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Craddick: Education funding should be No. 1

Former speaker says to 'give funding of the schools back to the local district'

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Although additional funding won't be the key to student success, Rep. Tom Craddick said addressing school financing during the upcoming legislative session should be the top priority.

"Education is the No. 1 thing to fund," Craddick said, speaking to about 120 at Wednesday's Midland County Republican Women's meeting.

In the 82nd Legislative Session, about 45.8 percent of the budget was allocated toward schools, Craddick said. That figure represented a more than $1 billion increase from the previous session, he said.

However, the budget didn't account for new student enrollment, which in some areas — including West Texas — was significant and resulted in an effective cut of millions of dollars.

"The biggest tragedy of the budget was we didn't fund new student growth," Craddick said.

During the upcoming session, Craddick said both the funding for schools and the system in which dollars are allocated needs to be addressed.

"Nobody understands school funding — even the legislators who are involved in it," he said.

Craddick said he would prefer state lawmakers move to put more control with local school district leaders.

Instead of having to work within the state's current financing system, Craddick said school districts should have more leeway.

"We need to give funding of the schools back to the local district," Craddick said.

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Tom Craddick talks to constituents Wednesday at the Midland County Republican Women's luncheon.

Kathleen Petty/Reporter-Telegram

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Chris Robin, outgoing chairman for board of directors for Midland Chamber of Commerce, hands off the gavel to incoming chairman Steve Thomas Wednesday at the annual chamber meeting.

Support of MISD bond expressed at chamber luncheon



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Mike Canon, former chamber chairman and former Midland mayor, installs the new 2012-13 chamber board members Wednesday at the annual chamber meeting.

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Support of Midland ISD's $163 million elementary schools bond initiative was strong Wednesday during the Midland Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting and celebration.

Outgoing Chairman Chris Robin and incoming Chairman Steve Thomas both voiced support of the bond and encouraged business owners to act as leaders for education.

"We cannot control the price of oil or when it will rain, but we can control the outcomes for Midland," said Robin, who owns Mazda of Midland and Sky Mazda in Odessa.

"Table your optimism and disregard your pessimism, and control what you can," Robin said. "Ask yourself, 'What action can I take to ensure a better Midland?'"

Both Robin and Thomas, Midland College's president, acknowledged the need for improved education and facilities in Midland.

"Let's be the leaders in this community to support our public schools," Thomas said before receiving a round of applause.

He announced the chamber's support of the bond, citing a resolution passed by the executive board during Tuesday's meeting. Next, the resolution will be presented to the board of directors, and Thomas said he expects unanimous support and approval of the resolution.

Thomas discussed the need to take "a real hard look at the public schools," because overcrowding is among issues that make it "much larger than bricks and mortar."

"To continue to be prosperous and to have a high quality, highly trained workforce, we need to make sure they have the right skills and education to work for you," Thomas said.

Bond funds should be awarded with oversight and accountability, which is something Thomas said he believes MISD Superintendent Ryder

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Chesapeake Energy to sell West Texas assets

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Chesapeake Energy Corp. is selling the vast portion of its land and infrastructure in West Texas for nearly $7 billion as the company tries to strengthen its finances while shifting its focus to oil drilling, rather than natural gas.

The assets in the oil and gas-rich Permian Basin are being sold in a series of deals to Royal Dutch Shell PLC, and Chevron Corp., and in a previously announced sale to affiliates of EnerVest Ltd.

Chesapeake accumulated an enormous debt load in recent years as it rushed to acquire land and other assets. New technology allowed drillers access to enormous reserves of natural gas held in shale and other formations under several U.S. states.

Chesapeake and other drillers found and developed so much new natural gas that the price collapsed, decimating profits — and the ability to pay down debt.

The Oklahoma City company is trying to wipe $14 billion in debt off its books this year and the sale, announced Wednesday, brings it close to achieving

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Romney, Obama trade barbs over attacks in Middle East

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican challenger Mitt Romney accused President Barack Obama's administration on Wednesday of showing weakness in the face of tumultuous events that left four U.S. diplomats dead in the Middle East and jolted the race for the White House. Obama retorted that his rival "seems to have a tendency to shoot first and aim later."

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Get more coverage of the attacks in Libya on **Page 7A**.

Even some Republicans questioned Romney's handling of the issue, calling it hasty. Top GOP leaders in Congress pointedly declined to endorse his criticism of the president.

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Docs: NYC ban on big, sugary drinks could help

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The era of the supersized cola may come to an end in New York City today, when health officials are expected to approve an unprecedented 16-ounce limit on sodas and other sugary drinks at restaurants, delis and movie theaters. But will it actually translate into better health?

Doctors and nutrition experts said the regulation's success or failure may depend on more than just the modest number of calories it might slash from people's diets. It will hinge on whether the first-in-the-nation rule starts a conversation that changes attitudes toward overeating.

"Ultimately, it does come down to culture, and it comes down to taking some first steps," said Dr. Jeffrey Mechanick, a professor at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine who has studied the effect of government regulation on the obesity epidemic.

"There are so many factors that are acting in this complex disease. Obesity is not just a disease simply of people drinking too much sugary soft drink," he said. "Just attacking one thing, individually, isn't going to do much."

But if the rule is part of a broader social and scientific assault on the dangers of too-much sugar, he said it could be effective tremendously.



AP file photo

Protester Eric Moore sips on an extra-large beverage during a protest in July against Mayor Michael Bloomberg's proposal to prohibit licensed food establishments from using containers larger than 16 ounces to serve high-calorie drinks at City Hall in New York.

He likened it to the drumbeat about the dangers of smoking, which took decades to translate into results.

"People talk about it. It gets ruminated at social parties. It gets ruminated in politics and the media. And all of a sudden, you have an awareness," he said.

City health officials say that by restricting portion sizes for sugary beverages, they are taking on one of the leading culprits in the national fat problem.

Since the mid-1970s, Americans have increased their daily intake by 200 to 300 calories, while getting less exercise — a couch-potato lifestyle that has left the country with epidemic levels of obesity and diabetes.

While plenty of foods contribute to the problem, some experts believe soft drinks deserve a greater share of the blame, in part because the body doesn't scream, "I'm full!" when someone downs a 32-ounce soda, even though it has more calories than a typical fast-food cheeseburger.

The standard soda has gone from a 12-ounce can in the 1980s to a 20-ounce bottle today.

"This is the largest single driver of the obesity epidemic," said New York City Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley said. "It is the largest source of added sugars to our diet."

The math behind the ban is simple:

A 16-ounce Coke has 200 calories. A 20-ounce Coke has 240 calories, or about 30 more than a Hershey bar.

If you drink a soda per day — as do 46 percent of Bronx residents, according to one recent Health Department survey — choosing the 16-ounce bottle rather than the 20-ounce would save you 14,600 calories a year, or the equivalent of 70 Hershey bars. That is enough to add about four pounds of fat to a person's body.

To burn off those extra calories, an average-size woman would have to walk about 340 miles.

New York City health officials actually aren't expecting an effect that large, in part because the ban doesn't apply to sodas sold in grocery stores.

But if the average New Yorker decreased soda consumption from 20 ounces to 16 ounces only once every two weeks, that would still be enough to prevent roughly 2.3 million pounds of weight gain in the city every year, Farley said.

The rule, which would take effect next March, would have its biggest effect on fast-food joints like McDonald's, where a 16-ounce drink is considered a small.

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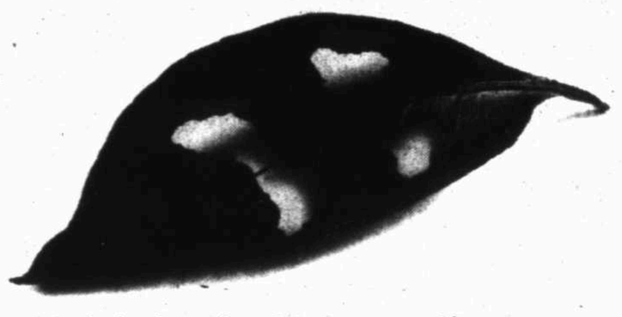
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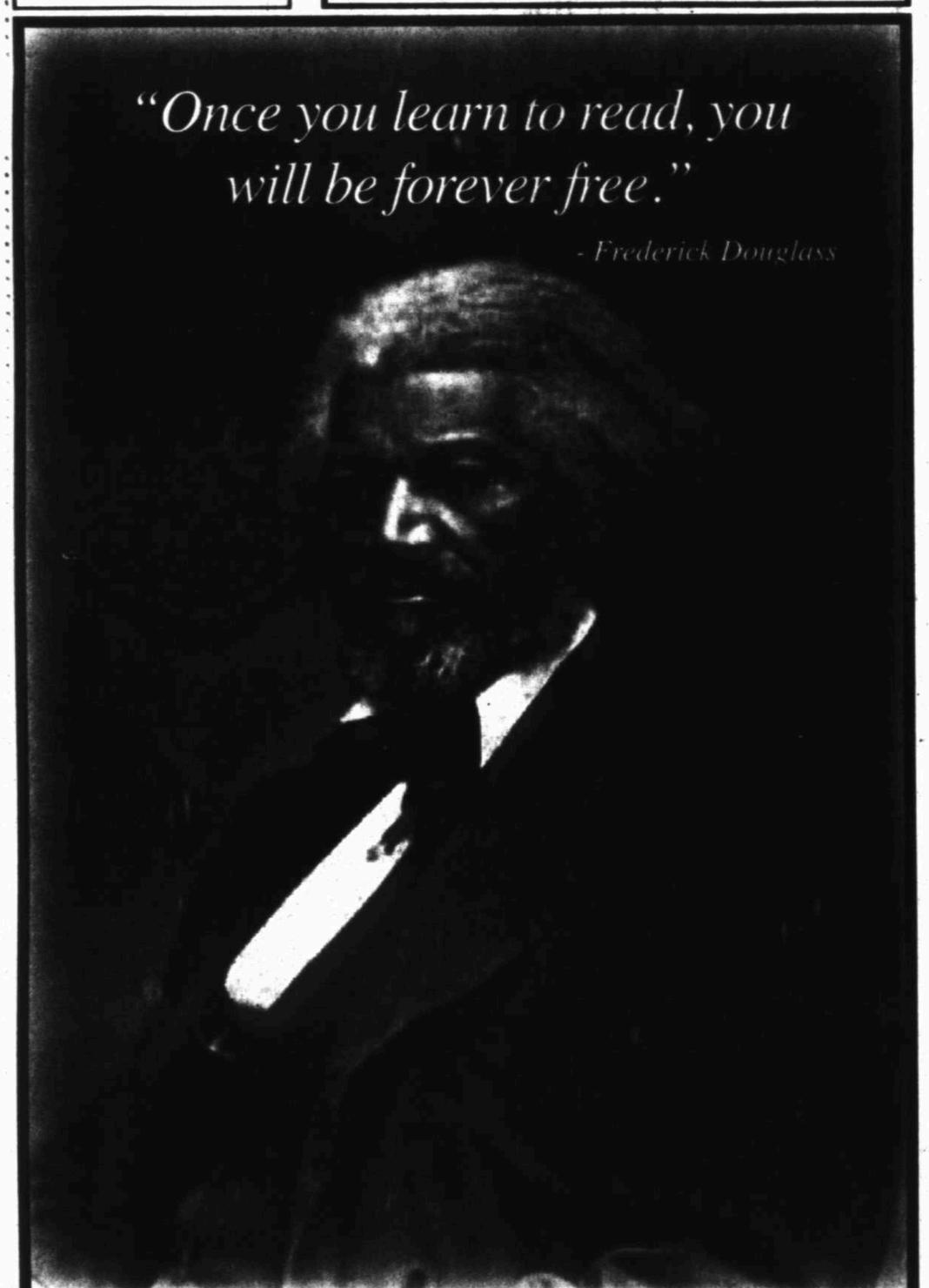
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Nurses Fatima Guillen, left, and Fran Wendt, right, give Kimberly Magdeleno, 4, a whooping cough booster shot, as she is held by her mother, Claudia Solorio at a health clinic in Tacoma, Wash, in May.

Vaccine loses punch too fast

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the U.S. wrestles with its biggest whooping cough outbreak in decades, researchers appear to have zeroed in on the main cause: The safer vaccine that was introduced in the 1990s loses effectiveness much faster than previously thought.

A study published in Wednesday's New England Journal of Medicine found that the protective effect weakens dramatically soon after a youngster gets the last of the five recommended shots around age 6.

The protection rate falls from about 95 percent to 71 percent within five years, said researchers at the Kaiser Permanente Vaccine Research Center in Oakland, Calif.

The U.S. has had more than 26,000 whooping cough cases so far this year, including more than 10,000 in children ages 7 to 10.

"The substantial majority of the cases are explained by this waning immunity," said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious-disease specialist at Vanderbilt University.

In light of the findings and earlier, similar research, health officials are considering recommending another booster shot for children, strengthening the vaccine or devising a brand new one.

But "there's nothing in the pipeline that's close," said Dr. Tom Clark, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Whooping cough, or pertussis, is a highly contagious bacterial disease that can strike people of any age but is most dangerous to children. Its name comes from the sound youngsters make as they gasp for breath.

Hobby Lobby sues over morning-after pill coverage

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Christian-oriented Hobby Lobby Stores Inc. filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday challenging a mandate in the nation's health care overhaul law that requires employers to provide coverage for the morning-after pill and similar drugs.

The lawsuit by the Oklahoma City-based chain claims the government mandate is forcing the company's owners "to violate their deeply held religious beliefs under threat of heavy fines, penalties and lawsuits."

Failure to provide the drugs in the company's health insurance plan could lead to fines of up to $1.3 million a day, the company said.

"By being required to make a choice between sacrificing our faith or paying millions of dollars in fines, we essentially must choose which poison pill to swallow," David Green, Hobby Lobby CEO and founder, said in a statement. "We simply cannot abandon our religious beliefs to comply with this mandate."

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Oklahoma City, alleges the Health and Human Services mandate is unconstitutional and requests an injunction to prohibit it from being enforced. Hobby Lobby is self-insured and will be required to comply with the mandate by Jan. 1, the start of its health insurance plan year.

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Meetings schedule

Permian Basin Republican Assembly
Time TBA today
Classroom one at Midland Memorial Hospital's West Campus

Community calendar

■ Mission Center Adult Day Service will be honoring Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Boren as grandparents of the year during a dinner planned for 6:15 p.m. today at Green Tree Country Club.
Guest speaker is to be Tumbleweed Smith.
Tickets are $75. For more information, call 522-1221.

■ A workshop by Home Instead Senior Care for family caregivers dealing with loved ones suffering from Alzheimer's and other dementia disorders will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Hospice Midland Inspiration Center, 4629 Andrews Highway. To RSVP (space limited) call 689-4663 or email caitlin.chapman@homeinstead.com.

New movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

■ **Tall City 14:**
Closing today: "Avengers," "Dark Knight" and "Hope Springs"
Opening Friday: "Finding Nemo" in 2D and 3D and "Resident Evil: Retribution" in 2D and 3D

■ **Big Sky Drive-in:**
Closing today: "Para Norman," "Obama's America 2016" and "The Bourne Legacy"
Opening Friday: "Finding Nemo," "Resident Evil: Retribution" and "Permium Rush"

See the Pulse entertainment and dining guide in this issue for movie and DVD reviews.
Notice: Big Sky will be showing Monday Night Football beginning Monday on Screen 2 for free.

Support groups, club meetings

■ Chronic fatigue fibro-myalgia syndromes support group, noon, Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m., Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.; 694-8643 and 10 a.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely; 694-8347.

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m., Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@suddenlink.net.

Water worries

Based on limits set by the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the amount the city can take from the Paul Davis water fields, city officials expect water delivery to be limited to 18.5 million gallons. Using more than that figure consistently could result in the city halting outdoor watering.

Tuesday's total: 14,074,000 gallons (CRMWD 10,161,000, Paul Davis fields 3,913,000)

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Aug. 28: 12,590,000 gallons
Aug. 21: 14,519,000 gallons
Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 70,703 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 126,481 acre-feet. The current average for September is 12,960,182.

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Today in history

Today is Thursday, Sept. 13, the 257th day of 2012. There are 109 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:
On Sept. 13, 1997, funeral services were held in Calcutta, India, for Nobel peace laureate Mother Teresa.

On this date:
In 1971, a four-day inmates' rebellion at the Attica Correctional Facility in western New York ended as police and guards stormed the prison; the ordeal and final assault claimed the lives of 32 inmates and 11 employees.
In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur died at a Las Vegas hospital six days after he was wounded in a drive-by shooting; he was 25.



AP file photo

Claudia Pedroza, 39, and her 8-year-old daughter, Karla Osorio, visit the Jefferson Action Center in Lakewood, Colo., in July. Pedroza moved to the Denver suburbs five years ago with her husband and four children in hopes of a more comfortable suburban life. But Pedroza's family struggles to make ends meet and she was waiting to apply for help with food, toiletries and to seek a new frying pan.

US poverty rate unchanged; record numbers persist

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's poverty rate remained stuck at a record level last year, while household income dropped and the number of people who don't have health insurance declined.

A Census Bureau report released Wednesday provided a mixed picture of the economic well-being of U.S. households for 2011 as the nation enters the final phase of a presidential election campaign in which the economy is the No. 1 issue.

The overall poverty rate stood at 15 percent, statistically unchanged from the 15.1 percent rate in the previous year.

Experts had expected a rise in the poverty rate for the fourth straight year, but unemployment benefits and modest job gains helped stave that off, the bureau reported. For last year, the official poverty line was an annual income of $23,021 for a family of four.

While unemployment eased slightly from 2010 to 2011, the gap between rich and poor increased. The median, or midpoint, household income was $50,054, 1.5 percent lower than 2010 and a second straight annual decline.

In a blog post, the White House said the latest figures show that government policies can help the poor, middle class and uninsured, while more work remains to be done.

"While we have made progress digging our way out of the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, too many families are still struggling and Congress must act on the policies President Obama has put forward to strengthen the middle class and those trying to get into it," the White House post said.

By total numbers, roughly 46.2 million people remained below the poverty line last year, unchanged from 2010. That figure was the highest in the more than half a century that records have been kept. The 15 percent poverty rate was about the same as it was in 1993 and was the highest since 1983.

Hearst Corp. releases documentary on company

Hearst Newspapers

NEW YORK — Hearst Corporation and Leslie Iwerks Productions announced Wednesday that a new documentary film about the 125-year-old company and founder William Randolph Hearst will have its world premier next month at the 2012 Hamptons International Film Festival.

The documentary, "Citizen Hearst," is crafted from interviews and historical footage and features the personal stories and trials and tribulations that have made today's Hearst Corporation.

The film, narrated by Academy Award-nominated actor William H. Macy, makes its private debut Tuesday at a screening at Hearst Tower, the company's headquarters in New York, and its world premier Oct. 4 to 8 at the film festival in East Hampton, N.Y.

The documentary was produced by Academy Award- and Emmy-nominated director Leslie Iwerks.

The Hearst announcement noted that the story of W.R. Hearst was famously dramatized in the 1941 film "Citizen Kane," starring Orson Welles. "Citizen Hearst," produced by Iwerks and Jane Kelly Kosek, is the first in-depth look at how the company has navigated the changing times over the span of two centuries, according to the announcement.

The film chronicles the rise of American journalism and the newspaper rivalry with Joseph Pulitzer; traces the beginnings of newsreels and films, and later magazine brands and cable; glimpses inside the personal lives of W.R. Hearst and Marion Davies (including reactions to "Citizen Kane"); explores the influences of media on politics through the decades; and investigates Hearst's pursuit of creative expansion, according to the announcement.

Robert Marquez begins campaign for MISD board's District 2

From staff reports

Midlander Robert Marquez announced his candidacy for Midland ISD board of trustees District 2 Wednesday morning at South Elementary.

The 34-year Midland resident and independent oil and gas consultant filed for the school board Aug. 20. He will run against incumbent trustee Angel Hernandez for the south central Midland, District 2 spot during the Nov. 6 election.

Marquez was born in Pecos and moved to Midland 34 years ago.

He attended Midland High School, Midland College, College of the Air Force and Troy State University.

He served in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged and has worked in the oil and gas industry for 25 years.

Marquez and his wife, Delia, have three children who attended school in MISD. Delia teaches Project Think and Quest classes at Carver Center and his stepdaughter is a counselor at Lee High School.

Marquez's oldest son attends the University of Texas at Austin and his youngest is a high school junior. Marquez and his family are parishioners at San Miguel Archangel Catholic Church.

"I think that my experiences doing project management would help the district facilitating some of the new projects that it's trying to implement," said Marquez, according to Reporter-Telegram archives. "... There are many reasons I've decided to run, but ultimately it's to improve our district's academic performance."

ENERGY

From 1A

that goal, the company said. Assets sales now total $11.6 billion for the year.

"These transactions are significant steps in the transformation of our company's asset base to a more balanced portfolio among oil, natural gas liquids and natural gas resources," said CEO Aubrey McClendon.

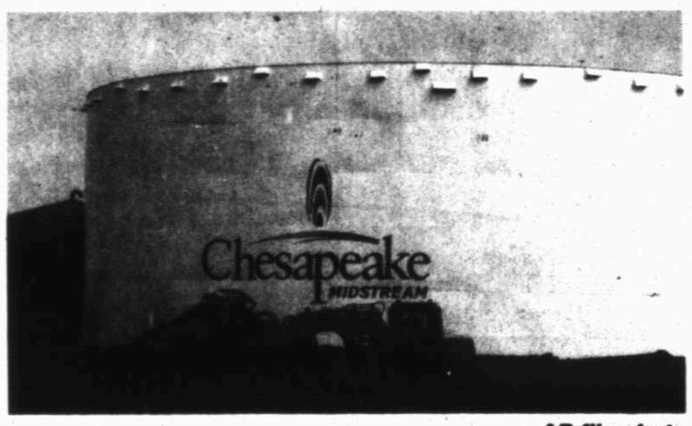
Analysts said Chesapeake received what appears to be a very good price for its infrastructure assets. But they said the $3.3 billion price for the Permian Basin land assets sold to Chevron and Shell was less than the $4 billion to $5 billion Chesapeake had expected to fetch. The company may have to sell even more assets, or cut back drilling operations elsewhere.

"It's helped them climb up the wall in this hole they've dug for themselves, but they are not there yet," said Phil Weiss, an analyst at Argus Research.

Chesapeake shares fell 21 cents to $19.89, a drop of 1 percent. Chevron shares rose 30 cents to $114.48, while Shell was flat at $71.73.

Natural gas prices hit a 10-year low this year as a warm winter and increasing production created a glut.

Prices have risen steadily this summer because high temperatures increased demand for natural gas to generate electricity to run air conditioners.



AP file photo

An earth-moving machine builds up a berm around a Chesapeake Energy storage tank, near Dilley. The Oklahoma City-based company is selling the vast portion of its land and infrastructure in West Texas for nearly $7 billion as it unloads debt and shifts more of its focus to drilling for oil, rather than natural gas.

But the price is still 30 percent lower than a year ago.

Drillers are shifting their focus to oil, because oil prices have remained high. It is much easier to transport oil than natural gas, so oil prices reflect global demand. Natural gas prices can fluctuate wildly on local supply and demand changes.

The land and infrastructure that Chesapeake is selling produced approximately 21,000 barrels of oil and other liquids and 90 million cubic feet of natural gas per day in the second quarter, or approximately 5.7 percent of Chesapeake's production, the company said.

The land deals are expected to close within the next 30 days. Chesapeake anticipates receiving about 87 percent of the proceeds in cash at closing. The rest of the proceeds are subject to certain title, environmental and other standard contingencies.

Chesapeake plans to sell most of its pipeline and storage assets to Global Infrastructure Partners for about $2.7 billion. That includes gathering and processing systems in the Eagle Ford, Utica, Haynesville and Powder River Basin Niobrara shale plays.

Chesapeake said it also has sold or entered into additional deals to sell pipelines and other assets that are expected to generate proceeds of about $300 million. Other deals in the Utica Shale should bring in about $600 million. Once the transactions close, Chesapeake will still own about 1.3 million net acres of leasehold in the Utica Shale.

CRADDICK

From 1A

The state should be able to tell Midland it will allocate a certain amount per child and then give Midland leaders the ability to ask local taxpayers to increase that total, he said.

The proposal won't be popular with everyone, Craddick said, and also won't solve every problem.

"Money does not mean the difference in whether a child is getting a good education," he said.

However, he said at a time when the over-complicated school financing system is not working for the various needs of districts statewide, something needs to change.

If a district in rural West Texas needs more funding for transportation because of long bus routes and a district in Dallas-Fort Worth needs more funding for increased enrollment, both districts should be able to uniquely address their situations, he said.

"We've got to somehow simplify," Craddick said.

Allocating funds during the upcoming session will be difficult like it was during the 82nd session because of an anticipated $15 billion deficit, Craddick said.

The state is not actually short $15 billion, Craddick said. The total represents the difference between the requests made by various agencies and the projected revenue with which the state will have to deal.

"That's short of a wish list," he said.

In addition to school funding, Craddick said state lawmakers will have to address redistricting after the previously approved maps were thrown out.

Voter ID, texting while driving and regulations surrounding the pay day loan industry also are among the issues on which Craddick said he'll focus during the Legislative session that begins in January.

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CHAMBER

From 1A

Warren and other MISD administrators can accomplish.

"West Texans are not stingy people. They're very generous, and we can give to what we believe in," Thomas said. "Our investment today will make a difference in the future."

Focusing on education and increasing the number of businesses that participate in the chamber's Partners in Education program are two of Thomas' goals for his year as chairman.

He also would like to increase the number of Midlanders active in Austin and respond to the needs of corporate leaders.

Members of the 2012-13 chamber board of directors also were installed during the meeting.

Laura Roman was installed as vice chair of the chamber's education committee. Roman works at Weaver LLP and is co-chair of the pro-bond Better Schools for a Better Midland committee.

"We'll primarily start the year by focusing on the public schools and hoping the bond passes," Roman said of the chamber's education committee. "We're also excited that UTPB has designated its Midland campus and plans to work with Midland College on strengthening workforce education programs."

Also at the meeting, awards were presented to outstanding chamber members.

Joel Hawkins was awarded the Scott Seator Rookie of the Year Award, Mike Sherrod the Jack Moore Award, and JoAnn Minnix the Life Member Award.

The Above and Beyond Award was presented to Hawkins, Sherrod and Sahara Operating's George McAlpine.

McAlpine was selected as the Ambassador of the Year Award, and Robert Half International's Lesley Donnell named Volunteer of the Year.

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Facebook friends get out the vote in large numbers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Here's something most politicians can "like": Facebook friends played a big role in getting hundreds of thousands of people to vote in 2010, a new scientific study claims.

Facebook researchers and scientists at the University of California, San Diego conducted a massive online experiment in the mid-term congressional election to test and measure the political power of online peer pressure.

They found that people who got Facebook messages that their friends had voted were a bit more likely to go to the polls than those who didn't get the same reminder. And from there the effect multiplied in the social network, they reported in Thursday's journal Nature.

The friend-prodding likely increased voter turnout by as much as 340,000 in the non-presidential election that voted in a new Republican congress, the scientists calculated. They said that it could potentially change the outcome of close elections.

"Our study is the first large-scale scientific test of the idea that online social networks affect real world political behavior," said study lead author James Fowler, a professor of medical genetics and political science at the University of California, San Diego.

He has studied friend and social media influences on public health and politics over the past decade. While pundits have pointed to social media-inspired revolutions in the Arab world, this is more verifiable scientifically because it is a controlled study comparing groups that had different inputs.



AP file photo

A sticker is handed out to a voter on Election Day, in Waterville, Maine, on Nov. 2, 2010. Here's something most politicians can click the like button for: Facebook friends played a big role in getting hundreds of thousands of people to vote in 2010 who probably would have otherwise stayed home, a new scientific study claims.

It's the voting equivalent of testing real drugs versus sugar pills.

Outside experts said the new study makes sense and fits with other research about how effective get-out-the-vote drives are, but say Fowler's numbers may be a bit high. That's because they factor in a large indirect effect, calculations which some didn't find as convincing.

Nearly every American of voting age who logged into Facebook on Election Day 2010 was part of the experiment, even though they didn't know it.

Most of them — more than 60 million — saw an announcement on top of their Facebook news feed: Today is Election Day. It showed how many Facebook users, as well as their friends, had clicked an "I voted" button and showed up to six pictures of those friends. It also linked to a list of polling places.

Researchers compared voter turnout with two groups that didn't receive that same message. One group of 611,000 people simply got a generic announcement encouraging voting, but no pictures or count of friends. Another 613,000 users didn't receive any message.

Those who got the peer pressure message were less than half a percent (0.39 percent) more likely to vote than those who got no message or the generic one. While that seems like a very small increase, it is statistically significant and it adds up, Fowler said.

There was no difference in voting found between the generic and no-message groups. Nor was there any difference seen in friend-prompted turnout between self-identified conservatives and liberals, Democrats and Republicans. Fowler and colleagues didn't just take the word of people who clicked the "I voted" button. They checked public voting records in 13 states for that election, and found about 4 percent of those who said they voted hadn't really cast ballots.

Of users who saw the peer pressure posting, Fowler calculated that 60,000 voted who wouldn't have. It's a form of social contagion with people noticing that the original message recipient voted, so the message spread in person, by word of mouth and online, Fowler said.

"The network is key," he said.

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Opinion

Democrats disappoint with stance on Israel

■ In what was best described as policy by teleprompter, the Democrats fumbled through the convention and turned its back on Israel.



RUBEN NAVARRETTE
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There has long been a constituency on the left that despises Israel for what it perceives to be abusive treatment of the Palestinians. And, it seems, this element made itself heard at the Democratic National Convention.

During closed-door negotiations by the platform committee to update the wording of the 2008 Democratic Party platform, existing language that declared Jerusalem the capital of Israel mysteriously was removed. Also deleted was language recognizing Hamas as a terrorist organization and calling on the United States and its allies to "continue to isolate Hamas until it renounces terrorism, recognizes Israel's right to exist and abides by past agreements."

And, in a story that got much more attention, a reference to "God" also came out — as in a call on government to let U.S. workers make the most of their "God-given potential."

The language about Jerusalem and God was restored hastily a day later after an outcry in the media, and a lot of head-scratching by people in both parties.

But, shamefully, the condemnation of Hamas stayed out. So now, condemning a terrorist organization that has killed women and children is considered controversial by the Democratic Party? That's unbelievable.

About how all this came to pass, and just who it was that removed the language in question, no one is saying.

However, the Obama campaign is talking — in circles. According to Politico, campaign officials at first claimed President Obama was aware of the changes in the platform and then later insisted he didn't learn about them until he watched the news. The Associated Press offered a counterview by reporting that Obama didn't know anything about the changes.

What the campaign did fully acknowledge, and wanted everyone to know, was that Obama personally had intervened to restore the language about Jerusalem and God.

Even this was messy. Putting the language back into the platform required a two-thirds voice vote by the delegates. But the voices of delegates against restoring the language turned out to be just as loud — if not louder — than the voices of delegates trying to carry out Obama's directive.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who served as the convention chairman, lost control. He called for three separate voice votes to get the result he wanted, and still couldn't get there. Finally, Villaraigosa declared: "In the opinion of the chair, two-thirds having voted in the affirmative ... "

In the opinion of the chair? Really?

Inconveniently, someone on the convention floor snapped a photo of the teleprompter just as Villaraigosa was declaring the outcome of the voice vote. What you see, clear as day, are the exact words Villaraigosa mouthed from the podium.

One of two things happened. Democratic Party leaders knew how the vote was going to turn out before it was called, and thus the language was loaded into the teleprompter for Villaraigosa to dutifully read. Or they hastily fed the language into the teleprompter to help pull the mayor out of the hole he was digging for himself with a series of voice votes that weren't going the way they wanted them to go.

Whatever. The significant thing is that, if you look at what's happening in the Middle East, this hardly is the time for political high jinks and foreign policy by teleprompter.

In March, Obama claimed that his track record in office proved "that when the chips are down, I have Israel's back."

Well, the chips are down. And this president and members of his party have repeatedly turned their back on one of America's best friends and strongest allies.

Recently, the Obama administration brushed aside new and troubling findings in a report by the International Atomic Energy Agency suggesting Iran's nuclear program is accelerating faster than anyone imagined. According to the report, Iran has ramped up production of nuclear fuel and installed more than 2,000 centrifuges inside a fortified underground laboratory. In response, the administration rejected calls by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for clear "red lines" that Iran can't cross without risking military conflict.

These are perilous times we're living in. We are in need of a better president who shows more support for Israel and a firmer hand in dealing with Iran. This job calls for someone who can be taken at his word, doesn't back down and states unequivocally the right thing to do.

The choice is clear: Mr. Teleprompter for president.

OUR VIEW

Midland should support COM Aquatics project

The City of Midland Aquatics organization is embarking on an ambitious campaign to raise $7 million for more pool space that will feature a 50-meter-by-25-yard multiple-use pool.

COM is calling this project its biggest capital campaign and construction project in its 45 years of aquatics, fitness and wellness operation in West Texas.

We anticipate this project will come full circle. COM officials said Wednesday they have raised $5.3 million.

It is easy to see why so many support this endeavor. First, the facility would be a great asset to so many people. If completed, it would accommodate the COM swim team, MISD swim teams, UTPB swim teams, learn to swim, swim camp, lap swimmers, exercise classes, Masters swim classes, SCUBA classes and free up space in other pools to better accommodate other classes and programs.

It would allow COM to better serve the community and our school systems. In addition, it would attract more competitive events since there are no indoor 50-plus meter pools in this part of the state.

COM has long been in the business of competitive swimming, producing high-caliber swimmers and divers that have made COM Aquatics known on collegiate and national levels. But even more than that, the current COM facility has become an integral part of our quality of life with all of the community programs it offers. That role could be expanded and reach even more people with this expansion.

But with all that said, we think COM's approach to expansion is beyond reproach because they are seeking private funding, and we have learned from the past that this is an effective way to get community projects done. It is a win-win for everyone concerned. The community benefits without the use of tax dollars, and the facility will be seen in a more positive light by a grateful public.

We hope Midlanders will answer this call, and we would like to see the project flourish. This is the best way to move forward, and we do think it's a reasonable and achievable goal for COM Aquatics.

Lastly, it's another in the line of great investments taking place in Midland, such as the Bush Tennis Center, numerous church and private school projects across town and the private contributions to public projects like the Midland Memorial Hospital tower and Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

The COM Aquatics expansion is a positive way to give back to the city as well as support an organization that already has left a significant imprint on our community.

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Fog of Arab revolution clears up

■ Tuesday's events told us about what bets America should make in Libya, Egypt.



DAVID IGNATIUS
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What's happening on the ground in Cairo and Benghazi appears to be a case of political opportunism — no, not by Mitt Romney, though there was some of that Wednesday — but by Salafist Islamic extremists who are unhappy with the success the more moderate Islamist and secularist parties in Egypt and Libya have had in building political support.

We're still in what I like to call the "fog of revolution" in both countries, where it's hard to know for sure what's happening and who benefits, so my reporting comes with a basic caveat. But based on conversations with sources who were on the streets Tuesday in the midst of the Cairo demonstration, and who have been following events in Libya closely, it's possible to pierce the fog a bit and offer some basic analysis:

First, the situation in Cairo: The Arabic banners of the protesters moving toward the U.S. Embassy identified them as members of the Nour Party and the Asala Party, the two leading Salafist groups that have competed in the Egyptian elections. The Salafists, whose name connotes respect for the Islamic "ancestors" of the Prophet Muhammad's time, are more conservative and less pragmatic than the Muslim Brotherhood that is now ruling Egypt.

An analyst who was in the midst of that crowd Tuesday told me he thinks the Salafist demonstrators were using the pretext of a supposedly anti-Islamic American film to send two messages: the first obviously was anti-Americanism, which is potent in today's Egypt; the second and more interesting message was a challenge by the Salafists to their rivals in the Muslim Brotherhood government of President Mohamed Morsi.

As is so often the case in revolutions, the Cairo uproar appears to be partly a case of radicals wanting to undermine a more moderate governing party. The Salafist demonstrators' threat was augmented by violent hooligans, who are often described as soccer fans but increasingly are inflammatory anarchists.

A similar process of post-revolutionary jockeying is going on in Libya, and it tragically led to the death Tuesday of Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and three other Americans. The Salafists' assault on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi at first appeared to be a "copycat" attack like the one in Cairo, but U.S. officials said it may have been planned by extremists linked to al-Qaeda. They were augmented by a well-armed Islamic militia. Their anger, again, is mixed between a baseline anti-Americanism (sadly, always a draw in the region) and a challenge to Prime Minister Abdurrahim el-Keib and the secularist parties that are the backbone of the new Libyan government.

Does America have an interest in the internal fights taking place in these countries still quaking from the Arab uprisings? Yes, of course it does, especially when U.S. embassies are targets of protesters and American diplomats get killed in the crossfire. But this isn't really about America: It's about different factions battling for power in a fluid political situation.

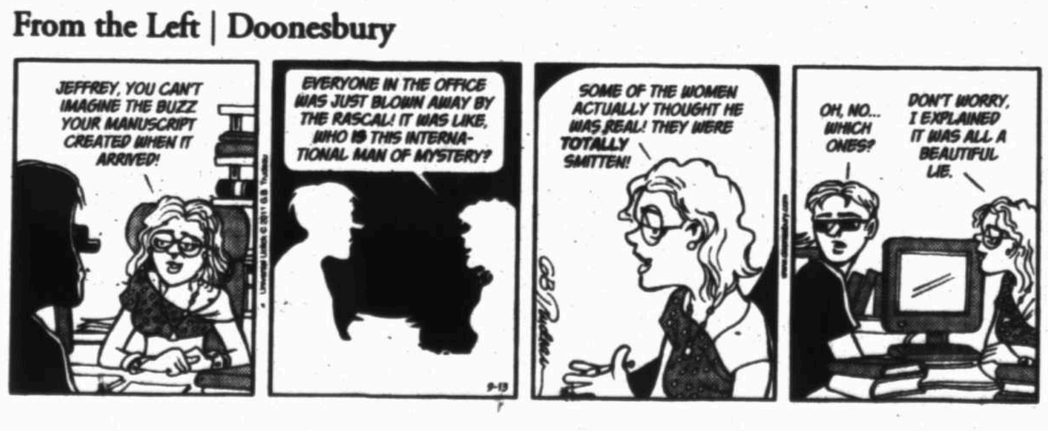
Unfortunately, the seizure of the U.S. embassy in Tehran in 1979 is an apt parallel. That was the work of a group of extremist Iranian "students" who were unhappy that the post-revolutionary government of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini wasn't proving radical enough. They captured the revolution when they seized the embassy. The lesson of that disaster is that local security authorities must quickly restore order — and if they can't or won't, then Americans must move out of harm's way.

Also worrisome is the link between Salafists (whose posters disturbingly appear in Cairo neighborhoods near Heliopolis populated by members of the military) and the more violently "takfiri" wing, which believes it's permissible to kill apostate Muslims, and has links with al-Qaida. The takfiris hate the ruling Muslim Brotherhood, if that's any consolation.

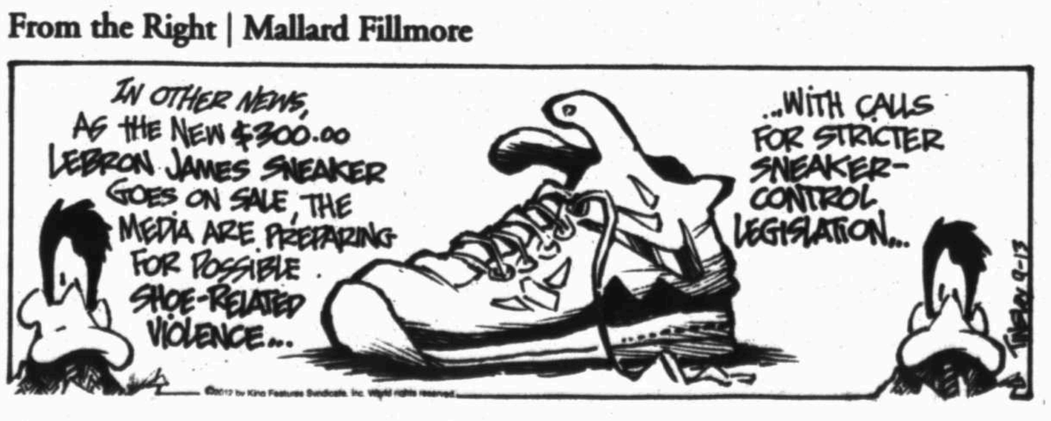
The delicate political balance in Egypt and Libya makes the blunderbuss campaign rhetoric of Romney, the Republican presidential candidate, especially unfortunate. His comments make this crisis more "about America" than it needs to be.

Let's return to the main trigger for these events: It's the success of the tolerably non-extremist (I won't say "moderate") governments in Egypt and Libya in consolidating power, and the anger of the more radical Salafists at this success. Morsi, for example, has just won pledges of billions in financial support from Saudi Arabia and Qatar. The Gulf Arabs are making a bet that over the next year, Morsi can stabilize Egypt and get the economy moving again. Despite Tuesday's tragic events, the U.S. should make the same bet.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore





Associated Press

Glass, debris and overturned furniture are strewn inside a room in the gutted U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, after an attack on Wednesday that killed four Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens. The American ambassador to Libya and three other Americans were killed when a mob of protesters and gunmen overwhelmed the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, setting fire to it in outrage over a film that ridicules Islam's Prophet Muhammad.

US sends Marines to Libya after deadly attack

■ Officials suspet the deadly embassy assult may have been planned.

Associated Press

BENGHAZI, Libya — The U.S. dispatched an elite group of Marines to Tripoli on Wednesday after the mob attack that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans. Officials were investigating whether the rampage was a backlash to an anti-Islamic video with ties to Coptic Christians or a plot to coincide with the anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks.

Tuesday's stunning attack on the American Consulate in Benghazi poses a daunting task for U.S. and Libyan investigators: searching for the culprits in a city rife with heavy weapons, multiple militias, armed Islamist groups and little police control.

The one-story villa that serves as the consulate was a burned-out wreck after the crowd armed with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades rampaged through it. Slogans of "God is great" and "Muhammad is God's Prophet" were scrawled across its scorched walls. Libyan civilians strolled freely in charred rooms with furniture and papers strewn everywhere.

President Barack Obama vowed in a Rose Garden address that the U.S. would "work with the Libyan government to bring to justice" those who killed Ambassador Chris Stevens, information manager Sean Smith and two other Americans who were not identified. Three other Americans were wounded. Stevens was the first U.S. ambassador killed in the line of duty in 30 years.

"We reject all efforts to denigrate the religious beliefs of others, but there is absolutely no justification for this type of senseless violence. None," said Obama, who also ordered increased security at U.S. diplomatic posts abroad.

The mob attack on Tuesday — the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist strike in the U.S. — initially was presumed to have been a spontaneous act triggered by outrage over a movie called "Innocence of Muslims" that mocked Islam's Prophet Muhammad that was produced in the U.S. and excerpted on YouTube. The amateurish video also drew protests in Cairo, where angry ultraconservatives climbed the U.S. Embassy's walls, tore down an American flag and replaced it with an Islamic banner.

But a U.S. counterterrorism official said the Benghazi violence was "too coordinated or professional" to be spontaneous. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the incident publicly.

The FBI was sending evidence teams to Libya, a law enforcement official said. Libya's new leadership — scrambling to preserve ties with Washington after U.S. help to overthrow former dictator Moammar Gadhafi — vowed to find those behind the attack. Interim President Mohammed el-Megarif apologized to the United States for what he called the "cowardly" assault, which also killed several Libyan security guards at the consulate in the eastern city.

Parliament speaker Omar al-Houmidan suggested the attack might have been planned, saying the mob "may have had foreign loyalties" — an apparent reference to international terrorists. "We are not sure. Everything is possible," he said.

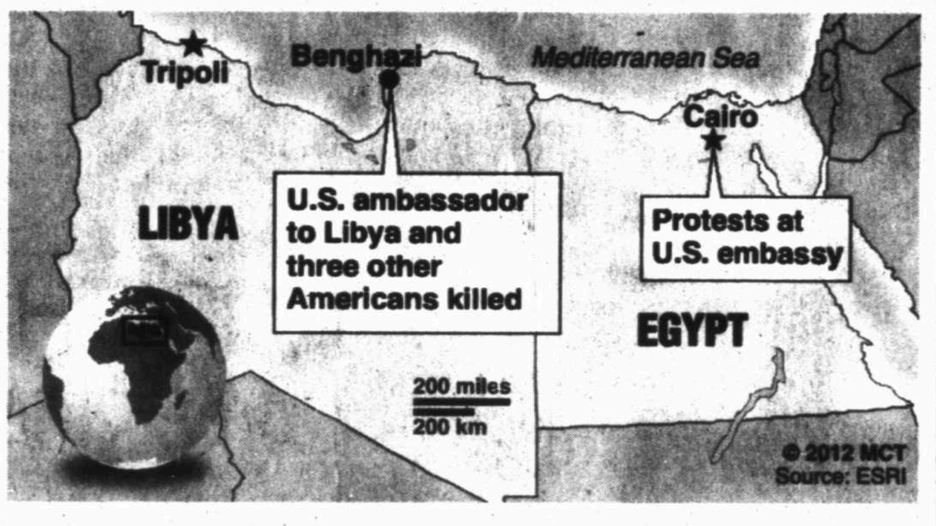
A Libyan jihadist group, the Omar Abdel-Rahman Brigades, claimed responsibility for a bomb that went off outside the Benghazi consulate in June, causing no injuries. The group, which also carried out several attacks on the International Red Cross in Libya, said at the time that the bomb was revenge for the killing of al-Qaida's No. 2, Abu Yahya al-Libi, in a U.S. drone strike in Pakistan.

About 50 U.S. Marines were sent to Libya to guard U.S. diplomatic facilities. The Marines are members of an elite group known as a Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team, or FAST, whose role is to respond on short notice to terrorism threats and to reinforce security at embassies.

The Marines, sent from a base in Spain, were headed initially to the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli, not to Benghazi, according to U.S. officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the press.

The consulate attack illustrated the breakdown in security in Libya, where the government is still trying to establish authority months after Gadhafi's fall. There also were indications that two distinct attacks took place — one on the consulate, then a second hours later early Wednesday on a nearby house to which the staff had been evacuated. The crowd of several thousand that descended on the consulate was armed with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades, said Wanis el-Sharef, the deputy interior minister of Libya's eastern region.

Details of how the Americans were killed were still unclear.



ATTACKS

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Said Obama: "It's important for you to make sure that the statements that you make are backed up by the facts. And that you've thought through the ramifications before you make 'em."

Obama-the-political-candidate's unusually personal criticism, which came in an interview with CBS, stood in contrast to his appearance outside the White House earlier in the day. Then, he somberly mourned the deaths and announced the deployment of additional Marines at diplomatic posts overseas in his capacity as commander in chief.

"And make no mistake. Justice will be done" he declared, referring to those responsible for the murders of Chris Stevens, U.S. ambassador to Libya, and three others.

The four diplomats were killed on Tuesday as protesters overran and burned the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi. In a separate incident, the American Embassy in Cairo was breached by protesters, and the nation's flag was ripped down, although no deaths were reported there.

The political fallout came as U.S. officials investigated whether the attack in Libya was a terrorist strike planned to mark the 11th anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Initial reports were that both the Libya and Egypt events had been motivated by anger over an amateur film made in the United States that ridiculed Islam's Prophet Muhammad.

Either way, some Republicans joined Democrats in questioning Romney's decision to inject himself into the situation thousands of miles away with his critical statement Tuesday night.

He followed up with morning remarks in which he blasted the administration's initial statement from Cairo as disgraceful and "akin to apology."

He added, "It's never too early for the United States government to condemn attacks on Americans and to defend our values."

TIMELINEOFATTACKS

What follows is a rough timeline of the attack on the consulate, according to the officials.

The consulate consists of a main building and a nearby annex, each of which are protected by local Libyan guard force, a physical perimeter barrier and a "robust" American security presence inside the compounds. All times are local Benghazi time.

10:00 p.m. Tuesday
The main consulate building begins began taking fire from unknown Libyan extremists. There are about 25 to 30 employees in the consulate and the annex at the time of the attack.

10:15 p.m.
Attackers gain access to main consulate building and set compound on fire. In the ensuring chaos, many escape the building, but Stevens, Smith and a regional security officer remain inside.

They become separated due to heavy smoke and confusion while trying to evacuate. The security officer makes it outside and he and others from the consulate and annex go back into the building to try to rescue Stevens and Smith.

They find Smith dead and pull him out but are forced by the flames, smoke and gunfire to withdraw before they can locate Stevens.

10:45 p.m.
A group of security officers from the annex try to take the consulate building back from the attackers, but they are repelled.

11:20 p.m.
U.S. and Libyan forces drive the attackers out of consulate and retake the main building. Everyone rescued is brought to the annex.

Midnight
The annex comes under heavy fire from the attackers. The shooting lasts more than two hours during which the other two Americans are killed and two Americans are wounded.

2:30 a.m. Wednesday
Libyan and U.S. security forces retake the annex. Officials believe that Stevens got out or was pulled out of the main consulate building during the battle for the annex and was taken to the hospital. The officials do not know if Stevens was alive when he arrived at the hospital.

6:00 a.m.
U.S. officials are told that Stevens is dead but are not able to confirm it immediately because they have not seen the body. The body is returned to U.S. personnel at the Benghazi airport at dawn. A chartered plane comes from Tripoli to Benghazi and evacuates all the consulate staff, the wounded and the remains to Tripoli.

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Chris Stevens
American ambassador to Libya for the U.S. State Department

Sean Smith
Foreign Service Information Management Officer for the U.S. State Department

Other:
The U.S. State Department reported Wednesday that two other Americans were killed — a total of four — and three other Americans were injured during the attacks, but names were not available by press time Wednesday.

Associated Press

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Man confirms role in anti-Islam film

LOS ANGELES — The search for those behind the provocative, anti-Muslim film implicated in violent protests in Egypt and Libya led Wednesday to a California Coptic Christian convicted of financial crimes who acknowledged his role in managing and providing logistics for the production.

Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, 55, told The Associated Press in an interview outside Los Angeles that he was manager for the company that produced "Innocence of Muslims," which mocked Muslims and the prophet Muhammad and may have caused inflamed mobs that attacked U.S. missions in Egypt and Libya. He provided the first details about a shadowy production group behind the film.

Nakoula denied he directed the film and said he knew the self-described filmmaker, Sam Bacile. But the cell phone number that AP contacted Tuesday to reach the filmmaker who identified himself as Sam Bacile traced to the same address near Los Angeles where AP found Nakoula. Federal court papers said Nakoula's aliases included Nicola Bacily, Erwin Salameh and others.

Nakoula told the AP that he was a Coptic Christian and said the film's director supported the concerns of Christian Copts about their treatment by Muslims.

Nakoula denied he had posed as Bacile. During a conversation outside his home, he offered his driver's license to show his identity but kept his thumb over his middle name, Basseley. Records checks by the AP subsequently found it and other connections to the Bacile persona.

The AP located Bacile after obtaining his cell phone number from Morris Sadek, a conservative Coptic Christian in the U.S. who had promoted the anti-Muslim film in recent days on his website.

Egypt's Christian Coptic population has long decried what they describe as a history of discrimination and occasional violence from the country's Arab majority.

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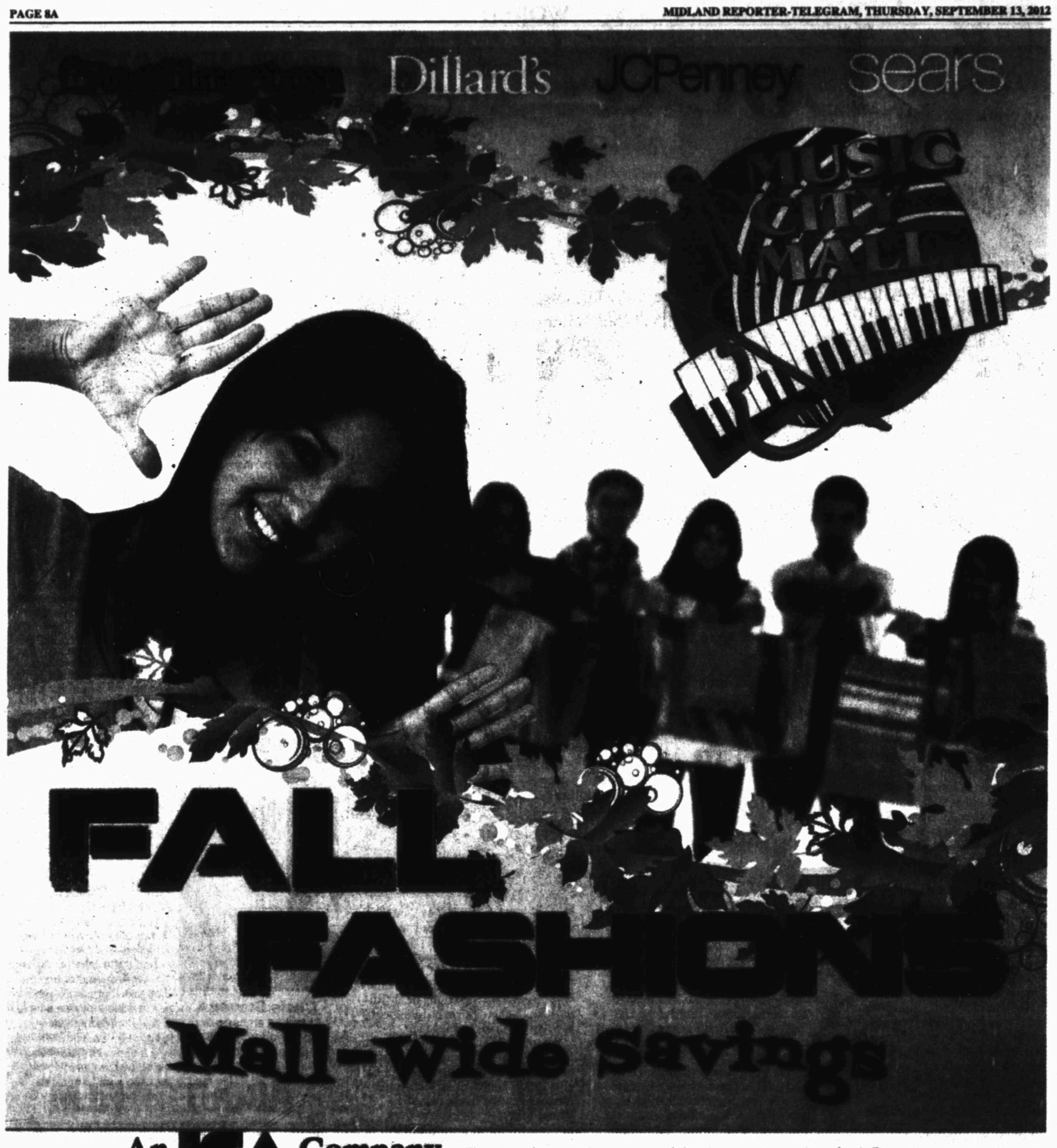
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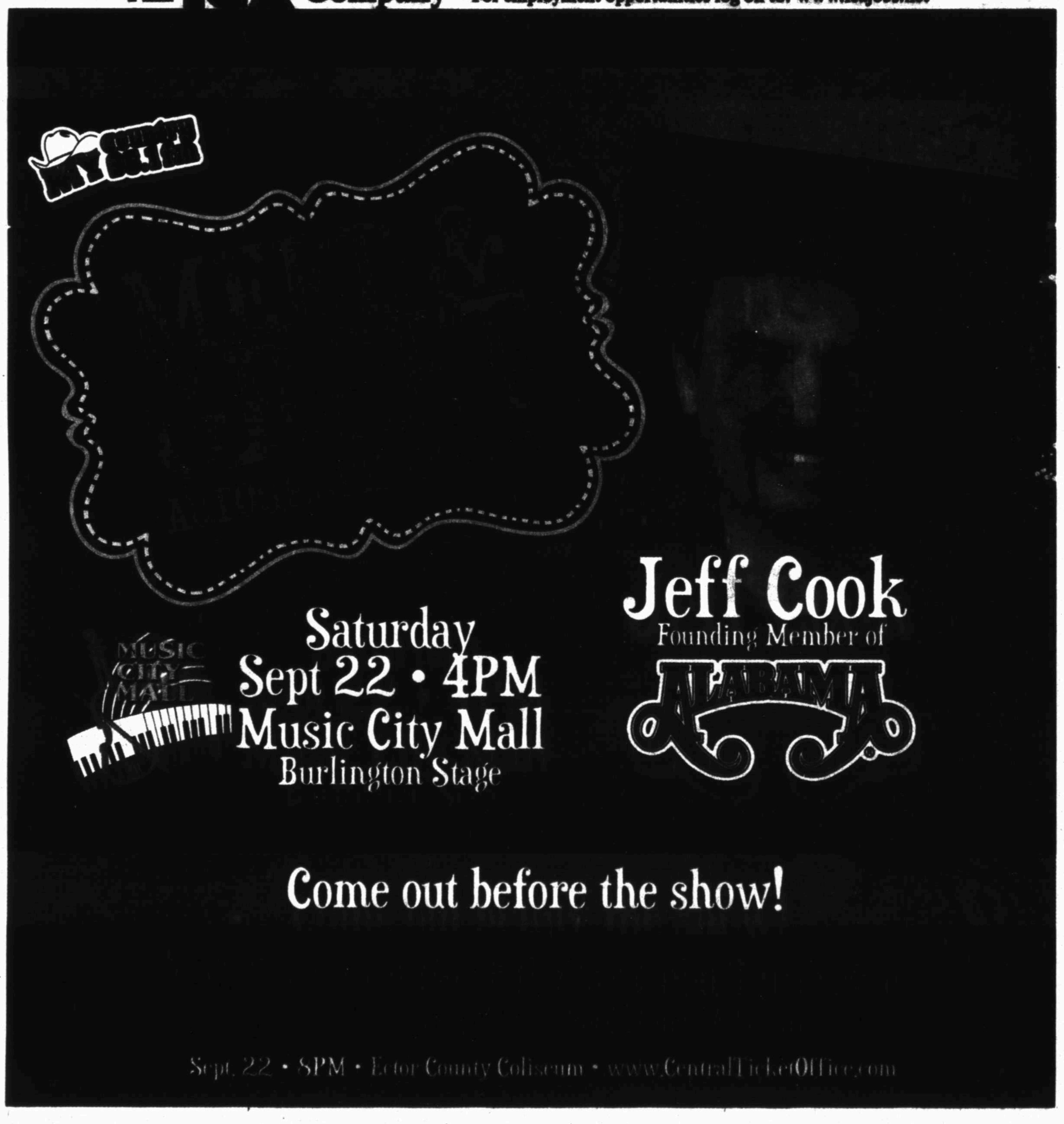
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Film spotlights first-generation college students

Feature documentary to be screened Saturday at Midland College

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Barriers that prevent first-generation students from achieving success in college and ways the community can work together to help ease them will be discussed following a documentary screening Saturday at Midland College.

"You can look at any statistics and it will tell you that first-generation students, even though we're doing better about giving them more opportunities, have more problems getting into and succeeding in college," said Pervis Evans, director of Midland College's Upward Bound program. "We need to understand more about the barriers for a first-generation student trying to maneuver through all the paperwork and the hurdles of getting into college."

MC will host a screening of "First Generation," a documentary that chronicles the experiences of four high school students as they prepare to become the first in their families to attend college, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the college's Carrasco Room. Following the screening, film directors Adam and Jaye Henderson will participate in a question-and-answer session with attendees.

Meet the filmmakers



Jaye Adam

"First Generation" directors Jaye Henderson and Adam Henderson will be available for a question-and-answer session following the screening of the film.

As director of Upward Bound, a program that helps at-risk high schools students graduate from high school and encourages the college pursuit, Evans said there was a need to bring the film to Midland and host a screening.

"I think it brings about some awareness and raises some questions that we can use to come together as a community and decide what we need to do about it here," Evans said. "We have great programs, but we still can't serve all first-generation students."

"Even with programs where we are there assisting and helping students, the reality is there are so many obstacles that prevent a first-generation student, unless we work together as a community," Evans said.

A first-generation college graduate himself, Midland College Director of Community Services Alfredo Chaparro said he believes showing the film will be beneficial. Students in the Upward Bound, AVID and ESL classes have been invited to attend with their families, he said.

"Our knowledge base is not to the degree of other students who are not first generation. That causes issues and difficulties," Chaparro said. "... A lot of first-generation students don't feel like they belong. It feels foreign to them and their families."

In the documentary, none of the students achieve the goals they initially aimed for, Chaparro said.

"It's not a given students will go to college just because

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Courtesy rendering

This rendering shows the interior of the new FMH Foundation Natatorium.

COM Aquatics to build $7 million natatorium

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The dream almost is complete for COM Aquatics after staff announced a kickoff fundraising campaign Wednesday to build a $7 million facility this spring.

"It's kind of the final piece for COM," said Joe de Compiegne, COM board member and chairman of the fundraising committee.

The center has plans to break ground on a new 50-meter covered lap pool in the lot north of the current aquatic center. The new natatorium will be a separate structure from the COM. It will be about 40,000-square feet and include a 12-foot deck and seating for 1,000 spectators. Staff said the new pool will be the final expansion project for the center.

Having its own 50-meter pool for competitions and training has been a dream for the nonprofit organization for the past 45 years and a topic mentioned annually at board meetings, said COM Executive Director Brad Swendig.

The announcement of the new facility, the FMH Foundation Natatorium, was made at the Junior League of Midland before Swim Team parents and applause rose throughout the packed room.

While the organization has raised $5.3 million of the $7 million needed to construct the facility, de Compiegne urged parents and COM members to give on behalf of their involvement.

The membership drive began Wednesday and will continue through Oct. 31. During that time, de Compiegne said all gifts received will be matched up to $250,000.

The center hopes to complete the overall fundraising campaign by Dec. 31 and receive final drawings and construction bid solicitations by Jan. 13 and 31, respectively.

A groundbreaking is scheduled for March 15 with a target completion date a year later on March 15, 2014, officials said.

The indoor facility will be the first of its kind in Midland, and the pool will accommodate swim teams from COM, MISD and UTPB.

Many of the programs and pools at COM Aquatics are very crowded, with more adults and children swimming than ever before, officials said. Swendig told the Reporter-Telegram there are more than 2,500 members involved in more than 30 programs. The organization has seen a growth of 52 percent since the last expansion project in 2007 and has doubled its membership base in the last six years.

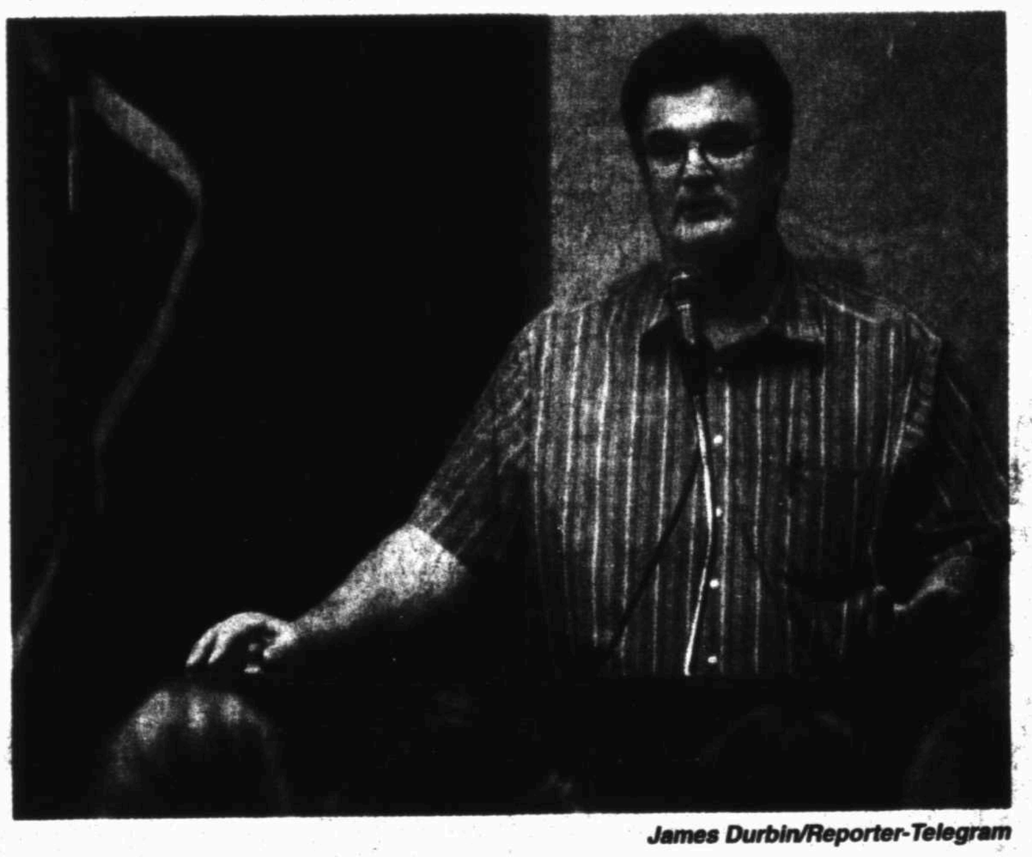
"We're better off financially than we've ever been," Swendig said.

The only 50-meter pool in Midland is the city of Midland's Doug Russell Pool that was built in 1963. It suffers from frequent mechanical issues that interfere with training and competitions.

With the growing population and booming economy, Swendig said he believes the time is right for the new project.

Note: A COM Aquatics press release issued Tuesday stated that the pool will be 55 meters by 25 yards. On Wednesday the 50-meter measurement was clarified.

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Brad Swendig, president and executive director of COM Aquatics, speaks with Joe de Compiegne, board member of the FMH Foundation (not pictured), at a meeting to announce plans for a new $7 million FMH Foundation Natatorium facility.

Natatorium notes

The FMH Foundation Natatorium will include:
- Splash zone for small children
- Boys' and girls' locker rooms
- Men's and women's bathrooms
- Hospitality for events, camps and competitions
- Courtyard for special events, camps, etc.
- Offices for program directors and coaches
- Dehumidification for water recovery
- Multipurpose classroom
- Entry lobby
- Concession area
- 10 50-meter lanes
- 22 25-yard lanes

Programs that will use the FMH Natatorium:
- COM swim team
- MISD swim team
- UTPB swim team
- COM athlete prep program and children's rehabilitation
- Special Olympics
- Water aerobics
- Scuba instruction
- Swim camp
- Midland College Kids College and camp
- COM splash teams
- YMCA triathlon
- Physical therapy
- Youth and adult based "Learn to Swim" programs

Source: COM Aquatics

CDC: Nation on track for deadliest West Nile year

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Health officials say they're convinced this will be the worst year for West Nile virus deaths and severe illnesses since the disease hit America's shores in 1999.

So far, 1,405 serious illnesses and 118 deaths from West Nile have been reported across the country. The bulk are in Texas but Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Michigan also have seen substantial numbers.

The worst year for the mosquito-borne disease was 2002, which saw nearly 3,000 severe cases and 284 deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This year's count of severe cases rose by more than 30 percent in the past week, and is on track to surpass 2002, the CDC's Dr. Lyle Petersen said in a call with reporters on Wednesday.

While the height of mosquito season has passed, infections are expected to continue into October, and severe illness and death reports are expected to keep coming in for months, CDC officials said.

West Nile virus first was diagnosed in Uganda in 1937, but no cases were reported in the U.S. until 1999 in New York. The virus gradually spread across the country.

Only about 1 in 5 infected people get sick. Early symptoms can include fever, headache and body aches. Some recover in a matter of days. But 1 in 150 infected people will develop severe symptoms including neck stiffness, disorientation, coma and paralysis.

Online:
CDC: http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.

State steps up pressure to check dead voter rolls

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A standoff over whether Texas' largest county will check if 9,000 voters actually are dead before the November elections escalated Wednesday when the state warned election officials in Houston that funding could be stripped if they don't comply.

The Harris County Attorney's Office accused the state of levying threats and refused to budge. Some Texans, meanwhile, continued receiving letters in the mail asking them to essentially prove they're alive in order to remain a registered voter.

The Social Security Administration has flagged about 81,000 Texas voters who potentially are dead. A new state law requires voter rolls to be checked against the federal agency's death master file — which is known to have errors — but Harris County officials said it's up to the state to check for accuracy.

"They shouldn't complain if we don't do their work for them," said Douglas Ray, the county's senior assistant attorney.

Harris County's voting registrar also expressed concerns about wrongly purging the living from voter rolls before November, and state

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Obituaries



Abelardo "Labro" Rodriquez

Abelardo "Labro" Rodriquez, 75, passed away September 10, 2012, in Midland, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Gillett, Texas, October 30, 1936, to Marcelino and Conception Rodriguez.

He leaves to cherish his memory his sons, Benjamin (Olga) Rodriquez and Edward (Shelia) Rodriquez; daughters, Lydia (Isaac) Rodriquez, Lysa Pierce, and Pierce Ann (Terry) Harrell; grandson, Nick Rodriquez; 21 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; brothers, Pete Rodriquez, Robert Rodriguez, Bill Rodriquez, and Rudy Rodriquez.

Preceding him in death were his parents; son, Abel Rodriquez; sister, Amelia R. Silva; and a brother, Erasmo Rodriguez.

Known as "Welo" by his friends, he started in the fence building business for Western Fence, in 1956.

He worked there for many years. He started his own fence building business with his sons and grandsons, until his retirement in 2007.

He loved to play pool, watch the Dallas Cowboys, gardening, and fishing. He always enjoyed time with his children and grandchildren, and they always remember him watching his old Western shows on TV.

He was kind and loving to everyone, giving them a place to sleep or something to eat, or even the shirt off his back. He will be truly missed by familly and friends.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, at 1:00 p.m., at the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park. The family would like to thank Hospice of Midland and all of his caretakers.

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Leta Faye Richardson

Leta Faye Richardson, age 85, of Midland, passed away September 9, 2012, at Midland Memorial Hospital. She was born in Shawnee, OK on June 3, 1927, to Thomas Jefferson Robinson and Willie E. Reed Robinson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Bobbye Jo Robinson; brother, Tommy Robinson; and daughter, Theresa Renee Hendrick.

Survivors include her husband of 35 years, Max Richardson; sons, Stanley Pierce and wife, Sharon of Farmington, NM, Michial Pierce and wife, Carolyn of Midland, TX, and Max Richardson, Jr. and wife, Jennifer of Spring, TX; daughter, Melissa Ruth Bruton and husband, Scott of Needville, TX; 7 grandchildren; and 6 great grandchildren.

Leta was a 20-year member of the Chaparral Club of Texas Extension and Education Association. She was 4 times past president. She was a member of the Eastern Star and member of the First Christian Church. Most of all, she enjoyed fishing, playing cards, cross stitching, and visiting with friends and family.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, September 13, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland, with Rusty Gray, officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

Death Notices

Cloyd M. Shanks

Cloyd M. Shanks, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, September 11, 2012.

The family will receive friends, Friday, September 14, 2012, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at Westside Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Shanks; sons, Louis Shanks and Alan "Turtle" Patterson; daughters, Brenda Prucella and Linda Rose; nine grandchildren; and fifteen great grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Edgar Cook

Edgar Cook passed away in Atlanta, Georgia, Monday, September 10, 2012.

Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home.

Elesha Thompson

Elesha Thompson, 31, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, September 9, 2012, at her residence.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 13, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Lloyd Wells, Associate Pastor, Spring Creek Fellowship, officiating. Graveside services will be at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, at Hermleigh Cemetery.

She is survived by one son, Michael Reilly Shubert; three daughters, Leslie Ann Shubert, Ashley Lee "Shorty" Shubert, and Corin Slater; her parents, Teresa Brumley (John) and Michael Thompson; one sister, Sherrie Thompson (Mandy Morrow); a step-brother, John Pena; step-sister, Annetta (Nickie) Pena; grandparents, Maurice and Mary Smith and Mary Lou Brumley.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Elvira Cantu

Elvira Cantu, 88, passed away Monday, September 10, 2012.

Funeral services will be at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 13, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Marco Arizmendi, Jr., officiating. Burial will follow in Ackerly Cemetery.

She is survived by five sons, Rudy Cantu (Mary), Enrique Cantu (Yolanda), Silberio Cantu (Olga), Domingo Cantu, Jr. (Macaria), and Jesse Cantu (Sylvia); two daughters, Irene Perez (Jose) and Sandra Hensley (Andy); one sister, Lillie Cruz; fifteen grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Dolores Cantu.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mildred Young

On Monday, September 10th, 2012, Mildred Young, 94, of Odessa, was called home to be with her Lord and Savior.

Mrs. Young's surviving children include her daughter, Betty Richards; son, Perry Young; two grandchildren, Carol and Bryan; and two great grandchildren, Brandon and Amy.

Graveside services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 14, 2012, in Sunset Memorial Gardens, with John Lyons officiating.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Lackland instructor sentenced to one year

By Sig Christenson and Karisa King
San Antonio Express-News



Jerry Lara/San Antonio Express-News

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Kwinton Estacio arrives for the start of his court marshal at Lackland Air Force Base on Monday. Estacio is being tried on charges that he sexually assaulting a female basic training student, violating a no-contact order and asking several trainees to lie about his contact with them.

SAN ANTONIO — A jury Wednesday evening handed a boot camp instructor 12 months in prison, reduction in rank to airman, and a dishonorable discharge after he pleaded guilty to having sex with a recruit under his command.

Betraying no emotion while standing, his hands clasped, Staff Sgt. Kwinton Estacio quickly left the courtroom after the trial ended. Neither his attorneys nor prosecutors would comment.

One of 17 basic training instructors who have been investigated for having illicit sexual contact with female trainees, he pleaded guilty to charges that could have landed him in a lockup for 13 years.

Things could have been much worse. A jury earlier Wednesday found him not guilty of sexually assaulting a young female trainee identified as Airman 1, sparing him from facing another year of prison time.

The charge was downgraded from sexual assault, which carried a maximum 30-year sentence.

If Estacio had been convicted of sexual assault or wrongful sexual contact, the Air Force would have been required to notify state officials so he could be placed on a sex-offender registry, said Lt. Col. Mark Hoover, an Air Force training command attorney.

Shortly after the verdict was read, Estacio gave a brief, emotional unsworn statement. He did not testify, and the defense called no witnesses.

"I wanted to apologize to the Air Force, to the MTI corps, my family and also to Airman (1)," he said, choking back tears.

"I ask for your mercy. I know you don't have to give it, but I ask for it." The trial was the fourth at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland since the Air Force late last year revealed a sex scandal on the base involving basic training instructors and recruits.

Only one of the instructors, Staff Sgt. Luis A. Walker, got a lengthy sentence. He was given 20 years earlier this summer for raping one trainee and having sexual contact with nine others.

One other trainer went to jail for 30 days and another three months. The Air Force has so far identified 39 trainees, all of them women, as victims in the scandal.

There had been 43 as the week began, but the number fell after investigators determined that some had received text messages or telephone calls that were not sexual in nature.

Estacio began the trial facing three charges and several specifications, the most serious of which alleged he sexually assaulted Airman 1 in a darkened supply room last October.

The military judge, Lt. Col. Matthew Van Dalen, found him not guilty on that charge Tuesday after finding there wasn't enough evidence to support it.

The judge accepted the lesser charge of wrongful sexual contact, and jurors deliberated nearly five hours before finding him not guilty — a major victory for victory for the defense, which sought to show their client believed the woman consented to have sex.

Estacio pleaded guilty to violating an Air Education and Training Command rule prohibiting trainers from having intimate relationships with trainees.

He also admitted to meeting with two other trainers under investigation in violation of orders, and obstructing an Air Force investigation.

Defense attorney Mark O'Neil, an Air Force captain, opened his plea for a light sentence by conceding the end of Estacio's three-day trial "was not a good day for anyone."

But he argued the government's call to send Estacio to prison for four years and give him a dishonorable discharge, was too extreme.

That sentence would have branded Estacio among "the worst offenders" when there was a "whole person" to consider, one who had spent a decade in uniform, deployed three times and been a top-rated instructor with a family, O'Neil said.

"He is a federal convict for what he did," O'Neil said. "He is a federal convict right now and will be for the rest of his life."

But a prosecutor, Maj. Shaun Speranza, countered that prison time and a dishonorable discharge were fitting for Estacio, who lured the woman and a fellow airman to the supply room, where he and another trainer waited for them.

Estacio performed oral sex on Airman 1 while the other trainer, Staff Sgt. Craig LeBlanc, is accused of having intercourse. He goes on trial next month.

"He took full advantage of his position to use one of his trainees as a sex toy, and he thought it was OK," Speranza said, adding that Estacio "didn't think twice" about obstructing investigators.

Calling Estacio "selfish" and "dishonorable," he said the ex-instructor failed to grasp that what he did was wrong, as shown by the fact that he told other accused instructors that he felt betrayed by the social isolation he faced after charges surfaced. "He feels betrayed," Speranza said, "because he got caught."

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they want to," Chaparro said. "The child either needs to be the advocate or find people who can guide them through the process. This is a new experience for the family and they're going to need some help."

Evans said it's common for first-generation students and their families to have trouble navigating the college admittance system and know how much time is needed.

"The common thread is some things they weren't aware of in their college pursuit," Evans said. "They may have had certain dreams and goals in the beginning, but because things changed, they had an alternative outcome from what was originally hoped."

Chaparro said a very large percentage of MC students do come from first generation backgrounds and it's important that students set realistic goals.

For more information on the screening, or to RSVP if bringing a large group, contact Alfredo Chaparro at achaparro@midland.edu.

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About the film

The 95-minute documentary explores the problem of college access faced by first-generation and low-income students and how their success has major implications for the future of our nation.

It is directed by Adam and Jaye Fenderson and sponsored by the Lumina Foundation for Education and GOAL 2025 whose mission is to increase the percentage of Americans with high quality degrees and credentials to 60 percent by 2025.

It had its world premiere at the 2011 Heartland Film Festival, where it was nominated for a Crystal Heart Award, won best documentary and best soundtrack at the 2012 Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, and won special jury award for social impact at the 2011 Napa Valley Film Festival.

Jaye Henderson, a former undergraduate admissions counselor at Columbia University, felt the need to document the struggles of first-generation families after learning that less than 10 percent of students at the top 146 universities were from low-income families.

Official: Texas coastal insurer is unsustainable

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association is not sustainable and likely won't be until the state spreads the costs of risks associated with major hurricane strikes beyond just Texans living in coastal areas, the state's top insurance official said Wednesday.

Eleanor Kitzman, commissioner of the Texas Department of Insurance, told a special state House and Senate joint committee on seacoast territory insurance that it no longer makes sense to confine the costs of the state's property insurer for people living on the coast solely to property owners in Texas' 14 coastal counties and part of Harris County.

"You cannot spread risk in such a defined area," Kitzman said. "The phrase 'rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic' comes to mind." She said simply raising insurance rates in high-risk areas was not the only solution, but added that she believes coastal rates remain too low.

Kitzman said the insurance association has $750 million on hand and could issue bonds to raise $2.5 billion in the event of a catastrophic storm.

She said that means the state is prepared to cover policyholder losses up to about one monster storm every 60 years but that destruction on an even larger scale was beyond its capacity.

Known as TWIA, the association is a nonprofit, state-supervised insurer-of-last-resort for people who can't get private property insurance in coastal areas, where risks are often so high that private insurers will not write policies. Kitzman suggested that the state could improve TWIA's fiscal health by trimming up to 20 percent of its policyholders who own property near coastal areas but farther from the water.

For some, the Texas coast may conjure up images of posh beach homes. But legislators heard testimony on how coastal residents earn less on average than Texans statewide. Many also work at refineries or otherwise rely on the oil-and-gas industry and can't live anywhere but near the coast, despite the high insurance premiums for their homes or businesses.

Some 52 percent of TWIA-insured homes are valued at $150,000 or less, said John Pollock, TWIA's general manager.

Deeia Beck is public counsel and executive director for the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, an advocate for consumers in insurance matters. She suggested imposing a 1 or 2 percent fee on hotel rooms, car rentals and other tourism-related activities could bolster TWIA's coffers, and noted that a 2 percent surcharge on hotel rooms alone may generate $30 million annually.

"I realize that in terms of TWIA, it's a drop in the bucket," Beck said. "But this is a bucket that needs a lot of drops."

VOTERS

From 1B

Democratic leaders said they're worried it may disenfranchise eligible voters.

But the state said Harris County has known for months that it would need to check against the death file, adding that practically no other election officials have quibbled.

Keith Ingram, director of the state's election division, wrote in a letter to Harris County's voting registrar Wednesday that the county is required to help maintain a statewide voter registration list. He cited Texas election codes, which said failing to comply gives his office authority to withhold voter registrations funds.

"It is my duty to advise you that your actions likely constitute violations of both state and federal laws and put the integrity of the Harris County and the state's voter registrations lists, as well as the integrity of the November 6 general election in jeopardy," Ingram wrote.

Ingram added that his office would "evaluate what options to take" if Harris County doesn't comply.

Ray said the secretary of state lacks the power to force local registrars to check against the list. His office planned to send a three-page legal memo to every local prosecutor arguing why election officials are under no obligation to comply.

Rich Parsons, a spokesman for the secretary of state, said no one on the list who doesn't tell a county they're alive would be turned away on Election Day. Parsons said elections officials would reinstate the person at the polls.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TJ Chandler, 30, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Wesley D. Grayson III, 24, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Keith W. Jacobson, 25, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Christopher D. Surles, 26, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Houston boy kidnapped 8 years ago now seeing parents

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Texas boy who was found in March after having been kidnapped eight years ago as an infant has begun getting to know his parents through weekly joint therapy sessions with them, attorneys and child welfare officials said Wednesday.

The attorneys said they hope this is another step that eventually will lead the boy to permanently be reunited with his parents. Authorities allege Miguel Morin, now 8, was taken as an infant, and his baby sitter and her mother remain jailed on kidnapping charges.

State District Judge Mike Schneider ordered after a court hearing Wednesday that the boy remain in foster care until the next court hearing on Jan. 9.

William Thursland, a court appointed attorney for Miguel, said the boy has been told who his biological parents are and the joint therapy sessions that began about a month ago are being used as a way for the boy and his parents to get to know each other.

"It's just barely begun, so he's cautious," Thursland said. "It's going well but it's just going to take time."

Auboni Champion-Morin and Fernando Morin, Miguel's parents, who live in Houston and both are 29, declined to comment after Wednesday's hearing.

Mark Cooper, Fernando Morin's attorney, said Miguel is being carefully reintroduced to the "real people in his life."

"It's going gently and slowly and appropriately and progress is being made and it looks good," he said.

Champion-Morin's attorney, Itze Soliz-Matthews, said the joint therapy sessions were going "very well."

All attorneys in the case declined to offer more details about the therapy sessions.

The boy has been in foster care since authorities found him in March living in East Texas with Krystle Tanner, who had been Miguel's baby sitter in Houston. Investigators believe she kidnapped the boy in 2004 when he was just 8 months old and concealed his identity for years.

Tanner and her mother, Gloria Walker, each have been charged with kidnapping and injury to a child. They have pleaded not guilty and remain jailed in San Augustine, about 140 miles northeast of Houston.

Estella Olguin, a spokeswoman for Child Protective Services in Houston, said the goal remains to reunite Miguel with his parents.

She said while it was unusual that about five months passed after Miguel was found before he was allowed to meet with his parents, that came at the recommendation of his therapist due in part to the unusual circumstances of the case.

"We wanted to do what was in the best interest of Miguel and make the transition smooth and less traumatic for him," Olguin said.

Miguel was expected by the end of the month to start meeting, in a therapeutic setting, with his four siblings, who are living with Juanita and Joseph Aguillard, a Houston couple who have been taking care of the Morins' other children under an agreement between the couples.

His siblings "can't wait to see him," said Joseph Aguillard.

Olguin said when authorities found Miguel, he had never gone to school, was unable to read or write and functioned at a level below kindergarten. Now with additional help he has received, including once a week tutoring, he has caught up and is now attending second grade.

"He is doing really remarkably. He's really a great little man," she said.

Poll: NM Gov. Susana Martinez has 69 percent approval rating

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — Just days after speaking at the Republican National Convention, Gov. Susana Martinez has earned a strong approval rating among New Mexico voters.

A poll commissioned by The Albuquerque Journal found that 69 percent of New Mexico voters approve of the Republican governor's performance 20 months into her first term.

Meanwhile, 17 percent of voters polled Sept. 3-6 said they disapprove of her job performance, while 14 percent were undecided, the poll found.

Martinez, elected in 2010 with 53 percent of the vote, has pushed for tougher school standards and for the repeal of a state law allowing illegal immigrants to obtain driver's licenses. She also has opposed new taxes and trimmed the size of state government without mass layoffs.

"She's focused on issues that are popular among the voters," said Journal pollster Brian Sanderoff, president of Research & Polling Inc. "As a Republican governor, she has not followed the curve of other Republican governors who have tried to balance the budget by cutting Medicaid or school funding."

Martinez's prime-time speech at the Republican National Convention on Aug. 29 in Tampa, Fla., probably boosted her approval rating back home, Sanderoff said. She spoke between former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and GOP vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan, though several major television networks skipped most of her address.

Approval ratings for the nation's first elected Latina governor were strong in all parts of New Mexico and among both Hispanic and white voters, the Journal Poll found.

Even Democratic voters were more likely to approve than disapprove of Martinez's job performance, with 56 percent of likely Democratic voters saying they approve of Martinez's performance as governor and 24 percent saying they disapprove. About 20 percent of Democratic voters were undecided.

Eighty-nine percent of the voters in her own party approved, while 6 percent disapproved and 5 percent were undecided. Rounding error prevents some totals from equaling 100 percent.

Recent controversies over the Martinez administration's past use of private email addresses to conduct state government business and her administration's handling of a new 25-year lease at the state fairgrounds in Albuquerque do not appear to have affected the governor's approval ratings, Sanderoff said.

"Those controversies have not necessarily jumped to the highest level of awareness among average voters at this time," he said.

A total of 402 likely voters were interviewed via land lines and cellphones. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points.

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KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Two and Half Men	Big Brother		Person of Interest "No Good Deed"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Late Late	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	The Vampire Diaries "Do Not Go Gentle"		The Next "Dallas" (N)		Seinfeld	Sein. "The Wallet"	'Til Death	'Til Death	That '70s Show	That '70s Show
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The X Factor "Audition #2" (N)		Glee "The New Rachel" (SP) (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: C.I. "Slither"	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr's B & S	Alan Lee	Update News	Mark Biltz	Light of the Southwest				Dr. Diana Dye	Matt Staver	Dr. R.Booker	Thurman Scrivner
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KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Great Performances at the Met "Wagner's Ring Cycle: Siegfried" Raised in the wilderness, the hero Siegfried reassembles a great sword and slays a dragon. (N)								Tavis Smiley	
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SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) Angels Crest		★ Shinkansen High		(:25) ★ Tanner Hall Rooney Mara.		Gigolos	Gigolos			★ Burning Palms	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) ★ MacGuffin		★★★ The Help ('11, Dra) Viola Davis, Emma Stone.				★ An Unlimited Guest ('10, Hor)				(:15) ★ Blue Valentine	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Thicker Than Water"		First 48 "Unarmed/ Bad Feeling"		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First 48 "Unarmed/ Bad Feeling"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	★★★ The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.										★★★ The Green Mile Tom Hanks.	
BET	58	26		40		106&Park		★★ The Brothers Morris Chestnut.						★★ He's Mine Not Yours Andrew Alexander.		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		House Miami (N)		(:15) Miami	Watch What Happens Live			House Miami	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Crime Inc.		Crime Inc. (N)		American Greed		Mad Money		Crime Inc.	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	CarWars	Auction	Auction	Auction	CarWars	Auction
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Austin	A.N.T.	Jessie	Austin	GoodLuck	Phineas	Phineas	Babysit.	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Football	NCAA Football Rutgers vs. South Florida (L)						SportsCenter			SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Audibles (L)		Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Boxing Vargas vs. Martinez (L)				NFL Live (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Alice in Wonderland				★★ Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time				The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped "Own It!"		Chopped		Extreme Chef (N)		Food Truck Race		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Rangers Insider	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	SW Outdoors	SportsD-ay OnAir	Instant Replay
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Mother	M-Mother	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	Wilfred	Louie (N)	Biased (N)	Louie	Wilfred	Biased
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier		G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Buying and Selling		You Live in What?		HouseH	House (N)	Abroad	House (N)	You Live in What?	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Counting	Counting	Top Gear	"One Tank"	Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Project Runway "Oh My Lord and Taylor"		Project Runway "Starving Artist"		Project Runway "It's All About Me" (N)			Project Runway "It's All About Me"			Project Runway "Starving Artist"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				Boxing Fight Night		Sports Illustrated		Caught Looking		Caught Looking		Indy 36	NFL Turning Point		Lookign
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Figure	Figure Out	Yes, Dear	K & Kel	Hollywood Heights		Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Jail	Jail	Impact Wrestling (N)				UFC Unleashed		MMA Un.	WaysD	WaysD	WaysD
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TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Sullivan& son (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan		Sullivan and Son	The Office
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	Leguiz.	Mack Sennett			Mack Sennett			Mack Sennett			Sennett
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TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Honey Boo Boo	Honey Boo Boo	Yes to the Dress	Yes to the Dress	Four Wedding "...and a Rally Towel" (N)		Say Yes to the Dress "The Big Day: Kelly"		Four Weddings "...and a Rally Towel"		Say Yes to the Dress "The Big Day: Kelly"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	The Mentalist "Bleeding Heart"		The Mentalist "My Bloody Valentine"		The Mentalist "Red is the New Black"		The Mentalist "At First Blush"		CSI: NY "On the Job"		CSI: NY "The Closer"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Home I.	Home Imp	Cosby	Cosby	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Obsession"		NCIS "Faking It"		NCIS "Dead and Unburied"		NCIS "Smoked"		Covert Affairs "Suffragette City"		★★★ It's Complicated	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Mother "Brunch"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	30 Rock	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

Plan would reduce TEXAS Grant payments

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

Texas could help more poor students afford college if it capped the amount awarded under the TEXAS Grant financial aid program, state lawmakers were told Wednesday.

Unless the Legislature pumps more money into the program in 2013, lawmakers should consider capping financial aid to cover only academic costs, such as tuition, fees and books, said Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Commissioner Raymund Paredes.

Reducing grants would allow the state to spread out the money as Texas braces for more poor students to reach college age.

State figures show that about 60 percent of children enrolled in Texas public schools now qualify as economically disadvantaged, Paredes said.

"The question is do we try to fund a larger number of students or do we fund a relatively small number at generous levels?" Paredes said.

The TEXAS Grant program has spent more than $2 billion helping more than 300,000 students since its inception in 1999. In 2011, lawmakers cut the program's two-year budget from $622 million to $559 million, leaving it able to cover only about 59 percent of the nearly 65,000 eligible students.

To qualify, high school students must graduate from the state's college prep curriculum and not have a felony or drug conviction.

Grants typically are given to students with families who make less than $45,000 and who can contribute no more than $4,000 annually to their children's education.

The program tries to cover a student's total schooling costs, which can include things such as transportation and clothing, along with academic costs, said board spokesman Dominic Chavez. Changing the program to cover only academic costs would reduce the amount some students receive, but would help the state get more students into higher education.

Chavez said the board already is encouraging schools to pursue the "academics only" model in awarding grants, but lawmakers could create a uniform approach by making it state law.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, suggested the proposed change could hurt students who attend colleges in cities where the cost of living is higher, such as Austin, Houston and Dallas.

Other recommendations by the coordinating board would be to cap TEXAS Grant at eight semesters with students required to be enrolled in at least 12 hours of courses.

Committee chairwoman Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, suggested lawmakers should try to put more money into TEXAS Grant.

"If Texas Grants were fully funded, this wouldn't be a problem," Zaffirini said.

High school coach convicted in wife's death seeks new trial

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Houston-area former high school football coach convicted of killing his pregnant wife is asking for a new trial based on a potential new witness who has come forward.

David Temple in 2007 was sentenced to life in prison for the 1999 shooting death of his wife, Belinda.

Temple's attorneys filed a motion Monday that points to a new witness. They said the witness — identified only as "John Doe" — heard an alternate suspect admit to burglarizing the couple's home in Katy and firing a shotgun.

The motion also said prosecutors during the trial withheld evidence that points to the alternate suspect.

Kelly Siegler, who prosecuted the case, declined immediate comment Wednesday.

A judge in Houston has scheduled an Oct. 1 hearing on the motion.

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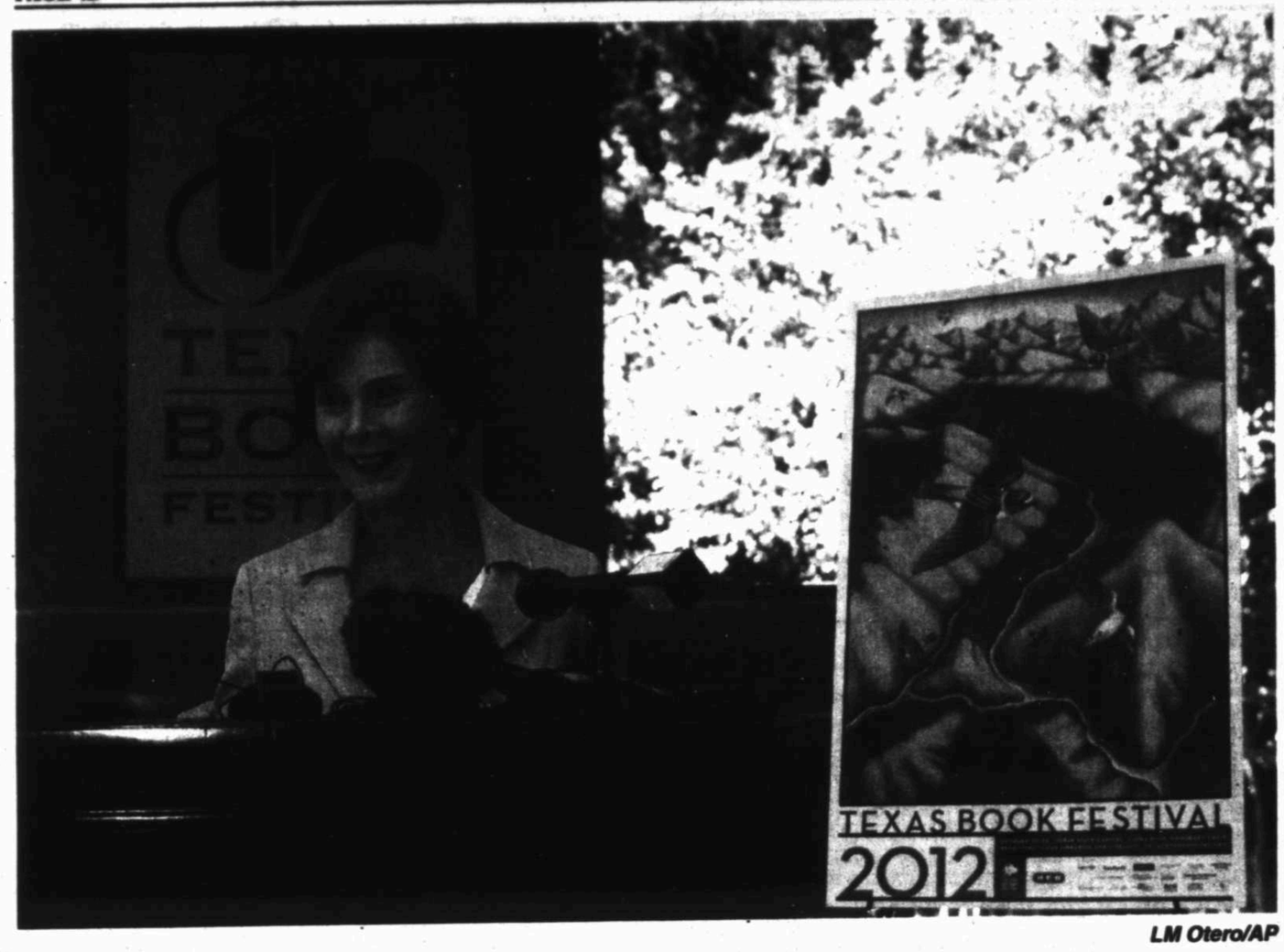
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Former first lady Laura Bush speaks at an announcement of the lineup for the 2012 Texas Book Festival on Wednesday at her home in the Preston Hollow section of Dallas. Bush, who founded the festival when she was first lady of Texas, also unveiled this year's book festival poster for the annual event in Austin.

Laura Bush announces book festival lineup

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

DALLAS — Former first lady Laura Bush on Wednesday announced the authors set to attend next month's Texas Book Festival, a lineup that will include Junot Diaz, Tim O'Brien and Jewel.

"We have a really wonderful lineup once again," said Bush, who made the announcement in the backyard of her Dallas home.

Bush, who founded the festival when she was first lady of Texas, also unveiled this year's festival poster. Designed by Texas artist Margie Crisp, the poster features cliff swallows flying over the Colorado River.

Crisp, author of "River of Contrasts: The Texas Colorado," will be among the more than 250 authors participating in the festival set for Oct. 27-28 in and around the Texas Capitol in Austin.

Bush said that former President George W. Bush is currently reading "The Passage of Power: The Years of Lyndon Johnson," written by one of the authors who will attend, Robert A. Caro. The book is the author's fourth in a series on Johnson.

More than 40,000 people are expected to attend the free event that includes author readings and presentations, panel discussions and book signings. The first Texas Book Festival was held in 1996.

Also attending will be Cheryl Strayed, whose book "Wild" about her 1,100-mile hike along the Pacific Crest Trail in California and Washington was a pick this summer for "Oprah's Book Club 2.0."

And actor Tony Danza will be there with his new book "I'd Like to Apologize to Every Teacher I Ever Had," which chronicles his year spent teaching 10th grade at a high school.

O'Brien, who wrote about the Vietnam War in the "The Things They Carried," will receive the Texas Writer Award from the festival.

"There's really something for everybody at the Texas Book Festival," said Laura Bush, adding that the festival includes fiction and nonfiction writers and authors of children's books.

Bush, a former librarian, said neither she nor her husband — who both wrote books after leaving the White House in 2009 — are currently working on any new books, but it is something they've thought about.

"We might do another book. I think George has one in mind," she said, adding that she and her daughter Jenna Bush Hager also have thought about doing a follow-up to their children's book "Read All About It."

Online:
http://www.texasbookfestival.org

Houston task force aims to reduce obesity

By Joe Holley
Houston Chronicle

Presiding over a city that often looms large among the ranks of America's "large" cities, Mayor Annise Parker announced on Wednesday an initiative to reduce obesity and increase healthy eating and exercise.

Dubbed Healthy Houston, the effort will promote programs and policies aimed at getting Houstonians moving on bikes and walkways and in parks and playgrounds; improve access to healthy, affordable and locally produced food; and encourage backyard and community gardening.

"We know obesity is a significant health threat in our city," the mayor said. "We want to tackle the issue with innovative ideas and thinking to help Houstonians make smart decisions to lead healthy lifestyles, prevent problems before they occur, lower health care costs and increase productivity and quality of life."

Parker is not the first mayor to launch an initiative to slough off the pounds and promote healthier lifestyles.

In 2002, responding to the city's dubious No. 1 "America's Fattest City" ranking from Men's Fitness Magazine, then-Mayor Lee Brown started a Get Lean program and hired the city's first fitness czar.

The czar's efforts seemed to get results — the city shed its No. 1 fat ranking — but the pounds had piled back on by the time Bill White was elected mayor. Houston's perennial weight problem prompted White to form the Mayor's Wellness Council.

What's different this time, said Dr. Shreela Sharma, a registered dietitian and assistant professor of epidemiology at The University of Texas School of Public Health, is that "a lot of initiatives are going on in Houston. There's a lot of synergy, unlike ever before, which is really important. What's happening now is that they're all kind of integrated."

Sharma, who serves on Parker's Healthy Houston task force, said the panel will evaluate various health and fitness initiatives in Houston to see which are effective and can be used to develop policy.

Other cities have gotten good results with similar efforts, said Dr. Georges Benjamin, director of the American Public Health Association. "Philadelphia got amazing results," he said, "and Boston went a long way toward reducing consumption."

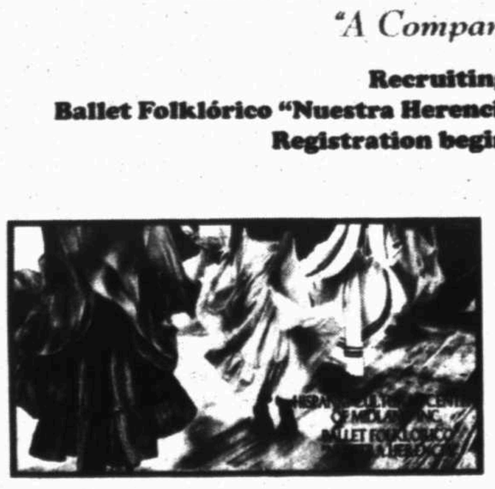
Benjamin also mentioned former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who lost more than 100 pounds himself and started a Healthy Arkansas program to help young people understand how to lose weight through behavioral changes.

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TODAY — Thunderstorms — high 72 — low 56

FRIDAY — Mostly cloudy — high 68 — low 54

SATURDAY — Mostly cloudy — high 77 — low 57

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect cloudy skies today with a high around 72, northeast winds between 5 and 15 mph and a 90 percent chance of thunderstorms. Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy conditions, a low around 56, north winds between 5 and 15 mph and a 90 percent chance of thunderstorms.

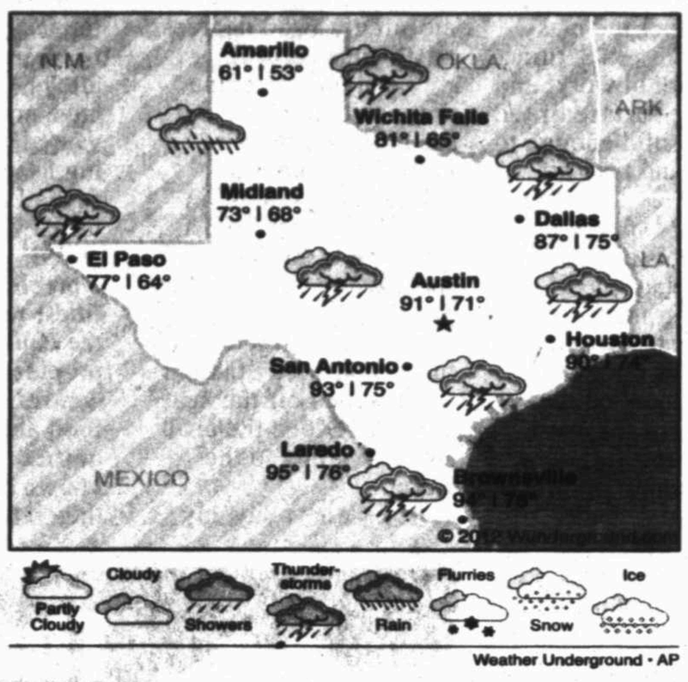
Friday, look for mostly cloudy skies with a high around 68, a low around 54 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph. There is a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Saturday, the forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high around 77, a low around 57 and a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

The high on Wednesday reached 88 while the low dropped to 73. The record high for Sept. 12 is 101 set in 1930. The record low is 51 set in 1975.

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Much of the eastern third of the nation will continue its string of sunny days today. High pressure from the southern Appalachians to New England also will bring low humidity and large temperature swings from the early morning into the afternoon. An east flow of moisture from the southern Atlantic Coast to the Gulf Coast will produce patchy clouds and spotty downpours.



Weather Underground - AP

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	trace
Total for month	0.05 in.
Total for year	6.76 in.
Normal total (year to date)	10.53 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

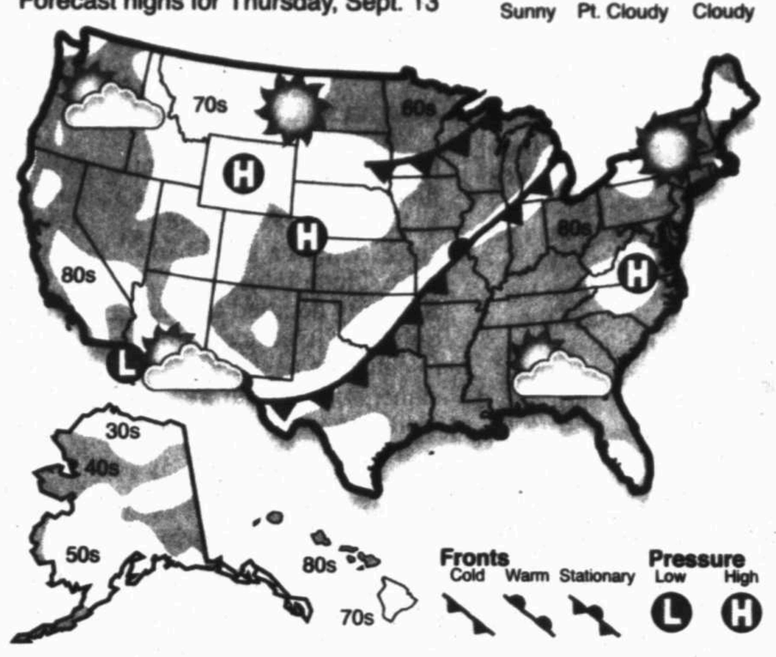
High	88
Low	73
Normal high	88
Normal low	63

Sunrise ... 7:31 a.m.
Sunset ... 7:58 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Sept. 13

Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy



Siblings blinded by father's money turn away from mom

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: My father left my mother after 32 years of marriage. To say Mom was devastated would be putting it mildly. She tried to keep things cordial for the sake of her four kids, but Dad spurned her efforts.

My three brothers and I are now married with children of our own. Only recently have I been able to express how ashamed I am of myself and my siblings for the despicable way we have treated our mother for the past 17 years.

Dad was always arrogant, but he became even worse when he came into money. In our lives, Dad became No. 1. The reason? You guessed it — the money. We put our mother down every chance we got, and our spouses chimed right in. We visited her only once or twice a year and never repaid the money she lent us. She knew she wasn't wanted or respected. Dad is clueless to the fact that we hang around only because of what we can get (and have gotten) from him. This is still true of my brothers, but I no longer want any part of this charade.

Mom is gone now. No, she hasn't passed away. She quietly moved out of our lives and I don't know where she is. I don't blame her for leaving. The abuse she took from us shouldn't happen to a dog. When I look back, I remember a mother who held a full-time job, kept a marvelous home, was a great cook and had a wonderful laugh and sensitivity. She didn't smoke, drink or cheat on Dad. Was she perfect? Of course not; none of us is.

All she wanted after the divorce was to be loved by her kids and spend time with her grandkids. Now the grandkids are growing up without knowing this wonderful woman.

Mom, if you see this letter, I LOVE YOU DEARLY. I hope you can someday forgive me for all the years of hateful remarks and unkind deeds. The pain you must have suffered is something I'll have to live with the rest of my life. You are a class act, and I'm going to live the rest of my life trying to emulate your values and quiet dignity. — MISSING MY MOM IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR MISSING: If you're truly sorry, it's time to tell your mother personally and ask her forgiveness. Do whatever it takes to locate her, including hiring a private detective if necessary. It may be expensive, but use some of the money you got from Dear Old Dad.

DEAR ABBY: I am an 81-year-old grandmother who blindly trusted that my annual Pap smear exam would provide early detection for any type of uterine cancer.

It took a diagnosis of uterine cancer that resulted in a subsequent hysterectomy for me to discover that this test is not enough. Although the Pap test should be part of a regular checkup, it only checks for cervical cancer. Except when hormone therapy is being taken, any bleeding, spotting or abnormal discharge following menopause is NOT normal and should be reported at once to your doctor. — GEORGIA GRANDMOTHER

DEAR GRANDMOTHER: I'm pleased that your cancer was caught in time. However, whether a woman is pre- or post-menopausal — and whether or not she is on hormone therapy — she IMMEDIATELY should alert her doctor to any abnormal bleeding, spotting or discharge. These symptoms are not just warning signs of cancer. They also could indicate a polyp that needs removal, or a sexually transmitted disease.

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♡ K J 10 4
◇ 10 3 2
♣ K Q

WEST
♠ Q 5 3 2
♡ 9 7 6
◇ 9 8 7 6 5
♣ 5

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

SOUTH
♠ 4
♡ A Q 5
◇ A Q 4
♣ J 9 8 7 6 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
2◇	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Nine of ◇

Paul and Sandy Trent of Asheville, N.C., have long been among the most popular mixed pairs in the tournament world. Here Sandy is at work in the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs at the recent ACBL Summer North American Championships held in Philadelphia.

A natural sequence got them to a reasonable club slam. West led the nine of diamonds, and Sandy made short work of the slam. The nine of diamonds went to the king and ace, and a trump was returned to the queen and ace. The knave of diamonds was taken with the queen and a trump to the king revealed the bad news. Declarer cashed the ace and king of spades, discarding the ace of hearts from hand. A spade was ruffed in the closed hand. Sandy returned to dummy with a heart to the 10 and ruffed another spade:

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♡ K J 4
◇ 10
♣ —

♠ —
♡ 9 7
◇ 8 7
♣ —

♠ —
♡ 8 5
◇ —
♣ 10 3

♠ —
♡ Q
◇ 4
♣ J 9

Declarer now overtook the queen of hearts with the king in dummy and continued with the knave. Declarer would sluff her diamond if East followed, or overruff if East ruffed. When East did follow, Sandy discarded the four of diamonds, and now the lead of the 10 of diamonds allowed declarer to pick up the last two trumps. Well played.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012:

This year the unexpected has become a theme in your life, especially as a partner or loved one tends to express an unpredictable energy. You often feel like you have to start over at square one and crawl your way back up to the top. This struggle is more symbolic than realistic. Bosses and higher-ups let you know how much they value your work. If you are single, you could meet someone very special through your work. Let it happen. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy making public appearances together. Socializing is right up your alley. A fellow LEO understands you even better than you do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Your very playful style attracts quite a few people. Your creativity comes out when you relax and are yourself. Opportunity soars because of your ingenuity. Others respond to your ideas; you simply need to communicate them. Tonight: Love the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your principles work. You are able to sustain a great amount of change, even when it is unexpected. You prove this time and time again. Try not to place too much value on money, as it comes and goes. Tonight: Home really is your castle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Keep talking and sharing your feelings. Others might surprise you by their actions and/or responses. The good news is that you have the ability to respond appropriately and with flexibility. You attract people through your openness. Tonight: Say what you mean, and mean what you say.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Unexpected developments force your hand. You'll see life through new eyes as a result, and humor helps you flow through what could be difficult moments. Use your intuition with your finances. Tonight: Go buy yourself that item you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You greet life with a smile and a willingness to jump through hoops. How you see a personal situation could change drastically as associates come in with noteworthy ideas. Anything is possible; make it so. Tonight: Allow your Leo charm to do its magic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Know when to pull back and say little. The less said, the greater the flexibility you'll have. Someone who makes an impact takes an unusual stance while you work overtime to catch up and understand what went through his or her mind. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Look at what is going on around you. People seek you out. If you're trying to concentrate or be studious, you can forget it. The ethers are declaring that it is time for you to socialize more. Opportunities head your way. Tonight: Follow the music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You cannot get around a certain responsibility that looks like it will have certain aspects that you will need time to figure out. You are not a free spirit. Honor your life's demands, and you will be well-rewarded. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You must detach or else everything that's happening around you could get jumbled. You will feel as if your mind is a maze. The more mental distance you gain, the better your choices will be. Someone close seems to share too much. Tonight: Why work when you can play?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Someone comes to you with an unexpected proposition. Listen well, though know that you might block out some details, as you are a bit taken aback. See how you can work this idea into your life. You could be thrilled by the results. Tonight: One-on-one relating.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Defer to others with the full knowledge as to what you need. You see key people around you being extremely domineering. Let them be — you cannot change them. Let them see the results of their actions. Use the freedom well. Tonight: Say "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ An even pace works, despite your tendency to change topics or actions and head in different directions. You might have to discipline yourself in order to achieve your day's goals. Postpone spontaneity. Tonight: The time is now.

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BORN TODAY

Actor **Ben Savage** (1980), singer/songwriter **Fiona Apple** (1977), actress **Jacqueline Bisset** (1944)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

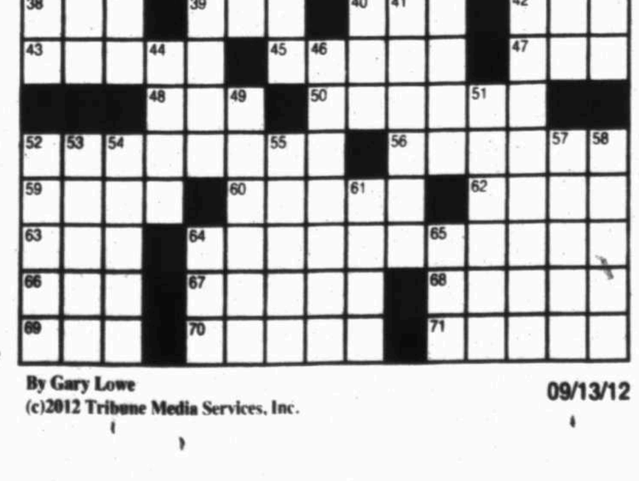
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17 "'Karma Chameleon" band
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21 Dipped in a well, maybe
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32 Turner memoir
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56 18-and-overs
59 Programs for 11-Across, briefly
60 __ Reason
62 Trendy NYC section
63 Hwy.
64 "Used car selling point
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67 Shorthand system
68 Seen enough
69 Not quite right
70 "The Gondoliers" bride
71 Actor Mike

DOWN
1 Kings shoot them
2 Unremarkable
3 Firehouse mascot
4 Jeans brand
5 URL ender
6 WWII weapon
7 Singles out
8 Shoreline recess
9 Middle Aged?
10 "Swell!"
11 Sewing kit item
12 Spring bloomers
13 Awfully expensive
18 Not back down from, as a challenge
22 Founded: Abbr.
24 Outwits on the stand
26 One invoked during a drought
28 "Live! With Kelly" host
30 Shark attack victim?
31 "__ you for real?"
33 Lots
35 Fair-haired
36 Fireplace food-warming shelf
37 Tic-tac-toe loser
41 Dicey
44 Two-baggers: Abbr.
46 Birds do it
49 Eau __
51 "Project __": fashion design show
52 Red River city
53 Made a choice
54 Topple
55 Actress Moorehead
57 The enemy's
58 Separates by type
61 "Three Sisters" sister
64 Pvt.'s boss
65 Electrical measure

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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JFK's Houston speech would be hard to believe nowadays

By Eric Berger
Houston Chronicle

America believed him.

Half a century after President John F. Kennedy's famous Moon Speech at Rice University, what's perhaps most remarkable is that people took him at his word.

"We choose to go to the moon," Kennedy said. "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard." And America did just what Kennedy said the country could do — put men on the moon before the end of the 1960s.

"I can remember it clearly today," said Bob Gomel, then a photographer for LIFE magazine. "He has his fist clenched on the podium, and his delivery was so dynamic. He made all of us believe this was possible and achievable."

It's difficult to imagine such a speech being given today and gaining wide acceptance, said Paul Burka, a senior editor at Texas Monthly. A senior at Rice in 1962, Burka covered Kennedy's speech for the student newspaper, the Thresher.

"How different it was in those days when you could actually imagine that government could do things," Burka said. "Today, no one has faith in government to do anything."

Kennedy's optimism was infectious, and the speech preceded the Vietnam War, Watergate and other incidents that led to a credibility gap between what politicians said, and what they did, Burka said.

Timing was surprise

The mood of the country has changed a lot since then, agreed George Abbey, former director of Johnson Space Center who is a fellow at the Baker Institute at Rice University. At the time, the country wanted to do something to demonstrate that we were the equal of, or better than the Russians. In addition to being first into space with a satellite, Sputnik, and a human, Yuri Gagarin, the Russians also established other firsts in space in the early 1960s, such as launching a woman and performing a spacewalk.

America was behind.

When Kennedy strode to the podium at Rice Stadium on Sept. 12, it had only been a few months since America launched John Glenn into orbit. Kennedy decided that not only was America going to catch up to the Russians, but the country would supersede its Cold War enemy.

Kennedy recently had established the moon as NASA's goal, but during the Rice speech he specified "this decade." The timing, giving NASA less than eight years, surprised some space agency insiders.

"What was difficult for us is there were so many unknowns with getting there,"" said Chris Kraft, who then was then NASA's only flight director. "It sort of made us all question whether it was possible or not. The key question was how to get humans onto and off of the lunar surface."

At the time, Kraft said he and others briefed the president on their plan to ascend to the moon from Earth orbit. Only later would engineers decide it would be better to descend to the moon from lunar orbit and rendezvous there after returning from the moon.

Beyond orbital mechanics, there were questions about whether the massive and untested Saturn V rocket would work, and whether the surface of the moon was solid enough to land upon and take off from.

Kennedy's speech also solidified this city in the public mind as one of the Apollo program's cornerstones.

"What was once the furthest outpost on the old frontier of the West will be the furthest outpost on the new frontier of science and space," Kennedy said. "Houston, your city of Houston, with its Manned Spacecraft Center, will become the heart of a large scientific and engineering community." At the time, that spacecraft center was clustered in buildings along Telephone Road. Johnson Space Center wouldn't open for another year.

Those who attended the speech, in addition to recalling Kennedy's impeccable locution, invariably remember something else about that day that is quintessentially Houston.

The heat.

"It was hot as hell," Burka said.

Man, was it hot

According to Victor Murphy, with the National Weather Service, the day's high temperature was 94 degrees. But that doesn't tell the whole story. The low the night before the speech was 79, tying an all time record, and the low the next morning was 80 degrees, an all-time record.

"I can only imagine that one could have cut the humidity with a knife," Murphy said.

Kennedy, though, in giving one of the most memorable and historic speeches in a political career filled with them, wore a full suit under the full sun at Rice Stadium and laughed off the heat as he described the challenge of going to the moon.

"If I were to say, my fellow citizens, that we shall send to the moon, 240,000 miles away from the control station in Houston, a giant rocket more than 300 feet tall, the length of this football field, made of new metal alloys, some of which have not yet been invented, capable of standing heat and stresses several times more than have ever been experienced, fitted together with a precision better than the finest watch, carrying all the equipment needed for propulsion, guidance, control, communications, food and survival, on an untried mission, to an unknown celestial body, and then return it safely to Earth, re-entering the atmosphere at speeds of over 25,000 miles per hour, causing heat about half that of the temperature of the sun — almost as hot as it is here today — and do all this, and do it right, and do it first before this decade is out, then we must be bold." And bold America was.

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Rangers score 5 runs, get win over Indians

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Josh Hamilton and Adrian Beltre homered before each left the game with injuries, and the Texas Rangers beat the slumping Cleveland Indians 5-2 Wednesday night.

Hamilton didn't take the field in the top of the eighth inning, and the Rangers announced just before the game ended that the slugger was forced out because of left knee soreness.

Rangers	5
Indians	3

Beltre hit a two-run homer in the first, his 13th in his last 20 games, before exiting in the fifth with a strained left shoulder.

Ryan Dempster (11-6) won his fifth straight start and improved to 6-1 since he was acquired by the Rangers on July 31. The right-hander allowed two runs and struck out eight in seven innings.

Hamilton hit a solo shot in the third. He leads the majors with 41 home runs and 121 RBIs.

Carlos Santana and Casey Kotchman each had an RBI for Cleveland, which led the AL Central on June 23 but is 15-43 since the All-Star break.

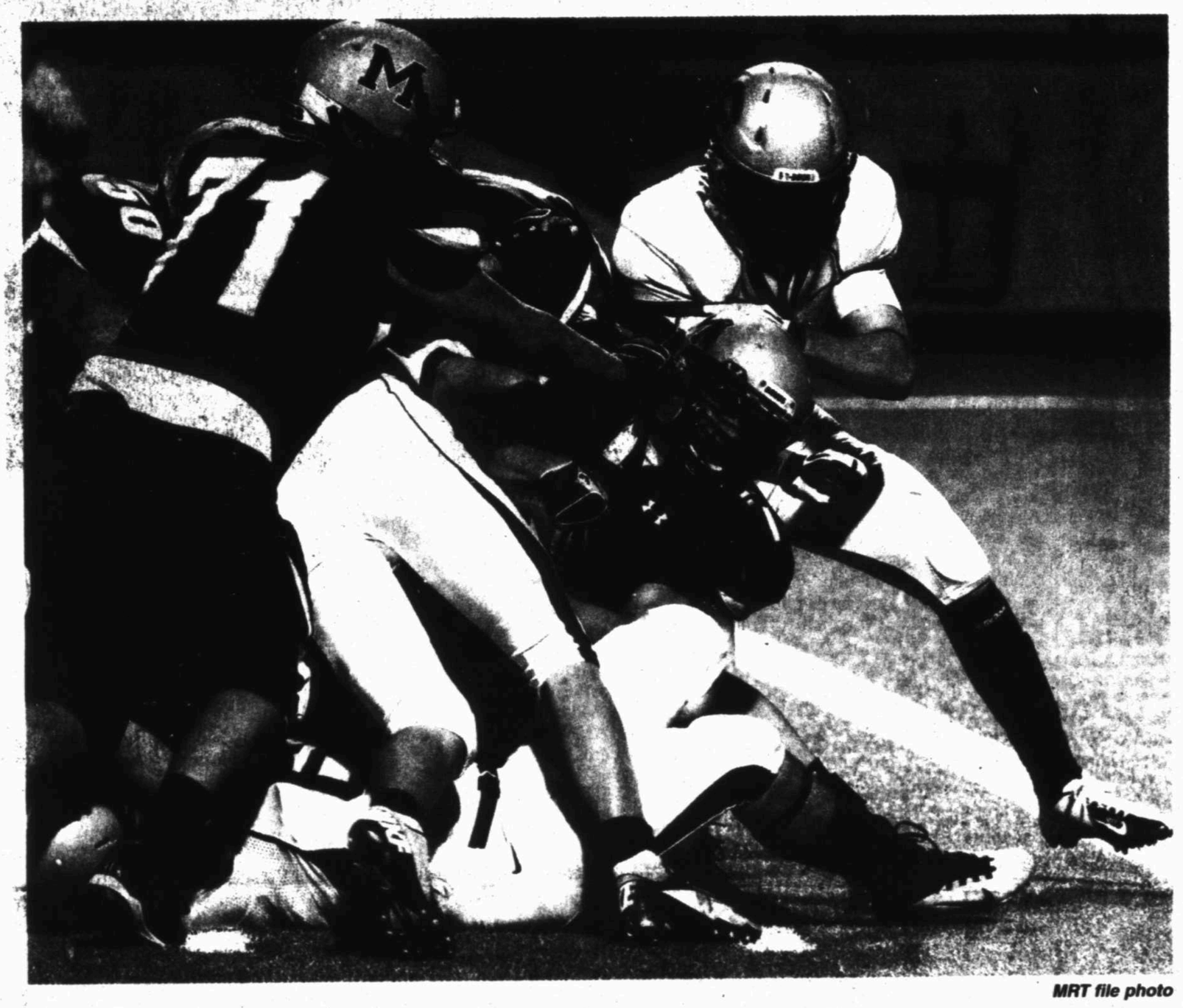
Cleveland starter Jeanmar Gomez (5-8) allowed five runs and six hits in four innings. Gomez, who won his prior two starts against Texas this season, has not pitched more than six innings in his last nine starts.

Joe Nathan, who has converted his last 31 save opportunities, pitched the ninth for his 33rd save of the season.

Beltre injured his shoulder when he made a diving stop of Russ Canzler's grounder in the second. He stayed in the game until the fifth.

The Rangers announced that Beltre would have a precautionary MRI later Wednesday night.

Lessons learned



MRT file photo

Midland High's Xzavier Martinez pushes toward the endzone Aug. 31 during ASCO Midland Football Madness at Grande Communication Stadium. The Bulldogs suffered their worst loss last week after falling 63-3 to Southlake Carroll. However, Midland High is looking to use the loss to its advantage by learning from the experience.

Dawgs reflect on loss, look to sway doubters

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Bulldog Report

Midland High is moving on.

At least, that's the goal the Bulldogs are attempting to achieve this week, following the most one-sided loss in the history of the program.

They were dominated in every facet Friday in a 63-3 loss to Southlake Carroll. The 60-point margin is the largest ever suffered by the Bulldogs in a loss. But that game is now in the past, and in the grand scheme of the football season, it's one that figures into whether or not the Bulldogs advance into the postseason.

"It's a lot of mental stuff," MHS coach Craig Yenzer said. "We watched the film, every excruciating moment. I think the team will respond well. This group of guys always have. They were very disappointed after watching the film. We just didn't put a very good effort on the field. It was over from the start, and that's not the way these guys are."

The word "embarrassed" is one being used often by the coaching staff and the players when describing what happened Friday.

"We got embarrassed. People are doubting us now," Midland High senior center Charles Hunt said. "We've got to move on and prove we can compete in this district."

The Bulldogs have plenty of time to either move on from the loss to Carroll or dwell on it, though, as they have their bye week for the season. But with district play beginning after the bye week, dwelling on the loss isn't much of an option for Midland High.

"We can't spend a whole lot of time thinking about what happened," Yenzer said. "My big deal is to show the players on film that we're actually not that far off. I know that sounds funny after losing as bas as we did. But it was evident on film. The players probably made the game or Southlake a little bigger than they were."

There are two positives Yenzer hopes the Bulldogs will take away from playing

Please see MHS/4C

Loss won't keep Lee down heading into 2-5A play

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Rebel Report

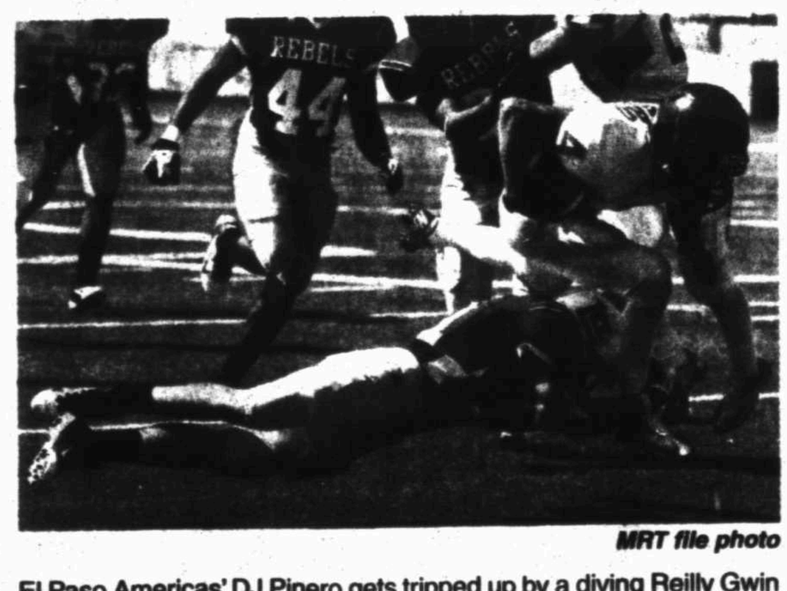
Under normal circumstances, losing its first non-district contest since 2009 might have a bigger impact on the Lee richter scale — but not this week.

Not with Lee scheduled to get an early start on the district season in the newly formed District 2-5A on Friday against one of the top two teams since rejoining the district in Abilene Cooper.

Because of all of that, it didn't take the Rebels long to get over the loss to Hurst L.D. Bell, in which Lee lost a 21-17 halftime lead.

"We're 0-0 in my head; I'm not going to let this loss take me down," senior defensive tackle Michael Morales said. "We're just going to go."

Morales has been waiting two years for this game after Cooper erased a 42-28 deficit to defeat Lee his sophomore year then rode an early lead to a 24-14 win last year, when an ACL injury forced him to watch from afar.



MRT file photo

El Paso Americas' DJ Pinero gets tripped up by a diving Reilly Gwin for Lee on Sept. 1 during ASCO Midland Football Madness at Grande Communication Stadium.

Morales said he can still see the 42-yard touchdown pass from former Cooper signal caller Clayton Nicholas to Khaeer Sonnier that ultimately doomed Lee with 24 seconds to play in 2009. And while the Rebels, also eager to end a two-year playoff absence, aren't short of motivation, they understand they'll have to improve on their performance against Bell to start district play on a positive note.

"We had some missed assignments in the second half, and that really makes a big difference," quarterback Talor Nunez said. "Honestly, I don't think that (Bell) beat us. I think we just hurt ourselves.

"And that's all we have to do this game is just take care of our assignments, what we can control. Their variables shouldn't mess with us at all."

Please see LEE/4C

Terry Williamson
Columnist



Last week disappointed, but what will this week bring?

When all is said and done, you have to list the second week of District 2-5A football action as a pretty disappointing week.

First, Midland High suffered its worst football loss in 92 years with a 63-3 flogging at the hands of Southlake Carroll, a 60-point haymaker to the jaw. The Bulldogs have been playing with the pigskin since 1920, and there are only two other times in history that MHS has given up 63 points.

In 2004, Lee beat Midland High 63-23 while Abilene Cooper defeated MHS 63-7 in 1993. But because MHS only got a field goal against Carroll, the 63-3 loss to Southlake Carroll that makes this the worst loss in school history. MHS has now given up 50 or more points in 23 games since 1920.

Inside

Sports writer Jonathan Hull shares his perspective on the second week of high school football on Page 4C.

Lee's 30-21 loss to Hurst L.D. Bell probably beat expectations, but it did little to vault the Rebels toward the front of the pack. In fact, the front of the pack is led by Abilene High and Abilene Cooper, both of which won against tough opponents. AHS hammered Duncanville 26-0 while Cooper won a tough road game against Cedar Hill 17-14.

AHS and Cooper certainly stand alone going into district play. Odessa Permian's stock plummeted in a loss to Class 4A Wolfforth Frenship while Odessa High, Lubbock Coronado and Amarillo Tascosa have no stock at all. San Angelo Central has done enough to at least to be thrown into the playoff mix.

Naturally, Lee catches Cooper to open the district season Friday and the Bulldogs have what might be the longest open date in school history where the practices seem to never end.

District 2-5A certainly has two playoff berths left to give away, but the question remains: Who really wants them?

Last week, I was 9-4 in the District 2-5A Pickin' Game, giving me an 18-8 (.694) mark for the season. Here's how the games will go down this week:

Abilene Cooper 40, Lee 21: As far as the early going is concerned, the Cougars have been the most surprising team in the district by far, beating two good teams and still hungry for that first district notch on the belt.

Odessa Permian 31, Odessa High 20: It's a good thing Permian opens district play against OHS because I'm not sure who else they could beat right now.

Abilene High 62, Amarillo Tascosa 0: This one will leave a knot on the head. This is about as uncontested as a game can get unless you look back a week at the Midland High-Southlake Carroll result.

San Angelo Central 34, Lubbock Coronado 13: It looks like the Bobcats might now be in the official running for a 2-5A playoff berth, considering that no teams other than AHS and Cooper even want to be a playoff team. The race for third and fourth is now officially up for grabs.

AREA GAMES

Big Spring 34, San Angelo Lake View 20: If you look at the Steers' schedule seriously, Big Spring could go

Please see TERRY/5C

NASCAR PAGE 8C

REPORTER-TELEGRAM FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

SEPT. 13- SEPT. 16



Travis Metcalf
Last week: 22-3
Season: 41-6
Pct.: .837



Jonathan Hull
Last week: 21-4
Season: 39-10
Pct.: .796



Len Hayward
Last week: 23-2
Season: 39-10
Pct.: .796



Oscar LeRoy
Last week: 22-3
Season: 38-11
Pct.: .776



Terry Williamson
Last week: 20-5
Season: 38-11
Pct.: .776



Jordan Mixon
Last week: 20-5
Season: 35-14
Pct.: .714



Guest Picker
Todd Hosey
MISD Executive Director of Athletics

HIGH SCHOOL

Lee at Abilene Cooper	Lee	Abilene Cooper	Abilene Cooper	Abilene Cooper	Abilene Cooper	Lee	Lee
Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High
Odessa Permian vs. Odessa High	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian
Lubbock Coronado at San Angelo Central	Lubbock Coronado	San Angelo Central	San Angelo Central	San Angelo Central	San Angelo Central	San Angelo Central	San Angelo Central
Brownfield at Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Brownfield
Seminole at Fort Stockton	Seminole	Seminole	Seminole	Seminole	Seminole	Seminole	Seminole
Shallowater at Greenwood	Shallowater	Shallowater	Greenwood	Shallowater	Greenwood	Greenwood	Shallowater
Big Spring at San Angelo Lake View	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring
Colorado City at Coahoma	Colorado City	Coahoma	Coahoma	Coahoma	Coahoma	Coahoma	Colorado City
Stanton at Forsan	Forsan	Forsan	Stanton	Forsan	Forsan	Forsan	Forsan
Rankin at Borden County	Borden County	Rankin	Rankin	Rankin	Rankin	Rankin	Borden County
Garden City at Sterling City	Garden City	Sterling City	Sterling City	Garden City	Sterling City	Sterling City	Sterling City
Borger at Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian
Lubbock Kingdom Prep at Trinity	Trinity	Trinity	Trinity	Trinity	Trinity	Trinity	Lubb. Kindom Prep
Grady at Sands	Sands	Sands	Grady	Sands	Sands	Sands	Grady

COLLEGE

New Mexico at Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	New Mexico
New Mexico State at UTEP	UTEP	UTEP	UTEP	New Mexico State	UTEP	UTEP	UTEP
TCU at Kansas	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU
Alabama at Arkansas	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
Houston at UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
Texas at Mississippi	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Texas A&M at SMU	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	SMU

PRO

Dallas at Seattle	Seattle	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Houston at Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
Chicago at Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Chicago	Green Bay	Chicago	Green Bay	Green Bay

Last week's guest picker MRT features reporter Sara Higgins was 19-6. This year's guest pickers are 31-18 (.633).

TODAY'S GAMES

GRADY AT SANDS
When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Mustang Field, Ackerly
On the air: KBYG (1400 AM), Big Spring
Records: Grady 0-2, Sands 2-0
Last game: Ira 62, Grady 12; Sands 69, Hermleigh 20
Players to watch: Grady, QB/SB E.J. Rodriguez (Soph.), QB Brett Glaze (Sr.); Sands, E/DE Jerad Staggs (6-4, 200, Jr.), G/NG Caleb Thomasson (6-6, 224, Sr.)
Grady head coach Chris Kuykendall on the game: "They are really, really big and are going to line up and run over us because we are really small, and when we have the ball we are going to run around them. It's could be a game where whoever has the ball last is the one that's going to win."
Sands head coach Wayne Henderson on the game: "Their offensive line is not very big but they are pretty quick kids. We've got to control the offense and score when we have it and hope we can get a stop or two to be in the game."
Notes: These two rivals are coming into this game after opposite results the last two weeks. Sands has won its first two games handily, while Grady is working to come back from a pair of losses, including last week's mercy-rule loss to state-ranked Ira. But even with the difference in records, Sands coach Wayne Henderson said this week will be a test for his team after the two victories. "We are very inexperienced, and a team like Grady is going to show that inexperience this week," Henderson said. "It's one of those games that can show what we are lacking and where we need to improve." ... Kuykendall said that his squad is still working to find its offensive identity after two weeks and said he is trying to work on the best fit for the squad. "We have a lot of speed and quickness and not a lot of size, and we are trying to figure it out. Right now it's a back and forth issue, and we're trying to get everybody situated and go from there." ... Sands won this game 110-80 in 2011.
Next: Trinity at Grady, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21; Highland at Sands, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21

Len Hayward

LUBBOCK CORONADO AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL
When/where: 7 p.m. today, San Angelo Stadium
Records: Coronado 0-2; Central 1-1.
Players to watch: Coronado, QB Greg Hewett (5-11, 180), LB Zach Herron (5-11, 188), TE/LB J.C. Salinas (5-10, 211), RB/LB Robert Lee (5-9, 172), DB Sher'Drick Kelly (5-10, 162); Central, OL Jake Green (6-4, 225), WR Keyland Taylor (6-1, 140), WR Sterling Smith (6-4, 180), DE Jake Williamson (6-0, 172), RB Jordan Charles (5-9, 172); QB Mickey Scott (5-11, 166).
Next: Abilene Cooper at Lubbock Coronado, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20; San Angelo Central at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21.

Jonathan Hull



Courtesy photo

JUNIOR JACKS TAKE TITLE The Odessa Junior Jacks won the Midget Minor A SouthWest Rumble this past weekend in Richardson. The Junior Jacks defeated Team Houston 5-2 in the final. Players: Rey Garza, Logan Frank, Bryce Urton, Jas Bowling, Chandler Arnold, Chase Layton, Quincy Childress, Jason Moore, Dillon Chandler, Hayden Reeves, CJ Shannon, Anthony Chavez, Cameron Fields, Jakob Nunez, Chase Calvert, Nik McCallom and Ryne Rogers, Bryce Davison, Ryan Scheide and Zac Castillo. Coaches, Donnie Margettie and Donne Desilets.

2013 to open with interleague play

Associated Press

NEW YORK — One of baseball's traditional home openers will have an innovative twist next season.

The Cincinnati Reds will host the Los Angeles Angels on April 1, becoming the first teams to start their seasons with an interleague matchup.

"It's a little strange, but Anaheim has a lot of big-name guys," Reds pitcher Bronson Arroyo said. "It'll be Albert Pujols coming back for the first time. It's a nice mix for us. It's strange, but I'd rather do that than open with Milwaukee or someone in our division we see all the time."

The Reds, the first professional team, celebrate opening day with a parade and have opened all but four seasons at home: 1885, 1888, 1966 and 1990, according to STATS LLC.

"The tradition is still here. We're still opening here," Cincinnati outfielder Jay Bruce said. "We've still got that going for us."

Major League Baseball's 2013 preliminary schedule, announced Wednesday, includes several format changes caused by the shift of the Houston Astros to the American League. A National League franchise for its first 51 seasons, the Astros start AL play on April 2 when they host cross-state rival Texas.

Houston moves from the NL Central to the AL West, creating six divisions of five teams each.

Jacks open season with loss at Showcase

From staff reports

BLAINE, Minn. — The Odessa Jackalopes opened their season witha 3-0 loss to the Fairbanks Ice Dogs on Wednesday as part of the North American Hockey League Showcase at Schwans Super Rink.

Fairbanks got on the board in the first period when Jordan Freberg set up Devin Loe for the score with less than 4 minutes left in the opening frame.

The Ice Dogs added a pair of goals in the third period, including an unassisted powerplay goal by Ryan McNeely with 9:05 left in the game that put Fairbanks up 3-0.

Ice Dogs	**3**
Jackalopes	0

Fairbanks goalie Steve Perry picked up the shutout, stopping all 20 of Odessa's shots.

The Jacks go for their first win of the season when they play Coulee Region at 4:30 p.m. today at Schwans Super Rink.

YOUTH&LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Volleyball
Freshman
Midland High def. Abilene Cooper, 19-25, 25-23, 26-24

Fishing
CASTLE GAP FISHING RESULTS
Results of this past weekend's Castle Gap fishing tournament at Lake Amistad
Women's Division
1. Carrie McNeese 4.84 pounds; 2. Elaine Phillips 2.84 pounds; 3. Kristy Reid 1.25 pounds
Big Bass — Satday, Carrie McNeese 1.75 pounds; Sunday, Elaine Phillips 1.79 pouds
Overall standings — 1. Carrie McNeese 47.15 pounds; 2. Linda Ray 45.87 pounds; 3. Elaine Phillips 35.76 pounds; 4. Tamera Spires 17.37 pounds; 5. Aline Weeks 11.34 pounds
Men's Division
1. Danny Delahunt 22.55 pounds; 2. Roy Hodges 19.21 pounds; 3. Tom Schuler 15.36 pounds; 4. Tommy Latham 13.97 pounds
Big Bass — Saturday, Danny Delahunt 6.32 pounds; Sunday, Roy Hodges, 6.13 pounds
Overall standings — 1. Roy Hodges 170.46 pounds; 2. Bill Fillmon 135.26 pounds; 3. Tommy Latham 123.12 pounds; 4. Danny Delahunt 96.32 pounds; 5. Danny Michum 94.32 pounds

Lady Chaps open conference play with a win over FPC

From staff reports

BORGER — The Midland College volleyball team had a triumphant start to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference season Wednesday with a straight sets victory against Frank Phillips College.

The Lady Chaparrals made quick work of Frank Phillips, winning 25-12, 25-22, 25-20. Gaby Nieto led MC with 13 kills and three blocks, while Dragana Cvoric added 11 kills and 14 digs. Kristina Gafford had a nice showing with 14 assists and five aces.

More importantly, the Lady Chaps started WJCAC play with a victory.

"It's always important (to start conference with a win)," MC coach Tammy Jimenez said. "The one thing I told the girls going intot he match was we wanted to play well and make a statement to the rest of the conference that we're here to win another conference title."

The Lady Chaps continue WJCAC play at 2 p.m. Saturday when they play host to Clarendon College at Chaparral Center.

MIDLAND COLLEGE DEF. FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE
25-12, 25-22, 25-20
MC Stats
Kills — Gaby Nieto 13, Dragana Cvoric 11, Megan Sanchez 3, Smith 7.
Digs — Cvoric 14, Marina Salazar 11, Sarah Allen 4, Shayla Hancock 4, Victoria Smith 4, Naomi Posada 3, Kristina Gafford 2, Kathleen Leausa 2, Nieto 2, Sanchez 1.
Assists — Gafford 14, Hancock 11, Smith 1.
Blocks — Nieto 3, Smith .5, Riza Kochhann 1, Sanchez .5, Gafford .5, Leausa .5.
Aces — Gafford 5, Cvoric 1, Salazar 1, Posada 1.
Record: MC 8-5, 1-0 in conference; FPC 0-1 in conference.
Next: Clarendon at Midland College, 2 p.m. Saturday.

Notre Dame to ACC, will stay independent in football

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Notre Dame got everything it wanted and the Atlantic Coast Conference got Notre Dame.

The school announced Wednesday that it would join the ACC in all the conference's sports except football, though it will play five games annually against league programs and have access to its non-BCS bowl tie-ins. It's unclear exactly when the Irish will leave the Big East for its non-football sports.

"I don't think there's out there a better situation than the situation we have," said the Rev. John I. Jenkins, Notre Dame's president. "The ACC has allowed us to retain a tradition (of football independence) that's so central to our identity in football while we're joining a conference that athletically as well as academically fits Notre Dame perfectly."

The league, meanwhile, announced that it had increased its exit fees for member schools to three times the league's annual operation budget — which would currently come to more than $50 million. ACC Commissioner John Swofford said the exit fee goes into effect immediately and would apply to Notre Dame.

Jenkins and athletic director Jack Swarbrick attended a news conference Wednesday at North Carolina's Kenan Stadium, where the Irish played the Tar Heels in 2008 in their first visit in more than three decades. Notre Dame will likely be here far more often in the coming years; the Irish will play each ACC member at least once every three seasons.

The move will alleviate some of the challenges for a football independent of scheduling games and finding bowl openings with conference tie-ins gobbling up spots.

"Today is a great day for the University of Notre Dame and our athletics department, including the football program," Irish football coach Brian Kelly said in a statement. "Speaking strictly from a football standpoint, we have further solidified our future as an independent in college football, maintained our unique ability to schedule nationally and greatly improved our postseason bowl game options. ... (Jenkins and Swarbrick) have set our entire athletics department up for great success in the future."

For the ACC, the addition of Notre Dame was a show of stability amid constantly shifting league affiliations. The ACC — which will add Pittsburgh and Syracuse from the Big East next year — had informal discussions with Notre Dame over the years, as had other potential suitors for the school and its brand-name football program.

Smith, Garrett Rank advance to US Mid-Am golf final

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Three-time champion Nathan Smith advanced to the championship match in the U.S. Mid-Amateur, winning two matches Wednesday at Conway Farms Golf Club.

The 34-year-old Smith, from Pittsburgh, will face 25-year-old Canadian Garrett Rank in the 36-hole final, with the winner in line to get the Masters spot traditionally awarded to the champion.

Smith, the 2003, 2009 and 2010 winner in the event for players 25 and older, beat Corby Segal of Santa Clarita, Calif., 1-up in the morning quarterfinals, and topped 1994 and 2001 winner Tim Jackson of Germantown, Tenn., 3 and 1 in the semifinals.


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NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	28	10
New England	1	0	0	1.000	34	13
Miami	0	1	0	.000	10	30
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	28	49
South						
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	30	10
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	23	28
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	21	41
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	13	34
North						
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	44	13
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	13	44
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	17	24
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	19	31
West						
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	31	19
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	27	0
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	24	0
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	24	40

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	40	32
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	17	24
South						
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	16	10
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	30	24
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	32	40
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	16
North						
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	27	23
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	21	14
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	26	23
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	22	30
West						
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	20	7
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	30	22
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	27	6
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	16	20

Today's Game

Chicago at Green Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 16

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants, Noon
Atlanta at Carolina, Noon
Arizona at New England, Noon
Minnesota at Indianapolis, Noon
Baltimore at Philadelphia, Noon
Kansas City at Buffalo, Noon
Cleveland at Cincinnati, Noon
Houston at Jacksonville, Noon
Oakland at Miami, Noon
Dallas at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 3:05 p.m.
Tennessee at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 3:25 p.m.
Detroit at San Francisco, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Sep. 17

Denver at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Auto Racing

NASCAR
SPRINT CUP
GEICO 400

Site: Joliet, Ill.
Schedule: Friday, practice (ESPN2, Noon-1:30 p.m., 3-4:30 p.m.); Saturday, qualifying (Speed, 12:30-2 p.m.); Sunday, race, 1 p.m. (ESPN, Noon-4:30 p.m.).
Track: Chicagoland Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).
Race distance: 400.5 miles, 267 laps.
Last year: Tony Stewart won the rain-delayed Chase opener on route to his third season title, conserving fuel and holding off Kevin Harvick. Winless in the regular season, Stewart finished with a Chase-record five victories.
Last week: Clint Bowyer won at Richmond, and Jeff Gordon rallied to finish second to take the final spot in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.
Fast facts: Denny Hamlin, the series leader with four victories, tops the reset Chase standings — three points ahead of Jimmie Johnson. Stewart, Brad Keselowski, Greg Biffle and Bowyer are six points behind. Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Matt Kenseth are nine points back, and Harvick, Martin Truex Jr., Kasey Kahne and Clint Bowyer are 12 points behind. ... Stewart also won at the track in 2004 and 2007. ... Danica Patrick is making her seats debut.
Next race: Sylvania 300, Sept. 23, New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, N.H.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

NATIONWIDE
DOLLAR GENERAL 300

Site: Joliet, Ill.
Schedule: Friday, practice (ESPN2, 1:30-3 p.m.; Speed, 4:30-6 p.m.); Saturday, qualifying (Speed, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.), race, 2:30 p.m. (ESPN, 2-5 p.m.).
Track: Chicagoland Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).
Race distance: 300 miles, 200 laps.
Last year: Brad Keselowski raced to the third of his five 2011 victories.
Last week: Kevin Harvick won at Richmond to snap a 30-race winless streak. The Cup driver has 38 career Nationwide victories, six at Richmond.
Fast facts: Elliott Sadler, the July winner at the track, leads the season standings with eight races left — one point ahead of defending series champion Ricky Stenhouse Jr. ... Joe Gibbs Racing's No. 18 team leads the owners' standings, 13 points ahead of Richard Childress' No. 2 car driven by Austin Dillon. Roush Fenway's No. 6 team — driven by Stenhouse — is third, 14 points behind Gibbs' car. Joey Logano will drive the No. 18 this week. He has a series-high six victories in 15 starts. ... Keselowski and Kurt Busch also are racing.
Next race: Kentucky 300, Sept. 22, Kentucky Speedway, Sparta, Ky.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK
AMERICAN ETHANOL 200

Site: Newton, Iowa.
Schedule: Friday, practice; Saturday, practice, qualifying (Speed, 5:30-6:30 p.m.), race, 7:30 p.m. (Speed, 7-10 p.m.).
Track: Iowa Speedway (oval, 0.875 miles).
Race distance: 175 miles, 200 laps.
Last year: Matt Crafton held off Austin Dillon to snap a 79-race winless streak.
Last race: Ty Dillon won at Atlanta on Aug. 31 for his first series victory, passing Kyle Busch with six laps to go.
Fast facts: Timothy Peters won the July race at the track. He leads the season standings, six points ahead of James Buescher. Dillon is third, nine points behind Peters. ... The series is racing twice at the track for the first time in a season.
Next race: Kentucky 201, Sept. 21, Kentucky Speedway, Sparta, Ky.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

INDYCAR
MAVTV 500

Site: Fontana, Calif.
Schedule: Friday, practice, qualifying (NBC Sports Channel, 6:30-7:30 p.m.); Saturday, race, 7:45 p.m. (NBC Sports Channel, 8:30 -11:30 p.m.).
Track: Auto Club Speedway (oval, 2.0 miles).
Race distance: 500 miles, 250 laps.
Last year: Inaugural race. Last year at Las Vegas in the season finale, two-time Indy 500 winner Dan Wheldon was killed in an accident on the 11th lap. The race was canceled and the drivers returned to track for a five-lap tribute to Wheldon.
Last race: Ryan Hunter-Reay won the Grand Prix of Baltimore on Sept. 2 for the American Autosport driver's series-leading fourth victory.
Fast facts: Penske Racing's Will Power enters the finale with a 17-point lead over second-place Hunter-Reay. The series champion will receive a $1 million bonus. ... Hunter-Reay won oval races this year at the Milwaukee Mile and Iowa Speedway. ... Dario Franchitti won in 2005 in the last IndyCar race at the track. He won the Indianapolis 500 in May. ... The 100-mile Firestone Indy Lights race also is Saturday. Tristan Vautier leads the series standings.
Online: http://www.indycar.com

NHRA FULL THROTTLE
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS NATIONALS

Site: Concord, N.C.
Schedule: Friday, qualifying; Saturday, qualifying (ESPN2, Sunday, 2-3 a.m.); Sunday, final eliminations (ESPN2, 7:30-10:30 p.m.).
Track: zMAX Dragway.
Last year: Matt Hagan won the Funny Car final in the playoff opener. Antron Brown won in Top Fuel, Kurt Johnson took the Pro Stock division, and Eric Rawlec topped the Pro Stock Motorcycle final.
Last week: Tony Schumacher raced to his ninth U.S. Nationals victory, breaking a tie with Don Garlits for the Top Fuel record in the Indianapolis event. Mike Neff won the Funny Car division in the rain-delayed event. Dave Connolly topped the Pro Stock field, and Andrew Hines won in Pro Stock Motorcycle.
Fast facts: The event opens the six-race NHRA Countdown to the Championship playoffs. The top 10 in each class qualified for the playoffs. Points have been reset, with the gap from first to second 30 points and the other places separated by 10 points. Brown leads in Top Fuel, followed by Spencer Massey and Schumacher. Ron Capps tops the Funny Car standings, Allen Johnson has the Pro Stock lead, and Kawalec is the Pro Stock Motorcycle leader. **Next event:** Texas NHRA Fall Nationals, Sept. 21-23, Texas Motorplex, Ennis, Texas.
Online: http://www.nhrs.com

AL Boxes

RANGERS 5, INDIANS 2

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	4	0	2	0
Kipnis 2b	4	0	0	0
CSantn c	3	1	1	0
Gentry cf	3	0	1	0
Canzler dh	3	0	0	0
Chsnhll 3b	4	0	1	0
Kotchn 1b	4	0	1	1
Lillridg ss	3	0	0	0
Carrer lf	3	1	1	0
Totals	32	2	7	2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Andrus ss	3	0	2	0
Hamltn cf	4	2	1	2
Gentry cf	0	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	3	1	1	2
Odt 3b	2	0	1	0
Pradac pr-2b	0	0	0	0
DNCruz rf	4	0	0	0
MYoung dh	4	1	1	0
DvMrp lf	4	0	0	0
Soto c	3	0	0	0
Morlnd 1b	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	5	11	5

Cleveland	000	110	000	— 2
Texas	301	100	00x	— 5

DP—Cleveland 1. LOB—Cleveland 5, Texas 6. 2B—Kinsler (40), Mi.Young (23). 3B—Dav.Murphy (3). HR—Hamilton (41), Beltre (32). SB—Carrera (6). CS—Choo (7), Dav.Murphy (5). SF—C.Santana, Soto.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
J.Gomez L,5-8	4	6	5	5	1	1
D.Huff	2	2-3	3	0	3	1
E.Rogers	1	3	1	0	0	1
C.Perez	1	1	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Dempster W,6-1	7	7	2	2	1	8
Lewis	1	0	0	0	0	1
Nathan S,33-34	1	0	0	0	0	2

T—2:41. A—36,001 (48,194).

MARINERS 3, BLUE JAYS 2

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Ackley 2b	4	1	1	0
Gutierz cf	4	0	1	0
Seager 3b	5	0	3	0
JMontr dh	4	0	0	0
MSndrs rf	3	0	1	0
Olivo c	5	1	1	1
Carp 1b	3	0	1	0
Smoak 1b	0	0	0	0
TRorsn lf	4	0	1	0
C.Wells lf	0	0	0	0
Ryan ss	3	1	0	0
Totals	35	3	9	3

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Lawrie 3b	3	0	0	0
Rasms cf	3	1	0	0
Encrnc ss	3	1	2	0
YEscor ss	4	0	0	0
Lind dh	2	0	1	0
RDavis ph-dh	1	0	0	0
Arencii c	3	0	0	0
Sierra rf	3	0	0	0
Gose lf	3	0	0	0
Rchrdn 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	28	2	2	2

Seattle	010	200	000	— 3
Toronto	000	200	000	— 2

DP—Seattle 1, Toronto 1. LOB—Seattle 12, Toronto 2. 2B—Ackley (30), Seager (28). HR—Olivo (10), Encarnacion (39). SB—M.Saunders (19).

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Millwood W,6-12	5	2	2	2	1	3
Kelley	1-3	3	0	0	1	1
O.Perez	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Kinney	1-3	3	0	0	0	3
Wilhelmsen S,26-29	1	0	0	0	1	2
Toronto						
R.Romero L,8-14	4	8	3	3	4	3
Delabar	2	0	0	0	1	4
Lyon	1	0	0	0	1	0
Oliver	1	0	0	0	0	1
Janssen	1	1	0	0	0	1

R.Romero pitched to 2 batters in the 5th.
T—2:55. A—13,519 (49,260).

ORIOLES 3, RAYS 2

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
BUpton cf	4	1	1	1
Kppngr dh	5	1	2	0
Tmpps pr-dh	0	0	0	0
Zobrist ss	4	0	0	0
Longori 3b	3	0	2	0
BFrncs lf	4	0	2	1
Fuld lf	0	0	0	0
C.Pena 1b	3	0	0	0
RRorts 2b	4	0	1	0
Joyce rf	3	0	1	0
JMolin c	3	0	0	0
Scott ph	1	0	0	0
Loaton c	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	2	9	2

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Markkk ss	4	0	1	0
Wieters c	4	0	2	1
Betemit dh	4	0	1	1
McRynl 1b	3	0	0	0
Reimld lf	3	0	0	0
Machd 3b	4	1	1	0
Andino 2b	3	0	1	0
Totals	30	3	6	2

Tampa Bay	101	000	000	— 2
Baltimore	200	000	001	— 3

One out when winning run scored.
E—C.Pena (7). DP—Tampa Bay 1, Baltimore 2. LOB—Tampa Bay 11, Baltimore 9. 2B—B.Frahcisco (8), Wieters (23). HR—B.Upton (22). SB—B.Upton (30), Thompson (4), Ad.Jones (14). S—Andino.

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cobb	4	2-3	7	2	2	6
McGee	1	1-3	0	0	0	4
W.Davis	1	0	0	0	0	2
Jo.Peralta	1	1	0	0	0	1
Farnsworth L,1-5	1	3	2	1	1	0
Baltimore						
Mig.Gonzalez	6	6	2	2	5	4
O'Day	1	0	0	0	2	1
Strop	1	1	0	0	0	0
Ji.Johnson W,2-1	1	2	0	0	0	0

Balk—Mig.Gonzalez.
T—3:35. A—26,076 (45,971).

YANKEES 5, RED SOX 4

New York	ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	5	1	2	0
McGeh 3b	0	0	0	0
Grndrs cf	5	2	2	3
ARdrg dh	5	1	1	0
Cano 2b	4	1	2	1
Swisher 1b	5	0	3	0
Ibanez lf	2	0	0	0
J.Nix 3b-ss	3	0	0	0
ErChvz 3b	2	0	2	0
Anjlons ph-lf	0	0	0	0
Dickrsn pr-lf	0	0	0	0
iSuzuki c	3	0	0	0
CStwrt c	3	0	0	0
Totals	39	5	11	5

Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	5	1	1	0
Cirriaco 3b	4	0	0	0
Pedroia 2b	3	1	2	0
DeJesu 2b	1	0	0	0
Lvney 1b	4	0	1	0
C.Ross rf	4	0	0	0
Kalish rf	0	0	0	0
Sltmch c	3	1	1	0
Nava lf	4	1	1	0
Pdsdnk dh	2	0	0	0
Gomz ph-ss	2	0	1	1
Iglesias ss	2	0	0	0
Aviles ph-ss	2	0	1	1
Totals	36	4	10	4

New York	000	100	004	— 5
Boston	000	100	201	— 4

E—R.Soriano (1), Aviles (14), Cirriaco (6), A.Miller (1). DP—New York 2, Boston 1. LOB—New York 10, Boston 6. 2B—Swisher 2 (33), Er.Chavez 2 (12), Pedroia (34), Loney (2), Saltalamacchia (15), Nava (18), Aviles (28). 3B—Saltalamacchia (1). HR—Grandercon 2 (37), Cario (30), Saltalamacchia (24). SB—Dickerson (2). S—I.Suzuki.

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
D.Phelps W,4-4	5	2-3	5	1	1	5
Rapada	1	3	0	0	0	0
Eppley	1	3	1	1	0	1
Logan	1	0	1	1	1	0
Chamberlain	2	3	1	0	0	0
D.Robertson	2	3	1	0	0	1
R.Soriano S,37-40	1	1	3	1	1	1
Boston						
A.Cook L,3-10	5	7	3	3	0	2
R.Hill	2	3	0	0	0	1
Aceves	1	3	2	2	0	1
C.Carpenter	1	1	3	0	0	0
A.Miller	2	3	1	1	0	2
Padilla	1	3	0	0	0	0

A.Cook pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.
Logan pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
T—3:43. A—37,230 (37,495).

ROYALS 10, TWINS 5

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Lough rf	6	1	2	0
AEscor ss	4	2	1	0
AGordn lf	5	2	1	2
Butler dh	5	0	3	3
S.Perez c	5	1	2	2
Moustks 3b	4	1	0	1
L.Cain cf	5	0	1	1
Hosmer 1b	3	2	1	0
Giavtll 2b	5	2	1	0
Totals	42	10	14	9

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Span cf	5	2	3	0
Revere rf	5	0	2	0
Wlngh dh	4	1	1	1
Plouffe 3b	4	0	0	0
Thayer p	0	0	0	0
Guzmn ph	1	0	0	0
Grgrsn p	0	0	0	0
Hicks lf	4	0	1	0
Dozier 2b	4	0	1	0
Mstrnni ss	3	1	0	0
Totals	34	5	8	5

Kansas City	100	150	040	— 10
Minnesota	102	020	000	— 5

E—Dozier 3 (5). DP—Minnesota 1. LOB—Kansas City 9, Minnesota 8. 2B—Doumit (30), 3B—Span (4). HR—S.Perez (10). SB—A.Casilla (18). S—Florimon. SF—C.Gomez.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hochevar W,6-13	5	6	5	5	4	4
Collins H,9	2	0	0	0	1	1
K.Herrera	1	1	0	0	0	1
Bueno	1	1	0	0	0	1
Minnesota						
Walters L,2-4	4	7	6	6	2	3
Swarzak	2	2-3	2	0	0	1
Duensing	2-3	2	2	0	0	1
Fien	0	1	1	1	0	0
T.Robertson	0	0	0	1	1	0
Waldrop	2-3	2	2	2	0	0
Perdomo	1	0	0	0	0	2

Walters pitched to 6 batters in the 5th.
Fien pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
T.Robertson pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
HBP—by Waldrop (Moustakas), by Walters (A.Escobar).
T—3:25. A—28,139 (39,500).

TIGERS 8, WHITE SOX 6

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
A.Jackson cf	5	1	3	2
Dirks lf	4	1	2	0
Cabrera 3b	5	1	3	1
Fielder 1b	5	1	1	3

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Alfuve 2b	4	0	1	0
Lowrie ss	3	0	0	0
JDunn lf	4	0	0	0
Cruz p	0	0	0	0
Maxwll cf	3	0	1	0
Rasms ph	1	0	0	0
Dnnngz 3b	3	0	0	0
Quentin rf	3	0	1	0
Laird 1b	3	0	0	0
Bogsvc ph	1	0	0	0
CSnydr c	2	0	0	0
JCastro ph	1	0	0	0
Barns rf	1	2	1	2
Abad p	1	0	0	0
Frkrgr p	0	0	0	0
DeRsr p	0	0	0	0
MDavis ph	1	0	0	0
Storey p	0	0	0	0
JValdz p	0	0	0	0
Thornbrg ph	1	0	0	0
FMrtnz ph-lf	1	0	1	1
Totals	38	6	11	4

Detroit	000	010	111	— 5
Houston	000	000	010	— 1

E—C.Snyder (4), Fe.Rodriguez (2). DP—Chicago 2. LOB—Chicago 10, Houston 6. 2B—A.Soriano (29), Sappelt (4), Recker (1), B.Barnes (2). HR—A.Soriano (29). SB—Campana (28).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
T.Wood W,6-11	7	2-3	4	1	1	6
Camp	1	3	2	0	0	1
Marmol	1	0	0	0	1	1
Houston						
Abad L,0-4	3	1-3	4	1	1	3
Fick	1	2-3	1	1	1	0
Del Rosario	1	1	0	0	0	1
Fe.Rodriguez	1	2	1	1	0	0
Storey	1	1-3	1	1	0	0
J.Valdez	2	1	1	0	0	1
R.Cruz	1	1	1	0	0	1

WP—Abad.
T—3:24. A—13,101 (40,981).

PADRES 3, CARDINALS 2

St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi
Jay cf	4	1	1	0
MCrpnt rf	4	1	2	2
Holiday lf	4	0	0	0
Craig 1b	4	0	1	0
Chalmrs p	0	0	0	0
Descalz 2b	2	0	0	0
Beltran ph	0	0	0	0
SRonsn pr	0	0	0	0
Kozma ss	2	0	0	0
Schmkr ph	1	0	0	0
Lohse p	2	0	0	0
S.Hill ph	1	0	0	0
Rosnthl p	0	0	0	0
Rzpczy p	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	2	4	2

San Diego	ab	r	h	bi
Venale rf	4	0	0	0
Headly 3b	3	1	1	0
Grandl c	3	0	1	0
Alonso 1b	3	1	1	0
Forsyth 2b	3	1	1	1
Maybin cf	3	0	0	0
Amarst lf	3	0	0	0
Richrd p	2	0	0	0
Layne p	0	0	0	0
Thayer p	0	0	0	0
Gsprn ph	1	0	0	0
Grgrsn p	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	3	5	2

St. Louis	000	002	000	— 2
San Diego	010	011	00x	— 3

E—M.Carpenter (8). DP—Forsythe (9). LOB—St. Louis 6, San Diego 2. 2B—Craig (30), Headley (26), Maybin (18). HR—M.Carpenter (5), Forsythe (5). S—Y.Molina.

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lohse L,14-3	6	5	3	2	0	8
Rosenthal	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rzepczynski	1	0	0	0	0	1
San Diego						
Richard W,13-12	7	3	2	2	1	5
Layne	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Thayer	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Gregerson S,7-11	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Richard (Descalso). PB—Grandal.
T—2:16. A—16,442 (42,691).

PHILLIES 3, MARLINS 1

Miami	ab	r	h	bi
GHrndz cf	5	0	0	0
DSolan 2b	4	1	0	0
Reyes ss	3	0	0	0
Stanton rf	4	0	1	0
Ca.Lee 1b	4	0	2	1
Ruggin lf	1	0	0	0
Kearns lf	2	0	0	0
J.Buck c	3	0	0	0
DMrph 3b	3	0	0	0
Dobbs 3b	1	0	0	0
Johnsn p	3	0	1	0
Webb p	0	0	0	0
Petersn ph	1	0	0	0

Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi
Rollins ss	4	2	2	0
Pierre lf	3	0	0	0
Mrtnz rf	4	0	0	0
Utley 2b	2	0	0	0
Howard 1b	4	0	0	0
Mayrry cf	2	0	1	1
Dbwn rf-lf	3	0	0	0
Kratz c	3	0	0	0
Mrtnz 3b	3	0	0	0
C.Lee p	2	0	0	0
Orr ph	1	1	1	0
Aumont p	0	0	0	0
Papelbn p	0	0	0	0

Totals	33	3	4	1
Miami	000	001	000	— 1
Philadelphia	000	001	20x	— 3

E—Rollins (12), Cl.Lee (2). LOB—Miami 9, Philadelphia 6. HR—Rollins (19). SB—Orr (2). S—Pierre.

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Jo.Johnson L,8-12	7	4	3	3	3	6
Webb	1	0	0	0	0	1
Philadelphia						
C.Lee W,5-7	7	4	1	0	1	6
Aumont	1	0	0	0	0	1
Papelbon S,34-38	1	0	0	0	1	3

HBP—by Jo.Johnson (Utley), by Papelbon (Kearns).
T—2:45 A—42,178 (43,651).

REDS 2, PIRATES 1

Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi
Holt 2b	4	0	1	0
Hrmsn 3b	4	0	0	0
Snider ph	1	0	0	0
Watson p	0	0	0	0
Grilli p	0	0	0	0
AMcCt cf	4	1	2	0
GJones rf	4	0	1	0
GSnchz 1b	4	0	1	0
Presley lf	4	0	0	0
Barmes ss	3	0	0	0
Clemnt ph	1	0	1	0
dArnad pr	0	0	0	0
Barajs c	1	0	0	0
SMarte ph	1	0	0	0
JHughs p	0	0	0	0
Mercer 3b	0	0	0	0
Tabata ph	1	0	0	0
AJBrnr p	0	0	0	0
McKnry ph-c	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	1	7	1

Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi
Ludwck cf	3	1	1	0
Phillips 2b	4	0	2	0
Votto 1b	3	0	1	0
Bruce rf	4	0	0	0
Rolen 3b	3	0	0	1
Hesey cf-lf	3	0	0	0
Hanign c	3	0	1	1
Stubbs cf	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	2	5	2

Pittsburgh	000	100	000	— 1
Cincinnati	001	001	00x	— 2

E—G.Jones (8). LOB—Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 7. 2B—Ludwick (25). 3B—Presley (6). SB—B.Phillips (14). CS—Presley (6). SF—Rolen.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
A.Burnett L,15-7	6	5	2	2	2	8
J.Hughes	1	1	0	0	0

Abilene schools shaping up to be the best in 2-5A



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Random musings about Class 2-5A football as we move into the part of the season that actually counts:

■ And Abilene still reigns supreme. For a third straight season since both Abilene High and Abilene Cooper once again became district-mates with the teams in the Permian Basin, it's the squads hailing from the Key City that appear to be the best in the district.

Abilene High isn't a surprise this year. Everyone saw what the Eagles had coming in this district. What's impressed me the most about Abilene High is its defense.

The Eagles appear to be playing suffocating defense, and that's probably the way they most resemble the 2009 state championship team the most.

A lot of attention was paid to Abilene High's offense, which featured the Sims cousins (Herschel and Ronnell) at running back and quarterback during that 2009 season. However, the Eagles defense that year allowed just 12.6 points per game and recorded three shutouts.

They also didn't give up more than 21 points in their final 12 games. How's the old adage go? Offense wins games, but defense wins championships? Take note of the Eagles defense. They're well on their way to a district title, and a state title shouldn't surprise anyone.

■ I said in our football preview section Abilene Cooper had the best chance of challenging the Eagles for the district title as long as the Cougars could put enough pieces around dual-threat quarterback Lorenzo Joe. Well, they have.

In fact, Kerry Sims, not Joe, has been the Cougars' best offensive weapon. Sims has rushed for 240 yards and has scored seven of Cooper's eight TDs so far this season.

As we enter District 2-5A play, the date to circle is Oct. 5. That's when the Cougars and Eagles hook up for what ultimately could be the District 2-5A Championship.

■ I had a coach, who will remain nameless, within the district comment to me about how surprised he was by Odessa Permian's non-district schedule. They followed a trip to unfriendly El Paso with a matchup against West Texas Class 4A power Wolfforth Frenship. He didn't see what Permian had to gain from this non-district schedule.

Now that the Panthers are 0-2 to start the season, that coach's words are coming to fruition. What have the Panthers gained from their non-district schedule?

It's only the third time in the program's history that Permian has started the season with a pair of losses and the first time since 1964. The only other time it happened was in Permian's inaugural season in 1959.

The Panthers have been making the wrong kind of history this season after opening the year with a loss to El Paso Franklin, which was Permian's first loss to a school from the Sun City since 1960.

I'm still putting Permian in the playoffs for now. It's hard to imagine a team with that much talent not in the playoffs. There always are expectations at Permian, but when expectations are as high as they were at the start of this season, the offseason could be a messy one if the postseason isn't in the Panthers' future.

■ There's no denying there is a logjam for the final two playoff spots available in District 2-5A. As sports writers, we often love to give our opinions and we often times overreact to current situations.

It's going to be hard for anyone to convince me both Abilene High and Abilene Cooper won't be in the playoffs, though. And I've already given Permian a playoff spot, too. That leaves one spot available for six teams.

MRT columnist Terry Williamson predicted at the beginning of the season that Midland High and Lee would be playing one another for the final playoff spot available out of the district. And while San Angelo Central is certain to have a say in the matter, I'm about to write six words that don't come easy for me.

Terry, I think you were right.

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STATISTICS

Midland High
2012 Statistics
(1-1, 0-0)

Midland High	14	24	0	3	–41
Opponent	28	21	7	21	–77

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Lance White	25	126	5.0	1
Xzavier Martinez	26	83	3.2	2
Connor Beck	10	14	1.4	2
Sam Grimes	4	11	2.8	0
Erik Pena	5	5	1.0	0
Cameron Merdyth	1	3	3.0	0
Charles Hickey	1	(-1)	(-1.0)	0
DeAndre Goodley	1	(-5)	(-5.0)	0
Totals	73	236	3.2	5

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Connor Beck	26	38	4	304	0
Sam Grimes	5	9	0	30	0
Totals	31	47	4	334	0

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
DeAndre Goodley	9	134	14.9	0
Mazelle Justice	7	87	12.4	0
Phillip Fuentes	3	44	14.7	0
Lance White	6	19	3.2	0
Xzavier Martinez	3	19	6.3	0
Khalik Prince	1	18	18.0	0
Landon Dory	1	10	10.0	0
James Behrmann	1	3	3.0	0
Totals	31	334	10.8	0

PUNTING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	L
Nico Francino	11	383	35.3	71
Totals	11	388	35.3	71

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
Xzavier Martinez	2	0	0	0	12
Connor Beck	2	0	0	0	12
Nico Francino	0	5	2	0	11
Lance White	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	5	5	2	0	41

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	Int.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Brent Stewart	1	28	28.0	0
Corbin Berrones	1	12	12.0	0
Gilbert Sanchez	1	0	0.0	0
Kodie Ochoa	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	4	40	10.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR
Gilbert Sanchez	19	0	1.0	0	0
Jimmy Essman	16	0	0	0	1
Eric Villegas	9	0	0	0	0
Colin Teale	8	0	0	0	0
Marcus Salinas	8	0	0	0	0
Corbin Berrones	8	0	0	0	0
Brent Stewart	8	0	0	0	0
Kodie Ochoa	7	0	0	1	0
Kohl Fritschen	7	0	0	0	0
Isaac Eng	6	0	0	0	0
Leonel Caballero	5	0	0	0	0
Juan Losoya	4	0	0	0	1
Noah Perkins	3	0	0	0	0
Jorge Flores	3	0	0	0	0
Jason Carter	3	0	0	0	0
Robert Taylor	3	0	0	0	0
Isaiah Nevarez	3	0	0	0	0
Phillip Wright	3	1.0	1.0	0	0
Matt Williams	3	0	0	0	0
Brady Watson	2	0	0	0	0
Mason Montgomery	2	0	0	0	0
Corbin McCullough	2	0	0	0	0
Ivan Melendez	1	0	0	0	0
Erik Pena	1	0	0	0	0
Jay Vargas	1	0	0	0	0
Matthew Scoggins	1	0	0	0	0
Landon Dory	1	0	0	0	0
Christian Carrasco	1	0	0	0	0
Travis Baur	1	0	0	0	0

OFFENSE/DEFENSE
OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
236	118.0	334	167.0	570	285.0

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
264	132.0	544	272.0	808	402.0

Lee
2012 Statistics
(1-1, 0-0)

Lee	14	22	0	7	–43
Opponent	10	15	6	14	–45

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jason McAfee	40	160	4.0	1
Talor Nunez	23	101	4.4	0
Aron Dobbins	3	14	4.7	1
D'onte Cole	1	7	7.0	0
Hayden Brandt	1	4	4.0	0
Totals	68	286	4.1	2

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Talor Nunez	12	27	3	258	3
Totals	12	27	3	258	3

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Josh Warren	6	97	16.2	1
Jason McAfee	3	84	28.0	1
Alex Bell	1	64	64.0	1
D'onte Cole	1	9	9.0	0
Isaiah Johnson	1	4	4.0	0

PUNTING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	L
Angel Alvidrez	11	380	34.5	71
Ryan Knittle	1	34	34.0	34
Totals	6	221	36.8	71

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
Jason McAfee	2	0	0	1	14
Alex Bell	1	0	0	0	6
Aron Dobbins	1	0	0	0	6
Logan Vitello	1	0	0	0	6
Josh Warren	1	0	0	0	6
Reilly Gwin	0	-5	0	0	5
Totals	6	5	0	1	43

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR
Michael Morales	18	0	2	1	0
Brives Turner	18	0	2	0	0
Dainmium Powell	16	0	0	0	0
Reilly Gwin	16	0	0	0	0
Talmage Cockerell	14	0	0	0	0
Adarryl Hardin	12	2	1	0	1
Logan Vitello	12	0	0	2	2
Alex Bell	10	0	0	0	0
Josh Burditt	10	0	0	0	0
Nathan Bailey	8	0	1	0	0
Anthony Nawrrette	8	0	0	0	0
Gage McSwain	6	0	0	0	0
Cade Kennedy	6	0	1	0	0
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Dyvon Polk	3	0	1	0	0
Lefton Mosely	2	0	0	0	0
Waylon Roberson	2	0	0	0	0
Chris Bell	1	0	0	0	0
Jesse Garza	1	0	0	0	0
Patrick Lee	1	0	0	0	0
Blake Long	1	0	0	0	0
Talor Nunez	1	0	0	0	0
Henry Williamson	1	0	0	0	0

OFFENSE/DEFENSE
OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
286	143.0	258	129.0	544	272.0

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
313	156.5	531	265.5	844	422.0

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a team the caliber as Southlake Carroll. To start, the Bulldogs got to see first hand what a state championship squad looks like and what it takes to play at that level.

"We learned about a new intensity level and speed of the game," Yenzer said. "It certainly gave us a measuring stick and something to shoot for. It's different when you experience it on the field."

Senior safety Christian Carrasco agrees with his head coach.

"That was a state-caliber team," Carrasco said. "That's the level we need to get to. That's our goal. We needed to see a team like that to learn what it takes to get to that level."

And second, Yenzer hopes the Bulldogs will be better served in both district play and the postseason for playing such a strong opponent.

"We hope that's the case. That's why we scheduled them," Yenzer said. "We're to the point in the program where we're ready to challenge the best. Were we ready for that five years ago, probably not. We want to make sure we're ready for teams like that in the playoffs."

It's not easy moving on from a loss that everyone keeps talking about, though. Even at the Midland High-Lee volleyball match Tuesday, the Lee student body broke into a chant of "Southlake Carroll" at one point. It's a loss the Bulldogs can't wait to put behind them.

"Even walking around school people are talking about it," Carrasco said. "We're trying to not let it get to us and try to ignore it. We just have to come together on the practice field and move forward. Next step."

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LEE

From 1C

Lee saw plenty that it didn't like in the game against Bell, particularly in the second half where penalties and missed assignments conspired to keep the Rebels off the board after halftime.

But there were parts of the performance the Rebels want to build off of, like scoring 21 unanswered points in the first half to stun a Bell team that went up 10-0 after its first two drives.

"You saw a team get after them, knocked us up against the ropes and was really physical on us, and they did a great job," Lee coach James Morton said. "As the game went on, we got more physical."

The defense — which forced two turnovers, including a fumble that resulted in a 99-yard touchdown return by Logan Vitello, and caused two Bell drives to stall in the redzone — also responded well to adversity in the game and has Lee excited for the possibilities going forward.

"I think we're starting to find our identity, slowly but surely," Nunez said of his team. "We don't have it yet, but we're starting to find it."

As for facing Cooper, the team that has sent the Rebels into a district tailspin the last two years, to open district play, Lee seems up for the challenge.

"It's district. (If) you want to be district champs ... you've got to win them all," Morton said. "That part's the same. That's why they play the game."

And while the motivation from two years of district-opening losses isn't far from the Rebels' minds, they're looking to make it completely irrelevant after Friday.

"We're very excited," Nunez said. "It's a totally different year — it has nothing to do with last year, it has nothing to do with the year before. And our mindset is totally different — it's all positive, and it's all just having the mindset to win."

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

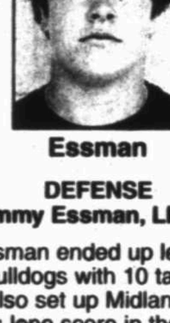
Midland High



Goodley

OFFENSE
DeAndre Goodley, WR, Jr.

Goodley was the Bulldogs' most consistent weapon on offense, leading Midland High with 44 receiving yards on six receptions. Goodley remains Midland High's leading receiver on the season with 134 yards on nine receptions.



Essman

DEFENSE
Jimmy Essman, LB, Sr.

Essman ended up leading the Bulldogs with 10 tackles and also set up Midland High's lone score in the game after picking up a fumble and returning it to the Carroll 11-yard line in the fourth quarter.



Francino

SPECIAL TEAMS
Nico Francino, P/K, Sr.

Francino scored Midland High's only points in the game, connecting on a 26-yard FG in the fourth quarter. Francino has kicked a field goal in both of Midland High's games this season.

Lee



Bell

OFFENSE
Alex Bell, DB/WR, Jr.

Bell had just one catch, his first on varsity, but it came on the Rebels' biggest offensive play, a 64-yard touchdown on play action that put Lee up 21-10 in the second quarter.



Vitello

DEFENSE
Logan Vitello, DB, Jr.

Vitello had perhaps the play of the game for Lee, returning a fumble 99 yards for a touchdown on 4th and goal at the 1. It was one of two forced fumbles and fumble recoveries by Vitello, who also had six tackles.



Gwin

SPECIAL TEAMS
Reilly Gwin, DB/K, Sr.

Gwin nailed all three of his extra points and also notched 11 tackles in the game.

DISTRICT 2-5A NOTES

ABILENE COOPER

■ Cooper senior RB Kerry Sims scored two more TDs in the Cougars' 17-14 victory against Cedar Park on Friday. Sims now has had a hand in seven of the Cougars' eight TDs they have scored this season. Sims has rushed for 240 yards and six scores, while adding 28 receiving yards and another TD on three receptions.

ABILENE HIGH

■ Impressively, Abilene High gave up just seven passing yards to Duncanville in the Eagles 26-8 victory on Friday. That isn't a program record for the Eagles, though. In 1989, the Eagles held Wichita Falls Rider to negative-2 passing yards in a 21-7 loss to the Raiders.

AMARILLO TASCOSA

■ The 48-0 margin by which Tascosa lost to Amarillo High was the largest in the history of the rivalry, which began in 1958.

■ Tascosa hasn't scored a touchdown against Amarillo High since 2009, the year before coach Mel Maxfield took over the Sandies.

■ The Rebels still boast the third-best rushing offense in the district at 203 yards per game, led by Peyton Brooks, who has 122 yards on 26 carries on the season.

LUBBOCK CORONADO

■ A 3-yard touchdown run by Rod Moore was the only score of the game as Coronado defeated rival Lubbock High 7-0 for the 26th straight time. It was the lowest scoring game in the series since 1986

■ Coronado made up for passing for -3 yards against Lubbock High with two 100-yard rushers in Moore, who had 133 yards on 24 carries, and Isaiah Tates, who rushed 11 times for 117 yards.

■ Shed Kelly intercepted two passes inside the Mustang 10-yard line, including one in the fourth quarter that helped put Lubbock High away.

ODESSA PERMIAN

■ With its 23-13 loss to Wolfforth Frenship, Permian dropped to 0-2 for the first time since 1964. Just a week earlier, Permian fell to an El Paso school for the first time since 1960.

■ In its season opener against El Paso Montwood, Permian set a school record with 16 penalties in a 34-30 loss. In the loss to Frenship, the Panthers fell just two penalties short of the previous school record with 12.

■ Panther running back Jorrion Wilson continued his strong start to his senior season, rushing for 179 yards and two touchdowns on 26 carries. Wilson leads District 2-5A in rushing with 340 yards.

The A-List

RUSHING (100 yards or multiple TDs)
Rod Moore, Lubbock Coronado, 133 yards, 1TD
Jorrion Wilson, Odessa Permian, 179 yards, 2 TDs
Tashauan Davis, San Angelo Central, 109 yards, 1 TD
Jordan Charles, San Angelo Central, 38 yards, 2 TDs
Kerry Sims, Abilene Cooper, 122 yards, 2 TDs
C.J. Eddison, Odessa High, 138 yards, 1 TD
Ryan Martinez, Odessa High, 39 yards, 2 TDs

PASSING (200 yards or multiple TDs)
Mickey Scott, San Angelo Central, 123 yards, 2 TDs
Evin Abbe, Abilene High, 219 yards, 2 TDs

RECEIVING (100 yards or multiple TDs)
Keevan Lucas, Abilene High, 117 yards, 1 TD

DEFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS
Logan Vitello, Lee, 99-yard fumble return TD
Keyland Taylor, San Angelo Central, 99-yard kickoff return TD

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from a 0-10 team to 9-1 or 8-2 in a one year regular season turnaround. That would be awesome.

Coahoma 21, Colorado City 18: A classic matchup for a great rivalry. The winner of this game every year should inherit the I-20 roadway between the two towns.

Midland Christian 48, Borger 14: Borger is not the team it used to be in the glory days and the Mustangs are hungry again. After last week, MCS is eating more chicken.

Forsan 38, Stanton 20: In the battle of Buffs, Forsan looks to be on the track for greater things this year.

Rankin 65, Borden County 58: A little payback from last year's playoffs comes into play here in what should be the Game of the Week.

LEE AND MIDLAND HIGH NOTES

Rebel Yells

■ Friday was a tale of two halves for Lee, which had a hard time finding offensive rhythm after halftime for the second consecutive game. In two games, Lee has scored just one touchdown in the second half and was shutout after the half against Hurst L.D. Bell.

■ The Rebels benefitted from the big play again, scoring on a 99-yard fumble return by Logan Vitello and on a 64-yard play-action pass from Talor Nunez to Alex Bell.

■ Penalties hurt Lee in the second half, wiping out Jason McAfee's longest run of the day and a touchdown on a reverse pass. Lee was flagged six times for 60 yards in the second half after being called for just one penalty in the first half.

■ Josh Warren continued to assert himself as one of the Rebels' top receivers with a strong second half, in which he caught all three of his passes for 44 yards to lead Lee in receptions.

■ Lee had a number of players step up on defense as Brives Turner (12), Talmage Cockerell (11), Reilly Gwin (11), Brandon Nguyen (11) and Josh Burditt (10) each had double-digit tackles.

Jordan Mason

Bulldog Bites

■ Midland High tied the program record for most points allowed in its 63-3 loss to Southlake Carroll on Friday. Only twice before have the Bulldogs allowed 63 points in a game. In 1993, Abilene Cooper routed MHS, 63-7, and Lee beat the Bulldogs 63-21 in 2004. Carroll did hand the Bulldogs the biggest margin of defeat in the program's history, though.

■ The Bulldogs returned home from Southlake with a couple of minor injuries. Senior safety Brent Stewart suffered a minor concussion, which with the UIL's new concusion guidelines, make the process of getting him back on the field a complicated one. Senior receiver Khalik Prince suffered a sprained ankle in the third quarter and has been limited in practice this week.

■ Yenzer believes the biggest thing he and his coaches need to address during the bye week is ensuring the team still understands it's in contention as far as the district race is concerned.

"You look at the district race, the Abilene schools are playing very well and the rest of us are in a pack," Yenzer said. "This thing is still wide open and that should motivate us. I haven't seen everybody in the district, but if there are teams that are better than Southlake then the list is pretty short."

■ Yenzer likes where the bye week falls for the Bulldogs because it allows the coaching staff one more week of evaluation to ensure they have the right players in the right places.

"We've got to shore a lot of things up," Yenzer said. "The good news about the bye week and the timing, it gives us one more shot at getting the right guys on the field. We're going to use the time this week to do that and still get better at what we're doing. This is going to be a work week for us."

■ The Bulldogs also get the advantage of preparing early for their first district opponent in Amarillo Tascosa. It used to be that teams didn't receive film on their opponents until seven days before game day. Now teams get film 10 days in advance, allowing Midland High to begin game planning for the Rebels this week.

"Our offense will be running against Amarillo Tascosa's defense and our defense will be running against Amarillo Tascosa's offense," Yenzer said. "We're going to be getting an early jump on this and getting some things in place for Tascosa already."

Jonathan Hull

2-5A STANDINGS

	Overall		District	
Team	W	L	W	L
Abilene Cooper	0	0	2	0
Abilene High	0	0	2	0
Lee	0	0	1	1
Lubbock Coronado	0	0	1	1
Midland High	0	0	1	1
San Angelo Central	0	0	1	1
Amarillo Tascosa	0	0	0	2
Odessa High	0	0	0	2
Odessa Permian	0	0	0	2

Thursday's score

Lubbock Monterey 31, Odessa High 19

Friday's scores

Hurst L.D. Bell 30, Lee 21
Southlake Carroll 63, Midland High 3
Wolfforth Frenship 23, Odessa Permian 13
Abilene High 26, Duncanville 8
Abilene Cooper 17, Cedar Park 14
Lubbock Coronado 7, Lubbock High 0
Amarillo High 48, Amarillo Tascosa 0
San Angelo Central 40, Scott's Valley (Calif.) 7

Today's game

Lubbock Coronado at San Angelo Central, 7 p.m.

Friday's games

Lee at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m.
Odessa High at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m.
Abilene High at Amarillo Tascosa, 7:30 p.m.

AP Top 10 schedule

Class 5A

1. Lake Travis (2-0) at Round Rock Westwood, Friday
2. Dallas Skyline (2-0) at Arlington Bowie, Friday
3. Katy (2-0) at The Woodlands, Saturday
4. Allen (2-0) vs. Richardson, Friday
5. DeSoto (2-0) vs. Euless Trinity, Saturday
6. Cibolo Steele (2-0) at Kerrville Tivy, Friday
7. Abilene (2-0) at Amarillo Tascosa, Friday
8. Euless Trinity (1-1) at DeSoto, Saturday
9. Southlake Carroll (1-1) vs. Temple, Friday
10. Galena Park N.S. (2-0) vs. Katy C.R., Friday

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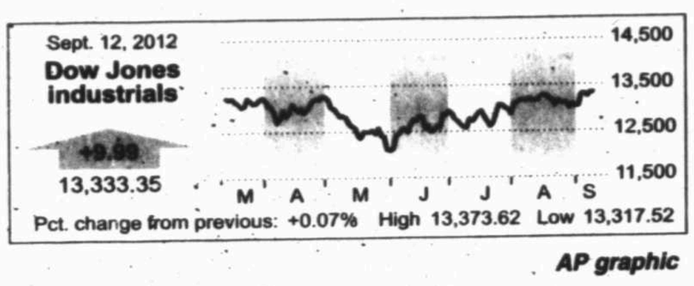
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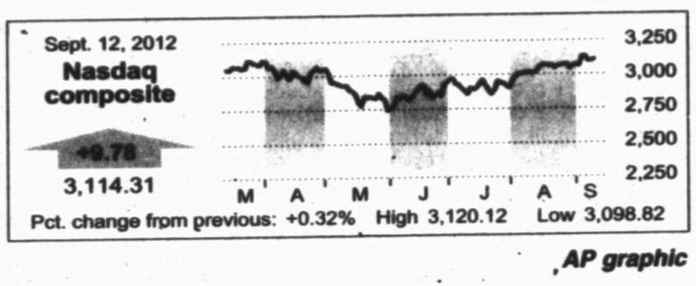
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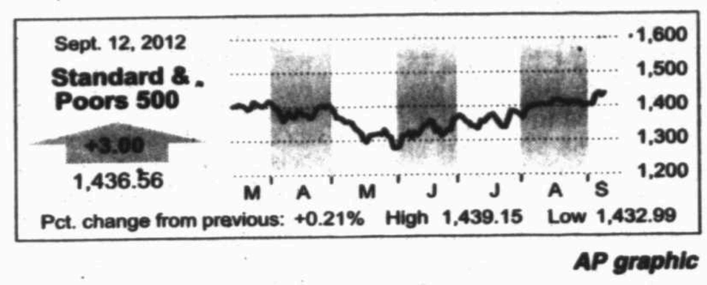
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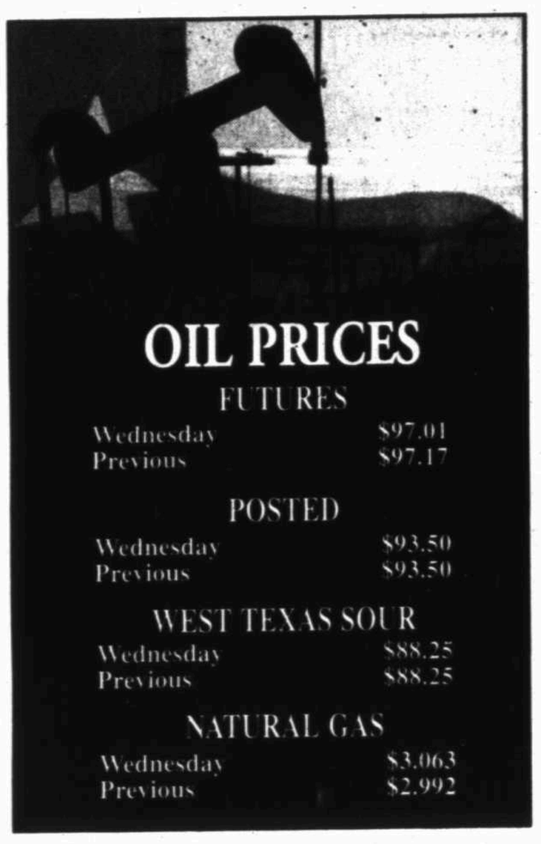
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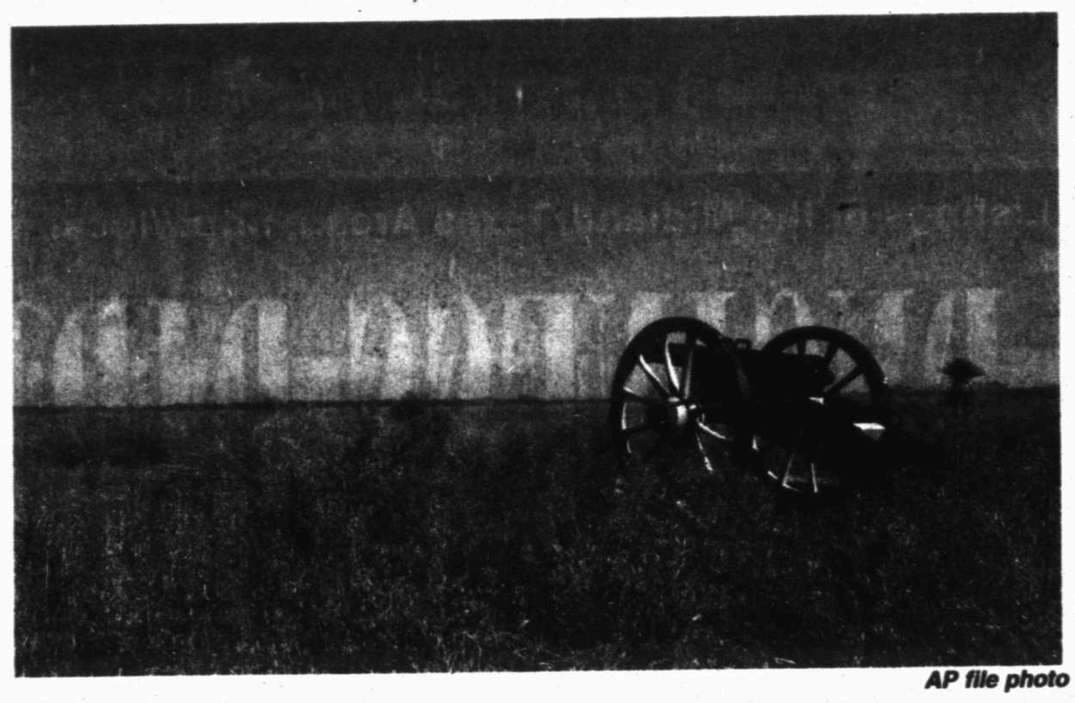


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The Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site is shown in this undated photo. The site in South Texas is among 30 named by the National Park Service as a possible future site for oil and gas drilling.

Texas sites on national parks drilling list

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Hearst Newspapers

San Antonio's missions, the first battlefield of the Mexican War and the Guadalupe Mountains that soar to Texas' highest spot are among as many as 30 national parks and historic areas that could be the sites of future oil and gas drilling, according to a new analysis.

The National Park Service identified the locations in response to a request from the left-leaning Center for American Progress, which issued a report Wednesday.

The Park Service based its list on proximity to oil and gas reserves, existing drilling nearby, and private mineral leases within park boundaries.

On the list in Texas are the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site in Brownsville — location of the first clash in the Mexican War on May 8, 1846 — and the Guadalupe Mountains National Park about 100 miles east of El Paso. At 8,749 feet above sea level, Guadalupe Peak is Texas' highest elevation.

The topic of drilling in national preserves has attracted new attention with Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney's energy plan that would let states issue permits for oil and gas projects on federal lands within their borders.

Among other sites that made the list for possible future drilling are Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming and Everglades National Park in south Florida, as well as the Flight 93 National Memorial in Stoystown, Pa., where one of the planes hijacked on Sept. 11, 2001 crashed after passengers intervened.

The San Antonio park is one of several near booming natural gas fields, The Eagle Ford shale lies south of the city.

But don't picture a drilling rig in front of Mission San Josi just yet.

"You never want to say never, but it's highly unlikely, unless there's some geologic formation that no one knows about," said San Antonio-based oil and gas consultant Silver Vasquez.

John Lujan, national park superintendent at the missions, agreed that drilling at the missions is unlikely, and noted that similar issues come up at parks all over the country. "If it's not an oil well, it's power transmission lines," he said.

Missions Concepcisn, San Josi, San Juan Capistrano and Espada and their grounds are part of the city of San Antonio's Mission Historic District. In the event of future drilling, Lujan said the city's guidelines could help protect the look of the area.

Under Spanish rule, San Antonio's missions offered refuge for indigenous people from disease, starvation and raids by hostile invaders.

It was not immediately clear who owns the mineral rights at the missions. An official with the Bexar County Clerk's Office said the deeds on the property likely reach back into the county's Spanish archives.

Lujan noted that even the surface ownership can be confusing — Bexar County, the city of San Antonio, the Archdiocese of San Antonio and the National Park Service own slices of the property, he said.

Nearly 700 oil and gas wells already exist in 12 National Park Service sites, including Big Thicket National Preserve in East Texas and Padre Island National Seashore in South Texas.

The Park Service is updating its regulations governing oil and gas activity. It is the first substantive rewrite of the regulations in three decades.

In the Center for American Progress report, author Jessica Goad said oil and gas drilling "is a dirty business that, if done improperly, has the potential to do substantial harm to national parks and other public lands."

She said that the activity often comes with a surge in infrastructure development or heavier demands on existing roads and pipelines.

Oil prices fall

The price of oil was in a holding pattern Wednesday as traders questioned the potential benefit of efforts to promote economic growth in the U.S. and Europe.

Benchmark oil fell 16 cents Wednesday to end at $97.01 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, which is used to price international varieties of oil, gained 56 cents to $115.33 per barrel in London.

A German court cleared a path for Europe to create a fund to help financially troubled countries. It is just one of several strategies being pursued to resolve Europe's debt crisis.

Oil prices briefly topped $98 per barrel after the ruling was announced. Those gains were erased after the U.S. government said crude inventories increased last week.

Since hitting a low of $77.69 per barrel in late June, oil has risen about $20 per barrel on expectations that the U.S., Europe and China will do more to help their economies.

Euro rises

The euro rose to a four-month high against the dollar Wednesday after Germany's highest court paved the way for the country to participate in Europe's financial rescue fund.

The ruling helped ease investor uncertainty about Europe's efforts to solve its debt crisis. The $640 billion rescue fund will lend money to cash-strapped governments.

The euro rose to $1.2894 late Wednesday from $1.2860 late Tuesday. The euro rose as high as $1.2936 early Wednesday, its highest point against the dollar since May 11.

The British pound rose to $1.6102 from $1.6092.

The dollar rose to 77.87 Japanese yen from 77.78 and to 97.64 Canadian cents from 97.33 Canadian cents.

The dollar fell to 0.9376 Swiss franc from 0.9389 Swiss franc.

December gold slipped $1.20 to $1,733.70 per ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $11.86 Down 0.19

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $56.85 Up 1.62

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $93.22 Down 0.77

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $23.65 Up 0.29

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $28.18 Down 0.04

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.17 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $14.33 Up 0.29

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1958091	8.97	-.06
NokiaCp	1425221	2.75	-.04
AmIntlGrp	771709	33.80	+.35
S&P500ETF	692695	144.39	+.48
SprintNex	504075	5.10	+.10

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LincN pf	389.08	+109.83	+39.3
OfficeDpt	2.29	+.40	+21.2
NBGrce rs	2.61	+.37	+16.5
Amrep	9.24	+.99	+12.0
MillMda n	13.68	+1.44	+11.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cemig pf s	12.47	-3.30	-20.9
Cemig s	11.35	-2.01	-15.0
TRC Cos	6.72	-.98	-12.7
RedLionH	6.78	-.95	-12.3
HalconR rs	7.58 *	-.97	-11.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,930
Declined	1,081
Unchanged	113
Total issues	3,124
New Highs	261
New Lows	14
Volume	3,550,362,822

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ChenereEn	62397	16.48	+.19
GoldStr g	33726	1.63	+.03
Neuralstem	27997	1.00	+.21
NovaGld g	24226	5.18	+.08
NA Pall g	24132	2.11	+.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MastechH	5.39	+.38	+7.6
NovaCpp n	2.27	+.13	+6.1
SL Ind	14.63	+.63	+4.5
Glowpoint	2.19	+.09	+4.1
Walterinv	35.64	+1.33	+3.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medgen wt	4.40	-.35	-7.4
UraniumEn	2.65	-.14	-5.0
Banro g	4.50	-.21	-4.5
Taseko	3.28	-.15	-4.4
WizrdSft rs	4.35	-.19	-4.2

DIARY

Advanced	233
Declined	191
Unchanged	39
Total issues	463
New Highs	11
New Lows	7
Volume	95,791,177

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook n	1131142	20.93	+1.50
SiriusXM	929419	2.43	-.08
Intel	436461	23.19	-.15
PwShs QQQ	405035	68.63	+.20
Microsoft	304698	30.78	-.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medivare	21.86	+6.11	+38.8
Mindspeed	3.28	+.72	+28.1
GTx Inc	4.52	+.73	+19.3
CoffeeH	8.70	+1.36	+18.5
EmclaireF	24.98	+3.78	+17.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Globeco	11.09	-2.21	-16.6
PMFG	6.86	-1.21	-15.0
Oncolyt g	2.48	-.34	-12.1
DigCine n	5.50	-.75	-12.0
Lawsn	6.51	-.74	-10.2

DIARY

Advanced	1,455
Declined	981
Unchanged	144
Total issues	2,580
New Highs	92
New Lows	16
Volume	1,663,947,424

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76	50	37.72	+.10	+24.7
AberFitc	.70	20	37.92	+1.95	-22.4
Abraxas	...	10	2.23	...	-32.4
AdamsEx	.65e	...	11.25	+.04	+16.7
AMD	...	...	3.89	+.14	-28.0
Alcoa	.12	35	9.35	+.02	+8.1
AlonUSA	.16	36	13.47	+.01	+54.6
AlphaNRs	...	...	7.34	-.11	-64.1
AmIntlGrp	...	3	33.80	+.35	+45.7
Amgen	1.44	18	83.15	-.79	+29.5
Anadarko	.36	...	72.43	+.81	-5.1
A123 Sys h	...	...	.36	+.07	-77.6
Apache	.68	11	90.51	+.72	-.1
Apple Inc	10.60	16	669.79	+9.20	+65.4
ApldMatl	.36	13	11.60	-.05	+8.3
ArenaPhm	...	...	8.36	+.37	+347.1
ATMOS	1.38	15	35.26	-.19	+5.7
AutoData	1.58	20	57.39	-1.05	+6.3
BP PLC	1.92	6	42.58	+.01	-.4
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	16.58	+.02	-7.8
BakrHu	.60	13	48.02	+.74	-1.3
BkofAm	.04	10	8.97	-.06	+61.3
Bar iPVix	...	...	9.58	-.28	-73.0
BasicEnSv	...	6	11.86	-.19	-39.8
BerkHa A	...	19130	150.00	-20.00	+13.4
BerryPet	.32	...	39.05	+.13	-7.1
BlkHillsCp	1.48	29	34.89	+.33	+3.9
BrMlySq	1.36	16	33.60	+.04	-4.7
BrownFA s	.93	26	62.06	-1.13	+17.4
BrownFB s	.93	26	64.59	-.93	+20.3
CVS Care	.65	17	46.47	+.42	+14.0
Cameron	...	24	58.39	+1.19	+18.7
Caterpillar	2.08f	10	89.12	+.52	-1.6
Celestic g	...	7	7.84	-.07	+7.0
Cemex	.321	...	8.30	+.22	+60.1
Cemig pf s	1.18e	...	12.47	-3.30	-12.4
CntryLink	2.90	47	42.60	+.24	+14.5
ChesEng	.35*	6	19.89	-.21	-10.8
Chevron	3.60	9	114.48	+.30	+7.5
Chicos	.21	20	19.10	+.02	+71.5
Cimarex	.48	13	60.25	-.27	-2.7
Cisco	.56f	13	19.08	+.04	+5.9
Citigroup	.04	9	33.05	+.39	+25.6
ClayEng	...	7	56.85	+1.62	-25.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CocaCola s	1.02	20	37.55	+.04	+7.3
ColgPal	2.48	20	102.62	-.20	+11.1
Comcast	.65	20	34.59	+.32	+45.9
ConAgra	.96	23	25.56	-.13	-3.2
ConchoRes	...	16	93.22	-.77	-.6
ConocPhil	s2.64	7	56.54	+.17	+1.8
CrackerB	1.60f	18	65.99	+.54	+30.9
CSVelVSt	...	...	16.39	+.43	+151.8
CrosTim	2.61e	12	34.28	+.42	-29.9
DCP Mid	2.68f	28	42.88	+.44	-9.7
DTE	2.48f	16	59.24	-.37	+8.8
Dataram h	...	...	.72	-.03	-11.1
Dawson	...	15	23.65	+.29	-40.2
Dell Inc	.32	6	10.64	...	-27.3
DevonE	.80	10	61.43	+1.01	-.9
DirSCBear	...	...	14.60	-.23	-44.9
Disney	.60f	17	51.70	+.14	+37.9
DowChm	1.28f	19	30.18	-.06	+4.9
EMC Cp	...	23	27.31	-.01	+26.8
EOG Res	.68	22	112.98	+.55	+14.7
EmpDist	1.00	17	21.39	-.02	+1.4
Energen	.56	14	53.03	-.28	+6.1
EngyTsfr	3.58	9	42.71	-.05	-6.8
EnPro	...	18	39.00	+.17	+18.3
EntPrPt	2.54f	20	53.20	+.37	+14.7
Ericsson	.35e	...	9.39	+.17	-7.3
Exelon	2.10	13	34.87	-.62	-19.6
ExterranH	...	...	19.02	+.15	+109.0
ExxonMbl	2.28	11	85.55	-.07	+5.7
Facebook n	...	...	20.93	+1.50	-45.3
FordM	.20	8	10.21	+.06	-5.1
ForestOil s	...	12	8.21	+.04	-39.4
FMCG	1.25	12	40.10	+.17	+9.0
FrozenFd	...	...	2.23	+.04	+72.9
GATX	1.20	18	43.79	+.40	+.3
GabAlltT	.80	...	7.44	-.17	+19.4
GAInv	.50e	...	28.86	+.07	+15.9
GenElec	.68	18	21.89	+.30	+22.2
GrtBasG g	...	...	.10	-.14	-88.7
GtPlainEn	.85	17	22.01	+.25	+1.1
Groupon n	...	...	4.86	+.05	-77.4
HalconR rs	...	...	7.58	-.97	-19.3
Halliburtn	.36	10	35.73	+.38	+3.5
Heckmann	...	...	4.50	+.37	-32.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Heinz	2.06	19	56.25	+.16	+4.1
HewlettP	.53	6	17.99	+.04	-30.2
Hitachi	...	...	63.70	...	+22.2
HuntBncsh	.16	13	6.95	+.14	+26.6
iShBraz	1.48e	...	54.83	-.01	-4.5
iShSilver	...	...	32.21	-.20	+19.6
iShChina25	.93e	...	33.78	+.38	-3.1
iSHEMkts	.82e	...	40.78	+.18	+7.5
iS Eafe	1.72e	...	53.79	+.35	+8.6
iShR2K	1.23e	...	84.49	+.43	+14.6
IntegrysE	2.72	19	53.37	-.88	-1.5
Intel	.90f	10	23.19	-.15	-4.4
InterDig	.40	23	35.08	+.18	-19.5
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	39.92	+.32	+20.1
JohnJn	2.44	22	68.15	-.05	+3.9
KimbClk	2.96	18	82.34	-.01	+11.9
KindME	4.92f	...	81.81	+.22	-3.7
KindMM	4.92f	...	73.77	+.22	-6.0
Kinross g	.16f	...	9.56	+.10	-16.1
LegacyRes	2.24f	8	28.20	-.02	-.1
Lubys	...	25	6.26	+.09	+38.8
MktVGold	.15e	...	50.01	+.20	-2.8
McDnlds	2.80	17	90.82	-.38	-9.5
Merck	1.68	20	44.53	+.20	+18.1
MeritMed	...	29	14.75	+.05	+10.2
MetLife	.74	10	34.63	-.73	+11.1
MexcoEn	...	77	6.17	...	-11.9
MicronT	...	...	6.47	+.11	+2.9
Microsoft	.80	15	30.78	-.01	+18.6
MorgStan	.20	14	17.42	+.17	+15.1
Nabors	...	11	15.51	-.14	-10.6
NatGrid	3.11e	...	54.64	+.08	+12.7
NOilVarco	.48	15	83.56	+.43	+22.9
NokiaCp	.26e	...	2.75	-.04	-42.9
NvMAd	.91e	..	15.36	+.04	+4.6
NvPMI	.88	...	15.02	+.05	+1.4
NuvPI	.92	...	15.12	+.12	+4.5
NSTFI3	.86e	...	15.84	+.04	+9.3
NTXGI	.77	...	16.95	+.01	+3.7
OcciPet	2.16	11	86.86	+.42	-7.3
OfficeDpt	...	10	2.29	+.40	+6.5
Oracle	.24	16	32.26	-.06	+25.8
ParTech	...	16	5.32	+.09	+35.0
ParkDrl	...	...	4.57	-.07	-36.3
PattUTI	.20	7	16.35	+.21	-18.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PennaRE	.64	...	16.48	-.03	+57.9
Prmian	1.26e	11	15.60	+.43	-23.4
Pfizer	.88	14	24.07	-.10	+11.2
PioNtrl	.08	34	106.57	+1.00	+19.1
PlainsAA	4.26f	15	87.90	+.97	+19.7
PwShs QQQ	.51e	...	68.63	+.20	+22.9
Praxair	2.20	19	105.99	-.59	-.9
PrmEgy	...	7	26.80	...	+18.6
ProctGam	2.25	18	68.10	-.16	+2.1
PulteGrp	...	68	15.55	+.88	+146.4
RangeRs	.16	...	70.75	+.18	+14.2
RegionsFn	.04	17	7.29	-.03	+69.5
RschMotn	...	3	7.42	-.04	-48.8
Rowan	...	27	36.97	-.35	+21.9
RoyDShllA	3.44	14	71.73	...	-1.9
SpdrDJIA	3.60e	...	133.37	+.28	+9.5
S&P500ETF	2.70e	...	144.39	+.48	+15.1
SabnR	3.81e	13	53.45	+.21	-15.2
SanderFm	.68	46	44.54	-.17	-11.2
SandRdge	...	...	7.24	+.04	-11.3
Sapient	...	22	10.65	-.04	-15.5
Schlmbrg	1.10	18	74.32	+.66	+8.8
SearsHm rt	...	...	2.12	...	...
SigmaAld	.80	19	72.33	-.28	+15.8
SiriusXM	...	4	2.43	-.08	+33.2
Smucker	2.08f	21	86.13	+.12	+10.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SprintNex	...	...	5.10	+.10	+117.9
SPDR Fncl	.23e	...	15.74	+.06	+21.1
Sunocol s	1.88f	13	49.00	+.51	+24.4
TelefEsp	...	...	14.58	+.24	-15.2
Tesoro	.48	9	40.34	+.03	+72.7
3M Co	2.36	15	90.81	-.36	+11.1
Torchmark	.60	11	52.19	-.15	+20.3
TriContl	.50e	...	16.26	+.02	+14.3
TylerTech	...	46	41.35	-.07	+37.3
UEWV	1.24	15	24.41	+.22	-13.7
US NGs rs	...	...	20.56	+.37	-20.4
Vale SA	1.16e	...	18.41	+.15	-14.2
ValeroE	.70f	8	32.78	+.01	+55.7
VangEmg	.91e	...	41.64	+.18	+9.0
VerizonCm	2.06f	45	44.89	+.65	+11.9
VulcanM	.04	...	46.46	+4.49	+18.1
Walgrn	1.10f	12	35.36	+.25	+7.0
WellsFargo	.88	11	34.33	+.18	+24.6
WstnRefin	.32f	9	26.50	-.27	+99.4
WhitingPet	...	10	49.37	-.40	+5.7
WmsCos	1.25f	20	33.97	+.23	+26.0
XcelEngy	1.08f	16	27.93	-.08	+1.0
Xerox	.17	8	7.86	+.17	-3.8
Yahoo	...	18	15.40	+.24	-4.5
Zynga n	...	...	3.07	+.28	-67.4

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,354.34	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	13,333.35	+9.99	+.07	+9.13	+18.55
5,390.11	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,174.18	+40.68	+.79	+3.08	+12.44
499.92	411.54	Dow Jones Utilities	467.89	-2.02	-.43	+.89	+8.94
8,327.67	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	8,267.31	+21.16	+.26	+10.57	+14.84
2,498.86	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,420.49	-16.47	-.68	+6.24	+9.07
3,139.61	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	3,114.31	+9.78	+.32	+19.54	+21.06
1,438.74	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,436.56	+3.00	+.21	+14.23	+20.85
15,047.44	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	15,038.58	+40.81	+.27	+14.02	+19.89
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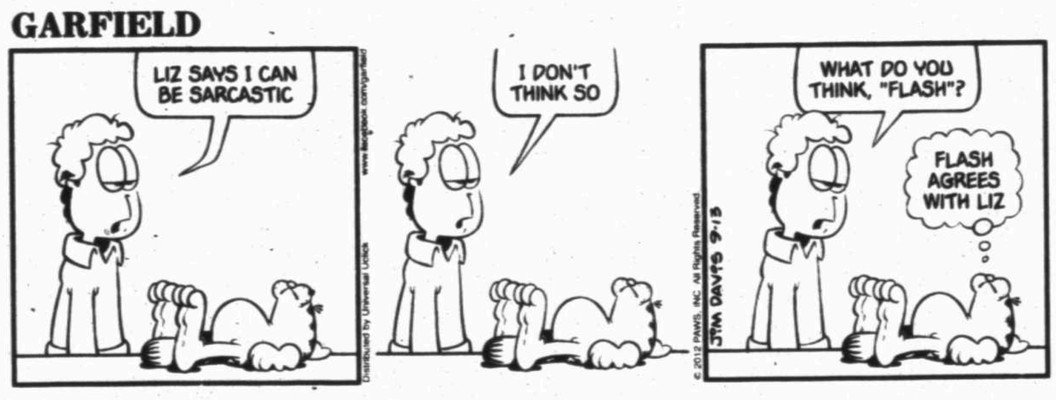
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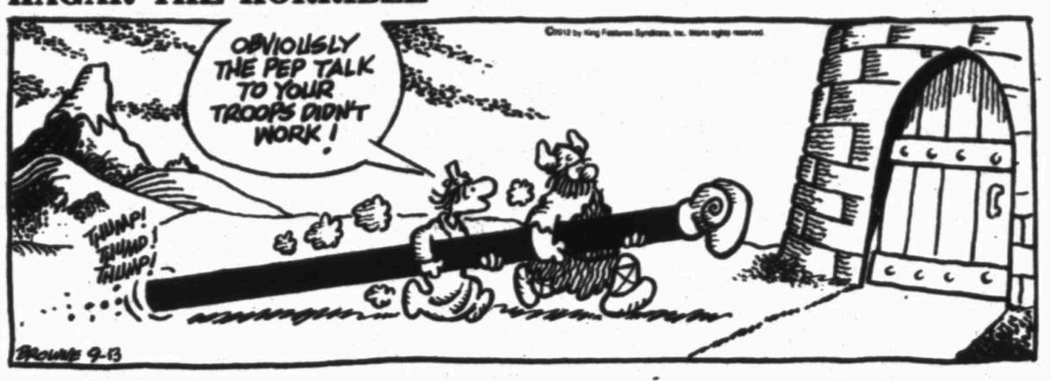
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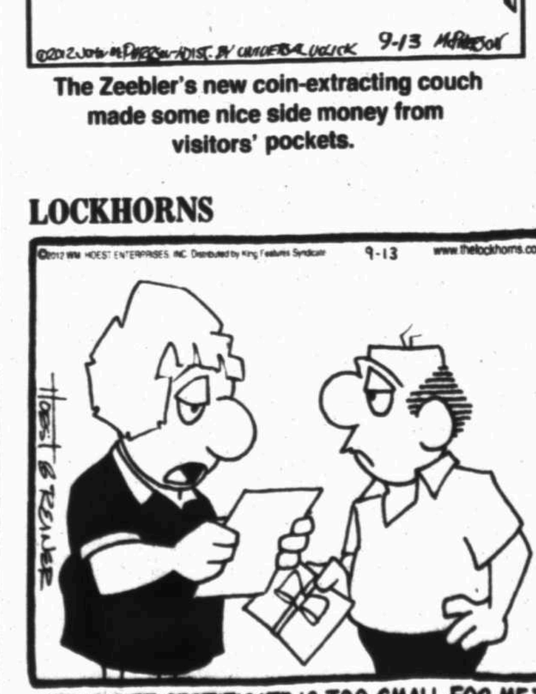


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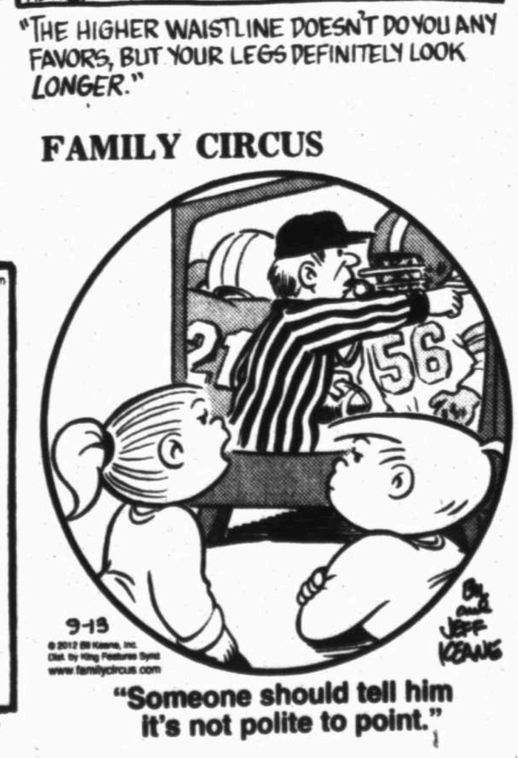
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"Someone should tell him it's not polite to point."

NASCAR THIS WEEK

ON THE TUBE
All times Eastern

Sprint Cup Series
Geico 400
1 p.m., Sunday — ESPN

Nationwide Series
Dollar General 300
3:30 p.m., Saturday — ESPN2

Truck Series
American Ethanol 200
8 p.m., Saturday — SPEED

BURNING ISSUES

▶ Few could have predicted that Jeff Gordon would make the Chase without winning the final regular-season race. He finished third, second and second down the stretch.

▶ Before the season, Rick Hendrick said he expected all four of his drivers to make the Chase. By taking the two wild card spots, Kasey Kahne and Gordon fulfilled the boss's wishes, joining Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jimmie Johnson in the championship scramble.

▶ Tony Stewart righted his ship with a fourth-place finish, suggesting that the pattern of Stewart's 2011 championship might be a possibility yet again. In the four races before Richmond, the reigning champion's average finish had been 25th.

▶ Two Chase competitors, Martin Truex Jr. and Kevin Harvick, are winless. Stewart was winless at this point last year and won five times in the final 10 races.

▶ The previous points leader, Greg Biffle, seems notably overlooked. It's not like Biffle, who finished the regular season with 12 more points than Earnhardt, hasn't won twice.

▶ The points are reconfigured for the Chase. That means that Denny Hamlin begins it as the top seed because only he has won four races. Each Chase driver receives a base of 2,000 points, with three added for each victory. That gives Hamlin 2,012, three more than Johnson, Stewart and Brad Keselowski.

▶ The wild-card selections, Kahne and Gordon, aren't eligible for bonus points, so they join Truex and Harvick at an even 2,000 points.

▶ A widespread misperception is that the champion must win several races to claim the title. Stewart, who won five Chase races in 2011, won a tiebreaker over Carl Edwards, who won none. Consistency works, too.

▶ Stewart is the only driver who has won championships both before (2002) and after (2005, 2011) the Chase was implemented. He is also the only driver to win the Chase without winning one of its races, in 2005, and the Chase winner who won the most races, five in 2011.

2012 POINTS STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series

		Pts.
1.	Denny Hamlin	2,012
2.	Jimmie Johnson	-3
	Tony Stewart	-3
	Brad Keselowski	-3
5.	Greg Biffle	-6
	Clint Bowyer	-6
7.	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-9
	Matt Kenseth	-9
9.	Kevin Harvick	-12
	Martin Truex Jr.	-12
	Kasey Kahne	-12
	Jeff Gordon	-12

Nationwide Series

1.	Elliott Sadler	936
2.	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	-1
3.	Austin Dillon	-30
4.	Sam Hornish Jr.	-50
5.	Justin Allgaier	-95
6.	Michael Annett	-137
7.	Cole Whitt	-199
8.	Mike Bliss	-245
9.	Joe Nemechek	-331
10.	Brian Scott	-337

Camping World Truck Series

1.	Timothy Peters	528
2.	James Buescher	-6
3.	Ty Dillon	-9
4.	Parker Kligerman	-21
5.	Justin Lofton	-31
6.	Joey Coulter	-44
7.	Matt Crafton	-45
8.	Nelson Piquet Jr.	-74
9.	Ron Hornaday	-92
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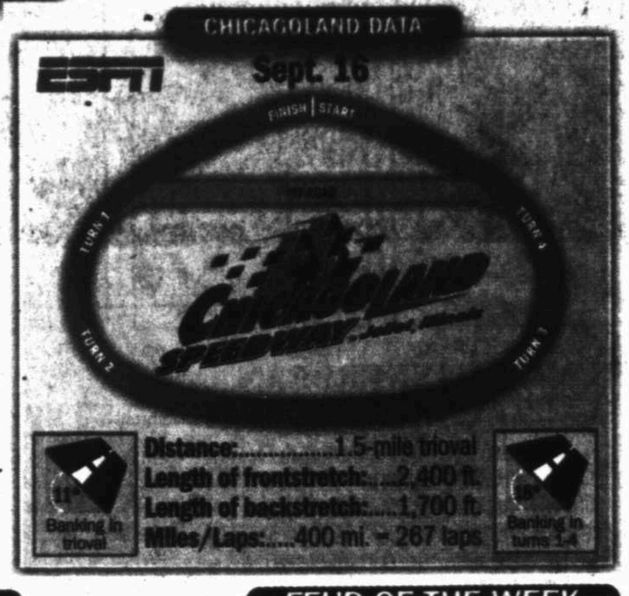
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WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP
Race: Geico 400
Where: Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill. (1.5 mi.), 267 laps/400.5 miles.
When: Sunday, Sept. 16.
Last year's winner: Tony Stewart, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Jimmie Johnson, Chevy, 188.147 mph, July 8, 2005.
Race record: David Reutimann, Toyota, 145.138 mph, July 10, 2010.
Last race: Clint Bowyer won for the second time at Richmond International Raceway, but the victory was somewhat overshadowed by the runner-up finish of Jeff Gordon because it enabled the four-time champion to qualify for the Chase.

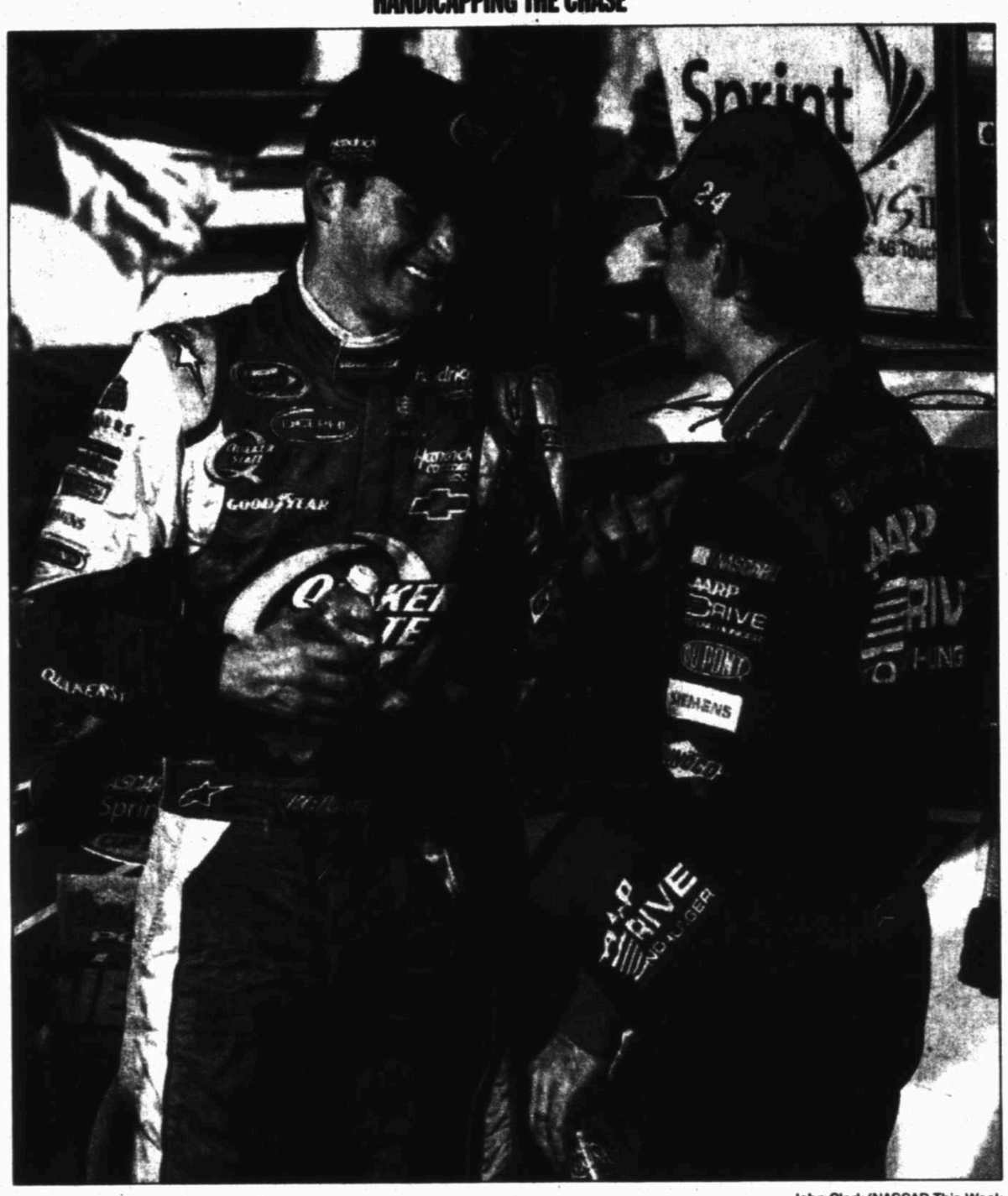
NATIONWIDE
Race: Dollar General 300
Where: Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill. (1.5 mi.); 200 laps/300 miles.
When: Saturday, Sept. 15.
Last year's winner: Brad Keselowski, Dodge.
Qualifying record: Ryan Newman, Dodge, 186.438 mph, July 9, 2005.
Race record: Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 148.637 mph, Sept. 7, 2011.
Last race: For the second straight week, Kevin Harvick dominated, but this time, at Richmond International Raceway, he won. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. took second, Kurt Busch third and Denny Hamlin fourth. It was Harvick's first victory since 2010.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK
Race: American Ethanol 200
Where: Iowa Speedway, Newton (.875 mi.), 200 laps/175 miles.
When: Saturday, Sept. 15.
Last year's winner: First time track has hosted two races in one season.
Qualifying record: Mike Skinner, Toyota, 137.052 mph, Sept. 5, 2009.
Race record: Mike Skinner, Toyota, 99.181 mph, Sept. 5, 2009.
Last race: Ty Dillon, whose brother Austin was the series champion a year ago, won for the first time in his career at Atlanta Motor Speedway. He passed Kyle Busch with six laps remaining in the Jeff Foxworthy's Grit Chips 200.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

HANDICAPPING THE CHASE



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Jeff Gordon, right, joined Kasey Kahne in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship on Sunday with a strong finish at Richmond. With 12 men ready to take on 10 races, it's still safe to say Jimmie Johnson has the best odds to win it all again.

Roll-The-Dice Time

With Chase set, who has the best shot at the title?

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

RICHMOND, Va. — Attempting to pick the winner of the Chase for the Sprint Cup is a hazardous proposition. The format is designed more to create an exciting process than to produce a just winner.

No one would suggest that Tony Stewart's spectacular 2011 championship — not to mention the breathtaking competition with Carl Edwards — was undeserved, but Stewart somehow managed to step up his game in a way that few, including him, could have anticipated. After winning none of the season's first 26 races, Stewart won five of the final 10. Edwards lost by a tiebreaker after compiling the best average finish (4.9) in the history of the Chase. Edwards finished second in each of the final three races. Stewart won three of the final four and was third in the other.

"I couldn't predict it last year," Stewart said. "I wasn't good enough to predict it then. I'm not sure I'm going to be any better at predicting it now.

"All 12 guys have a shot, and a good shot, I think."

Here's one modest attempt to set the odds. Each driver has a one-in-12 shot. Just kidding.

■ **Jimmie Johnson 4-1.** Given his history, it's impossible to pick anyone else.

■ **Denny Hamlin 8-1.** He's tried and failed before, and he now has Stewart's 2011 crew chief, Darian Grubb, in his corner.

■ **Dale Earnhardt Jr. 10-1.** He thinks he can win a few more races. If he can maintain his consistency, though, he's still got a decent shot.

■ **Brad Keselowski 10-1.** He's poised to give Dodge its last hurrah.

■ **Tony Stewart 10-1.** He pulled out of his slump at Richmond with a fourth-place finish.

■ **Greg Biffle 12-1.** He doesn't lead the points now because he only has two victories, but winning the regular season counts … a little.

■ **Jeff Gordon 12-1.** He made it, and now he's going to have to be reckoned with. His average finish in the past three races is 2.33.

■ **Clint Bowyer 15-1.** The most recent winner must avoid the occasional disaster. He finished outside the top 25 four times during the first 26 races.

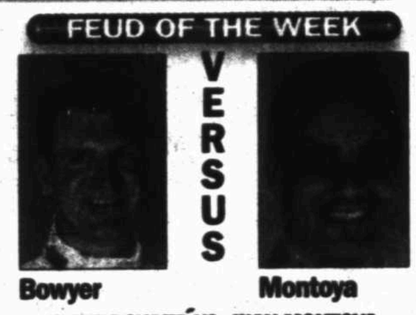
■ **Matt Kenseth 20-1.** In spite of all claims to the contrary, he's slipped since he announced he was leaving Roush Fenway at season's end.

■ **Kasey Kahne 20-1.** Oh, he could win the championship, but it's hard to see him as better than the fourth seed at Hendrick Motorsports.

■ **Martin Truex Jr. 30-1.** Maybe it won't require a victory, but his most recent one was in 2007.

■ **Kevin Harvick 35-1.** In the past 13 races, he has two finishes better than 10th. That won't cut it.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Bowyer — Montoya

CLINT BOWYER VS. JUAN MONTOYA

Montoya spun out Bowyer on the 235th lap of the Federated Auto Parts 400 at Richmond. Bowyer, who benefited in terms of pit sequencing, went to win the final regular-season race. "Thank you, Juan Pablo, for wrecking me and then winning me the race," Bowyer said.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "It's hard to beat a fortuitous mistake as incentive for forgiveness."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Jimmie Has That Effect

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

Dear NASCAR This Week,

If NASCAR is wondering why all the empty seats (are) at their races each week, I can tell you why we won't spend our money to go see a race anymore.

First, the ONLY reason we attended the Nationwide race was to see the Cup boys run. It is ridiculous they can't compete for the championship if they are in the competition for the Sprint title.

The second reason we won't spend money to see a race – THE RACE FOR THE CHASE IS BORING! Who came up with that idea? They created a five-time champion and worse than that, it was Jimmie Johnson! I think he might have one title under the old points system. Then, already this year, that cheater Chad (Knaus, Johnson's crew chief), who (won) his appeal for cheating. I certainly hope that Paul Menard's crew chief will win his appeal, too. They cheated Elliott Sadler out of an awesome win this year, and I could go on and on.

The bottom line is if Jimmie Johnson wins his sixth title this year, I am done with NASCAR, and good luck, keep the fans you still have.

Lynne Bupp
Roxbury, Kan.

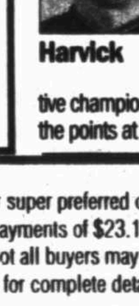
The system determines the champion. The driver who best uses that system to his advantage is the winner, and Jimmie Johnson has done it five times. It's not really pertinent to suggest that he wouldn't have won under the old system because the old system isn't in place anymore. If it was, Johnson might approach it differently. Surely you don't think it would be fair to change the system just to keep one driver from winning the title?

FAN TIPS

A Chase Primer?



Truex Jr.



Harvick

Just a few facts about previous Chases to ponder while you're getting geared up for this one: (1.) The first two, won by Kurt Busch and Tony Stewart, were triumphs of consistency; (2.) No one has ever won a Cup championship without winning any races; (3) Stewart won in 2005 without winning any Chase races; (4.) Two Chase contenders, Martin Truex Jr. and Kevin Harvick, haven't won yet; (5.) Last year, when the Chase began, Stewart hadn't won yet; and (6.) During his streak (2006-10) of five consecutive championships, Jimmie Johnson never led the points at the end of the regular season.



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Announcement of Meeting:

Date: September 17, 2012
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Located at: Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
9601 Wright Drive
Midland, Texas 79706

Conduct Executive Session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code, including but not limited to Texas Government Code Section 651.071 for the purpose of consulting with the board's attorney; Texas Government code Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchased, exchange, lease or value of real property; Texas government code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel matters.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 36 Case No. 08-0278222
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 13, 2012 Status/Permit No.747248
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Oct 18, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 10, Blk. 35 T1N, T&P RR CO/CAMPBELL, W A Survey, A-1127, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 10.2 miles NE direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Oct 18, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRE PUBLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	MCMORRIES '10'
Lease/Unit Well No. :	2
Lease/Unit Acres :	78.56
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	635.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1320.0

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As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) PAUL PAGE (ATOKA), (2) MON BAK (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

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

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

PAUL PAGE (ATOKA): Special Rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

MON BAK (STRAWN): OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11375 feet.

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

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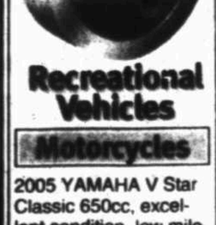
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79701

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79705

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79707

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Yard & Garage Sales

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4601 WOOD Dr. around back, in big building. Saturday 9am-3pm. Furniture tools, clothes and TV.

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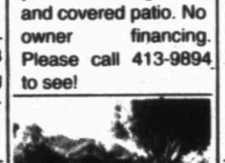
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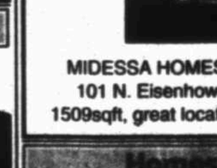
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Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

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Midland, TX 79707

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NOTES:

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3. Copies of Documents needed for your interview:
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   b. Driver License
   c. Social Security Card
   d. College or High School Diploma
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Midland Reporter-Telegram

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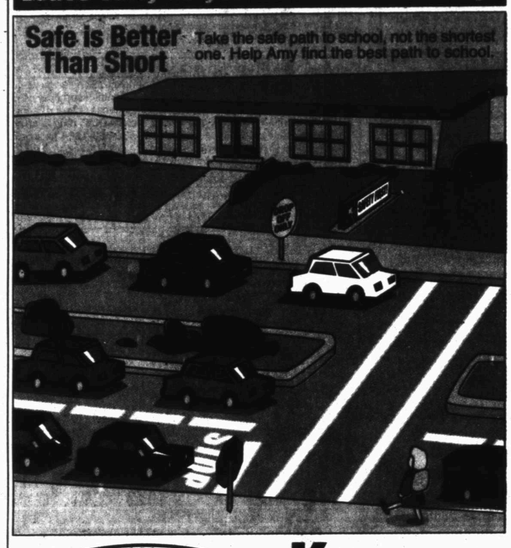
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My Safety Story

Finish the sentences using these words:

CARS ALL BUCKLE CROSSING SEAT WITH HELMET CROSSWALKS STREET CROSSING

My name is _____ and I take time to
(YOUR NAME)
be safe. I always look _____ _____
before _____ the _____.
I walk, and don't _____.

I never walk between parked _____. I
cross streets only at _____
or _____.

I _____ up when riding in a car and
wear a _____ when riding my bike.





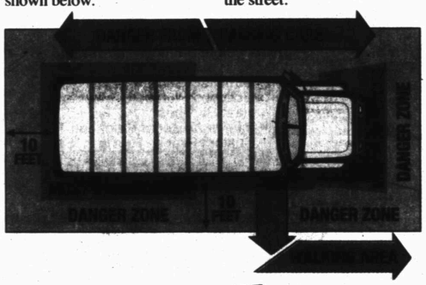
How many differences can you find between these two school busses?



Know your bus danger zone!

Many children are injured each year while getting on or off school buses. This is because the bus driver cannot see certain areas around the bus. The danger zones are shown below.

Avoid these danger zones by always taking 10 giant steps away from the bus after you exit. Always wait for the bus driver or another adult to tell you when it is safe to cross the street.



Extra! Extra!

Before and After Photo

Select a photo from the newspaper. What do you think happened before this picture was taken? What do you think happened after?

Standards Link: Reasoning: Students distinguish between observation and inference.

Special thanks to our friends at AAA for their help with this page. For more about safety, visit **AAA.com/childsafety**

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do the math to reveal these important car safety tips.

The back seat is the safest place to sit until age 3+3+2+5=____

You're safer sitting in a booster seat until you are 2+2=____ feet 3+3+3=____ inches tall.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums.

The Online Scoop

Play games with Sparky. Have fun with online games and learn about fire safety.
www.kidscoop.com/kids

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

DIFFERENCE
CORNERS
BOOSTER
WALKING
SAFETY
DANGER
BUCKLE
HELMET
STREET
PARKED
RIDING
ZONE
SEAT
CARS
BUS

B	R	T	E	E	R	T	S	U	B
B	S	E	A	T	E	R	E	S	T
U	P	S	G	M	E	Z	A	W	F
C	E	A	L	N	O	T	Y	A	G
K	Y	E	R	N	A	W	T	L	N
L	H	O	E	K	A	D	E	K	I
E	C	N	E	R	E	F	F	I	D
Y	S	C	A	R	S	D	A	N	I
R	E	T	S	O	O	B	S	G	R

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Safety Tips

What are three safety tips for kids to remember?

You should go into the basement when there is a tornado. Get out of the swimming pool when there is a storm. It's not safe to be outside during a storm.
Cameron, 1st grade

Here are three safety tips every kid should remember.
1. Never talk to strangers. A lot of young kids seem to forget the phrase "stranger danger." It is very important to avoid telling strangers important information without your parent's permission.
2. Look both ways before crossing the street. This could save your life. People who are driving aren't watching for you. So you have to watch for them.
3. Call 9-1-1 in an emergency. If you're in trouble or there is an emergency, you need to know how to call 9-1-1. If you're home alone, you need to have a phone.
Kamden, 6th grade

1. Make sure to teach young children their full name, phone number and address.
2. When parents are not home, do not answer the door or phone, but parents should always leave important numbers on a note pad in case of an emergency.
3. When on the internet, only go to sites that are useful for homework (make sure parents have checked them out). If for any reason you see or think something is not right for you, please tell a parent.
Rayne, 1st grade

1. Do not hold anything metal outside during thunder storms.
2. If you are locked out of your house when a tornado comes, take cover in a ditch.
3. ALWAYS! If a man asks you to help him find his dog, RUN HOME!
Meleanna 3rd grade

These are my safety tips:
1. Never run with scissors in your hand, you can hurt yourself.
2. Look both ways before you cross the street.
3. Never leave the house without parents knowing.
Abigail, 5th grade

1. Don't talk to strangers.
2. Look both ways before you cross the street.
3. Do not touch weapons.
Calvin, 2nd grade

Safety tips:
1. No running with scissors.
2. Stop, drop and roll if your shirt catches fire.
3. Never talk to strangers!
Robby, 1st grade

My safety tips:
1. You and your family should have a "safe" word. If someone comes up to you and tells you that your parents said it was OK for you to go with them, you ask them the word. If they don't know the word, you know there's something wrong and you shouldn't go with them but you should check with your parents first.Make sure it a word that they cannot guess.
2. If someone online asks you for details, tell a parent and don't give any information without a grown up knowing.Especially do not tell a stranger any passwords or any important information.
3. If someone comes to the door and you don't know them, ask them to wait outside, close the door and then go and get a grown up.
Debbie, 6th grade

Write On!

Best Friends

Some people say a dog is a person's best friend. Do you agree with this? Why or why not?

Deadline: October 9
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Please include your school and grade.

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Cause and Effect

Many times headlines tell "what happened" in the news. This is the **effect**. Select an article to find out what **caused** the effect reported in the article's headline.

Standards Link: Reading: Understand organizational and informational text (cause and effect).

How do bees get to school?

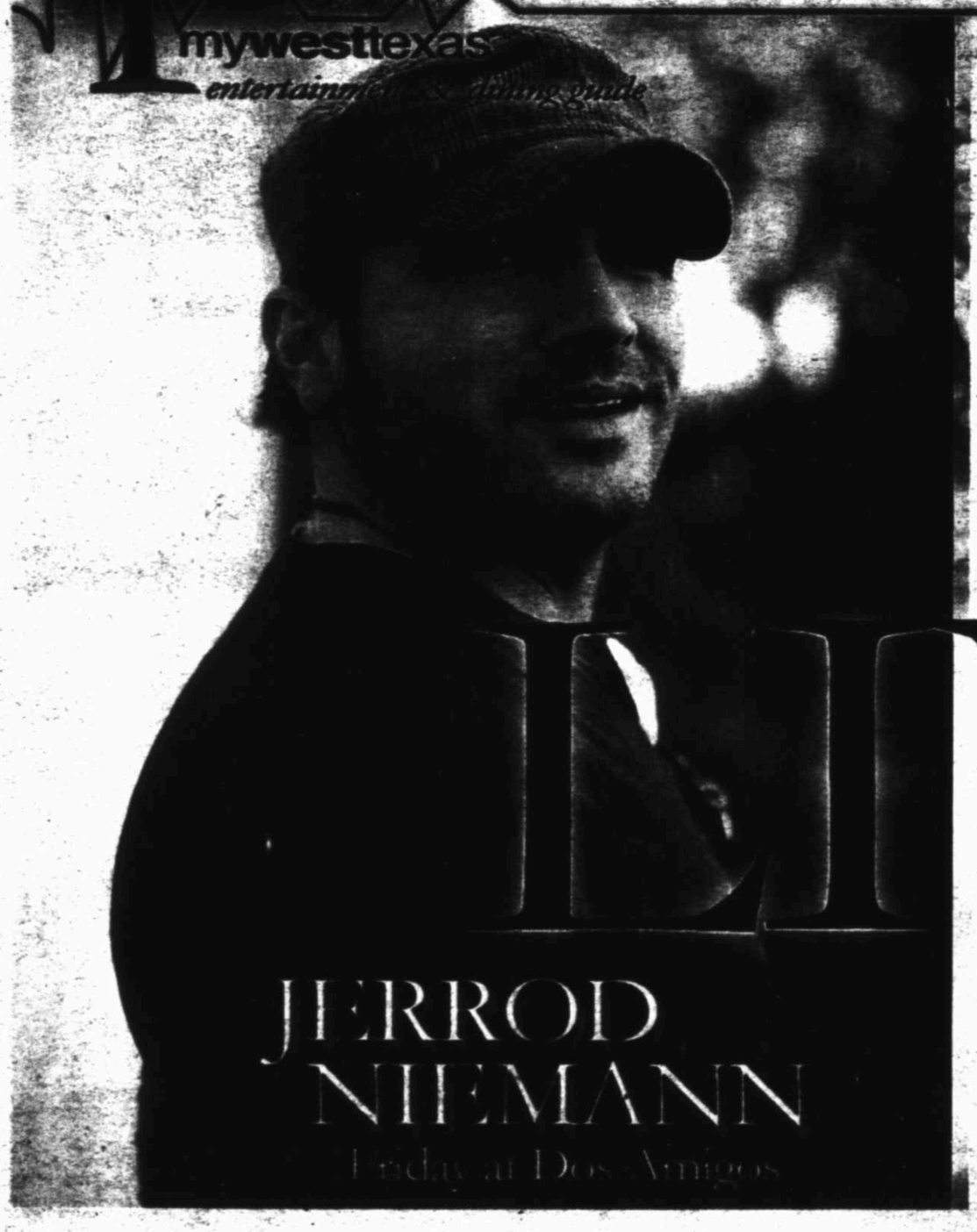
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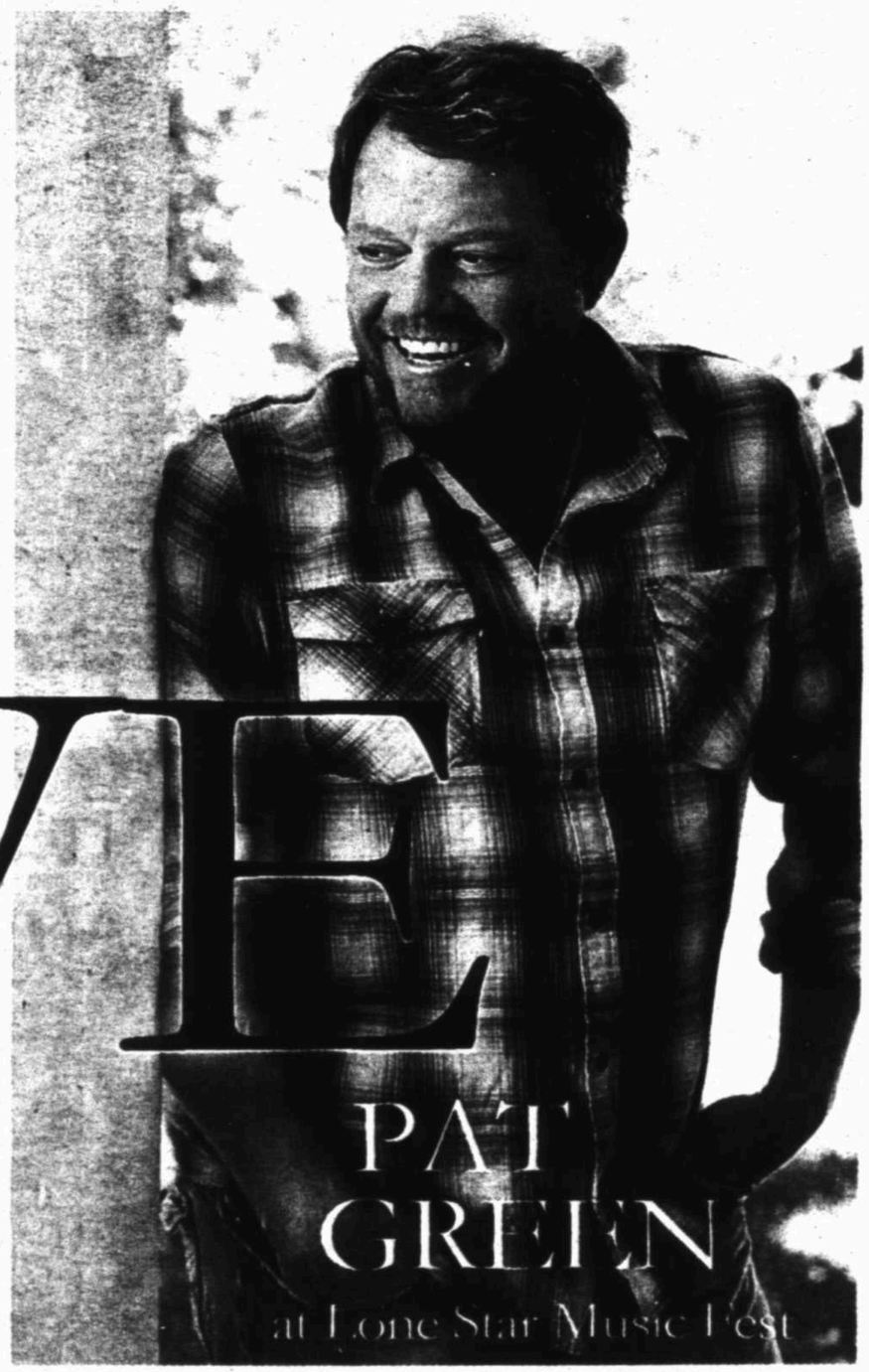
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Friday at Dos Amigos



PAT GREEN

at Lone Star Music Fest



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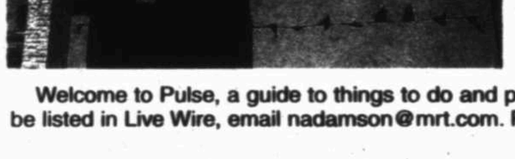
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find out what's going on...







Live and in concert 6-10

- William Clark Green, Pat Green and the Rankin Twins are part of the lineup of talent performing this weekend at the Lone Star Music Fest.
- Jerrod Niemann plays Odessa's Dos Amigos on Friday.
- One-Eyed Doll plays Dos Amigos today
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When: 5-10 p.m. today, 5 p.m. to midnight Friday and 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday.
Tickets: $10 for adults, $5 for seniors 55 and older and kids 12 years old and younger and free for children 3 years old and younger.
Info: Music, rides, exhibits, livestock, games, shows and food take over Ector County Coliseum and its grounds during the event.

ONE-EYED DOLL
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Dos Amigos Cantina, Odessa
Tickets: $16 advance, $20 at the door. All ages. 423-368-7556 | http://www.dosamigoscantina.com
Info: Other artists OTEP, Butcher Babie and Howitzer.

HOLD' EM POKER TOURNAMENTS: LONESTAR POKER TOUR
When: Every day
Where: Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour
Admission: Free to join, free to play.
Info: Seven games a week with cash prizes. Players accumulate points throughout the year to qualify for quarterly tournaments and onto a year-end tournament that offers a grand prize of $10,000 to play in the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. Every skill level. Go to www.lonestarpoker-tour.net for more information.
Details: All players must be registered by 6:45 p.m. Schedule: 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday at Woofers and Tweeters, Tuesday and Saturday at The Detour.

Friday

MUSICAL TRIBUTE: "A CLOSER WALK WITH PATSY CLINE"
When: Through Sept. 22
Where: Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Info: Midland Community Theatre production

COMEDY NIGHT AT THE VELVET ROOM
Where: Midtown Hotel, 3100 W. Wall St.
Tickets: $10

JOHN WITHERSPOON
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $36

LOS LONELY BOYS
Where: Horseshoe
Tickets: $35 advance, $45 day of show

LINCOLN TOWERS' RESIDENTS ART SHOW
When: 6-8 p.m. Friday and all day Saturday
Where: 311 W. 4th, Odessa
Info: Artist Phil Prud'Homme will speak between 6 and 6:30 p.m. Friday on Old Masters religious paintings. Hors d'oeuvres will be served Friday. Free. Public welcome.

Saturday

BOOK SIGNING BY TOM MORGAN AND JIM-MY PATTERSON
When: Noon
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 West Loop 250 N
Info: Local authros signing their new book, "An Absence of Principal."
Call: 682-8880

ODESSA CHAMPION MOTOR SPEEDWAY
When: Saturday. Gates open 6 p.m. Races begin at 8 p.m.
Where: 12300 W. Highway 80 E., Odessa
Info: West Texas Street Stock, West Texas Limited Stock Cars, West Texas Stock Cars, West Texas Limited Modifieds, West Texas Modifieds, West Texas Dwarfs and an Enduro class.
Saturday: Blake Raulsten Memorial and Kids Foot Races
Admission: Pit: $25 spectators, $30 car and driver. Pit gate opens at 5 p.m. Spectator: $10 adults, $5 children 6-11, and free 5 and under. Spectator gate opens 6 p.m. Special rates on company family nights and birthday parties, call 432-563-1715 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and 432-889-6273 after 5 p.m.

Sunday

ATTALOSS
Where: Casa De Luna
Info: Rockers from Los Angeles, Calf.

Monday

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall
Info: Weekly meeting. New members welcome. Call Walter, 260-7136.

Tuesday

PAINT TIME
When: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
Info: Call 352-8297.

CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
What: "The Helen Morgan Story"
Where: Cigar Frog's

PERMIAN BASIN DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave.
Cost: $5 members, $6 non-members.
Call: 520-4343 or 218-8215.
Info: Live country and Western music each week

Wednesday

THE PRICE IS RIGHT LIVE
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Hosted by entertainment personality Todd Newton. Individuals wanting to watch the show need to buy tickets, ranging in price from $37 to $52, if still available. Show starts at 7:30 p.m.; registration for contestant drawing starts at 4:30 p.m. Purchase of a ticket not required for a chance to be on the show. Individuals who are at least 18 years old can enter a free drawing at the adjoining Rea-Greathouse Recital hall. For more information and tickets: www.wagnernoel.com or 1-800-514-3849.



BEST BETS

RECEPTION FOR BARBARA NOLL SATURDAY @ AT COLE THEATRE
An exhibition of works by local artist Barbara Noll fills the gallery at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., during the run of Midland Community Theatre's "A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline." The public reception for the exhibit, sponsored by Act IX, is set for 7 p.m. Saturday. Those attending are not required to have a ticket or to stay for the play in Davis Theatre. The oil paintings and portraits will be exhibited through Sept. 30. The art also may be viewed during box office hours Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. During her three years in Midland, Noll has won best of show at the 34th annual juried Midland Arts Association show, first place at the Ellen Noel exhibit in 2011 in Odessa and second place at the MAA exhibit at The Museum of the Southwest in 2011. She is secretary of the Palette Club.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SUSAN GRAHAM DAY SUNDAY @ TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Mezzo-soprano Susan Graham will be here for the event and will sing several selections acompanied by pianist Doug Montgomery of Santa Fe. She will talk about her signature role as Octavian in "Der Rosenkavalier." The Metropolitan Opera will provide exclusive video of Graham performing with Renee Fleming in the production. The event, which begins at 5 p.m. and is hosted by Midland Opera Theater, is free and open to the public. Also, MOT is hosting Graham in a fund raiser Monday. Dinner with Suzy 'America's favorite mezzo' is set for 6:30 p.m. at the Petroleum Club. Reservations must be made no later than today. Call (432) 269-0398. Cost $50.

Kids Zone

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSELLERS
Where: 2617 West Loop 250 N.
Call: 682-8880
Friday: American Girl, 4 p.m.
Saturday: "Pete the Cat Rocking in My School Shoes," 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Storytime for Preschool 10:30 a.m.

FREDDA TURNER DURHAM CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
Where: Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.
Call: 683-2882 for more information.

DVDIVA'S *pick of the week*

Stark, intimated portrait of love gets pick of the week

By Nancy Adamson
DVDiva columnist

Pick of the week:

"The Deep Blue Sea" (R) Set in 1950, this elegant, heart-wrenching story focuses on a married woman — vividly portrayed by Rachel Weisz — who leaves her older, wealthy husband for an emotionally damaged war hero who can't adapt to life after wartime. My biggest complaint — and I apparently stand alone among most critics — was the musical score. The over-the-top, screechy violins exacerbated the melodrama in a film in which the subtle layers of the story did not need that kind of enhancement. A

"Appropriate Adult" (R) Emily Watson stars in this story based on fact about a court-appointed civilian assigned to bear witness to the interrogation of a man accused of killing his daughter. Fascinating dramatization opens with the accused killer — brilliantly played by Dominic West ("The Wire") — matter-of-factly confessing the grisly details of his crime, which leads to further admissions of more victims. What makes this film stand out from a lot of similar fare is it focuses on the relationship between the accused — whose intellectual capability is limited — and Watson's character rather than the crimes. A-

"Battleship" (PG-13) For a film based on a board game, this could have been disastrous. Remember "Clue"? And there are plenty if instances where a suspension of belief is essential to keep from pulling your hair out. But for a rousing, all-out, feel good, popcorn movie, it really doesn't get much better. And by that, I mean better than anything Michael Bay's ever done. And Bay is the first person to come to mind. His Transformer series and the awful "Pearl Harbor" are referenced, as is "Independence Day" and scores of other action films from the past 10 years. B

"High School" (R) Rather amusing stoner comedy about an honors student who may lose his scholarship to MIT and his valedictorian status because of a moment of weakness just before the school principal decides to give the entire school a drug test. The movie gets off to a weak start, but once the plan to get the entire school high gets under way, things improve. Still not up to the standards Cheech and Chong set years ago, but newer generations who need this type of thing can raise their bongs in a toast. B-

"The Hunter" (R) A hired gun, literally, is sent to Australia to track and kill a Tasmanian tiger, a creature believed to be extinct for years. Interesting character study is highlighted by Willem Dafoe's performance, one of his best in years. But the quirky story is what makes this drama so engrossing. Dafoe's character is dispatched to a rural home near where the tiger was spotted, and he is greeted by two young children whose father has been missing for a year after he, too, went looking for the tiger, and their mother, who has taken to her bed over her husband's presumed demise. As his character begins his journey for the reason he came, he also embarks on a journey of self-discovery. I know it sounds kinda pretentious, but it's not. B

"Kill List" (not rated) What starts out as a ho-hum family drama about a couple constantly at each other over the husband's refusal to go back to work escalates into a shocking crime thriller when it's revealed he is a hit man. On his first job back after a year off because of a job that went terribly wrong, the man and his partner take a contract to kill three men. The three murders are shown, but one is undoubtedly one of the most brutal, stunning scenes of this type I've ever seen, possibly because of the lull I was in from the film's first act. Besides the shocker, though, this UK film is well-made, well-acted and offers so many twists and jaw-dropping turns that the gore is incidental. B+

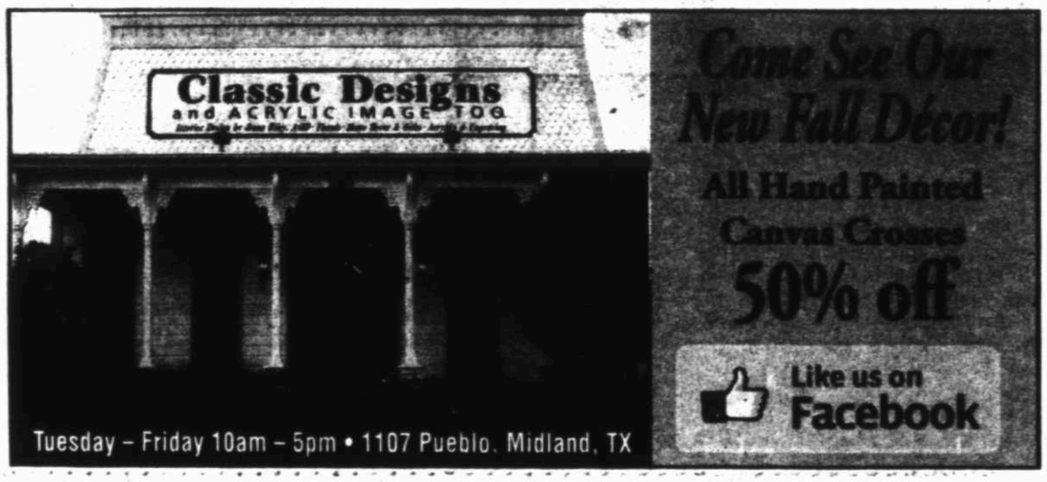
"The Lucky One" (PG-13) Zac Efron stars as a Marine who searches for the girl whose picture he found while deployed in Iraq. Written by Nicholas Sparks, the man who specializes in dreamy love stories, including "A Walk to Remember" and "The Notebook." Sparks' story again goes straight for the heart and again he delivers. It's a film that strays toward being too sentimental, but stops just short of going overboard. For all you guys who made your women sit through "Battleship," this should be your concession — it's a great date movie. B

"Oranges and Sunshine" (R) Unfathomable true story of thousands of British children who were shipped to Australia — alone — in the 1960s and 1970s after being told their parents were dead. Their parents, of course, weren't dead. Some were single parents in a time when that status still was frowned upon. Some of the children were wards of the state whose parents were in prison. Some of the kids were 3 years old. Once they arrived, many were virtually enslaved in group homes or orphanages where they were forced into hard labor. Some suffered worse fates. The film is about Margaret Humphreys, a British social worker who uncovered this horrific injustice and has spent her life trying to reunite these children with their parents, who is nicely played by Emily Watson. "Oranges and Sunshine" is a stunning look at this horrible injustice. A-

"Rock Stars" (PG) Danish animated feature — originally titled "Sunshine Barry & the Disco Worms" — is about a lowly earthworm determined to win a talent show with his disco band. I am somewhat offended by the title. Disco music is not necessarily rock 'n' roll. In fact, many rock purists are downright insulted by the comparison, as may be disco purists. But the animation is top notch and the story is pretty cute. B

"Safe" (R) Jason Statham plays a second-rate cage fighter who comes to the aid of a girl with a photographic memory whose talents are being used by mobsters and crooked cops. For a Statham movie, which have continually gone downhill in the past several years, this one is one of the better ones. There still are issues, however. How does a down-and-out fighter suddenly show amazing driving and shooting skills? Actually, it does become evident, so be patient. B

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onscreen

"THE WORDS" — For a movie about writing, about the transporting nature of a compelling narrative, this is needlessly complicated. It boasts an impressive cast and some glimmers of strong performances, notably from a grizzled Jeremy Irons, whose character sets the film's many stories-within-stories in motion as a young man. And it kinda-sorta explores the notions of art, fraud and the need to sleep at night. But ultimately, "The Words" seems more interested in melodrama than anything else. The writing-directing team of Brian Klugman and Lee Sternthal (who co-wrote the story for "Tron: Legacy" and are childhood friends of star Bradley Cooper) direct for the first time here. While they've come up with a clever nugget of a premise, they've couched it in a gimmicky package that keeps us at arm's length emotionally. "The Words" begins with celebrated writer Clay Hammond (Dennis Quaid) reading excerpts from his latest best-selling novel to an enraptured crowd. As Clay begins to read, the film flashes to the characters in the book and their story, which is probably where the film should have started all along. Cooper plays Rory Jansen, who also happens to be a celebrated writer appearing before an enraptured crowd. Rory is receiving a prestigious award for his debut novel, the one that made him an instant literary sensation. Trouble is, he didn't actually write it. PG-13 for brief language. 97 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Capsule reviews of other feature films

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RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

"THE BOURNE LEGACY" — Jeremy Renner stars in the momentum-driven "Bourne" spinoff, a thriller that dispenses with the hero's amnesia issues and is less about star power than the power of an epically staged action sequence. (Lots of them!) With Rachel Weisz as a brilliant biochemist, and Edward Norton barking orders back at HQ. Smart, relentless, suspenseful, fun. 2 hrs. 05 PG-13 (profanity, violence, intense action, adult themes) 3 stars.

"THE CAMPAIGN" — Will Ferrell and Zach Galifianakis star in intermittently amusing but mostly interminable political comedy about candidates vying for a Congressional seat — and the scandals, mud-slinging and baby-punching that ensues. 1 R (sex, profanity, adult themes) 2 stars.

"THE DARK KNIGHT RISES" — The labyrinthine plotlines will drive you batty, and the new villain, Bane, is a muscled-up mug with a Darth Vader wheeze, but so what? Christopher Nolan's gargantuan, gravitas-soaked Bat-trilogy ends in a spectacular display of action and Bat-gizmo cool, and Anne Hathaway's cat burglar Selina Kyle, all lips and legs, brings a much-needed spark to Christian Bale's baleful eyes. With Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman and Gary Oldman returning, and Marion Cotillard and Joseph Gordon-Levitt joining the Gotham City throng. 2 hrs. 44 PG-13 (violence, intense action, adult themes). 3 stars

"HIT & RUN" — It's a merry chase as a couple (Kristen Bell and Zac Shepard) are pursued by a screwball posse, including Tom Arnold and a dreadlocked Bradley Cooper in this chintzy but sometimes cute comedy. 1 hr. 33 R (pervasive profanity, nudity, adult themes, drug content) 1 1/2 stars.

"HOPE SPRINGS" — Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones as a long-wed couple in David Frankel's self-help seriocomedy about marriage. The question is not, can this marriage be saved, but how. I cringed, I cried, I cracked up. 1 hr. 39 PG-13 (sexual candor) 2 1/2 stars.

"MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS" — Captain America, the Hulk, Iron Man and Thor team up with Black Widow and Hawkeye to do battle with a demonic, demented Norse god (Thor's bad-seed brother) in Joss Whedon's effects-driven Marvel superheroes smash-up. With Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johannson, Mark Ruffalo, and Samuel L. Jackson as their boss, SHIELD agent Nick Fury. 2 hrs. 23 PG-13 (violence, adult themes) 2 1/2 stars.

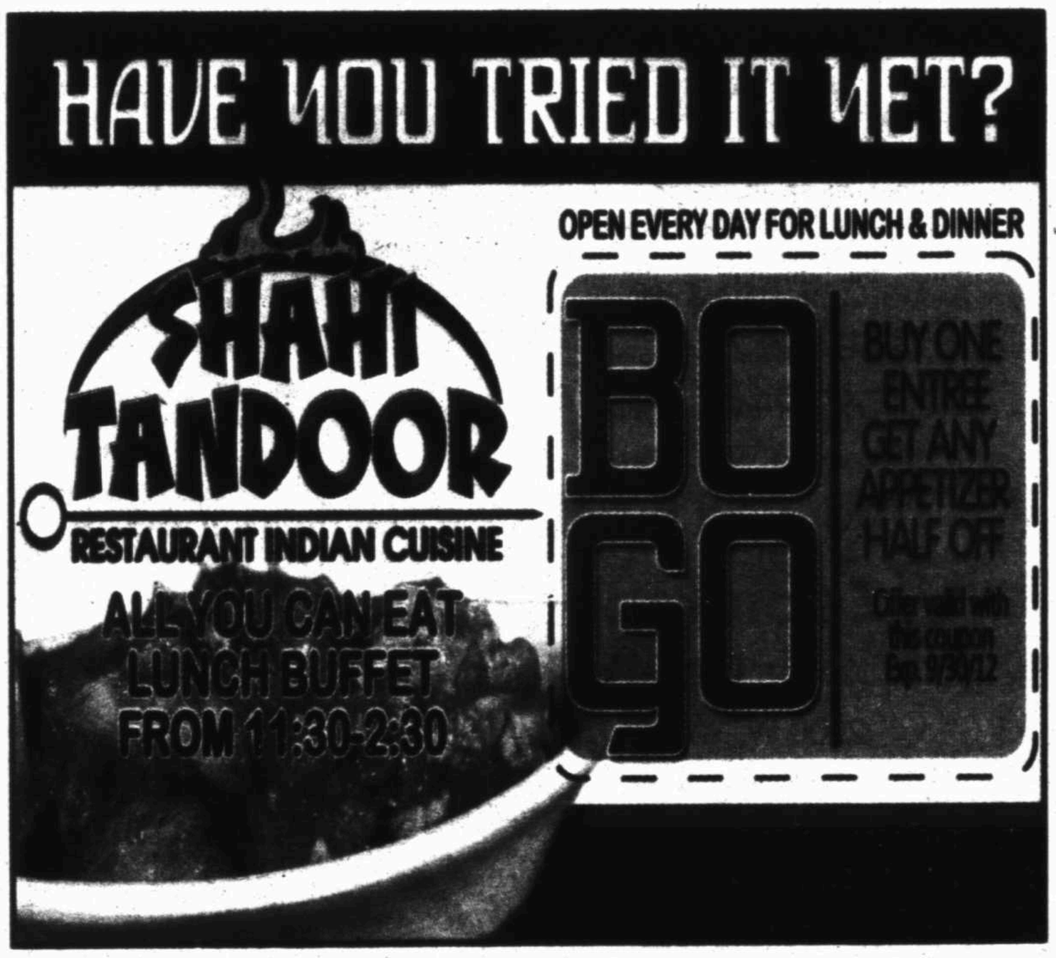
"LAWLESS" — Based on the true story of the Bondurant brothers, who made moonshine, money and their own mythology in Prohibition-era Virginia. A beautifully crafted, grand yet intimate bootlegging saga, with Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf, Guy Pearce and Jessica Chastain. 1 hr. 50 R (violence, profanity, sex, adult themes). 3 stars.

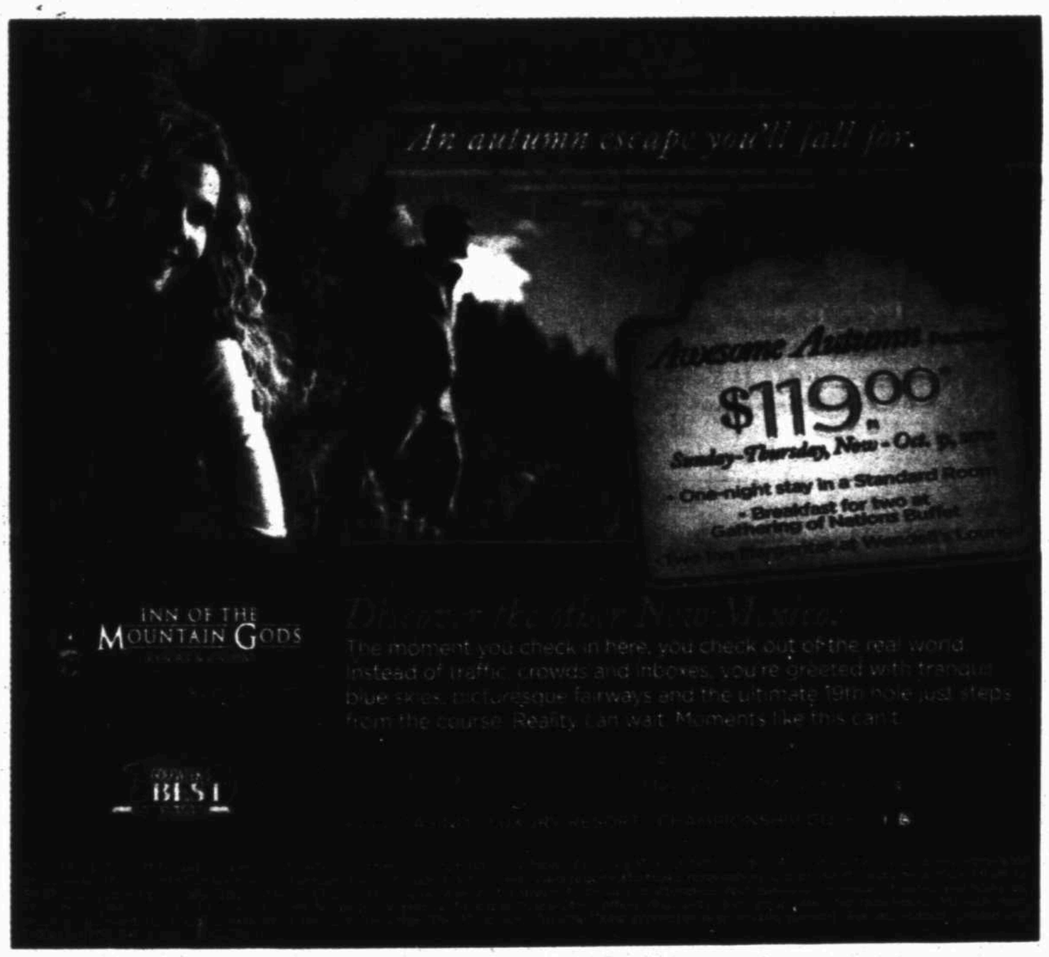
"THE POSSESSION" — A young girl comes into possession of an antique box that contains an evil spirit. Not one of Danish director Ole Bornedal's ("Deliver Us from Evil) better efforts. 1 hr. 32 PG-13 (mature themes, terror, violence, mulipie moth swarms) 2 stars.

"PREMIUM RUSH" — Joseph Gordon-Levitt is a New York bike messenger who picks up an envelope — and picks up a tail along with it: a crooked cop (Michael Shannon) who must have it, or else. Lots of stunt riding in this silly, serpentine chase pic, ehich can't decide if it's a serious, ticking-clock thriller or an antic, stunt-driven cartoon. 1 hr. 31 PG-13 (violence, profanity, adult themes) 2 1/2 stars.

Also

"THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY" — While on a sailing vacation in Spain, a man has his world turned upside down when his family is kidnapped by intelligence agents searching for a mysterious briefcase. With Henry Cavill, Sigourney Weaver, Veronica Echegui and Bruce Willis. Written by Scott Wiper and John Petro. Directed by Mabrouk El Mechri. (1:33) PG-13.





LONESTAR MUSIC FEST

William Clark Green gets inspiration from hometown



By Eric Woods

Texas country artist William Clark Green didn't set out to rain on anyone's parade with his soon-to-be-released album, "Rose Queen," but it just may happen anyway.

"It might just cause some controversy I believe, but I think it's a fun song," Green said. "That's not the intention of the song at all, but it just kind of came out the way it did. So be it."

"Rose Queen," is also the title track of Green's new album.

Every year in October, the community of Tyler congregates along the town's streets to watch the Rose Queen and her court roll by on a float. The parade is one of the biggest attractions of Tyler's Texas Rose Festival.

"The title track it revolves around where I'm from, Green said. "In Tyler they have this thing called the Rose Festival and it's a very elaborate, expensive, debutant kind of thing. All the girls buy like these really expensive dresses and they announce the Rose Queen. Growing up my dad always said don't ever date a Rose Queen because you can never afford them."

This is Green's third album, and the second that focuses on a place of inspiration for the singer/songwriter. His 2011 independent release, "Misunderstood," was inspired in part by his time in Lubbock where he went to Texas Tech University. Lubbock is also where he got his start as a performer.

Green decided to cut his first independent 2008 release "Dangerous Man," after becoming a regular at the iconic club, the Blue Light, which is located in Lubbock's Depot district. Both Texas country artists Josh Abbott and Wade Bowen got their starts there as well.

Green started performing at the Blue Light on a regular basis after gigging a few acoustic performances focused on local songwriters. He eventually landed the Tuesday night slot, which both Abbott and Bowen had held previously.

Green has had a great deal of support from both performers, and Abbott even recorded a song with Green on his "Misunderstood" album. The single "Catch Me When I Fall," is the last single to be released from the album and is currently on the Texas Country Music Chart.

"Josh has been a really good friend of ours and I was very happy to have a single with him on our record," Green said. "It's done very well."

"Rose Queen" is set to be released in February of next year and will contain 11 tracks, with the possibility of one more being added before Green wraps up his final recording sessions.

"I'm trying to write one more so we'll see if I can write something I'm happy with."

As for the town of Tyler and if it's happy with the outcome of "Rose Queen," Green isn't sure, but that won't change the fact that the musician still will always call it home.

"The Tyler area has always been my home," he said. "I've kept in touch with a lot of friends there, but I never moved back, but at some point I'd like to. Right now it just isn't in the cards."

ALL THE DETAILS

LONESTAR MUSIC FESTIVAL
When: Gates open 11 a.m. Friday and Saturday
Where: Star of Texas Ranch, 5209 South County Road 1270
Tickets: VIP $150; two-day pass $40; Saturday only $35. Event is rain or shine. No refunds. Includes cookoff.
Performers: Lonestar Music Fest featuring Pat Green, Cory Morrow, Brandon Rhyder, Rich O'Toole, Jonathen Tyler & the Northern Lights, The Damn Quails, Brandon Jenkins, William Clark Green, Charla Corn, Ali Dee, Lenorah, The Rankin Twins, The Road, Chris Brazeal Band, The Tugboats @ Star of Texas Ranch

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LONESTAR MUSIC FEST

Pat Green talks music, turning 40 and not so tall heroes

By Eric Woods

It's been a little over a decade since Texas country favorites Pat Green and Cory Morrow released their collection of cover songs called, "Songs We Wish We'd Written."

And when Green signed with his latest label, Sugar Hill Records, he decided he wanted to make another cover record. Morrow, on the other hand, wasn't really ready to take on another project, so they decided Green should release "Songs We Wish We'd Written II."

When asked how he went about picking covers for the album, Green said there wasn't much to it.

"I'd love to say there was something magical," Green said and laughed. "For the most part we sat down with some pizza and some pitchers of beer and picked out some cool songs."

One of the songs covered on the album is "Even The Losers," which was recorded by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers for their 1979 album, "Damn The Torpedoes."

So, where was Green when he first heard the song?

"Being 40 years old now," Green said. "I can't always remember the first time I heard stuff."

And when Green mentioned his age, it brought on a whole other list of questions.

The real question is what does Green worry about now that he's 40?

"I think you always have to be looking out for ways to make your life healthier," he said. "You know I spent the better part of my teenage years, and my college years, and the first years of life in music trying to test the limits of my liver. I think that like anything else in life you just get tired of it. You just look at that sooner or later and think wow, I don't have to do that to enjoy myself anymore."

"I look at the kids out there right now in the world today and I remember being that guy," he added. "I remember wanting to experience life at that level. I certainly don't look down upon people that are enjoying their lives."

As far as what he thinks is the most difficult part about him getting older, Green said he wasn't sure that there was anything. He loves his kids more, he loves his wife more, and he loves what he does for a living.

"It's a wonderful roller coaster ride," he said. "I guess I don't really see it as difficult. I have a positive outlook and I just don't look at things that way."

Green said he has been taking it easier recently, but it isn't because he's older, it's because he's spent a lot of time in the studio with his band these days, as he gears up for another album, which should be released during the first quarter of next year.

When asked if he ever did get to meet Petty, Green had to say he had not but that he had met one of his other major heroes.

"I met Bruce Springsteen and I met a lot of my other heroes," he said. "I never met Tom."

So, what was Springsteen like?

"Ummm...small, but I'm 6 foot 4 so everybody's small. That's a joke. He was just a very nice man, but I kind of expected him to be nice."



Did you tell him you thought he would be taller?

"No, God no," he said and laughed. "In your mind, your heroes are always tall."



LONESTAR MUSIC FEST



Rankin Twins find they have something to write about

By Eric Woods

Texas country duo, the Rankin Twins (April and Amy Rankin), are just two gals trying to make it big on a music scene overrun with men.

"We're breaking through the sea of men," April said and laughed.

And the name of the duo's 2011 EP release "Silver Lining," was inspired in part by their effort to do just that.

But, there's a little more behind the name. It isn't just about breaking into music, it's also about overcoming obstacles that life always throws our way. Amy's biggest challenge came in 2008 when she was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Amy didn't just find a silver lining in that moment — she also found inspiration for the duo's earlier EP release, "Headaches and Heartbreaks." That EP was released in 2010.

The event also motivated the twins to push even harder to a make a name on the Texas country music scene.

"I spent the next three months recovering," Amy said. "At that point April and I were like 'What are we waiting for?' This is something that we wanted to do. We moved to Austin a month later."

"We've always loved music and loved singing, but it never seemed like a realistic job," Amy added and then giggled. "In college I hung out with some Texas country artists and kind of got into that scene and saw what it was all about. After I wrote my first song, we were hooked. We realized that we could do this, but I never thought we would be writers, but we did have something to write about."

Some of the artists who influenced Amy were guys like Cory Morrow, Randy Rogers, Bleu Edmondson and several others.

"It's cool to see all of them and where they are today and the success that they have had," Amy said. "And just knowing them back in the day when they were doing what we are doing now."

What the twins are doing now is basically building up their momentum for a full-length album. Besides the success of their first two EP's, the duo's latest single,"Rain," has had a deluge of spin as well.

"We're getting ready to start working on the new project," Amy said. "We're working hard to get material for what will be our big girl album."

What will be different about the upcoming album compared to their earlier work is anybody's guess, but the girls and their music are already evolving, especially when it comes to their harmony. Since they are twins, their voices are similar and that is something they are honing in on.

"Our voices are basically similar when we talk," April said. "There is cohesiveness there."

Harmony doesn't just show up in their music, it is also seen in their relationship. They are so close that sometimes they even finish each other's sentences. And music isn't the only business they are in together. Amy handles the music, and April is in charge of their photography studio.

The real question, though, is if there is any part of their relationship that doesn't work. What about sibling rivalry?

Amy was quick to field that question.

"The only things we ever fight about are clothes."



ALL THE DETAILS

JERROD NIEMANN
Where: Dos Amigos
When: Friday. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: $20 in advance at Dos Amigos, Endless Horizons, Vision Audio (Midland)
All ages welcome.

Niemann goes out of his way to make album unique

By Eric Woods

When country performer Jerrod Niemann went in to record "Judge Jerrod & the Hung Jury," he was basically just having fun. He had no idea anyone would ever really listen to it. That's because he didn't even have a label.

That was until Sea Gayle Music in Nashville decided to release it in 2010.

"Judge Jerrod & the Hung Jury," wasn't just Niemann's major-label debut album, it was also a debut of a different way of recording an album because it is a collection of tracks sandwiched between several humorous audio skits performed by Niemann and some of his friends. While Niemann considered the recording process as him "messing around," the results of the album got some pretty serious attention.

Niemann's freshman album muscled out Lady Antebellum's "Need You Now" for the No. 1 slot of the Billboard Top Country Albums chart the week it debuted. And the momentum the album brought to Niemann's career garnered a CMA nomination for New Artist of the Year, and earned his first No. 1 country hit single "Lover, Lover," which is a remake of the 1992 song "You Don't Treat Me No Good No More."

Two more hit singles were released from the album, "What Do You Want" and "One More Drinkin' Song."

His sophomore album, "Free the Music," is scheduled for release on Oct. 2 on the Sea Gayle Music label. The first single from the album "Shinin' On Me," is already getting a lot of spin.

"Judge Jerrod & the Hung Jury," was different from anything out there, but so is "Free the Music." The album is just unique in a different way.

"We didn't ever think anyone would ever hear 'Judge Jerrod & the Hung Jury,' so we were just messing around," Niemann said. "This one is definitely a concept record, too, but it's more musically conceptual and I wanted to concentrate on the music. That's the real difference with this record."

Niemann, who is also the album's co-producer, went out of his way to give the album a truly unique feel. That even meant some changes in the recording process. Niemann used a technique that fuses analog and digital features for more of an organic vibe. He also brought in horns that made some of the recording reminiscent of country music in the early years.

Even some of the instruments got a revamp. One of those instruments, which mimics the sound of a pedal steel guitar, is being picked up by Washburn Guitars for possible mass production.

And while playing around in the dangerous curves of musical innovation should be a little nerve bending, especially for those performers who are mindful of the dreaded sophomore curse, Niemann said he wasn't scared a bit.

"I probably should have," Niemann said and laughed. "But to be honest, instead of being nervous or feeling pressure, I actually felt excitement. This was the first time in my life that I've been able to get on stage with the guys and to be able to sing songs that we put out, and the crowd to sing along. It's very inspiring when you start thinking that people are paying attention for once. This time we wanted to do our best and dig in and challenge and ourselves."

Fans going to his local concert might get challenged as well.

"We are definitely going to try to get the crowd involved," Niemann said and laughed. "You never know, someone might just end up on stage.

live and in concert

ONE-EYED DOLL TODAY @ DOS AMIGOS CANTINA, ODESSA

One-Eyed Doll is a goth punk duo based in Austin. The band was voted the Best Punk Band in 2009, 2010 and 2011 at the Austin Music Awards at SXSW. Tickets are $16 advance and $20 at the door. All ages. For more information, call 423-368-7556 Also performing will be OTEP, Butcher Babie and Howitzer. The concert begins at 8 p.m.



Los Lonely Boys

LOS LONELY BOYS FRIDAY@ THE HORSESHOE

Los Lonely Boys is an American Chicano rock power trio from San Angelo. They play a style of music they call "Texican Rock 'n' Roll," combining elements of rock 'n' roll, Texas blues, brown-eyed soul, country and Tejano. Tickets, priced at $35 in advance and $45 the day of the show, may be purchased at Endless Horizon in Odessa, Vision Audio and at the Horsehoe or on line at midlandhorseshoe.com.

LIVEWIRE

Midland/Odessa/Big Spring/Alpine

Thursday, Sept. 13

Kimberly Dunn @ Rockin Rodeo

Otep, Butcher Babies, One-Eyed Doll, Howitzer @ Dos Amigos

Friday, Sept. 14

Andy Ellis @ Cigar Frog's

Billy Don Burns, Horse Opera @ New Blue Max

Jerrod Niemann @ Dos Amigos

John Witherspoon @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Los Lonely Boys @ Horseshoe

Nitelife, Daniel Porter, Mary Mitchell @ Music City Mall

The Shades, Sabor y Ritmo @ Permian Basin Fair

Friday, Sept. 14, and Saturday, Sept. 15

Lonestar Music Fest featuring Pat Green, Cory Morrow, Brandon Rhyder, Rich O'Toole, Jonathen Tyler & the Northern Lights, The Damn Quails, Brandon Jenkins, William Clark Green, Charla Corn, Ali Dee, Lenorah, The Rankin Twins, The Road, Chris Brazeal Band, The Tugboats @ Star of Texas Ranch

No Dry County @ Lone Star Bar

Saturday, Sept. 15

Allstars, Samuel Zachary, Michael Walker, Ann Russell, Ariosa Strings, Andres & Justin, Mary Mitchell @ Music City Mall

Ernesto Calderon @ The Wine Rack

Fed of Me, Redeemed Chaos, Second Drive @ New Blue Max

Kristi Worley, Noel Olivas, Roger Creager @ Permian Basin Fair

Lil Rob, Ese Flaco, Trouble Loc aka El Travie, Too Deep @ Cabana Sports Bar

Robert Claiborne @ Cigar Frog's

Sunday, Sept. 16

Filthy Still, James Hunnicutt, Walker and the Texas Dangers @ New Blue Max

Justin Langston @ Music City Mall

Mil Rubio, Justin Langston, Tucker Binkley, A Piece of a Padlock, Mary Mitchell @ Music City Mall

Tuesday, Sept. 18

18 Three Bad Jacks, Black Eye Shiner @ New Blue Max

LUBBOCK

Sunday, Sept. 16

Hopsin @ Jake's

Dallas-Fort Worth

Saturday, Sept. 15

Levert @ The Music Hall @ Fair Park

Patti Lupone @ Eisemann Center For Performing Arts (Richardson)

Shelley Laine & The Random Act Band @ Back Porch Grill & Tavern (Grapevine)

Train, Mat Kearney, Andy Grammer @ Verizon Theatre At Grand Prairie

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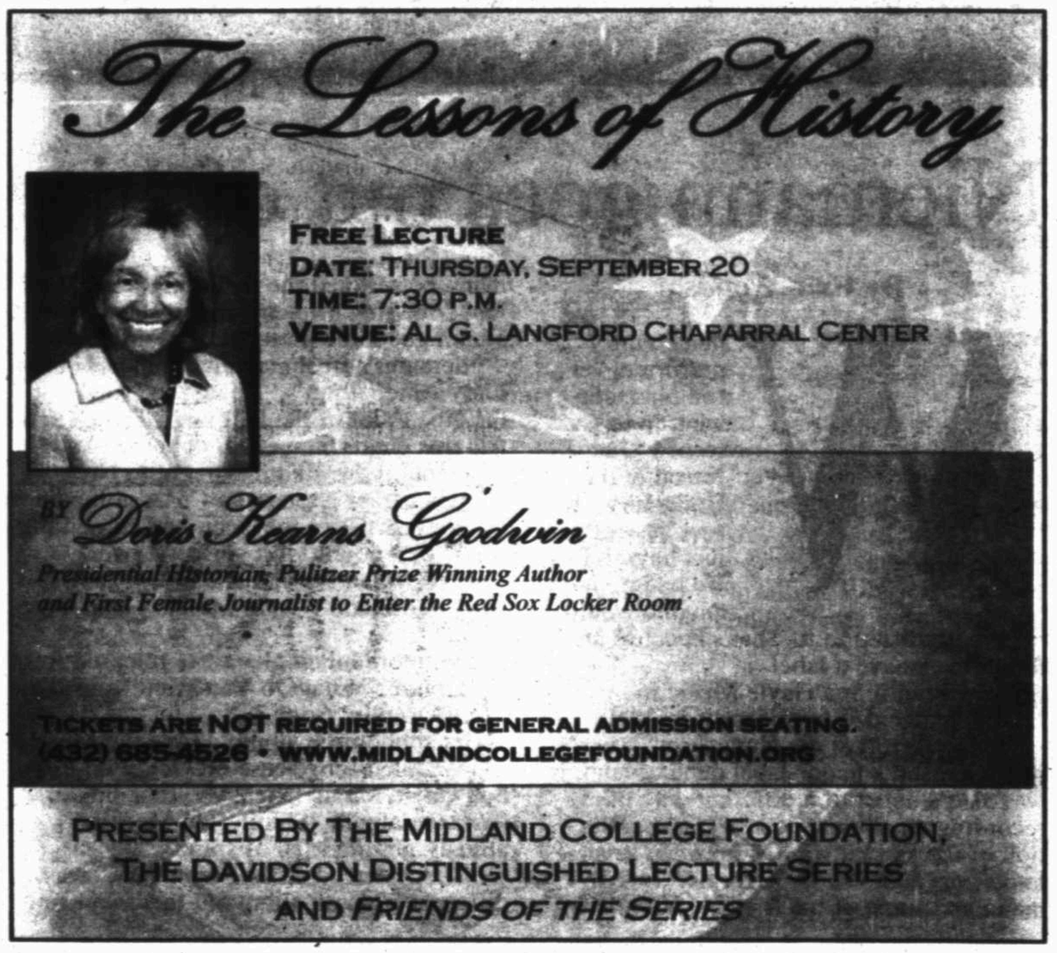
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what'scoming

JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS TRADE SHOW
When: Sept. 20-22
Where: Building G, Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

WHITE POOL HOUSE PRESENTS JEFF COOK
When: 8 p.m. Sept. 22
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

THE MIDLAND-ODESSA SYMPHONY & CHORALE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON
When: First concert 8 p.m. Sept. 22. Masterworks I: The Titan.
Where: All concerts for all MOSC ensembles will be at Wager Noel Performing Arts Center.
Masterworks concerts: 8 p.m. Sept. 22, Nov. 10, Jan. 19, 2013 and April 13, 2013.
Pops concerts: 8 p.m. Oct. 20, Dec. 1, March 2, 2013 and May 18, 2013.
Info: Call MOSC, 563-0921. Complete and submit subscription by Sept. 14 to secure reserved seating.
Purchase: All symphony tickets through the Wagner Noel Box Office, 552-4430, or www.wagnernoel.com

DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN
When: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20
Where: Al G. Langford Chaparral Center, Midland College campus
Info: Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series presents Goodwin, world-renowned historian and best-selling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, in a free lecture.

ART BIZ LIFT OFF WORKSHOP
When: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sept. 21 and 22
Where: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Info: Call 683-2882, or send e-mail to info@MuseumSW.org

BIG AND RICH HEADLINE ROCKHOUNDS FALL CONCERT
When: 7 p.m. Sept. 22
Where: Citibank Ballpark
Info: Special guests Cowboy Troy and Bradley Gaskin.
Tickets: $50 premium; $40 reserved (Senior/child ticket discounts available in the reserved section.)

JOHN PRINE
When: 8 p.m. Sept. 26
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. Box office: noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 552-4430.
Tickets on johnprine.net $39.50-$59.50
Info: Alejandro Escovedo also performing.

COMEDY/DRAMA "FIRST BAPTIST OF IVY GAP"
When: Sept. 21-Oct. 7
Where: Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa

MUSICAL: "THE MAGICAL PINATA"
When: Sept. 28-Oct. 7
Where: The Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa
Call: 580-3177

BRIAR PATCH TRADE DAYS TRADE SHOW
When: Sept. 29-30
Where: Building D, Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

JOAN SEBASTIAN IN CONCERT
When: 7 p.m. Sept. 29
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Tickets: 1-888-695-0888 or contact the Odessa Jackalopes office, 552-7825.

PERMIAN BASIN HEALTH FAIR CONFERENCE
When: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sept. 29
Where: Building G, Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

ST. ANN'S FAMILY FAIR
When: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sept. 29
Where: St. Ann's Church, Illinois Avenue and "N" Street
Info: Carnival open Sept. 27-30. Hours vary.

RED HEAD EXPRESS & THE WALKER FAMILY
When: 7 p.m. Oct. 2
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: Single tickets $30. Adult season tickets $75, children 18 and younger $35.
To purchase go to www.liveonstage-pb.com or call Live on Stage, 789-1249.
Info: Part of the Live on Stage season

THE AUSTRALIAN PINK FLOYD SHOW
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 3
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $42 and $47. Wagnernoel.com or box office noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

ROOTS AND BOOTS TOUR
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 4
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Joe Diffie, Sammy Kershaw and Aaron Tippin

FRANKENSTEIN
When: Oct. 5-13
Where: Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.
Info: Special production presented by Midland Community Theatre's Benevolent Order of Hamhocks.

MIDLAND-ODESSA SYMPHONY & CHORALE CHAMBER CONCERT: CHORALE
When: 2 p.m. Oct. 7
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

KENNY ROGERS
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 11
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788
Tickets: $60-$115. Box office hours noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 552-4430.

ORGANIST PETER RICHARD CONTE
When: 4 p.m. Oct. 14
Where: First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Info: Organist for the largest pipe organ in the world in the Macy's department store in Philadelphia.

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR JAN BRETT
When: 5-7 p.m. Oct. 15
Where: H-E-B, 3325 Wadley Ave.
Info: Drawing demonstration and book signing for her latest book, "Mossy."

DRAMA: "THE WOMAN IN BLACK"
When: Oct. 19-31
Where: The Black Box Theatre next to the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa
Call: 432-853-5249
General admission: $10
Info: Mark 10 Theatricals production.

MIDLAND-ODESSA SYMPHONY & CHORALE POPS I: RICK BRAUN
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 20
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $17-$40
Info: call 563-0928 or go to www.wagnernoel.com

PUMPKIN FEST
When: Oct. 24
Where: Building D, Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Info: Findraiser for First United Methodist Church, Odessa

ZZ TOP
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 26
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

"THE 39 STEPS"
When: Oct. 26-Nov. 17
Where: Mabee Theatre II, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

GEORGE JONES
When: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788
Tickets: $40-$95. Box office hours noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 552-4430.

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diningguide

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Asian

◗ Bushido Japanese Steak House and Sushi Bar (SD)
4416 Briarwood Ave.
689-7900

Entertaining chefs cook at grills surrounded by large U-shaped tables. Combination plates with chicken, shrimp or steak include side dishes. Angus beef sirloin or filet mignon, shrimp, scallops, lobster, squid, salmon and tilapia also are available. Watch chefs roll sushi at the bar. Full service bar with large TV in the corner to watch sports. Kids menu.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours:11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday 11 a.m.-midnight Thursday-Saturday.
4 spoons

◗ Hunan Garden Chinese Restaurant (SD)
4410 N. Midkiff Rd, Building A., Space 1 (Court Yard at Midland Park)
697-9818

Daily lunch buffet offering about 10 options such as sweet and sour chicken, pork, beef and broccoli, cashew chicken and beef with snow peas. Lunch specials include choice of one of more than 15 entrées, egg roll and fried rice. Menu selections are divided according categories such as beef, pork, seafood, poultry and vegetables. Appetizers such as fried wonton, barbecued spareribs and shrimp.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-10 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-9 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

◗ King & I (SD)
801 N. Big Spring St.
4400 N. Midland Drive
682-0988

Large menu offering authentic Thai food. Noodle dishes such as beef, chicken, pork or vegetables stir-fried in rice noodles with broccoli, egg and carrot. Popcorn's special (angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic, jalapenos with special sauce) is a dish favored by many Midlanders. Rice dishes such as chicken cashew and chicken sesame are delicious. The chocolate confusion cake is a must. Kid's menu and catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

◗ Kuo's Chinese Restaurant (SD)
3303 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 152, San Miguel Shopping Center
697-8888

Friendly service and a relaxing atmosphere. Menu items include sweet and sour chicken, peking duck, coconut chicken and Mongolian steak. Lunch specials are offered from 11 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. and include a fried cream cheese wonton, steamed or fried rice and choice of soup with a smaller portioned entree. Lunch entrees include sweet and sour chicken, Kung Pao chicken, moo goo chicken, hunan chicken and kung pao beef.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. -2:15 p.m., 5-9:45 p.m. Monday-Saturday: 11:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m., 4:30-8:45 p.m. Sunday
4 spoons

◗ Shogun Restaurant (SD)
4610 N. Garfield St.
570-8888

This Japanese steakhouse has served Midlanders for more than 20 years. Sit at the Teppan Yaki tables with other customers and watch your meals cooked on the grill at the table or order from the sushi menu which includes nigiri sushi and maki sushi. Teppan Yaki table menu includes steak, chicken and seafood served with cucumber and shrimp salad, soup, steamed rice and grilled vegetables. Evening prices are high.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sunday - Friday; noon - 9:30 p.m. Saturday
4 spoons

◗ Grand Buffet (SD/buffet)
2510 W. Louisiana Ave.
688-8881

Extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet. Tables are dedicated to particular types of food such as salads with mixed salads, lettuce and fresh toppings; soups; seafood including salmon and crab; fried foods such as sweet and sour chicken or pork, fried okra and fried shrimp; stir-fried dishes such as beef and broccoli; a fruit bar with Jell-O salads and fresh fruit; sushi bar; and more. Mongolian grill station.
Buffet price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday
2 spoons

◗ The Great Wall (OAC: Carry out only)
2215 N. Midland Dr. (Mesa Verde shopping center)
694-5555

Extensive menu for Chinese take-out with dishes including noodles, fried rice, seafood, pork, beef, chicken, tofu and vegetables. Lunch specials served 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Monday through Friday include soup or an egg roll and fried rice with an entree. Prices range from $1.20 for spring rolls to $11.95 for the chef's special featuring General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, 4:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

◗ Moon Garden (SD)
2319 W. Loop 250 N.
570-1165 or 685-3012

Lunch specials available 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. More than a dozen entrees including broccoli with garlic sauce, sweet and sour chicken, hunan chicken, chicken with broccoli, beef chow mein and kung pao shrimp. Served with an egg roll and rice, a choice of egg drop, hot and sour or wonton soup. Two-entrée plate also offered on the lunch special. Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
2 spoons

◗ Thai House (SD)
#9 Meta Drive
687-3373

Thai and Chinese food. A few appetizer choices are egg rolls, fried vegetable spring rolls and Bangkok rolls, soups and stews. Combination plate includes an entrée such as pepper steak, cashew chicken, spicy beef or chicken, mixed vegetables, sweet and sour chicken, all of which are served with steamed or fried rice and soup or egg roll. All combination plates are only $6.50.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
4 spoons

◗ Genghis Grill (SD)
4517 Midkiff Road
(In the parking lot of Midland Park Mall)
520-5426
www.genghisgrill.com

Come in, take a bowl and choose your main ingredients: chicken, steak, pork, shrimp, sausage or tofu. Next, choose the seasoning, vegetables and sauce from a wide array of choices. Finally, choose between steamed or fried rice, noodles, spiral pasta or tortillas. Hand your bowl to a chef, go sit down and your dish will be returned to you when it is cooked. Payment accepted: cash, all major credit cards, no checks.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
3 spoons

◗ Chinese Kitchen (OAC)
4200 W. Illinois Ave.
694-3922

Open for 25 years. Daily special combination meals with one, two or three entrée choices served with an egg roll and choice of fried rice or pan-fried noodles. Entrees include sweet and sour pork or chicken, chicken chow mein, lemon chicken, beef and broccoli, Mandarin beef, Thai grilled chicken and more. Appetizers include shrimp rolls, crab Rangoon, spicy wings, tempura shrimp, tempura chicken, fried wontons and puffs. Take-out food is packaged in little white pails and chopsticks and fortune cookies are included.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily
3 spoons

◗ Taste of China Super Buffet (buffet)
4400 N. Big Spring St., #53
684-5288

All-you-can-eat buffet features six large tables with more than 80 items, or order from an extensive menu. Buffet entrees include traditional Chinese dishes such as sweet and sour chicken and cashew chicken, pepper steak, beef with broccoli, Hunan beef and beef with assorted vegetables. Try seafood, fruits, salads, sushi or a grill where you can choose ingredients to be stir-fried into your own creation. Senior citizens 10 percent discount and children under 3 eat free.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday - Saturday.
2 spoons

Deli/Sandwich

◗ Murray's (OAC)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
697-3433; for catering call 689-3433

Warm and friendly with an inviting atmosphere, Murray's is the place to go for a delicious and relaxed lunch or dinner. Delicious deli style hot or cold sandwiches and soups. Caesar salad with blackened or grilled chicken breast, grilled tuna or shrimp. Be sure to try a Murray's "Best Burger" for a delicious burger and a side of the famous curly fries. Menu also includes tuna or shrimp scampi, tilapia, chicken, and chicken alfredo. Great selection of desserts. Catering available. Wide selection of beer served.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
5 spoons

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Harvest Caffe (OAC)
2101 West Wadley Ave., Suite 8
218-8331
www.harvestcaffe.com

Popular meeting place of many Midlanders for breakfast and lunch. Breakfast burritos, soups, salads and sandwiches. Specialty coffee drinks served all day. Wide selection of gourmet desserts such as cheesecake, lemon bars, brownies, pies and cake. Several TVs on softly and a fireplace in the back. Meeting room available as well as outdoor seating.
Average meal price $
Hours: 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday.
4 spoons

Jason's Deli (OAC)
4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B
682-2200

Inviting salad bar with fresh fruit, various salads and the large selection of healthy sandwiches. All of the foods are free of artificial trans fats. Vegetarian and heart healthy items are noted on menu. Soups and salads. Kid's menu and free soft serve ice cream with meal. Catering, call in, or order online. Delivery available. Trays of food available for events.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily
4 spoons

McAlister's Deli (OAC)
2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100, 687-0880 and 4415 W. Wadley Ave., 694-1800
www.mcalistersdeli.com

Soups, salads, Texas sized-spuds with all the toppings, signature sandwiches such as a grilled chicken breast club, sweetberry chicken or a muffuletta. Large selection of traditional deli sandwiches. Kid's menu and catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
4 spoons

Swensen's (OAC)
900 W. Loop 250 N.
570-7271

One entire menu for food and one for ice cream creations, an immaculate dining room, fast, friendly service and great value. Appetizers and huge selection of sandwiches — grilled, cold, warm, pita and burgers. Salads include a crispy chicken, chicken Caesar, chef, Cobb, chicken or beef fiesta and a chicken or tuna salad platter. Visit the ice cream counter or order from your table. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday.
4 spoons

Taste of Chicago's Italian Beef (OAC)
1100 E. Illinois Ave.
682-3200

Chicago-inspired sandwiches such as corned beef, Italian beef, Italian sausage, Reuben, Polish sausage, gyros and Chicago style hot dogs. Meats are tender and sliced thin, breads are grilled for some of the best sandwiches around town. Homestyle fries and chips. Drive through window.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Tony's Bakery (OAC)
1108 N. Big Spring St.
570-4166

Family-owned bakery where everything is made from scratch. Breakfast items include pull-apart bread, assorted Kolaches and meat empanadas. Pastries available all day. Several varieties of delicious large sandwiches to feed a group must be ordered a day ahead. They are worth the wait. Cookies, cakes in all shapes and sizes made to order for occasions. Run by when you need a quick dessert and purchase items out of the bakery cases.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.-3 p.m Tuesday-Wednesday; 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Smiling Moose Deli (OAC)
3322 North Loop 250 West
www.smilingmoosedeli.com
697-3354

Open early to serve breakfast including bagel sandwiches, breakfast burritos and a wide selection of coffee drinks. Lunch sandwiches, delicious wraps, salads, soups and homemade breads can be selected from the menu or made to order. Gluten-free menu and gluten-free hoagie rolls available. Extensive catering menu including continental-style breakfast, box breakfast, sides, coffee, juice and just about anything from regular menu is available. Check website for coupon deals.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Breakfast served all day.
4 spoons

Dessert

Your Way Yogurt (self-serve)
2300 W. Wadley Ave. Suite D
897-4393

Customers create their own dessert. Choose from a variety of flavors in soft-serve frozen yogurt along with more than 50 toppings.



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Yogurt flavors include vanilla, chocolate, white chocolate mousse, Dreamsickle, citrus cooler and many more. Toppings include strawberry, caramel, marshmellow, pineapple and chocolate syrups, crumbled cookies, candies, fruits and more.
Price range: $1
Hours: noon-10 p.m. Monday - Saturday, 1-9 p.m. Sunday
3 spoons

Sugar Mama's (OAC)
1028 Andrews Highway, Suite G
(In Albertson's parking lot, next door to Karate for Kids)
618-0976

Decorated with a 1950s atmosphere. Bakers wear bandanas wrapped around their heads and tied in a knot in the front. Menu includes oversized cookies, frosted bars, cupcakes and special orders for pies and cakes. Everything is homemade, even the peanut butter that goes into the cookies. Unique flavors of cupcakes. Try the Elvis — bananas on the bottom with peanut butter cream on top — or a truffle on a stick.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday.
3 spoons

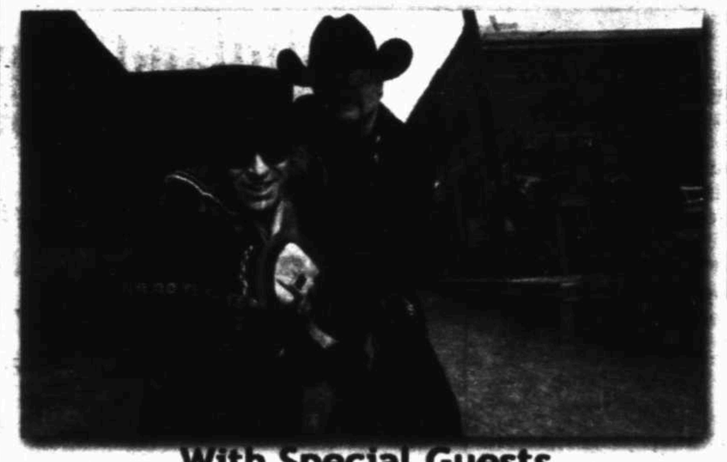
Martinez Bakery (OAC)
206 E. Florida Ave.
683-3100; 683-2278

Bright and airy dining room and a very enjoyable place to sit and talk with tables spread out making it easy to carry on a conversation. A neon sign claims, "Super Tortas, Best in Midland." Chicken, brisket or ham tortas (Mexican sandwiches made on a large bun or bolillo roll). Breakfast burritos, barbecue, chicken or brisket tacos and Buffalo wings. Walls are lined with bakery cases filled with trays of cookies. It is all self-serve.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday
4 spoons

Nikki's Swirl Shoppe (self-serve)
4610 N. Garfield #C2
218-6839
www.swirlshoppe.com

Choose from a variety of delicious flavors of frozen yogurt. Flavors change frequently. Sample cups available at the checkout. Wide choice of toppings. Gluten, sugar and fat free and Kosher options available. Customers with a "cool card" earn points to use on future purchases.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: noon - 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon - 9 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

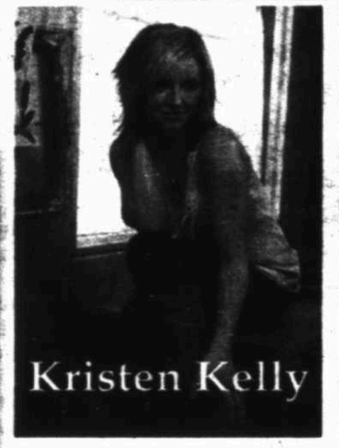
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Taste of Chicago Italian Beef expands menu

By Joan Huff

Even if you can't make a trip to the windy city of Chicago, it appears many Midlanders enjoy the sandwich styles offered there. The proof being A Taste of Chicago's Italian Beef restaurant, open now for three years in Midland, has had to add to their menu with more selections and daily specials.

Located at 1100 E. Illinois Ave. (from Lamesa Highway, cross the railroad tracks to the south and you will see it immediately on the left), the restaurant offers a drive-through if you do not have time to come inside. If you do eat in, the medium-sized dining room has sports pictures and interesting "before" and "after" shots of the building.

Orders are taken at the front counter under a large menu that describes each selection. A few of the sandwiches include Italian beef, a BLT and the "house" special — thinly sliced beef simmered in broth and seasonings and Italian sausage served on hoagie bread, topped with giardiniera peppers, Swiss cheese, grilled onions, a dab of mustard and lightly dipped in juice. The menu also features a variety of hot dogs such as the Chicago style, chili cheese, Italian sausage and Polish sausage and homemade chili. Salads and numerous burgers including plain burgers, bacon burgers, chicken burgers and the "Shawn burger" — beef patty served on a toasted bun with all the toppings including grilled onions, jalapeno peppers, American and Swiss cheese — are also on the menu. Side menu items include homestyle, cheese or chili cheese fries; nachos with cheese or loaded with chili, tomatoes, jalapeno peppers and sour cream.

I decided to have the corned beef sandwich, which is a favorite of mine. This is the only place in town I can order one where when I bite into the meat, I actually am able to take a bite and not have the entire sandwich fall apart. The meat is so tender and the bread is grilled making the cheese warm and melted. My friend ordered the Chicago dog and enjoyed the poppy seed bun with toppings you do not usually go to the trouble of using when making hot dogs at home such as onions, tomatoes, sport peppers and green relish.

If you work in the neighborhood, especially downtown, this is a quick spot to eat lunch. Family owned and operated, it is has friendly and inviting service as well as daily lunch and everyday specials. Daily specials include the chili cheese dog on Monday, grilled chicken pita on Tuesday, gyros on Wednesday, Maxwell Street Polish sausage on Thursday, Italian Beef sandwich on Friday and Saturday customers may choose from any of the specials. Everyday specials include combo meals and baskets.

For added convenience, Tall City Delivery will bring meals to your home or office from A Taste of Chicago Italian Beef by calling 432-262-8100. The holidays are right around the corner, and the restaurant also is available for catering. If you become a fan on Facebook, you will see periodic unadvertised specials and news about the café.

A TASTE OF CHICAGO ITALIAN BEEF

1100 E. Illinois Ave. (corner of Lamesa Highway and E Illinois Avenue)

Website: www.letseat.at/t_o_chicago
Phone: 682-3200
Fax: 682-3201
Payment accepted: Visa, M/C, cash, no checks or discover or Am. Express
Hours: Monday-Wednesday 11 a.m.-3:30p.m.; Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Entrée price range: $3.09-$10.49
Kid's meals: yes
Parking: in front or parking lot
Specials: Daily
Outdoor seating: No
Private dining room for parties: No
Take out: Yes
Catering: Yes
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Gift cards: Yes

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Cleanliness: 4 spoons
Overall rating: 4 spoons

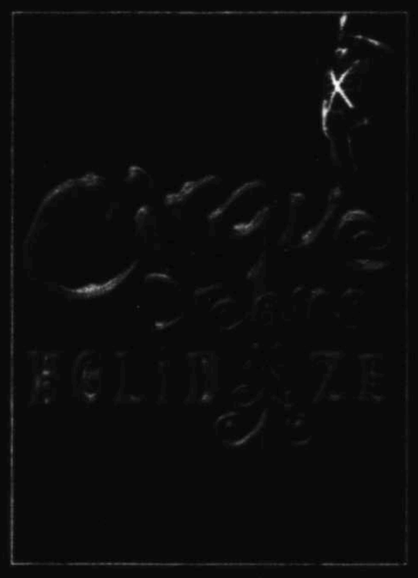
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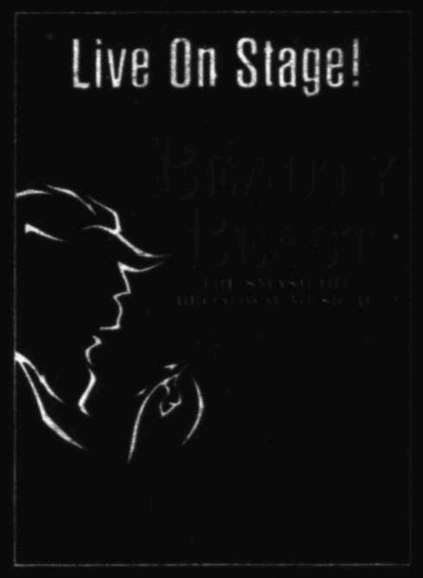
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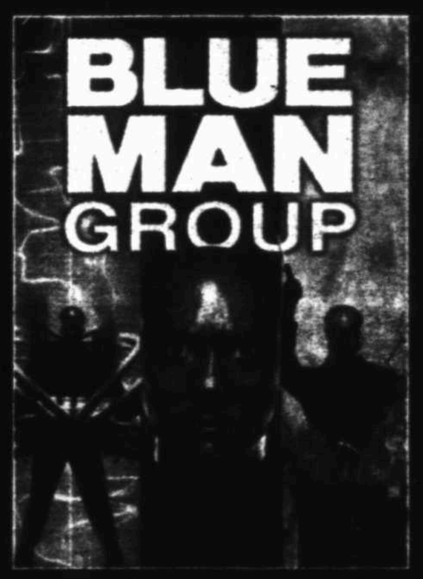
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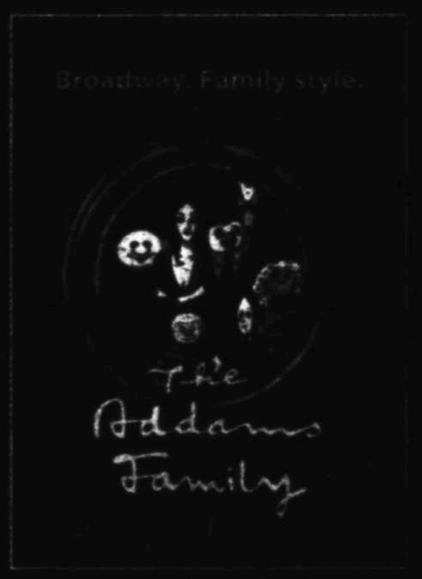
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