concerned that his recovery will bleed too far into the season even if he isn't ready for the first week.

"I think we feel good about understanding where he's at and I think the question is if he's going to be ready right off the get-go," Kubiak said. "That's something that's got to get sorted out here pretty quickly."

Kubiak said he had a long conversation with Reed on Sunday before he left for Colorado and that he assured him he's steadily improving.

With Reed out, the Texans have had a chance to give rookie second-round pick D.J. Swearinger extra work, and have been impressed with his development. He could play a big role if Reed isn't ready to play in the opener.

The added playing time Swearinger and Houston's other young safeties have gotten in camp and preseason games has Kubiak confident that the secondary will be fine even if Reed can't play early.

"You've got to understand our approach, our whole training camp our approach has been without him so the team's not going to panic," Kubiak said. "We understand."

NOTES: Kubiak said Monday that QB Case Keenum will start Thursday's game and T.J. Yates will play the second half. He's still trying to decide which player will back up Matt Schaub this season. Yates has had the role for the past two seasons, but a good camp by Keenum has him challenging for the role. "I probably feel as good as I've felt after my starter probably in a long, long time," Kubiak said. "It's a nice problem to have."... TE Garrett Graham has a hip pointer, but should be OK.

OPEN

From 1C

Slovenia until Tuesday.

Earlier on Ashe, 12-time major champion Rafael Nadal delivered a straightforward, straight-set victory over 21-year-old American Ryan Harrison, part of a series of smooth performances by top players. Flipkens was one of two seeded women to lose, along with No. 29 Magdalena Rybarikova of Slovakia.

Three seeded men exited during Monday's afternoon session: No. 11 Kei Nishikori, No. 27 Fernando Verdasco and No. 30 Ernests Gulbis.

Sloane Stephens, a 20-year-old American seeded 15th, very nearly was on the list of losers, dropping the opening set, then trailing 4-2 in the third and 3-1 in the closing tiebreaker, before coming back to edge 110th-ranked Mandy Minella of Luxembourg 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

Stephens heard plenty of support from the crowd, of course. She also picked out one particular voice in the stands that tried to remind her of at least one reason to be motivated.

"Someone yelled to me, 'If you don't get it together, this lady is going to take your second round prize money!' I was like, 'Oh, God,'" Stephens recounted.

She's one of a crop of young women from the U.S. seen as potential successors to the Williams sisters as tennis standard-bearers for the country; the 19 Americans in the main draw are the most at a Grand Slam tournament in seven years.

By reaching the semifinals at the Australian Open in January, then the quarterfinals at Wimbledon, Stephens only increased expectations — particularly when competing on home turf.

"There's more eyes on me," said Stephens, who is based in Coral Springs, Fla. "Just the whole being here at the U.S. Open is a bit overwhelming. Literally everywhere you go, every single person knows who you are, as opposed to when you're at the French Open or when you're at Wimbledon."

Venus Williams has spent 1 1/2 decades in the spotlight, from the moment she showed up at Flushing Meadows in 1997 as a 17-year-old with white beads clackety-clacking in her braids and made it all the way to the title match. She won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in 2000 and 2001, then added three more titles at the All England Club in 2005, 2007 and 2008.

The only other time Flipkens played Williams came during that stretch, in the 2007 Fed Cup, and the Belgian lost in straight sets then.

"Today, I didn't feel a lot of difference between this match and that match," Flipkens said.

She was particularly troubled by Williams' serving and returning. As is her wont, Williams stepped inside the baseline to receive second serves, putting pressure on Flipkens, who double-faulted six times.

Wearing a black dress with a colorful flower print, and fuchsia-colored braids tied in a bun, Williams needed all of 13 minutes to wrest control, taking 16 of the opening 21 points. Williams' power-based game was only occasionally bothered by Flipkens' slices.

There were bumpy patches early in the second set, when Williams faced a total of eight break points, but she saved seven. At 2-all, Williams faced the last significant test, a 16-point, 12-minute game with three break chances for Flipkens that were erased this way: 113 mph ace, 115 mph service winner, 116 mph serve that set up an errant forehand. As that shot from Flipkens sailed long, Williams shouted, "Come on!" Williams won the next point, a 15-stroke exchange, with a volley winner and shook her left fist.

COWBOYS

From 1C

our own goal post.

"Can't happen. I don't care who you are. It can't happen."

Phillip Tanner replaced Murray, who watched from the sideline with his helmet on and his hands on his hips.

"I let it marinate a little bit," Murray said. "It was a little frustrating. I got to be honest. But I'm just trying to make plays. I'm a competitor. I wasn't mad at any one. I wasn't pouting on the sidelines. I wasn't anything. I was waiting for my opportunity to get back in the game. Once my number was called, I was ready to play."

Running with what appeared to be a chip on his shoulder, Murray amassed 45 yards on eight attempts in the third quarter and scored on a 7-yard reception. He said his quality production after halftime had nothing to do with being motivated by the benching.

"I made a mistake and I can't let that happen," said Murray, who Garrett said also blew an assignment on a play that resulted in the Bengals sacking Tony Romo on the game's first play. "No one needs to motivate me. I know how to motivate myself. Just got to do things better.

"...We know how important the ball is. I think there are different approaches to go about (emphasizing ball security), so they chose to go about it that way. And I respect that. Just go to take care of the ball. At the end of the day, that's the whole message."

Garrett praised Murray for the way he handled the benching.

"DeMarco is a man," Garrett said. "He understands team. He understands what his role is on this team and we just felt like that was the right thing to do. And he responded exactly how we thought he'd respond. He came back really hard and really well and took care of the rock, and we will keep doing that going forward."

Garrett didn't rule out benching players in regular season games. But when asked if he thought Romo would get yanked after throwing his first interception, Murray said, "I highly doubt that."

BIG 12

From 1C

of narrow it down. Once we did, Paul looked good, and we felt it warranted to keep the competition going."

With expected starter Michael Brewer dealing with a back problem, new Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury is down to two freshmen — Davis Webb or walk-on Baker Mayfield — to choose from for his head coaching debut at SMU on Friday night. Both could play.

While Waters was tabbed as the first Kansas State quarterback to play after the graduation of Heisman Trophy finalist Collin Klein, Snyder said "in all likelihood" Daniel Sams will also play against North Dakota State on Friday.

Only No. 15 Texas with David Ash returns the same starter from all of last season.

"He's more confident, he's stronger, he's got more experience," coach Mack Brown said of Ash, who has started 18 of his 25 games. "The biggest difference, because of his confidence, he's able to lead."

Sam Richardson took over as Iowa State's starter the last three games of his freshman season, when he had eight TDs and one interception. Bryce Petty, a fourth-year junior, has been the backup to Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III and record-setting Nick Florence at Baylor.

"He's been in every meeting, been in every game with us, so he's seen it all," Bears coach Art Briles said. "That's all kind of filtered down to him through absorption, to where he's got a feel for what should happen before it does. ... We feel confident going into this week with Bryce at the helm."

No. 16 Oklahoma is going with redshirt freshman Trevor Knight as the starter. Kansas, the only Big 12 team that doesn't play the opening weekend, has BYU transfer Jake Heaps after he had to sit out last season.

The Sooners are replacing 50-game starter Landry Jones with a first-time starter over Blake Bell, the junior who has run for 24 career touchdowns in primarily short-yardage situations the past two seasons.

"Blake is continuing to work and compete and maybe, unlike some other years where we've given the bulk of the reps to one guy, we'll be sure that Blake is continuing to get more reps in practice," said coach Bob Stoops, who named his starter late last week. "Trevor's handled it much like he has all camp. He's always come to practice ready to work. They both have. ... (Knight) has had to show consistency and ability this whole time. It's a big body of work to evaluate."

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TODAY: Partly sunny — High: 89 Low: 71

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 93 Low: 72

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 95 Low: 73

Local forecast

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 89, a low around 71 and a 30 percent chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms between 1 p.m. and 1 a.m.

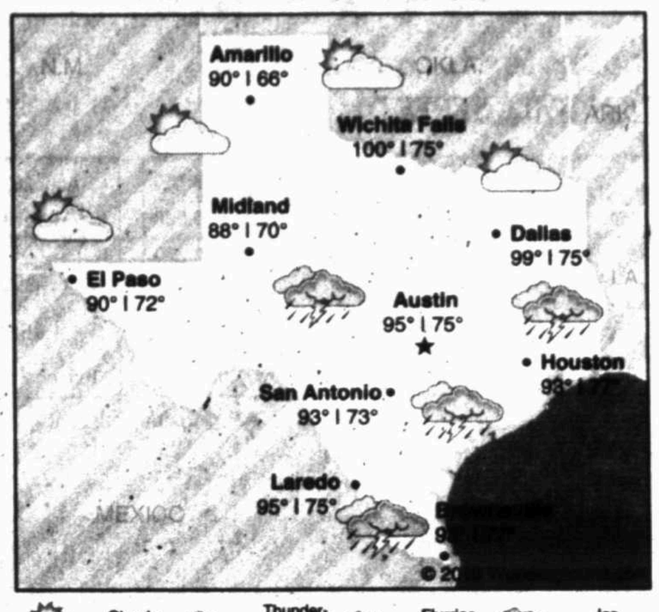
Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 93. Thursday, the high could rise into the mid 90s.

The high on Monday reached 91, while the low dropped to 72. The record high for Aug. 26 is 105 set in 2002. The record low is 56, set in 1966.

Weather Why

Q: How hot can a lightning bolt be?

A: Hotter than you probably think, said Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University. "Scientists have done numerous experiments on this very subject," McRoberts explained, "and the air around a lightning bolt can reach as high as 55,000 degrees Fahrenheit. That's about five times hotter than the surface of the sun. That's why when the air gets that hot near a bolt of lightning, it expands faster than the speed of sound, and the expansion of the air into the cooler surrounding air creates a sonic shock wave — and that's thunder."



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Precipitation	
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.17 in.
Year total	4.56 in.
Normal total (year to date)	9.39 in.

Monday's temperatures	
High	91
Low	72
Normal high	92
Normal low	68
Sunrise	7:21 a.m.
Sunset	8:19 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Aug. 27

Woman battling past regrets must face the future

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 am a 65-year-old active woman who still works. I play tennis several times a week and have a loving relationship with my kids. I know with certainty that I have many good things in my life. However, since my sister died last year, I have been having second thoughts about a lot of the decisions I have made over the years — especially regarding relationships and my choice of jobs.

I realize now that more than a few of my decisions were based on low self-esteem, although I don't come across that way. I'm feeling depressed and lonely, and it's hard to be positive. I feel like my world is shrinking, and I don't know how to get back on track and be a positive and happy person again. As it is, I'm faking it with my children, and my friends have no idea how I really feel. How do I improve my life at this late stage? — DEPRESSED IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR DEPRESSED: One way would be to be more honest with your friends and fake it less. If they are good friends, they'll be willing to listen and give you an honest perspective or the benefit of their life experience. That's what friends do for each other.

You are lucky to be vital and active, because it means your world doesn't have to shrink any more than you want it to. Because you say you're lonely, perhaps it's time to consider enlarging your circle of acquaintances.

The loss of your sister is probably what started your re-evaluation of your life and choices, and that's normal. But please remember that regret is the cancer of life. You can't change the past, and you mustn't allow it to cloud your future. While you may be having second thoughts about choices you made when you were younger, the lessons you learned from them have made you the person you are today.

DEAR ABBY: I think our culture is severely lacking when we don't teach our children how to politely and non-aggressively stand up for themselves when the need arises. People suffer in all sorts of relationships — work, family, friends — because they're afraid of confrontation. Raising a subject that may be embarrassing and risking angering someone isn't fun, but it's COMMUNICATION.

If you have a problem, large or small, address it in private with the individual. And if someone tries to talk to you about something you'd rather not hear, be an adult, listen and respond civilly instead of reacting childishly.

We teach children to respect authority, be kind to others and be leaders — but we don't teach them healthy confrontation, which is something we all encounter in our lives. — TALKING IT OUT IN INDIANA

DEAR TALKING IT OUT: I agree with you. The kind of communication you're describing is a skill. It requires not only a strong ego on the part of the "confronter," but also tact and diplomacy. And the "confrontee" needs to have the ability to listen without responding with hostility to what is being said.

DEAR ABBY: In my university classroom, students place their feet on chairs, teachers lecture while sitting on their desks, and the dean of the school herself sits atop her desk and places her feet on a chair in front of her. Please tell me that this is NOT OK! — PROPER IN WASHINGTON

DEAR PROPER: It appears you come from a generation or culture in which the atmosphere has always been quite formal. I can tell you it's "not OK" if it will make you feel better, but if it's acceptable to the teacher, the dean and the school, then it's time for you to loosen up.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Voids can be dangerous

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NORTH
♠ Q J 10 3
♡ K 7
◇ J 5
♣ A Q J 6 4

WEST
♠ 5 4
♡ 9 5 4 3 2
◇ A Q 10 6 4 2
♣ Void

EAST
♠ 9
♡ A J 10 6
◇ 9 8 7 3
♣ K 10 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 8 7 6 2
♡ Q 8
◇ K
♣ 9 8 7 5

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	3◇
3♠	5♣	5♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: ?

Looking at all four hands, South has three losers at the contract of five spades, one in each side suit, yet the contract was made! Were novices, fair players or experts involved in this deal?

West's three diamond overcall was pre-emptive and East elected to take an advance sacrifice against a spade game. South competed with five spades, and bought the contract. That was some sacrifice by East! With trumps 2-1 and the king onside, five diamonds would have cantered home.

If you decided that this is a deal from expert competition, you are correct. Sitting West was one of Europe's great players, Tony Forrester of Great Britain. Not expecting to find partner with two tricks outside the diamond suit, Forrester thought that a club ruff was needed to give the defense a chance. In light of East's leap to five diamonds, West elected to play partner for the king in that suit, and selected a suit-preference deuce of diamonds as the opening salvo.

A delighted declarer won the first trick with the singleton king, drew two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and ruffed a diamond in hand. A heart to the king lost to the ace, and East did as well as possible by returning a heart.

Declarer won in hand and led a club to the jack, and East had a choice of ways to commit suicide. If the defender refused the trick, declarer would simply exit from dummy with a low club, endplaying East. If East won with the king, the endplay would be in effect one trick earlier.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013:

This year people often don't know which way you will go in situations where your opinion is needed. Sometimes you will be stubborn, as you believe that your idea is the best. Other times, you will want a selection of many ideas to toy around with. If you are single, others could be confused yet intrigued by you. Establishing a steady relationship will be dependent on an accepting partner. If you are attached, you could confuse your sweetie. Sometimes you might be insistent that you are right; other times, you could care less. GEMINI adores your diversity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You are surrounded by several people who are quite self-indulgent. You will want to initiate a serious discussion, but the playfulness around you might create a somewhat chaotic atmosphere. Try another time for an important talk. Tonight: Throw yourself into the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Use the morning for anything major you must do. You will feel more empowered than you have in a long time. By midafternoon, you could encounter a hassle that emerges either at work or within your personal life. Walk away, if need be. Tonight: Start or finish a project at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ If you feel like moving slowly, you have the right idea. In fact, it won't be until midafternoon that you will feel back up to snuff. Initiate a long-overdue conversation with a loved one only when you feel energized and creative. Tonight: Return calls, then decide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Focus your attention on others, on an important business meeting and/or on an opportunity to head in a new direction. You might be difficult to stop once you start moving. A midafternoon break from the daily grind will allow you to do some thinking. Tonight: Make it early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You tend to take on more than your fair share of work and responsibility. The good news is that you know when to kick back and start enjoying yourself. Understand that others are not as spontaneous as you are. Let them follow their own paths. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Look at the big picture, and consider your options. If there is a situation that is stopping you, look at the reason why, and see if it is really worth holding on to. No matter what your decision is, you will need to take the lead. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to look past the obvious with a partner. Try to root out the real cause of this person's interpersonal issue. Know that the situation is resolvable, though you might have to break precedent to find a solution. Tonight: Listen to a great piece of music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You might not be comfortable with everything that others are saying. Don't automatically deny what you hear, as you will get confirmation to the validity of at least part of the message. Tonight: State your feelings in an appropriate discussion with a partner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Continue with your focus on work. Little will be able to distract you until midday. Whether you call it networking or socializing, you will become more people-oriented. Hopefully you can learn how to really enjoy yourself. Tonight: Reach out to a friend at a distance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Review a recent decision before approaching a loved one. A change of mind is not out of the question. You have greater impact than you realize. Approach others with care. You will need to do your share of integrating different opinions. Tonight: Relax — you need to unwind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ If you are able to, try to work from home ... at least through the morning hours. A key situation will encourage you to deal with it first. Once that has been handled, your rambunctious nature might emerge. Tonight: No one can deny that you are a "people person."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Brief calls could turn into lengthy conversations. You might feel as if your whole schedule is being taken over! Resist feeling pressured. Look at the value of these conversations. Important solidifying of different bonds will occur. Tonight: Head home. Face it — you are tired.

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BORN TODAY

Author Norah Lofts (1904), former U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson (1908), actor Paul Reubens (1952)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Seepage at sea
6 King's tenure
11 Attach a button, e.g.
14 "Bye, José!"
15 WWII sub
16 "Go, José!"
17 Easy-to-swallow gelatin pill
19 Luau instrument
20 Util. supply
21 Gets a load of, so to speak
22 Backpack part
24 Daily Planet cub reporter
26 Swab brand
27 Pirate on the Jolly Roger
28 Sydney natives
31 Decorative piece behind a couch
34 Cost-of-living fig.
35 Sticks around
36 Wish undone
37 "For goodness __!"
39 European peak
40 Aromatic burner made from vegetable wax
42 Lake __: "Prairie Home Companion" town
45 Thin coin
46 Colorado natives
47 Valuable violin
49 Persian Gulf emirate
51 Refinery waste
52 Arduous expedition
56 Flow back
57 Seafood selection suggested by this puzzle's circles
60 Gibson of "Braveheart"
61 Artist Rousseau
62 Pisa place
63 Pay dirt
64 Out of the harbor
65 Styles

DOWN
1 Slider's goal
2 Recipient of bags of fan mail
3 "That's __!"
4 Snuggled up on the couch, say
5 PC "oops" key
6 Mumbai money
7 Jed Clampett portrayer Buddy
8 Promissory notes
9 Guy's pal
10 Experimental bomb blasts
11 Cucumber in brine
12 Betty's role in "Hot in Cleveland"
13 Have a bawl
18 Desirable quality
23 "__ the season ..."
25 Grassy expanses
26 "__ Sera, Sera"
27 Bathtub popper
28 Actor Guinness
29 Fencer's sword
30 Family nickname
31 1944 invasion city
32 Presley's middle name
33 Pay cash for
35 Tool with teeth
37 Fit of temper
38 Acknowledges responsibility for
40 "Mayday!"
41 Maxim
43 LAX listing
44 Teahouse hostess
47 Four-time Emmy winner Woodard
48 Underworld society
49 Tutorial feature
50 Slangy prefix meaning "super"
51 Phoenix cagers
53 Place for a pothole
54 Couture monthly
55 Jinglers on rings
58 Vietnamese New Year
59 Poorly lit

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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G	O	N	E		H	I	G	H	G	R	O	U	N	D
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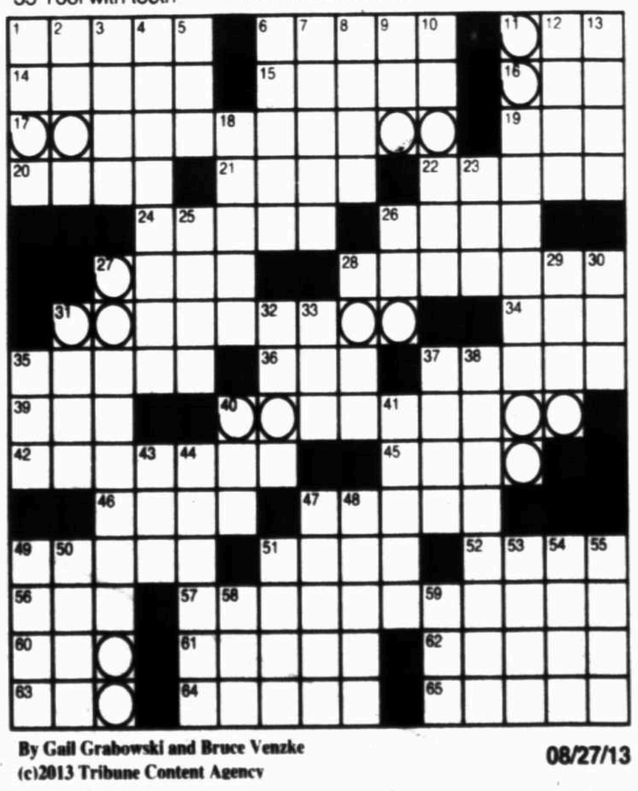

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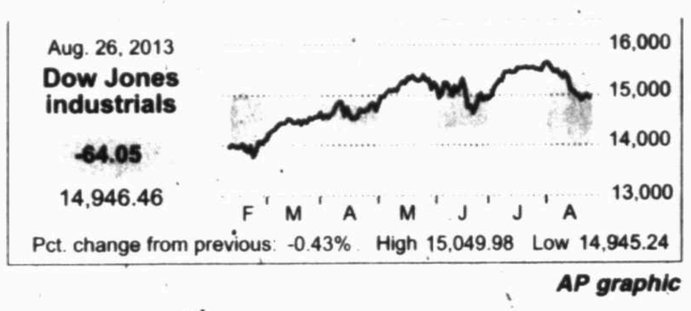
BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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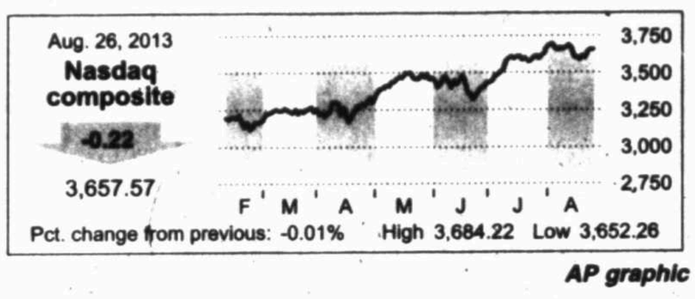

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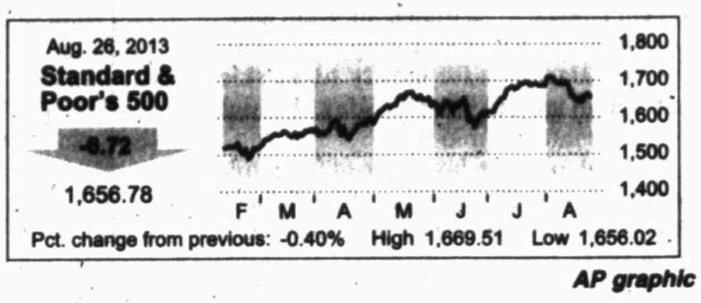

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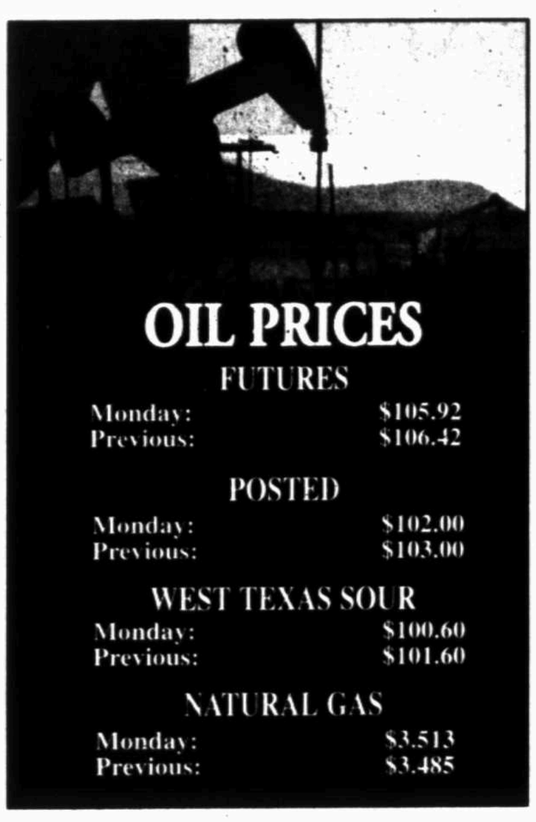

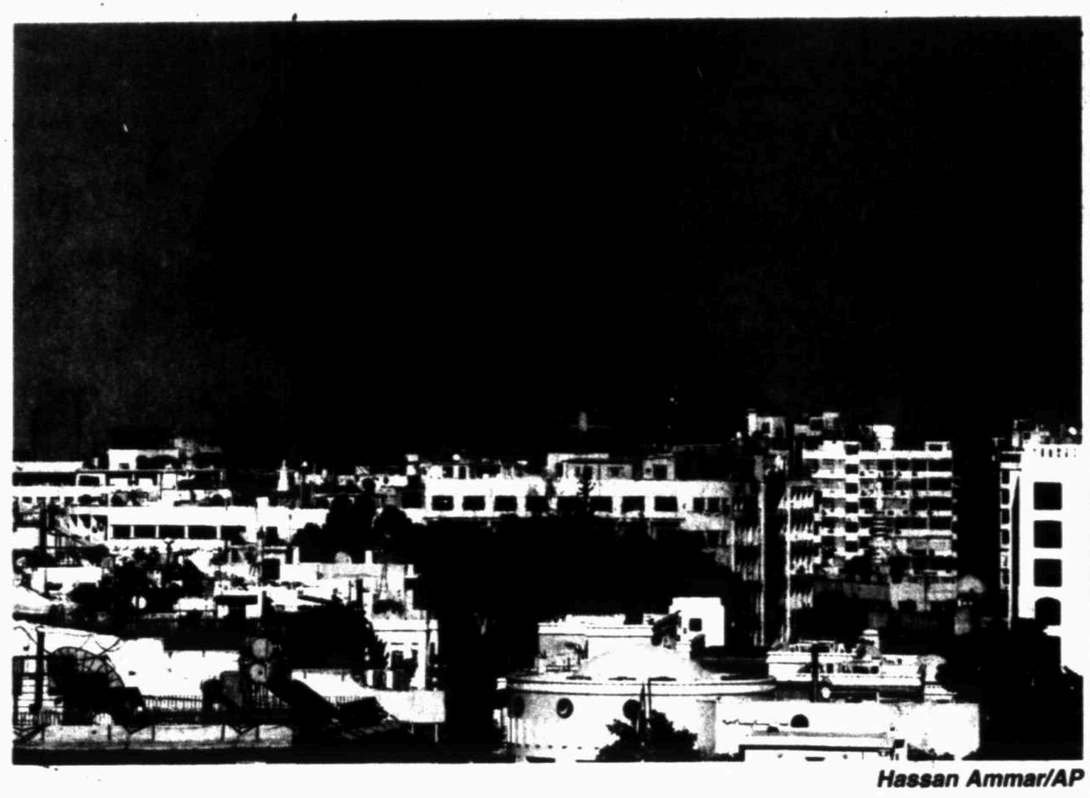

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Black columns of smoke rise from heavy shelling in the Jobar neighborhood, east of Damascus, Syria on Sunday. The stock market sagged Monday after the Obama administration ratcheted up pressure against Syria.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	773068	166.00	-.62
BkofAm	676043	14.49	-.08
iShEMkts	398258	38.23	-.42
MktVGold	334695	30.41	+.27
BarIPVix rs	315863	15.29	+.49

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BioAmbr n	4.87	+.82	+20.2
Edenor	2.32	+.31	+15.2
RadioShk	3.42	+.39	+12.9
TMS Intl	17.48	+1.91	+12.3
USEC rs	18.36	+1.99	+12.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NoahHldgs	13.69	-2.81	-17.0
NuverraE	2.40	-.32	-11.8
BrPNick	18.77	-1.68	-8.2
Gafisa SA	2.40	-.21	-8.0
Tyson	29.17	-2.31	-7.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,259
Declined	1,804
Unchanged	115
Total issues	3,178
New Highs	92
New Lows	18
Volume	2,375,485,803

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AltdNevG	76345	4.91	+.28
InovioPhm	53767	1.72	+.06
NwGold g	47381	7.84	...
Organovo	39610	5.91	+.41
NovaGld g	22254	3.23	+.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AvalonHld	4.96	+.55	+12.5
Orbital	3.40	+.36	+12.0
SaratogaRs	2.16	+.19	+9.6
PhrmAth	2.35	+.17	+7.8
SilvrCrst g	2.14	+.15	+7.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PacBkrM g	4.14	-.60	-12.7
DGSE	2.67	-.25	-8.6
TroTch	3.33	-.17	-4.9
Fibrocell rs	4.86	-.24	-4.7
Daxor	6.98	-.34	-4.6

DIARY

Advanced	187
Declined	222
Unchanged	32
Total issues	441
New Highs	11
New Lows	8
Volume	92,297,961

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsoft	714434	34.15	-.60
Cisco	356959	23.83	-.03
SiriusXM	255568	3.67	-.04
PwShs QQQ	247057	76.71	+.04
TeslaMot	237749	164.22	+2.38

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
InfnCon	3.96	+1.05	+36.1
RespnGen	2.39	+.51	+27.1
Spherix rs	13.55	+2.48	+22.4
Cimatron	7.38	+1.18	+19.0
ZhoneTech	2.97	+.47	+18.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RigelPh	3.14	-.49	-13.5
ChiYida rs	4.20	-.63	-13.0
Ambrtla n	13.42	-1.63	-10.8
e-Future	3.32	-.38	-10.3
AstealntI h	2.44	-.25	-9.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,135
Declined	1,359
Unchanged	115
Total issues	2,609
New Highs	116
New Lows	15
Volume	1,252,172,695

Stock market sags following Kerry remarks

By Matthew Craft
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The stock market sagged Monday after the Obama administration ratcheted up pressure against Syria.

Secretary of State John Kerry said there was "undeniable" evidence of a large-scale chemical weapons attack in Syria last week, and his remarks suggested that the administration was edging closer to a military response.

Major indexes had been holding onto slight gains on Monday until the last hour of trading. That's when Kerry's televised talk appeared to jolt it lower, said Stephen J. Carl, head equity trader at the Williams Capital Group.

The S&P 500 index ended with a loss of 6.72 points, or 0.4 percent, at 1,656.78. The index was up two points just before Kerry began reading his statement.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 64.05 points, or 0.4 percent, to close at 14,946.46. The Nasdaq composite slipped 0.22 of a point, or 0.01 percent, to 3,657.57.

A handful of corporate deals gave the market a lift in the early going. Amgen surged following its announcement late Sunday that the biotech giant plans to buy Onyx Pharmaceuticals for $10.4 billion. The acquisition would give Amgen three approved cancer treatments and several other potential drugs.

In economic news, the government reported that orders for long-lasting manufactured goods plunged 7.3 percent last month, the steepest drop in nearly a year. Demand for commercial aircraft sank and businesses spent less on computers and electrical equipment.

Jack Ablin, the chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank in Chicago, said it's likely that investors are looking past the one bad economic report because so many major events loom ahead.

The Federal Reserve will start a two-day meeting Sept. 17, during which officials will discuss phasing out support for the economy. After that, Germany holds national elections that could change how the region handles rescue loans for troubled countries. The U.S. Congress returns from its summer break next week and will take up a new budget before the fiscal year starts on Oct. 1.

"These issues are big enough to transcend daily data," Ablin said.

The market is expected stay quiet this week, when many traders typically take a summer break before returning after Labor Day.

In corporate news, shares of TMS International jumped 12 percent after members of the Pritzker family agreed to buy the industrial company. The Pritzker family, one of America's wealthiest, operates a global industrial conglomerate and founded the Hyatt hotel chain. TMS jumped $1.91 to $17.48.

With five trading days left in August, the major indexes are on track to end the month with slight losses. The Dow has lost 3.6 percent. If that holds, it would be the Dow's worst month since May 2012.

In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year note slipped to 2.78 percent from 2.82 percent late Friday.

The price of oil fell 50 cents to $105.92 a barrel. Gold for December delivery ended the regular trading day down $2.70 at $1,393.10 an ounce. But in evening trading, gold prices crossed above $1,400 for the first time since June.

Oil edges below $106

The price of oil dipped below $106 a barrel Monday as traders weighed disappointing U.S. orders for durable goods and the potential for international intervention in Syria.

U.S. benchmark crude for October delivery fell 50 cents, or 0.5 percent, to $105.92 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It swung between $105.56 and $107.37 earlier in the day.

The U.S. Commerce Department said that orders for durable goods had their largest drop in almost a year, reflecting a struggling manufacturing sector. Orders for goods mean to last at least three years fell 7.3 percent in July.

Traders are watching economic reports closely, speculating about when the Federal Reserve could begin phasing out its economic stimulus. That pullback depends on the health of the economy.

The price of oil is has risen about 15 percent in the past three months on concern that unrest in Egypt and civil war in Syria could disrupt production and exports, especially in Libya and Iraq.

Gold rises

Gold and silver are rising after Secretary of State John Kerry stepped up the pressure on Syria, denouncing an attack there last week as a "moral obscenity" because of the widespread evidence that chemical weapons were used. Precious metals prices tend to rise when traders shift money into safe-play assets during times of escalating global tension.

Gold for December delivery ended the regular trading session down $2.70 at $1,393.10 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $50.78 Down 0.32

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $96.89 Up 0.73

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $35.90 Down 0.31

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $40.00 Down 0.12

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.76 Down 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.51Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $27.31 Up 0.72

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $14.60 Down 0.15

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80	25	33.82	-.47	+.3
Abraxas	...	...	**2.62**	**+.06**	**+19.6**
AdamsEx	**.67e**	...	**12.15**	**-.04**	**+14.7**
AMD	...	...	3.58	-.07	+49.2
Alcoa	.12	30	8.06	+.01	-7.1
AlonUSA	.24a	6	12.65	-.36	-30.1
AlphaNRs	...	...	6.45	+.11	-33.8
AEgIncLt	.15f	17	19.41	-.43	+59.0
Amgen	**1.88**	**19**	**113.75**	**+8.15**	**+32.0**
Anadarko	**.72f**	**27**	**91.02**	**+1.22**	**+22.5**
Annaly	1.80e	3	11.44	+.02	-18.5
Apache	**.80**	**13**	**79.73**	**-.07**	**+1.6**
Apple Inc	12.20	13	502.97	+1.95	-5.5
ApldMatl	**.40**	**...**	**15.45**	**-.17**	**+35.1**
ATMOS	**1.40**	**16**	**41.87**	**+.04**	**+19.2**
AutoData	1.74	25	72.03	-.25	+26.5
BP PLC	**2.16**	**10**	**41.36**	**-.15**	**-.7**
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	15.72	-.32	+2.9
BakrHu	.60	20	47.25	-.26	+15.7
BkofAm	.04	26	14.49	-.08	+24.8
BarIPVix rs	...	...	15.29	+.49	-51.9
BarrickG	.20m	...	20.43	+.36	-41.6
BasicEnSv	...	...	12.07	+.09	+5.8
BerkHa A	**...**	**1617**	**1000.00**	**-320.00**	**+27.6**
BerryPet	**.32**	**15**	**41.55**	**-.15**	**+23.8**
BlkHillsCp	**1.52**	**17**	**49.13**	**-.35**	**+35.2**
BlackBerry	...	...	10.42	+.08	-12.2
BostonSci	...	...	11.28	+.14	+96.9
BrMySq	**1.40**	**52**	**42.42**	**+.18**	**+31.6**
BrownFA	**1.02a**	**25**	**68.99**	**-.01**	**+12.2**
BrownFB	**1.02a**	**25**	**69.12**	**-.75**	**+9.3**
CVS Care	.90	17	58.24	+.27	+20.5
Cameron	...	18	56.30	-.54	-.3
Caterpillar	2.40f	13	83.56	-.33	-6.8
Celestic g	...	23	10.51	-.26	+29.0
Cemex	.45f	...	11.66	-.43	+22.9
CntryLink	2.16	19	33.14	-.16	-15.3
ChesEng	.35	...	26.35	+.12	+58.5
Chevron	**4.00**	**9**	**118.84**	**-.69**	**+9.9**
Chicos	.22	14	15.58	-.17	-15.6
Cimarex	.56	18	82.31	+1.50	+42.6
Cisco	.68	13	23.83	-.03	+21.3
Citigroup	.04	13	49.60	-.23	+25.4
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**50.78**	**-.32**	**+27.0**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CocaCola	**1.12**	**20**	**38.12**	**-.40**	**+5.2**
ColgPalm s	**1.36**	**24**	**58.22**	**-.81**	**+11.4**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**16**	**34.51**	**-.57**	**+17.0**
ConchoRes	**...**	**52**	**96.89**	**+.73**	**+20.3**
ConocoPhil	**2.76f**	**11**	**66.31**	**-.24**	**+14.3**
Corning	.40	11	14.75	-.02	+16.9
CrackerB	3.00f	20	100.97	+.44	+57.1
CrosTim	**2.03e**	**14**	**29.01**	**-.10**	**+7.8**
DCP Mid	2.84f	21	48.79	-.41	+16.9
DTE	2.62	18	67.04	-.34	+11.6
Dataram rs	...	...	2.85	-.04	+44.0
Dawson	**...**	**20**	**35.90**	**-.31**	**+36.1**
DeltaAir	.24	9	20.27	+.15	+70.8
DevonE	**.88**	**...**	**58.07**	**-.06**	**+11.6**
DxSCBr rs	...	...	25.67	+.01	-52.5
Disney	**.75f**	**18**	**61.35**	**-.38**	**+23.2**
DowChm	**1.28**	**42**	**38.65**	**-.09**	**+19.6**
DryShips	...	...	2.41	+.16	+50.6
EMC Cp	.40	21	26.27	-.11	+3.8
EOG Res	**.75**	**43**	**157.11**	**+.49**	**+30.1**
EmpDist	**1.00**	**16**	**21.80**	**-.18**	**+7.0**
Energen	.58	20	67.83	+.20	+50.4
EngyTsfr	3.58	12	52.28	-.05	+21.8
EnPro	**...**	**31**	**58.21**	**-.34**	**+42.3**
EntPrPt	2.72f	21	59.53	-.11	+18.9
Ericsson	.43e	...	12.17	+.04	+20.5
ExterranH	**...**	**11**	**27.89**	**-.16**	**+27.2**
ExxonMbl	**2.52**	**9**	**87.09**	**-.43**	**+.6**
FordM	.40	12	16.41	-.04	+26.7
ForestOil	...	17	5.53	-.02	-17.3
FMCG	1.25a	11	31.51	-.28	-7.9
GATX	**1.24**	**17**	**45.66**	**-.43**	**+5.5**
GabMultT	**.80**	**...**	**9.50**	**-.00**	**+21.0**
GAInv	**2.00e**	**...**	**33.26**	**+.02**	**+19.5**
GenElec	**.76**	**17**	**23.61**	**-.17**	**+12.5**
GenMotors	...	12	34.92	-.14	+21.1
GtPlainEn	**.87**	**14**	**22.44**	**-.16**	**+10.5**
Groupon	...	...	10.28	+.41	+111.5
HalconRes	...	34	4.80	-.15	-30.6
Hallibrtn	**.50**	**17**	**48.44**	**-.27**	**+39.6**
HewlettP	.58	...	22.27	-.13	+56.3
HomeDp	1.56	22	75.43	+1.54	+22.0
IAMGld g	.25	11	6.79	+.08	-40.8
iShBrazil	1.36e	...	43.04	-.74	-23.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShJapan	15e	...	11.19	-.13	+14.8
iShSilver	...	...	23.46	+.31	-20.1
iShChinaLC	.93e	...	35.68	+.02	-11.8
iShEMkts	.77e	...	38.23	-.42	-13.8
iShR2K	1.75e	...	103.18	+.01	+22.4
IntegrysE	2.72	14	57.32	-.21	+9.8
Intel	**.90**	**12**	**22.28**	**-.17**	**+8.0**
InterDig	.40a	6	36.71	-.17	-10.7
JPMorgCh	1.52f	9	51.80	-.52	+18.6
JohnJn	**2.64**	**19**	**87.53**	**-.88**	**+24.9**
KimbClk	**3.24**	**20**	**94.53**	**-1.36**	**+12.0**
KindME	5.28f	30	83.07	-.38	+4.1
KindMM	5.28t	51	80.44	-.19	+6.6
Kinross g	...	...	5.90	+.06	-39.3
LegacyRes	2.32f	...	26.76	-.01	+12.4
Lubys	**...**	**34**	**7.71**	**-.21**	**+15.2**
MannKd	...	...	5.78	+.26	+150.2
MktVGold	.46e	...	30.41	+.27	-34.4
MarvellT	.24	24	11.99	-.20	+65.1
McDnlds	3.08	17	95.31	+.18	+8.0
Merck	1.72	26	47.62	-.11	+16.3
MeritMed	**...**	**46**	**13.27**	**-.02**	**-4.5**
MexcoEn	...	...	6.51	...	+1.2
MicronT	...	...	13.78	-.08	+117.4
Microsoft	.92	13	34.15	-.60	+27.9
Nabors	.16	37	15.83	-.07	+9.6
NatGrid	**3.16e**	**...**	**57.65**	**-.38**	**+.4**
NOilVarco	1.04	14	73.34	+.80	+7.3
NokiaCp	...	...	4.17	+.01	+5.6
NvMAd	**.80e**	**...**	**12.26**	**-.06**	**-19.4**
NvPMI	**.88**	**...**	**12.45**	**-.05**	**-16.6**
NuvPI	**.86**	**...**	**12.24**	**-.16**	**-18.2**
NSTFI3	**.63a**	**...**	**12.49**	**-.04**	**-14.6**
NTXQI	**.70**	**...**	**13.48**	**+.13**	**-14.9**
NuverraE	...	...	2.40	-.32	-40.4
OcciPet	**2.56**	**16**	**87.92**	**-.25**	**+14.8**
OnyxPh	...	...	123.49	+6.53	+63.5
Oracle	.48f	14	32.34	+.57	-2.9
Pandora	...	...	18.91	...	+106.0
ParTech	**...**	**...**	**4.34**	**+.04**	**-11.4**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**5.84**	**+.03**	**+27.0**
PattUTI	**.20**	**14**	**20.03**	**+.18**	**+7.5**
PeabdyE	.34	...	18.25	+.40	-31.4
PennaRE	**.72**	**...**	**18.89**	**-.03**	**+6.0**
Prmian	.79e	18	13.85	+.23	+13.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Petrobras	.27e	...	14.56	-.42	-25.2
Pfizer	**.96**	**14**	**28.02**	**-.32**	**+11.7**
PioNtrl	.08	49	172.96	+.76	+62.3
PlainsAA s	**2.35f**	**18**	**51.60**	**-.14**	**+14.1**
PwShs QQQ	.94e	...	76.71	+.04	+17.8
Praxair	**2.40**	**21**	**117.94**	**-.77**	**+7.8**
PrmEgy	**...**	**11**	**47.50**	**+.00**	**+106.5**
ProctGam	**2.41**	**20**	**78.54**	**-1.47**	**+15.7**
Qualcom	1.40	18	66.95	-.20	+8.2
RadioShk	...	...	3.42	+.39	+61.3
RangeRs	.16	...	77.24	+.18	+22.9
RegionsFn	.12	12	9.81	-.13	+37.6
RiteAid	...	...	3.48	+.05	+155.9
Rowan	...	21	36.26	+.16	+16.0
RoyDShllA	3.60	8	64.24	-.18	-6.8
SpdrDJIA	3.52e	...	149.21	-.62	+14.3
S&P500ETF	3.33e	...	166.00	-.62	+16.6
SabnR	3.63e	15	53.80	+.99	+35.2
SanderFm	**.58**	**29**	**69.79**	**-1.71**	**+46.8**
SandRidge	**...**	**...**	**5.33**	**+.06**	**-16.1**
Sapient	**...**	**31**	**15.31**	**+.09**	**+45.0**
Schlmbrg	1.25	17	81.90	+.23	+18.2
SigmaAld	**.86**	**22**	**83.64**	**-.29**	**+13.7**
SiriusXM	.05e	52	3.67	-.04	+26.8
Smucker	2.32f	21	107.50	-.96	+24.7
SP CnSt	1.10e	...	39.74	-.47	+13.9

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Staples	.48	...	14.37	+.17	+26.1
SunocoLog	2.40f	15	65.05	-.99	+30.8
TeleEsp	**...**	**...**	**14.30**	**-.06**	**+6.0**
TeslaMot	...	...	164.22	+2.38	+384.9
Tesoro	1.00f	11	47.96	-1.05	+8.9
3M Co	2.54	18	114.33	-.07	+23.1
Torchmark	**.68**	**13**	**71.07**	**-.25**	**+37.9**
TriContl	**.71e**	**...**	**18.38**	**-.04**	**+14.5**
TylerTech	**...**	**67**	**75.21**	**-.10**	**+55.3**
Tyson	.20	14	29.17	-2.31	+50.4
UBWV	**1.24**	**18**	**28.75**	**-.17**	**+18.1**
Vale SA	.78e	...	15.20	-.17	-27.5
ValeroE	.90f	9	36.02	-.38	+5.6
VulcanM	**.04**	**...**	**48.03**	**-.19**	**-7.7**
Walgrn	**1.26f**	**22**	**48.82**	**+.03**	**+31.9**
WellsFargo	1.20	11	42.39	-.37	+24.0
Wendys Co	.20f	...	7.98	+.03	+69.8
WstnRefin	.72f	6	30.40	-.61	+7.8
WhitingPet	...	15	50.85	+.26	+17.2
WmsCos	1.47f	40	36.22	-.09	+10.6
XcelEngy	**1.12**	**14**	**27.71**	**-.21**	**+3.7**
Xerox	**.23**	**11**	**10.00**	**-.04**	**+46.6**
Yahoo	...	8	27.71	-.29	+39.2
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15,658.43	12,471.49	Dow Jones Industrials	14,946.46	-64.05	-.43	+14.06	+13.88
6,686.86	4,838.10	Dow Jones Transportation	6,479.36	-.49	-.01	+22.10	+27.71
537.86	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	479.26	-3.68	-.76	+5.78	+1.20
9,695.46	7,841.76	NYSE Composite	9,432.51	-42.31	-.45	+11.71	+17.37
2,509.57	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,321.80	-7.42	-.32	-1.44	-3.76
3,894.19	2,810.80	Nasdaq Composite	3,657.57	-.22	-.01	+21.13	+19.02
1,709.67	1,343.35	S&P 500	1,656.78	-6.72	-.40	+16.17	+17.47
18,157.57	14,036.94	Wilshire 5000	17,633.57	-54.85	-.31	+17.60	+19.95
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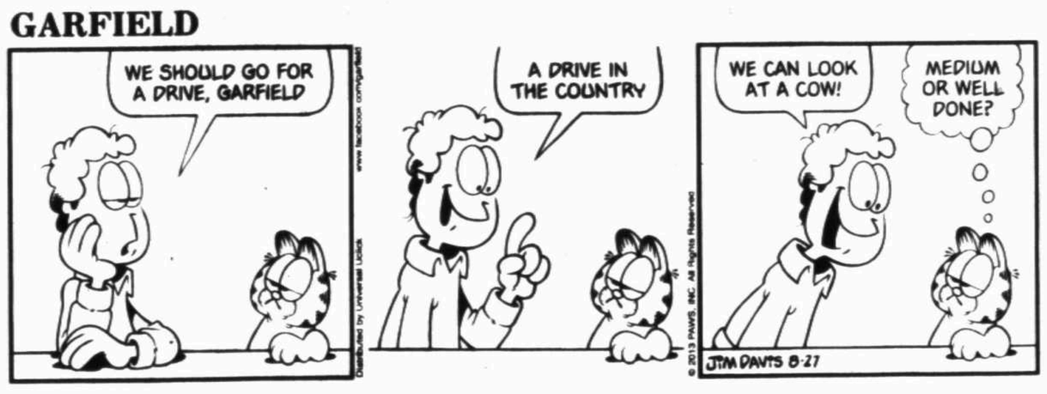

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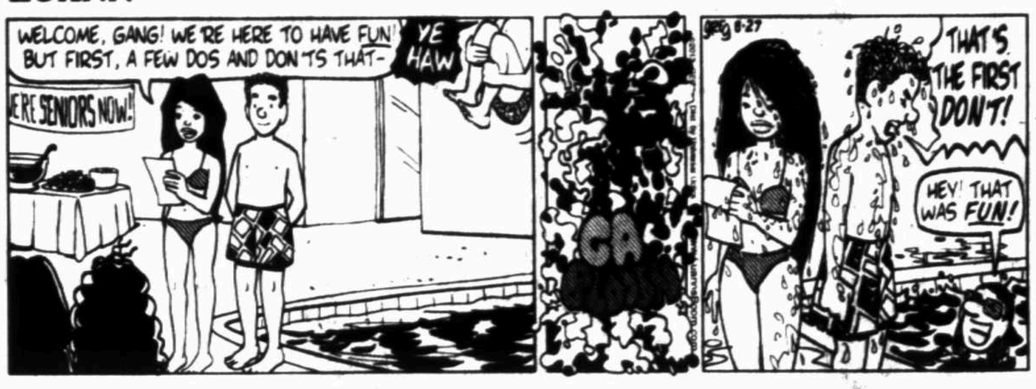

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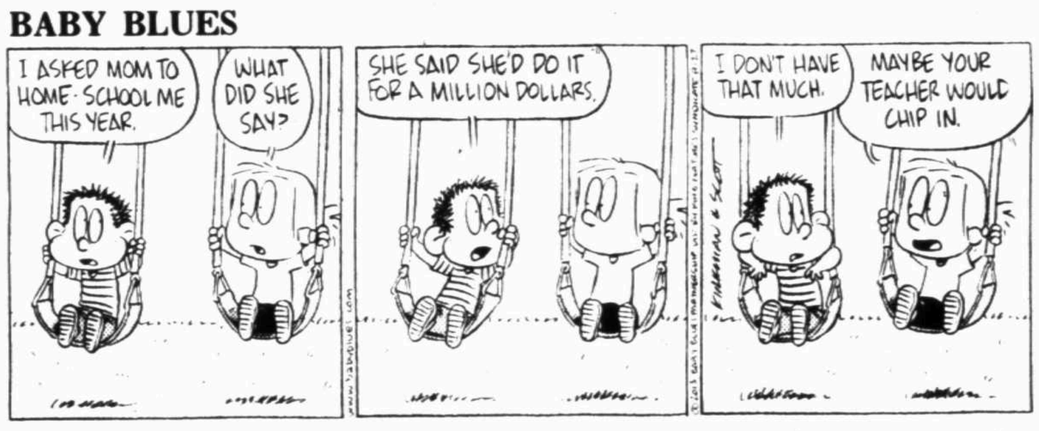

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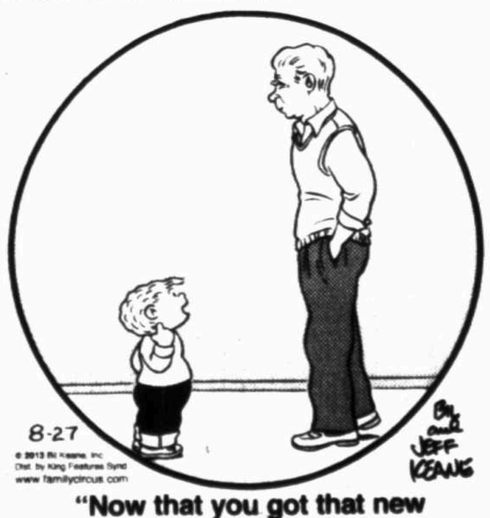

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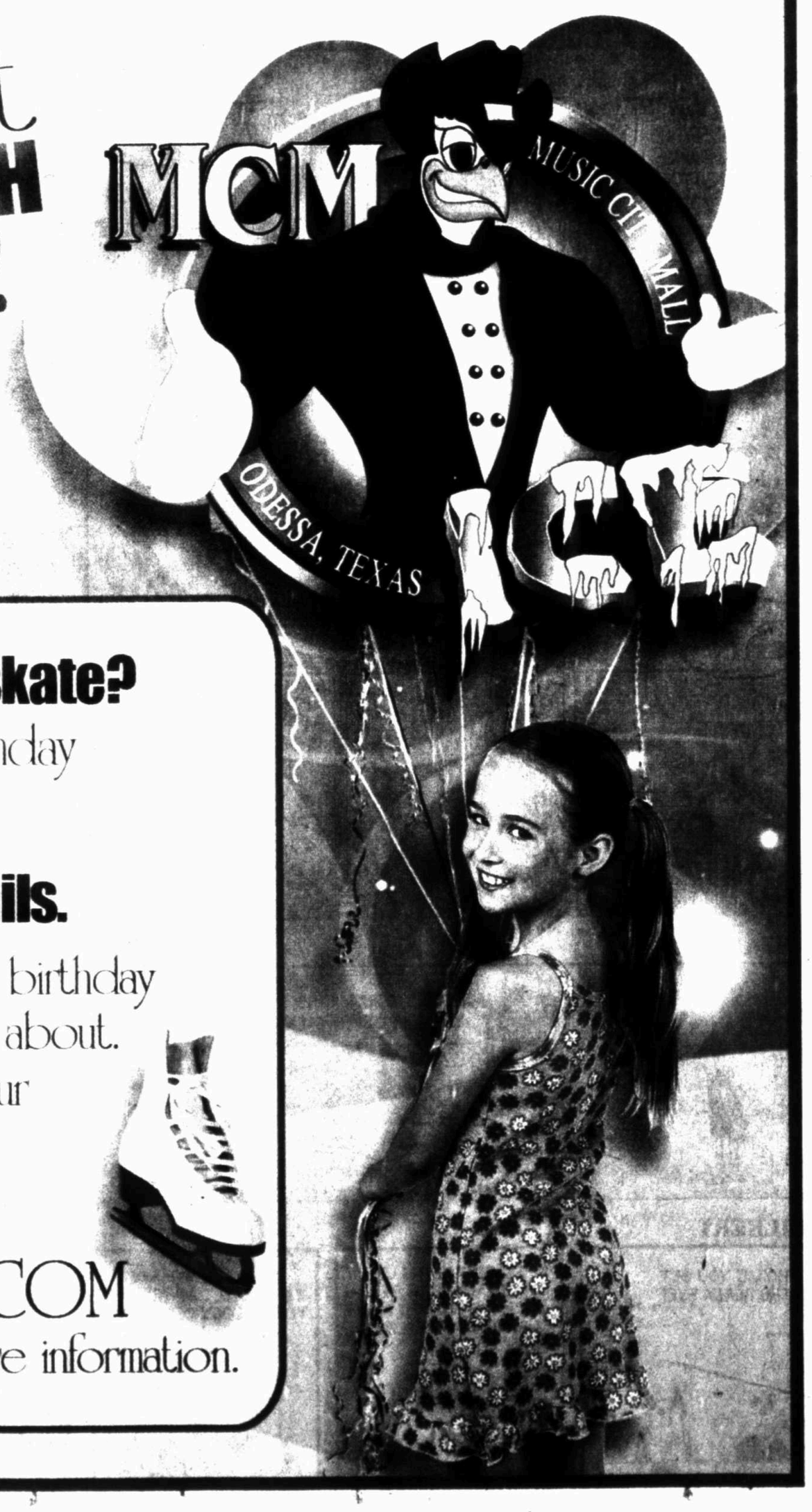

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NOTICE FOR BIDS

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Legal & Public Notices

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 or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, Preston Spraberry Unit Lease, Well Number 1601D. The proposed disposal well is located 30 miles SE of Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3900 to 4900 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, requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to: Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone) (512/463-6792).

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FOUND MALE puppy, near Ward/Fairfax. 15" high, long brown/white hair 432-352-3895

FOUND SAT. 8/24 small male black/white Schnauzer mix, WCR 130, has blue collar, 432-683-8810.

FOUND SET of keys, Thomason & Eisenhower. Call to identify 432-556-9153.

FOUND TAN Chihuahua in Sundridge Estates. 432-638-4121

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of PAUL PRICE, JR., Deceased, were issued on July 23, 2013 in Docket Number P-17,537, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas to JOANELLE D. HAMILTON, Independent Executrix.

The address of record for JOANELLE D. HAMILTON is 404 North Brentwood, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79703.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 26th day of July, 2013.

LAW OFFICE OF J. BRIAN MARTIN
/s/ J. Brian Martin
600 North Loraine
P.O. Box 3867
Midland, Texas 79702
Phone: 432-683-2217
Fax: 432-683-4540
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Friday September 6, 2013 at 10:30 A.M., SecurCare Self Storage #0215, 1010 N. Loop 250 W., Midland, Texas 79703, 432-697-5932
Auction Time: 10:30 A.M. MIDLAND, TX
168 - David Bowman: Tubs, Fan, Christmas Décor, Dryer, Misc
294 - Ruben Saenz - Mini Fosse Ball Table, Mattress, Misc
309 - Christina Hale - Bar Stools, Table, TV, Enter Center, Misc

SecurCare Self Storage #0216, 3233 E. Highway 80, Odessa, TX 79761 432-337-0271 - Immediately following auction at 1010 N Loop 250 W. Midland
47 - Crystal Alexander - Dresser, Table, Chairs, Couch, Misc
57 - Kenyata D Johnson - Microwave, Dresser, Tubs, Misc
60 - Kourtney Scott - Clothes, Boots, Misc
110 - Ralph Mireles, Jr. - Childs Bike, Swing Set, Futon, Misc

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0284018
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Aug 12, 2013 — Status/Permit No. 767346
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep 16, 2013
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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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) 463-6848.**

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Lease/Unit Well No.:	2H	
Lease/Unit Acres:	1116.8	
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Lease Lines:	384.0 F NORTH L	840.0 F EAST L
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Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
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Terminus Location
BH COUNTY: GLASSCOCK
Section: 23 Block: 36 T2S Abstract: 385
Survey: T& P RR CO
Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L
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Field rules for ALL fields on the permit applicaiton are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

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If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DAVID VINCENTI at (972) 969-3935.

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2004 FORD F-250 Crew-cab, FX-4, 4wd, blue/silver, diesel, automatic, short bed, good condition, nice tires & wheels Clean title. $13,500. Call 915-549-4728.

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CHEVROLET 2004 Suburban, 2WD, 117K mi. Rear DVD, Excellent condition, well maintained $8,500. 432-352-3310.

CHEVY 1990 1/2 TON PICKUP WANTED. I am an individual, not a junk car buyer. Must have good body, 16" wheels, motor & transmission, working or not, 432-230-9273.

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CHEVY 2012 Silverado 2500HD. LTZ, Z71 4x4. Duramax, 29k miles, white with tan leather, heated/cool seats, Nav, camera, engine brake, trailer brake, new tires, hard folding bed cover, B&W gooseneck and 5th wheel set up. Very nice! NADA $51,000 asking $45,000. Call 432-682-3214 or 432-559-8001.

DODGE 2006 Ram Big Horn Edition. 79,000 Miles. Great condition. Cloth seats, navigation, wood grain interior, sunroof. $17,900 or best offer. Call 432-638-3858

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U12487.....2011 CADI SRX AWD 4DR TURBO PERFORMA...$36,884

CHRYSLER
U12509A.....2010 CHRY SEBRING 2DR CONV TOURING R..$11,500

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M12343.....2012 DODG CHARGER 4DR SDN RT RWD WHITE.....SOLD!!
U12462A.....2003 DODG RAM 1500 2DR REG CAB.....$7,995
M12400A.....2005 DODG RAM 1500 4DR QUAD CAB.....$13,880
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U12479.....2012 FORD F-150 4WD SUPERCREW XLT ECO.....$29,995
U12534A.....2012 FORD FOCUS 4DR SDN SE RED.....$14,881
U12472.....2012 FORD FUSION 4DR SDN SEL FWD RED.....$16,795
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M12412.....2012 HOND ACCORD SDN 4DR I4 AUTO SE...$19,900

HUMMER
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U12518.....2012 JEEP GRAND CHER 4WD 4DR LIMITED....$33,884
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U12537.....2008 JEEP WRANGLER 4WD 4DR UNLIMITED.....SOLD!!

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M12443.....2011 LAND RANGE ROVE 4WD 4DR HSE BLACK.....$56,884

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U12489.....2012 MAZD CX-7 FWD 4DR I SPORT BLACK.....$19,884
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U12533.....2012 MAZD CX-7 FWD 4DR I SPORT SILVER.....$19,881
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U12520A.....2010 MAZD CX9 WHITE 3.7L.....$20,671
2389MA.....2012 MAZD MAZDA3 5DR HB AUTO I TOURI...$18,884
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M12474.....2010 MERC E-CLASS 4DR SDN E350 LUXURY....$35,884
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U12449A.....2010 NISS PATHFINDER 2WD 4DR V6 SE.....$17,995
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U12504A.....2011 RAM 1500 4WD CREW CAB.....$28,884
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2355MA.....2004 TOYO CAMRY SOLA 2DR CPE SE V6.....$6,995
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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Accountant

Blue Streak Transportation, Inc. in Midland, TX is looking for an experienced accountant to manage all aspects related to its financial health. Responsibilities include Managing monthly close, entry of A/R, A/P, and Payroll, Oversee cash management, Monitor and participate in collections, Prepare monthly financial analysis for management, Prepare financial statements, budgets, and account reconciliations, Monitor fixed assets, File monthly tax reports, Oversee annual audits, Manage accounting department/employees. Requirements include a Bachelo's degree in Accounting, 5+ years of experience, Prior auditing experience a plus, Attention to detail, Problem solving skills, Excellent organizational skills, and a Positive attitude Salary DOE. Excellent Benefits. Please fax or email resume and cover letter to 432-563-1486 or michelle@bluestreaktrans.com

FULL CHARGE BOOKKEEPER

Full Charge Bookkeeper with a minimum 10 years experience needed for busy multiple entity office. Must have strong Excel and analytical skills, solid working knowledge of QuickBooks and exposure to oil and gas accounting software. Job includes reconciliations, receivables, payables, creating and maintaining spreadsheets. Ideal candidate should be detail oriented, organized and self-motivated with ability to manage multiple tasks. Pleasant working environment with good salary and benefit package.

Equal Opportunity employer, Non-smoking environment.

Please email resume and cover letter to:
Blind.box.p110@gmail.com
or mail to: P-110 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram,
201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701

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REVENUE CLERK

A publicly-traded oil and gas company in Midland, Texas, is seeking a revenue clerk with experience in the following areas: revenue booking, and filing. Excel proficiency a must. Horizon experience helpful. This position demands an energetic individual who is conscientious, accurate and reliable. We are an equal opportunity employer and offer competitive salary with an excellent benefits package. Non-smoking environment.

Please email resumes to hr@claytonwilliams.com or send to:
Attn: Personnel
Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.
6 Desta Drive, Suite 6500
Midland, Texas 79705
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AUTOMOTIVE

Parts Counter Help, Cashier, Sales Associate

Stanley Ford - Andrews FT

Stanley Ford - Andrews is currently seeking applicants for the following positions:

Parts Counter Help
Cashier
Sales Associate

While experience is preferred, we will consider training the right individual.

Benefits include:
Health Insurance
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Qualified Candidates must be able to pass a Background Check as well as a Drug Screening.

Applications are available at:
1700 North US Highway 385
Andrews, Texas 79714

Please send resume and /or application to: Pat Plunkett via fax at: 432-524-9112 or via email at: pplunkett@stanleyautogroup.com.

BANKING & MORTGAGE

Banking Positions Available

MTCU FT
Midland, TX 79704

MTCU is looking for individuals that are enthusiastic and would like to build a career in financial services. We currently have Teller, Membership & Accounting Assistant positions available. For more information send your resume to: PO Box 4307, Midland, Tx 79704 or contact Cynthia or Michelle at 432-688-7300. EOE.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Assistant

CDK Perforating, LLC FT

CDK Perforating seeks an Administrative Assistant for our Midland location. This position requires a candidate to have advanced computer skills, proficient in Word and Excel, excellent organization, and ability to multitask in a fast paced office. He/She would react well under pressure, manage competing demands, deal with frequent change. 2+ years of experience in a similar role. Previous oil and gas office experience a plus. Competitive pay with a full benefits package. Please send your cover letter and resume to: ajordan@cdkperforating.com.

Secretary/Receptionist

Confidential FT

Small office seeking fulll time Secretary/Receptionist.
Applicants must be dependable and have knowledge of Sage Peachtree is a plus. Fax resume 432-687-0065.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Caregiver

Animal Krackers FT/PT

Patient and driven employees needed to care for children. Flexible hours and good pay. Part-time or Full-time, experience preferred. Needs to be available from 8:00 am-5:30 pm. Please call Amee Janna at 432-687-4000.

CDK Perforating, LLC

a growing completions company in the Oil & Gas Industry, seeks a HSE Coordinator for our Midland location.

This position requires an applicant to manage District education program to meet company safety and ergonomic performance objectives through the following: new hire and monthly training; industry and customer required training; regular audits of employee compliance records, district facility and field job sites; immediately responds to and investigates District safety related concerns and incidents; tracks injury and illness rates, employee and fleet hours; makes safety recommendations and improvements; inventories and issues required PPE; reports and follows direction of HSE Director as required.

Must have 2+ years' experience in the Oil & Gas Industry, and 2+ years training/teaching experience. Proof is required. 2+ year's supervisory experience desired. Rig Pass Instructor and/or DOT Compliance experience a plus.

To perform the job successfully, an individual should demonstrate strong leadership skills, analytical skills, attention to detail, sound judgment, group and presentation skills, and effective use of time.

He/She would react well under pressure; manage competing demands, deal with frequent change, delays or unexpected events; commit to long hours of work when necessary to reach goals.

E-mail cover letter and resume to ajordan@cdkperforating.com.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Entry Level Helper

Production Lift Systems FT

Local oilfield service company seeking Entry Level, Wireline and Swabbing Helper's. Full benefits. Must have a valid driving license and pass drug test. Apply at 14 East Industrial Loop, Midland, TX. 79701 or Call 432-699-1200.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Purchasing Agent/Warehouseman

Purchasing Agent/Warehouseman needed with experience in the Natural Gas Industry near Midland. Working knowledge of engine parts is preferred. Must be self-motivated, dependable and reliable. Competitive salary and benefits. To apply to go: www.energytransfer.com, click on Careers/Search Current Openings/Purchasing Agent.

Safety Person

Arguijo Oilfield Services FT

Safety Person needed that has Pipeline, NCCER, Veriforce, and ISN experience. Please send resume to: aoei1@hotmail.com or Arguijo Oilfield Services, 2800 West 42nd, Odessa, Texas 79764.

Shop Hand & Errand Runner/Lt Janitorial

2 PT openings 24-32 hrs/wk. Must pass drug screen, a Valid DL, reliable trans, and lift minimum of 50 lbs. Call (432) 689-2240 ext. 205 for appointment.

Hunt

West Texas Production Operator

A Privately held exploration and production company, Hunt Oil has successfully conducted worldwide petroleum operations for over 75 years, and is one of the world's leading independent energy companies. We are currently seeking a West Texas Operator to work in the Crane / Rankin areas.

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- Compile production data and enter in TOW accounting program.
- Minimum OF 5 years production experience
- High School diploma or equivalent
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HEALTHCARE

Dental Assistant

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Marketer Position

MARTIN COUNTY HOME HEALTH is now accepting applications for our Marketer position. MCHH is seeking a self starter with an energetic and magnetic personality. Marketing experience and a general knowledge of medical services a plus. Competitive pay with great benefits available. Full time Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm. Call 432-607-3249 or fax resume to 432-607-3299 Attention Allison Roy RN, DON, AA

Medical Assistant

Confidential FT
Midland, TX 79701

Medical Assistant needed for busy Urology office. Job duties include filing, preparing lab test, assisting physicians with patient exams & minor procedures, sterilization of equipment & other clinical duties. The successful candidate will have a high school degree, some computer knowledge & good communication skills. Experience in a clinical setting & a CNA Certificate is preferred. Resumes will be accepted at: 2706 West Cuthbert, Bldg C, Midland, Tx 79701

Medical Assistant/Receptionist

Advanced Neuroscience Clinic FT

Hiring Medical Assistant/Receptionist with experience preferred. Must be billingual. Please email your resume to: Irma@brainanc.com or Call Irma: 432-570-9991.

Now Hiring - Home Health Agency

A growing Home Health Agency in Midland, TX Needs:
• RN Case Managers
• Marketing Professional (RN/LV preferred)
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Optometric Tech/Bookkeeper

Luke Eye Associate FT/PT

Front office, reception, pre-screening. Experience helpful, but not required. Bilingual a plus. Send resume to: luke_eye@hotmail.com

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Bar Management

Fast Freddy's in Midland is now hiring! If you have bar management experience and/or bartending experience send your resume to jmlff@aol.com. Salary and hourly jobs available.

MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

Assistant Operators

Excel FT

National Industrial Maintenance Contractor is currently seeking experienced applicants for Assistant Operators. Operators will be primarily responsible for operating, blending, material handling, and packaging equipment in a blend process chemical plant. High School Diploma or GED, Associates Degree in Process Technology is preferred. Excel offers competitive salary and comprehensive benefit packages including 401K benefits, insurance, vacation and holiday pay. Please send resumes to: lwilliams@excelusa.com or fax to #979-297-1113, Attention: Lisa Williams. EOE

OTHER JOBS

All Positions

Firehouse Subs FT
Midland, TX 79701

Now hiring Slice, Prep, Cashiers, Catering & Kitchen help for AM/PM positions. Apply in person: 2900 W. Loop 250 North, Ste 162.

All Positions

QSN Realty: Restaurant Staff all positions. Bartender, Waitstaff, Office Managers, HVAC Tech. Please apply in person at 3100 W. Wall.

Assistant Mgr. & Sales Associate

Wood's Boots FT
Midland, TX 79701

Assistant Manager & Sales Associate positions available at Wood's Boots. Best customers & best hours in retail. Plus you get to wear boots & jeans. Come talk to us! 4803 Andrews Hwy.

Janitorial Floor Tech

Universal Bldg Svcs FT
Midland, TX 79701

Experienced Janitorial Floor Tech needed. This is a Full-time job. Apply at; 1307 North Big Spring, 8:30am-5:30pm, Mon-Fri.

Lead Maintenance

Summerhill Apartments FT

Must be HVAC certified. Salary depending on experience. Apply in person to: 3001 North Midland Dr. or call 432-697-6039.

Maintenance Director

Legacy Ranch FT
Midland, TX

Now Hiring Maintenance Director, Care Givers and Certified Nurses Assistance. Mail resume or apply at 4800 Briarwood Ave. Midland, Tx 79707.

NOW HIRING!!!

Fiddlesticks Farms is looking for help on fall weekdays to work with school field trip students & teachers. This is a perfect opportunity for stay at home moms/dads or college students who are wanting to make a little extra money for Christmas! Our field trips are Tuesday- Friday in October and November from 8:30a- 2:00p! Please call (432)687-6293 for more details!!! The application can also be found on our website: **www.fiddlesticksfarms.com/about-us/work-at-the-farm**

OTHER JOBS

Pressman Pressman Trainee

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in the Production Department for the position of:

Pressman Pressman Trainee

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This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram
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E-mail: jmaddox@hearstmp.com
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come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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Resident Monitor & Cook

Dismas Charities FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701

Dismas Charities is hiring Full, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor & Cook. Apply online at: www.dismas.com
Walk-in applicants are welcome at: 24 W. Industrial Loop.

Restaurant Positions

Osaka Japanese Steakhouse FT

Would you like to make $15-$20 an hour? Now hiring Hibachi Chef. Will train. Also need all positions: Waitress, Hostess, Cashier, Bartenders, Bus Help, Dishwasher & Kitchen Help. Apply in person: 1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 79706.

Sales/Warehouse Help

Outside sales, Counter sales and Warehouse help. Apply at Midland Winlectric, 3608 Bankhead Hwy., Midlarid, TX 79701.

SHIPPING ASSISTANT

Susie's South Forty Confections is looking for a qualified applicant full time with shipping experience to assist Shipping manager in all shipping duties. Applicants must have computer experience and be willing to assume a variety of duties and tasks. Fax resume 432-682-4040

Technicians and Parts Personnel

ASCO Equipment FT

Now seeking qualified technicians and parts personnel. 401k, insurance, paid vacations, various bonuses. ASCO Equipment, 1200 Cotton Flat Rd., Midland, TX. 432-685-9999.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Hydrologic Technician

We are looking for a qualified individual who is experienced with the characteristics of water and who has an oilfield background. Our mission is to clean water through a filtration process so it can be re-used for fracing. If you have knowledge of water filtration for these purposes and are interested in a new opportunity, please send your resume to haroldm@bigdco.com.

Licensed P & C Insurance Agent

Area Insurance FT

Licensed Property and Casualty Insurance Agent needed. Bilingual a plus. Competitive pay and a friendly environment. Please bring resume to: Area Insurance, 1302 N. Big Spring St., Midland or email to: areainsurance@area-ins.com

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions

Genghis Grill FT
Midland, TX 79705

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All Positions

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Cooks/Waitstaff/Dishwashers

Murray's Deli FT
Midland, TX 79705

Now hiring for Cooks, Waitstaff & Dishwashers. Day or night shift. Apply at: 3211 West Wadley, Midland or call 432-697-3433.

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•**Drivers:** Make cash everyday, Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $7.50 an hour (no split tip/wage here) plus delivery reimbursement, plus tips. •**CSRs:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $8.25 an hour, Bright & Friendly people only! •**Shift Leaders:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $10 an hour, Flexible Schedules. Apply at any **Domino's Pizza** Midland or Odessa or send resume: **cassie@clearwire.net**. Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE

Kitchen and Waitstaff

Torino's Pizza Bar FT

Now hiring for kitchen and waitstaff. Apply in person @ 3303 N Midkiff Rd #110. Ask for Teresa. 432-218-6943.

Servers

Cattle Baron FT

Cattle Baron Restaurant now hiring experienced servers. Starting wage $11.00 - $15.00 per hour depending on experience. Please apply daily 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm 418 Wadley Ave., Midland, TX. No phone calls please!! EOE

RETAIL JOBS

Retail Sales

Susie's South Forty is now hiring a retail sales clerk to work in the store. Experience is a plus. Must be personalbe and a team player. Apply in person at **2101 W. Wadley** or fax resume 432-682-4040.

SALES JOBS

Apprentice

Peerless Tyre Company FT

Do you have the desire to make an above average income? Peerless Tyre Co. is now hiring for an Apprentice. Person should have previous sales experience or tire experience but not necessary. Person must be over 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Starting $12/hour or depending on experience. Apply 2804 W. Wall, Midland or 3401 Andrews Hwy, Odessa.

Sales Professional

Sierra Chemicals is currently looking for a qualified and highly motivated sales professional to maintain and grow our sales territory in the West Texas and East New Mexico area. Sierra Chemicals offers very competitive wages and benefits package plus commission and bonuses. At least 4 years outside sales experience required, 4-year degree preferred. View full job description and apply at http://www.sierrachemicals.com/careers or email your resume to jennifer.mccoy@sierrachemicals.com.

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SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant

The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

The Hearst Corporation is one of the largest diversified communications companies. Its major interests include magazine, newspaper and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, Internet businesses and more. As an associate of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, you join more than 20,000 in the Hearst family. The Multi-Media Sales Consultant is a full-time, outside sales position. We offer a competitive compensation plan and benefits package, comprehensive training, mileage allowance, and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive, and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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Professional Sales Assistant

Confidential Employer
Seeking Professional Sales Assistant. Must pass pre-employment drug screen and valid driver license. 401K Available after 1 year. Medical and Dental benefits after 90 days. Resumes to PO Box 1120 Lamesa, Tx 9331

STORE MANAGERS and CASHIERS

Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid is weekly plus tips. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

Oilfield Sales Representative

Looking for Motivated Men and Women for Oilfield Company Sales Representative. Salary plus commission. Benefits after 90 day trail period. 8-5 Monday through Friday. A minimum of 3 years oilfield sales experience required and oilfield network contacts a must. Fax resume to 580-592-4850 Attn: Tyler, for inquiries call 580-592-4851

SKILLED LABOR

Backhoe & Trackhoe Operators

Blue Sky Svcs. FT
Midland, TX 79701
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Midland's Premier Country Club FT
Is looking for a **Building Maintenance Engineer**. Must be experienced and knowledgeable in basic building maintenance & repair which includes electric & plumbing. Experience with swimming pool & air conditioner a plus! *We hire attitude and personality over experience.* MCC offers a competitive wage as well as other benefits such as paid medical insurance, paid life insurance and 401k. Please apply in person: Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705 or via email HR@midlandcc.com

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Crockett Electric FT
Midland, TX 79701 **0-1 Years Exp.**
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CDK Perforating seeks Gun Loaders for our Midland location. This position requires an applicant to read and interpret written work orders; construct perforating guns using explosives; document and communicate explosive information.

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HONDA 2007 VLX Shadow, silver blue, lots of chrome, 2800 miles, rack & windshield, great cruiser, NADA $3,963. Sale price $3,250. 432-664-8411.

RVs

1985 COACH 5th wheel. 29', $8,000 cash only. 432-599-5018.

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Houses for Rent Unfurnished

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Residential Rentals

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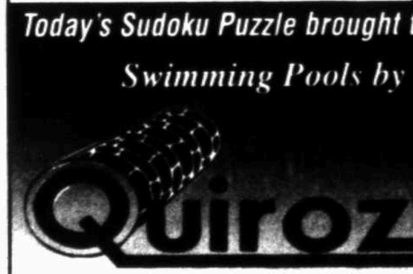
Recreational Vehicles



FOR SALE. 2003 Prevost Bus, 45' long with one slide in front, lots of extra's. 43,000 miles. 4 air conditioners, 20 K W Martin generator. 2 Trace 24 volt, 4000 watt invertors. In perfect condition. Call for more details. 432-366-3166 or 432-631-0609. Perfect for Corporate Executives.

Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

115 N. Dewberry 3 bedroom, 2 baths, 2 car garage, updated kitchen, new carpet, fresh paint, new storm doors, fenced yard, $145,000. Pre approved buyers only, no owner finance, conventional loans, or cash only. Owner/Realtor. Call 432-553-9136 to see.

2415 W. Storey 3 bedroom, 2 bath, over sized corner lot. .362 Acres. New roof, electrical and flooring. 1,634sf +460sf garage, water well. $199,900. Agents welcome. 432-288-3630

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4.85 ACRES, Buffalo Gap, Texas area. 4,500 sf 4 bedroom 4 bath, 2 sunrooms, fireplace, outdoor pavilion with full kitchen outdoor restrooms with sitting area, pool with outdoor kitchen. 3 storage buildings, 2 fishing ponds, 2 large waterfalls. Unlimited well water. $950,000. 325-370-5184

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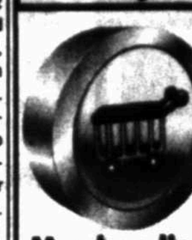

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Chest Freezer white, a$200. Please call. 432-562-6601

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REFRIGERATOR $175, Upright Freezer $200, Washer $150, Dryer $100, Electric Stove $150 & black bedroom furniture $275, large recliner $50. Call 432-352-7988.

Free Stuff

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Free Stuff

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Free Stuff

If You Have Items You Are Giving Away For FREE, Your Ad Is On Us! CALL 432-682-6222 TODAY!

FREE TO a good home. Approximately 2 1/2 yr old female heeler mix. UTD on shots, spayed, microchipped. Please call Shelley 432-488-7400.

FREE TO good home: Two solid black cats. Brother has long hair and sister is short haired. Both are from same litter. They are older adult cats and both have been fixed and de-clawed. They are very loving and settled house cats. The owner is deceased and they need a good home. Please call 432-813-7842.

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Midland Reporter-Telegram (on dock side)

Furniture

GIRLS WHITE twin headboard, dresser & mirror, desk & hutch, and night stand (purchased at Carter's). $800. 432-528-9515.

Very nice used dining room table suite that will accommodate up to 8 people. $900 OBO. 432-262-6601

Toaster Oven $25, Swivel chairs $35 ea, 5 ft. flower plant $10, round table w/g lamp $50, humidifier $25, wall clock $40, table top freezer $25. Call 432-570-4108.

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Tools & Hardware

PRECISION MACHINE shop drill press with milling table, digitals, extra motor. $3500.00 432 978-1057

WEATHER GUARD Pickup toolbox, aluminum diamond plate, model 127-0-01, excellent condition. $425. 918-938-1225, in Midland

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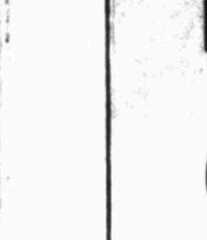

Animals & Pets

Livestock & Feed

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Pets

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OWNER FINANCE 3BR/2BA/1car garage, large backyard, small workshop. $10,000 down. 3112 W. Illinois. Call 432-352-2775.

Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

CUSTOM BUILT LAKE home over 4200 sq. ft. DEEP water on Hubbard Creek Lake. Dbl. deck boat house in 40' water at full level. 4 BR 3.5 bath log and rock home. Professionally decorated and landscaped. Separate 1600 sq.ft. shop/guest house. $969,000. 940-631-4181

NEW TODAY!

LG. 3,500+ sq. ft. home, 5bd, 5bath on 2.39 acres. Spacious living area, seq master bed and bath. Huge kitchen w/ updated sink, stainless dishwasher, and fridge. 2 car garage, paved circle drive, workshop in back. Greenwood ISD $325,000. Call 432-212-2443 or 210-592-3590

NEW TO Market in Grassland - 5500 Hillcrest - $420,000 - Sparkling Pool Tom Woodruff Custom home: 4 bed/3 bath/3 car garage. Granite in Kitchen, Plantations shutters throughout; beautiful custom millwork; sequestered master & in-law plan; ready for quick possession. For more info 432 638 9410

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Residential Sales

Vacation & Resort Property

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FABULOUS OPEN floor plan, with a great lot. 2 bedroom/ 1 bathroom house at Oak Creek Lake in Blackwell, Texas!

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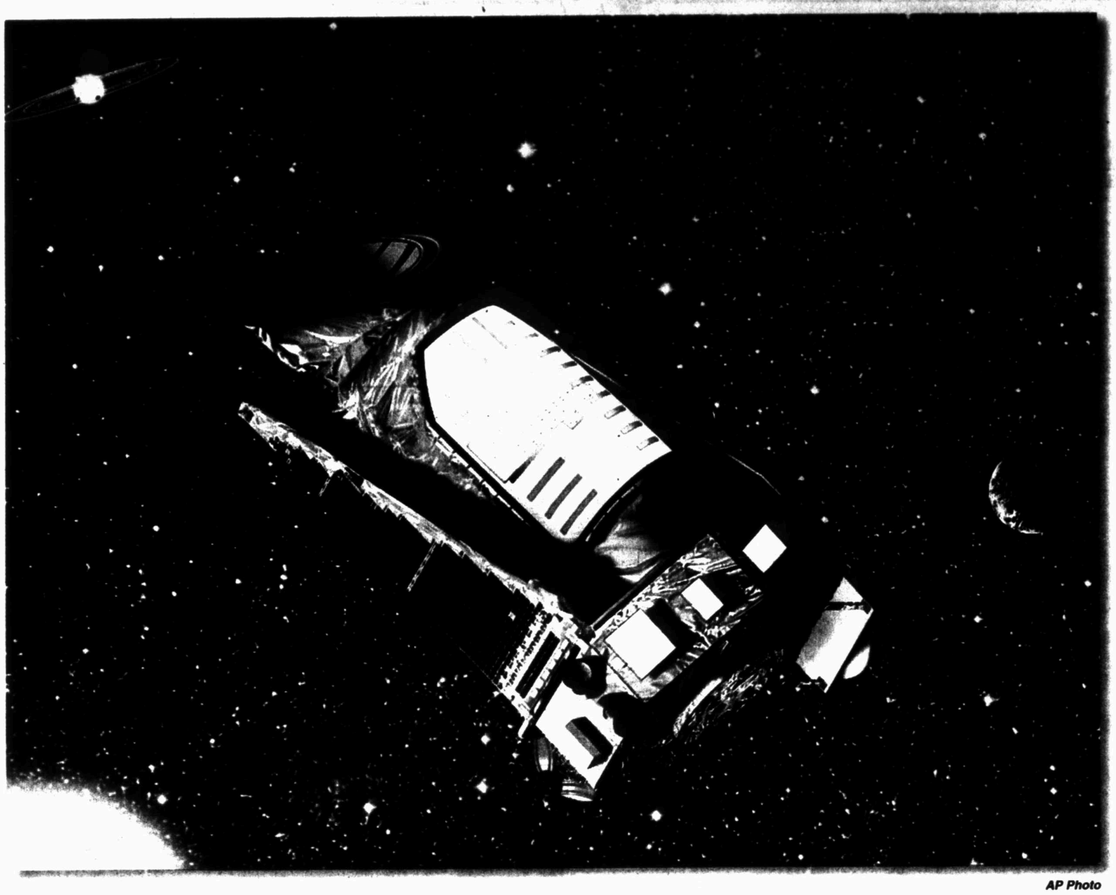

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This artist's rendering provided by NASA shows the Kepler space telescope. NASA is calling off all attempts to fix the crippled space telescope. But it's not quite ready to call it quits on the robotic planet hunter. Officials said they're looking at what science might be salvaged by using the broken spacecraft as is.

PLANET HUNTER

NASA gives up fixing planet-hunting telescope

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA called off all attempts to fix its crippled Kepler space telescope Aug. 15. But it's not quite ready to call it quits on the remarkable, robotic planet hunter.

Officials said they're looking at what science, if any, might be salvaged by using the broken spacecraft as is.

The $600 million Kepler mission has been in trouble since May, unable to point with precision at faraway stars in its quest for other potential Earths. That's when a critical second wheel failed on the spacecraft. The first of four gyroscope wheels broke in 2012. At least three are needed for precise pointing.

Since it rocketed into space in 2009, Kepler has confirmed 135 exoplanets — planets outside our solar system. It's also identified more than 3,500 candidate planets.

NASA expects to know by year's end whether the mission is salvageable. Kepler is already on an extended quest; its prime, 3 1/2-year mission ended in November.

The spacecraft is 51 million miles from Earth, orbiting the sun.

If nothing else, new discoveries are expected from data collected over the past four years.

"This is not the last you'll hear from Kepler," promised Paul Hertz, NASA's astrophysics director.

"Kepler has made extraordinary discoveries in finding exoplanets, including several super-Earths in the habitable zone," said John Grunsfeld, a former astronaut who heads NASA's science mission office.

The habitable zone is the distance between a star and planet in which temperatures would permit liquid water and, possibly, life.

"Knowing that Kepler has successfully collected all the data from its prime mission, I am confident that more amazing discoveries are on the horizon," Grunsfeld said in a news release.

Engineers tried without success, over hundreds of hours, to revive the two disabled wheels. The spacecraft remains stable, with thrusters controlling its pointing with as little fuel as possible.

The costs and benefits of the remainder of this mission will be analyzed; results from a pair of studies are expected this fall, with decisions coming afterward.

Kepler's principal investigator, William Borucki of NASA's Ames Research Center in California, said no one knew at the beginning of Kepler's mission whether Earth-size planets were rare and whether Earthlings might be alone.

"Now at the completion of Kepler observations, we know our galaxy is filled to the brim with planets," Borucki said at a news conference. A large portion of these planets are small like Earth, not gas giants like Jupiter, he noted.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of more exoplanets are expected from Kepler findings, Borucki said. He said it would take another three years to analyze the remaining data.

"We literally expect ... the most exciting discoveries are to come in the next few years as we search through all this data," he said.

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New programming languages springing up all the time

Dear PropellerHeads: I was looking over some programming job listings the other day and they are looking for Groovy, Ruby, CoffeeScript experience. Is that for real?

A: You bet! All three of these languages are in high demand right now. More on that later, but if you thought these were obscure, try these esoteric ones on for size:

■ Whitespace — Where the only characters used to program are spaces, tabs and linefeeds. I can just imagine some programmer screaming that they've been looking at the screen for hours and just don't see the problem.

■ brainsomethingorother — This is a little better than Whitespace. Here you get eight characters to play with; plus, minus, greater than, less than, period, comma, open bracket and close bracket. It makes Perl look downright verbose!

■ Malbolge — Properly named after the eighth circle of hell, this language is so difficult to write it took two years for somebody to write the ubiquitous "Hello World!" program. Let's see the NSA spin its wheels on that one for a while!

While the above languages are strictly proof-of-concept and have no practical value in the real world, the ones you mention do, and are on the upswing in popularity. While they may never obtain the big-boy status of, say C++, Java or PHP, they do serve a purpose and have a loyal following.

New programming languages are springing up all the time. There are hundreds, if not thousands of them. In most cases a language is created because existing languages don't quite match up.

That is how Ruby got going. Its author liked Perl but thought it was too limited. He liked Python but wanted something more object-oriented. He also liked Eiffel and Lisp (a true programming dinosaur) and blended all these together into Ruby. Why he didn't just use the first letter of each of those and call it PELPy, I have no idea.

Some languages are developed because programmers find existing languages too longwinded. That is where CoffeeScript comes into play. Its output is JavaScript, but it takes on average a third less code to do the same thing. I'm not convinced. You know, writing a reusable function every now and again isn't going to stop the world from spinning.

In general, computer languages are divided into two categories: interpreted (also called dynamic or scripted) and compiled (also called static or old-fashioned). You can tell where my loyalties lie. But seriously, I use both and will probably do so until HAL takes over.

Anyway, some languages try to bridge the gap, like Groovy. Groovy brings scripting to the Java world. Like CoffeeScript, it is also much more compact, allowing us programmers to do more with fewer keystrokes. You laugh, but carpal tunnel is our generation's black lung disease, so we'll take any shortcut we can get. Y do U tink yor kds TLK llk DIS?

If you have enjoyed this little essay, Wired Magazine came up with a real interesting diagram of languages a few years ago that colorfully demonstrates how inbred the computing language family really is. Computer book publisher O'Reilly also has one that is a little more recent, but it isn't quite as nice.

I'm so inspired myself that I'm going to come up with my own programming language that will revolutionize the application development industry. I just need a good name. Let's see, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, J, K, L, M, P, Q, R, S, T, X and Z all seem to be taken. How about Y?

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