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Drivers must pull over for safety vehicles

Failure to yield has become a major safety issue, according to first responders

By Tyler White
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When ambulances and fire engines respond to emergency calls, other vehicles are required to pull over to the right side of the road and come to a stop.

But Midland firefighters and paramedics said drivers often neglect to do so.

Drew Peters, MFD acting battalion chief, said motorists' failure to yield has become an issue.

"These problems have always existed, (but) it's gotten worse," Peters said as a few firefighters gathered Wednesday around a table at Central Fire Station to share their experiences on the road.

The firefighters who spoke with the Reporter-Telegram cited numerous factors hampering their ability to promptly respond to emergency calls.

The factors that most complicate their job are drivers who pull over to the left instead of the right, drivers who stop in the middle of the road and drivers who refuse to stop.

Peters attributed those problems to drivers' lack of knowledge on how to react to emergency medical service vehicles.

Firefighter paramedic Patrick Parker said EMS drivers are trained to pass vehicles on the left side, and motorists who pull over to the left disrupt the traffic flow and increase the chance of collisions.

This also is a problem on interstates and other highways, said Rocky Guzman, firefighter paramedic. EMS vehicles often have to wait behind vehicles in the highway's left lane until the driver pulls over, he said.

Many drivers stop in the middle of the road when they see emergency vehicles approaching, which can be frustrating, said driver paramedic Jeff Thon. He said motorists' failure to properly yield is a potential risk to the lives of people the EMS units are trying to help.

Further complicating the matter is increased traffic in Midland County and drivers who are distracted by activities such as talking or texting on their cellphones and listening to headphones.

"Everybody seems to be doing everything in their vehicles except driving," Thon said.

Peters said modern vehicle design also affects driver awareness because outside noise is muted.

"A lot of times they don't hear (us) until (we're) right up on them," he said.

Sirens on engines and ambulances are about 120 decibels, which is comparable to a car horn, according to Sara Higgins, public information officer for the city.

When an ambulance approaches a traffic light, the driver uses a device that manipulates the signals so the ambulance has a green light, Guzman said. But sometimes the device doesn't allow an EMS driver to manipulate the signal and he must stop at a red light. When this occurs, Guzman said EMS vehicles have to move through the intersection and hope that cross traffic stops to allow them through the intersection. And since not all drivers are aware the emergency vehicle is approaching, it can be a dangerous situation, Peters said.

To alert motorists to their presence on the roadways, MFD has begun installing air horns on new ambulances, including ambulances at Stations No. 1, No. 2 and No. 9, Guzman said.

Capt. Mike Winford said all ambulances should have the airhorns within the next year.

Motorists' failure to yield also has become a common and frustrating problem for law enforcement officers, said Midland Police Department Sgt. Jason Lee.

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LIZARD IN TROUBLE



MRT file photo

The dunes sagebrush lizard was originally supposed to have been protected under the Texas Conservation Plan, but the plan is now threatened by conflicting interests and with it, the lizard.

Conservation plan threatens rare lizard

By Matt Tresaugue
Houston Chronicle

Often at odds, the federal government and Texas came together last year to rescue the dunes sagebrush lizard from the brink of extinction.

But the deal, held up as a model of cooperation, may do more to shield energy companies from scrutiny than to protect the imperiled reptile dwelling in the West Texas oil patch.

The 14-month-old Texas Conservation Plan is threatened by potential conflicts of interest and a lack of transparency, while an advocacy group says there is evidence of oil and gas development in the tiny lizard's habitat that has gone unreported to and unnoticed by state and federal officials.

So far, the state's monthly reports to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service show that energy companies and other landowners have harmed only 1 1/2 acres of the lizard's habitat, which stretches across the vast Permian Basin, one the nation's most prolific oil and gas fields.

The number suggests that people are avoiding areas where the lizards live, but federal regulators do not know for certain. A foundation created by lobbyists for the oil and gas industry monitors and records disturbances to the reptile's habitat for the state, while Texas law prevents the Fish and Wildlife Service, among others, from seeing key documents to verify the reports.

"The Fish and Wildlife Service has no idea what is going on and has no ability to follow up," said Ya-Wei Li, a staff attorney for Defenders of Wildlife, a Washington, D.C.-based advocacy group. "They only know what Texas is telling them."

Defenders of Wildlife has sued the Fish and Wildlife Service over the Texas plan, which was cited as the reason for not protecting the rare sand-dwelling lizard as an endangered species. The federal agency declined comment because of the pending litigation.

Under its agreement with Texas, the Fish and Wildlife Service would not require protections for the lizard, so long as the state took steps to preserve its habitat in the Permian Basin. Both sides heralded the deal as a new model for saving troubled species without crippling the region's economy.

The surprising turn in June 2012 came two years after federal officials proposed the strongest level of protection under the Endangered Species Act for the reptile, which has lost critical habitat to energy development and livestock grazing.

At the time, then-Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said the

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MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

Hunter cleared area of bison, Comanche

Christopher Columbus "Lum" Medlin is mentioned in most, if not all, history books that have been written about Midland. And in "Land of the High Sky," John Howard Griffin intimates that Medlin was probably the second resident of Midland after Herman Garrett set up a bed role in an open field on the future site of First National Bank in the early 1880s.

Griffin described the bison hunter as a "medium-sized, carefree man" and said that the first time Garrett laid eyes on Medlin he was said to be barefoot.

Medlin eventually moved to Tatum in New Mexico territory, but his children attended Midland schools and he was closely associated with the town until he died of pneumonia here in 1898.

Medlin was the most proficient hunter in the plains, whether his target was bison, antelope or the Comanche, according to George Pemberton, also an antelope hunter.

History has come to know Medlin mainly as a hunter of bison, and it was that animal's eradication — a controversial practice often seen as wasteful and senseless — that served at least a two-fold purpose. Medlin's hunting forays not only helped drive out the Comanche, but the bison kills also helped feed soldiers and T&P Railroad workers laying track westward.

Medlin was so adept at hunting because he was not only skilled with a rifle, but he was patient and stealth-like in his movements, according to The Thorny Trail (Vol. XXX, Nos. 1 and 2)

"He would walk toward an antelope until it would raise its head and look at him," an old-timer once said. "Then he would stop, perfectly still, until the antelope would start grazing again. Sometimes he might have to wait 20 minutes, but he walked up to within 200 steps of the buck, raised his gun, toppled him over and then turned around and walked back to the camp."

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Texas foster girl's death raises questions

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The death of a toddler who Central Texas police say died at the hands of her foster mother has raised questions about the screening and training given to foster parents by one of the state's largest child-placement agencies.

Sherill Small, 54, is charged with capital murder in the last month's death of 2-year-old Alexandria Hill. Court documents say Alexandria's head had been smashed against the floor. According to an affidavit, Small told authorities it happened as she was swinging the girl over her head as they played.

Alexandria had been placed in Small's Rockdale home by Texas Mentor, the state's No. 3 foster-care contractor.

But two months before Small was approved to be a foster parent, a judge issued an arrest warrant for her for writing a bad check. Her husband, Clemon Small, had at least four misdemeanor convictions, all from a decade ago. Small's daughters were in legal trouble themselves — one with a pending drug charge at the time her mother was approved to be a foster parent and another serving six years in prison for aggravated kidnapping and aggravated robbery.

Records show state licensing officials placed the Texas Mentor's Arlington office on a six-month evaluation in February after 114 deficiencies or violations were found at 56 foster homes in the previous two years. And Texas Mentor has been cited at least a dozen times over the past two years for failing to ensure that criminal background checks are done or updated on residents or frequent visitors to its foster homes.

But Child Protective Services spokesman Patrick Crimmins said the state doesn't fine child placing agencies for such failures. When problems are serious enough, he said, it stops sending children to the agency.

That hasn't happened with Texas Mentor, an agency that's part of Boston-based National Mentor Holdings Inc., a $1 billion-a-year corporation that provides health care and social services in 34 states, according to the Dallas Morning News.

In the eight months prior to her July 31 death, Alexandria had been in two foster homes. Investigators said they needed to remove Alexandria from the household because the couple had physical, mental health and drug problems.

"People make mistakes," Mary Sweeney, the toddler's mother, told the Austin American-Statesman. "But there was never a time that I didn't care for her, feed her or love her."

After the state takes custody of children, private organizations, such as Texas Mentor, find them homes. Subcontractors often study homes for eligibility.

The current system makes it nearly impossible for the state to know what's going on with the children, said Johana Scot with the Parent Guidance Center, which advocates for parents of minors in the foster system.

Texas Mentor said it couldn't specifically discuss Alexandria's case because of privacy laws and the ongoing criminal investigation. It did tell the Austin American-Statesman it takes numerous steps to ensure the safety of its foster homes, such as ordering background checks, conducting extensive interviews and performing home studies.

The Smalls met the legal requirements to be foster care parents, Texas Mentor state director Wendy Bagwell said. The company is "appalled" by the allegations against the family, she said, and is working closely with investigators.

"Our team is committed to providing safe and caring homes for the children of our state, and we take our obligation to select nurturing foster families seriously," Bagwell said.

Clemon Small and Sherill Small's daughters couldn't be reached for comment. Sherill Small is in jail, and her attorney declined to comment, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sheila B. Anders, 56, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Amber N. Mendoza, 28, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Anthonie J. Ramos, 20, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of violation of parole.

Remigio R. Rodriguez Jr., 19, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

Nicholas Westby, 23, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Obituaries



Sheldon Gene Millsap

Sheldon G. Millsap passed away August 16, 2013. He was born September 1, 1957 to Del Gene Millsap and Jeann Massey Millsap in Marfa, Texas. Sheldon was a well-respected gemologist and owner of Regale Jewelry in Austin, Texas. He married Carol Finch in 1981.

Sheldon is survived by his beloved wife, Carol Millsap, and son, Alex Millsap, of Austin, Texas; parents, Del Gene Millsap and Jeann Massey Millsap; brother, Bade Millsap and wife Carolyn, of Bulverde, Texas; Jon Millsap and wife Carie of Haslet, Texas; brother-in-law, Mike Finch and wife Peggy, of Sugar Land, Texas; numerous nephews and nieces.

Services have been scheduled for 3:00 PM Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at Beck Funeral Home, 15709 Ranch Road 620, Austin, Texas.

Obituary and memorial guestbook available online at www.beckchapels.com.

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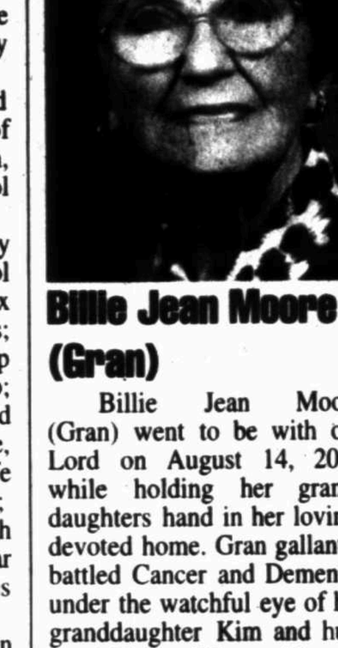

Billie Jean Moore (Gran)

Billie Jean Moore (Gran) went to be with our Lord on August 14, 2013 while holding her granddaughters hand in her loving, devoted home. Gran gallantly battled Cancer and Dementia under the watchful eye of her granddaughter Kim and husband Tyler. What noble and steadfast caretakers they were while never once wavering on their decision to care for her until the day she passed. Gran was an example of Christ in every aspect of her life, as we are all called to be. There is no doubt she is spreading love and laughter in Heaven now.

She was born on August 22, 1924 in Sayre, OK to Virginia Irene and Johnny B. Myers. Gran never met a stranger and was so full of life and love for other people. She was a hero to her granddaughters and her undying love and care for them impacted their lives forever. She was employed at M System Food's for over 33 years with her final position being Drug Manager. Her isles were pristine perfect and her smiles were abundant. Gran was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school and was a member of the choir alongside her husband of late, William Frederick Young III. There was always a soda, snack, special surprise and a smile waiting for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Tea was supposed to have sugar and dessert was served at the end of every meal. She was an amazing cook and an immaculate gardener. If she wasn't at work or playing with the grandkids she could be found working in the yard as it brought her peace. Gran's most famous talent was bedtime stories. Among the favorites were "Jack and the Bean Stalk," "Goldie Locks and the Three Bears", and "The Three Little Pigs." If you were fortunate enough to have heard them you would have sworn you were in the story yourself. Her granddaughters spent many a night in her loving arms while falling peacefully to sleep to such fairy tales.

She is survived by her sister Claudette Johnson of Athens Texas, daughter Lana Young Reynolds, granddaughters Kimberly Rene' Riley and husband William Tyler Riley, Lyneia Jean Vitello and husband Michael Perry Vitello and great grandchildren Kirsten Louise Graham, Logan Perry Vitello, Brinson Michael Vitello and Cason Patrick Vitello of Midland, Texas.

There will be a viewing on Sunday, August 18, 2013 at Ellis Funeral Home between the hours of 6:00pm and 8:00pm. Graveside service has been scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2013 at 10:00am at Fairview Cemetery. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

The pallbearers will be: Tyler Riley, Mike Vitello, Tony Graham, Logan Vitello, Brinson Vitello and Cason Vitello.

The family would like to especially thank Hospice of Midland for their compassionate and loving care.

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Ron T. Ellis/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

This Aug. 10 photo shows a street sign with the Bankhead Highway name along a section in Hudson Oaks. Bankhead Highway was the first coast-to-coast route extending across the southern United States, beginning in 1916 at "mile zero" near the south lawn of the White House and ending in San Diego. The route included about 850 miles in Texas, carving a path that — although it now exists under many different names, including U.S. 80 and Interstate 20 — remains a vital corridor in cities such as Fort Worth and Mineral Wells.

Coast-to-coast Bankhead Highway to mark centennial

By Gordon Dickson
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — Before red-light cameras, drive-through restaurants and reflective road signs, there was Bankhead Highway.

It was the first coast-to-coast route extending across the southern United States, beginning in 1916 at "mile zero" near the south lawn of the White House and ending in San Diego. The route included about 850 miles in Texas, carving a path that — although it now exists under many different names, including U.S. 80 and Interstate 20 — remains a vital corridor in cities such as Fort Worth and Mineral Wells.

"Imagine a world in 1916, to understand what it must have been like to say, 'Hey, let's start out at the White House and find our way to California,'" Michael Morris, transportation director for the North Central Texas Council of Governments, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The 100th anniversary of Bankhead Highway will be in 2016. Congress kicked off the federal-aid highway program in 1916, funding highways that connected the far reaches of the newly industrialized nation. The aid program essentially defined a method for government to fund roads — and it's a guiding formula that remains in use today.

To celebrate the anniversary, the Texas Historical Commission is conducting a two-year study of Bankhead Highway and its importance to the Lone Star State.

As a proper name, a handful of Texas communities still use the Bankhead Highway moniker on their roads — Weatherford, Odessa and Van Horn among them. But the history of the road lives on under different monikers in varying cities. Today, the road is called Division Street in Arlington, Main Street in Garland and East Lancaster Avenue and Camp Bowie Boulevard in Fort Worth.

The study will include public outreach meetings across the state, including Sept. 12 in Fort Worth and Oct. 1 in Mineral Wells. Anyone is welcome at the meetings, including residents with memories of the road.

"They're going to be coming out with information on Bankhead Highway, but they're also asking people to come forward with any maps, pictures that they can include in their research," said Sandy Wesch, council of governments project engineer.

The historical road is named after John H. Bankhead, a senator from Alabama who was instrumental in passage of the federal-aid highway program.

The historical commission expects its study to cost $1.4 million. Hardy-Heck-Moore, an Austin preservation firm, has been brought aboard to oversee the details. Funding comes from the state Legislature, which in 2009 approved the program using federal "transportation enhancement" dollars, a commission spokeswoman said.

The work will include a written history of the road, and a survey of gas stations, diners and any other landmarks in the path.

"The idea is to encourage heritage tourism and boost heritage tourism in the communities these roads have gone through," said historical commission spokeswoman Debbi Head.

Commission officials say their goal is to make the Bankhead Highway the first of many studies of Texas roads with historical and cultural significance in the coming years.

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Full circle for engineers



Associated Press

On Aug. 14, children look at a computer presentation on how to assemble Lego parts during a Digital Media Academy workshop in Stanford, Calif. Lego's new Mindstorms sets rolling out next month are keenly anticipated by Silicon Valley engineers many of whom were drawn to the tech sector by the flagship kits that came on the market in 1998, introducing computerized movement to the traditional snap-together toy blocks and allowing the young innovators to build their first robots.

Silicon Valley keenly awaits latest Lego robot kit

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Few are more excited about Lego's new Mindstorms sets rolling out next month than Silicon Valley engineers.

Many of them were drawn to the tech sector by the flagship kits that came on the market in 1998, introducing computerized movement to the traditional snap-together toy blocks and allowing the young innovators to build their first robots. Now, 15 years later, those robot geeks are entrepreneurs and designers, and the colorful plastic bricks have an outsized influence in their lives.

Techies tinker at Lego play stations in workplaces. Engineers mentor competitive Lego League teams. Designers use them to mock up larger projects ideas. And executives stand Lego creations on their desks alongside family photos.

"Everyone I work with played with them as children. We sit around talking Lego. It's a shared common experience," said Travis Schuh, who reaches into his bin of plastic blocks when he needs a quick prototype at the Silicon Valley medical robotic firm where he works.

The new Mindstorms sets, on sale Sept. 1, are simpler for the younger crowd and more versatile for sophisticated users than two earlier versions.

The sets are designed for kids over 10 and make it easy to build basic, remote-controlled robots, including a cobra-like snake that snaps Lego brick fangs. Some shoot balls, others drive along color-coded lines.

But for $349, far more expensive than typical building toys, customers get a much more complex and powerful system.

"There's actually a lot of engineering that goes into Lego bricks, and the systems you can prototype out of them are pretty sophisticated," said Stanford University engineering professor Christian Gerdes, who uses them in his classroom.

Professional hackers will also find plenty to do with the new Mindstorms, as the open source software uses Linux for the first time, and controller apps are integrated for tablets and mobile phones.

San Francisco-based software engineer Will Gorman is one of those adult users. He has torn apart Mindstorms kits to create a Lego toilet flusher, a Wii-playing robot that bowled a perfect game and a Lego Mars Curiosity Rover.

"I don't consider myself an adult really," said the 36-year-old father of two last week, setting up yet another creation on a table in a sunny Redwood City library overlooking San Francisco's bay wetlands.

ProtoTank co-founder Adam Ellsworth, whose headquarters are on the third floor of TechShop San Francisco, said, "There is a culture of design in the Silicon Valley, and Lego bricks are how so many of us started."

"This place is just one big Lego station," he added, raising his voice above the buzz of laser cutters and 3-D printers. "Taking an idea, a concept, and finding the right way to turn it into something real, that's fundamentally what you're doing with Lego bricks."

Denmark-based Lego first sold their plastic bricks 55 years ago and watched them grow into one of the world's most popular toys. But company officials say Mindstorms, designed for children but quickly snapped up by adults, changed their market.

"In the last 15 years, we have worked hard to balance the needs and wants of this shadow market while at the same time engaging kids," said Michael McNally, a brand director at LEGO Systems, Inc.

Kellen Asercion, a Stanford University engineering graduate student, first snapped Lego bricks together around the time he started kindergarten, and he was still building when he graduated high school.

"Lego sets are almost single-handedly responsible for my interest in engineering," he said.

Many Bay Area engineers also grew up competing in the First Lego League, which also launched in 1998 with 200 teams. Since then, the league has expanded — last year more than 280,000 children around the world, ages 6-18, participated.

Organizers expect 600 teams participating in Northern California this fall.

"We have a culture that only celebrates superheroes in the worlds of entertainment and sports. We need to create superheros in the world of innovation," said Dean Kamen, who founded FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), which includes the First Lego League.

Nagy Hakim first played with Mindstorms at a robotics summer camp when he was in 6th grade. Since then, the college-bound 18-year-old from Santa Clara, Calif., has joined — and even mentored — Lego leagues.

Is this something he's going to grow out of?

"Time will tell," laughs Hakim. This fall he heads to Olin College of Engineering in Boston, where professors posit theoretical Lego problems, students are encouraged to mentor Lego teams and the library stocks Mindstorms kits.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Back to school this week

The following schools start this week.

Monday: Trinity School, Midland Christian School, Midland Academy Charter

Tuesday: St. Ann's School

Meetings today

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m.
City Hall council chambers
300 N. Loraine St.

MOTOR MPO
5 p.m.
MOTOR office
9601 Wright Drive

Energy Tower Q&A
A question-and-answer session on the Energy Tower is planned for 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Midland Center.
The public is invited to attend.

Applicants sought

The Midland City Council will begin making appointments to boards and commissions in September for the new fiscal year.

The majority of terms will begin Oct. 1 and generally vary from two to four years. A complete list of boards and commissions, along with meeting schedules and an application form, can be found on the city's website. Applications are also available at the city secretary's office on the third floor of City Hall, 300 N. Loraine.

Deadline to submit applications is 5 p.m. Sept. 3.

The following boards and commissions will have open seats:

- Airport Planning and Development Board - six seats
- Animal Services Advisory Commission - six seats
- Building Codes Review Committee - nine seats
- City Development Advisory Committee - four seats
- Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals - four seats
- Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Board - four seats
- Housing Authority Commission - three seats
- Midland Center Advisory Board - three seats
- Midland Football-Soccer and Baseball Complex Development Corp. - seven seats
- Midland Higher Education Facilities Corp. - six seats
- Midland Housing Finance Corp. - five seats
- Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District Board - five seats
- Oil and Gas Advisory Committee - one seat
- Parks and Recreation Commission - four seats
- Planning and Zoning Commission - two seats
- Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board - five seats
- Zoning Board of Adjustment and Airport Zoning Board of Adjustment - eight seats

Source: city of Midland

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9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
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2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
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6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
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Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
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Today in history

Today is Monday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 2013. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Aug. 19, 1848, the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California.

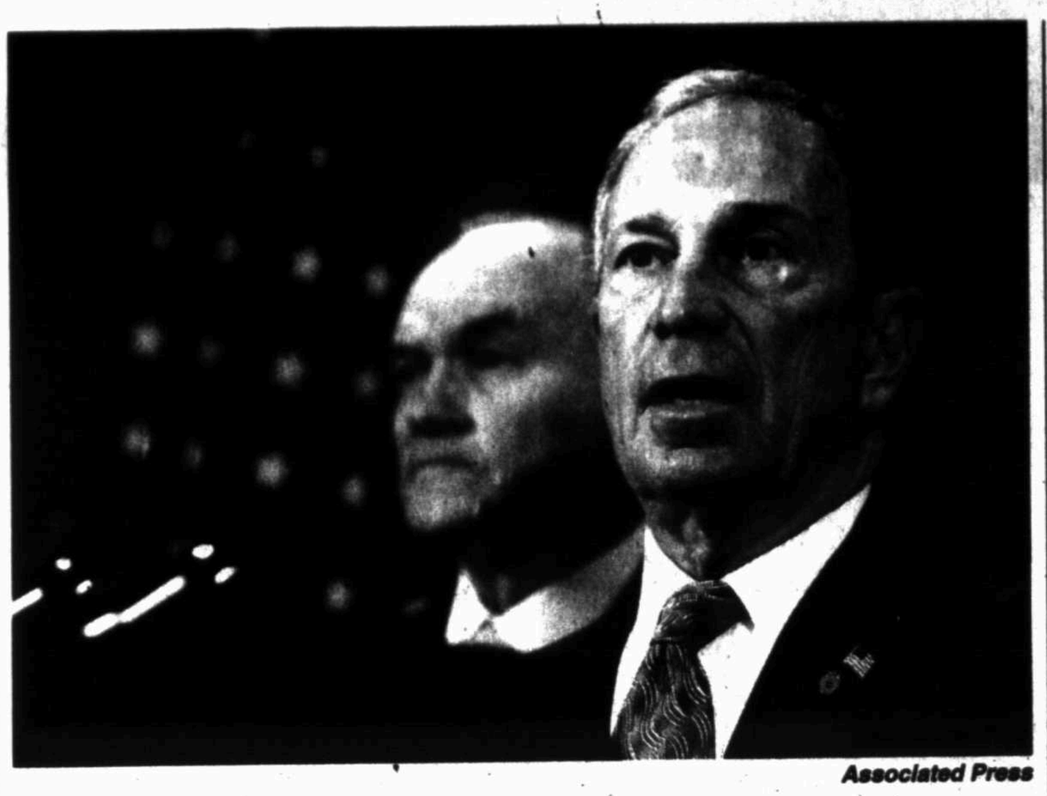
On this date:

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate HMS Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812, earning the nickname "Old Ironsides."

In 1951, the owner of the St. Louis Browns, Bill Veeck sent in 3-foot-7 Eddie Gaedel to pinch-hit in a game against Detroit. In his only major league at-bat, Gaedel walked on four pitches and was replaced at first base by a pinch-runner.

In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage. Although sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, Powers was returned to the United States in 1962 as part of a prisoner exchange.

Today's birthdays: Former President Bill Clinton is 67. Tipper Gore, wife of former Vice President Al Gore, is 65. Country singer Lee Ann Womack is 47.



Associated Press

On April 16, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, right, accompanied by Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, addresses a news conference in the Blue Room of New York's City Hall. After an Aug. 12 ruling by a federal judge sitting in New York, the department burnishing a reputation as one of the nation's most potent police forces appears poised to become one of the most closely monitored. The federal judge said the department made thousands of racially discriminatory street stops and appointed a monitor to direct changes. New York City lawmakers will vote on creating an inspector general for the NYPD and widening the legal path for pursuing claims of police bias.

NYPD faces prospect of 2 new, separate watchdogs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — After years of burnishing a reputation as one of the nation's most potent police forces, the New York Police Department appears poised to become one of the most closely monitored.

A federal judge this week said the department made thousands of racially discriminatory street stops and appointed a monitor to direct changes. And city lawmakers are readying for a final vote Thursday on creating an inspector general for the NYPD and widening the legal path for pursuing claims of police bias.

It's a one-two punch of outside tinkering that will muddy police work, a pair of complementary steps to protect civil rights or a rash of policymaking that may end up meaning little on the street, depending on who gets asked. But from any perspective, it would be the onset of a new era of oversight for the country's biggest police department, though the impacts would be defined by particulars and politics still in play.

The federal ruling outlines but doesn't always detail reforms, and the city plans to appeal it. The City Council, if it succeeds in overriding a mayoral veto, would establish a monitor but not select the person or specify exactly what gets investigated. And a new mayor will take office next year, which could well mean new police leadership.

"The complexity, at this point, is that there are so many moving parts," said John Jay College of Criminal Justice professor Eugene O'Donnell, who isn't involved in the litigation or legislation. "And it doesn't help that it became very adversarial."

Some other police forces, including the Los Angeles Police Department, also have had both court monitoring and an inspector general. The NYPD was under a 1980s federal consent decree that involved undercover and surveillance techniques, but this would be an unprecedented level of outside scrutiny for the agency.

Advocates see distinct roles for each of the prospective new NYPD watchdogs, who would have different scopes and powers. They wouldn't directly intersect, deriving their authority from different parts of government.

The court monitor could compel changes, via the judge, but only concerning stop and frisk. If the ruling stands after the expected appeal, the monitor will flesh out details of U.S. District Court Judge Shira Scheindlin's calls for changes to officer training, supervision and discipline. The monitor also would keep tabs on specific initiatives Scheindlin required: revising forms that document stops and testing body-worn cameras for officers.

The inspector general could look at many aspects of policing — surveillance of Muslims or officers' response to the mentally ill, for instance. But the inspector could issue only recommendations, not orders, though the mayor or council could make them mandatory.

LIZARD

From 1A

decision rested, in part, on the idea that conservation efforts by oil and gas companies and ranchers would help restore and maintain habitat for the creature. But he put the states and industry on notice that if conditions do not improve, the lizard could receive endangered-species protections.

The 3-inch lizard lives only among stands of shinnery oak, a relatively rare tree that thrives in the sand dunes of West Texas and New Mexico. Beneath the tree, which is more like a bush in height, the reptile buries itself in the sand to avoid predators and regulate its body temperature.

The Texas plan does not restrict development or grazing, but would cap disturbances to the lizard's 197,000-acre range in the first three years.

The plan is voluntary and does not require participants to adopt any specific conservation measures. Ten energy companies and ranchers, controlling a combined 110,117 acres of lizard habitat, enrolled to avoid stricter federal rules for protecting the reptile.

Even then, about 45 percent of the lizard's habitat in Texas is not enrolled in the program.

Those who enroll must file a certificate of inclusion with the Texas Comptroller's Office, which is responsible for the state's response to endangered species. The document details where the dunes lizard might be found, which actions the property owner will take to preserve habitat and for how long.

But the certificates are confidential under state law — even the Fish and Wildlife Service is not allowed to see them without the participant's consent. In contrast, New Mexico, which employs similar agreements with landowners, makes them public.

Amid the secrecy, Comptroller Susan Combs delegated the authority to monitor and verify compliance to a foundation formed by the Texas Oil and Gas Association and overseen by Warren Chisum, an industry lobbyist who previously served in the state House.

The Texas Habitat Conservation Foundation employs one person, a certified wildlife biologist who previously worked for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The staff member conducts driving tours of enrolled properties, uses satellite imagery and reviews state drilling permits to ensure compliance. Combs spokeswoman Lauren Willis said.

The Comptroller's Office and Chisum said there is no conflict of interest, saying there are checks and balances in place and plans for a third-party audit.

Defenders of Wildlife, however, says it has found at least three unreported disturbances of lizard habitat on land enrolled by Houston-based oil giant ConocoPhillips, the only company to publicly release its certificate of inclusion.

Using satellite images and drilling permits, the advocacy group said over the past 14 months it was able to pinpoint instances of new oil pads, dirt roads and cleared land on enrolled property in three West Texas counties.

A ConocoPhillips spokeswoman said the company believes the wells have been drilled in compliance with the terms of its agreement with the state. And the Comptroller's Office said the advocacy group's methodology fell short of its own protocol for ensuring compliance.

Under its deal with Texas, ConocoPhillips would pay $35,000 for each new well it builds in high quality habitat and as much as $8,750 per acre of new development. The money would go toward improving habitat in other areas, but even the company acknowledged in its certificate that the state plan has conflicting language about which disturbances must be mitigated.

The Comptroller's Office, meanwhile, has not said how much it has collected in fees for disturbed habitat, citing the same state law that prevents the release of the enrollment certificates.

The program's lack of transparency has troubled state Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, who sponsored a bill that would have shifted responsibility from the Comptroller's Office, the state's tax agency, to a board involving several agencies, including the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. His district includes part of the tiny lizard's habitat.

"It's unimaginable to have the program in the Office of the Comptroller, which has to contract out" daily monitoring to a nonprofit group when other agencies have biologists on staff, he said.

Combs and major oil and gas interests fought the bill. The Legislature passed it in May, but Gov. Rick Perry vetoed it, saying he preferred the process to stay with a single agency rather than a nine-member board.

Chisum, as a state representative in 2011, was responsible for the amendment that put the comptroller in charge of endangered species. He said there is no need for change.

"We've had endangered species laws for 40 years, and it has always been a confrontational deal" between regulators and landowners, Chisum said. "This is a completely different deal. We have landowners volunteering to protect the lizard, and they get to remain private landowners without the government telling them what to do."

Advocates rally around Pa. assisted suicide case

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — No one may ever know Barbara Mancini's intentions when she allegedly handed her dying 93-year-old father a bottle of morphine at his central Pennsylvania home.

Did she want to relieve his pain? Help him end his life? Both?

Joe Yourshaw died four days later at a hospital. That was after a hospice nurse making a call to check on Yourshaw arrived at the home a short time later and called 911, despite a "Do Not Resuscitate" order. In the interim, Yourshaw was given a drug antidote, awoke agitated over his hospitalization, and became upset when told his daughter might be in trouble, according to Mancini's supporters.

"Don't hurt Barbara," he cried, according to Compassion & Choices, a Denver-based group that supports "death with dignity" laws and has advocated for Mancini since her arrest in June.

A trim, silver-haired hospital nurse from Philadelphia, she is just the latest person caught in the crosshairs of the nation's assisted-suicide debate.

While Oregon, Washington, Montana and Vermont allow at least some types of assisted suicide, and another half-dozen states have considered it, most states ban the practice, and a small number of people are prosecuted in the U.S. each year.

"She told me that her father wanted to die and she gave him the morphine," Pottsville Police Capt. Steve Durkin testified at Mancini's preliminary hearing this month, when a judge in Schuylkill County upheld the assisted suicide charge.

Mancini, a 57-year-old wife, mother and daughter is now heading for trial, while supporters attack state Attorney General Kathleen Kane for pursuing the case. Yourshaw suffered from end-stage diabetes and heart problems before he died in February.

"This chilling precedent could impact tens of millions of baby boomers caring for their aging and dying parents," Compassion & Choices said in a news release.

If her case plays out like most, a judge or jury will sympathize with Mancini, and she will get probation or community service, according to medical ethicist Art Caplan.

"Very few of them turn out to be anything other than motivated by love or concern, or mercy. But a few do," said Caplan, who therefore believes that authorities need to review such deaths for potential abuses. "They're checking to ... establish what really happened. Was it really because that's what her dad wanted, or was she just tired of visiting?" he said.

In 1994, the U.S. Supreme Court said patients who are dying and in pain have the legal right to get prescribed medications "to alleviate that suffering, even to the point of causing unconsciousness and hastening death."

Some recent prosecutions around the issue include that of an elderly Connecticut man who told police he had cleaned a gun for his dying friend, and left it within reach before the friend killed himself. He received probation.

Barbara Coombs Lee, the president of Compassion & Choices, called Mancini's case "much more ambiguous and benign."

"Even if the law and facts were crystal clear in this case — and they're not — juries engage in jury nullification. Or, the prosecutors could have their own internal guidelines, their own determinations about malice," she said.

She fears the case will lead dying patients to refrain from talking to loved ones about their wishes. Dr. David Cassarett shares her concerns, especially given the role of Yourshaw's hospice nurse, who is now a prosecution witness.

"I would hate to think that some patients and families wouldn't enroll in hospice," said Cassarett, the chief medical officer of Wissahickon Hospice, part of the University of Pennsylvania Health System. "As a physician faced with somebody who wants or seems to want to end his life, my first thought is to engage in a discussion about what's going on and how we can help."

Mancini's lawyer, Frederick Fanelli, argued unsuccessfully this month that Yourshaw had a constitutional right to take enough medicine to ease his pain. Amid a gag order, he did not return a call for comment this week.

DRIVERS

From 1A

Drivers who do not pull over to the right can receive a traffic citation for failure to yield to an authorized emergency vehicle, he said.

Lee said officers may not turn on their sirens and lights depending on the severity of the call and because some motorists panic when they see police cars approaching.

Donald Graham, patrol lieutenant with the Midland County Sheriff's Office, said he believes only about 30 percent of drivers follow the law and pull over to the right. If at least one driver does pull over, many times other drivers will follow suit, he said.

Lee said drivers need to be aware of who else is on the road and make sure to pull over to the right side of the road for EMS vehicles.

"It makes the jobs for responders so much quicker and safer," he said.

Rules and tips for safer driving

- Pull over to the right side of the road when emergency vehicles are approaching.
- Do not stop in the middle of the road. Doing so is a hazard for emergency vehicles.
- Keep radio volume at a reasonable level.
- Do not wear headphones while driving.
- Do not talk on cellphone or text while driving.
- Frequently check rearview mirrors.
- Do not be distracted trying by vehicle crashes. "Rubbernecking" frequently causes additional crashes.

Source: Midland Fire Department

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From 1A

It was said that Medlin killed the Comanche the same way. Once warned about an approaching band of marauding natives, Medlin's reply was, "Let 'em come."

"As they galloped toward him he bided his time, waiting until they were within range of his bison gun," the old-timer said. "Then, one by one, he picked them off. After seeing six of their comrades killed, the Indians turned and made a speedy retreat."

Jimmy Patterson's book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas," will be completed this year.

Adjusting for the modern day



Associated Press

Jains pray at the Jain Center of Southern California (JCSC) in Buena Park, Calif. on Friday. The ancient Indian religion of Jainism, a close cousin of Buddhism, has a strict adherence to nonviolence that forbids eating meat, encourages days of fasting and places value on even the smallest of insects. In India, Jains account for about 1 percent of the population, and the community in the U.S. counts about 150,000 followers.

US-born Jains make ascetic faith fit modern life

Associated Press

BUENA PARK, Calif. — The ancient Indian religion of Jainism, a close cousin of Buddhism, has often been a hard sell in the U.S. with a strict adherence to nonviolence that forbids eating meat, encourages days of fasting and places value on even the smallest of insects.

Now younger Jains who resist the elaborate rituals of their parents, which include meditating 48 minutes a day and presenting statues of idols with flowers, rice and a saffron-and-sandalwood paste, are trying to reinterpret the traditions of their religion for 21st-century American life.

They are expanding the definition of nonviolence to encompass environmentalism, animal rights and corporate business ethics, flocking to veganism, volunteering alongside other faiths and learning to lobby through political internships and youth groups.

"Youth are a lot more interested in learning the why of things instead of just blindly following it," said Priyal Gandhi, an 18-year-old from northern Virginia. "I don't think we've lost the faith. I think it's about finding new ways to adapt to it."

The evolution, which is being examined in a series of conferences at a new center for Jain studies, comes as many Jains who immigrated to the West are grappling with how to mesh the belief in nonviolence, which inspired Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., with modern life and its excesses.

Jains believe, for example, that even microbes in the air and water are sacred life and any action that impacts other living things — such as driving or using electricity — can add to bad karma.

Yet Jains, many of them top doctors, lawyers and businesspeople, use computers and cellphones and drive cars — and so they are increasingly seeking a compromise between their faith and practicality, said Whitny Braun, a bioethics and religion professor at Loma Linda University who has studied Jainism.

The faith's most recent idol lived 2,500 years ago, but Jainism is much older.

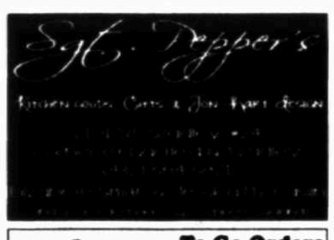
"Jains are a critical part of the Indian fabric, so there's ways to be a fully practicing Jain in India, but here it's very, very difficult, so a lot of Jains adopt the attitude of, 'Well, I'm going to do the best I can,'" she said. "I'll be vegetarian or vegan, and if I can buy a Prius, I will."

Priyal Gandhi, for example, lives the life of a normal American teenager: She drives, uses a cellphone and is enrolled as a freshman at the University of Virginia this fall.

She goes to temple when she can, but for her, being Jain means the simpler things: Taking the long way to avoid trampling the grass, praying quietly at home before bed and avoiding onions, potatoes and garlic in addition to meat because root vegetables are the life source for an entire plant.

Veganism — a step beyond the vegetarianism that the faith requires — is also on the rise among young U.S.-born Jains who find it otherwise difficult to follow traditional rituals.

For the most part, elder Jains support the modified approach, but some worry their children will miss a deeper understanding without completing rituals that are so detailed that some Jains carry a small booklet with illustrated instructions.





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Becoming an American starts in the classroom

■ Program to educate parents could be key to an immigrant student ultimately being successful



WILLIAM MCKENZIE
Dallas Morning News

Amanda Clymer's office may not look like ground zero for America's most important domestic challenge. But as the director of the Dallas school district's intake office for immigrant students who shepherds children and their families through a new world of schools and teachers, she and her colleagues help them become fully American.

Ever since the nation spawned public schools, campuses have been more than institutions of education. They are the means by which children from different points on the map learn to navigate their new world. In big districts such as Dallas', which has 62,000 students from more than 100 countries learning English, failure in this task will have terrible social consequences, from devastating poverty and lack of personal mobility to larger economic stagnation.

On the other hand, if principals and teachers succeed, their graduates will have the tools to advance through their careers and reshape society. They will become the doctors, leaders, engineers, teachers, carpenters, nurses and even journalists that we need. And they, along with their native-born peers, will redefine American culture, just as earlier generations of students left their mark on what it means to be an American.

Clymer started doing her part of this critical work recently, when the district re-launched its immigrant center. Budget cuts previously closed the facility. But last week, music blared, political leaders spoke and families gathered.

Clymer, who previously taught bilingual education, later explained to me how the office will help immigrant families find their way through Dallas' school system. She and her colleagues will make sure families understand the paperwork required to enroll. They will provide literacy materials for parents to use with their kids. They will send students away with school supplies. They will employ specialists to work with students throughout the year. And they will deploy those specialists to help teachers deal with the needs of students who may not understand the language, culture or mores of American life.

With this initiative, Dallas is dealing head-on with a situation that districts around the country are facing. In big cities such as Denver, Los Angeles and Miami, as well as in the rural parts of states such as Texas, Georgia and Iowa, the integration of immigrants into local schools, as well as their advancement to graduation, is a major undertaking.

So, how to deal with this challenge once students make it past the office of people such as Amanda Clymer?

A big part of the answer is for schools to have parenting programs and/or liaisons that engage immigrant mothers and fathers in educating their children. This means more than attending parent-teacher nights or school functions, although those matter. Effective parenting programs and skilled liaisons teach immigrant parents how to approach teachers, work with their children on assignments and navigate the process of applying to college and for financial aid.

Another part of this challenge is helping students master English fast. Unfortunately, that is not always easily done.

A series of essays this summer in the American Educator, published by the American Federation of Teachers, discussed strategies to help foreign-born students acquire English.

The bottom line is there is no clear roadmap to get students up to speed fast in English. Some elements help, such as clear instruction and good classroom routines. But much remains unclear.

"In short, we have many promising leads but not a very good understanding of how to help ELs (English learners) learn high-level academic content and skills despite limited English proficiency," wrote Stanford's Claude Goldenberg, an education professor. With the national Common Core standards ratcheting up expectations for students in many states, this shortcoming will matter even more.

The immigration bill that Washington will return to in September does not get into education, per se. But the work of educators such as Clymer will greatly shape how well immigrants now and in the future become part of American culture. Many of those families have high expectations, but they need schools and educators such as Clymer guiding their children into the mainstream of American life.

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OUR VIEW

Planned Parenthood's closing provides challenge for Midland

We reported Saturday that Planned Parenthood is closing shop in Midland. We believe that offers good news and provides a serious challenge for Midland.

Obviously the good news is that an abortion provider is closing its doors. While we don't desire to spike the football or do a touchdown dance over the news, we believe life should be celebrated, not destroyed. In that respect, there is good news to celebrate.

We also believe Planned Parenthood's closing wasn't about the politics of the day. Organizations in Midland receive bad news all the time when it comes to funding. The difference between Planned Parenthood and other organizations is when other organizations have received bad news from Washington or Austin, this community has come to their aid when people see value in their services. The fact the funding has been cited as a reason for the shutdown either means Midlanders and others from West Texas couldn't step forward for the cause or because Planned Parenthood decided to use its resources elsewhere.

In our view, the news of Planned Parenthood's closing offers an opportunity for our community. We hear often from supporters of Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers that cutting funding or losing their respective centers would mean low-income residents, especially women, would not receive other medical services they desperately need.

OK, it is time for this community to show that will not be the case. It's time for Midland to show that those women who went to Planned Parenthood for services not related to abortion can be served in any number of places.

Whether it is the Life Center or the Viola Coleman Health Clinic, to name two, those who need health services can't be allowed to go without it. We as a community must go above and beyond to show those alternatives. Midland can't be used as an example that shutting down an abortion provider will result in low-income women not being able to get the care they need.

Yes, many Midlanders had reason to be happy that there was a victory for life this past week. However, Midlanders still must show the closing of an abortion provider will not have the total impact some suggest.

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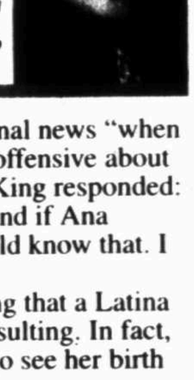
For GOP, silence would be golden

■ There are different ways Republicans are making themselves look bad on immigration



RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

A while back, I suggested that President Obama and many of his fellow Democrats stop talking about immigration since they can't do it in a manner that is even halfway truthful.

Now I'm making that same suggestion to Republicans, many of whom can't seem to talk about the issue in a way that is even slightly helpful.

Consider a trio from the GOP. One is an alarmist. Another is a nativist. And one comes across like a phony populist.

The alarmist is Sen. Marco Rubio, of Florida, who warned fellow Republicans recently that if they don't pass the bill he helped write that provides both border security and legal status for the undocumented, Obama might issue an executive order that skips the first part and goes right to the second.

"I believe that this president will be tempted, if nothing happens in Congress, he will be tempted to issue an executive order as he did for the DREAM Act kids a year ago, where he basically legalizes 11 million people by the sign of a pen," Rubio said in an interview on a Florida radio station.

First, there was no executive order. All Obama did was announce a policy change at the Department of Homeland Security that created a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to give undocumented young people a two-year reprieve from deportation and a work permit. Next, even if Obama had such power, there is no evidence that he is interested in using it to help illegal immigrants. Obama spent his first three years in office making excuses to supporters about an immigration policy they considered harsh. And finally, the 11 million figure is way off. Even Rubio's own "Gang of Eight" bill, which is supported by the White House, has so many hoops and tripwires that — according to analysts — only about half of the 11 million would make it to citizenship.

The nativist is Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, who has already given us the solution to securing the border in the form of electrified fencing since "we do that with livestock all the time" and revealed that those young undocumented immigrants known as DREAMers are 100 times more likely to be drug mules than class valedictorians.

King's latest gaffe involves GOP strategist Ana Navarro, who confronted him on NBC's "Meet the Press." Navarro, a U.S. citizen who was born in Nicaragua, criticized King for his comment about DREAMers and drug smuggling. She blasted him as a "mediocre congressman who's got no legislative record" who only makes national news "when he comes out and says something offensive about the undocumented or Hispanics." King responded: "I spoke only of drug smugglers, and if Ana understands the language she should know that. I didn't insult her."

Actually, you just did. Suggesting that a Latina doesn't "understand" English is insulting. In fact, I'd call it racist. Why not just ask to see her birth certificate on national television?

Navarro got the message. She snapped back, "I'm not undocumented, Congressman."

The phony populist is Sen. Jeff Sessions, of Alabama, who last month advised fellow Republicans to eschew the elitism of the Senate immigration-reform bill and "flip the immigration debate on its head." Sessions contends that the GOP lost the last presidential election not because it didn't have enough support from Hispanics but because "it hemorrhaged support from middle- and low-income Americans of all backgrounds." What is needed, he said, is a plan to "speak directly to the real and legitimate concerns of millions of hurting Americans whose wages have declined and whose job prospects have grown only bleaker."

It's a gimmick. Sessions blames illegal immigrants for hurting working-class Americans by lowering wages and eliminating jobs. The senator's voting record shows scant concern for workers and plenty of support for the companies that employ them. Also, Sessions sure assigns a lot of power to people who lack legal status, often don't speak English, tend to have only a grade-school education, and are so vulnerable that they can be exploited, cheated, arrested and expelled from the country at will.

Frankly, if you're an American who doesn't have to worry about all those obstacles, and you were born with advantages that come with U.S. citizenship, and you still find yourself losing out to undocumented workers, you shouldn't be complaining. You should be embarrassed.

This is some of what Republicans are offering when they talk about immigration. Not very impressive. And that's why many of them should just keep quiet and avoid the subject altogether.

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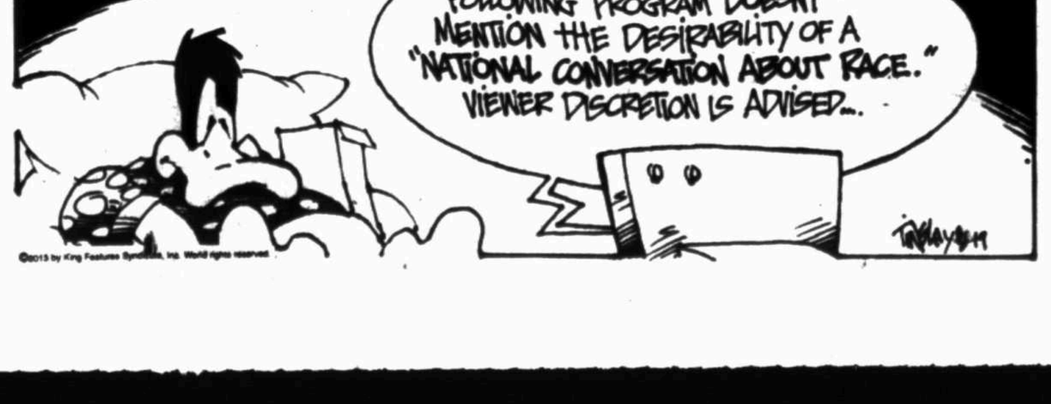

NATIONBRIEFS

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NEW YORK

Report: JPMorgan investigated for China hiring

U.S. regulators are looking into whether JPMorgan Chase hired the children of Chinese officials to help it boost its business in China, The New York Times reported.

The Times said Sunday details of the civil investigation were in a confidential U.S. government document that it saw. According to the document, the anti-bribery unit of the Securities and Exchange Commission asked JPMorgan for records about some of the bank's hires in China.

According to the Times, the document shows that the bank hired the son of a former Chinese banking regulator who is now chairman of the China Everbright Group, a state-controlled financial conglomerate. The paper reported that after the chairman's son joined the bank, JPMorgan won several assignments from Everbright.

JPMorgan's Hong Kong office also hired the daughter of a Chinese railway official. The official was later detained on accusations of taking cash bribes in exchange for handing out government contracts, the Times reported, citing the U.S. document and public records.

The woman came to JPMorgan at the time that The China Railway Group was in the process of picking JPMorgan to advise it on its plans to go public. JPMorgan helped China Railway raise more than $5 billion when it went public in 2007.

Information sought by the SEC included "documents sufficient to identify all persons involved in the decision to hire" her, the Times reported.

SEC spokesman Myron Marlin declined to comment.

JPMorgan referred to the investigation in a securities filing earlier this month. It said the SEC's enforcement division is seeking information about the bank's employment of some people in Hong Kong and its business relationships with some clients, but didn't give any other details.

On Sunday, JPMorgan issued a statement saying "We publicly disclosed this matter in our 10-Q filing on Aug. 7, and are fully cooperating with regulators." A spokeswoman for the New York bank declined to comment further.

The Times report said it's common for global companies to hire the children of Chinese politicians, but that it's unusual for a company to hire the children of officials of state-controlled companies.

The government document did not definitively link JPMorgan hiring to its ability to win business, or suggest that the employees were unqualified, the Times reported. It also noted that there's nothing illegal about hiring well-connected people, as long as they're qualified for the job.

CALIFORNIA

Despite odds, Calif. city becomes 2 newspaper town

LONG BEACH — The latest experiment in American journalism is a throwback: a new daily newspaper to compete against an established one in a big city.

With today's debut of the Long Beach Register, the ambitious owners of the Orange County Register are expanding their bet that consumers will reward an investment in news inked on paper and delivered to their doorsteps.

The competition is the Long Beach Press-Telegram, which was founded more than a century ago and maintains an average weekday circulation of about 55,000.

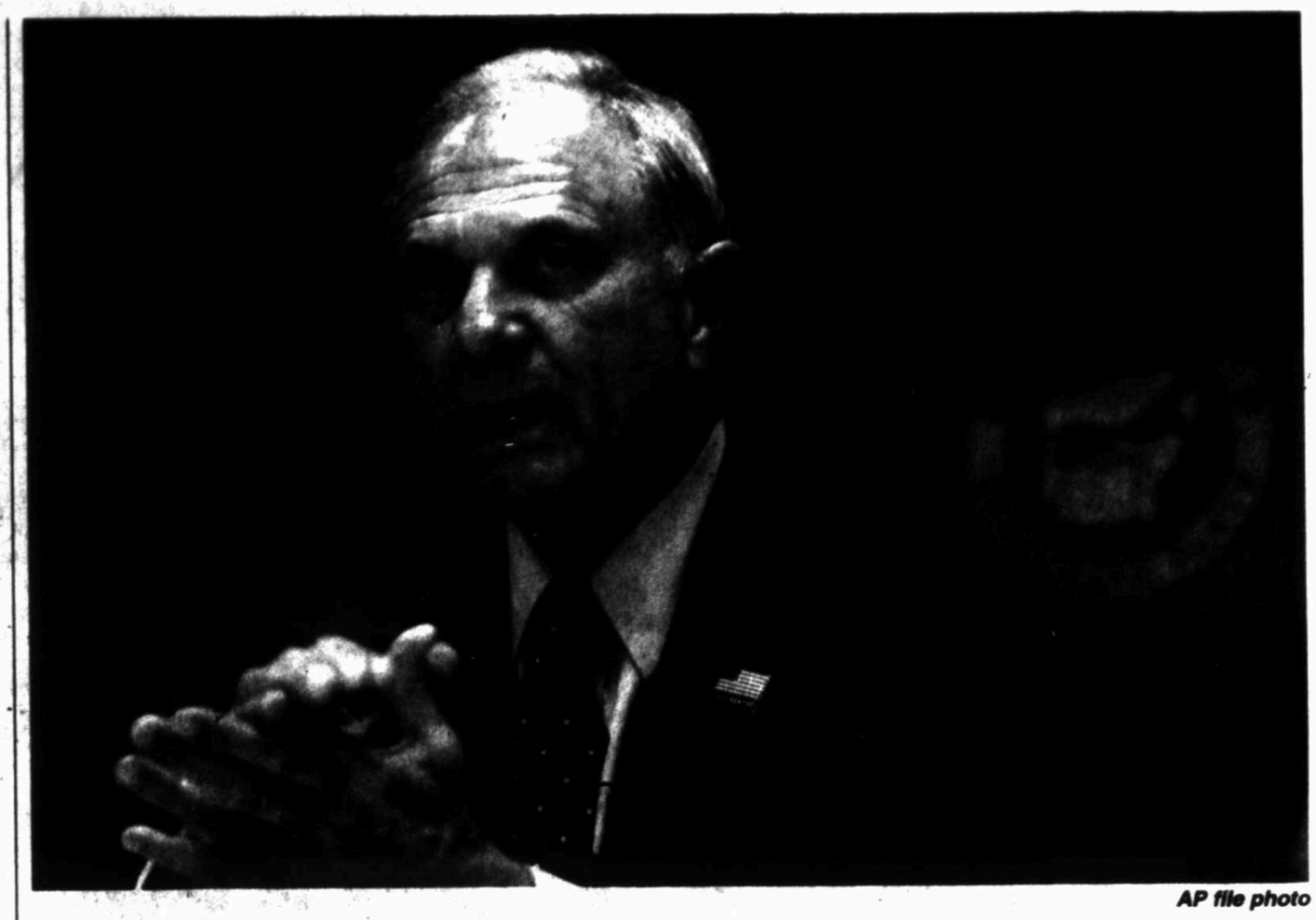
As a result of the budding newspaper battle, this city of 468,000 is joining the likes of Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston as what has become a rarity in 21st century America — the two newspaper town. Never mind shrinking circulations and online news migration.

"We believe that a city with the size and vibrancy of Long Beach should be happy to support a great newspaper of the variety we want to provide," said Aaron Kushner, who since buying the Orange County Register a year ago with a partner has surprised industry watchers by expanding reporting staff and page counts. "If it is, we'll make healthy money. If it's not, that'll be unfortunate for everyone. But we believe we'll be successful."

By launching the Long Beach Register, Kushner, publisher of the Register and CEO of Freedom Communications, is taking his contrarian instincts outside of Orange County.

Media business analyst Rick Edmonds said the last time he can recall a major U.S. city adding a new daily paper was around World War II, when Chicago got the Sun-Times and New York got Newsday.

"How will it play out?" asked Edmonds, of the Poynter Institute, a journalism foundation in St. Petersburg, Fla. "Don't really know until it happens."



AP file photo

In 2008, former U.S. Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., comments in Little Rock, Ark. Pryor or members of his family have held statewide office for all but two years since 1974 in Arkansas.

Family ties factor in key Senate races

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Sen. Mark Pryor likes to tell voters that he always puts Arkansas first, borrowing the campaign slogan associated with his family for decades. In Wyoming, Liz Cheney bets that her famous father's name will be gold in her Senate race. And in Louisiana, Sen. Mary Landrieu counts on her kin's New Orleans ties to help lift her to re-election in a tough race.

Family does matter in the runup to next fall's Senate elections: Candidates are wielding famous political pedigrees in a number of races that could determine whether Democrats maintain control in the 2014 elections.

Famous last names mean automatic name recognition and, typically, an easier time raising money. Beyond that, and 15 months before Election Day, it's unclear whether family ties will translate into votes next fall.

For several Democrats, their deep family roots in conservative-leaning states could help them make the case that they are in touch with local values and act in constituents' best interests as they seek to rebut Republican arguments that they are nothing more than rubber stamps for President Barack Obama's policies. Yet, with congressional approval ratings dipping to record lows, a political pedigree also could turn into a liability if voters decide they'd rather have some new blood in the Senate.

History is filled with famous political families with national images — the Kennedys, Rockefellers and Bushes are among them — and there are similar political dynasties in individual states across the nation.

This year, family ties figure prominently in Arkansas, where Pryor's father, David, served the state as governor and U.S. senator, and in Louisiana, where Landrieu's father, Moon, was New Orleans' mayor during the 1970s and her brother, Mitch, now leads the city. In Wyoming, former Vice President Dick Cheney's eldest daughter has galvanized the state's political scene by seeking the seat of Sen. Mike Enzi, a Republican favored by his party's establishment.

In the cases of Pryor and Landrieu, Republicans say voters are savvy enough to judge sitting senators on their performance rather than their pedigree.

"Name ID has helped Landrieu and Pryor during their careers, but they are pretty far along into their own careers now and they have a voting record," said Brian Walsh, a Republican strategist and former aide to the National Senatorial Campaign Committee.

John Anzalone, an Alabama-based Democratic pollster, counters that it will be more difficult for Republicans to attach the Democratic incumbents to Obama next year because the president will not be on the ballot. He said many children of prominent politicians, especially in places less favorable to Democrats, have been successful by sticking to the mold of their parents — not the party's leader.

"There's always this need to distinguish yourself, that you're not part of the national party cabal," Anzalone said.

Among the other Senate races featuring politicians with pedigrees:

■ Alaska: First-term Democratic Sen. Mark Begich has been targeted by Republicans in a state that hasn't supported a Democrat for president since 1964. Begich is the son of the late Rep. Nick Begich, who served in Congress before his October 1972 death in a plane crash.

■ Georgia: Democrat Michelle Nunn, the daughter of former Sen. Sam Nunn, is trying to win an open seat in a state that hasn't elected a Democrat to the Senate in more than a decade.

■ West Virginia: Republican Rep. Shelley Moore Capito, the daughter of former three-term Gov. Arch Moore, is heavily favored to succeed retiring Democratic Sen. Jay Rockefeller. Capito's father, now 90, pleaded guilty to political corruption charges in 1990 and served 2½ years in federal prison. Democrats have yet to field a strong candidate.

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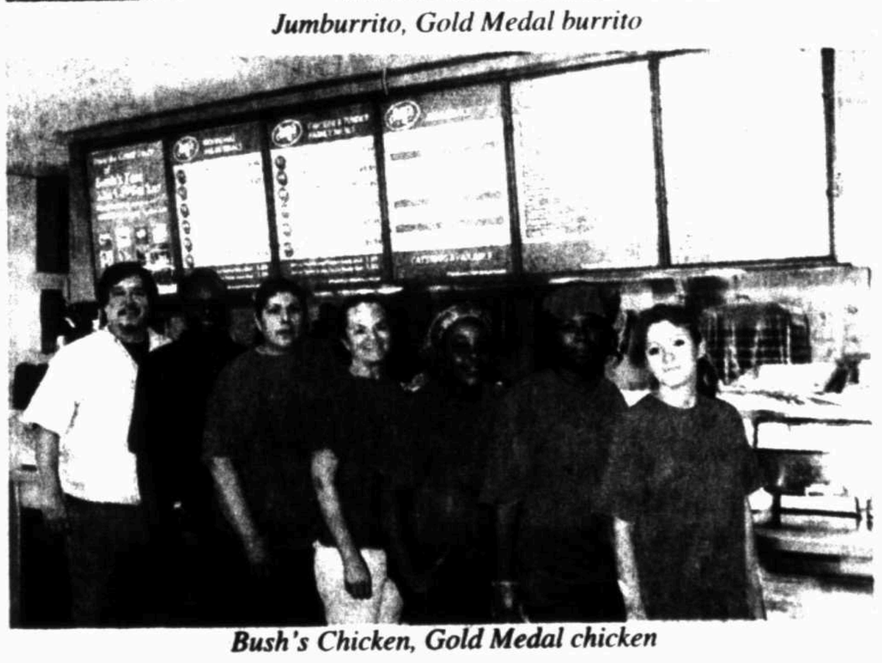

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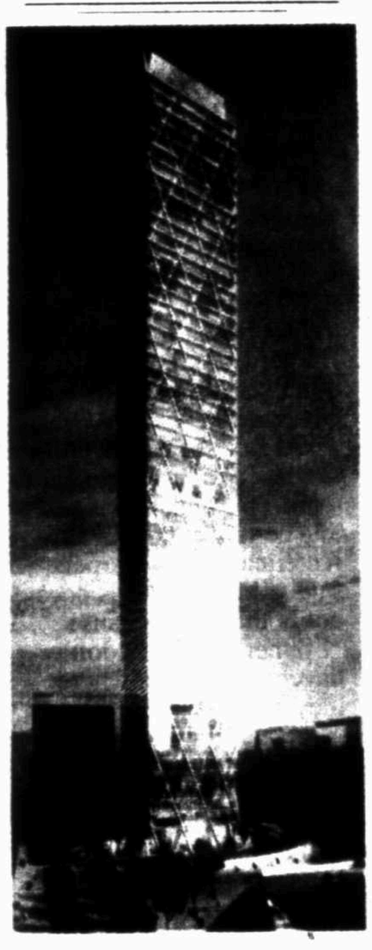

Energy Tower Q-and-A

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We are taking questions at news@mrt.com and at our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram.

The event is set for 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Midland Center, and we will carry it at mywesttexas.com.

Coming Soon

- The Reporter-Telegram has launched an education blog to coincide with the new school year. Education Reporter Meredith Moriak will offer information about location, regional and state schools as well as trends in education. You can find a link to the blog on the homepage or go directly to www.mywesttexas.com/news/education.
- The annual high school football special section will be published and available for purchase and digital viewing on Sunday. The Reporter-Telegram's sports department has all the city, county and area teams covered from six-man to District 2-5A.
- Million-dollar real estate?

There's not a community in West Texas with more $1 million homes than Midland County. This year, the appraisal district says there are more than 100 million-dollar treasures on the tax rolls.

Beginning Aug. 25, see pictures of them all and facts about each single-family property at mywesttexas.com. We will be adding 10 new homes every day until we unveil the most expensive homes in Midland County.

Al Jazeera America faces more than the usual new-kid challenges

By Joe Flint
Los Angeles Times (MCT)

The combination of Al Jazeera and America doesn't exactly sound like a match made in heaven, or jannah for that matter.

But that's not stopping the deep-pocketed media giant, funded by the government of Qatar, from spending hundreds of millions of dollars to once again try to build a presence in the United States.

On Tuesday, Al Jazeera launches Al Jazeera America, an ambitious news network that hopes to challenge CNN, Fox News and MSNBC on their own turf. It has opened 12 bureaus around the country and is hiring almost 1,000 people, including several big-name journalists, with promises of covering serious national news here and a goal of becoming part of the American landscape.

Persuading pay-TV distributors to carry Al Jazeera America and getting people to watch it may be another story. There is still bitterness toward Al Jazeera for providing an outlet for Osama bin Laden after the 9/11 attacks, a move that led some to derisively label the network "Jihad TV."

"For many Americans, the perception is these are the folks who brought you Osama bin Laden," said Allen Adamson, a managing partner of marketing firm Landor Associates. "Even though they were providing a news function, there was a case of don't confuse me with the facts."

Since then, Al Jazeera has won much praise here for its in-depth coverage of the Middle East and is considered a valuable source of information on the region.

"Al Jazeera can cover the Arab world better than any U.S. network by far," said Chris Harper, a professor at Temple University's School of Communications and a former foreign correspondent for ABC News.

That doesn't mean Harper and others still don't see a slant to its coverage.

"Al Jazeera has its point of view and that includes a pro-Palestinian bias and to a certain extent an anti-American bias," Harper said, adding that this does not bother him because, "I rather like that I don't have to figure out where they stand."

About 48 million people, or less than half of the nation's 103 million pay-TV subscribers, will be able to watch Al Jazeera America when it goes live on Tuesday.

Al Jazeera was only able to get that much penetration for its new channel by shelling out $500 million last year to buy Current TV, the news-talk network that was co-founded by Al Gore, and use it as a platform for Al Jazeera America. With the purchase, Al Jazeera inherited Current TV's existing distribution deals.

Not everyone is on board, though. Time Warner Cable, which is the biggest pay-TV provider in Los Angeles, opted to drop the channel after the sale was announced rather than carry Al Jazeera America. The cable operator and Al Jazeera America said they are in active discussions regarding a distribution agreement.

Ehab Al Shihabi, a senior Al Jazeera executive and acting chief executive of Al Jazeera America, said in a recent interview that there is a "bucket of resistance" among some distributors to carrying the network, but overall preconceived notions are changing for the better.

"We're going to demonstrate a demand," he said.

Wooing prominent American journalists to work for Al Jazeera has not been a problem. Familiar faces that have signed up for duty include former CNN anchor Soledad O'Brien, ex-CBS News reporters Sheila MacVicar and Joie Chen and former NBC News anchor John Seigenthaler.

Behind the scenes, several well-regarded broadcast and cable news executives have been tapped for significant roles as well. Kate O'Brian, who spent three decades in senior production roles at ABC News, will serve as Al Jazeera America's first president. Also on board are David Doss and Marcy McGinniss, who have held senior positions at CNN and CBS, respectively.

"They are putting together a strong team," said David Westin, a media advisor and former president of ABC News.

This is Al Jazeera's second attempt at trying to crack the U.S. market. In 2006, it launched Al Jazeera English, an English-language version of its flagship channel.

However, the network struggled to get distribution outside of New York and Washington, D.C., and ended up primarily as a Web service, which has a small but loyal audience. Al Jazeera is expected to take down the live stream of Al Jazeera English after Al Jazeera America launches, although the network declined officially to comment on its fate.

Rather than focus on the Middle East, which is its wheelhouse, Al Jazeera America made the decision to provide in-depth coverage of America that it says other news channels have abandoned. It has opened bureaus not only in media hot spots New York, Washington and Los Angeles, but also Detroit, New Orleans and Nashville. Headquarters will be in New York City with studios near Penn Station, although its flagship show "America Tonight," anchored by Chen, will be done out of Washington, D.C., where Al Jazeera America has leased space at the Newseum, a museum devoted to journalism.

Harper questioned that strategy.

"Al Jazeera is a go-to place when things happen in the Middle East," he said. "I'm not sure Al Jazeera America will be a go-to place to find things out about the United States."

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ABC: Sandra Oh leaving 'Grey's Anatomy'

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — ABC says "Grey's Anatomy" star Sandra Oh is leaving the medical drama after the coming season.

Shonda Rhimes, the show's creator and executive producer, said she's grateful for what she called the actress' "brilliant" work. Rhimes said "Grey's Anatomy" will savor Oh's character of Dr. Cristina Yang in the upcoming 10th season and then give her the exit she deserves.

Oh's publicist didn't respond Wednesday to requests for comment.

ABC said it intends to keep "Grey's Anatomy" on its schedule for years to come and with as many of the original cast as possible.

Others who have left the drama include Katherine Heigl and T.R. Knight.

Stars Ellen Pompeo as Dr. Meredith Grey and Patrick Dempsey as Dr. Derek "McDreamy" Shepherd have been with "Grey's Anatomy" since its 2005 debut.

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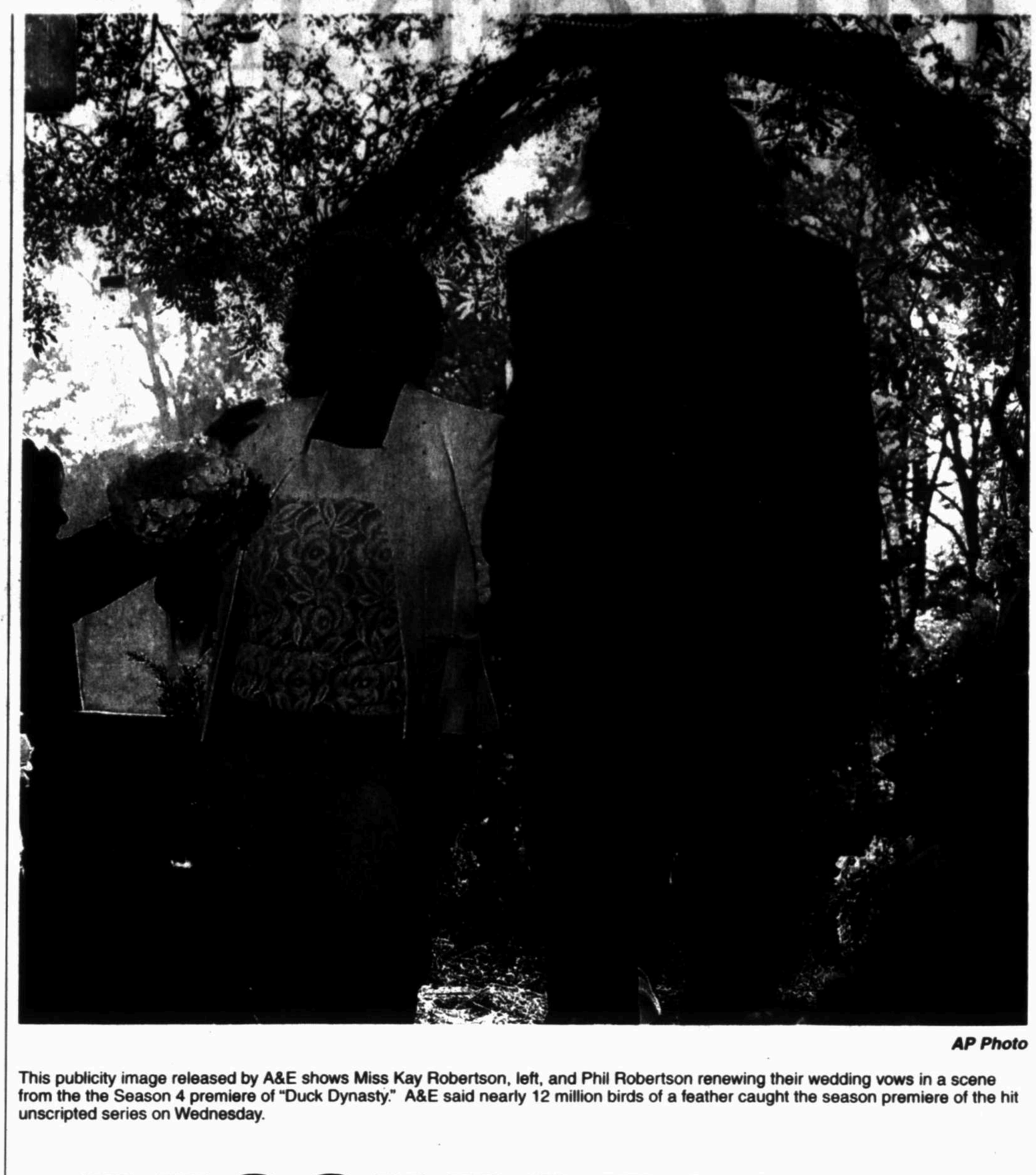

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This publicity image released by A&E shows Miss Kay Robertson, left, and Phil Robertson renewing their wedding vows in a scene from the the Season 4 premiere of "Duck Dynasty." A&E said nearly 12 million birds of a feather caught the season premiere of the hit unscripted series on Wednesday.

RECORDREALITY

'Duck Dynasty' season opens to record ratings

By Noam Cohen
N.Y. Times News Service

The backwoods reality show "Duck Dynasty" drew 11.8 million viewers Wednesday night on A&E, the largest audience ever for a nonfiction telecast on cable television.

That total, which included 6.3 million viewers in the advertiser-preferred demographic of 25- to 54-year-olds, built on the high ratings won in April, at the conclusion of Season 3, when the audience reached 9.6 million.

The series follows the travails of the Robertson family of West Monroe, La., and their company, Duck Commander, which makes duck calls for hunters. The show mixes commerce, family life, the great outdoors and beards suitable for members of the band ZZ Top - sported by the patriarch of the family, Phil, and three of his sons.

"The Robertsons represent a lot things we as Americans cherish," said David McKillop, the general manager and executive vice president of the network: "Self-made wealth, independence, three generations living together."

Though a reality show, McKillop said, "Duck Dynasty" fits nicely with the themes of classic family television.

"When the show came in, the direction I gave: This is not a hunting show," he said. "Make this like 'The Waltons.' "

The show's popularity extends beyond TV. At a recent Wal-Mart meeting, the company announced that "Duck Dynasty" T-shirts were the best-sellers in its men's, women's and boys' sections.

Wednesday's episode, the premiere of Season 4, followed the Robertson children as they planned a wedding ceremony for Phil Robertson and his wife, Kay, who were married 48 years ago by a justice of the peace.

It also added a new character to the show: Beardless Robertson Male, as Neil Genzlinger described him in a recent New York Times review. He is Phil and Kay's eldest son, Alan, a minister who performed the wedding.

With its nearly 12 million viewers, "Duck Dynasty" eclipsed the viewership totals of other intensely popular reality shows such as "Jon & Kate Plus 8," which in 2009 drew an audience of 10.6 million viewers to hear Jon and Kate Gosselin confirm that they were splitting up.

The Robertson family reportedly signed a new deal just before the new season aired, giving them all significant salary bumps. With ratings like this, A&E is surely pleased with its investment.

In a statement, David McKillop said, "We would like to thank the Robertsons for their incredible partnership. We are all happy, happy, happy."

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OMAR GALLAGA
Cox Newspapers

What it took to launch a SXSW Interactive spinoff conference in Las Vegas

AUSTIN — When it's your job to organize a growing event that attracts more than 30,000 people each year and has hundreds of pieces of programming, setting up a much smaller conference of 1,200-1,300 people with a narrower focus would seem like a cinch, right?

But what if the smaller conference was in a different city and you were tasked with giving the new event a unique identity while still retaining the qualities that made the original a success?

That was the challenge that Christine Auten, event producer for the new South by Southwest V2V in Las Vegas, and other SXSW Interactive staffers faced when the spinoff conference was announced in October. V2V, which began Sunday and runs through Wednesday, is focused on tech startups and entrepreneurs.

SXSW V2V is meant to take some of the pressure off Interactive's rapid growth, which has been problematic given downtown Austin's limited infrastructure for supporting such a large event, but it's also a flag planted in a city that fest organizers believe could have a lot in common with Austin in the future. Startups led by Zappos chief executive Tony Hsieh are working to revitalize downtown Las Vegas; what downtown Austin is like in March during SXSW Interactive has been cited as one of the chief inspirations.

The task of keeping SXSW Interactive's year-round machine moving while setting up the first year of an entirely new event has not been without speed bumps. Organizing a business-focused conference in August when many prefer to go on vacation has been a challenge, said SXSW Interactive director Hugh Forrest. And while the SXSW name opens plenty of doors and has cachet in the tech industry, it doesn't exactly carry the same buzz in Las Vegas as it does in Austin.

That said, Sin City appears to be embracing V2V with open arms. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority supported the conference with a check that, Forrest said, "paid for a lot of the organizational work for the first year."

Las Vegas is a town with plenty of infrastructure set up for such a conference; in managing the details, Auten said some of the organizing has been less stressful than the team was expecting.

"Vegas has been easy to work with in a lot of ways," Auten said. "They speak the language, and it's been quite exciting to see how quickly a lot of these things can come together."

Aside from the logistics of making sure the conference venue, the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, could accommodate the conference, a lot of the planning for SXSW V2V involved getting to know the city and meeting with locals in the startup community.

Gabriel Shepherd, a Las Vegas-based community liaison for SXSW V2V, said Interactive staffers have done their homework. "They have a pretty good pulse of the scene here," Shepherd said. "There's definitely a cultural fit."

Part of Shepherd's involvement with SXSW was helping bring more than 100 people to the Austin conference in March and getting the word out about V2V with a trade show booth, a party and a cocktail hour. "We had Vegas volunteers handing out Vegas tech-branded Elvis sunglasses," Shepherd said, "little plays on Vegas, trying to get attention."

Though it's much smaller than Interactive in terms of the amount of programming, it features a familiar mix of keynote speakers including Hsieh, AOL founder Steve Case and fashion entrepreneur Lauren Bush of FEED Projects, evening parties, mentor sessions, a V2Venture startup competition and "20/20 Vision," a set of 20-minute presentations.

Unlike SXSW Interactive, panels for V2V were not chosen through a crowdsourced Panel Picker process because of time constraints. Instead, some panels submitted for Interactive 2013 that didn't make it into the festival were revived and other new content was curated by SXSW staff. Auten promised, "There will be a Panel Picker for V2V next year."

Because it's South by Southwest, V2V also features opening and closing parties, music showcases and a movie screening hosted by Alamo Drafthouse founder and CEO Tim League. Auten said the idea behind that, as Interactive has demonstrated, is that artists and business people can learn from each other.

"It all ties together," she said. "Filmmakers, a band — those are all startups. They're also facing the same challenges."

Though it's a smaller event, Forrest believes the work put into making V2V its own will pay off for both conferences. "We think we've put enough fun things to give (V2V) its own personality, but parallel with what we do in Austin," he said. "We're really excited to see how it turns out."

It's unclear so far if launching V2V will curb some of the growth at the Austin Interactive fest. Forrest said that until next March, that question will be unanswered, but the first day of registration on Aug. 1 for SXSW Interactive, Film and Music was the strongest yet.

"There's continuing high demand for all things Austin," Forrest said.

Buying a modem one way to avoid rising cable Internet fee

AUSTIN — If you're a customer of Time Warner Cable Internet, you may have recently gotten a notice that the fee to lease a cable modem is rising from \$3.95 to \$5.99. The fee was originally introduced in November and prompted two class-action lawsuits.

One way to avoid the fee short of switching Internet providers it to buy your own modem instead of renting. Time Warner Cable has on its website a list of modems compatible with their service, most ranging from about \$50 to \$150 depending on capabilities. The sweet spot seems to be the Motorola Surfboard SB6141 for \$88 (plus shipping) on Newegg.com; it works with basic broadband tiers as well as faster "DOCSIS 3.0" high-speed Internet. In a little over a year of service, a modem free of leasing fees at that price would pay for itself.

Installation can be as simple as swapping the hardware and calling Time Warner Cable to give the company the modem's serial number and MAC address. For customers whose cable modem also doubles as a Wi-Fi router, additional setup steps are required.

A few caveats: Internet customers who also use Time Warner's digital phone service can't swap out their cable modem for a purchased one. And those who have TWC's Signature Home service are not being charged the lease fee to begin with.

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Tech frustrations can be cured with inexpensive upgrades

Omar L. Gallaga
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — If I tried to put a dollar figure on what it's cost me, in hours and stress, to deal with various tech-related frustrations over the years, I would probably fail. I can't count that high, for one thing. I'd arrive at a made-up number such as "seventy-twelve thousand dollars" and call it a day. This is why I don't handle the finances in my family.

One thing tech enthusiasts learn through hard experience, though, is that some of the modern problems that plague us — slow computers, flaky Wi-Fi connections, quick-to-die cellphone batteries — can be remedied for less money than you might expect.

I like to get the most value out of the items I buy and get annoyed when I have to upgrade or replace a product that should be working fine. And, like a lot of you, I sometimes cling a little too long to old tech that has served me well; it's often out of fear of the potential new problems introducing new tech into our house can bring.

But the lesson reaffirmed itself recently when my laptop, which is a few years old, was running out of hard drive space. I decided to add a solid-state drive ("SSD" for short) and move my most important files to it. It took some bravery to crack open the laptop and move things around, but the performance boost the SSD gave me — it's a lot speedier than a traditional hard drive — was akin to buying a new, much-faster computer. It easily extended the life of my laptop by a few more years.

Why did I wait so long to make the (relatively inexpensive) upgrade? Fear and complacency.

In that spirit, here are a few ideas for fairly cheap ways you can upgrade or improve your tech, most for \$100 or less. Think of these as small-time financial investments in your future sanity.

Do yourself a solid. As I mentioned, an SSD can vastly improve performance on a desktop or laptop computer by removing the bottleneck of slow hard drive access from your system. SSDs used to be crazy expensive, but prices have fallen quickly. For about \$100, you can get a 120-gigabyte SSD and put your system files on it to make your computer fly. Installing it is no different from replacing or adding a traditional hard drive, but if you're worried about opening your computer, have a tech shop install it for you.

Adding more RAM, the little memory sticks that work alongside the brains of your computer, can also drastically improve performance cheaply.

And if you're overwhelmed by overlapping windows on your monitor, consider adding a second screen to your setup to broaden your view. A 22- or 24-inch monitor can be had for \$100-\$150 and will vastly increase your screen real estate and give your apps breathing room.

Address battery drain on your wallet. If you have lots of remote controls, game controllers and children's toys in your house, you probably go through a lot of AA and AAA batteries. Consider buying a set of rechargeable batteries and a good charger to save yourself some money. Duracell and Energizer make a variety of chargers, but the device I've long recommended is the La Crosse BC1000 Alpha charger, which runs about \$60. It charges AA and AAA batteries and can tell you their current charge status and even help revive rechargeables you thought were dead and gone.

Ask service providers about free or cheap upgrades. If you've owned a smartphone for two years or longer that you bought with a typical two-year service agreement (which subsidized the price of the device), you're likely eligible for a free or cheap phone upgrade. You may even be able to trade in your old phone for a big discount on a faster, better phone as AT&T and Best Buy have been doing recently with the iPhone 5.

If dropped calls are a problem, a wireless provider may be able to install a "Microcell" in your home; basically it's a tiny cellphone tower that supplements coverage.

Loyalty upgrades also apply for Internet, cable and satellite TV providers, who may be able to swap out older equipment, especially if you're having problems with your service. When one of my DVRs started dying recently, I found out I could get two new, more capable DVRs for \$99 from my satellite company, including installation if I signed on for another two years. On top of that, they credited my account for more than \$200 for the trouble, making it even less likely I'd switch to a competitor.

Still unhappy? Switch things up. If you still get spotty cell service, pixelated HDTV channels or chronically slow Internet speeds after giving your provider a chance to fix the

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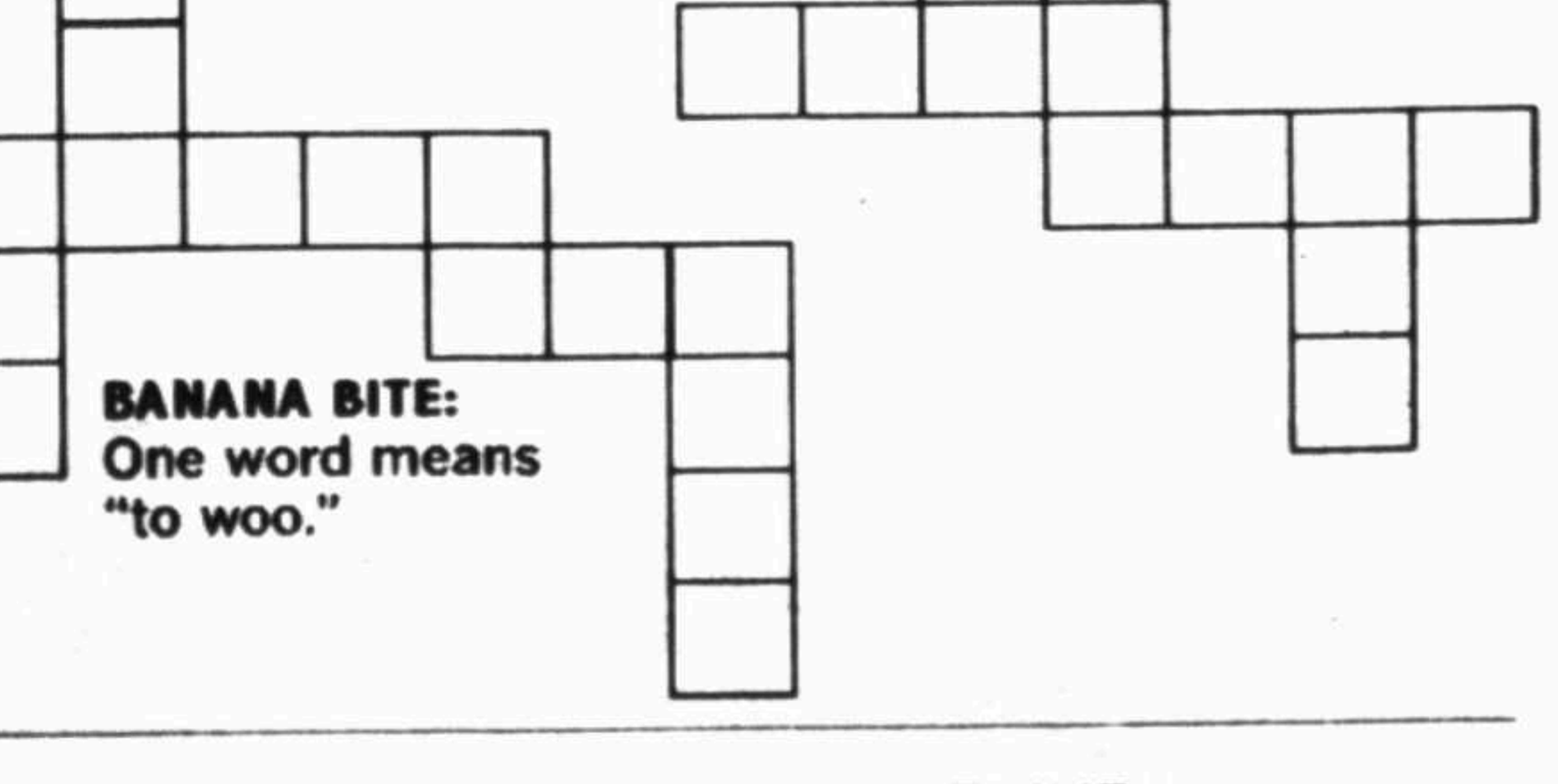

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GAME REVIEWS

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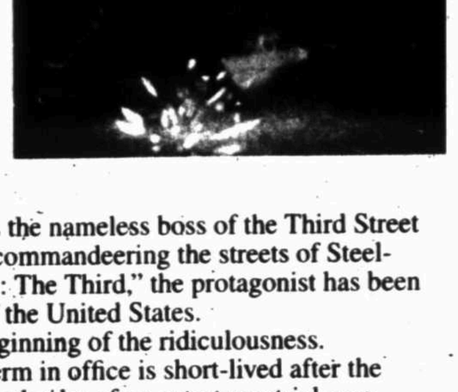
Review: 'Saints Row IV' goes off the deep end

"Saints Row," the shoot-'em-up video game franchise that debuted in 2006 as a knockoff of "Grand Theft Auto," has always been unapologetically low-brow and self-consciously silly. "Saints Row IV" (Volition, for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3, $59.99) doesn't veer from that pre-established mindlessness. In fact, it drives right through it, off a cliff and straight into outer space.



The latest "Saints Row" trades the series' over-the-top urban warfare for an out-of-this-world cyberpunk romp inspired by the likes of "Tron" and "The Matrix." Players are again cast as the nameless boss of the Third Street Saints gang. Since commandeering the streets of Steelport in "Saints Row: The Third," the protagonist has been elected president of the United States.

That's just the beginning of the ridiculousness.

The hero's first term in office is short-lived after the Shakespeare-quoting leader of an extraterrestrial race called the Zin blows the White House — and all of Earth — to smithereens, trapping the foul-mouthed president in a virtual rendition of Steelport that's been populated with twisted avatars, laser-blasting aliens, neon-hued rides and very violent mascots.

The game's environment will feel extremely familiar to anyone who played the previous "Saints Row" outing, although the developers have updated the chintzy landscape with diversions that include stomping around the city in a lumbering mech suit and speeding across cyber race tracks. Inside the virtual world, the protagonist can now command superpowers, too.

The gravity-defying abilities are basically clones of those found in such games as "InFamous" or "Prototype." While the addition of powers like telekinesis and superspeed are addictive, they add absolutely nothing to the plot. In fact, they're distracting, leaving the stuff that made past "Saints Row" editions fun, namely matter-of-fact carjacking, pretty pointless.

Graphically, "Saints Row IV" is garishly glitchy, an issue offset by the fact the game is set within an unstable computer simulation. "Saints Row IV" won't be very friendly to newcomers of the franchise because the bulk of the adventure is spent on reuniting the gang — and some other characters — from the previous three installments.

The most original addition to "Saints Rows IV" is a doodad called the dup-step gun. Once it's powered up and the trigger is pulled, the turntable-shaped weapon emits electronic dance music and colorfully explosive streams, inspiring nearby vehicles to hydraulically bounce and passers-by to pop and lock. It's so simple yet so satisfying to employ when facing groups of Zin.

While it's plagued with problems, "Saints Row IV" continues down its predecessors' path as outrageously mindless fun, the equivalent of interactive junk food. It's not as thought-provoking as a "BioShock" or as polished as an "Uncharted." It's just a yummy bag of gummy worms to gnaw on for a month before "Grand Theft Auto V" is released. Two-and-a-half stars out of four.

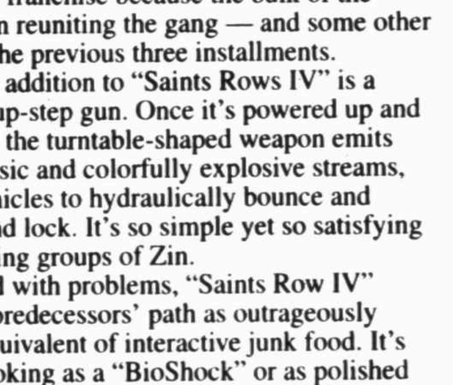
Derrick Lang, AP

'Call of Duty: Ghosts': 5 ways it's different

"Call of Duty: Ghosts" is conjuring new ways to play online.

Female characters, interactive maps, canine sidekicks and a knuckle-biting intense mode dubbed "cranked" are among the new additions deploying to the multiplayer mode of the popular military first-person shooter franchise when "Ghosts" is released for both current and next-generation consoles Nov. 5.

"Call of Duty" publisher Activision Blizzard Inc. detailed the complex multiplayer mode, which includes 30 new weapons and more fluid movement, during a Wednesday showcase.



"I think the biggest difference is going to be the dynamic maps," said Eric Hirshberg, CEO of Activision Publishing, backstage at the event in downtown Los Angeles. "It really changes the game for the better. You not only have to learn how the maps are laid out and where the best hiding spots and vantage points are located, but you also have to figure out how they can be used for you or against you."

Here are five ways the online mode for this "Call of Duty" will be different from its predecessors:

GIRL POWER

For the first time in the nine-year history of "Call of Duty," multiplayer combatants can choose to portray a female soldier on the front line. It's one of 20,000 possible customization options when it comes to creating an online avatar in "Ghosts." Other personalization possibilities include selecting the race, body type, gear and clothing of virtual characters.

MAP QUEST

The battlefield won't always be stable in "Ghosts." The developers have added several interactive tricks that can dramatically alter the maps in the game's multiplayer mode. Some are as simple as a closed door with the ability to block access to a secret hideaway, while others are as explosive as a gas station that can obliterate nearby foes if ignited.

DIRTY DOG

Riley, the geared-up German shepherd who appears in the single-player campaign, will leap into the multiplayer mode as one of 20 new "killstreak" rewards earned when players take down the opposition and complete objectives. The canine companion will growl when enemies approach, scout out the battlefield and take out baddies who come close.

CRANK AND FILE

There are seven new multiplayer modes coming to "Ghosts," including the cooperative "search and rescue" and "squad" installments, but the most intense new way to play "Call of Duty" online is called "cranked." For each kill, a player's reload and movement speeds are amped up, but if a 30-second countdown clock reaches zero, they spontaneously combust.

HEAR ME NOW

The developers have enhanced the game's sound effects with details that more closely resemble the real world. For example, gun shots fired in a large metal-filled warehouse sound different from those in a small carpeted room. The chatter during battle has also been fleshed out with teammates who call out when grenades go off or enemies appear near landmarks.

Derrick Lang, AP

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issue, consider switching to another provider. It may be a hassle, but you're likely to reap the benefits of being a new customer and you may end up being happier in the long run.

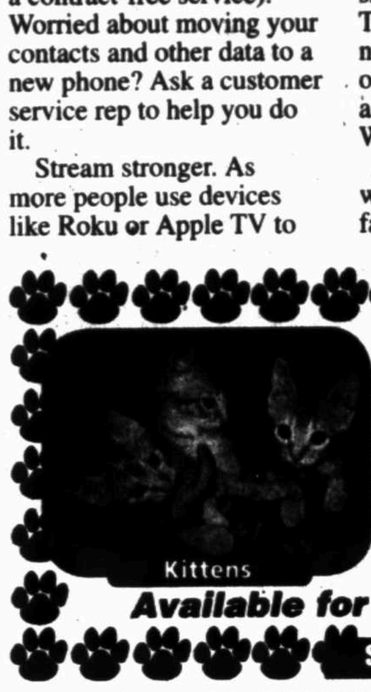
Ask lots of questions about the term of your contract (or if it makes more financial sense, seek a contract-free service). Worried about moving your contacts and other data to a new phone? Ask a customer service rep to help you do it.

Stream stronger. As more people use devices like Roku or Apple TV to stream Internet video to their TVs, some find that their Wi-Fi network isn't fast enough to stream high-def video that isn't choppy or slow to load. One thing you could try is adding a set of "powerline" adapters to your network. This uses your home's electrical outlets to transmit data from a router (which in my case is way on the other side of the house from my TVs) to create a faux-wired network. You can get a set of these for as little as $40 and they're faster than most Wi-Fi networks.

If you hate dealing with wires, consider either a faster router (especially if yours is older than the currently popular "Wireless-N" standard) or using a wireless extender (also known as a "repeater") to extend the range of your Wi-Fi. Extenders can also be found for as little as $40-$50.

Juice up. If your phone chronically runs out of battery life, one solution short of getting a new phone or cracking open the phone to switch batteries is to get an external charger. I have a few that I bought for $5; they're cheap and tiny and if I lose one, it's not the end of the world. If you need something more robust, you can find chargers that can power up multiple devices including tablets for about $50-$70. If you travel a lot or have long work hours, they're great to have around.

Check memory card speeds. Got a new digital camera? Make sure you upgrade your memory card as well, especially if you're using one that's more than a few years old. SD memory cards, popular for still and video cameras, come in different speeds. For high-end SLR cameras and HD video, get a "Class 10" or at least a "Class 6" card. You'll get faster shots for as little as $15-$25 for 16- and 32-GB memory cards.



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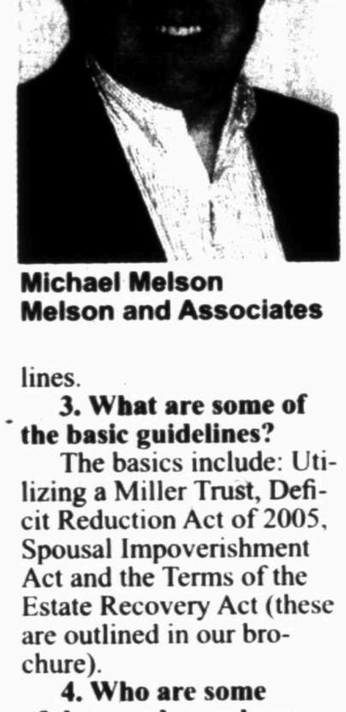

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My name is Michael Melson, with Melson and Associates and we want to thank you for your support and trust during the last 14 years! We help people qualify for the Medicaid nursing home benefits program while preserving most or all of their assets We have been asked many questions over the years, and we would like to share some of those questions and our answers with you:

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My mother was ill and could not qualify for a long term care policy. I did not think it was fair that healthy people could qualify for a long term care policy and protect their life savings, while the unhealthy could not. Thank goodness, the government provides ways to protect assets.

2. Are these plans legal?

Absolutely! The government has guidelines to follow. The difficulty is interpreting them and the state caseworkers are not allowed to advise you.

At Melson and Associates, we work under the direction of an attorney and we CAN interpret these guidelines.

3. What are some of the basic guidelines?

The basics include: Utilizing a Miller Trust, Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Spousal Impoverishment Act and the Terms of the Estate Recovery Act (these are outlined in our brochure).

4. Who are some of the people you have helped?

We've helped individuals from every walk of life, attorneys, doctors, CPAs, ministers, financial planners, bankers, college professors, engineers, and so on. Good news travels fast and their referrals are my greatest source of new business! That's why we don't advertise more often.

5. What is your biggest obstacle?

Some families have been misled and think that Medicaid planning cannot be done. For example, The Spousal Act has been in effect since 1989 – more than 23 years! If the government did not want you to have a way to protect your assets, they would have eliminated these helpful guidelines.

6. Who should complete the Medicaid application?

At no charge, we will assist you in completing the application! If we see that you could benefit from Medicaid planning, we will have that discussion with you.

7. If a person has been denied for nursing home Medicaid benefits, is there is any chance that you could still help them qualify?

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8. How successful have you been with your planning methods?

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9. How do we get started?

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Cardinals hold off RockHounds to take series finale

By Jordan Mason
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Cardinals 3
RockHounds 2

The Midland RockHounds nearly rallied late, but in the end, they gave the Springfield Cardinals one opportunity too many in a 3-2 loss Sunday at Citibank Ballpark.

Springfield went ahead for good on an unearned run in the sixth inning and got an insurance run from Stephen Piscotty in the top of the eighth that proved to be the difference in the game.

Midland pulled within a run on a two-out solo home run by Vinnie Catricala in the bottom of the ninth but as Springfield took its only win of the three-game series.

"Any time you can finish up a series and just get one out of it and head back home, it's a good feeling," Cardinal first baseman Xavier Scruggs said.

Midland had won five of its last six and three straight before the loss, which now has the RockHounds' elimination number at two after San Antonio defeated Northwest Arkansas, 2-0.


Catricala


Muncy

RockHound starter Drew Carpenter began the night by striking out the first two batters on full counts for a seemingly good start to the game.

But the next two batters strung together a pair of hits to drive in a run as Scruggs drove in Ruben Gotay one pitch after Gotay stole second.

"Ruben did his job by getting to second base, stealing a base off of (Carpenter), and that's something our team's been trying to work on, getting in scoring position stealing bases, " Scruggs said. "So, luckily he did his job, I was able to do mine."

But Carpenter settled down after walking the next batter, getting out of the inning and shutting out Springfield over the next four innings.

Midland, meanwhile, missed on early scoring opportunities as Springfield starter Jonathan Cornelius managed to wiggle out of two-on, one-out jams in the second and third innings.

The RockHounds finally capi-

Please see **HOUNDS**/2C

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Big points

Baylor expects to keep winning with lots of offense

Editor's note: Today is the third day of a series of stories previewing Texas and Big 12 schools.

Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

The Baylor Bears kept winning and piling up big offensive numbers after Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Robert Griffin III went to the NFL.

They expect to keep doing so even when changing quarterbacks again.

Junior Bryce Petty has attempted only 14 passes (10 completions) for the Bears. But this is his fourth year in coach Art Briles' system after watching Griffin and Nick Florence, who set a school record with 4,309 yards passing and was second nationally with 375 total yards a game one year after RG3 won the Heisman.


Baylor quarterback Bryce Petty

Please see **BAYLOR**/4C

Cowboys rookie LB Holloman drawing attention

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

GLENDALE, Ariz. — After watching rookie linebacker DeVonte Holloman make acrobatic interceptions in two of their first three preseason games, the Dallas Cowboys are starting to think they might have found something special in the sixth-round pick from South Carolina.

"Yes. Yes, we are," owner Jerry Jones said after watching Holloman keep Arizona out of the end zone with a diving grab of a Drew Stanton pass at the 2-yard line late in the first half of Saturday's 12-7 loss.

"That was a great play, a great play, he made on that ball," Jones added. "Not only an athletic play but a timely play."

Holloman seems to always be around the ball making impressive plays. In the preseason-opening 24-20 win over Miami, he picked off a deflected pass with a twisting, finger-tip catch and returned it 75 yards for a touchdown.

And also in the second quarter Saturday, he recorded a strip sack of Stanton that Dallas recovered. But replay review ruled it an incomplete pass, erasing the gem.

Still, Holloman's pick was the play of the game for a determined defense that prevented Arizona from scoring a touchdown on five possessions inside the Cowboys' 20, including four times in the first half.

Please see **HOLLOMAN**/5C

Kansas State out to defend Big 12 title after rebuild

Dave Skretta
Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The last time Kansas State won a conference championship, Bill Snyder was still in his first tenure in Manhattan and nobody had any reason to believe the success would ever end.

After all, that 2003 season marked the sixth time in seven years that the Wildcats won at least 11 games. Snyder had built a program from national laughingstock to perennial contender, his teams seemingly always appearing in the Top 25 and usually in title consideration.

Well, they went 4-7 the following year.

Now in his second stint leading the program, Snyder isn't about to allow anybody on his team take last year's success for granted. Kansas State may have won another Big 12 title and played in the Fiesta Bowl, but the sagely coach has eyes only on the future.

"In all honesty, I walk out on the field and wonder how we're going to get better today. You hear me say it time and time again and I don't have any other thoughts," Snyder said. "Part of that is from a leadership role, everybody has to set an example and I need to set the example."

The Wildcats have followed it, toiling away in the summer heat this offseason with the same kind of focus as their 73-year-old coach. No breaks. No time to relax.

"I don't think they have collectively given me a particular reason to believe they have taken the upcoming season, or their performance, their preparation, for granted," Snyder said, "but you know, the best way to define that will be after we have been given a chance on the field."

That first chance comes Aug. 30 against defending FCS champion North Dakota State. As the Wildcats prepare for their season opener, here are five story lines to watch:


Travis Heying/The Wichita Eagle

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder is interviewed during the team's media day Aug. 5 in Manhattan, Kan. The Wildcats are the defending Big 12 champions.

1. DOES SNYDER STILL HAVE IT? His intensity seemed to wane after Snyder won his first Big 12 title, part of the reason he retired a couple of seasons later. Now that he's returned the program to the top of the conference, does he still have the same passion to succeed? "The approach is not any different," he promised.

2. WHO WILL BE THE QB: Daniel Sams was impressive in mop-up duty last season, but the speedy sophomore essentially never threw a pass. Now, he's being pushed by JUCO transfer Jake Waters, who put together a record-setting season at Iowa Western Community College last season. Snyder said it's possible the starter won't be decided until the week of the opener.

"I'm not backing down from the competition," Sams said. "It just makes me more hungry because we both feel like we have the opportunity to be the starter."

3. LEADERSHIP VOID: Without question, the two biggest leaders last season were quarterback Collin Klein, a Heisman Trophy finalist, and linebacker Arthur Brown, a second-round draft pick. Who steps into those positions will be critical this season. Sams and Waters are natural choices given the position they play, but there's plenty of experience on both sides of the ball. Senior running back John Hubert and senior defensive back Ty Zimmerman already have begun to step into the leadership void.

"It's not easy. It's kind of difficult," Hubert said. "But I've been here for five years, I kind of know what to expect and what to do as far as stepping up and helping out the young guys."

4. COACHING TURNOVER: Snyder has grown accustomed to losing coaches to more high-profile positions, a byproduct of success. He lost two more this offseason when Joe Bob Clements left for a job with rival Oklahoma State and Michael Smith departed for Arkansas. Former defensive end Blake Seiler, who'd been a graduate assistant, takes over for Clements as the coach of his old position. Youngstown State assistant Andre Coleman, who played for Snyder in the 1990s, is back to replace Smith as the wide receivers coach.

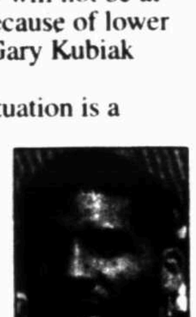
Please see **K-STATE**/4C

Texans RB Foster to miss today's practice

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Texans running back Arian Foster will not be at practice on Monday because of lower back soreness, coach Gary Kubiak said.

The running back situation is a little worrisome for the Texans as Foster, who rushed for 1,424 yards and 15 touchdowns last season, is still being hampered by lower back soreness.


Foster

"The team met with the doctors that have been treating Arian's back before Saturday's game, and it was determined they want to give it a few more days before they put him back out on the field because he is still experiencing some soreness," Kubiak said.

"He's had some injections to try to alleviate some of the soreness and stuff," Kubiak said. "The way I understand it right now is we are trying to get through the injection process. It is causing him some discomfort and something that will take him a little time to get through."

Please see **TEXANS**/5C

Darvish loses way in Rangers' loss to Mariners

Mariners.....4
Rangers.....3

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Coming off a 15-strikeout performance in his last start, Texas ace Yu Darvish looked sharp through the first four innings Sunday afternoon against the Seattle Mariners.

The next four innings were a different story as the Rangers' right-hander allowed the lead-off batter on base in each frame, resulting in three runs, and closer Joe Nathan also let the leadoff batter score in the ninth as the AL West-leading Rangers lost 4-3 to Seattle on Saturday.

"He just lost his command," Texas manager Ron Washington said of Darvish. "Earlier he was spotting it up and then as we got past the fifth inning there, he was just a little erratic with his command. But then again, he was able to pitch around a lot of that trouble also."

After each team scored single runs in the fifth, sixth and eighth innings, Seattle's Kyle Seager took a pitch from Nathan that was nearly in the dirt down the right field line for the game-winning RBI double in the ninth.

The Mariners took two of three from Texas, and they scored three runs in 7 1-3 innings against Darvish in the series finale.

In Darvish's previous start, he took a no-hit bid into the eighth against Houston. The two-time All-Star from Japan struck out seven on Sunday against the Mariners, raising his major league-leading total to 214.

"In many games I have trouble with my command in any inning I throw, but today it happened after the sixth inning," Darvish said through a translator. Darvish gave up five of his seven hits and all four of his walks after the fourth. Darvish, who had 50 strikeouts in his last five starts, left after throwing 120 pitches. He walked four after walking a total of four in his previous three August starts.

Elvis Andrus and Adrian Beltre each had a hit and an RBI for Texas. Mitch Moreland's RBI sacrifice fly in the fifth scored A.J. Pierzynski for Texas' first run. Craig Gentry scored Texas' other two runs.

Seager took a leadoff four-pitch walk and scored the go-ahead run in the eighth against Darvish, and his two-out RBI double off Nathan won the game for the Mariners in the ninth.

Until an eighth inning, go-ahead home run against Texas on Friday, Seager has been 0 for 21, but he finished the weekend against Texas hitting 4 for 9 with a walk, two home runs, two doubles and four RBI.

"I got ahead of Seager and made a pitch," Nathan said. "He hit a pitch that was probably going to be in the dirt if he didn't scoop it out of the ground before it got there. Hats off to him. Again he found a way to find the outfield grass when he needed it on a pitch that out of my hand felt pretty good. I'll take my chance with those."

Nathan (3-2) took over to begin the ninth with the score 3-all. Endy Chavez led off with a single, Humberto Quintero laid down a sacrifice bunt and Nick Franklin drew a two-out walk before Seager's go-ahead hit.

Yoervis Medina (4-3) got the win and Danny Farquhar earned his seventh save in 10 tries. Starter Erasmo Ramirez had a solid outing, pitching seven innings and giving up two runs, one earned, while taking the no-decision.



Tony Gutierrez/AP

Texas' Yu Darvish (11) gets a visit on the mound from catcher A.J. Pierzynski, right, in the third inning during Sunday's game against the Seattle Mariners in Arlington, Texas.

HOUNDS

From 1C

talized on an opportunity in the fourth when Max Muncy stroked an RBI triple to right-center field to drive in Jefry Marte with one out.

But Midland again missed a chance to grab control, or at least the lead, when Carpenter ended the inning with runners on the corners by striking out Conner Crumbliss.

Even worse for the RockHounds, Springfield ultimately went ahead for good on an unearned run, which came on a fielding error by third baseman Marte in the sixth.

Leading up to the error, it appeared Midland might escape a jam that came when Carpenter hit two straight batters to load the bases with no outs.

Blake Hassebrock replaced Carpenter and immediately got Cody Stanley to line into a 6-4 double play.

The next batter, Starlin Rodriguez, hit a grounder to Marte who fielded the ball slowly then threw to second, drawing Dusty Coleman off the bag.

A surprised Scruggs, was ruled safe, allowing the go-ahead run to score.

"No, I wasn't (expecting Marte to throw to second)," Scruggs said with a laugh. "I was trying to be aggressive."

Springfield went up 3-1 in the eighth when Piscotty slapped an RBI double to left for a critical insurance run.

The RockHounds had managed just one hit against the Cardinal bullpen before Catricala launched a solo shot to left with two down in the bottom of the ninth.

But Springfield reliever Lee Stoppelman got the next batter, Beau Taylor, to ground out to end the game, avoiding disaster and earning the save.

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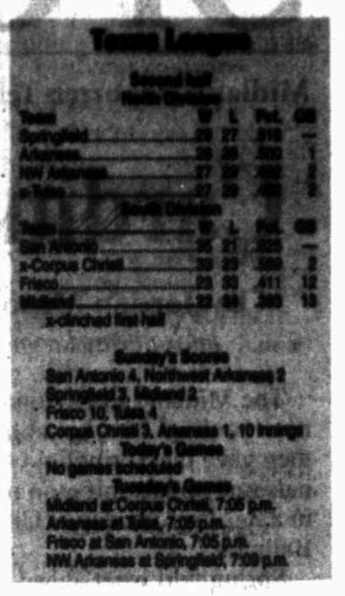
'HOUND BITES: Midland outfielder D'Arby Myers had the night off again Sunday, meaning his 25-game hitting streak will have to continue on the road. Myer's hitting streak is the fifth-longest in professional baseball this season. ... RockHounds' starter Drew Carpenter had a nice play in his third start for Midland. Springfield shortstop Luis Mateo attempted to bunt to lead off the top of the third and popped the ball up to the right and front of the mound. In an instant, Carpenter took two steps off the mound then laid out to catch the first out. ... One inning after an error that cost Midland a run, Midland third baseman Jefry Marte made one of the nicest defensive plays of the game, bare-handing a slow roller down the third-base line and whipping it to first for the first out of the seventh. Marte was also 2 for 4 in the game has now hit in seven of his last 11 at-bats.



CARDINALS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 2

Springfield	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Ramsey cf	5	0	0	0	Crumbliss ct	4	0	2	0
Mateo ss	3	0	0	0	Perez ss	3	0	0	0
Gotay dh	4	2	2	0	Whitaker rf	4	0	0	0
Scruggs 1b	2	1	1	1	Coleman 2b	4	0	0	0
Piscotty rf	2	0	1	1	Ladendorf lf	3	0	0	0
Stanley c	4	0	0	0	Marte 3b	4	1	2	0
Rodriguez lf	4	0	2	0	Munchy	4	0	1	1
Abbitz 2b	4	0	1	0	Catricala dh	4	1	1	1
Rahmatullla 3b	4	0	0	0	Taylor c	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	3	7	2	Totals	33	2	6	2
Springfield					.100	001	010	—3	
Midland					.000	100	001	—2	

E — Marte (13). DP — Midland 2. LOB — Springfield 7, Midland 7. 2B — Rodriguez (11), Piscotty (6). 3B — Muncy (1). HR — Catricala (3). SB — Gotay (15), Scruggs (11), Piscotty (3).

Springfield	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cornelius W, 5-6	6.0	4	1	1	3	5
Miranda	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
Thomas	1.1	1	0	0	0	1
Stoppelman S, 4	0.2	1	1	1	0	0
Midland						
Carpenter L, 3-2	5.0	5	2	1	1	4
Hassebrock	2.1	1	1	1	2	1
Castillo	1.2	1	0	0	0	0

HBP — By Carpenter (Scruggs), by Carpenter (Piscotty).
T — 2:47. A — 4,256.

Saturday's late box

ROCKHOUNDS 11, CARDINALS 10

Springfield	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Ramsey cf	6	2	2	2	Crumbliss lf	3	0	2	1
Walsh 2b	6	1	1	0	Perez ss	5	1	1	0
Gotay 3b	5	1	4	2	Whitaker rf	6	3	3	0
Scruggs 1b	5	0	2	3	Coleman dh	3	2	2	0
Piscotty rf	5	0	1	0	Ladendorf 2b	4	2	2	4
Stanley dh	4	1	0	1	Marte 3b	4	2	3	3
Rodriguez lf	5	1	2	0	Muncy 1b	4	1	2	2
Mateo ss	4	2	2	1	Lipkin c	3	0	0	0
Rasmus	4	2	1	0	Taylor c	2	0	1	1
					Oberacker cf	2	0	1	1
Totals	44	10	15	9	Totals	38	11	16	11
Springfield					.130	010	005	—10	
Midland					.000	001	031	—11	

E — Gotay (12), Oberacker (4), Perez (19), Long (1), Muncy (5). DP — Springfield 1. 2B — Walsh (4), Marte (14), Muncy (5). 3B — Ladendorf (1). SB — Rodriguez (4). SH — Ladendorf, Coleman. SF — Marte.

Springfield	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ferrara	3.0	6	6	5	5	1
Wyatt	2.2	3	1	1	1	0
Stoppelman	1.1	1	0	0	0	0
Almaraz	0.2	4	3	3	2	1
Wright	0.1	0	0	0	0	1
Thomas L, 6-4	0.1	2	1	1	0	0
Midland						
Granier	4.1	7	5	3	2	5
Long	2.1	2	0	0	2	1
Gailey	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Dull	1.0	5	5	2	1	1
Hunter W, 1-1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0

WP — Almaraz 2, Thomas. HBP — by Granier (Scruggs), by Ferrara (Crumbliss).
T — 3:59. A — 6,897.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ASTROS 7
ANGELS 5

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Matt Dominguez hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the seventh inning, and Houston won back-to-back series for the first time in nearly two months with a victory over the Los Angeles Angels.

Dominguez tied his career high with four hits in his native Southern California, and L.J. Hoes had his first career homer among three hits in the major league-worst Astros' fourth win in six games.

TIGERS 6
ROYALS 3

DETROIT — Miguel Cabrera hit his 40th home run and had an RBI single to help Max Scherzer become baseball's first 18-game winner this season as the Detroit Tigers beat the Kansas City Royals 6-3 Sunday.

The reigning Triple Crown winner became the third player since 1921 to have at least 40 homers and 120 RBIs while batting .350 or better through 116 games, joining Babe Ruth and Jimmie Foxx, according to STATS.

WHITE SOX 5
TWINS 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Alexei Ramirez homered and had three RBIs, Hector Santiago won for the first time since June 21, and the Chicago White Sox beat Minnesota.

Ramirez finished a triple shy of the cycle. He homered to lead off the fifth inning, giving Chicago a 4-2 lead and helping his team win its first road series in more than a month.

RAYS 2
BLUE JAYS 1, 10 INNINGS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fl. — Jose Lobaton hit a solo home run in the 10th inning, and Tampa Bay edged Toronto.

Lobaton sent a 2-1 pitch from Brad Lincoln (1-2) into the right-field seats. Lobaton had a game-ending triple in the ninth on Friday.

ATHLETICS 7
INDIANS 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Chris Young and Alberto Callaspo homered in the fifth inning of Oakland's win over Cleveland.

Jed Lowrie, batting leadoff for only the third time this season, had two hits and scored twice for Oakland. Josh Donaldson drove in three runs for the A's, who pulled within a half-game of AL West-leading Texas.

YANKEES 9
RED SOX 6

BOSTON — Alex Rodriguez was hit by a fastball on his first at-bat then homered to start a four-run sixth inning that carried the New York Yankees to a 9-6 win over the Boston Red Sox on Sunday night.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi was ejected after coming out of the dugout and hollering at plate umpire Brian O'Nora, who had warned both benches immediately after Rodriguez was hit by Ryan Dempster. The 3-0 pitch hit Rodriguez as led off the second inning. It struck his left elbow pad and ricocheted off his back.

National League

PHILLIES 3
DODGERS 2

PHILADELPHIA — Carlos Ruiz had four hits, and the Philadelphia Phillies benefited from two ninth-inning errors by shortstop Hanley Ramirez to beat the Dodgers 3-2 on Sunday, giving interim manager Ryne Sandberg his first victory and ending Los Angeles' 10-game winning streak.

Sandberg took over when Charlie Manuel, the winningest skipper in club history, was fired on Friday. The Phillies, shut out by the Dodgers in each of Sandberg's first two games, snapped a four-game skid and won for the fifth time in 26 games.

DIAMONDBACKS 4
PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH — Adam Eaton's bloop double in the 16th inning drove in two runs, and Arizona outlasted Pittsburgh.

Eaton's career-high fourth hit came during his seventh at-bat, with A.J. Pollock and Didi Gregorius on and two outs. Eaton fought off a 1-0 pitch from Kris Johnson and dunked the ball into shallow left-center.

REDS 9
BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE — Homer Bailey allowed one run and three hits in eight innings, and Cincinnati routed Milwaukee.

Bailey (8-10) won his third straight decision and improved his career mark against Milwaukee to 2-7 with his first win in three starts against the Brewers this season.

BRAVES 2
NATIONALS 1

ATLANTA — Julio Teheran pitched around trouble through six scoreless innings, and a tired Atlanta bullpen held on in a win over Washington.

The Braves won two of three in the series and stretched their NL East lead over the second-place Nationals to 15 1/2 games.

MARLINS 6
GIANTS 5

MIAMI — Jeff Mathis hit an early home run, then lined a tiebreaking double in the eighth inning that bounced off center fielder Andres Torres and sent Miami over San Francisco.

It was 5-all in a back-and-forth game when Ed Lucas led off the eighth with a single against Sandy Rosario (3-1). With one out, Mathis hit a liner to left-center and the ball dropped in front of Torres' dive and caromed off him.

CARDINALS 6
CUBS 1

CHICAGO — Cardinals ace Adam Wainwright struck out 11 and allowed one run through seven innings, and Jon Jay drove in four runs with a homer and double to lead St. Louis past the Chicago Cubs.

Matt Carpenter singled in two runs in the third to help back Wainwright (14-7), who was in command and allowed just five hits and one walk after going 0-2 in his previous four starts.

PADRES 4
METS 3

SAN DIEGO — Will Venable hit a leadoff homer in the ninth inning to give San Diego a victory over the New York Mets.

Interleague

ORIOLES 7
ROCKIES 2

BALTIMORE — Chris Davis went 4 for 5 with his major league-leading 45th home run, Adam Jones had a two-run shot among his three hits and Baltimore topped Colorado.

FIFA arrives amid doubts about Brazil's readiness

By Tales Azzoni
Associated Press

SAO PAULO — FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke will begin an inspection visit to Brazil today amid a series of concerns about the country's readiness for the 2014 World Cup.

Valcke will visit three host cities less than a week after Brazil's sports minister said the country needs to speed up the pace of construction on five of the six stadiums that must be completed by December.

Today's visit also comes just days after the government said it is concerned with price hikes of hotels listed on FIFA's website, something that could prompt an investigation into the FIFA-appointed agency in charge of accommodations.

There are also doubts about whether the upgrades needed at the country's airports will be ready in time for the event that kicks off in less than 10 months.

Valcke is making his first visit to Brazil since the end of the Confederations Cup, the tournament that serves as a warm-up to the World Cup. He will check preparations in three of the 12 host cities — Sao Paulo, Curitiba and Manaus. The cities are among the six that must finish their stadiums by the December deadline established by FIFA. The other six venues were completed, despite many delays, just in time for the Confederations Cup.

LITTLELEAGUEWORLDSERIESROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CHULA VISTA, CALIF. 15
NEWARK, DEL. 3

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Grant Holman hit a grand slam to cap an eight-run fourth-inning, leading Chula Vista, Calif., to a 15-3 victory over Newark, Del., on Sunday in the Little League World Series.

Holman's homer ended the game because it provided the West Champions a 10-run lead through four innings. Micah Pietila-Wiggs homered and drove in four runs, and Michael Gaines had two hits, including a home run, and three RBIs.

Chula Vista (2-0) advanced to play Westport, Conn. (2-0), on Wednesday.

Jack Hardcastle had a two-run double to give Newark a short-lived lead in the first inning. Brandon Sengphachanh had a two-out home run in the fourth.

WESTPORT, CONN. 9,
SAMMAMISH, WASH. 7

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Winning pitcher Harry Azadian had three hits and four RBI and Westport, Conn., held off Sammamish, Wash., 9-7 on Sunday to remain unbeaten in the Little League World Series.

Westport (2-0) will play the winner of a game between Chula Vista, Calif., and Newark, Del.

TIJUANA, MEXICO 13,
AGUADULCE, PANAMA 0,
4 INNINGS

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Ramon Mendoza hit two of Tijuana, Mexico's five home runs in a 13-0 four-inning win over Aguadulce, Panama, on Sunday in the winners' bracket of the Little League World Series.

The game was stopped because of Little League's 10-run rule.

Mexico is one win away from the international championship game and will be off until Wednesday. Panama dropped into the losers' bracket.

TOKYO 3,
TAOYUAN, TAIWAN, 2

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Takuma Gomi hit a two-run home run in the top of the sixth inning in Tokyo's 3-2 victory over Taoyuan, Taiwan, on Sunday night in the Little League World Series.

After allowing one of Taiwan's two runs in the bottom of the sixth, Kyousuke Kobayashi got Chen-Hsun Lee to fly to center for the final out with a runner on first. Japan improved to 2-0, and advanced to face Mexico on Wednesday.

Little League World Series Glance
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UNITED STATES

GREAT LAKES, Grosse Pointe, Mich.; MID-ATLANTIC, Newark, Del.; MIDWEST, Urbandale, Iowa; NEW ENGLAND, Westport, Conn.; NORTHWEST, Sammamish, Wash.; SOUTHEAST, Nashville, Tenn.; SOUTHWEST, Corpus Christi, Texas; WEST, Chula Vista, Calif.

INTERNATIONAL

ASIA-PACIFIC, Taoyuan, Taiwan; AUSTRALIA, Perth; CANADA, Ottawa, Ontario; CARIBBEAN, San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico; EUROPE & AFRICA, Brno, Czech Republic; JAPAN, Tokyo; LATIN AMERICA, Aguadulce, Panama; MEXICO, Tijuana.

Thursday, Aug. 15

Aguadulce, Panama 9, San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico 4
Sammamish, Wash. 8, Corpus Christi 4
Tijuana, Mexico 12, Perth, Australia 0, 4 innings
Westport, Conn. 3, Nashville, Tenn. 2

Friday, Aug. 16

Taoyuan, Taiwan 10, Ottawa, Ontario 2
Chula Vista, Calif. 3, Grosse Pointe, Mich. 0
Tokyo 7, Brno, Czech Republic 3
Newark, Del. 6, Urbandale, Iowa 3

Saturday, Aug. 17

San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico 4, Perth, Australia 0, Perth eliminated
Nashville, Tenn. 10, Corpus Christi 2, Corpus Christi eliminated
Ottawa, Ontario 4, Brno, Czech Republic 3, Brno eliminated
Urbandale, Iowa 6, Grosse Pointe, Mich. 5, Grosse Pointe eliminated

Sunday

Tijuana, Mexico 13, Aguadulce, Panama 0, 4 innings
Westport, Conn. 9, Sammamish, Wash. 7
Chula Vista, Calif. 15, Newark, Del. 3, 4 innings
Tokyo 3, Taoyuan, Taiwan 2

Today

Consolation — Perth, Australia vs. Corpus Christi, 11 a.m.
Game 17 — Taoyuan, Taiwan vs. San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico, 1 p.m.
Game 18 — Newark, Del. vs. Nashville, Tenn., 3 p.m.
Game 19 — Aguadulce, Panama vs. Ottawa, Ontario, 5 p.m.
Game 20 — Sammamish, Wash. vs. Urbandale, Iowa, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 20

Consolation — Brno, Czech Republic vs. Grosse Pointe, Mich., Noon
Game 21 — Game 17 winner vs. Game 19 winner, 3 p.m.
Game 22 — Game 18 winner vs. Game 20 winner, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 21

Game 23 — Tijuana, Mexico vs. Tokyo, 3 p.m.
Game 24 — Westport, Conn. vs. Chula Vista, Calif., 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 22

Game 25 — Game 21 winner vs. Game 23 loser, 3 p.m.
Game 26 — Game 22 winner vs. Game 24 loser, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 23

Rain day, no games scheduled.

Saturday, Aug. 24

International championship, 11:30 a.m.
U.S. championship, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 25
At Lamade Stadium
Third Place

International runner-up vs. U.S. runner-up, 10 a.m.

World Championship

International champion vs. U.S. champion, 2 p.m.

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MLB Projections

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	54	38
New England	2	0	0	1.000	66	43
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	54	51
Miami	1	1	0	.500	37	41
South						
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	51	30
Indianapolis	2	0	0	1.000	40	16
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	16	54
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	40	49
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	71	39
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	61	28
Cleveland	2	0	0	1.000	51	25
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	13	18
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	1	1	0	.500	20	46
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	39	45
Kansas City	2	2	0	.000	28	32
San Diego	0	2	0	.000	38	64

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	22	21
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	30	33
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	61	28
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	48	51
South						
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	45	33
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	33	31
Atlanta	1	2	0	.000	33	61
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	37	69
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	50	52
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	32	41
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	19	24
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	29	47
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	2	0	0	1.000	29	7
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	71	20
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	21	23
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000	26	46

Thursday's Scores

Cleveland 24, Detroit 6
Baltimore 27, Atlanta 23
Philadelphia 14, Carolina 9
Chicago 33, San Diego 28

Friday's Scores

Buffalo 20, Minnesota 16
New Orleans 28, Oakland 20
San Francisco 15, Kansas City 13
New England 25, Tampa Bay 21

Saturday's Games

Arizona 12, Dallas 7
Cincinnati 27, Tennessee 19
N.Y. Jets 37, Jacksonville 13
Green Bay 19, St. Louis 7
Houston 24, Miami 17
Seattle 40, Denver 10

Sunday's Score

Indianapolis 20, N.Y. Giants 12

Today's Game

Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.

Thursday's Games

New England at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Baltimore, 7 p.m.

Friday's Games

Seattle at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Buffalo at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Indianapolis, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 6 p.m.
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Denver, 7 p.m.
Cincinnati at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 9 p.m.

NFL Calendar

Aug. 27 — Roster cutdown to 75 players.
Aug. 31 — Roster cutdown to 53 players.
Aug. 29 — Preseason schedule ends.
Sept. 5 — 2013 season begins, Baltimore at Denver.
Sept. 8-9 — First weekend of regular-season games.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned RHP Josh Stinson to Norfolk (IL).

DETROIT TIGERS—Optioned RHP Jose Alvarez to Toledo (IL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned LHP Danny Duffy to Omaha (PCL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed RHP Bartolo Colon on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday. Recalled LHP Tommy Milone from Sacramento (PCL).

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Released 3B Blake DeWitt.

MIAMI MARLINS—Traded RHP Doug Mathis to Pittsburgh for a player to be named or cash.

NEW YORK METS—Placed RHP Jenry Mejia on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Greg Burke from Las Vegas (PCL).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Optioned OF Andrew Lambo to Indianapolis (IL). Selected the contract of LHP Kris Johnson from Indianapolis. Transferred C Michael McKenry to the 60-day DL.

American Association

EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed INF Brandon Petit.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS—Signed RHP Cody Hall.

ST. PAUL SAINTS—Signed C Chris Manning and RHP TJ Hose. Sold the contract of INF Brad Boyer to the Minnesota Twins.

WICHITA WINGNUTS—Signed OF Waylen Chow.

Can-Am League

QUEBEC CAPITALES—Signed RHP Hugo Lalande. Released C Jean-Luc Blasquere.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES—Signed INF Max Poulin.

Frontier League

RIVER CITY RASCALS—Signed INF-OF Stephen Malcolm.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Placed WR Kevin Elliott on injured reserve. Released OL Tony Hills, WR Terrell Sinkfield and DBs Don Unamba and Mark LeGree.

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed QB Trent Edwards to a one-year contract. Released WR Jerrell Jackson.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Released LB Aaron Maybin. Waived WR Tyrone Goard and CB Troy Stoudermire.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Re-signed RB Jermaine Cook. Released CB Kenronte Walker.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed T Kevin Haslem. Released OT Austin Hoth.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Fired offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Gary Crowton. Named Marcel Bellefeuille offensive coordinator.

COLLEGE

RPI—Named Dick Maloney defensive and recruiting coordinator.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	17	8	.680	—
Atlanta	13	9	.591	2 1/2
Washington	12	14	.462	5 1/2
Indiana	11	14	.440	6
New York	7	15	.400	7
Connecticut	7	17	.292	9 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	16	6	.750	—
Los Angeles	18	7	.720	1/2
Phoenix	13	12	.520	5 1/2
Seattle	11	13	.458	7
San Antonio	9	15	.375	9
Tulsa	8	17	.320	10 1/2

Sunday's Scores

Atlanta 76, Washington 58
Chicago 89, Connecticut 78
Minnesota 88, New York 57

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Minnesota at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Tulsa, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Seattle, 9 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting Kansas City†	13	6	6	39	36	25
New York	11	8	6	39	36	31
Philadelphia	10	7	8	38	36	32
Montreal	11	7	5	38	36	30
Houston	10	7	6	36	29	22
New England	9	9	6	33	29	23
Chicago	9	10	4	31	29	34
Columbus	8	11	5	29	29	30
Toronto FC	4	12	8	20	21	33
D.C.	3	17	4	13	14	40

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Real Salt Lake	12	8	5	41	41	30
Colorado	10	7	9	39	33	27
Portland	9	3	11	38	34	22
Los Angeles	11	9	4	37	39	32
Vancouver	10	8	6	36	36	32
Seattle	10	8	6	36	34	30
FC Dallas	8	7	9	33	31	35
San Jose	9	10	6	33	28	35
Chivas USA	4	13	6	18	20	40

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

Sunday's Score

San Jose 1, Sporting Kansas City 0

Wednesday

FC Dallas at Chivas USA, 9:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Portland, 10 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	73	53	.579	—
Tampa Bay	70	55	.560	2 1/2
Baltimore	67	58	.536	5 1/2
New York	64	59	.520	7 1/2
Toronto	59	67	.468	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	73	51	.589	—
Cleveland	68	56	.548	5
Kansas City	64	59	.520	8 1/2
Minnesota	56	66	.443	16
Chicago	54	74	.398	23 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	71	53	.573	—
Oakland	70	53	.569	1/2
Seattle	57	66	.463	13 1/2
Los Angeles	55	68	.447	15 1/2
Houston	41	82	.333	29 1/2

Sunday's Scores

Detroit 6, Kansas City 3
Baltimore 7, Colorado 2
Tampa Bay 2, Toronto 1, 10 innings
Chicago White Sox 5, Minnesota 2
Seattle 4, Texas 3
Houston 7, L.A. Angels 5
Oakland 7, Cleveland 3
N.Y. Yankees 9, Boston 6

Today's Games

N.Y. Mets (Gee 8-8) at Minnesota (Gibson 2-3), 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 6-5) at Baltimore (Tillman 14-3), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Harrell 6-13) at Texas (Garza 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Salazar 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 7-6), 9:05 p.m.
Seattle (Harang 5-10) at Oakland (J.Parker 8-6), 9:05 p.m.
Boston (Lester 10-7) at San Francisco (Lincecum 6-12), 9:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	76	48	.613	—
Washington	60	63	.488	15 1/2
New York	56	66	.459	19
Philadelphia	54	68	.439	21 1/2
Miami	47	75	.385	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	72	51	.585	—
St. Louis	71	52	.577	1
Cincinnati	70	54	.565	2 1/2
Milwaukee	54	70	.435	18 1/2
Chicago	53	70	.431	19

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	72	51	.585	—
Arizona	64	58	.525	7 1/2
Colorado	58	67	.464	15
San Diego	56	68	.452	16 1/2
San Francisco	55	68	.447	17

Sunday's Scores

Miami 6, San Francisco 5
Arizona 4, Pittsburgh 2, 16 innings
Baltimore 7, Colorado 2
Philadelphia 3, L.A. Dodgers 2
Atlanta 2, Washington 1
Cincinnati 9, Milwaukee 1
St. Louis 6, Chicago Cubs 1
San Diego 4, N.Y. Mets 3

Today's Games

N.Y. Mets (Gee 8-8) at Minnesota (Gibson 2-3), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Delgado 4-3) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 11-9), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 12-3) at Miami (Fernandez 8-5), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 14-6) at Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 6-11), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (S.Miller 11-8) at Milwaukee (Estrada 5-4), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Liriano 13-5) at San Diego (Cashner 8-7), 9:10 p.m.
Boston (Lester 10-7) at San Francisco (Lincecum 6-12), 9:15 p.m.

AL WEST BOXES

MARINERS 4, RANGERS 3

Seattle — **Texas**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
BMiller ss	5	0	2	0	Gentry cf-lf	3	2	1	0
Frmldn 2b	3	1	0	0	Andrus dh	4	0	1	1
Seager 3b	4	1	1	1	Kinsler 2b	3	0	0	0
KMorls dh	4	0	1	0	ABeltre 3b	4	0	1	1
Smoak 1b	4	0	0	0	Przyns c	4	1	1	0
MSndrs cf-rf	4	1	3	1	Rios rf	4	0	0	0
Ackley lf-cf	4	0	2	1	Mrlnd 1b	4	0	0	0
EnChnz rf	3	1	1	1	Profar ss	3	0	1	0
Ibanez lf	0	0	0	0	DvMrp lf	3	0	0	0
Quinter c	3	0	2	0	LMartn cf	0	0	0	0

Totals	36	4	10	4	Totals	30	3	6	3

Seattle	000	011	011 — 4
Texas	000	011	010 — 3

E—Andrus (1), Seager (12), DP—Seattle 1, Texas 1. LOB—Seattle 10, Texas 3. 2B—Seager (28), M.Saunders (15), Andrus (14), Pierzynski (16). 3B—M.Saunders (12), Gentry (14). CS—Andrus (5). S—Quinter. SF—Morrison.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
E.Ramirez	7	4	2	1	1	2
Medina W,4-3	1	1	1	1	0	1
Farquhar S,7-10	1	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Darvish	7 1-3	7	3	3	4	7
R.Ross	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Nathan L,3-2	1	2	1	1	2	1

WP—Darvish.
T—3:00. A—40,832 (48,114).

ASTROS 7, ANGELS 5

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Grssmn lf	4	0	1	1	Shuck lf	5	0	2	0
Hoes rf	4	2	3	1	Cowgill rf-cf	4	0	1	0
Altuve dh	4	0	0	1	Conger ph	0	0	0	0
Carter 1b	3	0	0	0	Bourjos ph	1	0	0	0
Dsjrdns c	4	1	0	0	Trout cf	3	1	2	0
MDmn 3b	5	2	4	3	Calhon rf	0	1	0	0
BBarns cf	4	1	1	0	Trumo 1b	4	1	2	3
Elmore 2b	5	1	2	0	Aybar ss	4	0	0	0
MDnzlz ss	4	0	1	0	Hamlin dh	3	0	0	0
					Nelson 3b	3	0	0	1
					Iannett c	2	0	0	0
					GGreen 2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	37	7	12	6	Totals	33	5	9	5

Houston	120	000	310 — 7
Los Angeles	011	100	020 — 5

E—J.Gutierrez (1). DP—Houston 1, Los Angeles 1. LOB—Houston 10, Los Angeles 6. 2B—Grossman (9), Trout (34), 3B—Hamilton (3). HR—Hoes (1), M.Dominguez (16), Trumbo (28), Hamilton (19). SB—Ma.Gonzalez (6). CS—Iannetta (1). S—Grossman. SF—Altuve, Nelson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Oberholtzer W,3-1	6	7	3	3	1	4
Lyles	2 1-3	2	2	2	3	2
K.Chapman S,1-2	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles						
Vargas	5 1-3	7	3	3	3	3
J.Gutierrez L,0-4	1 2-3	2	3	3	1	4
Jepsen	1	2	1	1	0	1
Kohn	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Jepsen (Hoes). WP—J.Gutierrez.
T—3:22. A—36,896 (45,483).

ATHLETICS 7, INDIANS 3

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Stubbs cf-rf	5	1	0	0	Lowrie ss	4	2	2	0
Swisher 1b	4	0	1	0	D.Norris c	4	2	2	0
Kipnis 2b	4	1	2	1	Donaldson dh	5	0	2	3
C.Santana dh	4	0	2	1	Cespedes lf	5	0	0	0
Raburn rf	3	1	1	1	Freeman 1b	5	2	3	0
Bourn ph-cf	1	0	0	0	Moss ph-1b	0	0	0	0
A.Cabrera ss	4	0	2	0	C.Young cf	4	1	2	2
Brantley lf	2	0	0	0	Reddick rf	4	0	1	0
Y.Gomes c	4	0	0	0	Callaspo 3b	4	2	3	1
Aviles 3b	4	0	1	0	Sogard 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	35	3	9	3	Totals	36	7	12	6

Cleveland	010	020	000 — 3
Oakland	210	020	02x — 7

E—Swisher (9), Callaspo (14). LOB—Cleveland 7, Oakland 9. 2B—C.Santana (30), Lowrie (32), D.Norris (12). HR—Raburn (15), C.Young (11), Callaspo (6). SB—Stubbs (14), Kipnis (22). S—Brantley, Sogard.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Kazmir L,7-6	5	10	5	5	2	4
Allen	1 2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Rzepczynski	2-3	1	1	0	0	0
Shaw	2-3	1	1	0	0	1
Oakland						
Milone	4 2-3	6	3	1	1	5
Otero W,2-0	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Doolittle	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Cook	1	1	0	0	0	2
Balfour	1	0	0	0	0	2

T—3:19. A—21,114 (35,067).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LINESCORES

TIGERS 6, ROYALS 3

Kansas City	000	000	201 —3 7 1
Detroit	201	012	00x —6 12 0

B.Chen. Coleman (6). Collins (7). Mendoza (8) and S.Perez; Scherzer, Benoit (9) and B.Pena. W—Scherzer 18-1. L—B.Chen 5-1. Sv—Benoit (17). HRs—Kansas City, B.Butler (12). Detroit, Mi.Cabrera (40)

RAYS 2, BLUE JAYS 1, 10 INNINGS

Toronto	000	000	100 0 —1 5 0
Tampa Bay	100	000	000 1 —2 8 0

Redmond, Cecil (7). S.Santos (9), Loucin (10) and Arencibia; Archer, Jo.Peralta (8), Rodney (9), McGee (10) and Lobaton. W—McGee 3-3. L—Loucin 1-2. HRs—Toronto, Encarnacion (31). Tampa Bay, Longoria (24), Lobaton (5).

WHITE SOX 6, TWINS 2

Chicago	102	020	000 —6 8 3
Minnesota	011	000	000 —2 10 0

H.Santiago, Lindstrom (7), A.Reed (9) and Phegley; Diamond, Pressly (6), Perkins (9) and Doumit. W—H.Santiago 4-7. L—Diduno 7-7. Sv—A.Reed (31). HRs—Chicago, Al.Ramirez (4).

YANKEES 8, RED SOX 6

New York	021	004	101 —8 17 0
Boston	301	210	000 —6 9 0

Sabathia, Kelley (6), Logan (7), D.Robertson (8), M.Rivera (9) and C.Stewart; Dempster, D.Britton (6), Workman (8), F.Morales (7), Tazawa (8), R.De La Rosa (9) and Saltalamacchia, W— Sabathia 11-10. L—Dempster 6-9. Sv—M.Rivera (36). HRs—New York, A.Rodriguez (2). Boston, Middlebrooks (10).

Local note: Jayson Nix came into the game as a defensive replacement for the injured Eduardo Nunez at shortstop and was 0 for 1 with a hit by pitch and two runs scored.

INTERLEAGUE LINESCORE

San Francisco	200	010	200 —5 13 2
Miami	001	210	11x —6 9 0

Bumgarner, Mosoco (6), J.Lopez (7), S.Romo (7), Mijares (8) and H.Sanchez; Koehler, Webb (6), M.Dunn (7), Qualls (7), Cishek (9) and Mathis. W—Qualls 4-1. L—S.Romo 3-1. Sv—Cishek (27). HRs—San Francisco, Pence (15), B.Crawford (8). Miami, Mathis (3).

BRAVES 2, NATIONALS 1

Washington	000	000	100 —1 8 0
Atlanta	200	000	00x —2 5 0

G.Gonzalez, Storen (8) and K.Suzuki; Teheran, S.Downs (7), D.Carpenter (7), Walden (8), Kimbrel (9) and G.Laird. W—Teheran 10-6. L—G. Gonzalez 7-6. Sv—Kimbrel (39).

DIAMONDBACKS 4, PIRATES 2, 16 INNINGS

Arizona	000	002	000000000 2—4 15 0
Pittsburgh	101	000	000000000 0—2 9 0

Miley, Thatcher (9), Bell (9), E.De La Rosa (11), Collmenter (11), Ziegler (14), Putz (16) and Gosewisch. Nieves, Morton, Watson (8), Melancon (10), W.Johnson (11) and R.Martin. W—Ziegler 7-1. L—W.Johnson 0-1. Sv—Putz (6).

PHILLIES 3, DODGERS 2

Los Angeles	010	100	000 —2 8 2
Philadelphia	000	101	001 —3 7 1

Nolasco, Belisario (7), P.Rodriguez (8), League (9) and Federowicz; Hamels, Rosenberg (8), Papelbon (9) and Ruiz. W—Papelbon 3-1. L—League 6-4. HRs—Los Angeles, Ethier (9). Philadelphia, Ruf (8).

REDS 9, BREWERS 1

Cincinnati	050	040	000 —9 10 0
Milwaukee	000	000	001 —1 4 1

H.Bailey, Simon (9) and Hanigan; W.Peralta, Thornburg (5), Badenhop (7), Mic.Gonzalez (9) and Maldonado. W—H.Bailey 8-10. L—W.Peralta 8-13. HRs—Milwaukee, K.Davis (6).

CARDINALS 6, CUBS 1

St. Louis	030	000	300 —6 8 0
Chicago	000	000	001 —1 6 1

Wainwright, Siegrist (8), Rosenthal (9) and Y.Molina; E.Jackson, Villanueva (7), Russell (8), Strop (8), Gregg (9) and Castillo. W— Wainwright 14-7. L—E.Jackson 7-13. HRs—St. Louis, Jay (6).

PADRES 4, METS 3

New York	100	100	100 —3 6 0
San Diego	000	020	011 —4 10 1

Harvey, Rice (7), Germen (7), Feliciano (8) and T.d'Arnaud; Stults, Vincent (7), Street (9) and Hundley. W—Street 1-4. L—Feliciano 0-2. HRs—San Diego, Venable (17).

SATURDAY'S LATE LINESCORE

ANGELS 6, ASTROS 5, 10 INNINGS

Houston	002	030	000 0 —5 14 0
Los Angeles	013	000	100 1 —6 12 0

Keuchel, Humber (5), K.Chapman (7), Zeid (8), Fields (9) and J.Castro; Richards, Boshers (7), D.De La Rosa (8), Frieri (9) and Iannetta. Conger. W—Frieri 1-4. L—Fields 1-3. HRs— Houston, Wallace (10). Los Angeles, Trumbo (27), Hamilton (18).

GOLF

PGA

Wyndham Championship
Sunday
At Sedgefield Country Club
Greensboro, N.C.
Purse: $5.3 million
Yardage: 7,127; Par: 70
FedEx Cup points in parentheses
Final

Reed won on second playoff hole

Patrick Reed, (500), $954,000 — 66 — 266
Jordan Spieth (300), $572,400 — 65 — 266
Brian Harman (183), $307,400 — 66 — 268
John Huh (183), $307,400 — 68 — 268
Matt Every (100), $193,450 — 67 — 269
Zach Johnson (100), $193,450 — 68 — 269
Matt Jones (100), $193,450 — 62 — 269
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Shawn Stefani (23), $14,855 — 71 — 278
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Greg Owen (9), $11,448 — 68 — 280
Cameron Percy (9), $11,448 — 70 — 280
Charlie Wi (9), $11,448 — 72 — 280
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Steve LeBrun (4), $10,918 — 71 — 281
David Mathis (4), $10,918 — 69 — 281
William McGirt (4), $10,918 — 70 — 281
Robert Karlsson (1), $10,600 — 71 — 282
Arjun Atwal (1), $10,494 — 66 — 283
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TENNIS

Western & Southern Open
A U.S. Open Series event
Sunday
At The Lindner Family Tennis Center
Mason, Ohio
Purse: Men, $3.73 million (Masters 1000); Women, $2.37 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Championship
Rafael Nadal (4), Spain, def. John Isner, United States, 7-6 (8), 7-6 (3).
Women
Championship
Victoria Azarenka (2), Belarus, def. Serena Williams (1), United States, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (6).
Doubles
Men
Championship
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez (2), Spain, 6-4, 4-6, 10-4.
Women
Championship
Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Peng Shuai (3), China, def. Anna-Lena Grosenefeld, Germany, and Kveta Peschke (6), Czech Republic, 2-6, 6-3, 12-10.

ATP World Tour
Winston-Salem Open
A U.S. Open Series event
Sunday
At The Wake Forest Tennis Center
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Purse: $658,500 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, def. Romain Bogaerts, Belgium, 6-1, 6-1.
Alex Bogomolov Jr., Russia, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 6-3, 6-4.
Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 6-3, 6-3.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Grega Zemlja, Slovenia, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.
Mardy Fish, United States, def. Evgeny Donskoy, Russia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.
Doubles
First Round
Andre Begemann and Martin Emmrich, Germany, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, and Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, 7-5, 7-5.

WTA
New Haven Open at Yale
A U.S. Open Series event
Sunday
At The Connecticut Tennis Center at Yale
New Haven, Conn.
Purse: $690,000 (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Sabine Lisicki (7), Germany, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France, 7-5, 6-1.
Doubles
First Round
Lucie Hradecka and Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Chan Hao-ching, Taiwan, and Janette Husarova, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-2.
Shuko Aoyama, Japan, and Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, and Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-3, 6-4.
Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, and Katarina Srebotnik (2), Slovenia, def. Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Darija Jurak, Croatia, 6-3, 2-6, 10-5.

LPGA

Solheim Cup
At Colorado Golf Club
Parker, Colo.
Yardage: 7,066; Par: 72
EUROPE 18, UNITED STATES 10
Sunday
Singles
Europe 7 1/2, United States 4 1/2
Anna Nordqvist, Europe, halved with Stacy Lewis, United States.
Charley Hull, Europe, def. Paula Creamer, United States, 5 and 4.
Brittany Lang, United States, def. Azahara Munoz, Europe, 2 and 1.
Carlota Cigan

Bolt finishes worlds with another gold, wins 4x100

By Pat Graham
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Usain Bolt stumbled on the track, even almost fell down.

Don't worry, everybody, it wasn't in the race.

No, this near-tumble happened in the middle of his celebratory dance, when a barefooted Bolt hammed it up after winning a third gold medal on the last day of the world championships.


Bolt

He even tossed his spikes into the crowd.

And why not? He certainly didn't need them anymore. His work was finished.

In the very last race of the championships Sunday, Bolt grabbed the gold-colored baton for his anchor leg of the 4x100-meter relay and churned toward the finish line, huffing and puffing to generate more speed.

Not that he needed it. Justin Gatlin couldn't catch him. The rest of the field couldn't catch him, either. Very few can catch him — he's simply in a class by himself.

"For me, my aim is to continue hard (toward) the greatness thing," said Bolt, whose team finished in a world-leading time of 37.36 seconds. "Continue dominating."

Oh, he did that all right, winning gold in the 100, gold in the 200 and even more gold in the relay. With that, Bolt became the most decorated athlete in world championship history with eight golds and two silvers, moving past Carl Lewis (8 golds, 1 silver, 1 bronze) and Michael Johnson (8 golds).

"It's not just about the talent, it's about rising to the occasion. He understands what that means," said Gatlin, who anchored the U.S. to a silver medal despite momentarily stepping outside his lane. "That takes you up another level. To be able to rise to the occasion when an entire stadium full of people are either rooting for you or want to see you fail and you're able to hold it together, that takes talent."

Overshadowed by Bolt mania was the performance of teammate Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, who also won three sprinting events. She finished it off by breaking away from the field in the 4x100, easily beating an American squad that struggled to get the baton around — again.

Originally finishing third after a bad exchange, the Americans were later bumped up to second after France was disqualified.

Still, the Jamaicans went 6-0 in the sprints against the U.S. in Moscow. These days, the proud sprinting nation owns this rivalry.

"As a country, we should be elated," Fraser-Pryce said.

As a nation, the Americans may be searching for some answers. Sure, the United States won an impressive 25 medals. But only six of them were gold as Russia edged them with seven, making it the first time the U.S. failed to at least tie for the gold-medal lead since the first world championships in Helsinki 30 years ago.

Logano holds off Harvick for crucial Michigan win

By Noah Tristar
Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Joey Logano gave Ford a Sprint Cup sweep in Michigan — and enabled team owner Roger Penske to celebrate a victory in his home state.

Now Logano can start to envision a happy finish to what has been an eventful season for the 23-year-old driver.

"We're close, we're close," Logano said. "What a great place to win — what a great time to win, being in Ford's backyard."

Logano boosted his chances of reaching the Chase for the Sprint Cup, winning for the first time this season in a fuel-mileage race at Michigan International Speedway on Sunday.

Logano and Kevin Harvick both breezed past Mark Martin with just over three laps to go in the 400-mile, 200-lap race. Martin had been trying to stretch fuel, but when he faltered, Logano was able to hold off Harvick.


Paul Sancya/AP

Joey Logano celebrates winning the Pure Michigan 400 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., on Sunday.

The win put Logano in 13th place in the standings. He's seven points behind Martin Truex Jr. for the second wild card.

It's been an up-and-down year for Logano. He and teammate Brad Keselowski were docked 25 points each after NASCAR inspectors confiscated parts from the rear suspensions of their cars before the April 13 race at Texas.

More recently, Logano has had to recover from back-to-back 40th-place showings at Daytona and Loudon, but he's now right in the middle of a wild race for the final Chase spots.

"A roller coaster, to say the least," Logano said. "We've just got to keep that momentum going. It just goes to show, as long as nothing goes wrong — knock on wood — we've been pretty good. We've had some good speed in our cars."

Everything went pretty much according to plan at Michigan. Logano won the pole Friday and took Sunday's race by a second over Harvick, who is safely in fourth place in the standings.

"I was very pleased with the day," Harvick said. "It's just going to come down to getting on a hot streak over 10 weeks and not making any mistakes."

There are three races left before the Chase, and the jockeying for the final spots is just as muddled as it was before Sunday's race. Keselowski, the defending champion, is still in eighth place with 667 points, but Kurt Busch is now only two points behind him after a third-place showing Sunday.

Greg Biffle (663) is in 10th place. Kasey Kahne (659) and Truex (653) are currently in line to be the wild cards, but Logano closed a lot of ground.

Points leader Jimmie Johnson lasted less than 60 laps Sunday before engine trouble knocked him out. He still has a 41-point lead over Clint Bowyer.

Biffle finished ninth after winning the previous two Cup races at Michigan. His victory in June was the 1,000th for Ford Motor Company across NASCAR's three national series — Cup, Nationwide and Truck.

Biffle drives for Roush Fenway Racing. This time, it was Penske's turn to celebrate.

"I go back about 30 years here at the track — this is probably one of the biggest wins," Penske said. "I say it's my home state, it's my home track, and Detroit's my city."

Marquez adds to American domination with Indy win

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Marc Marquez makes winning look easy in America.

The 20-year-old rookie took the lead Sunday with a nifty inside pass midway through the Indianapolis Grand Prix, saved his wobbly bike two turns later and then pulled away from the pack for a 3.495-second victory over Repsol Honda teammate Dani Pedrosa.


Marquez

He became only the third rider in MotoGP history, and the first rookie, to win three races in one country in the same season. Marquez's fourth win of the season also tied Kenny Roberts' single-season rookie record, set in 1978, and gave Marquez his fifth straight win on U.S. soil.

"It will be my second country," he said after dousing himself with the traditional champagne. "We had the perfect weekend."

The only downside is that Marquez won't be back for about eight months.

But for the Spanish star with the increasingly impressive resume, Sunday's victory was another major milestone.

Marquez has now won three straight races, the longest overall streak by a rookie since Roberts. He joined two-time world champions Jorge Lorenzo, of Spain, and Casey Stoner, of Australia, as the only riders in series history to pull off a three-race season sweep in one nation. Lorenzo did it in his home country during his world-title winning season of 2010, while Stoner duplicated the feat in 2011 when he won a second world title.

Lorenzo, the 2009 Indy winner who competes for Yamaha Factory Racing, finished third Sunday, more than 5.7 seconds off the pace.

Marquez extended his lead to 21 points over Pedrosa, who is still trying to recover from a broken collarbone he sustained earlier this season.

"I'm pleased to be in this chair," Pedrosa said. "It's a tough race, but also a tough situation. If you saw the X-rays, you wouldn't believe I could do this race."

Marquez pulled off another rare feat by winning for a third straight time at the historic Brickyard. He won Moto2 titles in 2011 and 2012 on Indy's 2.621-mile, 16-turn road course.

Europe finally wins the Solheim Cup in America


Chris Carlson/AP

Europe's captain Liselotte Neumann, left, of Sweden, greets teammate Catriona Matthew, of Scotland, after Europe won the Solheim Cup against the United States on Sunday in Parker, Colo.

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PARKER, Colo. — Europe showed Sunday it can win the Solheim Cup anywhere.

Caroline Hedwall became the first player in Solheim Cup history to win all five of her matches, holing a 4-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole for a 1-up victory that assured the Europeans retaining the cup. Moments later, Catriona Matthew finished off a rally to halve her match against Gerina Piller. That gave Europe 14 1/2 points for its first win on American soil since this event in 1990.

And it wasn't even close.

Charley Hull, the 17-year-old teenager and the youngest player in Solheim Cup history, capped off her amazing week by demolishing Paula Creamer in a match that set the tone for Europe. Carlota Ciganda of Spain handed Morgan Pressel her first lost in singles in four appearances to go 3-0 for the week.

Not even a one-hour delay due to lightning in the area could damper this European celebration. Suzann Pettersen was lining up her putt on the 16th hole when she heard the cheers from the 18th, got the news and began pumping her first.

Europe still trails 8-5 in the competition, but this was the first time it has won back-to-back.

"It's a fantastic feeling right now," European captain Liselotte Neumann said. "I'm so proud of them. They played such good golf this week. They just played tremendous golf."

Nadal, Azarenka win 1st titles in Cincy

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Rafael Nadal extended his sizzling summer with a first-time title. One set away from a breakthrough of her own, No. 1 Serena Williams wilted.

Nadal took advantage of the few openings he got against John Isner on Sunday, grinding out a 7-6 (8), 7-6 (3) win at the Western & Southern Open that added yet another title to his sensational summer.

The 27-year-old Spaniard won the championship in Montreal a week ago and has back-to-back hard-court championships for the first time in his illustrious career. He'd never even reached the finals in Cincinnati.

When his backhand down the line finished it off, Nadal flopped on his back and screamed.

"It means a lot winning two straight titles on hard (courts)," Nadal said. "It's just amazing for me. I never did something like this in my career.

"So it was an emotional moment."

Williams had never won a Cincinnati title, either. Like Nadal, she was trying for her second championship in two weeks, fresh off her championship in Toronto.

She dominated the first set, then fell apart, giving No. 2 Victoria Azarenka a chance to rally for a 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (6) win that ended Williams' 14-match winning streak. It was reminiscent of their finals match at the U.S. Open last year, when Williams took the last four games to win 6-2, 2-6, 7-5.

The week in Cincinnati provided a preview for the U.S. Open, with the men's bracket more jumbled at the top.

"I would say Rafa is the favorite going to the U.S.," Isner said. "Clear-cut? I wouldn't say that. I think he'd probably say the same.

"If you compare maybe him and Serena, I think Serena is probably a more clear-cut favorite on the women's side than Rafa is on the men's side, but he certainly is going to be super tough to beat considering he just won back-to-back Masters events on hard courts."

At the moment, nobody's got more going for him.

Nadal's five Masters titles this season are a career best. He's tied with Novak Djokovic for most Masters titles in a season since 1990. He's won seven of the nine Masters events during his career.

BAYLOR

From 1C

"Really, Bryce, a reasonable expectation, first thing that popped into my mind is break every Baylor record there is offensively, which is what we expect him to do and what he plans to do," Briles said. "I don't know what expectation anyone would have other than doing that, which equates to winning every football game we step on the field with, which needs to be his expectation along with ours."

Baylor has gone to three consecutive bowls for the first time, winning the last two over Pac-12 teams. The Bears are trying for four consecutive winning seasons for the first time since 1985-88 under coach Grant Teaff.

Lache (pronounced Lake) Seastrunk and Glasco Martin combined for 1,901 yards rushing and 22 touchdowns as the Bears ranked second nationally in total offense for the second year in a row. Baylor gained 572 total yards a game last season.

"If everybody does what we have to do, it will make things real easy for Bryce," said left guard Cyril Richardson, the 335-pound All-Big 12 player and top pro prospect. "All we've got to do is focus on what we do and how we do it."

Five things to watch during Baylor's season:

1. HEISMAN HYPE: After rushing for only 181 yards his first seven games for Baylor, former Oregon transfer Seastrunk had 831 yards and six touchdowns the next six games. He declared even before being the offensive MVP of the Holiday Bowl that he would win the Heisman Trophy, or at least get very close to that. "I said it, and I won't be taking it back," Seastrunk said just before fall practice started. Coach Art Briles said Seastrunk believes in himself. "I learned a long time ago, if you don't believe in yourself, nobody else will," the coach said. Seastrunk was tabbed the preseason Big 12 offensive player of the year.

2. BALANCED BEARS: The only team to rank in the top 25 nationally in both rushing and passing the past three years is Baylor, and the last two years the Bears were among the top 14 in each category. The big passing system is unchanged with Petty. Returning receivers Tevin Reese and Levi Norwood both had at least 40 catches last season. And there is the running back combo of Seastrunk and Martin, the latter whose 15 rushing TDs in 2012 were surpassed in the Big 12 by only Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein, a Heisman finalist.

3. EXPERIENCED TACKLERS: There are five defensive players going into their third season as Baylor starters. And three of the top five returning tacklers in the Big 12 are Bears — linebackers Bryce Hager (9.5 tackles a game) and Eddie Lackey (8.0) and safety Ahmad Dixon (7.8). But the Bears last in the league allowing 502 yards a game.

4. STILL STREAKING: The four-game winning streak Baylor carries into the season is the longest in the Big 12, and includes three wins over Top 25 teams. The Bears finished 2011 by winning six in a row, then started last season with three consecutive victories. There were then four losses in a row before another strong finish.

5. FAREWELL FLOYD CASEY: This is Baylor's last season playing home games at the off-campus stadium that opened in 1950. A new stadium is under construction along Interstate 35 and the Brazos River. The Bears will play seven games at Floyd Casey Stadium, and won't play anywhere else until Oct. 12 at Kansas State since their first four games are at home. The opener is Aug. 31 against Wofford, and the Casey finale is Dec. 7 against Texas. The Bears are 4-0 at home against Top 25 teams the last two seasons.

Predicted finish in Big 12: Fifth.

K-STATE

From 1C

"It's a dream come true to be a part of a program that's been so good to me, to be back in a place that has so many special memories in my football career," Coleman said.

5. STARTING FAST: The Wildcats open with games against North Dakota State, Louisiana and UMass, which means they should be 3-0 when they open league play at Texas on Sept. 21. That also means they could be unbeaten and coming off a bye when they visit league favorite Oklahoma State on Oct. 5, a match-up that should help to shape the Big 12 race.

Predicted order of finish in the Big 12: Sixth.

HOLLOMAN

From 1C

"We saw that in college coming out," coach Jason Garrett said of Holloman's playmaking ability. "We saw that, really, throughout the OTAs and training camp. He's got a nose for it. He's an athletic guy who can make those difference-making plays."

Holloman moved from safety to linebacker his senior year at South Carolina. He amassed seven career interceptions for the Gamecocks, many of which came when they needed a big play.

"He knows how to play the game," Dallas linebacker Sean Lee said. "He's got instincts. He's got ability."

And great hands. According to the Dallas Morning News, safety Will Allen dubbed the native of Charlotte, N.C., "Hands Holloman" after Saturday's game.

"He's going to be a good player for us," Allen said.

The last time Dallas selected a defender from the Southeastern Conference late in the draft was in 2005, when they hit it big with lineman Jay Ratliff. Nabbed in the seventh round in 2005, the Auburn-ex has been to the Pro Bowl four times in the past eight seasons.

While it remains to be seen if he can have as big an impact as Ratliff has had, no one can deny Holloman is off to a good start.

"It seems like he comes up at the right time," Jones said. "He looks like he's thinking about and expecting to make a play like that to stop them. So, yes, we are real impressed."

Albright surgery: Linebacker Alex Albright will undergo season-ending surgery to repair a herniated disk either Tuesday or Wednesday, the team's web site reported. He sustained the injury early in training camp last month.

TEXANS

From 1C

Kubiak said he was not concerned yet about Foster not playing Week 1 because he has seen him work. But he is concerned about the lack of repetitions Foster has gotten, adding that he knows Foster could make up the lost time quickly.

"That's just me as a coach," Kubiak said. "It doesn't mean I'm right. I just think the guys need to get their practice reps, need to get the reps to get ready to play, but we have to do what we have to do.

Kubiak also expects starting quarterback Matt Schaub to play the majority of next Sunday's preseason game against the New Orleans Saints.

Backup QBs Case Keenum and T.J. Yates could play all of the final preseason game against Dallas.

Schaub is 13 of 16 for 126 yards and a touchdown in the first two preseason games. Keenum has thrown for 275 yards and two touchdowns. Yates has passed for 235 yards and two touchdowns in two preseason games.

Kubiak said Keenum and Yates have made it hard on him because they are both doing a good job and playing well. Kubiak did not rule out the possibility of keeping three quarterbacks.

"Both of them played very good (Saturday) night," Kubiak said. "I thought Matt played very good. Our quarterbacks have played very good through the preseason."

Houston only has two other running backs on the roster who have played an NFL snap in Ben Tate, who started the two preseason games and has rushed for 12 yards on four carries, as well as Deji Karim, who has rushed for 92 yards on 15 carries.

Houston's other running backs on the roster are Cierre Wood, Dennis Johnson and Ray Graham, who are all rookies.

"I don't think anybody has separated themselves," Kubiak said about the rookie running backs. "Something about Deji that is very trusting. He's played a little bit of football in the NFL. He does everything right. He is a little ahead of the guys, probably just experience."

"We are trying to do the smart thing. We have one back on our team with NFL experience other than Deji getting a little time in (Indianapolis) last year. When you look at that big picture, the running back picture is a little concerning to you, just getting him healthy."

Rookie wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins, who left Saturday's game with a concussion, is doing better and will start the concussion protocol Monday, Kubiak said. Hopkins, the Texans' first-round selection, has six catches for 74 yards and a touchdown in the preseason.

Luck throws 2 TDs as Colts rebound vs. Giants

By Tom Canavan
Associated Press

Colts	20
Giants	12

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Andrew Luck threw for 107 yards and two touchdowns and the Indianapolis Colts responded to criticism by owner Jim Irsay with a 20-12 exhibition victory over the New York Giants on Sunday night.

Irsay used Twitter to apologize to fans for the Colts' abysmal showing in a 44-20 loss to Buffalo last week, and the Colts (1-1) improved markedly, with some help from the bubbling and suddenly injury-concerned Giants (1-1).

New York wide receiver Victor Cruz (bruised heel) and starting center David Baas (sprained knee) left the game and the Giants did little on offense.

Not seeing much pressure, Luck threw touchdown passes of 28 yards to Reggie Wayne and 18 to T.Y. Hilton in leading the Colts to 17 points. Adam Vinatieri added a 52-yard field goal as Indianapolis scored on three consecutive series.

Backup kicker Brandon McManus added a 50-yard field goal in the second half.

New York's Josh Brown kicked field goals of 25, 27 and 45 yards in the first half. The last one came after Giants coach Tom Coughlin was flagged for a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the previous play for coming down the sideline and yelling at the side judge for a supposed non-call. Brown added a 47-yard field goal with 8:43 to play to close out the scoring.

Luck, who led the Colts to an 11-5 record and a playoff berth in his rookie season, completed 9 of 13 passes, but the one most will remember will be the gift touchdown courtesy of veteran Giants cornerback Aaron Ross, who was starting for the injured Corey Webster.

On a second-and-3 play from the 28, Luck underthrew Wayne on a pattern down the right sideline. A backpedalling Ross was in perfect position to intercept the ball, but he lost his balance, had the ball slip out of his hands and then hit his leg and pop up into the air. Wayne came down with it in the end zone for a 7-3 lead.

An interception by new cornerback Greg Toler on Eli Manning's third-down pass on the ensuring series gave the ball to the Colts at the New York 41. Vinatieri made his 52-yarder with about 10 yards to spare after three plays moved the ball to the 34.

Luck finished off his night, leading the Colts on a seven-play, 60-yard drive that featured two third-down conversions on passes to Hilton and a 15-yard facemask penalty against Ross. Both passes to Hilton covered 18 yards, with the second one coming on a third-and-11 from the New York 18. Hilton beat Jayron Hosley to the right corner of the end zone and Luck floated a perfect pass over the outstretched hands of the cornerback. The play was reviewed and the touchdown ruling confirmed.

Without Cruz, the Giants showed flashes on offense. Manning finished 8 of 17 for 91 yards and halfbacks David Wilson and Andre Brown did OK, gaining 34 and 36, respectively on eight carries apiece.

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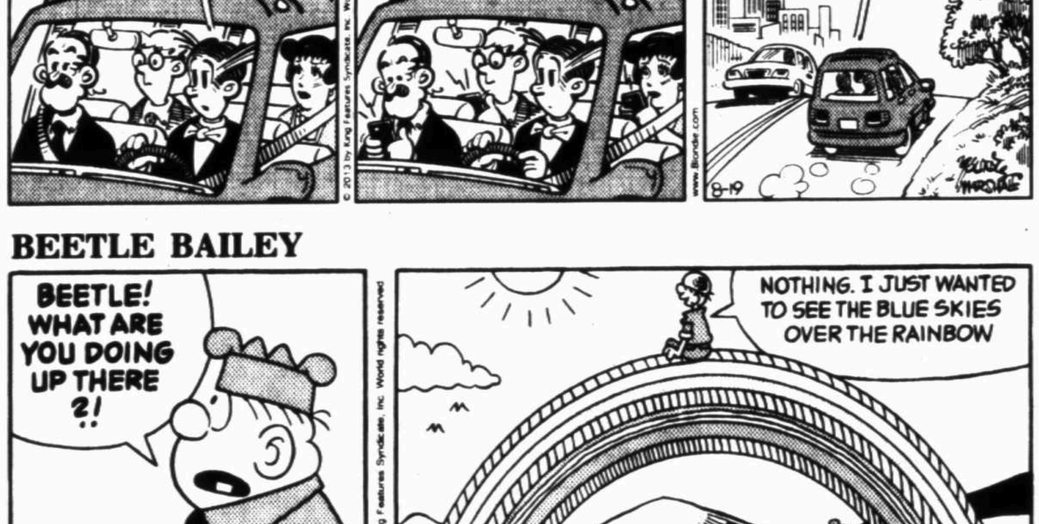

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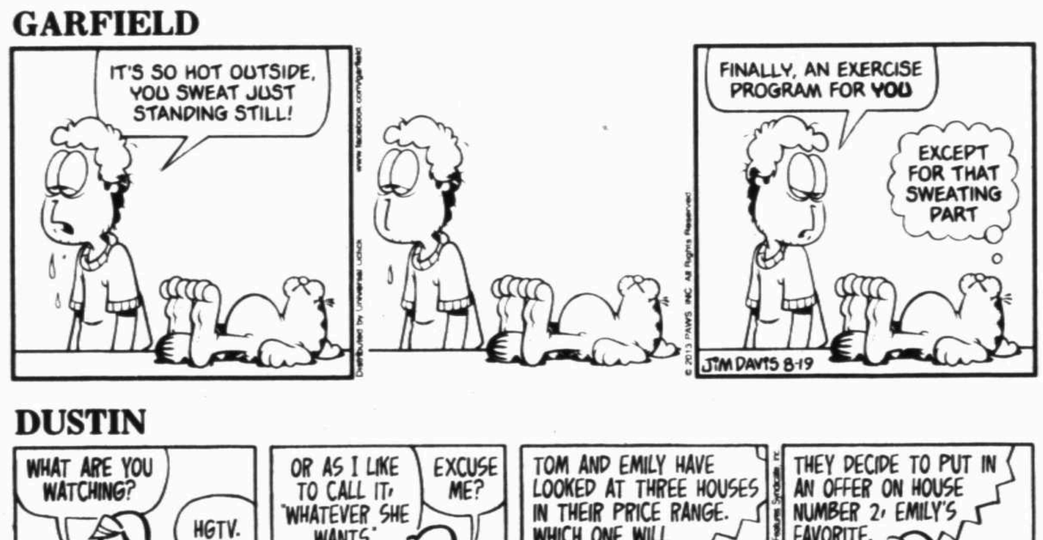

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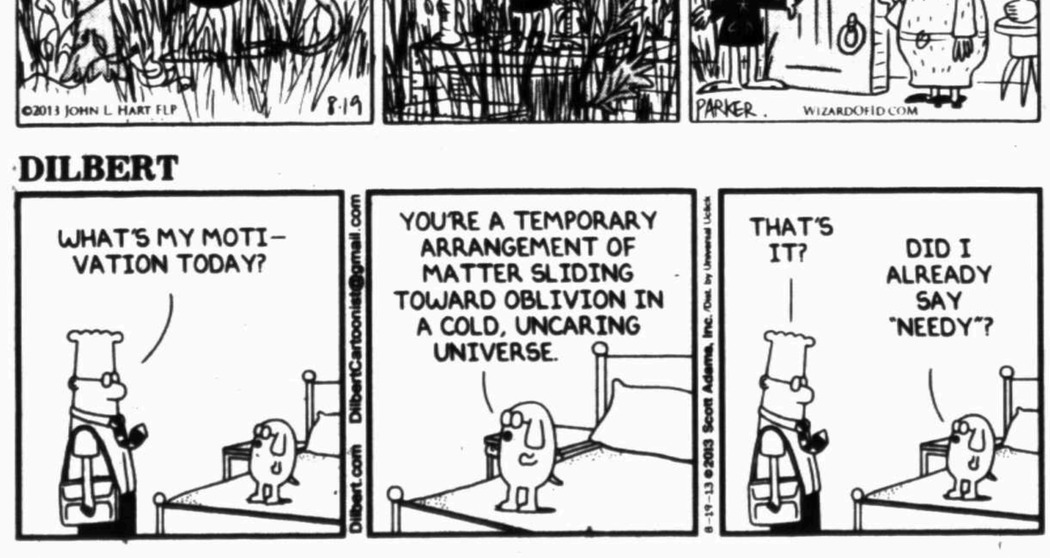

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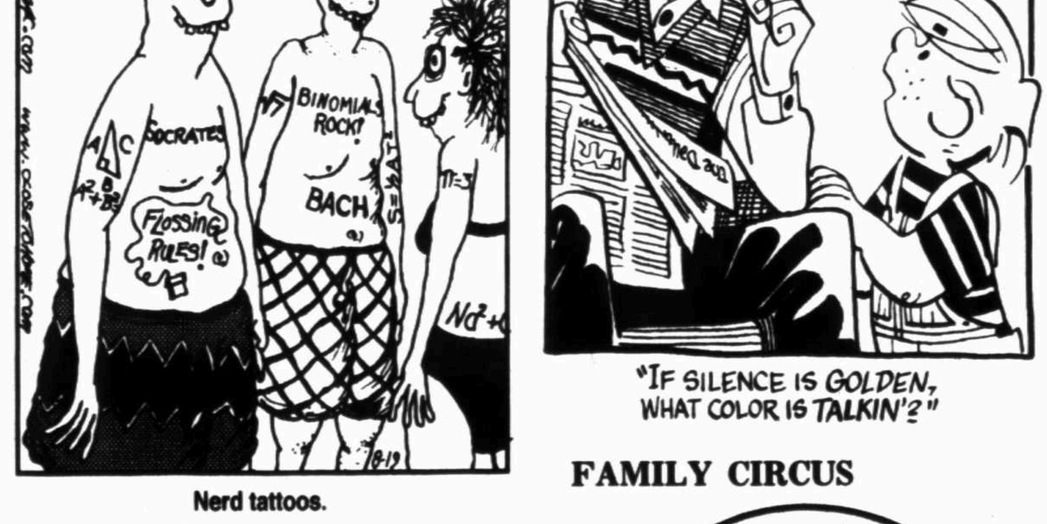

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WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 93 Low: 71

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 98 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 72 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

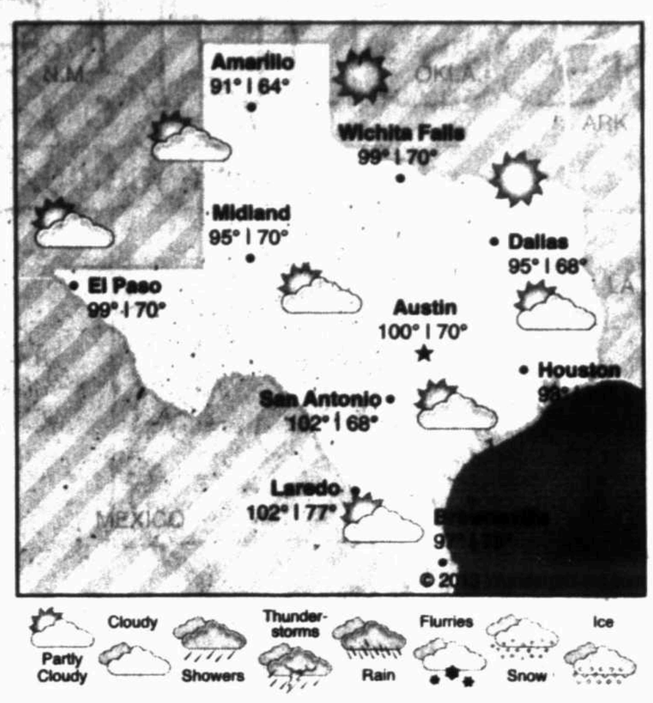
Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 93 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 70 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 93 and a low around 71.

The high on Sunday reached 99, while the low dropped to 70. The record high for Aug. 18 is 104 set in 1994. The record low is 56 set in 1967.

National forecast

High pressure centered over the Northeast on Monday will bring an abundance of sunshine. A few showers will move as far north as central Pennsylvania. More widespread showers and thunderstorms will affect areas from the southern Middle Atlantic region to the Gulf Coast.



Precipitation

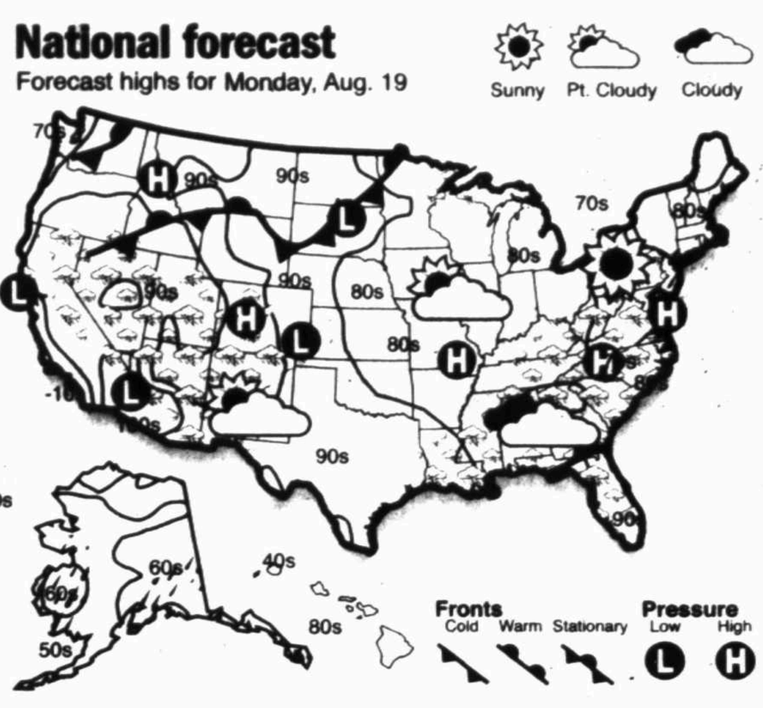
Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.17 in.
Year total	4.56 in.
Normal total (year to date)	8.88 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	99
Low	70
Normal high	94
Normal low	69
Sunrise	7:16 a.m.
Sunset	8:28 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Aug. 19



Rain Showers In Southeast Weaken

Husband's retirement not what it's cracked up to be

DEAR ABBY

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



DEAR ABBY: My husband lost his job more than a year ago because his plant closed. He was almost retirement age, so he took an early retirement. The problem is he isn't adjusting well to the change.

He has his hobbies, but he seems to have lost interest in them. He is angry a lot of the time and lost at other times. I understand it's a huge adjustment for him, but I'm concerned that it has been going on too long. I have tried to get him interested in things, but he doesn't take my suggestions well anymore. He thinks I want him out of my hair, but it's not true. I want him to be happy.

I know he's depressed, but he denies it. When other people ask how he likes retirement, he says he loves it. I think he feels silly for not enjoying it. He doesn't want to spend money for counseling, even though he knows he can get the fee adjusted according to our income.

I'm at a loss about what to do to help him. He reads your column regularly, and I think he would take seriously any advice you could offer. — CONCERNED WIFE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR CONCERNED WIFE: Retirement is not for everyone, and not everybody "loves it." That's why it's so important that before a person retires, he or she have a plan in place for staying mentally and physically active.

Your husband may have valuable skills he could pass on by mentoring others. He could volunteer in the community, delivering meals to shut-ins, coaching youngsters' sports, help out at the police department or a hospital. All he needs to do is go to his computer and type in "volunteer opportunities in Michigan" to find plenty of opportunities. He can donate as little or as much time as he wants. But first, he will have to admit that he ISN'T loving retirement and needs an outlet. Please make sure he sees this column.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 12, and for the last five months my family hasn't been getting along. We act like we love each other, but I'm not so sure. My mom and dad have been fighting. I saw something Mom left on our computer she had been looking at, and the title was "How to Let Go of Emotions During the Divorce Process." I don't know if my parents are getting a divorce or not, but it's slowly tearing my family apart, and I don't know what to do. What can I do to prevent it? — CONFUSED PRE-TEEN

DEAR CONFUSED: Tell your mother you saw the article she left on the computer, and ask her if she and your dad are separating. If the answer is yes, tell her you hope they're getting counseling.

It is important you understand that while they both love YOU, they have reached a point where their relationship may no longer be working. Much as you might like to, there is nothing you can "do" to head this off because their problem has only to do with them and not you.

DEAR ABBY: I was just wondering why when men drink and get drunk, they always talk about themselves. — HEATHER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR HEATHER: They may do it because the alcohol allows them to loosen up and open up. Or, because they think the subject is fascinating, and you are a willing listener.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ Q 9 6 5 ♡ J 8 7 2 ◇ A 10 3 ♣ K 8
The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♡	Dbl	Pass	?

What do you bid now?
A — It might seem that a response of one no-trump is worth considering, but that would be premature. You have a shaky heart stopper and four-card support for the unbid major virtually guaranteed by partner's takeout double. Since you also have nine working points outside of hearts, we suggest you jump to two spades. Should partner have only three spades, the Moysian 4-3 fit should play well.

Q 2 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A 6 4 ♡ 3 ◇ J 9 8 5 4 2 ♣ A J 7
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1◇	Pass
1♡	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?
A — The fact that your long suit is weak is a flaw. Still, no hand containing two aces and good three-card support for opener's first-bid suit should be sneezed at, and a jump to three clubs describes your hand perfectly.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ J 6 ♡ A J 7 ◇ Q 8 7 6 3 ♣ A 10 6
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	2◇	Pass
3♠	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?
A — With a doubleton honor in trumps and two aces, you are too strong for a discouraging bid of three no-trump. Raise to four spades to see whether your positive attitude can evoke a move from partner.

Q 4 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ K Q 6 ♡ A 9 7 6 3 ◇ K Q 6 5 3 ♣ Void
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one diamond. What action do you take?
A — You have a pretty good hand, but it is ill suited to a takeout double — a response in either black suit could prove embarrassing. Therefore, simply bid one heart, even though the quality of the suit leaves something to be desired.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Aug. 19, 2013:

This year you possess an enormous amount of information of which others are not aware. People often seek you out for your suggestions. You also will have a lot of fun this year. If you are single, trust in your desirability. You will have many potential suitors. If you are attached, recreate some of your favorite dates from the past. Some of you even might consider going on a long-discussed special trip with your loved one. AQUARIUS is a loyal friend to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your words have punch, and others will sense the power that's behind them. You could be conflicted about something a loved one shares, but ultimately you will trust yourself to have the appropriate response. Take your time before verbalizing your thoughts. Tonight: A lengthy chat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Pace yourself, and know your limits. Pressure could build within both your personal and professional circles. Proceed by prioritizing, and you will be able to tolerate the tension as a result. You also will be able to accomplish what you want. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Touch base with others, and make a point to maintain some form of communication. Know that you don't have all the answers; you might need to detach in order to remain centered. Several people around you could test the limits of your patience. Tonight: A favorite activity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Deal directly with those who hold the purse strings. There seems to be a definite difference of opinion regarding a potential risk. Someone you respect will give you some significant feedback. Tonight: Listen well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might feel pushed to the max and somewhat challenged with a domestic or personal issue. There is no question — it is more difficult to deal with two issues than one. Try to resolve one completely before working on the other. Tonight: Defer to others as much as you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You have a tendency to overdo things or to think you can accomplish more than you actually can. A conversation will turn out to be a downer, which could make you feel less than great. A partner or loved one could be unpredictable right now. Tonight: Play it easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Let your imagination take the lead. Your expenses could seem way off. Try to find the problem, and you might be able to gain control of your checkbook. Managing the issue could be an entirely different issue. A dear friend does what you least expect. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Tension builds around the homefront. You might not be able to resolve a personal matter the way you might like, but you will find an acceptable Band-Aid solution. Have faith in yourself, and let the situation simmer until all parties are ready to make peace. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Listen carefully to someone, as this person subtly might be saying something that could cause a major confrontation if taken out of context. Make a point to help the conversation move along. A new friend could pop into your life unexpectedly. Tonight: Only where there is music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Observe what is happening with an issue that could affect your finances. You could feel very uncomfortable around a friend who clearly lacks the sensitivity to understand what you are doing. Don't let this person influence you. Tonight: Balance your checkbook and pay bills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You will feel good, no matter how many tasks are on your schedule. A boss or older relative could be in a sour mood. You'll hear news that could surprise you and force you to think through your plans in light of what you know now. Tonight: Go for what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes, and you might not be able to discuss it or ask questions about what you are seeing. Take an overview of your situation. Once you do, you'll realize how inconsequential this hush-hush matter is. Tonight: Get some R and R — you're going to need it!

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BORN TODAY

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton (1946), fashion designer Coco Chanel (1883), TV producer Gene Roddenberry (1921)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 33-Across topper
6 Points (at)
10 Trucker on a radio
14 Former "Idol" judge Abdul
15 Tie in chess
16 Cosmo competitor
17 Marx Brothers shenanigan
18 Topnotch
19 Sugar bowl block
20 Long-eyed stitching tool
23 Student's Web address ending
24 One on the other side
25 Right on time
28 Finally registered, mentally
30 __ cheese dressing
32 Dinghy mover
33 Dairy Queen order
36 "The __ Baltimore": Lanford Wilson play
39 "__ Wiedersehen"
40 Picnic spoilers
41 Proverbial backbreaker
46 Main element in pewter
47 Dance in a pit
48 Soak up
52 Promotional theater display item
54 Martini order
55 Theology subj.
56 Maine's nickname, and a hint to the ends of 20-, 33- and 41-Across
60 Army vehicle
62 "I figured it out!" cries
63 Craze
64 Gets older
65 Army status
66 Rags-to-riches author Horatio
67 Murder mystery staple
68 Russian fighters
69 British city on the River Aire

DOWN
1 Black suit
2 Ottawa's country
3 Beat in a race
4 "thirtysomething" actor Ken
5 World's largest ocean
6 "Time is money," e.g.
7 Golfer's selection
8 Lion's tresses
9 Popeye's kid
10 Violin cousin
11 Song title words before "You saw me standing alone"
12 Horror film street
13 Workout unit
21 Nada
22 Beaten instrument
26 Breathe after sprinting
27 Yves's "very"
29 Pass idly, as time
30 Hair neatener
31 Exited
34 Sylvester and Garfield
35 Cornfield cries
36 Internet address opening
37 Cincinnati's home
38 State-of-the-art 1970s bike
42 Church agreement
43 Pitcher's problem
44 Hard to find
45 Totally dreadful
49 Autumn color
50 Tightened, as shoelaces
51 Dims with tears, as one's vision
53 A bit too happy at happy hour?
54 Office workplaces
57 Spicy cuisine
58 Jingled
59 "A __ of Two Cities"
60 Fighter's punch
61 Self-regard

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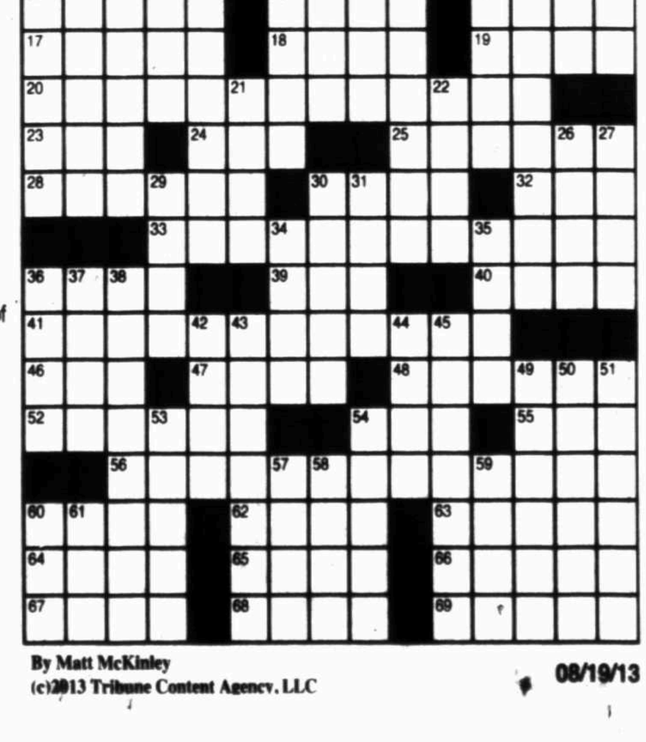

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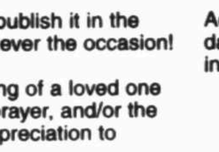

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Houses for Rent Furnished

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NEW PAINT/FLOOR. 2 & 3 bedrooms with appliances. HUD ok on 3 bedroom. No pets, background & credit check. 432-570-8555.

Residential Rentals

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

FOR LEASE 2608 Delano Ave. 2 bedroom 1 bath, fenced, refrigerator, stove, no smoking, no pets, background/ credit check, verification of employment, $1300 security deposit, $1300/month, available August 1st. 432-222-0794 after 6pm. Serious Inquires Only!!

FOR LEASE-2608 Delano Ave. 2 bedroom 1 bath, fenced, refrigerator, stove, no smoking, no pets, background/ credit check, verification of employment, $1300 security deposit, $1300/month, available August 1st. 432-222-0794 after 6pm. Serious Inquires Only!!

Residential Sales

Condos/ Townhouses

3200 ELMA Dr. 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, includes washer, dryer and refrigerator. 1st/ last + deposit. $2150 Month 432-230-3671 432-230-0157

BY OWNER. TOWNHOUSE (2200 sq ft) Immaculate, clean neutral colors. 2 bed/2 bath, walk-in closets, loft that could be 3rd bedroom, TV room or game room, office. New paint, laminate wood floor, tile, carpet, ceiling fans, security & intercom systems, gas log fireplace. Bright kitchen w/sky light, double oven, refrigerator, new microwave, lots of storage. 2 car garage, great patio area. Move in ready 432-557-3136 or 432-557-7616. 3527 Boyd $259,000. pre-approved buyers only.

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Condos/Townhouses

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Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

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4.85 ACRES, Buffalo Gap Texas area 4,500 sf 4 bedroom 4 bath, 2 sunrooms, fireplace, outdoor pavilion with full kitchen outdoor restrooms with sitting area, pool with outdoor kitchen. 3 storage buildings, 2 fishing ponds, 2 large waterfalls. Unlimited well water. $950,000. 325-370-5184

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5018 JOY Drive 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1705 sq. ft., tile thoughout, very nice brick home. Nice location. Plus 300 sq. ft. guest room w/bath $215,000. Preferred pre-approved. 432-894-9698 or 432-557-2744 for appointment.

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Accounts Payable
Well Established Oil Well Servicing Company, seeking to fill an Accounts Payable position. Candidate must have prior accounts payable history and knowledge. Must have experience with Quickbooks 2013, great customer service skills, and telephone skills. Bilingual is a plus, but not required. Benefits after 30 days with two weeks vacation a year, (after one year of employment), sick leave and paid-holidays. Competitive pay. DOE. Qualified candidates should email resume with references to: hracf123@yahoo.com.

FULL CHARGE BOOKKEEPER

Full Charge Bookkeeper with a minimum 10 years experience needed for busy multiple entity office. Must have strong Excel and analytical skills, solid working knowledge of QuickBooks and exposure to oil and gas accounting software. Job includes reconciliations, receivables, payables, creating and maintaining spreadsheets. Ideal candidate should be detail oriented, organized and self-motivated with ability to manage multiple tasks. Pleasant working environment with good salary and benefit package.

Equal Opportunity employer, Non-smoking environment.

Please email resume and cover letter to:
Blind.box.p110@gmail.com
or mail to: P-110 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram,
201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701

Cost Accountant
Cost Accountant Odessa Separator Inc., a privately owned local fast growing manufacturing company seeks a Manufacturing Cost Accountant. Minimum 5 years experience required. Benefits include medical insurance, 401K, holiday and vacation pay. Email resume to bfrost@odsep.com ODESSA SEPARATOR

AUTOMOTIVE

Diesel Technician/ Mechanic
Position reaponsible for diagnosing and repairing medium to heavy duty trucks & trailers under minimal supervision. Paid vacation, holidays & health insurance, & competitive salary. CDL a plus. Call Farrell at 432-853-4884.

Parts Counter Help, Cashier, Sales Associate
Stanley Ford - Andrews FT
Stanley Ford - Andrews is currently seeking applicants for the following positions:

Parts Counter Help
Cashier
Sales Associate

While experience is preferred, we will consider training the right individual.

Benefits include:
Health Insurance
Paid Vacation

Qualified Candidates must be able to pass a Background Check as well as a Drug Screening.

Applications are available at:
1700 North US Highway 385
Andrews, Texas 79714

Please send resume and /or application to: Pat Plunkett via fax at: 432-524-9112 or via email at: pplunkett@stanleyautogroup.com.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

File Clerk
For correctional facility. Temp to perm hire, flexible hours Monday-Friday. Must pass drug screen & background check. Call **432-212-2310**

EDUCATION & TRAINING

TEACHER
Mrs. Irene's Child Care FT/PT
Needs a full and part time worker, Must have high-school diploma, will tain. Starting pay $10 per hour with some benefits. 432-520-8888

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Purchasing Agent/Warehouseman
Purchasing Agent/Warehouseman needed with experience in the Natural Gas Industry near Midland. Working knowledge of engine parts is preferred. Must be self-motivated, dependable and reliable. Competitive salary and benefits. To apply to go: www.energytransfer.com, click on Careers/Search Current Openings/Purchasing Agent.

Hunt Oil

West Texas Production Operator

A Privately held exploration and production company, Hunt Oil has successfully conducted worldwide petroleum operations for over 75 years, and is one of the world's leading independent energy companies. We are currently seeking a West Texas Operator to work in the Crane / Rankin areas.

- Operate well artificial lift equipment
- Conduct well testing and battery operations
- Compile production data and enter in TOW accounting program
- Minimum OF 5 years production experience
- High School diploma or equivalent
- Clean driving record required

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HEALTHCARE

Certified Dental Assistant
Thomas Campagna, DMD FT
We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, **Certified Dental Assistant** to join our team at Midland's premier dental pratice. Please email: **info@smilemidland.com**, fax **(432) 520-0720** or bring resume to: **3722 N. Loop 250, Midland, TX**

Marketer Position
MARTIN COUNTY HOME HEALTH is now accepting applications for our Marketer position. MCHH is seeking a self starter with an energetic and magnetic personality. Marketing experience and a general knowledge of medical services a plus. Competitive pay with great benefits available. Full time Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm. Call 432-607-3249 or fax resume to 432-607-3299 Attention Allison Roy RN, DON, AA

Medical Assistant/Receptionist
Advanced Neuroscience Clinic FT
Hiring Medical Assistant/Receptionist with experience preferred. Must be billingual. Please email your resume to: Irma@brainanc.com or Call Irma: 432-570-9991.

Now Hiring - Home Health Agency
A growing Home Health Agency in Midland, TX Needs:
• RN Case Managers
• Marketing Professional (RN/LV preferred)
For more information Call: Tynisa: 432-686-7449 Claudia: 432-686-7535.

Optician
Phillips Eye Clinic FT
4311 W. Wadley Ave. **Midlarid, TX 79707**
Experienced preferred but not required. Please apply in person.

Receptionist & Medical Assistant
Experienced Receptionist & Medical Assistant needed for busy medical clinic. Attractive salary and benefits. Fax resume to: 432-522-2950.

RNs for Su Casa Home Health
RN position is FT. Great benefits and pay rate. Fax resume to 432-570-0823 or come by 1311 W. Florida, Midland, TX.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Front Desk Clerk/Breakfast Hostess
Hampton Inn FT/PT
5011 North Loop 250 W.
Midland, TX 79707
Now hiring! Front Desk Clerk and Breakfast Hostess. Now hiring Full/Part time. Apply in person: 5011 West Loop 250 North, Midland TX.

Need Help Selling Your Vehicle
Call the Classified Dept. 682-6222 to place ad

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram
HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person
Pay 10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

Assistant Operators
Excel FT
National Industrial Maintenance Contractor is currently seeking experienced applicants for Assistant Operators. Operators will be primarily responsible for operating, blending, material handling, and packaging equipment in a blend process chemical plant. High School Diploma or GED, Associates Degree in Process Technology is preferred. Excel offers competitive salary and compre hensive benefit packages including 401K benefits, insurance, vacation and holiday pay. Please send resumes to: lwilliams@excelusa.com or fax to #979-297-1113, Attention: Lisa Williams. EOE

OTHER JOBS

All Positions
Firehouse Subs FT
Midland, TX 79701
Now hiring Slice, Prep, Cashiers, Catering & Kitchen help for AM/PM positions. Apply in person: 2900 W. Loop 250 North, Ste 162.

All Positions
QSN Realty: Restaurant Staff all positions. Bartender, Waitstaff, Office Managers, HVAC Tech. Please apply in person at 3100 W. Wall.

Assistant Mgr. & Sales Associate
Wood's Boots FT
Midland, TX 79701
Assistant Manager & Sales Associate positions available at Wood's Boots. Best customers & best hours in retail. Plus you get to wear boots & jeans. Come talk to us! 4803 Andrews Hwy.

Available Openings
QSN Realty: Hotel General Manager wanted. Independent hotel in Odessa being renovated. Great opportunity for Front Office Managers who want to rise up in the Hospitality industry. Experience preferred, but will train the right person. Salary DOE. Must be computer literate & a strong communicator. Email resumes to jposmantur@jyihospitality.com

Construction Assistant
Kahler Homes FT/PT
Midland, TX 79707
Construction Assistant needed Full or Part-time. Clear driving record required. Email resumes to: helen@kahlerhomes.com or fax 432-686-0753.

Housekeepers
Healthcare Services Group, Inc. FT
Rapidly growing management company is seeking Housekeepers. Previous experience is a plus. Please apply at the facility: 3000 Mockingbird Lane, Midland, TX. 76904.

Janitorial Floor Tech
Universal Bldg Svcs FT
Midland, TX 79701
Experienced Janitorial Floor Tech needed. This is a Full-time job. Apply at: 1307 North Big Spring, 8:30am-5:30pm. Mon-Fri.

Kitchen Help
The Boys & Girls Club of Midland seeking kitchen help: 3-6pm, $8.50-$10 per hour. Also seeking a CDL bus driver, $25 per hour. 2:45pm-4:45pm. Call Michael 432-683-0050.

Maintenance Worker
First United Methodist Church FT/PT
Must have skills and knowledge of electrical, plumbing, and HVAC, and be able to lift 50 pounds daily. Pay determined on experience and qualifications. Please apply in person at First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main Street, Midland, Texas. Drug tests performed randomly. No phone calls please.

Newpark Drilling Fluids is growing!!!!
Newpark is the fastest growing drilling fluids company in West Texas. We are looking for a Warehouse Manager for our Snyder facility. The ideal candidate will at least 2 years of warehouse/management experience. We offer great benefits and a great schedule. All qualified candidate please apply at www.newpark.com or send your resume to Justin Lee at jlee@newpark.com

Sales/Warehouse Help
Outside sales, Counter sales and Warehouse help. Apply at Midland Winlectric, 3606 Bankhead Hwy., Midland, TX 79701.

Service Driver
B&W Chemical Toilets FT
4500 S State HWY 349
Midland, TX 79706
Service Driver needed for portable toilet business. Must have a good driving record. Health insurance & 401K available. Please apply in person or call 432-685-1082.

SHIPPING ASSISTANT
Susie's South Forty Confections is looking for a qualified applicant full time with shipping experience to assist Shipping manager in all shipping duties. Applicants must have computer experience and be willing to assume a variety of duties and tasks. Fax resume 432-682-4040

mywesttexas jobs

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@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Hydrologic Technician
We are looking for a qualified individual who is experienced with the characteristics of water and who has an oilfield background. Our mission is to clean water through a filtration process so it can be re-used for fracing. If you have knowledge of water filtration for these purposes and are interested in a new opportunity, please send your resume to haroldm@bigdco.com.

Licensed P & C Insurance Agent
Area Insurance FT
Licensed Property and Casualty Insurance Agent needed. Bilingual preferred. Competitive pay and a friendly environment. Please bring resume to: Area Insurance, 1302 N. Big Spring St., Midland or email to: areainsurance@areains.com

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions
Genghis Grill FT
Midland, TX 79705
NOW HIRING 20 Warriors. Please apply in person: 4517 N. Midkiff, Dr., Midland, Tx 79705.

All Positions
Schlotzsky's Deli hiring for all positions. Full and part time, day and evening shifts. Fun, grease free environment and opportunity for advancement. Apply at 5211 W. Wadley or 1109 Andrews Hwy.

Dining Services Staff
Midland's Premier Country Club FT
Is looking for **Line/Prep Cooks**. Bring us your culinary skills! *We hire attitude and personality over experience.* Additionally, we offer competitive wages as well as other benefits such as paid medical insurance, paid life insurance, 401k, and vacation. Please apply in person: Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705 or via email HR@midlandcc.com

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 $10 an hour, Flexible Schedules. Apply at any **Domino's Pizza** Midland or Odessa or send resume: **cassie@clearwire.net**. Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE

SWENSEN'S NOW HIRING DAY & EVENING SERVERS!
Excellent working environment! Now adding **DAY & EVENING SERVERS** to our Team. Come join a group that fosters membership, not just employment. Excellent pay. Will train. Closed Sundays. Apply at **Loop 250 & A Street** or call **432-967-9823** & speak to someone immediately

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram
HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person
Pay 10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant



The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

The Hearst Corporation is one of the largest diversified communications companies. Its major interests include magazine, newspaper and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, Internet businesses and more. As an associate of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, you join more than 20,000 in the Hearst family. The Multi-Media Sales Consultant is a full-time, outside sales position. We offer a competitive compensation plan and benefits package, comprehensive training, mileage allowance, and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive, and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Wait Staff and Dish Washer
Wall Street Bar & Grill FT
Hiring Wait Staff and Dish Washer. Apply in person: 115 E. Wall St., Midland or call 432-684-8686.

Waitstaff
Hog Pit Pub & Grub FT
Midland, TX 79706
Has immediate openings for Waitstaff. Hours are from 10am-2pm, M-F. Come in and apply today: 7400 West County Rd. 116, Midland or call 432-561-9301.

RETAIL JOBS

Retail Sales
Susie's South Forty is now hiring a retail sales clerk to work in the store. Experience is a plus. Must be personalbe and a team player. Apply in person at **2101 W. Wadley** or fax resume 432-682-4040.

SALES JOBS

Apprentice
Peerless Tyre Company FT
Do you have the desire to make an above average income? Peerless Tyre Co. is now hiring for an Apprentice. Person should have previous sales experience or tire experience but not necessary. Person must be over 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Starting $12/hour or depending on experience. Apply 2804 W. Wall, Midland or 3401 Andrews Hwy, Odessa.

Sales
Xcaliber FT
Midland, TX 79708
is looking for a salesman with down hole tools and drilling motor experience. We offer competitive salary and commission. Must be willing to travel. Call 432-561-5612.

SALES ASSOCIATES
WESTLAKE HARDWARE, one of the largest retailers of home hardware in the U.S., has immediate openings for **PART TIME SALES ASSOCIATES** for our Midland Store. The primary responsibility of all Westlake associates is first and foremost to provide superior customer service! **Associates** will be working evening and weekends, 20 to 30 hrs a week with a starting hourly rate of $11. If you want a great place to work and competitive pay, apply at **1009 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX.**

STORE MANAGERS and CASHIERS
Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid is weekly plus tips. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

Oilfield Sales Representative
Looking for Motivated Men and Women for Oilfield Company Sales Representative. Salary plus commission. Benefits after 90 day trial period. 8-5 Monday through Friday. A minimum of 3 years oilfield sales experience required and oilfield network contacts a must. Fax resume to 580-592-4850 Attn: Tyler, for inquiries call 580-592-4851

SKILLED LABOR

Backhoe & Trackhoe Operators
Blue Sky Svcs. FT
Midland, TX 79701
Blue Sky Services is looking for experienced Backhoe & Trackhoe Operators and also experience Pipeline Labor Hands. Call 432-580-7332.

Laborers, Mechanic, Heavy Equipment Operator
Delhur Industries FT
A fantastic opportunity for long-term employment with the Permian Basin's best construction firm, Delhur Industries Inc. We are looking to hire numerous labors, mechanics and heavy equipment operators to grow with this amazing company. Competitive salary and great benefits as well as a fun and exciting workplace await. contact Jeff at jobs@delhur.com or (949)391-3612.

SKILLED LABOR

Metal Building Workers
RRR Construction FT/PT
Pay based on experience. Call 325-514-7336
EOE

Machinist
Mesquite Oil Tools Manual Machinist Job Description Experienced Manual Lathe machine operator needed, mill/drill press experience a plus. Shop located at 8007 West Industrial Ave. Midland, Texas 79706 (432)-583-1071. General duties such as shaving/milling of down-hole completion equipment, threading down hole- tools, cross overs etc. Great benefits that include a friendly fun work environment, paid vacation bonuses, Full paid family insurance. Email resumes to carsona@mesquitetools.com or come by today for your new amazing career opportunity.

Workshop Technician
TAM Completions a subsidiary of TAM International is seeking a workshop technician. Performs shop operations associated with downhole tools and packers and other TAM products. Must be able to work under minimal supervision, maintain an orderly work area, and meet production deadlines. Some overtime may be required and will be an on call position. Must have some tool experience. TAM offers a competitive salary and benefits package. All interested applicants call 432-250-8024 or apply at 6505 S. Midland, TX 79706

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

DOT Route Driver Trainees
Ben E. Keith Foods of Midland FT
Will train to get Class A CDL. Competitive wages, retirement, insurance. Apply online at http://www.benekeith.com/food/employment Job Req. # 9220. Contact: Dallas Bradley, 432-770-9522.

Drivers
Renzenberger, Inc. FT
Renzenberger, the leading provider of transportation services, is seeking qualified drivers in the Midland, TX area to provide transportation services for our clients. We provide well-maintained, late model vehicles in excellent condition. Starting salary is $12.00/ hour. Apply online at www.renzenberger.com

TRUCK MECHANICS & SHOP FOREMAN
Truck Mechanics - Excellent pay based on experience with a minimum of 1 year experience. Must have own tools.
Shop Foreman - Excellent pay based on experience.
Both positions benefits include medical, life, dental, and vision insurance. Paid vacation and 401k. Drug and alcohol testing required. Call **432-563-1894** to set up an interview.

General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES



Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)
MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD
SUNDAYS ONLY
IF INTERESTED CALL
TOMMY 967-2267

Special Occasion! Call Classified 432-682-6222



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Get the latest high school sports scores. Get the latest weather. Get the latest breaking news. Get it as it happens. Get the latest Gas Prices. Get the latest on local traffic. Get what you want when you want. All it takes is a mobile phone.

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