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Commissioners pass budget amid objections

Capital expenditures, raises and discretionary spending approved for 2012

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Despite objections from citizens and one commissioner, the Midland County Commissioners' Court on Monday approved a budget for the 2012 fiscal year.

Luis Sanchez, commissioner for Precinct 3, cast the lone vote against the budget, saying he couldn't support proposed spending on construction at the county's Horseshoe Arena when some of their constituents don't even have paved roads. He also requested the handful of employees who are set to receive a larger raise than others only be provided the standard 4 percent increase that has been discussed.

"I can't approve a budget knowing those things are happening," Sanchez said. "We need to start spending money to help people out instead of on projects that are going to cost us more money."

Several citizens also objected to the more than $15 million in capital expenditures included in the budget. Of that, $11 million is allotted for an addition at the Horseshoe complex, which residents said they see as an unnecessary expense, particularly in a facility that already loses money each year.

County Judge Mike Bradford said capital expenditures included in the budget are things the court can consider next year, but won't necessarily act upon. He said any capital improvement approved will be done with the county's reserve fund, not from money brought in through next year's property tax rate.

"We've had a brief discussion about it," he said, of the Horseshoe improvements. "Any future discussion will take place in this court, in the public."

David Rosen, Midland County Democratic chairman, said if the reserve fund is large enough to support a new courthouse, improvements at the library and an addition to the Horseshoe, perhaps commissioners should be lowering the tax rate even further instead of spending.

"The $11 million for the Horseshoe is quite a bit of money," Rosen said. "My impression is that savings are significantly higher than needed and that should be reflected by significantly lowering the tax rate, not just a penny here or a penny there."

Commissioners approved a tax rate of 19.8207 cents per $100 valuation on Monday, which represents an approximate 1.36 cent decline from the present rate.

Bradford said while the county can decrease its rate by any amount, there are restrictions on how much it can be raised in any given year, which is what they have to be careful of. If the county has to make up for "unfunded mandates" or some other situation, Bradford said they want to be prepared to deal with those.

The county anticipates its reserves will be in excess of $40 million at the close of the fiscal year on Sept. 30, Bradford said.

Also included in the budget are 11 to

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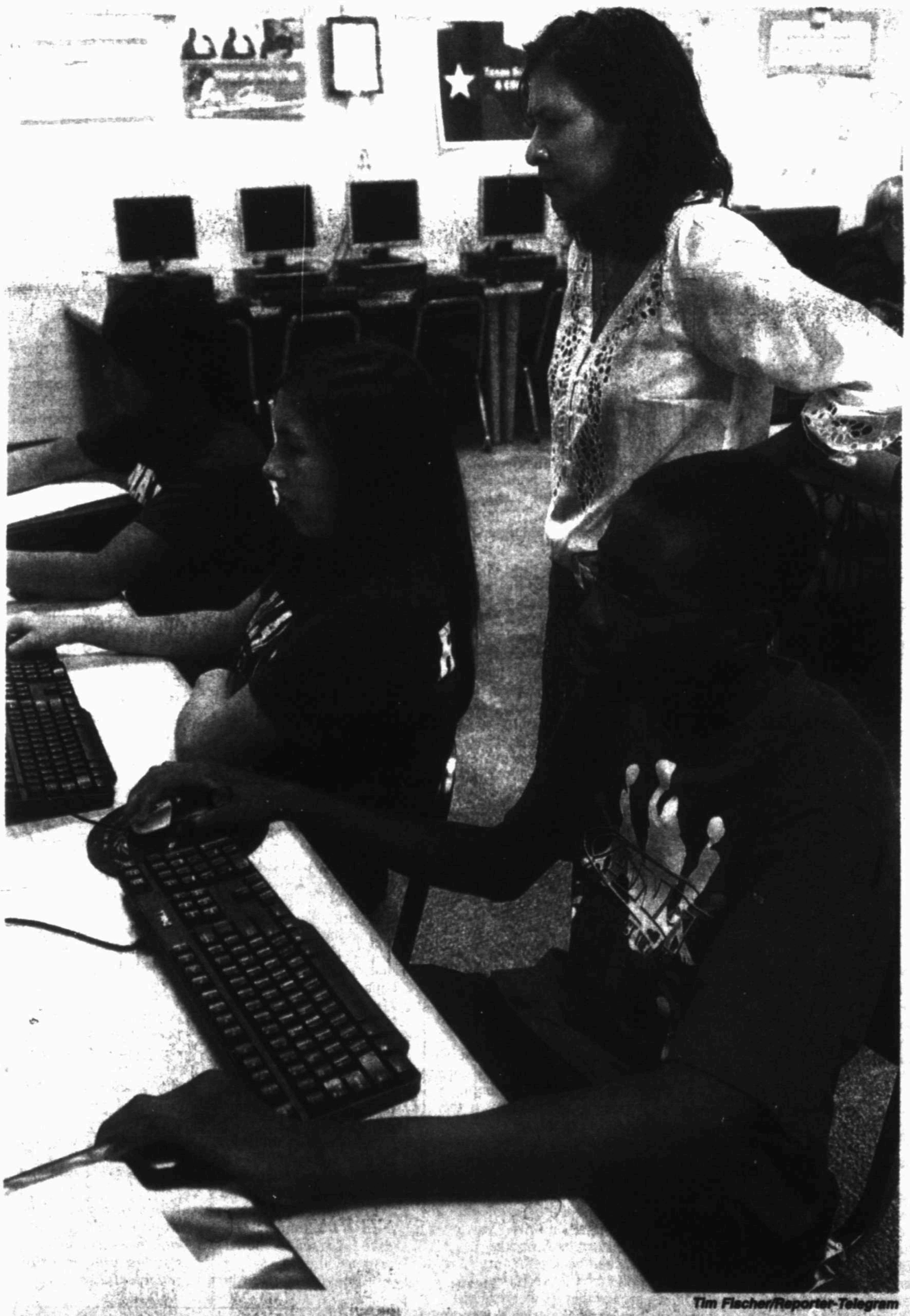

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Tina Ortez, foreign language coordinator at Lee High School, helps students Ruddy Tchao, Josie Paz and Danielle Rubi, look up information during their Model Organization of American States class. Read all about how Lee has resumed its MOAS program and more about what area students are up to in Education/6B.

County will contribute to Highway 349 improvements

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Midland County commissioners agreed Monday to provide $50,000 toward the expansion of Highway 349 between Midland and Lamesa.

"There've been too many deaths from Midland to Lubbock," County Judge Mike Bradford said. "It's a two-lane road. We think it needs to be a four-lane road."

Bradford said its contribution is a pledge that's contingent upon other entities supporting the local match that would be needed for the Texas Department of Public Transportation to consider expanding Highway 349 to four lanes between Midland and Lamesa rather than the "super two" format planned. Under that arrangement, the road would consist of two lanes with alternating passing lanes that would be added in 2012 and 2013.

TxDOT officials have said they don't debate a four-lane road is ideal in any situation, but said their research shows along Highway 349 a super two addition would address the safety concerns that exist. The agency simply doesn't have the funding to completely expand the

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Perry assailed by GOP rivals, defends his record at debate

By Charles Babbington
Associated Press

TAMPA — Attacked from all sides by fellow Republicans, Gov. Rick Perry softened his rhetoric if not his position on Social Security in a snarky presidential campaign debate Monday night. He fended off assaults on his record creating jobs and requiring the vaccination of schoolgirls against a cancer-causing sexually transmitted virus.

Across a crackling two-hour debate, the front-runner in opinion polls gave little ground and frequently jabbed back, particularly at his chief rival, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

But the criticism of Perry kept coming — from Romney on Social Security, from Texas Rep. Ron Paul saying the governor had raised taxes, from Rep. Michele Bachmann and former Sen. Rick Santorum assailing his executive order to require Texas schoolgirls to get an STD vaccine.

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Reporter-Telegram sports writer Cody Lee Bryant takes a look back at Week 2 of high school football. SPORTS/1C

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Things to do

■ Porter's Farm Market, 4-7 p.m., 5401 S. County Road 1140. Web: www.porterscommunityfarm.com.

■ Community Pachanga, 6-8:30 p.m., Hidalgo Park, 1401 Orchard Lane. Live entertainment, food, games. Rabies shot, tag and microchipping for dogs and cats. Call 685-7420 for more information

■ The American Tenors, 7 p.m., Midland High School Auditorium. Tickets: $30 at the door. For more information, call 789-1249 or go to www.liveonstage-pb.com.

■ Classic Movie Club: "The Bells of St. Mary's," 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's.

Meetings schedule

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

■ **Library Advisory Board**
4 p.m. today
Midland County Library
301 W. Missouri Ave.

■ **MISD**
5:30 p.m. today
First Floor boardroom
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Community calendar

■ Midland Society of University Women is to meet 10 a.m. Friday at Memorial Christian Church for a membership brunch and scholarship information session.

■ PFLAG Odessa (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will meet 7 p.m. Sept. 19 at Alternative Life Solutions Counseling building, 2458 E. 11th St. in Odessa.

Guest speaker is to be Ellen Ratner, a White House correspondent for the Talk Radio News Service and Fox News commentator.

For more information, visit www.pflagodessa.weebly.com.

■ The Scarborough/Lineberry House will have a brunch and style show at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the house located at 802 S. Main St.

The style show will include fashions from Ginny's Collection. The cost for the brunch and style show is $25 per person.

Proceeds will benefit the second oldest home in Midland and help to preserve the city's heritage.

I-20 wildlife preserve town hall today

The staff of the I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center will hold a town hall meeting regarding Midland's urban playa wetland from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. today at the Carrasco Room at Midland College.

This informational session will focus on the future use of the preserve once the trail system is complete and will be a good time for the I-20 Wildlife Preserve staff to receive feedback from the community. This trail system will increase accessibility to the preserve and make a hot spot for nature enthusiasts as well as a living laboratory for learning about water conservation, herpetology, ornithology, hydrology and more.

The I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center Inc. is a local nonprofit organization that strives to ensure conservation of and provide access to Midland's wildlife preserve for the use and enjoyment by present and future generations.

For more information, or to schedule an interview, contact Chelsea Dey at 432-967-1621 or cdey@i20wildlifepreserve.org

Petroleum Museum briefs

■ In celebration of the Petroleum Museum's 36th birthday, it will host a Shale Shakin' Birthday Bash from 7 to 11 p.m. Thursday.

The ticketed event will include food, music and a silent auction in the Petroleum Museum's Library and Hall of Fame.

To buy tickets or for more information, call 683-4406.

■ The Petroleum Museum & Bill of Rights Institute will host "The Constitution in Crisis," a lecture by H.W. Perry Jr., at 7 p.m. Sept. 21.

Perry is an associate professor of law and government at the University of Texas and a specialist in constitutional and public law.

Perry is the author of "Deciding to Decide: Agenda Setting in the United States Supreme Court." He is also co-author of "Civil Liberties and the Constitution," and is working on a study of decision-making in the U.S. Department of Justice.

Seating is limited and can be reserved by calling Toni Livingston at 683-4403 by Friday.

■ The Petroleum Museum's brown bag lunch and lecture is 11:30 a.m. Sept. 27.

The speaker is David Arrington, founder of David H. Arrington Oil & Gas Inc. He will discuss resource plays and their impact on the oil industry.

For more information, call the museum at 683-4403.

■ The Petroleum Museum will hold a luncheon for prospective volunteers from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 29.

During the free lunch, museum staff will talk about opportunities to volunteer for education programs, in the store and the archives.

To join, RSVP by calling 683-4403 by Sept. 27.

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Daily 4 night: 0-8-7-0
Cash Five: 8-12-13-18-33
Lotto Texas: x-x-x-x-x-x
Texas Two Step: 18-22-30-34
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Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 13, the 256th day of 2011. There are 109 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1959, Elvis Presley first met his future wife, 14-year-old Priscilla Beaulieu, while stationed in West Germany with the U.S. Army. (They married in 1967 but divorced in 1973.)

Five years ago: Former Texas Gov. Ann Richards died in Austin at age 73.

Associated Press

The Capitol building is seen in Jan. 2010 in Washington.

Is government's role to fix the economy?

By Liz Sidoti
Associated Press

■ Analysis

WASHINGTON — The economy needs to be fixed. On this, Democrats and Republicans agree. They part ways over how to do it and, specifically, what role the federal government should play.

"Ultimately," President Barack Obama tells Congress, "our recovery will be driven not by Washington, but by our businesses and our workers. But we can help." His argument that government has a responsibility to do so probably doesn't sit well with an America that's down on Washington.

Gov. Rick Perry, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and other Republicans competing for his job take a different tack as they court a tea party-infused GOP electorate: The economy will thrive, they say, if Washington simply gets out of the way. As Perry puts it: "Smaller government, less spending, fewer regulations."

At the heart of the 2012 presidential race is an issue as old as the country itself. Is it the federal government's responsibility to address what ails the nation, in this case the economy? And if so, to what degree? What is the right balance?

History tells us that, try as we might, we may never answer those questions; we've been debating them ever since the Jeffersonians and the Federalists squabbled over states' rights vs. a strong central government. In the end, the Constitution assigned certain powers to the federal government while reserving others to states.

But the tension in America between the purely local and a far-off central government has never gone away. Nor, perhaps, should it in an ever-evolving democracy.

These days, Republicans argue for a limited government, claiming that lower taxes and less regulation will encourage job creation. Democrats advocate a more robust government, one that provides more services, pours more money into the economy and, in Obama's case, raises taxes on the nation's highest earners.

"We've been in this pattern for decades. These are the terms of our politics probably for the next generation, too," said Charles Kesler, who teaches government at Claremont McKenna College and edited "Saving the Revolution: The Federalist Papers and the American Founding."

Given the scripts, the question that ultimately determines who wins the presidency might be this: What do Americans want from their government?

For many, the answer is difficult to articulate.

Larry Parkin, a conservative who hosts a discussion group on the Federalist Papers with the South Pinellas 9.12 Patriots in St. Petersburg, Fla., just started collecting Social Security, which he calls a contract with the government. The 65-year-old Coast Guard retiree expects the country to secure the borders and protect the nation. Beyond that, he says: "I expect them to be less intrusive than they are. I expect them to have a limited role."

But he struggles to identify exactly where the line between too much and too little government lies.

Ask Ashley Stilos, a liberal in Fayetteville, Ark., the same question and she says one of the government's roles is to take care of its people, adding: "Every individual should have the right to pursue happiness from an equal fighting ground, and that's not the way it is in society."

Is it the government's job to make that playing field level? The 27-year-old university loan specialist says: "They have the power to make it more equal, and it's their responsibility to do that."

Americans' views of government have shifted in recent years, according to an analysis of Associated Press exit polls.

In 1992, more than half of voters thought government was doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals. But by 2008, a majority, for the first time, wanted government to do more to solve the nation's problems.

That didn't last long after Obama took office. In quick fashion, he signed into law an economic stimulus plan, oversaw an auto-industry bailout and presided over the second installment of money to keep Wall Street afloat. A health care system overhaul came a year later.

By 2010, 56 percent of voters were back to saying that government was overreaching, while just 38 percent said government should be more active. It was the most government wary view among independents that the exit poll has recorded, with 65 percent saying government should do less, while 28 percent said it should do more.

Nowadays, people across the political spectrum seem to want very little from Washington.

A CNN/Opinion Research Corporation poll in June found that 63 percent of people think the government is doing too much, while 33 percent want it to do more. And the sentiments of independents, who typically decide close elections, generally mirrored Americans at large.

But all that could change quickly, especially if these tough times persist, with 9.1 percent unemployment, rampant foreclosures and fear of back-to-back recessions.

Against this backdrop, Obama is seeking re-election. And a 24-hour span last week showed the vastly different type of leader — and view of government — the nation will get if they choose a Republican over him.

No sooner did eight Republicans take the debate stage at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif., than did they rail against the federal government requiring states to act a certain way, lambast Washington overreach, and argue that fewer regulations and lower taxes would compel businesses to hire again.

"They're looking for a president that will say we're going to lower the tax burden on you and we're going to lower the regulation impact on you, and free them to do what they do best: create jobs," said Perry, who has staked his candidacy on a promise to make the federal government as inconsequential as possible to people's lives.

He and the others were posturing before a GOP electorate shaped by the tea party, whose existence can be attributed in part to a disgust by citizens over the growth of government — and federal spending — under George W. Bush, a Republican, and Obama, a Democrat.

"I believe in a lot of what the tea party believes in," Romney said. "The tea party believes that government's too big, taxing too much, and that we ought to get to the work of getting Americans to work."

Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann said Washington needs to stay out of education and health issues, claiming: "We have the best results when we have the private sector and when we have the family involved. We have the worst results when the federal government gets involved." And Texas Rep. Ron Paul opposes the federal government from having any role that isn't explicitly laid out in the Constitution.

One night later, Obama pressed Congress to immediately pass a $450 billion plan to create jobs and jolt the economy, arguing that government was at least partly responsible for fixing it, helping Americans who are hurting and upgrading the nation's crumbling roads, bridges and schools.

"This task of making America more competitive for the long haul, that's a job for all of us," he said, adding: "For government and for private companies. For states and for local communities — and for every American citizen."

He countered the pitch from conservatives and the tea party that heavily cutting government spending and eliminating a chunk of government regulations is the best solution to the economic woes, saying: "This larger notion that the only thing we can do to restore prosperity is just dismantle government, refund everybody's money, and let everyone write their own rules, and tell everyone they're on their own — that's not who we are. That's not the story of America."

And he reached back to history to try to prove his point.

Obama argued that its workers and entrepreneurs made America's economy great, the envy of the world. But he also noted that government was responsible for the Transcontinental Railroad, the National Academy of Sciences, the first land grant colleges, the G.I. Bill, the nation's highway and air systems, the public school system, research that led to the Internet and the computer chip.

Americans will hear these competing visions of government for the next 14 months before casting a vote that will offer a glimpse into Americans' views of the scope of government — a temporary clarity at best as the debate as old as our founding rages on.

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road to four lanes, it has said.

James Beauchamp, president of the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance, is working to help make up the difference in funding by bringing local entities together to support a four-lane expansion.

"We're trying to find a 20 percent local match for TxDOT," he said.

Carrying a binder of letters submitted in support of a four lane road, Beauchamp told the court the project has been a longtime priority for their organization and one he hopes to see addressed. Among those who've responded to his call for support are those who've lost family members to accidents on Highway 349, parents of Texas Tech students who worry about their kids making the drive and Lamesa residents who say they don't shop in Midland because they don't like traveling the road.

Robin Donnelly, commissioner for Precinct 2, said in surveying three large oil-related companies over the weekend, they found about 1,700 employees travel between Midland and Lamesa so the safety of the road is important economically, as well.

Donnelly said the Midland-Odessa Transportation Organization Metropolitan Planning Organization (MOTOR MPO) and one of its committees has authorized about $5 million be allocated to the Highway 349 expansion.

The cities of Midland and Lamesa also are in discussions about contributing to the project, though no votes have been taken to allocate funds.

TxDOT plans to spend about $25 million on State Highway 349 over the next several years as it adds passing lanes.

In other business, commissioners:

■ Acknowledged the reopening of the Court Residential Treatment Center. They also approved a 10-year lease at a rate of $10 annually for the center and approved the addition of the CRTC onto the detention center's food service contract. Under the contract, the CRTC will pay about $1.71 per meal.

■ Approved $12,000 in spending on contract services for the tax office. The money is meant to cover postage rates for tax notices to be delivered. Kathy Reeves, tax assessor/collector, said in the future she's working to deliver notices via email when possible so as to save on the postage.

■ Acknowledged a $1,500 donation to the bullet proof vest account from Gary and Dollie Farnum.

■ Voted to create a youth services team leader position at the library since no one with a master's in library science applied for the previous youth services position. If someone with an MLS applied, that situation could be changed.

■ Agreed to donate 15 surplus mobile radios from 1997-98 to Pecos County from the Midland County Sheriff's Office .

■ Signed a contract with Reeves County for juvenile detention. Reeves County will be charged $110 per day, per inmate and provided beds only as space is available after Midland County's needs are met.

■ Re-appointed Carol Fulfer to the Midland County Housing Authority and Charlie Jones to the Midland Emergency Communication District's board of managers.

■ Agreed to renew a contract with Midland College for a breath alcohol testing program.

■ Voted to give the old shelves from the law library to a geology library in exchange for $500 in rolling cart rentals needed during the shelf transition. The law library will be closed this week as part of its installation of the new shelves.

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BUDGET

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12 percent pay raises for a handful of employees, including the facilities director, information technology director and Human Resources. A 4 percent cost-of-living raise was provided to all employees and elected officials.

In the case of the facilities director, Sanchez said he's received a raise in years when others haven't and that since being hired in 2004, his salary will have increased by nearly 90 percent.

Bradford said the facilities director position was created when Tim Harris was hired. At the time, Harris was paid at a "real low" rate, with the intention that his salary would increase as more buildings and responsibilities came under his purview, Bradford said. Harris started at $40,000 in 2004 and will make $74,971.73 in fiscal year 2012, Treasurer Mitzi Wohleking said.

Typically, Bradford said, managers are paid by square footage. He said Harris has taken on additional square footage and also is over maintenance as well as training his employees to handle issues that arise so the county doesn't have to contract out for services.

"Prior to him we had no facilities director," he said.

With IT and Human Resources, Bradford said the departments keep every office running or have taken on additional responsibilities.

"These are people who do the overall work that makes every one of these offices happen," he said.

Sanchez's motion to lower the salary increases and substitute capital spending for road improvements died for lack of a second. The budget that includes more than $60 million in spending was passed.

A discretionary fund also was added to the budget since it was proposed. This will allow department heads to provide up to 4 percent raises to employees.

About 1 percent of the total amount allotted for salaries in each department is being provided to supervisors. Those department heads cannot use the raises for themselves -- as occurred the last time this initiative was tested -- but can provide them to an individual or individuals who they see as doing an excellent job.

The tool is meant to help departments retain their top performers without requiring the commissioners' court to be involved.

"It is a trial by the court to see if this is the proper way to give these merit raises," Bradford said. "We may renew it next year, we may not."

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To view a copy of the proposed budget, visit: http://www.co.midland.tx.us/auditors/financials/Budget/default.asp

Victim's name misspelled on memorial

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The name of a man killed in the Sept. 11 attacks is misspelled on the memorial at the World Trade Center site.

The family of Jeffrey Schreier told WNBC-TV the R and the second E in his first name were switched on the memorial.

His sister Janice Hart said she couldn't believe it when she saw the error Sunday, when the memorial opened to family members.

Memorial spokesman Michael Frazier told WNBC the letters apparently were reversed when the name was entered into a database. He said officials regret the error and are working on fixing it.

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Expect Perry to spend even more time on the road

By Peggy Fikac
San Antonio Express-News

Even before Gov. Rick Perry launched his presidential bid, he made clear he was no stay-at-home state leader.

He said in July that regardless of whether he ran for president, "I'm going to be promoting Texas. I'm going to be traveling. I'm going to be traveling internationally. I'm going to be traveling to places where the Texas story needs to be told, and we will tell it."

Travel he has. Perry headed to New York right after his re-election to promote his anti-Washington book, "Fed Up!" Between Election Day and last Friday, state records show, he'd spent all or part of 90 days outside Texas.

■ Commentary

Perry's travel was brisk in a year in which lawmakers were tied up with a regular and special session through June (a month in which Perry spent all or part of 17 days out of state).

Last calendar year, he spent all or part of 60 days out of state. This year, through Friday alone, it's been 70. And it will only get busier as his presidential campaign continues. When then-Gov. George W. Bush ran for president, his 2000 calendar showed he spent just one weekday in his office in January and one in February, for example.

Perry has noted that time in the office doesn't equate to time taking care of Texas business. "We've been multitasking in this state for a long time from the standpoint of being able to deal with multiple events," Perry said last week when he briefly came home from the campaign trail for the state's wildfire response. He spoke of his "great faith" in Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who's usually acting governor when Perry's gone. Dewhurst's office said they keep in close contact.

Democratic consultant Harold Cook is more critical of Perry's performance than his absences: "Ordinarily, I would say a governor ought to perform the duties of governor. But Texans really haven't seen much evidence of Perry performing those duties when he is in Texas."

Bruce Buchanan, professor of political science at the University of Texas at Austin, said the number of absences so far isn't startling and that a key is for Perry to be around "when he really needs to be, like in the middle of that fire or the middle of a legislative session."

His run also could affect the state's profile in a positive way, Buchanan said.

"It kind of depends on how Perry plays out, and whether he shakes the image that he's got in some corners of his own party as well as in the media — especially pundits — that he's unelectable and kind of a fringe-y fellow," he said.

"It encourages people to look at the place in something other than totally in terms of all those statistics that put us in competition with Mississippi and such."

DEBATE

From 1A

It marked the first time in the summer debates that internal Republican differences dominated rather than a common eagerness to unseat Democratic President Barack Obama.

Especially on Social Security.

"A program that's been there 70 or 80 years, obviously we're not going to take that away," Perry said in the debate's opening moments as Romney pressed him on his earlier statements questioning the constitutionality of Social Security and calling it a Ponzi scheme.

The Texas governor counter-attacked quickly, accusing Romney of "trying to scare seniors" with his own comments on a program that tens of millions of Americans — including millions in the debate state of Florida alone — rely on for part or all of their retirement income.

The eight rivals shared a debate stage for the second time in less than a week, a pace that marked a quickening in the campaign to choose a challenger to Obama in 2012. The encounter was sponsored by tea party groups — the conservative voters who propelled the GOP to victory in the 2010 congressional elections, and by CNN.

There was no doubt which side the debate audience was on, though. Santorum drew loud applause when he said the current economy "would have to make a dramatic improvement just to be a disaster."

The debate unfolded in the city where Republicans will gather next summer to bestow the party nomination on a challenger to Obama.

Bachmann said she had "brought the voice of the tea party to the United States Congress as a founder of the tea party caucus."

Perry said he was glad to be at the debate with the Tea Party Express.

But it soon became clear that the presidential hopefuls were not only eager to court support from the most conservative voters but were anxious not to offend seniors and others who depend on Social Security and Medicare.

None of the three who have gotten the most support so far this year — Perry, Romney and Bachmann — said they favored repealing the prescription drug benefit in Medicare, which has a large unfunded liability. Paul, asked the same question, turned his answer to a call for ending the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq as ways to save money.

In the debate's first few moments, Perry and Bachmann courted the support of tea party activists.

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So much for the niceties.

Within minutes, Romney moved aggressively to press Perry on Social Security, saying the front-runner had previously called it a Ponzi scheme, an absolute failure and unconstitutional.

Perry did not dispute the characterization. In his recent book he called the retirement income program an example of a federal initiative that is "violently tossing aside any respect for our founding principles of federalism and limited government."

Monday night, he said retirees and near-retirees are assured of receiving the benefits they've been promised — and should be — but changes are needed to make sure younger workers have any sort of benefit when they near retirement.

Romney wasn't satisfied with that, quoting others as saying the Texas governor's position on Social Security could spell defeat for the party as it tries to win the White House from Obama next year. Repeatedly, he pressed Perry to say whether he believes the program is unconstitutional. Just as insistently, Perry ducked.

Then he countered, quoting Romney as having said in his own book that if people did with their financing what had been done with Social Security receipts it would be a criminal offense.

"You've got to quote me correctly," Romney responded. "What I said was taking money out of the Social Security trust fund is criminal and it's wrong."

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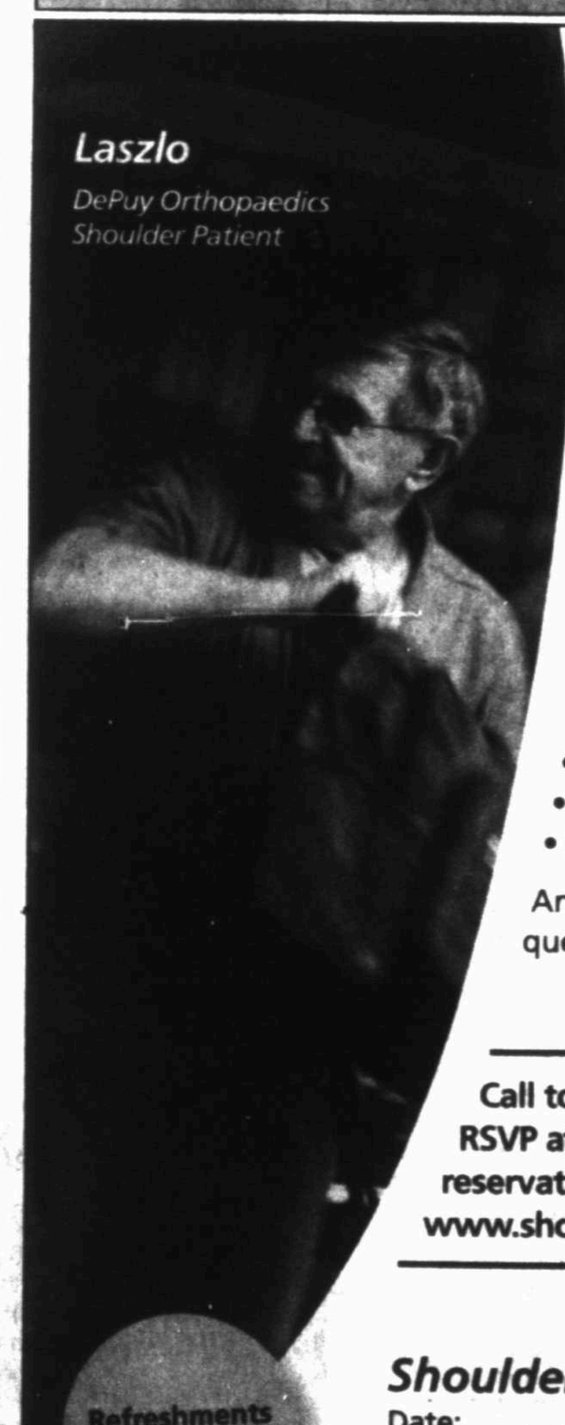
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Northeast turns to flood recovery after Lee

HARRISBURG — Recovery efforts in the aftermath of flooding from Tropical Storm Lee focused Monday on reopening roads and bridges, cleaning the grimy layer of mud left by receding waters and tallying up the millions of dollars in damage wrought by days of drenching rains last week.

For people in riverside towns prone to flooding, it felt familiar.

"The long haul now will be the money thing, the estimating, the recording, getting estimates on different things," said Mayor Norm Ball of Tunkhannock, a northeastern Pennsylvania town where parts of the business district were inundated by high waters from the Susquehanna River and tributaries. "It's quite a process — I've dealt with it before."

In Pennsylvania, about 1,100 customers were still without power, more than 200 roads remained closed and 18 state and local bridges had damage, with another 64 on a precautionary list, emergency officials said Monday. The state was establishing a joint task force to coordinate recovery efforts, with disaster response centers to be located in affected areas.

MIAMI

Spy wants return to Cuba after prison; US objects

A former Cuban intelligence officer convicted of spying in the U.S. wants to return immediately to Cuba upon his release from prison next month, but federal prosecutors insist he must serve an additional three years of probation in this country.

Phil Horowitz, attorney for 55-year-old Rene Gonzalez, said Monday he has asked U.S. District Judge Joan Lenard on humanitarian grounds to permit the probation to be served in Cuba. Horowitz noted that Gonzalez's wife cannot get a visa to visit him in the U.S. — she was also implicated in the spy ring — and that his two children and parents also live in Cuba.

"It's our view that's an additional three years of punishment," Horowitz said. "He has no relatives, no close family in the United States."

Gonzalez, who holds dual U.S.-Cuban citizenship, is set for release Oct. 7 from a federal prison in Marianna, Fla. He has been in custody since the men were arrested 13 years ago Monday.

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By Joy Chatham
Permian Abstract

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Joy Chatham

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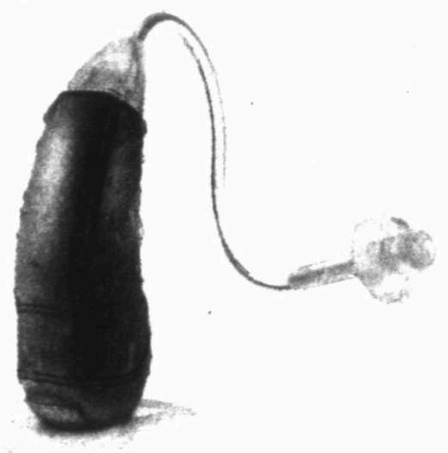
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Opinion

Time for voters to put state senators on the spot

■ With Perry and Dewhurst running for different offices, conservatives must know how its Senate will act.

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With Texas' top two elected officeholders eyeing moves to federal office, Texans face the real possibility of our next legislative session being overseen by a governor and lieutenant governor not elected by the people but instead selected by the state's senate.

With Rick Perry's presidential bid gaining steam and David Dewhurst in the race for the U.S. Senate, we could find both men resigning their current offices in late 2012. While not a constitutional crisis, such a scenario creates a leadership conundrum for Texans to thoughtfully consider.

Our state's Constitution provides for an orderly transition of power when vacancies occur in the top offices. If the governor resigns his office, the lieutenant governor — elected statewide, separately from the governor — moves into the governor's mansion. The Senate then picks from among its own a new lieutenant governor.

In the legislatively proscribed order of gubernatorial succession, the president pro tempore of the Senate, speaker of the House, the attorney general and the chief judges of the Court of Appeals are all in line to be governor if those proceeding in order were simultaneously unable to serve. Even then, a new lieutenant governor would be picked by the Senate.

Let's say both Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. Dewhurst win their respective federal races. President-elect Perry likely would resign first to focus on the presidential transition, moving Dewhurst (Senator-elect, as it were) to the office of the governor.

The state Senate would convene to select from among themselves a new lieutenant governor. Once the new lite-guv was sworn in, Dewhurst could resign and head off to Washington. This new lieutenant governor, who just 15 minutes before was a state senator few Texans had heard of, moves up to governor. The Senate, still hanging around, would pick yet another new lieutenant governor — also a state senator, who you had probably heard even less about — from the remaining 30 senators.

If such a scenario plays out, it might make voters suddenly pay a little more attention to the senatorial "club" than in the past. By then it'll be too late, which is why we must begin asking tough questions now.

Why? The Senate doing the picking for the new governor and lieutenant governor won't be elected in 2012 and seated in 2013, it most likely will be the current senators. Worse, it will be a lame-duck senate with members who didn't seek re-election or were defeated in the 2012 cycle.

The Senate currently is composed of 19 Republicans to 12 Democrats. In practice, it's more like a half-dozen conservatives, a few quasi-conservatives and 19 or more moderates and liberals. (Gerrymandering, incumbency power and voter apathy have conspired to ensure the state Senate looks less like Texas, ideologically, than one might presume.)

Nothing stops the Senate from populating the offices of governor and lieutenant governor with washed up pols who lost re-election bids, vacated their seats or are simply out of touch with the state's electorate. Given the peculiar voting blocs and deal-swapping in the state's senate, the governor and lieutenant governor could well be a moderate Republican or Democrat.

The kind of leadership the Senate picks will have immediate consequences. The 2013 legislative session is going to be fiscally trying, perhaps even more difficult than the recently concluded session. Indeed, budget debates in 2013 will make those of 2011 seem almost benign in comparison.

And don't think lobbyists and Capitol insiders aren't giddy about the prospect of influencing the selection of a new state leadership more beholden to them than Texas' taxpayers.

Frankly, many senators would prefer not be asked where they will stand on the question of who will be allowed to ascend. They'd certainly prefer not to provide any straight answers.

Texans cannot afford a "let's wait and see" attitude from our senators. As voters, we need to gather public commitments — especially from Republican senators and candidates — about how they will approach the selection process.

Thanks to redistricting, every single senator will be on the ballot in 2012. Waiting until after the November election to ask them about state leadership won't matter. Make the senators go on the record before getting your support; make them describe how they will vote and publicly commit to picking a sound conservative.

Voters should demand to know, and soon, if their senator plans to let chamber comity and special interests trump the conservative conscience of the Texas majority.

Michael Quinn Sullivan is president of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility (www.EmpowerTexans.com). He can be heard on KWEL radio from 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays.

OUR VIEW

Ultimately some matters, like water, are out of our control

We hear more and more people wishing that Texas could take the runoff from the rain-soaked East and put it in our water reservoirs. Well, for most of us that is a far-fetched, sci-fi adventure that leaves us interested but not captivated.

As time goes on and water becomes more and more scarce, the reality of such adventures may not sound so ludicrous. In fact, we may embrace such ideas.

It's not like these notions haven't caught our fancy before this current drought. The Associated Press mentioned several such ideas that have gotten some play like the Texas oilman, who once envisioned long pipelines carrying water to drought-stricken Texas cities. Or Las Vegas wanting to indirectly siphon off excess water from the overflowing Mississippi River. Or French engineers simulating hauling an iceberg to barren Africa.

Yes, the idea of moving water from one location to another has gripped the imagination of man since the beginning of civilization. In fact, the great empires of the world all had great water works in place. Rome, for instance, was quite adept at moving water from one place to another, in some instances moving water hundreds of miles.

In today's America, however, it will take much more than having the idea. It will take a water crisis beyond our understanding to get the kind of water project we are talking about set in motion. The first problem is the cost factor. Moving water from the East and North to Texas is not a technical problem. It can be done, but it will cost a lot of money.

Deciding who would pay for such a project is enough in itself to derail the idea out of hand. And then there would be the matter of politics. If cost wasn't enough to quell such an ambitious project, politics surely would.

No state is anxious to give up its water rights, even if it has more water than it knows what to do with. Compensation would not be cheap. It's a bit like a state telling Texas that it will ship water if Texas will in return ship its oil. It's not going to happen.

So, in the long run, it's not the preposterous notion that stands in the way of filling Texas' lakes with water from rain-soaked regions; it's the battle of wills in a democracy that leaves no room for precious resources being reappropriated.

Water still will be governed by nature and not the will of man. In other words, nature will continue to rain where it is not needed and avoid areas that desperately need it. That's what nature does from time to time.

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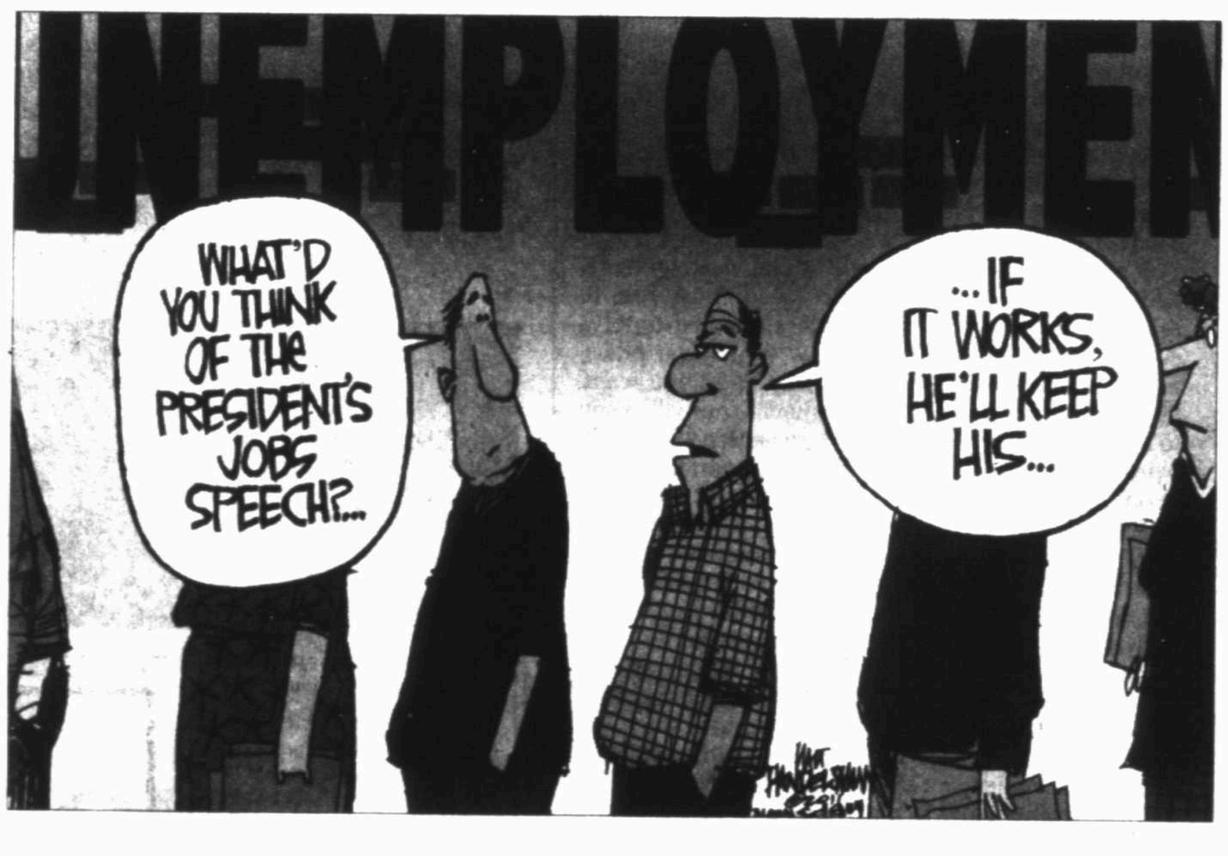

Congress, Obama focus on saving their own jobs

■ Remains to be seen if the political circus will end and lawmakers will work about the millions seeking jobs.

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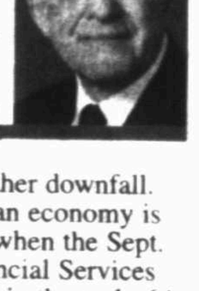

The president himself called it a "political circus," and the season of clowning around has begun. The focus of President Obama and members of Congress this time around is squarely on jobs. Sad to say, it is mainly about saving theirs.

Oh yeah, they're also trying to appear like they're doing something about the 14 million unemployed in this nation and the 10 million others not tallied who are struggling with lower-paying work than they used to have and sadly those who have given up looking.

People can be forgiven for concluding the D.C. politicians were simply going through the motions of caring about anything but themselves. There was the president, before a joint House-Senate session, outlining a new stimulus program with a price tag of $447 billion. He gave the legislation a catchy title, "The American Jobs Act," and got right to the point:

"The question is whether in the face of a national crisis we can stop the political circus and do something to help the economy, whether we can restore some of the fairness and security that has defined this nation since this beginning."

Well, the answer didn't look all that promising if the first reactions were any indications. The Republicans largely sat on their hands. Quoth Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell: "This isn't a jobs plan. It's a re-election plan."

Mercifully, it wasn't too long before we could watch the Green Bay Packers-New Orleans Saints game that followed. Somehow that game started as scheduled even though players and management had struggled for months over bitter differences. But, in the end, they demonstrated they could negotiate their way past them. All it took was deciding they had a mutual interest in working out a deal. That common purpose is sorely missing among the players on the two sides in politics. They are each singularly consumed by the desire to get re-elected by making sure the other doesn't.

What is so galling about this is not just that they are ruining the lives of millions — it's that they are making things worse by creating what could be a self-fulfilling prophecy of further downfall.

As study after study points out, an economy is something of a vicious circle. So when the Sept. 7 poll sponsored by Discover Financial Services shows that consumer confidence is in the tank, 64 percent rating the economy as "poor," that means people won't buy because they're afraid. When they don't, their fears of a new recession could be realized.

Still, the politicians on both sides persist with their destructive behavior even though it's demonstrably self-destructive. Another month, another slew of polls that place Congress approval as low as a startling 12 percent. Seven out of eight responded with disapproval.

The president fares somewhat better at around 43 percent approval, but that's the lowest point of his White House tenure. The opposition, as we witness in the GOP debates, is more than happy to kick him when he's down, and kick him out after one term, while he seemingly goes out of his way to help them by staying unruffled when the provocations definitely call for some ruffle.

Voter emotions range from disgusted resignation to just plain disgusted. Meanwhile, what they get is dithering and posturing. "There should be nothing controversial about this legislation," Obama declared. But at this stage of our stunted political development, there is almost nothing that is un-controversial.

There's is one tiny glimmer of hope. All the contempt piling on our fearful leaders could mean they'll at least nibble around the edges of unemployment. "The American people," said House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, "want us to find common ground. I'll be looking for it."

That might reflect nervousness among our officeholders that if they don't do something about all those out of work, come next Election Day, they just might join them.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

NATION BRIEFS
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MISSOURI

Man says charges in KC airport bomb scare 'absurd'

KANSAS CITY — A man accused of trying to take a fake bomb through a security checkpoint at Kansas City International Airport on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks has a history of mental illness and recently quit taking his medications, the man's mother told investigators.

Anthony Falco Jr., 47, shook his head in disagreement repeatedly Monday as U.S. Magistrate Judge John Maughmer read an FBI agent's affidavit outlining actions that led to a two-count federal complaint.

Falco, whose last known address is East Petersburg, Pa., mumbled the word "lies" at one point, prompting a court attendant to ask him to remain silent while the judge spoke.

HONOLULU

Man arrested at airport over threat to VP

A man accused of threatening to kill Vice President Joe Biden faces a detention hearing in Hawaii on Wednesday.

U.S. Secret Service spokesman George Ogilvie says agents arrested Justin Alan Woodward on Friday. He was arrested when he arrived in Honolulu on a Delta Airlines flight from Bangkok, Thailand.

According to a criminal complaint filed in federal court, authorities allege that Woodward posted a message to the White House website threatening to kill Biden. The email address was traced to a public Wi-Fi access point in Thailand.

According to the complaint, Woodward says he's from Kansas and was discharged from the Marines in 2004 after being diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

Older pills often safer; many think new is better

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Many consumers mistakenly believe new prescription drugs are always safer than those with long track records, and that only extremely effective drugs without major side effects win government approval, according to a new study.

A national survey of nearly 3,000 adults finds that about 4 in 10 wrongly believe the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves only "extremely effective" drugs. One in 4 mistakenly believes the FDA allows only drugs that don't have serious side effects.

That means consumers "may not get the benefit from drugs they think they're getting, or they may expose themselves to more harm than they think" said study co-author Dr. Steven Woloshin of the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice and the VA Outcomes Group

In truth, the FDA approves a new drug when its benefits outweigh any known risks. FDA approval doesn't mean the drug's benefits are large compared to drugs already on the market. And risks for some drugs appear only after they've been used by millions of people and long after FDA approval. For instance, Merck & Co. withdrew the FDA-approved arthritis pill Vioxx after its heart risks surfaced.

> "So much of what doctors learn about new drugs is somehow affected by drug company marketing."
>
> — DR. MICHAEL STEINMAN
> San Francisco VA Medical Center

The new survey, appearing in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine, revealed a partial solution to consumer confusion: Simply worded cautions can make a difference in which drugs people choose.

To test that idea, the researchers dreamed up two fictional drugs for heart disease and two for heartburn. The survey posed a question: Which drug would you choose?

Participants were told both heart disease drugs were free and both lowered cholesterol, but only one was known to reduce heart attacks.

Seventy-one percent of people chose the better drug that reduced heart attacks, when they were reminded in a warning the other one only lowered cholesterol levels. "It is not known whether it will help patients feel better or live longer," the warning said. Fewer people, 59 percent, made the better choice when they weren't given the added caution.

The make-believe heartburn drugs worked equally well and were free, consumers were told. The difference? One was approved by the FDA in 2009, the other in 2001.

This time, 53 percent chose the older drug when given a warning about the newer one. The caution said: "As with all new drugs, rare but serious side effects may emerge after the drug is on the market — when larger numbers of people have used the drug."

Fewer people, 34 percent, chose the older — and perhaps safer — drug when they didn't get that warning.

"One of the reasons doctors tend to prescribe newer, expensive drugs is there's a widespread perception that newer is better," said Dr. Michael Steinman of San Francisco VA Medical Center, who wrote a commentary about the study in the journal. "That's sometimes true, but many times it's not true. So much of what doctors learn about new drugs is somehow affected by drug company marketing."

The survey was conducted in 2009 by the Internet research firm Knowledge Networks, and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 2.4 percentage points. Participants were recruited using telephone and mail sampling and given free Internet access if they needed it.

Woloshin said simple cautions would help doctors, too, and should be part of drug advertising and labeling. He and co-author Dr. Lisa Schwartz have been working with the FDA to improve its guidance to drug makers on writing labels, he said.

They also are promoting the idea of drug fact boxes, similar to the nutrition fact boxes on packaged foods. The fact boxes, written in plain English, would tell consumers how well a drug works compared to other drugs and include side effects.

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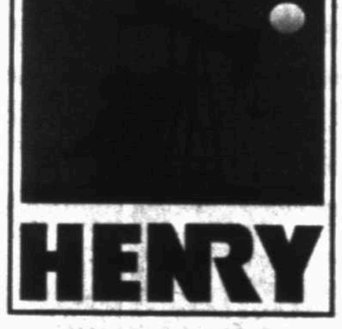
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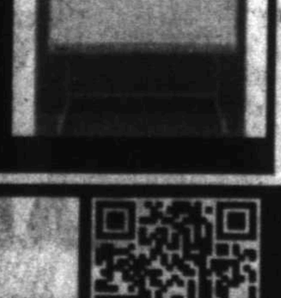
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Midland College District conducted public hearings on August 30, 2011, and September 6, 2011, on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Midland College District from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 3.00 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised at last year's tax rate of $0.1699 for each $100 of taxable value was $19,915,399.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of $0.167859 for each $100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is $20,566,133.

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The Midland College District Board of Trustees is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on September 20, 2011, at Midland College Gibson Board Room, 3600 North Garfield at 4:00 p.m.

Case of stolen Rembrandt intrigues art world

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — On the surface it looked like an open-and-shut case: A pair of thieves drop by an art exhibition at the Ritz-Carlton and, while one distracts a curator, the other snatches a valuable, centuries-old Rembrandt drawing and bolts with it.

Apparently, finding the small pen-and-ink work by the Dutch master too hot to fence, the thieves have second thoughts. They abandon it, undamaged, at a church on the other side of town.

Then the real mystery begins.

Three weeks after recovering the framed, 11-by-6 inch drawing called "The Judgment," authorities aren't sure whether it really is a Rembrandt or if it even belongs to the art dealer that displayed it with other works at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Marina del Rey.

"They have to show us something to prove that they own it, and they haven't been able to do that," said Steve Whitmore, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Officials with the Linearis Institute, which says it owns the work that it values at $250,000, did not respond to phone calls and email messages.

The institute's attorney, William Klein, said Linearis purchased "The Judgment" from a legitimate seller. He said the institute's officials just don't want to say who that was.

"Things like that really are trade secrets," Klein told the Associated Press.

He acknowledged the institute has no trail of paperwork (called provenance in art-world speak) to prove "The Judgment" really is a Rembrandt. But he added that officials at Linearis believe it is and it shouldn't matter what authorities think.

Art appraisers and other experts have said they cannot find "The Judgment" listed in any catalog or database chronicling the works of Rembrandt, who created hundreds of paintings, drawings and etchings before his death in 1669.

The Sheriff's Department is continuing to investigate the theft, although Whitmore said Linearis officials have told authorities they are not interested in having the people who snatched the drawing prosecuted.

"Which I find curious," he said.

Even in the art world, where questions about who owns what and how they got it arise frequently, the Rembrandt mystery has evoked curiosity.

It's not as unusual as one might think for a low-level thief to drop in on an exhibition and grab something, said Anthony Amore, who is head of security for the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston and co-author of the book "Stealing Rembrandts."

He noted that just a month before the Rembrandt theft someone walked into a San Francisco art gallery and carried out a $200,000 Picasso. Police quickly arrested a New Jersey man they say has been linked to at least a half-dozen other art thefts since June.

Works by Rembrandt and Picasso are especially popular targets, Amore said, because everybody has heard of those artists and knows their works sell for huge amounts of money. In the last 100 years, he said, at least 81 Rembrandts have been stolen.

What is unusual, Amore continued, is that the institute didn't immediately come forward with documents to get its painting back. He compared it to someone having a high-end car like a Ferrari stolen and, after police recover it, not immediately producing the ownership documents to reclaim it.

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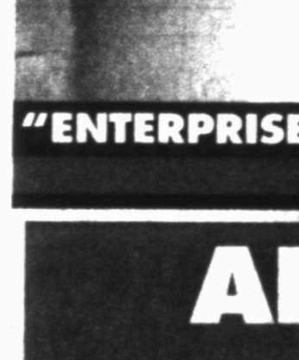

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Council to consider agreement with Baker Hughes

Deal would give company $500,000 in return for $16 million investment

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

The Midland City Council will consider today a resolution approving a $500,000 incentive deal between the Midland Development Corp. and Baker Hughes.

In exchange for its forgivable loan, the oilfield service company will agree to invest at least $16 million in capital improvements at its Market Street facility, as well as create 64 new jobs, according to the contract.

"You can see quite the benefit to the community," said Mike Hatley, MDC president, speaking to the Midland County Commissioners' Court about the project Monday.

The MDC board approved on Aug. 26 that its chairman Robert Rendall negotiate an agreement with Baker Hughes. At the time, no specified amount had been agreed upon.

Baker Hughes plans to spend about $16.04 million expanding, renovating and consolidating its facilities on Market Street, which is near Industrial Road and Loop 250.

As part of its renovations and additions, the company will relocate its motor rebuilding operations from Oklahoma to Midland. Its MWD rental tool division also will be expanded and renovated, its drill bit division updated and renovated and its Centrilift division expanded to include additional storage and parking space, according to a letter submitted to the city by its vice president, David Emerson.

Baker Hughes is to be provided $250,000 upon completion of its capital investments and has through Dec. 31, 2012, to finish the work, according to the contract.

Its 64 additional jobs must be new positions, not transfers from another office, Rendall said. Along with those jobs, the company has committed to increasing its Midland payroll by about $3.5 million.

Already the company employs 233 people at a payroll of about $13 million, Hatley said. The average salary for the company is just less than $57,000 annually.

Once Baker Hughes has completed two-thirds of its new payroll commitment, the MDC is to pay the company $200,000. When its full payroll increase has been met, the MDC will provide the last $50,000, according to the contract.

The increase in employees has to be realized by Dec. 31, 2014. The agreement does not require the company to sustain its payroll increase once it's been fulfilled, according to the contract.

Because the company is located outside of the city

Please see **AGREEMENT**/2B

'If the trailer's full, we'll go' to help Texas fire victims

While we read news reports detailing the heartbreaking fire devastation from afar, some Midlanders are onboard trying to help those in crisis at Bastrop.

That's how I came across a woman named Amy Hernandez, who, along with her husband C.H., is loading up their truck and 16-foot trailer, 4 feet high with emergency supplies. Bastrop or bust. The couple is closing their business, C&A Barber Shop, for a few days to drive, deliver, unload and help however they can.

Word of her efforts spread, and before Amy knew it, she met fellow Midlander Sandy Childers, who was just as passionate in wanting to help. And they've done their homework.

Amy has contacts with Bastrop Christian Fellowship, and Sandy has talked with the Bastrop American Legion post, which currently is being used as a shelter.

Both women have been advised of the specific, immediate needs and have two separate destination points: the church and the post.

Amy wanted to make the most use of the trailer — which had been used for an import business she once had. She would be taking items Sandy had collected from her friends at the American Legion Post 19 in Midland and items Amy had collected from fellow congregants at Mid-Cities Community Church and Facebook friends wanting to join in the effort.

Maybe the trailer would be full?

As word spread even more, strangers started showing up at Amy's barber shop and the American Legion. Eye drops, baby diapers, pet food, Gatorade, toiletries and school supplies started coming in. "I'm blown away," Sandy called to tell me Sunday night, while inventorying some of the items Midlanders had generously donated.

Then on Monday afternoon, Amy excitedly told me some office workers heard what she was doing, took a collection and made a $1,000 shopping trip to Sam's.

Just after getting new tires on the trailer, she and C.H. headed to the store to load.

With that ...

"The trailer will be full," she said, quickly crediting God for making it all happen.

Just the day before, she told me they would go again and again — in between earning a living cutting hair — for "as long as the trailer's full."

Please see **SISSOM**/2B

BASTROPORBUST

Sandy Childers, above, looks through boxes of donated clothes Monday afternoon at the American Legion. **LEFT:** Donations are being collected to take to victims of the Bastrop fire.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Want to help?

Donations can be dropped off at C&A Barber Shop, 1310 N. Big Spring St. (770-1831) or American Legion Post 19 at 501 Veterans Airpark Lane (682-5511).

For updates, go to www.facebook.com/ShannaSissom

Items currently needed include toiletries, diapers and other baby needs, pet food, underwear and socks, non-perishable food, school supplies and gift cards.

PTA looks to get more involved on MISD campuses

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

This year, the Midland Council of PTAs has made it a goal to have an active Parent Teacher Association on each of Midland ISD's 32 campuses.

Council President Jenny Langford said two campuses do not have PTAs and a few of the campuses do not have highly-active organizations.

With mentoring from Langford and other members of the council, she said they are hopeful they'll be able to implement the organizations on each campus.

"It's easy to volunteer, but sometimes people can be overwhelmed by not knowing how to run a meeting or keep minutes," Langford said. "We don't want to discourage people who want to help, but don't know how to be in PTA."

> "It's amazing to see what parents can do for schools."
> — **JENNY LANGFORD**
> President of Midland Council of PTAs

She said the council is willing to provide training and guidance for any organization that wants it.

"It's amazing to see what parents can do for schools," she said, noting that parents volunteer and help with fundraisers that can provide new materials for the school. "It's neat to see the things campuses have done for schools and what they're able to do, especially with budget cuts."

Superintendent Ryder Warren said it's mutually beneficial for the schools, students and parents to have active PTAs.

"We're forming relationships between parents, teachers, communities, schools and the neighborhoods they serve," Warren said. "We're getting more parents involved in their kids lives."

With the PTA membership drive ending Oct. 15, Langford said they hope to see growth this year and have more community members involved.

"We reach out to communities, teachers and staff and want to see our children succeed," Langford said. "We're a bridge between the schools and the parents."

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MPD hosts event to recruit women into law enforcement careers

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

For women who may be curious about working in law enforcement or feel they may not be able to do the job will have the chance this weekend to talk to several representatives about a career in the field.

On Saturday, the Midland Police Department will host the second annual "Women in Criminal Justice" event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Midland College Carrasco Room, 3600 N. Garfield St.

"It's not necessarily more difficult but it's overcoming the cultural differences. This is a male-dominated career field and women tend to shy away from it instead of getting into it," said MPD officer Stephanie Newton. "They feel this is a man's job."

There currently are only 10 women employed with the department and officials are hoping with this event, more will apply.

Most of the female officers with the MPD will be onhand at the event to talk with those attending and to answer any questions.

One of the biggest things that stop women from pursuing a job in criminal justice, she said, is that not only do many feel it is a male-dominated career but that many believe they cannot have a family.

Newton said that simply is not the case.

"Most of us, we all have a family. You can still do this career and have one," she said.

Other agencies, including the Midland Adult Probation Department, Midland College Police and Department of Public Safety, also will have representatives available to visit and answer questions.

Newton said there will be several demonstrations with a K-9 unit and defense tactics, as well representatives from the EOD and crime scene departments to show women can be a part of the department.

Two women recently completed the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy and have since joined the MPD as the most recent female additions to the department in the last few years. Another female recruit, who applied because she attended the first "Women in Criminal Justice" event last year, currently is enrolled in the academy, Newton said.

While Saturday's event will not be a hiring fair, it will be a more come-and-go type of event and information about police officer and cadet positions will be made available.

"Women in general have their own qualities that men can't bring. There are women out there who may be curious about a law enforcement career and curious about what they can do in a law enforcement agency," she said. "It isn't just a male-dominated career. Women can do this career, also. You don't have to be a certain size or weight. We're able to do the job just as well as any man."

For more information about Saturday's event, call the MPD recruiting department at 685-7141.

Audrie Palmer can be reached at apalmer@mrt.com.

Obituaries

Donald F. Walker

Donald F. Walker, 88, of Midland, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, September 10, 2011.

He was born April 8, 1923, in Wise County, Texas, and grew up in Bridgeport, Texas. Donald served in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945. He was stationed at RAF Burtonwood near Manchester, England. Because he had been a heavy equipment operator since graduating from high school, he was assigned to operating cranes, unloading aircraft parts, and assembling them at Burtonwood. Donald came to Midland in 1950. He worked for The Superior Oil Company and then Mobil Oil. He retired for a while and then went to work for Electrical Maintenance. He retired again in 2010. After his retirement, he enjoyed traveling to England, and around the state of Texas. He enjoyed anything that dealt with trains, tractors, and dirt moving equipment. Don volunteered as an usher and money counter at The First United Methodist Church. He was a long time member of the Homer Fort Fellowship Class. He was a beloved father and grandfather and will be missed very much.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Sheila Vivienne Walker.

He is survived by his wife, Paula Walker; son, Donny Walker and wife, Alvie of Midland, TX; son, Steven Walker and wife, Paula of Argyle, TX; daughter, Deborah Rhoades of Midland, TX; step-son, Billy Haggerty and wife, Michelle of Midland, TX; step-daughter, Diane Haggerty of Sherman, TX; twelve grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley, Midland, TX 79705.

The family will receive friends, Thursday, September 15, 2011, between the hours of 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Ellis Funeral Home. Services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 16, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church Glass Chapel, with Dr. Tim Walker officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Death Notices

Evelyn Holman

Evelyn Holman, 84, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

A visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Thursday, September 15, 2011, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. A service is scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., at Alamo Heights Baptist Church.

James "Jim" Callen Whitten

James "Jim" Callen Whitten, 82, of Midland, passed away Sunday, September 11, 2011.

A rosary will be held at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.. Funeral mass is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at St. Ann's Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m., officiated by Monsignor Larry Droll.

Opal Jeanne Strother

Opal Jeanne Strother, 91, of Odessa, passed away on Saturday, September 10, 2011, in Odessa.

She is survived by her son, Emery Strother, Jr.; two daughters, Lavica Anderson and Alice Lane; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be in Odessa, at Acres West Funeral Chapel from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, September 15, 2011, and in Plainview at Garland Church of Christ from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., on Friday, September 16, 2011. Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at I.O.O.F Cemetery in Plainview, TX.

Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel, 8115 W. University Blvd, Odessa, Texas.

Karl Anderson/The Courier

Rocky Barr wipes away a tear as he surveys the remains of his home on Sanders Cemetery Road in Magnolia on Monday. Fed by howling winds whipped up by the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee, flames streaked across drought-stricken Texas, where more than 190 fires statewide have killed four people. The worst damage was in Bastrop, where two smaller fires joined to form a monster blaze that has destroyed more than 1,550 homes and charred more than 34,000 acres.

Kids in fire-ravaged town return to school

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

BASTROP — Paying attention in class may never have been so hard for children who started school Monday after the most-destructive wildfire in Texas history left hundreds of their families homeless and many with little more than the clothes on their backs.

Fed by howling winds whipped up by the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee, flames streaked across drought-stricken Texas, where more than 190 fires statewide have killed four people. The worst damage was in Bastrop, where two smaller fires joined to form a monster blaze that has destroyed more than 1,550 homes and charred more than 34,000 acres.

With firefighters still trying to contain the wildfire and power and water cut off to some areas, many in the Bastrop area remain under evacuation orders. School buses stopped Monday at hotels including the Super 8, Best Western and Holiday Inn Express to pick up students. Desk clerks said most of the people in the hotels were people displaced by the fires.

The school district provided breakfast and lunch for all students because many families don't have access to kitchens to pack lunches or make meals, spokesman Donald Williams said. Counselors from across Bastrop, with its charming downtown of quaint, colonial-style streets and shops, as well as health professionals from nearby school districts were called in to help school counselors.

Seven students at Mina Elementary School and four employees have lost their homes so far, principal Martha Werner said. The number could rise as 1,350 firefighters from Texas and around the country get the fire under control and begin assessing damage to individual properties.

Still, only 24 of the school's 435 kindergarten through fourth-grade students failed to show for the first day of classes. The tally includes not only students left homeless or forced to move-in with relatives in other communities, but some who fell ill with smoke inhalation or other fire-related problems.

Only 6 percent of students were absent districtwide, spokesman Donald Williams said.

"Today has really been a smooth day," Werner said. "A lot of smiles from the kids. It looked from afar mostly like a normal day, except for a few more hugs and a little extra loving and attention."

She added, "I want our school to be a safe place and a happy place because their home life can be difficult for some right now."

Teachers read an announcement about the fire, and students were encouraged to share their stories. Older children wrote in journals about their experiences, while some of the younger ones drew pictures.

"Some won't speak but they'll draw you a picture and you'll know what's on their mind," Werner said. "Some of them wanted to know, 'Is the fire still out there, is it going to get us?'"

The lobby of the Bastrop Independent School District headquarters was piled high with donated backpacks, pencils, notebooks and binders. Supplies already had been distributed to many children in need, and across the city so many residents have donated food, clothing and furniture that many aid centers said they simply didn't have the space to take more.

Rocky Hernandez took the day off of work from his job with the city of Austin to make sure his 11-year-old got off to school on time. The fire spared their home, even as it devoured most of a nearby state park, because winds pushed the flames in another direction.

"Everybody's still hyped up," Hernandez said. "I don't know how they're supposed to be thinking, be learning anything. It doesn't seem like a couple of days is enough."

One student who missed school was sixth grader Wesley Graf, 11, whose family has been staying with relatives in the nearby town of Lockhart.

His father, 44-year-old James Graf, returned to their home Monday and found it undamaged but they won't be allowed to move back in for several more days. Until then, they hope to get a room at a local hotel, paid for with federal disaster assistance.

James grinned when asked if he had missed school.

"Not really," he said. But his father said his summer vacation was over.

"He's going back tomorrow and that's something he needs, something that's good for him," James Graf said. "But he also needed to know the house was OK. I didn't want him to have to go to school thinking about it all day."

Sissom

From 1B

This trip will be, in part, to assess the needs, and learn what Midlanders can directly do to help. And on the next trip, Amy and C.H. might just take their barber equipment and offer free haircuts.

"As long as people help, and the trailer is full, we'll go."

The couple plans to finish loading up in between haircuts today and roll out of Midland before sunrise Wednesday.

My guess is they will leave with the first of many full trailers.

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Agreement

From 1B

limits, Hatley said they had to get permission from the county to enter into the deal. Hatley was given unanimous approval by commissioners Monday. The county will not be involved in payment of the company, Hatley said.

While Baker Hughes is an oil-related entity and doesn't fall into the target recruitment areas of the MDC, Rendall said the board felt it was an important business to support so the international company can maintain a presence and grow in Midland.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

David Lee Campos, 29, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of assault.

Robert Allen Gillespie II, 29, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of failure to comply with duties of sex offender registration.

Samuel O. Martinez, 25, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of evading arrest and/or detention with a vehicle.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Man gets 30 years over child porn

Associated Press

DALLAS — A North Texas man traced to a homeless shelter in Las Vegas has been sentenced to 30 years in prison on child pornography counts.

A federal judge in Dallas on Monday sentenced 39-year-old Buddy Anderson, who formerly lived in Ennis. Anderson in May pleaded guilty to producing child pornography and to producing obscene images of the sexual abuse of children.

FAA cites improper repairs to Southwest planes

By Joan Lowy
Associated Press

Southwest Airlines planes are shown at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Seattle in this 2010 file photo.

Ted S. Warren
AP

WASHINGTON — The Federal Aviation Administration proposed a $1.1 million fine Monday against an aircraft repair station for allegedly using improper maintenance procedures to find cracks and prevent damage to the fuselages of 44 Southwest Airlines jets.

From 2007 to 2009, Aviation Technical Services Inc. of Everett, Wash., failed to fully inspect the Boeing 737-300s for metal fatigue and incorrectly installed fasteners in rivet holes that hold pieces of aircraft skin in place, the FAA said in a statement.

The purpose of the inspections and repairs was to prevent incidents like the one that occurred in April, when a hole opened in the roof of a Southwest Boeing 737 with 118 people aboard, forcing an emergency landing in Yuma, Ariz. But the FAA said the plane with the hole was not among the 44 improperly repaired planes.

Sources familiar with FAA's investigation told the Associated Press in February 2009 that 44 Southwest planes improperly repaired by Aviation Technical Services were later flown on 100,000 trips.

This is the second time in less than a year the FAA has proposed a significant fine against Aviation Technical Services for failing to follow procedures for finding and repairing fuselage cracks in Southwest planes.

In November, FAA proposed fining the repair station $530,000 for allegedly not properly bracing 14 planes while replacing old rivets and metal skin. The company also failed to install and monitor equipment to ensure maximum loads did not exceed limits for the engines, wings and horizontal stabilizer locations while the aircraft were suspended in "cradles."

As they age, jets often develop tiny cracks, especially in stressed areas such as around windows. Patches often are used to shore up weak spots.

Aviation Technical Services said in a statement it is cooperating fully with the FAA and expressed confidence in the quality of the company's work.

Southwest spokeswoman Brandy King said the airline continues to use Aviation Technical Services for its aircraft maintenance.

Southwest "holds our vendors to the highest possible standards, and we focus on assuring that all maintenance is performed in accordance with FAA and manufacturer requirements," the company said in a statement. "Southwest has made numerous enhancements to our internal procedures, as well as improvements related to oversight of our repair vendors."

In 2009, Southwest paid a $7.5 million settlement in response to an FAA finding that it had flown 737s two years earlier without complying with mandatory inspections for fuselage cracks. FAA had originally sought a fine of $10.5 million, but later reduced the amount.

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Power provider closing units over EPA rule

By Angela K. Brown
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — The largest power generator in Texas said Monday that unless its lawsuits prevent a new EPA rule from taking effect early next year, it will close a large section of one power plant, which could lead to rolling power outages in the summer.

Dallas-based Luminant filed a federal lawsuit Monday to remove Texas from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, which is to take effect Jan. 1. The company plans to file another lawsuit later this week to try to block the rule completely, Luminant spokesman Allan Koenig said.

The rule requires Texas and 26 other states to reduce smokestack pollution causing smog and soot in downwind states — where it combines with other contaminants, making it impossible for those states to meet air quality standards. The new rule replaces a 2005 Bush administration proposal that a federal court rejected.

Under the EPA's initial proposal, Texas' power plants were required to address only summertime smog-forming pollution. But in July, the EPA announced Texas must reduce sulfur dioxide, responsible for acid rain and soot, and nitrogen oxides, which contribute to both smog and soot.

The only way Luminant can comply is by shutting down two of three units at one plant and making other changes, which will eliminate 500 jobs and reduce generating capacity by 1,300 megawatts, Koenig said. The company has already reduced emissions with some of its previous projects, he said.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, the state's power grid operator, said residents could face rolling power outages during the hottest months of the year because officials don't have enough time to offset the losses before the EPA's deadline. The loss of 1,200 megawatts to 1,400 megawatts during the summer months is enough to cause "potential impacts," according to ERCOT.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said Monday that the EPA did not provide adequate notice or scientific justification to Texas before imposing the rule.

Gov. Rick Perry, the frontrunner among Republican presidential candidates, said the Obama administration "continues to put up road blocks for our nation's job creators by imposing burdensome regulations based on assumptions, not facts, that will result in job losses and increased energy costs with no definite environmental benefit."

But the EPA said Monday that Luminant's decision to shut down units and lay off workers "represents an abrupt change of direction."

The EPA said the new rule will prevent premature deaths and asthma attacks and is similar to a 2005 rule that Luminant and other power plants followed, which didn't require serious investments in pollution controls at several facilities in order to stay within the limits.

The EPA has worked with Luminant extensively to ensure the company has options, including using technologies already installed.

"As recently as yesterday EPA offered to share additional information that shows the potential for a no-shut down, no-layoff solution for statewide compliance. It is unfortunate that company leadership rushed to a decision that needlessly puts their workers' jobs at risk," EPA spokeswoman Gina McCarthy said in a statement.

Some environmental groups praised Luminant's plans as a good first step in addressing serious pollution problems. Eva Hernandez, a spokeswoman with the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign in Texas, called it a "victory for all Texans who care about clean air."

The nation's 594 coal-fired power plants provide nearly half of the country's electricity but also a significant share of its pollution. Texas is home to 19 coal-fired power plants, more than any other state, and plans to build nine more.

The EPA estimates that in the first two years, the new rule and some other steps will slash sulfur dioxide emissions by 73 percent from 2005 levels, and nitrogen oxides will be cut by more than half.

Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide pollution from power plant smokestacks react with other substances in the atmosphere to form smog and soot as they drift by the wind and weather. They have been linked to various illnesses, including asthma, and have prevented many cities from complying with health-based standards set by law.

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	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
BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Wipeout (N)		ABC News Special "Jacqueline Kennedy: In Her Own Words"				KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Pyramid"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Imposters"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Familia"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) LateL
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Jimmy"	90210 "Up In Smoke" (SP) (N)		Ringer "Pilot" (P) (N)		Cops	'Til Death	King of Queens	South Park	South Park	Roseanne
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two and Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Glee "New York"		Raising Hope	Raising Hope	The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Night"	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. William	Rico Cortes	Update News	Rico Cortes	Light of the Southwest				NewBeginning	NewBeginning	Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News	Be Millionaire	It's Worth What? (N)		America's Got Talent (N)		Parenthood (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno Ellen DeGeneres, Bob Harper		(:35) LateN (N)
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS Newshour		Smiley Reports "Too Important to Fail" (N)		Frontline (N)		POV "If a Tree Falls: A Story of the Earth Liberation Front" (N)			PBS Previews	News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Cuando me Enamoro		Teresa		La Fuerza del Destino		Aquí y Ahora		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero Noctu.	Para Volver a Amar	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	Smarter	Smarter	Smarter	Lyrics (N)	Lyrics (N)	My News	Earl	Scrubs	Chris	Access H.	Insider
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:30) Crossroads		(:05) ★★★ The Last Wave				★★ eXistenZ Sarah Polley.			(:45) ★★ Fall Michael Madsen.		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) Hard Knocks		★★★★ 127 Hours			(:45) Board	24/7	Curb	Entour.	True Blood		Devil
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:30) ★★ Minority Report Tom Cruise.				Unstoppable			(:45)Makin	Boxing WCB V. Klitschko vs. Adamek & Yur			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		★★★ It's Complicated Meryl Streep.				★★ Public Enemies ('09, Cri) James Russo.					★★ Four Christmases		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:05) Knight & Day		★★ Drumline ('02, Fam) Nick Cannon.				★★ She's Out of My League			(:45) Skin	(:15)Chemist	(:45)Strike
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	★★ Phone Booth Colin Farrell.			★★ Due Date			(:35) Erotica "Bedroom Fantasies"			Crazy Heart	
PLEX			96			(:20) ★★★ Defence of the Realm				★★★ Jaws 3 Dennis Quaid.			(:40) Max Dugan Returns			(:20) Perry Maso...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie	Thirst (2010, Thriller)			Weeds	The Big C	Weeds	The Big C	Therapy	Therapy	Triangle	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:50) ★★ Maximum Velocity			(:25) Across the Line: The ...			★★ Remember Me Caitlyn Rund.				(:55) Book of Love	
CABLE																	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator	Exterminator
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) Rocky II		★★★ Rocky III ('82, Dra) Sylvester Stallone.					★★★ Rocky III ('82, Dra) Sylvester Stallone.				
BET	58	26		40		(5:) 106&P	★★ The Fighting Temptations Cuba Gooding Jr.					Born to Dance (N)		Born to Dance		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Beverly Hills		Flipping Out		Flipping Out (N)		Rachel Zoe Proj. (N)		Flipping "Reunion"		Rachel Zoe Project	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Titans "Quincy Jones"		60 Minutes		American Greed		Mad Money		Titans "Quincy Jones"	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		John King, USA		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	(5:30) Cash Cab		Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Money	Money	Auction	Auction	Money	Money
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Shake Up	Wizards	SoRandom	Tinker Bell & the Great Fa...			A.N.T.	SoRandom	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	To Be Announced		Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight (L)	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NFL Live (N)		Hey Rookie (N)		NFL's Greatest Games (N)			Bowl (N)	Rise Up		NFL Live	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Bruce Almighty Jim Carrey.				★★ Evan Almighty Steve Carell.				The 700 Club		Line?	Line?
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	Cupcake Wars		Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	The Stampede	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Instant Replay	NCAA C-USA No-Huddle UTEP/SMU	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ Iron Man ('08, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..						Sons of Anarchy (N)		(:05) Sons of Anarchy		Anarchy "Out"	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	My Place	For Rent	Property	Unsell.	HouseH	House	HouseH	House	Property	Unsell.
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		To Be Announced		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Top Shot (N)		Top Shot		To Be Announced	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Unsolved Mysteries		American Pickers		American Pickers		Picker "Motorcycles and Meat Sauce"		Picker Sisters "It's a Sign"		American Pickers	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	Sponge	Brain	Wife Kids	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	'70s	'70s	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	RepoG (N)	RepoG	Auction	Auction
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome				★★★ The Bourne Ultimatum ('07, Act) Julia Stiles.					Alphas "Blind Spot"		Witness
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Comeback"	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Conan		The Office	The Office
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) Act One		★★★ Young Man With a Horn				★★★ Ace in the Hole Kirk Douglas.				The Bad & the B...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado		Mi Corazon Insiste		Flor Salvaje		La Casa de al Lado		Noticiero	El Cartel		Decision
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Big Sexy "Big Bad Love"		What Not to Wear "Heather"		What Not to Wear "Ebony"		Big Sexy "Big Bikini Beach"		What Not to Wear "Heather"		What Not to Wear "Ebony"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Venom"		Rizzoli & Isles "Remember Me"		Law & Order "Promote This!"		Law & Order "Bottomless"		CSI: NY "Pay Up"		CSI: NY "Epilogue"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	All Family	All Family	MASH	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Game"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Gone"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Influence"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Class"		Necessary Rough "Baggage Claim"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Popular"	
VERSUS	38	39				To Be Announced				To Be Announced				To Be Announced			
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Old Christine	Christine "Friends"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park

Prominent Democrat: Voting map discriminates

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Congressional Texas Democrats returned from Washington on Monday to bash newly drawn voting districts, testifying in federal court that the GOP-approved map discriminates by crowding blacks and Hispanics into shared districts despite a surge in minority growth over the past decade.

U.S. Reps. Eddie Bernice Johnson, Henry Cuellar and Al Green each asked a three-judge panel to throw out the redistricting map drawn by the Republican-controlled Legislature and signed by Gov. Rick Perry this summer.

"Nothing is more satisfying to any minority group than having someone who looks like them represent them," said Bernice Johnson, who was first elected to her Dallas district in 1992.

The prominent lineup of witnesses signaled that Democrats were winding down their case after more than a week of calling experts and minority leaders affected by the new map. They expected to rest after the scheduled testimony of U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee.

The state maintains the map is fair and maintains or increases the voting power of minorities. The Texas Attorney General's Office was set to begin calling its own witnesses, and closing arguments are expected by the end of the week.

Texas received four new congressional seats following the last Census, more than any other state. The population boom was overwhelmingly driven by Hispanics, who accounted for two-thirds of the state's growth over the past decade.

The new congressional map was drawn with the goal of protecting and possibly expanding the 23-9 majority enjoyed by Republicans in Texas' delegation in Washington. Democrats argue the Republican plan splits Hispanic and black communities, so that conservative white residents would be more likely to win seats in Congress.

Each of the congressional Democrats conceded Monday the new map didn't diminish their own chances of re-election. But they warned the new boundaries would create "tension districts" — overcrowded minority districts split among blacks and Hispanics, and divided over which candidates to elect.

Court overturns order for cheerleader to pay fees

Associated Press

DALLAS — An appeals court has overturned an order for a former cheerleader to pay almost $39,000 in court costs to a Southeast Texas school district that punished her for refusing to root for an athlete she said raped her.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans on Monday remanded the case back to a lower court to recalculate the fees.

The Silsbee cheerleader and her family unsuccessfully sued over her punishment, alleging a violation of her constitutional rights.

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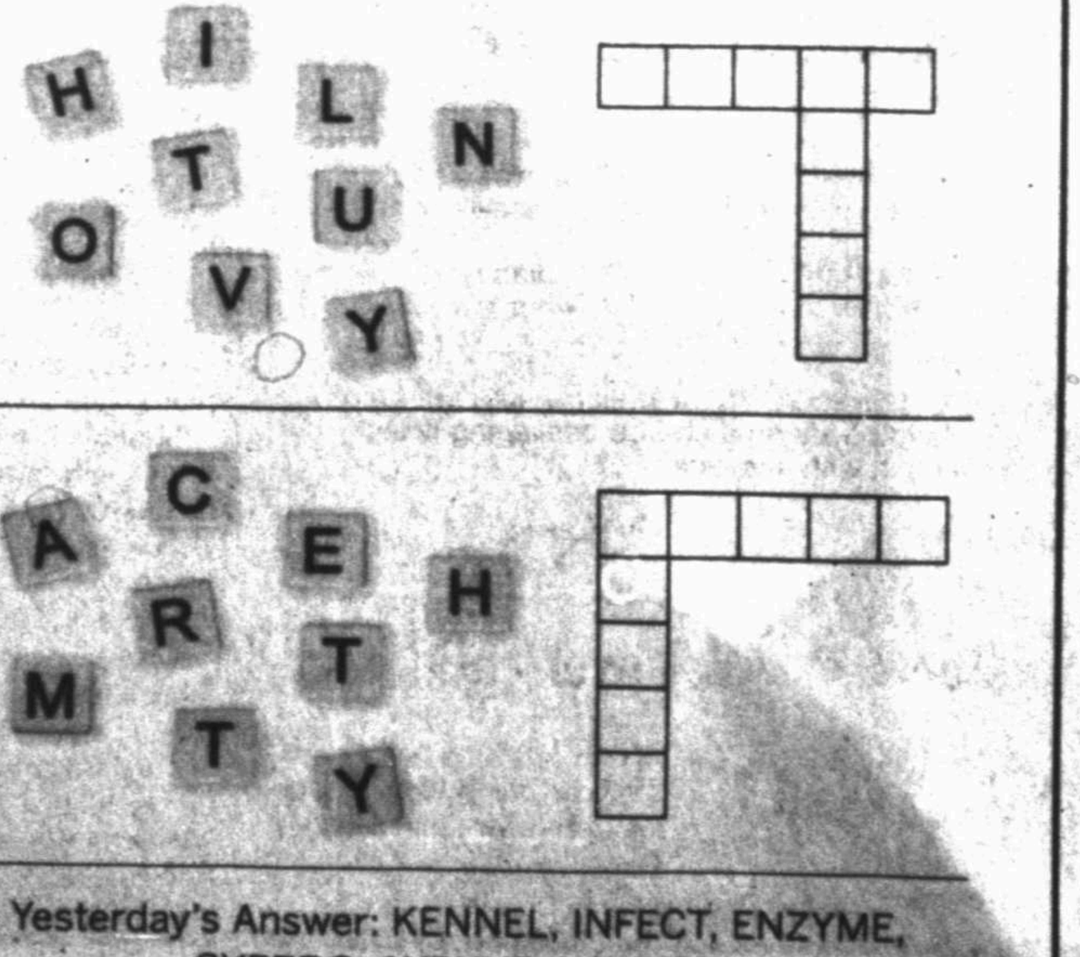

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Residents help build what state officials are calling the world's largest Navajo taco Saturday in Gallup, N.M. Organizers say no world record exists for the largest Navajo taco so they built one using 150 pieces of fry bread and 30 pounds of green chile. According to volunteers and state officials, the Navajo taco was more than 10 feet in diameter and also needed 65 pounds of ground beef, 65 pounds of beans, 50 pounds of lettuce and 90 pounds of cheese.

Gallup builds world's largest Navajo taco

Associated Press

GALLUP, N.M. — Residents in Gallup have set what is being billed as the record for the world's largest Navajo taco, using 150 pieces of fry bread and, of course, more than 30 pounds of green chile.

Volunteers and state officials said the taco created Saturday was more than 10 feet in diameter and also needed 65 pounds of ground beef, 65 pounds of beans, 50 pounds of lettuce and 90 pounds of cheese.

Bill Lee, executive director of the Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce, said there was no record for the world's largest Navajo taco in the Guinness Book of World Record, so residents created one. "We just decided we would establish the record," said Lee. "There wasn't anything on the books officially."

Lee said the objective was to highlight tourism in Gallup, a city located near the Navajo Nation, and to bring residents together for a cause.

Among those who helped build the massive taco were Gallup Mayor Jackie McKinney and employees from area businesses. McKinney finished the construction by using a cherry-picker to sprinkle diced tomatoes in the taco's center.

Afterward, residents and organizers were treated to a free lunch.

The event was part of the New Mexico Tourism Department's "Catch the Kid" summer travel promotion scavenger hunt. Events with prizes of as much as $10,000 have been held in different cities around the state this summer.

State officials said the goal of the promotion was to bolster tourism.

KMBCLEANUP

Courtesy photo

Lindsey Reid, from left to right, Samantha Johnson (mostly hidden), Cass Winterrowd, Dallas Winterrowd and Bill Garbelman were among about 50 Warren CAT volunteers who took part in a cleanup around Loop 250 this past weekend.

Sheriff investigates deaths of 2 boys near Houston

Associated Press

SPRING — Two young boys were fatally stabbed before a relative believed to have attacked them killed himself in their front yard north of Houston, investigators said Monday.

The boys, ages 8 and 10, were found stabbed Sunday night, and authorities were not yet clear on a motive. The sheriff's office said Monday it was conducting further interviews with family, who stood weeping outside the home in Spring shortly after the killings.

Neither alcohol nor mental illness appeared to have played a role in the killings, Harris County sheriff's Sgt. Felipe Rivera said. He did not know what weapon was used to kill the boys.

"It is disturbing because of the ages of the children," he said.

The alleged assailant, Joseph Winchester Thornton, 25, was found dead Sunday night outside the home. The Houston Chronicle reports Hunter Archer, 10, and Jhaden Archer, 8, were the adopted sons of Thornton's uncle. Sheriff's officials would not release the boys' names or confirm how they were related to Thornton.

Drifter to die today for killing 2

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

LIVINGSTON — Former drifter and self-described junkie Steven Michael Woods said he and a friend were high on LSD when they drove to a remote road by a Dallas-area golf course where they met a man and woman a decade ago, but he insists his friend was the one who gunned the pair down.

"It was kind of surreal," Woods said. "It registered in my head as it was raining, and I got sprayed by some of the blood."

Woods, 31, said his friend, Marcus Rhodes, was the gunman and he had nothing to do with the murders of 21-year-old Ronald Whitehead and 19-year-old Bethena Brosż in Denton County.

Woods said he remembers lighting a cigarette for Whitehead.

"All of a sudden, this guy's face exploded," he said.

Rhodes avoided a possible death sentence by pleading guilty and accepting a life sentence. A jury convicted Woods of capital murder and decided he should die.

His execution is set for today in Huntsville. Woods' lethal injection would be the 10th this year in Texas and the first of two set for this week. Two more are scheduled for next week.

"I'm terrified — terrified," he said last week from a small visiting cage outside death row. "I'm a lot calmer than I thought I'd be. But I wake up shaking."

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Getting acquainted

RIGHT: Hillcrest School students play the team-building game "Dress the Human Doll" Sept. 2 at the Hilton Midland Plaza. Hillcrest's third-, fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students spent the day doing team-building activities in downtown Midland. Sharel Sims, dean of students, said each student group does this at the beginning of the year to get acquainted. One of the activities was working on jigsaw puzzles. CENTER: Matthew Swaine, from left, Eric Thames and Addy Allison work on a puzzle. BOTTOM: Also working on a puzzle are Alex Phillips, from left, Linda Sparks and Braden Ray. Other activities included a scavenger hunt in Centennial Plaza, lunch at the Hilton and a trip to the Midland County Public Library. Hillcrest School provides a specialized education for 31 students with learning differences like ADD, ADHD and dyslexia.

Photos by Meredith Moriak Reporter-Telegram

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sept. 22
Midland ISD Educational Foundation presents Styx in concert, Chap Center. Tickets on sale at www.centralticketoffice.com or by calling 1-800-462-7979.

Oct. 6
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MISD open houses
Junior high schools, Thursday
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Midland Christian, Sept. 24 vs. Big Spring (at Grande Communications Stadium)
Trinity, Oct. 21 vs. Anton

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MOAS

From 6B

wanted to learn about South American countries. That is my ancestry and I hope to connect with that."

The students have researched Guyana, the country they will represent, and are preparing to divide into five committees of two, so they can become experts on their specific area.

"It's just cool to learn about people in places you've never been," said Veronica Cardenas. "Instead of listening to others come up with solutions, we get to come up with our own."

The students will work to draft a resolution that will be presented during their Nov. 30- Dec. 3 trip to Washington, D.C. and given to the OAS.

"These kids want to do something in that area when they graduate," Ortez said. "They want to go into law or do something that deals with international studies. They get to see what Washington does and they get to try it and see what it's all about."

Joining a class for its first year didn't come without sacrifices. Many students said they gave up additional advanced placement classes, AVID and extracurriculars.

Josie Paz gave up Students in Philanthropy to be involved with MOAS.

"Here, I get to learn about things I don't know anything about," Paz said. "I can do community service on my own."

Though the majority of students aren't sure what they want to study in college, they said they are excited to learn something new and different.

"If I'm called to be in the priesthood, this could help when speaking with delegates, especially if I'm a missionary," Valenzuela said.

Meredith Moriak can be reached at mmoriak@mrt.com.

Coming Wednesday

See Wednesday's Reporter-Telegram to find out who are the National Merit Semifinalists from Midland.

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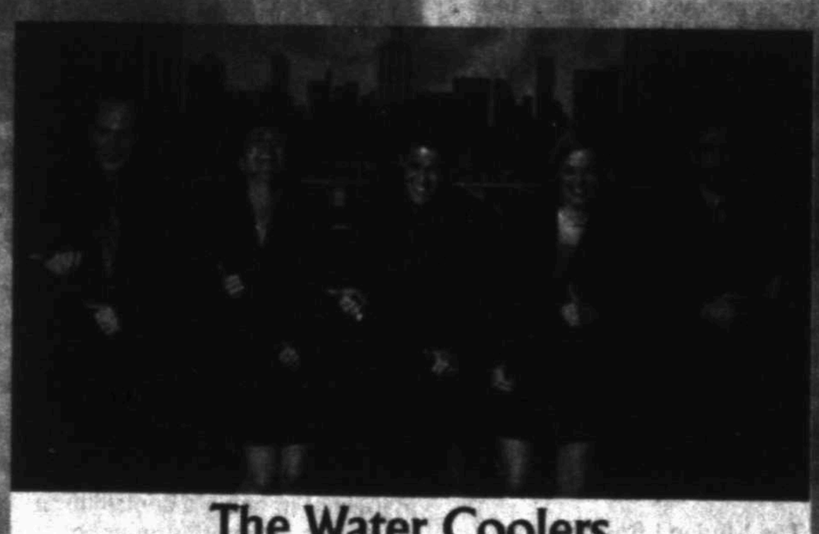

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Education

MAKING THE GRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Seegers

Midland Christian School senior **Mark Seegers** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. He is the son of Scott and Teresa Seegers.

He is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish and Science clubs.

He volunteers with Christmas in Action and Breaking Bread Ministry.

Seegers plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in petroleum engineering.

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Roesner

Lee High School senior **Tamara "Monni" Roesner** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Sandi and Michael Roesner.

She is a member of PALS, Model Organization of American States team, Interact, is Latin Club president and National Honor Society first vice president. She is an academic letterman and National Merit scholar.

She volunteers with Midland Teen Court.

Roesner plans to attend University of Dallas.

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Midland Christian School senior **Rhett Beeson** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Craig and Carla Beeson.

He is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish and Science clubs and a football letterman.

He attends Crestview Baptist Church and volunteers with Christmas in Action, Keep Midland Beautiful and Midland Soup Kitchen.

Beeson plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in civil engineering and minor in physics.

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Lee High School senior **Sagar Patel** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Dr. Pankaj and Ranjana Patel.

He is vice president of the speech/debate team, secretary of Interact, class treasurer and a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Youth and Government, robotics team and UIL math and science teams. He is a recipient of the Rensselaer Medal.

He is involved with the Hindu Association of West Texas/BAPS Temple. He volunteers at Medical Center Hospital.

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COLLEGE STATION — Three Midlanders were among those who graduated last month from Texas A&M University.

Sarah E. Atchison received a Master of Science in mathematics, **Jamie J. McCoy** received a Bachelor of Science in agricultural leadership and development and **Ashlee N. Nelson** received a Bachelor of Science in agricultural economics.

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The Midland Business and Professional Women's Club awarded four scholarships to women who are continuing their education.

Carla Adams, Claudia Chavez, Amanda Horrell and **Stephani Knight** each received a $500 scholarship.

Adams is studying business management at University of Texas of the Permian Basin; the others are attending Midland College.

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KERRVILLE — **Ashley Simon** is among students named to the President's List for the spring semester at Schreiner University.

To qualify, students must earn at least a 3.7 GPA.

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Midlander **Lilly Michelle Winfree** was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at the University of Rochester.

Winfree is a senior neuroscience major.

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ALPINE — Two Midlanders graduated last month from Sul Ross State University.

John T. Lyle received a Bachelor of Science in geology. **Joshua P. O'Neal** received a BS in biology and graduated cum laude.

Lee High resumes MOAS program

■ Model Organization of American States team will be representing Guyana.

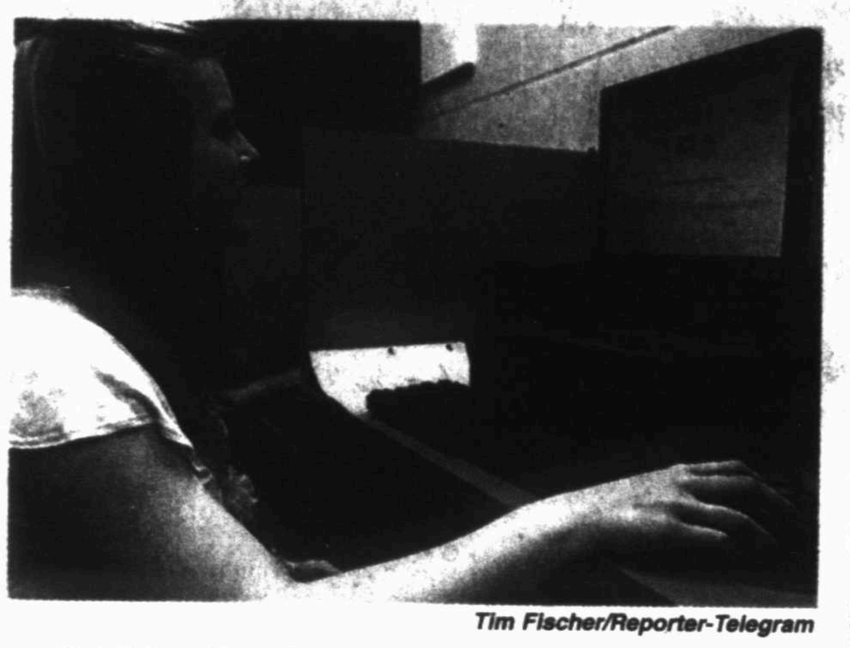
By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Lee High School students interested in learning more about politics, debate and South American countries have a new opportunity this year — Model Organization of American States.

Known as MOAS, the program is a simulation of the proceedings of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States.

Students are given issues and problems in South American countries and spend the semester researching and crafting resolutions.

Through the Organization of American States, nations of the Western Hemisphere are brought together to strengthen cooperation on democratic values, defend common interests and debate the major issues facing the region and the world. Students work on crafting resolutions that can be passed onto members of the OAS.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Lee High School Model Organization of American States team member senior Monni Roesner does research for class.

After watching her son participate in MOAS at Midland High School, Lee's foreign language coordinator, Tina Ortez, said she wanted to offer the experience to students at Lee.

Lee had MOAS decades ago but discontinued the program after the faculty sponsor left, Ortez said.

Though it's still early in the school year, the group of 10 seniors appear as a tight-knit group, seem excited for something different and ready to work toward a common goal.

Ruddy Tchao said he joined because he thought it would be a good idea to get involved and learn more about government.

He said he's interested in going into law and potentially becoming a politician.

It was the opportunity to learn something new and connect with the past that sparked Sam Valenzuela's interest.

"When I heard about it, I was real excited," Valenzuela said. "I

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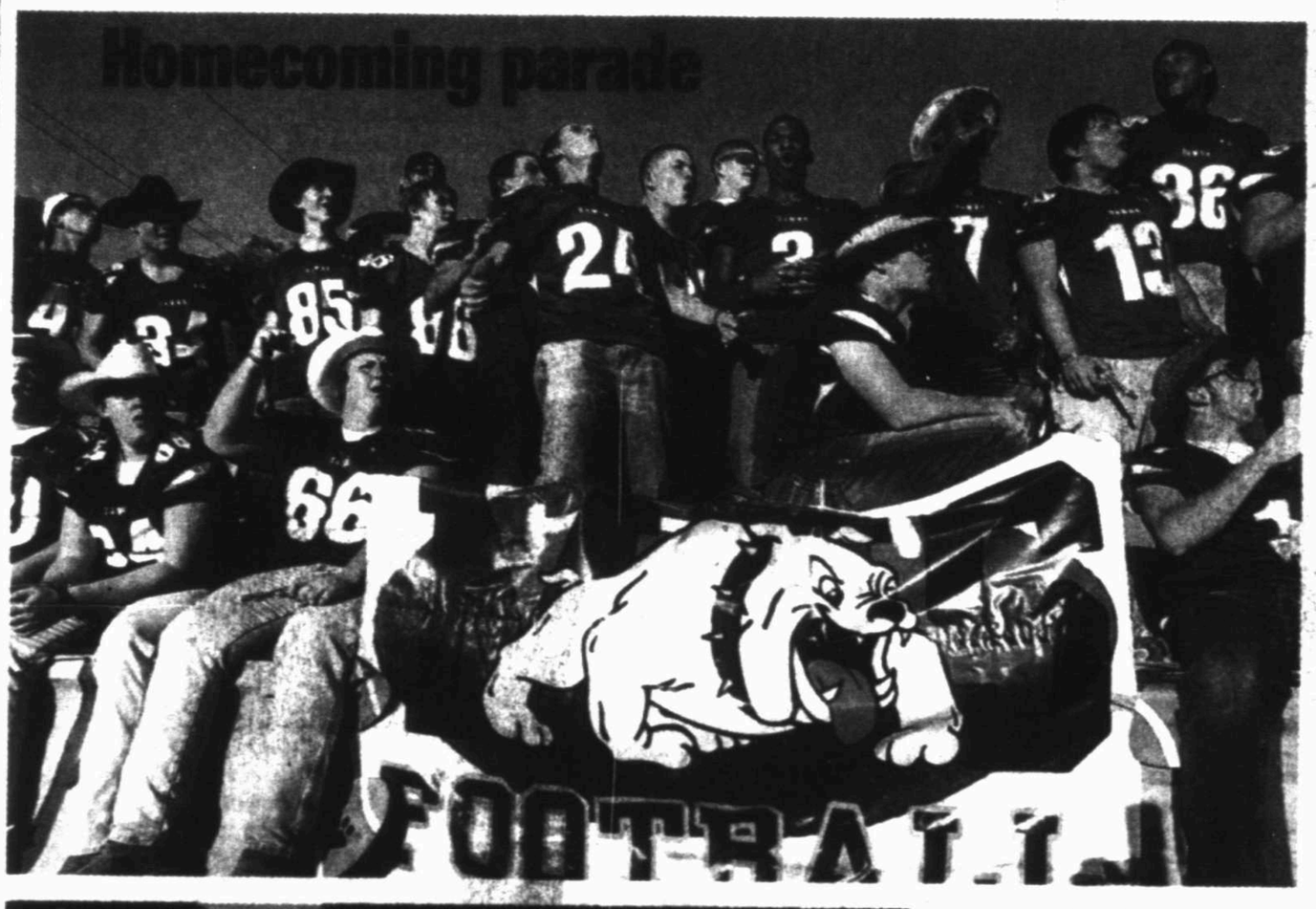

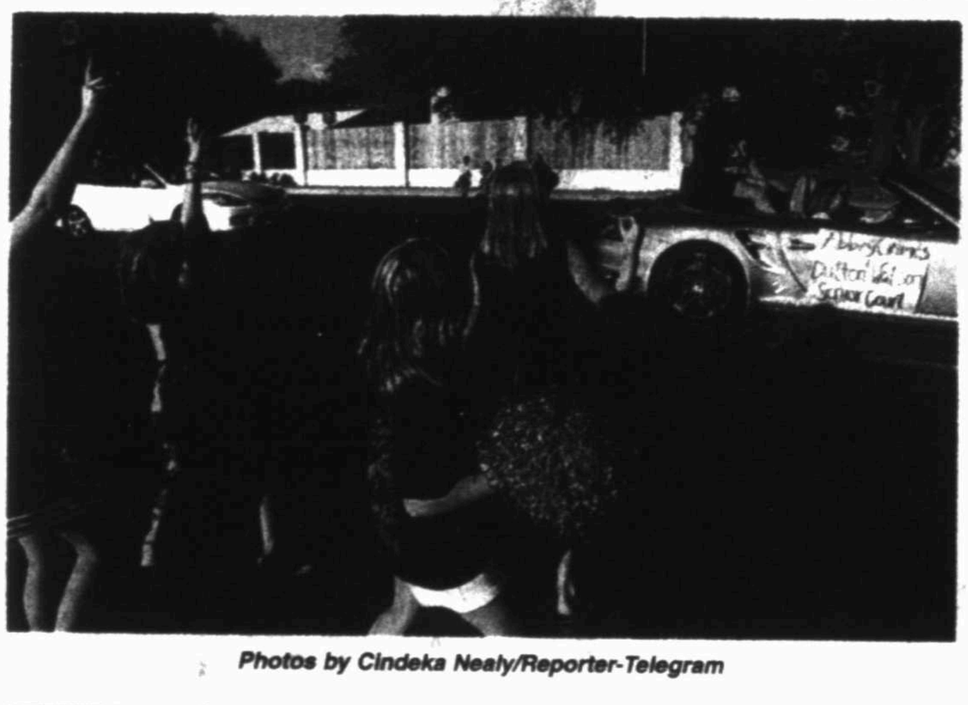

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LEFT: Members of the Midland High School football team make their "Dawg" call Thursday during the homecoming parade. **BELOW LEFT:** A group of children root on Midland High seniors Abbey Grimes and Dutton Watson. **BELOW RIGHT:** Midland High Choir instructors Melanie Fineout, left, and Paula Knight take their posts in the jail before the start of the Wild West-themed homecoming parade. On Friday, Midland High won its homecoming game against Lubbock Coronado High School, 49-14.

Teaching Midland's youth is pleasure, honor

KRISTIE HAYWARD
Seventh-grade English, Alamo Junior High School

When I was asked at the end of last school year whether I would be interested in being a contributing columnist, I saw it as an opportunity to vent frustrations, complain about questionable decisions being made in Austin and Washington, and demand hazard pay for the job we sometimes do.

But, that was May. Perspectives have a tendency to change after several weeks outside the classroom.

And this August — my 11th year teaching, my eighth year in Midland ISD and my second year at Alamo Junior High — I once again found myself looking forward to taking on the challenge of another school year and, quite frankly, embracing the extreme honor and pleasure of teaching our community's young people.

While I may have those years of experience to prepare for six classes of seventh-graders, I took on a role this year completely foreign to me. And, honestly, it frightens me more than any angry-at-the-world pre-teen ever did.

This year, I became the proud parent of a kindergartner at Parker Elementary. Just as I'm certain that new role will influence my choices in the classroom, I'm equally sure it will influence my column topics this year. (I already was able to reassure a parent not to feel silly contacting me the first week of school on behalf of her child as I, too, had contacted my daughter's teacher the first week of school. We both laughed in shared relief about that.)

Just as parents love their own children in spite of the grief they bestow, teachers appreciate the opportunity to work with young people despite how difficult they sometimes make it. And that is why we eagerly and enthusiastically report for duty in August despite wanting to run for the hills in May.

Fresh starts

Who doesn't love another chance at getting it right? I learn so much from my students, fellow teachers and professional development opportunities that helps me feel re-energized and full of hope. Lessons get better each year. Classroom management is easier. Your confidence level increases. You learn what works best for the students, what works best for you, what is a waste of time and what the kids enjoy doing. It just gets more fun.

As a bit of an obsessive-compulsive list-maker, planning, organizing and strategizing for a new school year is one of my greatest pleasures. Yes, I'm guilty of being one of those who adds a task to my to-do list after I've done it, just for the joy of crossing it off. And, I never go anywhere without my calender.

So for someone who won't do anything without making a list first, I can't think of a more compatible or satisfying profession than teaching.

Touching lives

One of the many things I love about teaching is checking in with former students. It seems even the ones who acted like they despised you when you had them in class just beam with delight when you acknowledge them in the halls or at the mall.

Making a connection with a kid who can't seem to get along with anyone is always a special feeling. There are students who manage to get along with only one or two teachers, and those teachers make concerted efforts to rescue these kids from sad situations, whether it's an unbelievably difficult home life or a tendency to make poor choices.

It's amazing how angry kids can be at such a young age, and many have valid reasons for feeling so frustrated. They have developed such a distrust of adults and people in authority because of past abuses, that chipping away at their wall seems impossible. Convincing these kids that we aren't the enemy is sometimes our hardest job.

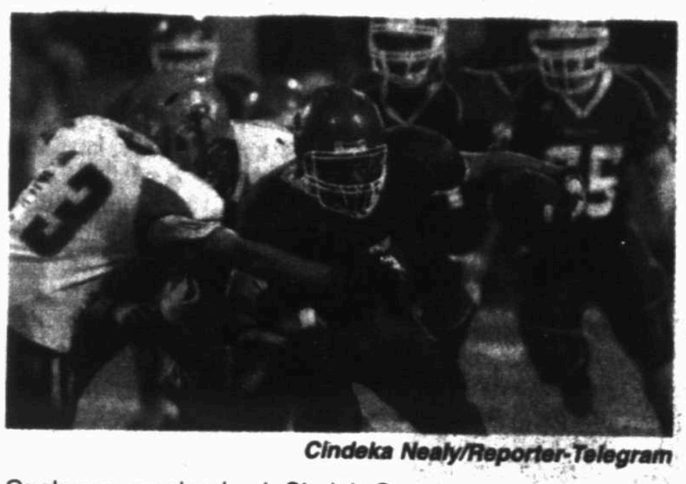
You quickly realize that, for these students, it's often less about learning parts of speech and the writing process and more about learning to cope with the unfairness and uncertainties of a life that has offered little more than fear and disappointment.

Lifelong learning

Every year students ask why did I become a teacher and do I like teaching. Sometimes the question is posed by a brave student at the beginning of the year, sometimes during a rare moment of down time right before the bell rings, and sometimes by one of the cheeky little rascals after a bit of chewing out for disruptive classroom behavior. I always have the same answer: I teach because no one will pay me to be a student. And in my opinion, being a teacher is the next best thing to being a student. I love to learn, and I try to share my enthusiasm for learning with my students. But I also love to teach, and I want my students to feel certain about that every day — even in May.

Sports

Overall, Week 2 was good to area HS football teams



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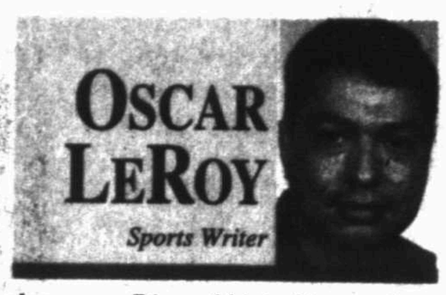
Coahoma running back Sheigh Cravens gets wrapped up by the Greenwood defense during their Week 0 game on Aug. 25 at Grande Communication Stadium. Coahoma was one of the area teams that came up with a big Week 2 win after beating Wink, 36-12 on Friday.

Week 2 of the high school football season for many of our smaller classification schools went a little bit better than a week before with a few surprises along the way.

I don't know if Midland Christian's 20-15 victory over Monahans was as big of a surprise as some people might think, but it really wasn't expected, especially on the Loboes' home field.

Midland Christian (1-2) has a really good team, and despite tough road season losses against Seminole (30-29) and Fort Worth Trinity Valley (23-15), you had a feeling that the Mustangs were going to turn things around and knock off one of the top dogs on their schedule.

They did so by having two huge



plays — a 74-yard kickoff return by Christian Whigham, and a 60-yard pass from Mason McClendon to Landon Lacy — and a strong defensive performance in which they held a potent Loboes rushing attack to 113 yards on 39 carries.

This was a much-needed boost of confidence for the Mustangs, who were finally rewarded last Friday night.

Midland Christian has this week off before hosting Big Spring on Sept. 24 at Grande Communications Stadium.

As for Monahans (2-1), which dropped out of the Class 3A top 10 poll this week, the Loboes might be a little mad and try to take it out on young Big Spring (0-3) this Friday night at Estes Memorial Stadium.

Two area programs, which had some tough luck in the first two weeks and in a somewhat of a rebuilding mode, got their first wins of the season.

After suffering losses against really good Six-Man Division II programs, Garden City (1-2) pounded Paducah, 58-8 for a mercy-rule victory.

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Joy for Djokovic

Charles Krupa/AP

Novak Djokovic reacts after winning the U.S. Open championship against Rafael Nadal on Monday in New York. Djokovic won 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-1 for his first U.S. Open championship and third grand slam championship.

Djokovic beats Nadal to win 1st US Open title

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Novak Djokovic produced a nearly perfect performance to match his nearly perfect season.

Returning brilliantly, swatting winners from all angles, the No. 1-ranked Djokovic held on to beat defending champion Rafael Nadal 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-1 on Monday night in a final chock-full of lengthy, mesmerizing points to earn his first U.S. Open title and third Grand Slam trophy of 2011.

Djokovic improved to 64-2 with 10 tournament titles in a simply spectacular year, one of the greatest in the history of men's tennis — or any sport, for that matter.

"I've had an amazing year," Djokovic said, "and it keeps going."

Against No. 2 Nadal, Djokovic is 6-0, all in finals — three on hard courts, including Monday; two on clay; and one on grass at Wimbledon in July. Djokovic also won the Australian Open in January, and is only the sixth man in the 40-plus years of the Open era to collect three major titles in a single season.

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> — **NOVAK DJOKOVIC**
> U.S. Open men's champion

"Obviously I'm disappointed, but you know what this guy is doing is unbelievable," Nadal said. Addressing Djokovic, Nadal added: "What you did this year is impossible to repeat, so well done."

The best win-loss record in the modern era was John McEnroe's 82-3 in 1984, although that included two Grand Slam titles, because he lost in the French Open final and didn't enter the Australian Open. Roger Federer was 81-4 in 2005 with two majors, exiting twice in the semifinals. Rod Laver (twice) and Don Budge are the only men to win all four Grand Slam tournaments in a year.

Djokovic attributes his rise this season to a number of factors, including a vastly improved serve, better fitness — owing, at least in part, to a gluten-free diet he doesn't like to discuss in any detail — and a seemingly endless reservoir of confidence that dates to December, when he led Serbia to its first Davis Cup title.

That's where Djokovic began a 43-match winning streak that ended with a semifinal loss to Federer in the French Open semifinals. The only other blemish on Djokovic's 2011 record was a loss to Andy Murray in the Cincinnati Masters final last month; Djokovic stopped playing while trailing, citing a painful shoulder.

That was the 24-year-old Serb's last match before heading to Flushing Meadows. His shoulder was fine, clearly, and while he was treated by a trainer for a bad back three times in the late going Monday — perhaps the reason his serves slowed to the 90s mph in the fourth set — he overcame it.

With both men playing fantastic, court-covering defense, there were more than two dozen points that lasted

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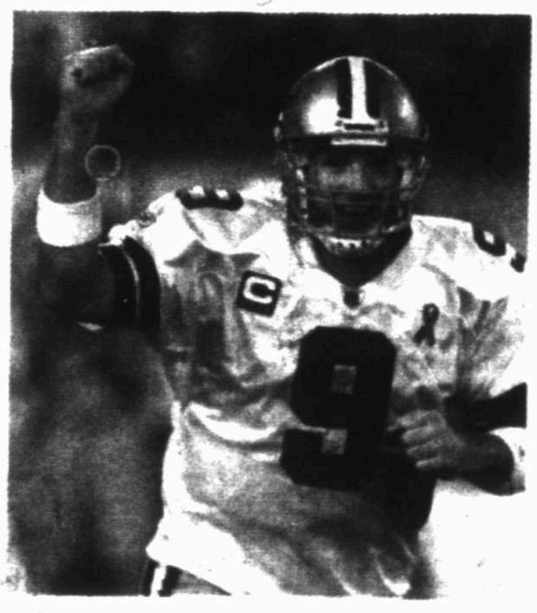

Henry Ray Abrams/AP

Dallas quarterback Tony Romo celebrates a touchdown Sunday against the New York Jets in East Rutherford, N.J.

Cowboys teammates rally around Romo

Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

IRVING — Veteran voices in the Dallas Cowboys locker room struck a unified note in support of Tony Romo on Monday, saying their confidence in him remains high even after he committed two costly fourth-quarter turnovers in the season opener.

Romo played well for most of the game, but his gaffes in the final 8:59 helped the Jets rally for a 27-24 win Sunday night. It was the first time in franchise history the Cowboys lost a game in which they led by at least 14 points in the fourth quarter, leaving them with a 246-1-1 record in such outings, according to STATS LLC.

"It was a disappointing couple of plays, but that doesn't define who he is," tight end Jason Witten said. "We know what type of player he is, so we'll get back on track. We have all the confidence in the world in him."

With Dallas nursing a 24-17 lead, Romo lost a fumble at the Jets' 3-yard line. He also threw an interception that Darrelle Revis returned 20 yards to set up Nick Folk's 50-yard winning field goal with 27 seconds left.

Afterward, Romo accepted blame for the loss, a move that earned him points in the locker room, although some players said it wasn't necessary.

"That's great for him to be accountable in that way," linebacker Keith Brooking said. "But we all know this is a total team effort…I'll take that guy over anybody in this league.

"Y'all might think I'm crazy, but I'm telling you right now, he's going to have an all-time year. He'll probably shatter every record."

Defensive end Marcus Spears said it was good to see Romo shoulder the blame.

"That is him being a leader," Spears said. "That is him trying to create his identity and show, 'I am going to be responsible for how

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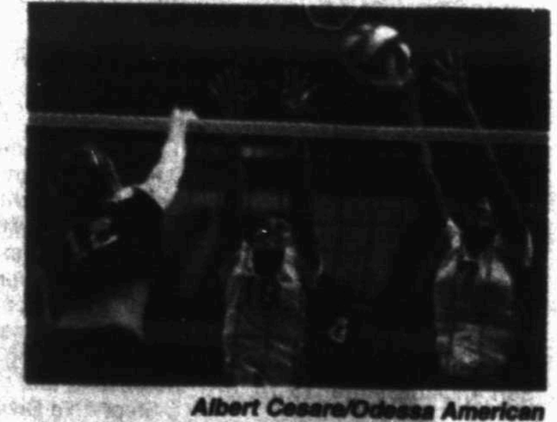
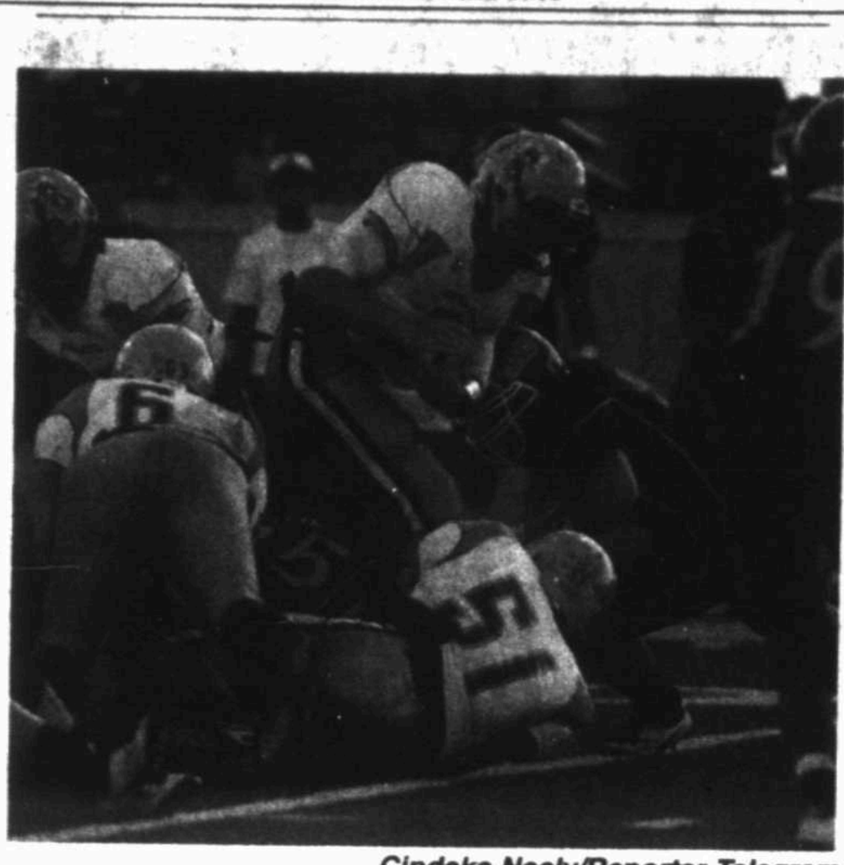


Albert Cesare/Odessa American

Midland High's Alexa Griggs (12) spikes the ball past Odessa High's Vania Hernandez (7) and Sara Benavides during the match Friday at the Odessa Fieldhouse. See capsules for today's District 3-5A volleyball matches on Page 2C.

AREAFOOTBALLSTANDINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Greewood quarterback Kam Williams runs the ball on Sept. 2 during Week 1 game against Crane at El Ave Stadium in Crane.

District 4-3A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Seminole	3	0	104	50	1.000
Fort Stockton	3	0	30	18	1.000
Monahans	2	1	55	47	.667
Greenwood	1	2	72	117	.333
Andrews	1	2	60	80	.333

Last week's results

Lubbock Estacado 48, Greenwood 12; Muleshoe 63, Andrews 40; Fort Stockton 9, Crane 6; Midland Christian 20, Monahans 15; Seminole 20, Lubbock Cooper 7

This week's games

Andrews at Lovington, N.M.; Fort Stockton at Pecos; Greenwood at San Angelo Lake View; Big Spring at Monahans; Snyder at Seminole

District 5-3A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Brownwood	2	1	76	114	.667
Sweetwater	2	1	44	25	.667
Abilene Wylie	2	1	70	63	.667
Snyder	2	1	90	48	.667
Big Spring	0	3	29	76	.000

Last week's results

Plainview 27, Big Spring 16; Stephenville 66, Brownwood 0; Snyder 37, Clyde 12; Sweetwater 27, Levelland 8; Abilene Wylie 21, Graham 7

This week's games

Big Spring at Monahans; Llano at Brownwood; Snyder at Seminole; Early at Sweetwater; Waco High at Abilene Wylie

District 2-2A, Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Alpine	3	0	96	28	1.000
Crane	2	1	74	27	1.000
Colorado	2	1	103	61	.667
Wall	2	1	87	58	.667
Kermit	1	2	76	41	.500
Denver City	1	2	36	68	.333
Grape Creek	0	3	26	137	.000

Last week's results

Alpine 35, Fabens 7; Colorado City 35, Lamesa 6; Denver City 13, Pecos 2; Junction 34, San Angelo Grape Creek 19; Van Horn 20, Kermit 12; Wall 29, San Saba 7; Colorado City 35, Lamesa 6

This weeks' games

Alpine at Clint; Colorado City at Coleman; Crane at Coahoma; Denver City at Brownfield; Goldthwaite at San Angelo Grape Creek; Marfa at Kermit; Ballinger at Wall

District 2-2A, Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Hawley	3	0	120	41	1.000
Stanton	2	1	74	25	.667
Forsan	2	1	91	84	.667
Idalou	2	1	94	41	.667
Coahoma	1	2	91	98	.333
Anson	0	3	58	124	.000
Post	0	3	15	105	.000

Last week's results

Ozona 19, Stanton 0; Quanah 19, Anson 12; Coahoma 36, Wink 12; Forsan 34, Inon County 21; Hawley 32, Hamlin 27; Idalou 41, Friona 7; Slaton 41, Post 0

This week's games

Stanton at McCamey; Crane at Coahoma; Anson at Jim Ned; Plains at Forsan; Rotan at Hawley; Idalou at Lubbock Roosevelt; Floydada at Post

District 5-A, Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Iraan	2	1	116	70	.667
Wink	2	1	82	86	.667
Van Horn	2	1	77	59	.667
McCamey	2	1	109	42	.667
Marfa	1	2	72	107	.333

Last week's results

Eunice, N.M., 54, Iraan 47; Tornillo 35, Marfa 20; McCamey 22, Reagan County 0; Van Horn 20, Kermit 12; Coahoma 36, Wink 12

This week's games

Stanton at McCamey; Reagan County at Iraan; Van Horn at Ozona; Marfa at Kermit; Wink is open

District 5 Six-man
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sands	3	0	179	32	1.000
O'Donnell	3	0	185	63	1.000
Klondike	2	1	105	92	.667
Borden County	2	1	142	60	.667
Grady	1	2	100	144	.333

Last week's results

Borden County 62, Wellman-Union 16; Rankin 70, Grady 22; Klondike 53, Dawson 6; O'Donnell 67, Anton 40; Sands 60, Loop 14

This week's games

Meadow at Borden County; Grady at Trinity; New Home at Klondike; Garden City at O'Donnell; Sands at Sterling City

District 7 Six-man
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Rankin	3	0	178	68	1.000
Fort Davis	2	0	134	110	1.000
Sierra Blanca	1	1	122	100	.500
Garden City	1	2	158	126	.333

Last week's results

Rankin 70, Grady 22; Fort Davis 68, Fort Hancock 56; Garden City 58, Paducah 8; Sierra Blanca 54, El Paso Faith 8

This week's games

Garden City at O'Donnell; Sands at Sterling City; Highland vs. Fort Davis; Spur vs. Rankin at Gail

TAPPS Division II District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
FW Christian	3	0	92	46	1.000
FWSW Christian	2	1	74	94	.667
Pantego Christ.	2	1	108	46	.667
Grapevine Faith	2	1	105	75	.667
Grace Prep	1	1	65	73	.500
Mid. Christ.	1	2	54	68	.333

Last week's results

Midland Christian 20, Monahans 15; Fort Worth Christian 31, Burleson Centennial 14; Grapevine Faith 35, Gainesville State 16; Dallas Greenhill 56, FW Southwest Christian 26; Liberty Christian 42, Arlington Grace Prep 24; Arlington Pantego Christian 28, Frisco Legacy 10

This week's games

Dallas Bishop Dunne at Arlington Grace Prep; Gainesville State at Fort Worth Christian; Grapevine Faith at Boyd; FW Southwest Christian at Frisco Legacy Christian; Richardson Canyon Creek at Arlington Pantego Christian; Midland Christian is open

HSFOOTBALLPOLLS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Here is The Associated Press' high school poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, and the team's ranking in the preseason poll:

Class 5A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Allen (19)	(3-0)	243	1
2. Katy (2)	(2-0)	218	2
3. Euless Trinity (2)	(3-0)	194	3
4. DeSoto (2)	(3-0)	185	5
5. Cibolo Steele	(3-0)	138	6
6. Coppell	(3-0)	115	7
7. Southlake Carroll	(3-0)	89	9
8. Converse Judson	(3-0)	61	10
9. Arlington Martin	(3-0)	42	NR
10. Lufkin	(3-0)	27	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Pearland 16. 12, Longview 14. 13, Klein Collins 13. 14, Dallas Skyline 10. 15, Cedar Hill 5. 16, Round Rock Westwood 3. 17, Galena Park North Shore 1. 17, Port Arthur Memorial 1.

Class 4A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Lake Travis (24)	(3-0)	249	1
2. Denton Ryan (1)	(3-0)	221	2
3. Brenham	(3-0)	183	3
4. Stephenville	(3-0)	178	4
5. Smithson Valley	(3-0)	138	5
6. Dallas Highland Park	(3-0)	134	6
7. Port Lavaca Calhoun	(3-0)	86	10
8. Cedar Park	(2-1)	37	NR
9. Kerrville Tivy	(2-1)	31	9
10. Manvel	(3-0)	28	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Aledo 21. 12, Pearland Dawson 18. 13, La Marque 17. 14, Montgomery 9. 15, Angleton 6. 16, Rosenberg Terry 5. 17, Hewitt Midway 3. 17, FW Arlington Heights 3. 17, Hutto 3. 20, Corsicana 2. 21, New Braunfels Canyon 1. 21, Mesquite Poteet 1. 21, Wolfforth Frenship 1.

Class 3A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Tyler Chapel Hill (14)	(3-0)	235	1
2. Wimberley (5)	(3-0)	216	2
3. Henderson (5)	(3-0)	206	3
4. Argyle	(3-0)	178	4
5. Coldspring-Oakhurst (1)	(3-0)	151	5
6. Gilmer	(3-0)	126	6
7. Celina	(3-0)	102	7
8. Alvarado	(3-0)	51	9
9. Lindale	(3-0)	50	10
10. West Columbia	(3-0)	33	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Carthage 9. 12, SA Houston 6. 13, Ingleside 3. 13, Giddings 3. 15, Brownwood 2. 16, Devine 1. 16, Lubbock Estacado 1. 16, Monahans 1. 16, Van 1.

Class 2A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Refugio (19)	(3-0)	240	2
2. Godley (4)	(3-0)	208	4
3. Schulenburg	(3-0)	200	3
4. Idalou	(2-1)	140	5
5. Daingerfield	(2-1)	125	6
6. Hempstead (1)	(2-0)	100	9
7. Tatum (1)	(2-1)	90	8
8. New Boston	(2-1)	84	1
9. Newton	(2-0)	33	NR
T10. Arp	(2-1)	29	NR
T10. Rogers	(3-0)	29	NR

Others receiving votes: 12, Melissa 22. 13, Crockett 21. 14, Wall 17. 15, McGregor 7. 16, Sonora 6. 16, Mineola 6. 16, Corsicana Mildred 6. 19, Franklin 5. 20, Bushland 2. 21, Buna 1. 21, Edna 1. 21, Omaha Pewitt 1. 21, Poth 1. 21, Lago Vista 1.

Class 1A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Ganado (19)	(3-0)	242	1
2. Mart (4)	(3-0)	220	2
3. Mason (1)	(3-0)	179	3
4. Tenaha (1)	(3-0)	172	5
5. Garrison	(3-0)	138	4
6. Muenster	(3-0)	103	7
7. Clarksville	(3-0)	80	NR
8. Goldthwaite	(2-1)	69	8
9. Albany	(3-0)	56	10
10. Windthorst	(2-1)	54	9

Others receiving votes: 11, Burton 21. 12, Canadian 19. 13, Stamford 11. 14, Wellington 5. 15, Sunray 2. 15, Ben Bolt 2. 17, Honey Grove 1. 17, Sundown 1.

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From 1C

The Bearkats had been scoring points, but it was good to see the defense step up and hold Paducah to 103 total yards.

Garden City looks to keep the momentum this week when it travels to face O'Donnell, which is off to an impressive 3-0 start.

Coahoma (1-2) also got in the win column after defeating Wink 36-12 at Bulldog Stadium.

The Bulldogs were overmatched in their losses to Greenwood and Comanche and they needed to beat a Class A opponent on their home field. It was a tight game early but the Bulldogs managed to shut out the Wildcats in the second half and extend a 22-12 halftime advantage.

It won't get any easier for the Bulldogs as they host Crane (2-1), which is coming off an 9-6 upset home loss to Class 3A Fort Stockton. This is a big game for both teams as this is the last tune-up before they begin play in their respective districts.

HOW ABOUT THEM DEVILS: Maybe it's just me but Rankin is quietly becoming one of the best small school programs in the area after clobbering Grady, 70-22.

After starting the season with a 38-26 upset of then-No. 1 Borden County, the No. 3-ranked Red Devils have outscored Trinity and Grady by a combined 140-42 to prove that the season-opener was no fluke.

I know coach Shannon Williams and the Red Devils aren't resting on their early season success and only look to get better. Plus, I'm sure they would love to knock Garden City off the top of the Six-Man District 7 Division I perch.

The Red Devils (3-0) look to keep on rolling when it faces Spur (0-3) at 5:30 p.m. Friday in Gail, which is a change from the original schedule.

LATEST RANKINGS: There's not much love from the Associated Press voters for our area schools as only Monahans received a vote for No. 16 in the Class 3A poll.

There is a little more love in the sixmanfootball.com poll as Rankin is No. 3, while Garden City is No. 11 and Grady No. 20, which again proves that Six-Man teams are carrying the flag for the Permian Basin.

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Texas, OU officials talk Big 12

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

A person with knowledge of the situation says Texas and Oklahoma officials met over the weekend amid speculation that the Sooners are considering leaving the Big 12.

Texas President William Powers Jr., athletic director DeLoss Dodds and women's athletic director Chris Plonsky were among a group of Texas officials who went to Oklahoma on Sunday, according to a person at a Big 12 school who spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak publicly about the meeting.

The person also said Oklahoma president David Boren was present at the meeting, which was first reported by the Austin American-Statesman.

Oklahoma officials are reportedly considering leaving the Big 12 after Texas A&M's recent decision to leave the conference with hopes of joining the Southeastern Conference.

On Sept. 2, Boren said multiple conferences have expressed interest in the Sooners and that he expected a decision possibly this month. That could be a move to the Pac-12 or remaining in a revised Big 12 that could be searching for a team to replace Texas A&M.

Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott has indicated his conference would not be the first to pursue expansion but would monitor the situation nationwide and possibly react to events.

Texas officials have publicly stated their desire to keep the Big 12 intact.

Gilbert out as starting Texas QB

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Garrett Gilbert is out as the starting quarterback at No. 24 Texas. The Longhorns will go with Case McCoy and David Ash when they play at UCLA.

Texas coach Mack Brown announced the expected switch Monday, two days after McCoy and Ash came off the bench in the second quarter and rotated snaps while leading the Longhorns to a come-from-behind 17-16 win over BYU.

Jacks win NAHL exhibition

From staff reports

WINONA, Minn. — Ryan Atkinson and Dylan Sibbald scored first-period goals and Atkinson added the game-winner in the shootout Sunday afternoon as the Odessa Jackalopes defeated Corpus Christi 3-2 at St. Mary's University in the Jacks' lone North American Hockey League exhibition game.

The Jacks open the regular-season schedule with four games in four nights this week — all at the Schwans Super Rink in Blaine, Minn. — as part of the NAHL Showcase.

Odessa begins with Springfield at 10 a.m. Wednesday, followed by Traverse City at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, and at 10:15 a.m. against Janesville on Friday at 6 p.m. on Saturday against Alexandria.

The Showcase, made up of all 28 NAHL teams, is designed for teams that do not play against their regular-season divisional opponents. The Jackalopes are members of the NAHL Southern Division, along with Topeka, New Mexico, Amarillo, Corpus Christi, Texas (Frisco) and Wichita Falls.

Odessa will return to Texas to play at Corpus Christi on Sept. 23 before its home opener on Friday, Oct. 30 vs. the Ice Rays.

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TWO ACES AT HOGAN PARK

■ E.J. Raschke had a hole-in-one on No. 8 last Thursday on the Quail Course at Hogan Park. Raschke used an 8-iron. It was his second hole-in-one.

Witnesses were Win Farquhar, Bill Malone and Jim Ledbetter.

■ David Walker aced the par-3 10th hole on the Quail Course at Hogan Park on Sunday. This was Waller's second hole-in-one and he used a 6-iron. Witness was Sharon Walker.

RANCHLAND HILLS GC FIESTA DEL RANCHERO

Results of the 2011 Fiesta Del Ranchero Couples Tournament at Ranchland Hills Golf Club

First Flight

Gross: 1. Keith Bitner-Sandra Thompson 67; 2. Rusty Maddux-Lisa Burnett 69; Shawn Sampley-Debbie Sampley 69

Net: 1. Kelly Maddux-Nelda Johnson 55; 2. Tony Valdez-Rona Valdez 58; 3. Elvin Hester-Barbara Hester 59

Second Flight

Gross: 1. Maurizio Iaquaniello-Candice Iaquaniello 70; 2. Dick Jordan-Sherry Cook 71; 3. Jerry Lands-Sarah Lands 75

Net: 1. Don Kasch-Marlene Kasch 58; 2. Craig Winborn-Donna Winborn 58; 3. Chance Copeland-Claire Copeland 62

Third Flight

Gross: 1. Eddie Hatch-Katy Pease 68; 2. Jim Hall-Sandy Hall 71; 3. Fred Holmes-Stephanie Holmes 73

Net: 1. George Boynton-Liz Boynton 53; 2. Bo Madison-Rhonda Krogh 55; 3. Dennis Snyder-Janet Snyder 58

Fourth Flight

Gross: 1. Eric Bayley-Paula Bayley 76; 2. Andy Armstrong-Kathy Armstrong 77; 3. Jim Moring-Dorothy Moring 78

Net: 1. Bobby Boyd-Melinda Brown 55; 2. Joe Belden-Marty Farris 55; 3. Larry Stephens-Callie Stephens 57

GAINES CO. GC OVER 80 SCRAMBLE

Results of the Gaines County Golf Course Over 80 scramble

Championship: Mitch Shain-Blaine Nichols-Chris Ray 115

President's Flight: K.C. Cranfill-Chris Tinley-Tate Tinley 122

First Flight: Becky Armstrong-Shaun Hensley-Ashley Hensley 123

Second Flight: Adiel Alvarado-Rick Alvarado-Mark Valenzuela 127

Third Flight: Jerry Fillingim-Alex Arguello-Ruben Garcia 128

Fourth Flight: Woody McKinzie-Monty McKinzie-Justin Brown 131

Fifth Flight: Gary Six-Mackey McWhirter-Morris Rushing 135

Sixth Flight: Robert Soto-Russell Davis-Gary Cole 137

ANDREWS CO. GC WEST TEXAS SHRINERS OPEN

Results of the Andrews County Golf Course West Texas Shriners Open Classic

Championship Flight: Doug Bryant-Shawn Anderson 59-61—120

First Flight: Felipe Ortiz-Armando Vasquez 65-64—129

Second Flight: Mikey Milam-James Cowsert 67-62—129

Third Flight: Tommy Camacho-James Stinnett 70-65—135

Fourth Flight: Richard Campbell-Bobby Davis 73-65—138

Fifth Flight: David Warren-David S. Warren 73-68—141

Sixth Flight: Mike Mahan-Pat Mahan 77-69—146

Seventh Flight: Donnie Spurlock-Joe Winston 84-71—155

TODAY'SHSVOLLEYBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

DISTRICT 3-5A ABILENE COOPER AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Midland High gymnasium

Records: Midland High 20-14, 1-0 in District 3-5A; Abilene Cooper 17-13, 1-0

Last 3-5A match: Midland High def. Odessa High, 25-17, 28-26, 25-21; Abilene Cooper def. San Angelo Central, 25-16, 25-20, 25-18

Notes: The Lady Bulldogs opened the District 3-5A season with a solid victory against rival Odessa High. The Lady Bulldogs needed to rally from deficits in the second and third games to win the match. ... Midland High coach Terri McColloch said it was a team effort victory, and was especially pleased with the play of setter Leigh Collyer. Collyer was out of practice for much of the week because of a death in the family and had 41 assists. ... Abilene Cooper matched its district win total from a year ago with its three-game sweep of San Angelo Central on Friday. Cydney McCormack had 15 kills, and Angela Snow had 26 assists and 21 digs. ... Midland High defeated Cooper twice last season, one match in four games and the other in three games.

Next: Midland High at Odessa Permian, 5 p.m. Friday; Abilene Cooper at Odessa High, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20

LEE AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

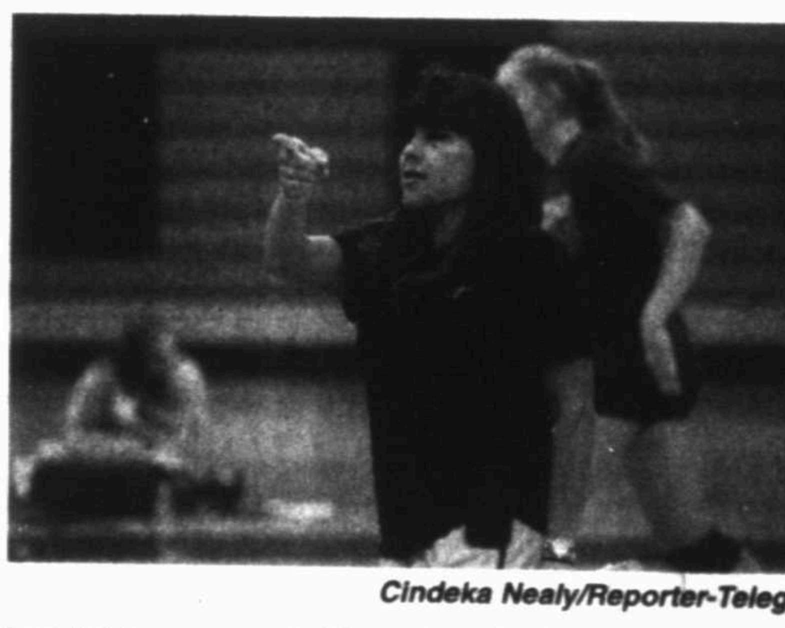
When/where: 6 p.m. today, Central High School, San Angelo

Records: Lee 19-12, 1-0; San Angelo Central 15-10, 0-1

Last 3-5A match: Lee def. Odessa Permian, 23-25, 25-14, 25-15, 26-24; Abilene Cooper def. San Angelo Central, 25-16, 25-20, 25-18

Notes: The Lady Rebels needed four games to beat Odessa Permian on Friday night, and coach Diane Sandoval said she was pleased with how aggressive her team was after an opening-game loss in the match. Lee went on to win the final three games, including dominating the second and third games. ... Stephanie Brewer had 12 kills, and Ciarra Sheppard and Landry Johnson each added 10 in the loss. ... Central had a tough start to the district season as Abilene Cooper swept them in three games on Friday. The Lady Bobcats had defeated the Lady Cougars twice last season. ... Loren Poss had 13 kills for Central in the loss. ... Lee defeated Central twice last season, and both matches went three games.

Next: Abilene High at Lee, 5 p.m. Friday; San Angelo Central at Odessa High, 5 p.m. Friday



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Lee Volleyball coach Diane Sandoval instructs her team through offensive and defensive drills during an Aug. 3 practice at Lee High School.

3-5A Volleyball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	1	0	20	14
Lee	1	0	19	12
Abilene Cooper	1	0	17	13
Abilene High	0	0	21	8
Odessa High	0	1	19	14
San Angelo Central	0	1	15	10
Odessa Permian	0	1	15	16

Friday's Scores

Midland High def. Odessa High, 25-17, 28-26, 25-21; Lee def. Odessa Permian, 23-25, 25-14, 25-15, 26-24; Abilene Cooper def. San Angelo Central, 25-16, 25-20, 25-18, Abilene High was idle.

Today's Matches

Abilene Cooper at Midland High; Lee at San Angelo Central; Odessa Permian at Abilene High. All matches begin at 6 p.m. Odessa High is idle.

ODESSA PERMIAN AT ABILENE HIGH

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Abilene High School

Records: Odessa Permian 15-16, 0-1; Abilene High 21-8, 0-0

Last 3-5A match: Lee def. Odessa Permian, 23-25, 25-14, 25-15, 26-24

Next: Abilene High at Lee, 5 p.m. Friday; Midland High at Odessa Permian, 5 p.m. Friday

AROUND THE AREA

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN AT WINK, 5 p.m. today, Wink HS: The Lady Mustangs return to non-district after a perfect start to TAPPS 1-4A play.

LAMESA AT GREENWOOD, 6 p.m. today, Greenwood HS: The Rangerettes begin their final week of non-district competition.

TRINITY AT BALMORHEA, 6 p.m., Balmorhea HS: The Lady Chargers head west and hope for a similar result as their football counterparts.

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Registration: Athletic Supply
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NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ALLOWED
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ST. ANN'S FAMILY FAIR

No matter what game you play, you're always a winner at the St. Ann's Family Fair

Coming Saturday, September 24th

Carnival rides also run Sept. 22 through Sept 25.

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NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	38	24
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	41	7
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
Miami	0	1	0	.000	24	38

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	34	7
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	16	14
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	14	16
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	7	34

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	35	7
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	17	27
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	7	35

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	7	41

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	28	14
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	31	13
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	24	27
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	14	28

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	34	42
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	20	27
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	21	28
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	12	30

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	30	12
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	27	20
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	42	34
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	17	24

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	33	17
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	28	21
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	13	31
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	17	33

Thursday's Score

Green Bay 42, New Orleans 34

Sunday's Scores

Chicago 30, Atlanta 12
Buffalo 41, Kansas City 7
Houston 34, Indianapolis 7
Philadelphia 31, St. Louis 13
Detroit 27, Tampa Bay 20
Baltimore 35, Pittsburgh 7
Cincinnati 27, Cleveland 17
Jacksonville 16, Tennessee 14
San Francisco 33, Seattle 17
Arizona 28, Carolina 21
San Diego 24, Minnesota 17
Washington 28, N.Y. Giants 14
N.Y. Jets 27, Dallas 24

Monday's Scores

New England 38, Miami 24
Oakland at Denver, late

Sunday, Sept. 18

Chicago at New Orleans, noon
Baltimore at Tennessee, noon
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, noon
Kansas City at Detroit, noon
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, noon
Oakland at Buffalo, noon
Arizona at Washington, noon
Seattle at Pittsburgh, noon
Green Bay at Carolina, noon
Cleveland at Indianapolis, noon
Dallas at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 3:15 p.m.
San Diego at New England, 3:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 19

St. Louis at N.Y. Giants, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOX

PATRIOTS 38, DOLPHINS 24

New England	7	7	14	10	— 38
Miami	7	0	10	7	— 24

First Quarter

Mia—Henne 9 run (Carpenter kick), 7:42.
NE—Green-Ellis 4 run (Gostkowski kick), 4:14.

Second Quarter

NE—R.Gronkowski 10 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 14:09.

Third Quarter

Mia—Hartline 10 pass from Henne (Carpenter kick), 12:29.
NE—Welker 2 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 8:23.
Mia—FG Carpenter 20, 3:36.
NE—Hernandez 1 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), :10.

Fourth Quarter

NE—FG Gostkowski 20, 11:02.
NE—Welker 99 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 5:44.
Mia—Bush 2 pass from Henne (Carpenter kick), 3:39.
A—66,860.

	NE	Mia
First downs	27	25
Total Net Yards	622	488
Rushes-yards	22-106	20-98
Passing	516	390
Comp-Att-Int	32-48-1	30-49-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-1	4-26
Punts	4-38.0	6-51.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-50	8-60
Time of Possession	28:27	31:33

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New England, Woodhead 14-69, Green-Ellis 7-34, Brady 1-3. Miami, Henne 7-59, Bush 11-38, Hilliard 2-1.

PASSING—New England, Brady 32-48-1-517. Miami, Henne 30-49-1-416.

RECEIVING—New England, Welker 8-160, Hernandez 7-103, Branch 7-93, R.Gronkowski 6-86, Slater 1-46, Ochocinco 1-14, Edelman 1-9, Woodhead 1-6. Miami, Bush 9-56, Marshall 7-139, Bess 5-92, Fasano 5-82, Hartline 4-47.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—New England, Gostkowski 48 (WR).

Tennis

WTA Challenge Bell
Monday
At Club Avantage Multi-Sports de Quebec
Quebec City
Purse: $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
First Round

Melinda Czink, Hungary, def. Kathrin Woerle, Germany, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.
Heather Watson, Britain, def. Anne Kremer, Luxembourg, 6-2, 6-4.
Irina Falconi, United States, def. Alison Riske, United States, 6-3, 6-3.
Rebecca Marino (4), Canada, def. Stephanie Dubois, Canada, 6-2, 6-4.
Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, def. Marie-Eve Pelletier, Canada, 7-6 (1), 6-3.

Doubles
First Round

Jamie Hampton, United States, and Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, def. Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, and Marina Erakovic (2), New Zealand, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 10-8 tiebreak.
Melinda Czink, Canada, and Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, def. Elena Bovina, Russia, and Irena Pavlovic, France, 6-4, 7-5.
Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears (1), United States, def. Lauren Albanese and Madison Brengle, United States, 6-3, 6-0.

WNBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-3)
x-if necessary
Eastern Conference
Indiana vs. New York

Thursday: New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Indiana at New York, 3 p.m.
x-Monday, Sept. 19: New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Connecticut vs. Atlanta

Friday: Atlanta at Connecticut, 6 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 18: Connecticut at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
x-Tuesday, Sept. 20: Atlanta at Connecticut, TBD

Western Conference
Minnesota vs. San Antonio

Friday: San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 18: Minnesota at San Antonio, 4 p.m.
x-Tuesday, Sept. 20: San Antonio at Minnesota, TBD

Seattle vs. Phoenix

Thursday, Sept. 15: Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Saturday: Seattle at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
x-Monday, Sept. 19: Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AL Boxes

RAYS 5, ORIOLES 2

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Jnnngs lf	5	0	1	0	Angle cf	4	0	0	0
BUpton cf	3	3	2	0	Hardy ss	4	0	2	0
Longori 3b	5	0	0	0	Markks rf	3	0	0	0
Zobrist 2b	5	1	3	3	Guerrr dh	4	0	1	0
Damon dh	3	0	1	1	Wieters c	4	1	1	1
SRdrgz ss	5	0	2	1	C.Davis 3b	4	0	0	0
Kotchm 1b	4	0	1	0	MrRynl 1b	3	1	0	0
Loaton c	4	0	0	0	KHdsn lf	3	0	1	0
Guyer rf	3	1	1	0	Andino 2b	3	0	1	1
Joyce ph-rf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	38	5	11	5	Totals	32	2	6	2

Tampa Bay	003	010	100	— 5
Baltimore	000	011	000	— 2

E—C.Davis (5). DP—Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 12, Baltimore 5. 2B—B.Upton 2 (23), Zobrist (45), Guyer (1), Andino (21). HR—Wieters (18). SB—Zobrist (17). SF—Damon.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Niemann W,10-7	7 2-3	6	2	2	2	5
Howell	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Jo.Peralta S,3-5	1	0	0	0	0	3
Baltimore						
Britton L,9-10	5	5	4	4	4	2
Accardo	1 1-3	2	1	1	1	1
Z.Phillips	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Berken	1	1	0	0	0	2
Jakubauskas	1	2	0	0	0	0

T—3:01. A—11,924 (45,438).

TIGERS 14, WHITE SOX 4

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
AJcksn cf	3	1	1	0	Pierre lf	5	1	2	0
Dirks pr-cf	0	0	0	0	AlRmrz ss	3	0	0	0
Ordonz rf	4	0	1	0	EEscor ss	1	0	1	0
RSantg 2b-ss	2	1	1	2	Konerk 1b	2	0	0	0
DYong lf	3	2	3	1	Flowrs 1b	1	0	0	0
Kelly ph-lf	2	0	0	0	Przyns c	3	0	1	0
MiCarr 1b	5	2	2	1	Viciedo rf	3	0	1	1
Guillen 1b	1	0	0	0	Rios dh	2	0	0	0
VMrtnz dh	4	2	2	1	Quntin ph-dh	2	0	0	0
Rhyms ph-dh	1	0	0	0	De Aza cf	3	1	0	0
Avila c	5	1	2	2	Morel 3b	4	2	2	2
OSants c	0	0	0	0	Bckhm 2b	4	0	1	1
JhPerlt ss	5	1	2	3					
Worth 2b	1	0	0	0					
Raburn 2b-rf	5	3	4	3					
Inge 3b	5	1	3	0					
Totals	46	14	21	13	Totals	33	4	8	4

Detroit	032	126	000	— 14
Chicago	110	000	101	— 4

E—De Aza (1). DP—Detroit 2, Chicago 2. LOB—Detroit 11, Chicago 6. 2B—R.Santiago (11), Mi.Cabrera (40), Avila (31), Raburn (19), Inge (9), Pierre (17), Beckham (17). HR—Jh.Peralta (19), Raburn (13), Morel 2 (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Porcello W,14-8	6 2-3	6	3	3	3	3
Schlereth	1	1	0	0	0	0
Perry	1-3	0	0	0	1	1
Pauley	1	1	1	1	0	0
Chicago						
Danks L,6-12	5	11	8	7	3	5
Kinney	1	8	6	6	0	0
Lindsay	3	2	0	0	2	1

HBP—by Kinney (A.Jackson). WP—Porcello 2, Danks 2, Lindsay. PB—Avila.
T—3:04. A—22,750 (40,615).

NL Boxes

ASTROS 5, PHILLIES 1

Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Rollins ss	4	0	1	0	JSchafr cf	4	0	0	0
Victorn cf	4	0	0	0	AngSnc ss	5	0	0	0
Pence rf	4	0	2	0	JMrtnz lf	4	3	3	0
Howard 1b	4	0	0	0	Ca.Lee 1b	3	1	2	2
Ibanez lf	2	1	1	0	Bogsvc rf	4	1	1	1
Ruiz c	4	0	1	0	Pareds 3b	3	0	1	1
Orr 2b	4	0	1	1	Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0
Mrtnz 3b	3	0	0	0	Quinter c	4	0	3	1
Polanc ph	0	0	0	0	Myers p	3	0	2	0
Oswalt p	3	0	0	0	Michals ph	1	0	0	0
Blanton p	0	0	0	0	Melncn p	0	0	0	0
Gload ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	33	1	6	1	Totals	35	5	12	5

Philadelphia	010	000	000	— 1
Houston	000	220	10x	— 5

DP—Philadelphia 1. LOB—Philadelphia 8, Houston 9. 2B—Pence (35), Ibanez (29), J.Martinez (11), Quintero (12). HR—Ca.Lee (16). SB—Pence (8), Orr (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia						
Oswalt L,7-9	7	11	5	5	2	2
Blanton	1	1	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Myers W,5-13	8	6	1	1	1	4
Melancon	1	0	0	0	2	0

HBP—by Oswalt (Ca.Lee). WP—Oswalt.
T—2:22. A—22,231 (40,963).

NATIONALS 3, METS 2

Washington	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Bixler ss	4	1	0	0	JosRys ss	4	0	0	0
Clipprd p	0	0	0	0	JuTrnr 2b	3	1	0	0
L.Nix ph	0	0	0	0	Duda rf	3	1	0	0
JGoms ph	1	0	0	0	DWrght 3b	3	0	1	1
Storen p	0	0	0	0	Pagan cf	3	0	1	1
Lmrdzz 2b	4	0	1	1	Bay lf	3	0	0	0
Zmrmn 3b	4	1	2	0	Evans 1b	4	0	1	0
Morse lf	4	0	0	0	Nickes c	3	0	0	0
Werth cf-rf	4	1	3	0	Dickey p	2	0	0	0
Ankiel rf-cf	4	0	1	1	Harris ph	1	0	0	0
Marrer 1b	4	0	1	0	Stinson p	0	0	0	0
WRams c	4	0	2	1	DHerrr p	0	0	0	0
Detwilr p	1	0	0	0	DCrrsc p	0	0	0	0
Coffey p	0	0	0	0	Byrdak p	0	0	0	0
Dsmnd ph-ss	2	0	0	0					
Totals	36	3	10	3	Totals	29	2	3	2

Washington	000	011	100	— 3
New York	000	002	000	— 2

E—D.Wright (16). LOB—Washington 7, New York 5. 2B—Werth (25), Pagan (24). S—Detwiler, Pagan.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Washington						
Detwiler	5 2-3	3	2	2	3	2
Coffey W,5-1	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Clippard	2	0	0	0	0	1
Storen S,35-40	1	0	0	0	1	1
New York						
Dickey L,8-12	7	8	3	2	0	7
Stinson	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
D.Herrera	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
D.Carrasco	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Byrdak	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

WP—Dickey 2.
T—2:41. A—27,015 (41,800).

PIRATES 6, CARDINALS 5

St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi	Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss	5	1	2	1	Presley lf	5	2	2	0
Jay cf	3	1	2	0	Walker 2b	4	1	3	1
Craig ph	1	0	0	0	AMcCt cf	3	0	0	1
McClln p	0	0	0	0	D.Lee 1b	2	0	0	1
SRonsn cf	0	0	0	0	dArnad pr-ss	0	1	0	0
CPttrsn ph	1	0	0	0	Doumit c	4	0	2	1
Pujols 1b	2	1	1	3	Paul pr-rf	0	1	0	0
Hollidy lf	4	0	0	0	GJones rf	3	0	2	0
Brkmn rf	3	0	1	0	Ludwck ph	0	1	0	0
Dotel p	0	0	0	0	BrWod 1b	0	0	0	0
Rzpczy p	0	0	0	0	PAlvrz 3b	3	0	0	0
Salas p	0	0	0	0	JHrrsn ph-3b	1	0	0	0
Freese 3b	3	0	0	0	Cedeno ss	2	0	0	0
Descals 3b	1	1	1	0	Watson p	0	0	0	0
YMolin c	3	0	0	0	Grilli p	0	0	0	0
Schmkr 2b-rf	4	1	3	0	Jarmil ph-c	0	0	0	0
Chamrs pr	0	0	0	0	Lincoln p	2	0	0	0
Lohse p	2	0	1	0	Leroux p	0	0	0	0
Punto ph-2b	1	0	0	0	Ciriaco ss	2	0	1	2
					Hanrhn p	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	5	11	4	Totals	31	6	10	6

St. Louis	101	002	001	— 5
Pittsburgh	200	010	03x	— 6

E—Presley (1). DP—St. Louis 1, Pittsburgh 2. LOB—St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 7. 2B—Walker 2 (26), Doumit (10), Ciriaco (2). HR—Pujols (35). CS—Jay (6), Berkman (6). SF—Pujols, A.McCutchen, D.Lee.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
Lohse	6	8	3	3	1	3
McClellan	1	0	0	0	0	1
Dotel	1-3	0	1	1	1	1
Rzepczynski L,0-2	1-3	1	2	2	2	1
Salas	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh						
Lincoln	5 1-3	8	4	3	2	1
Leroux	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	0
Watson	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Grilli W,2-1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hanrahan S,37-40	1	2	1	1	1	1

WP—Hanrahan.
T—3:01. A—13,278 (38,362).

CUBS 12, REDS 8

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi
SCastro ss	4	4	3	3	BPhllps 2b	4	3	2	3
RJhnsn rf	5	2	2	1	Sappelt cf	5	0	0	0
ArRmr 3b	5	1	3	2	Votto 1b	5	0	2	1
JeBakr 1b	4	2	2	1	Bruce rf	4	0	2	0
R.Ortiz p	0	0	0	0	Alonso lf	4	1	0	0
JRussll p	0	0	0	0	Mesorc c	4	2	2	1
ASorn lf	5	0	2	3	JFrncs 3b	4	1	2	2
Campn lf	0	0	0	0	Janish ss	3	0	0	1
Byrd cf	5	1	1	0	Willis p	1	1	1	0
Soto c	5	0	1	2	Burton p	0	0	0	0
Barney 2b	5	2	2	0	Frazier ph	1	0	0	0
RLopez p	2	0	0	0	Fisher p	0	0	0	0
Cashnr p	0	0	0	0	Cairo ph	1	0	0	0
Montnz ph	1	0	0	0	Horst p	0	0	0	0
Gaub p	0	0	0	0	Heisey ph	1	0	0	0
LaHair 1b	0	0	0	0	Masset p	0	0	0	0
Totals	41	12	16	12	Totals	37	8	11	8

Chicago	302	321	010	— 12
Cincinnati	030	011	021	— 8

E—S.Castro (27). DP—Chicago 1, Cincinnati 1. LOB—Chicago 5, Cincinnati 6. 2B—S.Castro 2 (32), Ar.Ramirez (35), A.Soriano (25), Soto (25), Votto (36), Mesoraco (2). HR—S.Castro (9), Ar.Ramirez (25), Je.Baker (3), B.Phillips 2 (14), Mesoraco (1), J.Francisco (3). SB—Barney (9). CS—Bruce (7). SF—Janish.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
R.Lopez W,5-6	5 1-3	9	5	5	1	4
Cashner	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Gaub	1 1-3	1	2	2	1	1
R.Ortiz	1	0	1	1	1	2
J.Russell	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati						
Willis L,0-6	3 1-3	9	8	8	3	0
Burton	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Fisher	2	4	3	3	0	2
Horst	2	2	1	1	0	2
Masset	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—3:10. A—19,874 (42,319).

MARLINS 5, BRAVES 4, 12 INNINGS

Florida	ab	r	h	bi	Atlanta	ab	r	h	bi
Bonifac rf	7	1	2	0	Bourn cf	7	1	3	0
Infante 2b	5	1	3	1	C.Jones 3b	5	0	2	0
Dobbs lf	6	0	2	1	Constnz pr-lf	0	0	0	0
GSnchz 1b	5	0	1	0	Fremn 1b	5	0	1	1
J.Buck c	4	0	1	0	Uggla 2b	5	1	2	0
Hayes pr-c	0	1	0	0	McCnn c	6	0	1	0
Petersn cf	3	1	1	0	Prado lf-3b	6	1	1	0
DMrph ss	5	1	1	0	Heywrd rf	2	1	1	1
Dmngz 3b	6	0	1	1	AlGnzlz ss	4	0	3	2
Volstad p	2	0	0	0	ARchrd pr	0	0	0	0
JoBakr ph	1	0	0	0	JaWlsn ss	0	0	0	0
Badnhp p	0	0	0	0	Beachy p	2	0	0	0
MDunn p	0	0	0	0	Vizcain p	0	0	0	0
R.Webb p	0	0	0	0	Conrad ph	0	0	0	0
JoLopz ph	1	0	0	0	Diaz ph	1	0	0	0
Mujica p	0	0	0	0	OFlhrt p	0	0	0	0
Cishek p	0	0	0	0	Venters p	0	0	0	0
Camm ph	1	0	0	0	Hinske ph	1	0	0	0
Hensly p	0	0	0	0	Kimrel p	0	0	0	0
Stanton ph	1	0	1	1	Moylan p	0	0	0	0
Vazquz pr	0	0	0	0	D.Ross ph	1	0	0	0
LNunez p	0	0	0	0	Varvar p	0	0	0	0
					CMrtnz p	0	0	0	0
					Boscan ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	47	5	13	4	Totals	46	4	14	4

Florida	101	002	000	001	— 5
Atlanta	000	111	010	000	— 4

E—Infante (6), Do.Murphy (2), Venters (2). DP—Florida 1. LOB—Florida 14, Atlanta 15. 2B—Bourn (33), C.Jones (30), Ale.Gonzalez (23). 3B—Bonifacio (7), Infante (7), Prado (2). SB—Petersen (7). S—G.Sanchez, Petersen, Ja.Wilson 2. SF—Infante, Freeman, Heyward.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida						
Volstad	5	7	2	2	1	4
Badenhop	1-3	2	1	1	0	0
M.Dunn	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	1
R.Webb	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Mujica	1	2	1	0	0	1
Cishek	1	2	0	0	1	2
Hensley W,4-6	2	0	0	0	2	1
L.Nunez S,35-41	1	0	0	0	1	1
Atlanta						
Beachy	5 1-3	9	4	4	1	10
Vizcaino	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
O'Flaherty	1	2	0	0	1	1
Venters	1	1	0	0	0	1
Kimbrel	1	0	0	0	1	2
Moylan	1	0	0	0	0	2
Varvaro L,0-2	1 2-3	0	1	1	2	0
C.Martinez	1-3	1	0	0	0	0

WP—Vizcaino.
T—4:18. A—17,216 (49,586).

Late Box

CUBS 10, METS 6, 11 INNINGS

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
S.Castro ss	7	0	1	0	Jos Reyes ss	5	1	1	0
Campana cf	3	1	0	0	R Tejada 2b	6	0	2	0
Je.Baker ph	1	0	0	0	Duda rf-1b	4	0	1	0
Byrd cf	0	1	0	0	D Wright 3b	5	0	0	0
LaHair lf	4	4	3	0	Pagan cf	5	1	2	1
Montanez lf	0	0	0	0	Bay lf	4	1	1	0
C.Pena 1b	5	1	3	2	Satin ph	1	1	1	0
Colvin rf	5	1	2	3	Evans 1b	3	1	1	1
LeMahieu 3b	3	0	0	0	Pridie pr-rf	2	1	1	2
Re.Johnsn ph	1	0	0	0	R Paulino c	3	0	1	1
J.Russell p	0	0	0	0	Thole ph-c	2	0	1	0
R.Ortiz p	0	0	0	0	Capuano p	0	0	0	0
A.Soriano ph	1	1	1	2	Stinson p	0	0	0	0
Grabow p	0	0	0	0	Igarashi p	0	0	0	0
Barney 2b	6	1	3	2	Thayer p	0	0	0	0
K Hill c	4	0	1	0	Pascucci ph	1	0	0	0
A.Rmirz 3b	2	0	0	0	Batista p	1	0	0	0
Garza p	1	0	0	0	Baxter ph	1	0	1	0
DeWitt ph	1	0	0	0	D.Carrasco p	0	0	0	0
Marshall p	0	0	0	0	Harris ph	1	0	0	0
Samardzija p	0	0	0	0	Byrdak p	0	0	0	0
Soto ph-c	0	0	0	1	Beato p	0	0	0	0
					D.Herrera p	0	0	0	0
					Ju.Turner ph	1	0	1	0
					Acosta p	0	0	0	0
					Nickeas ph-c	1	0	0	0
Totals	44	10	14	10	Totals	46	6	14	5

Chicago	102	010	000	06	— 10
New York	100	002	010	02	— 6

E—Samardzija (1), LeMahieu (1), D.Wright (15). DP—Chicago 1, New York 2. LOB—Chicago 12, New York 15. 2B—LaHair 2 (4), C.Pena (22), A.Soriano (24), Barney (20), Pagan (23), Bay (17), Evans (6), Baxter (2). 3B—C.Pena (3), Colvin (3). HR—Pridie (4). SB—Campana (20), Pagan (31). S—Garza, Nickeas. SF—Soto.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Garza	7	7	3	3	3	4
Marshall	1-3	1	1	0	0	1
Samardzija	1 2-3	3	0	0	1	1
J.Russell	1-3	1	0	0	1	0
R.Ortiz W,1-2	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Grabow	1	2	2	2	0	1
New York						
Batista	5	5	4	4	3	1
D.Carrasco	1	2	0	0	0	0
Byrdak	1-3	1	0	0	1	1
Beato	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	0
D.Herrera	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Acosta	2	1	0	0	1	3
Stinson L,0-1	0	2	4	4	2	0
Igarashi	1-3	2	2	2	0	0
Thayer	2-3	0	0	0	0	0

Stinson pitched to 4 batters in the 11th.
HBP—by Marshall (Evans), by Batista (Garza, Campana). WP—Samardzija, Batista, D.Herrera.
T—4:28. A—33,502 (41,800).

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	88	57	.607	—	—	6-4	W-1	46-27	42-30
Boston	85	61	.582	3 1/2	—	2-8	L-5	42-29	43-32
Tampa Bay	82	64	.562	6 1/2	3	8-2	W-5	42-33	40-31
Toronto	74	73	.503	15	11 1/2	5-5	W-2	38-36	36-37
Baltimore	58	88	.397	30 1/2	27	3-7	L-3	33-40	25-48

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Detroit	85	62	.578	—	—	10-0	W-10	45-29	40-33
Chicago	73	73	.500	11 1/2	12	5-5	L-2	33-40	40-33
Cleveland	72	72	.500	11 1/2	12	4-6	W-1	39-33	33-39
Kansas City	62	86	.419	23 1/2	24	5-5	W-2	34-39	28-47
Minnesota	59	87	.404	25 1/2	26	2-8	L-3	30-42	29-45

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	83	64	.565	—	—	6-4	W-1	46-29	37-35
Los Angeles	80	66	.548	2 1/2	5	7-3	L-1	44-31	36-35
Oakland	66	80	.452	16 1/2	19	6-4	L-1	39-32	27-48
Seattle	61	85	.418	21 1/2	24	3-7	L-2	36-39	25-46

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	94	50	.653	—	—	6-4	L-2	49-22	45-28
Atlanta	84	64	.568	12	—	3-7	L-4	44-29	40-35
New York	71	76	.483	24 1/2	12 1/2	4-6	L-3	31-41	40-35
Washington	68	77	.469	26 1/2	14 1/2	5-5	W-2	41-33	27-44
Florida	67	79	.459	28	16	7-3	W-4	28-44	39-35

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	86	62	.581	—	—	5-5	W-1	51-22	35-40
St. Louis	79	68	.537	6 1/2	4 1/2	6-4	L-1	41-34	38-34
Cincinnati	71	76	.483	14 1/2	12 1/2	4-6	L-3	37-35	34-41
Pittsburgh	67	80	.456	18 1/2	16 1/2	5-5	W-1	34-42	33-38
Chicago	65	82	.442	20 1/2	18 1/2	6-4	W-3	35-40	30-42
Houston	50	97	.340	35 1/2	33 1/2	3-7	W-1	27-45	23-52

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Arizona	85	62	.578	—	—	7-3	L-1	45-27	40-35
San Francisco	76	70	.521	8 1/2	7	5-5	W-1	41-34	35-36
Los Angeles	72	73	.497	12	10 1/2	7-3	L-1	36-35	36-38
Colorado	69	77	.473	15 1/2	14	5-5	W-2	38-36	31-41
San Diego	63	84	.429	22	20 1/2	3-7	W-1	30-42	33-42

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Monday's Scores

Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 2
Detroit 14, Chicago White Sox 4
L.A. Angels at Oakland, late
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, late

Today's Games

Tampa Bay (Price 12-12) at Baltimore (Simon 4-8), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (Morrow 9-10) at Boston (Wakefield 6-6), 6:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Masterson 11-9) at Texas (M.Harrison 11-9), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 22-5) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 12-10), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Pavano 8-11) at Kansas City (Chen 10-7), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (J.Williams 3-0) at Oakland (Moscoso 8-8), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (A.J.Burnett 9-11) at Seattle (Furbush 3-8), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Monday's Scores

Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 5
Chicago Cubs 12, Cincinnati 8
Florida 5, Atlanta 4, 12 innings
Washington 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Houston 5, Philadelphia 1
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late
San Diego at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

St. Louis (C.Carpenter 9-9) at Pittsburgh (Karstens 9-8), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Dempster 10-11) at Cincinnati (Leake 11-9), 6:10 p.m.
Florida (Hand 1-6) at Atlanta (Minor 5-2), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Wang 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 12-6), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 14-7) at Houston (Happ 5-15), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Rogers 6-5) at Milwaukee (Greinke 14-6), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (I.Kennedy 19-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 10-10), 9:10 p.m.
San Diego (Luebke 5-9) at San Francisco (Cain 11-10), 9:15 p.m.

Texas League

Championship
(Best-of-5)
San Antonio vs. Arkansas

Tuesday, Sep. 13: Arkansas at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Wednesday, Sep. 14: Arkansas at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Friday, Sep. 16: San Antonio at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.
x-Saturday, Sep. 17: San Antonio at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.
x-Sunday, Sep. 18: San Antonio at Arkansas, noon

College Football

The AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 10, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Oklahoma (31)	1-0	1,440	1
2. Alabama (10)	2-0	1,423	3
3. LSU (17)	2-0	1,417	2
4. Boise St. (2)	1-0	1,307	4
5. Florida St.	2-0	1,195	5
6. Stanford	2-0	1,161	6
7. Wisconsin	2-0	1,091	8
8. Oklahoma St.	2-0	1,035	9
9. Texas A&M	**1-0**	**1,025**	**7**
10. South Carolina	2-0	892	12
11. Nebraska	2-0	889	10
12. Oregon	1-1	846	13
13. Virginia Tech	2-0	827	11
14. Arkansas	2-0	770	14
15. Michigan St.	2-0	602	17
16. Florida	2-0	515	18
17. Ohio St.	2-0	459	15
18. West Virginia	2-0	416	19
19. Baylor	**1-0**	**371**	**20**
20. South Florida	2-0	351	22
21. Auburn	2-0	348	NR
22. Arizona St.	2-0	308	NR
23. TCU	**1-1**	**161**	**25**
23. Texas	**2-0**	**161**	**24**
25. Mississippi St.	1-1	124	16

Others receiving votes: Michigan 100, Southern Cal 73, **Houston 32**, Maryland 32, UCF 31, Northwestern 19, Penn St. 18, BYU 14, Tennessee 13, Missouri 12, Washington 12, Georgia 8, Georgia Tech 2.

FCS Coaches Poll

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) — The top 25 teams in the Coaches Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 11 and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Georgia Southern (23)	2-0	695	2
2. Northern Iowa (4)	1-1	631	t3
3. Appalachian State	1-1	621	t3
4. Montana State	1-1	588	6
5. William & Mary	1-1	582	5
6. North Dakota State	2-0	532	8
7. Delaware	1-1	510	7
8. Wofford	1-1	486	9
9. Richmond	2-0	482	11
10. Eastern Washington (1)	0-1	457	1
11. Montana	1-1	398	13
12. New Hampshire	1-1	353	16
13. Stephen F. Austin	**1-1**	**272**	**12**
14. James Madison	1-1	269	17
15. Southern Illinois	1-1	268	15
16. Jacksonville State	1-1	243	10
17. Chattanooga	1-1	221	25
18. Central Arkansas	1-1	207	20
19. Lehigh	1-1	200	14
20. Liberty	1-1	181	21
21. South Carolina State	1-1	160	23
22. McNeese State	0-1	120	22
23. South Dakota	1-1	96	NR
24. Sacramento State	1-1	92	18
25. Massachusetts	1-0	68	NR

Others receiving votes: Pennsylvania (41), Murray State (29), Youngstown State (29), Villanova (22), Southern Utah (22), Eastern Kentucky (28), Bethune-Cookman (18), Eastern Illinois (18), Indiana State (18), Jackson State (14), **Sam Houston State (14)**, Harvard (9), Coastal Carolina (9), Western Illinois (9), Illinois State (7), UC Davis (6), Butler (6), Towson (6), South Dakota State (5), Dayton (5), Cal Poly (4), Hampton (2), Jacksonville (2), Weber State (2), Furman (1), Central Connecticut State (1).

TSN FCS Poll

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The top 25 teams in The Sports Network/Fathead.com Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 10, points and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Georgia Southern (102)	2-0	3,622	2
2. Northern Iowa (16)	1-1	3,329	4
3. Appalachian State (10)	1-1	3,282	3
4. William & Mary (5)	1-1	3,048	5
5. Montana State (2)	1-1	2,985	6
6. Richmond (9)	2-0	2,874	9
7. Delaware (1)	1-1	2,688	8
8. North Dakota State (1)	2-0	2,553	11
9. Wofford	1-1	2,489	7
10. Eastern Washington (2)	0-2	2,218	1
11. New Hampshire	1-1	2,202	13
12. Montana	1-1	1,913	15
13. James Madison	1-1	1,373	19
14. Chattanooga	1-1	1,349	23
15. Southern Illinois	1-1	1,289	17
16. Lehigh	1-1	1,222	14
17. Jacksonville State	1-1	1,147	10
18. Central Arkansas	1-1	1,096	18
19. Stephen F. Austin	**1-1**	**971**	**16**
20. Sacramento State	1-1	959	11
21. Massachusetts	1-0	897	21
22. Liberty	1-1	714	24
23. McNeese State	0-1	614	22
24. South Dakota	1-1	603	NR
25. South Carolina State	1-1	555	NR

Others receiving votes: Southern Utah 289, Eastern Kentucky 224, Penn 199, Murray State 180, **Sam Houston State 158**, Villanova 128, Towson 116, Jackson State 106, Hampton 100, Youngstown State 98, Bethune-Cookman 62, Western Illinois 50, South Dakota State 45, Harvard 43, Old Dominion 34, Rhode Island 34, Grambling State 26, Maine 22, Morehead State 21, Stony Brook 19, Elon 16, Holy Cross 14, Brown 12, Yale 12, Coastal Carolina 11, Duquesne 10, Delaware State 10, Eastern Illinois 7, Indiana State 7, Georgetown 7, UC Davis 6, Portland State 6, The Citadel 6, Northern Arizona 5, Weber State 4, UT Martin 4, Central Connecticut State 4, Bucknell 3, Furman 3, Florida A&M 2, San Diego 2, Jacksonville 1, Dayton 1, Samford 1.

AFCA Division II Coaches Poll
Through Sept. 11

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Minnesota-Duluth (27)	2-0	723	1
2. Nw Missouri State (2)	2-0	696	2
3. Abilene Christian	**1-0**	**661**	**3**
4. North Alabama	2-0	631	5
5. Texas A&M-Kingsville	**2-0**	**598**	**6**
6. Albany State (Ga.)	2-0	562	7
7. Shepherd (W.Va.)	2-0	500	8
8. Bloomsburg (Pa.)	2-0	499	9
9. St. Cloud State (Minn.)	2-0	484	10
10. Delta State (Miss.)	2-1	475	11
11. Nebraska-Kearney	2-0	420	13
12. Valdosta State (Ga.)	2-0	400	14
13. Washburn (Kan.)	2-0	378	15
14. Wayne State (Mich.)	2-0	338	17
15. Grand Valley State (Mich.)	1-1	304	4
16. Kutztown (Pa.)	2-0	290	19
17. Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	2-0	273	20
18. Colorado State-Pueblo	2-0	229	21
19. Pittsburg State (Kan.)	2-0	174	25
20. Colorado School of Mines	2-0	172	24
21. California (Pa.)	1-1	109	22
22. Michigan Tech	2-0	91	—
23. New Haven (Conn.)	2-0	82	—
24. Central Missouri	1-1	77	12
25. Mercyhurst (Pa.)	1-1	50	18

NAIA Football Poll
Released Sept. 12

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Saint Xavier (Ill.) (15)	2-0	340	2
2. Saint Francis (Ind.)	1-0	324	4
3. Morningside (Iowa)	2-0	314	5
4. Marian (Ind.)	3-0	298	6
5. Carroll (Mont.)	1-1	279	1
6. William Penn (Iowa)	3-0	272	8
7. Missouri Valley	2-0	261	11
8. Georgetown (Ky.)	1-0	249	9
9. MidAmerica Naz. (Kan.)	1-1	230	3
10. Cumberlands (Ky.)	2-0	217	16
11. Midland (Neb.)	2-0	207	17
12. Eastern Oregon	2-0	201	NR
13. S. Nazarene (Okla.)	2-0	195	19
14. Benedictine (Kan.)	2-0	157	t22
15. Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	1-1	149	15
16. Northwestern (Iowa)	1-1	124	16
17. Campbellsville (Ky.)	2-0	114	NR
18. Langston (Okla.)	2-0	99	NR
19. Bethany (Kan.)	2-0	69	NR
20. Rocky Mountain (Mont.)	2-1	57	NR
21. Shorter (Ga.)	1-0	54	NR
21. Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.)	2-0	54	NR
23. Montana State-Northern	2-0	42	NR
24. Ottawa (Kan.)	1-2	36	10
24. St. Francis (Ill.)	1-1	36	24

SCHEDULE
(Subject to change)
Thursday

LSU (2-0) at Mississippi St. (1-1), 7 p.m.

Friday

Iowa St. (2-0) at UConn (1-1), 7 p.m.
Boise St. (1-0) at Toledo (1-1), 7 p.m.

GOLF

PGA Tour

FedExCup Leaders
Through Sept. 5

Rank Player	Points	YTD Money
1. Webb Simpson	4,711	$5,301,043
2. Dustin Johnson	3,814	$4,150,841
3. Matt Kuchar	3,124	$3,970,142
4. Luke Donald	2,875	$5,034,548
5. Brandt Snedeker	2,869	$3,336,895
6. Jason Day	2,357	$3,670,687
7. Nick Watney	2,291	$4,614,229
8. Steve Stricker	2,205	$3,816,785
9. Chez Reavie	2,088	$1,904,267
10. Phil Mickelson	2,040	$3,518,208
11. Gary Woodland	1,966	$3,047,016
12. Bubba Watson	1,842	$3,316,797
13. Jonathan Byrd	1,785	$2,740,034
14. Vijay Singh	1,778	$2,192,170
15. K.J. Choi	1,771	$3,808,024
16. Adam Scott	1,760	$3,458,797
17. Mark Wilson	1,748	$2,957,232
18. Hunter Mahan	1,719	$2,612,340
19. Keegan Bradley	1,621	$3,432,200
20. David Toms	1,595	$3,467,690
21. Charles Howell III	1,577	$2,190,556
22. Bo Van Pelt	1,549	$2,088,466
23. Fredrik Jacobson	1,527	$2,298,725
24. Bill Haas	1,525	$2,532,637
25. Aaron Baddeley	1,467	$2,607,582
26. Rory Sabbatini	1,435	$2,402,975
27. Charl Schwartzel	1,428	$2,577,358
28. Y.E. Yang	1,366	$2,023,265
29. Jason Dufner	1,331	$2,589,460
30. Kyle Stanley	1,298	$1,348,589
31. Martin Laird	1,291	$2,499,069
32. Charley Hoffman	1,284	$1,428,558
33. Brian Davis	1,261	$1,261,809
34. Justin Rose	1,248	$1,809,420
35. Jim Furyk	1,243	$1,373,246
36. Zach Johnson	1,227	$1,834,006
37. Rickie Fowler	1,208	$2,082,761
38. Steve Marino	1,204	$1,957,396
39. Ryan Moore	1,202	$1,826,906
40. Jerry Kelly	1,188	$1,281,885
41. Spencer Levin	1,185	$1,980,929
42. Brendan Steele	1,145	$1,767,952
43. Chris Kirk	1,144	$1,831,227
44. Robert Karlsson	1,137	$1,743,815
45. Lucas Glover	1,118	$1,712,927
46. Scott Stallings	1,080	$1,910,585
47. Camilo Villegas	1,057	$953,918
48. Ryan Palmer	1,057	$1,783,159
49. D.A. Points	1,055	$2,006,463
50. Jhonattan Vegas	1,046	$1,685,294
51. Jimmy Walker	1,027	$1,268,111
52. Carl Pettersson	1,021	$1,232,230
53. Sergio Garcia	1,019	$1,362,091
54. Tommy Gainey	999	$1,902,831
55. John Senden	974	$1,263,914
56. Sean O'Hair	942	$1,383,948
57. Blake Adams	935	$1,032,349
58. Chad Campbell	916	$1,017,799

LPGA

Money Leaders
Through Sept. 11

	Trn	Money
1. Yani Tseng	16	$2,116,051
2. Cristie Kerr	16	$1,348,216
3. Stacy Lewis	16	$1,171,422
4. Suzann Pettersen	14	$1,137,148
5. Brittany Lincicome	16	$1,003,705
6. Ai Miyazato	14	$898,454
7. Angela Stanford	16	$838,689
8. Na Yeon Choi	15	$738,546
9. Paula Creamer	16	$733,423
10. Karrie Webb	16	$716,475
11. I.K. Kim	14	$692,894
12. Morgan Pressel	16	$667,743
13. Amy Yang	16	$656,943
14. Jiyai Shin	14	$609,415
15. Michelle Wie	15	$533,846
16. Maria Hjorth	14	$511,037
17. Hee Kyung Seo	15	$508,177
18. Mika Miyazato	15	$491,497
19. Sandra Gal	14	$457,558
20. Brittany Lang	16	$429,120
21. Catriona Matthew	13	$376,594
22. Sun Young Yoo	16	$375,082
23. Sophie Gustafson	15	$357,820
24. Anna Nordqvist	15	$343,818
25. Inbee Park	12	$331,018
26. Song-Hee Kim	16	$303,691
27. Karen Stupples	16	$265,519
28. Katie Futcher	14	$256,134
29. Meena Lee	14	$240,065
30. Hee Young Park	15	$237,164
31. Se Ri Pak	14	$233,895
32. Mindy Kim	13	$219,786
33. Chella Choi	14	$212,261
34. Candie Kung	15	$205,059
35. Amy Hung	16	$201,167
36. Juli Inkster	16	$201,063
37. Shanshan Feng	14	$188,222
38. Beatriz Recari	16	$179,337
39. Azahara Munoz	16	$177,082
40. Ryann O'Toole	9	$165,477
41. Vicky Hurst	16	$165,362
42. Hee-Won Han	16	$153,046
43. Natalie Gulbis	16	$148,146
44. Stacy Prammanasudh	16	$143,916
45. Eun-Hee Ji	14	$135,643
46. Wendy Ward	16	$135,310
47. Paige Mackenzie	12	$132,220
48. Kristy McPherson	16	$130,512
49. Pat Hurst	14	$126,256

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Cleveland at Texas, 7 p.m., FSS
Philadelphia at Houston, 7 p.m., FSS Plus
Regional coverage, Cleveland at Texas or Detroit at Chicago, 7 p.m., MLB

SOCCER

UEFA Champions League, Arsenal at Dortmund 1:30 p.m., FSS

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Midland Christian at Wink, 5 p.m.
Abilene Cooper at Midland High, 6 p.m.
Lee at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m.
Lamesa at Greenwood, 6 p.m.
Trinity at Balmorhea, 6 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Activated RHP Jason Berken from the 15-day DL.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Activated OF Carlos Quentin from the 15-day DL.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Placed RHP Jon Rauch on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sept. 5.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Named Julian Green vice president, communications and community affairs.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Named Sarah Farnsworth senior vice president, public affairs.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

NBA—Fined Charlotte owner Michael Jordan an undisclosed amount for making comments about the league's ongoing collective bargaining process.

Women's National Basketball Association

PHOENIX MERCURY—Signed G Diana Taurasi and F Penny Taylor to multiyear contract extensions.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed C Brett Romberg. Waived C Rob Bruggeman.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed C Joe Berger. Waived C Jon Cooper.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed RB Ian Johnson to the practice squad. Released RB Xavier Omon.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Signed LB Mark Restelli and DB Ludovic Kashindi. Released RB Daniel Porter, WR Prechae Rodriguez, DL Robert Henderson and DB Denatay Heard.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC—Signed G Bryan Meredith. Placed MF Michael Seamon on the disabled list.

TENNIS
United States Tennis Association

U.S. OPEN—Fined Serena Williams $2,000 for berating the chair umpire during the final.

COLLEGE

ALABAMA—Named Ken Brown baseball director of operations.
BOSTON COLLEGE—Announced offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers will be taking a leave of absence for health reasons and tight ends coach Dave Brock will fill the position.
BROWN—Named Ryan Schneider men's assistant basketball coach.
GEORGE WASHINGTON—Named Andrea Giraldo women's assistant tennis coach.
PURCHASE—Named Devon Whalen women's soccer coach and Stephanie Janasiewicz women's assistant soccer coach.
WINTHROP—Named Greg Adamson assistant strength and conditioning coach.

GLANTZ-CULVER

NCAA Football

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	UNDERDOG
		Thursday	
LSU	4 1/2	3 1/2	at Mississippi St.
		Friday	
Boise St.	19 1/2	17 1/2	at Toledo
at UConn	5	4 1/2	Iowa St.
		Saturday	
at Maryland	2	1 1/2	West Virginia
at Clemson	4	3 1/2	Auburn
at Iowa	3	3 1/2	Pittsburgh
at Cincinnati	31	32 1/2	Akron
at Bowling Green	6 1/2	8 1/2	Wyoming
at Michigan	28 1/2	29	E. Michigan
Penn St.	12 1/2	9 1/2	at Temple
at W. Michigan	7 1/2	7	Cent. Michigan
Mississippi	Pk	1	at Vanderbilt
at Boston College	7	7 1/2	Duke
at Georgia Tech	13 1/2	14	Kansas
Colorado-x	7 1/2	9 1/2	Colorado St.
Wisconsin-y	16 1/2	16 1/2	N. Illinois
at Minnesota	3	3 1/2	Miami (Ohio)
at Florida	8 1/2	9	Tennessee
at Notre Dame	5	5 1/2	Michigan St.
at North Carolina	8 1/2	10 1/2	Virginia
Texas	3 1/2	3 1/2	at UCLA
at Nebraska	18 1/2	17 1/2	Washington
Texas Tech	19	19 1/2	at New Mexico
at Army	OFF	OFF	Northwestern
Nevada	6	6	at San Jose St.
at UAB	11 1/2	11 1/2	Tulane
at South Carolina	17 1/2	18 1/2	Navy
at San Diego St.	7 1/2	7	Washington St.
at Kentucky	8	7	Louisville
Houston	7	7 1/2	at Louisiana Tech
at Ohio	3	2	Marshall
at Texas A&M	36	36 1/2	Idaho
at Ball St.	4	4 1/2	Buffalo
Arizona St.	2	1 1/2	at Illinois
at Kansas St.	14 1/2	14 1/2	Kent St.
at Southern Cal	14 1/2	15	Syracuse
Oklahoma	3	3 1/2	at Florida St.
at New Mexico St.	+1	1	UTEP
at Miami	OFF	OFF	Ohio St.
at BYU	6 1/2	6	Utah
Oklahoma St.	11 1/2	14	at Tulsa
Hawaii	19 1/2	19 1/2	at
UNLV			
Stanford	9 1/2	10	at Arizona
at TCU	27	28	Louisiana-Monroe
at Virginia Tech	25	26	Arkansas St.
UCF	4 1/2	4	at FIU
at Alabama	45	46	North Texas
at Arkansas	23	24 1/2	Troy

x-at Denver
y-at Chicago Off Key
Northwestern QB questionable
Ohio St. and Miami possible suspensions

NFL

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
		Sunday		
at New Orleans	6 1/2	7	(47)	Chicago
at Detroit	8 1/2	7 1/2	(44)	Kansas City
at N.Y. Jets	10	10	(37 1/2)	Jacksonville
at Buffalo	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Oakland
at Washington	4 1/2	4 1/2	(42 1/2)	Arizona
Baltimore	6	5 1/2	(37 1/2)	at Tennessee
at Pittsburgh	13 1/2	14 1/2	(38 1/2)	Seattle
Green Bay	10 1/2	10 1/2	(45 1/2)	at Carolina
at Minnesota	3	3	(41)	Tampa Bay
Cleveland	3	2 1/2	(37)	at Indianapolis
Dallas	3	3	(41 1/2)	at San Francisco
at Miami	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Houston
at New England	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	San Diego
at Denver	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Cincinnati
Philadelphia	2 1/2	2 1/2	(50)	at Atlanta
		Monday		
at N.Y. Giants	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	St. Louis

Off Key

Oakland played Sept. 12
Miami played Sept. 12
New England played Sept. 12
Denver played Sept. 12
St. Louis QB questionable

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Sprint Cup
Money Leaders
Through Sept. 10

1. Carl Edwards, $6,511,154; 2. Kyle Busch, $4,896,379; 3. Kevin Harvick, $4,706,934; 4. Jimmie Johnson, $4,657,999; 5. Kurt Busch, $4,582,251; 6. Jeff Gordon, $4,570,424; 7. Matt Kenseth, $4,565,074; 8. Tony Stewart, $4,171,916; 9. Clint Bowyer, $4,152,796; 10. Denny Hamlin, $4,113,568; 11. Ryan Newman, $4,030,948; 12. Juan Pablo Montoya, $3,830,071; 13. Brad Keselowski, $3,807,289; 14. Jamie McMurray, $3,660,852; 15. A J Allmendinger, $3,574,964; 16. Marcos Ambrose, $3,567,879; 17. Regan Smith, $3,523,608; 18. Bobby Labonte, $3,478,953; 19. David Reutimann, $3,297,836; 20. David Ragan, $3,295,763.

Points Leaders
Through Sept. 10

1. Kyle Busch, 2,012; 2. Kevin Harvick, 2,012; 3. Jeff Gordon, 2,009; 4. Matt Kenseth, 2,006; 5. Carl Edwards, 2,003; 6. Jimmie Johnson, 2,003; 7. Kurt Busch, 2,003; 8. Ryan Newman, 2,003; 9. Tony Stewart, 2,000; 10. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,000; 11. Brad Keselowski, 2,000; 12. Denny Hamlin, 2,000; 13. A J Allmendinger, 731; 14. Clint Bowyer, 719; 15. Greg Biffle, 713; 16. Mark Martin, 694; 17. Martin Truex Jr., 690; 18. Juan Pablo Montoya, 679; 19. David Ragan, 677; 20. Marcos Ambrose, 673.

NASCAR Nationwide
Money Leaders
Through Sept. 9

1. Carl Edwards, $911,280; 2. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., $880,146; 3. Justin Allgaier, $748,076; 4. Reed Sorenson, $726,626; 5. Elliott Sadler, $712,656; 6. Jason Leffler, $686,969; 7. Kyle Busch, $662,495; 8. Aric Almirola, $659,926; 9. Kenny Wallace, $640,871; 10. Steve Wallace, $614,650; 11. Michael Annett, $608,241; 12. Brian Scott, $605,151; 13. Mike Wallace, $598,921; 14. Mike Bliss, $588,418; 15. Jeremy Clements, $556,702.

Points Leaders
Through Sept. 9

1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 950; 2. Elliott Sadler, 934; 3. Reed Sorenson, 905; 4. Aric Almirola, 882; 5. Justin Allgaier, 875; 6. Jason Leffler, 828; 7. Kenny Wallace, 788; 8. Steve Wallace, 765; 9. Michael Annett, 744; 10. Brian Scott, 736; 11. Mike Bliss, 658; 12. Mike Wallace, 630; 13. Joe Nemechek, 628; 14. Trevor Bayne, 627; 15. Josh Wise, 594.

IndyCar
Points Leaders
Through Sep. 4

1. Dario Franchitti, 507; 2. Will Power, 502; 3. Scott Dixon, 430; 4. Oriol Servia, 367; 5. Tony Kanaan, 340; 6. Ryan Briscoe, 328; 7. Ryan Hunter-Reay, 305; 8. Marco Andretti, 292; 9. Helio Castroneves, 290; 10. Graham Rahal, 284; 11. Danica Patrick, 275; 12. Alex Tagliani, 264; 13. Vitor Meira, 263; 14. Takuma Sato, 262; 15. J.R. Hildebrand, 258.

Formula One
Points Leaders
Through Sept. 11

1. Sebastian Vettel, 284; 2. Fernando Alonso, 172; 3. Jenson Button, 167; 4. Mark Webber, 167; 5. Lewis Hamilton, 158; 6. Felipe Massa, 82; 7. Nico Rosberg, 56; 8. Michael Schumacher, 52; 9. Vitaly Petrov, 34; 10. Nick Heidfeld, 34; 11. Kamui Kobayashi, 27; 12. Adrian Sutil, 24; 13. Jaime Alguersuari, 16; 14. Sebastien Buemi, 13; 15. Paul di Resta, 12.

NHRA Leaders
Through Sept. 5
Top Fuel

1, Del Worsham, 1,432. 2, Antron Brown, 1,322. 3, Spencer Massey, 1,232. 4, Larry Dixon, 1,191. 5, Tony Schumacher, 1,187. 6, Doug Kalitta, 827. 7, Brandon Bernstein, 825. 8, Shawn Langdon, 725. 9, Morgan Lucas, 704. 10, David Grubnic, 615.

Funny Car

1, Mike Neff, 1,297. 2, Jack Beckman, 1,082. 3, Robert Hight, 1,078. 4, Cruz Pedregon, 1,017. 5, (tie) Ron Capps, 1,009. Matt Hagan, 1,009. 7, John Force, 891. 8, Bob Tasca III, 827. 9, Jeff Arend, 812. 10, Tim Wilkerson, 802.

Pro Stock

1, Greg Anderson, 1,339. 2, Jason Line, 1,266. 3, Mike Edwards, 1,200. 4, Vincent Nobile, 1,033. 5, Erica Enders, 1,021. 6, Allen Johnson, 1,001. 7, Rodger Brogdon, 973. 8, Greg Stanfield, 923. 9, Shane Gray, 899. 10, Ron Krisher, 859.

Pro Stock Motorcycle

1, Eddie Krawiec, 769. 2, LE Tonglet, 741. 3, Karen Stoffer, 721. 4, Andrew Hines, 624. 5, Hector Arana Jr, 579. 6, Matt Smith, 568. 7, Hector Arana, 564. 8, Jerry Savoie, 537. 9, Michael Phillips, 512. 10, Jim Underdahl, 476.

Kubiak hopeful to have Walter, Ward back

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Texans' opening 34-7 win over Indianapolis is only one game, but it's hard not to see it as something more.

The Colts looked lost with the 38-year-old Collins filling in for Peyton Manning, who's out indefinitely with a neck injury. And Houston's defense dominated in its first game using new coordinator Wade Phillips' 3-4 scheme.

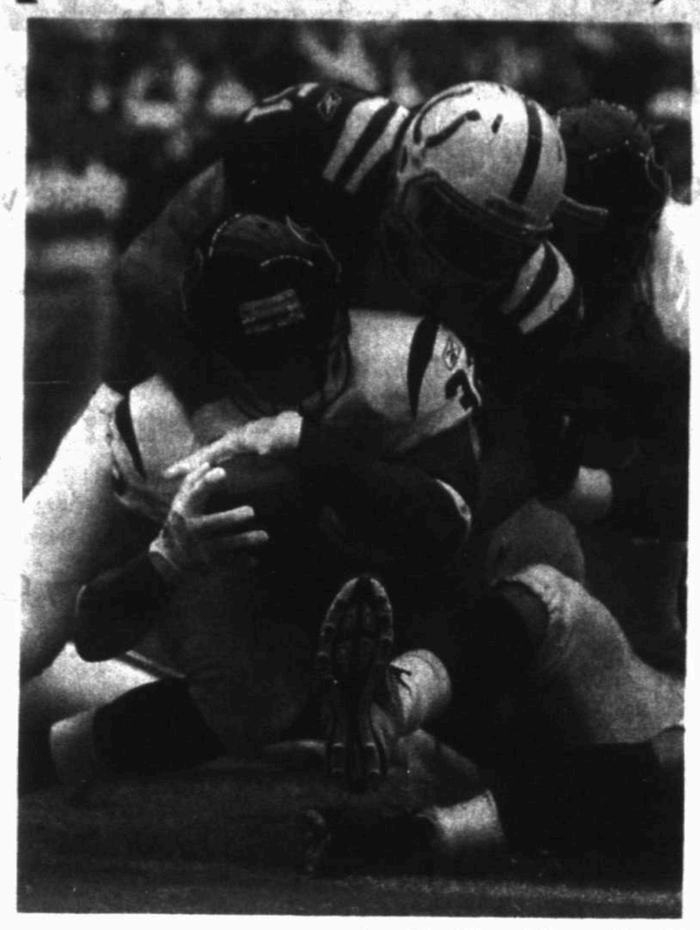
On offense, Matt Schaub completed 17 of 24 passes, Andre Johnson made seven catches and Ben Tate proved a capable replacement for Arian Foster, who sat out with a left hamstring injury. Jacoby Jones also returned a punt for a touchdown and if not for three turnovers, coach Gary Kubiak would've found little to criticize.

"I don't like the way we turned the ball over in the fourth quarter," he said after the game. "But it was a great group effort. We had explosion from every facet of the team, and that's what you're looking for."

The good news kept coming Monday.

An MRI exam showed that receiver Kevin Walter's right collarbone was bruised, not broken, and Derrick Ward's sprained right ankle is not considered serious. Walter's injury will be re-evaluated later in the week, but Kubiak hopes both players will be ready for Sunday's game in Miami.

Kubiak said Foster, the NFL's leading rusher in 2010, worked out his hamstring on Monday and will test it again Tuesday. The Texans return to practice Wednesday, and Kubiak is hopeful Foster will participate.



Jose Yau/Waco Tribune-Herald

Houston Texans running back Derrick Ward scores a touchdown while being tackled by Indianapolis Colts linebacker Cody Glenn on Sunday during the first half in Houston.

If Walter can't play, Jones becomes the No. 2 receiver behind Johnson. Jones, starting his fifth season with Houston, had three catches for 43 yards, in addition to his 79-yard touchdown return in the opener.

"He's been better in this camp than he's been in any previous year," Kubiak said. "I'm hoping that equates in him playing as good as he's played as a pro. It was good step forward for him."

If Foster and Ward are both still sidelined, Kubiak now knows he can turn to Tate. The 2010 second-round draft pick, who sat out last year with a broken ankle, rushed for 116 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries. Tate strained a hamstring early in training camp, and Kubiak was concerned that the former Auburn star wasn't getting enough snaps.

"Really his first time out, and he goes out there and runs for 100-plus yards," Kubiak said. "He did a good job in pass protection, too, so I was encouraged by that."

Kubiak's only complaint about the offense on Sunday was that it eased up after building a 34-0 halftime lead. Houston slipped into a habit of slow starts last season, but did the reverse in the opener, producing only 125 yards and seven first downs and giving away two of its turnovers after halftime.

"You've got to play the game," Kubiak said. "I don't want to sit there and draw on a shell because we had the lead. I want it to be aggressive and keep playing. You can't turn the ball over like that.

"We really hurt our defense when we turned it over back on our own end, so that concerns me," he said, "but I know it hurt the guys that did it and that's what's most important. It'd be easy if you win a game the way we did for guys to say that didn't matter. But I don't have guys like that."

The defense, meanwhile, didn't let up until the fourth quarter, when Collins threw a touchdown pass to Reggie Wayne to avoid the shutout.

Mario Williams silenced skepticism about his move from defensive end to outside linebacker, producing two sacks and forcing a fumble. Rookie defensive end J.J. Watt made five solo tackles and recovered a fumble, linebacker Brian Cushing led Houston with a seven tackles, and linebacker DeMeco Ryans had six tackles in his first game since tearing his left Achilles tendon in Week 6 last year.

Ryans also missed several practices in training camp with a bruised left elbow, and Kubiak thinks he's still catching up with the rest of the defense.

"It was kind of like DeMeco's third preseason game, the one you want to play the most plays in, for all your starters," Kubiak said. "DeMeco comes out with a step forward. There's a lot of great football ahead for DeMeco. It was a step in the right direction."

USOPEN

FROM WIRE REPORTS

U.S. Open Results
Monday
At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
New York
Purse: $23.7 million

Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Championship
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-1

OPEN

From 1C

at least 15 strokes.

Nadal won a trio of major titles in 2010, including beating Djokovic in the U.S. Open final. But this rematch was more of a mismatch, with Djokovic quickly turning things around after falling behind 2-0 in each of the first two sets.

Only in the third set did Djokovic really falter for a few moments, getting broken while serving for the match at 6-5, then being outplayed in the tiebreaker.

But in the fourth set, Djokovic was in control from the start, breaking in the opening game with a forehand winner, then cruising from there.

When Djokovic ended it with another forehand winner, he raised his arms, then tossed aside his racket and dropped to the court. He pulled off his shirt and threw it into the stands, then put on a dark hat with "FDNY" written on it — a nod to Sunday's 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, which both he and Nadal mentioned during the trophy ceremony.

Of all of Djokovic's skills, the one that separated him the most across the 4-hour, 10-minute final was his return. He repeatedly sent serves back over the net and at Nadal's feet, forcing errors or taking control of the point, helping Djokovic accumulate an astounding 26 break points and convert 11.

Consider this: When Nadal completed his career Grand Slam by winning last year's U.S. Open, he was broken a total of five times in seven matches.

Another telling statistic: Four times Monday, Nadal broke Djokovic — only to have Djokovic break right back in the next game.

That's exactly what happened in the third game of the second set, which lasted 17 minutes and featured a bit of everything: 22 points; eight deuces; six break points; a time violation warning against Nadal (Djokovic was admonished later in the set); complaints by both men that the glare from the Arthur Ashe Stadium lights was bothersome; seven exchanges that lasted at least 10 strokes.

After a 28-shot point, Djokovic leaned over and put his hands on his knees, his chest heaving. Nadal was the one who faltered, though. He double-faulted to set up break point No. 6, then — on a great defensive lob by Djokovic — put an overhead into the net.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ASTROS 5, PHILLIES 1: At Houston, Carlos Lee hit a two-run homer off former teammate Roy Oswalt and the Houston Astros beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-1 on Monday night.

Despite the loss, Philadelphia's magic number for gaining at least a wild-card playoff spot dropped to one with St. Louis' loss to Pittsburgh. The Phillies are trying to make the playoffs for the fifth straight year.

PIRATES 6, CARDINALS 5: At Pittsburgh, Pedro Ciriaco hit a tiebreaking double to cap a three-run rally in the eighth inning and Pittsburgh stunned St. Louis, damaging the Cardinals' playoff chances.

CUBS 12, REDS 8: At Cincinnati, Starlin Castro homered, scored four runs and drove in three while extending his career-high hitting streak to 13 games and leading Chicago over Cincinnati in the opener of a four-game series.

NATIONALS 3, METS 2: At New York, Stephen Lombardozzi made his first big league hit and RBI count, driving in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning as Washington beat New York.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RAYS 5, ORIOLES 2: At Baltimore, B.J. Upton doubled twice and took two walks to set a Tampa Bay record by reaching base in nine straight plate appearances, and the resurgent Rays beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-2 on Monday night for their fifth straight victory.

TIGERS 14, WHITE SOX 4: At Chicago, Jhonny Peralta and Ryan Raburn ignited the Detroit Tigers offense with back-to-back homers in the second inning as the Detroit Tigers routed the Chicago White Sox 14-4 for their 10th straight win on Monday night.

COWBOYS

From 1C

far this team goes.' ...For him to have that feeling, is a positive thing because the guy is a hell of a quarterback."

He's also a guy well accustomed to wearing goat horns. He first got fitted for them in Seattle during a 2006 playoff game in which he bobbled the hold on 19-yard field goal try, allowing the Seahawks to escape with a 21-20 win.

There have been other big-game failings. Although he's worked hard to protect the ball, his improvisational wizardry is often offset by careless turnovers.

Coach Jason Garrett said that helping Romo strike that balance between aggression and self control is an ongoing process.

"You never want to take away a quarterback's aggressiveness," Garrett said. "You really have to balance that with good decision."

Against the Jets, the aggressive, gunslinger side of Romo emerged in the fourth. Trying to hit a well-covered Dez Bryant while on the move, Romo's pass was easily picked off by Revis with 49 seconds left.

"I don't think the location was great," Garrett said. "The decision was a little aggressive, certainly for that situation."

Still, Garrett defended Romo's overall play and also pointed out that there have been more pluses than minuses in his career.

"He's a guy who has had a lot of success as a quarterback," Garrett said. "He's a guy that's helped us get a lot of leads in the fourth quarter. He's done a great job keeping some of those leads or most or the large majority. Sometimes it goes the other way. He's not the only quarterback this happens to.

"There's no question in my mind Tony will learn from this."

Brooking agreed.

"I've seen enough football to know the guy's ready for the next level," Brooking said.

Even after what happened Sunday night?

"I saw him picking a defense apart, one of the best in the league," said Brooking, a reference to Romo passing for 342 yards and two TDs

What about the rap against him that he makes costly mistakes?

"I don't know about that rap. Honestly," Brooking said. "I don't know what you're talking about there. Is that his rap? That's not the rap in this locker room. Who cares what everybody else things."

Said Witten, "You go around this room, there is a lot of confidence in him. Nobody is pointing the finger, and it's not just saying the right thing. Everybody in this room believes it."

Brady's 517 yards lead NE past Miami

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — Tom Brady threw his first interception since October, so he wasn't perfect in the New England Patriots' opener.

He was close, though.

Brady threw for a team-record 517 yards and four touchdowns, including a 99-yarder to Wes Welker, and the reigning AFC East champions started with a victory for the eighth consecutive season Monday night by beating the Miami Dolphins 38-24.

Defensive end Jared Odrick picked off a deflected pass to set up a Miami touchdown and end Brady's NFL-record streak of 358 passes without an interception. Otherwise Brady and the Patriots picked up where they left off last season, when he threw for 36 TDs and his team led the league in scoring.

New England totaled 622 yards, the most in franchise history and the most allowed by Miami.

Brady, who went 32 for 48, became the 11th quarterback to throw for at least 500 yards. Norm Van Brocklin set the record of 554 yards in 1951.

Pivotal stretch of NBA lockout starts today

By Brian Mahoney
San Antonio Express-News

NEW YORK — A pivotal stretch in the NBA lockout begins today, when full bargaining committees return to the table.

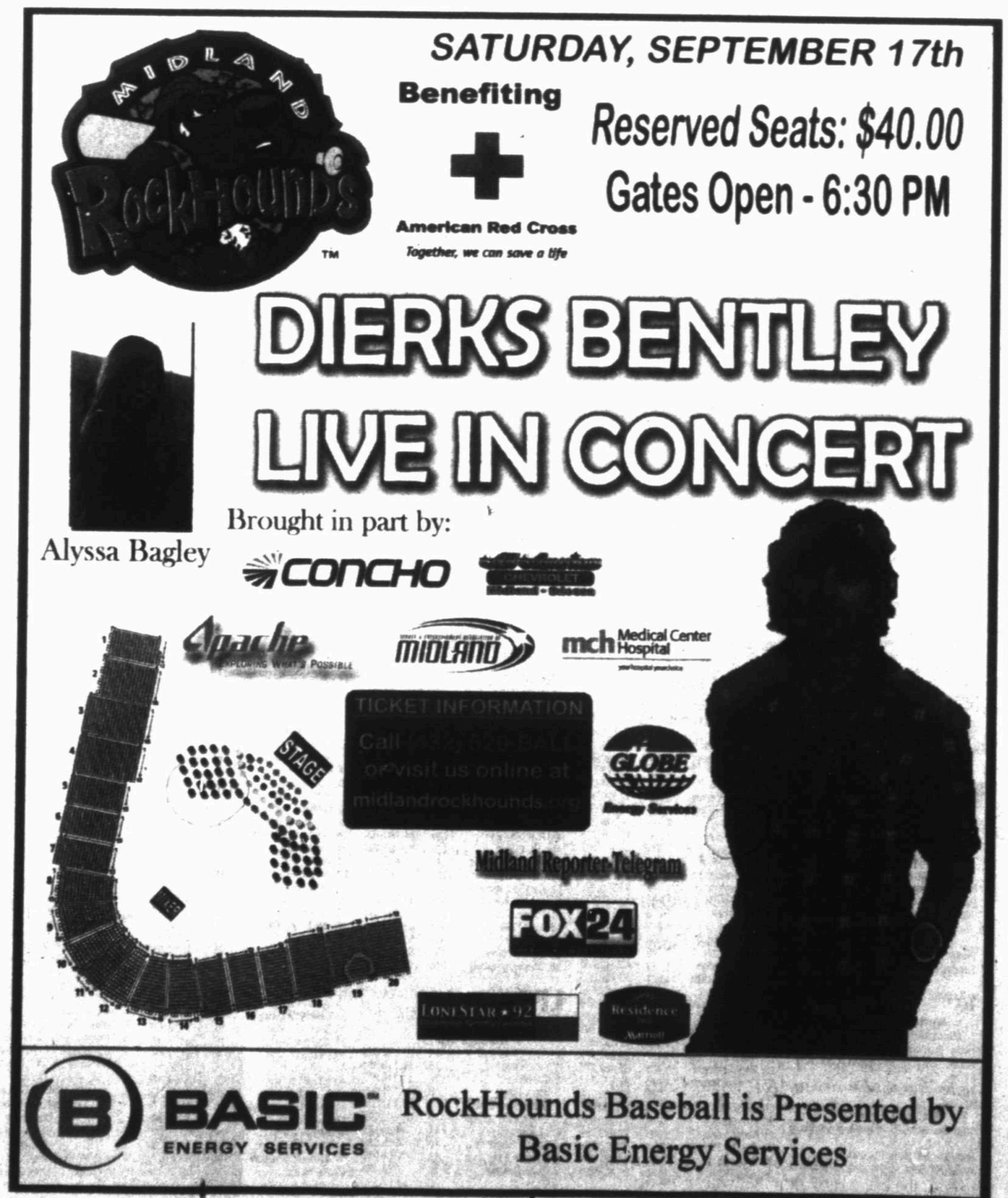
That could move players and owners closer to a new labor deal, but it also could send things in the wrong direction with time running down if more voices in the room leads to discord.

Any setback now would diminish hopes of the preseason opening without delay.

"The reality is our training camp would be scheduled to start on Oct. 3rd I believe, and so if there's any intention of trying to get that started on time, then we both have to figure some things out very quickly," players' association president Derek Fisher of the Lakers said last week. "That's just the reality of the situation."

The process toward getting a new collective bargaining agreement seems to have gotten back on track after three meetings in the past two weeks between top negotiators from each side.

They decided their full committees have to return before they can go any further, so the owners' labor relations committee and the union's executive committee were told to come to New York for a session Today, and perhaps even Wednesday. That should more than double the number of people in the room from last week, when there were nine.



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TODAY Mostly sunny high 101 low 71

WEDNESDAY Mostly sunny high 96 low 67

THURSDAY Partly cloudy high 81 low 63

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 101 and south winds around 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 71 and south winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 96, a low around 67 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday, look for a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms and partly cloudy skies with a high around 81 and a low around 63.

The high Monday reached 98 while the low dropped to 63. The record high for Sept. 12 is 101 set in 1930. The record low is 51 set in 1959 and 1975.

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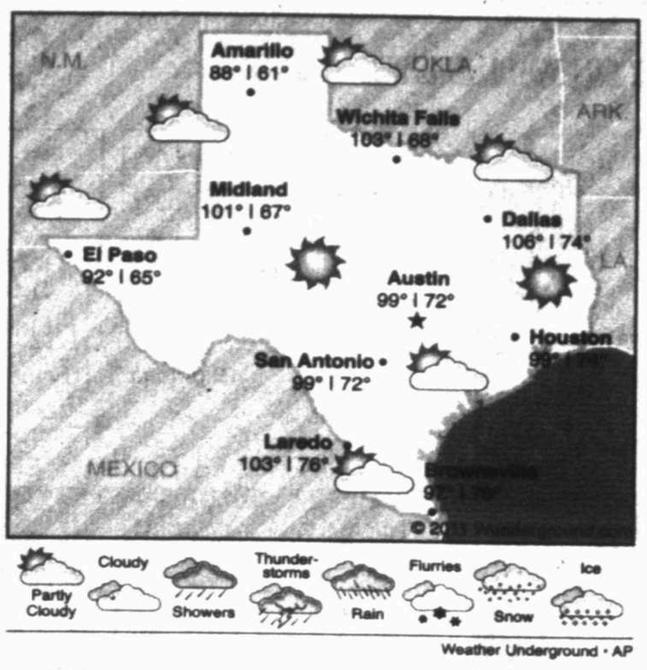
Warm air from the South will build along the I-95 corridor in the Northeast on Tuesday. High pressure over the Carolinas will help to direct the warm air north. The warmth is surging ahead of a strong cold front that will bring the chilliest air of the season from the northern Plains to the Northeast. The push is coming in two stages, with the coolest press due to enter the northern Plains today. A zone of heavy thunderstorms will develop along the leading front from the Ohio Valley to northern New England.



Precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Total for month	trace
Total for year	0.61 in.
Normal total (year to date)	10.53 in.

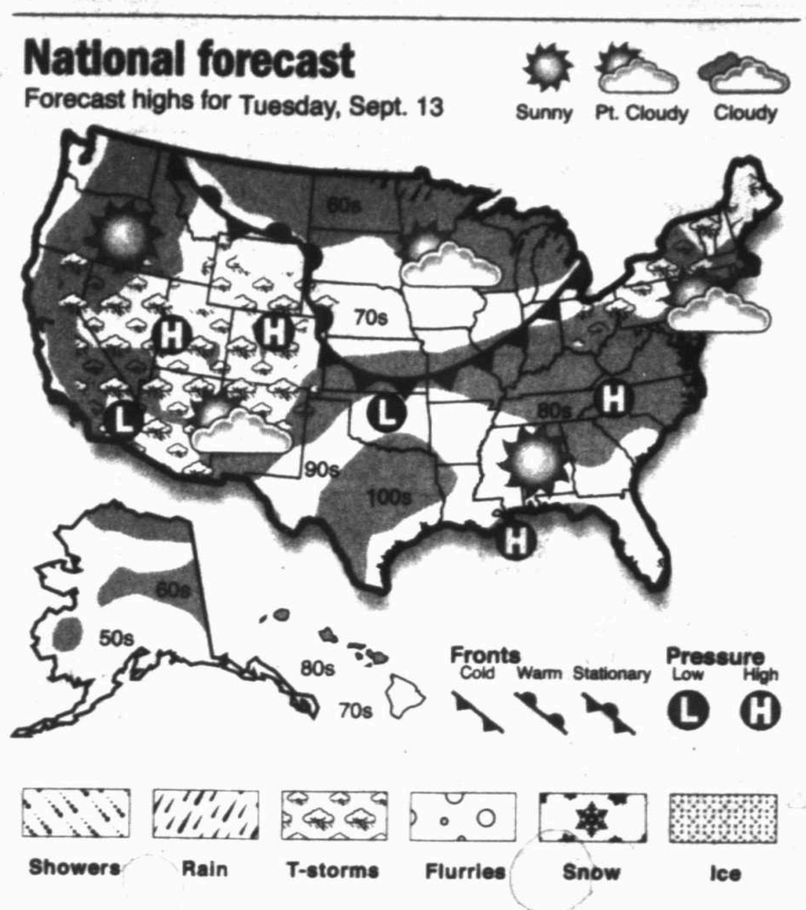
Monday's temperatures

High	98
Low	63
Normal high	88
Normal low	63

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

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Sept. 13



Man who won't pay for seat upgrade lacking in class

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: Your response to "Not Ungrateful in San Diego" (July 13) missed the mark. Her boyfriend of eight months is flying in business class to France, but he's only paying for a coach ticket for her? I was a divorce lawyer for 31 years (now retired), so I know a few things about relationships.

While Claude had no obligation to pay her way to France, once he invited her, he displayed a troubling character flaw. If he was going to pay her way, he should have paid for her to sit with him in business class. Her seat in coach is a warning sign: She'll always be in the back of the plane, the bus or his life. Of course buying business class seats for the two of them is expensive, but if he's going to take her to his family's chateau, he should treat her as an equal — or not do it at all. — PAUL IN SARATOGA, CALIF.

DEAR PAUL: I appreciate your viewpoint, one which is shared by many other readers. The responses to that letter were an interesting mix. My newspaper readers comment:

DEAR ABBY: "Not Ungrateful" is unbelievable! My long-legged husband cannot sit in coach unless he is in an exit row, and those seats aren't always easy to get. Because I'm short, I don't need the extra space and, if I am assigned an exit seat, I gladly give it up to a tall person. That woman will be in France (paid for!) with her boyfriend. I would go in the BAGGAGE compartment for such an opportunity. — HAPPY TO TRADE PLACES

DEAR ABBY: A less-expensive option for long-legged fliers is to buy an extra coach seat. Claude could purchase three seats together. That way he could sit sideways and put items in the central seat. Neither my wife nor I have long legs, but we fly this way for comfort on long flights. — STEPHEN IN TUCSON, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: When Claude offered to treat her to the trip, he put himself in the role of a "host." A host does not treat himself to steak while offering hamburger to his guest. I am accompanying my husband on a business trip. His company will pay for him to fly business class and I will purchase a coach ticket for myself. My husband insists on flying coach with me, saying that a gentleman would never fly in a different class than his wife. — WE'RE IN IT TOGETHER

DEAR ABBY: My husband always sits in business class while I sit in coach when we travel long distances. He has a back problem and I don't. Why spend a lot of money on something so fleeting? We have plenty of time together once we arrive at our destination. I have never thought of myself as subservient — just practical. — ENJOYS LIFE IN COACH

DEAR ABBY: By all means, "Not Ungrateful" should go to France as planned. Her seatmate in coach could be a delightful person — maybe even someone with whom she'd rather spend the rest of her life. Or, he could be someone she'll meet in France. Life's little twists and turns can be strange and mysterious, but they lead us to our destiny. — BETTIE IN ALBUQUERQUE

DEAR ABBY: Claude wouldn't know chivalry if it bit him in the face. Men usually try to put their best foot forward in the beginning of a relationship. If this is his best foot, "Not Ungrateful" might want to pass on the trip and HIM altogether.

Claude is a buffoon to expect his girlfriend to be grateful for something he himself refuses to abide by because "it's uncomfortable." Perhaps he should tie her hair into two pigtails and force her to fly in the cargo hold as a cocker spaniel instead. — WOOF!

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The Female of the Species

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ A K J 8 3
♡ 6 3 2
◇ A 7
♣ K 6 3

WEST
♠ Q 7 4
♡ 10 9 5
◇ J 9 3
♣ A Q 8 7

EAST
♠ 10 9 6
♡ J 8
◇ Q 10 6
♣ J 10 9 5 4

SOUTH
♠ 5 2
♡ A K Q 7 4
◇ K 8 5 4 2
♣ 2

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Four of ♠

This deal is from last year's European Women's Championship between defending champions France and Hungary. The French reached four hearts in three rounds of bidding and made 12 tricks.

The Hungarian auction took longer than the play. The first three bids were natural. East's three clubs was fourth-suit forcing and four clubs and four diamonds were both cue-bids. By agreement four spades was Roman Key-Card Blackwood and five hearts showed two key cards and the queen of trumps. Six hearts became the final contract.

West led the four of spades, taken with dummy's ace. A heart to the ace provided an entry to the closed hand for the lead of the deuce of clubs. West rose with the ace and switched to the three of diamonds. Declarer won in hand, crossed to the king of spades and ruffed a spade. When the queen appeared, declarer drew trumps and 12 tricks rolled in.

Hungary's moment of glory was short-lived. France won the match with room to spare and went on to retain their title.

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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 Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011:

The unexpected occurs throughout the year, and you will be adjusting often. In your case, these events often occur with risk-taking, a partnership and others' funds. You could win at bingo or get a surprise inheritance. You also might want to look at what motivates you. If you are single, do your very best not to choose someone who might not be on the up and up. Take your time getting to know a potential sweetie and deciding if you want to commit. If you are attached, you need to defer to your significant other more often. ARIES helps you make money.

ARIES (March 30-April 19) ★★★ You might act in a quirky manner. You wonder which way to go and for what reason. Listen to what is being shared by a boss or parent. He or she is not always this open. Don't stress out over a misunderstanding. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Know what is going on behind the scenes. You know much more of what is going on than you realize. You think there is a problem with getting your message understood. Don't be surprised by a misunderstanding. Tonight: Play it low-key.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might want to zero in on what is going on with a key partner. A meeting could reveal a lot more than you realize. Recognize what is happening with this person. Though you sometimes don't like what you are seeing, honor this person's process. Tonight: Follow the gang.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Recognize that it might be necessary to take the lead in order to continue on your present path. Be careful with a partner who has a strong sense of entitlement. He or she could become quite manipulative. Tonight: Until the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You will be challenged to look at the big picture. The unexpected happens out of the blue. Once more, you need to understand what motivates someone. There could be a control issue going on. Understand what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Where there is music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You need to get to the bottom of an issue with an associate. This person could act like a wild horse rearing as you try to find solutions. You might not be comfortable with everything that you are hearing. Tonight: With a favorite person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Defer to others, especially if you cannot handle what they say they want. A personal or domestic matter starts building with importance once more. Others are acting strange and quirky. You aren't going to change them. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Do what you must, but don't feel as if you have to push someone into following through. Communication could be stilted and involve a power play. Be open to revising your schedule. Tonight: Off to the gym.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your natural knee-jerk reaction right now draws admirers, but that is no guarantee it always will. The innate nature of a new friendship or tie could be based on perpetual surprises and changes. The excitement will become the glue. Tonight: Infuse your life with more fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Get down to basics concerning a real-estate matter. You might need to check in with family. They could be uneasy with what is going on. In response, you could become very controlling. Relax with the situation. Tonight: Mosey on home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Listen to news with an open mind. Stay direct, and express your ideas. The unexpected occurs, forcing you to regroup. Your ability to adapt emerges once you get past being a bit stubborn. Tonight: On top of your game.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Be aware of what is going on with your finances. Risk-taking could backfire, so be cautious, or wait until you are sure of yourself. A friend could be pushing your limits. You need to say "enough." Tonight: Your treat.

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BORN TODAY

Actress Jacqueline Bisset (1944), singer, songwriter Fiona Apple (1977), actor Ben Savage (1980)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Yawn-inspiring
6 "Arabian Nights" birds
10 Big name in razors
14 Alpaca kin
15 Pop singer Brickell
16 Washerful
17 Word on a French postcard
18 Laura of "Jurassic Park"
19 Forever, so to speak
20 Shareholder's bonus
23 Dir. from Memphis to Nashville
24 Something to grind
25 Throw easily
26 Phone bk. info
29 Kitchen island material
32 Spinning sound
35 "It's a Wonderful Life" studio
36 Brief fisticuffs
37 It has lots of slots
38 Invite to one's penthouse
41 Some necklines
42 Macaroni shape
44 "I could win on my next turn!"
45 Bk. before Job
46 Wrap for leftovers
50 __-Tiki
51 Wimple wearer
52 Window units, briefly
53 Mud bath venue
56 Laundry convenience
60 Empty room sound
62 Roll of fabric
63 Garlicky sauce
64 In __ of: replacing
65 Everyone, to Ernst
66 Stops bleeding
67 Sail support
68 Meg of "Courage Under Fire"
69 Have an inkling

DOWN
1 Little shaver
2 Troublemaking chipmunk
3 Too trusting
4 Madame's "mine"
5 Two-seated carriage
6 Jeff Foxworthy jokes about them
7 Pigged out (on)
8 Word with sewing or traffic
9 Lisbon mister
10 Actor Baldwin
11 Created a study aid in class
12 Was on the ballot
13 Program breaks
21 One in a crowd scene
22 Goes back to sea?
27 Large wedding band
28 Smidge
29 Witch craft?
30 Balderdash
31 Flat
32 Inflict, as havoc
33 Nametag greeting
34 How grapes grow
39 Remove the chain from, say
40 Doggie
43 Skid row regular
47 Crunchy snack
48 Not at all sacred
49 "Compromising Positions" author Susan
53 Gazpacho eater's need
54 Furrier's stock
55 Hop out of bed
57 Boorish sort
58 Jazzy Fitzgerald
59 __ High City: Denver
60 Shade source
61 "The Bourne Identity" org.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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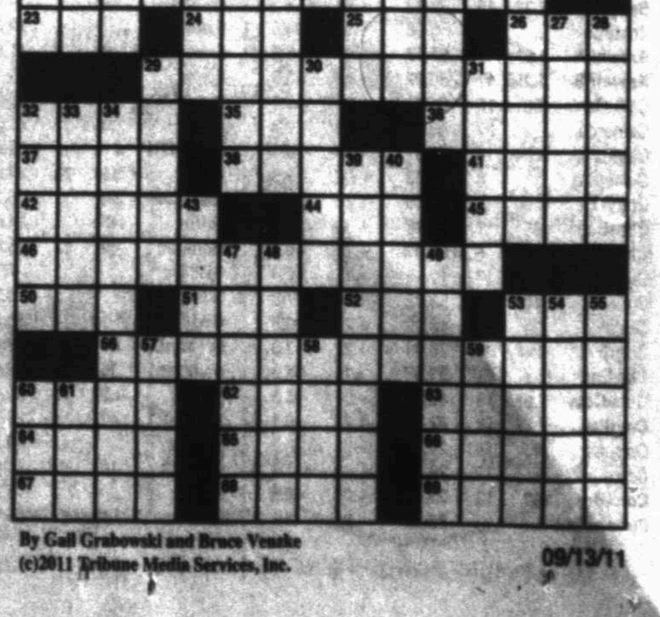

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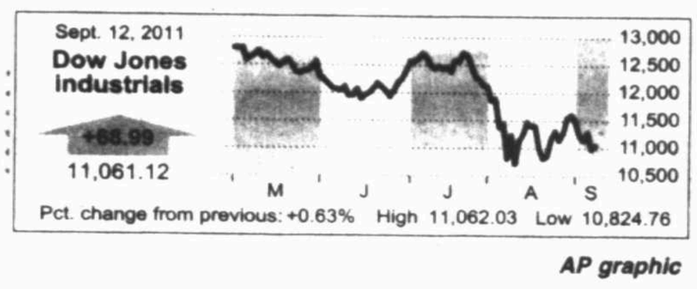

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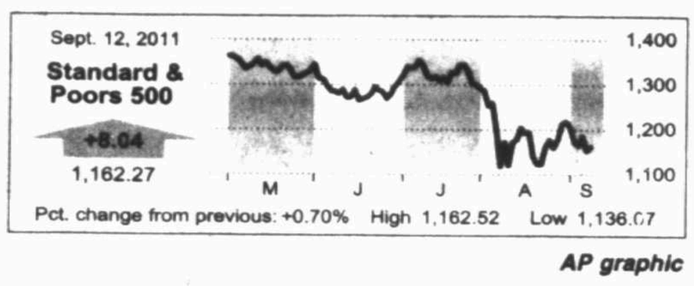

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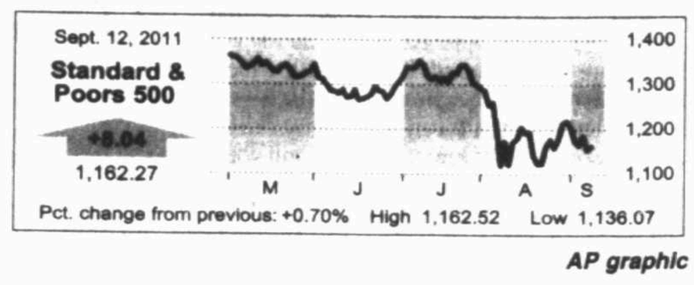

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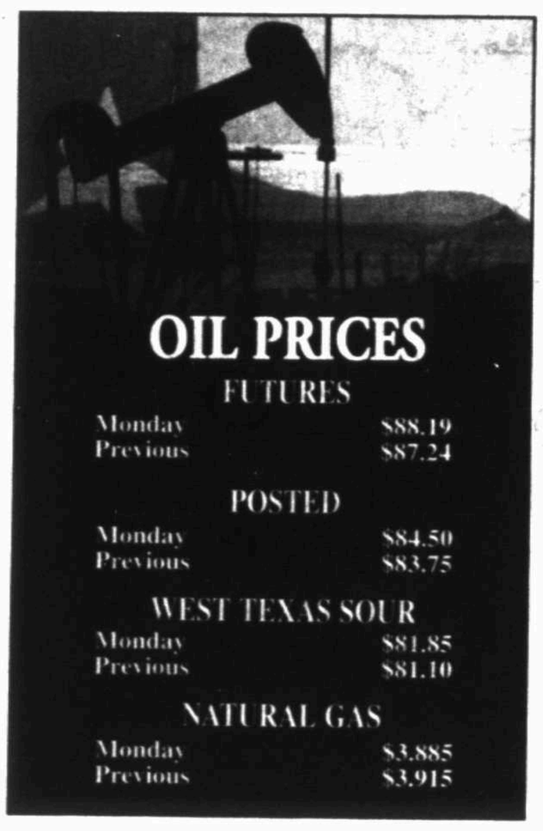

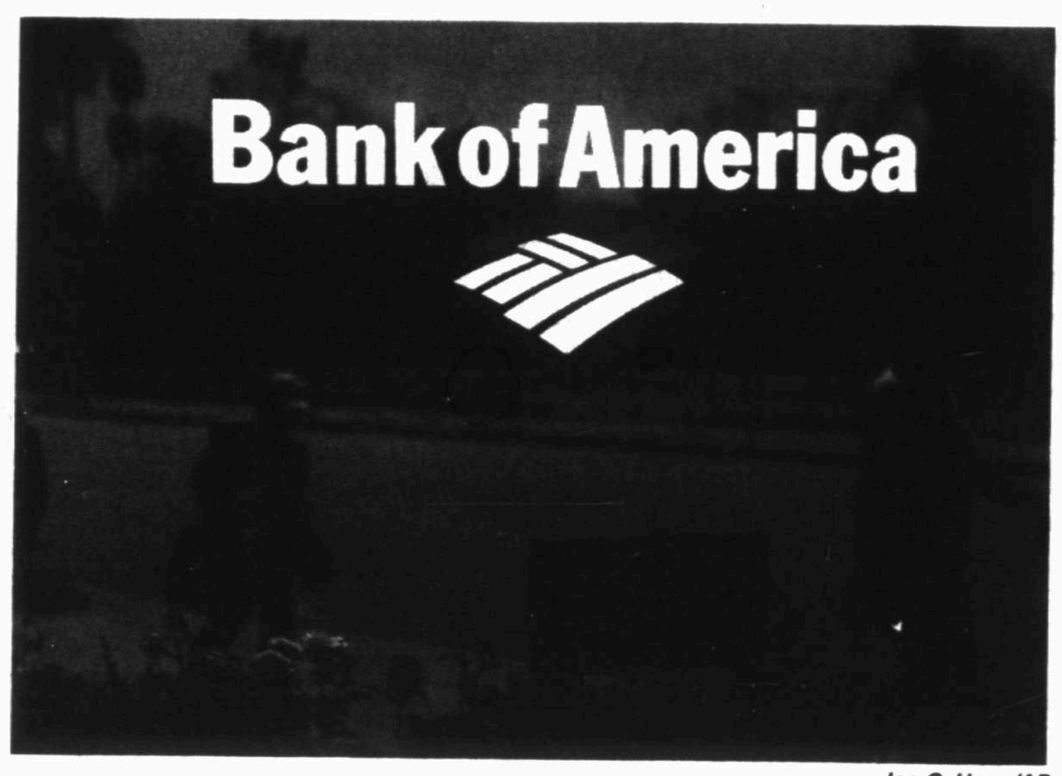

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A sign is seen Monday outside a Bank of America branch in Los Angeles. Bank of America will cut about 30,000 jobs over the next few years in a bid to save $5 billion per year. The cost-cutting drive is part of a broader effort to reshape and shrink the nation's largest bank as it copes with fallout from the housing bust.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BiotAm	2768402	7.05	+.07
S&P500ETF	2761958	116.67	+.75
GenElec	1552330	15.01	-.08
SPDR Fncl	1144296	12.37	+.14
iShR2K	925132	68.08	+.58

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
M&F Wld	24.25	+3.88	+19.0
CalDive	2.77	+.36	+14.9
MaxLinear	6.33	+.60	+10.5
PNC wt	8.92	+.82	+10.1
Inphi n	8.69	+.79	+10.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NBGint pfA	4.50	-.80	-15.1
Sequans n	4.83	-.71	-12.8
ProUMex	29.05	-4.08	-12.3
iPrInv1-21Vx	10.50	-1.45	-12.1
DrxBRICBl	28.43	-3.62	-11.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,461
Declined	1,579
Unchanged	86
Total issues	3,126
New Highs	15
New Lows	275
Volume	4,481,637,479

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
VantageDrl	93461	1.49	+.10
NovaGld g	59347	8.65	-.51
NwGold g	52393	13.65	-.25
NthgtM g	39817	3.89	-.11
VistaGold	32775	4.41	+.71

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NewConcEn	2.52	+.60	+31.3
VistaGold	4.41	+.71	+19.2
NevGCas	2.05	+.15	+7.9
PHC Inc	2.53	+.15	+6.3
OpkoHlth	4.42	+.24	+5.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Banro wt	2.51	-.29	-10.4
ClaudeR g	2.07	-.22	-9.6
HaderaPap	37.45	-3.95	-9.5
StreamG un	2.40	-.20	-7.7
EngySvcs	2.40	-.20	-7.7

DIARY

Advanced	185
Declined	254
Unchanged	45
Total issues	484
New Highs	2
New Lows	27
Volume	99,763,785

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GloblInd	721492	7.78	+2.63
PwShs QQQ	612950	53.86	+.68
SiriusXM	559211	1.67	-.05
Microsoft	540351	25.89	+.15
Cisco	522207	16.09	+.27

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GloblInd	7.78	+2.63	+51.1
NetLogicM	48.12	+16.21	+50.8
LightBrdge	3.17	+.80	+33.8
EssexRent	4.87	+.80	+19.7
Radcom	4.10	+.54	+15.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BioLnRlx n	2.75	-1.19	-30.2
Spherix rs	2.08	-.57	-21.5
OakRidgeF	2.29	-.41	-15.1
CTC Media	11.70	-1.95	-14.3
57StGen un	4.76	-.69	-12.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,411
Declined	1,156
Unchanged	111
Total issues	2,678
New Highs	8
New Lows	247
Volume	1,952,345,457

Bank of America to eliminate 30,000 jobs

By Pallavi Gogoi
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bank of America is slashing 30,000 jobs as part of an effort to reverse a crisis of confidence among investors. It's the largest single job reduction by a U.S. company this year.

What CEO Brian Moynihan is trying to do is nothing less than save the nation's largest bank. Investors have cut the bank's market value by half this year. The bank is facing huge liabilities over soured mortgage investments and concerns over whether it has enough capital to withstand more financial shocks.

The cuts, which affect Bank of America's consumer businesses, represent 10 percent of the Charlotte, N.C., bank's work force. The bank said it hopes the cuts and other measures will result in $5 billion in annual savings by 2014. The bank already has cut 6,000 job this year. The bank also said it would look for cost savings at its other businesses in a six-month review that will begin next month.

"It's as if someone has hit the panic button," said Bert Ely, president of banking consultant Ely & Co.

Moynihan has been taking other steps to shore up the bank's standing. Last week he shook up the bank's top management ranks and has been selling parts of the company to raise cash. Last month, Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. invested $5 billion in the company.

Moynihan has struggled to calm investors ever since he took the top job in January 2010. He is reversing the empire-building strategy of his predecessor, Ken Lewis, who stepped down amid controversy over the purchase of Merrill Lynch during the financial crisis. Lewis also engineered the ill-fated acquisition of Countrywide Financial Corp., then the country's largest mortgage lender, which has led to heavy financial losses, lawsuits and regulatory probes.

Moynihan is now taking a knife to the company, hoping to shrink it down to a more manageable size even if it means losing the bragging rights of being the nation's largest bank. "We don't have to be the biggest company out there," said Moynihan.

Bank of America's stock has lost 48 percent this year, largely because of problems related to poorly-written mortgages at Countrywide. Just in the first half of the year, the bank paid out $12.7 billion to settle claims from investors it sold them securities backed by faulty mortgages.

Some investors and analysts worry the job cuts will lead to poor customer service and the bank will lose market share to rivals at a time when there are signs the economy is slowing down. They also wonder if the job cuts are enough to produce the profits the bank needs to overcome the spiraling costs from its mortgage business.

"There is a fair amount of skepticism on Wall Street, and Brian is doing as much as he can do in the face of a worsening economy," said Nancy Bush, an analyst and contributing editor at SNL Financial, a research firm.

The bank's stock was down for most of the afternoon but rose along with the overall market to close up 7 cents, or 1 percent, at $7.05.

The job cuts follow a revamp of the bank's top management team last week. Two senior executives, wealth management head Sallie Krawcheck and head of consumer banking Joe Price, left the bank.

Bank of America is seen as one of the most bloated banks in the industry. The payroll cuts will bring its work force in line with some of its key rivals. JPMorgan Chase & Co. had 250,000 workers at the end of the second quarter.

International oil prices fall

Drivers and businesses will use a little less fuel than previously thought this year, and that hurt international crude prices Monday.

Brent crude, which is used to price many international oil varieties, fell 52 cents to end at $112.25 a barrel in London.

Prices fell after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries sharply cut its forecast for world oil demand, saying it saw slower economic growth "in almost every major economy."

The 12-nation group expects global oil consumption to average 88 million barrels a day in 2011, about 140,000 barrels a day fewer than it forecast earlier. Demand in 2012 is expected to average 89.3 million barrels per day, or 180,000 barrels fewer.

"The global economy is losing momentum," OPEC said in its monthly forecast for oil demand.

One big area of concern remains Europe. The European Commission said that Greece's budget shortfall will be more than expected, increasing fears of a sustained slowdown in the region. Greece's deficit as a percentage of national income is now expected to hit 9.5 percent, up from an earlier estimate of 7.6 percent.

In the U.S., benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude rose 95 cents to finish at $88.19 per barrel in New York.

Euro falls to 7-month low

The euro fell to a seven-month low against the dollar Monday on fears of a possible debt default by Greece.

Traders believe Greece is increasingly likely to default. The heavily-indebted country is struggling to convince its neighbors it has its debt under control.

At 4:45 p.m. in New York, the euro was worth $1.3666, compared with $1.3656 late Friday. It had earlier hit $1.3495, its lowest point since February.

Gold for December delivery fell $46.20 an ounce to end at $1,813.30 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $19.24 Down 0.16

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $51.57 Down 0.14

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $82.78 Down 0.83

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $29.50 Down 0.65

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.75 Down 0.04

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.73 Down 0.12

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $12.59 Up 0.12

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72	8	27.88	+.34	-5.1
Abraxas	...	68	3.40	+.05	-25.6
AdamsEx	.51e	...	9.63	...	-10.3
AMD	...	6	6.71	+.19	-18.0
AlcatelLuc	...	...	3.02	-.09	+2.9
Alcoa	.12	13	11.55	-.03	-25.0
AlonUSA	.16	...	8.49	-.07	+42.0
Amgen	1.12	11	54.06	+.01	-1.5
Anadarko	.36	42	70.31	+.52	-7.7
Annaly	2.59e	6	17.95	+.14	+.2
Apache	.60	10	94.65	-.47	-20.6
ApldMatl	.32	7	10.86	+.14	-22.7
ATMOS	1.36	15	33.08	+.01	+6.0
AutoData	1.44	19	48.31	+.69	+4.4
BP PLC	1.68	14	36.43	+.43	-17.5
BakrHu	.60	18	57.70	+.91	+.9
BiotAm	.04	...	7.05	+.07	-47.2
Bar iPVix rs	...	...	46.25	+.42	+23.0
BasicEnSv	...	60	19.24	-.16	+16.7
BerkHa A	...	1413	0800.00	+1528.00	-13.8
BerryPet	.32f	24	44.72	+.03	+2.3
BillMillerCp	1.46	15	30.07	+.23	+.2
BrlMyBq	1.32	15	29.44	+.28	+11.2
BrcdeCm	...	17	3.98	+.20	-24.8
BrownFA	1.28e	17	66.77	-.17	-3.8
BrownFB	1.28e	17	66.92	-.50	-3.9
CVS Care	.50	15	36.78	+.28	+5.8
Cameron	...	21	49.30	+1.02	-2.8
Caterpillar	1.84f	14	83.87	-.09	-10.5
Celestic g	...	8	7.83	+.01	-19.3
CntryLink	2.90	12	38.35	+.28	-27.8
ChesEng	.35	11	30.76	+.38	+16.7
Chevron	3.12	8	95.91	+.72	+5.1
Chicos	.20	17	12.92	+.12	+7.4
Cimarex	.40	10	63.82	-1.36	-27.9
Cisco	.24	14	16.09	+.27	-20.5
Citigrp rs	.04	8	26.96	+.22	-43.0
ClayEng	...	15	51.57	-.14	-36.6
CocaCola	1.88	14	69.38	+.01	+5.5
ColgPal	2.32	18	87.72	-1.24	+9.1
Comcast	.45	15	21.14	+.23	-3.3
CompPrdS	...	12	26.19	+.40	-11.4
ConAgra	.92	13	23.85	+.05	+5.6
ConchoRes	...	...	82.78	-.83	-5.6
ConocPhil	2.64	8	64.24	+.01	-5.7
Corning	.20	6	13.51	-.07	-30.1
CrackerB	.88	10	39.86	+1.87	-27.2
CrosTim	2.93e	16	45.29	+.58	+13.6
DCP Mid	2.53f	...	38.34	-.03	+2.5
DTE	2.35	12	49.19	+.72	+8.5
Dataram h	...	...	1.15	+.03	-26.8
Dawson	...	...	29.50	-.65	-7.5
Dell Inc	...	8	14.19	+.22	+4.7
DevonE	.68	5	63.78	+.59	-18.8
DrSCBr rs	...	...	47.32	-1.34	+1.0
DirFnBr rs	...	...	61.22	-2.13	+29.6
DrxFnBull	...	...	12.40	+.31	-55.5
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GAMev	.43e	...	24.09	-.14	-10.2
GenElec	.80	13	15.01	-.08	-17.9
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GtPlainEn	.85	14	18.95	+.20	-2.3
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Heinz	1.92	16	50.14	-.43	+1.4
HewlettP	.48	5	22.56	+.05	-46.4
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HuntBnk	.16f	10	4.68	+.08	-31.9
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iShBraz	3.42e	...	59.99	-.98	-22.5
iShJapn	.17e	...	9.32	+.09	-14.6
iShSilver	...	...	39.14	-1.38	+29.7
iShEMkts	.84e	...	39.93	-.08	-16.2
iS Eafe	1.68e	...	48.54	-.21	-16.6
iShR2K	.94e	...	68.08	+.58	-13.0
IntegrysE	2.72	15	47.66	+.44	-1.8
Intel	.84f	9	20.28	+.58	-3.6
InterDig	.40	27	66.46	+2.18	+59.6
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JohnJn	2.28	14	63.59	-.05	+2.8
KimbClk	2.80	16	67.25	+.02	+8.7
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PioNtrl	.08	11	72.94	+.24	-16.0
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12,876.00	10,332.40	Dow Jones Industrials	11,061.12	+68.99	+.63	-4.46	+4.90
5,627.85	4,205.13	Dow Jones Transportation	4,361.97	-7.02	-.16	-14.58	-1.92
442.01	381.89	Dow Jones Utilities	423.43	+3.54	+.84	+4.55	+8.90
8,718.25	6,839.00	NYSE Composite	7,047.12	+8.11	+.09	-11.51	-1.52
2,490.51	1,930.84	Amex Index	2,189.54	-16.91	-.77	-.85	+10.70
2,887.75	2,206.62	Nasdaq Composite	2,495.09	+27.10	+1.10	-5.95	+9.16
1,370.58	1,091.15	S&P 500	1,162.27	+8.04	+.70	-7.58	+3.80
14,562.01	11,444.58	Wilshire 5000	12,240.72	+81.29	+.67	-8.38	+3.99
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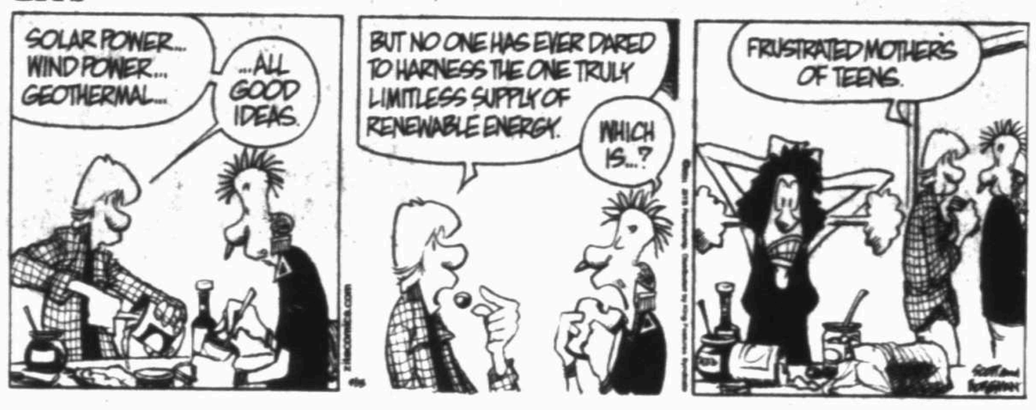

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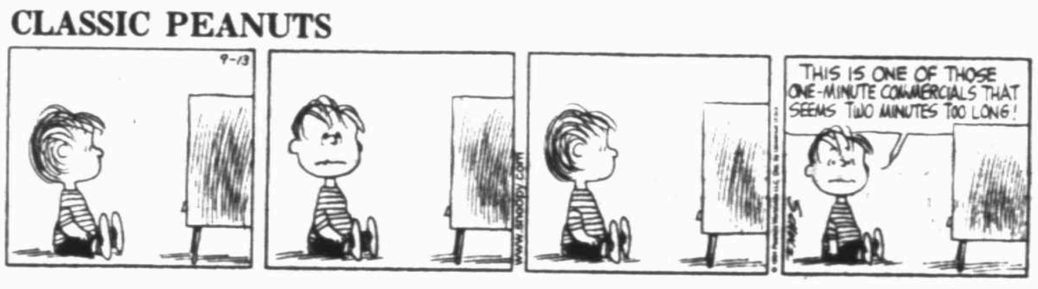

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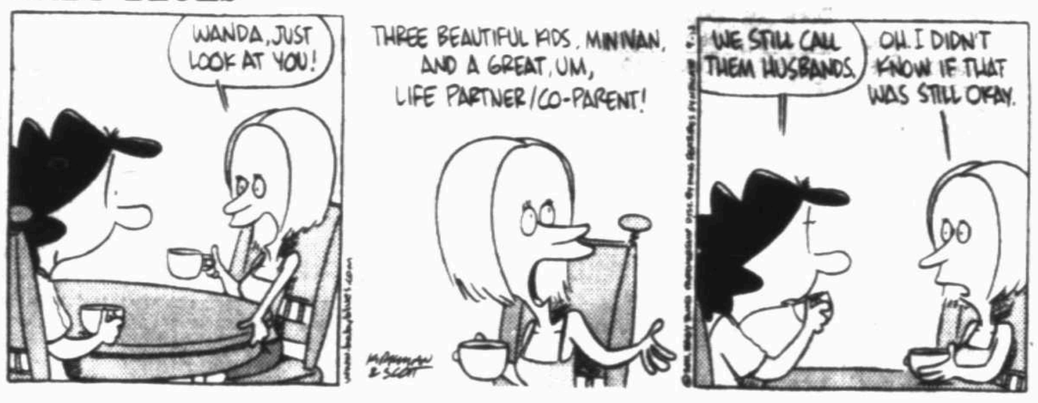

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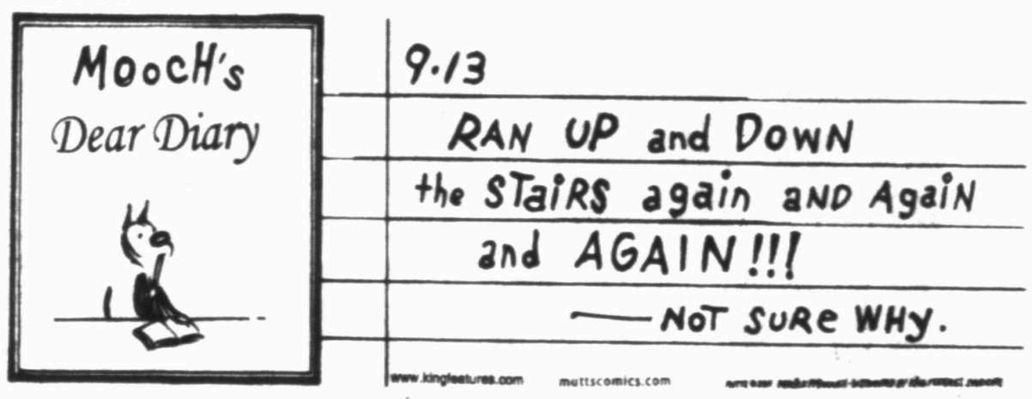

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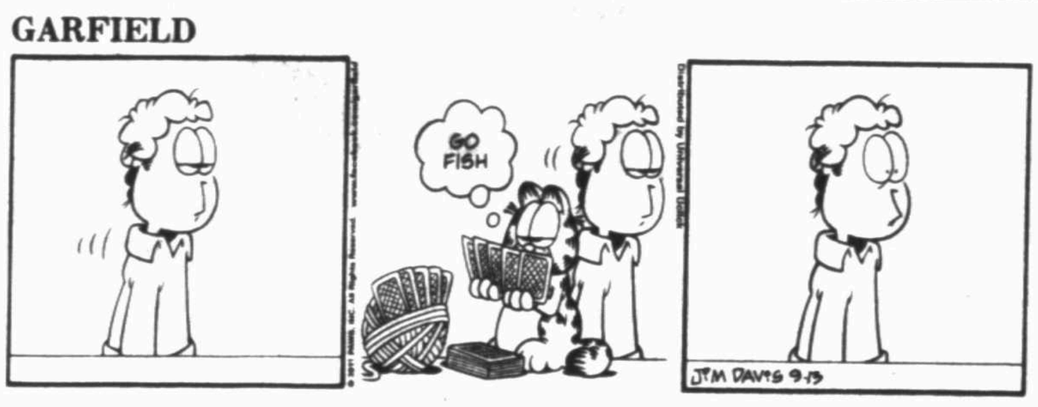

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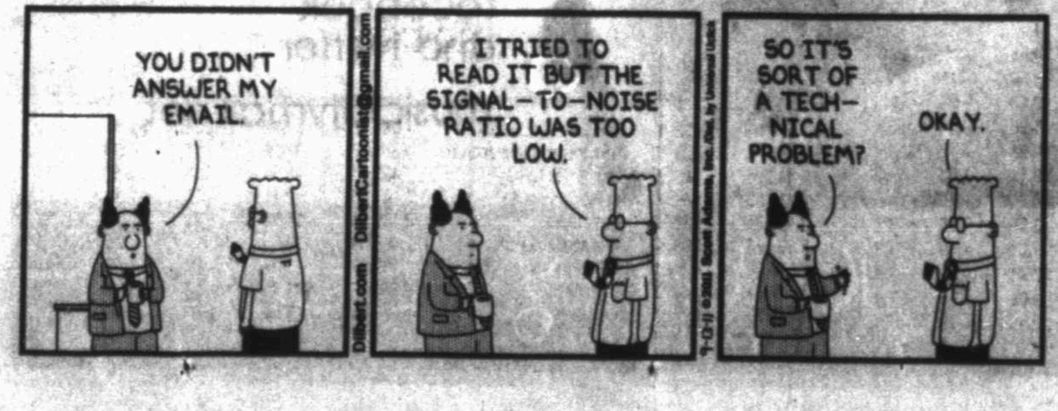

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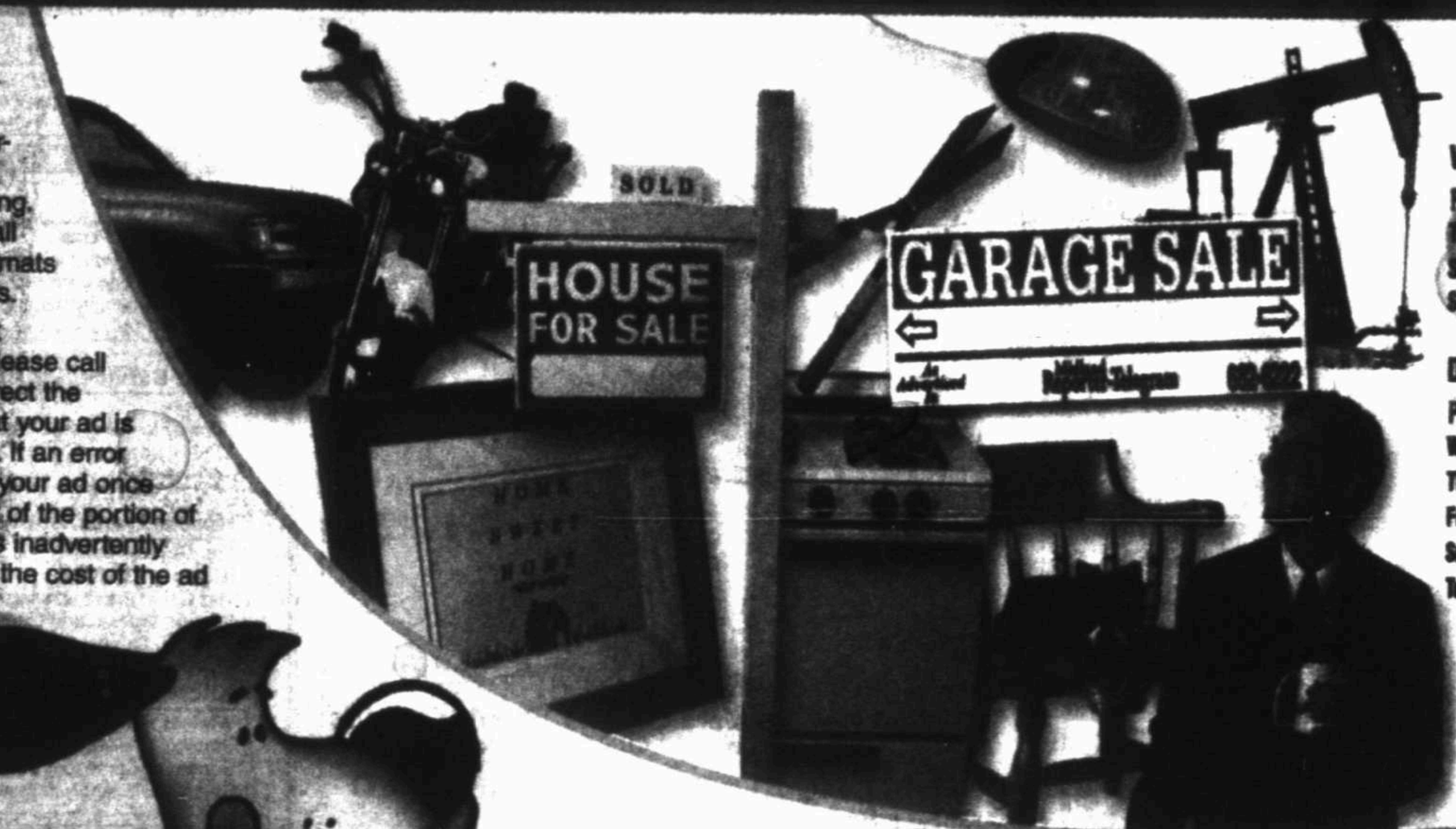

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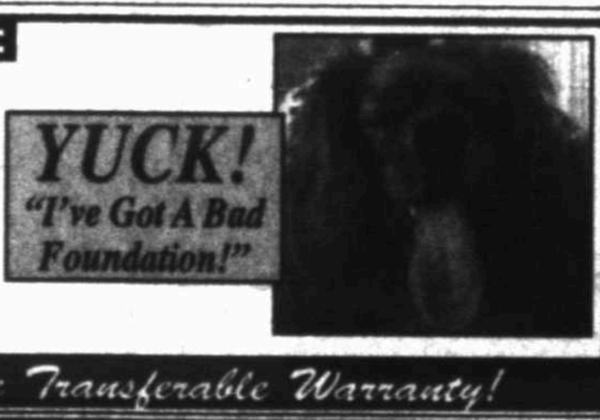

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Accounting
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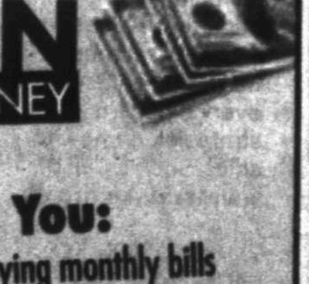

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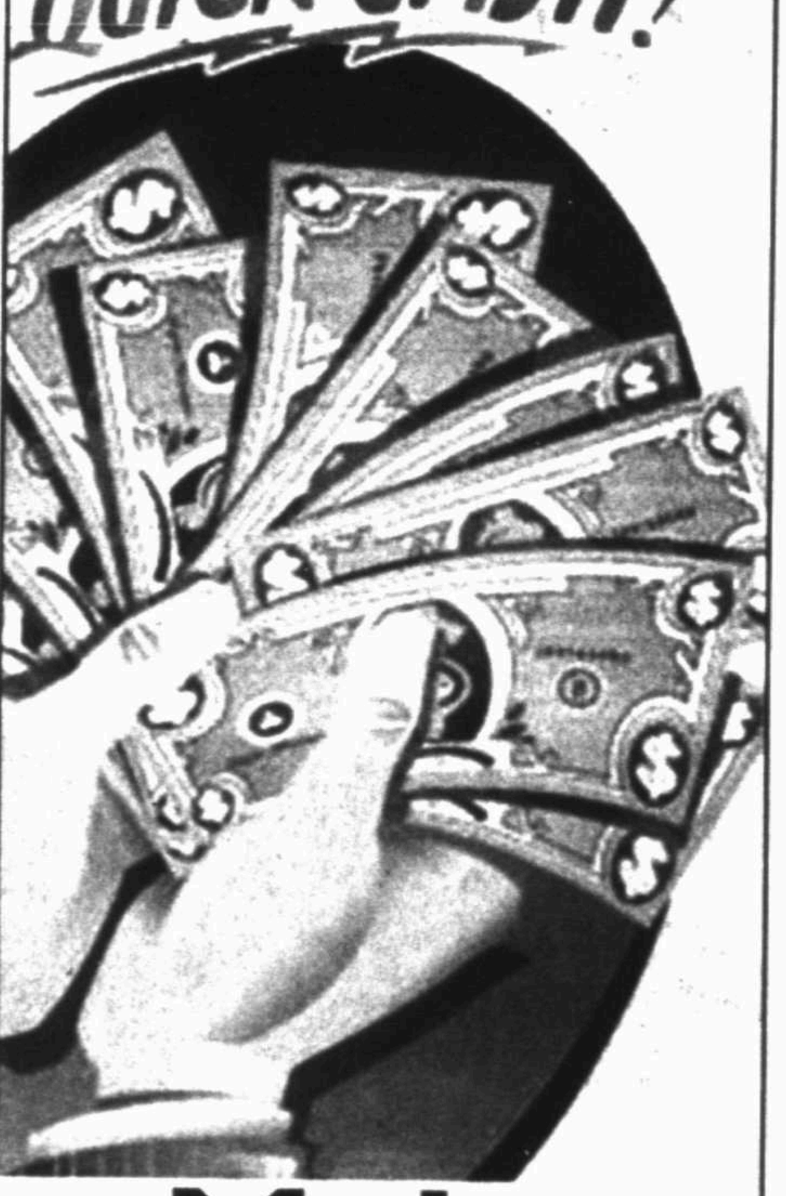

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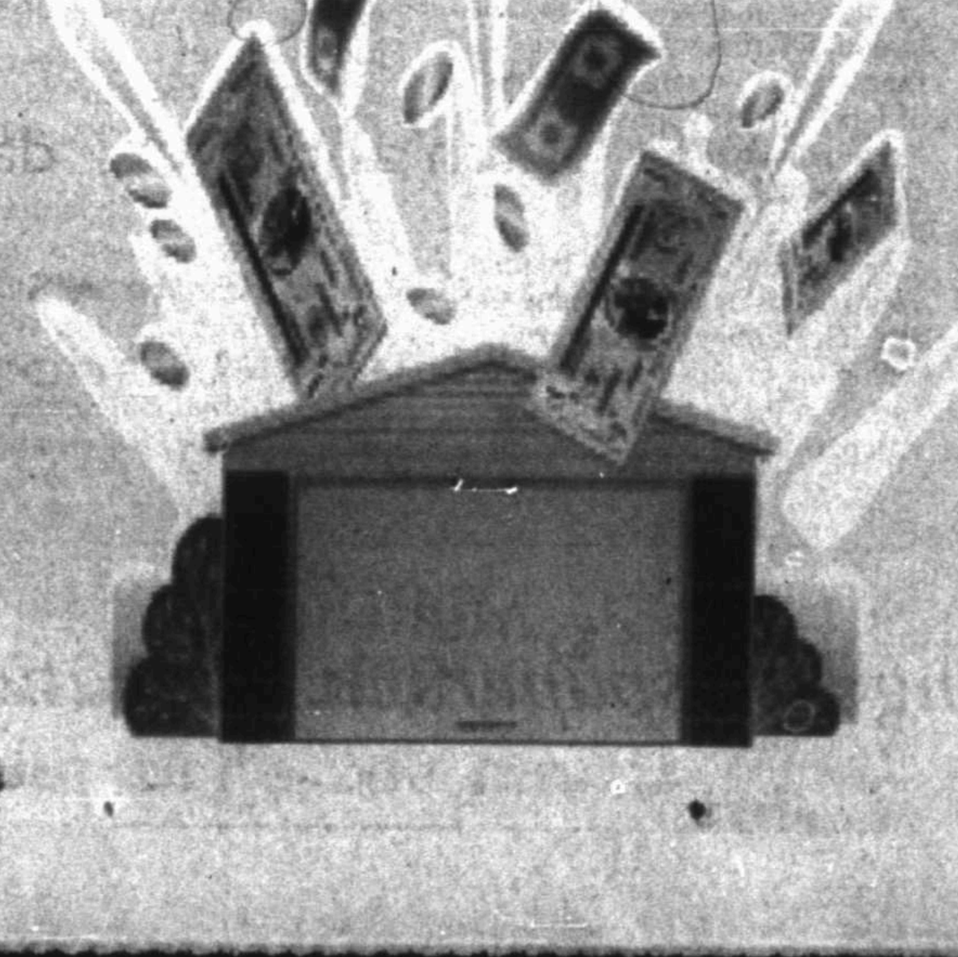

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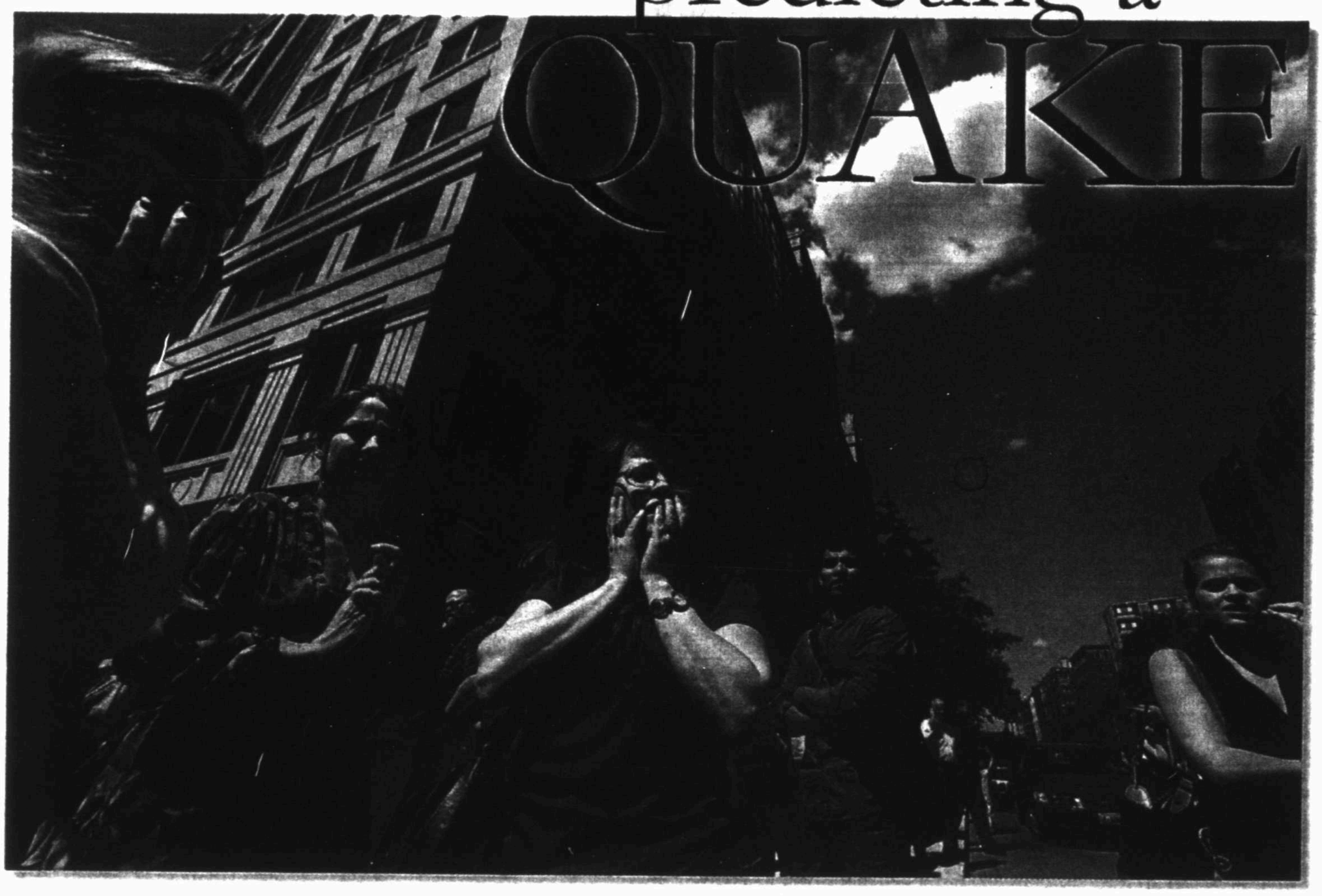

Earthquake prediction still stymies scientists

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The East Coast earthquake left more than just residents unaccustomed to feeling the ground shake and sway in a daze. It also surprised some scientists who spend their careers trying to untangle the mysteries of sudden ground shifts.

Despite decades of research, earthquake prediction remains elusive. As much as society would like scientists to tell us when a jolt is coming, mainstream seismologists are generally pessimistic about ever having that ability.

They lived through the checkered history of earthquake prediction, filled with passioned debates, failed oracles and the enduring search for warning signs that may portend a powerful quake. The Earth so far has refused to give up its secrets.

In recent years, however, a more hopeful camp has emerged, pushed by researchers using satellites who say it may be possible to someday predict earthquakes from space and others who think they can tease out signals in rocks. The two schools of thought swapped notes during a two-day meeting in Los Angeles weeks before a relatively mild magnitude-5.8 rattled the Eastern Seaboard.

"I was pretty skeptical going in and I remain skeptical," said Washington state seismologist John Vidale, who was among 44 scientists from around the world who attended the invitation-only meeting.

Geophysicist Malcolm Johnston with the U.S. Geological Survey agreed.

"I've been chasing this for a long time," he said. "If you think you can detect the start of an earthquake, it's going to be very, very difficult."

How earthquakes occur is well known. The Earth's crust is like a giant jigsaw puzzle, broken into several pieces known as tectonic plates that constantly bump and grind or slide past each other. The movement happens slowly, about the speed at which our fingernails grow. Eventually, there's enough pent-up stress and the rocks suddenly slip, releasing tremendous energy that we feel as shaking.

Most earthquakes are small and imperceptible. Occasionally, a powerful one wreaks havoc like the ones that ravaged Haiti last year and coastal Japan in March. No one knows how a small rumble can cascade into a big one.

Spurred in part by a pair of megaquakes in the 1960s, scientists began looking in earnest for signals that will help them distinguish a serious quake from the garden variety. Hopes were high for reading the seismic tea leaves. They scoured for anything and everything that might be a clue: warping in the Earth's crust, radon gas releases along a fault, weird weather and even the behavior of cockroaches, snakes and other animals.

None of the phenomena studied panned out, but the notion that animals might have a "sixth sense" persists to today.

Keepers at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. reported that lemurs, a gorilla and an orangutan were restless and making noises minutes before the East Coast quake on Aug. 23.. Scientists say animals can sometimes feel the first arriving seismic waves before people do, but this happens after a fault has ruptured. In other words, the earthquake has already begun.

The only prediction the United States made was back in the mid-1980s when government scientists said a strong quake will hit a rural town straddling California's famous San Andreas Fault before 1993 based on how many temblors had occurred there in the past.

Crews buried high-tech instruments in Parkfield, halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco, in hopes of catching it. The deadline came and went with no significant quiver. A strong quake finally did shake Parkfield — 10 years later.

USGS geophysicist Michael Blanpied, who considers himself agnostic on whether quakes are predictable, said any sign that might point to a big quake would likely be subtle.

"I remain to be proven wrong on that," Blanpied said.

In the other corner are researchers who are more optimistic about finding earthquake precursors. They tend to work in fields like physics and atmospheric science. The group got together with earthquake researchers at the University of Southern California in late July to start a dialogue.

The campus houses the Southern California Earthquake Center where a worldwide project is underway to test forecast methods. The center sponsored the meeting with NASA, which funds groups looking into earthquake prediction. Participants did not rate the merits of the contested theories, but all agreed that more study was needed.

Physicist Dimitar Ouzounov of Chapman University, who uses satellite data to discern how changes in the atmosphere might have a relation to earthquakes, is well aware of the frustrating history of earthquake prediction. Ouzounov, who is trained in seismology, said the field has reached a roadblock and that other disciplines might be able to help.

NASA researcher Friedemann Freund, who studies electrical signals from rocks being squeezed, admits it's hard to change people's minds.

"This is not going to happen on the spot," he said. "You can inoculate them with new ideas. They always want to keep their skeptical distance and I understand."

While scientists can't pin down when a damaging quake will strike in a narrow time frame, they are able to make long-term forecasts based on a region's seismic history. For example, because of California's shaky past, the USGS has calculated that the state faces an almost certain risk — a 99.7 percent chance — of being rocked by a magnitude-6.7 quake or larger by 2038. These long-term odds are as specific as can get.

Despite the slow progress, scientists agree the goal is worth pursuing.

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A flower?! That's my motivation?!

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The Fitbit battery lasts about a week. To charge it, you snap the unit onto a USB cradle. This is when your exercise data is transferred to the website for analysis.

Creating a user profile on the site requires you to specify your gender, age, height and weight. The site then calculates how many calories you burn every day. The apparatus can't distinguish between walking and biking (for example), so you can choose from a list of activities to to supply more accurate information.

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Which brings us to… sleep. Wear the included wrist band at night and the Fitbit will calculate your sleep quality based on how much you toss and turn. Like your exercise stats, this data is brought to life on the site with pie charts, bar graphs and reports.

The site motivates you to exercise in different ways. You can set fitness goals — steps per week, distance covered per week, or number of pounds to lose — and the site "dashboard" graphs out your progress.

Not enough? Then try beating your friends' stats (assuming they also have Fitbits). Or compete within the groups you belong to — people of the same gender, age group, or Body Mass Index (http://1.usa.gov/mYn8O5).

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The hardware can be a little fragile at times, so try not to drop the Fitbit. And it can be too sensitive, mistaking bumpy car rides for exercise, which you can correct on the web-site. Overall, though, we're quite happy with the Fitbit, and glad to see technology helping us become more active for a change (I'm looking at you, Xbox).

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