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Council OKs design of chlorination station

Infrastructure necessary for delivery of water from T-Bar Ranch

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

The Midland City Council on Tuesday approved an agreement for the implementation of a chlorination station needed for the water being delivered from T-Bar Ranch.

In a 6-1 vote, the council approved a $551,066 professional services agreement with CDM Smith Inc. — the same company that works on the city's existing water infrastructure — for the design and construction management of a chlorination station.

Michael Trost, councilman for District 4, voted against the proposal. He said the project should be covered as part of the city's contract with the Midland County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1. The district has agreed to build and maintain the infrastructure between the city's T-Bar Ranch property and a delivery point near Midland International Airport. The city will pay the district a fee for any water delivered.

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"It should come under their fees, not ours," Trost said.

Stuart Purvis, director of utilities, said the city took on the design of this chlorination station because it needs to be constructed in a way that will allow it to easily integrate into the city's existing system.

The freshwater district is building a chlorination station halfway between the T-Bar Ranch property and the water delivery point near the airport.

This second chlorination station that was approved by the council on Tuesday will allow for the water to be brought to the city's standards and then easily processed into its infrastructure, Purvis said.

"We have to have them match," he said, explaining why CDM Smith Inc. was contracted. The freshwater district is using Kansas City-based Black & Veatch.

Jay Edwards, project manager with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, which is working with the water district, said the combination of both chlorination stations should mean less chlorine is used in the long run.

The water will receive some chlorination at the midway point, he said. From there it will travel another 35 miles, which will allow that first round of chlorination time to

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SHOOTINGSKILLS

Courtesy photo

Taezja Bell holds her photo, "My Love for Books," which was selected as a regional winner for 10- to 12-year-olds in the color process category. Her photo will be judged in a national competition in Atlanta and winners will be announced in late July.

Boys & Girls Club member wins photo contest

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

With little photography experience and few ideas of what to capture through the viewfinder, 12-year-old Taezja Bell decided to try something new.

With encouragement from Michael Jasso, director of Midland's Taylor Park Boys & Girls Club, she took a variety of photos and entered one into the organization's annual ImageMakers National Photography program.

Much to her surprise, Taezja's photo, "My Love for Books," was selected as a regional winner for 10- to 12-year-olds in the color process category. Her photo will be judged in a national competition in Atlanta and winners will be announced in late July.

In the past, winners have won all-expense-paid trips to Walt Disney World and San Francisco.

"I haven't taken a lot of photos, but I like how it came out," said Taezja, who just completed sixth grade at Bowie Fine Arts Academy.

The theme of the contest was "My Future Looks Bright," and Taezja said she wasn't sure what she wanted to photograph. However, when she noticed a book in the club's office was open and the pages were up in the shape of a heart, she decided that's what she wanted her photo to be.

Club members have won the national competition twice in the past, said Jasso, who attended Boys & Girls Club as a child and has been involved with the organization for more than 10 years.

"It's a good opportunity for kids to try something new and participate in something fun," Jasso said.

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Abell-Hanger Foundation fulfills pledge to hospital

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The Abell-Hanger Foundation on Tuesday paid off its pledge to Midland Memorial Hospital's patient tower, the largest grant in the foundation's history.

The foundation pledged $7 million in 2009 to the hospital's building fund and planned to make five annual donations, said David Smith, Abell-Hanger Foundation executive director. But the foundation was able to pay off its pledge two years early.

Smith, along with Abell-Hanger board of trustees members John Bergman and Tevis Herd, presented the $2 million donation to MMH President and CEO Russell Meyers and Rosalind Redfern Grover, who is with the foundation.

Smith said that when George and Gladys Abell created the foundation, the hospital was at the top of the couple's list of charities. The foundation continues to honor the areas and charities that the Abells were interested in, he said.

"The grant was important to us because it was important to George and Gladys," he said. "I think the Abells would be surprised at what the foundation is able to do (today) but more than anything, they would be gratified."

The donation is the foundation's largest to date and the second largest donation ever given to MMH. In honor of the gift, the hospital will name its new healing garden the Abell-Hanger Courtyard, Meyers said.

"It's just phenomenal. It's an incredible gift and the biggest for the foundation and one of the biggest for us to receive," he said.

The Abells gave one of the first donations to the original hospital building fund in 1946. Since then, the foundation has given approximately $14.5 million total to MMH over the years, Meyers said.

The new patient tower is set to be finished earlier than scheduled with completion expected in late November. The hospital plans to move in patients on Dec. 19, with every patient in the new tower by Christmas.

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Coming Wednesday
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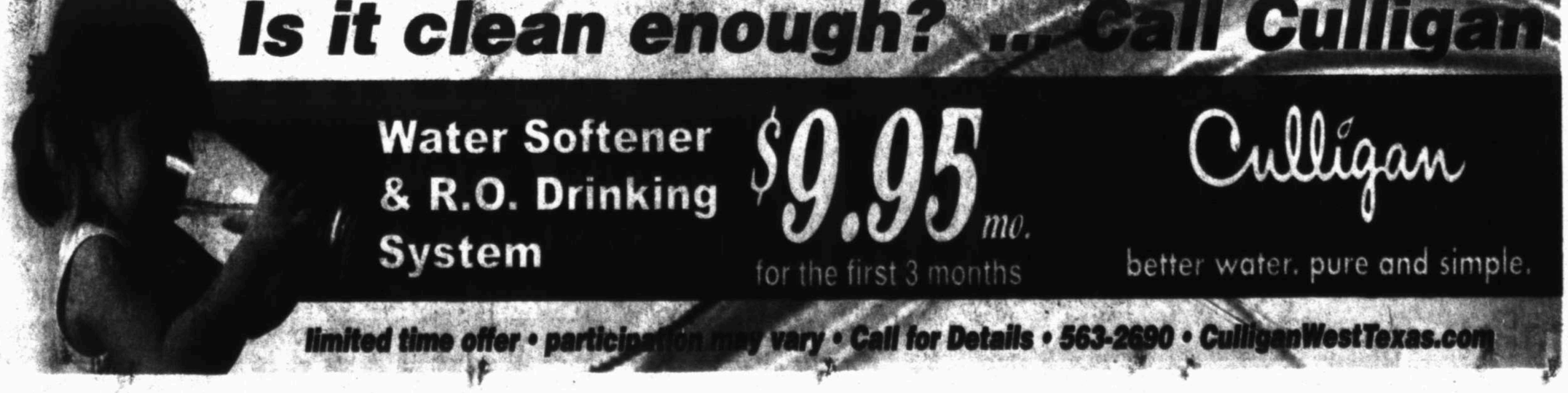

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Both sides rest at Texas bomb plot trial

Associated Press

AMARILLO — The Saudi man accused of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction said he would get "maximum satisfaction" and be "smiling" after carrying out a terror attack against Americans, according to a recording played in court Tuesday.

Prosecutors capped three days of testimony with the recording of Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari, a 22-year-old former Texas Tech student who faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Aldawsari's defense attorneys presented no evidence or witnesses before resting their case. They contend their client never took the "substantial step" necessary for the court to find him guilty and that he never made a bomb.

Aldawsari is charged with attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction. Prosecutors have also accused him of having a list of potential targets, including former President George W. Bush's home in Dallas. Closing arguments are set for 9 a.m. Wednesday in federal court in Amarillo.

The recording came during testimony by the last witness, Capt. David Parker, who is a computer forensics expert, a detective with the university's police department and a member of a joint terrorism task force.

Federal agents had placed microphones in Aldawsari's apartment and said they captured him speaking out loud the night before his Feb. 23, 2011, arrest. Authorities said that Aldawsari was alone when he was recorded.

In the recording, Aldawsari is speaking as if he's someone else commenting on a terror attack carried out by himself. Aldawsari, still pretending to be someone else, said the perpetrator of the terror attack would be "smiling" and getting "maximum satisfaction" from having carried one out.

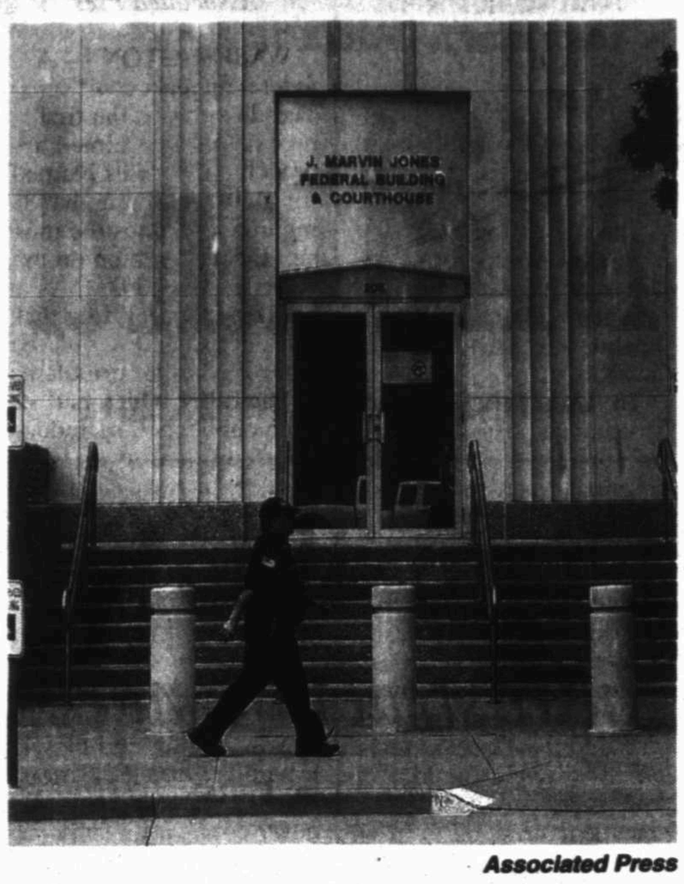
Americans deserved the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and must die "because you people deserve it" for causing the deaths of others, Aldawsari said in the recording.

"This is the ideology he follows," Aldawsari said on the recording, speaking about himself.

Parker also testified that Aldawsari had done Internet searches for former President George W. Bush's "farm"; locations where Bush would be signing copies of his book, "Decision Points"; and Bush's home, including an aerial photo of the North Dallas residence.

Authorities said they were tipped to Aldawsari's online purchases by chemical company Carolina Biological Supply, of Burlington, N.C., and shipping company Con-way Freight on Feb. 1, 2011.

Court documents say Aldawsari wrote in Arabic in his journal that he had been planning a terror attack in the U.S. even before he came to the country on a scholarship and that it was "time for jihad," or holy war.



Associated Press

A security officer patrols around the Federal Courthouse in Amarillo on Thursday as jury selection began for a Saudi man, Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari, accused of gathering bomb making supplies in his Lubbock apartment.

Texas charter schools sue state over funding rules

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas' largest charter school organization on Tuesday filed the sixth major lawsuit over the way the state funds public education, arguing that charter schools should have access to public money for facilities and that there should be no limit on the number of charter schools statewide.

The Texas Charter Schools Association teamed up with six parents from Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin to file a complaint in Travis County District Court, claiming that current rules violate state constitutional guarantees of a suitable and efficient education.

Charter schools receive state funding for operations and educate about 135,000 of the state's nearly 5 million public school students. But their ranks are capped at 215, meaning roughly 56,000 students statewide are on waiting lists to attend existing charter schools once slots become available.

State rules also prohibit charter schools from seeking taxpayer permission to issue bonds for school construction like traditional public schools. They are also not subject to state-imposed limits on class size for elementary school students, however, or minimum-pay requirements for teachers.

Launched in 2008, the Texas Charter Schools Association represents 178 charter schools that educate more than 110,000 students statewide. The organization's executive director, David Dunn, said the group commissioned a 2011 study showing that, due in part to state funding restrictions, charter schools spend an average of $830 per student — or nearly a tenth of total per-pupil operational funding — on facilities and infrastructure.

He said some charter schools in Texas have had to forgo science labs and gymnasiums.

Dunn said the organization has long lobbied state lawmakers to remove the charter-school cap and get rid of funding restrictions, and that the legal challenge merely seeks to supplement those efforts.

Four lawsuits on behalf of hundreds of school districts statewide have been filed in response to school finance legislation passed by the Texas Legislature last summer. They charge that the way the state distributes funding to districts is inadequate and inequitable.

The Legislature approved $50.8 billion for public education for this past school year and next, but lawmakers rewrote the funding formula to cut $4 billion and eliminate $1.4 billion in grant programs.

Legal fights over Texas school finance have raged for decades. The current suits are the eighth round of litigation filed in response to new legislation in the state since 1968.

Testimony ends in stand-your-ground case

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The wife of a man who claimed Texas' version of a stand-your-ground law allowed him to fatally shoot a neighbor told jurors Tuesday her husband is very remorseful about the deadly incident.

Raul Rodriguez, 46, faces up to life in prison after being convicted of murder in the 2010 killing of Kelly Danaher.

"I hear him cry at night. I hear him have dreams and nightmares about what happened ... it tears him up. He's not the same," said Donna Rodriguez, one of the last witnesses to testify in the punishment phase of her husband's trial. Both Rodriguez and his wife cried as she spoke.

Closing arguments in the punishment phase were set for Wednesday with jurors then expected to begin deliberating Rodriguez's sentence.

Rodriguez, a retired Houston-area firefighter, went to Danaher's home to confront him about the noise coming from a birthday party there. He got into an argument with Danaher, a 36-year-old elementary school teacher, and two other men who were at the party.

In a 22-minute video he recorded the night of the shooting, Rodriguez can be heard telling a police dispatcher "my life is in danger now" and "these people are going to go try and kill me." He then said, "I'm standing my ground here," and shot Danaher. The two other men were wounded. A jury convicted Rodriguez on June 13.

Texas' version of a stand-your-ground law is known as the Castle Doctrine.

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HOUSTON

Army Corps approves portion of oil pipeline

The Army Corps of Engineers has approved part of a Canadian company's plan to build an oil pipeline along the Texas Gulf Coast.

The corps said in a letter Monday that TransCanada has approval for a 115-mile portion of pipeline near Galveston. The company still needs approval for two other sections of the 485-mile line designed to transport oil to Texas refineries.

TransCanada is pursuing this portion of the pipeline as it awaits federal approval for Keystone XL, a more ambitious plan to build a cross-border 1,700-mile pipeline to carry oil from Canada's Alberta region to Texas refineries. The proposal has hit several roadblocks. If it is approved, the two pipelines will connect.

NEW MEXICO

DoE eyes WIPP, Eddy County for mercury storage

CARLSBAD — The U.S. Department of Energy is searching for a site for long-term management and storage of about 10,000 metric tons of elemental mercury, and its eye is on two possible locations in Eddy County.

The Carlsbad Current-Argus reports that the Department of Energy is scheduled Tuesday hold a public scoping meeting at the Skeen Whitlock Building in Carlsbad.

Jody Knox, Carlsbad Department of Development board president, said the board earlier this month voted in favor of supporting mercury storage in Eddy County.

A supplemental Mercury Storage Environment Impact Statement issued this month offered Land Withdrawal Act property near the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant and another location near the federal nuclear waste storage facility as possible sites.

Federal court upholds global warming rules

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld the first-ever regulations aimed at reducing the gases blamed for global warming, handing down perhaps the most significant decision on the issue since a 2007 Supreme Court ruling that greenhouse gases could be controlled as air pollutants.

The rules, which had been challenged by industry groups and several states, will reduce emissions of six heat-trapping gases from large industrial facilities such as factories and power plants, as well as from automobile tailpipes.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington said that the Environmental Protection Agency was "unambiguously correct" in using existing federal law to address global warming, denying two of the challenges to four separate regulations and dismissing the others.

Michael Gerrard, director of the Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University, said no one expected the "complete slam dunk" issued by the court Tuesday, and said the decision was exceeded in importance only by the Supreme Court ruling five years ago.

It also lands during a presidential election year where there are sharp differences between the two candidates when it comes to how best to deal with global warming.

President Barack Obama's administration has come under fierce criticism from Republicans, including Mitt Romney, for pushing ahead with the regulations after Congress failed to pass climate legislation, and after the Bush administration resisted such steps. In 2009, the EPA concluded that greenhouse gases endanger human health and welfare, triggering controls on automobiles and other large sources. But the administration always has said it preferred to address global warming through a new law.

AP file photo

Demonstrators hold a picture of President Barack Obama and signs during a demonstration outside the Bella Center, the venue of the U.N. Climate Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2009.

Carol Browner, Obama's former energy and climate adviser, said the decision "should put an end, once and for all, to any questions about the EPA's legal authority to protect us from dangerous industrial carbon pollution," adding that it was a "devastating blow" to those who challenge the scientific evidence of climate change.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson called the ruling a "strong validation" of the approach the agency has taken.

The court "found that EPA followed both the science and the law in taking common-sense, reasonable actions to address the very real threat of climate change by limiting greenhouse gas pollution from the largest sources," Jackson said in a statement.

At a town hall meeting in New Hampshire last year, Romney, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, said it was a mistake for the EPA to be involved in reducing emissions of carbon dioxide, the chief greenhouse gas.

"My view is that the EPA is getting into carbon and regulating carbon has gone beyond the original intent of the legislation, and I would not go there," he said.

The court on Tuesday seemed to disagree with Romney's assessment when it denied two challenges to the administration's rules, including one arguing that the agency erred in concluding greenhouse gases endanger human health and welfare. Lawyers for the industry groups and states argued that the EPA should have considered the policy implications of regulating heat-trapping gases along with the science. They also questioned the agency's reliance on a body of scientific evidence that they said included significant uncertainties.

The judges — Chief Judge David Sentelle, who was appointed by Republican President Ronald Reagan, and David Tatel and Judith Rogers, both appointed by Democrat Bill Clinton — flatly rejected those arguments.

"This is how science works," the unsigned opinion said. "EPA is not required to re-prove the existence of the atom every time it approaches a scientific question."

Industry groups vowed to fight on. Environmentalists, meanwhile, called it a landmark decision for global warming policy, which has been repeatedly targeted by the Republican-controlled House.

The court also dismissed complaints against two other regulations dealing with pollution from new factories and other industrial facilities.

Texas might appeal ruling

Texas officials say they are considering an appeal after a federal appeals court upheld the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's rules on greenhouse gases.

State Attorney General Greg Abbott has often opposed the EPA and led a legal charge from Texas against the first-ever rules designed to regulate gases considered to be prime contributors to climate change.

After a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington on Tuesday backed the EPA, Abbott slammed the decision. He said "it failed to rein in the unelected bureaucrats at the agency who are holding our country's energy independence and fragile economy hostage to a radical environmental agenda."

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Chairman Bryan Shaw said the rules will be a "burden on jobs and the economy."

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■ Movies on the Terrace presents "An American Tail: Fievel Goes West," 9 p.m., Horseshoe.

Saturday

■ Travis Tritt and the Charlie Daniels Band, Grande Communications Stadium. For tickets, call 570-4111 or go by Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., or go to www.mct-midland.org

Community calendar

■ Midland and Lee high schools are planning a reunion for classes of 1960-1970. The event is planned for July 20-21; location includes Midland Center.

For more information, call 638-2131.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. July 19.

This month's featured book is "How I Spent My Summer Vacation." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

Meetings schedule

Hospital District
1:10 p.m. today, boardroom off administration office

Midland Coalition
11:30 a.m. today at the Palmer Drug Abuse Program building, 1208 W. Wall St.

Lake levels report

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Delivery (in gallons)
Daily average this week: 12.689 million
Daily average last week: 12.663 million
Odessa daily average this week: 16.170 million

Water worries

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

Usage totals:
Monday: 17,146,000 gallons
Sunday: 15,776,000 gallons
Saturday: 15,772,000 gallons

Marine set to return

U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Joshua Salgado, of Odessa, is scheduled to arrive at Midland International Airport at 3:10 p.m. today after a seven-month tour in Afghanistan.

He previously served in Iraq, Turkey and Germany, and will return to Camp Pendleton in California after his leave.

Salgado is a 1996 graduate of Odessa High School and the son of Dolores & Ruben Vasquez.

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Midland history

June 27, 1994: Temperatures rose to 116 degrees during the hottest day on record in Midland. It was the second of three days when temperatures hit at least 112 degrees.

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Today in history

Today is Wednesday, June 27, the 179th day of 2012. There are 187 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On June 27, 1942, the FBI announced the arrests of eight Nazi saboteurs who had been put ashore in Florida and Long Island, N.Y. (All were tried and sentenced to death; six were executed while two were spared for having turned themselves in and cooperating with U.S. authorities.)

On this date:

In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Ill.

In 1893, the New York stock market crashed.

In 1922, the first Newberry Medal, recognizing excellence in children's literature, was awarded in Detroit to "The Story of Mankind" by Hendrik Willem van Loon.

In 1957, more than 500 people were killed when Hurricane Audrey slammed through coastal Louisiana and Texas.

In 1985, the legendary Route 66, which originally stretched from Chicago to Santa Monica, Calif., passed into history as officials decertified the road.

One year ago: Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich was convicted by a federal jury in Chicago of a wide range of corruption charges, including the allegation that he'd tried to sell or trade President Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat. (Blagojevich was later sentenced to 14 years in prison.) International judges ordered the arrest of Libya's Moammar Gadhafi for murdering civilians.

Office-retail complex approved for north Midland

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

After some debate regarding a traffic study, the Midland City Council unanimously approved on Tuesday the addition of a 15-building office and retail complex in north Midland.

D.K. Boyd was approved for a zone change at the northeast corner of Mockingbird Lane and Midkiff Road that will allow for the construction of an office and retail development.

The decision, though, wasn't one reached easily.

At the council's morning meeting, members voted in a 4-3 decision to allow for the zone change only if a traffic study were conducted between now and the council's final vote on the zone request.

After some discussion, however, Mayor Wes Perry called for the council to reconvene during the afternoon to again consider the matter.

He, Councilman Scott Dufford and Councilwoman Vicky Hailey initially voted against the zone change, which carried an amendment requiring the traffic study, and therefore an additional investment and delay for Boyd.

Because the complex was to contain only about 45 percent retail, Dufford said he didn't believe it would create enough traffic by itself to necessitate broad changes or studies.

Councilman Jeff Sparks said he voted for the proposal, not because he agreed a traffic study was needed, but because he didn't want to kill the project.

Knowing that, Perry said the item was recalled so the two issues could be considered separately. If a traffic study was desired by some, that could have been voted on apart from the zoning, he said.

However, after discussing the issue further during its second consideration, the council agreed to allow for the zone change and to have the city take care of a traffic study.

"This project needs to move forward and it needs not be hindered by a traffic study," Councilman John James said.

James said the city should determine whether the road in that area needs to be widened, but that task and the cost shouldn't fall on the developer, who already has participated in road improvements.

The land Boyd is working to develop was purchased after the previous land owner participated with the city in developing half of Mockingbird Lane and Midkiff Roads. When the land was sold to Boyd, the cost of those road improvements was included in the price, said Eric West, engineer with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper.

Michael Trost, who had advocated for a traffic study, said he also wouldn't want a study to stop the project. He and others agreed the city could take on the study.

Gary Saunders, director of transportation, said data can be analyzed to determine at what point the road may need to be widened. He said the development that's planned for the area won't by itself create enough traffic to necessitate a stop light, though that may become necessary at some point.

Boyd said he was glad for the second decision and is prepared to break ground on the first phase of development, which will include about 20,000 square feet of space.

Upon completion, the complex will have about 192,000 square feet, said Cameron Walker, planning division manager.

It will be run as a condominium complex, which will allow business owners to purchase and customize their space while still enjoying common amenities, such as landscaping, provided by the land owner.

"This will allow us to move forward," Boyd said.

In other business:

■ The council approved on first reading a zone change that will allow for a four-story office building to be constructed at the intersection of West Kansas Avenue and North Marienfeld Street.

The building will stretch 75 feet at its height, which includes screening around an air conditioning unit, said Cameron Walker, planning division manager.

■ Nine emergency alert systems will be installed in parks that will have the ability to provide siren and verbal and audio warnings when a weather-related or other type of disaster may occur. The systems will be purchased for $124,750 and are part of a multistep process to update the city's alert system.

■ Bids will be released for the provision and installation of playground equipment at Butler, Grafa, House, Pioneer, Sparks, Ulmer and Hogan parks. The bid also will include picnic tables, barbecue grills, park benches, basketball backboard, drinking fountains, shade structures and other amenities that will be added to various parks throughout the city.

■ Rock the Desert will be provided $50,000 in hotel-motel tax funds through an agreement with the city. The funds are allocated based on the visitors and hotel guests the event generates and aren't an endorsement of the concert's message, staff said.

■ A $585,980 professional services agreement was approved with CDM Smith Inc. for work on the water reclamation plant planned for Midland College. The plant will clean waste water so it can be used for irrigation purposes.

■ The Downtown Midland Farmers Market was given approval for an extension of its permit. The permit allows for the market to operate booths from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays under the green awnings on Texas Avenue, between Pecos and Marienfeld streets.

■ More than $1.25 million was appropriated for updates to the wireless system, software, computers and central hardware that are part of the city's IT system. Staff said many of the systems are long out of date. The update was approved as part of the certificates of obligation earlier approved by the council.

■ Callon Petroleum was granted a permit to drill a non-commercial saltwater disposal well to be used for water produced in oil wells already approved within the city limits. Jimmy Wright, with Callon, said the well will be drilled "significantly below the potable water stream."

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SKILLS

From 1A

The club, which has been active in Midland since 1965, has more than 450 kids from age 6 to 17 participating this summer at its two units in south Midland — the original in near Halff Park and the other near Taylor Park.

Club membership is $10 per child per year for the after-school program and $20 per child during the summer for all-day activities and events.

Taezja, who has been a member for the last four years, said she really enjoys playing sports and games with friends in the gym.

"This is a safe place for kids to come and spend their time so they're not alone," said Monique Bottalico, the organization's community resource development director.

Jasso said the kids understand they're a part of a club and the organization isn't a day care.

During the school year, 40 minutes each afternoon are dedicated to homework. Club members receive help if they need it, Jasso said.

Dues are low to be able to involve every child in the community and provide them a safe place, he said.

Bottalico said the club is making a renewed effort to reach out to the community and recruit volunteers to help with the homework hour and teach special classes like music, arts and crafts, or provide maintenance assistance.

Anyone interested in helping at the club, can call Jasso at 683-0050.

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Texans await ruling on health care law

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

DALLAS — The federal government may have to implement a major provision of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul in Texas since the state's conservative leaders are steadfastly opposed to it. But one state agency has fulfilled parts of the law and said it's prepared to move forward if the law is upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Gov. Rick Perry and other Republican leaders have blasted the measure since Obama signed it in March 2010, though they've offered few solutions on how to drive down health care costs if the high court revokes the law Thursday. A quarter of Texas' population — about 6.2 million people — is uninsured.

Texas, among several states challenging the law, has lagged in implementing some of the law's major provisions, including setting up a state health care exchange that would serve as an insurance marketplace for people and small businesses to buy coverage. Texas received a federal grant to establish the network, but has shown little evidence of implementing the plan.

The Texas Health and Human Services Department will be responsible for the Medicaid expansion under the law, and it blames the federal government for not providing all the necessary details to comply.

"Whether (the law) is upheld or struck down or something in between, we're going to need more guidance from the federal government on how to implement some of these really complex changes the law makes," department spokeswoman Stephanie Goodman said.

"But assuming they get us that guidance ... we've been planning all this time for the various contingencies and will be ready to act, whatever the court decides."

Goodman said the agency has met deadlines for some requirements, such as implementing a tobacco cessation benefit for pregnant women on Medicaid. In addition, at least 5,700 Texans are participating in a federally mandated insurance plan for those with pre-existing conditions, though the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is running that program instead of Texas.

Health care advocates say the state is far from ready to implement all the law's provisions if the Supreme Court upholds the law.

"(Texas has) a lot of work to do," said Anne Dunkelberg, associate director for the Center for Public Policy Priorities, an institute focused on improving public policies for low- and moderate-income Texans. She said the state "has done a few things to prepare but put some things on hold."

For example, she said, the state has not picked a minimum standard for health care services that every insurance plan must cover starting in 2014. It also doesn't have in place laws to help the Texas Department of Insurance enforce the law.

She also noted that the state has not addressed creation of the health care exchange, even though every state is required to submit a plan to the federal government by Nov. 16.

The federal government will implement the system by 2014 if Texas does not comply in time, said U.S. Department of Health spokesman Keith Maley.

COUNCIL

From 1A

settle into the water.

"It's not only how much chlorine is in the water but how much time it's been in contact with the water," he said.

When the water passes from the water district's infrastructure to the city, it still will contain a "minor chlorine residual" as is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, according to a memo filed with the city secretary's office.

However, the water won't have the level of chlorination necessary to ensure the chemical element lasts while in the city's system, the memo says.

By operating a chlorination station next to the elevated storage tank planned for near the airport, the city will have the ability to boost chlorine to the necessary levels and also to change the disinfectant in the water to match the city's system, the memo states.

"It should prove to be less expensive," Edwards said.

The water district has agreed to deliver water from the city's T-Bar Ranch property in Loving and Winkler counties to Midland by May 31, 2013.

Edwards said the district has negotiated for about 92 percent of the right-of-way needed to lay the pipeline and other facets of the project also are well under way.

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MCSO: Man gave girls drugs before assaults

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Additional sexual assault charges were filed Monday against a Midland man who was arrested Friday.

Tucker

Charles Jeffrey Tucker, 46, is being held on a $200,000 bond for a first-degree felony of continuous sexual abuse of a child under 14 years old and a second-degree felony of sexual assault.

At least two females reported the sexual assaults Friday. One of the victims, who now is an adult, told Midland County Sheriff's Office investigators that she had been assaulted "hundreds of times" over several years, according to Tucker's arrest warrant. She alleged that Tucker forced himself on her and routinely made her use narcotics, according to the warrant.

She told investigators she lived with Tucker when she was between the ages of 13 and 16 and he "deceptively administered Ecstasy before engaging" in sexual acts. She also said Tucker used methamphetamines and forced her to use the illegal narcotic before sexual encounters, according to the warrant.

The younger victim, who is between the ages of 13 and 16, said Tucker would remove her clothes while she was asleep. She also said that she had been awakened several times with Tucker naked on top of her, according to the warrant. During a forensic interview Friday, she said Tucker told her he would perform sexual acts on her because "he was teaching her a lesson and felt like she needed someone to love."

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Tucker could face between five and 99 years in prison. He could also face up to 20 years in prison if convicted of sexual assault of a child.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Amanda L. Allen, 26, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Matthew R. Blain, 20, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of endangering a child.

Devontae L. Brown, 19, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Luis Cavazos, 64, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Cody W. Hearn, 24, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of parole.

Ricky D. Kidwell, 25, of Andrews, was arrested Monday on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

Andrew H. Mayweather, 34, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of engaging in organized criminal activity.

Manuel J. Sanchez, 23, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary of a habitat with intent to commit another felony.

William A. Schulmeier, 40, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of parole.

Charles J. Tucker, 46, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of sexual abuse.

Christy L. Yarbrough, 38, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Ruidoso tourism hurting after fire

Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — One of the worst wildfires in New Mexico history is putting a damper on out-of-state tourism to the village of Ruidoso.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that village officials recently launched a new campaign in an attempt to bring tourists back after the Little Bear fire scorched 44,000 acres and destroyed 254 structures. The blaze never got closer than three miles of Ruidoso's northernmost neighborhoods.

But officials said extensive media coverage of the Little Bear fire has turned away tourists.

Tom Wood, co-owner of the Story Book Cabins in Ruidoso's Upper Canyon area, said he's lost around 40 nights of reservations because of safety concerns.

The village's Tourism Office has uploaded images of blue skies from a Ruidoso-based camera to digital billboards in Albuquerque and El Paso.

Director Nora Ephron dies

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nora Ephron, the essayist, author and filmmaker who challenged and thrived in the male-dominated worlds of movies and journalism, and was loved, respected and feared for her wit, died on Tuesday of leukemia. She was 71.

Born into a family of screenwriters, Ephron was a top journalist in her 20s and 30s, then a best-selling author and successful director. She wrote and directed "Julie & Julia" and "Sleepless in Seattle," and her books included "Heartburn," about her marriage to Washington Post reporter Carl Bernstein.

Arizona police face questions after immigration ruling

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona's police chiefs and county sheriffs hoped a U.S. Supreme Court ruling would settle their long-running debate on what role, if any, they should play in immigration enforcement. Instead, the justices' decision to uphold the state's "show me your papers" statute has left them with more questions than answers.

How long must officers wait for federal authorities to respond when they encounter someone illegal, especially given President Barack Obama's new policy to only deport dangerous criminals and repeat offenders? If they release a person too soon, are they exposing themselves to a lawsuit from residents who accuse them of failing to enforce the law?

How do they avoid being sued for racial profiling? Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said he anticipated no change in how he does his job but that comes from someone who was accused of racially profiling Latinos in a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Justice Department.

"We're going to get sued if we do. We're going to get sued if we don't. That's a terrible position to put law enforcement officers in," said Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik, whose territory covers much of southern Arizona and who has long argued against his state's requirement that local law enforcement be forced to ask about the legal status of anyone suspected of being in the U.S. illegally.

The justices on Monday unanimously approved the Arizona law's most-discussed provision requiring police to check the immigration status of those they stop for other reasons. But it struck down provisions allowing local police to arrest people for federal immigration violations. They also warned against detaining people for any prolonged period merely for not having proper immigration papers.

The decision left police chiefs and sheriffs grappling with questions ranging from what justifies reasonable suspicion that someone is in the country illegally to how long officers must wait when federal authorities are slow to respond to a question on someone's immigration status.

"It's uncharted territory," said Tony Estrada, sheriff of Santa Cruz County on the state's southern border with Mexico. "It's going to be challenging. It's a complicated issue, and it's not going to be solved by this particular decision."

Tucson Police Chief Roberto Villasenor estimates the statute will result in 50,000 additional calls a year to federal immigration authorities in his city alone. That includes 36,000 arrests a year for suspects who are not booked into jail, typically for offenses like disorderly conduct, misdemeanor assault, shoplifting, vandalism and driving more than 25 mph over the speed limit.

An estimated 14,000 inquiries a year will be for people encountered on street patrol who are not arrested, Villasenor said.

Arizona ruling won't take effect until mid-July

The most contentious part of Arizona's immigration law won't take effect until at least July 20.

The U.S. Supreme Court told a lower court Tuesday that the provision's effective date could be pushed back further if the Obama administration seeks a rehearing before the nation's highest court.

The Supreme Court struck down three sections of Arizona's law Monday but upheld its requirement that police check the immigration status of people they stop for other reasons.

Opponents are expected to ask a judge in the coming days to put the requirement on hold while they argue that the law can't be enforced without racially profiling people.

The Obama administration's challenge to the law didn't confront racial profiling and instead focused on whether the Arizona law was trumped by federal immigration law.

Associated Press

California city appears headed for bankruptcy

Associated Press

STOCKTON, Calif. — Officials in Stockton said Tuesday that mediation with creditors has failed, meaning the Central California city is set to become the largest American city ever to declare bankruptcy.

City Manager Bob Deis said officials didn't reach a deal to restructure hundreds of millions of dollars of debt under a new state law designed to help municipalities avoid bankruptcy.

Monday marked the three-month deadline for negotiations.

"Unfortunately we have no comprehensive set of agreements with our creditors that would eliminate the deficit and avoid insolvency," Deis said at a City Council meeting. The city was still negotiating with some creditors and could reach deals with as many as one-third of them, he said.

"We think Chapter 9 protection is the only choice left. If we get any agreements, those will be honored in Chapter 9," Deis said.

The Council was expected to vote later Tuesday on a special bankruptcy budget to plug next year's anticipated $26 million deficit, and city lawyers could file for Chapter 9 protection in court as soon as Wednesday.

The river port city of 290,000 in Central California has seen its property taxes and other revenues decline, while expensive investments and generous retiree benefits drained city coffers.

In the past three years, officials in the city that was slammed by the collapse of the housing market dealt with $90 million in deficits through a series of drastic cuts.

They eliminated one-fourth of the city's police officers, one-third of the fire staff and 40 percent of all other employees.

To plug next year's anticipated $26 million shortfall, the proposed budget would suspend payments for debts and legal claims, reduce payments for retiree medical benefits, further cut some pay and benefits, and increase revenue through code enforcement and parking citations.

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Opinion

'Show me your papers' ruling not close call

■ Justices' unanimous agreement on the controversial statute should comfort liberals professing to be worried about the highest court's future.

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Upon its passage, Arizona's immigration law was considered so outlandish that Attorney General Eric Holder famously rushed to condemn it without reading it.

Now the Supreme Court has read the law and rejected Holder's case against its central element, the so-called "show me your papers" provision stipulating that police officers should check on the immigration status of people suspected of being in the country illegally.

If it were possible for a statute to be tarred, feathered and run out of town on a rail, such would have been the fate of Arizona's law. President Barack Obama inveighed against it. The state was boycotted. Otherwise reasonable people lost their heads. Former Bush speechwriter Mike Gerson thundered that the statute was un-American. Whether the law was deemed racist, fascist or merely ill-advised, it was an article of faith that it was very, very unconstitutional.

When it got to the court, though, it wasn't even a close call. All eight justices ruling in the case — Justice Elena Kagan recused herself — turned aside the Justice Department's pre-emptive challenge to the provision's constitutionality. Given all the commentary recently from the left about how partisan the court is and how 5-4 decisions undermine its legitimacy, the court's unanimous agreement that one of the most controversial laws in the land can go into effect should comfort those liberals professing to be worried about the highest court's future.

The decision is a win for Arizona, although a limited and ambiguous one. The court left open the possibility for future challenges based on how the law is enforced and, in a divided decision, struck down three other provisions on grounds that they interfere with the federal immigration system. If Arizona can't claim total victory, it can claim vindication vis-a-vis all its hysterical critics. On the most important question, Gov. Jan Brewer had a better grasp of the Constitution than the president of the United States.

What the Arizona-haters always ignored is that there are "show me your papers" provisions in the federal law. As Justice Anthony Kennedy recounts in his opinion for the majority, the federal government requires that aliens carry proof of registration. An extensive apparatus exists to facilitate state and local enforcement of the immigration laws. The federal government runs a Law Enforcement Support Center available 24 hours a day to provide "immigration status, identity information and real-time assistance to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies."

If the feds didn't want to get any inquiries from police officers in Arizona, they should have written that loophole into the law.

In his scorching dissent from the decision overturning portions of the Arizona statute, Justice Antonin Scalia emphasizes federal nonenforcement of the immigration laws. The Obama administration's real beef with Arizona isn't that it contradicts federal law so much as it contradicts its own choice to ignore federal law as much as practical. Arizona, Scalia notes, has been particularly hard hit by the federal government's decision to enforce at the border primarily in California and Texas: "Must Arizona's ability to protect its borders yield to the reality that Congress has provided inadequate funding for federal enforcement — or, even worse, to the Executive's unwise targeting of that funding?"

Arizona had the temerity to answer "no."

OUR VIEW

Congress needs to provide border states with a plan

The Supreme Court's ruling on the much-debated Arizona immigration law goes well-beyond the fact of law in dealing with the age old war of states' rights vs. the rule of the federal government. The federal government came out a clear winner in this dispute.

The court handed the Obama administration a partial victory in ruling that three of four challenged provisions of Arizona's immigration statute improperly conflict with U.S. immigration law enforcement.

Those three provisions are: requiring all immigrants to obtain or carry immigration registration papers, making it a state criminal offense for an illegal immigrant to seek work or hold a job and allowing police to arrest suspected illegal immigrants without warrants.

The court upheld the "show me your papers" provision, which requires police to check the immigration status of someone they suspect is in the United States illegally. But police officers are prohibited from arresting people on minor immigration charges.

These all have been controversial items brought forth from Arizona law enforcement concerned with illegal immigration and the illegal drug trade controlled by the Mexican drug cartels.

The Supreme Court's ruling underscores the federal government's significant power to regulate immigration. As a border state, we realize this ruling limits the will and right of Texans to protect its own borders. It's frustrating to give away all these rights to the federal government and the government is unwilling or unable to do the job required of it.

If the federal government would handle immigration and do the job it is called upon to do, the states wouldn't need to pass laws like this. Now that the ruling has been affirmed, we ask the federal government to step forward and supply the rules, money and support needed to deal with illegal trade in humans and drugs.

The U.S. needs a highly defined immigration policy, so we call upon Congress to step forward and provide border states with that plan.

The federal government has dragged its feet long enough in dealing with illegal immigration. If it had done its job in the first place, there wouldn't have been an Arizona immigration law for the court to test.

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Arizona governor views decision as win

■ Brewer wouldn't have called Supreme Court's ruling a victory if she had read Scalia's dissent.

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Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer is many things — immigration provocateur, bete noire of Latinos, presidential irritant — but nobody has ever accused her of being a legal scholar.

On Monday morning, the Supreme Court struck down three of four contested provisions in her state's immigration law and left the fourth in jeopardy. But Brewer decided to call it a win.

"Today's decision by the U.S. Supreme Court is a victory for the rule of law," the Republican governor announced in a statement that left the strong impression it was written before the opinion was released. She used the word "victory" twice more in her written statement, and added the word "vindicated" to her oral remarks.

To be sure, the ruling left intact part of the immigration crackdown, the "show-me-your-papers" component, which the court suggested may be vulnerable to future challenge. But Brewer certainly couldn't have called it a victory if she had read the vitriolic dissent of Justice Antonin Scalia against the opinion by a union of the court's liberal bloc with Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Anthony Kennedy.

In an extraordinary display of judicial distemper, Scalia departed entirely from the law at one point and attacked an Obama administration policy that wasn't at issue in the case. Footnoting a New York Times news article rather than case law, Scalia opined on a recent news conference by President Obama.

Scalia's dissent, more campaign speech than legal opinion, claimed the Obama administration "desperately wants to avoid upsetting foreign powers" and is acting with "willful blindness or deliberate inattention" to Arizona's illegal immigrants. Saying the majority opinion "boggles the mind," Scalia suggested that states are "at the mercy of the federal executive's refusal to enforce the nation's immigration laws."

Scalia's stump speech capped a rough couple of weeks for immigration hard-liners. The reaction to Monday's decision was overshadowed by the high court's looming health care ruling, but the ruling was the latest in a string of political victories for Latinos, who have been alternately ignored and abused the last few years.

During the Republican presidential primaries, Mitt Romney condemned Texas Gov. Rick Perry for supporting a law that granted in-state tuition rates to the children of illegal immigrants, and he vowed to veto the DREAM Act, which offered the possibility of citizenship for young illegal immigrants. Romney also spoke of illegal immigrants going through "self-deportation" and, in remarks his campaign later sought to clarify, Romney described the Arizona law as a national model. No less an authority than Newt Gingrich called Romney anti-immigrant.

But now Romney, trailing Obama by 41 percentage points among Hispanics in a recent USA Today/Gallup poll, is struggling to change his image. After Obama announced that he would stop deportation of certain young illegal immigrants, Romney demurred repeatedly when CBS News' Bob Schieffer asked whether he would repeal the Obama policy.

Last week, Romney launched a 15-state Hispanic outreach effort called "Juntos con Romney," and he promised the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials he would pursue the "moral imperative" of bipartisan immigration reform. When a report came out last week that Romney wasn't considering Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, the Republicans' Latino star, to be his running mate, Romney quickly knocked down the report.

Monday's ruling on the Arizona law created a new complication for Romney, who refused to react to the court decision other than to say it showed the need for "a president who will lead on this critical issue and work in a bipartisan fashion to pursue a national immigration strategy." Romney, who happened to be traveling in Arizona, avoided giving reporters a chance to ask questions. The Washington Post's Phil Rucker reported that a campaign spokesman was questioned for seven minutes but declined to say whether Romney agrees with the Supreme Court or supports Arizona's law.

It wasn't exactly what immigration hard-liners had wanted: The Supreme Court invalidating most of the Arizona law in a 5-3 vote, and the Republicans' presidential standard-bearer wanting nothing to do with a law he once praised. But Brewer did not let such realities get in her way.

"The key components of our efforts to protect the citizens of Arizona to take up the fight against illegal immigration in a balanced and constitutional way has unanimously been vindicated by the highest court in the land," she declared.

Beg your pardon, governor, but would you remain inside your vehicle while we check your legal credentials?

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DALLAS

Democrats Sadler, Yarbrough meet in Senate debate

Two Democratic U.S. Senate hopefuls long overshadowed by the high-priced, high-profile Republican primary argued Tuesday that they deserve voters' attention, even though Texas hasn't elected a Democrat statewide in two decades.

Paul Sadler and Grady Yarbrough took the stage at public television station KERA's Dallas studios. The men have similar views supporting the national health-care overhaul and limiting changes to Social Security.

But Sadler, a 57-year-old attorney who served 12 years in the Texas House, questioned Yarbrough's lack of legislative experience, while Yarbrough, a 75-year-old schoolteacher and perennial candidate, said his proposals would do more for the poor and working class.

They will face off July 31 in a runoff.

SEATTLE

Schools still worry as Congress cuts deal on loans

As Congress worked on a compromise this week on federal student loan interest rates, students and college administrators in Washington state say loans are one of their many concerns about the cost of college.

The associate director of financial aid at Western Washington University said any changes in student loans would have the greatest impact on the neediest students. A bipartisan agreement was reached on Tuesday to prevent a doubling of interest rates.

Doubling the interest rate from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on subsidized Stafford loans would have increased student payments by about $32 a month on loans totaling about $20,000.

IOWA

Biden says Romney sent jobs overseas

WATERLOO — Vice President Joe Biden says Mitt Romney was good at creating jobs throughout his career in the private sector — just in countries other than the United States.

Beginning a two-day visit to Iowa, Biden noted news reports that a private equity firm headed by Romney had outsourced jobs to China and India. The Romney campaign has argued that the reports aren't accurate and don't take into account how work done overseas supports U.S. exports.

Biden told hundreds of union workers here of the presumptive Republican nominee: "You've got to give Mitt Romney credit. He's a job creator in Singapore, China, India."

Obama prepping thousands of lawyers for election

Associated Press

AP file photo

A sign at the entrance of a polling station in East Greenwich, R.I., advises voters that identification is required.

OLYMPIA, Wash. — President Barack Obama's campaign has recruited a legion of lawyers to be on standby for this year's election as legal disputes surrounding the voting process escalate.

Thousands of attorneys and support staffers have agreed to aid in the effort, providing a mass of legal support that appears to be unrivaled by Republicans or precedent. Obama's campaign says it is particularly concerned about the implementation of new voter ID laws across the country, the possibility of anti-fraud activists challenging legitimate voters and the handling of voter registrations in the most competitive states.

Republicans are building their own legal teams for the election. They say they're focused on preventing fraud — making sure people don't vote unless they're eligible — rather than turning away qualified voters.

Since the disputed 2000 presidential election, both parties have increasingly concentrated on building legal teams — including high-priced lawyers who are well-known in political circles — for the Election Day run-up. The Bush-Gore election demonstrated to both sides the importance of every vote and the fact that the rules for voting and counting might actually determine the outcome. The Florida count in 2000 was decided by just 537 votes and ultimately landed in the Supreme Court.

This year in that state alone, Obama and his Democratic allies are poised to have thousands of lawyers ready for the election and hope to have more than the 5,800 attorneys available four years ago. That figure was nearly twice the 3,200 lawyers the Democrats had at their disposal in 2004.

Romney has been organizing his own legal help for the election. Campaign attorney Ben Ginsberg did not provide numbers but said the campaign has been gratified by the "overwhelming number of attorneys who have volunteered to assist."

"We will have enough lawyers to handle all situations that arise," he said.

The GOP doesn't necessarily need to have a numerical counterweight to Obama's attorneys; the 2000 election showed that experienced, connected lawyers on either side can be effective in court.

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Feds: Sting targeted online financial fraud

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two dozen people on four continents, including alleged two hackers from New York, have been arrested in an elaborate sting targeting a black market for online financial fraud, federal officials said Tuesday.

U.S. officials called the crackdown in the United States, Europe, Asia and Australia the largest enforcement effort ever against computer crooks who specialize in stealing and trafficking credit card, bank and other personal identification information on the Internet — a practice known as "carding."

The officials claimed the two-year FBI sting protected more than 400,000 potential victims and prevented losses of around $205 million.

The arrests "cause significant disruption to the underground economy and are a stark reminder that masked (Internet protocol) addresses and private forums are no sanctuary for criminals and are not beyond the reach of the FBI," Janice Fedarcyk, head of the FBI's New York office, said in a statement.

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara called the international investigation an unprecedented demonstration that "fraudsters cannot count on being able to prowl the Internet in anonymity and with impunity, even across national boundaries."

According to a criminal complaint unsealed Tuesday in federal court in Manhattan, the suspects bought and sold hacking programs and stolen information via secure websites.

In June 2010, undercover investigators set up their own website "as an online meeting place where the FBI could locate cybercriminals, investigate and identify them and disrupt their activities," the complaint said. The site — called "Carder Profit" — was rigged to allow agents to monitor and record private messages and identify the computers of registered users.

The complaints charged two alleged "carders" from the Bronx, Joshua Hicks and Mir Islam, with fraud. Both were released on bail following brief appearances in federal court in Manhattan. Neither entered a plea.

Undercover agents said they bought stolen data related to 15 American Express, MasterCard and Discover accounts from Hicks, a 19-year who lives with his mother and goes by the name "OxideDox" on the Internet.

In one instance, an undercover investigator delivered a digital camera as payment to Hicks for one of the stolen information "dumps," the complaint added. When the agent later asked the defendant in a chat if he liked the camera, the defendant responded, "A different model ... would have been better, but hey, a free camera is a free camera."

Using the name "JoshTheGod", the 18-year-old Islam advised another website user to keep fraudulent purchases from Apple under $350 to avoid detection, the court papers said. He also provided an undercover investigator with credit card numbers and Card Verification Value numbers and corresponding names and addresses, they said.

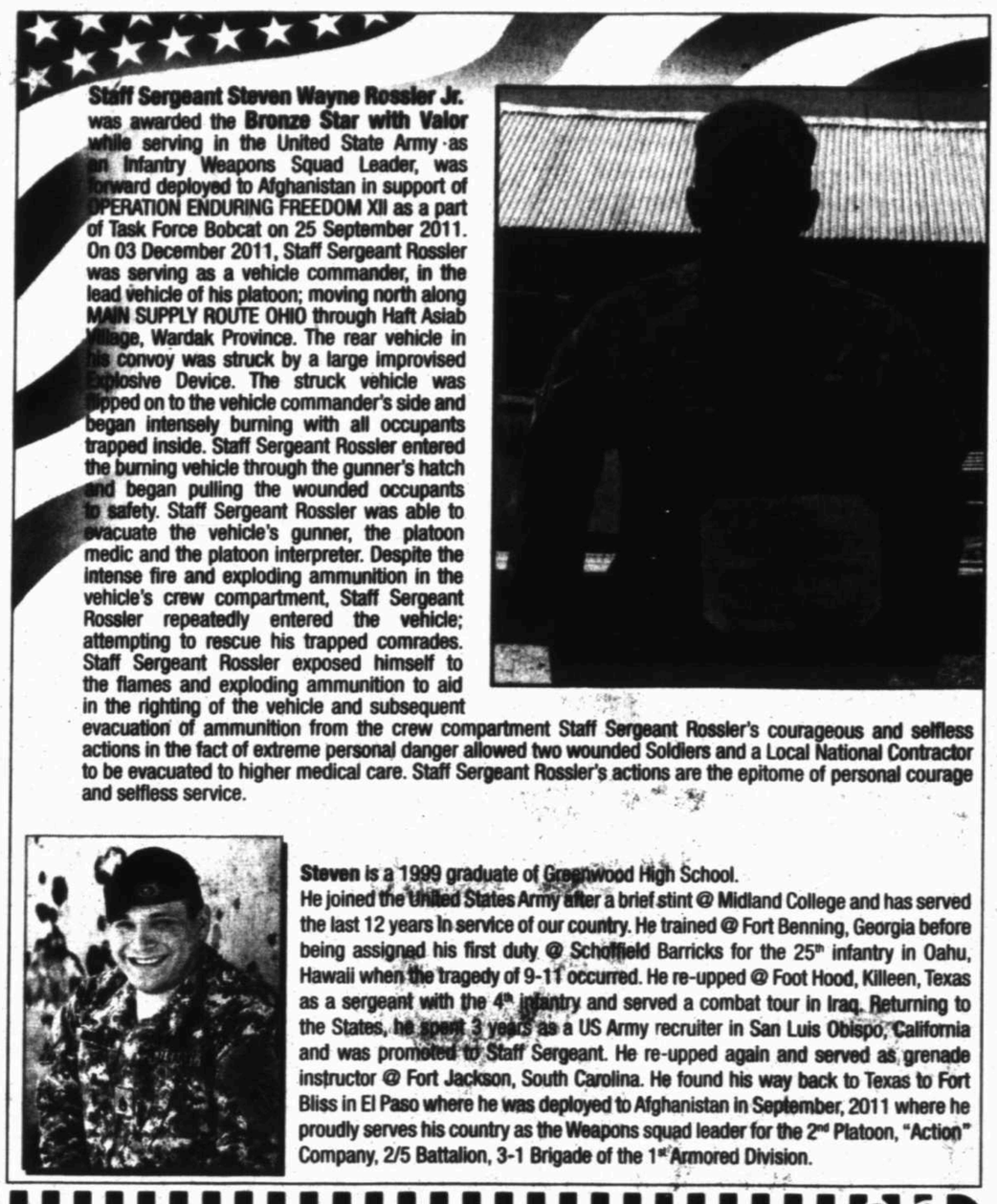
After Islam's arrest, authorities said Islam admitted that he also used the site to advertise his "doxing" service — a term referring to the sharing of an "individual's name, address, phone number, date of birth, Social Security number, email address in order to embarrass, harass or retaliate against such individual."

Another defendant from Tucson, Ariz., was accused of trying to sell viruses on the FBI site that was designed to take over and remotely control a victim's computer. The malware programs allowed buyers to turn on the web camera of an infected computer and spy on the users, and to record user names and passwords on bank and other accounts, authorities said.

The registration process for the bogus website required unwitting users "to agree to terms and conditions, including that their activities on the site were subject to monitoring for any purpose," the complaint said.

Investigators made 11 arrests in various states, including New York, Florida, Wisconsin and California. Thirteen others were picked up in the United Kingdom, Bosnia, Norway, Italy, Japan and elsewhere overseas. In addition, search warrants were executed in Australia and Canada.

If convicted, the U.S. defendants face five to 20 years in prison.



Staff Sergeant Steven Wayne Rossler Jr. was awarded the **Bronze Star with Valor** while serving in the United State Army as an Infantry Weapons Squad Leader, was forward deployed to Afghanistan in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM XII as a part of Task Force Bobcat on 25 September 2011. On 03 December 2011, Staff Sergeant Rossler was serving as a vehicle commander, in the lead vehicle of his platoon; moving north along MAIN SUPPLY ROUTE OHIO through Haft Asiab Village, Wardak Province. The rear vehicle in the convoy was struck by a large improvised explosive Device. The struck vehicle was stopped on to the vehicle commander's side and began intensely burning with all occupants trapped inside. Staff Sergeant Rossler entered the burning vehicle through the gunner's hatch and began pulling the wounded occupants to safety. Staff Sergeant Rossler was able to evacuate the vehicle's gunner, the platoon medic and the platoon interpreter. Despite the intense fire and exploding ammunition in the vehicle's crew compartment, Staff Sergeant Rossler repeatedly entered the vehicle; attempting to rescue his trapped comrades. Staff Sergeant Rossler exposed himself to the flames and exploding ammunition to aid in the righting of the vehicle and subsequent evacuation of ammunition from the crew compartment Staff Sergeant Rossler's courageous and selfless actions in the fact of extreme personal danger allowed two wounded Soldiers and a Local National Contractor to be evacuated to higher medical care. Staff Sergeant Rossler's actions are the epitome of personal courage and selfless service.

Steven is a 1999 graduate of Greenwood High School.
He joined the United States Army after a brief stint @ Midland College and has served the last 12 years in service of our country. He trained @ Fort Benning, Georgia before being assigned his first duty @ Schofield Barricks for the 25th Infantry in Oahu, Hawaii when the tragedy of 9-11 occurred. He re-upped @ Foot Hood, Killeen, Texas as a sergeant with the 4th Infantry and served a combat tour in Iraq. Returning to the States, he spent 3 years as a US Army recruiter in San Luis Obispo, California and was promoted to Staff Sergeant. He re-upped again and served as grenade instructor @ Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He found his way back to Texas to Fort Bliss in El Paso where he was deployed to Afghanistan in September, 2011 where he proudly serves his country as the Weapons squad leader for the 2nd Platoon, "Action" Company, 2/5 Battalion, 3-1 Brigade of the 1st Armored Division.

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Couple is 40 years into Christmas In Action ministry

Wisdom, life's grand professor, has taught Shirley Trimble that amazing coincidences are prophetic acts of God. Some others might say serendipity.

Her 62-year marriage to Bobby Trimble and their last 40 years in which he, with God's grace and with her as his prayerful helpmate, captained the Christmas In Action (CIA) ministry bear proof of divine inspiration, human toil and resolve.

Since 1972, the Trimble-founded and volunteer-empowered CIA has repaired and rebuilt 9,500 houses of the elderly poor and the handicapped in Midland.

"I have always believed," Shirley said, "that God put me with Bobby because Bobby is a hands-on worker in the field (repairing houses, recruiting volunteers, promoting), and I am a prayer warrior."

You might say their ministry somehow was ignited by teenager romance.

ED TODD'S PROFILES
Ed Todd is a writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

At age 15, about to turn 16 in late 1948, this good-looking, blue-eyed, 5-foot-3 spirited blonde with Shirley Temple curls, born Shirley Hambright in 1932 on a West Texas cotton farm, "boohooed" and "bawled" while traveling from bustling Midland to rural Southland in cotton country between Post and Lubbock.

Her father, who had managed Midland's

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Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Shirley Trimble and her husband, Bobby, are the founders of Christmas in Action, a Christian-based organization that has a mission to preserve and revitalize the houses and communities of low-income elderly and disabled homeowners to assure that they live in warmth, safety and independence. The Trimbles have been married 64 years and began their ministry 40 years ago.

slim down SHOWDOWN

H-E-B contest promotes healthy living

■ Big Spring woman selected as one of 25 Texans to participate.

By Megan Lea Buck
Features Editor

In an effort to help her family eat healthier in the new year, Kayla Nichols signed up in January to receive some H-E-B coupons. The next week the 29-year-old Big Spring mom received an email from the grocery chain telling her about the H-E-B Slim Down Showdown contest designed to help contestants lose weight and make healthy lifestyle changes.

"I had really been praying for us to start eating healthy and make some changes for my family," Nichols said. "I printed out the application right then."

Nichols filled out the application, and sent it in along with a photo of herself and a three-minute video by the February deadline. In early May she received a call inviting her to an interview. Four days after the interview she found herself crying on the phone as she learned she had been selected as one of 25 contestants from all over Texas to partici-

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Chaney Mitchell/Reporter-Telegram

H-E-B Slim Down Showdown contestant Kayla Nichols of Big Spring, in top photo, looks at peppers in the produce section while shopping with an H-E-B dietitian June 19, as part of the pantry makeover portion of the competition. ABOVE: Nichols talks with H-E-B dietitian Kylie Bentley about which grater to use for vegetables.

WORKING FOR A LIVING

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Jesse DeLeon has been the director of Habitat ReSTORE since it opened in February 2002. The store, which sells used and surplus building materials at a fraction of retail prices to raise money and divert materials away from landfills, is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

ReSTORE director celebrates 10th anniversary along with facility

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

It was supposed to be a temporary thing, maybe two or three months at the most. That's what Jesse DeLeon thought when he started working at Habitat for Humanity in 2001.

DeLeon, director of Midland Habitat for Humanity ReSTORE, is celebrating 10 years of managing the store that opened in 2002. The store sells used and surplus building materials and furniture at discounted prices not only to fund the local construction of Habitat houses, but also to divert materials away from landfills. Items for sale usually are donated by building supply stores, contractors, demolition crews or individuals in the community. There have been about 825 Habitat ReSTOREs built in the U.S. and Canada in the past 25 years, according to Habitat's website.

DeLeon first applied for a construction job with Habitat after hearing about it from his brother and his best friend who already were planning to apply.

"I'd never heard of Habitat," he said. "I had a small carpet cleaning business and it was slow at the time."

He thought he and his brother could serve on a crew together without realizing Habitat organizers only were looking for one person to fill the position. DeLeon got the job, much to his brother's dismay. Though the job was supposed to be temporary, he began hearing about the possible addition of the retail store to supplement Habitat's finances.

"I thought it would be fun to be part of something that was starting from the ground up," he said.

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Obituaries

Clark Daniel Swanner

Our beloved son Clark Daniel Swanner passed away on Sunday, June 24, 2012, at the age of 20. The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 27, 2012, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2012, at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, with Tim Baugh and Terry Creech officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Clark was born on September 29, 1991, in Lancaster, California to Dan and Tina Swanner. The first born of twin sons, he will be remembered for how he cared for his many friends, and always tried to be a positive influence to them. He was raised in Midland, Texas, and attended Golf Course Road Church of Christ. He was blessed with the opportunity to serve on several mission trips. These included one to McAllen, Texas, where he built homes for a week, and one to Galveston, Texas, where he aided in disaster relief after hurricane Ike. Clark was an incredibly gifted young man who planned to major in either mechanical or petroleum engineering at Texas Tech. He had been completing his freshman and sophomore years at Midland College. He worked for Smith Pipe and Tuboscope doing welding, repairs, and new plant assembly. He loved his work and learned a great deal from it. He was very eager to get to Tech and begin the true study of engineering. Clark graduated from Midland High School in 2010, as a member of the National Honor Society.

Clark was an avid athlete. He loved baseball, football, soccer, golf, water sports, and snow skiing. He and his dad were able to go snow skiing this past winter on two "guy" trips. The family loved camping with Clark and went on numerous trailer camping trips across Texas and New Mexico, as the kids were growing up. He loved working out and stayed in excellent condition. His favorite sport was baseball. He managed to be a starter on almost every single baseball team he was a member of. He made the Midland High baseball teams as a freshman and led his teams in many categories. He was blessed with a strong arm as a third baseman and outfielder. He was known for his strong work ethic and his cool, calm leadership. He normally batted "clean-up", hitting many home runs throughout his career. His junior year he had two home runs against Lubbock High in the same game, and pitched a two hitter through five innings against Lee High. He ended the season leading the team with six home runs. He was proud to contribute to Midland High winning district championship his junior and senior years. He absolutely loved his baseball. Clark was simply an All-Star.

There wasn't much Clark wouldn't do for his many friends, as he was known for always having their backs. But foremost he was our son, our brother in Christ, and our friend. May God rest your soul.

He is survived by his loving parents, Dan and Tina Swanner; twin brother, Cole of Midland, TX, sister, Natalie Swanner of Wichita, KS; grandparents, W.D. "Tiny" and Helen Mason and O'Neil and Bettye Ryan, all of Midland, TX; as well as extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the Swanners request donations to Christian Homes of Abilene or Palmer Drug Abuse Program.

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

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Eugene Coleman

Eugene Coleman, 68, of Midland, died on Sunday, June 24, 2012, in Howard County. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel, with Pastor Joe Russo, of Stonegate Fellowship, officiating.

Eugene was born on February 5, 1944, in Big Spring and married the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Brenda Woods, November 21, 1962, on the farm in Knott.

He loved being outdoors, fishing and hunting, and coaching his sons. He was very patriotic and proud of his country. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a Purple Heart recipient. He had an uncanny way of always guessing his own Christmas presents but made sure that any gifts he gave were very special surprises, no matter the occasion. Poppa, as his grandchildren called him, could fix anything with a little duct tape and super glue. His sense of humor and ability to make people laugh will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Coleman of Midland; one daughter, Heather Bothe and husband, Bo of Houston; two sons, Blaine Coleman and wife, Tammy of Midland and Craig Coleman of San Marcos; five grandchildren, Hadlea, Harrison, Hannah Bella, and Hollyn Bothe of Houston, and Skye Marie Coleman of Midland; and one sister, Wanda Sue Austin and husband, Bill of Granbury. He was preceded in death by his parents, George Leonard and Johnnie Sue (McAnear) Coleman.

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James D. Cobb, Jr.

James D. Cobb, Jr., went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on June 24, 2012, at the age of 82. He was born September 25, 1929, in Pampa, Texas, to J. D. Cobb and Dorothy A. Robison Cobb. He lived in Pampa, then in Halfway, Texas, and later moved to Plainview, Texas, where he graduated from Plainview High School in 1947. James then attended Texas Tech University, receiving a BS degree in Geology in 1951. James married Joan Cervenka on August 25, 1951, at Arnett Benson Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas.

While attending Tech, he was a member of the ROTC program and then entered the U. S. Air Force as a Second Lieutenant on December 2, 1951, at Craig Air Force Base in Selma, Alabama. He began his pilot training at Craig and then was sent to Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Oklahoma, where he completed his pilot training and received his wings on February 2, 1953. He was assigned to the Strategic Air Command at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, Louisiana. He flew KC-97 refueling tankers that fueled fighter planes in the air through a long boom at the back of the plane. He served several tours of duty in Morocco, North Africa, Tule, Newfoundland, and West Palm Beach, Florida. He was released from the Air Force on February 1, 1956. He served as a Captain in the Air Force Reserve until April 29, 1966.

James and Joan moved to Midland, Texas, in 1956, where James worked for Sinclair Oil Company. He later worked for Arco Oil Company, Monsanto Oil Company, where he was District Manager, and then for a short time for BHP Petroleum. He belonged to the West Texas Geological Society, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, and Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists. James was on the Board for the Energy Library and served as president of the Arco Credit Union (now My Community Credit Union). He retired in June of 1986 and continued to work as an independent geologist for a while.

James was a Deacon at Bellview Baptist Church in Midland and served faithfully as a Sunday school teacher for a number of years, as well as working on many committees and projects for the church. He was greatly loved by the members, where he attended for 56 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert Lee Cobb; and a sister, Peggy Johnston. James and Joan have three daughters: Janet Sue Cobb of Cedar Creek, Texas; Sherri Jo Cobb of Midland, Texas; and Brenda Kay James and husband, Gary of Katy, Texas. They have three grandchildren: Brandon R. James and wife, Sarah of Detroit, Michigan; Phillip M. James of Dallas, Texas; and Christy M. James of Houston, Texas.

Memorials may be made to the Benevolence Fund at Bellview Baptist Church, 1710 North Big Spring Street, Midland, TX 79701 or to a charity of your choice.

Family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 27, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A funeral service is planned for Thursday, June 28, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at Bellview Baptist Church of Midland. Interment will follow at Rowena Protestant Cemetery in Rowena, Texas, at 4:00 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland. Condolences may be offered at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Teireney Ja'Neike Miller

Teireney Ja'Neike Miller, 20, of Midland, Tx, went to be with our Lord on June 25, 2012.

She was born June 24, 1992, in Midland, Tx. Teireney grew up in Midland and Oklahoma. She graduated from Robert Lee High School in 2010, and went to attend Abilene Christian University and was currently enrolled at UTPB in Odessa, where she was majoring in Computer Science.

Teireney was a loving, caring person who enjoyed life and always was willing to help others. Her smile will truly be missed.

Survivors include her mother, Kelly Miller; father, Joe Drake; stepfather, Richard Anderson; grandfather, Cleo Miller and grandmother, Shirley Evans; brothers, Davoris Miller, Jemandrae Miller, Demond Drake, Deveon Drake; sister, Kayla Miller; and stepsister, Kanesha Anderson; a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Viewing will be held, Friday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m., at Warren Funeral Home. Services will be held Saturday, June 30, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., at the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Midland, Tx, Rev. Alvin Mills officiating.

Arrangements are by Warren Funeral Home.

Death Notices

Bennie Maurine Pittman

Bennie Maurine Pittman, 58, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, June 24, 2012, in a Dallas hospital.

Funeral services for Maurine will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 28, 2012, at First Baptist Church of Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at the funeral home.

She is survived by her husband, Gale Pittman; her daughter, Desire Freshour (David); three grandchildren; her sister, Carolyn Chapman; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Janie Jeffcoat

Janie Jeffcoat, 67, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, June 26, 2012, in Midland.

Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Julie Kay Purcell

Julie Kay Purcell, 65, of Kermit, passed away Saturday, June 23, 2012, in Odessa.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her husband, Jerry; three sons, Cory, Bradly and Coby; one sister, Sue Waugh; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral Services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 28, 2012, at Belvue Baptist Church in Kermit. Interment will follow at Kermit Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Family Services Funeral Parlor.

All Obituaries must be submited by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

■ Commentary

Aging video gamers change their habits

By Omar L. Gallaga
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Late at night, when everybody else is asleep, I go upstairs, get on the computer and engage in a guilty pleasure.

Since "Diablo III" debuted last month, I've been playing the brilliant hack-and-slash action game when I can. My Witch Doctor character has defeated some pretty major demons and adorned himself with rare loot that randomly drops after frenzied fights with virtual monsters.

But I try to limit my play to an hour at the absolute most. That's all I've got time for. I have two kids, a full-time job, a yard that needs mowing, freelance assignments, dirty dishes, a full DVR and adult responsibilities involving bills and something called "escrow."

Luckily, "Diablo III" is the rare demon-themed entertainment product that's sympathetic to my domestic plight. Frequent checkpoints allow me to drop out of the game pretty much whenever I want without losing any progress. Even in group games, when you pair up with other adventurers, nobody gets bent out of shape when you type to your team, "Sorry, time for bed, gotta go." "Diablo III," addictive as it is, can be played easily in short bursts at the player's convenience.

I'm getting older. I've been gaming all my life, but I've had to admit to myself I simply can't take on games that eat up all my time. Once upon a time, I was able to devote weeks to playing a sports game like "Madden NFL" or a sprawling adventure like "Final Fantasy VII" or losing myself in a game like the online behemoth "World of Warcraft" (made by Blizzard Entertainment, the same company behind "Diablo III").

As my free time has shrunk and my priorities have shifted, I find myself more often reaching for a quick iPhone or iPad game like "Ski Safari," playing a few levels of "Angry Birds" or choosing one game to play a little bit at a time for a longer period of time, like "Diablo III."

I'm not alone. According to the Entertainment Software Association, the lead industry group for video games, the average game player is 30 years old and the average age of the most frequent game purchaser is 35.

"Social" or "casual" games — often simple titles that can be played on Facebook, online with friends or on mobile devices such as phones — have taken off in a big way, and I suspect aging gamers have something to do with that. Social games can suck up just as much time as $60 action games for consoles like the Xbox 360 or PlayStation 3, but they feel like much less of a commitment.

You're not tasked with saving the world, leading a group of online friends into battle against a treasure-hoarding dragon or trying to get to the end of an epic adventure. More often, you're matching blocks of gems or growing an apple tree on your virtual farm. Some games, like the Scrabble-ish "Words With Friends," don't even require you to be online with your opponent at the same time. You make a move, and it could be hours or days before your opponent acts on it.

Games that can be played during the pockets of time we older gamers have available — standing in line at the grocery store, sitting on a long flight — have made simple mobile games much more attractive.

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Documentary in works on exoneree in Texas murder

By Chuck Lindell
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — If there is going to be a movie about his wrongful conviction, 25 years in prison and ultimate exoneration, Michael Morton did not want it to begin with the words "Based on a true story."

But a documentary feature, particularly one written and directed by two-time Academy Award nominee and former Texan Al Reinert, was something Morton could get behind, and filming began recently.

"Truth is important to me," he said. "And Al was generous enough to give me a lot of control and truly include me in the way things are done."

Morton wanted three details to be included in the film: a life-changing conversion experience in prison, a focus on legal-system changes that could prevent future false convictions and an emphasis on his wife, Christine, who was murdered in their Williamson County home in 1986.

"Sometimes my wife gets left out in all the hubbub of me getting out of prison," he said.

For a quarter-century, only a handful of friends, family and defense lawyers believed Morton did not kill Christine. The case against Morton fell apart last year when new DNA evidence pointed to another suspect and a key piece of forensic evidence — that Christine's stomach contents pointed to a time of death that implicated only Morton — fell apart under modern scientific scrutiny. He was freed from prison in October.

Filming the documentary began over the Memorial Day weekend in the Georgetown courtroom where Morton was found guilty in 1987.

Morton didn't expect his return to be a big deal. He was wrong.

"I didn't think it was haunted or had some kind of evil mojo," he said. "But actually sitting in there, actually speaking — it was much more emotional than I expected. It really caught me off guard."

Morton said the overwhelming emotion was one of loss for Christine and his son, Eric, who was 3 when he was arrested and was raised by Christine's sister.

"We were discussing my wife. They asked me about her, and one of the things pointed out to me is that I never really had time to mourn for her; very soon after her death, I was in survival mode. I sensed some of that," he said.

"And there was the pain and loss of my son, and just bringing up all that stuff again — people like to think they're through with it, that they've dealt with it OK, that they can move on. But when you have to go back to revisit it — it just caught me off guard."

Other interviews included Morton's trial lawyer, William Allison, now a University of Texas law professor; John Raley, one of the lawyers who led efforts for his exoneration; and two jurors from Morton's 1987 trial.

For Reinert, holding the interviews in the courtroom — which has been restored to its 1920s condition and is no longer in use — was important for more than setting a mood. It helped tell a true story.

"I've been in movie business now for about 15 years, and they just don't do true stories anymore. Hollywood is just not interested in true stories," Reinert said. "Besides, who's going to play Michael Morton better than Michael Morton? It just felt like a documentary to me."

The challenge in telling Morton's story will be in faithfully portraying the 25 years he spent in prison, said Reinert, an Academy Award nominee for best adapted screenplay in 1996 for "Apollo 13" and for best documentary in 1990 with "For All Mankind," about the Apollo moon missions.

"At the heart of this story is the 25 years he lost through no fault of his own, and you've got to feel those 25 years. There's no easy way to do it," Reinert said. "It's a great story in real life, and if we don't screw it up, it's going to be a great movie."

The film's working title is "An Unreal Dream," taken from federal appeals court Judge Learned Hand's 1923 quote: "Our procedure has been always haunted by the ghost of the innocent man convicted. It is an unreal dream."

Reinert hopes to have a rough draft ready in October so the documentary can be considered for inclusion in the Sundance Film Festival in January. Local producers include Marcy Garriott, Clark Lyda and Jesse Lyda — who teamed up on "The Least of These," a 2009 documentary examining family detention policies surrounding illegal immigrants at the T. Don Hutto Residential Center in Taylor — and Austin lawyer Beverly Reeves.

"It's a rare combination of this deeply moving and compelling story with a born storyteller, which is Al, and an opportunity to use it as a tool to make sure this doesn't happen to other people," Garriott said. "It was just an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

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INSIDE SUNDAY

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- Robin Kingham documents her progress training for two half-marathon to benefit Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.
- Dr. Kristina McConaughey recommends veterinarians be involved in fight against fleas and ticks.

WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME — JUNE 27, 2012

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle	Suburgatory	Modern Family	Modern Family	Final Witness "The Kids Aren't Alright" (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Dogs in the City (N)		Criminal Minds "A Thin Line"		CSI: Crime Scene "Trends With Benefits"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Apology"	Seinf. "The Beard"	America's Next Top Model "Coco Rocha"		America's Next Top Model "Kathy Griffin"		Cops	'Til Death	'Til Death	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	South Park
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	You Can Dance "Meet the Top 20" The top 20 finalists perform their own specialties. (N)				The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: C.I. "Legion"	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Diana Dye	Dr. R.Booker	Update News	Jean-Claude	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Dr. William	NewBeginning	Dr. Denis Otero
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	Swimming Olympic Trials (L)		America's Got Talent The auditions continue in Las Vegas, Nevada. (N)				News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno Jim Norton, Justin Bieber		(:35) LateN (N)
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature		Nova		Inside Nature's Giants "Camel" (N)		Charlie Rose		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Un Refugio Para El Amor				Abismo De Pasion		La Que No Podia Amar		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Hasta que el dinero nos separe	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	Burn "Hot Property"		Burn "Brotherly Love"		My News	Earl	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:10) Danny Dec...		★★ Gangster No. 1 Saffron Burrows.				Lawless Heart Bill Nighy.			(:40) ★★ Terminal Velocity		
HBO	300	68	14	14		Runnin' Rebels		★★ The Hangover Part II Bradley Cooper.				True Blood		Bill Maher		One Nation	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(4:45) Harry Potter...		Me @ the Zoo Chris Crocker.			House of the Rising Sun			The Newsroom		(:20) ★★ Paul	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:40) The Newsroom		True Blood		★★ Monte Carlo Selena Gomez.				★★ Water for Elephants			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) Two Days I...		Predators ('10, Sci-Fi) Adrien Brody.				★ Your Highness			(:45) Sex Chronicles "Passion"		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★★ Underworld Kate Beckinsale.				Rise of the Planet of the ...			(:50) ★★★ Terminator 2: Judgement Day				
PLEX			96			(:10) ★★ Enemy Mine Dennis Quaid.				★ One Crazy Summer			(:35) ★ White Water Summer			(:05) Poltergeist ...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) The Back-U...		No Look Pass ('11, Doc)			★★★ Source Code			(:05) Mike Epps Presents			Movie
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) ★★★ Nine		Last Night Keira Knightley.			(:35) ★★★★ The King's Speech				(:35) My Last Five Girlfriends		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Barter Kings	Barter Kings	Barter Kings	Barter Kings	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	CSI "Special Delivery"		★★ Open Range ('03, West) Kevin Costner, Robert Duvall.						★★ Open Range Robert Duvall.			
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		★★ Hot Boyz ('00, Act) Silkk The Shocker.				★ Frankenhood ('09, Com) DeRay Davis.				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		80 Plates		Real Housewives		Million Listing (N)		80 Plates (N)		Watch (N)	80 Plates		Listing
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Cocaine Cowboys				American Greed		Mad Money		Bio. "Dave Thomas"	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		American Guns (N)		Fast N' Loud (N)		American Guns		Fast N' Loud	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	A.N.T.	Babysitter	Good Luck Charlie		Austin	Jessie	Shake Up	Shake Up	Babysit.	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NBA Draft Preview (L)		MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark (L)						SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Baseball Tonight (L)		Softball (L)				NFL Live (N)		ESPY Nomination (N)		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Movie	Daddy	Melissa	Daddy	★★ Austin Powers in Goldmember				The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "Scrimmages"		Rest. "Pastori's"		Restaurant		Rest. "Chatterbox"		Food Network Star		Restaurant	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Ultimate Insider	WPT Poker L.A. Classic	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Two 1/2...	★★ Forgetting Sarah Marshall Jason Segel.					★★ Anger Management Adam Sandler.				Movie
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Income	Cousins	Property Brothers (N)		HouseH	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Cajun (N)	Cajun (N)	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Coming Home		Dance Moms		Wife Swap	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				Swimming		Red Bull Signature		Costas Tonight		★★ American Flyers Kevin Costner.				Swimming	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Diamond Divers		Diamond Divers (N)		Diamond Divers		Auction	Auction
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	School Spirits		Haunted Collector		Haunt.Collector (N)		School Spirits (N)		Haunted Collector		School Spirits	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Mango"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Men at Work	The Office
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) The Family...		★★ Delicious ('31, Mus) Janet Gaynor.				Immigr.	Anything Can Happen (Rom) Jose Ferrer.				Movie
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Maid en Manhattan		Corazon valiente		Relaciones Peligrosa		Al rojo	La diosa coronada		Decision
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Sister Wives "Leaving the Nest"		Sister Wives "Post-Show"		The Man With the 200 lb Tumor		Twintervention		The Man With the 200 lb Tumor		Twintervention	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Caviar Emptor"		Law & Order "Fixed"		Dallas "The Last Hurrah" (N)		The Mentalist "Like a Redheaded Stepchild"		Dallas "The Last Hurrah"		Great Escape "Escape From Alcatraz"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Home I.	Home I.	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	SoulMan	The Exes	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Dagger"		NCIS "Short Fuse"		Royal Pains "Dawn of the Med" (N)		Necessary Rough "Slumpbuster" (N)		Suits "The Choice"		Royal Pains "Dawn of the Med"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		America's Funniest Home Videos		Christine "Popular"	Christine "Traffic"

Health department offers food safety tips

From Staff Reports

With the Fourth of July holiday approaching, Midland Health Department urges those cooking out to remember food safety. Wash hands and surfaces before cooking and be sure to separate raw meats from other ingredients such as vegetables and fruits. Use a separate cutting board and knife for raw meats to avoid cross-contamination.

Use a food thermometer when cooking meat. Steaks, pork chops and fish should reach 145 degrees, hamburgers should reach 160 degrees and poultry and hot dogs should reach 165 degrees. When smoking meats in a smoker, the temperature should be between 225 and 300 degrees. Also, remember to keep hot food hot and cold food — such as mayonnaise-based macaroni or potato salads — chilled at 40 degrees.

TALKIN' TEXAS

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

Panhandle towns welcome metal arrows

Giant, colorful arrows 20 feet long are piercing the ground in the 52 panhandle counties. They look like they were shot from a giant bow. It's a project of the Texas Plains Trail and the Southwest Collection of Texas Tech. Charles Smith of New Home is the artist making the arrow sculptures. He's doing it free of charge. Nearly 30 have been installed so far and he is about 40 behind. Some counties have requested two or three arrows.

Charles got into metal sculpture from working on farm equipment. He has made his living farming and running cotton gins. He made some metal palm trees that look so realistic some of his neighbors thought they were real. Soon he was filling requests for the palm trees to be erected in cities across Texas.

In 2004, a friend asked Charles to make an arrow to go in a park. In 2010 some folks from the Texas Plains Trail noticed it, contacted Charles and soon the arrows started appearing in the Panhandle. They mark the Quanah Parker Trail, named for the Comanche chief.

"They have to have some sort of history with Quanah Parker passing through the area, or having a battle or living there for awhile," said Charles. "He roamed from Kansas to Mexico, so everybody in the whole area is eligible." Counties must request the arrows and research their historical connections to Quanah Parker.

Charles says when an arrow is installed, workers dig a hole one foot wide and two feet deep. "They put a shaft 20 inches into the ground and cement it in." The arrows have been known to be sturdy enough to withstand winds of 90 miles an hour. Sometimes the arrows "sing" when wind rushes through the "feathers" at the top of them.

The arrow shaft is made of 4-inch steel pipe. The feathers are made of quarter-inch rods. The arrow point itself is made of angle iron and heavy sheet metal. Charles says it takes two people two days to make one.

"We have about 20 stacked up by the shop now that we will paint and start delivering. Yellow, blue and red are Comanche colors and we put those bands on the arrow shaft to identify them as Comanche arrows."

The arrows have become focal points for communities. "This project is the largest public art project in the United States," said Charles. "We cover 50,000 square miles in the 52 counties in the top of Texas. I'm really enjoying it. I've met so many great people. It's great to be a part of something that will be here for ages to come."

When he's hauling the arrows around, people ask him about them. "I was in Brownfield the other day and I had three of them on my trailer. A man came up and asked me what they were for. I told him I had heard about some giant jackrabbits around Andrews and I was just going rabbit hunting."

The original arrow was inspired to depict Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's line, "I shot an arrow into the air; it fell to the ground I know not where."

New York writer explains 'the Texas effect'

By Maggie Galehouse
Houston Chronicle

The cover of Gail Collins' latest book shows a cowboy hat — a BIG cowboy hat — perched on top of the Washington monument. As bold as this illustration is, the title is bolder: "As Texas Goes ... How the Lone Star State Hijacked the American Agenda."

No matter how that title strikes you (amusing? irritating? anger-inducing? absolutely correct?), at least Collins has the guts to venture into Texas this month on a book tour, interact with actual Texans and defend her point of view.

Texas politics, Collins said, springs from an empty-place ethos, the notion nearly any amount of government is too much government. "As Texas Goes" argues Texans and Texas laws have been the driving force behind some big national nightmares, including the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s, the deregulation of financial markets, No Child Left Behind and the tea party.

So far, Collins has toured only Northern states, but she gets the same question at every stop: How do you think Texans will react to the book?

"I have always said the people of Texas are extremely hospitable and generous," Collins told me, on the phone from Seattle. "And I am going to rely on that to get me through this book tour."

So remember that, readers, when Collins' visit to the Alamo prompts the following observation: " ... to be brutally honest, there isn't all that much to see at the Alamo. Part of the old mission church and a small segment of the barracks have been preserved, but the only fully realized section is the gift shop."

Or when you get to the part of the book that says: "For all its energy, Houston proper is a stupendously ugly city, and many of the suburbs have a mind-numbing sameness."

Here's the thing. It isn't that Collins is wrong, exactly. Houston has never made any "Most Beautiful Cities" list and the Alamo is surprisingly low-scale when you consider how large it looms in the state's consciousness. But on the flip side (and even Collins acknowledges a flip side), the Houston area has loads of affordable housing, and San Antonio doesn't need another theme park.

If you live in Texas and like it — even if you're a Democrat, even if you were born elsewhere — reading her book feels a bit like listening to a stranger talk trash about an old friend.

It's OK if you complain about the friend, but if someone else does it? With an outsider's breezy authority? Hell, no.

When I told Collins all this, she laughed and said: "And it's worse that I'm from New York, although I grew up in Ohio."

Gov. Rick Perry started it. He got her attention when he talked secession at a tea party rally. It wasn't so much secession that intrigued her, it was the mood of the crowd.

"The anger you saw in those rallies," Collins said, "the sense of anger about the federal government was so startling and interesting to me, given that Texas has been running things more than any other state in the union."

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Yesterday's Answer: ABACK, GUILD; GENIE, DITTO; CANAL, PEEVE; LAUGH, HELLO

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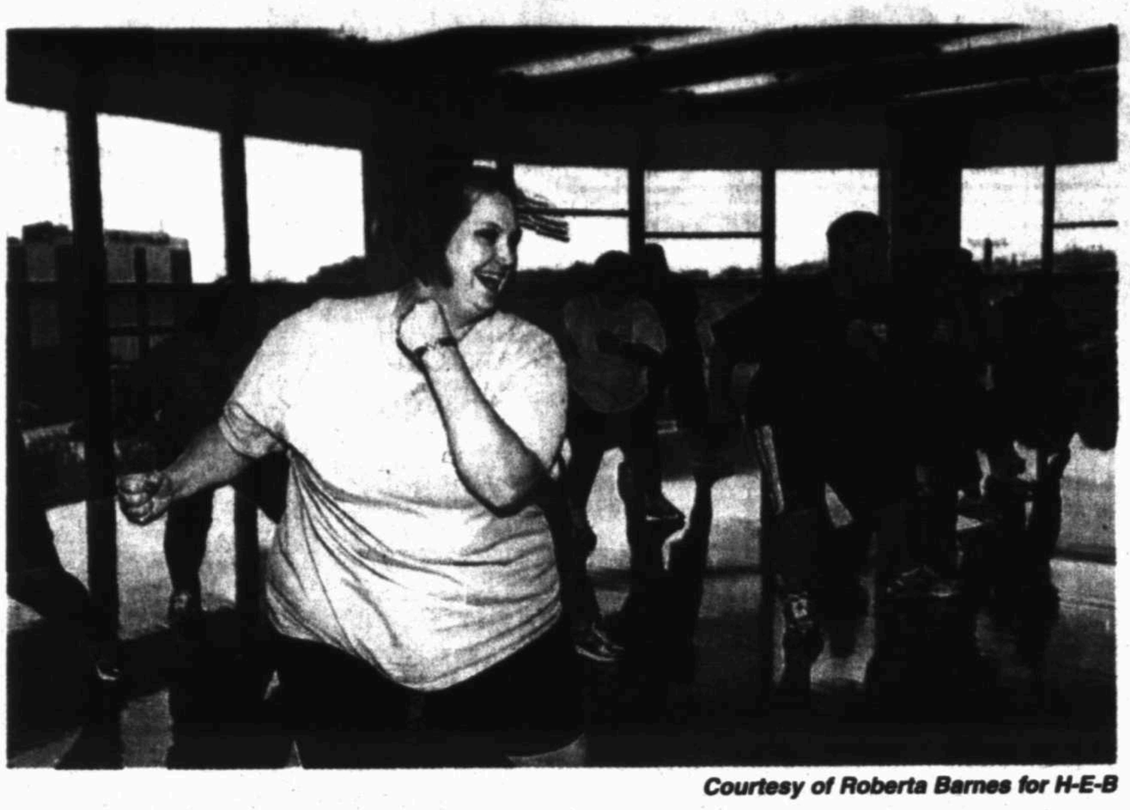

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H-E-B Slim Down Showdown contestant Kayla Nichols, of Big Spring, participates in a Zumba class, above left, during an intensive wellness program in San Antonio earlier this month. ABOVE RIGHT: Nichols shops with an H-E-B dietician who helps her read food labels and make healthy choices June 19 at H-E-B in Midland.

CONTEST

From 1B

pate in the 16-week contest.

"I was emotional because I really, really wanted it and I knew I needed this," she said.

Earlier this month, Nichols and other contestants kicked off the event with a 4 1/2- day intensive wellness program in San Antonio. The group underwent individual health screenings through Methodist Healthcare, participated in exercise sessions and had one-on-one meetings with fitness and nutrition coaches from Cooper Aerobics Center.

Cooking demonstrations were held at the Culinary Institute of America where Nichols learned to make kid-friendly meals such as homemade chicken nuggets and king ranch casserole.

After returning home, Nichols did a pantry makeover that included a $200 shopping trip to H-E-B in Midland. She was accompanied by a dietitian who helped her read labels and make healthy choices.

"My dietitian followed me around and made sure I understand how to read the food labels," she said. "The things that they showed me were better and I actually liked it."

With a 4-year-old son and a 2-year-old daughter, Nichols predicts one of her biggest challenges will be teaching her children to make healthier choices.

"I've already put them in a mindset that just because they're fun and active ... they can have whatever," she said.

ONLINE

■ To follow Kayla Nichols' progress, check out her blog at www.heb.com/slimdown.

"They're eating junkier foods instead of good, healthy options."

She hopes to change that mindset with her example.

"I want to be able to show them my before pic and say, 'But look, because I ate healthier and I did healthier things this is how I look now,'" she said.

She also hopes her example can help others.

Each Slim Down contestant must blog about their progress and share information and tips they've learned.

Though this will be Nichols' first time to blog, she's looking forward to the opportunity.

"This is one way that I can love others, help them get healthy and help them get their bodies healthy," she said. "To win would be nice but the knowledge they've given us is more than any amount of money they can get us. It's really about helping other people."

The contestants will return to San Antonio in August and winners will be announced in October. Winners will be selected for the $10,000 grand prize and $5,000 fan favorite prize based on weight loss, improved health markers, community engagement and personal engagement.

For now, Nichols is making plans with H-E-B stores in Big Spring and Midland to hand out copies of an upcoming issue of H-E-B's magazine that features the contestants. She plans to hand out copies to customers at the Big Spring store 11 a.m. Monday.

"For H-E-B to give us so much information and to really give us no excuses was really overwhelming," she said. "They're giving us every single thing to succeed."

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10TH ANNIVERSARY

Midland Habitat for Humanity is celebrating the ReSTORE's 10th anniversary with a Customer Appreciation Day sale

Where: 305 E. Texas Ave.

When: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday

Details: Hot dogs and sodas will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Info: For more information or to volunteer, call the Habitat office at 686-8877.

RESTORE

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DeLeon put away his nails and hammer in 2002 to become director of the store, but the stories he heard and the people he worked beside to provide housing over his first year with Habitat served as reminders of the importance of his new job. He remembers new homeowners bringing workers lemonade in the summers and hot chocolate in the winters as he and Habitat volunteers built their houses along Kansas Avenue.

"I can say I've had my hands on every single one of the houses on the block," he said.

The beginning days of ReSTORE were uncertain times, DeLeon admitted, as Habitat employees had to create budgets without knowing how many donations they'd receive in those first years.

"We're working with our eyes closed and we've got a budget to hit," he said. "All you're going to get is what gets donated."

The store continues to grow; its sales revenues have increased almost every year from $83,000 in 2004 to more than $223,000 last year. Three years ago, the store moved from its 6,000-square foot facility on Florida Avenue to its current, larger location on Texas Avenue.

"We have to learn to do with what we have," he said. "It's more rewarding that way, to accomplish your goal with what you have."

Though DeLeon has his hands in everything from unloading and stocking to cleaning the store's bathroom, it's the handful of volunteers who have been with the store from its opening that make the retail outlet tick.

"Our volunteers I think are the core of Habitat, and especially at ReSTORE," he said. "They give their time and work and most importantly are consistent."

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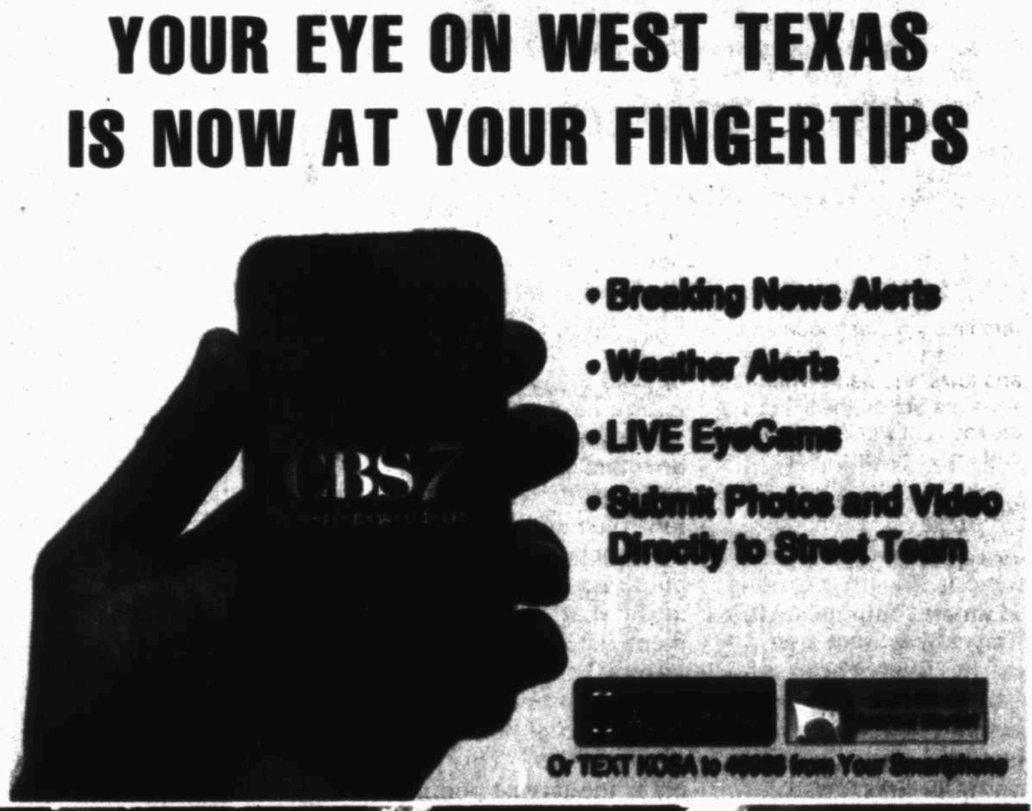

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South Pittsburg, Tenn., is home to the company Joseph Lodge opened in 1896 where he built a foundry to produce his line of cast iron skillets, Dutch ovens, griddles, kettles and grill pans. Today, the Lodge Manufacturing Company is the oldest family-owned cookware company in the United States.

Cast iron cookware is a favorite among many cooks because it gets very hot and retains an even heat. Pans are available in various sizes and shapes. Properly cared for, cast iron products can last a lifetime.

Before using a cast iron pan, it must be properly seasoned. Make sure all labels are removed from the pan. Wash, rinse and dry the cast iron piece. Grease the inside of the pan with Crisco or any solid shortening as you would for a cake. Put the greased pan in a preheated 350 oven for one hour. Remove and cool. Any time your pan looks dry, you can repeat this process to keep the cooking surface in good condition.

When the pan is dirty, do not be tempted to use soap to clean it or you will remove the seasoning you have built up through usage. Wipe with a damp paper towel and then dry in a low oven for a few minutes until the moisture is gone.

If you have a glass stove top, you may want to use your cast iron in the oven only. The bottom can scratch the surface of the stove top and the weight of the pan can crack it if you accidentally bang it on the stove. I use mine primarily in the oven because of this. When I do use cast iron, I have great results and the texture on recipes such as cornbread can't be beat.

Corn Filled Cornbread

From "Keepers"

1/2 cup vegetable oil, plus up to 1/8 cup for greasing pan
1 cup self-rising cornmeal*
1/2 cup self rising flour*
1 cup cream style corn
2 eggs
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese, optional

Preheat oven to 375. Generously season a cast iron skillet with up to 1/8 cup vegetable oil. Preheat the pan either in the oven or on the stove over medium-high heat. Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl, stirring with a wooden spoon or rubber spatula until combined. Pour batter into the preheated cast iron skillet. Place skillet in the oven and bake until golden brown, approximately 30 minutes. *You can substitute 1 1/2 cups Aunt Jemima Corn Meal Mix for the self-rising cornmeal and self-rising flour.

Spanish Frittata

From "Mad Hungry"

2 Tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 onion, chopped (3/4 cup)
1 large potato, peeled, cooked, and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 1/2 teaspoons coarse salt
8 large eggs, beaten

Preheat the broiler. Heat a 12-inch cast iron skillet over medium heat. Swirl in the olive oil. Add the onion and sauté until translucent, about 3 minutes. Add the potato and 1/2 teaspoon of the salt. Continue to cook and occasionally stir until the onion and potato are slightly browned, 5 to 6 more minutes.

Add the eggs and the remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt. Swirl them around the pan and lower the heat. When the eggs are set on the side but the top is still loose, place the pan under the broiler for 2 minutes. The frittata will turn slightly golden and puff up before it settles. Cut into wedges to serve.

Ham and Sausage Muffins

From "The Lodge Cast Iron Cookbook'

1 Tablespoon butter
1/2 cup finely chopped green bell pepper
1/2 cup finely chopped green onions
1/2 cup plus 2 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 large egg
1/2 cup buttermilk
1/3 cup finely chopped ham
1/3 cup finely chopped cooked sausage

Preheat the oven to 400. Grease 2 (6-cup) cast iron muffin pans. In a small cast iron skillet, melt the butter and cook the bell pepper and green onions over medium heat until softened but not browned, stirring constantly.

In a large bowl, sift together the flour, cornmeal, baking soda, and salt. In a medium bowl, beat the egg, then stir in the buttermilk. Add the egg mixture to the flour mixture all at once, stirring only until blended; do not over stir. Carefully fold in the ham, sausage, and bell pepper mixture, along with any butter left in the skillet.

Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin pans, filling each well full. Bake until nicely browned, about 20 minutes. Cool in pans 5 minutes. Remove the muffins from the pans and cool completely on a wire rack.

Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

From "The Pioneer Woman Cooks"

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup butter (1 stick)
1/2 cup shortening
1 1/2 cups milk
2 large eggs
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
One (20-ounce) can sliced pineapple, 2 Tablespoons juice reserved
1 1/3 cups packed brown sugar
Maraschino cherries (optional)

Preheat oven to 350. For cake, in large mixing bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt, sugar, 1/2 cup butter (1/2 of the stick), shortening, milk, eggs, vanilla and reserved pineapple juice. Mix until well combined. Set aside. Melt the remaining 1/2 cup butter in a 10 or 12-inch cast iron skillet over medium heat. Swirl to thoroughly coat the skillet. Sprinkle the brown sugar over the butter, making sure it's evenly distributed. Do not stir. As soon as the sugar dissolves, place a layer of pineapple slices over the top. If desired, place cherries in the center of the pineapple slices. Pour the batter evenly over the pineapple slices. Gently spread to even out the surface.

Bake the cake for 30 to 40 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. The cake will be slightly uneven on top, but don't worry. Immediately run a knife around the edge of the cake. Then place a cake plate upside down on top of the skillet and flip the cake so it ends upside down and the pineapple is showing on top. Best when served warm.

Fresh Peach Crumb Coffee Cake

From "The Lodge Cast Iron Cookbook"

Topping:
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/2 cup (1 stick) salted butter, melted

Cake:
1/2 cup (1 stick) salted butter, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup sour cream
2 large eggs
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 pound ripe peaches (3-4 medium, peeled, pitted and sliced)

Preheat the oven to 350. Liberally butter the bottom of a 10-inch cast iron skillet. Place all the topping ingredients in a medium bowl and mix well to make a dense, smooth dough; set aside.

To make the cake batter, cream the butter and granulated sugar in a large bowl with an electric mixer until smooth. Add the sour cream, eggs, and vanilla and beat well. Place the flour, baking soda and baking powder in a small bowl, stirring to combine; add to the batter all at once, stirring well to combine. The batter will be stiff.

Smooth the batter into the prepared skillet. Arrange the peach slices on top in a single layer. Crumble the topping mixture into big chunks and sprinkle on top of the peaches. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out with crumbs clinging to it, about 45 minutes. (The cake will remain quite moist because of the peaches, but be sure you don't have streaks of raw batter on the toothpick.) Cool a little before cutting into wedges.

Apricot-Pecan Cinnamon Rolls

From Southern Living, September 2006

1 (28.4-ounce) package frozen biscuits
1 (6-ounce) package dried apricots
All purpose flour
1/2 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted
1 cup powdered sugar
3 Tablespoons milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Arrange frozen biscuits, with sides touching, in 3 rows of 4 biscuits on a lightly floured surface. Let stand 30 to 45 minutes or until biscuits are thawed but still cool to the touch. Pour boiling water to cover over dried apricots, and let stand 10 minutes; drain well. Chop apricots.

Sprinkle thawed biscuits lightly with flour. Press biscuit edges together, and pat to form a 10x12-inch rectangle of dough; spread evenly with softened butter. Stir together brown sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle evenly over butter. Sprinkle chopped apricots and pecans evenly over brown sugar mixture.

Roll up, starting at one long end; cut into 12 (about 1-inch thick) slices. Place rolls into a lightly greased 10-inch cast-iron skillet, 10-inch round pan, or 9-inch square pan. Bake at 375 for 24 to 40 minutes or until center rolls are golden brown and done, cool slightly.

Stir together 1 cup powdered sugar, 3 Tablespoons milk and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla; drizzle evenly over rolls.

Country-Fried Steak

From "The Ultimate Southern Living Cookbook"

1/3 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 1/2 pounds cubed steak
1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 small onions, sliced
1 cup water
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup brewed coffee
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Combine first 3 ingredients; cut steak into serving sized pieces. Dredge in flour mixture. Brown steaks in hot oil in batches in a 10-inch cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. Remove steak from skillet; set aside. Add onion to drippings in skillet; cook 5 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally.

Return steak to skillet; add water, and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 45 minutes or until tender. Remove steak, reserving drippings in skillet. Add 1/2 cup flour to drippings in skillet, stirring until smooth. Gradually add milk and coffee; cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until gravy is thickened. Stir in Worcestershire sauce, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Serve steak with gravy.

Impress the Yankees Fried Chicken Tenders

From "My Southern Food"

12 chicken tenders
3 cups buttermilk, divided
2 teaspoons salt, divided
1 teaspoon pepper, divided
3 teaspoons Cajun seasoning, divided
2 large eggs
1/2 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
2 cups vegetable oil for deep-frying
2 cups all-purpose flour

Soak the chicken tenders, covered, in the refrigerator in 2 cups of the buttermilk overnight or for at least 8 hours. The next day, remove the tenders from the milk and put them in a large bowl. Discard the milk. In a small bowl, combine 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper and 1 1/2 teaspoons of the Cajun seasoning. Cover the chicken tenders thoroughly with the spice mixture. In a separate small bowl, beat the eggs well and then add the remaining one cup buttermilk and the Tabasco sauce, continuing to beat well. In a large cast-iron skillet, heat the oil to 375 degrees.

Test the temperature of the oil with flour. It should bubble when ready. Combine the flour with the remaining 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper and 1 1/2 teaspoons Cajun seasoning. Coat the individual tenders with the egg mixture and then coat with the seasoned flour. Carefully place in the hot oil. Fry several tenders at a time until golden brown, 6 to 8 minutes, turning often. Transfer to a platter lined with paper towels and serve hot.

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> **— David Gilbert**
> executive chef at Sustenio in San Antonio

Watermelon secret: It's all about the thump

By Jessica Elizarraras
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — For Bay Laxson, it's all about the thump.

As owner of Orange Blossom Farm in Carrizo Springs, Laxson takes a hands-on approach to harvesting his watermelons. Daughter Jada Baker, who helps Laxson during weekend trips to Pearl Farmers Market, describes the process of picking a great watermelon.

"The underside should be yellow-white (from where it's been sitting)," Baker said. "The stripes will also change when the melon is ready."

Don't be afraid to give the melon a thump or two. Laxson, who grows about 5 acres of watermelons from March through June — the fruit's peak season — thumps every last one of the watermelons he harvests.

"There's a sound to it," Baker said, "My dad listens for a ring-back sound."

If the sound is flat, then the watermelon is overripe.

"It's neat to watch him do it," Baker said. "We often have people to come thump them at the markets — people get into it."

Laxson is one of dozens of Texas watermelon growers who spend the late part of the spring harvesting these summer favorites.

According to the National Watermelon Promotion Board, watermelon is grown in 44 states with Florida, Texas, California, Georgia and Arizona leading the country in production.

In other words, watermelon is plentiful and popular, especially around Luling, where, for the past 59 years, folks have paid homage to the fruit with the annual Watermelon Thump.

Jamie Nickells, executive secretary and chairman of seed spitting for the Luling Watermelon Thump, said the festival goes through "quite a few" watermelons in a span of four days.

This year's Thump will host 25 growers competing for the Champion Watermelon award using Black Diamond watermelons.

"Last year's champion weighed in at 74 pounds and was auctioned off for $10,300," Nickells said.

The auction's record still holds at $22,500.

While watermelon might hearken back to childhood summers by the pool and picnics, local chefs are testing the fruit's versatility.

David Gilbert, executive chef at Sustenio in San Antonio, has made sorbets, infused sodas, spheres and ice cubes with watermelon. But the fun doesn't stop there. Gilbert, who preferred the rind of the watermelon as a child, now compresses the rind with pickling liquid and shaves it over salads and crudo plates. The breakfast menu also includes vacuum-sealed, compressed watermelon, often infused with pickled ginger, mint or galangal, a fragrant Thai root.

"There's a perception of watermelon, and people always put it in the summertime," Gilbert said. "You immediately start to think 'cool, refreshing.' We're trying to take watermelon and bring people back to those places in summer."

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TODD

From 1B

Planters Gin, had just taken on management of the Southland Gin. The daughter, after spending her high-school junior year in Midland, had become acclimated to the city and its cliques. She dreaded leaving.

"Oh, hush," chided her mother, wishing to console her darling. "You will probably meet a nice young man there and marry him."

"Yeah," Shirley spouted. "Some hick."

Sure enough, Shirley Hambright, by age 17 in early 1950, did wed the handsomely robust 6-foot Bobby Trimble, age 19, while he was on leave in the United States Army. And thus began their vibrant life together.

Saddled up, the couple in 1953 settled in Midland where the enterprising Trimble developed his 42-year career as an oil scout. He retired in 1995 at age 65. After that, he delved full time into the CIA ministry in which the Trimble daughters, Tracye Vaughan, who is CIA's executive director, and Sherry Sigler, are involved along with their volunteer husbands, house captains Michael Vaughan and Steve Sigler.

All the while, the stout-hearted and keep-'em-honest Bobby Trimble was at the helm or, as his plucky wife would say, maybe so, but God Almighty was in control. Even today, at age 82, Bobby, adept with hammer, saw and drill, mounts the ladder, climbs onto roofs to toil and, always, promotes CIA.

In 1972, the Trimble couple were 22 years into their marriage when CIA was seeded in Trimble's Alamo Heights Baptist Church's Sunday school class. Volunteers sprang forth to repair houses of church members in need of assistance.

By the next year, the ministry became a community calling to perform minor and major repairs of houses of the elderly needy and the handicapped. Goodwill volunteers, individuals and folks from churches and businesses and such, repaired houses from the foundation to the roof's pinnacle, the works, to ensure modern conveniences from running water to summertime cooling fans.

The citizenry-funded CIA, recognized nationally and on the homefront from presidents and governors to mayors and neighbors, is fulfilling what Trimble calls the abbreviated "Reader's Digest" version of the Bible in James Chapter 2. Verse 17 says, "faith, if it hath not works, is dead." Scripture there and in Matthew 25 exhort believers (and surely all able people) to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and the imprisoned, bury the dead.

Indeed, Bobby, one of 17 farm-raised children, indeed did bury the dead at the behest of his father who had volunteered to dig graves.

The day after the Hambright family had settled in Southland 64 years ago, a neighborly horseback girl, Betty, rode by the cotton gin, leading a saddled horse, and asked Shirley if she wanted to ride around town.

Sure.

They moseyed over to a Phillips 66 service station.

Shirley, pretty on her mount and thirsty, asked the teenage attendant for a Coca-Cola.

"Get down and get it yourself," replied the seemingly brazen, certainly straightforward Bobby Trimble. "This is not a drive-in.'

Feisty and none too pleased, she dismounted, spent a nickel, saddled up and didn't forget the plainspoken youngster.

That evening, he drove by her house, unannounced, in work clothes just as she was heading out on a blind double date that displeased her.

"Here's Romeo who told me to 'get down and get it' myself," Shirley said.

Not particularly subtle, she asked Bobby, "Why didn't you come earlier?"

"That's the beginning of our falling in love," Shirley said.

The next evening after work, Bobby Trimble, a fast-pitch softball hurler, appeared at the Hambright place driving his 1930 Model A Ford, which he had bought for $120. He was dashingly donned in his softball uniform, which heightened her smittenness. Since he was "too cute," she said nothing when her white dress got snagged as she boarded the Model A.

Away to the Army went Bobby, and the exchange of love letters began.

By the time she was graduated from Southland High School in 1949, Shirley had won "all sorts of typing contests," typed 100 words per minute, "pretty much error free," on the manual typewriter. (Today, closing in on 80 years, she types just as efficiently, if not faster, on her IBM Selectric II.) As the school's salutatorian, she was offered numerous college scholarships. But in 1950, she opted for her sweetheart.

As Shirley recalled, the forthright Bobby Trimble, then as now, was witty, debonair, smart and forthright. As Bobby acknowledged, Shirley, then and now, was "pretty, had a good sense of humor, definitely spunky, but I didn't (then) know how smart she was." He soon learned.

Blessed with "amazingly good health" and vitality, Bobby and Shirley Trimble's love and lives are "so knitted together" just as is their love for others. "I have the heart for the down-and-out just like he has."

The "born-again" Shirley Trimble was "called into the ministry of witnessing" just as he was called by the Lord to use his talents to ensure adequate housing for elderly and disabled people, God's children in need. "It is amazing," Shirley said. "I'd say he (Bobby) really cleaned up good" for a fellow she imagined might be that "some hick" and not the saintly soul he turned out to be.

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NEIL SPERRY

"Neil Sperry's Texas Gardening" can be heard 11 a.m.-noon Saturdays on KCRS (AM 550). He can be contacted at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Snails, slugs may be to blame for plant damage

Dear Neil: What would strip probably 80 percent of the leaves off impatiens stems and sweet potato vines overnight? I have seen no rabbits.

Answer: It sounds like snail and slug damage. They're nocturnal. You usually can see their slime trails across bark mulch, sidewalks and remaining foliage if they're the culprits. Sevin dust works well for them. You can apply it, then rinse the plants thoroughly 48 hours later. For the record, some prefer putting a shallow pan of beer flush with the soil. The pests are attracted to the fermenting smell. They tumble in and die. However, it's not especially attractive, and it takes a good bit longer to finish its work.

Dear Neil: I have several patchy areas in my St. Augustine. They seem to be dying, and the patches get progressively larger each year. They are in shade, but the rest of the yard is in sun, and it's doing well until these patches enlarge. Could this be because of poor drainage? The patches appear to be low perhaps because of erosion after the grass dies.

Answer: If I were a betting person, I'd give 99 percent odds to insufficient lighting. I couldn't have written a better description of grass that has died because of excessive shade if I did so myself. St. Augustine is our most shade-tolerant grass, but even it requires 4 to 6 hours of sunlight daily to remain active and vigorous. The direct correlation of shade and dying grass in your yard is the only clue I need. Your options would be to remove a lower branch or two from your trees, so light can creep in early and late in the day. If that fails, you'll need to switch over to a shade-tolerant groundcover such as mondograss, purple wintercreeper euonymus, Asian jasmine, liriope or others. On a personal note, I have replaced probably 95 percent of my turfgrass with groundcover in the 35 years we have lived in the same home. Our house is within a forest of large native pecans. Between my own experiences and having seen so many home lawns with the same issues you're facing, I'd almost guarantee my answer.

Dear Neil: I was given this plant back in November, and I'm amazed I haven't killed it. I was told it's in the cactus family, so I'm wondering how often and how much it should be watered?

Answer: This is a pencil plant, or Euphorbia tirucalli. It's a succulent plant, but it is in no way related to the cactus plant family. Cacti are all native to the Western Hemisphere, while succulent euphorbias are native to the Eastern Hemisphere, notably Africa. In fact, this plant is very closely related to poinsettias (sisters from the same genus). Give it well-draining soils with 50 percent sphagnum peat moss, 25 percent pine bark mulch and 25 percent expanded shale, sand or perlite. That mix won't retain a lot of water, so when you begin to see a small crack forming around the side wall of the potting soil, you can water again. Be sure your pot has a functioning drain hole. Pencil plants get very large, heavy and bulky. (They're small trees in their native homes.) You may opt to break off a few "pencils" and root some new plants once in a while.

Dear Neil: I have a large oak tree that was hit by lightning more than a month ago. I put a large chain around it, so the trunk wouldn't split any more. It is still green. What should I do?

Answer: You need the help of a certified arborist as quickly as possible. The chain can do a great deal of damage. If the tree can be saved, the arborist probably will suggest cabling it high in its canopy. Think of a wishbone, and picture putting a piece of fine piano wire between the ends of the wishbone. Once the wire was in place, it would be very difficult to break the wishbone. Cabling provides that same type of support. They also may suggest putting all-thread rod through the trunk at several places. I hired that help for a bur oak tree two years ago, and it's been amazing to watch it begin its healing. But, time is wasting. Get a pro on site.

Dear Neil: What would cause tomatoes to turn to watery mush? They just rot on the vine. They do not smell bad.

Answer: Texas A&M calls a disorder of ripe tomato fruit "cottony leak," and it's characterized by fruit that appears almost normal outside, but that has developed into a watery mass inside. As opposed to the bacterial soft rot I've seen (and smelled) on my own tomatoes from time to time, this one sounds more like what you're describing. Our old friends Pythium, Rhizoctonia and Phytophtora are credited, which says it's a water-mold organism. Keeping the ripening fruit out of direct contact with the ground helps, as will fungicidal sprays. Be careful not to handle healthy fruit and leaves after you have picked and discarded an infected tomato.

ReLeaf

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Shade cloth has many applications in the landscape. It can be used to provide additional shade for people and plants.

Shade cloth comes in a variety of colors and sun block percentages. Add it to the top of a pergola or other open top patio cover for additional shade. It can transform the site from fry-an-egg-hot to a pleasant outdoor room.

If you have newly planted plants or seeds that need some extra care to get established in the heat of summer, fashion a temporary shade cloth tent. This mini shade house will cut the sun's rays, heat and reduce water evaporation to survivable levels. Shade cloth allows wind to blow through without blowing off.

A blanket size piece of shade cloth also is handy for piles of trimmings, weeds and small limbs when working in the garden. Garden debris can be bundled easily onto the sheet of shade cloth for a trip to the compost pile for disposal.

Shade cloth can be used and reused for a very long time. Get some Re-Leaf with a piece of shade cloth.

Limit pruning during summer, but remove dead limbs any time

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The maximum amount of living tissue pruned from your trees should not exceed 15 to 20 percent in any given year. During a drought that percentage is considerably lower. In fact, removal of any branch that is not dead, diseased or rubbing, could cause long-term damage to your trees. Large live branches should be pruned before bud break which translates to late winter or early spring. We call this time, between leaf drop and bud break, the dormant season. For our purposes, the dormant season is the same for evergreen or deciduous trees. During dormancy the pressure of the sap within trees is lower than atmospheric pressure. Pruning after bud break may cause your trees to bleed. This bleeding is usually just a nuisance rather than harmful, however, there are other problems associated with pruning after bud break.

The spring growth flush associated with bud break means winter pruning cuts can develop a callus to cover the wound more quickly. If your trees are pruned in the middle of summer, when they are a little less vigorous and pest activity is higher, the wound may remain exposed to the elements for an extended period of time. Summer pruning of live wood risks infection by fungi, bacteria or boring insects and robs your trees of valuable food producing foliage. Generally, heavy pruning should be avoided in the summer.

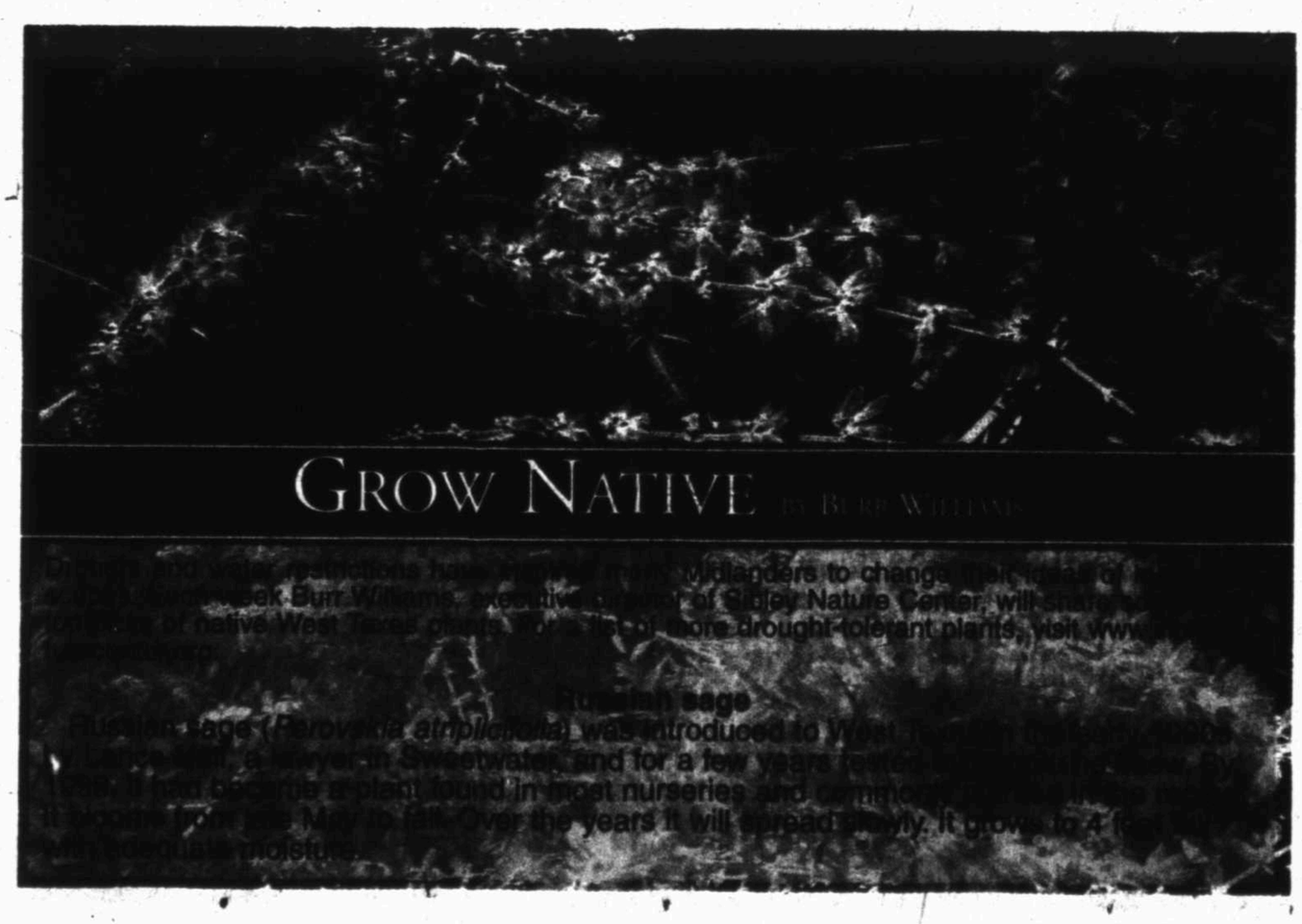
Most people understand the principle of pruning during the dormant season — perhaps too well. There is no need to wait until winter to remove any dead or storm damaged branches from your trees. Dead branches, allowed to remain attached to your trees, can decay or become infested with insects. This represents a potential entryway for pests into healthy wood. After the recent storms, we may have trees with broken branches lurking in the canopy, waiting for a breeze to loosen them from their hold. These hangers could fall onto your home, your car or worse. Take a moment to look up into your trees to see if you have any hazardous branches that need to be addressed before it is too late.

Broken branches should be easy to spot because the leaves usually, though not always, will begin flagging with drying or dead foliage within days of a storm. These branches easily stand out within an otherwise healthy canopy. Sometimes broken branches don't flag with discolored leaves if the supply of water to the distant end of the branch hasn't been sufficiently interrupted. These are a little more difficult to spot, but worth the effort because this type of hanger is as hazardous as the former.

Search the canopy for areas that appear crowded with foliage. Also look for branches that appear twisted or have an unusual angle relative to the normal growth of other branches within your trees. Visually follow these branches back to their point of origin and look for splits or breaks. Twisted and broken branches should be removed as soon as possible.

You also should remove any rubbing branches whenever you spot them. Branches that rub against one another cause the bark to be worn away, exposing the delicate layer of conducting tissues just beneath. Choose one to remain as a nice scaffold branch and remove the other. No need to wait until winter because the rubbing is or soon will be creating a wound.

Don't prune your trees heavily in the summer but it is safe to prune out any dead, broken or rubbing branches any time of year. To learn more about how to prune your trees during drought, contact the Texas Agrilife Extension Service at 686-4700.



'Hounds at the break

Crumbliss a pest at the plate

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Conner Crumbliss can't explain it.

Even after fielding the question countless times since being drafted in the 30th round of the 2009 draft, the RockHounds left fielder, who leads the Texas League in walks and runs scored, can't explain what he sees at the plate that often ends with him walking to first.

But Midland hitting coach Tim Garland can.

"He's going to draw his walks, he's going to see pitches, he's going to stay in the zone, he's going to play his game, doesn't try to do too much," Garland said. "He's one of those pesky guys and other teams hate to see him on the base paths because he's going to manufacture some runs for us."

Dig deeper and you'll find that being a pest comes naturally to Crumbliss — the 25 year old, who will play in the Texas League All-Star game on Thursday, just doesn't go away.

He didn't go away when he graduated high school in Arkansas City, Kan., weighing "about 130 pounds." He just went on to a standout career at Emporia State in which he won Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Player of the Year and led the Hornets to the NCAA Division II National Championship game, hitting a school-record 30 doubles in his final season.

And he didn't go away when the Oakland A's drafted him and promptly began moving him between the infield and outfield early in his professional career. He just embraced the opportunity to play, even stepping on the mound once with the Stockton Ports last season.

"It doesn't bother me either way," Crumbliss said of the position changes. "I like playing any position — it's fine with me."

And the 5-foot-8, 175-pound Crumbliss certainly hasn't gone away this season, leading the RockHounds with 18 stolen bases to go

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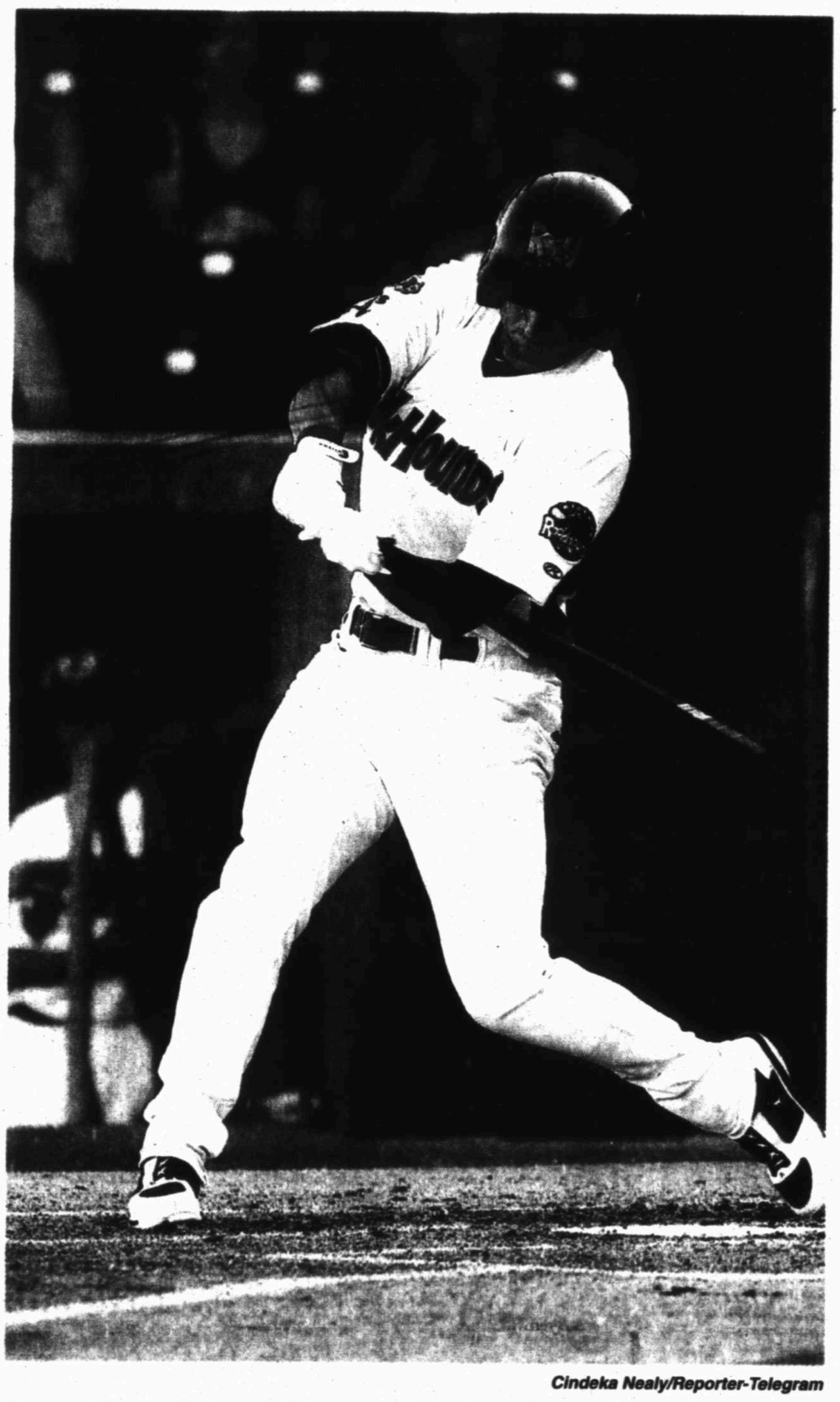

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Midland's Conner Crumbliss leads the game off with a double during a May 16 game against the Frisco RoughRiders at Citibank Ballpark.

Simply put, RockHounds need to play better baseball

OSCAR LEROY
Sports Writer

The Texas League All-Star break couldn't have come at a better time for the Midland RockHounds.

The RockHounds are going through arguably their worst slump of the year as they just finished getting swept by San Antonio in a four-game series and have won just two of their last 11 games. Oh, did I mention that this happened at the friendly confines of Citibank Ballpark?

It was a long 12-game homestand for everybody involved as Midland was 3-9 at its home park with eight games against the Missions and four against first-half South Division champ Frisco.

"I don't think it could come at a better time," said Midland manager Steve Scarsone about the break. "It could have come a couple of days ago. You wonder with the end of the first half six days ago and we were trying to make a run (at the first half South title) and it didn't happen, it would have been nice to have the break right then. No excuses. We still need to go out and play hard every day and play sharp, fundamental baseball, which has not always been the case."

Up until the final week of the first half, the RockHounds were making a run to challenge Frisco for the first-half division title. But it wasn't meant to be as they lost four of their last five games to end the first half, allowing Corpus Christi to overtake them for second place by one game.

Since then, the RockHounds haven't played good baseball. Errors have come back to haunt them, pitchers who were throwing strikes early in the season are having trouble finding the zone, and the biggest culprit to their woes is that their hitting is inconsistent and sometimes nonexistent.

It's not like the Oakland A's organization has purged the RockHounds of hitting talent because of promotion. It's just that some hitters aren't producing like they should at this level. The team is also void of that feared power hitter in the middle of the lineup, which is essential in a Texas League full of powerful, potent hitters.

It also hasn't helped lately that outfielder Shane Peterson is on the disabled list with an ankle injury. Peterson had been one of the team's best hitters in the clutch, and it appears that the rest of the lineup misses his presence. However, there is a good chance that Peterson will return to the lineup after the break.

But if the RockHounds are going to make that run, they're going to need other guys to step up other than Peterson. Who that will be remains to be seen, but it's going to be imperative that the RockHounds improve their .246 team batting average, which ranks seventh in the eight-team Texas League.

The RockHounds also seem to have trouble getting a hit with runners in scoring position. An example came on Monday night — a 2-1 loss to San Antonio — and the RockHounds had runners at second and third with nobody out in the seventh inning. The Missions got out of that inning without allowing a run to score with a strikeout, a groundout back to the pitcher and then a groundout to second base.

Scarsone seems to think some of the young hitters are pressing a little.

"They're trying to be the guy that pops us out of the funk," he said. "Their work habits are good. It's one of those things. We saw before how the next day can totally be opposite, so we're just waiting for that opposite to happen and I think at that point we'll hopefully relax and get back to the winning ways."

Even if the hitters have a revitalization

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INSIDE: See who made the MRT's Texas League All-1st Half team • 2C

Presidents approve college football playoff

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — College football will finally have a playoff. Come 2014, the BCS is dead.

A committee of university presidents on Tuesday approved a plan for a four-team playoff put forward by commissioners of the major football conferences.

The new system doesn't go too far, Virginia Tech President Charles W. Steger said.

"It goes just the right amount," he said.

The move completes a six-month process for the commissioners, which have been working on a new way to determine a major college football champion after years of griping from fans.

"There were differences of views," Steger said. "I think it would be a serious mistake to assume it was a rubber stamp."

Instead of simply matching the nation's No. 1 and No. 2 teams in a championship game after the regular season, the way the Bowl Championship Series has done since 1998, the new format will create a pair of national semifinals.

College football fans have been clamoring for a playoff for years, and the BCS has been a constant target for criticism. Lawmakers have railed against it. A political action committee was formed, dedicated to its destruction. The Justice Department looked into whether it broke antitrust laws. Even President Obama said he wanted a playoff.

Now it's a reality.

No. 1 will play No. 4, and No. 2 will play No. 3 on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The sites of those games will rotate among the four current BCS bowls — Rose, Orange, Fiesta and Sugar — and two more to be determined.

The winners will advance to the championship on the first Monday in January that is six or more days after the last semifinal. The first championship Monday is set for Jan. 12, 2015.

The site of the title game will move around the way the Super Bowl does, with cities bidding for the right to host.

The teams will be selected by a committee, similar to the way the NCAA basketball tournament field is set. The men's tournament has 68 teams, and 37 at-large bids.

The football committee will have a much tougher task, trying to whittle

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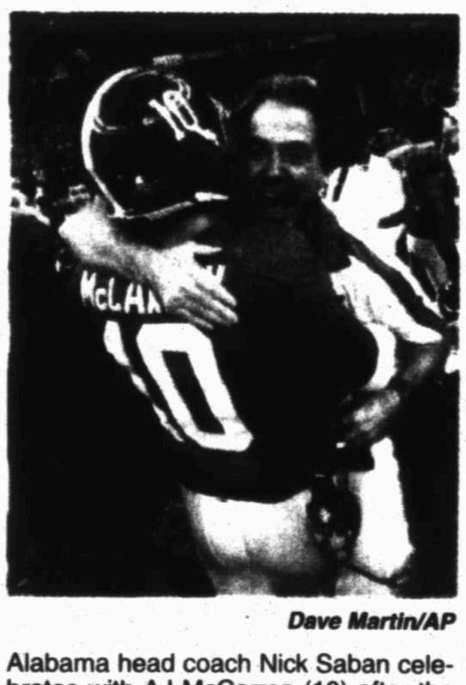
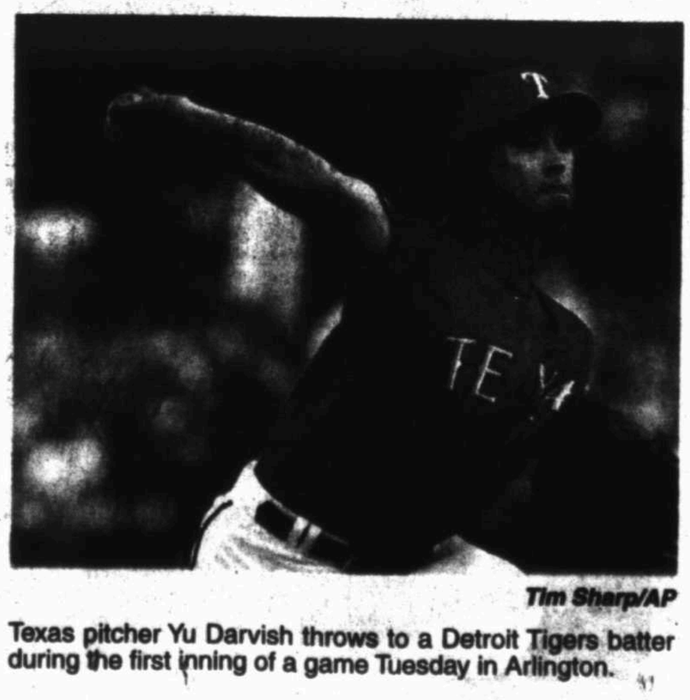


Dave Martin/AP

Alabama head coach Nick Saban celebrates with AJ McCarron (10) after the Crimson Tide won the BCS National Championship game on Jan. 9 in New Orleans. On Tuesday, college presidents approved a playoff format to determine a national champion.



Tim Sharp/AP

Texas pitcher Yu Darvish throws to a Detroit Tigers batter during the first inning of a game Tuesday in Arlington.

Darvish picks up 10 K's, wins for Rangers

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

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ARLINGTON — Yu Darvish struck out 10 in seven innings to win his seventh consecutive start at Rangers Ballpark, a 7-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

After giving up two runs in the first four batters, Darvish (10-4) had his fourth double-figure strikeout game while joining teammate Matt Harrison and Tampa Bay left-hander David Price as the American League's only 10-game winners. The Japanese standout is the first major leaguer since 1995 to win his first seven career home starts.

The AL West-leading Rangers went ahead to stay with a four-run fourth. They were up 5-3 after consecutive RBI singles by Yorvit Torrealba and Brandon Snyder — the Nos. 8 and 9 batters in the lineup.

Josh Hamilton later homered for the second night in a row, his leadoff shot in the seventh was his 24th of the season to match Toronto's Jose Bautista for the major league lead. Hamilton has a majors-best 67 RBIs.

Prince Fielder drove in four runs for the Tigers, including a two-run double in the first, when the temperature was 103 degrees. Three innings later, when the temperature was still in triple digits, Fielder hit his 12th homer to make it 3-1.

Drew Smyly (2-3) was activated from the disabled list to start after being out since June 11 with a blister on his left middle finger. The lefty struck out three while allowing six runs and eight hits over 4 2-3 innings.

Joe Nathan worked a perfect ninth for his 17th save in 18 chances. Mike Adams escaped trouble in the eighth, when the first two batters reached before deep fly balls by Miguel Cabrera and Delmon Young sandwiched an RBI grounder by Fielder.

The Rangers said, according to

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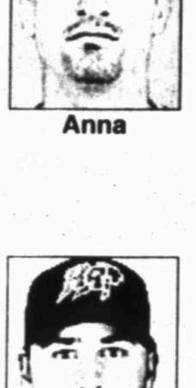
MRT'S TEXAS LEAGUE ALL-1ST HALF TEAM

Solis

C Ali Solis
San Antonio

.303, 5 HR, 32 RBI

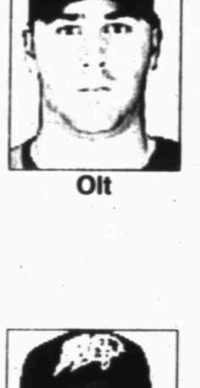
Solis gets the rare distinction of being named to the MRT's Texas League All-First Half Team for the second consecutive year. There's no question that Solis is among the best catchers in the league and he provides solid defense and a reliable bat in the middle of the Missions' lineup. Solis is also the starting catcher for the South Division in Thursday's All-Star Game in Tulsa, Okla.


Freiman

1B Nathan Freiman
San Antonio

.282, 16 HR, 63 RBI

The 6-foot-7, 225-pound prospect for the Missions really stands out among the Texas League crowd. And he's also one of the premier clutch hitters in the league as his league-leading RBI total can attest. Freiman has also been named as a starter in Thursday's Texas League All-Star Game.


Anna

2B Dean Anna
San Antonio

.300, 5 HR, 27 RBI

Anna probably doesn't get the credit he deserves with the Missions, but he is one of the most versatile players on the team and can play anywhere manager John Gibbons puts him. He's also a spark at the top of the Missions' lineup, usually batting in the No. 2 hole. Anna was picked for Thursday's All-Star Game as a reserve infielder.

Olt

3B Mike Olt
Frisco

.305, 20 HR, 58 RBI

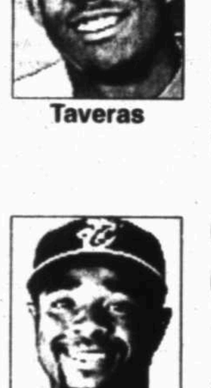
Olt is one of the Texas Rangers' top prospects, and it's easy to see why. Not only is he one of the league's premier hitters, but he gobbles up just about everything hit his way at third base. His 20 homers also leads the league and he is a starter for the South Division in the All-Star Game. He has also been selected to play in the Futures Game.

Profar

SS Jurickson Profar
Frisco

.289. 7 HR, 34 RBI

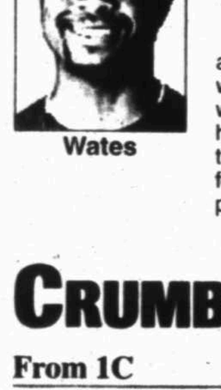
The 19-year-old prospect from Curacao is turning heads just like Elvis Andrus did when he was 19 and coming through the Texas Rangers' farm system. Not only is he a Texas League All-Star but he has been selected to play for the World in the Futures Game. A solid defender, Profar also had a 29-game hitting streak early in the season.


Taveras

OF Oscar Taveras
Springfield

.323, 15 HR, 51 RBI

Taveras is another hot prospect who has been chosen to play in both the Texas League All-Star Game and the Futures Game. Taveras leads the league in batting average and his OPS (on-base plus slugging percentage) of .966 trails only Olt's league-leading 1.009.


Wates

OF Austin Wates
Corpus Christi

.305, 2 HR, 24 RBI

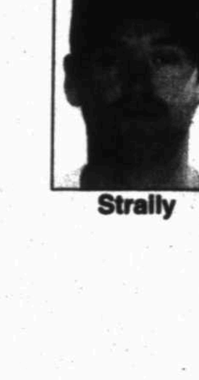
Although he's working his way back from a quad injury, there was no question that when Wates was healthy with the Hooks he was a reliable hitter and defender. He also had 13 stolen bases and three triples with the Hooks in 56 games. Wates was chosen for the All-Star Game but won't be participating because of his injury.

Crumbliss

OF Conner Crumbliss
Midland

.266, 4 HR, 26 RBI

In sharp contrast to Freiman, Crumbliss stands at only 5-foot-8, but there's no denying his worth to the RockHounds. This is a player who constantly hustles and gets on base. Plus, he leads the league in walks with 62 and is a spark plug at the top of the order. He will also play for the South as a reserve outfielder in Thursday's Texas League All-Star Game.


Singleton

DH Jonathan Singleton
Corpus Christi

.295, 11 HR, 42 RBI

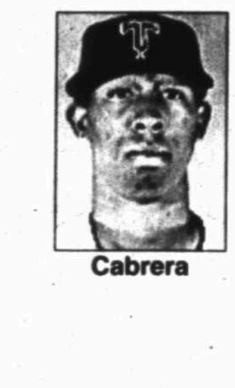
Although he's normally a first baseman, there's no way to leave him off this list as he is a consensus No. 1 prospect in the Houston Astros organization, a Texas League All-Star and has been selected to the Futures Game. Singleton is also a big part of the Hooks' lineup with his potent bat and ability to get on base.

Strally

SP Dan Strally
Midland

3-4, 3.38 ERA

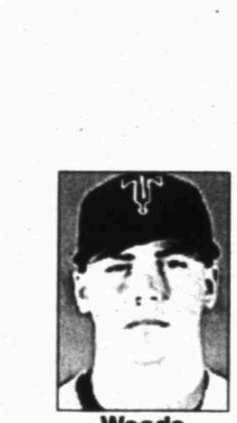
Although his record may not reflect it, Strally was one of the best pitchers in the Texas League up until his recent promotion to Triple-A Sacramento. The former 25th round draft pick out of Marshall University came out of nowhere this year to lead the league in strikeouts with 108 and was named as the Texas League Pitcher of the Week twice. Don't be surprised to see him pitching for Oakland in the near future.


Grimm

SP Justin Grimm
Frisco

8-3, 1.87 ERA

Grimm has already gotten the call-up to the majors as he's pitched two games for the Texas Rangers. Before that, the right-hander was one of the best in the Texas League as he led in ERA and was among the best in wins. He had also struck out 67 and walked just 14 in 77 innings of work.


Cabrera

SP Edwar Cabrera
Tulsa

8-4, 2.94 ERA

Cabrera has been named a starter for the North team in Thursday's Texas League All-Star Game, and he's also been selected to pitch for the World in the Futures Game. Cabrera is the clear-cut ace of the Drillers' pitching staff and it's easy to see why. He's struck out 82 and has walked just 23, plus his WHIP (walks plus hits divided by innings pitched) is the lowest in the league at 0.90.

Woods

RP Coty Woods
Tulsa

3-1, 0.56 ERA, 14 saves

This was a tough selection between Woods and Springfield's Keith Butler, but Woods' minuscule earned run average won out. Cabrera may start the game, but Woods will finish it. He has not only been one of the toughest closers to score against, but opponents are hitting just .202 against him. The Texas League All-Star has also struck out 30 and walked just seven in 32 1/3 innings pitched.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

ANGELS 7, ORIOLES 3

BALTIMORE — Albert Pujols homered in his Camden Yards debut, C.J. Wilson allowed one run in seven innings and the Los Angeles Angels had a season-high 17 hits in a 7-3 win over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night.

Peter Bourjos, Mark Trumbo and John Hester also connected for the Angels, who have won 12 of 16 overall and 12 of their last 13 road games. The four home runs were a season high.

YANKEES 6, INDIANS 4

NEW YORK — Phil Hughes bounced back from a rough outing to pitch eight scoreless innings and Alex Rodriguez hit a long home run for New York.

Hughes (8-6) gave up six hits and a walk to win for the fifth time in six decisions. He lasted only 4 1-3 innings in his previous start.

RED SOX 5, BLUE JAYS 1

BOSTON — Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a tying homer with two outs in the seventh inning and Boston rallied to beat Toronto.

Saltalamacchia's drive to left off reliever Jason Frasor just cleared the Green Monster for his 14th home run, tying it at 1. The Red Sox then loaded the bases on a double, a hit batter and a walk before Dustin Pedroia drove in two with a single.

ROYALS 8, RAYS 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bruce Chen went seven innings in another workmanlike start and Jeff Francoeur and Yuniesky Betancourt both homered for Kansas City, which scored exactly eight runs for the third straight game.

Betancourt hit a two-run shot during a four-run third inning against Chris Archer (0-2). Francoeur added a three-run homer during a four-run eighth.

WHITE SOX 3, TWINS 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Gavin Floyd finally solved the Minnesota Twins with nine strikeouts in seven shutout innings and Alex Rios hit a two-run homer for Chicago.

Floyd (6-7) didn't walk a batter and increased his scoreless streak to 13 1-3 innings while beating the Twins for just the fifth time in 17 career starts. Alexei Ramirez had two hits and an RBI for the first-place White Sox.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ASTROS 5, PADRES 3

HOUSTON — J.D. Martinez hit a two-run homer, Jed Lowrie added a solo shot and the Houston Astros held on for a 5-3 win over San Diego Padres on Tuesday night.

Houston starter Jordan Lyles (2-4) allowed six hits and a run in 6 1-3 innings to break a three-game losing streak and earn his first victory since June 3.

CARDINALS 5, MARLINS 2

MIAMI — Yadier Molina hit a three-run homer and Kyle Lohse pitched into the eighth inning to lead the St. Louis Cardinals past the staggering Miami Marlins 5-2 on Tuesday night for their fifth straight victory.

One night after Molina's tying homer in the ninth inning keyed a huge comeback, St. Louis scored five unearned runs in the first.

REDS 4, BREWERS 3

CINCINNATI — Bronson Arroyo took a no-hitter into the eighth inning before giving up a three-run lead, but Drew Stubbs led off the bottom half with a homer, sending Cincinnati to the victory.

Arroyo allowed only one runner through the first seven innings, hitting Ryan Braun in the first. The slumping Brewers hit only four balls out of the infield during that stretch.

BRAVES 8, DIAMONDBACKS 1

ATLANTA — Tim Hudson pitched eight sharp innings and Atlanta opened its longest homestand of the season with a victory.

PHILLIES 5, PIRATES 4

PHILADELPHIA — Ty Wigginton and Carlos Ruiz homered to back Vance Worley and Philadelphia won its second straight to climb out of last place in the NL East.

CUBS 5, METS 3

CHICAGO — Anthony Rizzo had two hits and drove in the go-ahead run in his first game with the Chicago Cubs, who rallied for a 5-3 victory over the sliding New York Mets on Tuesday night.

NATIONALS 12, ROCKIES 5

DENVER — Adam LaRoche homered twice, Ryan Zimmerman collected his 1,000th career hit and also homered, and the Washington Nationals routed the Colorado Rockies 12-5 on Tuesday night.

CRUMBLISS

From 1C

along with his 62 walks and 51 runs scored, both tops in the Texas League. His 15 doubles and .408 on-base percentage are good for second on the team.

Simply put, Crumbliss is everything you'd want in a leadoff hitter, which isn't surprising considering, outside of his senior year in high school, that's where he's hit since he was in Little League. And his mentality at the plate has yet to fail him in his rise to the Double-A level.

"I go up there and I try to get a good pitch to hit," Crumbliss said. "I'm willing to wait until the third strike if I have to, but I'm just going there, trying to have a good at-bat and get to first base."

That mentality is one that excites Midland manager Steve Scarsone.

"He's kind of a throwback type of guy in the sense that he's willing to work the count as a hitter and sees a bunch of pitches and get on base for us," Scarsone said. "He's been stealing some bags, taking some extra bases — he's just that guy that you love to have at the top of your lineup to spark some rallies."

Added Garland: "You can't ask for too much more than what he gives us. He sets the table for us at that leadoff spot."

Of course, even with the success he's seen in the first half of the season, Crumbliss is still bound and determined to improve his game in every aspect — even his efficiency at the plate.

"I can use improvement everywhere: defense, offense, I can still get better in my approach," Crumbliss. "I don't think you ever get to the point where you can't improve something, so I would say (I need to improve) everything."

Garland said that attitude comes from a fire inside Crumbliss that belies his diminutive stature. Crumbliss doesn't plan on going away anytime soon and it shows in his work ethic.

"(He's a) hard worker, very dedicated, wants to get to the big leagues very badly," Garland said. "His desire to get to the big leagues is tremendous.

"The way he goes about his business on a daily basis, I have a lot of respect for him the way he does that. He's a perfectionist. He's never happy with his swing. He works the hardest of anybody on the team with his swing."

Garland said he's had to get Crumbliss to back off the obsessive tinkering with his swing at times. But that same mentality is what makes Crumbliss special and what Garland believes will take him places in this game.

Crumbliss is a tough out on and off the field.

"He's headed in the right direction. Once again, he's a pesky guy," Garland said. "As long as he continues to be a pest, he'll continue to improve and progress and work his way up."

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in the second half, will the RockHounds have enough pitching?

Early in the season, pitching was a major strength for this team but several of the top hurlers have been promoted. We have already seen A.J. Griffin and Sean Doolittle make it to the majors with the Athletics this season, and Dan Straily — who led the Texas League with 108 strikeouts before being promoted to Triple-A Sacramento — might not be too far behind.

Last season, pitching wasn't a strength in the A's farm system and it hurt the 'Hounds. What kind of pitching talent can make its way to Midland, and will that be enough to help the 'Hounds moving forward?

What is certain moving forward is the RockHounds need to start playing better baseball. After all, it's their careers on the line. For most fans, fireworks, half-priced drinks and free stuff for the kids is enough for them.

"I think we need to get back to trying to create some confidence," Scarsone said. "I think offensively we don't have that killer instinct and we're a little passive. I'd like us to get back to the feeling of even if we're down a run or two we're going to get it back.

"If you watch a team you'll have two or three guys that are going through some stuff and two or three guys that are hot. That's how you sustain victories, when you have a couple of guys that are going to carry you for a little bit, and then the next week it will be some other guys. I think right now we're either trying to do too much or kind of missing at the same time."

If the RockHounds miss much more in the second half, they could wind up missing the Texas League playoffs for a second consecutive year.

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RANGERS

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Elias, the only other pitcher in the past 50 years to win his first seven career home starts was Carlos Perez for the Montreal Expos — eight in 1995. Kenny Rogers is the only other pitcher to win seven consecutive starts at Rangers Ballpark at any point.

But Darvish had a bit of a rough start, even though Detroit scored three fewer first-inning runs than the previous night.

Austin Jackson drew a leadoff walk, the only walk by Darvish. Then with one out, Darvish threw a 92-mph fastball that struck the left earflap on Miguel Cabrera's helmet.

Cabrera dropped to the ground and was sprawled out in a sitting position when he looked toward the mound. A trainer came out and checked on Cabrera, who appeared a bit dazed as he got up and walked toward first base. He then scored from first on Fielder's drive into the left-center gap.

Ian Kinsler led off the Texas first with his first homer since June 8.

Adrian Beltre had a one-out single in the fourth and scored on Michael Young's triple to left-center. Nelson Cruz followed with an RBI single and then stole second base before sprinting home on the hit by Torrealba. Cruz scored the tiebreaking run when he slid around catcher Alex Avila's swiping tag attempt and a bat to reach out and touch the plate.

Beltre is batting .560 (14 of 25) in a seven-game hitting streak, and .500 (22 of 44) in his past 12 games.

Avila was back in the Tigers lineup after missing the series opener with tendinitis in his left knee. He had a leadoff double in the fifth and scored on Quintin Berry's single.

That was the inning Jackson hit a one-hopper that ricocheted off first baseman Mike Napoli's chest and toward the bag. Napoli chased it down, then made a barehanded grab and backhanded scoop to Darvish covering to get out the speedy Jackson.

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Golf

Golf Glance
PGA TOUR
AT&T NATIONAL

Site: Bethesda, Md.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Congressional Country Club, Blue Course (7,569 yards, par 71).
Purse: $6.5 million. Winner's share: $1.17 million.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 2-5 p.m., 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Friday, 2-5 p.m., 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, Noon-1:30 p.m., 8:30-11:30 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday, 2-5 p.m.; Sunday, 2-5:30 p.m.).
Last year: Nick Watney won at Aronimink in Newtown Square, Pa., shooting 62-66 in the final two rounds for the second of his two 2011 victories. K.J. Choi was second, two strokes back.
Last week: Marc Leishman won the Travelers Championship in Cromwell, Conn., for his first PGA Tour title. He closed with 8-under 62 and won when Charley Hoffman blew a late two-stroke lead. Hoffman and Masters champion Bubba Watson tied for second.
Notes: Tournament host Tiger Woods, the 2009 winner at Congressional, is coming off a 21st-place tie two weeks ago in the U.S. Open. He won the Memorial on June 3 to match Jack Nicklaus for second place on the PGA Tour victory list with 73. Woods also won the Arnold Palmer Invitational in March. ... The fourth-ranked Woods and No. 10 Hunter Mahan are the only top-10 players in the field. ... Rory McIlroy, the U.S. Open winner last year at Congressional, is skipping the tournament to play in the Irish Open. ... Former UCLA star Patrick Cantlay is making his second pro start. He missed the cut last week in Connecticut. ... The Greenbrier Classic is next week in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., followed by the John Deere Classic in Silvis, Ill.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

CHAMPIONS TOUR
SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Site: Pittsburgh.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Fox Chapel Golf Club (6,710 yards, par 70).
Purse: $2.7 million. Winner's share: $405,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, Noon-2 p.m., Friday, 11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Noon-2 p.m.; Saturday, 11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., 1:30-4 p.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Sunday, Midnight-2 a.m., 1:30-4 p.m.; Monday, Midnight-2 a.m.).
Last year: Fred Couples won at Westchester Country Club in Harrison, N.Y., beating John Cook with a birdie on the third hole of a playoff.
Last week: Mark Calcavecchia won the Montreal Championship for his second Champions Tour title, closing with an 8-under 64 for a four-stroke victory.
Notes: Greg Norman is making his first Champions Tour start since 2009. ... Tom Watson is returning from a wrist injury that has sidelined him since April. ... Couples won the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic in March for his seventh victory on the 50-and-over tour. ... Michael Allen leads the tour with two victories and earnings of $1,150,032. ... The tournament is the third of the tour's five major championships. Roger Chapman won the Senior PGA Championship, and Tom Lehman successfully defended his title in the Regions Tradition. ... The First Tee Open is next week at Pebble Beach, followed by the U.S. Senior Open at Indianwood in Lake Orion, Mich.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

LPGA TOUR
NW ARKANSAS CHAMPIONSHIP

Site: Rogers, Ark.
Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
Course: Pinnacle Country Club (6,274 yards, par 71).
Purse: $2 million. Winner's share: $300,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Saturday, 1:30-3:30 a.m., 4-6 p.m.; Sunday, 4-6 p.m.; Monday, 2-4 a.m.).
Last year: Top-ranked Yani Tseng successfully defended her title, beating Amy Yang with a birdie on the first hole of a playoff. The tournament was played in September.
Last week: Brittany Lang won the Manulife Financial LPGA Classic in Waterloo, Ontario, for her first LPGA Tour title, birdieing the par-5 18th three straight times in a playoff. Chella Choi was eliminated on the first extra hole, Inbee Park dropped out on the second, and Lang beat Hee Kyung Seo on the third.
Notes: The U.S. Women's Open is next week at Blackwolf Run in Kohler, Wis. ... Former University of Arkansas star Stacy Lewis has two victories this year. She won the inaugural tournament in 2007, an unofficial victory after the event was cut to 18 holes because of rain. The then-college player shot a 65. ... Tseng leads the tour with three victories. In the 2010 tournament, she beat Michelle Wie by a stroke. ... Juli Inkster is returning to tour play following surgery on her right elbow. The Hall of Famer turned 52 on Sunday.
Online: http://www.lpga.com

EUROPEAN TOUR
IRISH OPEN

Site: Portrush, Northern Ireland.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Royal Portrush Golf Club, Dunluce Links (7,143 yards, par 72).
Purse: $2.5 million. Winner's share: $417,250.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 8 a.m.-Noon; Friday, 8-10:30 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.).
Last year: England's Simon Dyson won at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club. Australia's Richard Green was second, a stroke back.
Last week: England's Danny Willett won the BMW International Open in Germany for his first European Tour title, beating Australia's Marcus Fraser with a par on the fourth hole of a playoff.
Notes: The tournament was last played in Northern Ireland in 1953 and at Portrush in 1947. The course was the site of the 1951 British Open. ... Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy, Darren Clarke and Graeme McDowell top the Irish contingent along with Ireland's Padraig Harrington, the 2007 winner at Adare Manor. ... PGA champion Keegan Bradley also is in the field along with fellow Americans John Daly and Rich Beem. ... The French Open is next week at Le Golf National, followed by the Scottish Open at Castle Stuart and the British Open at Royal Lytham and St. Annes.
Online: http://www.europeantour.com

NATIONWIDE TOUR
UNITED LEASING CHAMPIONSHIP

Site: Newburgh, Ind.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Victoria National Golf Club (7,239 yards, par 720).
Purse: $550,000. Winner's share: $99,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Friday, 10:30-Midnight; Saturday, 3:30-5 a.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.).
Last year: Inaugural event.
Last week: Casey Wittenberg won the Wichita Open for his second victory of the season, finishing with a 5-under 66 in 100-degree heat for a two-stroke victory over Justin Hicks and Jim Herman. Wittenberg won the Louisiana Open in March.
Notes: Wittenberg earned $108,000 last week to jump from 10th to second on the money list with $240,019. The final top 25 will earn 2013 PGA Tour cards, and he would earn an immediate promotion with a third victory. ... Paul Haley II, the Chile Classic winner, leads the money list with $244,234. He's skipping the tournament. ... The tour is off next week. Play will resume July 12-15 with the Utah Championship.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

OTHER TOURNAMENTS
MEN

PGA OF AMERICA: PGA Professional National Championship, through-Wednesday, Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Courses, Seaside, Calif. Television: Golf Channel (Tuesday, 4-7 p.m.; Wednesday, 3-5 a.m., 4-7 p.m.; Thursday, 3-5 a.m.). Online: http://www.pga.com/nationalchampionship
CANADIAN TOUR: Syncrude Boreal Open, Thursday-Sunday, Fort McMurray Golf Club, Fort McMurray, Alberta. Online: http://www.cantour.com
NGA TOUR: GolfCrest Classic, Thursday-Sunday, Golfcrest Country Club, Pearland, Texas. Online: http://www.ngatour.com
eGOLF PROFESSIONAL TOUR: The Championship at Wintergreen Resort, Wednesday-Saturday, Stoney Creek at Wintergreen Resort, Wintergreen, Va. Online: http://www.egolfprofessionaltour.com
EUROPEAN SENIOR TOUR: Berenberg Bank Masters, Friday-Sunday, Worthsee Golf Club, Munich. Online: http://www.europeantour.com
EUROPEAN CHALLENGE TOUR: Challenge Provincia di Varese, Wednesday-Saturday, Golf Club Varese, Luvinate, Italy. Online: http://www.europeantour.com

WOMEN

SYMETRA TOUR: Island Resort Championship, Friday-Sunday, Sweetgrass Golf Club, Harris, Mich. Online: http://www.symetratour.com
JAPAN LPGA TOUR: Nichi-Iko Ladies Open, Friday-Sunday, Yatsuo Country Club, Toyama, Japan. Online: http://www.lpga.or.jp

Fight Schedule

Friday
At Omega Products Outdoor Arena, Corona, Calif. (ESPN2), Ruslan Provodnikov vs. Jose Reynoso, 10, for Provodnikov's WBO Intercontinental junior welterweight title.

Saturday
At Fantasy Springs Casino, Indio, Calif., Cornelius Bundrage vs. Cory Spinks, 12, for Bundrage's IBF junior middleweight title.

July 6
At the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas (ESPN2), Marvin Sonsona vs. Orlando Cruz, 10, featherweights; Magomed Abdusalamov vs. Maurice Byarm, 10, heavyweights.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AL Boxes

RANGERS 7, TIGERS 5

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
AJcksn cf	3	2	1	0	Kinsler 2b	4	1	2	1
Berry lf	3	0	1	1	Andrus ss	3	1	1	0
MiCarr 3b	3	1	0	0	Hamltn cf-lf	4	1	1	1
Fielder 1b	4	1	2	4	Beltre 3b	3	1	1	0
D'fong dh	4	0	0	0	MiYong dh	4	1	2	1
Boesch rf	4	0	0	0	N.Cruz lf-rf	4	1	1	1
JhPerlt ss	4	0	0	0	Napoli 1b	3	0	0	0
Avila c	4	1	1	0	Torreal c	4	1	1	1
RSantg 2b	3	0	0	0	BSnydr rf	2	0	1	1
					DvMrp ph-lf	1	0	0	0
					Gentry cf	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	5	5	5	Totals	32	7	10	6

Detroit 200 110 010 — 5
Texas 100 410 10x — 7

E—Smyly (2). LOB—Detroit 3, Texas 5. 2B—Fielder (18), Avila (9), Andrus (18). 3B—Mi.Young (2). HR—Fielder (12), Kinsler (8), Hamilton (24). SB—N.Cruz (6). CS—Andrus (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Smyly L,2-3	4 2-3	8	6	6	2	3
L.Marte	2 1-3	2	1	1	1	2
Valverde	1	0	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Darvish W,10-4	7	4	4	4	1	10
Mi.Adams	1	1	1	1	1	0
Nathan S,17-18	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by L.Marte (Napoli), by Darvish (Mi.Cabrera). PB—Avila.
T—3:15. A—39,561 (48,194).

YANKEES 6, INDIANS 4

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	3	0	1	0	Jeter ss	5	0	2	0
ACarer ss	4	0	1	0	Grndrs cf	4	1	1	2
Kipnis 2b	4	1	1	0	AlRdrg 3b	3	1	1	1
CSantn c	4	0	0	0	Cano 2b	4	0	1	0
Brantly cf	4	0	1	0	Teixeir 1b	2	0	0	1
Damon lf	4	1	2	1	Swisher rf	4	2	2	0
Kotchm 1b	4	1	1	0	Ibanez dh	3	0	0	0
Hannhn 3b	3	0	1	0	Jones ph-dh	1	0	1	0
JoLopz 3b	1	1	1	3	Wise lf	4	1	1	0
Chsnhll dh	4	0	1	0	CStwrt c	3	1	2	2
Totals	35	4	10	4	Totals	33	6	11	6

Cleveland 000 000 004 — 4
New York 030 010 11x — 6

DP—New York 2. LOB—Cleveland 5, New York 8. 2B—Kipnis (7), Brantley (21). HR—Jo.Lopez (4), Al.Rodriguez (13). SF—Teixeira, C.Stewart.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Masterson L,4-7	6	7	4	4	3	2
Sipp	1	1	1	1	0	0
Hagadone	1	3	1	1	0	1
New York						
P.Hughes W,8-6	8	6	0	0	1	4
Wade	2-3	4	4	4	0	0
R.Soriano S,16-17	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

PB—C.Santana.
T—2:37. A—43,006 (50,291).

ANGELS 7, ORIOLES 3

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Trout lf	5	1	1	0	BRorts 2b	4	0	0	0
TrHntr rf	5	1	2	1	Hardy ss	5	0	0	0
Pujols 1b	5	1	2	2	AdJons cf	5	0	1	0
Trumo dh	4	1	2	1	Wieters c	3	1	1	0
HKndrc 2b	5	0	3	0	MrRynl dh	4	0	0	0
Aybar ss	5	0	1	0	Betemt 1b	4	1	2	2
MIzturs 3b	5	1	2	0	Pearce rf	4	1	2	1
Bourjos cf	4	1	1	2	StTllsn lf	3	0	1	0
Hester c	4	1	3	1	Andino 3b	2	0	0	0
Totals	42	7	17	7	Totals	34	3	7	3

Los Angeles 001 022 110 — 7
Baltimore 000 010 020 — 3

E—M.Izturis (5). DP—Baltimore 1. LOB—Los Angeles 9, Baltimore 9. 2B—Trout (14), Pujols (18). HR—Pujols (12), Trumbo (18), Bourjos (3), Hester (2), Betemit (10), Pearce (2). SB—Ad.Jones (10), St.Tolleson (1). S—B.Roberts.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
C.Wilson W,9-4	7	6	1	1	2	2
Isringhausen	1	1	2	2	1	0
Walden	1	0	0	0	1	2
Baltimore						
Matusz L,5-9	5	13	5	5	0	1
Tom.Hunter	2	2	1	1	0	2
Gregg	1	1	1	1	0	1
Ayala	1	1	0	0	0	1

Matusz pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.
HBP—by Ayala (Trumbo).
T—2:53. A—24,296 (45,971).

RED SOX 5, BLUE JAYS 1

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Lawrie 3b	4	1	1	0	Aviles ss	3	0	1	0
Rasms cf	4	0	0	0	Pedroia 2b	3	0	1	2
Bautist rf	4	0	0	0	Ortiz dh	4	1	2	0
Encrnc dh	3	0	1	1	C.Ross rf	4	1	1	0
KJhnsn 2b	4	0	0	0	AdGnzl 1b	4	0	2	1
YEscor ss	4	0	1	0	Mdlrks 3b	3	0	0	1
RDavis lf	4	0	2	0	Sltlmch c	4	1	1	1
Lind 1b	4	0	2	0	DMcDn lf	1	0	0	0
Mathis c	2	0	0	0	Kalish ph-cf	2	1	1	0
					Lillirdg cf	2	0	0	0
					Nava ph-lf	0	1	0	0
Totals	33	1	7	1	Totals	30	5	9	5

Toronto 100 000 000 — 1
Boston 000 000 32x — 5

E—Middlebrooks (7). LOB—Toronto 7, Boston 6. 2B—Lawrie (13), Ortiz 2 (23), Ad.Gonzalez 2 (24), Kalish (1). HR—Saltalamacchia (14). S—Mathis. SF—Middlebrooks.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Laffey	6	3	0	0	2	2
Frasor	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
L.Perez L,2-2	0	1	1	1	0	0
Pauley	1-3	4	3	3	1	0
Richmond	1	0	0	0	0	1
Boston						
Matsuzaka	5 2-3	6	1	1	1	5
Atchison	1	1	0	0	0	0
A.Miller W,2-0	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Padilla	1	0	0	0	0	2
Aceves	1	0	0	0	0	0

L.Perez pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
Pauley pitched to 3 batters in the 8th.
HBP—by Pauley (Nava). PB—Saltalamacchia.
T—3:02. A—37,755 (37,495).

ROYALS 8, RAYS 2

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
BUpton cf	4	0	0	0	AGordn lf	4	2	1	1
C.Pena 1b	4	1	1	0	YBtncr 2b	4	1	1	2
Kppngr 3b	4	0	2	0	Mostks 3b	3	1	0	0
Matsui dh	4	0	1	0	Butler dh	4	0	1	1
Zobrist rf	3	0	1	0	Maier pr-dh	0	1	0	0
SRdrgz ss	4	0	0	0	Francr rf	4	1	1	3
DJnngs lf	3	0	0	0	Hosmer 1b	3	0	1	0
Conrad 2b	3	1	1	1	B.Pena c	3	0	2	0
Loaton c	3	0	0	0	Dyson cf	4	1	1	0
					AEscor ss	3	1	1	0
Totals	32	2	6	1	Totals	32	8	9	7

Tampa Bay 110 000 000 — 2
Kansas City 004 000 04x — 8

E—S.Rodriguez 2 (11), B.Pena (4). DP—Tampa Bay 1, Kansas City 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 4, Kansas City 3. 2B—Zobrist (14), A.Gordon (23), A.Escobar (18). HR—Conrad (1), Y.Betancourt (5), Francoeur (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Archer L,0-2	5 2-3	4	4	3	1	7
Howell	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	0
B.Gomes	1-3	4	4	4	2	0
C.Ramos	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City						
B.Chen W,7-6	7	5	2	1	1	5
Crow	1	0	0	0	0	2
Bueno	1	1	0	0	0	0

WP—Archer.
T—2:30. A—25,982 (37,903).

WHITE SOX 3, TWINS 2

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
De Aza cf	4	0	0	0	Span cf	5	0	1	0
Youkils 3b-1b	4	0	1	0	Revere rf	4	0	1	0
A.Dunn dh	4	0	0	0	Mauer c	4	0	1	0
Konerk 1b	3	1	0	0	Wingh lf	4	0	1	0
EEscor 3b	0	0	0	0	Mornea 1b	3	1	0	0
Rios rf	4	2	2	2	Plouffe 3b	4	0	0	0
Viciedo lf	4	0	0	0	Doumit dh	3	0	1	0
AlRmrz ss	3	0	2	1	Mstrnn pr	0	1	0	0
Flowrs c	3	0	0	0	ACasill 2b	3	0	1	0
Bckhm 2b	3	0	0	0	Parmel ph	0	0	0	0
					Dozier pr	0	0	0	0
					JCarrll ss	4	0	1	2
Totals	32	3	5	3	Totals	34	2	7	2

Chicago 000 200 100 — 3
Minnesota 000 000 002 — 2

LOB—Chicago 3, Minnesota 8. 2B—Span (20), Revere (6), Doumit (11). 3B—Al.Ramirez (2). HR—Rios (9). SB—Rios (11), Flowers (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Floyd W,6-7	7	5	0	0	0	9
Thornton	1	0	0	0	0	1
Reed S,10-11	1	2	2	2	1	2
Minnesota						
Hendriks L,0-5	6 1-3	5	3	3	1	5
Gray	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
T.Robertson	1	0	0	0	0	3
Swarzak	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Floyd (Doumit), by Reed (Parmelee). WP—Floyd.
T—2:41. A—35,102 (39,500).

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	45	28	.616	—	—	7-3	W-4	22-14	23-14
Baltimore	41	32	.562	4	—	4-6	L-1	21-16	20-16
Tampa Bay	40	34	.541	5 1/2	1	4-6	L-2	21-15	19-19
Boston	39	35	.527	6 1/2	2	8-2	W-1	20-21	19-14
Toronto	38	36	.514	7 1/2	3	6-4	L-1	19-15	19-21

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Chicago	39	35	.527	—	—	5-5	W-1	19-21	20-14
Cleveland	37	36	.507	1 1/2	3 1/2	4-6	L-4	20-18	17-18
Detroit	36	38	.486	3	5	6-4	L-1	17-18	19-20
Kansas City	33	39	.458	5	7	5-5	W-2	13-23	20-16
Minnesota	30	43	.411	8 1/2	10 1/2	5-5	L-1	14-23	16-20

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	46	29	.613	—	—	8-2	W-1	23-14	23-15
Los Angeles	41	33	.554	4 1/2	—	7-3	W-2	22-17	19-16
Oakland	36	38	.486	9 1/2	5	7-3	W-2	19-19	17-19
Seattle	31	44	.413	15	10 1/2	4-6	L-2	12-20	19-24

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Washington	42	30	.583	—	—	4-6	W-1	20-14	22-16
Atlanta	39	34	.534	3 1/2	—	5-5	W-1	16-17	23-17
New York	39	36	.520	4 1/2	1	4-6	L-4	23-17	16-19
Philadelphia	36	40	.474	8	4 1/2	5-5	W-2	17-22	19-18
Miami	34	40	.459	9	5 1/2	2-8	L-2	18-22	16-18

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cincinnati	41	32	.562	—	—	5-5	W-2	23-15	18-17
St. Louis	40	35	.533	2	—	7-3	W-5	17-16	23-19
Pittsburgh	38	35	.521	3	1	6-4	L-3	23-13	15-22
Milwaukee	33	41	.446	8 1/2	6 1/2	4-6	L-4	18-18	15-23
Houston	31	43	.419	10 1/2	8 1/2	4-6	W-1	22-18	9-25
Chicago	26	48	.351	15 1/2	13 1/2	4-6	W-2	16-19	10-29

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Los Angeles	43	31	.581	—	—	3-7	L-2	24-12	19-19
San Francisco	41	33	.554	2	—	5-5	W-1	22-14	19-19
Arizona	37	36	.507	5 1/2	2	6-4	L-1	20-17	17-19
Colorado	28	45	.384	14 1/2	11	3-7	L-1	16-22	12-23
San Diego	27	48	.360	16 1/2	13	4-6	L-1	16-24	11-24

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Tuesday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees 6, Cleveland 4
L.A. Angels 7, Baltimore 3
Boston 5, Toronto 1
Texas 7, Detroit 5
Chicago White Sox 3, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 8, Tampa Bay 2
Oakland at Seattle, late

Today's Games
Cleveland (Jimenez 7-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 3-3), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 8-2) at Minnesota (Blackburn 4-4), 12:10 p.m.
Toronto (R.Romero 8-1) at Boston (Lester 4-5), 12:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (M.Moore 4-5) at Kansas City (Teaford 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Oakland (J.Parker 3-3) at Seattle (Millwood 3-6), 2:40 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 7-1) at Baltimore (Hammel 8-2), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Fister 1-4) at Texas (Oswalt 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Tuesday's Scores
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 4
Atlanta 8, Arizona 1
Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 3
St. Louis 5, Miami 2
Chicago Cubs 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Houston 5, San Diego 3
Washington 12, Colorado 5
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Milwaukee (Greinke 8-2) at Cincinnati (Bailey 5-5), 11:35 a.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 5-3) at Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 5-6), 1:20 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 4-6) at San Francisco (Lincecum 2-8), 2:45 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 6-3) at Philadelphia (Valdes 2-0), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Cahill 6-5) at Atlanta (Hanson 8-4), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (J.Kelly 1-0) at Miami (A.Sanchez 3-6), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 5-7) at Houston (Harrell 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 3-6) at Colorado (Outman 0-3), 7:40 p.m.

NL Boxes

ASTROS 5, PADRES 3

San Diego	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Venale rf	4	2	2	1	Bixler 2b	4	0	0	0
Maybin cf	4	1	0	0	Lowrie ss	4	2	2	1
Quentin lf	4	0	2	0	Ca.Lee 1b	3	0	0	0
Kotsay 1b	3	0	1	0	Bogsvc rf	3	1	1	0
Headly ph-1b	2	0	1	2	CJhnsn 3b	3	1	1	1
JoBakr c	4	0	1	0	JCastro c	4	0	1	0
EvCarr ss	3	0	1	0	JDMrtn lf	4	1	1	2
Amarst 2b	5	0	1	0	Schafer cf	3	0	1	0
Forsyth 3b	4	0	0	0	Lyles p	2	0	0	0
K.Wells p	2	0	0	0	Abad p	0	0	0	0
Guzmn ph	1	0	0	0	MDwns ph	1	0	0	0
Vincent p	0	0	0	0	DCrpnt p	0	0	0	0
Hinshw p	0	0	0	0	Myers p	0	0	0	0
Alonso ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	37	3	9	3	Totals	31	5	7	4

San Diego 001 000 002 — 3
Houston 001 040 00x — 5

E—K.Wells (1), C.Johnson (10). LOB—San Diego 13, Houston 7. HR—Venable (6), Lowrie (14), J.D.Martinez (10). S—Lyles.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
K.Wells L,0-1	5	7	5	2	3	2
Vincent	2	0	0	0	1	2
Hinshaw	1	0	0	0	0	3
Houston						
Lyles W,2-4	6 1-3	6	1	1	4	4
Abad	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	1
D.Carpenter	1-3	1	2	2	1	1
Myers S,17-18	2-3	2	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Myers (Ev.Cabrera). WP—K.Wells. PB—Jo.Baker.
T—3:10. A—15,416 (40,981).

REDS 4, BREWERS 3

Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi	Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi
Aoki rf-cf	4	0	1	1	Cozart ss	4	0	0	0
Morgan cf	3	0	0	0	Stubbs cf	3	1	1	1
Ransm ph-ss	1	0	0	0	Votto 1b	4	1	1	0
Braun lf	3	0	0	0	BPhilps 2b	4	1	2	0
ArRmr 3b	3	0	0	0	Bruce rf	3	1	1	3
Ishikaw 1b	3	0	0	0	Rolen 3b	3	0	0	0
CGomz ph	1	0	0	0	Ludwck lf	3	0	0	0
Kottars c	2	1	0	0	Hanign c	3	0	0	0
Mldnd ph	1	0	0	0	Arroyo p	3	0	1	0
Green 2b	3	1	1	0	Marshll p	0	0	0	0
Clzturs ss	2	0	0	0	Chpmn p	0	0	0	0
Hart ph-rf	1	1	1	2					
Estrad p	2	0	0	0					
Dillard p	0	0	0	0					
RWeks ph	1	0	0	0					
Axford p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	30	3	3	3	Totals	30	4	6	4

Milwaukee 000 000 030 — 3
Cincinnati 000 003 01x — 4

LOB—Milwaukee 3, Cincinnati 4. 2B—Green (7), Hart (21), Votto (31). HR—Stubbs (8), Bruce (17). SB—Aoki (10), Stubbs (15).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
Estrada	6	5	3	3	2	12
Dillard	1	0	0	0	0	1
Axford L,1-5	1	1	1	1	0	2
Cincinnati						
Arroyo	7 2-3	3	3	3	1	4
Marshall W,2-3	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Chapman S,9-13	1	0	0	0	1	3

HBP—by Arroyo (Braun).
T—2:28. A—32,986 (42,319).

CARDINALS 5, MARLINS 2

St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi	Miami	ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss	4	1	1	0	Reyes ss	4	0	2	0
Jay cf	5	0	2	0	HRmrz 3b	3	0	0	0
Hollidy lf	3	1	0	0	Stanton rf	4	2	2	1
Motte p	0	0	0	0	Morrsn lf	4	0	0	0
Beltran rf	4	1	1	1	Dobbs 1b	3	0	1	1
Craig 1b	3	1	1	0	Infante 2b	4	0	0	0
YMolin c	4	1	1	3	Cousins cf	3	0	0	0
Schmkr 2b	4	0	1	0	MDunn p	0	0	0	0
Descals 3b	3	0	0	0	Mujica p	0	0	0	0
Lohse p	4	0	0	0	J.Buck c	3	0	0	0
Boggs p	0	0	0	0	Zamrn p	2	0	0	0
SRonsn lf	0	0	0	0	Webb p	0	0	0	0
					Ruggin cf	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	5	7	4	Totals	30	2	5	2

St. Louis 500 000 000 — 5
Miami 100 100 000 — 2

E—Descalso (5), Zambrano (1), Reyes (8). DP—St. Louis 1, Miami 2. LOB—St. Louis 8, Miami 4. 2B—Schumaker (8), Reyes (15), Stanton (19). HR—Y.Molina (12), Stanton (17). SF—Dobbs.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
Lohse W,7-2	7 1-3	4	2	2	2	4
Boggs	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Motte S,16-20	1	0	0	0	0	0
Miami						
Zambrano L,4-6	6 2-3	7	5	0	5	5
Webb	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
M.Dunn	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Mujica	1-3	0	0	0	1	1

T—2:41. A—25,444 (37,442).

PHILLIES 5, PIRATES 4

Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi	Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi
Tabata lf	4	0	0	0	Rollins ss	3	0	0	0
Walker 2b	3	0	0	0	Polanc 3b	4	0	2	1
AMcCt cf	4	1	2	0	Pence rf	3	1	1	0
GJones rf	3	0	0	0	Ruiz c	4	2	3	2
JHrrsn ph-rf	1	0	0	0	Victorn cf	3	0	1	0
McGeh 1b	4	0	1	1	Wggntn 1b	4	1	2	2
PAlvrz 3b	4	1	1	0	Mayrry lf	4	0	0	0
Barmes ss	3	1	0	0	Fontent 2b	3	1	1	0
McKnr c	3	1	3	2	Luna ph	1	0	0	0
Bedard p	1	0	0	0	Mrtnz 2b	0	0	0	0
Sutton ph	1	0	1	1	Worley p	2	0	0	0
J.Cruz p	0	0	0	0	Schwm p	0	0	0	0
Watson p	0	0	0	0	Bastrd p	0	0	0	0
Presley ph	1	0	0	0	Papeln p	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	4	8	4	Totals	31	5	10	5

Pittsburgh 010 001 101 — 4
Philadelphia 112 000 01x — 5

DP—Pittsburgh 1, Philadelphia 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 6. 2B—A.McCutchen 2 (15), P.Alvarez (13), McKenry (4), Sutton (1). 3B—Pence (2). HR—McKenry (4), Ruiz (10), Wigginton (8). SB—Victorino (18). S—Bedard, Worley. SF—McKenry.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Bedard L,4-8	6	8	4	4	2	3
J.Cruz	1	2	1	1	1	1
Watson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Philadelphia						
Worley W,4-4	6	6	3	3	2	5
Schwimer	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bastardo	1	1	0	0	0	1
Papelbon S,18-19	1	1	1	1	0	2

Worley pitched to 3 batters in the 7th.
J.Cruz pitched to 3 batters in the 8th.
HBP—by Worley (Tabata).
T—3:00. A—45,096 (43,651).

BRAVES 8, DIAMONDBACKS 1

Arizona	ab	r	h	bi	Atlanta	ab	r	h	bi
Blmqst ss	4	0	0	0	Bourn cf	5	2	2	1
A.Hill 2b	4	0	2	0	Heywrd rf	4	1	2	1
J.Upton rf	4	0	1	0	Prado lf	5	0	2	0
Kubel lf	4	1	1	1	McCnn c	5	0	2	2
Gldsch 1b	4	0	1	0	Uggla 2b	4	1	0	0
MMntr c	4	0	2	0	C.Jones 3b	4	1	3	0
RRorts 3b	4	0	0	0	FFrmn 1b	5	2	3	2
GParra cf	2	0	1	0	Smmns ss	4	1	2	1
DHdsn p	1	0	0	0	THudsn p	2	0	1	1
Clmntr p	1	0	0	0	Varvar p	0	0	0	0
Zagrsk p	0	0	0	0					
J.Bell ph	1	0	0	0					
Alaladj p	0	0	0	0					
Breslw p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	33	1	8	1	Totals	38	8	17	8

Arizona 001 000 000 — 1
Atlanta 140 000 21x — 8

DP—Arizona 1, Atlanta 2. LOB—Arizona 6, Atlanta 11. 2B—C.Jones (6), F.Freeman (14), Simmons (5). HR—Kubel (11), Bourn (7). SF—Heyward, T.Hudson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
D.Hudson L,3-2	1 2-3	7	5	5	0	3
Collmenter	4	6	0	0	2	1
Zagurski	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Albaladejo	1	1	2	2	0	0
Breslow	1	3	1	1	0	2
Atlanta						
T.Hudson W,6-3	8	7	1	1	1	7
Varvaro	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Albaladejo (Uggla). Balk—Albaladejo.
T—3:01. A—23,513 (49,586).

CUBS 5, METS 3

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Niwnhs cf	3	0	0	0	DeJess cf	5	1	2	0
Hmpsn p	0	0	0	0	SCastro ss	4	1	1	0
Batista p	0	0	0	0	Rizzo 1b	4	0	2	1
Tejada ss	4	0	0	0	ASorin lf	2	0	0	1
DWrght 3b	3	0	0	1	Marml p	0	0	0	0
Duda rf	4	0	0	0	LaHair rf	3	1	0	0
I.Davis 1b	4	0	1	0	Mather rf	0	0	0	0
Quntnll 2b	1	0	0	0	Valuen 3b	4	0	2	1
Hairstn lf	4	1	1	0	Barney 2b	4	1	2	1
DnMrp 2b-1b	4	1	1	0	Clevngr c	4	1	2	0
Thole c	4	1	2	1	R.Wells p	1	0	0	0
Gee p	1	0	1	1	Maine p	1	0	0	0
RCeden ph	1	0	1	0	Russell p	1	0	0	0
Hefner p	0	0	0	0	Camp p	0	0	0	0
Byrdak p	0	0	0	0	RJhnsn ph-lf	1	0	1	0
JuTrnr ph	1	0	1	0					
AnTrrs pr-cf	0	0	0	0					
Totals	34	3	8	3	Totals	34	5	12	4

New York 020 100 000 — 3
Chicago 003 100 01x — 5

E—Tejada (4), Valbuena 2 (5). LOB—New York 12, Chicago 9. 2B—I.Davis (9), Rizzo (1), Valbuena (3). SB—Hairston (4), An.Torres (6). CS—Nieuwenhuis (3). S—Nieuwenhuis. SF—D.Wright.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Gee L,5-6	5	9	4	4	2	6
Hefner	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Byrdak	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Hampson	1-3	2	1	0	0	0
Batista	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Chicago						
R.Wells	3	6	3	3	4	3
Maine W,1-1	2	0	0	0	1	0
Russell	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Camp	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Marmol S,5-7	1	0	0	0	1	2

R.Wells pitched to 2 batters in the 4th.
HBP—by Gee (A.Soriano), by Hefner (A.Soriano).
T—3:17. A—34,064 (41,009).

NATIONALS 12, ROCKIES 5

Washington	ab	r	h	bi	Colorado	ab	r	h	bi
Espinos 2b	6	1	1	0	Fowler cf	5	1	2	1
Harper cf	5	0	1	0	Pachec 3b	5	1	3	0
Stmmn p	0	0	0	0	CGnzlz lf	3	1	2	1
Lmrdzz ph	1	0	0	0	Colvin 1b-rf	2	0	1	0
McGnzl p	0	0	0	0	Cuddyr rf	3	1	1	0
Zmrmn 3b	5	3	3	1	MtRynl p	0	0	0	0
Ankiel cf	0	0	0	0	Giambi ph	1	0	0	0
Morse rf	5	2	4	2	Helton 1b	3	0	1	1
LaRoch 1b	4	3	2	3	Putnm p	0	0	0	0
Dsmnd ss	5	1	4	2	Nieves ph-1b	1	0	0	0
TMoore lf	5	1	2	3	Nelson 2b	4	0	1	0
Flores c	5	1	2	0	WRosr c	4	0	0	0
GGnzlz p	3	0	1	1	JHerrr ss	4	1	1	1
DRsa ph-3b	1	0	1	0	Fridrch p	2	0	0	0
					Moscos p	0	0	0	0
					EYong ph-lf	2	0	0	0
Totals	45	12	21	12	Totals	39	5	12	4

Washington 012 153 000 — 12
Colorado 003 011 000 — 5

E—Zimmerman (5), Harper (5). DP—Washington 1, Colorado 2. LOB—Washington 8, Colorado 8. 2B—Zimmerman (12), Morse (6), Desmond 3 (20), Flores (8), DeRosa (1), C.Gonzalez (17). HR—Zimmerman (4), LaRoche 2 (15), T.Moore (3), Fowler (10), J.Herrera (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Washington						
G.Gonzalez W,10-3	6	8	5	4	1	7
Stammen	2	3	0	0	0	3
Mic.Gonzalez	1	1	0	0	0	1
Colorado						
Friedrich L,4-5	4 1-3	9	4	4	0	3
Moscoso	1 2-3	8	8	8	1	3
Putnam	1	2	0	0	1	0
Mat.Reynolds	2	2	0	0	0	2

T—3:07. A—36,110 (50,398).

Late Boxes

ATHLETICS 1, MARINERS 0

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	4	0	0	0	ISuzuki rf	4	0	1	0
JWeeks 2b	4	0	0	0	Gutirrz cf	4	0	1	0
Reddck rf	2	0	0	0	Seager 3b	4	0	0	0
Cespds dh	3	0	0	0	JMontr dh	4	0	2	0
S.Smith lf	3	1	1	1	Smoak 1b	3	0	0	0
Inge 3b	3	0	1	0	Figgins pr	0	0	0	0
Moss 1b	3	0	1	0	MSndrs lf	4	0	1	0
KSuzuk c	3	0	0	0	Olivo c	3	0	1	0
Pnngtn ss	3	0	0	0	Ackley 2b	3	0	1	0
					Ryan ss	2	0	0	0
					Jaso ph	1	0	0	0
					Kawsk ss	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	1	3	1	Totals	32	0	7	0

Oakland 010 000 000 — 1
Seattle 000 000 000 — 0

DP—Oakland 2, Seattle 2. LOB—Oakland 1, Seattle 6. HR—S.Smith (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Milone W,8-5	7	7	0	0	0	5
Balfour	1	0	0	0	0	1
R.Cook S,5-7	1	0	0	0	1	2
Seattle						
Er.Ramirez L,0-2	8	3	1	1	1	10
Wilhelmsen	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:18. A—17,101 (47,860).

GIANTS 8, DODGERS 0

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi
DGordn ss	3	0	2	0	GBlanc rf	4	0	2	0
EHerr lf-rf	4	0	0	0	Theriot 2b	5	2	1	0
Ethier rf	2	0	0	0	MeCabr lf	5	2	2	1
JWrght p	0	0	0	0	Pagan cf	4	1	2	2
AKndy ph-lf	1	0	0	0	Sandovl 3b	3	2	3	3
JRiver 1b-lf	2	0	0	0	Belt 1b	4	0	0	0
DeJess 2b	0	0	0	0	HSnchz c	4	0	2	2
HrstnJr 2b	4	0	1	0	BCrwfr ss	4	0	1	0
Elbert p	0	0	0	0	Zito p	2	1	0	0
A.Ellis c	3	0	1	0	Schrhlt ph	1	0	0	0
Uribe 3b	4	0	0	0	Kontos p	0	0	0	0
GwynJ cf	4	0	1	0	Loux p	0	0	0	0
Eovaldi p	2	0	0	0					
Loney 1b	2	0	0	0					
Totals	31	0	5	0	Totals	36	8	13	8

Los Angeles 000 000 000 — 0
San Francisco 430 010 00x — 8

DP—San Francisco 1. LOB—Los Angeles 9, San Francisco 8. 2B—Gwynn Jr. (6), Pagan (13), Sandoval 2 (9), H.Sanchez (5). SB—D.Gordon (24). SF—Sandoval.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Eovaldi L,0-4	5	10	8	8	1	1
J.Wright	2	3	0	0	1	2
Elbert	1	0	0	0	1	2
San Francisco						
Zito W,6-5	7	3	0	0	3	4
Kontos	1	1	0	0	1	1
Loux	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Zito (Ethier).
T—2:45. A—42,164 (41,915).

Leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—Trout, Los Angeles, .335; Konerko, Chicago, .333; Beltre, Texas, .328; Mauer, Minnesota, .322; Trumbo, Los Angeles, .320; Hamilton, Texas, .317; AJackson, Detroit, .312.

RUNS—Kinsler, Texas, 54; Ortiz, Boston, 52; Bautista, Toronto, 51; Cano, New York, 51; Granderson, New York, 51; AdJones, Baltimore, 49; De Aza, Chicago, 48; Hamilton, Texas, 48.

RBI—Hamilton, Texas, 67; MiCabrera, Detroit, 59; Bautista, Toronto, 57; ADunn, Chicago, 53; Encarnacion, Toronto, 52; Ortiz, Boston, 52; Fielder, Detroit, 50; Trumbo, Los Angeles, 50.

HITS—Jeter, New York, 95; MiCabrera, Detroit, 91; Beltre, Texas, 90; AdJones, Baltimore, 87; Andrus, Texas, 86; Cano, New York, 85; Fielder, Detroit, 85; Kinsler, Texas, 85.

DOUBLES—Choo, Cleveland, 24; AdGonzalez, Boston, 24; AGordon, Kansas City, 23; Kinsler, Texas, 23; Ortiz, Boston, 23; MiCabrera, Detroit, 22; Cano, New York, 22.

TRIPLES—Andrus, Texas, 5; Rios, Chicago, 5; Reddick, Oakland, 4; JWeeks, Oakland, 4; 12 tied at 3.

HOME RUNS—Bautista, Toronto, 24; Hamilton, Texas, 24; ADunn, Chicago, 23; Encarnacion, Toronto, 21; Granderson, New York, 21; Ortiz, Boston, 20; AdJones, Baltimore, 19.

STOLEN BASES—Trout, Los Angeles, 21; RDavis, Toronto, 17; Kipnis, Cleveland, 17; Crisp, Oakland, 15; Revere, Minnesota, 15; De Aza, Chicago, 14; 5 tied at 13.

PITCHING—MHarrison, Texas, 10-3; Darvish, Texas, 10-4; Price, Tampa Bay, 10-4; Nova, New York, 9-2; Sabathia, New York, 9-3; CWilson, Los Angeles, 9-4; 8 tied at 8.

STRIKEOUTS—Verlander, Detroit, 113; Scherzer, Detroit, 107; Darvish, Texas, 106; Sabathia, New York, 105; FHernandez, Seattle, 101; Shields, Tampa Bay, 93; Price, Tampa Bay, 90; Lewis, Texas, 90; Peavy, Chicago, 90.

SAVES—CPerez, Cleveland, 23; JiJohnson, Baltimore, 22; Rodney, Tampa Bay, 21; Broxton, Kansas City, 18; Aceves, Boston, 18; Nathan, Texas, 17; RSoriano, New York, 16.

'Hounds Watch

Thursday's Game
Texas League All-Star Game, 7:05 p.m., ONEOK Field, Tulsa, Okla.

Friday's Game
Midland at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.
Dickey-Stephens Park, North Little Rock, Ark.

Records
Midland 1-5, Arkansas 3-3

Radio/Internet
www.milb.com
KMCK 96.1 FM

Sunday	Monday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
San Antonio 5, Midland 1	San Antonio 2, Midland 1		Midland at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.	Midland at Arkansas, 6 p.m.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

GOLF
PGA of America, Professional National Championship, final round, at Seaside, Calif., 3 p.m., TGC

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Regional coverage, Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees or Toronto at Boston (12:30 p.m. start), Noon, MLB
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, Noon, WGN
Detroit at Texas, 7 p.m., ESPN & Fox Sports Southwest
San Diego at Houston, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

SOCCER
UEFA, Euro 2012, semifinals, teams TBD, at Donetsk, Ukraine, 1:30 p.m., ESPN

SOFTBALL
Men's, Slow Pitch Showdown, United States Futures vs. United States, at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m,. ESPN2

SWIMMING
Olympic Trials, qualifying heats, at Omaha, Neb. (same-day tape), 6 p.m., NBC Sports Network
Olympic Trials, finals, at Omaha, Neb., 7 p.m,. NBC

TENNIS
The Championships, early round, at Wimbledon, England, 6 a.m., ESPN2

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Released OF Kosuke Fukudome.
DETROIT TIGERS — Reinstated LHP Drew Smyly from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Jacob Turner to Toledo (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Transferred OF Brett Gardner to the 60-day DL. Claimed RHP Danny Farquhar off waivers from Oakland and optioned him to Trenton (EL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed RHP Colby Lewis on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 24. Recalled LHP Martin Perez from Round Rock (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Selected the contract of RHP Scott Richmond from Las Vegas (PCL). Optioned RHP Robert Coello to Las Vegas. Transferred RHP Drew Hutchison to the 60-day DL.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Assigned 2B Bobby Stevens to Lynchburg (Carolina).
CHICAGO CUBS — Recalled 1B Anthony Rizzo from Iowa (PCL). Optioned INF Adrian Cardenas to Iowa.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Reassigned pitching coach Bob Apodaca to special assistant to the general manager. Promoted bullpen coach Jim Wright and Triple-A pitching coach Bo McLaughlin to co-pitching coaches.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Named Mickey Hatcher special assistant to the general manager. Assigned RHP Alan Garcia to the Arizona League Dodgers.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned RHP Preston Gainey to Helena (Pioneer).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Added INF Drew Sutton to the 25-man roster. Optioned LHP Doug Slaten and INF Matt Hague to Indianapolis (IL). Selected the contract of C Eric Fryer from indianapolis. Designated LHP Daniel Moskos for assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Transferred RHP Joe Wieland to the 60-day DL. Optioned 2B Andy Parrino and RHP Brad Boxberger to Tucson (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Kip Wells from Tucson (PCL). Recalled RHP Nick Vincent from San Antonio (TL).

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released RHP Alex Rivers.
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released RHP Derek Drage.
GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS — Released LHP Cody White.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed RHP Matt Nevarez. Released RHP Nick Schreiber.

Can-Am League

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed OF Nick Santomauro and INF Thomas DiBenedetto. Released LHP John Crawford.
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released INF Glen Johnson.

Frontier League

ROCKFORD RIVERHAWKS — Released RHP Jordan Liette.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Released RHP Michael Jahns and INF Travis Shreve.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined New York F Amar'e Stoudemire $50,000 for using offensive and derogatory language in a Twitter message.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

SAN JOSE SHARKS — Re-signed D Justin Braun, F Tommy Wingels and F Andrew Desjardins.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Named Adam Oates coach.

COLLEGE

FERRUM — Announced the addition of wrestling as a varsity program.
HOUSTON BAPTIST — Named Jeremy Case men's assistant basketball coach.
NEW MEXICO — Named Kunio Kono swimming and diving coach.
SAM HOUSTON STATE — Named Terrence Rencher men's assistant basketball coach.
SHENANDOAH — Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach Michelle Guyant-Holloway.
TEXAS A&M — Suspended LB Steven Jenkins and DB Howard Matthews one game for violating team policy.
TEXAS TECH — Named Ray Hayward pitching coach.
WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT — Announced the retirement of women's soccer coach Sheila Miech.

PRO RODEO

Pro Rodeo Leaders
Through June 24

All-Around
1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $95,612
2. Colby Lovell, Madisonville, $48,304
3. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore. $47,068
4. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $46,528
5. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $39,589
6. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, $34,633
7. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $31,699
8. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $30,309
9. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $23,927
10. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $21,993
11. Cimarron Boardman, Stephenville, Texas $20,103
12. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M. $19,531
13. Clayton Hass, Terrell, $19,450
14. Kyle Lockett, Visalia, Calif. $15,899
15. Justin Thigpen, Waycross, Ga. $15,040
16. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, $15,020
17. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $13,870
18. Clovis Crane, Lebanon, Pa. $13,092
19. Blake Hirdes, Turlock, Calif. $12,149
20. Seth Hall, Albuquerque, N.M. $11,367

Bareback Riding
1. Wes Stevenson, Lubbock, $65,270
2. Will Lowe, Canyon, $59,007
3. Kaycee Feild, Payson, Utah, $45,947
4. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore., $35,039
5. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $32,988
6. Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La. $32,469
7. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $32,333
8. Caleb Bennett, Morgan, Utah $31,755
9. Jared Keylon, Uniontown, Kan. $30,757
10. Casey Colletti, Pueblo, Colo. $29,467

Steer Wrestling
1. Ethen Thouvenell, Napa, Calif., $40,322
2. Les Shepperson, Midwest, Wyo. $31,751
3. Beau Clark, Belgrade, Mont. $31,376
4. Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore. $29,716
5. Todd Suhn, Hermosa, S.D. $29,712
6. Olin Hannum, Malad, Idaho $29,662
7. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. $28,350
8. Billy Bugenig, Ferndale, Calif. $27,872
9. Dean Gorsuch, Gering, Neb. $27,137
10. Tom Lewis, Lehi, Utah $25,766

Team Roping (header)
1. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $47,404
2. Colby Lovell, Madisonville, $43,859
3. Keven Daniel, Franklin, Tenn. $43,469
4. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $40,995
5. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $37,880
6. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla. $36,258
7. Spencer Mitchell, Colusa, Calif, $33,256
8. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $31,954
9. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. $31,684
10. Luke Brown, Stephenville, $30,717

Team Roping (heeler)
1. Chase Tryan, Helena, Mont., $43,469
2. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $42,724
3. Patrick Smith, Midland, $38,761
4. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $37,880
5. Kinney Harrell, Marshall, Texas $37,785
6. Broc Cresta, Santa Rosa, Calif. $36,792
7. Kollin VonAhn, Durant, Okla. $36,258
8. Kory Koontz, Sudan, $31,239
9. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, $30,717
10. Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan. $30,621

Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa $48,749
2. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $46,156
3. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $42,313
4. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $40,689
5. Cody Taton, Mud Butte, S.D. $36,744
6. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D. $30,246
7. Jacobs Crawley, College Station, Texas $30,010
8. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $29,467
9. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $27,780
10. Jeff Willert, Belvidere, S.D. $27,322

Tie-down Roping
1. Justin Maass, Giddings, $50,105
2. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, $42,542
3. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $38,947
4. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La. $36,385
5. Houston Hutto, Tomball, $35,430
6. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, $32,940
7. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla. $31,623
8. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, $31,447
9. Adam Gray, Seymour, $31,330
10. Jeremiah Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $28,712
11. Shank Edwards, Tatum, N.M. $26,336
12. Jerrad Hofstetter, Portales, N.M. $26,314
13. Clint Cooper, Decatur, $25,318
14. E.J. Roberts, Stephenville, $24,311
15. Jake Hannum, Plain City, Utah $24,054
16. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $23,172
17. Ace Slone, Cuero, $23,022
18. Logan Hofer, Magrath, Alberta $22,591
19. Clif Cooper, Decatur, $22,362
20. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $22,260

Steer Roping
1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $34,961
2. Cody Lee, Gatesville, $31,079
3. Kim Ziegelgruber, Edmond, Okla., $28,270
4. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $26,915
5. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, $22,845
6. Dan Fisher, Andrews, $20,751
7. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $19,986
8. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $16,740
9. Rod Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla. $16,269
10. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $15,371
11. Chris Glover, Keenesburg, Colo. $14,233
12. Marty Jones, Hobbs, N.M. $13,989
13. J.P. Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla. $13,117
14. Cody Garnett, Barnsdall, Okla. $12,904
15. Cody Scheck, Ellinwood, Kan. $12,433
16. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, $10,648
17. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, Texas $10,477
18. Ralph Williams, Skiatook, Okla. $10,343
19. Buster Record Jr., Buffalo, Okla. $10,108
20. Tony Reina, Wharton, $9,864

Bull Riding
1. Cody Teel, Kountze, $70,924
2. Cody Samora, Cortez, Colo. $55,893
3. J.W. Harris, Mullin, $54,764
4. Kanin Asay, Powell, Wyo. $54,175
5. Trey Benton III, Rock Island, $52,242
6. Ardie Maier, Timber Lake, S.D. $40,170
7. Brett Stall, Detroit Lakes, Minn. $37,318
8. Trevor Kastner, Ardmore, Okla. $35,432
9. Tate Stratton, Kellyville, Okla. $33,818
10. Tyler Willis, Wheatland, Wyo. $31,718
11. Tag Elliott, Thatcher, Utah $28,983
12. Seth Glause, Cheyenne, Wyo. $28,744
13. Colin McTaggart, Las Vegas, Nev. $28,712
14. Beau Schroeder, China, $28,230
15. Clayton Savage, Cheyenne, Wyo. $27,791
16. Chandler Bownds, Lubbock, $26,633
17. Tony Mendes, Fruita, Colo. $26,054
18. Cody Rostockyj, Hillsboro, $24,039
19. Corey Maier, Timber Lake, S.D. $23,413
20. Dustin Elliott, North Platte, Neb. $22,961

Barrel Racing
1. Carlee Pierce, Stephenville, $98,250
2. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria, $94,125
3. Lindsay Sears, Nanton, Alberta, $72,418
4. Benette Barrington-Little, Ardmore, Okla., $58,967
5. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $41,565
6. Christina Richman, Glendora, Calif. $37,159
7. Sammi Bessert, Loma, Colo. $35,713
8. Mary Walker, Ennis, Texas $33,884
9. Trula Churchill, Valentine, Neb. $32,438
10. Robyn Herring, Huntington, $32,359
11. Brenda Mays, Terrebonne, Ore. $31,902
12. Nikki Steffes, Vale, S.D. $31,741
13. Karen Little, San Saba, $31,665
14. Tana Renick, Kingston, Okla. $30,213
15. Shelley Morgan, Eustace, $28,630
16. Linda Vick, Hesperia, Calif. $28,002
17. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $27,113
18. Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro, $25,135
19. Angie Meadors, Blanchard, Okla. $24,176
20. Randa Kellogg, Poing, $23,000

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 79-86 degrees; 6.98' low. Black bass are good on topwaters early, midday switching to Texas rigs, spoons, jigs and Carolina rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and live minnows over brush piles and around structure. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 79-85 degrees; 9.01' low. Black bass are fair on topwaters, Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows under a float. White bass are good on slabs and Rooster Tails. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 78-87 degrees; 10.93' low. Black bass are fair on Pop-Rs and Zara Spooks early, later switching Carolina rigs, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows around deep water structure. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: 78-86 degrees; 15.6' low. Black bass are fair to good on topwater early and late, midday switching to Texas rigs, jigs, deep diving crankbaits and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 79-84 degrees; 16.01' low. Black bass are fair to good on Zell Pops early and late, midday switching to Carolina rigs, Texas rigs, jigs and spoons. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Catfish are good on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 79-85 degrees; 41.55' low. Black bass are good on topwaters early and late, midday switching to deep diving crankbaits, Texas rigs, shaky head jigs and wacky rigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. White bass are good on slabs and Humdingers. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 78-86 degrees; 6.37' low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, spoons, shaky heads and Texas rigs with a decent early topwater bite. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs over brush piles and around bridge columns. White bass are good on topwater early — midday on slabs and tail spinners. Striped bass are fair on live shad and Sassy Shad. Catfish are good on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 79-83 degrees; 15.55' low. Black bass are fair on wacky rigs, Texas rigs, Senkos and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 80-84 degrees; 25.65' low. Black bass are fair on buzzbaits early, midday switching to Texas rigs and weightless soft plastics. Crappie are fair on live minnows in brush. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: Water stained; 79-84 degrees; 37.65' low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, midday switching to crankbaits off points and Texas rigs or jigs around structure. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows and jigs over brush piles. The Old Marina Point ramp is still open.

MACKENZIE: Water stained; 79-83 degrees; 88.22' low. Black bass are fair on buzzbaits and Zell Pops early, midday switching to Texas rigs, jigs and Carolina rigs. No report on striped bass. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers fished under a float. Ramp (hash)1 is still open.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; 78-84 degrees; 24.08' low. Black bass are good on topwaters, crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and soft plastic frogs. Striped bass are fair on topwaters and large jerkbaits. White bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BELTON: Water clear; 79-83 degrees; 0.03' low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on slabs under lights at night. Crappie are good on minnows under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 79-83 degrees; 10.90' low. Black bass are very good on soft plastics, buzzbaits, and spinnerbaits over grass. Hybrid striper are fair on shad. White bass are good on minnows and Li'l Fishies off lighted docks at night. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 79-82 degrees; 22.78' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon flukes, Texas rigged watermelon worms, and topwaters off secondary points early. Striped bass are fair on small crankbaits and Zara Spooks early. White bass are fair trolling on Pirk Minnows over brush piles. Crappie are good on minnows and Curb's crappie jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on live bait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines baited with goldfish.

COLEMAN: Water lightly stained; 78-81 degrees; 15.92' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits and soft plastics. Hybrid striper are good on live shad. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles in 20-35 feet. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Yellow catfish are slow.

GRANBURY: Water murky; 80-84 degrees; 0.75' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastic worms and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are fair on minnows. White bass are good on minnows and pet spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers, chicken livers, and stinkbait.

GRANGER: Water clear; 81-85 degrees; 0.16' low. Black bass are fair on black power worms upriver among newly flooded vegetation. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on marabou jigs over main lake brush piles in 6-15 feet. Blue catfish are fair on prepared bait on rod & reel, and on juglines baited with shad. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

LBJ: Water clear; 78-82 degrees; 0.33' low. Black bass are fair on small topwaters and watermelon Curb's jigs in 8-16 feet early. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles in 15 feet. Channel catfish are fair on minnows. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

TRAVIS: Water stained; 80-84 degrees; 39.61' low. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastic worms and lizards in 10-22 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut bait and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water stained; 79-83 degrees; 0.51' low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows and pet spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on shrimp, nightcrawlers, and liver.

Mark Duncan/AP

Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III talks to reporters Tuesday during a youth clinic as part of the NFL rookie symposium at the Cleveland Browns training facility in Berea, Ohio.

Griffin says 'There's vultures out there' about extortion case

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — The rookies, their lives filling with more responsibility by the minute, have listened carefully to the personal stories of success and failure from former NFL players.

The overriding messages: Control your destiny. Don't make our mistakes.

Adam "Pacman" Jones warned about the trappings of fame. Michael Vick spoke candidly about his dog-fighting conviction, 23 months locked in a federal prison and a second chance. Ex-NBA player Chris Herren detailed his descent into heroin's horror.

Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III has taken it all in during the rookie symposium, processing every word as if he was learning a new play — this one being the X's and O's of life.

"It would be easy to walk into those meetings and not listen and say, 'I'm not that guy,"' Griffin said, "because a lot of guys on that stage said the same thing when they heard another guy in the past come in and talk to them and say, 'I'm not that guy, it will never happen to me.'

"You take what they say, apply it to your own life and if you think 'I'm not that guy' at least you listened to them. You can only learn from your mistakes and others mistakes."

Griffin is making the most of the NFL's four-day orientation program — now in its 15th year — for the league's newest players, some of whom may think they know what's ahead but in truth have little idea about what they'll face as professional athletes.

Griffin's learning quickly.

On Monday, a former Baylor basketball player was arraigned in Waco on federal extortion charges for allegedly threatening to release "derogatory information" about Griffin unless the Heisman Trophy winner paid him a "substantial sum" of money.

According to court documents, Richard Khamir Hurd, 25, contacted a representative from a St. Louis agency, threatening to publicize derogatory information about a client unless he was paid. The representative is identified in documents only by the initials B.D. Griffin's agent is St. Louis-based Ben Dogra.

Hurd met at a Waco business Friday with someone who agreed to handle the transaction. After signing a non-disclosure agreement, handing over the information and receiving a check, Hurd was arrested by an undercover FBI agent.

During a youth skills clinic and barbeque on Tuesday at the Cleveland Browns' facility, Griffin declined to comment on specifics of the case, but said his situation is a prime example of what young players have to guard against.

"You've got to be careful who you trust," Griffin said. "There's vultures out there, people who are looking to climb on top of all your money."

Drew Brees hopeful of long-term deal with Saints

Rachel Cohen
Associated Press

NEW YORK — New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees is confident that he and the Saints will agree on a long-term contract.

With the start of training camp about a month off, the two sides still have "a ways to go" to close the gap, the 2010 Super Bowl MVP said Tuesday.

Nonetheless, he said, "I'm confident, and always have been, that we'll get a long-term deal accomplished."

Brees acknowledged that the NFL's bounty investigation into the Saints has slowed down negotiations.

"This has been a stressful offseason in a lot of ways. There's been a lot of distractions for everybody," he said. "I'm not using that as an excuse other than just stating it as fact. That has delayed things quite a bit at times."

And when it comes to that bounty probe, Brees is adamant that the league has not proved money ever changed hands in a pay-to-injure scheme.

"How can everybody think that when there's been no proof that's been put forth thus far?" he said. "There's been an investigation; there's been a lot of stuff put in the media as to what was going on. But is there any proof to back that up? No, there's not. Not yet."

Brees was in New York on Tuesday to discuss a program that provides free concussion testing for more than 3,300 middle and high schools and youth sports organizations. He was joined on a panel by retired New York Rangers goalie Mike Richter, former New York Giants linebacker Carl Banks and ex-U.S. women's soccer team goalkeeper Briana Scurry.

Scurry's career was ended by a concussion more than two years ago, and she still suffers symptoms such as short-term memory loss, she said. Against that backdrop are the allegations that Saints defensive players intended to injure their opponents.

But Brees described the NFL's evidence so far as "hearsay" and "hypotheticals," not the definitive proof needed.

"If there is, then it needs to come forward," he said. "If it is what they say it is, then punishments will be levied and deservedly so. But if there's not, then we need to vindicate the guys that were obviously wrongly accused."

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Rockets trade Budinger to Timberwolves

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Timberwolves were in the market for a capable perimeter shooter, ideally a veteran with experience in coach Rick Adelman's system to help balance a frontcourt-heavy roster. The Houston Rockets could be looking for something much, much bigger.

The teams made a move to address both needs on Tuesday, just two days before the NBA draft: The Timberwolves acquired swingman Chase Budinger from the Rockets in exchange for the 18th overall pick in the draft.

Houston went 34-32 last season and missed the playoffs for the third straight year. The Rockets now have the 14th, 16th and 18th selections in a draft that many scouts think is one of the deeper classes in years, a load of ammunition that could help them make a play for one of the stars who could be available, including Orlando center Dwight Howard or Atlanta forward Josh Smith.

It's the second straight offseason the Rockets figure to be very active in trying to add some size and skill to their frontcourt. Last year they had a deal in place that would have landed them Lakers big man Pau Gasol, but NBA Commissioner David Stern, acting on behalf of the league-owned New Orleans Hornets, nixed the trade, which would have sent Chris Paul to the Lakers.

Rockets general manager Daryl Morey is once again making a serious push in search of a blockbuster deal to push them back into contender status in the Western Conference.

The Timberwolves see themselves as a team on the rise behind Adelman, point guard Ricky Rubio and power forward Kevin Love. The Wolves faded late last season after Rubio went down with a knee injury, exposing the roster as one with too many point guards, power forwards and centers, and not enough playmakers and shooters on the wings.

Michael Beasley struggled with injuries and inconsistency, Wes Johnson couldn't find his shooting stroke and Martell Webster never got fully into the groove after preseason back surgery.

Budinger should help. He averaged 9.6 points, 3.7 rebounds and shot 40.2 percent from 3-point range in his third season with the Rockets. The former second-round pick out of Arizona played his first two seasons under Adelman in Houston, so he has familiarity in the coach's corner offense and has demonstrated the ability to knock down open jump shots.

"Chase knows Rick Adelman's system well after playing for him in Houston, and he will be a good fit on our team," Timberwolves president David Kahn said in a statement issued by the team.

NBA draft stocked with Wildcats, Tar Heels

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

Kentucky and North Carolina appear headed for an NBA-first during Thursday night's draft.

The two marquee college basketball programs each will likely have four players selected in the first round, starting with UK's Anthony Davis — the all-but-certain No. 1 overall pick.

If that happens, it would be the first time two schools accounted for eight first-rounders — possibly in the first 20 picks — in the same draft since the NBA went to its current two-round format in 1989. And the number could grow to as high as 10.

Kentucky "brought in a lot of guys, but what was great about the talent was the way they were able to play with each other," said Ryan Blake, senior director of NBA scouting operations. "I think that's what's so valuable — not just the physical skill side, but the ability to play the roles in the team format.

"North Carolina also brought in enormous talent and they were able to work on their games for a number of years. It's just unusual. I don't know if it'll be done again."

On the Kentucky side, forward Michael Kidd-Gilchrist could go right behind Davis at No. 2 and doesn't seem likely to slip out of the top seven. Blake expects forward Terrence Jones to go anywhere from No. 6 to No. 15, while guard Marquis Teague is likely a mid-to-late first-round pick.

As for North Carolina, Blake expects Harrison Barnes to go somewhere between No. 3 and No. 10, long-armed forward John Henson between No. 5 and No. 15, and 7-footer Tyler Zeller between No. 6 and No. 20. Blake said point Kendall Marshall, regarded as one of the top point guards in the draft, is a likely mid-to-late first-rounder.

Kentucky's Doron Lamb and Darius Miller also have a chance to be first-round selections.

Since the NBA went to a two-round draft in 1989, only four schools — Duke in 1999, North Carolina in 2005, Connecticut in 2006 and Kentucky in 2010 — have had at least four first-round picks in the same draft, with the Wildcats setting a record with five two years ago, according to STATS LLC.

The closest two schools came to accounting for eight first-round picks was when Florida and Ohio State each had three in 2007. The schools had five of the first nine selections — including top overall pick Greg Oden, Al Horford and Joakim Noah — and the sixth coming in at No. 21.

This year's haul could even create some lighthearted competition in the green room of players waiting to hear their name called.

"I'm hoping we get four in the lottery before they get four in the lottery," Barnes said during a recent workout for the Charlotte Bobcats. "It would be great, obviously. I mean, it's fun to go to the draft, but it's even more fun when you have your teammates with you. Potentially having four people in the green room from the same team, it would be a lot of fun, that we all reach our goals together."

Kentucky's Davis, Kidd-Gilchrist and Teague are one-and-dones, while Jones and Lamb entered the draft as sophomores. Miller was a senior.

Kentucky coach John Calipari wasn't ruling out the chance that all six could go in the first round.

"My hope is all six, but I don't know," Calipari said earlier this month. "I would be surprised if four are not. I would say four are locks and the other two have to go work out."

North Carolina's Barnes and Marshall entered the draft as sophomores, Henson as a junior and Zeller a senior.

For Tar Heels coach Roy Williams, it will mark the third time in eight years that his program will produce four picks in the same draft. His 2005 squad had four of the top 14 picks after winning a national championship, while the 2009 squad that won the NCAA title had three first-rounders and one second-rounder.

"I'm loving it for them," Williams said of this year's quartet. "I'll be very excited for all of them. It's a pretty neat deal to sit there and see four kids that you really think a lot of reach one of their biggest dreams if not their biggest dream. ... I'm going to be looking at it like a parent, looking at it like a coach, and even like a fan at the same time. It'll be exciting for me."

Report: Larry Bird leaving Indiana Pacers

Associated Press

David Morway resigned Tuesday as general manager of the Indiana Pacers amid reports that Larry Bird is on the way out, too.

Morway was hired by the Pacers in 1999 and had been GM since 2008. The Indianapolis Star reported Tuesday that Bird is expected to leave the Pacers, citing an unidentified person with direct knowledge of the situation. The Pacers and owner Herb Simon declined comment.

Bird

The 55-year-old Bird was Pacers coach from 1997-2000, taking the team to its only NBA Finals appearance that last year, before returning to the front office in 2003. He took full control of basketball decisions after the 2007-08 season, when Donnie Walsh left to become the New York Knicks' president.

This year, Bird was the NBA Executive of the Year after building a tough, young team that lost to eventual champion Miami in six games. He is the only person in league history to win that award, the MVP award and Coach of the Year.

A day later, other Williams wins at Wimbledon

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — On one point Tuesday at Wimbledon, Serena Williams dumped a forehand into the net and dropped to a knee, her jaw clenched as she let out a shriek.

On another, she pushed a backhand into the net while her feet gave way, yet again leaving her awkwardly splayed on the grass at Court 2, the same place where her sister Venus lost a day earlier.

By the end, the younger Williams was screaming after nearly every point, good or bad — and, well, there were plenty of both. Her harder-than-the-score-looked 6-2, 6-4 victory over the 62nd-ranked Barbora Zahlavova Strycova of the Czech Republic in the first round at the All England Club wasn't exactly perfect or pretty.

"Definitely a little relief," the sixth-seeded Williams said. "I was letting out a lot of cries. I was happy to get through that."

Yes, Williams got the job done, something she couldn't say the last time she was at a major championship. Last month at the French Open, the 30-year-old American tossed away a big lead — nine times, she was two points from victory — and lost to a woman ranked 111th, the only first-round exit of Williams' career in 48 Grand Slam tournaments.

"I learned that you got to ... keep going," Williams said about that stunning defeat. "I was really disappointed. Obviously, I was extremely disappointed. But as Kelly Clarkson says, 'What doesn't kill you makes you stronger.'"

In part because of a series of health scares that sidelined her for about 10 months, Williams has gone two years since the most recent of her 13 major titles, including four at Wimbledon. And even though she bowed out quickly in Paris, Williams is a popular pick to do well this fortnight.

"For me, when I'm playing a match," Williams said, "I either win it or lose it."

She'll want to play better than she did against Zahlavova Strycova, who is 0-21 against top-10 opponents, 13-27 in Grand Slam matches, and never has made it past the third round at any major.

Some other top players were sluggish at the start against unheralded foes Tuesday, when action was cut short in the evening because of rain.

Two-time Wimbledon champion Rafael Nadal, for instance, trailed 4-0 against 80th-ranked Thomas Bellucci of Brazil before turning it around and winning 7-6 (0), 6-2, 6-3.

"Fantastic for me," Nadal said, "but I have to improve a lot for the next round."

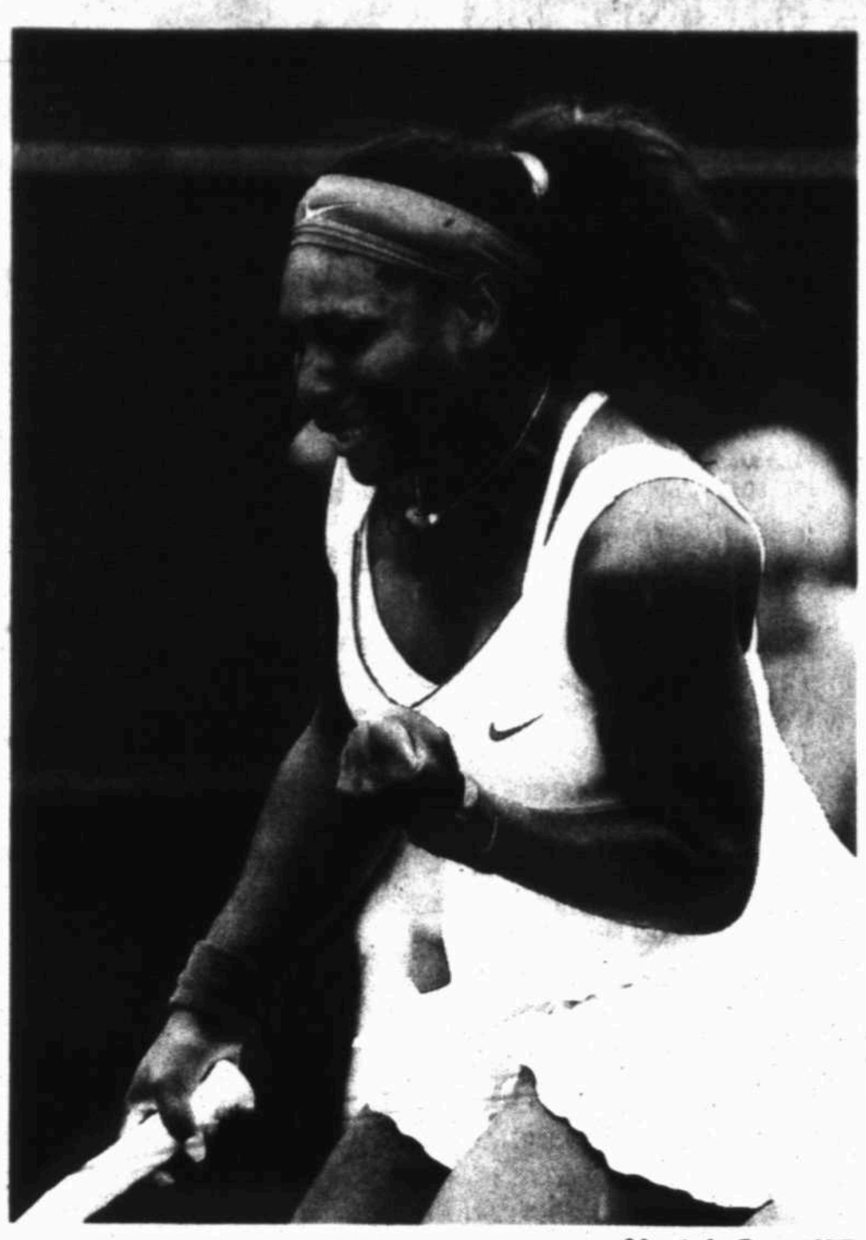
Defending women's champion Petra Kvitova fell behind 3-0 and 4-1 but eventually used a seven-game run to take control and beat 96th-ranked Akgul Amanmuradova 6-4, 6-4. The match was halted by a 30-minute rain delay in the second set; when they returned, Kvitova needed all of three minutes to wrap things up.

"In the beginning," Kvitova acknowledged, "I think I was nervous."

Twelve singles matches were suspended in progress and four were postponed altogether. Among those that began but didn't finish, 2003 U.S. Open champion and three-time Wimbledon runner-up Andy Roddick led British wild-card entry Jamie Baker by a set and a break; French Open finalist Sara Errani was a point from beating U.S. qualifier CoCo Vandeweghe; and 21st-seeded Milos Raonic of Canada was a game from eliminating Santiago Giraldo of Colombia, leading by two sets and 5-4 in the third.

Winners included 10th-seeded Mardy Fish of the United States, playing his first match since having a medical procedure on his heart a month ago. The 30-year-old Fish hit 24 aces and defeated Ruben Ramirez-Hidalgo of Spain 7-6 (3), 7-5, 7-6 (1), then didn't attend a postmatch news conference; a tour spokesman said Fish wasn't feeling well, but didn't elaborate.

All three Australian men in action Tuesday exited, meaning none reached the second round at the All England Club for the first time since 1938. No. 20 Bernard Tomic, a quarterfinalist at 18 years old in 2011, was knocked out by David Goffin, the Belgian wild-card recipient who took a set off Roger Federer in the fourth round of the French Open; 2002 Wimbledon champion Lleyton Hewitt lost to No. 5 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga; and Matthew Ebden was beaten by Benoit Paire of France.



Alastair Grant/AP

Serena Williams reacts with a fist pump during her first round women's singles match against Barbora Zahlavova Strycova on Tuesday at at Wimbledon, England.

TUESDAY AT WIMBLEDON

GLANCE

WIMBLEDON, England — A look at Wimbledon on Tuesday:

Weather: Cloudy with occasional rain that ended play in the evening. High of 70 degrees.

Men's Seeded Winners: No. 2 Rafael Nadal, No. 4 Andy Murray, No. 5 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, No. 9 Juan Martin del Potro, No. 10 Mardy Fish, No. 12 Nicolas Almagro, No. 16 Marin Cilic, No. 19 Kei Nishikori, No. 22 Alexandr Dolgopolov, No. 27 Philipp Kohlschreiber.

Men's Seeded Losers: No. 14 Feliciano Lopez, No. 20 Bernard Tomic, No. 32 Kevin Anderson

Women's Seeded Winners: No. 2 Victoria Azarenka, No. 4 Petra Kvitova, No. 6 Serena Williams, No. 9 Marion Bartoli, No. 12 Vera Zvonareva, No. 21 Roberta Vinci, No. 24 Francesca Schiavone, No. 25 Zheng Jie, No. 26 Anabel Medina Garrigues, No. 28 Christina McHale, No. 31 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

Women's Seeded Losers: No. 19 Lucie Safarova, No. 32 Svetlana Kuznetsova.

Stat of the Day: 0 — Number of Australian men reaching the second round, the first time that's happened at Wimbledon since 1938.

Quote of the Day: "I never saw him play when I was a kid." — Murray, talking about his coach, Ivan Lendl.

On Court today: No. 1 Novak Djokovic vs. Ryan Harrison, No. 3 Roger Federer vs. Fabio Fognini, No. 8 Janko Tipsarevic vs. Ryan Sweeting; No. 1 Maria Sharapova vs. Tsvetana Pironkova, No. 3 Agnieszka Radwanska vs. Elena Vesnina, No. 5 Sam Stosur vs. Arantxa Rus.

Today's Forecast: Cloudy. High of 72 degrees.

Online: http://www.wimbledon.org

Results
Tuesday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
Wimbledon, England
Purse: $25.03 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round

Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 6-3, 5-7, 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-2.

David Goffin, Belgium, def. Bernard Tomic (20), Australia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Alexandr Dolgopolov (22), Ukraine, def. Alex Bogomolov Jr., Russia, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

Jesse Levine, United States, def. Karol Beck, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-2.

Mardy Fish (10), United States, def. Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, 7-6 (3), 7-5, 7-6 (1).

Kei Nishikori (19), Japan, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.

Brian Baker, United States, def. Rui Machado, Portugal, 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-0.

Benoit Paire, France, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-1, 6-3, 6-7 (1), 6-3.

Nicolas Almagro (12), Spain, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 6-7 (4), 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-4.

Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Feliciano Lopez (14), Spain, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, def. Jurgen Zopp, Estonia, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 9-7.

Go Soeda, Japan, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (5), France, def. Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, def. Adrian Ungur, Romania, 7-6 (4), 6-1, 6-3.

Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 10-8.

Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 7-6 (0), 6-2, 6-3.

Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, def. Albert Montanes, Spain, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

Florent Serra, France, def. Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Kevin Anderson (32), South Africa, 7-5, 7-6 (3), 6-7 (4), 6-3.

James Ward, Britain, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 4-6, 6-0, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Philipp Kohlschreiber (27), Germany, def. Tommy Haas, Germany, 3-6, 7-6 (8), 6-7 (5), 7-6 (1), 6-2.

Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (0), 7-5.

Kenny de Schepper, France, def. Matthias Bachinger, Germany, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, 6-1, 6-1, 6-4.

Juan Martin del Potro (9), Argentina, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 7-5.

Marin Cilic (16), Croatia, def. Cedrik-Marcel Stebe, Germany, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Sam Querrey, United States, def. Vasek Pospisil, Canada, 7-5, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-4.

Andy Roddick (30), United States, leads Jamie Baker, Britain, 7-6 (1), 4-2, susp., rain.

Bjorn Phau, Germany, leads Wayne Odesnik, United States, 6-3, 3-6, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 0-0 (15-0), susp., rain.

Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, leads Dudi Sela, Israel, 6-4, 6-4, 1-1, susp., rain.

Lukasz Kubot, Poland, leads Tatsuma Ito, Japan, 7-6 (6), 6-3, 5-3 (30-30), susp., rain.

Jurgen Melzer, Austria, leads Stanislas Wawrinka (25), Switzerland, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 2-6, 6-4, 5-4 (40-40), susp., rain.

David Ferrer (7), Spain, leads Dustin Brown, Germany, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 1-1 (40-40), susp., rain.

Milos Raonic (21), Canada, leads Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 6-4, 6-4, 5-4, susp., rain.

Women
First Round

Vera Zvonareva (12), Russia, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 2-6, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Francesca Schiavone (24), Italy, def. Laura Robson, Britain, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, def. Lucie Safarova (19), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-0.

Aleksandra Wozniak, Canada, def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, 6-2, 7-5.

Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).

Zheng Jie (25), China, def. Stephanie Dubois, Canada, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (31), Russia, def. Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, 6-1, 6-2.

Petra Kvitova (4), Czech Republic, def. Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, 6-4, 6-4.

Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 6-2, 6-2.

Christina McHale (28), United States, def. Johanna Konta, Britain, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 10-8.

Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, def. Alexandra Panova, Russia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Serena Williams (6), United States, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.

Marion Bartoli (9), France, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia, 6-2, 6-4.

Romina Oprandi, Switzerland, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

Varvara Lepchenko, United States, def. Patricia Mayr-Achleitner, Austria, 6-2, 6-3.

Victoria Azarenka (2), Belarus, def. Irina Falconi, United States, 6-1, 6-4.

Melinda Czink, Hungary, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-0, 6-2.

Elena Baltacha, Britain, def. Karin Knapp, Italy, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.

Anabel Medina Garrigues (26), Spain, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, def. Greta Arn, Hungary, 6-4, 6-2.

Anne Keothavong, Britain, def. Laura Pous-Tio, Spain, 6-3, 6-3.

Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 6-4, 6-4.

Roberta Vinci (21), Italy, def. Ashleigh Barty, Australia, 6-2, 6-4.

Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova (32), Russia, 6-2, 6-3.

Sara Errani (10), Italy, leads CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, 6-1, 5-3 (Ad-40), susp., rain.

Caroline Wozniacki (7), Denmark, vs. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 2-2, susp., rain.

Julia Goerges (22), Germany, leads Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-2, 2-1, susp., rain.

Alize Cornet, France, leads Nina Bratchikova, Russia, 6-0, 5-5 (15-0), susp., rain.

Anastasiya Yakimova, Belarus, leads Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 3-3 (Ad-40), susp., rain.

Doubles
Men
First Round

Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Daniel Nestor (1), Canada, def. Michael Russell and Donald Young, United States, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2, 6-1.

Eric Butorac, United States, and Jamie Murray (14), Britain, def. Andre Begemann, Germany, and Igor Zelenay, Slovakia, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3), 4-6, 7-6 (4).

Women
First Round

Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States and Sania Mirza (13), India, def. Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, and Sloane Stephens, United States, 6-4, 6-2.

Maria Kirilenko and Nadia Petrova (4), Russia, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, and Alberta Brianti, Italy, 6-3, 6-0.

Lourdes Dominguez Lino and Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Lindsay Lee-Waters and Megan Moulton-Levy, United States, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Show Court Schedules
Today
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
Wimbledon, England

Play begins on Centre Court and No. 1 Court at 7 a.m.; all other courts at 5:30 a.m.

Centre Court

Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, vs. Fabio Fognini, Italy

Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, vs. Kim Clijsters, Belgium

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, vs. Ryan Harrison, United States

No. 1 Court

Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, vs. Sam Stosur (5), Australia

Maria Sharapova (1), Russia, vs. Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria

Xavier Malisse, Belgium, vs. Gilles Simon (13), France

No. 2 Court

Heather Watson, Britain, vs. Jamie Hampton, United States

Ryan Sweeting, United States, vs. Janko Tipsarevic (8), Serbia

Ruben Bemelmans, Belgium, vs. Richard Gasquet (18), France

Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, vs. Angelique Kerber (8), Germany

No. 3 Court

Jeremy Chardy, France, vs. Juan Monaco (15), Argentina

Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, vs. Elena Vesnina, Russia

Nicolas Almagro (12), Spain, vs. Guillaume Rufin, France

USATF draws scrutiny with no plan to settle tie

By Pat Graham
Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — Justin Gatlin would pick a runoff, reluctantly. So would Maurice Greene, who would do a coin toss as a last resort.

Everybody has an opinion — even Olympic gold medalists — about USA Track and Field's hastily unveiled options for breaking a third-place tie between Allyson Felix and Jeneba Tarmoh, who finished in a dead heat in the 100-meter final at last weekend's Olympic trials.

On Tuesday, three days after they raced, USATF still has no idea when it will be resolved.

The sprinters have until Sunday, when the trials end, to decide if they want a runoff — a winner-take-all race to break the tie — or a flip of a coin to determine who gets the last spot on the London-bound team.

"I honestly can't tell you why a protocol wasn't in place," USATF President Stephanie Hightower said. "No one ever thought through it. The likelihood of it happening didn't cross anybody's minds."

Surprising, since this has happened before — to Hightower, no less.

At the 1984 Olympic trials, she finished in a three-way tie for second place in the hurdles. A grainy photo was used to break the tie and she was the odd person out, failing to earn a spot.

"There's no question that everyone was caught off guard," Hightower said. "At least this gives us the motivation to look at our bylaws and competition rules to see if there are any other gaping holes we need to shore up before the next big championship or Olympic trials."

That doesn't exactly help Felix and Tarmoh now. They will compete in the 200 meters and after Saturday's final, if both make it, decide what to do next. The trials went on a two-day break Tuesday and will resume Thursday.

So far, the women have been pretty much mum on the matter. Their teammates have not.

"As an athlete, this worries me," said Gatlin, who won the 100 last weekend, but will skip the 200. "Because no one knew about this loophole in the system.

"To run the 100-meter final at the Olympic trials and for it to be decided on a coin toss? It blows my mind."

So does a runoff.

"Your coach trains you for three rounds, for six rounds if you run the 100 and 200, and not an extra round. That's looked at as more of a sideshow," Gatlin said. "These ladies should have the respect for someone to say to them, 'Hey, you know what? There should've been a better (system) in place.'"

Hansen caps comeback with return to Olympics

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Brendan Hansen was done with swimming after two doses of Olympic heartache.

He's feeling a lot better now.

Next stop: London.

Hansen, who retired from the sport after the Beijing Games but couldn't stay away, made his comeback worthwhile by winning the 100-meter breaststroke at the U.S. Olympic trials Tuesday night.

"It was a really pressured day for me," Hansen said. "I didn't want there to be any doubt."

Eric Shanteau is heading back to the Olympics, too, and this time he doesn't have to worry about battling cancer. He rallied to finish second to Hansen, pumping his fist when he saw his position, slapping hands with the winner, then running across the deck to kiss his wife.

Four years ago, Shanteau beat out Hansen for an individual spot on the team shortly after being diagnosed with testicular cancer. He put off treatment until after the games and has been healthy ever since.

Hansen wasn't the only swimmer to use the second night of the trials as redemption for Olympic disappointment.

Dana Vollmer, a gold medalist as a teenager in 2004, missed out on the team four years ago while battling injuries and health problems. It's all good now. She got off to a blistering start and soared through the water to easily win the 100 butterfly.

"I'm so relieved," Vollmer said. "It was such an exciting race. I'm really overwhelmed right now."

And, oh yeah, there was another memorable race between Ryan Lochte and Michael Phelps, but there's a bigger showdown to come. One night after Lochte beat Phelps in the 400 individual medley, Lochte edged him out again in the semifinals of the 200 freestyle.

But that's just a tuneup for tonight's final, which figures to be another classic between the world's two greatest swimmers.

"Oh, that was the semifinals. It doesn't really matter," Lochte said. "It doesn't matter until the finals. We're great racers, we just want to win. We definitely kicked it in gear the last 50, me and him. We know tomorrow night is going to be a lot faster."

Said Phelps: "It's going to be a tough race."

Sakic, Sundin among four selected for Hockey Hall

Associated Press

TORONTO — Joe Sakic was four years old when his father took him to his first hockey game.

And his life-long love affair with the sport began.

The stylish center who spent his entire 20-year NHL career with the Quebec Nordiques-Colorado Avalanche franchise parlayed that passion into a berth in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Sakic was voted into the Hall by the 18-member selection committee Tuesday along with three other star forwards who terrorized goaltenders over the last three decades — Adam Oates, Mats Sundin and Pavel Bure.

The players will be officially inducted into the Hall of Fame on Nov. 12 in Toronto.

"I remember. My dad took me to a Vancouver Canucks game against the Atlanta Flames," Sakic recalled on a conference call. "I fell in love with hockey and I wanted to play.

"It was all I wanted to do, on the ice or on the street."

Oates' honor came only hours after he was named coach of the Washington Capitals.

"Obviously, it's been an absolutely fantastic day," Oates said. "I'm excited about the coaching job and to be called to the Hall of Fame ... it's just a special day for me."

Sakic and Sundin, who began their careers as teammates in Quebec City, were selected in their first year of eligibility, while Oates and Bure made it after waits of five and six years, respectively.

They were the only inductees as no builders or women made it this year. Among those overlooked were power forward Brendan Shanahan, now the NHL's disciplinarian who was in his first year of eligibility, and former coaches Pat Burns and Fred Shero.

Between them, the four new members had 1,967 regular-season goals and 3,786 assists.

Sakic was one of the smartest players of his era. Despite a slight frame, he could make plays in heavy traffic or snap home a goal.

Sundin was a big, rangy center who dominated the area around the net. He made his name mostly as captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Oates was the premier passer of his time. He formed legendary one-two punch combinations with finishers like Brett Hull in St. Louis and Cam Neely in Boston.

Bure, a right winger known as the Russian Rocket, could pull fans from their seats with his spectacular high-speed rushes up the ice for the Canucks, Rangers and Panthers. He led Vancouver to the 1994 Stanley Cup finals.

Sundin is the second Swede in the Hall after another Toronto great, defenseman Borje Salming. Bure joins fellows Russians Viacheslav Fetisov, Vladislav Tretiak, Igor Larionov and Valeri Kharlamov.

Sundin said his eyes were opened to the skill level in the NHL by Sakic when he joined the Nordiques after being picked first overall in 1989.

"When you're in Sweden, you're not used to seeing a player like that who can play at both ends of the ice," the 41-year-old said. "It was not only scoring points that impressed me, it was his overall game. He had no weaknesses."

Sakic was captain of his team for 16 years, the second-longest tenure in NHL history. He scored 50 goals twice and had six 100-point seasons. He won Stanley Cups in 1996, when he was playoff MVP, and in 2001.

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the field down to four. Among the factors the committee will consider is won-loss record, strength of schedule, head-to-head results and whether a team is a conference champion.

The commissioners want to lock in this format for 12 years with a television partner. The current BCS deal with ESPN runs through the 2013 season. The new format will be presented to potential TV partners in the fall, starting with ESPN.

There are still some details to work out — such as who will be on the committee and what new bowls will be involved in the semifinal rotation — but all the decision-makers are on board.

Lower divisions of college football already have a playoff, but the highest level has always used bowls and polls to determine its champion. Those days are coming to an end.

"By making this change we felt we could enhance the regular season but at the same time provide the fans with the kind of postseason that will contribute to the regular season," Southeastern Conference Commissioner Mike Slive said.

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TODAY Sunny High 103 Low 74

THURSDAY Sunny High 101 Low 73

FRIDAY Sunny High 101 Low 73

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 103 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for clear conditions with a low around 74 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday, look for sunny skies with a high around 101, a low around 73 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 101 and a low around 73.

The high on Tuesday reached 105 while the low dropped to 70. The record high for June 26 is 112 set in 1994. The record low is 59 set in 1958.

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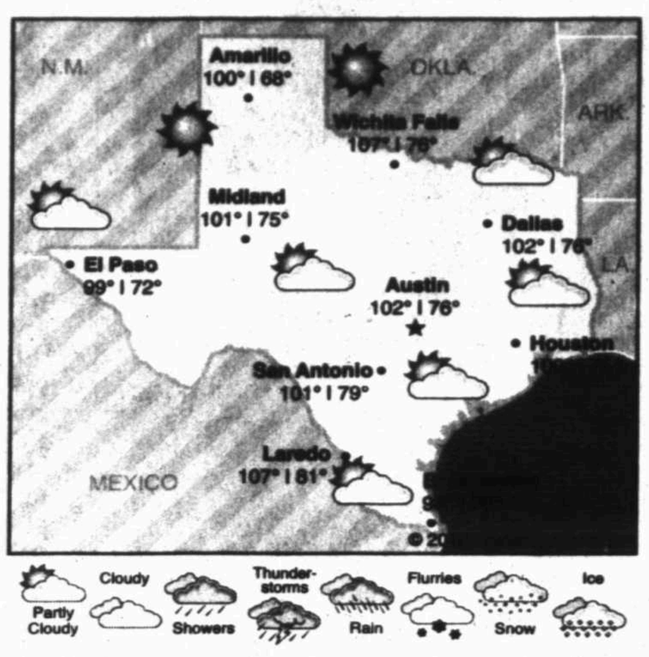
Florida and southern Georgia will have additional heavy rain and thunderstorms today, courtesy of slow-moving Debby. But because the tropical system is picking up speed, it is forecast to move off the east coast of Florida during Thursday with a projected path over the open waters of the Atlantic into the weekend. As this occurs, the rain and thunderstorms will diminish in the region.

Meanwhile, a stalled nontropical storm will hover over northern New England. Locally heavy rain will fall over Maine and neighboring Canada with the potential for flooding problems.



Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.43 in.
Total for year	4.66 in.
Normal total (year to date)	5.83 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	105
Low	70
Normal high	94
Normal low	69

Sunrise ... 6:45 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:59 p.m.

Pot-smoking husband lives in haze of youthful memories

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, who is 53, talks often about his college days when he smoked marijuana. I tried it once and didn't like it. Over the past several years he has started smoking it again.

I have told him I don't approve, but he says he does it only occasionally "to take the edge off." Many times he has smoked when we're out on bike rides, on road trips or a Sunday drive. It makes me feel like he needs to be high in order to have a good time with me.

I tried compromising by asking him not to do it when we are together. He agreed, but he doesn't keep his word. He does it thinking I don't know what he's up to.

I have noticed that he is becoming forgetful and is sometimes unable to understand information. Is this a midlife crisis he's going through? How do I get him to stop? — MRS. POTHEAD IN WINONA, MINN.

DEAR MRS. POTHEAD: It's not a midlife crisis. I'm told that the grass that's available today is far stronger than when your hubby smoked it in college.

Your husband may be becoming forgetful and unable to process information because he's smoking pot A LOT, or because of a neurological problem. Because marijuana slows reaction time, he should not be driving while under the influence, and you shouldn't be riding with him.

Because you can't convince him to stop, you could benefit from visiting a support group for families and friends of individuals who are addicted to drugs, because marijuana is one, and it appears your husband has become addicted.

P.S. Of course, marijuana is also illegal.

DEAR ABBY: "Jerry," my husband, has been sending pictures of himself to online dating sites, advertising for a personal relationship with the so-called "right woman."

I feel this is a betrayal of our marriage vows and that it's cheating. He claims he's "just looking" at what's out there.

My concern is, why is he looking in the first place? All I get from him is "I love you" and "I want to be with you." I have seen these dating sites, and I feel hurt and betrayed. Am I wrong to feel this way, or should I believe what he says about harmless fun? — BROKEN-HEARTED LIBRA, LOUISVILLE, KY.

DEAR LIBRA: Your instincts are right on the money. You have every right to feel betrayed, hurt and cheated on because your husband's words don't match his actions. What he's doing is not "harmless fun"; it is a danger to your marriage. Do not tolerate it. Run, don't walk, to a marriage counselor. If your husband won't go with you, go alone because your marriage could depend upon it.

DEAR ABBY: I was divorced 20 years ago and have two children from my marriage. My ex-husband was black and I am Caucasian. Over the years, when I've discussed my children or showed photos of them, people have asked me if they are "mixed," if they have the same father and if I was married to their father. I presume that some folks assume interracial marriage indicates a lack of good judgment, giving rise to further inappropriate questions.

I would love a good, snappy comeback to those questions without stooping to their level of rudeness. I have tried, "Why would you ask me that?" and got even more questions. Any advice or help you could give would be great. — TAKEN ABACK IN INDIANA

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: Rather than a snappy comeback, why not simply answer "yes" to all three of those questions and end the conversation?

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The whole is more than the sum of the parts

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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

WEST
♠ A 8 5
♡ 2
◇ 9 7 5 4
♣ 10 9 8 4 3

EAST
♠ 9 4 2
♡ Q 10 8 6
◇ K 8 2
♣ 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 7
♡ K 9 5 3
◇ A Q
♣ A Q J

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Ten of ♣

Look just at the North-South heart holding in the diagram above. What is the correct way to tackle the suit? The answer is that you cannot know until you learn how many tricks you can afford to lose in it! It is relevant to this deal.

Using a range of 20-22, South had a perfectly normal two no-trump. After North's Stayman inquiry located the heart fit, the four-club cue-bid hinted at slam. After cue-bidding diamonds in return South should have respected North's sign-off in four hearts. Bidding again with minimum values got the pair to an uncomfortable level.

West's lead of the 10 of clubs was won in dummy with the king. How trumps were going to be handled depended on how many side-suit losers there were, so at trick two declarer led a diamond to the queen, which held.

Since there was now only one loser outside the trump suit, declarer could afford to lose a trump trick and there was a safety play available should either defender hold four hearts.

Declarer led a trump to the ace and continued with a low trump from the table. When East followed, declarer inserted the nine. West discarded on this trick, so declarer was able to cash the king of hearts, force out the ace of spades and concede a trump trick to make five-odd.

What if East showed out on the second heart? Declarer would rise with the king and later lead a trump toward the jack for the same result, thanks to the friendly lie of the side suits.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Bombards with junk email
6 Bk. after Proverbs
10 Lingering effect
14 Colorado snowboarding mecca
15 Laze
16 Phenom
17 Davis of "Commander in Chief"
18 Un-PC purchase?
19 Grain that's rolled
20 Cause a major snafu
23 Educator LeShan
24 Wear a long face
25 Kicked out
28 2011 PGA Player of the Year Luke
30 Barrister's deg.
31 Clinch, in slang
32 Spacely Space Sprockets employee
36 Part of PGA: Abbr.
39 Rating from Moody's
40 Elusive
41 Pioneer 10 or Voyager 1
46 Shipping magnate Onassis
47 Benz- finish
48 Quaint love letter opener
52 Dollar deal?
54 Make better
56 Flagstaff-to-Tucson dir.
57 Umbrella-carrying Disney character
60 Pop star
62 Pop
63 Gullible
64 Ear piece
65 Works on the road
66 Chair designer Charles
67 Light beer ad word
68 Persian for "king"
69 Bar shot

DOWN
1 Went south, in a way
2 Bogus
3 Theoretical prototype person
4 Item in a diner host's stack
5 "Made from the Best Stuff on Earth" drink brand
6 Yale of Yale
7 Night sky streaker
8 Tiger's weapon
9 "Hey Lover" rapper
10 Furry sci-fi critters
11 Chew out
12 Googler's success
13 Parts of lbs.
21 Big fuss
22 Not minding one's manners
26 Green sci.
27 Turn down
29 Lambs: Lat.
30 Jet giant
33 Hard to come by
34 Reason for braces, perhaps
35 Ready to drive
36 Cracked a little
37 "You betcha!"
38 Damage control efforts, imagewise
42 Sports group
43 Joins up
44 Epps of "House"
45 This puzzle's title, based on the starts of 20-, 32-, 41- and 57-Across
49 Alaska native
50 Love letter sign-off
51 Take back to the lab
53 Mah-jongg pieces
54 Many-headed monster
55 PayPal funds
58 Wordsmith Webster
59 James of "The Godfather"
60 Below par
61 One may be fawning

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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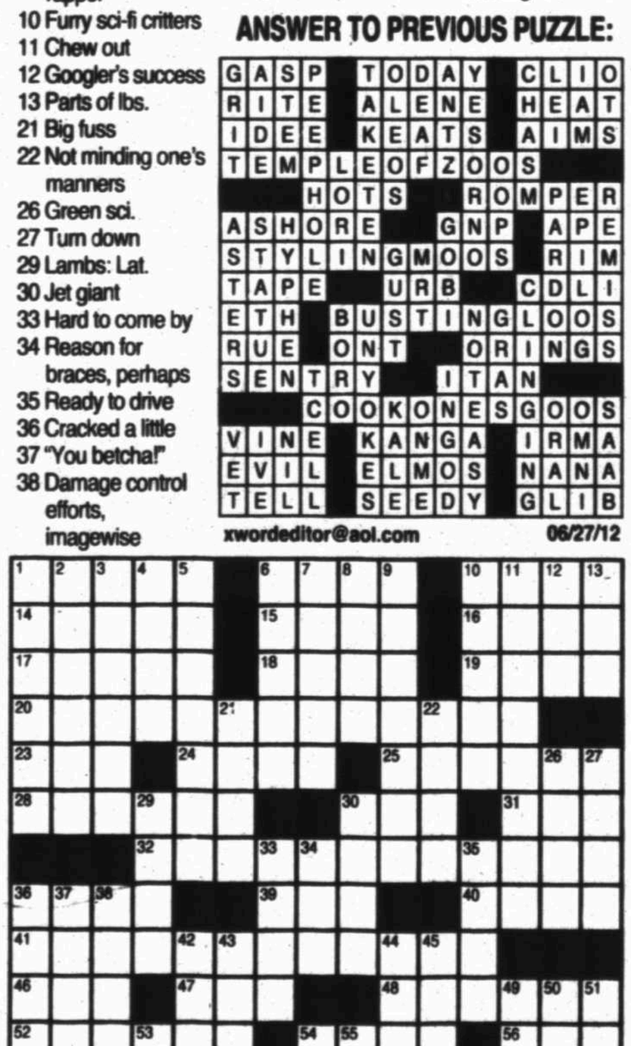

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 27, 2012:

This year you will work through certain issues, as well as your changing perspective about money. The person you are as you enter this birthday year will be very different from the person who leaves it. Stay true to you. Win control games by not playing. What does not work needs to be dropped if you cannot fix it. If you are single, a significant person to your life history knocks on your door sometime around your next birthday. If you are attached, heal your relationship's wounds through more intense one-on-one time. LIBRA has a way of creating tension within you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Someone tests your commitment to a concept or project. Though you might respond with a strong answer, take a second look to see where there is room for improvement. Good will marks the end results. Tonight: A long-overdue decision.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Maintain a sense of direction, no matter what. You could be exhausted and tired, especially if you encounter a difficult situation or person. Relax and trust yourself; you'll come out on top. Tonight: Relax at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Let your creativity flourish, and allow greater give-and-take. A loved one could be testing your limits to see your reaction. Deal with others individually when handling an issue. A group meeting might seem easier, but don't go that way. Tonight: Let more romance in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Go back to basics rather than struggle with an existing situation. You could feel as if you pushed too far with an important partner. Remain more understanding right now. More is about to be revealed. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Make an effort to get to the bottom of a problem. A superficial Band-Aid might work for the moment, but not in the long run. Listen to your instincts with a difficult associate. This person might not change for a while, nor does he or she have any interest in doing that. Tonight: Accept an invitation for dinner and fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Allow greater creativity to flow between you and someone else. Sometimes you can be overwhelmed by how demanding a loved one could be. Recognize that, on some level, you are feeding that behavior. Detach, and do not get caught up in a problem. Tonight: Out having fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Honor what is happening within your immediate circle. Give yourself some space from a controlling individual, and you will feel much better; nearly everywhere else you are appreciated. Why not head in that direction for now? Tonight: Make nice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Pull back if you keep hitting an impasse. You do not need to do/say something over and over to convince someone of how right you are. Let this person think what he or she wants. Your opinions make no difference, in any case. Tonight: Play it lowkey.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Focus on the possibilities, especially those involving a friendship and/or a long-term objective. Caring will be expressed at the appropriate moment. Stay on top of a money matter. Try to avoid a struggle, but do not be anyone's fool. Tonight: End a grudge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Others appreciate your efforts. Take a stand for what you believe is right. Remember that what feels right for you often might not be so for others. Honor your differences rather than try to eliminate them. Be accepting instead of judgmental. Tonight: A long-overdue discussion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might feel quite huffy and/or controlling, but detaching to take a view of the big picture is worth it. Listen to news with an open mind and don't worry so much about what is in it for you. Tonight: Read between the lines.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Deal with people on an individual level right now. You could be overwhelmed in a meeting and unable to present your ideas with the same power. An important associate, friend or partner helps you in a caring manner. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

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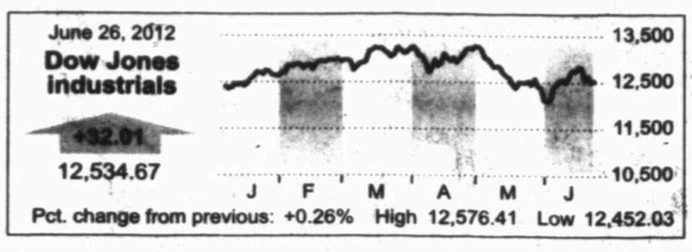
BORN TODAY

Socialite Khloe Kardashian (1984), businessman H. Ross Perot (1930), fashion designer Vera Wang (1949)

Business & Oil

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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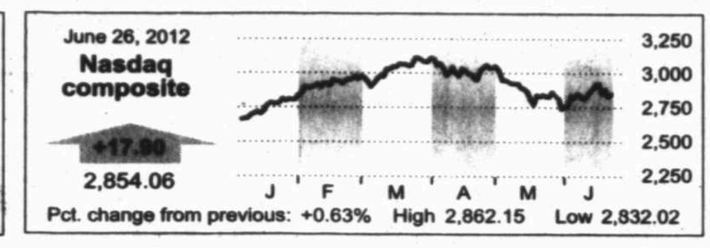

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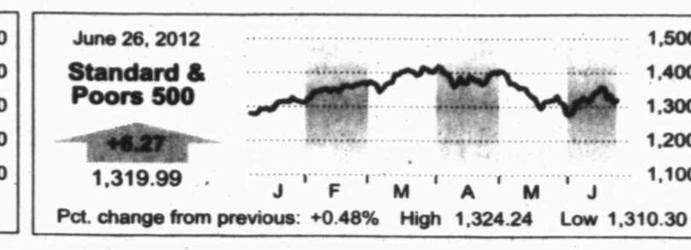

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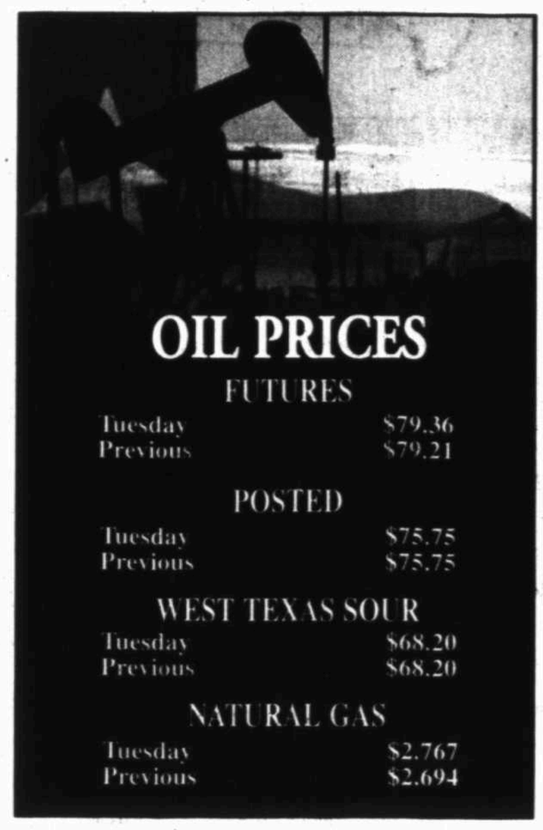

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This Feb. 1 file photo shows News Corp.'s headquarters in New York. Under pressure to limit contagion from the British phone hacking scandal, Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. confirmed Tuesday that it is considering splitting into two publicly traded companies. The Wall Street Journal, News Corp.'s flagship newspaper, reported late Monday that the company is considering the separation of the newspaper and book publishing businesses from the entertainment arm.

News Corp. mulls split in 2; stock jumps

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. is preparing to spin off its book and newspaper business into a separate company, an acknowledgement that the printed page will never again be central to the company's future.

Murdoch's plan to split his company represents a break from the past. The 81-year-old billionaire built the company from a single Australian newspaper he inherited from his father. Through the years, he maintained a fondness for newspapers even as he purchased entertainment companies and assembled a global media empire with a market value of $52 billion.

The Wall Street Journal, News Corp.'s flagship newspaper, reported late Tuesday that News Corp.'s board of directors will consider the plan Wednesday and possibly announce its approval Thursday morning.

Under the proposal, newspapers will be shunted off into a separate publicly traded entity, which Murdoch will control along with a second company that comprises News Corp.'s TV and movie business.

Investors hailed Tuesday's announcement that News Corp. is considering a split, sending the stock up $1.68, or 8.3 percent, to close at $21.76 Tuesday. During the day, the stock was as high as $21.89, its highest level since hitting $21.90 on Oct. 25, 2007.

Analysts said the newspaper and book publishing division could be worth about $5 billion — what Murdoch paid the Bancroft family for Dow Jones & Co., the publisher of The Wall Street Journal, in 2007.

News Corp. investors have never liked that acquisition and over the last five years the stock price has stagnated, hurt by fears Murdoch would overpay for other newspaper assets.

By contrast, investors adore Chief Operating Officer Chase Carey, who along with Murdoch's son James, the deputy COO, have been steering the company toward a future based on expanding profitable pay TV operations around the globe.

The split could be beneficial for both companies. Part of News Corp.'s problem in recent years is that it has been trying to please two kinds of investors with different, and somewhat conflicting, demands: Those looking to make a killing on a rising stock price and more conservative ones who like less risky, more predictable companies that pay generous dividends.

News Corp. has failed to please either. Its stock is no higher than it was five years ago, and it pays a dividend of just 17 cents a year, or 0.8 percent of what it costs to buy a share. The average company in the S&P 500 stock index pays its owners cash each year equivalent to 2 percent of its stock price.

A spin off might change this. It would free the TV and film business from the drag of the slower growing publishing business. And it would allow the publishing business the freedom to hike its cash payout.

"News Corp. has one of the best TV businesses, but some people like musty, dusty publishing companies that pay great dividends," said Barton Crockett, an analyst at Lazard Capital. "It's a good thing for shareholders."

Crockett said newspapers have been raising dividends lately, and he thinks a separate News Corp. publishing business could do the same, possibly to 6 percent, which is what rival Gannett Co. pays.

US gasoline prices fall

The price of gasoline has dropped to a five-month low, giving drivers some relief ahead of the July 4 holiday.

The national average fell to around $3.40 per gallon on Tuesday. South Carolina, at $2.987, has the distinction of being the first state with an average below $3 since February 2011. Even in states that impose high gas taxes, such as New York and California, pump prices are averaging less that $4.

Americans are now spending roughly $200 million per day less on gas than in early April, when gas peaked at $3.94 per gallon. And analysts are expecting further declines. One economist on Tuesday forecast the national average will soon fall to $3.10 per gallon.

Worries about the global economy are keeping oil near 8-month lows. Prices have dropped more than 20 percent since May 1, though they rebounded Tuesday as European leaders prepared to discuss a slate of proposals to stabilize the region's economy. Meetings are scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

Benchmark U.S. crude added 15 cents to end the day at $79.36 per barrel in New York while Brent crude added $2.01 to end at $93.02 per barrel in London.

Dollar falls slightly

The dollar fell slightly compared to other currencies Tuesday as investors waited for more clarity on the debt crisis in Europe.

The euro rose incrementally, to $1.2499 from $1.2495 late Monday. The British pound rose to $1.5639 from $1.5563. The dollar fell to 79.47 Japanese yen from 79.68 yen, to 1.0240 Canadian dollar from 1.0296 Canadian dollar, and to 0.9609 Swiss franc from 0.9610 Swiss franc.

Gold for August delivery fell $13.50 to end at $1,574.90 an ounce.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1305886131.98		+.66
BkofAm	1246190	7.62	+.01
GenElec	574403	19.80	+.28
SPDR Fncl	515753	14.11	+.07
SprintNex	468392	3.13	+.04

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BIP GCrb	11.53	+2.15	+22.9
CSVLgNGs	28.70	+3.08	+12.0
SonicAut	13.53	+1.37	+11.3
LonePine g	2.50	+.25	+11.1
MexEqt pf	13.93	+1.33	+10.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Harbinger	6.93	-1.04	-13.0
GibGeophy	5.28	-.72	-12.0
JinkoSolar	3.51	-.45	-11.4
CSVInvNG	35.66	-4.35	-10.9
CSGlobWm	6.55	-.59	-8.3

Diary

Advanced	1,927
Declined	1,098
Unchanged	139
Total issues	3,164
New Highs	83
New Lows	73
Volume	3,310,479,134

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NovaGld g	37662	5.21	-.20
ChenireEn	32977	12.39	+.03
Rentech	21500	1.98	+.13
NwGold g	18103	9.50	...
VimetX	16591	35.14	+.76

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Orbital	3.94	+.60	+18.0
MGTCap rs	6.14	+.52	+9.3
HallwdGp	10.00	+.80	+8.7
USAntimny	4.04	+.26	+6.9
DocuSec	3.96	+.16	+4.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medgen wt	4.65	-.77	-14.2
Medgenics	10.48	-1.40	-11.8
Aerosonic	3.47	-.37	-9.6
SaratogaRs	5.93	-.53	-8.2
Barnwell	2.92	-.23	-7.3

Diary

Advanced	224
Declined	218
Unchanged	43
Total issues	485
New Highs	6
New Lows	12
Volume	54,440,579

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NewsCpA	655185	21.76	+1.68
Zynga n	588601	5.77	-.30
Microsoft	376678	30.02	+.16
ArenaPhm	369692	8.85	-.35
Intel	336870	26.01	-.05

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Supernus n	12.23	+6.52	+114.2
pSivida	2.25	+.37	+19.7
GTx Inc	3.63	+.58	+19.0
ChiCera un	3.22	+.49	+17.9
PlumasBc	3.40	+.50	+17.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PrimeBio n	3.25	-.92	-22.1
Telik rs	2.36	-.60	-20.3
GeoMet pf	3.95	-.75	-16.0
JamesRiv	2.49	-.43	-14.7
ATP O&G	2.95	-.46	-13.5

Diary

Advanced	1,375
Declined	1,082
Unchanged	120
Total issues	2,577
New Highs	51
New Lows	64
Volume	1,563,093,416

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $8.71 Down 0.11

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $41.97 Down 0.33

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price 81.02 Up 2.54

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $21.28 Up 0.40

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $23.96 Up 0.10

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.65 Down 0.04

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $13.98 Down 0.12

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76	51	34.98	+.03	+15.7
Abraxas	...	14	2.89	-.03	-12.4
AdamsEx	.65e	...	10.27	+.05	+6.5
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.51	-.03	-3.2
Alcoa	.12	16	8.39	...	-3.0
AlonUSA	.16	...	7.89	-.02	-9.4
AlphaNRs	...	...	7.73	-.20	-62.2
Amgen	1.44	17	71.46	+.08	+11.3
Anadarko	.36	...	60.45	+.38	-20.8
Apache	.68	8	82.41	+.90	-9.0
ApidMatl	.36	11	10.99	+.05	+2.6
ArenaPhm	...	...	8.85	-.35	+373.3
ATMOS	1.38	17	33.66	-.04	+.9
AutoData	1.58	19	53.93	+.01	-.1
BP PLC	1.92	5	37.81	+.15	-11.5
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.23	+.22	-15.3
BakrHu	.60	10	38.26	+.13	-21.3
BkofAm	.04	...	7.62	+.01	+37.0
Bar iPVix	...	...	16.67	-.47	-53.1
BasicEnSv	...	4	8.71	-.11	-55.8
BerkHa A	...	20	122129.00	+1429.00	+6.4
BerryPet	.32	...	33.03	+.93	-21.4
BestBuy	.68f	...	19.37	+.86	-17.1
BlkHillsCp	1.48	30	32.26	+.07	-3.9
BrlbySq	1.36	16	34.52	+.39	-2.0
BrownFA	1.40	23	93.60	+3.12	+18.1
BrownFB	1.40	27	95.74	+2.77	+18.9
CVS Care	.65	17	45.44	+.24	+11.4
Cameron	...	17	39.76	+.85	-19.2
Caterpillar	2.08f	10	82.73	-.16	-8.7
Celestic g	...	6	7.13	+.15	-2.7
Cemex	.32i	...	6.24	+.12	+20.4
CntryLink	2.90	31	38.30	+.15	+3.0
ChesEng	.35	6	17.05	+.02	-23.5
Chevron	3.60f	7	100.95	+1.87	-5.1
Chicos	.21	16	14.10	+.15	+26.6
Cimarex	.48	8	47.11	-.15	-23.9
Cisco	.32	12	16.82	-.12	-6.7
Citigroup	.04	7	26.73	-.02	+1.6
ClayEng	...	5	41.97	-.33	-44.7
CocaCola	2.04	20	75.08	+.31	+7.3
ColgPal	2.48f	20	100.10	+.78	+8.3
ConAgra	.96	29	25.23	+.02	-4.4
ConchoRes	...	17	81.02	+2.54	-13.6
ConocPhil	s2.64	6	53.64	+.68	-3.4
CrackerB	1.60f	16	60.07	+.13	+19.2
CSVelIVSt	...	...	10.29	+.29	+58.1
CrosTim	2.81e	12	35.00	+1.00	-28.4
DCP Mid	2.64f	22	38.41	+1.66	-19.1
DTE	2.48f	14	58.17	+.02	+6.8
Dataram h	...	...	.80	-.08	-1.2
Dawson	...	14	21.28	+.40	-46.2
Dell Inc	.32	7	11.93	-.02	-18.5
DeltaAir	...	8	11.14	+.62	+37.7
DevonE	.80	5	54.58	+.26	-12.0
DirSCBear	...	...	20.80	-.22	-21.5
DirFnBear	...	...	25.24	-.43	-32.4
Disney	.60f	17	47.30	+.60	+26.1
DowChm	1.28f	17	31.32	-.92	+8.9
EMC Cp	.21	23	23.95	+.14	+11.2
EOG Res	.68	18	83.96	-.94	-14.8
EmpDist	1.00	16	20.58	-.20	-2.4
Energen	.56	10	41.14	+.29	-17.7
EngyTsfr	3.58	9	44.33	+.12	-3.3
EnPro	...	16	36.59	-.29	+10.9
EntPrPt	2.51f	19	48.57	+.27	+4.7
Ericsson	.35e	...	8.63	-.10	-14.8
ExterranH	...	...	11.06	-.09	+21.5
ExxonMbl	2.28f	10	82.40	+1.16	-2.8
Facebook n	...	...	33.10	+1.04	-13.4
FstHorizon	.04	15	8.21	+.30	+2.6
FordM	.20	6	10.01	...	-7.0
ForestOil s	...	7	6.80	+.06	-49.8
FMCG	1.25f	7	31.61	+.01	-14.1
FrozenFd	...	...	1.31	+.01	+1.6
GATX	1.20	14	35.99	+.06	-17.6
GabMultT	.80	...	6.71	+.04	+7.7
GAInv	.50e	...	26.51	+.12	+6.4
GenElec	.68	16	19.80	+.28	+10.6
Golfsmith	...	...	6.05	...	+89.1
Goodrich	1.16	20	126.74	+.03	+2.5
GtPlainEn	.85	18	20.92	+.05	-3.9
HaliburR rs	...	...	10.42	-.05	+11.0
Halliprtn	.36	8	26.70	-.28	-22.6
Heinz	2.06f	19	52.95	-.28	-2.0
HewlettP	.53f	7	19.36	-.19	-24.9
Hitachi	...	...	63.70	...	+22.2
iShBraz	1.48e	...	49.42	+.07	-13.9
iShJapn	.20e	...	9.02	+.10	-1.0
iShChina25	.93e	...	32.19	+.36	-7.7
iShEMkts	.82e	...	37.41	+.33	-1.4
iS Eafe	1.72e	...	47.67	+.31	-3.8
iShR2K	1.23e	...	76.20	+.30	+3.3
IntegryeE	2.72	22	56.19	+.43	+3.7
Intel	.90f	11	26.01	-.05	+7.2
InterDig	.40	17	28.35	+1.13	-34.9
ItauUnibH	.85e	...	13.10	-.06	-29.4
JPMorgCh	1.20	8	35.71	+.39	+7.4
JohnJn	2.44f	18	66.42	-.08	+1.3
KimbClk	2.96	19	81.67	+.67	+11.0
KindME	4.80f	...	75.67	+.58	-10.9
KindMM	4.80f	...	70.40	+1.06	-10.3
LegacyRes	2.22f	7	23.96	+.10	-15.2
Lowes	.64f	18	27.26	+.33	+7.4
Lubys	...	26	6.46	-.01	+43.2
McDnlds	2.80	17	89.10	+.98	-11.2
Merck	1.68	18	40.07	+.28	+6.3
MeritMed	...	24	13.26	+.21	-.9
MexcoEn	...	40	5.65	-.04	-19.3
MicronT	...	...	5.63	+.04	-10.5
Microsoft	.80	11	30.02	+.16	+15.6
MorgStan	.20	24	13.51	+.03	-10.7
Nabors	...	9	12.79	-.02	-26.2
NatGrid	3.11e	...	51.79	+.27	+6.8
NOilVarco	.48	12	60.90	+.90	-10.4
NewsCpA	.17m	15	21.76	+1.68	+22.0
NokiaCp	.26e	...	2.16	-.03	-55.2
NvMAd	.91e	...	14.96	-.01	+1.9
NvPMI	.88	...	15.06	-.02	+1.7
NuvPI	.92	...	14.90	+.04	+3.0
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NTXQI	.77	...	16.40	-.27	+.4
OcclPet	2.16	9	79.03	+1.70	-15.7
Oracle	.24	14	27.83	+.21	+8.5
ParTech	...	11	4.85	+.04	+23.1
ParkDrl	...	...	4.27	-.02	-40.4
PattUTI	.20	6	13.23	+.14	-33.8
PennaRE	.64f	...	13.74	+.01	+31.6
Prmian	1.40e	12	17.22	+.15	-15.5
Petrobras	1.03e	...	17.89	+.05	-28.0
PfSer	.88	14	22.44	-.04	+3.7
PioNtrl	.06	14	80.69	+1.91	-9.8
PlainsAA	4.18f	16	77.90	-.01	+6.1
PwShs QQQ	.51e	...	62.52	+.39	+12.0
Pmwtr	2.20	19	104.41	+.37	-2.3
PrmEgy	...	10	26.30	+.90	+16.4
PrUShS&P	...	...	16.66	-.18	-13.6
PrUVxST rs	...	...	11.87	-.73	-83.7
ProctGam	2.25f	15	59.27	-.04	-11.2
PulteGrp	...	...	9.72	+.49	+54.0
Qualcom	1.00f	16	53.92	+.37	-1.4
RangeRs	.16	95	59.69	+1.60	-3.6
RegionsFn	.04	24	6.36	-.04	+47.9
RschMotn	...	3	8.97	-.14	-38.2
Rowan	...	28	29.44	+.45	-2.9
RoyDShllA	3.44f	13	65.29	+.50	-10.7
SpdrDJIA	3.57e	...	125.06	+.32	+2.7
S&P500ETF	2.70e	...	131.98	+.66	+5.2
SabnR	4.06e	12	47.61	+.27	-24.5
SandersFm	.68	...	47.01	-3.14	-6.2
SandRidge	...	22	5.96	+.05	-27.0
Sapient	.35e	19	9.58	+.41	-24.0
SaraLee	.46a	57	18.78	-.08	-.7
Schlmbrg	1.10	15	59.67	-.39	-12.6
SeagateT	1.00	63	24.12	+.85	+47.1
SigmaAld	.80	19	71.58	+.18	+14.6
SiriusXM	...	13	1.84	+.02	+.8
Smucker	1.92	18	73.80	-.34	-5.6
SprintNex	...	...	3.13	+.04	+33.8
SP Engy	1.15e	...	62.69	+.67	-9.3
SPDR Fncl	.23e	...	14.11	+.07	+8.5
SP Inds	.74e	...	34.17	+.07	+1.2
SunocoL s	1.71f	10	34.51	-.06	-12.4
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	13.31	-.07	+3.1
TelefEsp	1.75e	...	12.03	-.08	-30.0
Tesoro	...	7	24.13	+.28	+3.3
3M Co	2.36	14	86.18	+.33	+5.4
Trchmrk s	.60	10	48.64	+.31	+12.1
TriContl	.41e	...	15.01	+.11	+5.5
TylerTech	...	46	38.93	-.16	+29.3
UBWV	1.24	16	26.13	+.18	-7.6
Vale SA	1.74e	...	19.14	+.44	-10.8
ValeroE	.60	6	23.35	+.38	+10.9
VangEmg	.91e	...	38.27	+.34	+.2
VulcanM	.04	...	35.46	+.77	-9.9
Walgrn	1.10f	10	29.09	+.10	+12.0
WellsFargo	.88	11	32.33	+.10	+17.3
WstnRefin	.16	13	21.50	+.50	+61.8
WhitingPet	...	7	36.97	+.56	-20.8
WmsCos	1.20f	15	27.76	+.40	+3.0
XcelEngy	1.08f	16	27.76	-.07	+.5
Xerox	.17	8	7.59	+.06	-4.6
Yahoo	...	17	15.35	-.09	-4.9
Zynga n	...	...	5.77	-.30	-38.7

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,338.66	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,534.67	+32.01	+.26	+2.60	+2.84
5,627.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,003.33	+17.95	+.36	-.33	-6.16
486.39	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	471.75	+1.54	+.33	+1.52	+9.91
8,496.42	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,527.08	+35.21	+.47	+.67	-7.48
2,498.89	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,262.59	+10.92	+.48	-.69	-1.55
3,134.17	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,854.06	+17.90	+.63	+0.55	+4.57
1,422.38	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,319.99	+6.27	+.48	+4.98	+1.80
14,951.57	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	13,808.90	+72.89	+.53	+4.69	+.22
860.37	601.71	Russell 2000	765.02	+3.12	+.41	+3.25	-6.40

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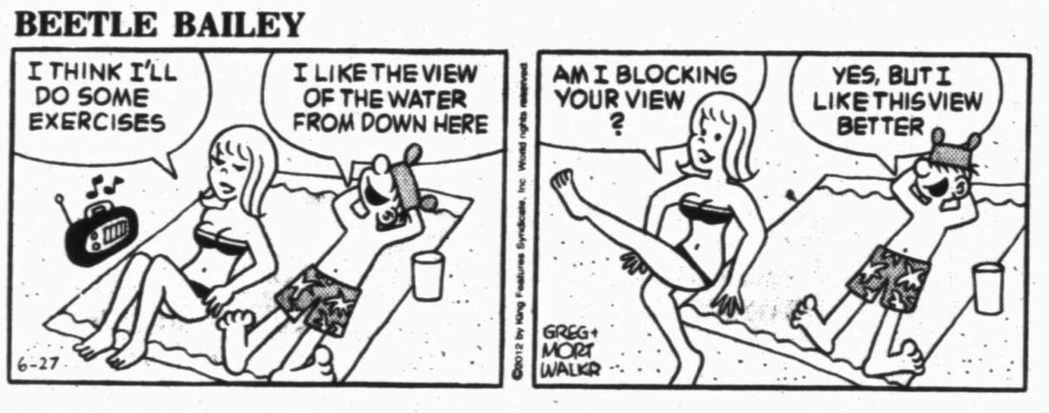

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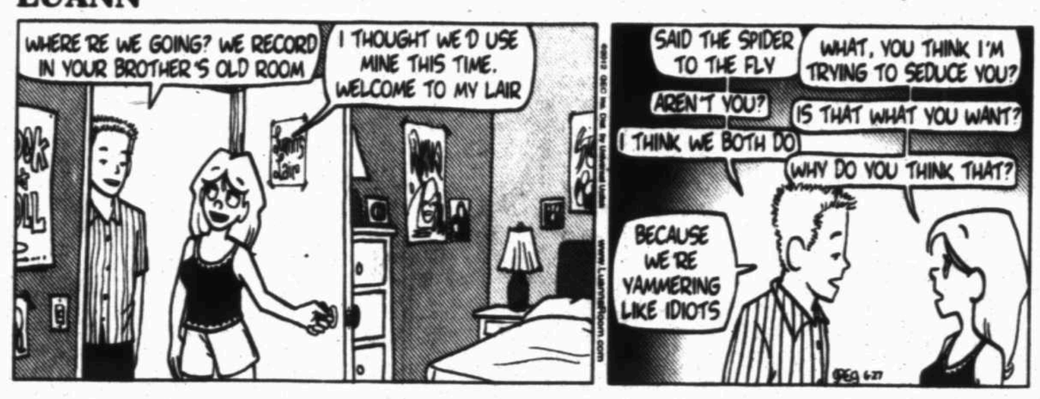

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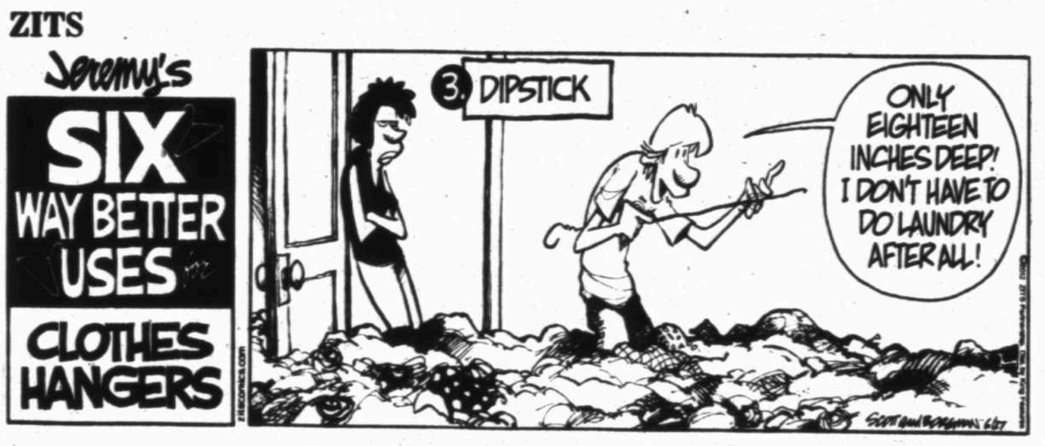

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MUTTS

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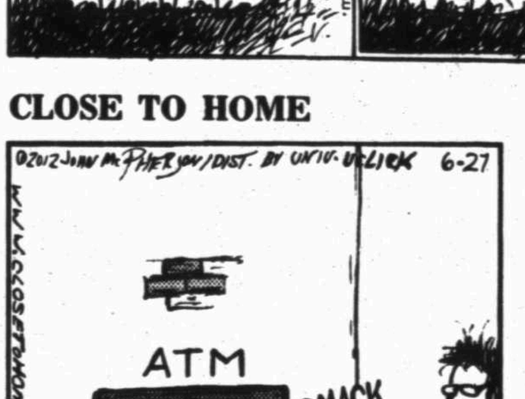

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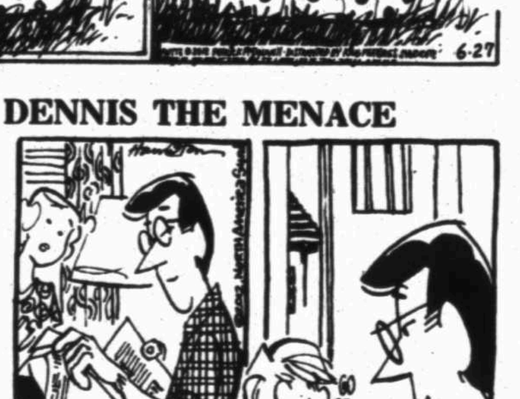

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FOUND 2 Pugs, male & female, fawn colored. At Golf Course Rd & Sparks, near Garfield. Call 432-296-8170 or 432-230-8363

FOUND 2 sets of Toyota keys w/alarm & several other keys. On Cuthbert St. 661-2063

FOUND A small to medium brown & white dog, 4500 block of Monty Dr., 425-7161.

FOUND FEMALE Chihuahua. Rocky Lane & Thomason. Call to identify. 296-0003/ 296-0003.

FOUND SIBERIAN Husky. Please call to identify. Please call 432-238-5327.

FOUND SMALL brown Chihuahua mix in Fairmont Park area. Please call 432-349-3354

MISSING LONG haired Chihuahua white/orange, Manor Park. 432-522-2999

$1,000 REWARD! For recovery of my female black & tan Min-Pin. Lost on 5/15/2012 in the 4000 Blk of Westminister Dr. She has a bobbed tail, microchip and a black & silver collar. Please Call 432-269-2094 or 432-269-2095.

LOST 2 dogs, black Lab named Bonjo & German Shepherd Malamute mix- Bella. Northwest Midland. Reward. 432-553-1032 / 432-570-9979 or 432-553-4849.

LOST CHIHUAHUA! He is white w/ large & small black spots, chubby & answers to "Chance." $50 Reward Call 432-553-2475.

LOST MALE Toy Australian Shepherd, tri color, near Bluebird Ln. REWARD! Call 432-559-1984.

LOST RAINBOW Lori---vicinity of Shell and A st. Saturday 23. She has a special diet ----comes to colorful clothes ---BITES!! call 682-7047.

& LOST SMALL chocolate Yorkie Has been missing for 4 months now. Has been seen in the Mockingbird Heights area. No questions asked. $2500 cash for the rescue of this small animal. God is good all the time! Call 432-352-5845 day or night.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO DISPOSE BY INJECTION PERMIT

APACHE CORPORATION, 303 Veterans Airpark Lane, Suite 3000, Midland, Texas 79705 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of fluid into a formation which is not productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluid into the North McElroy Unit. Lease # 20377. The proposed horizontal well 4010BH are located 4 miles North of Crane City, Texas in McElroy Field, Crane County. Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,490' - 7920'.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluid into the North McElroy Unit. Lease # 20377. The proposed horizontal well 4164BH are located 4 miles North of Crane City, Texas in McElroy Field, Crane County. Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,817' - 8,620'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Codes, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P O Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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2009 Mecedes Benz ML350 Blk/Gray Nav., Heated Seats, Pwr Tailgate 28k miles

2011 BMW Z4 3.0i Wht/Red Prem pkg., Sport Pkg., Nav, Heated seats 16k miles

2011 MERCEDES BENZ S550 Blk/Blk, Premium 2 Pkg., 17k Miles

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Needed ASAP for long-term project with premier oil & gas company in Midland! Must have oil & gas administrative experience and proficiancy with Microsoft office programs. Knowledge of QHQ Reporting Rule a plus. Basic skills in engineering records management programs helpful.
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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Bookkeeper
Bookkeeper needed. Must have Quickbooks and office experience. Hours are flexible, part-time. Please call for interview 432-684-8665 or 432-556-6444. Drop off resume at: 1904 West Front St.

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Seeking Front Desk Receptionist. Apply in person at: 4311 W. Wadley Ave Midland, TX 79707.

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Receptionist/Bookkeeping
Carrousel Construction PT
Part time receptionist/bookkeeping position available. Please apply at 1201 South Garfield or call 432-683-5424.

Shipping & Receiving Clerk
Teraco, Inc. FT
Teraco, Inc. is an industry leading plastic card manufacturer located in Midland. We currently have an opening in our shipping and receiving department. We are looking for someone who has experience in preparing and shipping orders, receiving material, and assisting with inventory management. Experience in operating a forklift is a plus. At least a high school diploma or equivalent is required. Must be willing to work overtime, lift up to 50 pounds, and adapt to ever changing situations. Benefits include: paid vacation and holiday, tuition reimbursement, 401K, and medical insurance. Email your inquiries to: resume@teraco.com or stop by 2080 Commerce Dr. to fill out an application.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Carpenters
Confidential FT
Commercial construction company now hiring finished carpenters, Drug test and pre employment physical required. Must be willing to travel and have good transportation. Apply at 2800 Windecker (by Midland airport) or call 432-638-2920. Send resume to General Superintendent at P.O. Box 60708 Midland, Tx, 79711.

Field Clerk Position
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A leading oilfield pipeline construction company has an immediate need for a Field Clerk. This position will be responsible for receiving and logging daily field time tickets, maintaining project cost tracking records, preparing operational reports, and other projects. Candidates should be self-motivated, detail-oriented, safety conscious, comfortable working on construction job sites, capable of interfacing with project managers and customer representatives, and proficient in MS Word and Excel. QuickBooks experience is a plus. This position offers opportunities for advancement. We offer competitive, market-based pay and benefits commensurate with level of experience, bonus plan, 401(k), medical/dental, and vacation. Applicants can forward résumés by email to ivaldever@bjbinc.com or by mail to 921 N. Fairgrounds Rd., Midland, TX 79706.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Representative
Teraco, Inc. FT
Teraco, Inc. is an industry leading plastic card manufacturer located in Midland. Guest Access, a division of Teraco, currently has a job opening in our Customer Service Department. We are looking for someone who is customer oriented, has a good work ethic, can multi-task, and can work in a fast paced environment. At least two years in customer service is required. Benefits include: paid vacation and holiday, tuition reimbursement, 401K, and health and dental insurance. Email your inquiries to resume@teraco.com.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Pipeline Operator
West Texas Gas, Inc. FT
West Texas Gas, Inc. has an immediate opening for a natural gas liquids (NGL) Pipeline Operator for the Big Spring/Midland area. Primary responsibilities require experience in pipeline operations including measurement, regulation, pump stations, line locates, routine maintenance, computer skills and cathodic protection systems. Duties also include pipeline regulatory compliance responsibilities. Benefits include group health insurance & 401K Plan. Salary DOE. Interested applicant can forward resume to West Texas Gas, Inc., 211 N. Colorado, Midland, Texas 79701 or email to employment@westtexasgas.com

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Very busy Oral Surgery practice needs full-time front office staff person. Multi-tasking capabilities and excellent customer service skills are of highest priorities. Patient relations, scheduling and insurance experience are desired pluses. Please respond to 4610 N. Garfield, Suite A-6, The Colonnade, Midland, TX., 79705 only if you are qualified.
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Immediate opening for Lab Manager with Midland Women's Clinic. Prefer DS for MT or CLS with management experience. Great benefits package. Hours are Monday-Friday from 8am - 5pm. Send resume with references to Midland Women's Clinic, Attn: Marge Bossler, 4214 Andrews Hwy. Suite #200 Midland, TX 79703.

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Bliss Dental is looking for a motivated **Office Manager**. Please call **432-689-4867**.

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D R Pharmacy FT & PT
Must be a fast learner, honest, hardworking and punctual. Competitive salary plus benefits. Apply in person at 501 Andrews Hwy. Suite 100 Midland TX. 79701 or contact 432-683-3377.

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HEALTHCARE

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Midland, TX 79701
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Confidential FT
Now hiring Full-time QA person for home health care agency. Must have knowledge of Medicare guidelines, coding & OASIS. Send resume to: P- 136, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701.

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Midland, TX 79701
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RN Case Manager
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Needed immediately. Must have 1 year experience for home health. Please contact Amber or Jessica at 432-685-7449 or apply in person at 2008 West Wall St. Midland, TX 79701 or fax resume to 432-684-6265.

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Security Officers
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Night Shift Supervisor
Teraco, Inc. FT
Teraco, Inc. is an industry leading plastic card manufacturer located in Midland. We currently have a Night Shift Supervisor opening. We are looking for someone who has experience in management, employee development and training, quality control, and can adhere to production schedules. Must be willing to graveyard shift and overtime. At least a high school diploma or equivalent is required. Benefits include: paid vacation and holiday, tuition reimbursement, 401K, and medical insurance. Email your inquiries to: resume@teraco.com or stop by 2080 Commerce Dr. to fill out an application.

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Delivery and Merchandise products to stores
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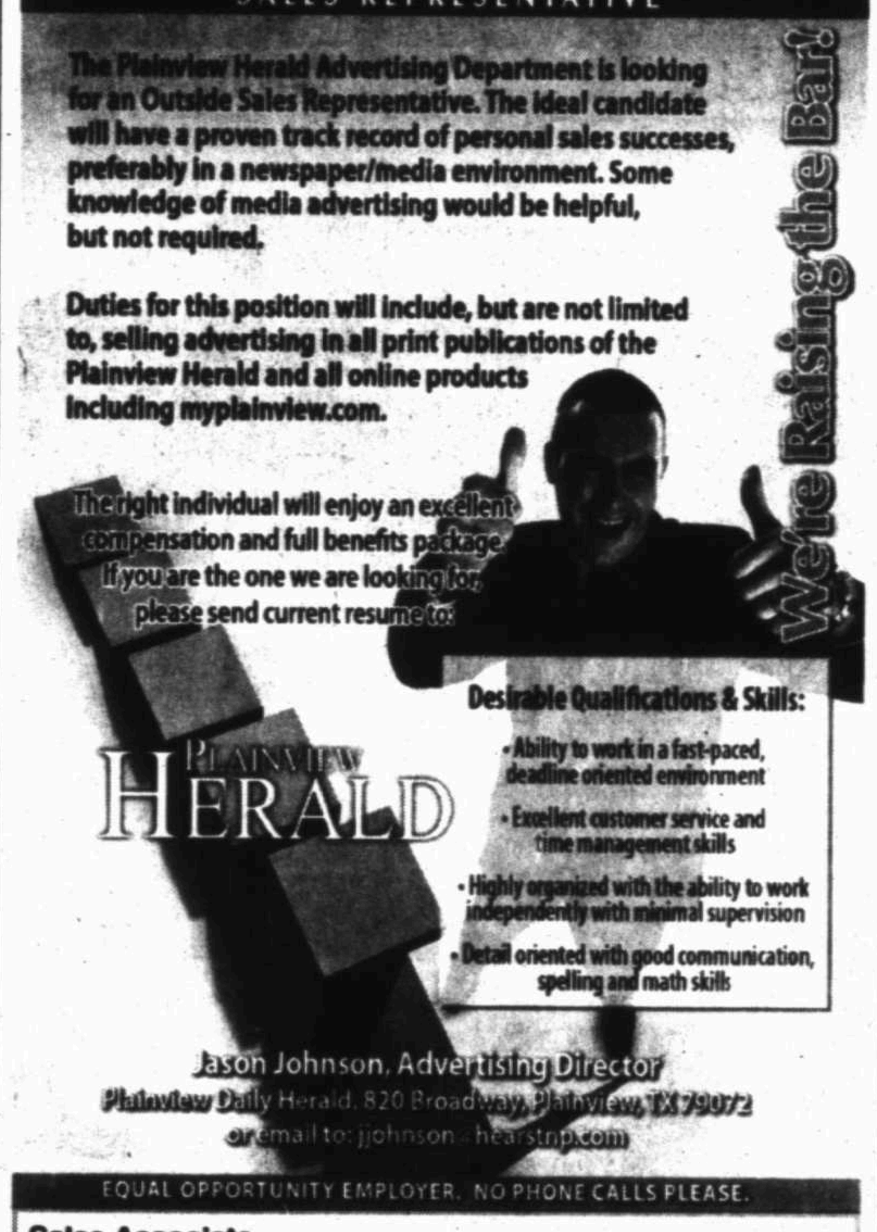

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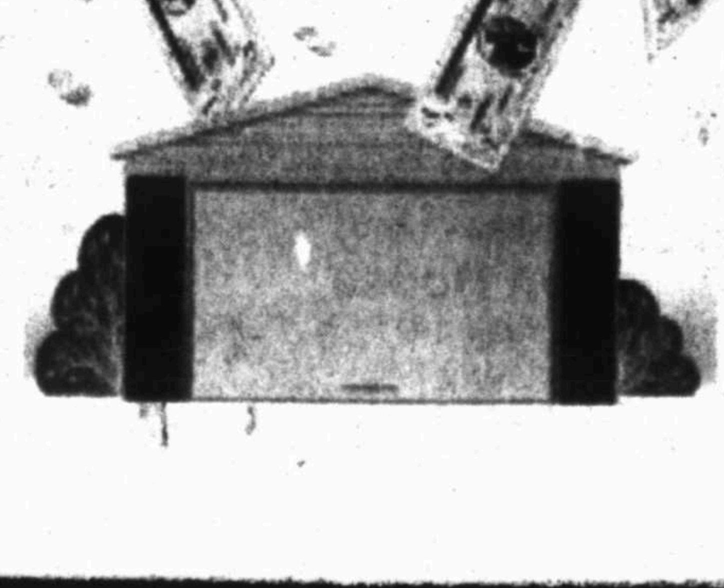

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