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Former teachers remember 2 MCA students

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Memories continued to pour out Sunday for the two Midland Classical Academy students who were killed in a car crash Saturday while on a field trip in Arizona.

Robert Whitefield Henson, 18, and Bryce Carrigan, 14, were remembered by former teachers as "intellectually gifted" and always ready to lend a helping hand. As they remembered each teen's personality, the shock of what had happened over the Labor Day weekend continued to settle in.

"We've never encountered anything like this before," said Tiffany Miller, a second-grade teacher at MCA.

Henson and Carrigan were killed early Saturday morning on their way to a national park in Utah. The SUV, driven by MCA teacher Matt Slavick, was headed westbound when it left the roadway at 1:47 a.m. and rolled several times about 40 miles southeast of the Grand Canyon on State Route 264, according to the Arizona Department of Public Safety's duty office.

The four other occupants of the vehicle, including the driver, were sent to Flagstaff Medical Center, where Slavick was treated and released, DPS officials said. Seventh-grader Colby Coleman; his father, Cliff Coleman; and eighth-grader Zach Evans were in stable condition at the Arizona hospital Sunday afternoon, according to hospital staff. Others on the trip returned to Midland in time to attend a prayer service held at the school Saturday evening, said those who attended.

The teens were on an Adventure Club trip, according to officials. The club trips are not official MCA events but are organized privately and private vehicles are used.

"Adventure Club is for the adventuring spirits that don't mind long drives on three-day weekends for fun and fellowship," the school's website said. "Trips usually come about because a tutor or parent has a desire to travel somewhere and is not afraid to organize others to come along."

School leadership declined to comment further on the accident Sunday evening.

Carrigan was an "incredibly bright child" who was full of contagious joy, said Miller, who taught Carrigan as a first-grader. When he saw a new teacher moving heavy boxes into her room last year, he didn't hesitate to lend a helping hand.

"She came to me later and was flabbergasted,"

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See what former Midland Classical Academy teachers had to say about the students killed on a trip to Utah early Saturday.

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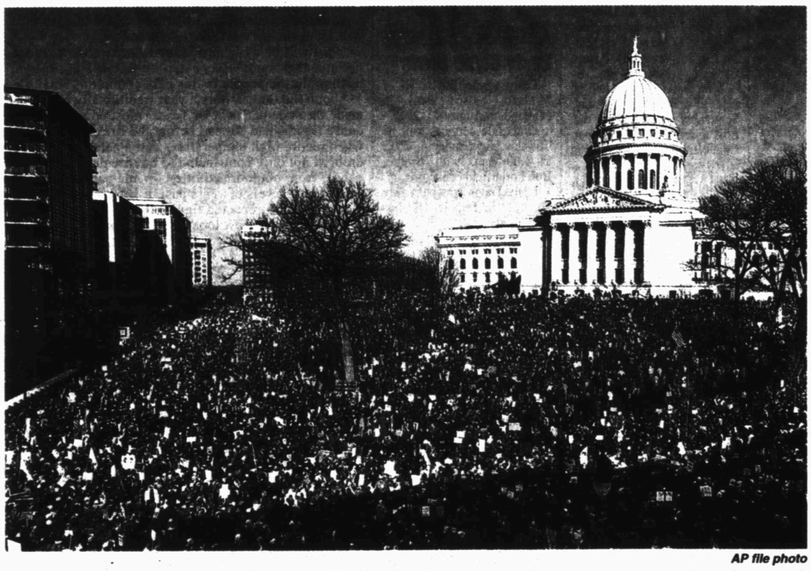

AP file photo

A mass of protesters attend a rally at Capitol Square in Madison, Wis., with Democratic senators who returned to the state. Americans who onced called themselves "Republican" or "Democrat" used to see more eye-to-eye on issues such as government's role in helping the poor, but now their viewpoints are far more at odds. The largest divide now centers on the scope and role of government.

How do voters assess candidates' '2 visions'?

Associated Press

It's the mantra we will hear endlessly in the coming weeks: Americans face a "stark choice" come November. It is a choice, as President Barack Obama has said repeatedly, "between two fundamentally different visions" for our country. Or as newly anointed Republican nominee Mitt Romney has said from the stump, "President Obama's vision is very different — and deeply flawed."

It may all sound like the kind of rhetoric we hear every four years. But this year, analysts, polls and even the politicians themselves keep telling us: The "visions" really are more acutely divergent because our differences as Americans are, too.

So how do these opposing world views look through the eyes of the voters who will choose?

Look no further than a neighborhood Chick-fil-A restaurant to see how our contrary notions about just one topic — gay marriage — played out this summer. Perhaps you were one who stood in line to buy a sandwich in support of the chain whose president spoke out against same-sex marriage. Or, rather, you may have reposted a picture that made the rounds on Facebook comparing those protests to others, long ago, against school integration and "race mixing" with a tag line that jeered, "Imagine how stupid you are going to look in 40 years."

On this and so many other issues this election year, it seems harder to find that middle-ground gray when our debates seem so very black or white.

It's true that partisan polarization on basic policy questions is at its highest point in 25 years, according to the nonpartisan Pew Research Center. Put simply, where once Americans who call themselves "Republican" or "Democrat" saw more eye-to-eye on issues such as the environment or government's role in helping the poor, their viewpoints are far more at odds. The largest divide now centers on the scope and role of government.

That makes for "a world of difference" between the parties, the candidates and

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Classes for Greenwood ISD continue today despite holiday

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

GREENWOOD — Teachers and students in Greenwood ISD will be laboring and learning today, rather than taking the day off like other school districts throughout the Permian Basin.

"This year the calendar decision revolved around simply how long in June we wanted to go," said Greenwood ISD Superintendent Doug Young.

Because state law prohibits public schools from starting instruction before the fourth Monday in August, which was Aug. 27 this year, Young said the district decided to cut a few holidays in order to finish by May 31.

The mandated start date "creates a huge challenge with scheduling, just simply because you don't want to go too late into June," Young said.

Ending school in mid-June is not favorable because many families want to travel, teachers want take summer classes to work on advanced degrees and students want to be hired for summer jobs, Young said. Greenwood's last week of school will include a holiday for Memorial Daand then four days of instruction before releasing for summer break on May 31.

"We felt like it was more important to honor those on Memorial Day and take that day off as a memorial, than to have Labor Day off," Young said.

While Midland ISD cut Thanksgiving break to three days, Greenwood will give students and staff four days for the break. Other school districts, such as Andrews ISD, have elected not to observe January's Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

In Greenwood and Midland, calendars were reviewed by members of the District Education Improvement Committee before they were posted for review by all parents, teachers and administrators.

Two calendars were proposed for both districts and the committees reviewed

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MIDLAND 101
By Jimmy Patterson

High school football was different 89 years ago

Football existed in West Texas long before "Friday Night Lights" heated up the lore of gridiron glory.

But in 1923 — long before the days of 35,000 people watching a Lee-Odessa Permian playoff game — Midland High finished 5-1 and was in the playoffs.

In the Reporter-Telegram Centennial edition published in 1985, former Sports Editor Terry Williamson spoke with Carroll Hill, the former MHS quarterback who led the Bulldogs to their first Texas Interscholastic League district title and playoff berth.

"There wasn't 30,000 people in this whole part of the state," Hill said. "We probably averaged around 100 people at games."

Even so, Hill said his memory of 100 people in the stands may be exaggerating.

The Bulldogs were 5-1 in 1923, and Sweetwater ultimately eliminated Midland High from the playoffs by the somewhat humbling score of 37-0.

"We played our games in a pasture and that's all it was," he said. "There was no grass or anything like that."

The pasture MHS used as its home field was near Front and Marienfeld streets.

Hill said there were no bleachers and that spectators watched the game by walking up and down the sidelines.

In 1923, the TIL had just two classifications for school — A and B. That year, the Bulldogs beat rival Odessa twice, Barstow twice and split games with Pecos.

Students had to make their grades to be eligible just like today, but that might be one of the few similarities between football then and football now, according to Hill's reflections:

"The second time we played Odessa High, they used three teachers and one guy who

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Obituaries

Cheryl Lynn Pierce

Cheryl Lynn Pierce, 65, of Midland, TX passed away on Thursday, August 30, 2012.

Cheryl Lynn Pierce was born to Lucile Halverson and Claire Daniel Brinton on March 22, 1947 in Ames, IA. She met and married Lester Dean Pierce on December 24, 1966 in Iowa. The couple later moved to Midland in the early eighties and made Midland, TX their home. Cheryl's passion was sewing. She was able to create wedding dresses, quinceñera dresses without a pattern to follow. She also enjoyed sewing for her grandchildren and great grandchildren, making them costumes for special occasions. Cheryl knew no strangers, and with an open heart she was always willing to give a helping hand.

Cheryl was a great wife, mother, grandma and great grandma and will be missed dearly but cherished in our hearts forever.

She is survived by her husband Lester Dean Pierce of Midland, TX; son, Scott Daniel Pierce of Midland, TX; daughter in law, Donna Jo Pierce of Midland, TX; She is also survived by brothers Greg Brinton and Denis Brinton both of Chandler, AZ; her sister Susan Graves of Kennewick, WA; three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Family will be receiving friends Tuesday, September 4th 2012 from 7:00pm to 8:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. A Chapel service is set for Wednesday September 5th at 11:00am at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel with Leland Hart officiating.

Funeral services were entrusted to Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

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Frank Gray

Frank finished his journey on this Earth, August 31, 2012. He had battled cancer for over eight years never wanting to give up the fight.

He grew up in Jal, New Mexico and attended New Mexico State University on an API scholarship majoring in Mechanical Engineering. While there he met Jean, his wife of forty-five years. Upon completion of college they moved to Midland where he worked for Texaco for thirty years before retiring.

Together they had two children, Johnny of McKinney, Texas and Jennifer Richardson of Midland.

Frank's love of life reflected in all that he did, whether it was his job or being in the great outdoors. He was an avid golfer, hunter, fisherman and gardener who loved working with his hands creating woodwork cabinets and birdhouses. Most of all his love of doing for others consumed his journey. He volunteered for Sibley Nature Center and Community Senior Service (Texas Size Garage Sale). He enjoyed every moment being around his friends and family.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Nell Gray.

He leaves behind, only for them to finish their journey, his wife, Jean; son, Johnny and his daughter, Kaitlyn; daughter, Jennifer and husband Dave and their children Shelby and Brock; sister, Cathy Gray of Caddo, Texas; and brother, Greg Gray of Alto, New Mexico. Extended family consists of all the hard working volunteers at CSS whose desire to help others was a great inspiration to Frank. His hunting buddies and golfing rabbits.

The family has donated Frank's body and organs to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine for research so he can continue to help others even after his passing. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice of Midland, CSS, or Sibley Nature Center.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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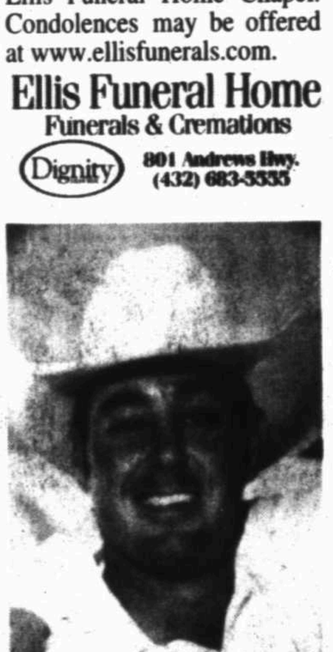

James Ralph O'Bryan

James Ralph O'Bryan went to be with the Lord on September 1, 2012 at the age of 27. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at Glenrest Cemetery, Big Lake.

Ralph was born on September 28, 1984 to Cindy and Jim O'Bryan in San Angelo, TX. He attended Reagan County Schools throughout his school career and graduated from RCHS in May 2003. After graduating, he attended Sul Ross State University where he learned the art of horseshoeing. Throughout his life, Ralph helped people in the ranching business by dayworking on many ranches and gaining treasured friendships. His latest employer was his good friend and caregiver, Dr. Stephen Coates.

In October 2010, he married DeAnna Goff, daughter of Debbie and Garry Goff. On December 22, 2011, Brynlee Ann O'Bryan was born. They made their home outside of Big Lake. Ralph was an amazing son, brother, husband, father, and friend to all. He never met a stranger and loved helping people. He had a special way of working with horses which was one of his passions, besides family and friends. Ralph had an infectious smile and will be greatly missed by all.

Ralph was preceded in death by paternal grandfather Ralph O'Bryan, maternal grandparents Bill and Lela Midkiff, and aunts Sally Elliott and Shane O'Bryan. He is survived by his wife DeAnna O'Bryan, daughter Brynlee, his parents, sister and brother-in-law Katy and Tim Moore of Sweetwater, grandmother Elizabeth O'Bryan, many aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous friends, too numerous to mention.

Many thanks to Shannon's Medical Staff, especially Dr. Coates and those on 5th floor North that assisted in his care.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Security State Bank in Big Lake for a trust fund for Brynlee.

Family and friends may sign the online register book at www.johnsons-funeralhome.com

Death Notices

Lesly Clyde Davis

Lesly Clyde Davis, 85 of Midland, passed away in Midland on August 31, 2012.

Graveside services will be Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. with Brother Bob Porterfield officiating.

Lesly Davis was born July 26, 1927 in Temple, Oklahoma to the late David and Maudie Mae (McKey) Davis.

Mr. Davis is also preceded in death by two children, Bobby and Brenda. Survivors include his wife, Florine Davis of Midland; daughter, Shasta Bunell of Oregon; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

Arrangements under direction of Sunset Funeral Home, www.sunsetodessa.com

Michael "Mike" Scott

Michael "Mike" Scott, 49, passed away August 31, 2012 at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services at 11:00 a.m. September 3, 2012 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

Survivors: Wife, Sarah Scott; daughter Amanda (Mike) Lamar; daughter Paige Scott; son, Colin Scott; granddaughter Sophie Lamar; parents, Fred and Agnes Scott; sisters, Cindy (John) Overbey; Pam (Randy) Soell; and Gail (Bob) Yawn; brothers-in-law, Pete and Greg Herndon; numerous nieces, a nephew, aunts and uncles.

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

Restoration begins at fire-ravaged Bastrop park

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

BASTROP — From a hilltop known as "The Scenic Outlook," Nicholas McClendon scanned thousands of acres of Central Texas until he spotted something familiar: the green crown of a pine tree.

"That used to be the view, green treetops," the Bastrop-area man said. "Now it's not."

A green speck peeking over the black expanse of tall barren sticks is one of the few trees that survived a firestorm one year ago this weekend at Bastrop State Park, where historic wildfires claimed 95 percent of the trees, including most of the 6,600-acre park's signature "Lost Pines."

State wildlife officials and others are working on restoring the forest but acknowledge it will take plenty of manpower, time and money to succeed. The project calls for planting some 2 million seedlings to replace the charred foliage in the park, another 2 million on thousands of acres outside the park and more than $4 million to pay for them.

"You hear about the damage, but you don't realize how much really is gone until you see it," Gary Stephens, of Spring, said after driving around the park to set up his RV at a campsite that had survived the inferno that started during Labor Day weekend last year. "It's just amazing. It's changed the landscape of this park for at least a generation."

He's right.

Foresters said it could be at least 30 years before the park less than an hour's drive east of Austin and known for its forest resembles one.

One bright spot has been the discovery of "Lost Pine" seeds that apparently were stored unknowingly more than two decades ago in a cooler at a grocery warehouse in Lufkin in East Texas, said Bill Oates, a regional forester for the Texas Forest Service. It's hoped seedlings from that genetically pure source will provide at least the first 25,000 new plantings.

A batch of several hundred seedlings about 6 inches tall and growing in black plastic tube containers was brought to the park last week to receive a ceremonial hand-watering from top officials of the parks and forestry agencies. The first plantings won't take place until next February when weather is more ideal and will focus on the west side of the park.

"That will be a big day," Jamie Hackett, the park superintendent, said. "Every step we face is a positive healing for the people in this park and in this county."

About 160,000 visitors a year traditionally have made the state park one of Texas' most popular. Attendance figures had slipped before the fires last year when record high temperatures and a persistent drought not only contributed to the fire danger but kept people from outdoor activities. While park attendance is not yet at levels of years past, it has exceeded last year's drought-impacted figures as visitors return to see how the park now looks, Hackett said.

"I can't tell you how important it is to keep the trees and visitors coming in here," Jim Wither, the Bastrop County judge, said. "We particularly want to keep the economy moving and the trees that will be replanted will certainly help along those lines."

The park has been known for its unique stand of loblolly pines related to, but genetically different from, the great East Texas pine forest that extends into the Southeastern United States. According to the Texas Historical Association, the pines were believed part of an ancient forest that shrank during or after the Ice Age. Spanish explorers described it in 1691, and the area that's now the state park was part of the original 1832 land grant to Stephen F. Austin's first colony.

Extensive logging took place in the later 1800s and when land for the park was acquired, the Civilian Conservation Corps built cabins and other park facilities during the Great Depression that still are used today. Except for a couple shelters that lost wood roofs, the historically significant CCC-built structures were saved from the blaze, which was among some 500 that raced across drought-parched Texas last year. Foresters estimate the trees lost in Bastrop were about 80 years old.

Replacing them won't be easily done on state funds alone. With state money tight and some $3 million already spent on repairs, removal of debris and other projects, the Arbor Day Foundation is taking the lead on fundraising efforts for the new trees, said Carter Smith, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department executive director.

Visitors and state officials are both looking forward to restoring the forest.

"We're through looking back," said Tom Boggus, a Texas A&M Forest Service state forester. "We're looking forward. And that's what planting a seedling is all about."

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TEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Interstate 35W section in Fort Worth tops most congested list

A stretch of Interstate 35W in Fort Worth tops Texas' list of the most congested roadway segments in the state.

The Texas Department of Transportation released a list of the top 100 roads on its website. I-35W from Interstate 30 in downtown Fort Worth to State Highway 183 totaled 1.2 million hours of delay in 2011, according to TxDOT's data.

Next on the list was Interstate 635 in Dallas County between I-35E and U.S. Highway 75. Parts of I-45 in Harris County, I-35 in Travis County and the Woodall Rodgers Freeway in downtown Dallas rounded out the top five.

The full list is available on TxDOT's website.

MINNESOTA

2 Texas pedestrians killed in collision

ANOKA — The Minnesota State Patrol says two pedestrians from Texas were crossing a Minnesota highway against a red light when they were both struck and killed.

The State Patrol said the accident happened Saturday about 9:30 p.m. in Anoka County.

A patrol report identified the victims as 78-year-old John P. Nettelfield and 71-year-old Jean S. Nettelfield, both from San Antonio.

Authorities said the Nettelfields were crossing the two-lane divided roadway when they were struck and killed. An SUV struck both pedestrians, and a second vehicle struck a person lying in the road.

DALLAS

Texas pilot killed in Iowa air show crash

Glenn Smith left a lucrative job at a Dallas-area technology firm for an early retirement of restoring Soviet fighter jets and flying to exhibitions across the country.

He died Saturday when his nearly 30-year-old training plane nose dived during an air show in eastern Iowa and crashed into a field, authorities said. Spectators watched the 59-year-old Smith's plane erupt into flames, followed by a cloud of gray smoke. Nobody on the ground was hurt.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Armando G. Arciga Jr., 25, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone and abandonment or endangerment of a child causing imminent danger of bodily injury.

Monica J. Arciga, 32, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of abandonment or endangerment of a child with criminal negligence.

Jose L. Baeza, 30, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of more than 8,000 abuse units of a controlled substance.

Oscar M. Galindo Jr., 33, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Alyssa Hohle, 18, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of causing injury to a child, elderly person or disabled person with intention to cause bodily injury.

Brytton R. Huber, 21, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Derrold G. Hunt, 22, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Alejandro Lopez-Tinajero, 17, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge engaging in organized criminal activity.

Michael J. Nastansky, 22, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and credit card or debit card abuse.

Juan O. Ordaz, 44, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Paul D. Porter, 28, was arrested Saturday on a charge of hindering apprehension or prosecution of a known felon.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Some in Texas town still disagree over sex assault

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The abandoned mobile home where an 11-year-old girl was sexually assaulted had become a symbolic reminder of a horrific crime that brewed racial tensions in this Southeast Texas community.

It's now gone, razed earlier this summer by city officials trying to move forward from a case in which 20 men and boys were charged with repeatedly attacking the girl. But the divide the crime created among residents when it first became public last year still lingers. And with the first suspect convicted in the case at large and several more defendants still facing trial, it could be some time before Cleveland is able to put the crime behind it.

Prosecutors said the girl was sexually assaulted on at least five occasions from mid-September through early December of 2010, at the mobile home and elsewhere. Some in Cleveland, located about 45 miles northwest of Houston, have suggested the girl partly was responsible because of her appearance, sparking widespread condemnation. Some also believe the arrests were racially motivated; all of the suspects are black, while the girl is Hispanic.

Others, however, anxiously await the capture of the first person tried and convicted in the case who ran off in the middle of his trial.

"She was just 11," said Charles Armstrong, as he watched his 3 and 4 year old grandsons play in his front yard across the street from where the mobile home once stood.

"I'm not going to stand behind them (the defendants). I'm going to stand behind a jury," said Armstrong, sitting in a plastic chair outside his mobile home following an overnight shift at his maintenance job at Wal-Mart.

Despite evidence at Eric McGowen's trial that included a confession, DNA evidence, the girl's tearful testimony and a video of her being assaulted, others haven't been swayed.

Caroline King, who lives down the street, insisted Friday that people still "don't know the facts of the case" and said authorities were just "harassing people" by knocking on doors in the town of about 7,700 people as they searched for McGowen.

"It's not as bad as what they are saying. Nobody tied (the girl) up," said King, 59.

McGowen, who had been out on bail, fled Wednesday after the girl testified that he sexually assaulted her multiple times, including once with a beer bottle. The trial went on without him, and jurors found him guilty of aggravated sexual assault of a child and then sentenced McGowen, 20, to 99 years in prison.

It's unclear if divisions in the town may be complicating efforts to find McGowen. Authorities are saying little about the search. Interim police Chief Darrel Broussard said his agency was working with the Liberty County Sheriff's Office to try to find McGowen, including checking places he previously lived.

McGowen was the first defendant to stand trial in the case. All six of the juveniles and two of the 14 adults charged pleaded guilty. Trial dates have not been set for the 11 remaining defendants.

Police began investigating after one of the girl's classmates told a teacher he saw video of her being sexually assaulted in the abandoned trailer.

Some early on suggested that the girl was partly responsible because they said she wore makeup, looked older than her age and wasn't properly supervised by her parents.

But Comeka Robinson, who knows McGowen, described the girl as a "baby." She said what happened to the girl was wrong, but she also has doubts about the guilt of McGowen and some of the others charged.

"I would not recommend (he) turn himself in," Robinson, 25, said.

Kim Shelton, a member of the Unity Committee in Cleveland, which was created several years ago to promote the city, said the community is working to deal with the crime and trying to ensure something like that never happens again.

Recently, a local church sponsored a conference to teach girls to respect themselves, for example. Shelton also believes parents are talking more to their children.

Earlier this summer, Shelton's committee began selling bumper stickers that say "I (Heart) Cleveland, TX" as a way to promote the city and tell others it's a good place to live.

"We consider ourselves family and we are moving forward," she said.

Historian marks roles of black Confederate soldiers

By Betty Waters
Tyler Morning Telegraph

TYLER — Blacks fought in the Civil War, surprisingly on the side of the Confederacy, many of them from Texas, Palestine historian Norris White Jr. said his research shows.

They are the "black forgotten Confederates," White said, who extensively has researched the role of blacks in the Confederate Army for a book he is writing that will be titled "Black Texans Who Served in the Confederate Army."

Much attention has been given in movies such as "Glory" and in books and articles written by prominent U.S. military and Civil War era historians to the exploits and heroics of black soldiers serving in the Union forces, White said, but he added that "very little observance, if any, has been given to their counterparts in the Confederate Army."

"Their voices have been omitted from the pages of history," White said.

Traditionally, the consensus has been that the Civil War was a battle among white men, White said.

"That's pretty accurate, but it's not complete, and I'm finding out that many different, diverse ethnic groups participated for the Union cause and the Southern cause," he said.

His research has uncovered that blacks, Latinos and Native Americans served in the Confederate Army.

"I approached this as a historical topic that needs great attention," White said. Since it's well documented that blacks fought for the Union forces, White said, he likes to take in his research the road that has been traveled.

He found that black Texans served in the Confederate Army in many diverse capacities, such as infantrymen on the battlefield, personal body servants, teamsters or laborers.

For the past 150 years, historians have documented just about every aspect of the Civil War, some topics more so than others, but this is one area that has been neglected by everyone, White said.

The topic caught White's attention while he was working on his thesis on the Buffalo soldiers, the first regular black soldiers in the U.S. military, as he pursues a master's degree in history from Stephen F. Austin State University.

White found that several Buffalo soldiers had prior service in the Confederate Army and said the thought occurred to him that they are a category that not really has been explored.

White expects to receive his degree next summer, and then he plans to begin composing his book about blacks in the Confederate Army.

"When I first began my research, I was somewhat ridiculed that I'm chasing a mystical category," White said.

"But three years later, I can show you evidence that indicates at least over 7.500 black Texans participated in the Confederate Army," he said.

That's the number of "forgotten Confederates" he said he personally has documented in his research, but White estimates the number of black Texans who participated in the Confederate Army in the War Between the States may have been as high as 50,000.

"The goals of my research are to historically recognize and acknowledge black Texans who served in the Confederate Army," White said, a board member for the Museum for East Texas Culture in Palestine and a preservation fellow for the Texas Historical Commission.

Because this is a country that honors its veterans, it should acknowledge, recognize and honor all of its veterans, including blacks who fought for the South, White asserted.

"My issue is simply I'd like to recognize the service of veterans — in this case, they are black Texans who fought on behalf of the Confederacy," he said.

Many families are proud and honored when he shows them evidence that their ancestors are Confederate veterans, White said.

White is still in the investigation process, which he undertook three years ago.

He said several publishers have expressed interest in his book, which he hopes to publish in 2014.

"A lot of folks may wonder why blacks fought for the Confederacy or what may have motivated them" White said. "My work is not to answer that; my work is to validate that they did serve in some capacity. That's the basis of my research — just to acknowledge the fact they are Confederate veterans."

His research is based on what he calls "primary sources that indicate black Texans served in the Confederate Army."

Primary sources, White said, are "100 percent irrefutable evidence — letters, diaries, pension applications, photographs, newspaper accounts, county commission records and other evidence that give primary insight" that blacks were in the Confederate Army.

For example, White found a Texas historical marker in Wise County that states Randolph Vesey was a respected Negro citizen and homeowner who served during the Civil War as a body servant and voluntary battle aid to General W.L. Cabel of the Confederate Army.

"If the Texas Historical Commission, the leading authority in preserving our history recognized the fact that there were black Texans who participated and served in the Confederate Army, then why can't we as a society?" White said.

White said he had traveled more than 30,000 miles crisscrossing the state searching for primary sources validating that blacks served in the Confederate Army.

"I've been all over the state of Texas and back again and I'm proud of what I've accomplished. I'm still looking for sources," White said.

"What I'm finding out is black Texans for a variety of reasons served in the Confederate Army, some as slaves, some as free men, some were conscripted and paid for their service, some as body servants ." White said. "There is no one category fits all."

It's both black history and Confederate history, White said, calling the two interconnected and entwined.

White said he is able to do the research because of the foundation he received from his mentors in the Texas Historical Commission and his studies at Stephen F. Austin State University and at The University of Texas at Tyler.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today is Labor Day

Labor Day is the first Monday of September. It originally was organized to celebrate various labor associations' strengths of and contributions to the U.S. economy. It is largely a day of rest in modern times. Many people mark Labor Day as the end of the summer season and a last chance to make trips or hold outdoor events.

Source: http://www.timeanddate.com

Holiday hours at city facilities

Residents should be advised of special hours of service today as the city observes the Labor Day holiday.

■ **Waste Services:** Solid Waste and Landfill will be closed today. Trash will not be picked up on this day. Landfill will open for regular hours on Tuesday. Solid Waste will work extended hours the week of Labor Day.

■ **Utilities:** Payment office will be closed today. Customers are encouraged to utilize the drop box on this day.

Coming soon to Midland

— Lonestar Music Festival, Sept. 14-15
— "The Price is Right, Live!," Sept. 19
— The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale's Masterworks I: The Titan, Sept. 22
— Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series presents Doris Kearns Goodwin, Sept. 20
— Kenny Rogers, Oct. 11
— Permian Basin Oil Show, Oct. 16-18
— ZZ Top, Oct. 26
— George Jones, Oct. 27

Club meetings, support groups

(Meetings are subject to change)

■ **Midland Parkinson Support Group:** 6:30 p.m., HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-6640.
— for miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.
— for post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.
— survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570 5935.

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

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Today in history

Today is Monday, Sept. 3, the 247th day of 2012. There are 119 days left in the year. This is Labor Day.

On this date:

In 1923, the United States and Mexico resumed diplomatic relations.

In 1939, Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand declared war on Germany, two days after the Nazi invasion of Poland.

STUDENTS

From 1A

Miller said. "She said, 'He was so polite, he held the door for me. Will you tell his parents for me that they're doing a fantastic job raising that young man?'"

Carrigan recently had been on his first mission trip overseas with his father, Miller said.

"He was just kind of coming into his own," she said. "He was blossoming into the man he was growing into. He was such a polite, kind and giving young man, and I saw that develop more as he grew."

Henson, who was known as "Bob" by his peers and teachers, often could be found singing at the school's basketball games or sporting a knit cap along with a sweater his grandmother had knit him, his teachers said.

Former MCA teacher Joan Russell, who taught him in sixth through eighth grades, remembered him as a "humble leader."

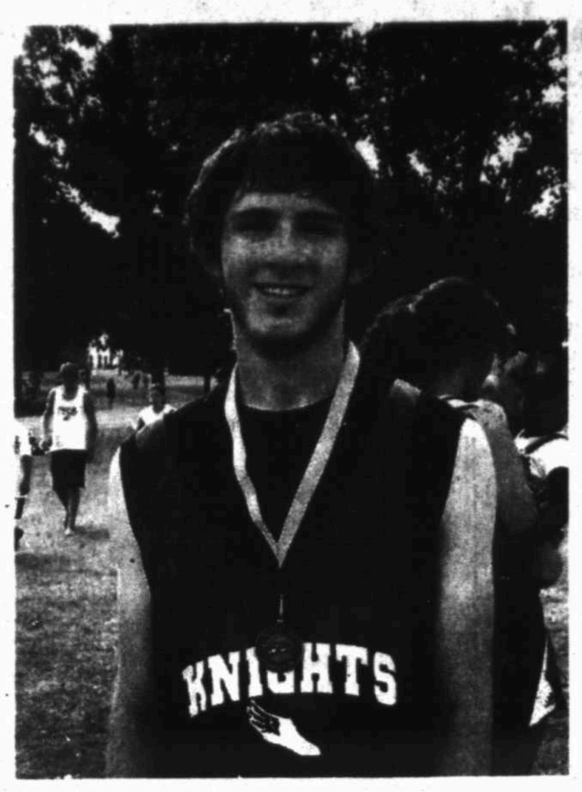
"He could have taken over the world," she said. "Bob was always the smartest kid in the class."

Henson received a schoolwide character award as an eighth-grader for his all-around attitude, servanthood and interaction with peers, Russell said.

Her husband, Aaron Russell, taught Henson in math and science throughout high school. Though Henson played basketball and ran cross-country and track, Russell said the young man was the "antithesis to stereotypical teenagers" when it came to his helpful attitude.

"Bob just loved living life," he said. "People experienced that just by being around him."

Joel Davis worked with Henson on and off the track as a cross-country and track coach, as well as an algebra and geometry teacher.



LEFT: Robert Whitefield Henson, 18, was active in cross-country throughout his high school career.

ABOVE: Bryce Carrigan, 14, is pictured with his father during an overseas mission trip he took before the school year.

Photos courtesy of Joel Davis

Henson had just run on the varsity cross-country team the week before the accident, realizing a dream he'd built toward his entire running career.

"He didn't have to be a leader on the team but just was out of his own character," Davis said. "It was impossible not to love Bob."

Though Henson never felt the need to take the spotlight from others, his presence was felt Saturday night at a prayer service for the two young men, Davis said.

"I saw Bob in the memorial last night," he said. "He was in a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on. ... That was something Bob was always campaigning for."

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Best O' the West fundraiser to benefit families, kids

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Best 'O the West Fest

WHEN: 7 p.m. Thursday
WHERE: Commemorative Air Force
TICKETS: $40 in advance, $50 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Western National Bank locations, H-E-B in Odessa, the West Texas Food Bank or online at www.wtxfoodbank.org or by calling 580-6333.

With just $1, the West Texas Food Bank can supply four meals.

A donation of $4 provides enough to supply a child with a backpack of food to last them through an entire weekend.

Those statistics are what staff, volunteers and board members at the West Texas Food Bank are hoping residents remember as they consider attending and giving during the nonprofit's first Best O' the West Fest fundraiser taking place Thursday at the Commemorative Air Force museum.

"Even though it is a boom-time economy, we are seeing an impact in our community of people who are in need," said Libby Campbell, deputy director of the food bank. "If you see someone on a fixed income, they're making decisions about whether to buy their medicine or food."

Bill Webster, CEO of Medical Center Hospital and honorary chairman of the event, agreed and said despite the affluence in the Permian Basin, needs are high. Texas has the second highest rate of childhood hunger in the nation, with some of the highest rates in the state occurring in West Texas counties that the food bank serves, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Additionally, Webster said Texas has the fourth highest rate of senior citizen hunger, according to data from Meals-on-Wheels.

Part of the need exists because those on fixed incomes and those who are low-income are grappling with the increased costs of living that come with a boom.

Paying higher rent sometimes leaves them having to choose between also paying for utilities or buying groceries, he said.

"That probably comes as a shock to a lot of people," he said. "You would think with the booming economy that you wouldn't have these kinds of problems."

In a typical month, Webster said, the West Texas Food Bank purchases $29,000 worth of food to distribute to its partners. In 2011, it distributed nearly 11 million pounds of food through those monthly purchases.

The food bank partners with more than 170 agencies in 22 counties that distribute food to those in need.

Campbell said this first Best 'O the West Fest will benefit both the food bank and the Food 2 Kids program that provides backpacks full of food to help keep children fed over the weekend.

Food 2 Kids serves students at 16 elementary schools in Odessa and, as of this fall, one school in Midland.

The program that just expanded to Midland was started in Odessa by the food bank, the Education Foundation of Odessa and the Junior League of Odessa.

Since it began, Campbell said teachers have noticed a tremendous difference in both students and parents.

"They're more alert in class on Monday," she said of kids. "One of the most powerful things about the program is we've actually seen parent involvement pick up in the schools. I just think they're just thankful that people want to help."

Campbell said they're hoping to make Best 'O the West an annual event. About 500 are expected Thursday and tickets still are available.

At the fundraiser, cowboy cook Tom Perini and chef Stephan Pyles will show off their skills during an "Iron Chef" comedy routine/competition.

Local restaurateurs will prepare food and Big Bend-based band Doodlin' Hogwallops will provide entertainment. A silent auction also will take place. The goal is to raise enough to put a dent in West Texas' hunger issues.

"We're hoping to make an impact in hunger, not only with children but with their families," Campbell said.

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Even more brutal leader takes over Mexico's Zetas

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A falling out between the leaders of the hyper-violent Zetas cartel appears to have put the gang in the hands of a brutal and feared gangster who has been blamed for an eruption of bloodshed in Mexico's once relatively calm central states.

Miguel Angel Trevino Morales is a former cartel enforcer who apparently won a showdown with Zetas founder Heriberto Lazcano Lazcano for leadership, law enforcement officials said.

Lawmen and even competing drug capos picture Trevino as a brutal assassin who favors getting rid of foes by stuffing them into oil drums, dousing them with gasoline and setting them on fire — a practice known as a "guiso," a Spanish word for "stew."

That could be a worrisome turn for the Zetas, which already was the hemisphere's most violent criminal organization.

It has been blamed for a large share of the tens of thousands of deaths in Mexico's war on drugs, though other gangs too have repeatedly committed mass slayings.

"There was a lot of talk that he was pushing really hard on Lazcano Lazcano and was basically taking over the Zetas, because he had the personality, he was the guy who was out there basically fighting in the streets with the troops," said Jere Miles, a Zetas expert and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement special agent who was posted in Mexico until last year.

"Lazcano Lazcano, at the beginning he was kind of happy just to sit back and let Trevino do this, but I don't think he understood how that works in the criminal underworld," Miles said.

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wasn't even enrolled in school against us. We still won both games, 13-6."

Ninety years ago this season, in 1922, Hill recalled perhaps one of the strangest plays called in the early game.

"We played a game in Stanton and they didn't cut all the mesquite bushes down. They hid a player behind one of those bushes and he caught a touchdown pass. No one called it back," he said.

Patterson's book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas" will be published in 2013.

HOLIDAY

From 1A

suggestions that were received. The calendars were ultimately approved by the boards of trustees.

Today is technically a staff development, teacher workday at MISD, but most teachers won't be on campus today because they were allowed to substitute previous non-contract hours that they had worked.

"They'll trade one day where they worked before the contract started for today, so they can have it off," said Teresa Moore, director of student services.

"Our campuses have to ensure that at some point during the year, all teachers put in that time and trade one day for another," she said.

Midland High School Principal Jeff Horner said the majority of his teachers already have completed the requirement by working this summer before the contract started or attending training sessions.

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Woman injured after parking on Loop 250 to retrieve property

Staff reports

A woman was in critical condition at Midland Memorial Hospital Sunday evening after she allegedly caused a wreck by parking her car on Loop 250, according to officials.

The driver of a white Buick allegedly stopped in a westbound travel lane on West Loop 250 in front of Blue Ridge Apartments around 2:30 p.m. to retrieve property that had blown out of her window, said Midland Police Department officers on the scene.

The driver of a white Cadillac was unable to avoid the parked vehicle, and struck the Buick with the front left corner of her car, police said.

The driver of the Buick, whose name was not released by police, was taken to MMH.

VISIONS

From 1A

their ideas, said political scientist William Galston, a Brookings Institution fellow studying the implications of this polarization. "It's not just in the numbers" of where each side would spend, cut or tax. "It's also in the underlying theories of how the world works and what would cure the problems that ail us," he says. "If the voters don't see that now, I think by the end of this election they will."

Many do see it. And for them these two visions aren't merely about whether the health care law should stay or go, or whether abortion should remain legal or not, or whether taxes should be reduced for all or raised for the richest. It's about the underlying philosophies upon which they've built their own lives and that they, therefore, want to see reflected in their government and, yes, in their president.

Rita Ferrandino of Sarasota, Fla., knows clearly the kind of America she wants to live in: A nation where everyone gets a place at the table and a chance to succeed, regardless of race, creed or how much money is in your wallet. She is a first-generation American born to Italian immigrants — her father was a barber, her mother a bookkeeper — and she recalls fondly growing up in a central Pennsylvania immigrant town where everyone took care of each other.

If her parents couldn't afford to buy her a new dress, a neighbor would be ready with a hand-me-down. The Catholic church she grew up in taught her about family values. Ferrandino made her way through college on a scholarship and, now in her 40s, is the principal of a private equity investment firm as well as a single mother and chair of her county Democratic Party.

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ELECTION BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Obama says he's a 'huge Clint Eastwood fan'

President Barack Obama says he's a "huge Clint Eastwood fan," even in the aftermath of the actor's rambling "invisible Obama" monologue at the GOP convention.

Obama said in an interview with USA Today released Sunday the Academy Award-winning Eastwood is "a great actor, and an even better director." But Obama was coy when asked if he was offended by the performance.

Eastwood talked with an imaginary Obama in an empty chair before Mitt Romney's speech, saying the president has failed to deliver on his promises.

Obama said "if you're easily offended, you should probably choose another profession."

The president joked on Twitter after Eastwood's appearance, tweeting that "this seat's taken," along with a photo of him in his chair at a Cabinet meeting.

NORTH CAROLINA

DNC kickoff protest lively but largely uneventful

CHARLOTTE — The kickoff protest ahead of the Democratic National Convention had the benefit of sunny skies, pent-up demand from demonstrators who were rained out in Florida and the perfect setting to decry the practices of big business.

But while Sunday's March on Wall Street South was spirited, it drew only a fraction of the turnout organizers were expecting and was as free of mayhem as protests a week earlier outside the Republican National Convention in Tampa. The march had been planned as the centerpiece of the week's protests.

Charlotte police estimated 800 people joined the march, but there was only one arrest. Taking their cue from police in Tampa, many officers were seen smiling and chatting with demonstrators. Two attempts to be disruptive outside of major corporate offices were largely ignored by officers. Charlotte hosts several Fortune 500 companies.

The march's general purpose was to decry corporate influence in politics, but it drew people demonstrating for a variety of causes. Marchers carried signs and banners, banged drums and chanted in a louder and livelier display than Tampa protests that were lashed by the outer bands of Hurricane Isaac.

Obama hits Romney Obamacare slam, says 'I do care'

By David Espo and Ben Feller
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Campaigning his way toward the Democratic National Convention, President Barack Obama slapped a "Romney doesn't care" label on his rival's health care views Sunday and said Republicans want to repeal new protections for millions without offering a plan of their own.

Vice President Joe Biden swiftly broadened the attack, accusing Republicans of seeking to undermine the decades-old federal program millions of seniors rely on for health care. "We are for Medicare. They are for voucher care," he said.

The president and vice president campaigned separately across three battleground states, as delegates descended on the Democrats' convention city for two days of partying before their first official meeting Tuesday in the Time Warner Cable Arena.

An enormous sand sculpture made in Obama's likeness served as a reminder, as if any were needed, that the Democrats were in town.

Some 800 demonstrators marched through the streets around the convention hall, protesting what they call corporate greed as well as U.S. drone strikes overseas, said to kill children as well as terrorists. Dozens of police officers walked along with the protesters' parade, carrying gas masks, wooden batons and plastic hand ties. One arrest was reported, for public intoxication.

The economy is the dominant issue of the campaign, and Biden's itinerary, in particular, underscored the threat that a sluggish recovery and high, 8.3 percent unemployment pose to Democrats seeking another term in power. He was in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, states that have received little attention previously as the candidates, their parties and outside allies concentrate on the areas of the country deemed most competitive. His presence suggested the race in both states was tightening.

There was additional evidence of the same concern, as the president's senior surrogates refused to give a direct answer when asked on Sunday morning television programs if Americans are better off than they were four years ago.

"We've clearly improved ... from the depths of the recession," said David Plouffe, one of Obama's top White House aides.

He sought to swiftly turn the question into criticism of the Republicans.

"The Romney path would be the wrong path for the middle class, the wrong path for this country," he insisted.

Asked the same better-or-not question that has become a staple of presidential campaigns, another top adviser, David Axelrod answered, "I think the average American recognizes that it took years to create the crisis that erupted in 2008 and peaked in January of 2009. And it's going to take some time to work through it."

Obama spoke on the University of Colorado campus in Boulder, and made his by-now familiar plea for students to register and vote. He benefited enormously from the support of younger voters four years ago and can ill-afford a fall-off in their support — or enthusiasm— in 2012.

Democrats regard passage of a sweeping health care law as a high point of achievement for Obama during his term. Yet the law also has unified Republicans who argue it amounts to a government takeover of the health care system and a budget-buster to boot.

Obama has lately been eager to answer his critics, and he did more than that in his speech.

"Gov. Romney promised that on his first day in office he's gonna sit right down, grab a pen and repeal Obamacare," the president said, referring to the law by the name Republicans first attached to it as an insult.

"What that means is that right away he'd kick 7 million young people off their parents' plan. He'd take hope away from tens of millions of American with pre-exiting conditions by repealing reform," the president said.

"You know, he calls it Obamacare. I like the name. I do care. .... I don't know exactly what the other side is proposing; I guess you could call it 'Romney doesn't care.' But this law is here to stay."

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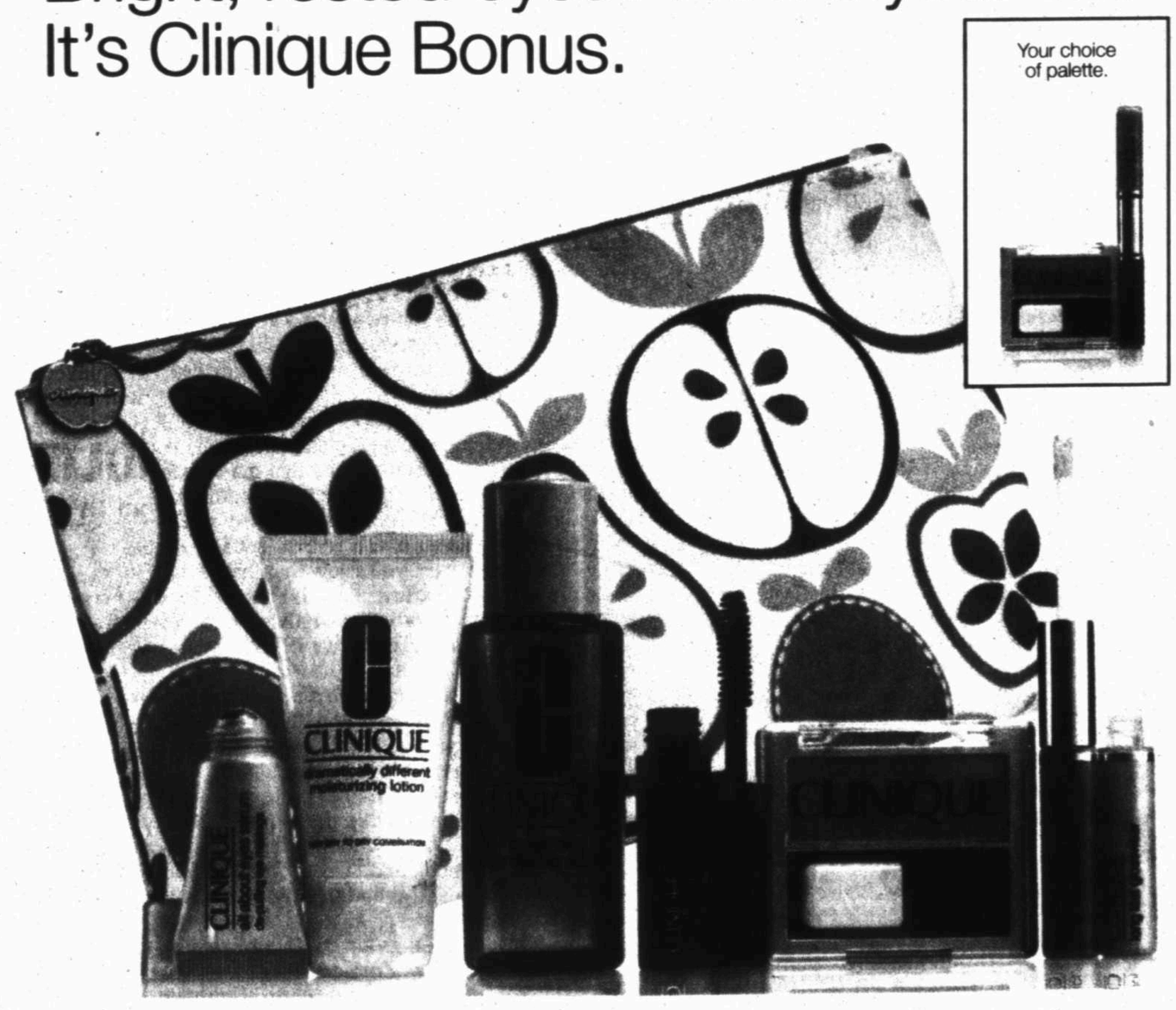

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Opinion

English can be the nation's unifying language

■ People pushing for English-only need to stop being so "stupid."

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In a recent news story about the GOP's accelerating conservative turn, a reporter compared the current party platform plank supporting "English as the nation's official language" to its view, back in the gentler 1980s, that Hispanics and others should not "be barred from education or employment opportunities because English is not their first language."

In any language, this would be considered a false equivalency. To want everyone in the United States to speak English is not the same as wanting those who don't to suffer discrimination in schools or the workplace.

But, for a moment, let's go with the idea that the Republicans have veered far to the right, because it speaks to what Jeb Bush, former Florida governor and level-headed Republican, has for years been trying to tell the ultra-conservative wing of the GOP. During a panel discussion at the Republican National Convention, Bush said: "The future of our party is to reach out consistently to have a tone that is open and hospitable to people who share values. The conservative cause would be the governing philosophy as far as the eye could see ... and that's doable if we just stop acting stupid."

And by being stupid, one arguably could point to any number of Republicans who have, just as one example, likened immigrants to dogs, cattle, rodents and any number of other dehumanizing terms during public speeches.

But on the language issue, let's be fair. In the actual text of the GOP's immigration platform plank, you'll find the bit about supporting English as the official language immediately preceded by a statement of gratitude to the thousands of new immigrants serving in the armed forces, a call to embrace newcomers, albeit legal ones, and this: "We encourage the retention and transmission of heritage tongues."

Unfortunately, even the combination of keep-your-language-but-hurry-up-and-add English is too much for critics to bear. Some think white "oppressors" seek to exterminate Hispanic culture by crushing the mother tongue; others see it as discriminatory. But the reality is that widespread adoption of the English language is rendering this language argument silly.

Hispanics know the power of being bilingual. The numbers plainly show that Latinos come to this country and quickly adopt the English language — sometimes in concert with their native language, and other times just giving in to the Great Assimilation Machine.

According to the Pew Hispanic Center — reiterating countless other studies that have proved time and again that immigrants from Latin America are assimilating to the U.S. culture every bit as rapidly and seamlessly as prior waves of newcomers — 65 percent of all U.S. Hispanics 5 and older either speak only English at home or speak English very well.

Now consider that Pew estimates 91 percent of the total U.S. population is English proficient. Would bumping this up to 99.9 percent be so bad? For that matter, would it be so bad to just declare English the "official" language? Doing so is the equivalent of a couple who has lived together for over 20 years and raised well-adjusted children throwing a lavish wedding — just to make it official.

The problem is that the issue of English as the official language has been consistently mishandled by the parts of the Republican Party that — as Bush so aptly put it — are "acting stupid." It makes it seem that what they're really after is a country that's "English-only."

No one with a modicum of sense would suggest that it's better to speak only one language instead of two or more. In America, speaking English is the No. 1 way to get on the path to prosperity — everyone knows this, whole other countries know this and teach their citizens to speak their native tongue plus English from birth.

In fact, no one knows it better than the six Hispanics who were chosen to speak at the convention — in prime time and using sprinklings of Spanish — on behalf of the Republican Party and the leaders who put them there.

The secret behind making English the country's unifying language is simple: Just get the people pushing it to stop being so darned divisive.

OUR VIEW

Court makes wrong decision on voter ID law

It's not all that unusual for a Texas law to be challenged and discarded by the federal court system. Texas is facing another clash with the federal courts, this time on a tough voter ID law.

A three-judge panel in Washington recently ruled that Texas' 2011 voter ID law imposes "strict, unforgiving burdens on the poor" and noted that Texas' racial minorities are more likely to live in poverty.

This was Texas' second court loss in three days following the decision of another federal panel that the redistricting map failed to reflect the state's booming population.

We have maintained all along that the state's voter ID law is not discriminatory against minorities in this post 9/11 era, where identification is required to travel, purchase goods or for identification. All the ID does is prove that you are who you say you are. Why is it unconstitutional to protect the integrity of the ballot box — the most precious right we have in this nation?

We also don't understand why the court thinks Texas has an unconstitutional voting ID law when it's basically the same law that was imposed legally in Georgia and Indiana.

It's for that reason Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott thinks the Texas law has a great chance to withstand the test.

"The Supreme Court has already upheld voter ID laws as a constitutional method of ensuring integrity at the ballot box," Abbott said. "The state will appeal this decision to the Supreme Court, where we are confident we will win."

Gov. Rick Perry saw the court's decision as another federal attack to subvert the will of Texans and to "undermine our effort to ensure fair and accurate elections."

If the presidential election were held today, Texas' voter ID law could not be used. It is unclear at this point if another court or the Supreme Court will hear the case in time to render a ruling by Election Day.

From our viewpoint, we just don't see a valid argument against showing identification at the voting booth. We think all U.S. citizens should have some form of identification even if it is not used for voting purposes.

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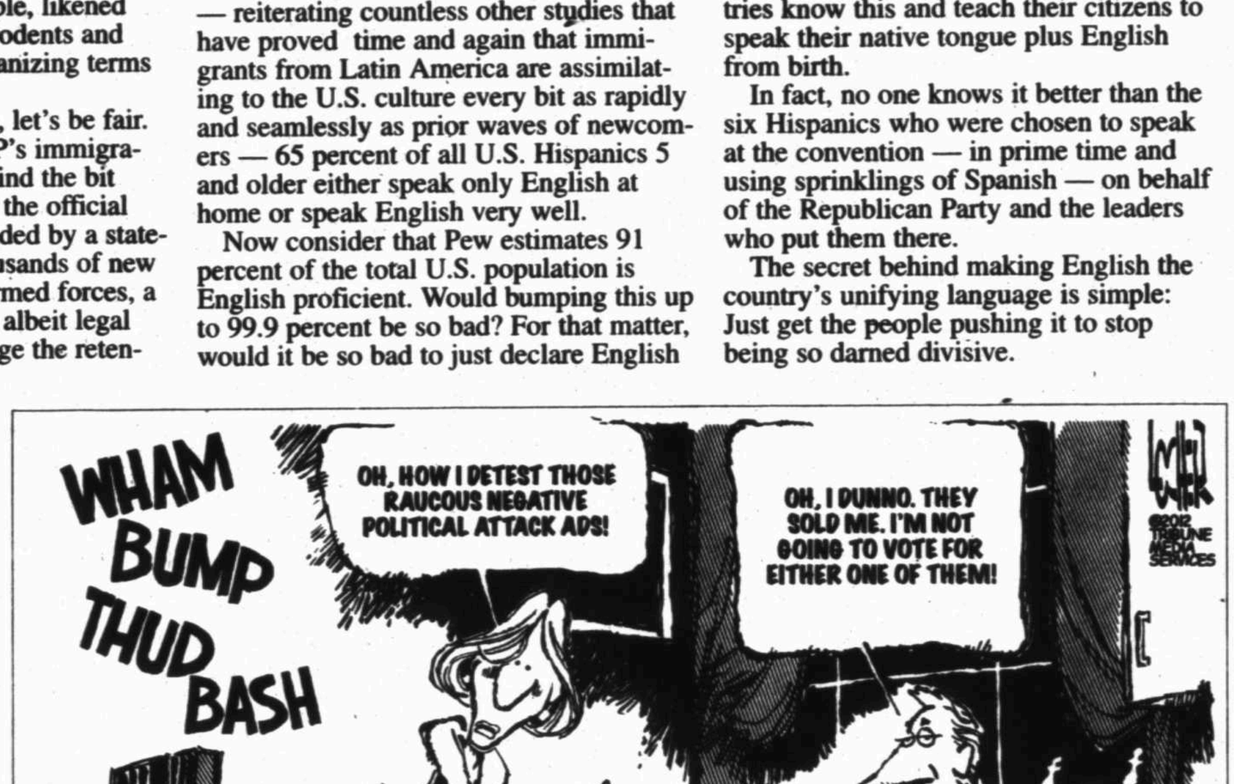

GOP battles its perception problem

■ GOP must become more inclusive for its benefit and the benefit of nonwhite communities that need more choices.

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When it comes to accusations of racism and ethnocentrism, the RNC is all about CYA (cover your ***).

It's stunning just how quick the organizers of the Republican National Convention moved to shut down any incident that had even a whiff of bigotry.

Two people were ejected from the convention by security and police officers after they threw peanuts at an African-American CNN camerawoman, and shouted: "This is how we feed animals."

Convention officials quickly put out a statement saying, "Two attendees tonight exhibited deplorable behavior. Their conduct was inexcusable and unacceptable. This kind of behavior will not be tolerated."

There's no doubt that two attendees had acted like jerks. They were rude and out of line, and they deserved to be thrown out of the hall. No argument there.

But were they being racist? There is some ambiguity here. We can assume the camerawoman was wearing her press credential, and that her camera had a CNN logo on it. Thus she was identifiable not only as an African-American but also as a member of the media. If you've ever been to a gathering of conservatives, you know that the media often are despised because many on the right consider the mainstream press in league with the left.

The incident was ugly, but we never may know what it was really about.

Meanwhile, in another occurrence, it looks as if a group of Republicans chanted "USA! USA!" as a putdown.

I myself have seen this happen. Crowds will shout "USA!" to silence Latino protesters — even if the protesters were born in the United States. And in March, at a high school basketball game in San Antonio, fans chanted "USA!" after defeating a rival team made up predominantly of native-born Hispanic players.

At the convention, a group of Republicans started chanting "USA!" as Zoraida Fonalledas, the national committeewoman for Puerto Rico, was introduced. This lasted for about a minute, according to attendees who tweeted about the incident.

Embarrassed Republican officials quickly rolled out alternative explanations, one after another.

At first, they insisted that there was another conflict playing out between Ron Paul delegates and RNC Chairman Reince Priebus over whether those delegates were to be counted. Fonalledas got caught in the crossfire, they claimed.

Conservative commentators then insisted that the chants weren't coming from Paul delegates but from Romney delegates trying to silence the Paul delegates. Fonalledas was just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Again, we may never know what this incident was really about.

What we do know is this: Republican officials moved quickly to put out these public relations fires. They could see that — ambiguity or not — the optics were bad. And they must know that many Americans see the Republican Party as the place where people go to be comfortable with their prejudices.

Ann Romney as much as acknowledged this when she told a group of Latino Republicans who gathered in Tampa that Latinos need to "get past some of their biases that have been there from the Democratic machines that have made us look like we don't care about this community."

And to think all this drama occurred in just the first night of the three-day convention. That tells you something. What it tells me is that, for all its rhetoric about diversity, the reality is that the modern Republican Party looks and feels pretty much the same way it did 50 years ago. Putting a handful of Hispanic and African-Americans on stage and giving them speaking roles doesn't change this fact.

Of the nearly 2,900 delegates who attended the 2012 Republican convention, only 47 — about 2 percent — were African-American, according to the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. By contrast, according to the center, African-Americans will account for as much as 26 percent of the delegates who will gather this week for the Democratic convention in Charlotte.

Let's face it. For the most part, the GOP still is a party of white people by white people and for white people. This must change, not just for the benefit of the party but also for the benefit of nonwhite communities that deserve more choices. As it stands, people of color are unwanted by one party and underserved by the other.

Never mind public relations. We need a public outcry.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Deal junkies hurt stores' profits

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joelle Daddino is making it difficult for stores to make money.

Like many Americans who've grown accustomed to deep discounts, Daddino has become so obsessed with sales that she refuses to shop any place that isn't having one.

"If I don't have a coupon or it's not on sale, I just won't buy it," said the Yaphank, N.Y., resident.

During the recession, retailers had more sales to lure cash-strapped Americans into stores. Now, that strategy has backfired. It has bred a group of deal junkies that won't shop unless they see "70 percent" signs or yellow clearance stickers. They're a thorn in the side of most retailers because the discounts it takes to get them into stores eats away at profits. In fact, retailers' annual profit growth was cut in half between 2006 and last year, according to a survey of 122 merchants by Retail Metrics, a research firm.

So, big chains like J.C. Penney and Lowe's are trying to wean sale-addicted customers off of sales in favor of everyday low pricing. It's the biggest shift in pricing in decades, but retailers have a long way to go to convince shoppers that predictable pricing is better than the temporary promotions they've grown to love. In fact, early this year, nearly three-quarters of 1,000 shoppers surveyed by consumer research firm America's Research Group said it would take discounts of at least 50 percent to get them to buy a given item. That's up from 52 percent in 2005.

Paco Underhill, whose company Envirosell studies consumer behavior, said retailers are to blame for the increase. He said their discounting during the downturn created shoppers who think everyday pricing "takes some fun out of" shopping. To help break the vicious cycle of discounting, Underhill said merchants have to think of ways to attract shoppers that can be just as intoxicating as two-hour sales or coupons. That could mean top-notch service or exclusive merchandise, for instance.

"Sales are just like heroin," he said.

Now, retailers are trying to replicate the success of Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer that was founded 50 years ago on "everyday low" prices. Experts said Wal-Mart's strategy has worked because it built its reputation on being able to offer customers the lowest prices every day.

In fact, the company's revenue at stores opened at least a year in its U.S. namesake business fell for two years when it veered away from the strategy in favor of temporary price cuts. The company has since been able to turn around its business in part by renewing its commitment to everyday low prices.

Penney executives said they considered Wal-Mart's model when they decided to change the retailer's pricing strategy. It was part of an attempt to turn around the Plano-based chain, which has had annual sales declines in four of the past five years.

In February, J.C. Penney Co. eliminated coupons and the nearly 600 sales it used to have annually. It lowered prices in its stores permanently by 40 percent. The company's three-tier price strategy also included monthly sales on select items and clearance sales every other Friday.

"Wal-Mart taught us all in the '80s when you get a steady sales process, what happens? You can manage the business better," Penney's CEO and former Apple executive Ron Johnson said. "All good happened from a predictable sales pattern."

But Penney, which has 1,000 stores, has learned that it's not so easy to duplicate Wal-Mart's magic. Customers have not embraced the new pricing: Penney recently reported its second consecutive quarter of big losses because of severe sales drops. And its stock has lost more than 40 percent of its value since early February.

Now, Penney is changing its pricing — again — to add back more sales. Among other changes, the company began eliminating last month its monthlong sales and instead is increasing its clearance sales to every Friday. Johnson acknowledged that Penney made some mistakes, but he's vowing to stick to the everyday pricing plan.

"Withdrawing from our promotional model to a more everyday model has been harder than we anticipated," Johnson told investors in August. "But it doesn't change our conviction that the promotional model had run its course, and we have a far better path forward."

Wendy Ruud, a former Penney's customer, isn't waiting around to see if Penney executives are right. The Boca Raton, Fla., resident hasn't been back to Penney since the new pricing plan was implemented earlier this year. Instead, she's gone to Macy's Inc. and Sears, Roebuck and Co. for clothing.

"When you have a sale, you really feel you are getting a better deal or a bargain," Ruud, 49, said.

Penney isn't the only retailer finding that everyday pricing is a tough sale to shoppers. Even merchants who are returning to their roots of offering permanently low prices are finding it tricky.

Like Wal-Mart, Lowe's, the nation's second largest home improvement chain, built its business around "everyday" low pricing. But then the company strayed away from that and started offering more sales when the housing market tanked in 2006. Shortly after, the company's performance began to lag behind its bigger rival Home Depot, which never veered away from its everyday pricing strategy.

Since last summer, Lowe's flip-flopped. It has been permanently cutting prices on a wide variety of items to better compete with Home Depot. But the strategy hasn't worked. Lowe's posted a 10-percent drop in net income amid a 0.4 percent decline in revenue at stores opened at least a year in the second quarter.

Lowe's Cos. acknowledged that the pricing shift has been a problem. The company said it experienced light traffic over Memorial Day weekend in appliances, flooring, cabinets and countertops because of its reduced discount offerings. So executives said the retailer overcompensated by increasing promotions too much afterward, which hurt profit margins.

Lowe's still is sticking to its everyday price plan, but it's re-evaluating to find the right balance between everyday low prices and temporary promotions.

"We knew it was going to be difficult," CEO Robert Niblock said. "But we may have been overly optimistic."

Not every retailer is finding it hard to convince shoppers that everyday low pricing is better than fleeting sales. Clothing chain Stein Mart has had some bumps, but it's starting to see positive results from its pricing shift.

At the end of last year, Stein Mart started cutting back on coupons, which it had relied on for two years. It's now concentrating on what made the chain successful: offering permanent discounts of up to 60 percent on major brands such as Lucky and Nine West that department stores carry at full price. The company permanently cut prices up to 8 percent on select items, though it declined to offer details.

The 260-store chain, based in Jacksonville, Fla., said it changed its pricing after it found out that coupon purchases accounted for almost a third of sales in recent years, up from just around 5 percent from 2004 through 2006. Its goal is to cut coupon use by 50 percent this year.

Stein Mart said its pricing shift has been successful in part because it has simultaneously focused on boosting its offerings of trendy, brightly-colored merchandise in stores. It said that has helped to offset any backlash from it cutting back on coupons.

In the latest quarter, Stein Mart's net income dropped 44 percent, dragged down by expenses related to software-related costs. But revenue at stores opened at least a year rose 1.6 percent. It's a modest increase, but it's significant because it reversed four straight quarters of sales declines.

"Our strategy is working very well for us," the retailer's interim CEO Jay Stein, the grandson of founder Sam Stein, told investors last month. "We're getting back to our old self, a successful specialty-store environment at discount prices."

'Possession' takes control in slow movie weekend

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The fright flick "The Possession" has scared up a No. 1 debut with $17.7 million from Friday to Sunday over the long Labor Day weekend.

The Lionsgate release led the last weekend of a fairly quiet season for Hollywood, with attendance down 4 percent from summer 2011, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

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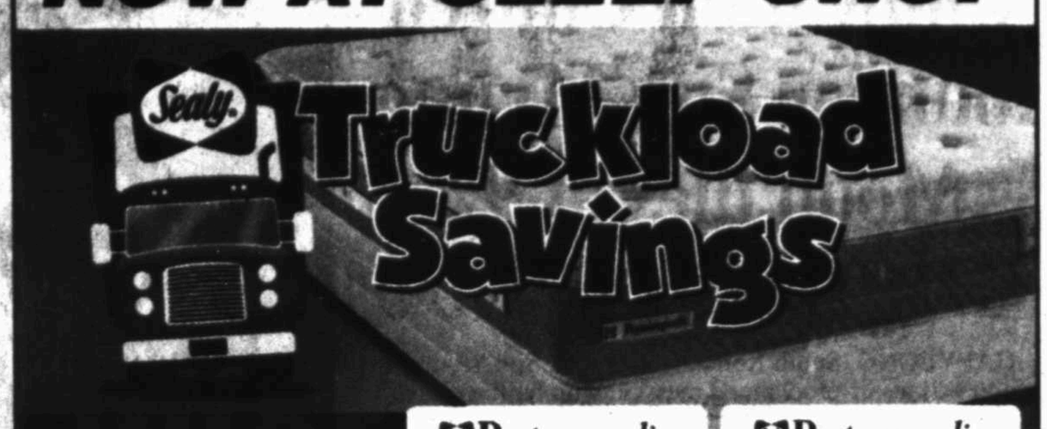

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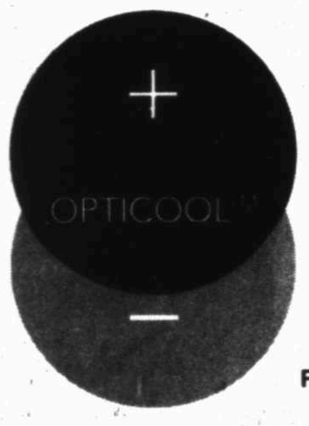

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Unification Church founder Sun Myung Moon dies at 92

By Hyung-Jin Kim
Associated Press

GAPYEONG, South Korea — The Rev. Sun Myung Moon was a self-proclaimed messiah who built a global business empire. He called both North Korean leaders and American presidents his friends, but spent time in prisons in both countries. His followers around the world cherished him, while his detractors accused him of brainwashing recruits and extracting money from worshippers.

These contradictions did nothing to stop the founder of the Unification Church from turning his religious vision into a worldwide movement and a multibillion-dollar corporation stretching from the Korean Peninsula to the United States.

Moon died Monday at a church-owned hospital near his home in Gapyeong County, northeast of Seoul, two weeks after being hospitalized with pneumonia, Unification Church spokesman Ahn Ho-yeul told The Associated Press. Moon's wife and children were at his side, Ahn said. He was 92.

The church will hold a 13-day mourning period beginning Monday and start accepting mourners Thursday at a multipurpose gym at its nearby religious center, the church said in a statement. The funeral will be held Sept. 15, and Moon will be buried at nearby Cheonseung Mountain, where his home is located, the statement said.

Moon founded his Bible-based religion in Seoul in 1954, a year after the Korean War ended, saying Jesus Christ personally called on him to complete his work.

The church gained fame — and notoriety — by marrying thousands of followers in mass ceremonies presided over by Moon himself. The couples often came from different countries and had never met, but were matched up by Moon in a bid to build a multicultural religious world.

Today, the Unification Church has 3 million followers, including 100,000 members in the U.S., and has sent missionaries to 194 countries, Ahn said. But ex-members and critics say the figure is actually no more than 100,000 members worldwide.

The church's holdings include the Washington Times newspaper; the New Yorker Hotel, a midtown Manhattan art deco landmark; and a seafood distribution firm that supplies sushi to Japanese restaurants across the U.S. It gave the University of Bridgeport $110 million over more than a decade to keep the Connecticut school operating.

It acquired a ski resort, a professional football team and other businesses in South Korea. It also operates a foreign-owned luxury hotel in North Korea and jointly operates a fledgling North Korean automaker.

The church has been accused of using devious recruitment tactics and duping followers out of money. Parents of followers in the United States and elsewhere have expressed worries that their children were brainwashed into joining. The church has pointed out that many new religious movements faced similar accusations in their early years. Moon's followers were often called "Moonies," a term many found pejorative.

Moon was born in 1920 in a rural part of what is today North Korea. He said he was 16 when Jesus Christ first appeared to him and told him to finish the work he had begun on Earth 2,000 years earlier. Moon, who tried to preach the gospel in the North, was imprisoned there in the late 1940s for alleged spying for South Korea; he disputed the charge.

When the Korean War broke out in 1950, he went to South Korea. After divorcing his first wife, he married Hak Ja Han Moon in 1960. They have 10 surviving sons and daughters, according to the church.

In South Korea, Moon quickly drew young acolytes to his conservative, family-oriented value system and unusual interpretation of the Bible. He conducted his first mass wedding in Seoul in the early 1960s, and the "blessing ceremonies" grew in scale over the years. A 1982 wedding at New York's Madison Square Garden — the first outside South Korea — drew thousands of participants.

"International and intercultural marriages are the quickest way to bring about an ideal world of peace," Moon said in a 2009 autobiography. "People should marry across national and cultural boundaries with people from countries they consider to be their enemies so that the world of peace can come that much more quickly."

Moon began building a relationship with North Korea in 1991, even meeting with the country's founder, Kim Il Sung, in the eastern North Korean port city of Hamhung. In his autobiography, Moon said he urged Kim to give up his nuclear ambitions, and that Kim responded by saying that his atomic program was for peaceful purposes and he had no intention to use it to "kill my own people."

"The two of us were able to communicate well about our shared hobbies of hunting and fishing," Moon wrote. "At one point, we each felt we had so much to say to the other that we just started talking like old friends meeting after a long separation."

When Kim died in 1994, Moon sent a condolence delegation to North Korea, drawing criticism from conservatives at home. The late Kim Jong Il, who succeeded his father as North Korean leader, sent roses, prized wild ginseng, Rolex watches and other gifts to Moon on his birthday each year. Moon said Kim Il Sung had instructed Kim Jong Il that "after I die, if there are things to discuss pertaining to North-South relations, you must always seek the advice of President Moon."

The church also sent a delegation to pay its respects after Kim Jong Il died in December and was succeeded by his son Kim Jong Un.

Moon sought and eventually developed a good relationship with conservative American leaders such as former Presidents Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

Yet he also served 13 months at a U.S. federal prison in the mid-1980s after a New York City jury convicted him of filing false tax returns. The church says the U.S. government persecuted Moon because of his growing influence and popularity with young Americans.

One of the more bizarre chapters in Moon's relationship with Washington came in 2004, when more than a dozen U.S. lawmakers attended a "coronation ceremony" for Moon and his wife in which Moon declared himself humanity's savior and said his teachings have helped Hitler and Stalin be "reborn as new persons." Some of the congressmen later said they had been misled and hadn't been aware that Moon would be at the event.

In later years, the church adopted a lower profile in the United States and focused on building up its businesses. Moon lived for more than 30 years in the United States, the church said.

As he grew older, Moon also handed over day-to-day control of his empire to his children. His U.S.-born youngest son, the Rev. Hyung-jin Moon, was named the church's top religious director in April 2008. Other children run the church's businesses and charitable activities in South Korea and abroad.

In 2009, Moon married 45,000 people in simultaneous ceremonies worldwide in his first large-scale mass wedding in years, the church said. Some were newlyweds and others reaffirmed past vows. He married an additional 7,000 couples in South Korea in February 2010. The ceremonies attracted media coverage but little of the controversy that dogged the church in earlier decades.

Friday night PALACE

Texas school opens $60M football field of dreams

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

ALLEN — Call it the palace of high school football: A gleaming $60 million facility with seats for 18,000 roaring fans, a 38-foot-wide high-definition video screen, corporate sponsors and a towering upper deck.

Welcome to the new home of Eagles Football.

As school districts across the country struggle to retain teachers, replace outdated textbooks and keep class sizes from ballooning, the wealthy, burgeoning Dallas suburb of Allen christened its new stadium with a sold-out matchup this past Friday night against defending state champions Southlake Carroll.

It's not the biggest high school stadium in football-mad Texas, but Eagle Stadium is the grandest, with a spacious weight room for the players and practice areas for Allen High School's wrestling and golf teams. The school district decided to build it in a down economy, knowing full well it will never recoup the costs.

It's a decision that local officials and team supporters defend, saying the stadium will serve as a community centerpiece and source of pride for years to come and will more than pay the costs of operating it.

"There will be kids that come through here that will be able to play on a field that only a few people will ever get the chance to play in," said Wes Bishop, the father of a junior linebacker on the team and head of the local booster club.

For longtime Allen fans, it's a giant step forward from a facility that district spokesman Tim Carroll called "inadequate in almost every way."

The old building opened in 1976, when Allen had fewer than 8,000 residents, with 7,000 permanent seats, one concession stand and one set of bathrooms. As the town grew to its current population of 87,000, the school had to add portable toilets and rent temporary bleachers, which added 7,000 seats at a cost of $250,000 a year, Carroll said.

Today, the high school has 4,000 students enrolled and a 700-member band that's among the biggest in the country. Collin County, which includes Allen and other Dallas suburbs, is one of the wealthiest areas of Texas — and home to some of the state's top football teams.

About 63 percent of voters supported a $119 million bond package in 2009.

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Football coach Jeff Fleener, above, tosses a football to players during practice at the new $60 million football stadium at Allen High School Aug. 28 in Allen. Allen High School, northeast of Dallas, christened the stadium Friday night with a matchup against defending state champion Southlake Carroll. While other school districts are struggling to retain teachers and keep classroom sizes down, Allen voters approved a $119 million bond issue that pays for the stadium and other district facilities. AT TOP The front entrance of the new stadium is shown Aug. 28.

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President Obama quietly overhauls immigration

By Stewart Powell
Hearst Newspapers

Republicans call the changes "amnesty." Democrats dub them "reforms." And immigration advocates see them as "a beginning."

Behind the labels is the reality that the Obama administration gradually has overhauled immigration enforcement over the past three years, with nearly two dozen administrative changes that have lightened the day-to-day burden on many of the law-abiding immigrants who initially entered the United States illegally.

From targeting business owners instead of employees during worksite raids three months after taking office to offering temporary legal residence to as many as 1.8 million children of undocumented immigrants recently, the administration repeatedly has exercised "prosecutorial discretion" to enact step-by-step changes without congressional approval or changes in federal law.

Critics fault the administration for the actions and the way they are being carried out.

Permitting the children of undocumented immigrants to remain in the country and obtain work permits reflects the Democratic administration's "determination to carry out a massive amnesty for illegal aliens through illegal and unilateral action," complains Dan Stein, president of the Federation for American Immigration Reform, an organization that backs legal immigration.

The administration has embarked on a "reckless amnesty agenda,"

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Maria Ibarra,19, originally from Durango, Mexico and Candido Renteria, 24, of Monterrey Nuevo Leon, hug with joy on June 15 in Edinburg after President Obama announced he would ease enforcement of immigration laws. Many students gathered at the student union at the UTPA Campus in Edinburg to watch the annoucement.

Deferred action should lead to driver's licenses for illegal immigrants

By Dianne Solis
The Dallas Morning News

Despite the governor's tough talk, young illegal immigrants who qualify for an Obama administration deportation reprieve should receive Texas driver's licenses once they have a work permit.

People who apply and qualify under the new initiative, formally called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, will gain an employment authorization document good for up to two years. The plan was challenged recently in federal court in Dallas.

Such work permits are now accepted for limited-term licenses that have been given for years in Texas for those legally classified as refugees and to temporary legal residents under immigration law.

About 186,000 Texas limited-term licenses exist now.

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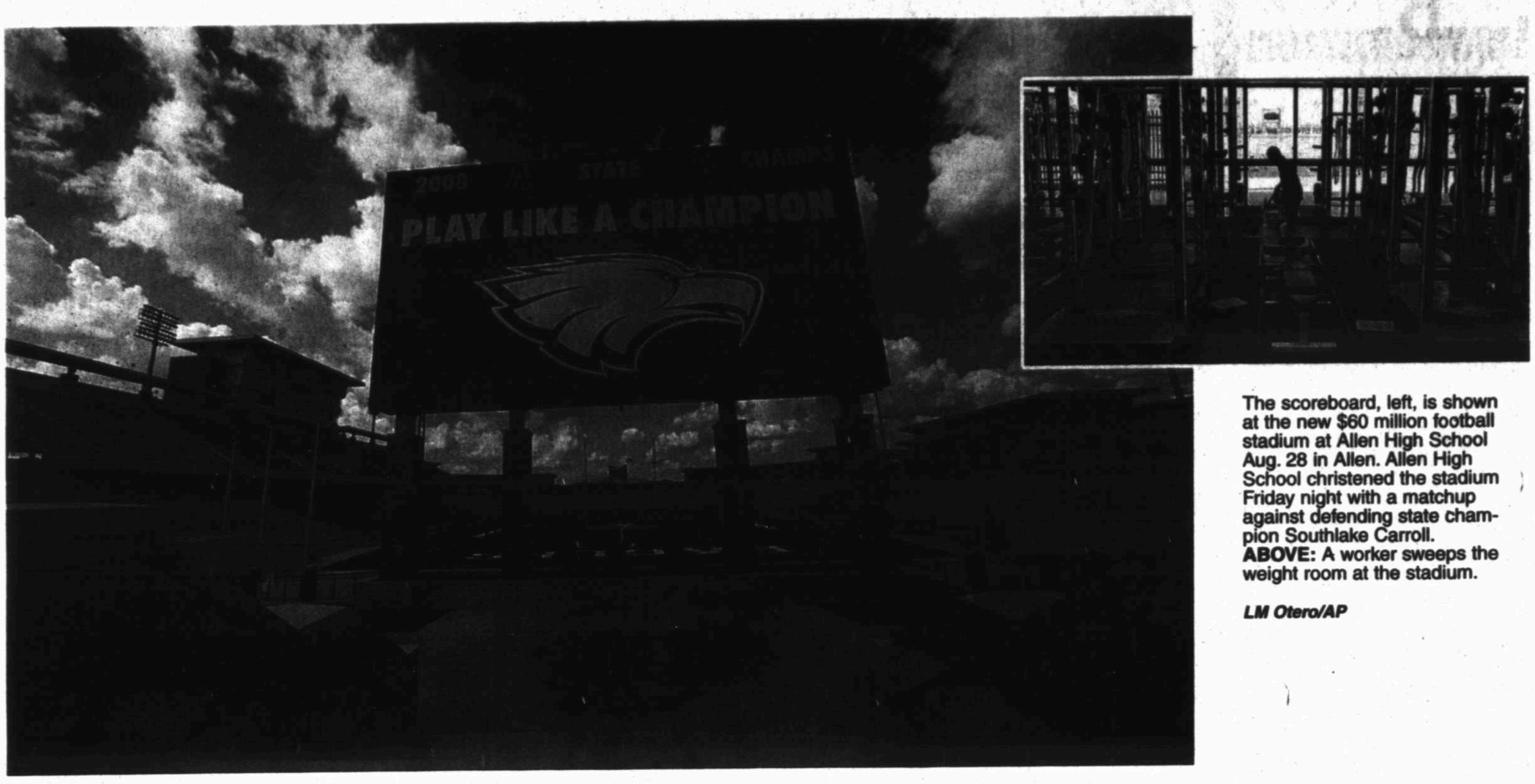

The scoreboard, left, is shown at the new $60 million football stadium at Allen High School Aug. 28 in Allen. Allen High School christened the stadium Friday night with a matchup against defending state champion Southlake Carroll. **ABOVE:** A worker sweeps the weight room at the stadium.

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STADIUM

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Construction on the stadium began a year later. District officials went with more expensive concrete seating over all-aluminum benches, adding perhaps $4 million more to the cost, according to officials. But they said they expected this stadium to last decades.

"Our intention is not to recoup the money it cost to build the stadium," Carroll said. "It's not practical to say we'll get that money back. (But) the revenue we receive from the stadium will far exceed the cost of operating it."

While the district did not have estimates, Carroll said he expects the stadium to be competitive in hosting high school playoff games and other events. The school has also sold six sponsorships for about $35,000 a year, he said.

The new stadium revives an old argument in Texas about whether communities and their schools have their priorities straight.

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In 1982, when the West Texas city of Odessa built a 19,000-seat stadium for a then-unheard-of $5.6 million, it drew scorn from some people who questioned the district's priorities. Odessa would be featured a few years later in the book "Friday Night Lights," a national best-seller that inspired a movie and a TV series.

Ross Perot, the billionaire businessman and former presidential candidate, repeatedly took aim at his home state's football culture as he pushed the state to shed extracurricular activities and increase accountability measures.

"Do we want our kids to win on Friday night on the football field or do we want them to win all through their lives?" Perot said in a 1988 Washington Post column. "That's what we have to start asking ourselves."

Today, neighboring Plano High School's stadium seats more than 14,000 people. Mesquite, about 30 miles away from Allen, has a 20,000-seat stadium. And the Berry Center, a suburban Houston facility with a stadium, an arena and theater, opened in 2006 and cost about $84 million.

"In a couple of years, someone's going to do something that's bigger and bigger," said Robert McSpadden, who runs the high school football site TexasBob.com.

Officials in Allen reject the premise that they're focusing on sports over academics. The bonds approved three years ago also funded a new performing arts center, and Carroll said extra revenue from stadium operations will go into the district general fund. Allen's student test scores also are largely stellar.

But for now, Eagle Stadium is gaining wide notoriety. The No. 8-ranked Eagles' game against Southlake Carroll, which won a state championship last year and is ranked No. 1 in The Associated Press' Class 5A preseason poll this season, sold out in just over a day. More than 2,000 people were expected to watch from standing-room areas.

Bishop's son Zack, a linebacker, said he and his teammates already noticed differences: a more spacious weight room, a softer playing field.

"It's going to be really incredible to step out in front of a full house and a sold-out game," he said.

Chris Wallace, whose oldest son is a senior quarterback, said she had to reassure him when they visited smaller colleges over the summer with older facilities.

"In his mind, this is it," she said. "He can't even believe it's here already."

And there's always room for growth.

Fred Montes, one of the architects of what he called "an incredible project," said the district's master plan left open the possibility for more construction, if needed.

"The end zone that has seats currently can be expanded," he said. "And on the visitors' side, you can always put a deck."

U.N.-backed Agenda 21 angers many in Texas

By Aman Batheja
Texas Tribune

A Lubbock County judge's comments last week that President Obama might cede U.S. sovereignty to the United Nations and spark a civil war have been ridiculed widely. But concerns about U.N. overreach are gaining ground, with the attacks mostly focused on a 20-year-old nonbinding U.N. resolution called Agenda 21.

Texas critics of the resolution have seen their fears echoed by activists at city council meetings around the state and adopted by some of the state's Republican leaders.

Agenda 21 was signed by more than 170 countries, including the U.S., in 1992 and aims to encourage governments to promote environmentally friendly development such as preserving open spaces and discouraging urban sprawl. A variety of organizations around the world promote similar principles.

Such issues have become of particular concern in fast-growing Texas. Many regions are struggling to integrate a steady stream of new residents while avoiding gridlocked roads and retaining communities' character.

Critics of Agenda 21 view it as a sinister effort by an international organization to tell communities what to do and a blatant infringement on private property rights.

Dean Almy, director of the graduate program in urban design at the University of Texas at Austin, has taught classes on Agenda 21, and described the resolution's 1992 adoption as an important moment in the history of urban design.

"It has to do with the way our cities are managed," Almy said. "They're basically saying things like, 'It's good to build more compactly. It's more sustainable. It's better ecologically. You use less cars, burn less fossil fuels.'"

Ted Cruz, the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate, has a page on his campaign website devoted to Agenda 21, describing the measure as an effort to abolish "golf courses, grazing pastures and paved roads."

"It's ostensibly to promote sustainable development and it manifests at the local level in all sorts of initiatives that seek to undermine property rights and undermine our economic liberty," Cruz said on Glenn Beck's radio show in January. He added later in the program, "More broadly, it's about putting the tentacles of the United Nations into the very foundations of our government throughout this nation."

The Republican National Committee adopted a resolution in January against Agenda 21 as "a comprehensive plan of extreme environmentalism, social engineering and global political control." The Texas Republican Party followed suit at its state convention in June, adding opposition to Agenda 21 to the party's platform.

Almy said Agenda 21 traditionally has had greater sway in other countries, where some cities explicitly will cite the resolution in their development plans. Yet over the past year, he's noticed it cited frequently by conservative activists and groups in Texas and other states amid protests on sustainability projects.

"It's changing the status quo of how we operate as a country that is developing, and so it's threatening to some people," Almy said. "Urban design by its nature is about the collective good, and it isn't necessarily about the freedom of any one person to do whatever the hell they want."

In Garland, an effort by city leaders to approve a 2030 plan to guide development was delayed by months by residents who believed the plan was a plot to incorporate Agenda 21 principles into city government, according to Mayor Ronald Jones. He said he and other city leaders had never heard of Agenda 21 until critics brought it up.

"They were convinced I was part of a conspiracy," Jones said at a transportation conference in Irving this month. "That after being involved in neighborhoods all my years, after becoming mayor, I had abandoned my commitment to work with citizens and neighbors and now I was part of a grand scheme to deceive the people."

Houston City Councilwoman Helena Brown cited Agenda 21 in voting "no" on some energy-efficient building projects in April.

In College Station, City Councilman Jess Fields successfully pushed for the city to drop its membership with the U.S. chapter of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, a nonprofit that helps cities develop sustainability projects and is often targeted by Agenda 21 critics.

"It is an insidious, extreme institution that does not represent our citizens, and for our taxpayers to continue to fund it would be ridiculous," Fields wrote on his blog.

Don Knapp, a spokesman for ICLEI USA, said the group does not force an agenda on anyone but rather helps local governments save money and energy by pursuing projects those communities want.

"If you look at the work that is actually being done on the ground, it has nothing to do with some conspiracy theory," Knapp said. "It's really common sense."

Yet a motivated group of activists around the state view such efforts very differently.

Recently, the Concerned Citizens of Caldwell County held the first annual Agenda 21 Symposium in Lockhart. About 25 people attended, according to Tracy Forester, one of the organizers. She said the event came about as she and others wanted to learn more about efforts by the U.N. to exert its control over American communities through initiatives approved by local governments.

"It's coming up everywhere. City and county governments are passing very restrictive ordinances where you essentially don't have any rights on your own property," Forester said. "It absolutely is an attack on our sovereignty."

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said Rep. Lamar Smith, a Republican from San Antonio who chairs the powerful House Judiciary Committee.

The administrative changes at the federal level contrast sharply with recent attempts by states such as Arizona, Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Utah to crack down on undocumented immigrants. The U.S. Supreme Court in June struck down aspects of Arizona's aggressive law that required state and local law enforcement to question people about their immigration status during routine police stops.

The cumulative changes by the administration reflect an unprecedented effort to transform immigration enforcement into a system "that focuses on public safety, border security and the integrity of the immigration system," counters Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

The administration will continue to "enforce and administer our immigration laws in a cohesive way that is smart, effective and that maximizes the resources that Congress has given us to do this important job," said Napolitano, a former governor, attorney general and federal prosecutor in the border state of Arizona.

The targeted internal enforcement is taking place amid a major buildup of law enforcement along the southwestern border, with 18,500 of the nation's 21,000 U.S. Border Patrol agents now operating along the 1,969-mile boundary with Mexico.

"It makes sense to use limited resources in an efficient and intelligent way," said Geoffrey Hoffman, a professor at the University of Houston's law school who supervises the clinic handling immigration cases. "Obama has shown that he is not afraid to take bold action on this issue."

"Obviously, presidents attempt to implement their policies by executive order when a legislative roadblock exists." said Larry Sabato, a political scientist at the University of Virginia.

The last time a president made such sweeping unilateral changes to immigration enforcement may have been back in the 1950s, when Republican President Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered federal law enforcement agents to deport illegal immigrants, most of them from Mexico, amid concerns over a surge in border crossings and farmers' exploitation of undocumented workers.

Door-to-door roundups in Mexican-American neighborhoods in Texas, Arizona and California as part of so-called "Operation Wetback" led to the arrest and deportation of tens of thousands of undocumented immigrants in an onslaught that launched a broader exodus of hundreds of thousands of others who feared being caught.

That crackdown almost certainly contributed to Eisenhower's landslide re-election in 1956, in which he carried 43 states including the four states bordering Mexico.

Today, experts said Obama's carefully orchestrated overhaul of immigration enforcement could help expand his support among Hispanic voters beyond 70 percent in the race against presumptive GOP nominee Mitt Romney, a hardliner on immigration enforcement.

A sizeable edge among Latino voters could help Obama carry too-close-to-call battleground states such as New Mexico, Florida, Nevada, Colorado and even Virginia.

Not all undocumented immigrants are happy, however, with changes that have included historically high levels of deportations of both criminal and non-criminal aliens.

"These deportations create a climate of fear because people feel vulnerable," said Nestor Rodriquez, an immigration expert at the University of Texas. "ICE agents may have wider discretion, but to many immigrants the results are just not showing up in lower numbers."

The Obama administration has enacted little-noticed changes such as creating an independent office of detention oversight to address complaints about detainees' care, imprisoning immigration detainees near their families in the United States and providing greater leeway for prosecutors to ignore immigration violations in order to obtain testimony from victims of domestic or sexual abuse.

But four of the highest-profile changes are expected to contribute to Latino political support for Obama in the fall.

Children's Status: The Obama administration recently began taking applications to permit the children of undocumented immigrants who arrived before age 16 and are now under age 31 to remain in the country on a renewable two-year basis. The change also permits qualifying children of undocumented immigrants to obtain legal authorization to work.

Worksite Raids: The Obama administration imposed more than $18 million in administrative fines on employers in its first three years in office — more than double the $9 million in administrative fines imposed in the 10-year period before that. The focus on employers rather than employees led to the arrest of 1,605 employers on criminal charges during the three years ending in 2011. A total of 4,335 workers faced administrative immigration charges during those years — down from almost 13,000 workers arrested in raids during the final three years of the Bush administration.

Deportations: The Obama administration has focused deportation proceedings on undocumented immigrants with criminal records, largely ending day-to-day deportations of long-time residents who merely entered the United States without legal documentation. Enforcement priorities include identification and removal of criminal aliens, repeat immigration violators, recent border crossers and individuals deemed "a threat to public safety or national security." In the last 10 months alone, Immigration and Customs Enforcement deported 326,488 undocumented immigrants including 169,833 with criminal records such as felonies.

Family unity: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has eliminated one of the most frustrating bureaucratic impediments to family unity for undocumented spouses and children of U.S. citizens who qualify for legal residence in the United States. The agency agreed in January to allow undocumented family members to remain in the United States while their requests for legal residence are processed, ending a requirement that they return to their native countries for as long as 10 years to await processing and re-entry.

IMMIGRATION CHANGES

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Ten key changes to immigration enforcement in the Obama administration:

April 30, 2009: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announces a move away from worksite raids and toward auditing of employers and investigations of hiring.

Jan. 4, 2010: ICE makes it easier for foreign nationals to gain temporary entry and residence in the United States if they have a "credible fear of persecution or torture."

June 30, 2010: ICE Director John Morton orders shift in enforcement, detention and deportation to focus on undocumented immigrants who pose a threat to national security, public safety and border security rather than targeting those who had merely entered illegally.

Aug. 20, 2010: ICE makes it easier for unlawful immigrants entangled in deportation proceedings to obtain quicker decisions on their cases.

June 17, 2011: ICE, with the DHS Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, directs ICE officers and attorneys to ensure that crime victims and witnesses are not deported.

Aug. 18, 2011: ICE initiates unprecedented review of all pending immigration court cases.

Jan. 4, 2012: ICE unveils new policy to prevent detained immigrants from being transferred to distant facilities if their family members or lawyers are nearby, "absent extraordinary circumstances."

Feb. 2012: ICE establishes standards for immigrant detentions to improve medical and mental health services, increase access to legal services and religious opportunities, improve communication with detainees with limited English proficiency, improve the process for reporting and responding to complaints, and increasing recreation and visitation.

March 13, 2012: ICE opened a custom-built, minimum-security detention center in Karnes City, Texas, to house immigrants facing civil actions such as deportation.

June 15, 2012: DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano announces qualifying youths brought to the United States by undocumented parents will be eligible to remain in the United States for renewable, two-year periods if they "do not present a risk to national security or public safety."

— Stewart M. Powell; Source: Department of Homeland Security

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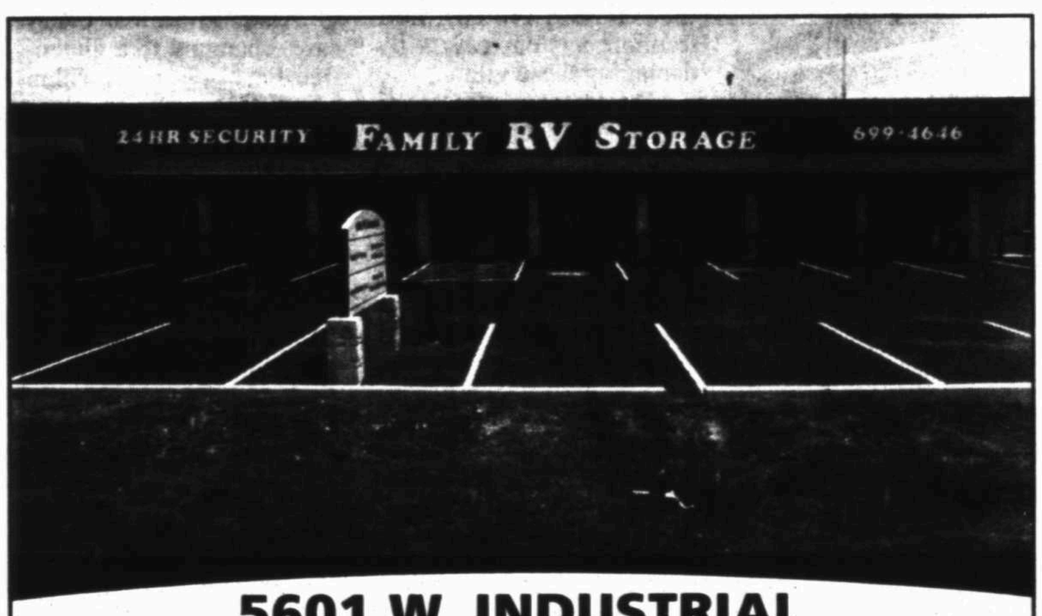

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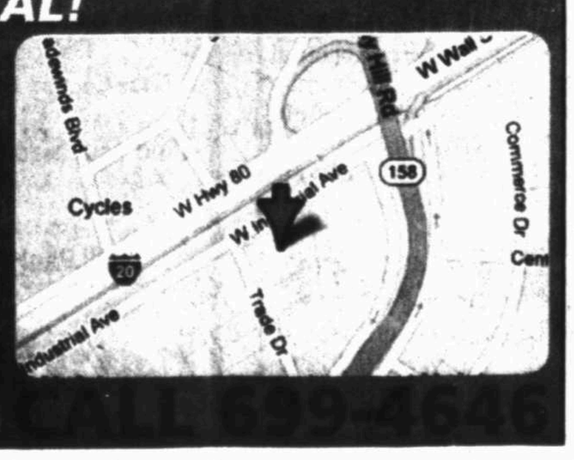

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Got an idea for Texas government? Post it

KEN HERMAN
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■ Time to do away with the Texas Senate or allow homeschooled students to play in the UIL? You got a better idea?

Texas lawmakers, weary of single-handedly shouldering the weighty burden of dreaming up bad ideas, want you to pitch in with some. Help, I'm pleased to report, is on the way.

Welcome to the Texas Red Tape Challenge, which, despite what you might read here, is a worthwhile effort to get citizen input on better ways to do things (as if it's possible to do things any better than Texas now does).

The program was announced last month by House Government Efficiency and Reform Committee Chairman Bill Callegari, R-Katy, who lamented that "when it comes to translating online public input into impact, something hasn't clicked."

Now you can click on texasredtapechallenge.com and offer ideas on four topics: occupational licensing, manufacturing regulations, public school mandates and agency rulemaking.

So far, there are some solid suggestions in each, which is disappointing to those of us who count on government for entertainment.

So let's peek into the "Off Topic Ideas" section. Here's one: "Eliminate the Texas Senate."

"The Texas Senate is an anachronistic, out of touch body that only serves to thwart the legitimate concerns of the majority of this state," wrote "blondie000123." According to the required registration, "blondie000123's" real name is Tiffany Goldsmith.

I'm sure some folks believe eliminating one of the two legislative chambers gets us halfway to the ultimate solution.

Also in Off Topic Ideas is one that's failed in the past. "Paul Hastings" (Paul Hastings, according to the registration) wants homeschooled kids to be allowed to participate in University Interscholastic League activities. Hastings notes that NFL quarterback Tim Tebow, home schooled in Florida, was allowed under that state's laws to play on his local high school team.

"If Tim Tebow had been born in Texas then all of his talents would have been wasted and he would never have been spotted by college recruiters in high school, never would have become a star quarterback, and would never have received the Heisman Trophy — all because he was home schooled and wouldn't have been allowed to play in UIL," Hastings wrote.

More important, if Tebow had been born in Texas, he would have learned the right way to throw a football.

My two cents: High school football teams should be made up of kids who go to that high school.

Does that sound too radical? Somewhere in Florida, there are kids who don't get to be their high school's starting QB because the slot goes to kids who don't attend that school.

Also submitted in Off Topic Ideas is "Illegam Immigration." Despite the typo, we know what we're talking about. This came from "lewis(underscore)jack3199" (Jack O. Lewis, according to the registration).

I thought I had heard every idea on this topic. I was wrong.

"Merge Old Mexico with New Mexico, placing those from Old Mexico under same laws as New Mexico."

Sure, scoff if you so choose. But this one's got potential.

If the Germanys could get back together, why not the Dakotas, Carolinas, Virginias and Mexicos? (I'm not as upbeat about a possible reunification of Dime Box and Old Dime Box.)

"It would help citizens of old Mexico to become legal citizens while giving them same responsibility and benefits of legal Americans, without all the hullaboo on the subjects," Lewis wrote.

In general, I support hullaboo reduction, if cost-effective. Here's an off-topic idea worthy of immediate implementation, which means it has no chance of ever being approved. "Andy Citizen" (real-name Andrew M. Wilson) wants legislators' personal financial disclosures posted online.

The current system, involving paper filings and requiring formal requests to see them, used to be OK.

Then Michael Dell got bored in his dorm room and used old blenders and crankcases to make computers available to the masses (as well as non-Catholics).

I encourage you to go to texasredtapechallenge.com and submit ideas. Depending on how often you participate, you can work your way up the site's "leaderboard." The eventual winner becomes governor.

George P. Bush pushes GOP's Hispanic outreach

By Jay Root
Texas Tribune

WESLEY CHAPEL, Fla. — George P. Bush, nephew and grandson of two former presidents, is stepping up his efforts to drive more Hispanics into the Texas Republican Party.

Party officials said Wednesday they are planning to make Bush a deputy finance chairman at their next meeting in September. An alternate delegate who lives in Fort Worth, Bush told Texas Republicans he will keep his focus on getting more Latino Republicans elected in Texas so the GOP can remains the state's dominant party as the Hispanic population explodes.

"We're rolling up our sleeves and doing the dirty work in Hispanic outreach, and we're going to be collaborating with the Republican Party helping to identify, recruit and support qualified candidates to go run for office," he said at a meeting of Texas delegates to the Republican National Convention.

Bush, whose mother was born in Mexico, remained coy about his own political ambition, saying he wasn't running for anything yet.

"Not right now. The plan is to help out," he said.

Bush said the recent primary victory of Ted Cruz, vying to become the first Hispanic senator from Texas, is a great recruiting tool.

"To have a young, energetic and enthusiastic Hispanic as our party's nominee for the U.S. Senate means a lot," Bush said. "I think it speaks to the direction of the party. I think it speaks to the future of the state of Texas and … he's willing to throw a punch or two to fight for our conservative values."

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How can you recognize gluten intolerance?

By Lyden Odukwu, M.D.

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Celiac disease, more commonly known as gluten intolerance, is one of the more under-diagnosed conditions in the U. S. Just a few years ago, experts thought it only affected one in 2,500 people, but now it is thought to affect 1-133 people, amounting to more than 3 million individuals. It seems, however, that only one in 4,700 is ever treated.

Untreated celiac disease can increase a person's risk of intestinal cancer by 40-100 times, and it can have other very serious results.

Because celiac's symptoms can also apply to other food-related conditions, it is often misdiagnosed or undiagnosed. Common symptoms include: Abdominal pain, bloating, gas, or indigestion; constipation; decreased appetite (may also be increased or unchanged); diarrhea, either constant or occasional; lactose intolerance; nausea and vomiting. This is just a short list—many others are possible.

A blood test, imaging and endoscopy are necessary to determine for sure whether a person has this condition.

Here is a brief explanation of Celiac disease. The lining of the intestines contains areas called villi, which help absorb nutrients. When people with celiac disease eat foods or use products that contain gluten, their immune system reacts by damaging these villi.

This damage affects the ability to absorb nutrients properly. A person becomes malnourished, no matter how much food he or she eats.

The main treatment for Celiac is to avoid eating foods containing gluten. Wheat and barley are at the top of this list, along with other grains. The good news is that more and more foods are being clearly labeled as gluten-free, and grocery stores and health-food stores even have gluten free sections. And the list of delicious gluten-free products and recipes is growing rapidly.

Also, in almost every case, changing to a gluten-free diet brings relief within a few days or weeks.

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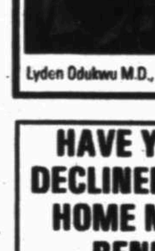
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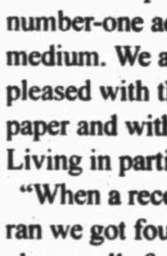
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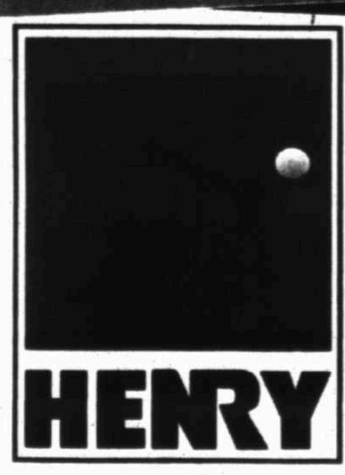
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deferred action and presents an employment authorization document meets the department's current lawful presence and identification policy," said an email from Tom Vinger, a spokesman for the Public Safety Department.

That driver's license will expire when the employment authorization permit expires, Vinger said.

Last week in Arizona, home to furious fights over immigration, Gov. Jan Brewer issued an executive order blocking the issuance of driver's licenses to those who qualified for deferred action and the work permit.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement employees filed a federal lawsuit in Dallas on Thursday over the Obama administration plan.

In a letter last week to state agencies, Texas Gov. Rick Perry sounded tough, too.

"To avoid any confusion on the impact of the Obama administration's actions, I am writing to ensure that all Texas agencies understand that Secretary Napolitano's guidelines confer absolutely no legal status whatsoever to any alien who qualifies for the federal deferred action designation," he wrote.

Perry added, "These guidelines do not change our obligations under federal and Texas law to determine a person's eligibility for state and local public benefits."

Under the initiative, the renewable two-year work permits will allow the foreign national to then apply for a temporary Social Security card, said Vanna Slaughter, the immigration services director for Catholic Charities of Dallas. The Social Security cards will be valid for the same time period as the work permit, Slaughter said. Applicants for the limited-term driver's license must show their Social Security number or fill out an affidavit explaining they don't have one. The state website lists the employment authorization document as a primary document accepted to meet the "lawful presence" requirement.

Perry also has supported a state law granting in-state tuition for immigrants in the U.S. without proper documents.

"He is really doing a balancing act," said Dan Kowalski, an Austin-based immigration attorney who edits an immigration law website. "He is placating the tea party and trying not to [anger] Latino voters."

Likewise, Rene Martinez, a retired educator working with immigrant youth, played down the governor's terse statements against the Obama initiative as "rhetoric" and said granting licenses to a group with a deportation reprieve was a smart public safety move.

This week, Georgia announced it would issue licenses to those young immigrants eligible for deferred action.

The Washington-based Migration Policy Institute estimates as many as 1.76. million illegal immigrants eventually could be eligible for the initiative. Applicants cannot be older than 31, must have arrived in this country before June 15, 2012, and must have five years of continuous residency, among other criteria.

California and Texas are estimated to have the largest number of young immigrants who qualify for the initiative, according to the Migration Policy Initiative.

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Masters of propaganda will say anything to reach their goals

■ Peopl who speak in such hyperbole are the ones to fear.

STEVE BLOW
Dallas Morning News

I have to ask: Are we in the midst of a national nervous breakdown?

Does it seem to anyone else that some among us have become just a touch unglued?

The comments from the county judge in Lubbock are certainly the latest and looniest example. But extreme overreaction seems to be the standard reaction to everything these days.

I think we saw it evidenced locally in the exaggerated fears over the aerial spraying for mosquitoes. You would think it was napalm those planes were laying down, not the same stuff trucks have been spraying for years.

Really, folks. Let's all take a deep breath and dial back the drama just a little.

My first reaction was to laugh at the crazy-town comments of Lubbock County Judge Tom Head. In explaining the need for a local tax increase, he said sheriff's deputies must be ready for a possible United Nations invasion of Lubbock County.

I thought: Is this the only way a Republican can support a tax increase these days?

But when I watched a clip of the county judge's TV interview, the humor drained away. It left me sad, seeing what the toxic combination of fear and misinformation can do to someone's good sense.

Head's whole paranoid fantasy is based on what happens if President Barack Obama is elected to a second term. "He's going to try to hand over the sovereignty of the United States to the U.N.," he said in utter seriousness, no doubt parroting some conspiracy claptrap he has been fed.

"And what is going to happen when that happens?" he went on. "I'm thinking the worst. Civil unrest, civil disobedience, civil war maybe. And we're not just talking a few riots here and demonstrations, we're talking Lexington, Concord, take up arms and get rid of the guy.

"Now what's going to happen if we do that, if the public decides to do that? He's going to send in U.N. troops. I don't want 'em in Lubbock County. OK. So I'm going to stand in front of their armored personnel carrier and say, 'You're not coming in here.'"

Craziest of all? He thinks he can stop them with a 1.7 percent tax increase.

On the other side of the political spectrum, Vice President Joe Biden was guilty of nutty hyperbole in that campaign speech the other day when he talked about Republicans wanting to roll back financial regulations, wanting to "unchain Wall Street."

Then, to the largely black audience, he added, "They're going to put y'all back in chains."

Yeah, financial deregulation one day. Slavery the next.

And of course we had Missouri political candidate Todd Akin just flat making up science by saying women don't get pregnant from rape — not "legitimate rape," anyway.

This wasn't Akin's first foray into the ridiculous. Earlier, the candidate for the U.S. Senate said, "At the heart of liberalism really is a hatred of God and a belief that government should replace God."

Does reality even matter anymore?

Or is it all just about winning votes, boosting ratings and manipulating people through these shameless appeals to fear?

I don't know, maybe I'm overreacting myself. I have no doubt that most Americans are grounded in common sense and hold reasonable, centered political views.

But we do have masters of propaganda at work these days, fanning fears and twisting the truth to suit their goals. They are the ones for us to fear, not each other.

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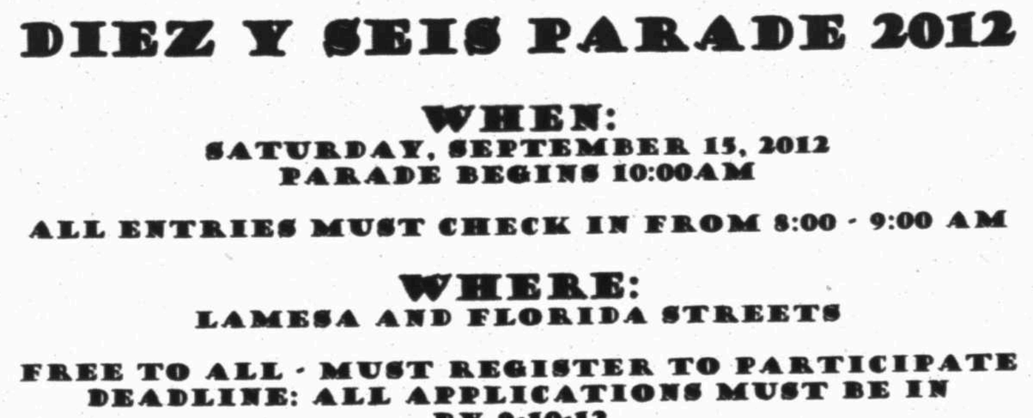

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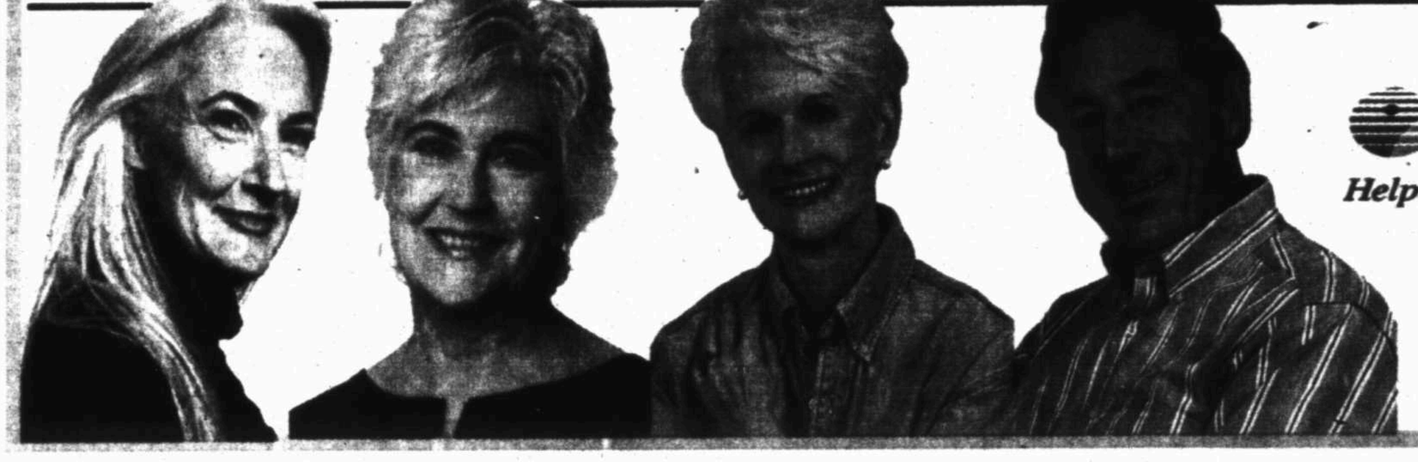

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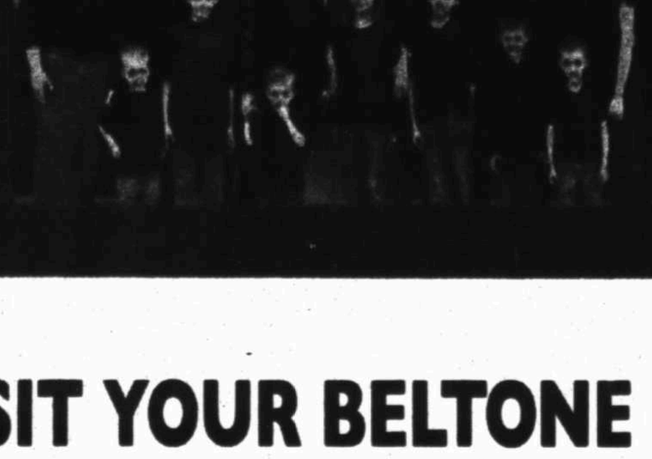

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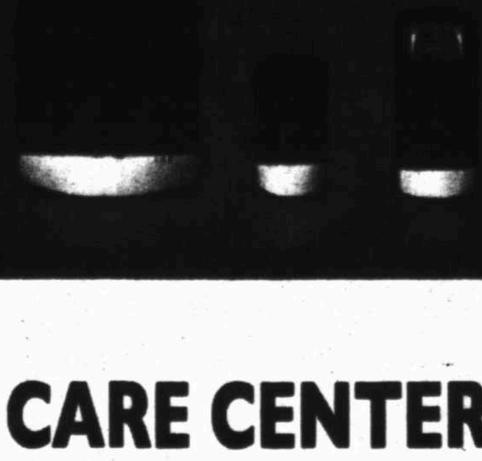

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Metroplex teams represent measuring stick for Lee, MHS

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When I hit I-20 West for the trip to Midland to begin my new job here in May 2011 I figured I was saying goodbye to my hometown except for holidays and vacations.

Yet at least once every sports season since I arrived here, whether it be football, basketball, baseball or any other sport, I've run into a tangible reminder of my old stomping grounds — Dallas, or as I've learned to call it here: "The Metroplex."

This week will be no different as Lee and Midland High head east Friday for road tests against Hurst L.D. Bell and Southlake Carroll.

And in the build-up to these two games I expect, like I have countless times since moving here, to answer a slew of questions comparing high school sports here and in my home region.

Perhaps the most interesting part of this debate is the perceived lack of respect, fair or unfair, in these clashes for teams from the Permian Basin — home of a proud sports tradition, particularly on the gridiron.

Yet despite that tradition, I'll never forget the disbelief among Metroplex high school fans and writers alike when a young Odessa Permian team defeated perennial power Cedar Hill two years ago, or when a one-loss Midland High team ousted Arlington Bowie from the playoffs later that season. You'd have thought David slayed Goliath.

Maybe it's the abundance of Metroplex teams represented in state title games, once a perennial stage for West Texas' best. Or maybe it's the Division-I prospects that dot Metroplex rosters like they once did here.

But having covered high school football in both places I can say that the difference between the teams, and players, in both regions is a bit overstated.

Perhaps West Texas schools lack the depth of Metroplex schools, but the idea that the quality of player is inferior seems to be a myth as those games two years ago proved.

One might point to the recent success of Metroplex teams in the postseason as a counter to that statement, but is that surprising when drawing from a larger pool of teams from often larger schools, particularly in 5A Division I?

Of course, when these teams meet the only numbers fans are interested in are the ones on the scoreboard when the clock hits 0:00, which leads us back to the looming road trips for Lee and

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Nice debut

Associated Press

Texas' Jurickson Profar, left, celebrates with Michael Young after Profar's first major league home run Sunday against the Cleveland Indians in Cleveland.

At 19, Profar HRs 1st time up, Texas beats Indians

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Jurickson Profar took his major league debut in stride. To the highly touted 19-year-old for the Texas Rangers, he was just playing another game of baseball with a new group of teammates.

Profar hit a home run in his first at-bat and doubled the next time up Sunday as Texas thumped the Cleveland Indians 8-3.

"I guess it's a pretty big thing," a smiling Profar said, his hair and neck covered in shaving cream from a celebratory "pie" administered by teammate Elvis Andrus.

"I was just a little bit nervous, but I'm with a lot of great players, so I just went out and played," he said.

Profar was a late substitute after second baseman Ian Kinsler was scratched with a stiff back. Profar opened the third inning with a drive over the right-

Rangers	**8**
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field wall, connecting on a 2-1 pitch from Zach McAllister (5-6)

"I was thinking, 'Go, go, go, go,' after I hit it," said Profar, who got the souvenir ball back.

Profar doubled in his next at-bat, then was late to hit in the fifth. With Luis Martinez on first with a single, Profar wasn't even in the on-deck circle. Suddenly, he grabbed a bat, ran to the plate and flied out on the second pitch.

"Mother Nature called," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "He got a couple hits and maybe his stomach realized what was happening."

Josh Hamilton, Adrian Beltre and David Murphy all hit solo home runs in the Texas fifth.

Derek Holland (10-6) gave up two runs over seven innings as the AL West-leading Rangers took two of three in the series. Texas matched its best record through 133 games, having also gone 79-54 in 1999.

"Texas is probably the best team in baseball, period," Indians manager Manny Acta said. "The guy hitting ninth today (Profar) could be in the middle of the order for most teams. And how do you get the ball through the infield with the guys they have playing there? They should go very deep, if not back to the World Series, again this year."

Cleveland dropped to 6-29 since July 27.

Profar went 2 for 4 as the first player born in 1993 to play in the majors. He became the youngest major leaguer to hit a homer since current teammate Adrian Beltre did it in 1998 for the Los Angeles Dodgers, also at age 19.

Please see **TEXAS**/2C

Roddick beats Fognini to postpone retirement

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Knowing full well each match could be his last, Andy Roddick is putting on a show while soaking up every moment along the way.

So when he pounded a forehand passing shot to seize a 20-stroke point Sunday, Roddick thrust both arms overhead, motioning to the full house of U.S. Open spectators to make even more noise. Moments later, after hitting a winning volley, Roddick wagged his right index finger while chugging back to the baseline.

Channeling his inner Jimmy Connors, Roddick is having a grand ol' time at his retirement party — and he's not done yet.

Roddick

Winning a second consecutive match since announcing the U.S. Open will be the last tournament of his career, 2003 champion Roddick stuck around at least a little longer by getting past 59th-ranked Fabio Fognini of Italy 7-5, 7-6 (1), 4-6, 6-4 in the third round Sunday.

"I'd be an idiot not to use the crowd right now. It's a huge advantage," Roddick said. "Each match is almost like it's another memory."

What comes next could really be memorable. In the fourth round Tuesday, the last American man to win a Grand Slam title will face 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro, who defeated Leonardo Mayer 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (9) in an all-Argentine match that featured one particularly noteworthy point. In the tiebreaker, Mayer smacked a backhand that somehow ricocheted off the top of a net post and landed in the court — but del Potro was unfazed, got the ball back and wound up winning the point.

"I'm going to have to serve well, kind of try to rush him a little bit," Roddick said about del Potro. "When he gets into a groove and has time, he'll put a hurt on the ball."

Looking ahead himself, del Potro wasn't about to get too sentimental about Roddick's impending departure from tennis.

"I know this is special, this day, for

Please see **RODDICK**/4C

Florence leads Baylor in easy win over SMU

Associated Press

WACO — Robert Griffin III sent an encouraging text message to his college successor. Nick Florence then went out and did his best impression of Baylor's departed Heisman Trophy winner.

Florence threw for 341 yards and four touchdowns, Mike Hicks returned a fumble for a score and Baylor beat SMU 59-24 on Sunday night in the opener for both teams.

"He just told me to be myself," Florence said. "I learned a lot from (Griffin). He's done a lot for our program. Just because he leaves, doesn't mean anything different happens here."

For at least one game, Baylor's offense didn't miss a beat with Florence in charge.

Florence last started as a freshman in 2009 when he replaced an injured Griffin for several games.

The senior was 21 of 30 and guided Baylor to 613 yards of offense Sunday. The Bears scored at least 45 points for the fifth straight game.

"I couldn't ask for a better situation to step into," said Florence, who didn't play in the fourth quarter. "The guys have a lot of confidence and there a lot of playmak-

Bears	**59**
Mustangs	24

ers out here."

Florence threw first-half touchdown passes to Lanear Sampson, Jordan Najvar and Tevin Reese, and hooked up with Sampson on a 36-yard scoring pass that put the Bears on top 45-3 in the third before Bryce Petty took over at quarterback.

Terrance Williams had 138 yards receiving, and Jarred Salubi and Glasco Martin each rushed for a TD.

"We felt like we knew what we had," Baylor coach Art Briles said. "I think they wanted to prove themselves and they did tonight."

SMU has lost 10 consecutive games to Baylor dating to 1986 when the schools were members of the defunct Southwest Conference.

The Mustangs' Garrett Gilbert was 34 of 59 for 286 yards and two touchdowns in his first game since transferring from Texas. Zach Line rushed for 135 yards.

The Bears intercepted two of Gilbert's passes and held the Mustangs without a touchdown until late in the third quarter.

"I've got to play better," Gilbert said "We can't shoot ourselves in the foot the way we did."

In last season's opener, Baylor blew a 24-point lead before beating TCU 50-48 on a late field goal. The Bears didn't need any late drama this time.

SMU's Darius Johnson couldn't handle Gilbert's pass at the goal line and the ball bounced high in the air. Hicks twice tipped the ball before Lackey intercepted it and returned it 23 yards.

Three plays later, Florence hit a streaking Reese for a 50-yard TD pass that extended Baylor's lead to 21-3 with 2:02 left in the first half.

"That was the turning point of the game," Florence said.

On the opening drive of the third quarter, Johnson caught a short pass and lost the ball just before hitting the ground. Hicks picked up the loose ball and ran 66 yards for a touchdown.

Baylor has won seven in a row. Only TCU at eight, has a longer streak in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

The Bears matched a school-record last season with 10 wins, a mark that was first set during star linebacker Mike Single-

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LM Otero/AP

Baylor wide receiver Tevin Reese (16) and quarterback Nick Florence (11) celebrate connecting for a touchdown pass Sunday against Southern Methodist in Waco.

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Monday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD
Sports Editor

This and that as this column has gone technical and is a day late for this week because of space limitations:

■ It's gonna hurt to hear this but after seeing the scores from this weekend involving District 2-5A football teams, it seems the district has turned into the Big 10 of my childhood.

In late 1970s and 80s, the league was pretty much Ohio State and Michigan and everybody else.

Yes, a team might sneak in there every now and then, but pretty much it was a Buckeyes' and Wolverines' league. After Friday and Saturday, it seems the district belongs to the two Abilene schools and everybody is fighting for the third and fourth playoff spots.

I thought it might happen this way but with the way some squads struggled in their openers this week, anybody beating those two Abilene squads is going to be considered an upset.

It's a long season, but if this weekend is any indication it's going to be tough for some squads to unseat the two Key City schools.

■ Another good job by the organizers of this year's ASCO Midland Football Madness for putting on a good event for the city. Seven games in three days is a lot and it seems like that could be the limit for three days.

The issue with the power on Thursday was rather interesting but the scoreboard was back working for the second game that night.

Although, that early morning text on Thursday from one of the organizers, and you know who you are, came as a little bit of a surprise.

■ It was a good call by organizers to get Forsan and Coahoma here to play their annual game. That game had a pretty good atmosphere even though it was hot and 50 miles from those two teams' towns.

Hopefully, that game will continue to be a part of the football festival for many years to come, if the two remain in different districts. How about this for a Thursday night lineup? Coahoma-Forsan followed by Midland Christian-Greenwood. That second game isn't likely to happen anytime soon but I will continue my campaign.

■ The NFL preseason has ended (Yay!!!!!), and now the regular season begins on Wednesday with the Cowboys and the Giants. I'm sure the ratings will be big for that game, but it's hard to know what to expect out of the Cowboys.

Meanwhile, it's weird that the Texans will not have Eric Winston on their roster this fall, but they are still a team that could contend for a title in the AFC. And they get to take on the Dolphins to open the season, meaning Ryan Tannehill will have the task of trying to figure out a Wade Phillips defense. Wade isn't the best head coach, but he can coach defense, and I'm sure Tannehill will see things he never thought existed in football.

■ The tour formerly known as the Nationwide Tour (now the Web.com Tour) is only a few weeks away from coming to the Tall City, and I'm sure preparations are already under way. But one concern for the tournament's organizers was getting enough hotel rooms for the players and caddies, so they made a push to have people host players. It's been done in the past, but I don't think it will be done on the scale of this year.

The hotel situation in the city is such that even local softball legend Freddie Ezell has said they won't bid for any big tournaments for a while.

■ High speed Atlanta Motor Speedway is on the docket today for the NASCAR Sprint Cup series. The emotions of Bristol have died down, and I doubt Tony Stewart will throw another helmet. But it was good to see some emotion at the race in Bristol.

By the way with all this going on, Greg Biffle is putting together the season of his life. He's going to be tough to beat in the Chase.

■ And finally, it's kind of cool to see your kids at their first high school football game and I'm hoping to see them come to many more.

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Frisco scores 2 in the 8th to beat 'Hounds

From staff reports

FRISCO — After clawing their way out of a two-run deficit to take the lead in the sixth inning, the Midland RockHounds saw the Frisco RoughRiders snatch victory from the jaws of defeat with two runs in the eighth of a 7-6 win Sunday at Dr Pepper Ballpark.

In a game where Midland hit two home runs and a triple compared to one extra-base hit by the RoughRiders, a Zach Zaneski double, the RockHounds saw all that nullified on a two-run single by Tommy Mendonca that proved to be the game-winning hit.

Frisco jumped out to the early advantage in the first, scoring three runs thanks to a Mendonca hit by pitch with the bases loaded and a two-run single by Alex Buchholz.

But Midland answered right back in the top of the second as Dusty Coleman followed an Eliezer Mesa sacrifice fly with a two-run blast to left.

Frisco, however, regained the lead in the bottom of the frame when Zaneski scored on a fielding error by Tyler Ladendorf and Guilder Rodriguez scored on a ground-out to make it 5-3.

That score held until the fourth, when Midland knotted it up again on a two-run shot by Jeremy Barfield with no outs.

Yet Frisco starter Nicholas Tepesch was able to end the scoring there by retiring the next three RockHounds to the plate.

Midland finally grabbed its first lead of the game on a Mesa RBI triple in the top of the sixth off Frisco reliever Jon Edwards, who replaced Tepesch that inning.

RoughRiders 7
RockHounds 6

TL Standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Springfield	42	25	.627	—
x-Frisco	34	34	.500	8 1/2
Arkansas	34	35	.493	9
NW Arkansas	21	47	.309	21 1/2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Corpus Christi	43	26	.623	—
x-Frisco	39	30	.565	4
San Antonio	32	37	.464	11
Midland	28	39	.418	14

x-clinched first half
y-clinched division (tiebreaker to second half)
z-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Scores
Springfield 10, Arkansas 1
Frisco 7, Midland 6
Tulsa 3, Northwest Arkansas 1
San Antonio 4, Corpus Christi 3

Today's Games
Springfield at Arkansas, 1 p.m.
Midland at Frisco, 1 p.m.
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 1 p.m.
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 6:05 p.m.

But RockHounds reliever Ian Krol was unable to hold the lead thanks to Mendonca's heroics in the eighth, which Krol contributed to with a wild pitch that moved the winning run into scoring position.

The RockHounds, losers of four straight, wrap up their season at 1 p.m. today with the final game of a three-game series against the RoughRiders.

ROUGHRIDERS 7, ROCKHOUNDS 6

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Crumbliss lf	4	0	0	0	Garcia 2b	4	1	1	0
Ladendorf 2b	5	0	1	0	Rodriguez ss	4	2	1	1
Allotti 1b	5	0	1	0	Hoying cf	3	2	2	0
Head 3b	2	0	0	0	McGuiness 1b	4	0	0	1
Gil 3b	1	0	0	0	Primo rf	4	1	1	0
Freitas c	4	2	2	0	Mendonca 3b	3	0	1	3
Barfield rf	3	2	1	2	Buchholz dh	3	0	1	2
Taylor dh	3	1	1	0	Majewski lf	3	0	0	0
Mesa cf	3	0	1	2	Zaneski c	3	1	1	0
Coleman ss	3	1	1	2					
Totals	33	6	8	6	Totals	31	7	8	7
Midland					030	201	000	—6	
Frisco					320	000	02x	—7	

E — Ladendorf (11). DP — Midland 2. LOB — Midland 6, Frisco 3. 2B — Zaneski (14). 3B — Mesa (2). HR — Coleman (15), Barfield (13). SF — Mesa.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Haviland	6.2	5	5	4	2	7
Krol L, 1-2	1.1	3	2	2	0	1
Frisco						
Tepesch	5.0	6	5	5	1	6
Edwards	2.0	2	1	1	3	3
Font W, 2-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	3
Wolf S, 9	1.0	0	0	0	0	3

WP — Krol. HBP — by Haviland (Mendonca).
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MIDLANDPRO BASEBALLUPDATE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Here is an update of baseball players from Midland or players with a Midland connection who are active and playing professional baseball.

Through Saturday, Sept. 1
Pitchers

Chris Withrow (Midland Christian), RHP, Chatanooga Lookouts (L.A. Dodgers Double-A), 7-day disabled list

G	IP	WL	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
22	60.0	3-3	2	52	34	31	36	64	4.65

Jim Henderson (Midland College), RHP, Milwaukee Brewers

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
19	15.2	0-2	3	17	6	6	8	24	3.45

Nashville Sounds (Milwaukee Brewers Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
35	48.0	4-3	15	36	10	9	22	56	1.69

Logan Bawcom (Greenwood, Midland College), Jackson Generals (Seattle Mariners Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
11	13.1	2-0	6	6	3	3	15	14	2.03

RHP, Chatanooga Lookouts (L.A. Dodgers Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
26	32.2	3-3	13	29	10	10	15	35	2.76

Rancho Cucamonga (L.A. Dodgers Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
12	14.0	1-1	7	4	1	1	6	24	0.64

Brandon Williamson (Lee High School, Midland College), RHP, Brevard County Manatees (Milwaukee Brewers Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
20	94.0	4-10	0	113	72	59	31	64	5.65

Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (Milwaukee Brewers Single-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1	6.0	0-0	0	4	3	3	2	3	4.50

Huntsville Stars (Milwaukee Brewers Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
2	9.0	0-0	0	9	6	5	3	7	5.00

Carson Smith (Midland Christian), RHP, High Desert Mavericks, (Seattle Mariners Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
48	60.2	5-1	15	53	22	20	28	74	2.97

Conrad Flynn (Lee), RHP
South Bend Silver Hawks

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
4	19.2	0-1	0	25	14	14	5	15	6.41

Visalia Rawhide (Arizona Diamondbacks Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
12	40.0	1-1	0	48	33	32	17	41	7.20

Mobile BayBears (Arizona Diamondbacks Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
4	12.0	0-1	0	14	6	4	0	5	3.00

Reno Aces (Arizona Diamondbacks Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1	7.0	1-0	0	9	6	5	2	2	6.43

Lance Day (Midland College), RHP, Tri-City Valley Cats (Houston Astros Class A short season)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
10	47.2	6-1	0	46	15	12	5	29	2.27

Position Players

Laynce Nix (Midland High), OF, Philadelphia Phillies

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
102	13	26	8	0	3	14	11	0	.255

Jayson Nix (Midland High), 3B, New York Yankees

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
142	22	36	10	0	4	16	11	5	.254

Tim Smith (Midland College), OF, 7-day disabled list
Mississippi Braves (Atlanta Braves Double-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
156	22	46	6	1	2	22	13	3	.295

Lynchburg Hillcats (Atlanta Braves Advanced-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
50	10	16	4	0	1	6	6	0	.320

Chad Stang (Midland College), OF, Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (Milwaukee Brewers Single-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
471	82	126	24	9	8	45	42	25	.268

Rebel Ridling (Midland College), 1B
Daytona Cubs (Chicago Cubs Advanced-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
231	29	56	16	0	5	31	22	3	.242

Tennessee Smokies (Chicago Cubs Double-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
226	25	+43	7	1	8	36	28	2	.190

Reid Redman (Midland Christian, Midland College), 3B, Princeton Rays (Tampa Bays Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
226	40	60	15	2	2	26	21	6	.265

Steel Russell (Midland College), C, GCL Orioles (Baltimore Orioles Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
128	7	23	2	1	0	11	9	0	.180

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RANGERS 8, INDIANS 3

CLEVELAND — Jurickson Profar made quite a debut at age 19, homering in his first major league at-bat and doubling his next time up as the Texas Rangers beat Cleveland 8-3 Sunday.

Profar opened the third inning with a drive over the right-field wall, connecting on a 2-1 pitch from Zach McAllister (5-6). The teen finished 2 for 4 as a late substitute after second baseman Ian Kinsler was scratched with a stiff back.

ATHLETICS 6, RED SOX 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Seth Smith hit a two-run homer, Stephen Drew hit his first home run since joining Oakland and the Athletics beat Boston for their season-best ninth straight win.

Brett Anderson (3-0) won his third straight start since returning from a 14-month absence to recover from Tommy John surgery. It was a big boost for the AL wild-card leading A's down the stretch after losing Bartolo Colon to a 50-game suspension.

ORIOLES 8, YANKEES 3

NEW YORK — Mark Reynolds hit a three-run shot in the sixth inning for his second two-homer game of the weekend series and the Baltimore Orioles closed in on the AL East-leading New York Yankees.

Randy Wolf (1-0) made his first appearance for Baltimore when starter Chris Tillman left with right elbow stiffness after the third inning. He helped the Orioles pull within two games of the Yankees with 3 1-3 effective innings.

RAYS 9, BLUE JAYS 4

TORONTO — David Price earned his AL-leading 17th victory by pitching 6 2-3 solid innings and Ben Francisco homered in his first start for Tampa Bay as the Rays beat Toronto.

Carlos Pena also homered as the Rays won for only the third time in nine games, pulling within 3 1/2 games of the AL East-leading New York Yankees. The Yankees begin a three-game series at Tampa Bay on Monday.

MARINERS 2, ANGELS 1

SEATTLE — Jesus Montero hit another home run off Angels ace Jered Weaver, leading Hisashi Iwakuma and the Seattle Mariners past Los Angeles.

Carlos Peguero also homered against Weaver. Iwakuma (6-3) pitched 7 1-3 scoreless innings and helped end the Angels' five-game winning streak.

ROYALS 6, TWINS 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Tony Abreu drove in three runs and the Kansas City Royals beat Minnesota to avoid a three-game sweep.

Abreu's three RBIs matched his career high, set on Sept. 18, 2007, while with Arizona at Colorado.

TIGERS 4, WHITE SOX 2

DETROIT — Justin Verlander shut down Chicago after the first inning and Delmon Young hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the sixth Sunday night to lift the Detroit Tigers to a 4-2 victory over the White Sox and a share of first place in the AL Central.

Alejandro De Aza hit Verlander's second pitch of the night over the wall in right field, but the Detroit ace was outstanding after that. Verlander (13-7) allowed four hits in eight innings, striking out 11 with two walks. The Tigers swept the three-game series to pull even with the White Sox atop the division.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
REDS 5, ASTROS 3

HOUSTON — Jay Bruce's three-run homer keyed Cincinnati's five-run eighth inning and the NL Central-leading Reds rallied past Houston.

Bruce's 29th homer came against Xavier Cedeno (0-1).

BRAVES 8, PHILLIES 7

ATLANTA — Chipper Jones hit a three-run homer off Jonathan Papelbon with two outs in the ninth inning, capping a five-run rally that sent the Atlanta Braves over the Philadelphia Phillies 8-7 on Sunday.

NATIONALS 4, CARDINALS 3

WASHINGTON — Stephen Strasburg allowed two hits over six scoreless innings, striking out nine before being pulled as the Washington Nationals beat St. Louis.

GIANTS 7, CUBS 5

CHICAGO — Angel Pagan hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the ninth inning and the NL West-leading San Francisco Giants closed out a successful road trip by beating the Cubs.

DODGERS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 4

LOS ANGELES — Adrian Gonzalez doubled in the tying and winning runs in the bottom of the ninth inning, lifting the Los Angeles Dodgers over Arizona.

BREWERS 12, PIRATES 8

MILWAUKEE — Ryan Braun hit his NL-leading 37th home run, pitcher Yovani Gallardo also connected and the Milwaukee Brewers sent Pittsburgh to its 10th loss in 13 games.

METS 5, MARLINS 1

MIAMI — Jason Bay hit his fifth career grand slam in the Mets' five-run first inning and New York earned a three-game sweep over Miami.

ROCKIES 11, PADRES 10

DENVER — Chris Nelson had a go-ahead, three-run homer in the seventh inning and the Colorado Rockies overcame a career-best six RBIs by Chase Headley to beat San Diego Padres.

MASON

From 1C

Midland High.

For two teams that combined to win two district games in 2011, Friday seems to be a great opportunity to gauge where they stand just a week away from the start of district play in 2-5A.

No words are necessary for what a win against the defending 5A Division I champions would mean for a Midland High team that is replacing 18 starters, including every one on offense.

And a win against a perennial playoff team in Bell would have to qualify as an encouraging sign for Lee, who is trying to end a two-year postseason hiatus this year.

That perceived lack of respect is likely to continue this week, but if I've learned anything covering this district for the past year, it's to expect the unexpected.

In the first week of the high school season, Lee and Midland High did what two of their district mates weren't able to do, which is beat an El Paso team (Permian lost to host Montwood and San Angelo Central lost to visiting Franklin).

I'm not sure what kind of statement is made in a Week 0 game — especially one with a 16-1 edge in penalties for the home team like Permian's loss to Montwood — but El Paso writers and fans seem to believe one was made by perhaps their top two teams this past week.

And it appears Lee and Midland High may be able to make similar statements about where their seasons are headed this week.

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TEXAS

From 1C

"It was a special day for a special kid," Washington said. "This kid is blessed. He's got a bright future, but let's not put him in the Hall of Fame yet."

He's already in the Rangers' record book as the first player to homer his first time up in a Texas uniform. The last player to do it in franchise history was Brant Alyea for the Washington Senators in 1965. The Senators moved to Texas in 1972.

Profar is the third-youngest player in Rangers history behind pitchers David Clyde and Wilson Alvarez. He hit .281 with 14 homers and 62 RBIs at Double-A Frisco and homered in the Futures Game in July in Kansas City during All-Star week.

"This kid is not afraid," Washington said, who talked to Profar when Kinsler came up ailing.

"He asked me how many games I have played at second base," said Profar, who has played more at shortstop. "I told him and he said, 'OK, you're in the game, playing second.'

"I was kind of shocked, but I was also ready for it."

Andrus had three hits. He has hit in all 29 of his career games against Cleveland.

After Profar's homer, the Rangers sent seven more batters to the plate in the third. Nelson Cruz had an RBI double and Murphy a two-run single to make it 4-0.

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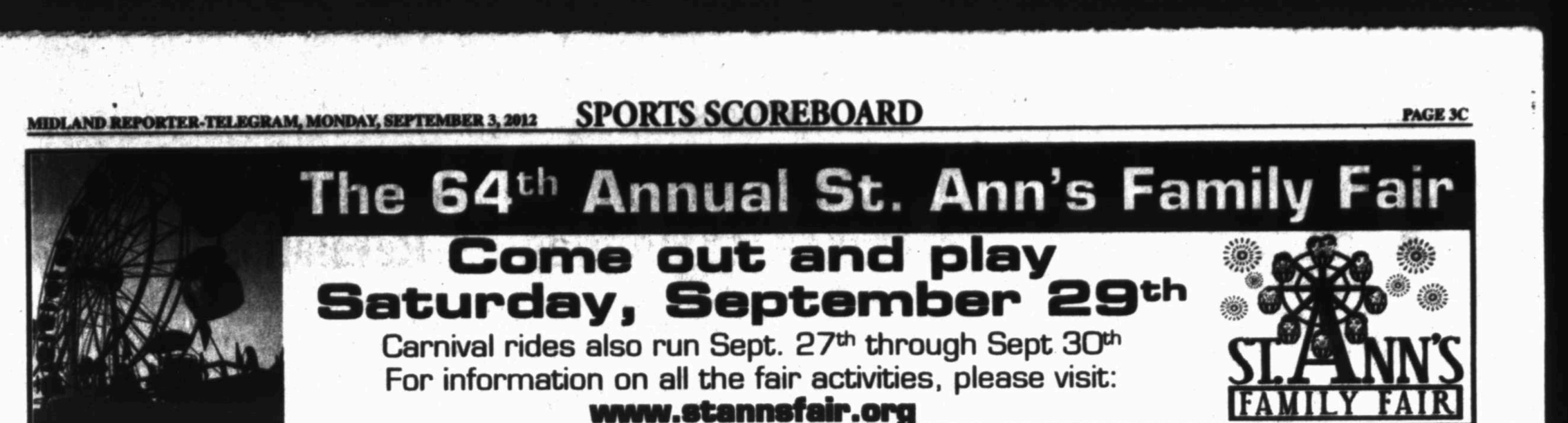

MLB Wild Card

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Oakland	76	57	.571	—
Baltimore	74	59	.556	2
Tampa Bay	73	61	.545	1 1/2
Detroit	72	61	.541	2 -
Los Angeles	71	63	.530	3 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Atlanta	75	59	.560	—
St. Louis	72	63	.533	3
Los Angeles	72	63	.533	1/2
Pittsburgh	70	63	.526	1 1/2
Milwaukee	66	68	.489	6 1/2
Arizona	66	69	.489	6 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 8, N.Y.Yankees 3
Texas 8, Cleveland 3
Tampa Bay 9, Toronto 4
Kansas City 6, Minnesota 4
Oakland 6, Boston 2
Seattle 2, L.A. Angels 1
Chicago White Sox 4, Detroit 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Baltimore 8, N.Y. Yankees 3
Texas 8, Cleveland 3
Tampa Bay 9, Toronto 4
Kansas City 6, Minnesota 4
Oakland 6, Boston 2
Seattle 2, L.A. Angels 1
Chicago White Sox 2
Detroit 0, Chicago White Sox 1

Today's Games

Cleveland (Kluber 0-3) at Detroit (A.Sanchez 2-4), 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (J.Saunders 0-1) at Toronto (Happ 3-1), 12:07 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 13-4) at Tampa Bay (Shields 12-8), 12:10 p.m.
Texas (Darvish 13-9) at Kansas City (B.Chen 10-10), 1:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 10-9) at Oakland (Milone 11-9), 3:05 p.m.
Boston (Buchholz 11-4) at Seattle (Vargas 13-9), 3:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Deduno 5-2) at Chicago White Sox (H.Santiago 2-1), 6:10 p.m.

Coll. Football

The AP Top 25 Fared

No. 1 Southern Cal (1-0) beat Hawaii 49-10. Next: vs. Syracuse at East Rutherford, N.J., Saturday.

No. 2 Alabama (1-0) beat No. 8 Michigan 41-14. Next: vs. Western Kentucky, Saturday.

No. 3 LSU (1-0) beat North Texas 41-14. Next: vs. Washington, Saturday.

No. 4 Oklahoma (1-0) beat UTEP 24-7. Next: vs. Florida A&M, Saturday.

No. 5 Oregon (1-0) beat Arkansas State 57-34. Next: vs. Fresno State, Saturday.

No. 6 Georgia (1-0) beat Buffalo 45-23. Next: at Missouri, Saturday.

No. 7 Florida State (1-0) beat Murray State 69-3. Next: vs. Savannah State, Saturday.

No. 8 Michigan (0-1) lost to No. 2 Alabama 41-14. Next: vs. Air Force, Saturday.

No. 9 South Carolina (1-0) beat Vanderbilt 17-13, Thursday. Next: East Carolina, Saturday.

No. 10 Arkansas (1-0) beat Jacksonville State 49-24. Next: vs. Louisiana-Monroe, Saturday.

No. 11 West Virginia (1-0) beat Marshall 69-34. Next: vs. James Madison at Landover, Md., Sept. 15.

No. 12 Wisconsin (1-0) beat Northern Iowa 26-21. Next: at Oregon State, Saturday.

No. 13 Michigan State (1-0) beat No. 24 Boise State 17-13, Friday. Next: at Central Michigan, Saturday.

No. 14 Clemson (1-0) beat Auburn 26-19. Next: vs. Ball State, Saturday.

No. 15 Texas (1-0) beat Wyoming 37-17. Next: vs. New Mexico, Saturday.

No. 16 Virginia Tech (0-0) vs. Georgia Tech, Today. Next: vs. Austin Peay, Saturday.

No. 17 Nebraska (1-0) beat Southern Miss 49-20. Next: at UCLA, Saturday.

No. 18 Ohio State (1-0) beat Miami (Ohio) 56-10. Next: vs. UCF, Saturday.

No. 19 Oklahoma State (1-0) beat Savannah State 84-0. Next: at Arizona, Saturday.

No. 20 TCU (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Grambling, Saturday.

No. 21 Stanford (1-0) beat San Jose State 20-17, Friday. Next: vs. Duke, Saturday.

No. 22 Kansas State (1-0) beat Missouri State 51-8. Next: vs. Miami, Saturday.

No. 23 Florida (1-0) beat Bowling Green 27-14. Next: at Texas A&M, Saturday.

No. 24 Boise State (0-1) lost to No. 13 Michigan State 17-13, Friday. Next: vs. Miami (Ohio), Sept. 15.

No. 25 Louisville (1-0) beat Kentucky 32-14. Sunday. Next: vs. Missouri State, Saturday.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 59, SMU 24

SOUTH

Bethune-Cookman 38, Alabama St. 28
Louisville 32, Kentucky 14

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting KC	15	7	5	50	34	24
New York	13	7	7	46	39	29
Chicago	13	8	5	44	35	31
Houston	11	7	9	42	39	33
Columbus	12	8	6	42	33	30
D.C.	12	10	5	41	43	38
Montreal	12	14	3	39	43	46
Philadelphia	7	13	5	26	25	30
New England	6	14	7	25	33	38
Toronto FC	6	16	6	24	30	48

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	16	6	5	53	56	33
Real Salt Lake	14	10	4	46	38	32
Seattle	12	6	8	44	41	27
Los Angeles	13	11	4	43	48	40
Vancouver	10	11	7	37	29	37
FC Dallas	8	12	8	33	34	38
Chivas USA	7	11	7	28	20	39
Portland	7	13	6	27	27	43
Colorado	8	17	2	26	33	41

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Sunday's Scores

Chicago 3, Houston 1
FC Dallas 1, Seattle FC 1, tie
San Jose 4, Chivas USA 0

Wednesday's Games

Columbus at New England, 7 p.m.
Portland at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Real Salt Lake at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Chivas USA at Seattle FC, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY'S TEXAS SUMMARIES

FIRE 3, DYNAMO 1

Houston	0	1	— 1
Chicago	2	1	— 3

First half—1, Chicago, Nyarko 3, 1st minute. 2, Chicago, Paladini 2, 19th.

Second half—3, Houston, Ching 5, 90th+4. Chicago, Alex 1 (Quiro), 90th+.

Goalies—Houston, Tally Hall; Chicago, Sean Johnson.

Yellow Cards—Boswell, Houston, 79th. Referee—David Gantar. Assistant Referees—Brian Poeschel, Scott Kachmarik. 4th Official—Michael Kennedy.

Lineups

Houston—Tally Hall, Corey Ashe, Andre Hainault (Kofi Sarkodie, 46th), Jermaine Taylor (Brian Ching, 63rd), Bobby Boswell, Jo-Vaughn Watson, Oscar Garcia, Brad Davis, Ricardo Clark, Will Bruin, Macoumba Kandji (Calen Carr, 81st).

Chicago—Sean Johnson, Gonzalo Segares, Arne Friedrich, Jalil Anibaba, Austin Berry, Chris Rolfe (Logan Pause, 85th), Alvaro Fernandez, Pavel Pardo, Daniel Paladini, Patrick Nyarko (Dominic Oduro, 77th), Sherjill MacDonald (Alex, 55th).

FC DALLAS 1, SOUNDERS FC 1

Seattle FC	1	0	— 1
FC Dallas	1	0	— 1

First half—1, Seattle FC, Rosales 2 (Zakuani), 20th minute. 2, FC Dallas, Jackson 3 (Perez), 32nd.

Second half—None.

Goalies—Seattle FC, Michael Gspurning; FC Dallas, Kevin Hartman.

Yellow Cards—Montero, Seattle FC, 30th; John, FC Dallas, 42nd; Jackson, FC Dallas, 56th; Gonzalez, Seattle FC, 72nd.

Referee—Sorin Tiboca. Assistant Referees—Kermit Quisenberry, Jesse Johnson. 4th Official—Hilario Grajeda.

A—12,811 (21,193)

Lineups

Seattle FC—Michael Gspurning, Jeff Parke, Adam Johansson, Patrick Ianni, Leo Gonzalez, Mauro Rosales, Osvaldo Alonso (Servando Carrasco, 78th), Steve Zakuani (Alex Caskey, 66th), Christian Tiffert, Brad Evans (Marc Burch, 87th), Fredy Montero.

FC Dallas—Kevin Hartman, George John, Zach Loyd, Jair Benitez, Matt Hedges (Herman Pertuz, 57th), Jackson, Andrew Jacobson (Daniel Hernandez, 63rd), David Ferreira, Julian De Guzman, Brek Shea (Carlos Rodriguez, 86th), Blas Perez.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AL Boxes

RANGERS 8, INDIANS 3

Texas

	ab	r	h	bi
Andrus ss	5	1	3	0
MiYhng dh	5	1	2	1
Hamlin cf	4	2	1	1
Beltre 3b	5	1	1	1
N.Cruz rf	5	1	2	1
DvMrp lf	4	1	3	2
Morlnd 1b	5	0	0	0
LMrnz c	4	0	1	0
Profar 2b	4	1	2	1
Totals	**41**	**8**	**15**	**8**

	ab	r	h	bi
Donald 3b	5	0	0	0
Kipnis 2b	4	1	2	2
Cbanin lb	4	0	2	0
Canzler lf	4	0	1	0
Neal rf	4	0	1	1
Lillibrdg ss	3	0	0	0
LaPort dh	3	0	1	0
Anson c	3	0	1	0
Carrer cf	3	0	1	0
Totals	**34**	**3**	**9**	**3**

Texas	**004**	**030**	**010**	**— 8**
Cleveland	**000**	**000**	**300**	**— 3**

E—Moreland (3), DP—Texas 1, Cleveland 1. LOB—Texas 8, Cleveland 7. 2B—M.Young (21), N.Cruz (36), Profar (1), C.Santana (24), Canzler (1), Neal (1), HR—Hamilton (37), Beltre (27), DavMurphy (13), Profar (1), C.Santana (14). SB—Andrus (20), Lillibridge (10).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
D.Holland W,10-6	7	7	2	2	2	6
M.Lowe	1	2	1	1	0	0
Schoppers	1	0	0	0	1	1
Cleveland						
M.Bumett L,5-6	5	11	7	7	2	4
S.Barnes	2	2	0	0	0	1
Herrmann	2	2	1	1	0	3

T—2:54. A—19,474 (43,429).

RAYS 9, BLUE JAYS 4

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
DJnngs lf	4	2	3	1
Fuld cf	2	0	1	0
BUpton cf	2	1	1	0
EJhnsn 3b	2	0	0	0
Zobrist ss	4	0	2	2
Thmps lf	2	0	1	0
Longori 3b	4	1	2	1
Brignc ss	1	0	0	0
Kppngr dh	3	0	1	1
Scott ph-dh	2	0	0	0
BFrncs rf	4	1	2	2
C.Pena 1b	3	2	2	2
RRorts 2b	5	1	1	0
JMolin c	3	1	1	1
CGmnz c	1	0	1	0
Totals	**43**	**9**	**18**	**9**

Tampa Bay	**161**	**100**	**000**	**— 9**
Toronto	**000**	**000**	**202**	**— 4**

DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 12, Toronto 9. 2B—Longoria 2 (10), B.Francisco (6), R.Roberts (7), McCoy (1). HR—B.Francisco (1), C.Pena (17), Encarnacion (37), SB—De.Jennings (24). S—B.Upton. SF—Encarnacion.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Price W,17-5	6	2-3	3	2	2	4
Badenhop	1	1-3	0	0	0	0
C.Ramos	1	2	2	2	0	0
Toronto						
R.Romero L,8-13	1	8	7	7	1	0
Jenkins	5	7	2	2	1	3
Laffey	3	3	0	0	2	3

R.Romero pitched to 7 batters in the 2nd.

HBP—by Price (Rasmus). WP—Laffey.

T—2:58. A—18,568 (49,260).

ORIOLES 8, YANKEES 3

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Markks rf	5	0	3	2
Hardy ss	5	0	0	0
McLoth lf	4	1	1	0
Adjons cf	5	1	1	0
Wieters c	4	2	1	1
MrRynl 1b	5	3	3	4
Davis dh	3	0	1	0
Machd 3b	4	1	2	0
Andino 2b	3	0	0	1
Totals	**38**	**8**	**12**	**8**

Baltimore	**000**	**014**	**030**	**— 8**
New York	**200**	**000**	**100**	**— 3**

DP—Baltimore 3, New York 1. LOB—Baltimore 7, New York 5. 2B—J.Nix (11). HR—Mar.Reynolds 2 (16), Djeterson (1). S—J.Nix.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Tillman	3	2	2	2	2	2
Wolf W,1-0	3	1-3	1	1	1	1
Ayala	1	1	0	0	0	0
Matusz	2	3	0	0	0	1
O'Day	1	0	0	0	1	1
New York						
PHughes L,13-12	5	8	5	5	1	6
Eppley	1	1-3	1	0	0	0
Rapada	1	2	0	0	0	1
Chamberlain	1	3	1	2	1	0
J.Thomas	1	3	0	0	0	1
D.Lowe	0	1	1	1	1	0
Logan	0	1	0	0	0	0
Wade	1	2	3	0	0	0

PHughes pitched to 4 batters in the 6th. Chamberlain pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.

D.Lowe pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. Logan pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.

HBP—by Ayala (J.Nix). WP—Tillman 2.

T—3:19. A—46,501 (50,291).

ROYALS 6, TWINS 4

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Revere cf	5	0	1	0
JCarrll 3b	4	1	2	0
Mauer 1b	4	0	3	0
Mornea dh	4	1	1	1
Doumit c	4	1	0	0
Plumlee rf	4	1	2	1
ACasill 2b	4	0	2	2
Flormn ss	3	0	0	0
Plouffe ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**36**	**4**	**11**	**4**

Minnesota	**110**	**100**	**002**	**— 4**
Kansas City	**030**	**011**	**01x**	**— 6**

DP—Kansas City 1. LOB—Minnesota 6, Kansas City 8. 2B—Mauer (27), Lough (1), L.Cain (6), Hosmer (20), HR—Parmelee (4). SB—Moustakas (4), L.Cain (7). CS—J.Carroll (4). SF—Hosmer.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Vasquez L,0-1	5	2-3	7	5	5	3
T.Robertson		1	1	0	0	0
Al.Burnett	2	3	3	1	1	2
Duensing	2	3	0	0	0	1
Kansas City						
Mendoza	5	7	2	2	0	3
Collins W,5-2	1	3	2	2	1	2
Bueno	1	2-3	1	0	0	1
Crow	1	3	0	0	0	0
G.Holland S,10-12	1	0	0	0	0	3

T—2:55. A—23,641 (37,903).

ATHLETICS 6, RED SOX 2

Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Ciriaco lf	4	1	1	0
Pdsdnk cf	4	0	1	0
Pedroia 2b	4	1	3	0
C.Ross rf	4	0	1	1
MGonz 3b	3	0	0	1
Lvrnway c	4	0	0	0
Aviles dh	3	0	0	0
Loney 1b	3	0	0	0
Iglesias ss	2	0	0	0
			Pnngtn	2b
Totals	**31**	**2**	**6**	**2**

Boston	**000**	**001**	**001**	**— 2**
Oakland	**212**	**100**	**00x**	**— 6**

LOB—Boston 4, Oakland 7. 2B—Pedroia (32), Drew (3). HR—S.Smith (13), Drew (1), SB—Crisp (31), Pennington (15). SF—M.Gomez, Reddick.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Matsuzaka L,1-4	3	2-3	7	6	6	4
A.Miller		1-3	3	0	0	0
Breslow		1	0	0	0	2
Tazawa		1	0	0	0	0
Melancon		1	1	0	0	0
Oakland						
Bre.Anderson W,3-0	6	5	1	1	1	4
R.Cook	1	0	0	0	0	1
Doolittle	1	0	0	0	0	1
Balfour	1	1	1	1	0	1

T—2:51. A—25,314 (35,067).

MARINERS 2, ANGELS 1

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Trout cf	4	0	0	0
TrHntr rf	4	0	0	0
Pujols dh	4	0	1	0
KMorls 1b	3	0	0	0
V.Wells pr	0	1	0	0
Trumo lf	4	0	0	0
HKndrc 2b	4	0	1	0
Aybar ss	3	0	1	0
MIzturs 3b	3	0	1	0
Iannetti c	3	0	2	0
AnPhlps pr	0	0	0	0
BoWlsn c	0	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**1**	**6**	**1**

Los Angeles	**000**	**000**	**001**	**— 1**
Seattle	**000**	**110**	**00x**	**— 2**

E—Ackley (4). DP—Los Angeles 1. LOB—Los Angeles 6, Seattle 7. 2B—Pujols (37), Iannetta (5). HR—J.Montero (15), C.Paguero (2). SB—H.Kendrick (11), Aybar (14). CS—Gutierrez (1), T.Robinson (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Weaver L,16-4	5	1-3	8	2	2	4
Maronde	1	3	0	0	0	1
Williams	2	3	1	0	0	1
Seattle						
Iwakuma W,6-3	7	1-3	5	0	0	0
Kinney	2	3	0	0	0	0
Wilhelmsen S,22-25	1	1	1	1	1	1

T—2:48. A—20,584 (47,860).

TIGERS 4, WHITE SOX 2

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
De Aza cf	4	1	1	1
Youkils 3b	3	0	0	0
Wise lf	4	1	0	0
Konerk 1b	4	0	1	0
Rios rf	4	0	0	0
Przynsz dh	4	0	1	0
JoLopz pr	0	0	0	0
AlRmrz ss	4	0	1	0
Flowrs c	4	0	1	0
DJhnsn ph	1	0	1	0
JrDnks pr	0	0	0	0
Viciedo 2b	4	0	1	1
Totals	**33**	**2**	**7**	**2**

Chicago	**100**	**000**	**001**	**— 2**
Detroit	**000**	**000**	**013**	**— 4**

E—Konerko (2). DP—Chicago 2, Detroit 1. LOB—Chicago 7, Detroit 8. 2B—Wise (5), Ja.Peralta (30), Mi.Cabrera (29), D.Young (17), Barnhart (12). CS—Flowers (1), A.Jackson (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Sale L,13-6	6	5	4	4	4	7
N.Jones	1	1	0	0	0	1
Septimo	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Myers	2-3	1	0	0	1	0
Detroit						
Verlander W,13-7	8	4	1	1	2	11
Valverde S,28-32	1	3	1	1	0	1

HBP—by Sale (Fielder), by Verlander (Youkilis). WP—Verlander.

T—2:52. A—42,192 (41,255).

NL Boxes

REDS 5, ASTROS 3

Cincinnati

	ab	r	h	bi
Cozart ss	4	0	0	0
Stubbs cf	4	1	2	0
Phillips 2b	5	1	2	1
Bruce rf	4	1	3	1
Frazier 3b	4	1	1	0
Ludwck lf	4	0	0	0
Heisey ph-lf	1	1	1	1
Cairo 1b	4	0	1	1
Hanign c	3	0	0	0
Arroyo p	2	0	0	0
HRdrgz ph	1	0	0	0
Ondrsk p	0	0	0	0
DNavrr ph	1	0	0	0
Brxton p	0	0	0	0
Chpmn p	0	0	0	0
			FRdrgz	p
			BNorrs	p
			Schafer cf	
Totals	**37**	**5**	**9**	**5**

Cincinnati	**000**	**000**	**050**	**— 5**
Houston	**000**	**010**	**200**	**— 3**

E—Greene 2 (8). DP—Houston 1. LOB—Cincinnati 7, Houston 2. 2B—Heisey (16), Cairo (6), J.Castro (14), Bogusevic (9). 3B—F.Martinez (1). HR—Bruce (29), Greene (9). SB—Paul (4). CS—Bogusevic (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
Arroyo	6	3	1	1	1	2
Arredondo W,6-2	1	2	2	2	1	2
Broxton	1	0	0	0	0	2
Chapman S,34-38	1	0	0	0	0	2
Houston						
B.Norris	6	3	0	0	1	6
J.Valdez	1	1	0	0	0	1
Ambriz	1-3	1	2	2	1	0
C.Qdrdo L,0-1	0	2	2	2	0	0
W.Lopez	2-3	2	1	1	0	0
Fe.Rodriguez		1	0	0	0	0

X.Cedeno pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.

T—3:07. A—17,291 (40,981).

METS 5, MARLINS 1

New York	ab	r	h	bi
RCeden ss	4	1	1	0
JuTrnr 2b	4	1	2	0
DWright 3b	4	0	1	0
Hairstn rf	4	0	0	0
Rauch p	0	0	0	0
Frncsc p	0	0	0	0
I.Davis 1b	3	1	1	0
Shppch c	3	1	1	0
Baxter p	1	0	0	0
An.Trns cf	4	0	2	0
C'Young p	2	0	0	0
Parnell p	0	0	0	0
Lutz ph	1	0	0	0
Edgin p	0	0	0	0
Tejada ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**5**	**8**	**5**

New York	**500**	**000**	**000**	**— 5**
Miami	**000**	**010**	**000**	**— 1**

DP—New York 1, Miami 2. LOB—New York 3, Miami 6. 2B—R.Cedeno (11), Ju.Turner (11), An.Torres (12), Ruggiano (18). HR—Bay (7). SB—Reyes 2 (32). S—Buehrle.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
C.Young W,4-7	5	5	1	1	1	3
Parnell	1	0	0	0	0	0
Edgin	1	1	0	0	0	1
Rauch	1	0	0	0	0	2
F.Francisco	1	0	0	0	0	0
Miami						
Buehrle L,12-12	7	6	5	5	1	3
Webb	1	1	0	0	0	1
Zambrano	1	1	0	0	0	1

Edgin pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.

HBP—by Buehrle (Shoppach).

T—2:22. A—25,333 (37,442).

NATIONALS 4, CARDINALS 3

St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi
Jay cf	4	0	0	0
Beltran rf	4	0	0	0
SFrnnn p	0	0	0	0
Holliday lf	4	0	2	0
Craig 1b-rf	4	0	0	0
Freese 3b	3	1	1	0

Washington	ab	r	h	bi
Berndn ch-lf	4	0	0	0
TMoore ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Harper cf	4	0	1	0
Zmrmn 3b	4	0	1	0
Morse lf	4	0	2	0
EPerez pr-dh	1	0	1	0
Bryknd c	2	0	0	0
Tracy 1b	4	1	2	0
Dsmnd ss	4	1	1	0
Espnza 2b	4	0	1	0
KSuzuk c	3	1	2	2
Span rf	2	0	1	0
Clippd p	0	0	0	0
Mattns ph	1	0	0	0
Storen p	0	0	0	0
Mrtnez ph	1	0	0	0
Blanco ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**36**	**4**	**13**	**4**

St. Louis	**300**	**000**	**000**	**— 3**
Washington	**000**	**101**	**20x**	**— 4**

E—Descalso (11). Tracy (1), Zimmerman (12). DP—St. Louis 1, Washington 1. LOB—St. Louis 7, Washington 9. 2B—Holliday (33), Freese (23), T.Cruz (8). HR—Descalso (4), K.Suzuki (2). SB—E.Perez (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
Westbrook	5	1-3	9	2	2	1
Mujica		2-3	0	0	0	1
Lynn L,1-3-6	1	4	2	2	0	0
S.Freeman	1	0	0	0	0	0
Washington						
Strasburg	6	2	0	0	1	9
S.Burnett		2-3	3	2	2	0
Matthews a W,5-1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Clippard S,29-33	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Matthews (Jay). WP—Strasburg, Matthews.

T—3:01. A—31,096 (41,487).

GIANTS 7, CUBS 5

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi
Pagan cf	5	1	2	2
Scutaro 2b	4	0	1	1
Sandovl 3b	5	0	2	1
Posey c	5	0	1	1
Pence rf	4	0	1	0
Arias ss	4	0	0	0
SCasill p	0	0	0	0
JaLopz p	0	0	0	0
Nady lf	2	2	2	0
GBlanc pr-lf	0	1	0	0
Pill 1b	3	0	0	0
Belt ph-1b	2	1	1	1
M.Cain p	1	1	0	0
A.Huff ph	1	0	0	0
Romo p	0	0	0	0
Affeldt p	0	0	0	0
BCrwfrd ss	0	1	0	0
Totals	**41**	**7**	**10**	**5**

San Francisco	**003**	**002**	**002**	**— 7**
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E—Pence (6), Rizzo (3). DP—San Francisco 1, Chicago 1. LOB—San Francisco 6, Chicago 4. 2B—Nady (5), Clevenger (12). 3B—Belt (5). HR—A.Soriano (25), Sandoval (9), G.Blanco (20). S—M.Cain, T.Wood 2.

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Affeldt	1	1-3	0	0	0	2
S.Casilla W,6-5	1	1	0	0	0	0
Ja.Lopez S,6-8	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
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T.Wood	5	2-3	7	4	2	1
Corpas	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Russell	1	0	0	0	0	1
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SUNDAY AT THE U.S. OPEN

GLANCE

NEW YORK (AP) — A look at Sunday's play at the $25.5 million U.S. Open tennis championships:

WEATHER: Mostly cloudy and humid. High of 81.

ATTENDANCE: Day: 37,810.

MEN'S SEEDED WINNERS (Third Round): No. 2 Novak Djokovic, No. 4 David Ferrer, No. 7 Juan Martin del Potro, No. 8 Janko Tipsarevic, No. 13 Richard Gasquet, No. 18 Stanislas Wawrinka, and No. 20 Andy Roddick.

MEN'S SEEDED LOSERS: No. 14 Alexandr Dolgopolov and No. 31 Julien Benneteau.

WOMEN'S SEEDED WINNERS (Fourth Round): No. 7 Sam Stosur.

WOMEN'S SEEDED LOSERS: None.

TOP PLAYERS ON COURT TODAY: Men, Fourth Round: No. 1 Roger Federer vs. No. 23 Mardy Fish, No. 3 Andy Murray vs. No. 15 Milos Raonic, No. 6 Tomas Berdych vs. No. 11 Nicolas Almagro, No. 12 Marin Cilic vs. Martin Klizan. **Women, Fourth Round:** No. 2 Agnieszka Radwanska vs. No. 20 Roberta Vinci, No. 4 Serena Williams vs. Andrea Hlavackova, No. 6 Angelique Kerber vs. No. 10 Sara Errani, No. 12 Ana Ivanovic vs. Tsvetana Pironkova.

STAT OF THE DAY: Sam Stosur needed nine match points over three games to finally beat Laura Robson.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "I'd be an idiot not to use the crowd right now, it's a huge advantage." — Andy Roddick.

TODAY ON TV: CBS, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; ESPN2, 6-10 p.m.

ON THIS DATE (Sept. 3, 2006): Andre Agassi, in his final U.S. Open match, loses to Benjamin Becker in four sets.

U.S. Open Results

Sunday

At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center

New York

Purse: $25.5 million (Grand Slam)

Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles

Men

Third Round

Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Julien Benneteau (31), France, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

David Ferrer (4), Spain, def. Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, 7-6 (9), 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Juan Martin del Potro (7), Argentina, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (9).

Stanislas Wawrinka (16), Switzerland, def. Alexandr Dolgopolov (14), Ukraine, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Andy Roddick (20), United States, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 7-5, 7-6 (1), 4-6, 6-4.

Janko Tipsarevic (8), Serbia, def. Grega Zemlja, Slovenia, 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.

Richard Gasquet (13), France, def. Steve Johnson, United States, 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-3.

Women

Fourth Round

Sam Stosur (7), Australia, def. Laura Robson, Britain, 6-4, 6-4.

Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, 6-2, 6-2.

Marion Bartoli (11), France, def. Petra Kvitova (5), Czech Republic, 1-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Maria Sharapova (3), Russia, def. Nadia Petrova (19), Russia, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Doubles

Men

Third Round

Leander Paes, India, and Radek Stepanek (5), Czech Republic, def. Jesse Levine, United States, and Marinko Matosevic, Australia, 6-1, 6-3.

Alexander Peya, Austria, and Bruno Soares, Brazil, def. Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands Antilles, and Horia Tecau (9), Romania, 6-4, 6-4.

Chiljan and Ryan Harrison, United States, def. Colin Fleming and Ross Hutchins (14), Britain, 6-3, 6-4.

Julian Knowle, Austria, and Filip Polasek, Slovakia, def. Richard Gabrard, Sweden, and Horia Tecau (9), Romania, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

Third Round

Haas Su-wei Peng, Taiwan, and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia (16), def. Lukas Dlouhy and Leander Paes, India (11), United States, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4).

Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (3), Czech Republic, def. Liezel Huber, United States, and Vladimira Uhlirova (14), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3.

Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (5), Italy, def. Barbora Strycova, Czech Republic, and Maria Kirilenko (13), India, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 6-3.

Angela Kulikov and Tamira Paszek, Austria, def. Chan-yung Jan and Yung-jan Chan, China, 6-7 (7), 7-5, 6-0.

Second Round

Liezel Huber, United States, and Max Mirnyi (1), Belarus, def. Bruno Soares, Brazil, and Rajeev Ram, United States, walkover.

Nuria Llagostera Vives and David Marrero, Spain, def. Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, and Michael Llodra (8), India, walkover.

Elena Vesnina, Russia, and Leander Paes (3), India, def. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, and Scott Lipsky, United States, 6-4, 0-6, 10-5 tiebreak.

Lucie Hradecka and Frantisek Cermak (7), Czech Republic, def. Veronica Lapochkina and Donald Young, United States, 2-6, 6-4, 10-7 tiebreak.

Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, and Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, def. Michaella Krajicek and Renata Voracova (6), Poland, 7-6 (8), 6-4.

Sania Mirza, India, and Colin Fleming, Britain, def. Melanie Oudin and Jack Sock, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (7).

Junior Singles

Boys

First Round

Enzo Couacaud, France, def. Henrik Wiershoin, United States, 6-2, 6-0.

Kimmer Coppejans (1), Belgium, def. Matteo Donati, Italy, 7-5, 6-2.

Stefan Kozlov, United States, def. Stefano Napolitano (10), Italy, 6-3, 6-4, 4-2, retired.

Harrison Adams, United States, def. Luke Bambridge, Britain, 6-4, 6-3.

Jordan Thompson, Australia, def. Elias Ymer, Sweden, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Christian Harrison, United States, def. Yuma Kawa, Japan, 6-4, 6-4.

Sam Kumpulainen, Germany, def. Pedro Llorens, Italy, 6-0, 3-6, retired.

Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Nikola Milojevic, Serbia, 6-2, 6-1.

Stefan Wild, United States, def. Ernesto Escobedo, United States, 6-4, 6-4.

Bjorn Fratangelo (12), United States, def. Kang Hyun Chung, South Korea, 6-4, 6-2.

Borna Coric, Croatia, def. Tamar Shalikiani, Uzbekistan, 6-7 (5), 6-0, 6-1.

Joao Domingues, Portugal, def. Jose Pereira, Portugal, 6-4, 6-4.

Spencer Papa, United States, 7-5, 6-3.

Gianluigi Quinzi (3), Italy, def. Jared Hiltzik, United States, 6-2, 7-5.

Quentin Halys, France, def. Ranko Modic, Croatia, 6-2, 6-2.

Christian Garin, Chile, def. Alastair Hotchkiss, United States, 7-6 (7), 6-3.

Chung Hyeon, South Korea, def. Gonzalo Escobar (5), Ecuador, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0.

Thiago Monteiro (4), Brazil, def. Lucas Gomez, Mexico, 6-7, 6-2, 7-5.

Girls

First Round

Eugenie Bouchard (3), Canada, def. Rebecca Peterson, Sweden, 6-1, 6-4.

Christina McHale (1), United States, def. Laura Ioana Paar, Colombia, 6-3, 6-3.

Victoria Duval, United States, def. Verena Fliss, Russia, 7-5, 6-3.

Charlotte Mekvabishvili, United States, def. Marcela Zacarias (16), Mexico, 6-3, 6-0.

Ajla Tomljanovic, Israel, def. Samantha Pea, Croatia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Jennifer Created, United States, def. Zuzanna Wachowska, Poland, 6-3, 6-3.

Yulia Putintseva (2), Kazakhstan, def. Gabriella Andrews, United States, 6-3, 6-0.

Mariana Duque Lunares, Ukraine, def. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, 6-3, 6-3.

Caroline Doyle, United States, def. Petra Uberova (7), Slovakia, 6-1, 6-4.

Ana Konjuh (13), Croatia, def. Emily Fanning, New Zealand, 6-1, 6-1.

Jamie Loeb, United States, def. Migar Sharif, Egypt, 6-2, 6-7 (1), 6-0.

Chelsea Scholl (10), United States, def. Dominika Paterova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-2.

Ellen Allgurin, Sweden, def. Elizaveta Kulichkova (5), Russia, 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.

Anna-Liz Jaubert, United States, def. Camilla Rosatello, Italy, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

Sachia Vickery (8), United States, def. Laura Pigossi, Brazil, 6-3, 6-3.

Adriana Lellis, Croatia, def. Domenica Gonzalez, Ecuador, 7-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Young finishes 2nd in Revolution Oil 250

From staff reports

ROUGEMOUNT, N.C. — Midlander Tyler Young finished second in Saturday night's Rev-Oil Pro Cup Series Revolution Oil 250 at Orange County Speedway.

Young led some laps in the early part of the 125-lap event and settled into second where he wagéd a late-race battle with Gus Dean. Young took the second spot by a few inches over Dean.

The finish was Young's best since he won a Pro Cup Series event at Hickory (N.C.) Motor Speedway earlier this year.

"We need about 25 more laps and it would have been real 'good," Young said in a statement from the series. "Gus Dean is a great kid. He is a hard racer and they're here to win just like we are."

Hamlin pulls out 2nd straight Cup win in Atlanta

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. — Denny Hamlin won his second straight Sprint Cup race, holding off Jeff Gordon in a green-white-checkered finish at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Sunday night.

Martin Truex Jr. appeared to be positioned for his first win since 2007 until Jamie McMurray smashed the wall on the front straightaway, bringing out a caution with three laps to go. The leaders went to pit road, and Hamlin's crew got him back on the track first, just ahead of Truex.

While Truex struggled to get up to speed on the restart, Hamlin pulled away with Gordon right on his bumper. The four-time Cup champion desperately needed a win to improve his chances of getting into the Chase, but couldn't get by Hamlin on the final lap.

Hamlin took his series-leading fourth victory, putting him in position to top the standings when the 12-driver Chase starts after next weekend's race at Richmond.

"I wanted this one real bad," said Hamlin, the winner last week at Bristol. "The car faded a little bit, but the pit crew won me that race. That's what a championship team is all about. This year, I think we have it all."

Brad Keselowski finished third, and Truex faded to fourth.

Along with Hamlin, eight other drivers have locked up their spot in the Chase based on points: Greg Biffle, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Matt Kenseth, Jimmie Johnson, Truex, Keselowski, Clint Bowyer and Kevin Harvick. Defending Cup champion Tony Stewart, who has three wins this season, is assured of at least a wild card.

Gordon was kicking himself for failing to pull off the pass on Hamlin, saying he was too tentative going into turn three. Now, he'll likely have to win at Richmond to claim a wild card.

"I guess I'm getting soft in my old age," Gordon quipped.

It was another tough night for last year's Cup runner-up, Carl Edwards, who came in desperately needing a win to lock up a spot in the Chase. The No. 99 car started smoking on lap 264, apparently from a blown piston. He was done for the night, a devastating blow to his chances.

Edwards lost the 2011 championship to Stewart on a tiebreaker in the final race of the season. Now, he's got to win next week at Richmond — and even that may not be enough to get him into the playoff.

The race was uneventful most of the night. Kyle Busch dominated early on. Then it was Harvick surging to the front, before Hamlin took at extended turn leading the field. At the end, it looked like Truex would make it to victory lane — until that final caution came out.

Joe Sebo/AP

Sprint Cup Series driver Denny Hamlin, center, celebrates his victory Sunday after a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga.

RACINGROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

STEWART LOSES CO-PRIMARY SPONSOR OFFICE DEPOT: At Hampton, Ga., Tony Stewart will be looking for another co-primary sponsor after it was announced Office Depot won't be returning in 2013.

The news came from team spokesman Mike Arning on Sunday, shortly before the defending Sprint Cup champion started from the pole in the NASCAR race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Mobil 1 is set to return as a primary backer for about half the races next year, but Stewart will have to find someone to pick up the rest of the tab for his No. 14 car. The three-time Cup champion also is searching for sponsorship on Stewart-Haas Racing's second car, the No. 39 machine driven by Ryan Newman. The U.S. Army is dropping out.

Office Depot praised Stewart but says it's leaving NASCAR because of "the changing business landscape."

HUNTER-REAY WINS GRAND PRIX OF BALTIMORE: At Baltimore, Ryan Hunter-Reay won the Grand Prix of Baltimore on Sunday, a victory that keeps alive his hopes of winning the IZOD IndyCar Series championship.

Will Power could have clinched the overall title with a win, but the pole sitter finished sixth in a race that drew nine caution flags and was marred by rain.

Power will take a 17-point lead over Hunter-Reay into the final race of the year, on the oval in Fontana, Calif., on Sept. 15.

Ryan Briscoe took second, rookie Simon Pagenaud finished third and Scott Dixon came in fourth.

RAIN WASHES OUT NHRA SCHEDULE: At Clermont, Ind., Remnants of Hurricane Isaac reached Indiana on Sunday, with steady rain and standing water forcing NHRA officials to cancel the final two qualifying sessions for the U.S. Nationals.

The fields for the final eliminations today were established by qualifying sessions Friday and Saturday.

Courtney Force in Funny Car, Spencer Massey in Top Fuel, Erica Enders in Pro Stock, and Andrew Hines in Pro Stock Motorcycle will begin the eliminations in the No. 1 positions.

Force, a Funny Car rookie and the youngest daughter of 15-time champion John Force, took the top spot with a Saturday night pass of 4.049 seconds at a track-record 317.27 mph.

The event ends the 17-race regular season. The top 10 in each division will qualify for the six-race Countdown to 1 playoffs.

RODDICK

From 1C

him, but I'm doing my job," said the seventh-seeded del Potro, whose major trophy is the only of the past 30 that wasn't won by Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal or Novak Djokovic.

"The crowd loves Andy here," del Potro said, "and they have respect (for) me."

Djokovic, the defending champion, beat No. 31 Julien Benneteau in straight sets and will meet No. 18 Stanislas Wawrinka for a quarterfinal berth. Also advancing: No. 4 David Ferrer, who got past two-time major champion Lleyton Hewitt 7-6 (9), 4-6, 6-3, 6-0 and now meets No. 13 Richard Gasquet, who eliminated two-time NCAA champion Steve Johnson 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-3; and No. 8 Janko Tipsarevic, who will face the winner of Sunday night's match between No. 9 John Isner of the United States and No. 19 Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany.

In women's action, top-seeded Victoria Azarenka beat 73rd-ranked Anna Tatishvili 6-2, 6-2 to reach the quarterfinals at Flushing Meadows for the first time. Azarenka has dropped only 10 games through four matches heading into a showdown against defending champion Sam Stosur, a 6-4, 6-4 winner over 18-year-old Laura Robson of Britain, whose breakthrough run included wins against past major champions Kim Clijsters and Li Na.

Maria Sharapova, a four-time Grand Slam title winner, was facing No. 19 Nadia Petrova in the last women's fourth-round match Sunday night. The winner will play No. 11 Marion Bartoli, the 2007 Wimbledon runner-up, who came back to defeat 2011 Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova 1-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Robson beat four-time major champion Kim Clijsters in the second round Wednesday, sending the 29-year-old Belgian into retirement. It was the next day, Roddick's 30th birthday, that he surprisingly let the world know he had decided to walk away from the sport whenever this visit to Flushing Meadows ends.

Sunday just so happened to be five-time U.S. Open champion Connors' 60th birthday — and on the very same date in 1991, Connors celebrated his 39th by coming back to beat Aaron Krickstein in five sets to reach the quarterfinals in New York, a match replayed often during rain delays in more recent times. Connors, who later briefly coached Roddick, was at his rabble-rousing, crowd-goading best on that day 21 years ago; in one of those nice twists, Roddick was in New York then, a kid who was treated to tickets as a present to celebrate his ninth birthday.

"That was my first taste of live tennis, and it was that run," Roddick recalled, "so that's as good as it gets."

Jaguars RB Jones-Drew ends 38-day holdout, reports

By Mark Long
Associated Press

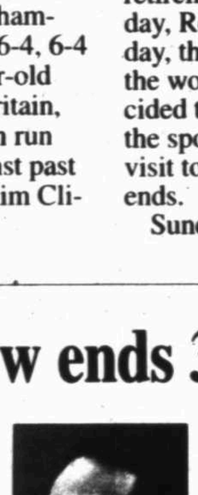
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Maurice Jones-Drew remains as passionate as ever about his value.

So when the Jacksonville Jaguars running back ended his 38-day holdout Sunday — without a new contract — he had no apologies, no regrets and no concerns about his standing with the franchise.

"I'm in a good place," he said. "I did something I felt was right, and I'm always going to feel right. I'm not going to feel wrong for what I did it at all. And that's why I can come back and not have a negative attitude. I think if you regret things, you're going to come back salty, be a distraction, things like that.

"I don't feel that way 'cause what I did was right. No one can tell me it was wrong. Not one person here can tell me what I did was wrong."

Jones-Drew arrived at the team facility Sunday morning, chatted with teammates and then had a 40-minute conversation with coach Mike Mularkey.



Jones-Drew

Later, he spent nearly half an hour answering questions about his holdout, even getting to a point where he told reporters to "make sure we all get this out of the way because I'm done after this."

"This is the last talk about the whole contract situation," he said. "We're going to more forward to football after this."

Jones-Drew considered skipping games, missing paychecks and causing an even bigger distraction for the team. Ultimately, though, he opted to report a week before the season opener. Jacksonville plays at Minnesota next Sunday.

"It really wasn't about budging," said Jones-Drew, who took a conditioning test later in the day. "For me, it got to the point where I wasn't going to be traded. Obviously, they weren't going to pay me. I could have easily sat out until Week 10, come back and been a distraction. It wasn't about that. I'm not going to come back and distract guys from playing the game the right way."

The NFL's leading rusher in 2011, Jones-Drew skipped the team's entire offseason schedule in what became a nasty contract dispute.

Mularkey can fine MJD up to $30,000 a day — plus $60,000 for a three-day, mandatory minicamp in June — meaning the total tab could end up being $1.2 million. Jones-Drew declined to reveal what he and Mularkey discussed regarding the potential fine.

Jones-Drew is scheduled to make $4.45 million in 2012 and $4.95 million next year.

He wanted to renegotiate the final two years of a five-year, $31 million deal that paid him nearly $22 million the last three seasons. Owner Shad Khan and general manager Gene Smith refused, not wanting to set a precedent of paying players in the middle of lucrative deals.

Things got tense after Khan said publicly that Jones-Drew's absence "doesn't even move the needle." Khan also said his message to Jones-Drew is the "train's leaving the station. Run, get on it."

Those comments didn't sit well with Jones-Drew, who would have accepted a trade if it meant getting a new deal.

"I was disappointed about the comments," Jones-Drew said. "I expect you guys or people outside the organization to make those comments like that. But when you do get it inside the organization, with how hard we work, with the time you put in through the offseason, the time you spend away from your family here at the facility, you expect a little more appreciation."

Giants should have edge up front in opener against Cowboys

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-Press

There are some players in the NFL who can describe in great detail what they see on tape. Cowboys left guard Nate Livings apparently isn't one of them.

Take, for instance, Livings' response when asked about the Giants' defensive line.

"They just have a good front," he said. "I'm not big into names or numbers or all that other stuff. They play good together, they won the Super Bowl and they were (third in the league in sacks), so your answer is right there."

While Livings' assessment is short on details, it's long on truth. And here's another fact: The Cowboys' five starters up front have yet to play a game together, which doesn't bode well for them holding their own against the Giants' fierce defensive front Wednesday night.

Lacking cohesion because of injuries, the line is attempting to gain chemistry in limited practice time.

"It's getting better every day," said right guard Mackenzy Bernadeau, who missed the offseason and much of camp after hip and knee surgeries. "There's been a lot of reps. I'm just glad to have (center) Phil Costa back."

Bernadeau and Livings, who missed time in camp with a hamstring injury, were signed in free agency after stints with Carolina and Cincinnati, respectively. A back injury kept Costa sidelined until the preseason finale.

The tackles — Tyron Smith on the left and Doug Free on the right - stayed healthy, but they're still getting used to their spots after switching sides in the offseason.

For an offensive line, entering any game without time to jell is tough. But Dallas has to do it against a defense that registered 48 sacks last season, including 16.5 by Pro Bowl end Jason Pierre-Paul, who had a combined 3.0 in the sweep of Dallas.

"It's just the reality of the situation," coach Jason Garrett said. "We all hope they're going to get more ready as the season goes on."

Giants coach Tom Coughlin isn't shedding any tears for Garrett.

"It's true they haven't had a lot of time together," he said. "I'm sure they'd like to have it the other way. But if you look around the league, that's the way a lot of us have been in this preseason. It's very difficult to get your offensive line together."

In addition to Pierre-Paul, the Giants boast end Osi Umenyiora, who had 9.0 sacks in 2011. End Justin Tuck and linebacker Mathias Kiwanuka combined for 8.5.

"They have a lot of guys they can throw at you with great bursts, great energy," Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo said Sunday. "And each one is unique in the way he rushes the quarterback."

And, unlike Livings and Co., they've played together for a while.

"Look," Livings said, "we don't focus on time we haven't had together. We focus on the time we have had together. Whether it's five, 10 minutes, 15 hours, the time we have together is the time we have together. It's just about getting the job done."

INJURY UPDATE: Romo believes tight end Jason Witten (lacerated spleen) will play.

"As of what I know, he's going to, yeah," Romo said. "He's in my ear about all the plays."

Witten, who was limited in practice, will undergo a scan Tuesday. "If I get cleared, I'm playing," he said.

In his first practice since shoulder surgery in February, cornerback Mike Jenkins was limited. Asked if he'll play, he said, "I have to leave that up to the coaches."

PRACTICE SQUAD: The practice squad consists of Ben Bass, Tim Benford, Robert Callaway, Danny Coale, Lance Dunbar, Ron Leary, Orie Lemon and Jamize Olawale.

Oosthuizen races out to big lead in Boston

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Louis Oosthuizen knows what it's like to hit every shot right where he's aiming and to stand over every putt believing it will go in. He once shot a 57 on his home course at Mossel Bay in South Africa, a number he wears on the left sleeve of his shirt.

For about two hours Sunday in the Deutsche Bank Championship, that's how it felt.

Oosthuizen ran off seven straight birdies, a streak that began after he nearly three-putted from 5 feet. He shot 29 on the front nine of the TPC Boston. He didn't miss a green until the 17th hole. That's all it took to race by PGA champion Rory McIlroy, leave Tiger Woods behind and seize control going into the Labor Day finish.

Oosthuizen had an 8-under 63, establishing tournament records for consecutive birdies, low front nine and a 54-hole score of 19-under 194.

"Probably the start anyone would dream of on that front nine," Oosthuizen said. "I made everything, so you get those days where you just look at a putt and you hole it. That was my first nine holes."

The back nine wasn't bad, and it included one brief scare when he felt a twinge in his back when he went after a 9-iron on the 16th. The ache was gone on the 18th, and he rolled in one last birdie to keep McIlroy from getting even closer.

McIlroy, trying to match Woods with his third PGA Tour win this year, did well just to stay in range.

"You think going out with a one-shot lead and shooting 67 that you ... might still be in the lead going into the last day," McIlroy said. "But Louis put on a display out there for a few holes, reeling off seven birdies in a row. It was great to watch. Louis is the sort of player that can do that. He's very explosive and he didn't really put a foot wrong today. Very happy that I'm still in touching distance going into tomorrow."

Combine one of the sweetest swings in golf with a putting stroke that was just as pure, and that's what Oosthuizen is capable of doing. Remember, he won the British Open at St. Andrews in 2010 by seven shots.

Woods again didn't make as many putts as he thought he could, and even a short birdie on the 16th left him nervous until it curled in. He still managed a 68 and was six shots behind, along with Dustin Johnson, who kept alive his hopes of being picked for the Ryder Cup with a 65.

Oosthuizen's birdie streak featured four putts of at least 20 feet, including a 40-footer at No. 8. It reached a point that on a 20-foot birdie on the 11th for his eighth in a row, he was shocked when it didn't fall.

"Every putt had perfect speed," said Oosthuizen, who made four putts of at least 20 feet during his streak of birdies. "I told Rory, 'Sorry, but you've got to take it when you can.'"

The exchange they had on the 11th hole indicated what kind of performance this was.

Oosthuizen covered the flag on one of the toughest par 3s at the TPC Boston, though the ball settled 20 feet behind the cup and he narrowly missed. McIlroy followed with a beautiful swing of his own, a towering shot that drew gently and stopped 6 feet behind the cup for birdie.

McIlroy waited at the back of the green for Oosthuizen to tap in for par, held out his arm and clinched his fist and said to him, "I've got the honors." They laughed, exchanged a high-five and McIlroy told him as they headed to the 12th tee, "I feel like I've got a chance."

Woods was never in the picture, though he is not out of the hunt.

He got off to a slow start, not picking up a birdie until the fifth hole, but came on late with back-to-back birdies to stay in the game. He'll play the final round with Johnson, who twice made bogey with a 9-iron in hand and still had eight birdies on the day.

Keegan Bradley, who made the cut on the number, also had a 63 and while he won't be a factor at 13 shots behind, Bradley and Oosthuizen showed that it can be done. Six years ago, Woods shot 63 in the final round to beat Vijay Singh.

"I'm going to have to put together one of those rounds," Woods said. "It won't surprise me if somebody shoots 8- or 9-under par tomorrow because of where the pin locations are. Somebody is going to go out there and do it. It may be early, it may be late, who knows? But hopefully, I'm one of those guys."

Bryce Molder, who is No. 93 in the FedEx Cup, had a 68 and was tied for fifth with Ryan Moore (70), eight shots behind. The position on the leaderboard is more significant to Molder than how many shots he is behind, for only the top 70 in the FedEx Cup advance to Indianapolis next week for the third playoff event.

Even so, it was hard not to ignore the separation from Oosthuizen.

"I never saw what he did. I just remember looking up and going, 'Wait a minute. I'm like eight or 10 back.' I thought I'm playing pretty well," Molder said.

TEXASMLS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FC DALLAS 1, SOUNDERS 1.

FRISCO — Jackson' scored in the 32nd minute Kevin Hartmant made a couple of key saves to lift FC Dallas to a 1-1 draw against the Seattle Sounders on Sunday night

Dallas (8-12-9) preserved its playoff hopes alive, improving to 3-1-1 in its last five to move four points behind Vancouver for the Western Conference's fifth and final postseason spot.

FIRE 3, DYNAMO 1

BRIDGEVIEW, Ill. — Patrick Nyarko scored in the opening minute and Daniel Paladini had a goal in the 19th to lead the Chicago Fire to a 3-1 victory against the Houston Dynamo on Sunday night.

Alex scored in second-half stoppage time to seal the win as the Fire (13-8-5) moved two points ahead of the Dynamo for third place in the Eastern Conference.

BAYLOR

From 1C

tary's senior season in 1980. Griffin, now with the Washington Redskins, capped his career by leading Baylor to its first bowl victory in 19 years.

Baylor's offense figured to take a step back without Griffin and four other offensive players from last year's squad taken in the NFL draft.

Instead, the Bears continued to pile up points as they did under Griffin.

"When you have the ability to explode on either side, you have the opportunity to be a good football team," Briles said.

Florence was 4 for 4 on Baylor's opening possession, which was aided by four SMU penalties. He capped the drive with a 6-yard touchdown pass to Sampson.

The senior dropped in a 32-yard pass to Levi Norwood to set up a 5-yard scoring toss to Najvar.

Gilbert was a highly touted recruit from Austin who played in the 2009 BCS title game before his career fizzled with the Longhorns. In his first start with SMU, Gilbert had three passes swatted down at the line and struggled to find receivers down the field.

Gilbert connected on five straight attempts, leading to Chase Hover's 22-yard field goal in the second quarter. The junior threw scoring passes to Der'rikk Thompson and Jeremy Johnson in the second half.

BAYLOR 59, SMU 24

SMU	3	7	14	—	24
Baylor	14	10	21	14	— 59

First Quarter

Bay—Sampson 6 pass from Florence (A.Jones kick), 11:18.

Bay—Najvar 5 pass from Florence (A.Jones kick), 6:27.

Second Quarter

SMU—FG Hover 22, 12:52.

Bay—T.Reese 50 pass from Florence (A.Jones kick), 2:02.

Bay—FG A.Jones 44, :00.

Third Quarter

Bay—Hicks 66 fumble return (A.Jones kick), 10:22.

Bay—Salubi 9 run (A.Jones kick), 6:11.

Bay—Sampson 36 pass from Florence (A.Jones kick), 2:39.

SMU—Thompson 42 pass from Gilbert (Hover kick), 1:58.

Fourth Quarter

Bay—Martin 1 run (A.Jones kick), 11:34.

SMU—J.Johnson 4 pass from Gilbert (Hover kick), 4:48.

Bay—Stonum 37 pass from Petty (Lye kick), 4:00.

SMU—Dieter 40 pass from Preston (Hover kick), 2:25.

A—43,514.

	SMU	Bay
First downs	28	26
Rushes-yards	29-145	32-220
Passing	362	393
Comp-Att-Int	37-63-2	24-35-0
Return Yards	0	81
Punts-Avg.	5-44.8	5-45.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-37	10-92
Time of Possession	39:55	20:05

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—SMU, Z.Line 25-135, Wimbley 2-6, Gilbert 2-4. Baylor, Salubi 13-91, Martin 10-50, Seastrunk 3-39, Florence 3-24, T.Williams 1-8, Petty 2-8.

PASSING—SMU, Gilbert 34-59-2-286, Preston 3-4-0-76. Baylor, Florence 21-30-0-341, Petty 3-5-0-52.

RECEIVING—SMU, J.Johnson 9-76, D.Johnson 9-58, Thompson 5-88, Z.Line 5-21, Dieter 3-64, Holman 3-16, Wimbley 2-36, Walker 1-3. Baylor, T.Williams 7-138, Sampson 5-69, Norwood 4-55, T.Reese 2-68, Stonum 2-41, Goodley 2-6, Monk 1-11, Najvar 1-5.

SUNDAY'S GOLF ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

PGA European

EUROPEAN MASTERS: At Crans-Sur-Sierre, Switzerland, Scotland's Richie Ramsay won the European Masters for his second tour title, closing with a 5-under 66 for a four-stroke victory.

Ramsay finished at 16-under 267.

Sweden's Fredrik Andersson Hed, Australia's Marcus Fraser, France's Romain Wattel and England's Danny Willett tied for second. Andersson Hed, Fraser and Wattel shot 66, and Willett had a 69.

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MYLAN CLASSIC: At Canonsburg, Pa., Robert Streb won the Mylan Classic on Sunday for his first Web.com Tour title, closing with a 7-under 64 for a four-stroke victory.

The 25-year-old former Kansas State player had a tournament-record 18-under 266 total at Southpointe. He earned $108,000 to jump from 23rd to fourth on the money list with $253,491 — more than enough to earn a 2013 PGA Tour card as a top-25 finisher.

Matt Weibring, Brad Fritsch, Cliff Kresge tied for second. Weibring shot 67, Fritsch 68, Kresge 69.

Ben Kohles, a two-time winner this year, had a 67 to finish fifth at 13 under.

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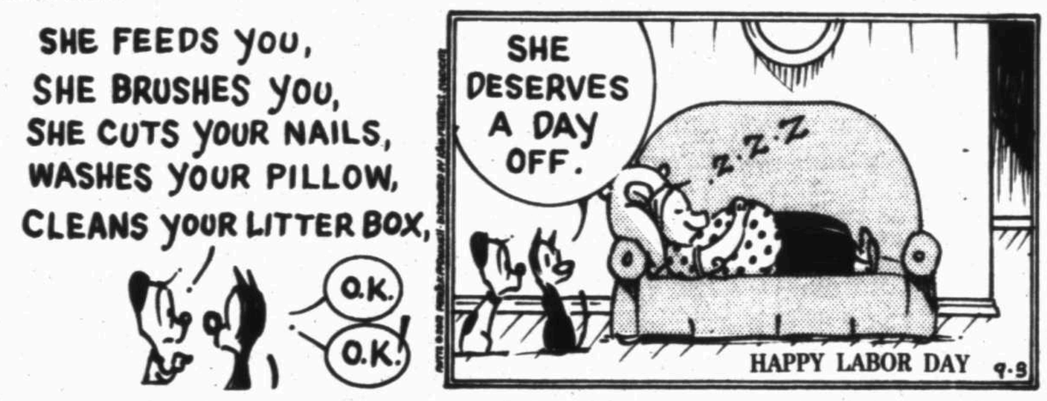

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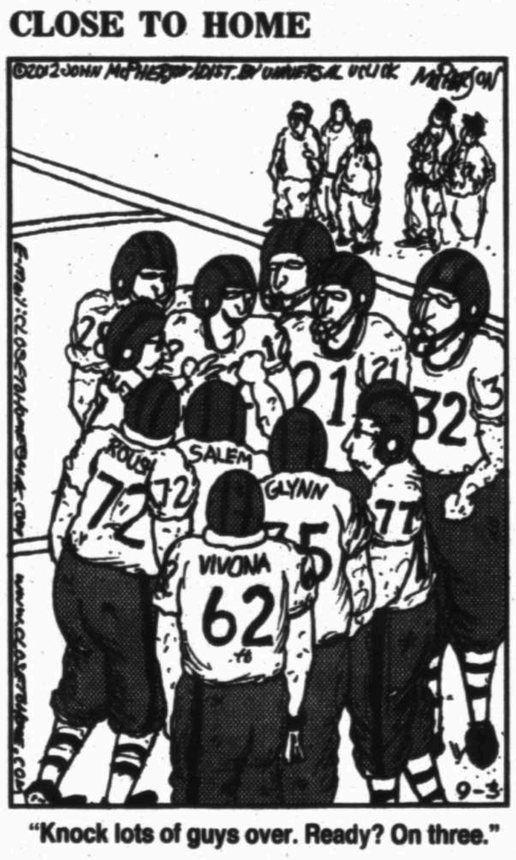

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Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 98, a low around 74 and south winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 98 and a low around 73.

The high on Sunday reached 96 while the low dropped to 71. The record high for Sept. 2 is 103 set in 1937. The record low is 56 set in 1968 and 1950.

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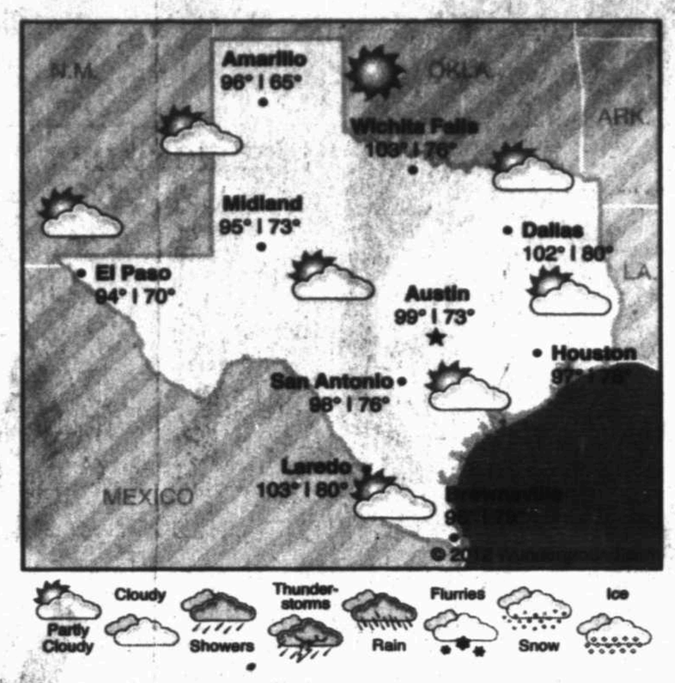
Showers and thunderstorms, some heavy, will dampen the Mid-Atlantic today as a stalled boundary interacts with lingering moisture from former Hurricane Isaac. The thunderstorms will be slow-moving and can produce localized flash flooding. More comfortable weather will be in place farther north across New England as a high pressure system remains in control.

Additional showers and thunderstorms will dot the Southeast, especially in the afternoon. A pocket of dry air will keep Florida primarily rain-free. A cold front will produce a couple of showers and thunderstorms across the Midwest and northern Plains.



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Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	6.71 in.
Normal total (year to date)	9.84 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	96
Low	71
Normal high	91
Normal low	66

Sunrise ... 7:26 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:10 p.m.

Gay man pressured to date wants co-workers to back off

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I am a 29-year-old gay man. In my community, coming out at work isn't an option.

I really like my job and want to keep it. However, a female colleague is not only trying to persuade me that the two of us would make a good pair, but she has gotten all of our co-workers involved. I'm constantly pressured by my supervisor to "just go out with her and give her a chance."

I already have told everyone, including her, that I'm not interested in mixing my personal life with my professional one, and I want to come to work only to work — not upgrade my marital status. However, because of my unwillingness to do what they "recommend," the pressure from everyone has gotten worse. I dread coming to the office.

Would it be unethical to hire a "girlfriend" to stop by the office next week to bring me my lunch? Maybe if I kiss and hug her as I say goodbye, my co-workers will finally back off. If not this, can you recommend something else? — CAN'T COME OUT IN TEXAS

DEAR CAN'T COME OUT: You have described a classic example of sexual harassment and a hostile work environment. Your co-workers and supervisor may consider themselves to be "Cupid's helpers," but their actions could be the basis for a lawsuit. That you are gay has nothing to do with it. If you were straight and preferred not to involve yourself in an office romance that could turn out badly, or felt no chemistry with your aggressor, what is being done to you is intolerable. It's embarrassing and distracts you from your job.

Document everything. Go to your supervisor's boss if necessary and and state plainly that you need help to put a stop to this. You do not have to explain why you're not attracted to this desperate woman. If it isn't stopped, talk with an attorney. I do NOT recommend hiring anyone to pose as a girlfriend, or you may have to put her under long-term contract, which could be expensive in more ways than one

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem that I don't know how to deal with and I'm hoping you can come up with a solution.

I'm undergoing chemotherapy for colon cancer. I'm happy to say that I'm doing well. I have a chemo session every two weeks, and afterward there is a bag I wear for two more days that pumps additional medicine into me. I do what I can to keep the bag out of sight, but it isn't easy. Sometimes the tubing works itself loose and hangs down a bit.

My problem is people seem to feel free to ask me what it's for, and it's really embarrassing. I don't know these people, and for heaven's sake, why would they feel they have the right to ask such a personal question? Some of them have approached me and asked loudly, "Hey! What's that for?"

Going through chemo is hard enough physically and psychologically. I don't need some ignorant clod asking me about something so personal. Some won't take no for an answer. Do you have any ideas on how to deal with this? — TRYING TO COPE

DEAR TRYING TO COPE: Say, "I'm being treated for a medical condition." And if the person then asks what it is, say, "It's personal. And if it was any of your business, you'd already know the answer to that question."

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 7 ♡ K 9 6 4 ◇ K Q J 3 2 ♣ 9 3
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?
A — Why suspect we're trying to trap you? You have a minimum opening bid but there is no reason you should make life difficult and rebid one no-trump with a weak doubleton and a good five-card minor. Rebid two diamonds and see what happens.

Q 2 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 9 6 5 ♡ A J ◇ A K J 8 ♣ 9 7 6 2
What is your opening bid?
A — With 4-4 in the minors, open with your stronger minor. Basically, you intend rebidding one no-trump, not the other minor. Additionally, should the opponent buy the hand you would rather get a diamond lead than a club.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 8 7 2 ♡ A Q 5 2 ◇ 7 ♣ A K J 6
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?
A — You could not have asked for a better response, and you must tell partner that immediately. A splinter bid of three diamonds, your singleton, serves the task nicely.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 5 ♡ A Q J 4 ◇ A K 9 8 2 ♣ Q J 7
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass
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What do you bid now?
A — Another occasion where you can show your strength with a splinter bid. However, you cannot bid two spades — that would be a jump shift in your second suit. What you have to do is jump to three spades to get your message across.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Sept. 3, 2012:

This year you will develop a key relationship, if you do not have one already. This bond could be professional or personal. If you are single, you will long for more. Your high energy creates endurance and follow-through. Once you commit to a project or a situation, it is as good as done. If you are attached, the two of you become much closer. You appreciate your sweetie even more. Use care when dealing with others and with your funds; the combination could be problematic. ARIES pushes you to the max.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You have a lot of enthusiasm. You speak your mind clearly and adroitly, and others listen. A friend or partner could be somewhat angry, so be careful — you could be the one on the receiving end of this person's fury. Talk about being in the wrong place at the wrong time! Tonight: Flip the burger.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Cut back if you can. Count on being less dominant than usual. Your instincts might be right-on about money, but make it a point to take a risk only on the level at which you can take a loss. Someone reaches out for you, but this person doesn't know whether or not you're available. Tonight: Just be you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Join friends for a Labor Day get-together. You still have time to catch up on news from someone you rarely see. Don't worry so much about this person's reaction. You might have left with angry words, but do not expect to be greeted like that. Tonight: Go for the last hurrah!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Take charge and help someone who is carrying quite a burden. Your instincts serve you well with an older friend or relative. A child or loved one could be very bold. Rethink how you deal with his or her audaciousness. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Take off if you can, just for the day. You could enjoy going to a Labor Day celebration out of town and visiting some friends you don't see often. You will enjoy the change, and you also will have time to consider an important decision. Tonight: Follow the music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Though there are many celebrations and parties going on, you most enjoy being with one special partner. You might start out having a very lively discussion, but everything will end well. Afterward, the need to revive your opinions comes up. Tonight: Chat with a dear friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Others come forward before you have a chance to say or do anything. This popularity could be overwhelming yet delightful. Oddly enough, you might just decide to celebrate at home. Curb spending if possible. Tonight: Allow someone else to run the show.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Whether you're the one in charge of flipping burgers or you're just filling in for someone, you will be busy. That kind of activity does not necessarily mean you won't have fun. Listen to what is happening around a key situation. You might revise your thinking. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You plunge right into the happenings around you. Going from one to another, you could be pushed to maintain an even balance. Use care with your spending, but allow yourself to dote on a specific person. Tonight: You could go into the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ A very assertive friend could push your buttons. You might want to stay close to home. Invite a few friends over, and request that each person bring a favorite dessert. Make it easier for yourself. Your mind keeps drifting to a personal matter. Tonight: Let everything unwind at its own pace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could be drawn to a very different type of holiday celebration. Someone you admire might be pushing you. Refuse to get into a conflict right now. Honor who you are, and listen to your instincts. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. You could be overtired, but when you think of this person, you'll become revitalized. A spending spree might be inevitable with all the sales going on. Keep the receipts — you could change your mind later. Tonight: Treat yourself as well.

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BORN TODAY

Actor Charlie Sheen (1965), guitarist Al Jardine (1942), automotive engineer Ferdinand Porsche (1875)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Hand over
5 Actress Petty
9 Response to "Who's there?"
14 Response to a sermon
15 All tied up
16 Vital sign
17 Accommodations in a balcony or box, say
20 Prefix with -pod
21 Cone-producing tree
22 Turn out to be
23 Encouraged, with "on"
25 Long deli sandwich
27 NW state with a panhandle
30 Advance
31 Lose its solidity
32 Frenzied
34 Video game giant
36 Spill the beans
37 Gadget found in a sofa, all too often
40 Weasel out
41 Working, as a machine
42 Untrue
43 Editor's "Never mind"
44 Pet lovers' org.
48 Volcanic fallout
49 Locking mechanism
50 Bringer of thunder and lightning
51 Theater employee
54 Co. for Web users
56 Once around the track
57 Third cousin, say
61 "Let's Make __": TV game show
62 Puerto __
63 Cake finisher
64 Avoid, as the draft
65 Fencer's blade
66 Hawaiian goose

DOWN
1 Price-fixing bloc
2 Come to light
3 Architect's task
4 L.A.-to-N.Y. dir.
5 First name in denim
6 "Where are you?" response
7 Rare meat color
8 Newspaper circular, e.g.
9 2010 Apple blockbuster
10 "Swan Lake" attire
11 Don, as something more comfortable
12 AOL rival
13 Neurologist's order, for short
18 Outlying mail delivery svc.
19 Music producer Brian
24 "My Cup Runneth Over" singer
26 Draws out, as a confession
28 Pickle herb
29 Bullet in a deck
31 Brisbane buddy
32 Yoga class needs
33 Motionless
35 Like drive-thru fare
36 Letter-shaped hardware
37 Vintage autos
38 Really excited (about)
39 Unlike a bikini
40 Genetic messenger
43 "No Exit" dramatist
45 Cops
46 Horror director Wes
47 Unit of current
49 Farm layer
50 Hotel amenity
52 Dateless attendee
53 In good health
55 Fruit used to flavor gin
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59 Tear, or actor Tom
60 Oz Woodman's makeup

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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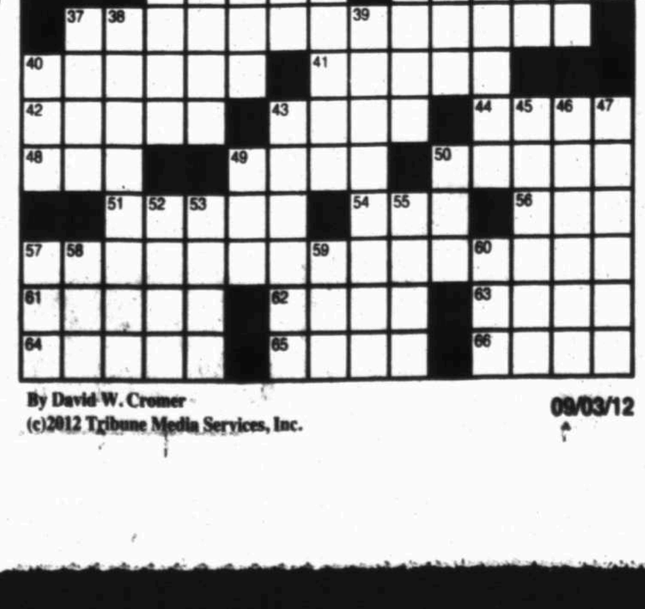

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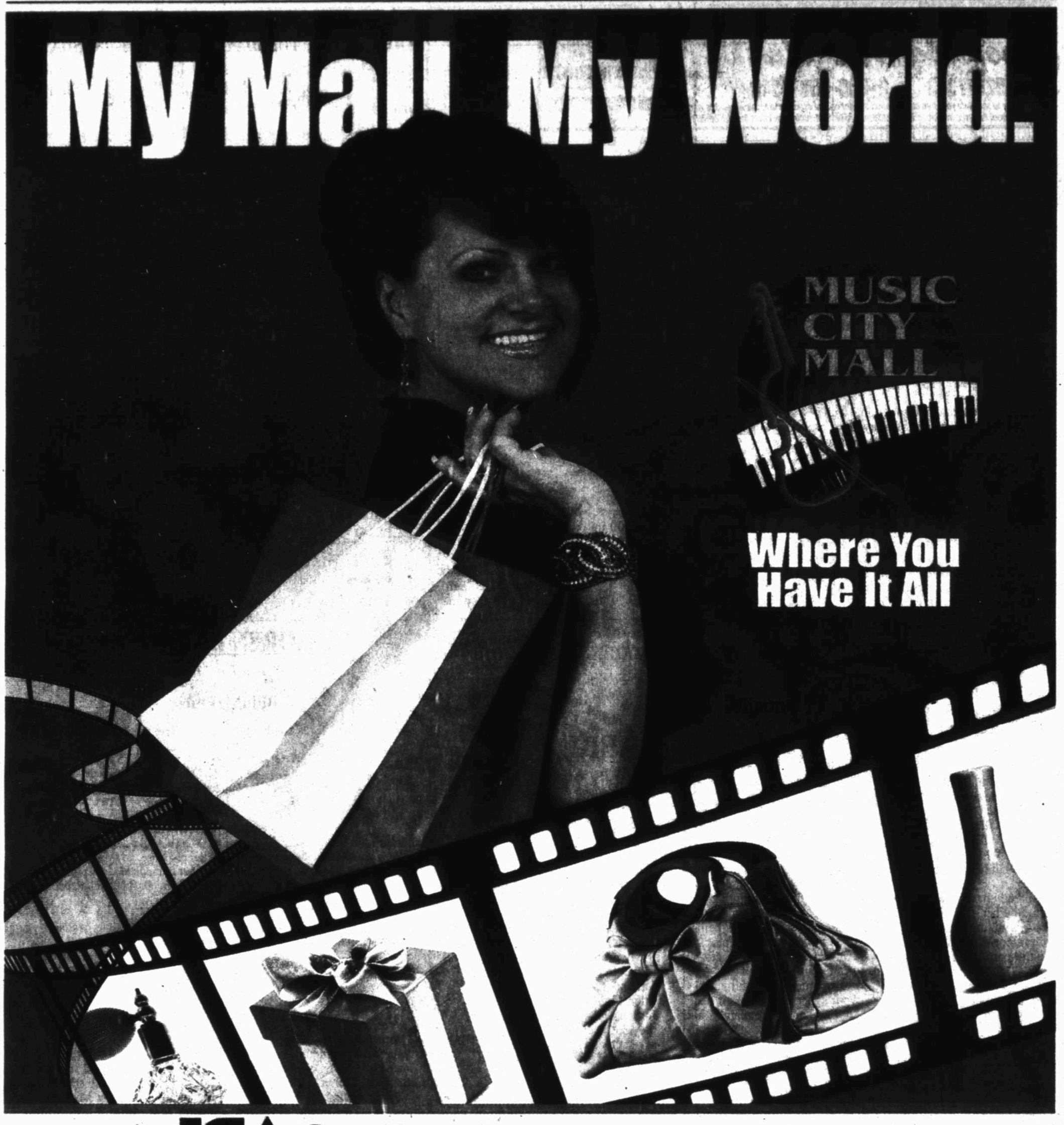

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FOUND MALE Beagle with black collar, near Marcie Ct. Contact City of Midland Animal Control 432-685-7422.

FOUND MALE Chihuahua on Michigan, East of Midkiff. Call to identify 432-352-5295.

FOUND MALE grey Mini Schnauzer near County Club Dr. Call 432-684-5410.

FOUND SMALL black and white female near H.E.B on 8/26/12. Call 432-697-4212.

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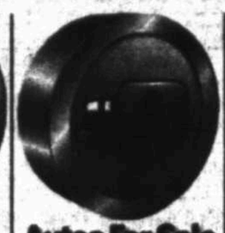

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the Estate of WILLIAM C. WANDS, Deceased, NO. P16381, in the COUNTY COURT, of Midland County, Texas. HOWARD M. REINER, Applicant, Administrator of the Estate of WILLIAM C. WANDS filed in the above and entitled estate on the 20th day of August, 2012 an Application to Determine Heirship in the said estate and request (s) that the said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said WILLIAM C. WANDS, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application may be heard and acted on by said Court after 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of publication of this citation, the same being the 3rd day of September, 2012, at the County Courthouse in Midland County, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Midland County, Texas, this August 20, 2012

(seal)

CHERYL BECKER
Clerk of COUNTY COURT
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By: /s/ Deputy

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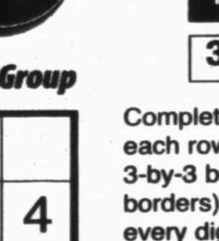

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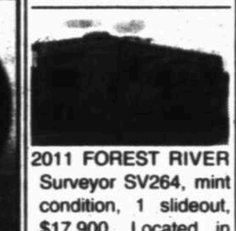

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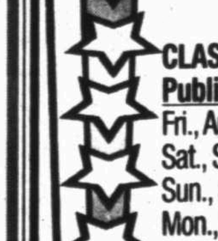

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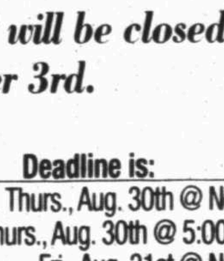

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Alderson Mercedes Benz-Sprinter-Volvo wants to talk to you if you have any Sprinter experience.

Top pay, benefits, no weekends and plenty of hours to flag. We offer a brand new facility with only the best equipment and special tools. Tool box and uniforms are provided. All you need is a can-do attitude, your tools and you will be on your way to a great career and an even better paycheck. Sign on bonus for the right credentials.

Come see us @ 5801 Andrews Hwy. or email bpond@alderson.com

Must have a good DL and able to pass a drug test. If you have the experience, we have the work. Do not hesitate, as this is a career position and not just a stepping stone.

BANKING & MORTGAGE

TELLERS WANTED

FT positions available in the Midland and Odessa locations. Cash handling and customer service a must. Please e-mail resumes to: employment@firstcash.com and use ref# FCAODE009.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Job Recruiter

St. Joseph's Home Health FT

Home health agency is seeking job recruiter. Experience preferred, but will train. Bilingual a plus. Must have at least 30 hours college. May substitude experience for college hours. Salary depending on experience. Fax resume attention to Director of PHC at 432-684-4423.

Oil Field Supply Store Purchasing Agent

Confidential FT

Experience required, full benefits, 401K, salary based on experience. Email resume to: jobapplicants99@gmail.com.

Reception/Office Clerical

Accurate, Inc. FT

Reception/office clerical. Call 432-563-1224 or apply at 9504 W County Rd 127 Midland, TX 79706

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Sales/Service

***STUDENT WORK* $14 BASE - appt** FT/PT flexible schedules. Customer sales/service – no exp nec. All Ages 17+ - conditions apply START ASAP (432) 570-1180. **workforstudents.com**

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Childcare Counselors/ Van Drivers

The YMCA of Midland is currently seeking Childcare Counselors/ Van Drivers for its 2013 to 2013 after school program. Please apply in person at 800 N. Big Spring St. No phone calls please.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Lease Operator

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC FT

Independent Oil and Gas Company seeking: TWO (2) Lease Operator positions for the Permian Basin area.
Lease Operator:
Assure that all wells are producing at maximum rates allowed
- Verify that related equipment and facilities are operating safely and efficiently
- Accurately measure and report daily production using Field Direct data entry application
- Inspect facilities routinely for operational safety and environmental compliance
- Recognize day to day production changes that may indicate problems to report to supervisor

Basic Qualifications
- 5 years related experience
- High school diploma
- Proficiency with PC based computer applications
- Knowledge of Field Direct Application a plus
- Basic math skills
- Use of hand tools

Company provides Health, Dental, Company Vehicle, cell phone and equipment used in job duties, IRA Match Program. Salary commiserate to experience. Hourly position.

Please fax your resume to: 432-563-0011

Sharyland Utilities

Meter Reader - Stanton, TX

Sharyland Utilities, an electric utility, is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Meter Reader in our Stanton Division. This position is responsible for performing duties associated with reading, setting, and disconnecting meters at customer facilities. This position requires a highly motivated individual that is dedicated to discipline, teamwork, superior service, and customer satisfaction. The company expects the personnel in this position to safely, promptly and efficiently carry out both written and oral instructions.

Furthermore, the applicant must have the ability to observe all applicable safety rules and regulations and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. To be considered for the position, please complete the online application by clicking on the Career Opportunities link at **www.sharyland.com**. For further information, please contact Human Resources at (432) 684-0317 or (432) 684-0339. No resumes accepted. This position will be open until filled. Sharyland Utilities is an equal opportunity employer.

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Sharyland Utilities

System Dispatcher - Stanton, TX

Sharyland Utilities, an electric utility, is seeking qualified applicants for the position of System Dispatcher in our Stanton Division. This position is responsible for maintaining the Operations Control Center on a 24 hours a day/7 days a week basis with constant monitoring of the radio, phone and SCADA System. The System Dispatcher will answer incoming service and outage calls and dispatch crews as required, document service orders and updates to the computer database in a timely manner, and maintain an accurate and legible set of records at all times.

Furthermore, the applicant must have the ability to observe all applicable safety rules and regulations, have experience with an electric utility, and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. To be considered for the position, please complete the online application by clicking on the Career Opportunities link at **www.sharyland.com**. No resumes accepted. This position will be open until filled. Sharyland Utilities is an equal opportunity employer.

CAD Technician

Pettigrew & Associates PA FT

Hobbs, New Mexico firm has **IMMEDIATE** openings for CAD Technician. Candidate must be able to perform under pressure while producing quality work from sketches, layouts and notes; and have an extensive knowledge and proficiency in the AutoCAD environment and a strong understanding of the general and detailed aspects of the program and its practical applications. Experience in AutoCad design/drafting in support of surveyors and engineers preferred. Please email resumes to ecruz@pettigrew.us or visit our website at www.pettigrew.us

HEALTHCARE

CBA RN Case Manager

Jordan Health Service FT

Jordan Health Services is seeking FT CBA RN Case Manager in Midland/Odessa and surrounding counties. Competitive salary, mileage reimbursement and benefits available. Bi-lingual and CBA experience a plus, but not required. Call Patty at 1-800-825-4499 or fax resume to 325-201-9432.

Clinic Nurse LVN- Addiction Treatment Center

Midland/Odessa

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

Field Supervisor

Jordan Health Services FT

Jordan Health Services is seeking FT Field Supervisor for Odessa and surrounding counties. Duties include recruiting/hiring attendants to work in the homes of elderly/disabled patients. Requires two years supervisory exp. and/or college, or LVN. Must have reliable transportation, organization & positive attitude. Competitive salary & benefits. Fax resume to 325-201-9432, or call 1-800-825-4499

LPC/LCDC/Social Worker

Midland Addiction Treatment Center PT

Monday-Friday 6:45am-10:45am

Treatment planning/Case manangement. Personal days/CEU days. Paid holidays. Fax resume to 800-671-8364.

Personal Care Attendants

Su Casa Home Health PT

Su Casa Home Health has an opening for Personal Care Attendants needed to work in homes of the elderly. Must have dependable transportation and a phone. Bilingual a plus. Fax resume to: 432-620-8250 or call 432-685-1705

Providers/Caregivers

St. Joseph's Home Health Inc. FT

St. Joseph's Home Health Inc is currently hiring English and Spanish speaking Providers/Caregivers in Midland, TX. Please call: 432-684-5858.

Registered Dental Asst.

Confidential FT

Midland, TX 79707

Registered Dental Assistant needed. Bring resume by: 3200 Sunburst Dr., Midland, TX 79707.

SENIOR CARE OF MIDLAND
NOW HIRING

CNAS-All shifts, Flexible shifts and schedules (8 or 12 hours), $1000.00 sign on bonus

NURSES- 1-10p-6a Nurse, PRN, nurses all shifts, 3 different shifts to choose from: 8, 12 & 16 hour

Looking for full time **HR & Payroll**, offering Competitive Pay & Benefits.

Apply in person at 3000 Mockingbird, Midland, Tx.

Come be part of a great TEAM!!!
EOE

Sitters/CNA'S

Nurses Unlimited, INC FT

Nurses Unlimited, INC is seeking experienced Sitters/CNA'S to work for private duty clients. All shifts available. Call 522-5080 or 1-800-201-5904. E.O.E.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Front Desk/Housekeeping

Confidential FT/PT

Midland, TX 79701

Seeking FT front desk and laundry attendant. Apply at: 3100 West Wall St. or call 432-699-4144.

Housekeepers and Front Desk

Travel Lodge FT/PT

Immediate openings for Front Desk, Housekeepers & Front Desk. Apply at: 2500 Commerce Dr, Midland, TX.

HOUSEKEEPERS

La Quinta Inn & Suites Midland North FT

Apply in person: La Quinta Inn & Suites Midland North, 2606 N. Loop 250 W. *Competitive Pay * Health Benefits available * Monthly bonus.

Immediate Openings

Plaza Inn Midland is accepting applications for the following positions:
● Front Desk Clerk ● Night Audits ● Room Attendants
*** Flexible hours * Competitive pay**
Please apply in person to: Plaza Inn Midland, 4108 N. Big Spring St.

Travel Agent

Amera Travel Network FT

4610 N Garfield Ste A3 **Experience required**

Looking for an agent experienced in Sabre who is reliable with a strong work ethic. Please bring resumes by the office or call 687-0313 ext 303.

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Groundskeeper

B H Management NOW HIRING Groundskeeper for The Dakotas Apartments. Apply in person at 5101 North"A" Street, Midland, TX. 79705 or online at www.bhmanagement.com. EOE

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

AlliedBarton Security Services

SECURITY OFFICERS NEEDED. Full benefits including 401(k), paid vacation, and tuition reimbursement. $500 sign on bonus and GREAT PAY. Contact Danielle Barnett for an interview (423) 685-3235 EOE M/D/F/V

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

All Positions

Walgreens Drug Store FT

Now hiring all positions. Must be flexible, willing to work. Apply online at: Walgreens.com or at any Walgreens location in Midland or Odessa. 3300 N. Midland Dr. If you have any question please call Gracie at: 432-699-5518.

OTHER JOBS

Admistrative Assistant

Ellis Funeral Home Full Time

This position consists of some A/P, printing of funeral materials, answering phones, and other clerical duties as assigned. You must be detail oriented and computer experience is required. You must also be able to pass a drug test, background check and you must have a valid driver's license. Come by 801 Andrews Highway to fill out an application.

Baskin 31 Robbins.

NOW HIRING

Looking for upbeat individuals to come and join our fun team. Day and evening shifts available, pays weekly.
Apply at store:
2101 W. Wadley Ave., Ste. 4 or
Corporate Office
2408 N. Big Spring St.

CINDY CLEAN HAS A MANAGEMENT OPENING

Part time. Salary, incentives, gas allowance. Call (800) 914-4670 Ext. 3

General Staff

Little Dreamer's Learning Center FT

Little Dreamers Learning Center now hiring no experience necessary. Must be over the age of 18 have a high school diploma or equivilant. Pick up application in person at 600 North Carrizo.

AVIS LUBE FAST OIL CHANGE CENTERS

AVIS LUBE
JANITOR

Monday – Friday, flexible hours. Position involves heavy cleaning inside and outside the location. Pay is DOE.

APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.KENTCOMPANIES.COM OR 2408 N. BIG SPRINGS, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705

LANDSCAPING EMPLOYEE WANTED

Must be willing to work hard. Call El Jardin at 432-770-2399.

Maids and Janitors

Confidential PT

Accepting applications for Maids and Janitors. Great PT jobs. Work Monday-Friday 5:30pm-8:30pm. Apply at:1307 N. Big Spring, 8:30am-5:30pm.

MERRY MAIDS

Now Hiring! FT/PT

Apply in Person. Weekly Pay.
No Nights! No Weekend! No Holidays!
2706 W Cuthbert Bldg. B 205, Midland, TX 79701.

Now Hiring

Kelly Services now hiring: ● Administrative Assistant $15.00 hr. ● Scanner $9.00 hr. ● Office Manager $12.00 hr. ● File Clerk $10.00 ● Billing Clerk (requires Quickbooks and Excel) $12.00 hr.
Apply in person with resume to 6 Desta Drive, Ste. 1260, Midland.
Never an applicant fee. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Part Time Caregiver & Housekeeper

The Y.M.C.A. of Midland is currently seeking a part time caregiver & housekeeper for their child development center. For more information, contact Susan wood at 815 South Carver Street or call 432-684-9027.

The Midland Reporter Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses. This 5–6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstmp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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PRIVATE FAMILY HOUSEKEEPER

Three times weekly for great pay. Must have good references and clean background check. Call 432-352-5845 to apply.

Service Driver

B&W Chemical Toilets FT

4500 S State HWY 349

Midland, TX 79706 **0-1 Years Exp.**

Service driver needed for portable toilet business. Must have a good driving record. Please apply in person or call 432-685-1082.

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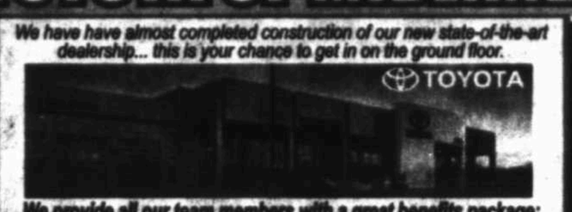
OTHER JOBS

TOYOTA OF MIDLAND

We have have almost completed construction of our new state-of-the-art dealership... this is your chance to get in on the ground floor.



We provide all our team members with a great benefits package: Medical & dental insurance programs - 401K - Paid vacations - Ongoing training & mentoring - A great work environment - Appreciation for your hard work - Opportunity for Advancement. Pay based on experience.

Your hard work and motivation can take you to new heights of success. Join Toyota of Midland, a growing local auto dealership TODAY!

SALES PROFESSIONALS

We are seeking all Automotive Sales Professionals to join our team. We offer a competitive pay plan of $18 per hour while you learn, lots of floor and t-mail traffic, plus great benefits and a guarantee when you get in on the ground floor. We have an excellent variety of certified and pre-owned vehicles. We are right next to Toyota and Scion vehicles. We are eager to discuss the possibility of your new career with our growing team. Our Clients deserve only the utmost customer service oriented professionals. Let us know if you are that person!

$18 AN HOUR GUARANTEED!

No Experience Necessary. We Will Train You! WE MUST FILL 6 TO 8 POSITIONS IMMEDIATELY!

QUICK LUBE MANAGER

The Quick Lube Manager is responsible for the customer-focused and efficient operation of the dealership's Quick Lube Service Department. This includes operating the department at maximum production, managing 6 to 9 employees, controlling costs, building a loyal clientele, maintaining good employee relationships, selling and obtaining sales objectives and maintaining service records.

Candidates should be an energetic, dynamic, results-oriented leader who will assume the responsibility for the development and performance of the Quick Lube Dept.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be team player
- Customer focused selling, and relationship building a must
- Excellent communication and phone skills
- Knowledge of ASP sales but not required
- Multitasking and good leadership skills
- Duties vary similar to ASM, or Service Writer. Include but are not limited to setting up the customer as they arrive at the dealership, write and follow up greeting of the customers, walk around on all customer's vehicles, collecting and processing of customers payments for services.

To Read a plus but not required. If you are a high energy professional looking for the right organization to succeed with... look no further. Take a look at what Toyota of Midland provides all team members.

For all TOYOTA OF MIDLAND job Listings please apply in person

3915 W WALL STREET

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIGITAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an exciting career opportunity for a Information Technology Digital Support Specialist to join our team. The right candidate will be an individual that possesses a wide range of skills and experience in IT workstation, network and digital web technology support.

Qualifications:

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: knowledge of Microsoft Operating Systems and desktop software (PC and Network), internet/web, IT peripheral devices and the ability to achieve goals with or without direct supervision; as well as collaborate with the MRT Web Team. The ideal candidate will have some experience with HTML, XML, Java, MS SQL Server, and experience with IIS, SOAP and ASP.NET is a plus. Ability to monitor, improve, and update the performance of existing and planned Web sites and pages, daily maintenance of internet and intranet websites, maintain the MRTe E-Edition (online MRT newspaper) site, e-blasts and conceptualizing and implementing interactive/viral media for the web. Certifications such as MCSE, MCP, A+, Network+, Cisco, Mac OS and Mac networking experience are a plus, but not required.

Positive attitude, accuracy, timely execution, and teamwork are some of the many attributes of associates who are currently enjoying successful careers at the Midland Reporter-Telegram. All applicants must possess excellent communication skills, work well against deadlines, be extremely detail oriented, flexible and adaptable to a changing environment and able to learn new and innovative technology on the fly. We offer a very competitive compensation and benefits package including insurance, 401(k) plan, paid holidays, vacation, comprehensive training and a realistic opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive, and innovative organization.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is a HEARST Corporation newspaper. The Hearst Corporation is one of the largest diversified communications companies in the country with major interests in magazine, newspaper and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, Internet businesses and more. As an associate of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, you join more than 20,000 in the Hearst family.

For consideration, please provide your resume outlining relevant experience and qualifications to:

Attn: IT Director
Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Ave.
Midland, Texas 79701

Email: itdirector@mrt.com

Midland Reporter-Telegram

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is looking for the right person to join our staff as an evening reporter who will help with breaking news coverage and general assignment reporting.

We value strong enterprise reporting and presenting our readers special projects.

This position will offer the opportunity for multi-media presentations. We want a digital age know-it-all ready to bring our online audience the latest in mobile journalism. Lastly, we want someone who can fit in with a talented group of young reporters and experienced editors.

We take seriously the responsibility of delivering the news to our community. If you are ready to make an impact, join us. Some experience is preferred but recent or soon-to-be college graduates are encouraged to apply.

Send a resume, cover letter and clips to Editor Stewart Doreen (sdoreen@mrt.com).

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Contact: Tony 687-9002

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Call Tony 432-687-9002

REAL ESTATE

Property Manager
Confidential FT
Company seeking a mature and professional individual for position of Property Manager. Experience in management not necessary, but the ability to communicate effectively, organize efficiently and administer customer service skills are essential. Discernment skills are a must. Please forward resume and salary requirements to crownproperties@mygrande.net.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Breakfast Cooks
Breakfast Cooks with experience needed ASAP. Higher wage pay for experience. Also, looking for contract catering help, servers, chefs, cooks. Applications outside of peak periods only 6am-2pm. Apply in person at Lori's Cafe, 2201 W. Wall, Midland, TX.

DOMINO'S PIZZA NOW HIRING!
•**Drivers:** Make cash everyday, Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $7.50 an hour (no split tip/wage here) plus delivery reimbursement, plus tips. •**CSRs:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $8.25 an hour, Bright & Friendly people only! •**Shift Leaders:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $9 an hour, Flexible Schedules. Apply at any **Domino's Pizza** Midland or Odessa or send resume: **cassie@clearwire.net**. Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE

Driver
Jumburrito FT
Driver needed Monday-Friday. Must have clean driving record. Salary depending on experience. Apply in person at 1701 N Big Spring St. 79701.

Kitchen
Torino's Pizza Bar FT
Torino's Pizza Bar always taking applications for all position. Immediate need for kitchen. Starting kitchen pay is $10/hr. Please apply at 3303 North Midkiff suite 110 or call 432-218-6943.

RETAIL JOBS

Part-Time Cashier
Natural Foods Market PT
Health Food Store is taking applications for energetic and friendly part-time cashiers. Shifts will include evenings, and most Saturdays. Apply in person Monday through Friday only 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley, Midland

Sam's Club Is Now Hiring for Part Time & Full Time
Flexible schedules required. Apply at the store kiosk in person at **1500 N. Tradewinds, Midland, TX 79706** or online at **www.samsclub.com/careers**.

Sam's CLUB

SALES JOBS

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

The Midland Reporter-Telegram Advertising Department is looking for an Outside Sales Representative. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

The right individual will enjoy an excellent compensation and full Benefits package. If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

We're Raising the Bar!

Desirable Qualifications & Skills:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment
- Excellent customer service and time management skills
- Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

SCIENCE & RESEARCH

Lab Manager
O Tex Pumping is accepting applications for Lab Manger
A degree in Chemistry or Engineering preferred, but not required. Must have experience in UCA, fluid loss cells, constistometer.
We offer full benefits, 2 weeks paid vacation, and 401 K.
Send resumes to jessu@otexpumping.com apply in person at 2611 E I-20 Midland Tx 79706

SKILLED LABOR

Assistant Maintenance
Assistant Maintenance needed for two Midland properties. Experience preferred. Pay DOE. Benefits, drug screen required. Apply in person :4534 Sinclair Ave, Midland, Tx 79707

Wireline Operators and Mechanic
Anderson Perforating LTD is seeking experienced Wireline Operators and an experienced Heavy Duty Mechanic with tools, for employment in the Midland Division. We offer competitive salary with benefits, depending on experience. Call 432-218-7653 to schedule an appointment. Anderson Perforating LTD does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age and/or disability in employment or the provision of services.

SKILLED LABOR

HEARST newspapers

Advertising Sales Facilitator/Graphic Artist

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an exceptional opportunity for an Advertising Sales Facilitator/Graphic Artist. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting the sales team in achieving financial goals and executing operational processes and objectives. Candidates must work a rotating schedule and have a passion to deliver unparalleled customer service, with the ability to assist an advertising team towards meeting/exceeding all goals.

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We offer a competitive salary commensurate with experience and incentives based on achievement of goals and objectives. We offer a full benefits package including insurance, 401K, paid holidays and vacation.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS:
- Experience preferred in print media, publishing, marketing, or production environment.
- Experience with Adobe CS software, Microsoft Explorer and Windows software.
- Knowledge of advertising concepts, promotions, and marketing.
- Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form.
- High level of organization and ability to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Ability to effectively present information and respond to questions from clients, customers, and the general public.
- Strong ability to make decisions, solve practical problems and deal with a variety of variables in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment.
- Positive attitude, professionalism and willingness to be of service.

If you are interested in working in an exciting and progressive organization, please submit resume to:

Cal de la Pena, Creative Services Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave • Midland, TX 79701
or Email: cdelapena@mrt.com

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Carpenters & Carpenters Helpers
Anderson Construction FT
Carpenters & Carpenters Helpers needed. Apply in person @ 10716 Hwy 191 Suite #1.

Lead Maintenance
Confidential FT
Now hiring **Lead Maintenance**. Must be HVAC Certified. Contact 806-358-7151or email kirk@fimcrealty.com.

Licensed Electrical Journeyman & Apprentices
Brown's Permian Electric Company FT
Licensed Electrical Journeymen and Apprentices needed for local projects. Must furnish own transportation to jobsite and be able to pass drug test. Apply at Brown's Permian Electric Co., 803 S. Marienfeld St., Midland, Monday through Friday, 7-3.

Maintenance
Confidential FT
Full-time maintenance person for a locally owned apartment complex. Duties will include routine repairs and make readies. Must be willing to follow directions and have dependable transportation. Salary DOE. Apply in person at Live Oak Village, 2700 N. Midland Dr.

Maintenance Technician
Confidential FT
Maintenance Technician, plumbing or electrical experience a plus. Salary DOE, drug test, 401K, plus benefits. Apply in person at: 303 W. Wall #2300.

Mechanic
Danny's Automotive F/T
Must have experience and own tools. Paid vacation, retirement plan and insurance. Starting pay $35.00/hour. M-F, 7:30am - 5:30pm. Apply at: 1904 West Front, Midland, TX. 79701. Come try us out!!

Mechanic & Mechanic Helper
Confidential FT
Mechanic & Mechanic Helper needed for diesel trucks and tanker trailers. Call Randy at 817-819-7051.

Oilfield Construction Manager
Minimum 5 years experience with bidding, invoicing, and job cost tracking. Over see building locations, roads, and containment pads. Please send resume to P-138 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79701

PLC Programmer / Technician PLC Programmer
PLC Programmer/Technician PLC programmer with a minimum of 2 years oilfield experience. **Multiple positions available.** Journeyman electrician a plus. Ladder Logic skills will be tested before hire. Must have clean driving record & a valid driver's license. Competitive compensation & benefits. Education: High School Diploma or higher. Send resume to **jobs@tanklogix.com**

Sand Blasters, Painters, Helpers & Welders
Accurate, Inc. FT
Sandblasters, painters, painter helpers, tank and vessel welders, welder helpers. Call 432-563-1224 or apply at 9504 W Cnty Rd 127 Midland, TX 79706.

Shop/Field Mechanic
Basin Engine and Pump FT
Shop/Field Mechanic needed for an Industrial Oilfield Shop. Tools and uniforms provided. Benefits package. Pay DOE. Please fax resume to 432-570-1115 or email: shawn@basinengine.com. Office 432-570-1114. Applications may be filled out at 1914 S. County Rd. 1083, Midland, TX 79706.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Hot Shot Driver
G & W Trucking FT
Hot Shot Drivers wanted in the Midland area. Class A CDL, and drug screen required. Call 800-572-6338 or apply at Texas Work Force Commission for more information.

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RETAIL JOBS

Hiring Fair

FAST OIL CHANGE CENTERS

• Greeters • Lube Techs
• Car Care

* Hiring Bonus $1,500
* Tuition Reimbursement
* Weekly Pay

Avis Lube
5309 W. Wadley
Friday, September 7th
9 am – 12 pm

Avis Lube
4705 N. Midkiff
Saturday, September 8th
9 am – 12 pm

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FAST OIL CHANGE CENTERS

AVIS LUBE CENTERS HIRING
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ALL LOCATIONS
MIDLAND/ODESSA
$1,500 HIRING BONUS AND TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.KENTCOMPANIES.COM OR 2408 N. BIG SPRINGS, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers
Sun Coast Resources, Inc. FT
$22 CDL Drivers, with overtime available. Must have hazmat/tanker exp. and a clean record.Fuel experience a plus. Home every day.Full benefit package. Contact our recruiting department at (713) 429-6793, or apply in person at 1400 West Industrial Drive, Midland TX. Applications available on the career page of our web-site at www.suncoastresources.com. Send completed applications to drive@suncoastresources.com or fax to (713) 429-8410. Sun Coast Resources, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

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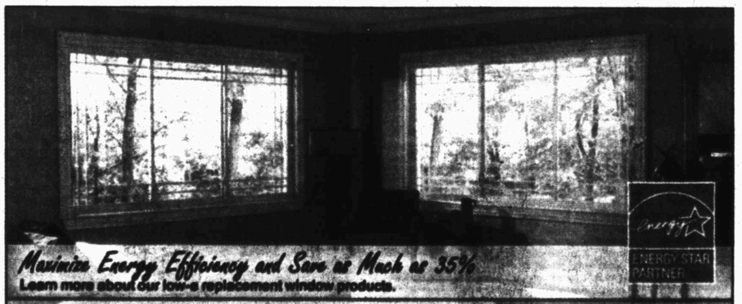
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