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Energy Tower project promotion hits Houston

By Nancy Sarnoff
Houston Chronicle

A computer-generated video shows a gleaming tower rising 58 stories above an oil and gas town.

The video highlights the building's retail space with images of shops, outdoor restaurants and a simulated world of people enjoying their surroundings. Pictures of a luxury hotel room and a spa represent a hotel that will fill a portion of the tower, which will also include high-end condominiums. Office space will comprise the top 28 floors. The video shows a "sky bar" atop the building with sweeping views of the city.

This city, however, is not Houston. It's Midland.

The tower is being proposed for a two-block site in downtown Midland — the West Texas town that's part of the booming Permian Basin. The video was shown at an event promoting the building Wednesday at the Houston Country Club.

"This is going to be the coolest thing west of Houston," said J. Patrick Duffy, president of the Houston office of Colliers, the firm leasing space in the proposed building.

The project is called Energy Tower at City Center. The architect, who also spoke at the event, said the building would be "the spark to stimulate future growth of the city."

To be sure, the proposal is more on par with something a developer would pitch for Houston.

Nothing in Midland comes close to the size and luxury the Energy Tower developers are pitching.

Most of the buildings in Midland were developed decades ago, and the tallest one is about 25 stories.

Construction is not likely to start until some leases are signed. Duffy said

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MORE TO MARKET

Albany Times-Union file photo

Oil and gas tankers sit in a rail yard Tuesday in Albany, N.Y. An increase in the number of rail cars designed to transport oil are easing the glut, and the Permian Basin rail park between Midland and Big Spring should help get more oil out of the Permian Basin to market.

Crude by rail gets a boost in the Basin

By Jeannie Kever
Houston Chronicle

The developers of San Antonio's Mission Rail Park, which will serve the Eagle Ford Shale, said Tuesday they are starting construction on a rail park in West Texas.

The Permian Rail Park, located between Big Spring and Midland, will be in the heart of the Wolfcamp and Cline shale plays.

Developer Kyle Kinsel said the rail park, scheduled to open in the second quarter of 2014, will be the only major rail location on the eastern side of the Permian Basin.

He and Frontier Logistics announced they will start construction soon on a 550-acre industrial rail park six miles west of Big Spring, intended to serve tenants ranging from large distribution and manufacturing centers to those offering crude oil storage, blending and processing, as well as a rail transport hub.

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Canadian officials tell the families of the 30 people missing in a runaway oil train crash over the weekend that all are presumed dead.

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The property is on Interstate 20, with rail access at the back, allowing for the development of a rail crude loading facility. The developers estimate that would cost about $12 million.

Kinsel said the property also is located within 5 miles of nine major pipelines.

Rail is used to bring in materials to drill, Kinsel noted, including sand, pipe, cement and chemicals.

And while pipelines are used to move crude oil, natural gas liquids and other hydrocarbons, rail is an increasingly popular option for moving crude oil from shale plays.

Kinder Morgan Energy Partners this spring dropped plans to build its Freedom Pipeline, which it intended to carry crude oil from the Permian Basin to California, after too few shippers expressed interest.

Instead, the company said it would focus on its own crude-by-rail options on the West Coast and in Texas.

While shipping crude by pipeline is generally cheaper, pipeline owners usually require long-term contracts, while rail gives producers more flexibility.

The Permian Rail Park will be similar to the Mission Rail Park, which is set to begin operations in August on San Antonio's south side.

One tenant is lined up already for the Permian park, Kinsel said, and talks are ongoing with others.

Oil prices rise 3 percent on signs of rising US demand

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The price of oil has shot up $11 a barrel in two weeks on rising demand in the U.S. and political upheaval in the Middle East. Gas prices are about to follow.

There's another factor: Bottlenecks that had trapped increasing amounts of domestically produced oil in the middle of the country are loosening. As that oil reaches the coasts, it can command prices more in line with costlier imported crudes.

An improving U.S. economy, highlighted by last week's encouraging data on hiring, is also supporting higher oil prices.

On Wednesday, oil rose 3 percent and topped $106 a barrel for the first time since March 27, 2012. A government report showing a sharp decline in crude oil supplies and rising gasoline demand was the catalyst for this latest surge.

Drivers should expect higher retail gasoline prices over the next week or so. Wholesale gasoline prices have risen 20 cents to 40 cents per gallon in some markets since July 1.

The average price for a gallon of gas rose 2 cents Wednesday to $3.50, according to AAA, OPIS and Wright Express. The price is still 14 cents cheaper than a month ago.

Any spike in gas prices could be

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Associated Press

A sign with gas prices is shown at a gas station, in Hialeah, Fla., on Jul 1. The price of oil rose 2 percent Wednesday as the U.S. government reported another steep decline in the nation's supplies of oil and gasoline.

DPS: La. man dies after rollover on interstate

From staff reports

A Louisiana man died early Wednesday in a one-vehicle rollover after crashing into a speed sign on Interstate 20, according to DPS officials.

Robert Dale Evans, 31, of DeRidder, La., was pronounced dead at the scene by George Zimmerman, Precinct 4 justice of the peace.

Evans was driving a pickup eastbound on I-20 at about 2:30 a.m. when he struck a speed sign trailer — which notifies drivers of their current speed — on a roadway shoulder near mile marker 131, and his pickup overturned, according to DPS officials. The posted speed limit for the area was 60 miles per hour.

Evans was not wearing a seat belt.

He is the 27th person to die this year in 24 fatal crashes in Midland County.

The last fatal crash occurred on June 25, when a Midland woman died after a collision with a tractor-trailer on Farm-to-Market Road 1788, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

The woman was traveling northbound in a sedan following a tractor-trailer. The tractor-trailer began slowing down before attempting to turn left into a business parking lot. At that time, the woman attempted to pass on the right side; she then passed on the left side of the tractor-trailer and collided with a different tractor-trailer that was traveling southbound, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

There have been four other fatal crashes on or near I-20 this year.

A Midland woman died on May 10

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Lee adds lunchtime remediation class

By Meredith Moriak
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The lunch period will be a little bit shorter this year for Lee High School students who have not met state assessment requirements.

Students who have not passed State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness end-of-course exams will have a 30-minute eighth period remediation class from 12:12-12:42 p.m. and a 33-minute lunch period from 12:42-1:15 p.m.

Those students who have successfully passed applicable state assessments will have a 66-minute lunch from 12:09-1:15 p.m.

Under House Bill 5, passed by the 83rd Texas Legislature and signed by the governor, high school students are now required to pass EOCs in algebra I, biology, U.S. history, English I (reading/writing) and English II (reading/writing) to

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Investigators look into pilots pairing

Associated Press

In this photo provided by the National Transportation Safety Board on Tuesday, Investigator in Charge Bill English, foreground, and NTSB Chairwoman Deborah Hersman discuss the progress of the investigation into the crash of Asiana Airlines Flight 214 in San Francisco. The Asiana flight crashed upon landing Saturday at San Francisco International Airport, and two of the 307 passengers aboard were killed.

Experience under scrutiny after crash of Boeing 777

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — As Flight 214 descended over San Francisco Bay, both Asiana Airlines pilots were trying something new.

In the left seat of the cockpit sat Lee Gang-kuk, a 46-year-old pilot with 35 hours of experience flying a Boeing 777 who was landing the big jet for his first time at San Francisco International Airport. At his right was Lee Jeong-Min, a trainer making his first trip as an instructor pilot.

While the two men had years of aviation experience, this mission involved unfamiliar duties, and it was the first time they had flown together. The flight came to a tragic end when the airliner, which came in too low and too slow, crash-landed on Saturday, killing two passengers and injuring many others as it skittered and spun 100 feet.

"The question is why did it land short. Obviously the captain is responsible, and in this case it's the instructor in the right seat who is responsible," said Kees Rietsema, a dean at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

National Transportation Safety Board chairman Deborah Hersman said Wednesday the pilot trainee told investigators he was blinded by a light at about 500 feet, which would have been 34 seconds before impact and the point at which the airliner began to slow and drop precipitously. She said lasers have not been ruled out.

It was unclear, however, if the flash might have played a role in the crash.

The agency also said that after the crash-landing, passengers were told to stay seated while the crew contacted the control tower as part of safety procedure. People did not begin fleeing the aircraft until 90 seconds later when a fire was spotted outside the plane.

At that point, the doors were opened and escape slides were inflated. Two flight attendants were pinned by slides that inflated inside during the impact.

Investigators trying to piece together what went wrong will consider the report about the light and the pairing of the pilots, who were assigned to work together through a tightly regulated system developed after several deadly crashes in the 1980s were blamed in part on inexperience in the cockpit.

They will examine their working relationship, and whether junior officers were comfortable challenging their managers, and whether senior pilots will welcome that feedback, Hersman said.

"That's what the airline needs to do, be responsible so that in the cockpit you're matching the best people, especially when you're introducing someone to a new aircraft," former NTSB Chairman James Hall said.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology aeronautics professor Mary Cummings said it's common for two commercial pilots who have never worked together before to be assigned to the same flight.

But she said the military tries to have crews work together more permanently.

"Research would tell you that crew pairing with the same people over longer periods of time is safer," she said. "When two people fly together all the time, you get into a routine that's more efficient. You have experience communicating."

Details emerging from Asiana pilot interviews, cockpit recorders and control-tower communications indicate that Lee Gang-kuk, who was halfway through his certification training for the Boeing 777, and his co-pilot and instructor, Lee Jeong-Min, thought the airliner's speed was being controlled by an autothrottle set for 157 mph.

Inspectors found that the autothrottle had been "armed," or made ready for activation, Hersman said. But investigators are still determining whether it had been engaged. In the last two minutes, there was a lot of use of autopilot and autothrusters, and investigators will look into whether pilots made the appropriate commands and if they knew what they were doing.

FAA says it will expand airline first-officer qualifications

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The amount and type of flying experience first officers — also known as co-pilots — must have to qualify to fly for an airline will be significantly increased under new regulations announced Wednesday by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The regulations require first officers to have at least 1,500 hours of flying experience. Airline captains are already required to have at least 1,500 hours. Previously, first officers were only required to have 250 hours of flight time.

The rule also requires first officers to have an aircraft-type rating, which involves additional training and testing specific to the type of airplane they fly.

"The rule gives first officers a stronger foundation of aeronautical knowledge and experience before they fly for an air carrier," FAA Administrator Michael Huerta said.

The new regulations are required under a sweeping aviation safety law enacted in 2010 in response to the crash of a regional airliner near Buffalo, N.Y., that killed 50 people. The crash was blamed on pilot error.

The regulations are a victory for the family members of victims of that crash, who dedicated countless hours over the last four and a half years, first to lobby Congress for passage of the law and later to push the Obama administration to carry through with the regulations despite industry opposition.

The law required the FAA to implement a series of safety regulations. Changes to the first-officer qualifications, which had remained unaltered for many years, are considered among the most important. Two years ago, the FAA adopted regulations also required under the safety law that set new policies governing airline pilot work schedules aimed at preventing dangerous errors made by tired or overworked pilots.

The question of pilot experience is one of the issues raised in the investigation of the crash landing of Asiana Airlines Flight 214 in San Francisco on Saturday. The Asiana pilot flying the plane, Lee Gang-guk, had nearly 10,000 hours of flying experience, but was transitioning to a new type of plane. He had recently received his type rating and was about halfway through his post-rating, real-world training.

Two of the 307 people aboard the plane were killed and scores of others injured.

The Asiana accident shares some similarities with the Buffalo crash. Like the Asiana pilot, the pilot of Colgan Air Flight 3407 also had relatively little experience in the type of plane he was flying.

The Colgan Air pilots also weren't paying close attention to airspeed, allowing the regional airliner to slow dangerously. That triggered a warning that the plane was losing lift and about to stall. The Asiana plane also slowed dangerously, triggering the same type of warning and raising questions about whether the pilots were monitoring the airspeed.

There was nothing mechanically wrong with the Colgan plane, and there was a brief period in which the pilots possibly could have saved the plane if they had acted correctly, NTSB determined later. Instead, the captain pushed the plane into a full stall, sending it plunging into a house below.

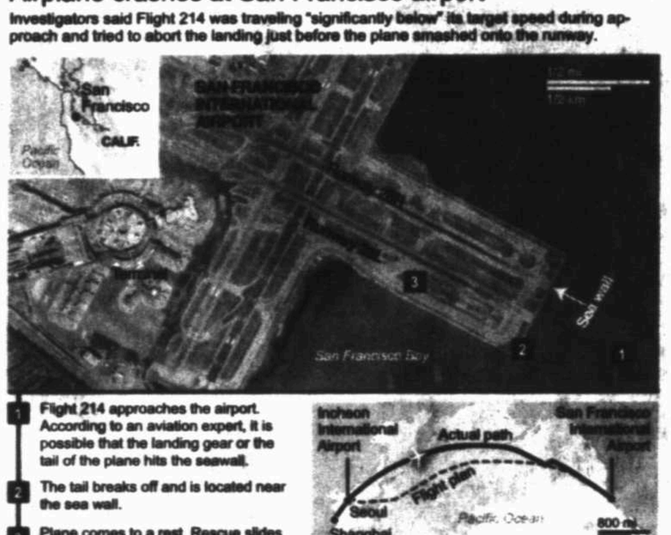
Citing the similarities, two New York Democrats — Sen. Charles Schumer and Rep. Brian Higgins — called on the FAA to issue other long-delayed safety regulations on pilot training and flight simulator training that are also required under the safety law. The rules would require, for example, that pilots undergo more extensive training on how to prevent stalls and recover if a stall occurs.

"While the (Asiana) investigation is still ongoing, one thing is clear, this crash and the other recent crashes like Flight 3407 demonstrate a troubling pattern in which pilots are mishandling airspeed, which can lead to fatal stalls," Schumer said.

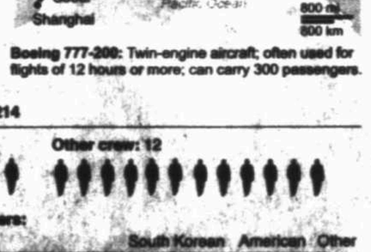
The regulations issued Wednesday are expected to have the greatest impact on safety at regional air carriers, where entry-level pilots are typically hired with only a few hundred hours. Pilots at major airlines typically start out with more experience and are often drawn from regional carriers.

Airplane crashes at San Francisco airport

Investigators said Flight 214 was traveling "significantly below" its target speed during approach and tried to abort the landing just before the plane smashed onto the runway.



1. Flight 214 approaches the airport. According to an aviation expert, it is possible that the landing gear or the tail of the plane hits the seawall.
2. The tail breaks off and is located near the sea wall.
3. Plane comes to a rest. Rescue slides are deployed and passengers exit. Flames and smoke engulf the aircraft.



Boeing 777-300: Twin-engine aircraft; often used for flights of 12 hours or more; can carry 300 passengers.

ASIANA AIRLINES **FLIGHT 214**

A South Korean airline, second in size to national carrier Korean Air. It has recently tried to expand its presence in the United States, and joined the Star Alliance, which is anchored in the U.S. by United Airlines.

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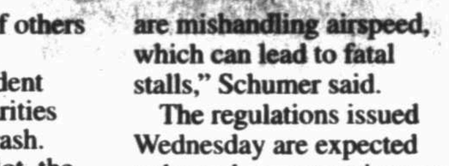

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Fort Hood suspect says he supports Taliban

Associated Press

FORT HOOD — The Army psychiatrist charged in the mass shooting at Fort Hood asked pointed questions about religion and used several opportunities Wednesday to declare his support for the Taliban and a fellow American-born Muslim who killed a U.S. soldier, as he was allowed to zero in on potential jurors during the second day of jury selection.

Maj. Nidal Hasan, who is serving as his own attorney in his military murder trial, participated as nine of the remaining 14 Army officers in the group were questioned individually. Four more potential jurors were dismissed, leaving 10 — but some of those could be dismissed later. A new group of six will be questioned when jury selection continues Monday.

On Tuesday, six from the first group of 20 potential jurors were dismissed after all were questioned by the judge and prosecutors, but not by Hasan.

Hasan, 42, faces execution or life without parole if convicted in the rampage that left 13 dead and nearly three dozen wounded on the Texas Army post on Nov. 5, 2009.

Hasan told one colonel that Abdulhakim Muhammad, sentenced to life in prison for the June 2009 fatal shooting of a soldier outside a Little Rock, Ark., military recruiting station, was his "brother and friend." Muhammad, who converted to Islam in college, has told The Associated Press that the shootings were an act of war on the U.S.

In answering Hasan's questions based on jury questionnaires they filled out about a year ago, several potential jurors said they had negative views of Muslims, the Quran or Shariah, the Islamic legal and religious code. But they said they could put aside those views and only consider evidence in the case — including a colonel asked by Hasan if "the fact that I do believe the Quran justifies killing" would prevent him from being a fair juror.

The military judge, Col. Tara Osborn, told Hasan several times to rephrase his questions and avoid mentioning his beliefs and referring to himself as the shooter, saying he is acting as an attorney during jury selection. She reminded him that he was not testifying.

Osborn has denied his "defense of others" strategy, which must show that killing was necessary to prevent the immediate harm or death of others. The judge has barred him from telling jurors that he shot U.S. troops because he believed they were an imminent threat to Taliban leaders in Afghanistan.

Another colonel told a prosecutor Wednesday he didn't understand questions about whether he had formed an opinion on whether Hasan is guilty.

"He sits here in a wheelchair because of wounds he sustained on that particular day," said the colonel, one of the four later dismissed. "In terms of 13 victims and who the shooter was, I have an opinion that Maj. Hasan was the individual who pulled the trigger."

Hasan is paralyzed from the abdomen down after being shot by police the day of the rampage.

A 13- to 16-member jury — with ranks equal to or higher than Hasan's — will be chosen for his court-martial. Death-penalty cases in the military require at least 12 jury members, more than in other cases. And unlike other trials, their verdict must be unanimous in finding guilt or assessing a sentence.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

OREGON

South Korea to resume buying Northwest wheat

PORTLAND — An Oregon Wheat Commission spokesman says South Korean flour mills will resume buying soft white wheat from the Pacific Northwest and will not restrict purchases of wheat grown in Oregon.

Japan, Korea and Taiwan suspended imports of Pacific Northwest western white wheat after genetically modified wheat was discovered growing in an eastern Oregon field in May.

Korea will continue testing wheat shipments for the presence of transgenic material, but will not restrict purchases of wheat grown in Oregon, Wheat Commission Chief Executive Blake Rowe said.

Taiwan resumed purchases earlier, The Oregonian reported.

Korea and Japan use wheat from Oregon, Washington and Idaho to make noodles, sponge cakes and crackers. They are opposed to importing genetically modified food.

CALIFORNIA

Saudi princess arrested in human trafficking case

SANTA ANA — A Saudi princess was charged Wednesday with human trafficking for allegedly holding a domestic worker against her will and forcing her to work at an Orange County condominium, prosecutors said.

Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas identified 42-year-old Meshael Alayban as a Saudi princess who was charged with one count of human trafficking. If convicted, she faces up to 12 years in prison.

Alayban was arrested after a Kenyan woman carrying a suitcase flagged down a bus Tuesday and told a passenger she believed she was a human trafficking victim. The passenger helped her contact police, who searched the Irvine condo where Alayban and her family were staying, authorities said.

The 30-year-old woman told authorities she was hired in Kenya in 2012 and her passport was taken from her on arrival in Saudi Arabia. She was forced to work excessive hours and was paid less than she was promised and not allowed to leave, authorities said.

Associated Press

FIDDLIN' WITH HISTORY

Cassidy Arnot, 10, plays period music with the rest of the Lewiston Historical Fiddlers on Wednesday as part of the dedication of the First Territorial Capitol of Idaho replica, marking the 150th anniversary of the creation of the Idaho Territory, in Lewiston, Idaho. The Idaho Territory was recognized by Congress on March 3, 1863, and Idaho was granted statehood on July 3, 1890, making it the 43rd state in the Union. Wyoming became the 44th state just seven days later on July 10.

"This is not a contract dispute," Rackauckas told the court during a bail hearing Wednesday afternoon, likening the case to slavery. "This is holding someone captive against their will."

An Orange County judge set bail at $5 million for Alayban and required her to submit to GPS monitoring. He also banned her from leaving the county without prior authorization.

Alayban did not appear in court in Santa Ana. Her attorney, Paul Meyer, said the case was a contractual dispute and argued his client shouldn't be assigned a ransomlike bail solely because she was rich. He said she had been traveling to the U.S. since she was a child, owned properties here and had given her word she would address the allegations.

COLORADO

Lawyers for theater shooting suspect say he did it

CENTENNIAL — For the first time, lawyers for accused theater shooter James Holmes say he killed 12 people and wounded dozens more at an Aurora movie theater last summer.

But Holmes' lawyers say he was "in the throes of a psychotic episode" at the time.

The admission came in a motion filed Tuesday but made public Wednesday.

His lawyers were trying to argue that Holmes should be unrestrained during his upcoming trial.

"Holmes suffers from a severe mental illness and was in the throes of a psychotic episode when he committed the acts that resulted in the tragic loss of life and injuries," Holmes' lawyers wrote.

Holmes has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to 166 counts of murder, attempted murder and other offenses — a plea that stops just short of a confession. But this week's motion is the first time Holmes' attorneys have explicitly said he committed the shootings, The Denver Post reported.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Judge Carlos Samour rejected the motion for Holmes to be unrestrained during his trial, saying it was "not appropriate." Instead, Holmes will be tethered to the floor.

NEW ORLEANS

Sunken tugboat pulled from Mississippi River bottom

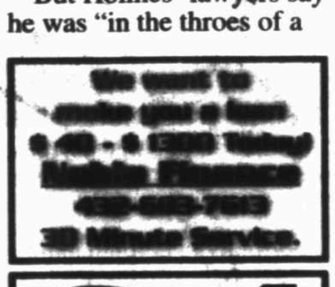
An arduous, five-day effort to locate and surface a tugboat that rolled and sank in the Mississippi River near Venice, La., over the weekend, interrupting the flow of traffic and commerce, has finally come to an end.

Crews pulled the 47-foot-long towing vessel out of the water Wednesday. It sank Saturday. The river had been closed, either partially or entirely, since then and was finally reopened in both directions later Wednesday.

"Closing down the river was a big deal," said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Brandon Sullivan, who was on site as the tugboat was pulled from the river. Venice is located about 75 miles southeast of New Orleans.

The on-and-off river closures since the incident Saturday caused some ships to have to anchor and wait a chance for passage and some, including one cruise ship full of passengers bound for New Orleans, to be rerouted to Mobile, Ala.

"Any delay is a loss, but it certainly could have been worse," Gary Lagrange, president of the Port of New Orleans, said Tuesday. Day to day, Lagrange said, costs grow "exponentially."



TODAY IN MIDLAND

Mic Madness continues

The Mic Madness broadcaster competition continues today.

Second-round action from the Limbaugh and Brokaw brackets takes place today.

In the Limbaugh bracket, Kris Moore, of KCHX, is up against Mike Barker, of KOSA. Also, Karl Rundgren, of KMID, takes on Gwen McCown, of KNFM.

The matchups in the Brokaw bracket include Tatum Hubberd, of KOSA, versus Kurt Verlei, of KCRS (AM 550). Bob Hards, of the Midland RockHounds, is up against Dana Carole, of KICKS.

Go to MyWestTexas.com/broadcasters to vote for your favorite broadcasters.

7-Eleven stores celebrate 7-11

To celebrate 7-Eleven Day, Midland, Odessa, Andrews and Big Spring 7-Eleven stores will lower their gasoline prices 30 cents to $3.09 a gallon from 7 to 11 a.m. and again from 7 to 11 p.m. Prices will then return to their normal $3.39 per gallon.

In addition, the stores are offering two daylong giveaways. Stores will give away small Slurpees. Also, customers who come into a store, say they heard the promotion on the radio or on Twitter or Facebook and say the word "coffee" will receive a free 16 ounce coffee.

Club meetings, support groups today

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

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

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 6:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave.; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. 694-8643

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

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

Movies in Midland

Films opening this week at Midland theaters:

■ Friday at Regal Tall City Stadium 14: "Pacific Rim" and "Grown Ups 2"

■ Friday at Big Sky Drive-in: "Pacific Rim" and "Grown Ups 2"

See the Pulse entertainment and dining guide in this issue for movie and DVD reviews.

Pool hours

Doug Russell Pool offers lap swimming noon-1 p.m. weekdays, open swimming 1-7 p.m. weekdays and noon-7 p.m. Saturdays and family swimming 7-9 p.m. Thursdays.

Washington Aquatic Center offers open swimming 1-7 p.m. Sunday and noon-7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and family swimming 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Russell is closed on Sunday and Washington on Monday.

Pool fee is $1 a person; children under 2 are free. For more information, call 685-7355.

Sales tax numbers

The city of Midland reported another $3 million sales tax collection from the Texas Comptroller's Office. The total amount of revenue received was $3,094,171, an 8.69 percent increase from July 2012.

The year-to-date total sales tax revenue, $31,683,930, for fiscal year 2012-13 is up 12.66 percent, or $3,560,289, from last year's totals at this time.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months before collection; July collection is based on May sales.

Reporter-Telegram on the radio

Editor Stewart Doreen discusses local news at 9:35 a.m. Thursdays on KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1).

Know a troop coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into our airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 4-9-5
Pick 3 night: 8-5-4
Daily 4 day: 3-5-5-2
Daily 4 night: 1-9-0-0
Cash Five: 2-3-7-22-32
Lotto Texas: 2-19-28-49-53-54
Powerball: 30-31-45-55-59 PB: 27

Today in history

In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

In 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton during a pistol duel in Weehawken, N.J.

In 1859, Big Ben, the great bell inside the famous London clock tower, chimed for the first time.

In 1952, the Republican national convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and Richard M. Nixon for vice president.

Cities offer to pay for shorter customs lines

Associated Press

AP file photo

Jay Peak President Bill Stenger stands at the resort in Jay, Vt., in 2006. The Vermont ski area near the Canadian border is willing to pay the U.S. Homeland Security Department to ensure there are enough customs agents at the border on weekends so that Canadian skiers don't have to wait. It's part of a pilot program taking place at certain ports of entry around the country.

MONTPELIER, Vt. — A ski area in northern Vermont and several other points around the country want more officers at border crossings and customs terminals, and they're willing to pay for it — not because they want to keep anybody out, but to get them in quicker.

The Jay Peak ski resort, the Miami airport and areas along the Mexico border in Texas are among those that want to keep trade and tourists flowing smoothly across the border. They hope they get picked as part of a pilot program that would allow for alternative, supplemental funding of border-crossing services, including private money.

The money could be used to cover salaries of additional staff, overtime and services such as inspections. Customs and Border Protection is reviewing submissions from more than a dozen places around the country and expects to choose five ports of entry this summer.

"On the one hand, I don't think we should have to pay for this extra care, but I'm willing to do it because it just means so much to us," said Bill Stenger, president of Jay Peak in Jay, Vt., just south of the Quebec line.

"I cannot afford to have our guests unnecessarily delayed at the border."

Border security — and, in particular, the number of border guards to provide it — is a central issue in the immigration debate. But the addition of 20,000 border patrol agents wouldn't reduce wait times because those officers don't staff official crossings; they monitor for illegal migration between ports of entry.

The border needs to be safe, but it also needs to be welcoming, Stenger said, "and welcoming means a reasonable time to pass."

Jay Peak draws 55 percent of its guests from Canada. They have other choices for skiing in Quebec, but Jay Peak's mountain is higher, with a bigger vertical drop.

Stenger is willing to pay to have extra staffing at the border on the weekends and holidays, which he estimates would cost about $1,000 a day. But he doesn't want to do it long-term.

"We have a very good relationship with our border officials, but they have budgetary constraints that they can't control from here," Stenger said. "I'm willing to buck up and help pay for it to help them do the job that I know that they want to do but they just haven't had the resources to do it."

Like other government agencies, Customs and Border Protection was subject to the mandatory budget cuts known as sequestration and has encouraged solutions to offset those reductions.

The pilot program will allow for agreements of up to five years. The interested parties and Customs and Border Protection will have written agreements. It's not clear how the program will be assessed for possible continuation; customs officials did not respond to inquiries from The Associated Press.

Last year, total trade amounted to $493 billion between the U.S. and Mexico and $616 billion between U.S. and Canada, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"The border should be viewed as an economic opportunity, not as a threat," said Democratic U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, of El Paso, which has submitted a proposal for the pilot program.

Associated Press

MIT police officers stand at attention outside the federal courthouse before an arraignment for Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev on Wednesday in Boston. MIT officer Sean Collier was killed by the alleged suspects. The 19-year-old Tsarnaev has been charged with using a weapon of mass destruction, and could face the death penalty

Boston Marathon bombing suspect pleads not guilty

Associated Press

BOSTON — His arm in a cast and his face swollen, a blase-looking Dzhokhar Tsarnaev pleaded not guilty Wednesday in the Boston Marathon bombing in a seven-minute proceeding that marked his first appearance in public since his capture in mid-April.

As survivors of the bombing looked on, Tsarnaev, 19, gave a small, lopsided smile to his two sisters upon arriving in the courtroom. He appeared to have a jaw injury and there was swelling around his left eye and cheek.

Leaning into the microphone, he told a federal judge, "Not guilty" in his Russian accent and said it over and over as the charges were read. Then he was led away in handcuffs, making a kissing gesture toward his family with his lips. One of his sisters sobbed loudly, resting her head on a woman seated next to her.

Tsarnaev, who has been hospitalized since his capture with wounds suffered in a shootout and getaway attempt, faces 30 federal charges, including using a weapon of mass destruction to kill, in connection with the April 15 attack, which left three people dead and more than 260 wounded. He could get the death penalty if prosecutors choose to pursue it.

The proceedings took place in a heavily guarded courtroom packed not only with victims but with their families, police officers, and members of the public and the media.

The Russian immigrant and former college student looked much as he did in a photo widely circulated after his arrest, his hair curly and unkempt. Wearing an orange prison jumpsuit, he appeared nonchalant, almost bored, during the hearing. The cast covered his left forearm, hand and fingers.

The bombing victims showed little reaction in the courtroom after a federal marshal warned them against any outbursts.

Liz Norden, the mother of two men who lost their right legs in the bombings, said afterward: "I actually felt sick to my stomach."

MIT Police Chief John DiFava, who was also in the courtroom, said Tsarnaev looked "smug."

"I didn't see a lot of remorse. I didn't see a lot of regret," he said. "It just seemed to me that if I was in that position, I would have been a lot more nervous, certainly scared."

DiFava added: "I just wanted to see him. I wanted to see the person that so coldly and callously killed four people, one of whom being an officer of mine."

Authorities say Tsarnaev orchestrated the bombing along with his older brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who died following a gun battle with police three days after the attack. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was arrested on April 19, hiding in a bloodstained boat in a suburban backyard after a manhunt that paralyzed much of the Boston area.

Tsarnaev is also charged in the killing of a Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer and the carjacking of a motorist during their getaway attempt.

His two sisters were in court wearing traditional Muslim scarves called hijabs. One was carrying a baby; the other wiped away tears with a tissue. Tsarnaev's parents remained back in Russia.

Tsarnaev's lawyer Judy Clarke, an expert in death penalty cases, asked that the judge enter not-guilty pleas for him, but U.S. Magistrate Judge Marianne Bowler said: "I would ask him to answer."

On the same day as the arraignment, Boston's police commissioner appeared on Capitol Hill and complained to a Senate panel that the Justice Department failed to share information on terrorism threats with local officials before the bombing.

"There is a gap with information sharing at a higher level while there are still opportunities to intervene in the planning of these terrorist events," Commissioner Edward F. Davis III said.

Reporters and spectators began lining up for seats in the courtroom at 7:30 a.m. as a dozen Federal Protective Service officers and bomb-sniffing dogs surrounded the courthouse. Four hours before the 3:30 p.m. hearing, the defendant arrived at the courthouse in a four-vehicle motorcade.

ROLLOVER

From 1A

after her vehicle was T-boned by a tractor-trailer in the eastbound lane of I-20 near the Rankin Highway overpass.

A man was killed on May 8 after his vehicle was struck by a tractor-trailer on an I-20 service road. The man was eastbound on the north service road of I-20 when he was struck by a tractor trailer exiting a private drive, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

A man from Mayer, Ariz., died on March 22 in a head-on collision on the Midkiff Road overpass at I-20. The man was southbound on Midkiff Road when he hit the guardrail at least one time before veering into oncoming northbound traffic. His vehicle collided with a four-door sedan, occupied by a female driver and a 2-year-old boy.

A Corpus Christi construction worker died March 20 from injuries suffered in a two-vehicle crash on an I-20 service road.

A tanker was turning out of a parking lot near Pyote Water Systems II onto the eastbound service road. The tanker failed to yield the right of way to an eastbound pickup that collided with the tanker.

LUNCH

From 1A

graduate from high school.

Of Lee High School students tested this spring, only 12 percent of Algebra I, 21 percent of English I reading, 71 percent English II reading and 64 percent of biology test-takers met the state standard.

Many students attended summer school and are retaking EOCs this week, but not all. If summer school students pass, they will be exempt from the eighth period this fall, but all others who have failed to meet standards will be in eighth period preparing for the next STAAR test administration in December.

"If a student has passed all five (end-of-course exams), they get to have the whole (lunch) time. If they haven't passed one or more, they will need to attend an EOC remediation class," said Midland ISD Communications Specialist Elizabeth York, answering questions Wednesday on behalf of Lee HS Principal Jeanette McNeely, who was tied up in meetings Wednesday afternoon.

The number of days each week a student will attend EOC remediation courses will depend on how many tests they failed, York said.

"They may not be in eighth period all five days," York said.

Attendance at the lunchtime EOC remediation courses is mandatory and will be shown as eighth period on student schedules, York said.

"It's kind of confusing to consider that eighth period when it's not sequential, but it is going to be required," York said.

McNeely made the decision to mandate eighth-period EOC remediation classes as a way to comply with TEA's call for accelerated instruction for students who did not perform satisfactorily on EOC exams, York said.

In addition to adding lunchtime remediation classes, McNeely has decided to start school 10 minutes earlier at 8:30 a.m., adding an extra 10 minutes of instruction into the day, York said.

The seven regular class periods will remain 50 minutes each and Lee High will still dismiss at 3:55 p.m., York said.

"The goal is to get students who are behind in any way up to the level where they need to be," York said. "This is simply a way to accomplish that."

York said she is not aware if changes will be made to the Midland High School schedule to provide students EOC remediation. MHS principal Jeff Horner could not be reached for comment.

By the numbers

Percentage of students passing spring 2013 end-of-course exams

■ Algebra I: 12 percent at Lee; 60 percent at Lee Freshman
■ English I Reading: 21 percent at Lee; 68 percent at Lee Freshman
■ English I Writing: 7 percent at Lee; 51 percent at Lee Freshman
■ English II Reading: 71 percent at Lee; not tested at Lee Freshman
■ English II Writing: 44 percent at Lee; not tested at Lee Freshman
■ Biology: 64 percent at Lee; 68 percent at Lee Freshman

Source: Midland ISD

2013-2014 Lee High School Bell Schedule

■ 7:35-8:25: Zero period
■ 8:30-9:20: First period
■ 9:25-10:15: Second period
■ 10:20-11:14: Third period and announcements
■ 11:19-12:09: Fourth period
■ 12:09-1:15: Lunch for all students who have passed state assessment requirements
■ 12:12-12:42: Eighth period remediation classes for students who have not passed state assessment requirements
■ 12:42-1:15: Lunch for all students in eighth period remediation classes
■ 1:15-2:05: Fifth period
■ 2:10-3:00: Sixth period
■ 3:05-3:55: Seventh period

Reader feedback

Is Lee High School's decision to shorten the lunch period and add a remediation class for students who failed to meet state standards a smart academic move or an infringement of student rights? Do you think all students should have the opportunity to go off campus for lunch?

I think its pretty crappy actually. Lunch should be a time they can get a break and take their time, not worry about getting their food down as fast as they can. Plus it creates an environment that seperates them from their peers, and points them out. Yeah, lets see if that doesnt cause any bullying.

Tami Uselton Hamill

I think they should offer the help before or after school. Shortening the only "free" time the kids have at school isn't my first choice.

Angela 'Dray' Gideon

Waaaa Waaaa Waaaa. I only get 30 minutes for my lunch. Lets grow up, study hard, and earn that hour. Making excuses and cryin about it don't get it done.

Rocky Smith

Good grief! Brown bag it and go to tutoring. No biggie.

AmyJean Elkins

That gives them a huge incentive to work toward that free time!

Melinda Janeky Henderson

Should make it a lot more pleasant to be out and about during the lunch hour! I think it's great!

Kelly Matheson

Lunch is time to clear your minds and thoughts so you can come back refreshed. I would like to see the results after the 1st year! People will have a problem with it regardless.

Rob Spirling

Share your views at facebook.com/thereportertelegram

TOWER

From 1A

promising prospects include a high-end steakhouse for the retail space. The $400 million building, he said, could break ground next January and open by the first quarter of 2017.

"It's a very real project," Duffy said.

Bill Gilmer, director of the Institute for Regional Forecasting at the University of Houston's C.T. Bauer College of Business, questions if there's enough demand to fill such a large building given the amount of consolidation that's occurred in the energy industry, bringing many of the white-collar jobs to Houston.

He also said the project is reminiscent of the early 1980s oil boom, when Midland had a Rolls Royce dealership and a large fleet of private planes were parked at the airport.

"This kind of smacks of the same kind of excesses we've seen before," Gilmer said.

The building is expected to attract major players in exploration and production, as well as engineering firms, Duffy said. There will also be demand from ancillary industries like law and accounting.

The building would be developed on city-owned land. The project would include convention space and a public park, both of which would be owned by the city.

The developer is Energy Related Properties, which already owns about 1 million square feet of office space in Midland. Wexford Capital is a partner in the deal.

Economist Ray Perryman, of Odessa, talked at the promotional event about Midland's connection to Houston.

Every time an oilfield job is created in Midland, he said, two are created in Houston.

The Midland economy is roaring, he explained, and there's a shortage of office, retail and hotel space. Housing is also stretched thin.

The area is in the Permian Basin, an oil and gas producing region that stretches from south of Lubbock across West Texas into southeastern New Mexico. The area has been making a comeback after being briefly overshadowed by natural gas plays around Fort Worth and in East Texas.

The region's Cline and Wolfcamp shales are drawing many of the industry's biggest players.

Chevron is building a $100 million office campus in Midland and currently has about 550 employees there. The company plans to increase that to about 800 employees over the next few years.

Those involved in Energy Tower say it will have a significant impact on the city.

"This project will change the life of Midlanders, end users and visitors to the city," said architect Michael Edmonds, founder and president of Edmonds International.

The project is slated for a site a few blocks from Business 20 at West Texas Avenue and North Colorado Street.

Associated Press

Rail World Inc. President Edward Burkhardt speaks to the media as he tours Lac-Megantic, Quebec, on Wednesday. A Rail World train crashed into the town killing at least 15 people. Burkhardt blamed the accident on an employee who he said had failed to properly set the brakes.

30 missing presumed dead

Officials blame oil train crash on engineer

Associated Press

LAC-MEGANTIC, Quebec — Canadian officials told distraught families Wednesday that 30 people still missing after the fiery crash of a runaway oil train are all presumed dead.

Along with 20 bodies found, that would put the death toll from Saturday's derailment and explosions in this lakeside town at 50.

Hours before that somber meeting, the head of the U.S. railway company whose train crashed made his first visit to Lac-Megantic since the disaster, amid jeers from residents and criticism from politicians, including the Quebec premier.

The rail chief blamed the engineer for failing to set the brakes properly before the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway train hurtled down a seven-mile incline, derailed and ignited. All but one of the 73 cars was carrying oil, and at least five exploded.

Edward Burkhardt, president and CEO of parent company Rail World Inc., said the engineer had been suspended without pay and was under "police control."

Parts of the devastated town had remained too hot and dangerous to enter and find bodies days after the disaster. Some 60 people had been presumed missing earlier.

"Now we are standing here with a number of 50 persons that we are considering most probably dead in this tragedy," said Quebec police inspector Michel Forget, who came to an afternoon news briefing from a meeting with families of the dead and missing.

Associated Press

Angry residents heckle Rail World Inc. President Edward Burkhardt as he tours Lac-Megantic, Quebec, on Wednesday.

"We informed them of the potential loss of their loved ones," Forget said. "You have to understand that it's a very emotional moment, and our thoughts are with these families."

Only one of the bodies found so far has been formally identified, said Genevieve Guilbault, of the coroner's office. She did not release the name but said next of kin had been notified.

She described efforts to identify the other remains as "very long and arduous work" — a consequence of the fire's intensity.

Another police official, Sgt. Benoit Richard, said investigators had spoken with Burkhardt during his visit. He did not elaborate.

Until Wednesday, the railway company had defended its employees' actions, but that changed abruptly as Burkhardt singled out the engineer as culpable.

"We think he applied some hand brakes, but the question is, did he apply enough of them?" Burkhardt said. "He said he applied 11 hand brakes. We think that's not true. Initially we believed him, but now we don't."

Burkhardt did not name the engineer, though the company had previously identified the employee as Tom Harding, of Quebec. Harding has not spoken publicly since the crash.

"He's not in jail, but police have talked about prosecuting him," Burkhardt said. "I understand exactly why the police are considering criminal charges ... If that's the case, let the chips fall where they may."

Quebec police have said they were pursuing a wide-ranging criminal investigation, extending to the possibilities of criminal negligence and some sort of tampering with the train before the crash. The heart of the town's central business district is being treated as a crime scene and remained cordoned off by police tape Wednesday.

At a news conference shortly before Burkhardt's arrival, Quebec Premier Pauline Marois faulted his company's response.

"We have realized there are serious gaps from the railway company from not having been there and not communicating with the public," Marois said. She depicted Burkhardt's attitude as "deplorable" and "unacceptable."

Burkhardt, who arrived in town with a police escort, said he had delayed his visit in order to deal with the crisis from his office in Chicago, saying he was better able to communicate from there with insurers and officials in different places.

OIL

From 1A

short-lived. Analysts do not expect oil to rise much further — and many expect the price to soon reverse course.

U.S. oil prices have risen for a number of reasons, analysts say. Chief among them: two weeks of dramatic declines in crude and gasoline supplies that suggest the U.S. economy is picking up steam.

The Energy Department said Wednesday that crude supplies fell by 9.9 million barrels in the week ended July 5. Gasoline supplies fell by 2.6 million barrels.

In the past two weeks, oil supplies have dropped 20.2 million barrels — slightly more than one day's consumption for the U.S. — while gasoline supplies have fallen 4.3 million barrels.

Over the same time, demand in the U.S., the world's largest consumer of gasoline, rose sharply after months of remarkable weakness. Demand rose 4 percent compared with the same period last year, to 9.3 million barrels per day.

The price of U.S. oil has suddenly caught up with crude priced internationally. While U.S. oil rose $2.99 to $106.52 Wednesday, Brent crude, an international benchmark used to price oil used by many U.S. refineries, rose just 70 cents, to $108.51.

The difference between U.S. and international oil is now $1.99 per barrel. On April 1, it was $13.93.

Part of the gap in price was a result of increased U.S. oil production. The difference has collapsed because that oil can now get to more customers.

U.S. oil production has been rising as a result of improved drilling techniques such as horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing. Domestic production is at its highest level since 1992, according to Wednesday's Energy Department report. But until recently, much of that oil was trapped in the middle of the country, unable to make it to refiners on the coasts. That created a mini-glut that kept U.S. oil prices as much as $20 per barrel less than international oil over the past three years.

A series of new pipelines, pipelines that have reversed direction, and more rail cars designed to ship oil have suddenly helped relieve the glut — and sent U.S. oil prices sharply higher.

"Transportation bottlenecks have been blasted apart in the last two months," says Judith Dwarkin, chief energy economist at ITG Investment Research.

Oil prices around the world began rising during the first few days of July, when political turmoil erupted in Egypt and worries arose that violence could spread and threaten the flow of oil through the Suez Canal, a major conduit for Middle Eastern oil.

While most analysts say it is extremely unlikely that oil supplies will be disrupted, oil traders are concerned enough that they have become more reluctant to sell. When there are fewer willing sellers, prices rise quickly.

Still, analysts see signs that the high prices might not last. While U.S. supplies of crude and gasoline have fallen recently, they are still higher than their five-year averages for this time of year.

"We would not give too much weight to the larger-than-expected drawdown in U.S. crude stocks in the recent data," wrote Julian Jessop, a commodities analyst at Capital Economics, in a report Wednesday. "Inventories are still unusually high."

Jessop wrote that ample supplies and still-sluggish global economic activity "should drag oil prices lower again by the end of the year."

In other energy futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange:

- Wholesale gasoline rose 8 cents to close at $3.01 a gallon.
- Natural gas rose 2 cents to close at $3.68 per 1,000 cubic feet.
- Heating oil rose 2 cents to close at $3.00 per gallon.

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Democrats still playing games with immigration

■ The party has little interest in solving the problem — there are people they answer to who don't want a solution — but they certainly don't mind watching Republicans take the fall.

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

Now that the immigration debate has moved to the House of Representatives, the dominant media narrative is that Republicans are itching to kill the reform bill.

Yet few journalists scrutinize the left. Democrats have an itch of their own. They want to appear to champion immigration reform to please Latino voters, but they can't afford to go too far lest they make enemies of blue-collar workers who fear that legalizing the undocumented will lower wages.

Democrats — who didn't go anywhere near the issue from 2009 to 2011, when they controlled Congress and the White House — have little interest in walking into the 2014 election as the party that brought "amnesty" to America. Democrats need Republicans to throw a public tantrum, and kill the legislation. They get the preferred outcome, and their hands are clean.

Democrats don't deliver much leadership, but they're good at gamesmanship. They toy with the opposition. They try to manipulate their opponents into making mistakes.

The immigration debate resembles the Ultimate Fighting Championship, and Democrats are winning every match. They have two advantages: a helping hand from the news media and a Latino community willing to believe that the Democratic Party is their friend. Plus, many Republicans have shown a boneheaded tendency to say and do the wrong thing when it comes to immigration.

The Democrats' game-playing has gotten so bad that, every time a Democratic leader says anything at all about immigration, it's time to look for the angle.

■ House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that she believes that passing immigration reform is "certainly right for the Republicans if they ever want to win a presidential race."

■ Sen. Charles Schumer, of New York, a member of the Gang of Eight, said on "Fox News Sunday" that the House will pass the Senate bill "by the end of the year" because Republicans "will tell (House Speaker) John Boehner, 'If you don't pass a bill, we're going to be a minority party for a generation.'"

■ Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid predicted at a news conference in Las Vegas that "immigration is going to pass the House of Representatives" and insisted that "if (the GOP was) smart, they would take (the Senate) bill" and start from there.

■ Even President Obama joined in the fray. "The ball is in the House's court," he said during his recent trip to Africa. Then he turned up the heat by setting a deadline. "I do urge the House to try to get this done before the August recess," he said.

What is this about? Democrats are certainly not interested in helping Republicans win elections by attracting Hispanic support. Their strategy appears to be driven by old-fashioned politics.

On the one hand, they are daring Republicans to walk the plank in support of immigration reform, knowing it will hurt them with their base. Democrats know the GOP is in chaos, and that the party is divided between business interests who want workers and nativists who worry about the Latinization of America. They're hoping to widen the gap.

On the other, Democrats must know that they are going to win no matter how this turns out. If we do get reform, they'll get all the credit. If we don't, Republicans will get the blame.

Meanwhile, some of their allies are pushing the myth that the Hispanic vote is actually up for grabs in 2014 and that the GOP stands to benefit politically if it passes immigration reform. They've even produced survey data from left-leaning polling outfits that is supposed to back the idea that Hispanic support for the GOP is not such a lost cause after all.

This is a cruel hoax. While Latinos will continue to support individual Republican candidates who are right-minded on immigration — i.e., Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida and anyone named Bush — they are highly unlikely to support the Republican Party en masse.

Some people forgive and forget. But as long as Republicans — in Congress, in state legislatures and in the punditry — are still spouting off with racist nonsense charging that immigrants from Mexico and the rest of Latin America are inferior or defective, Latinos aren't in the mood to do either.

Let's stop playing games. If Democrats and their surrogates spent half as much time trying to solve this issue as they do toying with it, we'd have a better immigration system, a better debate and a better country.

OUR VIEW

For the newcomers: Let our community know your story

For many longtime residents, the change has been dramatic. We have seen a higher cost of living, more crowded streets and greater challenges in meeting the demands of what a community should expect on a daily basis.

We continue to hear and report those stories. Like you, we have been here and experienced it.

Our request today is for the newcomer — whether subscriber, occasional reader or someone who hasn't yet found the Reporter-Telegram — to give us their two cents.

How does Midland measure up in housing, roads, infrastructure, entertainment and quality of life? How could we do better, or do these criteria really matter?

Some residents hope about 20,000 to 30,000 people who have invaded Midland would pack up and leave. They wish for that community where two lanes going in one direction were adequate for the loop or a major arterial. They appreciated times when the schools were not busting at the seams. They liked their restaurants without the hour-long wait. They also preferred rents didn't start at four figures (we especially agree with the last point).

However, in our view, the mass exodus isn't going to take place. We see what's happening with tens of millions of dollars being spent on new oil company headquarters across town. The population increase might not be the spike we currently experience, but community planners will continue to deal with growth.

We know we haven't seen the last wave of new Midlanders. We also know the newcomer's voice often gets lost in government and with the decision-makers. It shouldn't be lost with us.

Please let us help tell your story and express your concerns. Write us at news@mrt.com about whatever you think we need to know.

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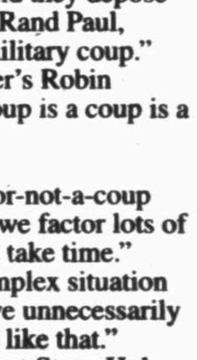
Officials continue to use euphemisms

■ The military overthow in Egypt was a lot of things to a lot of people, but for foreign aid purposes it was not a coup.



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The White House briefing room has always been a bit of a zoo, but on Tuesday afternoon it became official.

In response to the first question of the day, about Egypt, White House Press Secretary Jay Carney made a surprise announcement. "There is an elephant in the room here," he said.

How the animal eluded the Secret Service and found its way into the already cramped briefing room is a mystery, but this much we know: This elephant came from North Africa as a result of the military overthrow last week of Egypt's democratically elected president.

By any reasonable definition, the toppling of Mohamed Morsi was a coup. But Washington can't call it a coup because U.S. law would then require cutting off all aid to Egypt, which the administration doesn't want to do. Hence, the pachyderm on the podium.

"We have not made a determination about what to call or label the events in Egypt that led to the change in government there," Carney declared. In fact, he said, "we will take the time necessary as we review our legal obligations and as we consult with Congress when it comes to this issue of designating and labeling the events that took place."

As they use this coup review to stall for time, U.S. officials are throwing their full linguistic arsenal at the problem, producing all manner of euphemism to portray the putsch.

President Obama calls it "this uncertain period" and part of a "transition to democracy."

Carney describes it as "this transitional period" and "an incredibly complex and difficult situation."

Jen Psaki, a State Department spokeswoman, identifies the coup as "a very fluid situation."

House Speaker John Boehner, asked whether he considered the events to be a coup, replied, "I think the situation in Egypt is a tenuous one."

Of course, officials can call the overthrow a ham sandwich, and that won't make it any less of a coup. But, as a legal matter, it makes sense to deny the coup.

Section 508 of the Foreign Assistance Act says there can't be aid "to any country whose duly elected head of government is deposed by military coup or decree." Morsi was duly elected, so his ouster pretty much requires the United States to cut off $1.5 billion in foreign aid. But Morsi governed as an Islamist thug -- and the administration doesn't want to punish the Egyptian military for doing the good deed of removing him from power.

There are a couple of problems with this lexicographic trick. The ambiguity makes U.S. policy seem weak; Obama's ambivalence toward developments in Egypt the past few years — Morsi was elected after events that also might be described as a coup — has left parties on all sides suspicious of the United States. At the same time, Obama's cute evasion of foreign-aid requirements, following his administration's decision to postpone implementation of a key part of health-care reform, gives the impression that he views the law like a buffet from which he can pick and choose.

Outside the administration, there is pressure to acknowledge the obvious.

"It was a coup," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

"When the military takes over and they depose an elected government," said Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., "that's the definition of a military coup."

Said the Woodrow Wilson Center's Robin Wright on "Meet the Press": "A coup is a coup is a coup is a coup."

Except when it's not.

State's Psaki, fielding the coup-or-not-a-coup question Monday, explained that "we factor lots of factors in. ... These determinations take time."

Carney argued that "this is a complex situation and it is not in our interests to move unnecessarily quickly in making a determination like that."

"It seems pretty clear," pointed out Steve Holland of Reuters. "The army moved in; Morsi moved out."

"This is a complex and difficult issue," Carney repeated.

On Monday and Tuesday, Carney alternately referred to the Unlabeled Happenings in Cairo as "an extremely polarized situation," a "volatile and difficult situation," a "very challenging situation," a "very fraught situation" and, simply, "the situation in Egypt."

How long can the euphemisms endure? Egypt's interim government said Tuesday that it hopes to hold elections in six months — at which time the country would again be a democracy eligible for foreign aid. It's theoretically possible the Obama administration could hold out for that long without naming the Situation in Egypt — but that would be quite a coup.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Back to negotiations after student loan plan fails

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The defeat of a student loan bill in the Senate on Wednesday clears the way for fresh negotiations to restore lower rates, but lawmakers are racing the clock before millions of students return to campus next month to find borrowing terms twice as high as when school let out.

Republicans and a few Democrats blocked a White House-backed proposal that would have restored 3.4 percent interest rates on subsidized Stafford loans for one more year.

The failed stopgap measure was designed to give lawmakers time to take up comprehensive college affordability legislation and dodge 6.8 percent interest rates on new loans.

Without congressional action in the coming weeks, the increase could mean an extra $2,600 for an average student returning to campus this fall, according to Congress' Joint Economic Committee.

"Let's just extend this for one year. I don't think that's too much to ask," said Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

It proved too much for a bipartisan group of lawmakers, led by Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va. They favored a compromise now and joined with Republicans in using a procedural roadblock to stop the one-year patch.

"This plan merely kicks the can down the road for 12 more months," said Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., who worked with Manchin and Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, on a deal that linked interest rates to financial markets. "We're going to vote on a 3.4 percent extension, kicking the can down the road and not finding a solution,"

The Senate vote was 51-49, nine votes short of the 60 votes needed to move forward.

The Republican-favored plan that Manchin helped to write was not considered for a vote in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

But that proposal was the subject of an evening session among leaders from both parties about next steps. That session in Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin's office included liberal lawmakers, including Harkin, who previously refused to consider the Manchin-led proposal.

The talks could yield a compromise that could be announced as early as today.

Illinois governor suspends pay for lawmakers

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Gov. Pat Quinn suspended Illinois lawmakers' pay on Wednesday, following through on his warning of consequences if they failed to come up with a solution to the state's nearly $100 billion pension crisis.

The Chicago Democrat said he used his line-item veto power in a budget bill that was on his desk and vowed to not accept a salary himself until a deal has been reached. Lawmakers, who receive an annual salary of $68,000 and additional pay for leadership positions, would have to vote to reject his changes if they want to get paid.

Quinn, who has made pension reform his main focus for nearly two years, said he wanted to spur lawmakers into action.

"They must have that alarm bell ringing in their ears, and the best way to do that is to hit them in the wallet," he said at a news conference in Chicago.

Legislators, whose relationship with the governor has grown increasingly tense in recent weeks, said Quinn's actions wouldn't help matters — and could make an already politically difficult situation worse. The Democrat-controlled General Assembly has been unable to agree on how to address pension shortfall, despite years of trying.

"Instead of giving us leadership on this issue, he's giving us political games," said Sen. Matt Murphy, who sits on a bipartisan panel trying to forge a compromise on the issue.

Senate President John Cullerton, also a Chicago Democrat, called it "political grandstanding."

Republican Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka said later Wednesday she's seeking a legal review to determine whether Quinn's move is constitutional.

Illinois has nearly $100 billion in unfunded pension liability because lawmakers either skipped or shorted payments to the state's five retirement systems for decades. Inaction on solving the pension problem — the worst of any state in the nation, as measured by a Moody's rating agency formula that compared liabilities to tax revenue — has led to repeated credit rating downgrades while governors from other states have used it as a basis to poach jobs from Illinois.

Associated Press

Former President George W. Bush smiles when he concludes a speech before a U.S. citizen swearing-in ceremony at the The George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas on Wednesday.

Bush promotes benefits of immigration reform

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Divided on immigration, House Republicans bluntly challenged President Barack Obama's willingness to secure the nation's borders on Wednesday, and appeared unimpressed by George W. Bush's advice to carry a "benevolent spirit" into a debate that includes a possible path to citizenship for millions.

Emerging from a closed-door meeting, GOP leaders affirmed a step-by-step approach to immigration but offered neither specifics nor a timetable — nor any mention of possible citizenship for an estimated 11 million immigrants living in the country unlawfully.

Instead, in a written statement noting that the White House recently delayed a key part of the health care law, Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and other leaders said the action raised concerns that the administration "cannot be trusted to deliver on its promises to secure the border and enforce laws as part of a single, massive bill like the one passed by the Senate."

Lawmakers streaming out of the two-hour meeting said Bush's long-distance advice had not come up in a discussion that focused instead on the importance of securing the nation's borders and a general distrust of Obama.

The former president's ability to sway a new generation of House conservatives was a matter of considerable doubt, especially because many of the tea party-backed lawmakers have risen to power since he left the White House and are strongly on record in opposition to any citizenship provision.

"We care what people back home say, not what some former president says," declared Rep. Tim Huelskamp, a second-term Kansas Republican who has clashed with the party leadership in the House.

Still, the timing and substance of Bush's remarks were reminders of the imperative that many national party leaders feel that Republicans must broaden their appeal among Hispanic voters to compete successfully in future presidential elections. President Barack Obama took more than 70 percent of their votes in winning a second term last fall.

"America can be a lawful society and a welcoming society at the same time," Bush said at a naturalization ceremony at his presidential library in Dallas.

For their part, Democrats quickly embraced the former president's message, challenging House Speaker John Boehner to proceed in the same spirit.

The meeting in the Capitol was arranged as a listening session for the House GOP, their first such meeting since the Senate approved sweeping legislation last month on a bipartisan vote of 68-32.

Lawmakers said after the session there was strong support for a bill to create a path to citizenship for immigrants who were brought to the country as children illegally by family members, an idea advanced by Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia. Rep. Robert Goodlatte, R-Va.., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said his panel would soon begin work on legislation covering that group.

Several members of the rank and file said Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., had made a particularly strong appeal for a comprehensive approach, which includes possible citizenship for the 11 million.

But others emphasized there was virtually no support for the Senate's approach of one sweeping measure that dealt with immigration in all its forms.

Nor was there a clear timetable.

"I don't sense any urgency," said Rep. John Fleming, of Louisiana. Rep. Peter King, of New York, said that if any legislation came to the floor for a vote this month, it would deal only with border security.

Other lawmakers said there was concern even about that sort of approach, saying it could lead to negotiations with the Senate that might morph into a compromise that included citizenship for some of the immigrants in the country illegally. They sought and received assurances from Boehner that he wouldn't let that happen, according to Rep. Kevin Cramer, of North Dakota.

Boehner had said he wants the House to pass legislation on the subject before lawmakers go home for a four-week break over August, beginning with a measure to toughen border security. He has also said he won't put any bill on the House floor that doesn't have the support of at least half of the GOP rank and file, a pledge that only increases the challenge for Democrats and others who want to give a chance at citizenship to millions now in the country illegally.

House bill to cut renewable energy budget passes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House on Wednesday voted to slash money for renewable energy research and defy the Obama administration's decision to close the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository in a bare-bones annual spending bill for energy and water programs.

The Republican-crafted bill has little support in the Democratic-led Senate and faces a White House veto, but makes clear the stark divisions over policy as Congress and the White House look toward an autumn showdown over spending, taxes and the debt ceiling.

The bill, which passed 227-198, approves $30.4 billion for Energy Department programs, Army Corps of Engineers projects and Energy Department nuclear weapons maintenance for the budget year beginning in October. That's $2.9 billion below what was enacted for 2013, before the automatic cuts or sequestration kicked in, and $4.1 billion below what President Barack Obama asked for in his budget proposal.

It is one of the 12 spending bills Congress is supposed to pass every year to pay for the operations of 15 Cabinet departments and other federal agencies.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved a $34.8 billion energy and water bill.

Budget restrictions the Republican House is adhering to, including prospects for a second year of automatic cuts, "made for some very difficult decisions," said Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J., chairman of the appropriations panel that determines Energy Department spending levels. He said he expected the private sector to take up some of the slack in applied energy research and development.

Money for renewable energy and energy efficiency programs would be cut to less than $1 billion, about half of last year's total, while the budget for research into futuristic energy technologies would plummet some $195 million from the pre-sequester 2013 level to $70 million.

The bill provides $430 million for fossil fuel research and $656 million for nuclear energy, down about 19 percent and 14 percent respectively from 2013. The National Nuclear Security Administration, the Energy Department agency responsible for managing the nuclear weapons stockpile, would get $11.3 billion, down about $236 million from the current year. Frelinghuysen noted that there was no money in the bill to implement Obama's recent pledge to reduce the nuclear stockpile.

The bill, said Rep. Marcy Kaptur, of Ohio, top Democrat on the energy and water subcommittee, "abandons America's quest for energy independence, which has the potential to create millions of new jobs."

Democrats failed in several attempts to shift money from the nuclear weapons budget to renewable energy and energy efficiency programs.

"The priorities that are in this bill are dead wrong," said Rep. John Garamendi, D-Calif., questioning the $7.6 billion budget for nuclear weapons when he can't get Army Corps assistance to prevent floods that threaten his northern California district.

The bill would bar the Army Corps and Environmental Protection Agency from updating Clean Water Act regulations on non-navigable waters and on materials, including mining waste, that enter waterways. Democrats tried to remove those provisions but failed.

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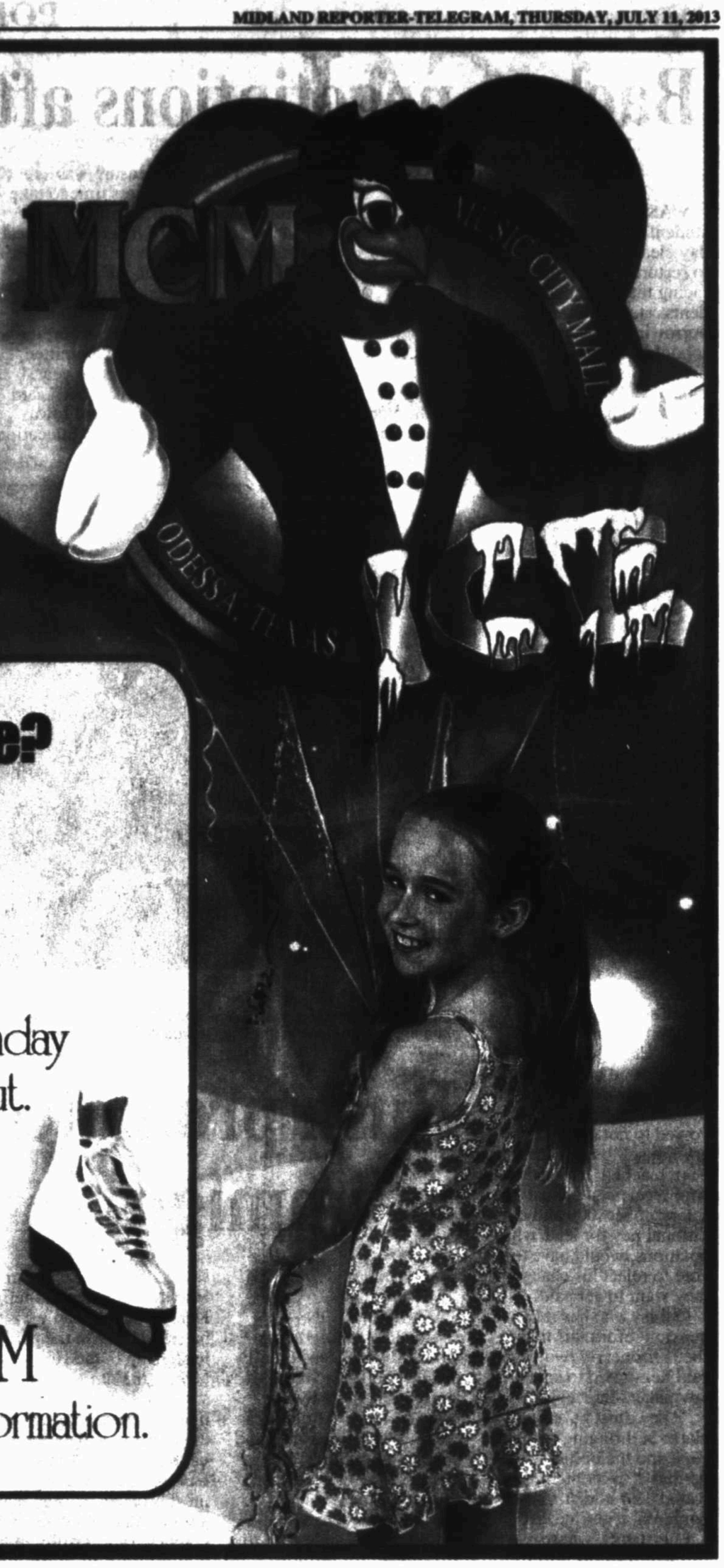

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Perry's challenge will be to overcome his first presidential run

■ Current abortion battle could be a litmus test for Perry's chances on the national stage

SAN ANTONIO — So, summing up, here's what we know: Gov. Rick Perry's not running for governor again and he might (and probably wants to) run for president again.

And we know he's been history-book successful about the former and spectacularly unsuccessful about the latter.

"Any future considerations I will announce in due time," he said Monday in an announcement that probably drew more attention than any previously made in a heavy-equipment warehouse.

The "future considerations" calculation will be heavy on math, specifically the sometimes-incalculable math of presidential politics: Can Perry win?

Odds are against it, but, looking forward to a 2016 White House campaign with big questions on both sides, it's too early to discount the possibility.

Perry's Monday announcement came as he garners national attention for his high-profile backing of an abortion restriction bill. The last time Perry told us he was seriously thinking about running for president also came as he was working on a red-meat Red State measure. On May 27, 2011, after signing the voter identification bill in the Governor's Reception Room — and after months of saying he didn't have any interest in the presidency — Perry told us he was considering it.

The rest is history, bad history about a bad result for a bad candidate.

The current conventional wisdom about the 2016 GOP presidential nomination battle revolves around whether the party will go further right with someone like a Perry, Rick Santorum, Ted Cruz or Marco Rubio, all of whom might be solid contenders in crucial early contests in Iowa and South Carolina. (You never know what those odd folks in the odd state of New Hampshire are going to do.)

The further-to-the-right approach is favored by Repubs who blame their 2008 and 2012 losses on nominees they viewed as moderates — John McCain and Mitt Romney.

Those two nominees shared something else in common. Each benefited from failed first bids for the GOP nomination, McCain in 2000 and Romney in 2008. Neither, however, had major "oops" moments in their first bids.

Weighing against the notion of a nominee from the Perry-Santorum-Rubio wing of the party is the possibility that Republicans, in some states, could be viewed as having gone too far right. The current Texas abortion bill battle, with Perry as a leading voice for the bill, could be a litmus test of that.

And there's the feel, even among some in his own party, of a national softening on some issues — same-sex marriage, gay Boy Scouts — on which Perry remains a hard-liner. On immigration, however, it must be noted that Perry, with a border-state governor's sensibilities, took some GOP heat in 2012 for backing in-state college tuition for children of illegal immigrants.

How it all plays for Perry and others of his right-wing ilk remains to be seen. If the Repubs opt for a more centrist nominee, potential contenders such as Jeb Bush and Chris Christie could benefit.

All of this plays into the math as Perry does the homework he must do to mount a stronger second race for the White House. The two major questions he must answer are intertwined: Is he prepared to be president and can he win the nomination and general election?

Being more properly prepared than he was in 2012 can go a long way to answering the second question.

The stagecraft for his Monday non-announcement about the 2016 presidential

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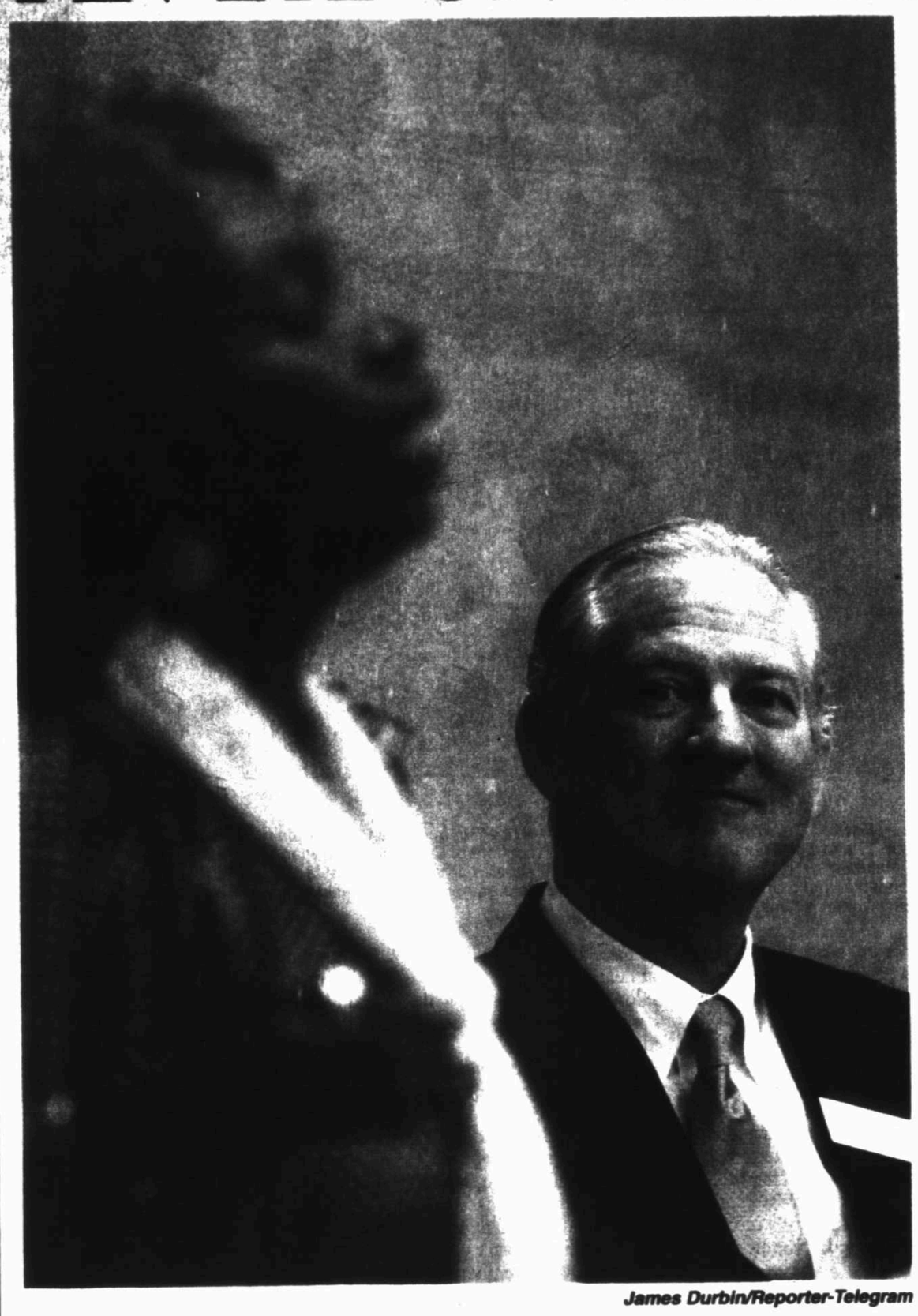

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Guy McCrary, Permian Basin Area Foundation president and CEO, looks on as Rosalind Perkins, executive director of the nonprofit Greater Ideal Family Life Center, speaks during a news conference announcing $850,737 in grant awards to regional nonprofit organizations from the Permian Basin Area Foundation on Wednesday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Permian Basin Area Foundation gives to nonprofits

From staff reports

The Permian Basin Area Foundation on Wednesday awarded grants totaling $850,737, which is nearly $300,000 more than the foundation grants distributed in December.

Thirty-seven nonprofit agencies, including CASA of West Texas, Safe Place of the Permian Basin, Midland College Foundation and Midland Teen Court, received checks from the foundation.

"It's gratifying to be part of the work of the foundation," said Guy McCrary, foundation president and CEO, at the presentation at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. "I've been there a number of years and this is one of our largest cycles of awards. We are just blessed by so many of the stories that were shared and I think everybody learned something here today about our West Texas communities."

Representatives of the nonprofits spoke briefly about what their agency does for the community — from getting people out of homelessness to helping children learn. One nonprofit, Midland/Odessa Area AIDS Support, assists people living with HIV and AIDS by helping pay for bills or giving emotional support for families of victims.

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Greenwood trustees approve salary supplement for interim superintendent

By Meredith Moriak
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Greenwood ISD Interim Superintendent Ariel Elliott will receive a monthly stipend of $1,625.84 while serving as the district's leader, according to terms of an employment agreement approved by the board Wednesday.

The $1,625 monthly payment will be in addition to his $85,490 annual contract salary for serving as Greenwood High School principal, making his annual salary $105,000.

Elliott's performance and salary can be reviewed by the board up to every six months, and 30-days written notice must be given to terminate the contract, according to the agreement.

The employment agreement guarantees Elliott the right to continue at his post as GHS principal when he is no longer needed as interim superintendent.

Trustees selected Elliott to lead the district on June 19 after reaching a $195,000 separation agreement with former Superintendent Doug Young and his wife, D'Laine Young, former GISD curriculum director.

By reaching a separation agreement with the Youngs, trustees paid out only 45 percent of the contract obligations, Assistant Superintendent of Finance David McCulloch told the board.

With one year left on D'Laine Young's $79,000 contract and three years on Doug Young's $116,745 contract, GISD would have been contractually obligated to pay the Youngs a combined $429,235, had the couple not decided to voluntarily resign from their positions.

GISD Board President Cody Mebane said the board hasn't made a decision on whether members will conduct a search for a new superintendent and when they expect to hire a new leader.

In other business, trustees held a budget workshop and discussed granting teachers salary increases of either $1,500 or $2,000 and a 3 percent raise for all auxiliary staff for the upcoming school year.

Looking at the budget, McCulloch said a $2,000 raise is possible if few additional staff members are hired. However, a smaller, $1,500 raise would provide more security in the budget and potentially allow for another $500 raise next year, he said.

In addition to creating a tight budget, one drawback to awarding teachers a $2,000 raise is a fear of inequality for auxiliary staff, McCulloch said. While first-year teachers would receive a 3.7

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Randy Travis hospitalized

The publicist for country music star Randy Travis says the singer is out of surgery following a stroke and remains in critical condition in a Texas hospital.

Doctors performed surgery following a stroke to relieve pressure on Travis' brain Wednesday evening, just hours after they had noted improvement in his condition.

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Courtesy photo

Austin-based indie rock band Uncle Lucius will perform at KD's Backyard BBQ on Saturday with Ray Wylie Hubbard, Sons of Fathers, Graham Wilkinson and Justin Langston.

Austin band to perform at KD's Backyard BBQ

Editor's note: The Reporter-Telegram will be giving away today another set of two tickets to KD's Backyard BBQ. Go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram to enter and win.

By Nancy Adamson
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When Uncle Lucius takes the stage in Midland on Saturday night, the band members hope to not only showcase their acclaimed live show, they want the crowd feasting on barbecue at KD's to open their hearts and wallets to help the folks — especially the kids — in the area who will be going to bed with an empty stomach.

"We're doing a lot of work with the Texas food banks," Hal Vorpahl, the band's bassist said Tuesday in a phone interview. "At our shows, we'll try to have the local food bank rep out. We're always taking donations. For our current album; 'And You Are Me,' any of those sold at our shows, we're donating $3 to the local food bank.

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All the details

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Texas House passes abortion bill; Senate next stop

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A proposal that would make Texas one of the nation's toughest places to get an abortion won swift approval Wednesday in the state House, sending it on to the Senate where a filibuster and raucous protests derailed Republican efforts to pass it nearly two weeks earlier.

There is little Democrats can do to stop the measure this time in the GOP-controlled Legislature, but they're seeking to create a legislative record that opponents can use to challenge it in federal court on constitutional grounds. Democrats also hope to use women's health issues to win more seats in 2014.

It was the third time the House had passed the limits on where, when and how women can obtain the procedure. Gov. Rick Perry called lawmakers back into a second special session after the bill failed to reach the full Senate during the regular session and a filibuster there kept it from becoming law in the first special session.

All but one Republican voted for the bill, along with four Catholic Democrats. Protesters both for and against the measure have marched on the Capitol, filling marathon committee meetings and floor debates. Opponents wore orange, while supporters wore blue, and national activists from both sides of the abortion debate staged rallies on the statehouse steps.

"The tremendous outpouring of support for this legislation has demonstrated how Texas stands for life, and I commend everyone who wore blue, turned out and spoke up in support of life in our state," Perry said in a statement Wednesday. "Now is not the time to waver, however, as the Senate continues its important work in support of women's health and protecting the lives of our most vulnerable Texans."

The Senate could cast a final vote as early as Friday.

Lawmakers spent more than 10 hours debating the measure Tuesday, and Republicans rejected every attempt to amend the bill. Hundreds of protesters in the Capitol rotunda after the vote chanted, "Shame on you!"

The bill requires doctors to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals, only allow abortions in surgical centers and ban abortions after 20 weeks.

Rep. Ruth McClendon, D-San Antonio, made one last attempt to amend the bill Wednesday to add funding for the Adoption Assistance Program, which provides financial assistance to families that adopt children in the foster care system. Other Democrats said that if the bill passes, the number of unintended pregnancies would increase and place greater demand on the foster system.

"If we don't adopt this amendment, then we are saying that we don't care about the children of Texas," she said.

But the bill's author Rep. Jody Laubenberg, R-Parker, said she opposed all amendments to her bill. She said the Legislature had appropriated enough money for foster children.

"I am proud of the step we've taken to protect both babies and women. I think it speaks volumes about who we are as humanity," Laubenberg said.

Planned Parenthood took their Stand With Texas Women campaign on the road Tuesday, rallying more than 1,100 supporters in downtown Houston to oppose the measure. The bus tour was in Dallas on Wednesday, with a speech by Fort Worth Sen. Wendy Davis, a rising Democratic star following her filibuster against the bill in the first special session last month.

No other issue in Texas has rallied Democratic voters, young activists and women's right supporters in recent years like the abortion measure. The Texas Democratic Party has helped organize ralliès opposing the bill and used them to register new voters.

Perry has made it a personal goal to end abortions in Texas, and voting for anti-abortion measures is a litmus test for Republican politicians. Conservative Christian groups keep scorecards on lawmaker's voting records.

They also say the Texas restrictions and those passed by other states conflict with the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, which established that a woman has the right to get an abortion until her fetus could viably survive outside of the womb, which is generally at 22 to 24 weeks of the pregnancy.

It's unclear if the Texas restrictions could survive a court challenge. Federal courts have suspended aspects of the bill enacted by other states. On Monday, a federal judge blocked enforcement of a Wisconsin abortion law requiring admitting privileges.

The Texas Medical Association, the Texas Hospital Association and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology oppose the bill, calling it unnecessary.

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Stacey Edwards, of Mesquite, poses for a personal photo in front of a tour bus stamped with the slogan "Stand with Texas Women" on the side of it in front of City Hall after a Planned Parenthood rally Wednesday in Dallas. A crowd of nearly 200 showed up at the rally that is part of the Texas Women bus tour that is visiting cities around the state gathering support asking Texas lawmakers to protect women's health.

Texas abortion debate: Will bill actually close clinics?

By Laylan Copelin
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — As the Legislature prepares to increase dramatically the standards for abortion clinics, the two sides disagree on whether clinics would shutter their doors and the number of abortions in Texas would plummet.

The debate over the economics of abortion is largely anecdotal, but this isn't the first time that Texas has changed its abortion standards. In 2003, as part of the Woman's Right to Know law, the Legislature mandated that pregnancies at or beyond 16 weeks of gestation must be ended at ambulatory surgical centers rather than at abortion clinics.

Theodore Joyce, a Baruch College professor in New York who studied the impact of the 2003 law, expects a short-term reduction — 10 to 12 percent — in abortions if the current bill becomes law.

"As women adjust and as the clinics adjust, the long-term impact won't be as great as the right-to-life folks think," he predicted. "The cost of dealing with a child is enormous."

He bases his opinion on what happened a decade ago.

In 2004, when the Woman's Right to Know law went into effect, Joyce said none of the abortion providers qualified as ambulatory surgical centers. He said the number of abortions performed in Texas at or after 16 weeks of gestation dropped by 88 percent over one year. Meanwhile, the number of Texans who left the state for a late abortion quadrupled.

Writing in the New England Journal of Medicine, Joyce said that by 2006 Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio had ambulatory surgical centers to perform abortions. He noted that late abortion rates recovered, but remained below 2003 levels at the time of his study.

With this year's more sweeping legislation, Joyce said the impact on abortion rates depends on the ability of the six existing surgical centers to ramp up to either perform more abortions or refer patients to out-of-state facilities.

In 2011, the latest year for which statistics are available, there were 72,332 abortions performed in Texas — about 10,000 below the peak in 2006. Seventy-seven percent of the 2011 abortions were performed in the state's 36 abortion clinics and 22 percent in ambulatory surgical centers.

Unlike the 2003 law, the pending legislation affects all abortions one way or another. It would prohibit most abortions after 20 weeks of gestation, require doctors performing abortions to have hospital privileges and mandate that abortion clinics be certified as ambulatory surgical centers.

It is that last requirement that some abortion clinic owners say threatens their survival, while proponents of the law insist that the industry will continue in Texas.

Amy Hagstrom Miller, who owns five abortion clinics in Texas, including one in Austin, said she expects to close her doors if the Legislature requires the clinics to become the equivalent of day surgery centers.

Planned Parenthood may be the largest abortion provider, but about three-fourths of the abortions in Texas are performed by independently owned operations such as Hagstrom Miller's Whole Woman's Health, according to interviews with abortion clinic owners.

While proponents of the tougher standards argue that the abortion industry can afford the new regulations because abortions are a "cash cow," Hagstrom Miller begs to differ. She said her five clinics had a profit margin of 3.3 percent last year and lost 6.3 percent in 2011.

"We don't have a magic revenue stream," said Hagstrom Miller, a self-described "social entrepreneur" who has been in the abortion field for 24 years and started her company 10 years ago.

She charges $400 for an abortion under 12 weeks of gestation. The charge rises to $2,000 at 24 weeks.

She said most insurance companies cover abortions except in instances when employers object. In Texas, Medicaid isn't an option for abortions.

Death Notices

Lucio (Lou) J. Gurule

Lucio (Lou) J. Gurule 78, of Odessa, passed on July 8, 2013.

Visitation will be at American Heritage on July 10, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Rosary will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and Funeral Mass will be held Friday, July 12, 2013, 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores Gurule; two daughters and two sons Renee Barrientes , Tina Gurule, Paul Gurule, Michael Gurule. Brothers Phillip Gurule, Manual Gurule and Abe Valdez; five grandchildren.

Tom Robert Sullivan

Robert Gene Sullivan, 81, better known as Tom Robert or T.R, passed away on July 4, 2013.

Graveside service will be at 10:00 am on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

GRANTS

From 1B

Organization Chairman-elect Mark Cox said the agency also focuses on educating school-age children to prevent AIDS from spreading.

"This is a significant amount of support that we received," Cox said. "We are privately supported, so we kind of have to work to keep that (the organization) going."

The Permian Basin Area Foundation, through donations, is able to provide funding to nonprofits in a 22-county area, according to a news release. The foundation, which distributes grants semi-annually, has awarded nearly $50 million in grants and scholarships since its inception two decades ago.

HERMAN

From 1B

race was far different than his 2011 event at which he first expressed interest in the 2012 race. The latter came during an Q-and-A with reporters, and his answer surprised some Perry aides.

"I'm going to think about it," he told us back then, "but I think about a lot of things."

He's thinking about it again — probably never has stopped thinking about it.

Last time, he entered as a front-runner. This time, as a result of last time, he might start as a second-tier candidate. And unlike recent Repubs who captured the nomination on their second attempt, Perry starts with the challenge of overcoming — not building on — what he did the first time.

Feds propose protections for 2 rare NM snakes

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Federal wildlife officials are proposing to add a pair of rare snakes found in the American Southwest to the list of threatened species.

The northern Mexican gartersnake and the narrow-headed gartersnake are found in Arizona and New Mexico. Their populations have declined thanks to predators such as nonnative bullfrogs, as well as threats to their streamside habitat.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will accept comments on the proposal through Sept. 9.

The proposal also calls for setting aside hundreds of stream miles as critical habitat for the snakes. That would include areas in seven Arizona counties and four New Mexico counties.

Center for Biological Diversity attorney Collette Adkins Giese said the snakes have been in trouble for some time and protecting them could have benefits for other species that depend on riparian areas.

BAND

From 1B

"It's been great to see that the whole food bank thing has been getting legs and getting bigger," Vorpahl said. "We're not rich by any stretch of the imagination, so what we can donate or help with is raising awareness. Even a dollar can help."

The Austin-based indie rock band will be performing at the Backyard BBQ on Saturday with Ray Wylie Hubbard, Sons of Fathers, Graham Wilkinson and Justin Langston.

Uncle Lucius will bring an eclectic sound to the stage that is part rock, part country, part folk and part gospel.

The band, composed of Kevin Galloway on lead vocals, Michael Carpenter on lead guitar and vocals, Vorpahl, Josh Greco on drums and Jon Grossman on keyboards, brings to Midland its reputation as a strong live act, something no doubt enhanced by the band's almost incessant touring, which Vorpahl said has been "pretty heavy" for the past three years.

The roots of Uncle Lucius were formed about eight years ago when Vorpahl and Galloway met in Austin. The two had moved from their hometowns, Lufkin and Freeport, respectively, to be a part of the still-burgeoning music scene. Along the way, they went through various incarnations of the band until settling on the current lineup.

All are native Texans save for Grossman, who hails from Lexington, Ky. Greco is from Houston, and Carpenter is from San Antonio. The band members are in their late 20s to mid-30s, Vorpahl said, which he said meant he had tried out several careers before committing to music full-time.

"I've had lots and lots of jobs. I worked at a children's shelter for a couple of years. Eye-opening. It was a temporary shelter — if their parents went to jail or CPS took them from their home or they were between (foster) homes; we had kids from a year old up to 17," Vorpahl said. But the work, though sometimes heartbreaking, could also be "very rewarding."

Uncle Lucius has both critics and fans listing the group as one of the most exciting bands to be making music in Texas right now. Jim Caligiuri, of the Austin Chronicle, gushed that "They're Southern done right — blues, country and gospel moonshine to burn your belly." The Alternative Root magazine said "Lead vocalist and guitar player Kevin Galloway writes poignant, dark lyrics about the blue collar, everyday world and sings with deep guttural passion over the smoky, blues tinted guitar fills of Mike Carpenter. This is a band to watch in the future."

In other words, this may be one of those musical memories that has Midlanders fondly recalling that they were there before Uncle Lucius took the world by storm.

Things you should know about the event

- Wristbands must be worn at all times — guests can come and go during the day as long as they are wearing a wristband. Guests must be wearing an age-verified wristband, available at the show, to purchase or consume alcohol.
- Children 12 years of age and under are admitted free of charge.
- Gates open at 3 p.m.; music will begin at 3:15 p.m.with the featured acts taking the stage at 4 p.m.
- KD's will have full restaurant service inside until 9 p.m. and will serve a limited menu outside during the show.
- KD's will have cold beer and wine for sale both inside and outside, and bottled water for sale.
- VIP wristband holders have free access to the air conditioned VIP bar. Everyone can access the restaurant.
- Food and beverages may be purchased inside the restaurant with credit cards. All transactions in the backyard will be cash only.
- Guests and their belongings are subject to search upon entry or re-entry.

Allowed Items

Blankets; umbrellas (small hand-held style — no golf umbrellas); baby strollers; portable/collapsible chair (individual units only — no "double-wide" connecting chairs or chairs that block the view of others); regular-size, unframed backpacks; binoculars; personal camera equipment, i.e. digital cameras, point-and-click digital cameras; sunscreen.

Prohibited Items

Weapons and illegal drugs of any kind, framed or large backpacks, alcohol, glass containers, food or beverages of any kind, coolers, carts of any kind (including red wagons), large chairs or spiked jewelry, fireworks, explosives, large umbrellas, non-collapsible chairs, pets (except service dogs), video equipment — no video recording will be allowed. No illegal vending is permitted. No unauthorized/unlicensed vendors allowed. Unauthorized solicitations, handbills, sampling, giveaways, etc.

City Council approves remainder of grant for drug enforcement

By Tyler White
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The Midland City Council on Tuesday approved the remainder of a grant that will provide the Midland Police Department with $75,816 to enhance efforts to stop drug trafficking on Midland streets.

MPD Chief Price Robinson said the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program is providing the remaining 60 percent of the grant, providing federal money that was split because of sequestration.

He said the grant funds two administrative assistant positions, overtime pay for an investigator, travel funds and aspects of the group's budget.

The program, which MPD has been a part of since August 2008, is authorized by the Anti-Drug Act of 1988 to enhance and coordinate drug control efforts among federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, according to City Council documents. The program provides resources such as technology, equipment and funding to better combat drug trafficking.

Travis Kuykendall, director of West Texas HIDTA, said the organization works to increase law enforcement's impact on drug trafficking in the area. The West Texas branch oversees 16 task forces and covers 14 counties.

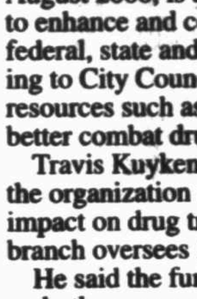
He said the funding provides officers with equipment and other resources to properly do their jobs. Kuykendall said with technology constantly changing, it's important to make sure officers have the most advanced equipment available, such as devices used for tracking suspects and license plate readers.

MPD Deputy Chief Jeff Darr said methamphetamine currently is the department's biggest problem. He said certain areas of the city may have higher concentrations of the drug, but it would be difficult to designate particular areas as being high drug-trafficking areas.

Man arrested for alleged sexual assault of autistic girl

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested in Lamesa on Wednesday morning for allegedly sexually assaulting a 12-year-old autistic girl in Midland County, according to Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter.


Rodriguez

Rafael Acosta Rodriguez, 42, is being held on a $100,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Details of the alleged rape currently are unavailable, but the Sheriff's Office, along with several other law enforcement agencies, including the U.S. Marshal's Service, received a Crime Stoppers tip that Rodriguez was in Lamesa. Authorities spotted him in a green minivan, and attempted to stop him, according to a press release from the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Rodriguez failed to stop and gave chase out of Dawson County into Martin County, where officers arrested him. He currently is in Midland County jail, according to the release.

If convicted, Rodriguez faces five to 99 years in prison.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Duane D. Crockett Jr., 34, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence.

Daphne P. Fowler, 44, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Ramon T. Gallegos, 41, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Manuel A. Gomez, 52, of El Paso, was arrested Tuesday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Karen L. Graves, 43, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.

Diane Lopez, 43, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of criminal nonsupport.

Kenneth E. Maneell, 17, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Davorrin D. McAfee, 19, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of parole.

Lucy M. Meadows, 57, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Jose L. Najera II, 37, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing.

Raul J. Ramirez, 26, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Jose L. Rivera, 17, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Jerald Williams, 37, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams and possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

GISD

From 1B

percent raise with a $2,000 bonus, auxiliary staff would receive only a 3 percent raise.

Trustees did not reach a consensus on the amount raises will be and plan to discuss and approve the item at a future meeting.

Also at the meeting, trustees authorized the issuance and sale of bonds totaling $50.185 million. Sold Tuesday with an interest rate of 4.54 percent, the overall interest payments over the 30-year bond period will be $50.246 million.

Based on estimated taxable values of $1,052,404,133, Greenwood ISD expects its tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year to be $0.3642 per $100 valuation.

The Greenwood ISD trustees typically meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month in the Distance Learning Center, 2700 Farm-to-Market Road 1379. An open public forum period is held at the beginning of each meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Deputy accused of selling drugs on duty

Associated Press

TYLER — An East Texas sheriff's deputy has been accused of selling methamphetamine and crack cocaine while on duty.

Smith County sheriff's Deputy Kimbrick Bernard Jones has been charged with two counts of narcotics distribution. He was arrested early Wednesday at the Smith County Jail sally port.

At a news conference, Sheriff Larry Smith said officers found drugs in Jones' patrol car. Jones was advised of the charges and he was terminated.

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THURSDAY PRIME TIME — JULY 11, 2013

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	W	A	E	M	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Wipeout "The Ex Games" (N)		Motive "Public Enemy" (N)		Rookie B "The Kids Are Not Alright" (N)	KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Jeff Bridges, Jeff Lewis		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Two and Half Men	Person of Interest "All In"		Elementary "While You Were Sleeping"	CBS 7 News	(:35) Letterman Kevin James, Shaun White		(:35) Late Late
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Rules "The Set Up"	The Vampire Diaries "Catch Me If You Can"		Beauty and the Beast "Anniversary"		Cops "San Diego"	Seinfeld	Rules of Engage.	That '70s Show	King of Queens	'Til Death
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Kitchen "Five Chefs Compete, Part 2 of 3"		Hell's Kitchen (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Ray "Civil War"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "30"
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Rik Wadge	R' Itzhak Shapira	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Thurman Scrivner
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	Winner Is "Million Dollar Mistake"		Winner Is "Million Dollar Dreams" (N)		GameNigh "The One With the Friends" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno Helen Mirren, Ben Schwartz	(:35) LateNight
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		This Old House	Ask-Old House	Frontline "Two American Families"			Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Rochester"		Katmai: Alaska's	Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Corazon Indomable		Porque el Amor Manda		Amores Verdaderos		Que bonito amor		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Una familia con suerte	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		TBA	30 Rock	W.Collar "Deadline"		White Collar		My News	Baggage	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX		340	65			165	(5:20) Money Plays		★★ Velvet Goldmine Ewan McGregor.				★★ Still Crazy Stephen Rea.			(:40) ★★★ Eating Raoul		
HBO		300	68	14	14		(5:40) Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallo...				★★★★ Pitch Perfect Anna Kendrick.				Sex Toys	Sex Tips	Family	TruBlood
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	Movie	(:25) ★★ Thunderstruck			Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog ...		1stLook		Ali-Frazer		Real Sports	
HBO5		304	70	16	102		(5:10) Tower Heist		Life's Too Short		The Newsroom "5/1"		The Newsroom		The Sopranos		★★ Devil	
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) ★★ In Time		(:05) ★★★ Contraband Mark Wahlberg.				★★ Original Gangstas			(:40) Criminal Desires (Erotica)		
MAX2		382	72	18	122		(:15) The Campaign ('12, Com) Will Ferrell.				★★★ The Change-Up Jason Bateman.				Jump Off	★★ The Beach		
PLEX				96			(:30) The Christmas Story Lady				★★★★ Cry-Baby Johnny Depp.		Rising Stars Bany Corbin.			(:05) The Shadow		
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(4:55) Shakespea...		Dexter				★ The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Pa...		Ray Donovan		Polyamor	Movie
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) Children of ...		★★ The Woman in Black			(:40) ★★ Twisted Ashley Judd.				(:20) Blitz ('11, Cri) Jason Statham.		
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Ultimate Price"		Intervention "Megan H"		Intervention "Gina/ Kaila" (N)		Scared "Oakland County, MI" (N)		Beyond Scared Stra. "Lake County, FL"		Intervention "Megan H"	
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	Movie	★★★ Signs ('02, Thril) Joaquin Phoenix, Mel Gibson.					Shoowville (N)		Small To	Small To	★★★ Signs	
BET		58	26		40		106&Park	BET Awards							Sunday Best		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Salon Takeover		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Housewives NJ		Watch (N)	Property	Million Dollar List	
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Property Wars (N)		To Be Announced		Property Wars	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	A.N.T.	Austin	Phineas & Ferb: Across the...	Dog Blog			Shake Up	Dog Blog	Jessie	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SportsCenter (L)		Softball World Cup (L)				Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter (L)		SportsCenter (L)	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	(3:00) CHAMPS Golf		SportNat	SportNat	WNBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Tusla (L)				Nine for IX "Pat Xo"		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) The Sorcere...		★★★ Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix						The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Food Court Wars		Food "Product Pitch"		Chopped	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers vs. Baltimore Orioles Site: Camden Yards -- Baltimore, Md. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Rangers Insider	SportsD-ay OnAir	SW Outdoors	Bull Riding Championship	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	(5:30) ★★★ Just Go With It Adam Sandler.				Anger M.	Anger M.	Wilfred	Wilfred	Wilfred	Wilfred	The Bridge "Pilot"	
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Christmas Magic ('11, Dra) Lindy Booth.				Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Renovation Raiders		Rehab	Rehab	Reno Raiders (N)		HouseH	House (N)	theHouse	House	Renovation Raiders	
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	PawnSt.	PawnSt.	Swamp People		God, Gun	God, Gun	Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Pretty Wicked "Pretty Wicked In-Laws"		Wife Swap	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39				P.World	The Grid	Cycling Tour de France Stage 12 Fougères - Tours						Faces of Franchise		Cycling Tour de France	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Figure Out	Big Time	WendVinn	F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Impact Wrestling				Fight Masters		Fight Masters	
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Super Shark ('11, Act) John Schneider.				Sharknado ('13, Hor) Tara Reid.				2-Headed Shark Attack ('12, Sci-Fi)			
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Soul Mate"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Sullivan& son (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan		Sullivan and Son	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	Movie	Movie	To Be Announced					It Came From Outer Space			Invaders From ...	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Dama y Obrero		Marido en Alquiler		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Titulares	Marido en Alquiler	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes to the Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	4 Weddings "...and a Forty-Pound Dress" (N)		Four Weddings Canada (N)		4 Weddings "...and a Forty-Pound Dress"		4 Weddings "...and a Biodegradable Dress"	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	(4:30) ★★★ Shooter		The Hero "Honesty"		★★ Unknown Liam Neeson. After awakening from a coma, a man discovers that his identity was stolen.					The Hero "Honesty"		Franklin & Bash
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	(4:30) ★★ Couples Retreat Vince Vaughn.		Summer C "Welcome to Summer Camp" (N)		Burn Notice "Exit Plan" (N)		Graceland "O-Mouth" (N)		Summer C "Welcome to Summer Camp"		Burn Notice "Exit Plan"	
WGN		19	18				(5:00) Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Mother "Woooo!"	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

Singer Randy Travis has surgery after stroke

Associated Press

DALLAS — Country music star Randy Travis is out of surgery but remains in critical condition after suffering a stroke while at a Texas hospital, the singer's publicist said late Wednesday.

Kirt Webster, the publicist, said the 54-year-old Travis suffered the stroke Wednesday night while he was being treated for congestive heart failure because of a viral illness. Travis underwent surgery to relieve pressure on his brain. He remained in critical condition.

"His family and friends here with him at the hospital request your prayers and support," Webster said in a news release earlier in the evening.

It was not clear what kind of stroke Travis suffered. The most common type of stroke is caused by a blood clot that travels to the brain. The other kind happens when a blood vessel in the head bursts or leaks. Stroke patients who get treatment quickly are usually given a drug to dissolve the clot that caused the stroke.

The setback occurred hours after doctors said Travis was showing signs of improvement, though he remained in critical condition with congestive heart failure because of a viral illness.

Drs. William Gray and Michael Mack, of the Baylor Health Care System in Texas, described Travis' condition and hospitalization in a video statement earlier Wednesday.

"His condition has stabilized, and he has shown signs of improvement," Mack said in the video. "On behalf of Mr. Travis' family, friends and associates, we would like to express our extreme gratitude for the overwhelming affection and support that Mr. Travis has received."

The Grammy Award-winning singer was in good health until three weeks before he was hospitalized, when he contracted a viral upper respiratory infection, Gray said.

The viral illness led to a weakened heart muscle that eventually worsened into heart failure.

Travis was admitted to Baylor Medical Center McKinney near his home in Tioga, about 60 miles north of Dallas, through the emergency room on Sunday. The singer underwent a procedure to have a pump inserted by catheter that helps increase blood flow before being transferred to The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano.

The North Carolina-born Travis is a traditional country purist who is a pivotal figure in the genre best known for his hits "Forever and Ever, Amen" and "Three Wooden Crosses."

John Davisson/AP

Randy Travis performs June 7 at the 2013 CMA Music Festival at LP Field in Nashville, Tenn. Travis has been hospitalized in Texas. A news release from the singer's publicist says Travis was admitted to the hospital Sunday in Dallas.

His Warner Bros. debut album "Storms of Life" sold 3 million copies and helped return country music to its roots.

Travis has recently been trying to put his life back together after a series of embarrassing public incidents involving alcohol. Travis pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated in January following an arrest last year and received two years of probation and a $2,000 fine. He was required to spend at least 30 days at an alcohol treatment facility and complete 100 hours of community service.

He recently made several public appearances, including a spot on the Country Music Association Festival's nightly concert lineup and a poignant performance at George Jones' funeral.

His peers and fans have been watching.

Stars like Martina McBride and Hillary Scott of Lady Antebellum and the Grand Ole Opry echoed Webster's plea for prayers to their followers.

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Each set of 11 tiles below contains one common five-letter word and one common six-letter word. The letters of the five-letter word are adjacent, but not in order. Find them and rearrange them to spell a word. Rearrange the six remaining letters to spell the second word.

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H O T Y C E L N U P R

Yesterday's Answer: 1-4; 2-8; 3-6; 5-7

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STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DENTON

FEMA reimburses Texas nearly $48M after wildfires

Texas has received nearly $48 million in federal funds as reimbursement for some firefighting costs during 2011 wildfires that blackened millions of acres.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency on Wednesday announced the recent awarding of the money.

FEMA said the reimbursement involves fire suppression costs during wildfires that burned in 168 counties and destroyed more than 1.3 million acres.

The work involved the Texas A&M Forest Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. FEMA's contribution represents a 75 percent federal cost share.

State emergency management officials have said 2011 wildfires combined with the drought left Texas with nearly $8 billion in agriculture losses and about 4 million acres charred.

HOUSTON

State trooper fatally shoots car burglary suspect

A trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety shot a man dead after he said the man tried to break into cars outside a suburban Houston department store.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said the trooper was in the parking lot of a Wal-Mart store at Texas 6 and Farm Road 529 northwest of Houston. Vinger said the trooper saw the man trying to break into several vehicles about 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, so he approached. Vinger said the man pulled a gun, drawing the trooper's gunfire.

The suspect's identity hasn't been released.

JACINTO CITY

Teenager charged with murder in mom's death

A teenage boy is charged with murder after police found his mother stabbed to death on her bed in their suburban Houston home.

The stabbing was reported in the pre-dawn hours Wednesday in the eastern Houston suburb of Jacinto City. Police Chief Joe Ayala said the boy told investigators that he stabbed his 31-year-old mother after she slapped him during an argument late Tuesday. Ayala said the boy told police that he grabbed a knife from the kitchen then blacked out. He said he came to and found his mother's bloody body.

Police haven't released the suspect's name because he's a juvenile.

SAGINAW

FBI billboard seeks help in girl's death

FBI has posted billboards asking for the public's help in providing information regarding the death of a North Texas girl.

Police in the Fort Worth suburb of Saginaw say the billboards featuring a picture of 6-year-old Alanna Gallagher can be seen throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The billboard also provides police tip-line numbers and promotes a $10,000 reward for information leading to the capture and conviction of a suspect.

Police say no suspects have been named in the death of Gallagher, whose body was discovered last week by two teenagers. Her body had been tied, wrapped in tarp and left on a residential corner.

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Los Alamos lab explores logo change

LOS ALAMOS — The birthplace of the nuclear bomb is considering a change to its logo to better reflect what it calls a diverse and evolving mission.

Los Alamos National Laboratory officials said the lab was established 70 years ago with the sole mission of designing and building an atomic bomb to end World War II.

Today, they said, its work in national security covers a wide range of issues - including nuclear non-proliferation, energy security, climate change modeling, countermeasures to nuclear and biological terrorist threats and space.

The lab is conducting an online survey for feedback on potential logos at http://svy.mk/10NPUnl.

NEW MEXICO

Feds offer post-fire help to NM ranchers, farmers

ALBUQUERQUE — The federal government is accepting applications from New Mexico farmers and ranchers who are seeking financial assistance as they recover from wildfires sparked during the last three years.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service says the funding will help address post-fire problems on private property. Applications will be accepted through July 19.

New Mexico had back-to-back record fire seasons in 2011 and 2012, and this summer has been busy with blazes burning more than 290 square miles of tinder-dry forest around the state.

The agency's state conservationist, Xavier Montoya, says New Mexico's farmers and ranchers have suffered substantial losses from fires in recent years. He says the goal is to help them restore parts of their operations and develop more long-term resilience to droughts, fires and flooding.

Nick de la Torre/Houston Chronicle

Derrick Colomb, a senior silo operator with Houston Solid Waste Management, writes an orange ticket to let house residents know that they have trash on the outside of the can June 3 in Houston.

TRASHTALK

Obstacle courses often await garbage man

By Yang Wang
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — By 8 a.m., Derrick Colomb, a 31-year-old city garbage truck driver, has already sweated through.

For two hours, he has piloted his giant blue truck through the streets of the Elm Grove Village in Kingwood, manipulating its automated arms as deftly as his own, lifting up and emptying one garbage can after another. The truck shakes as if going through a small earthquake. Heat and the foul odor of garbage pour in the cab's open windows.

On a good day, Colomb can repeat the procedure 1,000 times. But in this particular neighborhood, he is slowed by an obstacle course of cans placed so that he can't reach them or so overloaded with trash they would spill over if lifted. Instead of making his way smoothly down the street, he repeatedly has to stop, get out of the truck and slap a tag on the offending bin telling the homeowner why it wasn't emptied.

"I don't want to badger the citizens about what they did wrong," Colomb told the Houston Chronicle. "But everyone has to play their part. I can only help you out if you help me."

Last year, at least 9,000 trash cans in the city were left uncollected at some point, according to records kept by the city, a small percentage of the total number of bins emptied in a year, but enough to slow down an otherwise efficient operation.

On a recent morning, for example, one trash can was left too close to a mailbox, another was blocked by a parked car. Colomb had no choice but to slap orange tags on the offending bins.

Other times, what makes sense to residents becomes a huge inconveniences for the trash collector: a box full of paper sitting on top of a bin that falls off and spills when Colomb tries to pick it up; smaller items of garbage thrown into the bin without being bagged, such as dirty paper towels, spill all over the front yard; bins that are filled over capacity.

In some neighborhoods, the sight of a well-placed can is cause for excitement.

"That one is put perfectly," Colomb exclaims on seeing one.

The ZIP codes with most uncollected trash calls are 77004, 77026 and 77087, according to city records.

City officials say those neighborhoods are plagued with unauthorized trash cans and illegal dumping.

"They in general put out more trash and trash cans," said Jeffery Williams, deputy assistant director of Houston's Solid Waste Management Department.

According to city records, 42-year-old Russell Driver, who lives on Maury north of downtown, has been tagged 24 times in the past year.

He claims forces beyond his control contribute to the fact that for nearly half the year his trash wasn't collected.

"There are a lot of street activities and unruly drivers," Driver said.

Doris Kirk, an 86-year-old woman living nearby, said she put a few bags out without labeling them with extra-capacity tags, which are required for bags that don't fit in the bin and which can be obtained at local grocery stores. Those bags weren't collected.

"If I left it two or three days and it still didn't get picked up, I have to bring it back and put it under shade because the sun deteriorates them," she said.

In another case, the trash of a cash-checking shop on Tidwell went uncollected 10 consecutive weeks because the owners didn't pay a fee required for business trash collection.

For Colomb, a seasoned trash collector with eight years of experience, he would just as soon not have to leave uncollected trash on the streets.

"I like to see neighborhood nice and clean, so I try to get as much as possible," he said.

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FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 99 Low: 73

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 99 Low: 74

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 98 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 73 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 99 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 73 and southeast winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 99 and a low around 74.

The high on Wednesday reached 97, while the low dropped to 73. The record high for July 10 is 105 set in 1964. The record low is 64 set in 1931 and 1961.

National forecast

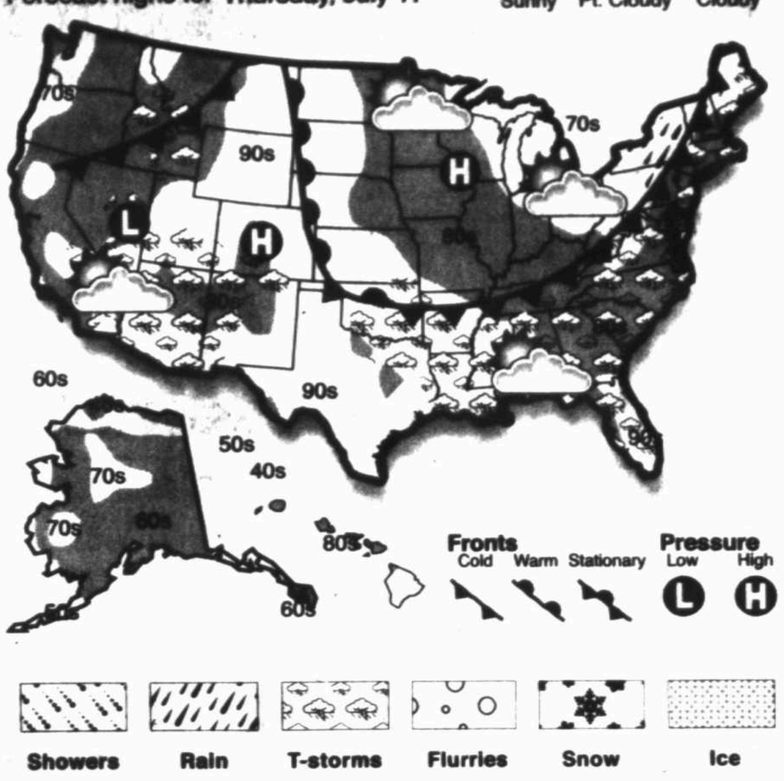
Showers and drenching thunderstorms will reach from Florida and southeastern Louisiana to Maine today. A cool front will have enough momentum to depart the Midwest and reach the Appalachians. The front will purge the excessive tropical moisture in the form of torrential downpours, which can bring flash, urban and small-stream flooding.

Precipitation	
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.12 in.
Year total	2.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.65 in.

Wednesday's temperatures	
High	97
Low	73
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:51 a.m.
Sunset	8:57 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, July 11



Woman says pot use is clouding friend's mind

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: Legal marijuana is making my best friend stupid, boring and insipid. "Susan" and I are in our 50s and have been best friends off and on since childhood. A decade ago, we started taking better care of our friendship because so few longtime friends were still in our lives. Since then, I have been careful not to be judgmental or condescending because it was the source of past friction.

Susan is a regular marijuana user, which has sapped away all of her ambition and curiosity. Even when she isn't actually high, she lacks the cleverness and mental acuity I have always treasured about her. Otherwise, her life is functional. She's in a good marriage, loves her pets and enjoys her job. I think if I said anything, it would cause a major rift.

Should I just limit our time together and accept this is how things are going to be from now on? I'm a widow who has lost my parents and others to illness. I have other friends and family, but I don't want to lose my old chum, even though being around her is starting to make me sad. — FRIENDSHIP GOING TO POT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR F.G.T.P.: As people grow older, long and well-established relationships become more precious. But much as we might wish otherwise, relationships do not always remain the same. Because you are no longer receiving what you need from your interactions with Susan, I agree you may need to see her less often.

In light of your long relationship, I don't think it would be offensive to tell her you have noticed a change in her and you miss the person she used to be. However, are you absolutely certain that what you have observed is caused by marijuana? If you're not, then consider sharing your observation with Susan's husband, in case her lack of sharpness could be the result of another medication she's using or a neurological problem.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for one year. Yesterday I put all the pieces together and realized he's been cheating on me.

I called the other woman, and after she regained her composure and heard she is a mistress, she told me everything. She gave me the answers I desperately needed, and I am thankful for her honesty and — surprisingly — her compassion.

Now I need to move forward. I am crushed, and even though he can't explain why he cheated, I still want to know why. He says he's going to counseling, which is something I have been begging him to do since I had a miscarriage last summer.

Will he change? Or should I continue to pack the house and move on? — CRUSHED IN CHICAGO

DEAR CRUSHED: Much depends upon the reason your husband started cheating. If it was a way to avoid experiencing the pain of the loss of the baby, it's possible that with counseling the two of you can get beyond this.

I suggest you ask to be included in one or more of the counseling sessions. If he agrees, at least you will know he is seeing a therapist. If not, you will have to decide whether you have had enough loss in one year to last you a lifetime, and whether you still have a future together.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Logical defense

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 8 6 4
♡ 10 9 5
♢ K 8 6
♣ Q 5 4

WEST
♠ 10 3
♡ A Q J 8 4
♢ A Q J 5
♣ 8 3

EAST
♠ 9 7 5
♡ 7 6 3 2
♢ 9 3 2
♣ A J 6

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 2
♡ K
♢ 10 7 4
♣ K 10 9 7 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	1♡	Pass	2♡
2♠	4♡	4♠	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Eight of ♣

East-West were playing five-card majors. South overcalled with two spades on a chunky four-card suit. West's four-heart rebid was a stretch, but it was based on the fact that it might tempt the opponents to take a sacrifice.

West attacked with the top of his club doubleton, declarer played low from dummy and won the first trick with the nine. Trumps were drawn in three rounds, ending in hand, and declarer led a club to the queen, which was allowed to win. East captured the next club with the ace and the defense was at the crossroads.

East paused. Since the auction had marked West with at least five hearts, declarer held no more than one. West would likely have led a heart had he held either A K or K Q, so that card had to be the king. East shifted to the nine of diamonds and West's jack forced the king.

Declarer had no quick entry back to hand to take discards on the good clubs. When South led a heart to the king, West won with the ace and cashed the ace and queen of diamonds for a one-trick set.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 11, 2013:

This year your temper could be an issue, as you'll learn to express your feelings in a way that others can understand. You tend to have a sweet tooth, and will want to indulge yourself more as a result. The best part of this year begins in late fall. If you are single, someone important could become a part of your life history. If you are attached, your charisma increases — and with it, your attentiveness to your sweetie. VIRGO can be fussy and critical at times.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You might want to make a tremendous effort to complete a project that has been on the back burner for a while. People sense your confidence, and they will make the decision to go along with your ideas. You finally feel supported! Tonight: Any reason works for celebration.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You might not have to venture far. You could do your shopping via the Internet and enjoy the luxury of taking your time. Your creativity surges to an unprecedented level. You feel good no matter what you do. Tonight: Totally in the moment and ready for the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might need more feedback. You know what you want, and you are likely to pursue it impulsively, without thinking first. If someone points out a potential liability, listen carefully. You will see the problem once it is identified. Tonight: All smiles, and happy to be home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might be trying to get the best price possible for a particular item. Try to postpone your decision for a while, because there could be a sale in the near future. Communication picks up in the afternoon; you'll like what you hear. Tonight: Think "weekend."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Put the finishing touches on a project. Move quickly and efficiently, as by late afternoon, you might need to handle a financial situation or follow through on a hunch. Do not allow someone to distract you. Tonight: Take care of an errand or two on the way home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might be doing more than your usual amount of questioning. You have a drive to launch a project but, for whatever reason, you have done little so far. A meeting proves to be very important. You will feel a sense of camaraderie. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could feel a little tired and overworked. You have a way of making your mark. Your insightfulness comes from asking questions — just make sure they're the right ones. Your power of observation will come through. Tonight: All eyes turn to you. Now what are you going to do?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Deal with a partner who is determined to share his or her viewpoint. Later, when you stop to ponder where this person was coming from, you will see the rationale behind his or her thoughts. Be sure to keep an open mind. Tonight: Consider a getaway this weekend or next.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Others seek you out. In order to accomplish what you desire, you might want to screen your calls. Listen well to a partner who can help you carry out a certain project much faster. This likely will be the only person you should open the door for. Tonight: Wind down with a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Dive into work; the grueling details of a meeting need to be handled quickly. By midafternoon, you will reach out to someone with whom you want to speak. Hopefully you have some extra time in your schedule. Tonight: Continue an important conversation over dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ When you defer to others, you seem to have better results. Push a creative concept forward before lunch, if possible. Others will hear you better then, though it might take a day or two for them to make an assessment. Deal with a partner directly. Tonight: Spend time with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Getting going might be difficult in regard to a personal situation. You might believe that you can handle it right now if you could stop and make the time. Tap into you creativity, and request the help of a close friend. Tonight: Let more fun in.

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BORN TODAY

Former U.S. president John Quincy Adams (1767), author E.B.White (1899), actress Lisa Rinna (1963)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Shake, as one's tail
6 Apple polisher
11 "Ri-i-ight!"
14 Patient's share
15 Els only about six feet above the ground
16 Big name in kitchenware
17 Bugs
19 Animation collectible
20 "Double Fantasy" artist
21 Carnation spot
22 Booked solid
23 Bugs
26 Says it isn't so
29 Annual Queens sports event
32 Seals, as a deal
33 One may be given to a detective
36 __ diet
37 Bugs
41 "Don't Bring Me Down" rock gp.
42 Hits the trail
43 Mongolian tent
44 Try to better understand, as difficult prose
46 Bandleading brothers' name
48 Bugs
52 Moo juice
54 Lofty nest
55 Get-up-and-go
58 Kerfuffle
59 Bugs
62 X, at times
63 "Peer Gynt" playwright
64 Lincoln's side
65 Withered woman
66 With 67-Across, San Diego Zoo attraction
67 See 66-Across

DOWN
1 Letter before Foxtrot
2 Pork purchase
3 Bridesmaid's coif
4 "American __!": animated sitcom
5 Ornamental embroidered hole
6 Bait
7 Projecting window
8 Popular tat spot
9 Conk out
10 "It's a go!"
11 Words before disappearing, perhaps
12 Fires
13 First word from Robin
18 Laddie's turndowns
22 "My man!"
23 Pedestal sculpture
24 8 or 64, e.g.
25 "Ri-i-ight!"
26 Choir support
27 Place for élèves
28 Any day now
30 __ nous
31 Vile
33 Object of Indy's quest
34 Sea side
35 Tags on bags
38 Impact sound
39 Camp staffer
40 Rochester's bride
45 Antlered critter
46 Place of honor
47 Like small coffeemakers
49 Madame Gorbachev
50 Atomic number of nitrogen
51 Bush adviser Scowcroft
52 It has roots and branches
53 Think tank output
55 Unable to merely walk past a mirror, say
56 Brand that once sported a reptile
57 Flying talker
59 "Get it, man?"
60 Slugger's stat
61 Transfer __

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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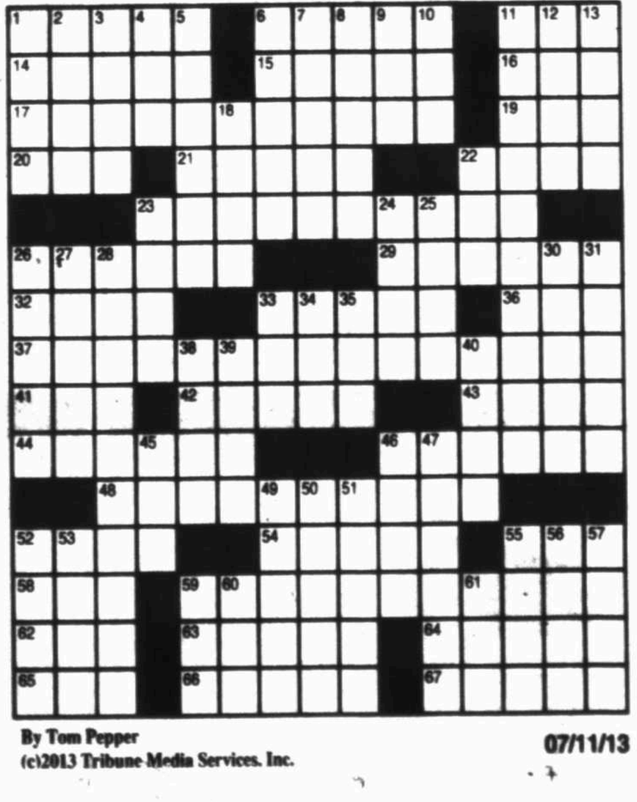

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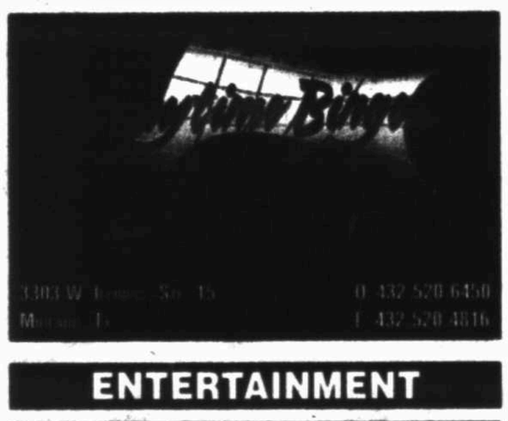

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Chen, Reimold carry Orioles past Rangers

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Wei-Yin Chen returned from the disabled list to pitch seven innings of three-hit ball, and the Baltimore Orioles got a three-run homer from Nolan Reimold in a 6-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

Manny Machado had three hits and an RBI for the Orioles, who won for only the third time in nine games. Baltimore will seek a split of the four-game series on Thursday night.

Chen (4-3) had not pitched since May 12 because of a strained right oblique. The left-hander allowed one run, walked three and struck out four.

Major league home run leader Chris Davis went 0 for 3 with a walk and is hitless in his last 17 at-bats.

Orioles	6
Rangers	1

He hasn't gotten a hit since Major League Baseball announced he was the leading vote getter in All-Star fan balloting.

Reimold was a late replacement at designated hitter for Chris Dickerson, who was scratched for a reason the Orioles did not disclose. Batting ninth in the order, Reimold delivered his first home run since May 4 to put Baltimore up 6-0 in the fourth inning against Josh Lindblom (1-3).

Reimold was on the disabled list from May 12 to July 1 and was playing in only his 37th game of the season.

Adrian Beltre extended his hitting streak to 12 games and drove in a run for the Rangers, whose four-game road winning streak ended. Texas had scored at least five runs in six consecutive games.

Lindblom gave up six runs, nine hits and four walks in 5 1-3 innings. The right-hander started for Nick Tepesch, who went on the disabled list Sunday.

Texas right-hander Yu Darvish joined Tepesch on the disabled list Wednesday with a strained upper back. Darvish was scheduled to start Thursday night; his replacement will probably be Ross Wolf, although there was no formal announcement by the Rangers.

The Orioles used a four-run fourth to take a 6-0 lead. Lindblom walked

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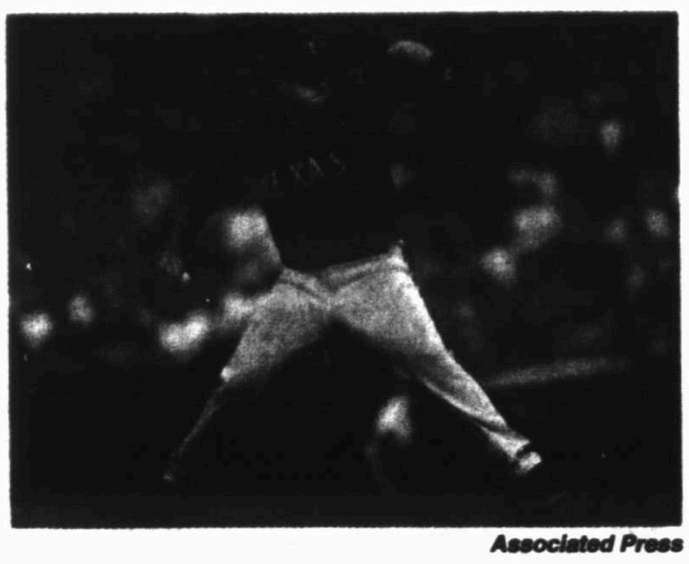

Associated Press

Texas Rangers pitcher Josh Lindblom delivers against the Baltimore Orioles in the first inning on Wednesday in Baltimore.

MORE THAN PRACTICE

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Mason McLendon passes during Midland Christian's 7 on 7 team practice on Tuesday at Mustang Field.

Midland Christian to compete at state

By Len Hayward
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Participating in 7 on 7 was always a part of the summer program for Midland Christian, mainly to build team chemistry and work on the team's passing game.

This year, though, with a three-year starter returning at quarterback and a core of receivers with plenty of experience, the Mustangs decided to take a shot at qualifying for this year's state tournament.

The move paid off. Midland Christian earned a spot in this week's 7 on 7 State Division II Tournament in Leander and is continuing the evolution of the Mustangs' passing game. The tournament begins today.

"We feel like we are a step ahead of everybody who doesn't do it," said senior receiver Elias Aguirre. "We have that special connection that we get over the summer in practice."

Tournament information

7 on 7 State Tournament
When: Today-Friday
Where: Leander
What: Midland Christian plays in its first 7 on 7 State Tournament.
Midland Christian is in Pool G with Class 3A Bandera, Class 2A Boyd and Class 3A Lorena.

The success of the team was also helped by a core of players who were major parts of one of the Mustangs' most prolific passing attacks in 2012. Mustang quarterback Mason McClendon threw for more than 2,800 yards, and two of his main targets — Jarrod Koym and Aguirre — return this season.

Playing 7 on 7 a year ago helped the team gain confidence in each other and the team's passing game, but this season it's about building on that for some summer success. But it still helps to run the core of the passing game the Mustangs will use this fall.

"Everything we run is what is what we run offensively," said the team's coach Tucker Schneemann, who is a Mustang assistant football coach and track coach. "It's not a cheap way to get the ball down the field; it's the stuff we do, so we are working on our program. With it being our stuff when we run it during the season, the timing is just like clockwork."

The team qualified for the state tournament by winning a State Qualifying Tournament (or SQT) in Brownwood, plus the team played in a handful of games against Seminole this summer, along with playing in a league in Abilene that included Abilene High and Abilene Cooper.

Schneemann and the players both said that one of the biggest benefits to participating is how it helps with timing when they put the pads on in August. Playing

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Mavs load up on guards, still have hole at center

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks have loaded up on guards in free agency. They just can't seem to find a center.

The Mavericks met Wednesday with Andrew Bynum, who later accepted a contract offer from Cleveland. Dallas' first choice was Dwight Howard, but he went with Houston.

Bynum was a big risk because he didn't play at all last season for Philadelphia and had arthroscopic surgery on both knees in March. Now the Mavericks are running dangerously low on options to find a frontcourt partner for Dirk Nowitzki as they try to become championship contenders late in the 7-foot German star's career.

"Currently we still need help and support in our frontcourt and we're going to turn over every stone," Mavericks president of basketball operations Donnie Nelson said before Bynum made his decision.

While the Mavericks pursue Plan C at center, they anticipate the official arrival of guards Jose Calderon, Devin Harris and Wayne Ellington.

Dallas added two more guards through the draft and the equivalent of a rookie in Gal Mekel, another backcourt player who is set to become the second Israeli-born player in the NBA.

Even if they have to go to the B-list and beyond at center, the Mavericks still think they're helping Nowitzki by stockpiling point guards. The one-year experiment of Darren Collison at the point and O.J. Mayo at shooting guard virtually destroyed Dallas' pick-and-roll game, and the Mavericks want it back.

"We didn't want to repeat the situation that we went through last year," Nelson said. "That's no disrespect to anybody. But clearly to have Dirk at this point in his career, he really deserves to play with a true point guard that can get him the ball where he wants it, when he wants it."

Calderon, a ninth-year pro out of Spain, is the likely starter at point guard. He spent his first seven seasons with Toronto, and is more of a distributor than a scorer with career averages of 10.1 points and 7.2 assists.

Harris returns to Dallas nine years after the Mavericks ended up with him at No. 5 in the draft through a trade with Washington. He started 15 postseason games when the Mavericks lost to Miami in the 2006 NBA Finals. When he was traded a season and a half later in a deal that brought Jason Kidd back to Dallas, Harris was seen as someone who struggled to get the ball to Nowitzki.

Please see **MAVERICKS/8C**

MLB drug probe litigation could be lengthy

Braun

Rodriguez

Associated Press

NEW YORK — We may never know exactly what Alex Rodriguez and Ryan Braun are being accused of in Major League Baseball's Biogenesis investigation — if they beat the rap.

That's because details likely will be caught in a tangle of legal gymnastics involving MLB, the players' union and probably an arbitrator, who could rule no discipline is warranted.

Lengthy proceedings make it nearly a certainty most, if not all, suspensions would be served in 2014.

Among the early legal issues: Does the commissioner's office have the right to announce any suspensions before grievances are decided by an arbitrator? Can a player not previously disciplined under the drug agreement be suspended for more than 50 games because of multiple violations?

Three people familiar with the investigation said if management and the union can't agree on the process, arbitrator Fredric Horowitz likely would be asked to decide. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because no public statements were authorized.

MLB has spent most of the year investigating about 20 players for their links to Biogenesis of America, including A-Rod and Braun, both former MVPs. Miami New Times reported in January that the closed Florida anti-aging clinic had distributed banned performance-enhancing drugs to major leaguers.

Lawyers for the commissioner's office have been interviewing players and many, including Braun, have refused to answer questions about their dealings with Biogenesis, the three people said. Braun was interviewed in late June, and Rodriguez is scheduled to be interviewed Friday.

Braun and Rodriguez have said they didn't do anything that merits discipline.

The players' refusal to respond

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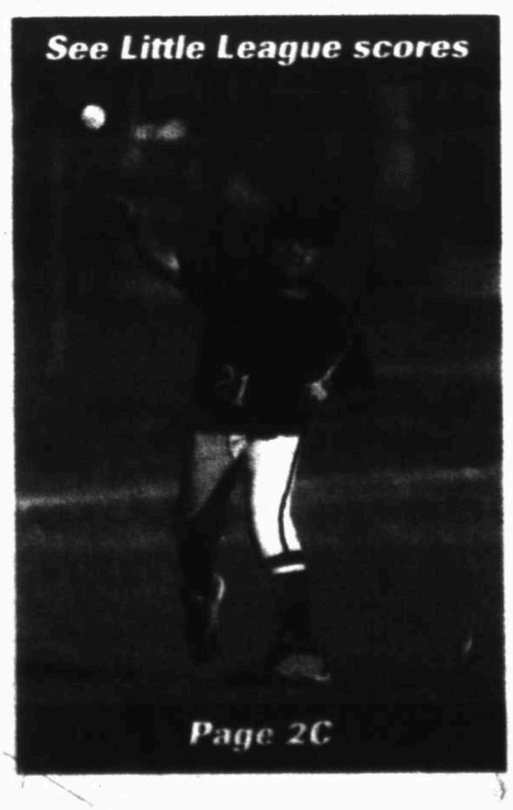

Missions shut out RockHounds, 1-0

From staff reports

SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio's pitching held the Midland RockHounds' offense in check and the Missions were able to score the only run of the game in the seventh for a 1-0 victory Wednesday at Nelson Wolff Stadium.

The loss wasted a quality start by RockHounds starter Sean Murphy, who went six scoreless innings, scattered four hits, walked one and struck out six in a no decision.

Midland was held to just three hits by five San Antonio pitchers.

Missions	1
RockHounds	0

In fact, the only extra-base hit in the game came on a double by the RockHounds' Anthony Aliotti.

The only run of the game came in the seventh when Rico Noel was hit by a pitch by Frank Gailey (1-2) with the bases loaded, which allowed Robert Kral to score.

Matt Branham (2-0) got the win in relief, while Matt Stites picked up his 12th save with a perfect ninth inning.

The teams continue their four-game series at 7:05 p.m. today.

MISSIONS 1, ROCKHOUNDS 0

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Aliotti 1b	3	0	1	0	Medica dh		4	0	0 0
Goebbert ll	3	0	0	0	Limonta 1b		4	0	0 0
Coleman ss	4	0	1	0	Asencio rf		4	0	1 0
Obergfoer rf	4	0	0	0	Blackwood 3b		4	0	1 0
Freitas c	3	0	0	0	Kral c		4	1	2 0
Cabrizais dh	3	0	0	0	Valdez ss		4	0	1 0
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DeMark	0.1	0	0	0	0	0
San Antonio						
Wisler	5.0	3	0	0	2	4
Zavala	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
Branham W, 2-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Ibarra	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
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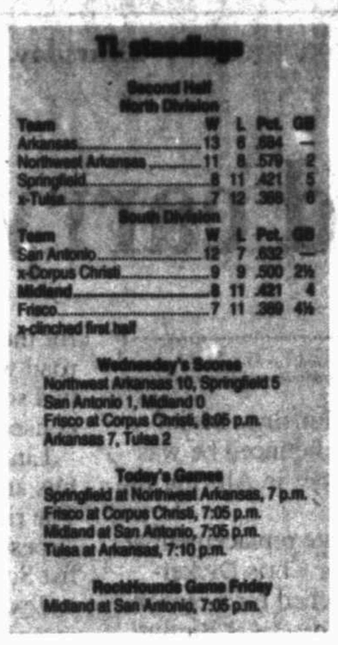

Gray promoted to the majors

From staff reports

Former Midland RockHounds pitcher Sonny Gray, the Oakland Athletics' top pick in 2011, was called up to the majors Wednesday from Triple-A Sacramento.

The 23-year-old Gray will pitch out of the bullpen for the A's after going 8-5 with a 2.81 ERA and 107 strikeouts to 34 walks in 102 1/3 innings with the Rivercats this sason.

The move came three days after former RockHound Grant Green, the A's first pick in 2009, was called up to the majors also.

Green made his MLB debut Monday against the Pittsburgh Pirates and went 0 for 3 with two strikeouts while batting out of the eighth spot and playing second base.

Northern takes 11-12 year old Section 1

From staff reports

Karter Keling's two-run home run in the top of the sixth keyed a late-inning surge for the Northern 11-12 year old All-Stars in a 10-5 victory against the Big Bend All-Stars on Wednesday at Butler Park.

The victory helped the Northern earn a Section 1 11-12 year-old tournament title and a berth in next week's Texas West State Tournament in San Angelo. Northern will take on an opponent to be determined next Thursday.

Suddin Sapien was credited with the pitching victory and Cooper Jauz added a two-run single to break a tie in the fifth inning.

The Mid City 9-10 year old All-Stars dropped a 3-2 decision to the Monahans All-Stars on Wednesday in the 9-10 year old tournament. The two teams will play for a state tournament berth at 7 p.m. today at Butler Park.

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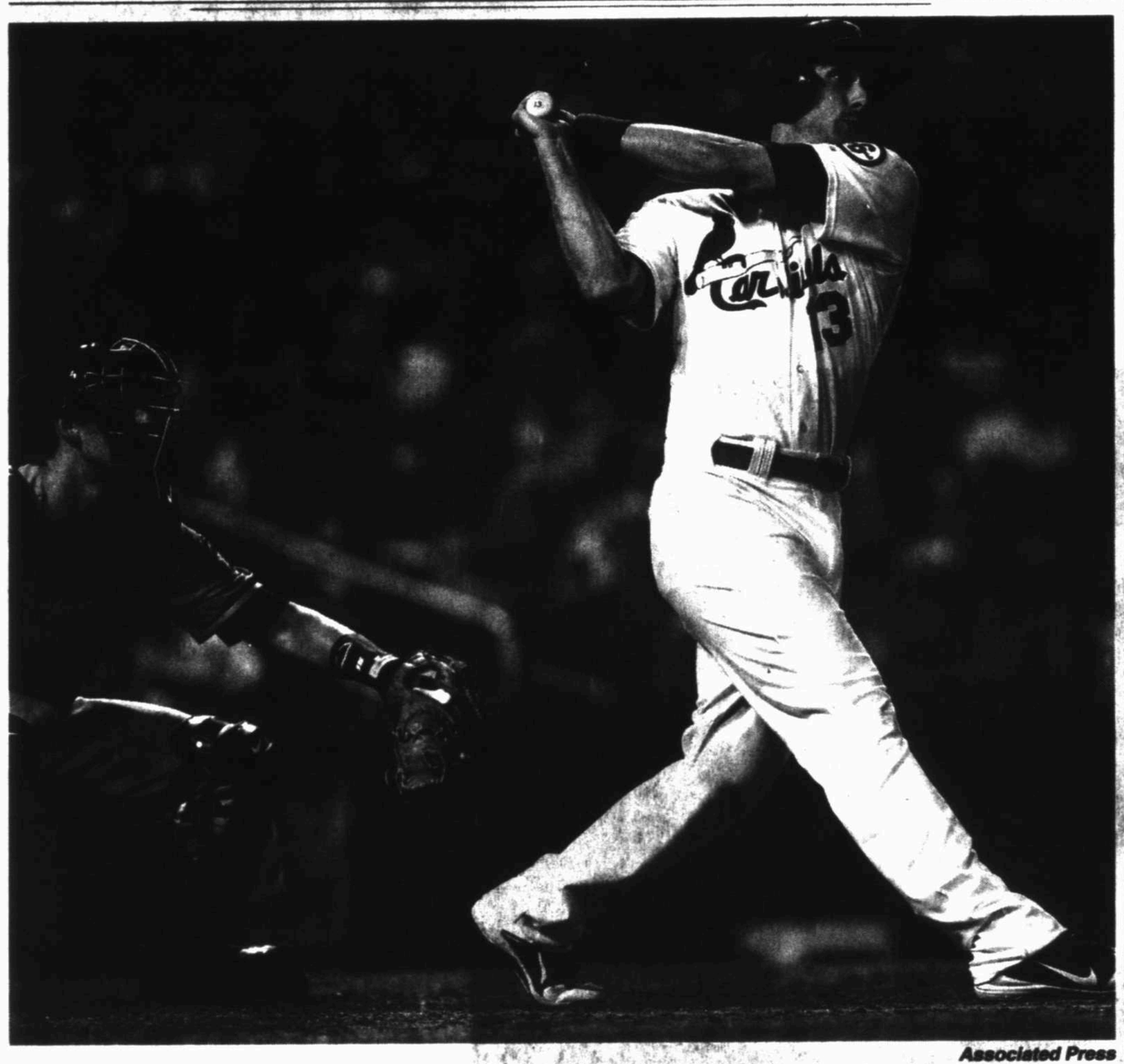


Associated Press

The St. Louis Cardinals' Matt Carpenter follows through on a two-run home run as Houston Astros catcher Jason Castro watches in the seventh inning of a baseball game on Wednesday in St. Louis.

American League

WHITE SOX 11 TIGERS 4

DETROIT — Prince Fielder homered, Rick Porcello pitched six solid innings and the Detroit Tigers bounced back Wednesday night with an 8-5 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Detroit allowed 23 hits in an 11-4 loss to the White Sox on Tuesday, but it was the Tigers who did the slugging early on in this game. Fielder lined a two-run shot to right field in the first inning for his 16th homer.

Conor Gillaspie and Gordon Beckham homered for Chicago.

Porcello (6-6) allowed three runs and seven hits. Joaquin Benoit pitched the ninth for his eighth save in eight chances.

Dylan Axelrod (3-6) allowed seven runs and 11 hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Fielder, Miguel Cabrera and Victor Martinez had three hits each for the AL Central leaders. Cabrera's run-scoring single in the sixth pushed his major league-leading RBI total to 93.

Chicago's Alex Rios was hitless a night after going 6 for 6.

YANKEES 8 ROYALS 1

NEW YORK — Robinson Cano hit a three-run homer, Lyle Overbay added a grand slam and the New York Yankees snapped out of their offensive funk with a win over Kansas City.

Ivan Nova (4-2) delivered another impressive pitching performance and the Yankees, held to one run each of the previous three days, stopped a three-game slide. They watched two more players get banged up, though, when slumping Travis Hafner and speedy Brett Gardner left with injuries.

Hafner came out with a bruised left foot, while Gardner departed with a bruised right leg after getting hit by a pitch. The team said X-rays on both were negative and they were day to day.

Nova yielded only four singles and a double in eight innings for his second win in three solid starts since returning from the minors.

Cano and Overbay both connected off Wade Davis (4-8), who dropped his third consecutive start.

BLUE JAYS 5 INDIANS 4

CLEVELAND — Munenori Kawasaki hit a two-run single with the bases loaded in the ninth inning and the Toronto Blue Jays beat Cleveland.

Kawasaki, who broke an 0-for-18 slump, broke a 2-all tie with his two-out hit. A third run scored when center fielder Michael Bourn misplayed the ball for an error.

Neil Wagner (2-3) struck out Ryan Raburn with the bases loaded to end the eighth after the Indians tied the game. Casey Janssen allowed two runs in the ninth before Steve Delabar retired Michael Brantley on a fly ball for his first major league save.

Rich Hill (0-1) took the loss.

National League

METS 7 GIANTS 2

SAN FRANCISCO — Former Giants prospect Zack Wheeler pitched seven sharp innings, Marlon Byrd homered again and the New York Mets completed their first sweep in San Francisco since 1994 with a 7-2 win Wednesday.

Daniel Murphy and John Buck each had two hits and drove in two runs as the Mets won their fourth in a row, including three straight over the slumping World Series champions. The Giants have lost 16 of 19.

Wheeler (3-1), a former Giants' first-round draft pick, took a shutout into the seventh. He allowed one run and three hits overall, striking out five and walking three.

Matt Cain (5-6) lasted less than an inning for the first time in his career, giving up three runs on two hits while getting just two outs. He walked three.

San Francisco dropped a season-high 10 games under .500 as it was swept at home for the first time in nearly a year.

NATIONALS 5 PHILLIES 1

PHILADELPHIA — Gio Gonzalez tossed seven sharp innings, the Nationals hit a pair of consecutive homers off Cliff Lee and Washington beat the Philadelphia Phillies.

Anthony Rendon and Wilson Ramos hit back-to-back shots off Lee to start the fifth and Ryan Zimmerman and Jayson Werth did it to open the sixth.

Gonzalez (7-3) gave up one run and six hits, striking out five to win his fourth straight start. The lefty has eight quality starts in a row.

Lee (10-3) had allowed nine homers in his first 135 2-3 innings this year before yielding four in a span of eight batters. Darin Ruf hit a solo shot for the Phillies, who failed to reach .500 for the first time since June 7.

MARLINS 6 BRAVES 2

MIAMI — Giancarlo Stanton hit a two-run double to end a 10-game RBI drought, and the Miami Marlins broke a five-game losing streak by beating Atlanta 6-2.

Stanton had been in a 3-for-26 slump before he put the Marlins ahead in their four-run first inning against Paul Maholm (9-8). Placido Polanco added three hits and three RBIs.

Jacob Turner (3-1) allowed four hits and two runs in seven innings. Steve Cishek allowed two singles in the ninth to complete a six-hitter.

The Braves won two of three games in the series but missed a chance for their first road sweep since April 12-14 at Washington. Miami improved to 3-12 against the Braves at Marlins Park since it opened in 2012.

REDS 6 BREWERS 2

MILWAUKEE — Mike Leake scattered four hits over 8 1-3 innings and Brandon Phillips had three RBI, lifting the Cincinnati Reds over the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Reds put the leadoff runner on base in each of the first seven innings and snapped a three-game losing streak.

Leake (8-4) bounced back from a rare rough start in his last outing and seemed to get stronger as the game progressed. He allowed four walks while striking out two.

Milwaukee starter Johnny Hellweg (0-3) had trouble throwing strikes and was battered for his fourth consecutive appearance. The right-hander, who made his major-league debut on June 28, allowed four runs on four hits and five walks in 4 1-3 innings.

Sean Halton hit his first major league home run for the Brewers.

Interleague

CARDINALS 5 ASTROS 4

ST. LOUIS — Matt Carpenter hit a two-run home run and Matt Holliday drove in two with a two-out hit to help the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Houston Astros.

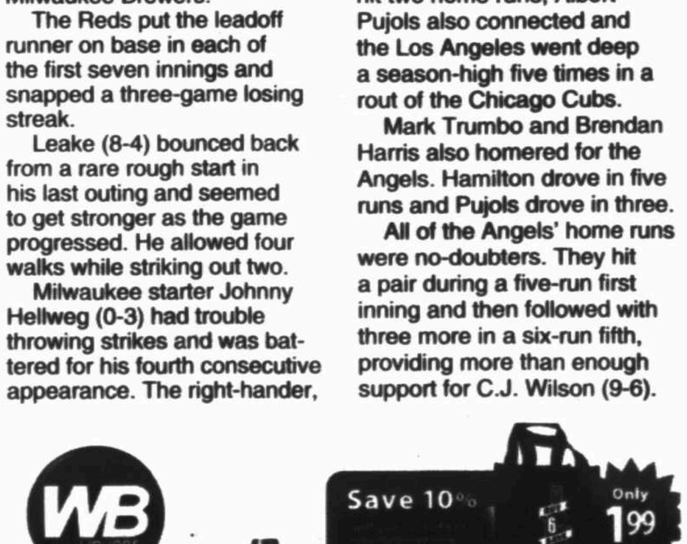
Carpenter's ninth homer of the season in the seventh gave the win to Seth Maness (5-1). Tony Cruz got hit by starter Jordan Lyles' first pitch of the inning and one out later Carpenter put a 2-1 pitch into the right field stands off reliever Wesley Wright (0-3).

ANGELS 13 CUBS 2

CHICAGO — Josh Hamilton hit two home runs, Albert Pujols also connected and the Los Angeles went deep a season-high five times in a rout of the Chicago Cubs.

Mark Trumbo and Brendan Harris also homered for the Angels. Hamilton drove in five runs and Pujols drove in three.

All of the Angels' home runs were no-doubters. They hit a pair during a five-run first inning and then followed with three more in a six-run fifth, providing more than enough support for C.J. Wilson (9-6).



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Butler Park
Saturday, July 6
Game 1: Mid City 8, Monahans 5
Game 2: Lubbock Southwest 10, Wellington 0
Sunday, July 7
Winner's Bracket
Game 3: Lubbock Southwest 12, Slaton 2
Loser's Bracket
Game 4: Monahans 7, Wellington 0
Monday, July 8
Winner's Bracket Final
Game 5: Mid City 17, Lubbock Southwest 3
Elimination Game
Game 6: Monahans 15, Slaton 2
Tuesday, July 9
Elimination Game
Game 7: Monahans 15, Lubbock Southwest 4
Wednesday, July 10
Final
Game 8: Monahans 3, Mid City 2
Thursday, July 11
Game 9: Monahans vs. Mid City, 7 p.m., Field 3

10-11 year olds
Butler Park
Saturday, July 6
Game 1: Lubbock Southwest 10, Pecos 0
Sunday, July 7
Game 2: Northern 22, Lubbock Southwest 2
Monday, July 8
Elimination Game
Game 3: Lubbock Southwest 19, Pecos 16
Tuesday, July 9
Final
Game 4: Northern 11, Lubbock Southwest 1

11-12 year olds
Butler Park
Saturday, July 6
Game 1: Northern 13, Alpine Big Bend 2
Game 2: Lubbock Southwest 10, Childress 0
Sunday, July 7
Game 3: Lubbock Southwest 10, Abernathy 0
Elimination Game
Game 4: Alpine Big Bend 18, Childress 1
Monday, July 8
Winner's Bracket Final
Game 5: Northern 13, Lubbock Southwest 8
Elimination Game
Game 6: Alpine Big Bend 10, Abernathy 3
Tuesday, July 9
Elimination Game
Game 7: Alpine Big Bend 14, Lubbock Southwest 7
Wednesday, July 10
Final
Game 8: Northern 10, Alpine Big Bend 5

BASEBALLBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARIZONA

Schumaker's suspension appeal denied by MLB

PHOENIX — Major League Baseball has upheld a two-game suspension of Los Angeles Dodgers second baseman Skip Schumaker for his involvement in a fight with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Schumaker served the first game of his suspension Wednesday night against the Diamondbacks and was expected to be out of the lineup again Thursday against Colorado.

Schumaker was one of eight people suspended after the Dodgers and Diamondbacks traded beanballs on June 11.

RANGERS

From 1C

the first two batters before Brian Roberts hit a liner to center that bounced out of the glove of Engel Beltre and off the wall. It went for an RBI single, and Reimold followed with a towering fly ball that carried into the left-field seats, a few feet inside the foul pole.

Texas got its lone run in the sixth when Ian Kinsler walked, took third on a single by Nelson Cruz and scored when Beltre hit into a fielder's choice.

Chen used 21 pitches in a 1-2-3 first inning, and Lindblom needed 31 to get through a bottom half in which the Orioles got two singles.

Baltimore went up 2-0 in the third. After Nate McLouth beat out an infield roller and Machado tripled to center, a wild pitch allowed Machado to score.

Chen retired 11 of the first 12 batters he faced, allowing only a walk until Beltre singled with two outs in the fourth.

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WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	10	2	.833	–
Chicago	9	4	.692	1 1/2
New York	7	4	.636	2 1/2
Washington	6	7	.462	4 1/2
Indiana	4	7	.364	5 1/2
Connecticut	3	8	.273	6 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	9	3	.750	—
Los Angeles	8	4	.667	1
Phoenix	8	6	.571	2
Seattle	5	8	.385	4 1/2
San Antonio	4	8	.333	5
Tulsa	3	11	.214	7

Wednesday's Scores
Chicago 89, Washington 85
San Antonio 86, Phoenix 80

Today's Games
Minnesota at Indiana, 11 a.m.
Los Angeles at Tulsa, 8 p.m.

Soccer

CONCACAF Gold Cup
FIRST ROUND
Top two in each group and two best third-place teams advance to quarterfinals

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Martinique	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Panama	1	1	0	0	2	1	0
Mexico	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Canada	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Honduras	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
El Salvador	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Trinidad	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Haiti	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
United States	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Costa Rica	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Cuba	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Belize	1	0	0	1	1	6	0

Tuesday's Scores
At Portland, Ore.
Costa Rica 3, Cuba 0
United States 6, Belize 1

Saturday, July 13
At Sandy, Utah
United States vs. Cuba, 2:30 p.m.
Costa Rica vs. Belize, 5 p.m.

QUARTERFINALS
Saturday, July 20
At Atlanta
Group A second place vs. Group B second place, 2 or 5 p.m.
Group A winner vs. Group B or C third place, 2 or 5 p.m.

Sunday, July 21
At Baltimore
Group B winner vs. Group C second place 3 or 6 p.m.
Group C winner vs. Group A or third place, 3 or 6 p.m.

SEMIFINALS
Wednesday, July 24
At Arlington
Atlanta quarterfinal winners, 6 or 9 p.m.
Baltimore quarterfinal winners, 6 or 9 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 28
At Chicago
Semifinal winners, 3 p.m.

2013 U.S. Soccer Schedule
(Won 7, Lost 2, Tied 0)
Tuesday, Jan. 29 — United States 0, Canada 0
q-Wednesday, Feb. 6 — Honduras 2, United States 1
q-Friday, March 22 — United States 1, Costa Rica 0
q-Tuesday, March 26 — United States 0, Mexico 0
Wednesday, May 29 — Belgium 4, United States 2
Sunday, June 2 — United States 4, Germany 3
q-Friday, June 7 — United States 2, Jamaica 1
q-Tuesday, June 11 — United States 2, Panama 0
q-Tuesday, June 18 — United States 1, Honduras 0
Friday, July 5 — United States 6, Guatemala 0
a-Tuesday, July 9 — United States 6, Belize 1
a-Saturday, July 13 — vs. Cuba at Sandy, Utah, 2:30 pm.
a-Tuesday, July 16 — vs. Costa Rica at East Hartford, Conn., 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 14 — vs. Bosnie-Herzegovina at Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 2:30 p.m.
q-Friday, Sept. 6 — vs. Costa Rica at San Jose, Costa Rica, TBA
q-Tuesday, Sept. 10 — vs. Mexico at Columbus, Ohio, 7:11 p.m.
q-Friday, Oct. 11 — vs. Jamaica at Kansas City, Kan., TBA
q-Tuesday, Oct. 15 — vs. Panama at Panama City, TBA
q-World Cup qualifier
a-CONCACAF Gold Cup

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	9	4	4	31	31	25
Sporting Kansas City	8	5	6	30	26	19
New York	8	7	4	28	25	24
Philadelphia	7	6	6	27	29	29
Houston	7	6	5	26	20	18
New England	6	5	6	24	21	14
Columbus	6	8	5	23	23	23
Chicago	6	8	3	21	19	25
Toronto FC	2	8	7	13	17	24
D.C.	2	13	4	10	8	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Real Salt Lake	10	5	4	34	29	18
FC Dallas	8	4	7	31	27	24
Los Angeles	7	9	7	28	30	29
Portland	7	2	9	30	28	17
Vancouver	8	5	5	29	29	25
Colorado	7	7	6	27	23	22
Seattle	7	8	4	25	24	21
San Jose	5	9	6	21	20	32
Chivas USA	3	10	5	14	16	32

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

Friday's Game
Chivas USA at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Montreal at New York, 6 p.m.
Houston at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Sporting Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.
Seattle FC at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Portland, 10 p.m.

Fishing Report

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 82-88 degrees; 12.81' low. Black bass are fair to good on buzzballs early, later switching to Texas rigs, weightless flukes and shallyheads. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 81-87 degrees; 13.62' low. Black bass are good on Zara Spooks, Texas rigs and shallow running shad pattern crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

COLORADO CITY: 17.68' low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 82-88 degrees; 12.06' low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and watermelon/red flukes. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 83-88 degrees, 23' low. Black bass are good on Yellow Magics early, later switching to Texas rigs and Senkos. Crappie are good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 81-87 degrees; 18.42' low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, Texas rigs and shallyheads. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows. Catfish are good on chartreuse (use Worm-Gitz) nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 82-88 degrees; 38.8' low. Black bass are good on Zara Spooks early and late, etokie switching to Texas rigs. Senkos and drop-shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs and live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 82-88 degrees; 31.02' low. Black bass are good on topwaters early, later switching to Yum Dingers, shallow running crankbaits, drop-shot rigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 64.03' low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 9.91' low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 83-89 degrees; 20.82' low. Black bass are fair to good on Senkos, Texas rigs and wacky rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Gitz) nightcrawlers.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 82-88 degrees; 32.15' low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water stained; 78-83 degrees; 59.27' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon/red flukes and peach colored Texas rigs. Striped bass are fair on silver slabs. White bass are good on topwaters and slabs. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and punch bait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and juglines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license or have the Mexico side whether fishing or not.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	55	37	.598	—
Tampa Bay	52	40	.565	3
Baltimore	50	42	.543	5
New York	49	42	.538	5 1/2
Toronto	44	46	.489	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	50	40	.556	—
Cleveland	47	44	.516	3 1/2
Kansas City	43	45	.489	6
Minnesota	37	51	.420	12
Chicago	35	53	.398	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	54	37	.593	—
Texas	53	38	.582	1
Los Angeles	44	48	.489	9 1/2
Seattle	40	50	.444	13 1/2
Houston	32	59	.352	22

Wednesday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees 8, Kansas City 1
Baltimore 6, Texas 1
Toronto 5, Cleveland 4
Oakland at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit 8, Chicago White Sox 5
Tampa Bay 4, Minnesota 3, 13 innings
L.A. Angels 13, Chicago Cubs 2
St. Louis 5, Houston 4
Boston at Seattle, late

Today's Games
Toronto (Dickey 8-9) at Cleveland (Salazar 0-0), 11:05 a.m.
Minnesota (Pelfrey 4-6) at Tampa Bay (M.Moore 12-3), 11:10 a.m.
Kansas City (E.Santana 5-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 8-6), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 5-8) at Detroit (Ani. Sanchez 7-5), 12:08 p.m.
Boston (Dempster 5-8) at Seattle (E.Ramirez 0-0), 2:40 p.m.
Texas (Wolf 1-1) at Baltimore (Mig.Gonzalez 6-3), 6:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	52	39	.571	—
Washington	47	44	.516	5
Philadelphia	45	47	.489	7 1/2
New York	40	48	.455	10 1/2
Miami	33	57	.367	18 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	55	34	.618	—
Pittsburgh	53	36	.596	2
Cincinnati	51	40	.560	5
Chicago	40	49	.449	15
Milwaukee	37	53	.411	18 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	47	43	.522	—
Los Angeles	44	45	.494	2 1/2
Colorado	43	48	.473	4 1/2
San Diego	41	50	.451	6 1/2
San Francisco	40	50	.444	7

Wednesday's Scores
Miami 6, Atlanta 2
Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 2
N.Y. Mets 7, San Francisco 2
Washington 5, Philadelphia 1
Oakland at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels 13, Chicago Cubs 2
St. Louis 5, Houston 4
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, late
Colorado at San Diego, late

Today's Games
Washington (Zimmermann 12-3) at Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 7-6), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 8-2) at Atlanta (Hudson 5-7), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Westbrook 5-3) at Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 5-10), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 7-6) at Arizona (Miley 5-7), 8:40 p.m.
Colorado (Pomeranz 0-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 2-6), 9:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 9-5) at San Diego (Marquis 9-4), 9:10 p.m.

AL WEST BOXES
ORIOLES 6, RANGERS 1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	3	1	0	0	McLoth lf	4	1	1	0
Profar lf	4	0	0	0	Machd 3b	5	1	3	1
N.Cruz rf	4	0	1	0	Markks rf	5	0	1	0
Alfaro 3b	4	0	1	1	A.Jones cf	4	0	2	0
Przynus dh	4	0	2	0	C.Davis 1b	3	0	0	0
Andrus ss	2	0	0	0	Wieters c	3	1	0	0
Morlnd 1b	3	0	0	0	Hardy ss	2	1	0	0
G.Soto c	3	0	0	0	R.Iorta 2b	3	1	1	1
Ellsbry cf	3	0	0	0	Reimld dh	4	1	2	3
Totals	30	1	4	1	Totals	35	6	10	5

Texas	000	001	000	—	1
Baltimore	003	000	03x	—	6

DP—Baltimore 1. LOB—Texas 5, Baltimore 10. 2B—Pierzynski (13), A.Jones (23). 3B—Machado (3). HR—Reimold (5).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lindblom L,1-3	5 1-3	9	6	6	4	1
Burns	1 2-3	1	0	0	3	1
R.Ross	1	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore						
W.Chen W,4-3	7	3	1	1	3	4
Tom.Hunter	2	1	0	0	0	1

WP—Lindblom, Burns.
T—2:59. A—19,344 (45,971).

CARDINALS 5, ASTROS 4

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi
Elmore ss	3	0	0	0	MCrpnt 2b	3	1	1	2
Altuve 2b	5	1	2	0	Jay cf	4	0	0	0
J.Castro c	5	1	1	0	Holliday lf	4	0	2	2
Carter lf	3	1	1	1	Craig rf	2	1	0	0
Wallac 1b	5	1	4	1	MAdms 1b	4	0	2	1
JDMrtn rf	4	0	1	1	Freese 3b	4	0	0	0
Bltlnrs cf	4	0	0	0	Mujica p	0	0	0	0
C.Pena ph	1	0	0	0	Descals ss-3b	3	0	0	0
MDmn 3b	3	0	0	0	TCruz c	3	2	1	0
Lyles p	3	0	0	0	Stifler p	1	0	0	0
Wright p	0	0	0	0	SRonsn ph	1	1	1	0
Clemns p	0	0	0	0	Maness p	0	0	0	0
Krauss ph	1	0	1	0	YMolin ph	1	0	0	0
Paredes pr	0	0	0	0	Rosenthl p	0	0	0	0
Cisnero p	0	0	0	0	Kozma ss	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	4	10	3	Totals	30	5	7	5

Houston	000	010	100	—	4
St. Louis	010	020	20x	—	5

E—Descalso (6), M.Carpenter (11). DP—Houston 1, St. Louis 2. LOB—Houston 12, St. Louis 6. 2B—J.Castro (24), Holliday (15). HR—Carter (18), M.Carpenter (9). SB—Craig (2).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lyles	6 1-3	6	4	4	2	2
W.Wright L,0-3	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Clemens	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Cisnero	1	0	0	0	2	2
St. Louis						
S.Miller	5	5	3	3	5	5
Maness W,5-1	2	2	1	1	1	3
Rosenthal	1	2	0	0	0	2
Mujica S,25-26	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Lyles (T.Cruz). WP—Lyles.
T—3:23. A—44,313 (43,975).

ANGELS 13, CUBS 2

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Aybar ss	4	1	2	1	Sappelt rf	4	0	1	0
Trout cf	4	2	3	1	Ransm 3b	4	2	1	0
Hawpe rf	1	0	0	0	Rizzo 1b	4	0	1	1
Pujols 1b	1	2	1	3	ASorin lf	3	0	0	0
Cowgill rf-cf	1	1	1	0	Valuen lf	1	0	0	0
Hamlin lf	5	2	2	5	SCastr ss	3	0	0	0
DDLRs p	0	0	0	0	Barney 2b	3	0	0	0
Buckrs c	0	0	0	0	Castillo c	3	0	0	0
Callasp 3b	4	0	1	0	Borbon cf	3	0	1	0
Trumo rf-1b	5	1	1	1	Smrdzj p	1	0	0	0
Conger c	4	1	1	0	HRdrgz p	0	0	0	0
B.Harris 2b	5	2	1	2	Raley p	2	0	0	0
CWilsn p	4	1	1	0					
Shuck lf	1	0	1	0					
Totals	39	13	15	13	Totals	31	2	5	2

Los Angeles	000	000	011	—	13
Chicago	000	100	001	—	2

DP—Los Angeles 1, Chicago 2. LOB—Los Angeles 7, Chicago 2. 2B—Aybar (13), Trout 2 (29), Conger (6), Shuck (12), Ransom (7), 3B—Cowgill (1). HR—Pujols (15), Hamilton 2 (14), Trumbo (20), B.Harris (4), Ransom (9). SB—Trout (21). SF—Aybar.

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
C.Wilson W,9-6	7	4	1	1	0	6
D.De La Rosa	1	0	0	0	0	1
Buckner	1	1	1	1	0	1
Chicago						
Samardzija L,5-9	4 2-3	9	9	9	2	5
H.Rodriguez	0	3	2	2	2	0
Raley	4 1-3	3	2	2	1	2

H.Rodriguez pitched to 5 batters in the 5th
WP—Samardzija.
T—3:04. A—31,111 (41,019).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LINESCORES
YANKEES 8, ROYALS 1

Kansas City	000	000	010	—	1	6	0
New York	103	004	00x	—	8	9	0

W.Davis, J.Gutierrez (6), Coleman (8) and Kottaras; Nova, Chamberlain (9) and C.Stewart. W—Nova 4-2. L—W.Davis 4-8. HRs—New York, Cano (21), Overbay (11).

TIGERS 8, WHITE SOX 5

Chicago	010	200	200	—	5	9	0
Detroit	212	003	00x	—	8	10	0

Axelrod, Troncoso (6), Purcey (7), S.Castro (8) and Flowers; Porcello, B.Rondon (7), Smyly (8), Benoit (9) and Avila. W—Porcello 6-6. L—Axelrod 3-6. Sv—Benoit (8). HRs—Chicago, Gillaspie (7), Backman (2). Detroit, Fielder (16).

BLUE JAYS 5, INDIANS 4

Toronto	000	000	203	—	5	6	1
Cleveland	010	000	012	—	4	9	2

E.Rogers, McGowan (7), Cecil (8), Wagner (8), Janssen (9), Delabar (9) and Thole, Arencibia; Masterson, Gullbert (7), Pestano (8), R.Hill (9), J.Smith (9), Shaw (9) and C.Santana. W—Wagner 2-3. L—R.Hill 0-1. Sv—Delabar (1).

RAYS 4, TWINS 3, 13 INNINGS

Minnesota	002	010	000	000	0	—	3	12	1
Tampa Bay	010	002	000	000	1	—	4	12	0

Correia, Burton (6), Thielbar (7), Fien (8), Swarzak (9), Duensing (11), Pressly (12) and Doumit; Hellickson, McGee (7), Jo.Peralta (8), Rodney (9), J.Wright (10), Farnsworth (12), C.Ramos (13) and J.Molina, Lobaton. W—C. Ramos 2-2. L—Pressly 2-1. HRs—Minnesota, Florimon (4). Tampa Bay, K.Johnson (13).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LINESCORES
MARLINS 6, BRAVES 2

Atlanta	010	001	000	—	2	6	1
Miami	400	000	02x	—	6	11	0

Maholm, D.Carpenter (5), Ayala (7), Varvaro (8) and G.Laird; Ja.Turner, Qualls (8), Cishek (9) and Mathis. W—Ja.Turner 3-1. L—Maholm 9-8.

REDS 6, BREWERS 2

Cincinnati	111	010	200	—	6	9	0
Milwaukee	100	010	000	—	2	4	1

Leake, Chapman (9) and Mesoraco; Helweg, D.Hand (5), Mic.Gonzalez (7), Badenhop (8), Kintzler (9) and Lucroy. W—Leake 8-4. L—Helweg 0-3. HRs—Milwaukee, Halton (1).

METS 7, GIANTS 2

New York	300	022	000	—	7	8	0
San Francisco	000	000	101	—	2	6	2

Z.Wheeler, Edgin (8), Hawkins (9) and Buck; M.Cain, Kickham (1), Kontos (7), Affeldt (8), J.Lopez (9) and Posey. W—Z.Wheeler 3-1. L—M. Cain 5-6. HRs—New York, Byrd (15).

NATIONALS 5, PHILLIES 1

Washington	000	022	001	—	5	10	1
Philadelphia	000	000	100	—	1	7	2

G.Gonzalez, Clippard (8), R.Soriano (9) and W.Ramos; Lee, Lu, Garcia (8), De Fratus (9), Diekman (9) and Ruiz. W—G.Gonzalez 7-3. L—Lee, 10-3. HRs—Washington, Rendon (4), W.Ramos (4), Zimmerman (11), Werth (10). Philadelphia, Ruf (1).

TUESDAY'S LATE LINESCORES
RED SOX 11, MARINERS 8

Boston	015	110	030	—	11	16	0
Seattle	232	000	010	—	8	13	0

Webster, Aceves (3), Breslow (4), A.Bailey (6), Tazawa (8), Uehara (9) and Saltalamacchia; Iwakuma, Beaven (4), Farquhar (6), Furbush (7), Capps (8), Luetge (8) and Zunino. W—Breslow 3-2. L—Beaven 0-2. Sv—Uehara (6). HRs—Boston, D.Ortiz (18), Pedroia (6), Napoli (11), Bradley Jr. (2), Victorino (4). Seattle, K.Morales (2) 13).

DODGERS 6, DIAMONDBACKS 1

Los Angeles	010	122	000	—	6	10	1
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Nolasco, Howell (8), Belisario (9) and A.Ellis; Kennedy, Sipp (6), Putz (7), Ziegler (8), D.Hernandez (9) and M.Montero. W—Nolasco 6-8. L—Kennedy 3-5.

PADRES 2, ROCKIES 1

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Chacin, W.Lopez (7), Ottavino (8) and W.Rosario; Stults and Hundley. W—Stults 7-7. L—Chacin 8-4.

METS 10, GIANTS 0

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Gee, Rice (7), C.Torres (8) and Recker; Zito, Mijares (7), Affeldt (8), Dunning (8) and Quiroz. W—Rice 4-5. L—Mijares 0-2. HRs—New York, Recker (5), Byrd (14).

TENNIS

ATP World Tour

Hall of Fame Championships
Wednesday
At The International Tennis Hall of Fame
Newport, R.I.
Purse: $519,775 (WT250)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Singles
Second Round
Jan Hernych, Czech Republic, def. Jack Sock, United States, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.
Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, def. Vasek Pospisil, Canada, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.
Igor Sijsling (3), Netherlands, def. Yuichi Sugita, Japan, 6-3, 6-4.
Michael Russell, United States, def. Alex Kuznetsov, United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Lleyton Hewitt (4), Australia, def. Prakash Amritraj, India, 6-2, 6-1.
Michal Przysiezny, Poland, def. Rajeev Ram (8), United States, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3.
John Isner (2), United States, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 6-0, 7-6 (7).
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Tim Smyczek, United States, 6-2, 6-4.

Doubles
First Round
Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, and Divij Sharan, India, def. Ilya Marchenko and Denys Molchanov, Ukraine, 4-6, 7-6 (1), 11-9.
Matthew Ebden, Australia, and Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, def. Eduardo Schwank, Argentina, and Krasimir Kolev, United States, 6-2, 6-1.
Prakash Amritraj, India, and Sam Querrey, United States, def. Ruben Bemelmans, Belgium, and Michal Przysiezny, Poland, 4-6, 6-3, 10-5.
Adil Shamasdin, Canada, and John-Patrick Smith, Australia, def. James Blake and Rajeev Ram (3), United States, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 10-6.
Denis Kudla and Michael Russell, United States, def. Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Scott Lipsky (1), United States, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 10-4.

MercedesCup
Wednesday
At TC Weissenhof
Stuttgart, Germany
Purse: $660,000 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor

Singles
Second Round
Michael Berrer, Germany, def. Jeremy Chardy (3), France, 6-2, 6-7 (1), 6-3.
Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, def. Martin Klizan (8), Slovakia, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-4.
Philipp Kohlschreiber (2), Germany, def. Nils Langer, Germany, 7-5, 6-2.
Gael Monfils, France, def. Florian Mayer (6), Germany, 6-3, 6-0. Doubles.

First Round
Facundo Bagnis, Argentina, and Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, def. Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez (1), Spain, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 10-7.
Dustin Brown, Germany, and Paul Hanley (4), Australia, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, and Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Andrea Beck and Michael Berrer, Germany, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, and Daniel Munoz-De La Nava, Spain, 6-4, 6-3.
Tommy Haas and Robin Kern, Germany, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu and Benoit Paire, France, 6-3, 6-3.

SkiStar Swedish Open
Wednesday
At Bastad Tennis Stadion
Bastad, Sweden
Purse: $630,200 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor

Singles
Second Round
Juan Monaco (3), Argentina, def. Henri Laaksonen, Switzerland, 6-4, 6-2.
Albert Ramos, Spain, def. Tommy Robredo (4), Spain, 6-3, 6-4.
Grigor Dimitrov (5), Bulgaria, def. Filippo Volandri, Italy, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, def. Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, 7-5, 6-3.

Doubles
First Round
Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Daniel Nestor (1), Canada, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, and Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-4, 7-5.
David Marrero and Fernando Verdasco (2), Spain, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Johan Brunstrom, Sweden, and Raven Klaasen (4), South Africa, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, and Milosz Tillstrom, Sweden, 1-6, 6-3, 10-4.
Nicholas Monroe, United States, and Simon Stadler, Germany, def. Thiemo De Bakker, Netherlands, and Rameez Junaid, Australia, 6-2, 6-2.

Purse: $235,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor

Singles
First Round
Kristina Mladenovic (3), France, def. Maria Joao Koehler, Portugal, 6-1, 7-6 (5).
Second Round
Silvia Soler-Espinosa (7), Spain, def. Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, 6-2, 1-0, retired.
Dinah Pfizenmaier, Germany, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 7-6 (1), 6-1.
Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, def. Corinna Dentoni, Italy, 7-5, 6-1.
Sara Errani (1), Italy, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles
First Round
Caroline Garcia, France, and Maryna Zanevska, Ukraine, def. Nicole Clerico, Italy, and Amra Sadikovic, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-1.
Karolina and Kristina Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Janette Husarova, Slovakia, and Silvia Soler-Espinosa (2), Spain, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 10-8.
Mariana Duque-Marino, Colombia, and Teliana Pereira, Brazil, def. Kristina Barrois, Germany, and Nicole Rottmann, Austria, 6-1, 6-4.
Quarterfinals
Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Katarzyna Piter (1), Poland, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino and Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, 6-3, 6-0.

Hungarian Grand Prix
Wednesday
At Romai Tennis Academy
Budapest, Hungary
Purse: $235,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor

Singles
Second Round
Annika Beck (4), Germany, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, c-3, 6-3.
Yvonne Meusburger, Austria, def. Johanna Larsson (5), Sweden, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Timea Babos, Hungary, def. Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor (7), Spain, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Simona Halep (3), Romania, def. Agnes Bulta, Hungary, 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles
Quarterfinals
Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, and Lucie Hradecka (1), Czech Republic, def. Lilla Barzo, Hungary, and Dalma Gall, Hungary, 6-3, 6-1.
Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Ioana Raluca Olaru, Romania, and Valeria Solovieva, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.

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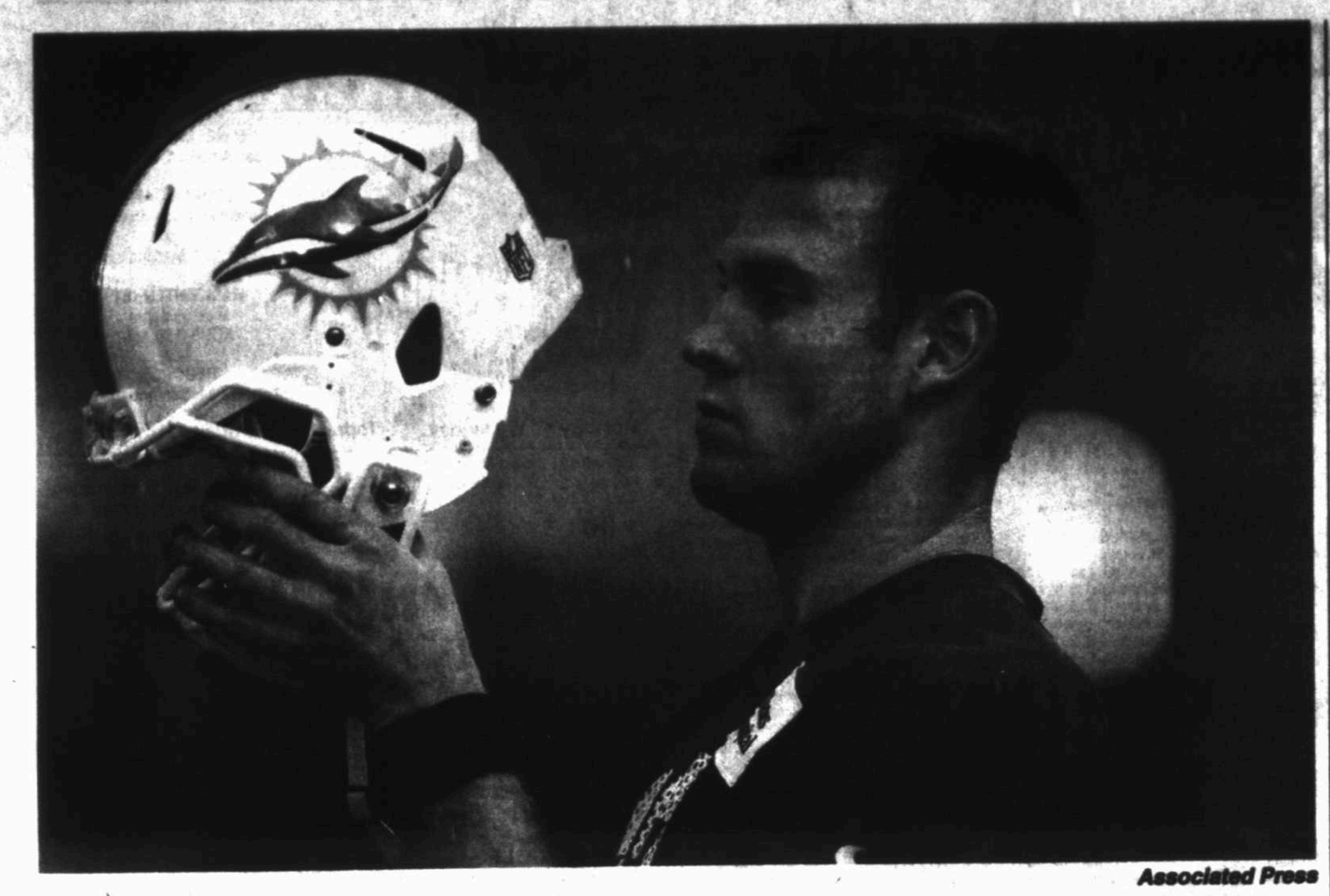


Associated Press

Miami Dolphins quarterback and Big Spring High School Grad Ryan Tannehill puts on his helmet as he runs drills during NFL football minicamp on June 12 at the team's training facility in Davie, Fla.

THE NEXT BIG STEP

Shula expects big things from Tannehill

By Greg Stoda
Cox Newspapers

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — The man's name is literally on the bun as surely as it remains figuratively on the Miami Dolphins franchise: Shula.

Don Shula, the iconic former Dolphins head coach who led them to back-to-back Super Bowl titles four decades ago with an unbeaten season punctuating one of the crowns, is 83 years old and an ultra-successful businessman.

There are Shula steakhouses.

There are Shula bar-and-grill joints. There are Shula hamburger spots. The newest Shula Burger location — in Delray Marketplace — has been in operation for a month. Shula, though, was on hand Tuesday for a session of media interviews.

It was fun to talk with Shula about his favorite concoction, which, no kidding, is a hamburger-and-hot dog combination called — what else? — The Don.

"Everybody likes hamburgers, and almost everybody likes hot dogs," Shula beamed. "What else would you want on the Fourth of July ... or any other day?"

Well, sign me up for the Southwest (roasted corn and black bean salsa, charred red onion, roasted tomato, pepper jack cheese, chipotle spread, hold the shredded lettuce) and serve it with a helping of Shula's take on — again, what else? — the 2013 Dolphins.

"I think they have a real good chance to be in the playoff hunt," he said.

He isn't given to hyperbole.

The Dolphins have fallen precipitously from the days of the Shula Era. Shula is the NFL's all-time winningest coach (347 victories in 33 years). He won 274 games in 26 seasons with Miami, and nobody — from Jimmy Johnson to Dave Wannstedt to Nick Saban to Cam Cameron to Tony Sparano — has done anything to approach Shula's success since he left.

Now it's Joe Philbin who's about to begin his second season as Dolphins boss, and he has Shula's stamp of approval.

"I like him," Shula said. "It looked like he did a good job getting things done the way he wanted them done in that first year. That's an important step."

But the next important step, Shula said, is the one second-year quarterback Ryan Tannehill has to take.

"The second season of (a quarterback's) development is big," Shula said. "You get more comfortable being in charge of things, but you have to improve on ways of using the weapons you have. (Tannehill) will have a new receiver (Mike Wallace) who can go deep and stretch the field, but he has to figure out the best way to be consistent with him.

"I think the defensive front seven will be good, so that side of the ball should be fine. The question is whether or not the offense can improve, and most of that is going to depend on Tannehill. That's just the way it is in the NFL."

Shula, though, admits he's more fan than critic these days. He gets to as many Dolphins games as he can, and happily admits he has a better time than he ever thought he might when he's simply a legend rooting for a team to which he'll be forever linked.

The restaurant empire, meanwhile, has expanded to include almost three dozen eateries across 14 states, according to Shula's son, David, who's president of the enterprise.

"It's been very enjoyable for Dad to be a part of this," the younger Shula said. "It's impressive to have five good years in this business, and we're going on 25."

Almost as long, that is, as Shula coached the Dolphins.

"I never would have thought this would have lasted so long," he said. "It just grew and grew and grew."

Can the Dolphins grow and grow and grow?

"I think they're on the right track," Shula said.

He showed off a Super Bowl ring earned with the 1972 Undefeateds, and teased, "A lot of people get tired of hearing us talk about it. That's OK. We don't."

Soon enough, Shula was explaining the delights of The Don to somebody else while munching on appetizers of sea salt fries or sweet potato tots or onion rings. A burger with Shula branded in script on the top bun was placed in front of him.

He appeared every bit a man content.

Stafford signs 3-year extension with Lions

Associated Press

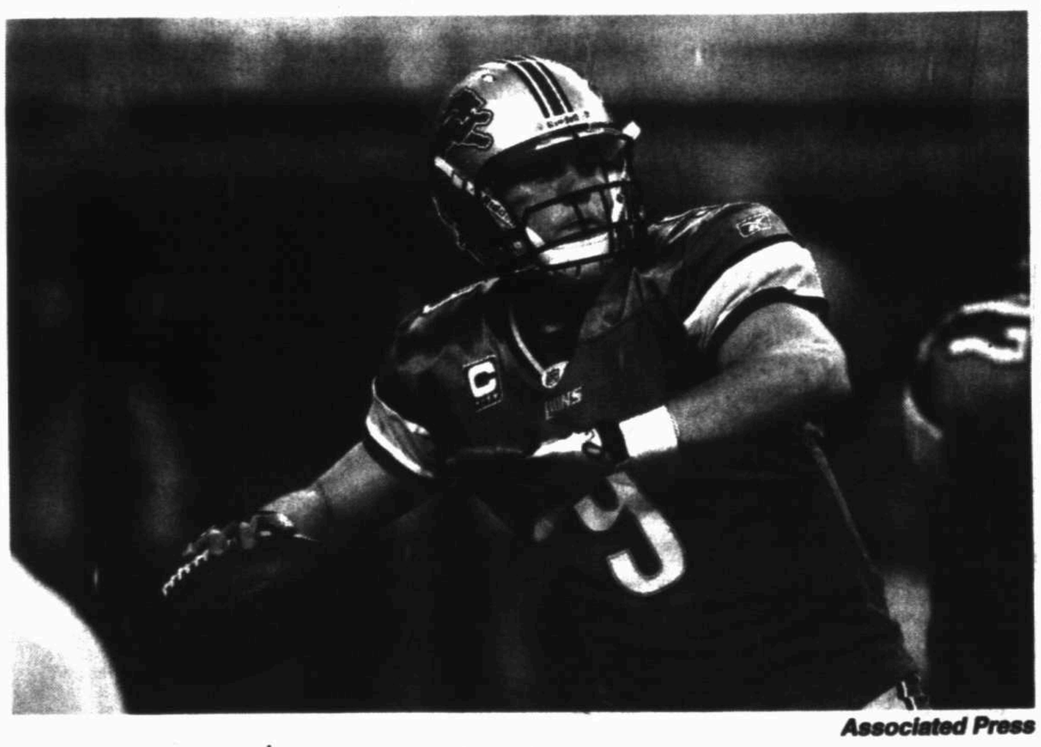
ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Matthew Stafford ended a conversation.

Stafford signed a $53 million, three-year extension with the Detroit Lions to stay under contract for $76.5 million over the next five seasons. The deal came a month after the 25-year-old quarterback answered another round of questions about his future with the team.

"I don't want to go for the next three years talking about, 'Well, you've got two years left. You've got one year left; now you're getting franchised,'" said Stafford, who had two years left on the deal he signed as the No. 1 overall pick in the 2009 draft. "That's just something I'm not about. I want to be about the team. I want to help the team out if I can in cap space, whatever it is. I want good players around me as a quarterback."

Stafford and the Lions agreed to terms Tuesday on the deal that will pay him another $41.5 million in guarantees, and he signed the contract Wednesday morning to answer the question about where he'll play in the near future.

"It was important too to remove that dialogue," Lions President Tom Lewand said. "Not that Matthew would let it become a distraction or that we would let it become a distraction. But as he said, he was not the kind of person that wants to go into next year talking about one year left on a contract or possibly going into a franchise tag. This way we avoid that."



Associated Press

This 2011 photo shows Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford throwing during the first quarter of an NFL football game against the Carolina Panthers in Detroit. Stafford and the Lions have agreed to terms on a $53 million, three-year extension to keep him under contract through 2017, according to a person familiar with the deal.

The deal clears some salary cap space for a franchise desperately seeking success with only one playoff victory since winning the 1957 NFL title.

Detroit hasn't won much in large part because its last Pro Bowl quarterback was Greg Landry in 1971.

The last time the Lions were a league power — in the 1950s — they were led by Hall of Fame QB Bobby Layne, who like Stafford played at Highland Park High School in Dallas.

They're counting on Stafford to make playoff appearances a regular occurrence, not something that has happened only once — in 2011 — in 13 years.

Detroit drafted Stafford out of Georgia and signed him to a six-year contract worth as much as $78 million with $41.7 million in guarantees.

Following two injury-stunted seasons, he helped the Lions earn a spot in the playoffs for the first time since 1999.

Stafford was honored as the 2011 Associated Press comeback player of the year after setting franchise records with 41 touchdowns and 5,038 yards passing.

MLB

From 1C

to MLB's questions were first reported by ESPN and the New York Daily News.

MLB hopes to complete the player interviews in mid-July but is not sure whether it will meet that schedule. Management then will have to decide what discipline it intends to impose.

Baseball's joint drug agreement calls for a 50-game suspension for a first offense, 100 games for a second and a lifetime ban for a third. Among the players linked to Biogenesis, Toronto's Melky Cabrera, Oakland's Bartolo Colon and San Diego's Yasmani Grandal have served 50-game penalties following positive testosterone tests.

The drug agreement specifies that if a suspension for a first PED offense is challenged by the union, the violation is not made public unless the penalty is sustained in arbitration. However, discipline for second and third offenses are announced and served while the grievance is litigated.

There also is a provision stating "the commissioner's office may publicly announce the discipline of a player if the allegations relating to a player's violation of the program previously had been made public through a source other than the commissioner's office or a club" or their employees. The sides or the arbitrator will have to decide whether the media accounts of Biogenesis are covered by that clause.

Each player's case probably will be handled in a separate arbitration, which could slow down the process while the sides secure dates before Horowitz or agree to retain other arbitrators.

The three players who already have served suspensions also may claim they can't be penalized under a provision prohibiting multiple disciplines for the same use. In addition, they can't be penalized for conduct that took place before they were given notice of their positive drug test.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian coach Tucker Schneemann shares play information with his 7-on-7 team on Tuesday during team practice at Mustang Field.

MCS

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last year helped the team, but even this summer while the players know each other well, they are still seeing the benefits on both sides of the ball.

"For me (on defense) it helps me see without the pads where the receivers are at and what kind things they do when they run their routes," Koym said. "You see where you need to be on their zones, and when you don't have pads you use your feet a little more."

And the desire to win is strong with the group, because even though they've won back-to-back TAPPS state titles, they are still playing with a little bit of a chip on their shoulder in the tournament.

The players know that winning 7 on 7 doesn't mean anything come the fall, but as competitors they want to win and continue to build respect for the program across the state.

"We come out and play, and we can hear the other guys say, 'Hey, this is Midland Christian, so we've got to come out and play,'" McClendon said. "Brownwood was getting all pumped up. I think we are starting to get a lot more respect around the state of Texas in 7 on 7, and we want to continue that respect when we go to this tournament."

NCAABRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MISSISSIPPI

Ole Miss suspends G Henderson indefinitely

OXFORD — Mississippi guard Marshall Henderson has been suspended indefinitely.

In a release Wednesday, the university announced the 6-foot-2 senior from Hurst, is suspended because of a "violation of team rules," but it did not provide any details about the violations.

"Since the season ended, we have talked a lot about Marshall taking a greater leadership role with our team," Ole Miss coach Andy Kennedy said in a statement. "With that comes greater responsibility, and he must do a better job of living up to the high standard we expect from him and he desires from himself."

Henderson averaged 20.1 points per game last season — bombing 3-pointers from nearly every inch of the court. He helped the Rebels win the SEC tournament championship and advance to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2002.

But the flamboyant guard also was known for his abrasive personality and he quickly became the player opposing teams loved to hate.

ALABAMA

Manziel, Clowney set to appear at SEC media days

BIRMINGHAM — Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel, South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney and Alabama quarterback AJ McCarron will represent their teams at Southeastern Conference media days.

The league on Wednesday released the roster of players attending the three-day event in Hoover starting next Tuesday.

Manziel, who won the Heisman Trophy as a freshman, will address the media on Wednesday. Clowney, who finished sixth in the Heisman voting, appears on the first day.

Manziel, McCarron and Georgia's Aaron Murray are among nine quarterbacks scheduled to attend.

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Couples looks to break through in US Senior Open

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Fred Couples feels like he's overdue for a win.

He's played seven events on the Champions Tour this year, has been in the top five in six of them and comes into the U.S. Senior Open on Thursday off three straight runner-up finishes.

"I would like to win something," he said Wednesday, adding that he even came in second in a member-guest tournament in California last month.

Couples' most recent victory was just under a year ago at the 2012 Senior British Open. He looked ready to win two weeks ago in the Senior Players Championship, but a back-nine collapse left him tied for second behind Kenny Perry.

Couples said his bothersome back is feeling fine, so if the man nicknamed "Boom Boom" for his prodigious drives can find the fairway at Omaha Country Club, no one would be surprised if this is the week he breaks through.

"Fred still hits the ball a tremendous distance," Bernhard Langer said. "He hasn't lost any distance, maybe gained some with the equipment and all that. He's capable of producing very low scores. Wherever he tees up, he's one of the main favorites, no doubt about it."

Couples, Perry, Langer, Tom Watson and David Frost are among the top contenders at the 6,700-yard, par-70 Omaha Country Club.

The fourth of the five senior majors will be a test of stamina for the 50-and-over golfers, especially with weekend highs forecast in the low 90s with high humidity. The course is hilly, featuring elevation and topographical changes that belie the popular image of the central plains.

"Nebraska, you'd think flat and hot," Perry said. "I got the hot part right, but it's the hilliest golf course I've ever been on."

Drives in the fairway will be at a premium with the rough cut high and the greens small and sloped. The 312-yard 13th hole is drivable, but the course features the second-longest par-3 in U.S. Senior Open history in the 230-yard third hole and the third-longest par-4 in the 494-yard 10th.

The 53-year-old Couples' scaled-back schedule begins to ramp up now. After the U.S. Senior Open, he plays the British Open at Muirfield and Senior British Open at Royal Birkdale in consecutive weeks — "which might be a little much," he said.

For a man with a notoriously bad back, the schedule is taxing, in no small part because of the challenge the Omaha Country Club presents. Even in the best of circumstances, golfers will find themselves with a good number of side-hill and downhill lies. And then there's that gnarly, 4-inch rough.

"If I drive it in the rough and don't have a great lie, I'm not going to do too much out of it," Couples said. "I'll probably play it safe."

Roger Chapman will try to become the first defending champion to repeat since Allen Doyle in 2006. Chapman, who also won the Senior PGA Championship last year, has not been able to recapture his 2012 magic. He has one top-10 finish in 13 events.

Associated Press

Fred Couples practices chipping out of a sand trap on Wednesday at the Omaha Country Club ahead of the U.S. Senior Open golf tournament in Omaha, Neb.

Mickelson looks to conquer links golf

Associated Press

INVERNESS, Scotland — Just when he thought he'd finally understood the unique nature of links golf, Phil Mickelson arrived at last year's British Open and missed the cut for the first time at a major in five years.

Mickelson

"I don't know what to say," Mickelson repeated as he prepared to leave Lytham two days earlier than expected.

Fresh off another disappointment — a sixth second-place finish at the U.S. Open last month — the American is back for another go on a links course as he plays the Scottish Open starting Thursday, a week before the British Open at Muirfield.

"It's still a challenge for me, still not something I grew up doing, still something I'm trying to learn as I continue through my career," Mickelson said Wednesday. "So I'm always cautiously optimistic."

Any self-belief must be in short supply whenever he flies to Europe — he hasn't won here in 20 years, since a victory in a second-tier Challenge Tour event in Paris in which he narrowly beat Steve Elkington.

But links golf is something that continues to appeal to Mickelson. And while Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy and the rest of the world's top seven have headed to courses across Britain to prepare for the British Open in non-competitive conditions, the eighth-ranked Mickelson will be at Castle Stuart this week practicing his bump-and-runs and low drives into the wind with a title and prize money at stake.

Mickelson is a regular at the Scottish Open and came closest to winning it in 2007 when he lost a playoff to Gregory Havret.

Stricker is man to watch at Classic

Associated Press

SILVIS, Ill. — Steve Stricker might be the only golfer on the PGA Tour who isn't peeking ahead to Muirfield and next week's British Open.

Stricker's single-minded focus on TPC Deere Run, combined with his recent dominance of the course, makes him the man to beat at this weekend's John Deere Classic.

Stricker, 46, is playing a reduced schedule this season — and he's skipping the Open Championship to celebrate his wedding anniversary with his wife Nicki in Wisconsin.

But Stricker won the John Deere Classic three times from 2009-11. He's not about to pass on a shot at a fourth title just down the road in Illinois.

"I owe a lot to this place. It's a special place for me," Stricker said.

Stricker and Zach Johnson, who grew up about 100 miles across the Mississippi River in nearby Cedar Rapids, Iowa, are the unquestioned headliners this week.

That's largely because most of the world's top golfers are already concentrating in Scotland.

There's no Tiger, Rory or Phil in this field. In fact, the only golfer ranked in the top 10 in the world that'll play Deere Run is Louis Oosthuizen — and he's 10th.

Just eight of the world's top 50, including Stricker, Keegan Bradley, Nick Watney and Johnson, have committed to the tournament. But what the field lacks in star power it should make up for somewhat in depth, as nearly half of the top 100 on FedEx Cup points list will tee off on Thursday.

"It doesn't matter where we're playing or what the field looks like. They're all good," said Johnson, who also serves as an executive board member for the tournament. "If you don't know the names, you're going to know them at some point because they're all too good."

WESTTEXASSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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Midland Drillers Evaluation Day
What: Drillers will be holding an evaluation workout for players for the 2014 season
When: July 28: Ages 9-9, 2-3:30 p.m.; Ages 10-12, 3:30-5 p.m.
Where: Mid City Little League
For more info: Contact 432-617-4487

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

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Lunch break Pick-up Basketball
When: Noon-1 p.m., Monday-Friday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut Lane
For more info: Call 413-0521

Monday Night Skills Training
When: Starting May 6; 1st hr. session: 3rd to 6th grade, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.; 2nd hr. session: 7th to high school, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Where: Lifehouse Fellowship Gym: 300 Thomas St.
Cost: $15 per session
For more info: Contact Eddie Vanzant, vanzanteddie@yahoo.com or 432-254-8894

Midland College Girls Basketball Camps
Fundamental Camp
When: 8:30 a.m.-Noon, July 15-18
Where: Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Cost: $90

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When: 6-8 p.m. July 15-18
Where: Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Cost: $60
For more info: Contact MC Head Women's Basketball Coach Ron Jones at 685-4581 or rjones@midland.edu

Hidden Gems in West Texas Showcase
When: Aug. 9-10
Where: Big Spring
For: Middle school and high school age players
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Bowling

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Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Tan Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-8245, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free; YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Midland Christian Mustang Summer Camps
Athlete's Edge
When: June 10-July 18
For: Boys and girls entering grades 9th-12th; Girls, 8-9:40 a.m.; Boys 9:45-11:30 a.m.
Cost: $150
For more info: Contact gmcclendon@midlandchristianschool.org

X-Factor Weight Clinic
When: 6-8 p.m., July 1-Aug. 8
For: Boys and girls entering grades 5th-8th
Tennis
For: Ages 4-8
Cost: $100
For more info: Contact jtanier@midlandchristianschool.org

UTPB Volleyball Camp
When: July 15-18
For: Junior High players, grades 7-9, 9 a.m.-noon; High School camp, 2-5 p.m.
Where: UTPB Gymnasium
Cost: $150
For more info: Go to www.utpblatcons.com or call 552-3675

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (6 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Fitness

Beach Body
When: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
Note: Instructor is Tommy Hindman
For more info: Call 685-7355

P-90X/Beach Body Fitness Club
When: 12-1 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Yoga
When: 8:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Cardio/Core
When: 11 a.m., Tuesdays & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2385

Midland Lee Rebel Football Camp
When: Aug. 5-8
Where: Lee High School
For: 8:30-10 a.m., incoming 1st through 5th grades; 10:30 a.m.-noon, incoming 6th through 8th graders
Cost: $50 per athlete

2013 Bulldog Football Camp
When: July 22-26
Where: Memorial Stadium
For: 8-11 a.m., 4th-6th grades; 9-11 a.m., 7-8th grades; 10 a.m.-noon, 9th grade
For more info: Call 689-1195 or 689-1193

Golf

Midland Women's City Golf Tournament
When: July 15-18
For: Any resident of Midland County, who has lived here for the last 30 days
Cost : $30
Deadline: Wednesday, July 10, 2013
Note: An established handicap index as of July 1, 2013 is required to participate
Entry forms: Can be picked up at Midland Country Club, Green Tree Country Club, Hogan Park Golf Course, Ranchland Hills Golf Club, Nueva Vista Golf Club

Hogan Park Junior Golf Summer Program
When: Session II, July 22-26; Session III, Aug. 5-9; Check-in, 9:30 a.m., Clinic, 10 a.m.-Noon
For: Boys and girls ages 9-17
Cost: $100 per session
For more info: Call Hogan Park Golf Shop at 685-7360 or jon@hoganparkgolf.com

Pee Wee Golf Summer Program
When: Session II, July 22-24; Session III, Aug. 5-7; Check-in, 8 a.m., Clinic, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
For: Boys and girls 4-8
Cost: $70
For more info: Call Hogan Park Golf Shop at 685-7360 at jon@hoganparkgolf.com

2-Person Low Ball
When: July 27-28
Where: Big Spring Country Club
Cost: $100 per player
For more info: Call the Big Spring CC pro sho at 267-5354

Ice Hockey

Jackalopes Amateur Hockey Association
Where: MCM Ice, Odessa
When: May through August
What: Hockey 101 Skills and Drill every Tuesday, 7-8 p.m., for beginners to advanced; Power skating every Saturday, 13 year olds, 8:30-10 a.m., 14 year olds, 10:15-11:45 a.m.
Cost: $15 per class, helmet required
For more info: Contact jaysouthhockey@hotmail.com or call 661-3453

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-9472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-6 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Taekwondo
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday nights; Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Etiquette
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays
Note: Instructors is Natalie Cargile
For more info: Call 685-7355

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 7 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 7 p.m., Monday and Tuesday at The Detour. Players must be signed in by 6:45 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Midland Mad Dog Rugby Club
What: Recruiting for 2012-13 season, no experience necessary
For: Participants 16 years and older, need shorts, t-shirt or jersey, cleats or running shoes, watch
When: Practice is 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
For more info: Go to www.maddogrugby.com

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-6088

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 stand and sporting clays.
Where: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

USA Softball Jr. Men's National Fastpitch Team looking for players
For: Boys players born between 1995 and 1998
Note: No softball experience is needed
For more info: Tim Lyon, USA Jr Men's National Team coach, 801-244-7477 or Dave Parker, West Texas Men's Fastpitch Association, 634-6474 or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midwest Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leal Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leal Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leal Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leal Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Youth Clinics
What: Tennis clinics for beginners to advanced players ranging from preschoolers to high school seniors. Ages 3-5: balloon tennis, ages 6-8: Quick Start (red ball); ages 9-10: Quick Start (orange and green ball); ages 11-18: junior development; all levels of adult programs
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtennescenter.com and click on "Programs & Events" or call. 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

WTTA/USPTA Junior Circuit
For: Boys and girls singles players, ages 10-18
When: July 20, Sept. 18, Oct. 10
Register: By the Thursday before each event
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Contact Lance or Kathy at 694-8321

MIDLAND TENNIS CLUB (MTC)
What: MTC is a non-profit public tennis club for all ages, all levels. Tournaments are free for members. Non-members may play by paying a tournament fee.
When: July 13-14; Aug. 17-18; Sept. 14-15; Sept. 21-22; Nov. 16-17
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: $65 Adults, $30 Yo ths, $140 Families
Call: 687-4046 or 563-1333 to join

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-4340

Track & Field

Midland Crusaders Track Club Summer program
When: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, May 28 through Aug. 2
Where: Lee High School Track
For: Boys and girls 8-18 years old
For more info: Call Tony Goyang at 694-2424 or 348-1125

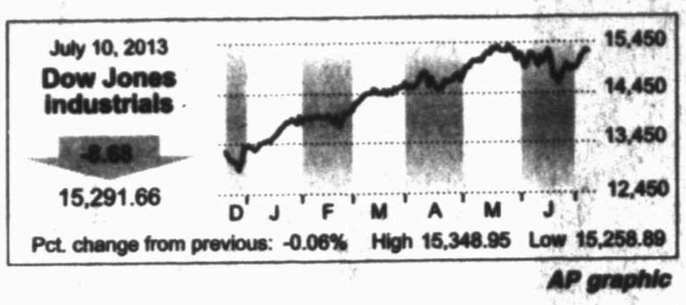
Tall City Christian Track Club
When: 6-8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, through Aug. 1
Where: Midland Memorial Stadium
For: Ages 7-18
For more info: Call Farris Strambler at 685-1179 or email MichelleBames@pbrnhrm.com

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K-3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 600 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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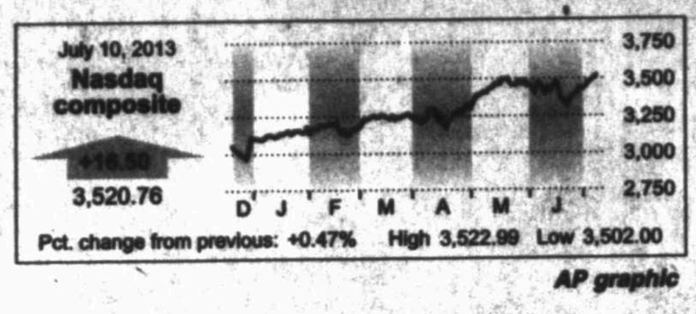

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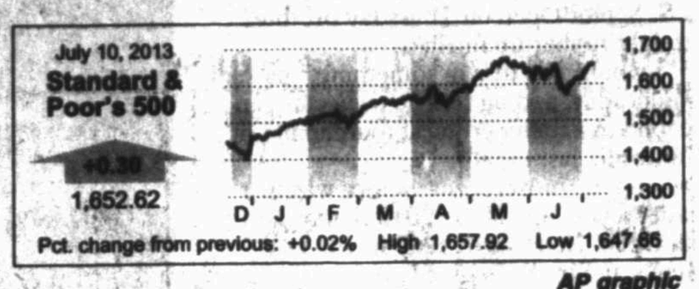

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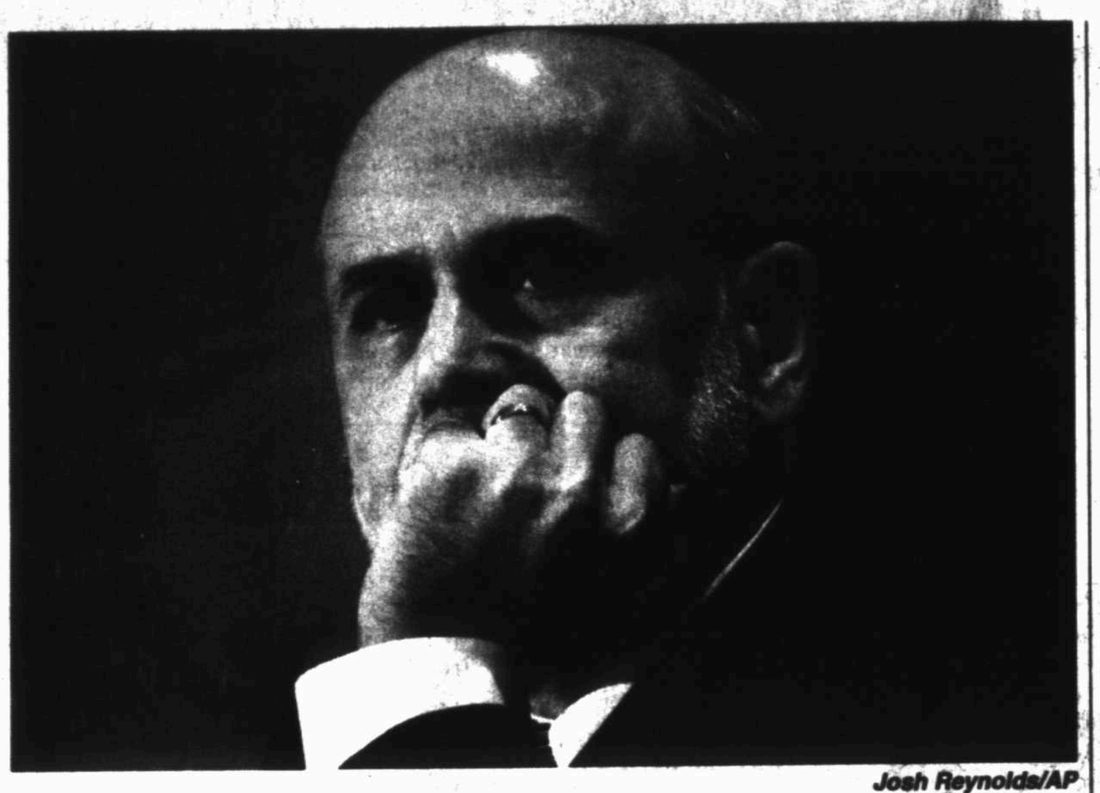

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Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke waits before his speech to the National Bureau of Economic Research Wednesday in Cambridge, Mass. Bernanke spoke after the markets closed with stocks fluctuating between small gains and losses Wednesday morning, before the Federal Reserve released minutes from its most recent meeting.

Bernanke: US economy still needs Fed's stimulus

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chairman Ben Bernanke said Wednesday that the U.S. economy still needs help from the Federal Reserve's low interest rate policies.

Bernanke told the National Bureau of Economic Research that because unemployment remains high and inflation is below the Fed's target, the policies are still necessary. He also said the economy is being held back by higher taxes and federal spending cuts.

"If you put all of that together, you can only conclude that highly accommodative monetary policy for the foreseeable future is what is needed for the U.S. economy," Bernanke said.

Stock index futures rose as Bernanke spoke. The Standard & Poor's index futures were up eight points, or 0.5 percent, at 1,656 as of 5:40 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time — shortly after Bernanke wrapped up his remarks.

Bernanke's comments were his latest effort to stress that the Fed will continue to stimulate the economy, even after it begins to slow $85-billion-a-month in bond purchases that have kept long-term interest rates down.

The Fed plans to keep its investment holdings constant to avoid causing long-term rates to rise too quickly. It also plans to keep short-term rates at record lows at least until unemployment slides to 6.5 percent.

And Bernanke has said 6.5 percent unemployment is a threshold, not a trigger: The Fed might decide to keep its benchmark short-term rate near zero even after unemployment falls that low.

Unemployment is currently 7.6 percent.

On Wednesday, Bernanke didn't signal any changes in the bond-buying program. But Bernanke defended recent comments he made after the Fed's June meeting.

At his June 19 news conference, Bernanke said the Fed would likely slow its bond purchases later this year and end them around mid-2014 if the economy continued to strengthen. Stocks and bonds plunged in the days after his remarks. Some critics said the Fed bungled its communications strategy.

Bernanke asked his audience to consider what might have happened if the Fed had given no signals on when the bond buying might be curtailed. He said that might have led to an increase in risk-taking on the part of investors "reflecting an expectation for an infinite" program of bond purchases.

"Explaining what we are doing may have avoided a much more difficult situation at another time," he said.

Bernanke also did not provide any clues on his own future. Many expect he will leave when his current term ends in January.

When asked about his legacy, he said others would certainly judge his handling of the 2008 financial crisis. He also said the Fed, under his leadership, has made significant strides in providing the public with more information on how the central bank operates.

Stocks end little changed

The stock market turned quiet Wednesday and just managed to notch a fifth straight day of gains.

Even the release of minutes from the latest meeting of the Federal Reserve didn't jolt stocks.

Two major U.S. stock indexes were barely changed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose a fraction of a point to 1,652.62. The Dow Jones industrial average eased 8.68 points, or 0.1 percent, to 15,291.66.

Every move the Fed has made in recent months has been analyzed. Wednesday's minutes from the June policy meeting were no exception.

But the minutes offered no surprises. The report showed many Fed members want to see further job gains before cutting back on the central bank's stimulus measures. It also showed some divisions among officials over when the Fed should slow that stimulus.

"I don't think the minutes offered anything that would change (my) view of the market's direction or the Fed's intentions," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist for Prudential Annuities.

The Fed has been buying $85 billion worth of bonds each month. That has helped keep interest rates at historic lows and spurred borrowing and investing.

The small gain in the S&P 500 Wednesday kept alive its winning streak. The index has now risen five days, its best streak in two months.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.68 percent from 2.64 percent late Tuesday. As recently as early May, the yield was 1.63 percent.

The price of gold rose $1.5, or 0.1 percent, to $1,247.40 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $47.72 Up 1.86

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $88.30 Down 0.04

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $39.90 Down 0.22

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $37.16 Up 0.66

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.64 Up 0.50

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.55 Up 0.15

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.06 Up 0.72

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $9.60 Down 0.20

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1010445	13.37	-.16
S&P500ETF	919687	165.19	+.06
iShEMkts	672249	37.52	-.36
SprintNex	562435	7.18	+.12
SPDR Fncl	499039	20.02	-.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PulseEl rs	3.25	+.58	+21.7
NuSkin	79.36	+12.79	+19.2
Molycorp	7.08	+.98	+16.1
LightBox n	15.17	+1.86	+14.0
WhitingTr	4.29	+.48	+12.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BS IBM86	29.15	-4.25	-12.7
ChinHydro	2.44	-.26	-9.6
BarcShtB	36.76	-3.69	-9.1
Entravisn	6.56	-.64	-8.9
Pandora	17.97	-1.68	-8.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,619
Declined	1,427
Unchanged	124
Total issues	3,170
New Highs	194
New Lows	37
Volume	2,933,371,247

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
InovioPhm	318359	1.47	+.29
Rentech	33669	2.28	+.02
AltaNevG	32851	5.42	-.09
CheniereEn	22835	29.50	-.03
NovaGld g	21634	1.90	-.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmShrd	2.63	+.44	+20.1
RareEle g	2.19	+.23	+11.7
ChaseCorp	24.10	+2.00	+9.0
Gastar grs	3.50	+.28	+8.7
AskanoG g	2.29	+.18	+8.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Arrhythm	2.39	-.23	-8.8
AvalonHld	3.49	-.16	-4.4
FAB Univ	3.27	-.13	-3.9
DGSE	2.70	-.11	-3.8
InspMD n	2.20	-.08	-3.5

DIARY

Advanced	232
Declined	187
Unchanged	23
Total issues	442
New Highs	11
New Lows	9
Volume	103,576,769

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	869931	12.55	-.59
Intel	490580	23.25	+.12
SiriusXM	448989	3.59	-.01
Cisco	368163	25.41	+.26
Dell Inc	312256	13.33	-.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
USMD n	30.66	+6.35	+26.1
Neonode	7.89	+1.52	+23.9
GeoMet pf	8.00	+1.08	+15.6
UBIC n	8.65	+1.14	+15.2
NwstBio wt	2.35	+.30	+14.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GTx Inc	5.20	-1.75	-25.2
NeoGenom	3.03	-.67	-18.1
PingtanM	3.00	-.49	-14.0
Chanticleer	2.75	-.30	-9.8
BioRefLab	26.00	-2.67	-9.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,424
Declined	1,024
Unchanged	120
Total issues	2,568
New Highs	247
New Lows	14
Volume	1,528,838,908

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80	27	35.39	-.21	+5.0
Abraxas	...	...	2.21	+.16	+.9
AdamsEx	.67e	...	12.19	+.06	+15.1
AMD	...	...	3.98	-.07	+65.8
Alcoa	.12	29	7.92	+.01	-8.8
AlonUSA	.24f	5	12.49	-.80	-31.0
Amgen	**1.88**	**17**	**102.06**	**+3.73**	**+18.4**
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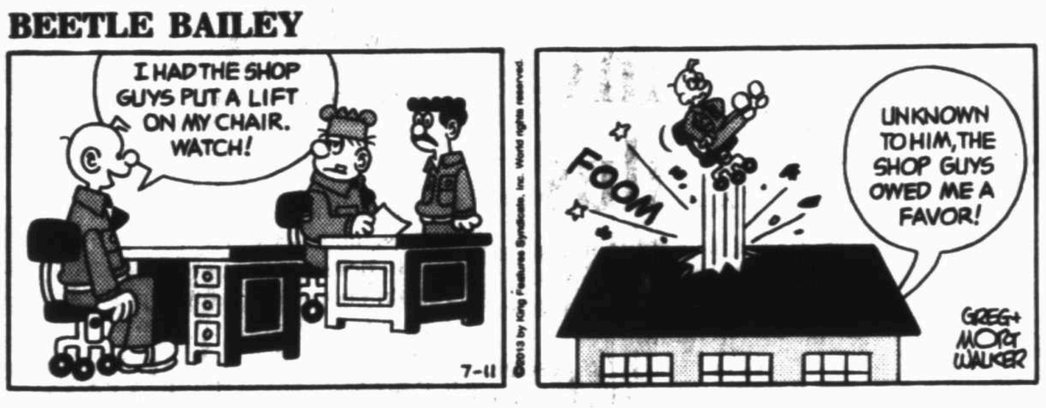

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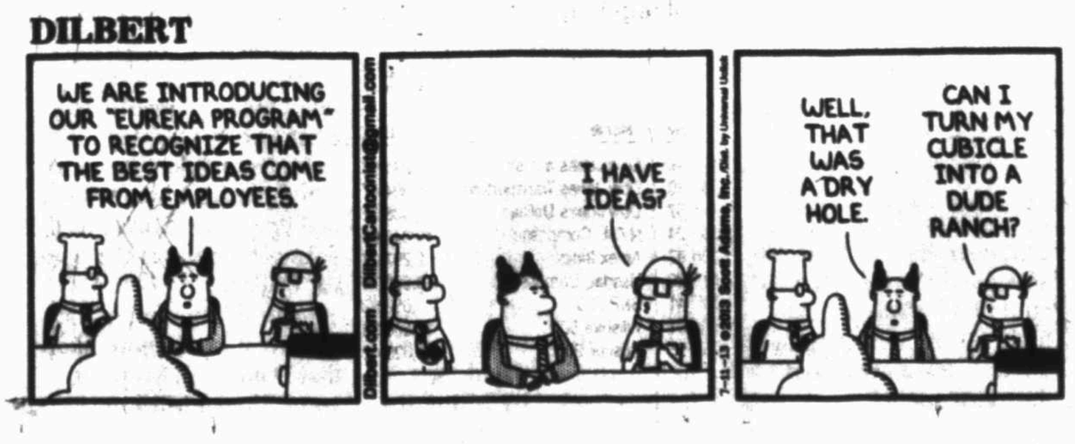

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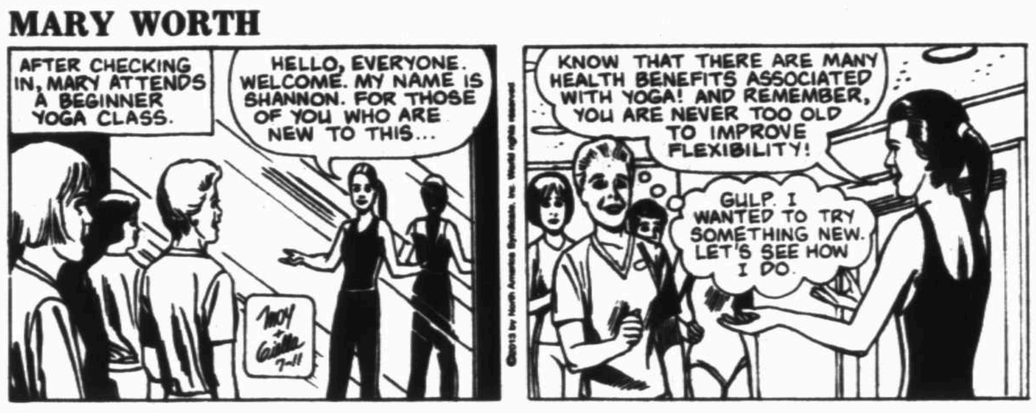

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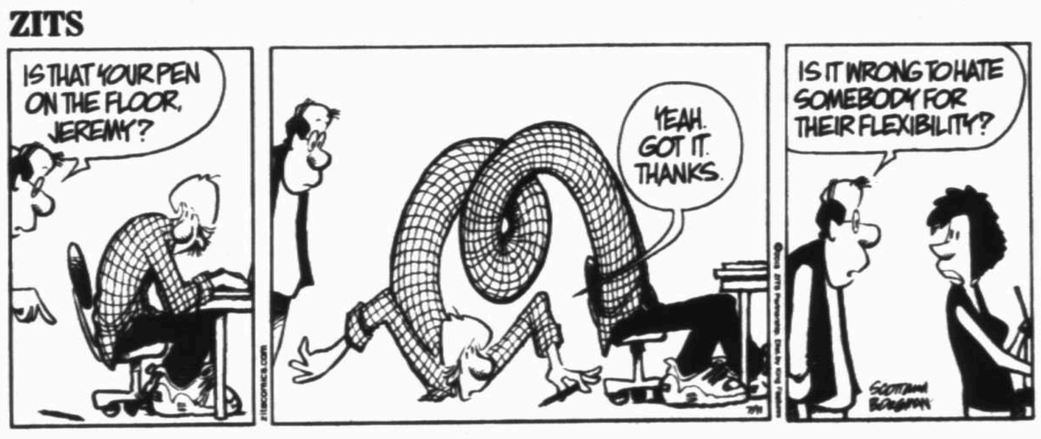

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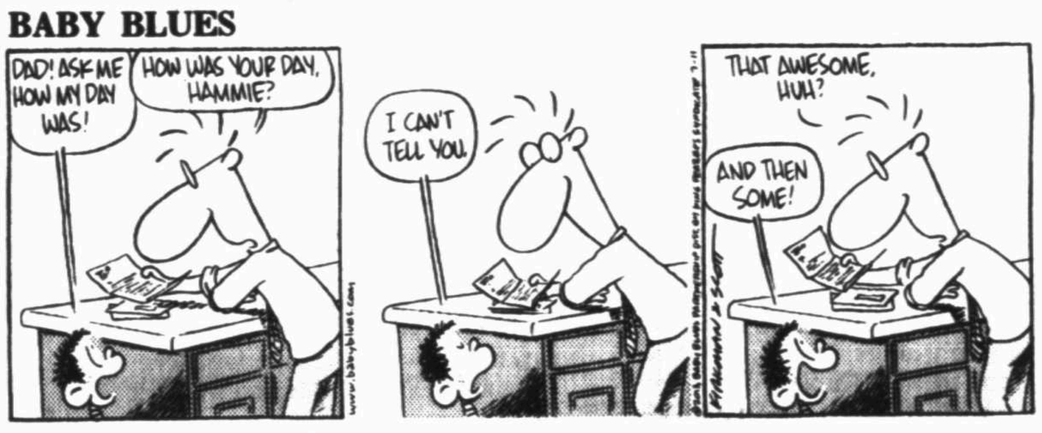

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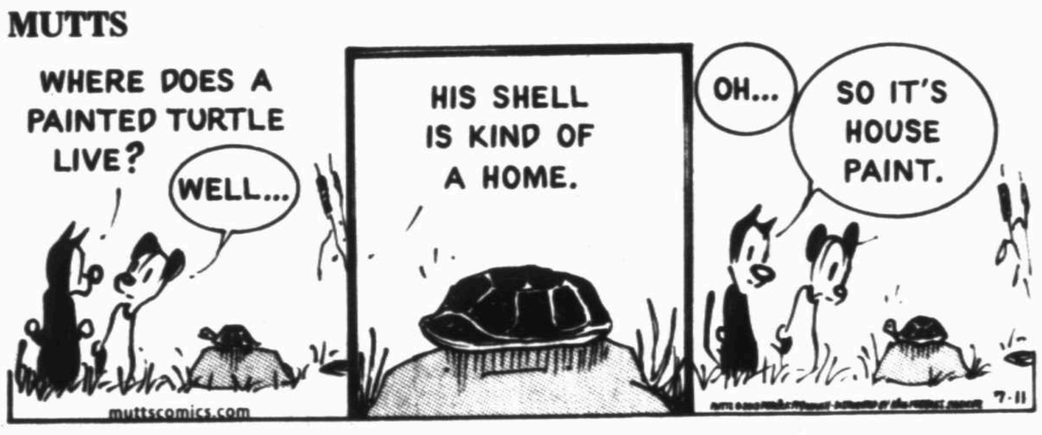

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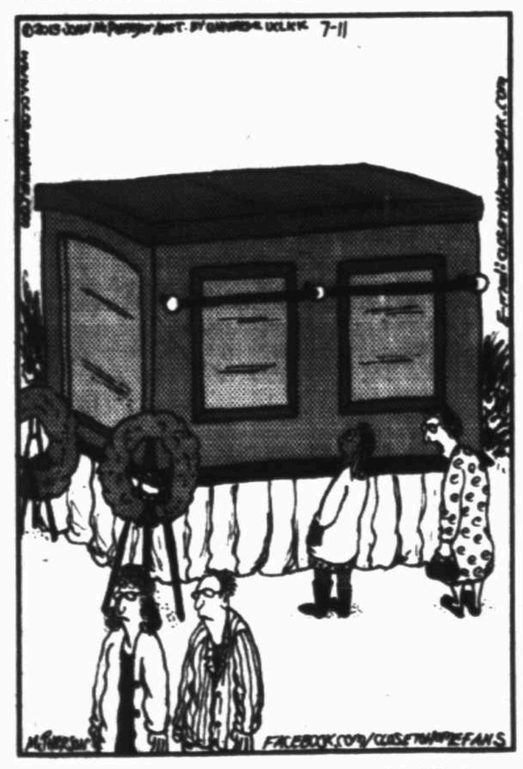

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Christopher Froome of Britain, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, passes world heritage site Mont-Saint-Michel, during the eleventh stage of the Tour de France cycling race. The Tour is an individual time trial over 20.6 miles with its start in Avranches and its finish in Mont-Saint-Michel, western France.

Froome dominates at Tour De France

Associated Press

MONT-SAINT-MICHEL, France — Going down a row of television cameras, answering one question after another, the wearer of the Tour de France's yellow jersey never veered off message. Yes, said Chris Froome, he was delighted to have increased his race lead with a super-fast ride in the time trial. But, no, he added, the Tour isn't over yet because the road to Paris is still long.

Froome is right about the long part — Paris is still 1,032 miles away. But if Froome really believes there is any doubt that he will be standing on top of the podium on the Champs-Elysees on July 21, then he is part of a quickly shrinking minority. After Wednesday's time trial race against the clock to the medieval abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel the Briton has a lead that now appears unassailable.

Looking like spacemen in their aerodynamic teardrop-shaped helmets and riding special go-fast bikes to better slice through the air, the 182 riders set off one after another from the Normandy town of Avranches, which the forces of U.S. Gen. George S. Patton liberated in World War II.

Froome, as race leader, set out last. His skin-tight racing suit was yellow, so was his saddle, parts of his bike frame and a thick stripe down the middle of his otherwise black helmet. He puffed out his cheeks and licked his lips. The race starter held up five fingers and counted down. When the fingers were folded away, Froome raced off, powering past crowds several rows deep.

Through a patchwork of fields green and gold he rode. Through tidal marshlands where sheep graze, giving their meat a tang of saltiness from the sea. Through picture-postcard villages of cottages built of dark granite.

Not that he noticed.

"During the race, you can't really take any of that in at all," he said. "You go into tunnel vision, and it's just a blur of noise and color around you."

But with each push on his pedals, Froome's lead over his rivals grew.

By the end, with Mont-Saint-Michel rising majestically in front of him from an islet off the Brittany coast, Froome wasn't far from catching Alejandro Valverde, even though the Spaniard set off three minutes earlier than him from Avranches.

As Valverde was crossing the line in front of the abbey called the "Wonder of the West," the crowds could already be heard cheering for Froome, who zoomed in just one minute later.

Although Valverde is still Froome's closest rival, it's really no longer close. Froome's lead over the Spaniard more than doubled to 3 minutes, 25 seconds. At the Tour, that might as well be light years. Froome would have to crash, suffer some other mishap or get sick and melt down on the towering Mont Ventoux and in the Alps next week for his rivals to catch him.

"Once we get into the Alps, there's a run of a few days, back to back, which are going to be very hard," he said. "I'm sure other teams are really going to test us."

For the moment, two-time champion Alberto Contador still isn't ready to surrender to Froome. The time trials at this 100th Tour were shortened from those last year to try to maintain suspense in the outcome. But Contador still lost more than two minutes to Froome on the 20-mile course. He is now 3:54 behind Froome in fourth place. Dutch rider Bauke Mollema is third.

"No one's won the Tour de France yet and no one's lost it. We have to get to Paris yet," Contador said, perhaps more in hope than conviction. "Chris Froome is in impressive form and is a great climber, but there are still many stages left."

The winner of Stage 11 was time trial world champion Tony Martin. The German collapsed exhausted after crossing the line and lay face-up on the asphalt, a towel covering his eyes, before slowly climbing back to his feet. A kid immediately got him to cough up an autograph.

Martin's white world champion's jersey with rainbow stripes was so drenched with sweat that it turned translucent, revealing underneath scabs on his skin from a terrifying crash on Stage 1.

At a glance

MONT-SAINT-MICHEL, France — A brief look at Wednesday's 11th stage of the 100th Tour de France:

Stage: The 11th stage was an individual time trial on a scenic route in Normandy over 20.5 miles from Avranches to the medieval walled town of Mont-Saint-Michel.

Winner: Tony Martin. The two-time world time trial champion won the stage in 36 minutes, 29 seconds. He finished 12 seconds ahead of race leader Chris Froome, who was the only rider within one minute of the German.

Yellow Jersey: Chris Froome. The British rider, who finished second overall to countryman Bradley Wiggins last year, had a stellar day. He extended his overall lead to 3:25 over Spaniard Alejandro Valverde; 3:37 over Dutchman Bauke Mollema and 3:54 over two-time former champion Alberto Contador of Spain.

Stat of the day: 6 minutes, 54 seconds. The already huge gap between race leader Chris Froome and 2011 Tour champion Cadel Evans of Australia.

Quote of the day: "To do something disrespectful like that is really sad and ruins the whole atmosphere" — Froome after hearing that a spectator threw urine at British sprinter Mark Cavendish during the stage.

Today's stage: Stage 12 is the first of two days of flat stages for sprinters. It takes riders on a 135.5-mile route from Figures to Tours in the Loire valley, a picturesque region dotted with ancient chateaux and vineyards.

Associated Press

US opens Gold Cup with win over Belize

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Chris Wondolowski's misspelled jersey was about the only thing that was amiss for the U.S. men's soccer team.

The national team jumped on Belize with Wondolowski's first-half hat trick and cruised to a 6-1 victory to open the CONCACAF Gold Cup tournament Tuesday night.

Landon Donovan had a goal and two assists, becoming the first national team player with at least 50 career goals and 50 assists.

But Wondolowski, who just had his first international goal last weekend, stole the show, sporting an extra "W" — "Wondowlowski" — on his red and white jersey when he popped in his three goals against Belize.

Laughing about it afterward, he pondered whether he should wear it for the remainder of the tournament.

"I'm pretty superstitious, so we'll see what we can conjure up," he said.

Costa Rica defeated Cuba 3-0 in an earlier match at Jeld-Wen Field.

The 12-team Gold Cup is played every other year between national teams from North and Central America and the Caribbean. The Group C teams next meet on Saturday in Sandy, Utah, with the U.S. facing Cuba followed by Belize against Costa Rica at Rio Tinto Stadium.

Associated Press

U.S. fans celebrate the one-sided victory over Belize in the CONCACAF Gold Cup at Jeld-Wen Field on Tuesday in Portland, Ore.

Wondolowski is the third American to score three goals in a Gold Cup match, joining Donovan and Brian McBride. The United States has won four Gold Cups since the tournament's inception in 1991. Mexico has won the past two.

"It's just great to get the start, especially in front of some great fans, and they provide such an atmosphere that makes it exciting and it makes you want to go out there and play," Wondolowski said.

The U.S. men were coming off a 6-0 rout of Guatemala in San Diego on Friday, a exhibition warmup for the Gold Cup. Donovan scored twice, extending his American record to 51 international goals.

That was Donovan's first match after an 11-month break from the national team. He was not included on rosters for the U.S. team's June World Cup qualifying matches.

Wondolowski scored his first international goal against Guatemala. Tuesday night's match was just his 11th with the national team.

"I think Wondo realizes, 'Every time I'm on the field, I have an opportunity, and I need to take advantage of it,'" U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said.

Belize was making its first Gold Cup appearance. The Jaguars, as they are known, qualified for the competition with a fourth-place finish in the Central American Cup.

The U.S. struck early when Wondolowski — who plays for Major League Soccer's San Jose Earthquakes — knocked in a rebound off Belize goalkeeper Shane Orio in the 12th minute.

The United States relentlessly peppered Orio with shots and he made a dramatic save when Joe Corona fired at him in the 27th minute. But Wondolowski was able to get another one past him in the 36th minute to make it 2-0.

Belize scored on a penalty kick two minutes later when Elroy Smith fed Ian Gaynair for the header to beat U.S. goalkeeper Nick Rimando.

But Belize, a team made up of a mix of amateur and professional players, lost steam after the goal, coach Andrew Mork said.

"It didn't last long enough," Mork said. "And that really turned the game around for us."

Wondolowski added a third goal in the 40th minute.

The United States took a 4-1 lead in the 58th minute when Stuart Holden scored with an assist from Donovan, giving him 50 for his career.

Donovan got another when he passed to Michael Orozco for a header in the 72nd minute to make it 5-0. He got a goal with a penalty kick in the 76th minute.

"The crowd was great, the energy was great, I thought we started really well," Donovan said. "A little disappointed to give up a goal, but I think it was a great night for us, a great night for the fans and a good start for the tournament."

Softball attempts Olympic comeback with World Cup

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — It's a pivotal time in the history of their sport, and the members of the U.S. team at the eighth World Cup of Softball are aware of that.

The World Cup, which will begin Thursday at ASA Hall of Fame Stadium, also will include teams from Canada, Australia, Japan and Puerto Rico. It will be one of the last major international softball events before the International Olympic Committee meets in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from Sept. 7-10.

During that meeting, either wrestling, squash or softball/baseball will be added to the program for the 2020 Olympics. So is this week an opportunity to make a positive impression on the IOC voters?

"I think we're always trying to show the world that softball is a great sport and deserves to be back in the Olympics," said U.S. infielder Lauren Chamberlain, who starred for Oklahoma during the Sooners' run to the NCAA title this spring. "We're just staying positive about the whole thing. There are a ton of little girls out there who want the same thing."

Fellow infielder Lauren Gibson, the Southeastern Conference player of the year at Tennessee, echoed that sentiment.

"It would be really good to get it back," said Gibson, who's starting her third year on the U.S. squad. "Obviously, we've all dreamed about being in the Olympics. That was one of our goals when we were little. We're just going to out and work hard and have fun and hopefully showcase softball so that people will want to put it back into the Olympics. That's what we're trying to do."

Softball made its Olympic debut in 1996 in Atlanta. The U.S. won the gold medal that year, then again in 2000 in Sydney and in 2004 in Athens. Japan beat the U.S. for the gold in 2008 in Beijing, after the IOC voted in July 2005 to drop softball (and baseball) from the Olympics.

Ever since, efforts have been ongoing to have the IOC reconsider its decision. Most recently, softball and baseball international federations have paired together, figuring their sports stood a better chance of jointly regaining Olympic status instead of competing against each other.

The Americans have posted a 39-4 record in World Cup play, losing only to Canada and Japan in 2005 and Canada in 2010 and 2011. But while the U.S. has the world's most consistent national team, it isn't invincible. In their last meeting during the 2012 World Championships, Japan beat the U.S. 2-1 in 10 innings for the title.

NASCAR issues no penalties for roof flaps

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR declined on Wednesday to penalize the 31 cars that failed inspection in the Sprint Cup and Nationwide Series at Daytona.

NASCAR confiscated the teams' roof flaps, which are designed to keep cars on the ground during spins and wrecks at high speeds, for further inspection.

Thirty-one cars, including 16 in the Sprint Cup Series, failed inspection before Thursday's practices at Daytona International Speedway.

"Based upon our inspection and subsequent review, it was our determination that the functionality and safety aspects of the roof flaps were not compromised and the on track competition would not be impacted," NASCAR vice president of competition Robin Pemberton said. "Moving forward we will work with the roof flap manufacturer and the race teams to evaluate and optimize the associated installation hardware, review the process in its totality and communicate in a timely manner to the garage area any revisions that we determine need to be made."

The roof-flap spacers had been illegally machined down to reduce weight.

NASCAR inspectors made those Cup teams install new, unaltered roof flaps before drivers were allowed on the track for the first of two practices.

Inspectors then went to the Nationwide garage and found similar issues on 15 cars.

The Cup cars involved included all three Joe Gibbs Racing entries (Kyle Busch, Denny Hamlin and Matt Kenseth), all three Roush Fenway Racing entries (Greg Biffle, Carl Edwards and Ricky Stenhouse Jr.), all three Michael Waltrip Racing entries (Clint Bowyer, Martin Truex Jr. and Michael Waltrip) and both Roger Penske Racing entries (Joey Logano and defending series champion Brad Keselowski). Cars driven by Jamie McMurray, Trevor Bayne, Casey Mears, Marcos Ambrose and Aric Almirola also failed inspection.

MAVERICKS

From 1C

Now, Harris figures to be a point guard and shooting guard depending on the rotation. Even though the summer isn't going well for Nowitzki, he showed a sense of humor in welcoming back his former teammate on Twitter.

"We worked all summer to get DH to Dallas," Nowitzki wrote in a tongue-in-cheek tweet referencing the failed pursuit of Howard. "Welcome back to the Mavs, Devin Harris."

Ellington is a shooting guard who was the Most Outstanding Player when North Carolina won the NCAA title in 2009, but he averaged just 6.9 points on 42 percent shooting in four seasons. He is coming off a strong second half with Cleveland after he was traded by Minnesota last season. He averaged 10.4 points in 38 games.

The most intriguing free agent is Mekel, who played at Wichita State from 2006-08 and is coming off a championship season in Israel. He drew interest from several NBA teams, and his introductory news conference Wednesday had Israeli television crews buzzing.

The first Israeli player in the NBA was Omri Casspi, a fifth-year player who is signing as a free agent with Houston.

Another foreign-born point guard probably isn't coming back. Nelson all but ruled out the return of Rodrigue Beaubois of Guadeloupe, once viewed as the possible answer at the point for Dallas.

With Bynum out of the picture, it looks more likely that Dallas will keep forward Shawn Marion.

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Midland, TX 79701
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Onesource Energy Services FT
Sales, 4-5 years experience in the permian basin. Well Tester, 3 years experience and Flow Back Operators with 2 years experience. Apply in person at: 1825 S Vicenty Ave. Odessa, TX 79763 or send resume to: daiberte@onesourcees.com

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Progressive oilfield chemicals manufacturing company needs degreed chemist to assist in product development and routine laboratory analytical work. Must be willing to travel. Analytical experience and some knowledge of production chemicals preferred. We offer medical insurance, 401K, paid holidays.
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Responsible for managment of foster care and adoption. Supervision experience and knowledge of State guidlines required. Bachelor degree required. Masters degree, LMSW - ACP or LPC preferred. Current child placeing administrotor license required. Apply in person at 425 West Pecan or online at www.buckner.org EOE

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Dishwashers
The Garlic Press FT
Midland, TX 79705
The Garlic Press is hiring for Dishwashers. Apply in person at: Oakridge Square, Wadley and Garfield, between 11am and 2pm or 5:30pm and 7pm.

DOMINO'S PIZZA NOW HIRING!
•Drivers: Make cash everyday, Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $7.50 an hour (no split tip/wage here) plus delivery reimbursement, plus tips. **•CSRs:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $8.25 an hour, Bright & Friendly people only! **•Shift Leaders:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $10 an hour, Flexible Schedules. Apply at any **Domino's Pizza** Midland or Odessa or send resume: **cassie@clearwire.net**. Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE

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Midland Country Club FT
Is looking for a Line Cook. We hire attitude and personality over experience. Position is full-time. In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401k. Please apply in person: Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

Servers and Cooks
Cattle Baron FT
Cattle Baron Restaurant now hiring experienced servers and cooks. Starting wage $11.00 - $15.00 per hour depending on experience. Please apply daily 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm 418 Wadley Ave., Midland, TX No phone calls please!! EOE

SALES JOBS

Apprentice
Peerless Tyre Company FT
Do you have the desire to make an above average income? Peerless Tyre Co. is now hiring for an Apprentice. Person should have previous sales experience or tire experience but not necessary. Person must be over 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Apply within at our Midland or Odessa locations.

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Help Wanted: Seeking dependable detail oriented and creative person to join our team. Must have knowledge of Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign. Marketing, advertising and website building preferred. Hours M-F, 8-5. Send resumes to lori@centuryga.com.

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Odessa, TX 79761
432-552-0055

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SKILLED LABOR

A/C Technician
Murphy's Restaurant Repair Inc. FT
Midland, TX 79701 **3 Years Exp.**
Hiring A/C Technician. Must have 3 years experience. EPA Certified, Great benefits. Apply at Murphys Restaurant Repair. 2707 W. Industrial. Midland. Email resume to customersupport@murphysrr.com

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Allied Oil and Gas Services, LLC is a leading independent cementing and acidizing service company seeking applicants for the following positions: Service Supervisors, Bulk Plant, Bulk Equipment Operators, Pump Operators, and Mechanics. Allied offers an excellent compensation and benefits package including: competitive pay with job bonuses, medical, vision, dental, 401k with company match, HSA or FSA, and company paid life insurance. All operator positions require a class A cdl and hazmat preferred. Qualified applicants may request applications at 866-670-2627 or email HR@alliedservices.com.

CDL Truck Driver & General Labor
Viking Pool FT
Vacation, dental and health insurance. Must pass drug screen. CDL required for Truck Driver. Apply in person, 8am-5pm at: 10600 W. I-20 East, Odessa, TX 79765.

Excavator Operator
South Environmental Services, Inc. FT
Operators Needed: South Environmental Services is looking to hire an experienced Excavator operator. Please call Justin 432-894-6207 (M-F, 8am-4pm).

Journeyman Electrician/Electrical Foreman
Tessco - Energy Division FT
Excellent Pay. Journeyman Electrician - Electrical Foreman - 401K, Paid Vacation, Holiday Pay, etc. Valid Drivers License/Drug Screen Required. Apply in Person: TESSCO-Energy Division. P.O. Box 2003, 607 NW Mustang Drive, Andrews, TX. 79714. Call 432-563-0071 or 432-563-0072 for directions to the office.

Mud Logging Chromatograph Tech
Needs Mud Logging Chromatograph Tech. Call 325-242-2411. Appointments only.

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Do you enjoy golf? Nueva Vista Golf Club is always looking for full-time and part-time help at the clubhouse area, and full-time help in golf course maintenance. Experienced mechanic needed. We believe active retirees make great full-time and part-time employees! Come by 6101 West Wadley for applications and more info.

Top Drive SCR or VFD Technician
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Experienced Top Drive SCR or VFD Technician needed for well-established company located in Odessa, Texas. Includes benefits, paid vacation, 401-K, and performance bonuses. Pay depending on experience. Will relocate the right person. Please fax resume to: (432) 561-9360 or call: (432) 561-9355.

SALES JOBS

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

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If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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SKILLED LABOR

Welders
M & D Welding FT
Single hand contract needed. Oil field experience a plus & Drivers License a must. Salary DOE. Please call for application 432-520-3853 or 432-638-8266.

Welding/Production Foreman
Midland/Odessa oilfield equipment manufacturing company is looking for an experienced, motivated Welding/Production Foreman. Must be able to read blueprint, have working knowledge of oilfield production equipment. Must have at least 3 years experience building separators (code & non-code), free water knockouts, heater treaters & 500 barrel steel tanks. We offer paid vacation & health benefits. If interested please send resume to: Personnel Department, PO Box 3505, Midland, TX 79702.

TECHNOLOGY

IT Assistant
Fasken Oil & Ranch, Ltd. FT
Local oil and gas company seeking part-time or full-time job candidate to work under the direction of IT Specialist on routine user problems and assist with moderately complex applications. Duties include assisting with desktop support, troubleshooting desktop hardware/software problems and carrying out projects as assigned. Entry level IT skills required with general knowledge in network and hardware (server and workstations). Experience with different versions of Microsoft OS and Microsoft Office applications useful. Strong written and oral communication, interpersonal and custom service skills necessary. Send resume to: lyndaj@forl.com.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers and Non CDL Drivers
B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **CDL Drivers and Non CDL Drivers**. Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Health Insurance provided. Please come by **2823 S. Rankin Hwy**.

Class A CDL Drivers
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Class A CDL Driver
Service Seal, LLC FT
$5,000.00 Sign On Bonus – Stable company with competitive hourly wage and excellent benefits located in Midland, TX is looking for a full time Class A CDL Driver with Hazmat endorsement. Position requires a minimum 3 to 5 years verifiable professional driving experience with a clean driving and background record. Ideal candidates need to be dependable, reliable, and trustworthy. If you meet these qualifications, please contact Hope at 432-570-9414.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview or online @ **www.silverlinetx.com**

Delivery Driver
Confidential Employer FT
Midland, TX
Clear driving record. CDL not needed. Must be able to pass drug screen. Apply in person 4212 S. County Road 1300, Odessa. No phone calls.

Experienced Driver
G & K Trucking, Inc. FT
Local trucking company seeks an experienced Class A CDL HOTSHOT driver in the Midland area for local, regional and out of state deliveries. Benefits include bonuses, scheduled days off, medical insurance and paid vacation. Hazmat preferred. Please call 432-413-2472 Mon-Fri.

Owner Operator
Trucking company looking for dedicated driver with crude oil hauling experience to become owner operator. Must have at least 2 years experience, CDL-A with tanker/HazMat endorsments. Openings available for Midland, Odessa and Big Spring areas. Contact 432-923-1064 or email pr aneyShuler@yahoo.com for application.

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Performance Chemical Company FT
Performance Chemical Company currently has a career opportunity available at our Odessa, Tx location. Applicants must have a current CDL license with hazard endorsement. Applicants must possess an oil & gas industry background with 1 year experience at field level. Please Contact Trent Brownlee: **Trent.Brownlee@perf-chem** - Ph: (432) 230-0675.

Treater Truck
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Qualified candidates, please contact Dustin Madlock in Human Resources at 972-721-6712 or dustin.madlock@nch.com

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FREE BOSTON terrier need good home mild mannered, house trained, 3 years old. Call 432-889-5708

FREE TO good home, small female Yorkie mix. Please call 432-553-7617.

If You Have Items You Are Giving Away For FREE, Your Ad Is On Us! CALL 432-682-6222 TODAY!

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GERMAN SHEPHERD mix, 9 months, female TO GOOD HOME. 432-631-2542 or 432-202-5650.

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Cathy Ireland Tribeca Loft Black Collection Practical new. 3 Drawer file cabinet with shelf and writers desk, Asking $1000 for both. ARE Custom Camper Shell fits Ford F150 2001-2003 Truck. $600 or best offer. 432-349-2612

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Home Items

NEW TODAY!

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Miscellaneous

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BRAND NEW electric lift chair. Assist elderly or disable. Retail, $920 asking $150. Call 432-934-4189.

BRAND NEW, never been slept on, adjustable bed, firm mattress and 3 x 3 x 80 inches (king). Purchased from Sleep Shop in March for $1200, selling for $800. You move. Call 432-697-9084 or 638-7347.

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Pickup Trucks

2005 F150 4X2 Lariat 5.4-Engine 85,000 miles One owner, garage kept, Excellent Condition, Burgandy Every available option Heated Leather seats, Power Moon Rool, 30 gallon fuel tank, Power heated mirrors, Power rear window, Power adjustable pedals, etc... $15,300. Mike 432-620-8787

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Passenger Cars

BMW of the Permian Basin 3701 Andrews Hwy - Midland (432) 327-2980

2011 BMW X5 50i Sparkling bronze on beige, CPO, Premium Tech, Spare, 20k Miles, $51,900

2011 GMC Denali Blk./Blk., Sun & Entertainment pkg, Electric side steps, sliding rear door, roof, 3 rows, all captain, 20k Miles, $49,900

2011 Lexus RX 350 Red/Tan, Nav, sat, heat & cooled seats, 30k Miles, $36,900

2007 Ford F250 Crewcab, super duty, Silver/Gray, Cold, Sport, Night Vision, Hand up, Bluetooth, Cst, Heated seats, 20k Miles, $35,900

2011 Toyota Tundra Limited Platinum, Silver/Black, LOADED, 20" wheels 4x2, 34k Miles

2011 F150 Limited King Ranch 4x4, Blue Pearl/Ver/Cable/Tips, Heat & Cool seats, Nav, Back up camera, Tow pkg, Bed cover w/lock, 25k Miles

2013 X5 35i Blk./Blk., Nav, sport, Tech, 4,700 Miles

New 2012 BMW 550i GT Blk./Blk., Conv, Luxury seating, sport, 10k Miles, Packed $$

2013 X3 28i White/Sand, Prem Tech, Prem Sound, 6,400 Miles, $43,900

2013 BMW 328i Orbit Grey/Black, Split Back seat, Heated seats, Moonroof, Bluetooth with music, 3k Miles

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Pickup Trucks

2013 FORD Raptor SVT - 4 x 4 Crew Cab, black on black, perfect condition, garage kept, non-smoker, 8k miles, many after-market upgrades. $57,500. Call 432-413-0394.

CHEVY 1994 Silverado 1500, ext. cab, V8 auto $2999. Call 432-683-6180

CHEVY 2004 Silverado 2500, black, Ranch Hand grill guard, BFG all terrain tires, CD, 65k miles, premium wheels & much more. Runs great. $14,000. 225-413-1273

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CHEVY 2007 Avalanche LTZ 4X4, leather, navigation $17,999. 683-6180 or 559-4977

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FORD 2008 F-150 Extended Cab, 126k miles, great condition, $12,500, 432-528-3016.

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FORD BUCKET trucks for sale (2). More info call Richard at 432-599-2474.

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4WD & SUV

2002 MAZDA Tribute, ES-V6, 124k miles, black, good tires, leather, sunroof, good gas. mileage. $4,500. Call: 432-528-2357.

2012 TOYOTA FJ Cruiser, TRD, Red, 14, 000 miles. Brand New, 100,000 mls warranty-transferrable. Clear Title. Must Sale $28,000. Call John 432-352-0770 or 432-352-8754.

4WD & SUV

BMW 2007 X5, leather, loaded 3.0 V6 $19,999 B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6180.

CADILLAC 2007 Escalade, navigation, power running boards. B&B Auto 683-6180

CHEVROLET 2000 Tahoe Z71 great condition, new transmission. $4,500 For more info 432-425-5123

FORD 2004 Expedition, 3rd row seat, clean. We finance B&B Auto 683-6180

FORD 2005 Expedition Eddie Bauer edition, 56500 miles. Leather interior, third row, multi disc CD, great condition. 432-352-6495

NEW TODAY!

FORD 2005 Expedition King Ranch. Excellent condition, 103k miles, $13,000. Call 432-682-7545.

FORD 2005 Explorer Limited. Pearl white, 79k miles, loaded, excellent condition, $11,000. 432-218-6360.

NEW TODAY!

FORD 2008 Explorer XLT. 1 owner, white, buckskin leather, all power, 113k miles. You cant find a better truck for $7500! Call 432-262-2024.

GMC 1992 SLE, Z71 pkg, 4x4, extended cab, captains chairs, 99k miles, white on blue, $3150 OBO. 432-978-9804.

GMC 2000 Jimmy $4,495, SLE, Gold, Nice! Call 432-279-0083.

YUKON 2000 DANALI dark green with tan leather interior, 4WD, 189,000 miles, great condition, $5,900, 432-260-8893.

GMC 2008 Acadia SLT, white, 63K miles, Exc. cond. Transferable 80,000 mile extended warranty. $21,500. 432-553-9019

GMC 2011 Acadia SLT-2, fully loaded, excellent condition, garage kept, 19,500 miles. $29,900. Will deliver, call 806-679-3263

MITSUBISHI 1999 Montero Sport, 186K mi, 4WD heated leather seats, power windows & locks, sunroof, towing package, clean, well maintained, $3500. For immediate sale, 432-816-3303.

TOYOTA 2003 BLACK 4-Runner Sport Edition 4X2 V6 for sale. Leather interior, sunroof, 136K miles and in great condition. Asking $10,500. Call or text 432-413-6007.

Commercial Vehicles

Tractors & Trailers

INTERNATIONAL (9400i) vacuum trucks with troxell trailers for sale. Call John 575-942-1688

Motorcycles

2003 HARLEY Davidson Centennial Edition Duece. Fuel injected with 10,000 garaged miles. 1 year only Gun Metal Peal paint. all the chrome and whitetiles you could want. $9,900.00 OBO Please call 432-557-1228.

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Motorcycles

HONDA '99 Shadow Aero. 1100 CC, coral and cream. Fiber glass bags, windshield, luggage rack, 24k miles, custom exhaust seat, grips, foot pegs, floor boards. Always garaged, $6500. 432-528-2580.

RVs

1999 DUTCH STAR Gas Motor Home - 36 ft. long, 63k miles, large slide-out, automatic awning, almost new tires, stored inside. $28,000. Call for info: 806-293-2121 or 806-291-0075.

2000 WINNEBAGO, Itasca, Sundancer, 31' Ford V-10, 29,475 miles, one owner, non-smoker, excellent condition. 3 queen beds, 1 bed over driver, tub/shower, outside shower & TV, 2 TV's/VCR, satellite setup, trailer hitch. Wardrobe closets w/mirror, excellent storage inside/out. 432-697-1995

2009 NORTH TRAIL Heartland, 28ft 5th Wheel with slide, gently used, 1/2 ton towable. $15,500 OBO 432-352-7933 or 432-687-4454

2012 36' Travel trailer, 2 slide outs, 2 AC's, washer & dryer, rollout awning, microwave, & more. Asking $25,200. 432-638-6947.

2012 HIGH End Gulf Stream 5th Wheel RV with tons of extras. Aztex Premium Package. Used less than 10 days. Must sell for health reasons. Nonsmoking. Serious inquiries only call 432-664-3199

2013 HOLIDAY Rambler travel trailer, 32ft, self contained, sleeps 8, private queen bedroom, power awning, central a/c micro loaded used one time $24,500 432-413-0394

NEW TODAY!

28FT 1980 Motor Home for Sale. Good condition. 432-413-2744

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RVs

MONTANA 2009 38ft 5th wheel, 2 AC's, 4 slideouts, queen size bed. Below retail. Must see to appreciate. $45,000. RV is in Midland area, 806-778-0823, 806-778-3646.

Recreational Vehicles

'07 KAWASKI Barcon 900 garage kept black and silver 8,000 miles. $5,000 firm. 432-631-4799

NEW TODAY!

1993 FLEETWOOD Prowler 26' fifth wheel travel trailer, sleeps 6. $4,500. Located at 1216 NCR 1130, Midland, Tx. Call 432-940-2760 after 5pm.

2002 RANGER Bass boat, 18 1/2 ft., 150 Yamaha. Nice. $10,000. Other boats for sale also. 557-7674

2003 PREVOST Bus 45' long. To many extra's to mention, only 43,000 miles, new satellite, new tires, new batteries. Lots of extra's. 432-366-3166 or 432-631-0609

NEW TODAY!

2005 WILDERNESS Advantage tongue pull, 2 slides, 2 bedroom, very clean. $19,900. Located at 1216 NCR 1130, Midland, Tx. Call 432-940-2760 after 5pm

2012 HEARTLAND CYCLONE 41', Toy hauler, sleeps 8-10 3 slides, for details call 432-894-3073

CUSTOM 2006 Mobile suite 36' fifth wheel 3 slides, dbl- pane windows, xtra insulation, 2AC, Lg fridge-freezer-icemaker, RO water, micro=conv, island. No smoke/pets $48,500 obo (325) 315-4950

FIFTH WHEEL for sale: 2010 Forest River Sandpiper 356RL/Signature--3 slides, full kitchen, excellent condition. Never smoked in. Asking $38,500 which is $10,000 or more under the list price. Financing available. Please call Dan @817-846-6249

ROCKWOOD BY Forest River 2004 5th wheel, 1 slideout , neutral colors, good condition, $19,000. 806-928-2612

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79707

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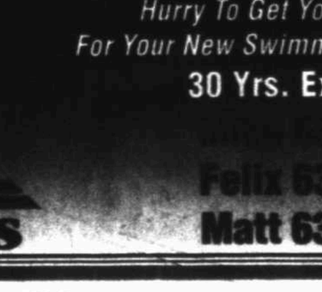

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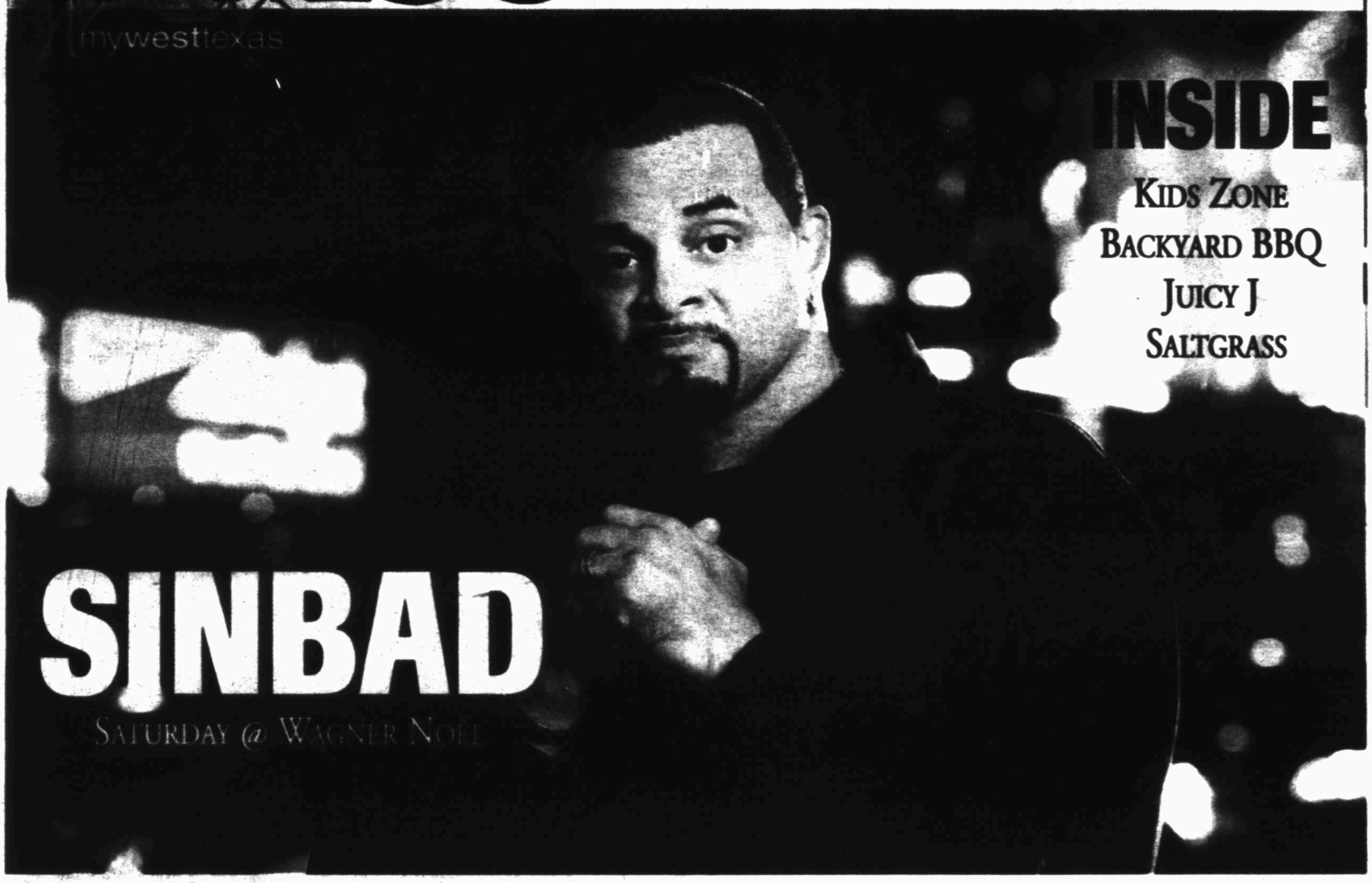

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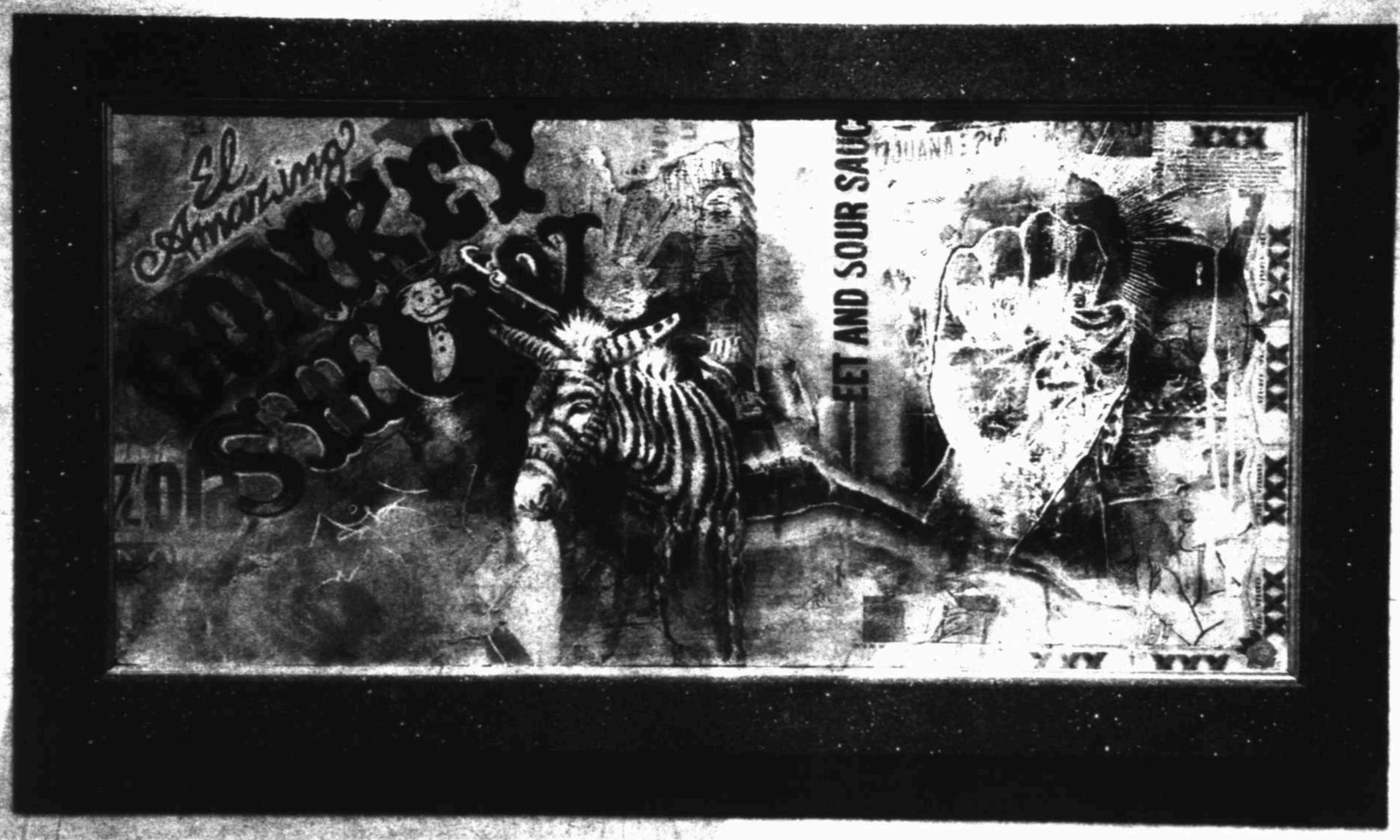

Exhibit:
Chicanitas: Small Paintings from the Cheech Marin Collection are on display at Ellen Noel Art Museum through Aug. 18. Exhibit of works on loan from actor and comedian Cheech Marin who has collected small paintings by Chicano artists. Pieces range from portraits to cityscapes to mixed media.

Opening:
The Pickwick Players' production of "Bye Bye Birdie" is opening this weekend in Davis Theatre 1. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, July 19 and July 20 and 2 p.m. Sunday and July 21. The musical presented by Midland Community Theatre's youth troupe is recommended for families and sponsored by Western National Bank. Tickets range from $18-24 and are available at www.mctmidland.org or by calling 570-4111.

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Sinbad brings stand-up routine to Wagner Noël

By Eric Woods

Known to have a passion for Sinbad the Sailor movies, David "Sinbad" Adkins actually got his nickname while attending the University of Denver.

Adkins, who is an avid science fiction buff, not only proclaims himself a clean comic, he also proudly wears the title of functional nerd.

"I like almost all science fiction, if it's done right," Adkins said. "If it sucks, then it sucks."

Of all the offerings in the Sinbad the Sailor series, "Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger" is his favorite.

"Coolest action stuff I ever saw in my life," he said.

Adkins will be performing 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

But action and science fiction flicks aren't the only kind of movies Adkins is attracted to. These days he also finds himself favoring dramedies. And while he has seen more than his fair share of comedy roles in films such as "Houseguest," "Jingle All the Way" and "Necessary Roughness," he has been searching for more serious roles.

Adkins said he has walked into several casting calls and then quickly walked out again with a series of rejections. Adkins attributes the rejections to movie execs not understanding the range of his talent. To help things along, Adkins has taken to writing scripts on his own.

"Not being understood by the powers that be means that you've got some skills," Adkins said. "If they understand you then that means you are too simple."

When you are a comedian, you don't always have to be funny, Adkins said. Naturals like Richard Pryor and Bill Cosby and George Carlin could make their fans laugh and cry and take them on emotional highs and lows. They discussed real things with their comedy and that's what it takes to make a great actor, he said.

"They keep you laughing and crying because they talk about real stuff," Adkins said and laughed. "When it comes to real life, we're the most dramatic people you'll ever meet. We got some serious issues, man. It also makes for a good actor."

Even when Adkins is writing something funny, he sometimes comes at the project as if he were writing a drama.

"Our lives are up and down and I write comedy the same way," he said. "A lot of times I write a dramatic role and then I put the comedy in later."

And when it comes to his comedy routine, the standup guy is now using current events and reality television to make his fans laugh when they maybe should be crying instead.

"Man, if you watch the news now we have drones, we have equipment that can spy on us, we got crazy politicians, we got reality show stars who used to be strippers because they got a big bootie," Adkins said and laughed.

"That's why it's hard to put a sitcom on the air because a sitcom can't touch real life," he added. "It used to be that on a sitcom you had the crazy uncle or something and now you can't make a sitcom as crazy as the real people. That Honey Boo Boo child, what is that?"

In the limelight

'Aladdin'

By Graham Dixon

A dual-language version of a musical seems a rather strange idea on face value, but as "Aladdin" shows, it can create opportunities for new takes on old stories while attracting a diverse audience. "Aladdin" is playing at the Globe Theatre in Odessa through Saturday. The production shows that the Globe is coming back to life, not through competing with organizations like MCT, but rather by giving audiences an entirely different experience that cannot be found elsewhere.

For the most part, it works.

Alexander Mancha, co-director of the musical, plays the title character. A stalwart of the Globe stage, he is believable as the penniless young man who falls in love with a princess, only to find the lamp that offers a route to winning his love. His transformation into the prince was one of the fastest costume changes that I have ever seen on stage — and it was literally done on stage, behind a sheet. Mancha's Aladdin never looks quite comfortable in his princely clothes, just as it should be.

Jazmin is played by Gabrielle Enriquez, who also doubled as the musical director for the show. Her exasperation at her father is palpable, as are her feelings for Aladdin. The Sultan is played by John Serna as a weary, slightly clueless leader whose time has come and gone. Ceferino Montes plays the villain Jafar and looks spectacular in his costume. His baritone voice would be more threatening with greater projection.

Christopher Gutierrez plays Genio as a street-wise young man who happens to have been given huge power, but is trapped inside a small metal container. I liked the energy he brought to the stage, something that occasionally lags at other points in the show. The Magic Carpet is played by Marissa Pando, who is simply adorable as she flies the characters around on her slim back.

Ariel Elexus Chavez portrays Disney's homage to one of Shakespeare's great villains, Iago. But in "Aladdin," Iago is a parrot desperately looking for some recognition from her egocentric master, Jafar. She never gets it, of course, and this is the source of the humor in the character. A more sophisticated mirth is found with the three Translators, who find themselves out of a job when divisions between the various social classes are conquered by the end of the musical.

"Aladdin" has some random elements thrown into the mix. For some reason characters are eating popcorn and drinking from cups similar to those that are handed out to the audience as they enter the theater. Like the warm-up of the non-existent orchestra that is broadcast at the beginning of the show, these are surreal aspects that contribute to the overall cobbled-together nature of the evening. It's cobbled together in a good way, as if the Globe is channeling some of the McGyver-like approach to theater used by the Maverick Players in Midland.

This production exudes a spirit of fun and is worth seeing for that reason alone. Yes, the actors occasionally go out of character and openly smile at family members in the audience, but this is part of the overall inclusiveness of the evening. They are sharing their enjoyment. If you are a linguistically challenged, monolingual person as I am, there is the wondrous spectacle of actors who can move smoothly between two languages without any apparent effort.

"Aladdin" runs through this weekend. For tickets call 580-3177 or go to www.globesw.org.

www.inthelimelightonline.com

Last chance

The Globe Theatre's production of Disney's "Aladdin" Dual Language Edition is closing this weekend with performances at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at 2308 Shakespeare Road in Odessa. Tickets are $15 adults, $13 students/seniors, $10 groups of 15 and $7 for ages 12 and younger. Tickets for a couple are $20 and a family pack of four is $40. Buy tickets at www.GlobeSW.org or call 580-3177.

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"THE LONE RANGER" — There's a limit, it turns out, to how much Johnny Depp and a bucket of makeup can accomplish. In Gore Verbinski's flamboyant re-imagination of the hokey long-running radio show and '50s cowboy TV series, Depp eagerly attempts to recreate the extravagant magic of his similarly farcical Jack Sparrow of Verbinski's "Pirates of the Caribbean." One would think that a so-costumed Depp careening through the Old West with Buster Keaton aplomb would make "The Lone Ranger," at worst, entertaining. But Verbinski's film, stretching hard to both reinvent an out-of-date brand and breathe new life in the Western with a desperate onslaught of bloated set pieces, is a poor locomotive for Depp's eccentric theatrics. For 2 1/2 hours, the Jerry Bruckheimer-produced "Lone Ranger" inflates, subverts and distorts the conventions of the Western until, in an interminable climax set to the William Tell Overture, the big-budget spectacle finally, exhaustingly collapses in a scrap heap of train wreckage. A talented filmmaker of great excess, Verbinski's ricocheting whimsy here runs off the rails. Flashback-heavy plot mechanics, occasionally grim violence (bullets land in bodies with the loudest of thwacks, a heart gets eaten) and surrealistic comedy add up to a confused tone that seems uncertain exactly how to position Depp's Tonto in the movie, to say nothing of Armie Hammer's wayward Lone Ranger. When Verbinski was last directing and Depp was a cartoon lizard, they crafted a far better Western in "Rango." PG-13 for sequences of intense action and violence, and some suggestive material. Running time: 149 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— Jake Coyle, AP Entertainment Writer

Capsule reviews of other feature films

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RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

"THE HEAT" — Sandra Bullock is the brains, Melissa McCarthy the mouth and the muscle in this mismatched-cop comedy founded on the proposition that the lower the humor, the louder the laughter. That's true until this profanely funny comedy veers into a sinkhole of "Pulp Fiction" comic violence in its final third. 1 hr. 57 R (extreme profanity, violence, sexual candor, surgical humor, drugs). 2 1/2 stars.

"MAN OF STEEL" — Zak ("300") Snyder attempts a Superman reboot, with English actor Henry Cavill as the Kryptonian-on-Earth and Michael Shannon as the maniacal villain dogging him around. What's particularly disheartening is that Superman's primacy has been forsaken for an excess of high-end generic effects. At least an hour of the pic's excessive running time is devoted to the sort of crash-and-burn, slamming-into-skyscrapers CG fight scenes that we've already seen in "The Avengers," "Spider-Man" and "Thor." 2 hrs. 23 PG-13 (violence, intense action, profanity, adult themes). 2 stars.

"NOW YOU SEE ME" — A Vegas magic act, headed by Jesse Eisenberg and Woody Harrelson, pulls off an epic heist — from the Vegas stage. The movie wants to be "Ocean's Eleven" with top hats and wands, but the rapport between its principals doesn't come close to approximating Clooney and company's (or Sinatra and company's) cool. And then there are the car chases ... With Michael Caine, Isla Fisher, Morgan Freeman and Mark Ruffalo. 1 hr. 52 PG-13 (profanity, action, sex, adult themes). 2 1/2 stars.

"WHITE HOUSE DOWN" — Jamie Foxx is the president and Channing Tatum is the only man who can save him from deadly insurrectionists in the Oval Office in this formulaic action film. Add gunplay and explosions. Get the picture? 2 hrs. 11 PG-13 (Violence, profanity, adult themes) 2 stars.

"WORLD WAR Z" — Brad Pitt goes running around the world — and driving, and helicopteering, and bicycling and jet-planing — in a desperate attempt to find the cure for a zombie pandemic. A relentless horror thriller. First stop: Philly. 1 hr. 56 PG-13 (intense scares, zombie violence, adult themes) 3 stars.

Also

"DESPICABLE ME 2" — The seemingly reformed supervillain Gru is recruited by the Anti-Villain League to help save the world in this sequel to the 2010 animated film. With the voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig and Al Pacino. Written by Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio. Directed by Chris Renaud and Pierre Coffin. In 3-D. (1:38) PG.

"KEVIN HART: LET ME EXPLAIN" — A documentary following the stand-up comedian Kevin Hart on his 2012 tour. Directed by Leslie Small and Tim Story. (1:15) R.

"THIS IS THE END" — A group of Hollywood actor friends take shelter together and try to survive when the apocalypse interrupts their house party. With James Franco, Jonah Hill, Seth Rogen and Jay Baruchel. Written and directed by Rogen and Evan Goldberg. (1:47) R.

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DVDIVA'S
pick of the week

Gruesome but stylish 'American Mary' tops DVD releases

By Nancy Adamson
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Pick of the week:

"American Mary" (R) A med student looking to supplement her income as an exotic dancer instead finds work performing specialty surgical procedures such as rendering a woman asexual by removing her genitalia. Stylish horror film in the tradition of David Cronenberg's work — notably "Dead Ringers" and "eXistenZ" — is the second feature film from Jen and Sylvia Soska, the sisters who wrote and directed 2009's "Dead Hooker in a Trunk." Their latest effort is obviously not for every taste but if you like your horror funny, gruesome and thoughtful, this is the week's best bet. B+

"Blood Runs Cold" (R) A successful artist rents a house in her hometown for a little R&R that quickly turns into a nightmare when she and a few houseguests encounter a killer entity. There were the makings of a decent horror film in this Swedish import but something didn't translate. The acting is the most horrific thing about the film. By horrific, though, I mean in a laughable way. The film is in English and there are no discernible accents but all the behind-the-scenes footage shows the cast and crew speaking in Swedish. Perhaps the direction "act terrified" was interpreted as "act as though you're in a first-grade play and you're painfully aware everything is just make-believe." Then there is the weirdness of the men always going outside — where snow covers the ground so it's obviously cold — to use the bathroom. Is that a Swedish thing, to use the ground right outside the front door as a toilet? The women apparently never have to use the bathroom so we don't know if the outdoor facility is unisex. And the killer? Well, the less said about it the better. D

"Crawlspace" (unrated) Military special forces are sent into a secretive underground lab in Australia to investigate when contact with the scientists is lost. Aside from moving the location to terra firma instead of space, this is essentially a poorly realized clone of the "Alien" franchise. It's the feature-length directorial debut from Justin Dix, best known as a special effects technician who worked on Episode II and Episode III of the "Star Wars" sequels. That means this film looks good. And that's about all it means. Everything else, from the characters to the dialogue to the plot, is predictable and two-dimensional. C

"Donovan's Echo" (PG-13) Danny Glover plays a man whose premonitions are either life-changing, life-saving or not real at all. Glover and co-star Bruce Greenwood ("Star Trek: Into Darkness," "I, Robot") are terrific in the film. It looked as if the film might have had a neat "Mothman Prophecies" vibe going for it. The story was fascinating and original at times but confusing at others. There needed to be some sort of break or musical cue to indicate when Glover's character is about to go into his disassociative state. It wouldn't have hurt the movie's dreamlike sequences, it would have enhanced them. C+

"Inescapable" (R) A former Syrian who immigrated to Toronto returns to his homeland when his daughter goes missing in Damascus. So-so thriller was written and directed by Rubba Nada, herself a former Syrian who indicated in the DVD extras that she wanted to make a statement about the political climate in Syria. Instead, it looks as though she got distracted by the suspense aspect and lost her purpose. The film does delve a bit into government affairs but doesn't show much at all about daily life in a country most of the world knows very little about. That would have been an interesting film. C+

"The Philadelphia Experiment" (PG-13) Scientist who creates a cloaking device for the government sees his project go awry when a battleship tender from WWII — that also was part of a similar project in 1943 — drops onto a nearby airstrip. Usually the word SyFy sends me running but this looked like it had some promise, and was based on the 1984 film of the exact same name that I consider a guilty pleasure. The entire premise is based on alleged events that involved the USS Eldridge, which was allegedly used for just such an experiment, but has been "cloaked" (sorry) in secrecy ever since. That, of course, has sent conspiracy theorists crazy, resulting in websites and "Coast to Coast AM" episodes that are far more entertaining than any movie could ever be. This updated version of the story certainly has better CGI than its 1974 counterpart, but it cannot top the story. It's also very weird — and stupid — to cast Michael Pare, who starred in the 1984 film, to play an altogether different character in this version. C+

"6 Souls" (R) Julianne Moore plays a forensic psychologist who is convinced everything has a scientific explanation until she investigates a case that defies science. The filmmakers forgot Rule No. 412 in the "How to Make a Good Movie" guide: Just because you get one of the world's greatest actresses in your film doesn't ensure it's going to be good. Early in the film, it shows signs of being like "Primal Fear," the great courtroom drama that made a star of Edward Norton. No such luck, though. This film is a meandering glob of celluloid that has no seeming direction or purpose. Does it want to be a psychological drama? Sometimes. Does it want to be a horror film? Sometimes. Does it want to be a drama? Sometimes. The only genre is doesn't want to be is comedy. Sadly, that's the only category it manages to sustain, albeit inadvertently. B-

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Shane Rogers @ Detour
Corner Pocket @ Noel Heritage Park
Big Casino @ Redneck's
Folk Family Revival, Tanner Castle @ Lone Star Bar
Stateline @ The Bar
Chrome Molly @ Your Place

Friday and Saturday
Lee Scheetz & Borderline @ Escape Lounge

Saturday
Zach Edwards @ The Bar
The Unsweet T's @ Your Place
The Shane Rogers Band @ Redneck's
Ray Wylie Hubbard, Uncle Lucious, Graham Wilkinson, Sons of Fathers @ KD's
Dessi Amor, Juicy J, Blue Dream & Kean, Yunn YG Gunna, Antoine Banks, Jaunie Neptune @ Cabana
Bermuda, Beyond the Shore, Barrier, Illustrations @ Pine Box
Signal Rising @ Blue Max
Last Call Coalition @ Lone Star Bar

Sunday
Brown Sneakers @ Museum of the Southwest

Wednesday
CPR Band @ Shack in the Back

Lubbock

Saturday
Megadeth, Black Label Society, Device, Hellyeah, Newsted, Death Division @ The Pavilion at Lone Star Event Center

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Thursday
Boney James @ House of Blues

Friday
Fitz and the Tantrums, Ivy Levan @ House of Blues
Everclear, Live, Filter, Sponge @ Palladium Ballroom
Tate Stevens @ Billy Bob's Texas

Saturday
John Mayer, Phillip Phillips @ Gexa Energy Pavilion

Wednesday
The Psychedelic Furs, The Technicolors @ House of Blues
Widespread Panic @ Verizon Theatre

Juicy J to perform at Cabana Sports Bar and Grill

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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Juicy J, formerly of the rap group Three 6 Mafia, will make his first trip to Midland with a Saturday show at Cabana Sports Bar and Grill.

The rapper — whose real name is Jordan Michael Houston — will perform at the third annual Summer Jam, an event started in 2011 by YNC Promotions. Doors open at 7 p.m.

"He's pretty hot right now, as far as the music that he's putting out," said Patrick Carrasco, president and founder of YNC Promotions.

Tickets are $30 online, $35 presale at Vision Audio in Midland and Endless Horizons in Odessa, $40 at the door and $250 for a VIP table that includes six tickets.

Carrasco has arranged about six concerts in Midland so far, including rappers Twista, Do or Die, Devin The Dude, Z-Ro and Trae Tha Truth. He expects anywhere from 1,000 to 1,300 attendees for Juicy J's concert.

"We've been trying to do more concerts in Midland," he said. "The economy is booming, so I think there's enough people to support an act like this."

Juicy J cofounded Three 6 Mafia in 1991 and helped lead the group to an Academy Award win for their 2005 song "It's Hard out Here for a Pimp," featured in the movie Hustle & Flow. He has moved away from Three 6 Mafia in the past few years, focusing on his solo career.

Three 6 Mafia is planning a reunion album without Juicy J, Carrasco said.

BACKYARD BBQ

Sons of Fathers to play Midland between Bonnaroo, ACL

By Megan Lea Buck
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After playing Bonnaroo and before Austin City Limits, Texas' Sons of Fathers will return to the Basin for their second Midland performance in a year.

"We love Midland," said Paul Cauthen, one of the two frontmen for the band. "It's crazy how it's getting huge with all the young people and the oil business booming."

Sons of Fathers will join Ray Wylie Hubbard, Uncle Lucius and Graham Wilkinson on Saturday at KD's Bar-B-Q for TallTownes' Backyard BBQ. Doors open at 3 p.m. Tickets are $35 general admission and $25 for teachers, firefighters, EMS, law enforcement officers and former and current military members. For more information, visit talltownes.com.

Upcoming shows from TallTownes

- Tom Russell, Sept. 18 @ Rea Greathouse Recital Hall, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
- Hayes Carll, Nov. 8 @ Yucca Theatre
- Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis, Dec. 19 @ Yucca Theatre

"We love playing with Ray," Cauthen said. "He's a legend."

Sons of Fathers most recently performed at Widespread Panic's Fourth of July Picnic in Wyoming and is spending the summer touring after the April release of its second album.

"Burning Days" follows the band's 2011 self-titled album. Produced by Lloyd Maines, the album's 10 tracks highlight Sons of Fathers' fusion of gospel harmonies, Texas country and folk rock.

During a Reporter-Telegram phone interview, Cauthen, who plays guitar and sings along with David Beck on vocals and bass, talked about the band's second opportunity to work with Maines.

"It's like working with your young grandfather — your grandfather who is too young to be your grandfather," he said. "We respect him big time."

Cauthen credits his own preacher grandfather for introducing him to music. Beck grew up in San Marcos steeped in the music business. His father, Bill Whitbeck, plays bass with Robert Earl Keen. Their families' musical influence inspired the band's name.

Sons of Fathers are Cauthen, Beck, Dees Stribling on drums, Regan Schmidt on lap steel and guitar, Tony Browne on guitar and Bryan Mammel on keys.

Only Beck and Cauthen performed when the band opened for Bob Schneider at the Yucca in November.

Saturday's show will include the full band.

"With the band, you've got this big, huge dynamic group (and) you can express yourself in a lot of different ways," Cauthen said.

While Sons of Fathers continues its U.S. tour, Cauthen said the band is looking toward the future.

"When we started this thing we wanted to be not just a Texas band, but nationwide," he said. "Now, we're nationwide and we want to be worldwide."

For more information on TallTownes Backyard BBQ and other upcoming shows, visit talltownes.com and follow TallTownes Entertainment on Facebook.

BACKYARD BBQ

Ray Wylie Hubbard, Sons of Fathers, Uncle Lucius and Graham Wilkinson will be at KD's Bar-B-Q on Saturday for TallTownes Backyard BBQ presented by Wise H20. Doors open at 3 p.m. We talked with concert organizer Nate Brignon and KD's owner Kathy Freeman to find out what concertgoers can expect.

How much does it cost?

Tickets are $35 and are available at www.talltownes.com or on the TallTownes Entertainment Facebook page. Discounts are available for teachers, law enforcement, emergency services personnel, fire fighters, former and current members of the military by emailing info@talltownes.com.

Should I bring the kids?

"It's family friendly to the extent that we're all bringing our kids," said organizer Nate Brignon, adding he expects to see kids listening to music and playing outside but there are no children's activities planned. Beer and wine will be sold.

Where will we sit?

Concertgoers are welcome to bring blankets or chairs. The area closest to the stage will be reserved for people with blankets and those who want to stand or sit in the grass. A designated area for chairs will be set up in the back of the yard.

"The yard's small enough you'll be able to see and hear everything no matter where you are," said Brignon.

How will we handle the heat?

"It's going to be hot but people are going to check in at the table with their tickets and we're going to give them wristbands and then they can come and go throughout the day," Brignon said.

The restaurant — complete with air conditioning — will be open for business as usual

What can we eat?

KD's will offer its full menu inside. Outside food and drinks are cash only.

"Outside is going to be sandwiches and chips and inside is going to be all the normal fixings," Freeman said.

Does KD's often host outdoor concerts?

No. Freeman said this will be the first time the restaurant has hosted an outdoor concert, though the area is often used for private parties and fundraisers.

"I bet 75 percent of our customers don't even know it's out there," she said of the yard. "It's awesome."

Ray Wylie Hubbard

What about the music?

Local musician Justin Langston will open the show and the out-of-town bands will come on at 4 p.m.

Sons of Fathers:

Brignon: "The band recently appeared at Bonnaroo and they're going to play at ACL and it kind of fits what we're trying to do to get out-of-town bands routing through here that may not have played here in the past."

Uncle Lucius:

Brignon: "They're starting to get a lot of publicity, a lot of air play. This could very well be a situation that you could come see Uncle Lucius at a small show in Midland and they could continue to grow and grow."

Graham Wilkinson:

Brignon: "He definitely plays a type of music that's not (heard often here). We don't see very many reggae acts in Midland."

Ray Wylie Hubbard:

Brignon: "He's just one of those legendary figures in Texas music that I think almost everybody on the lineup looks up to him and sees him as an inspiration."

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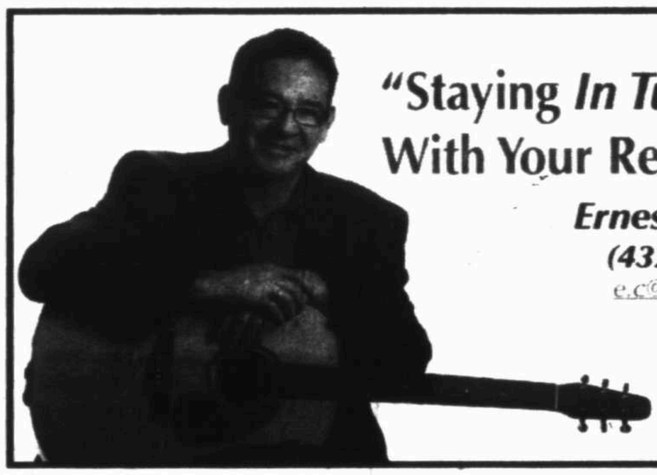

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When: 8-10 p.m. July 19
Where: Noel Heritage Park, 321 N. 5th St., Odessa
Info: Free. North 40, country

HOPEFEST
When: July 19-20
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

"OF BIRDS AND TEXAS" EXHIBIT EVENTS
When: July 20
Where: Ellen Noel Art Museum, Odessa
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SUMMER SUNDAY LAWN CONCERT
When: 7:30 p.m. July 21
Where: grounds of the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
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Info: Unsweet T's, classic rock. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and a cooler

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
When: 6-8 p.m. July 25-26, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. July 27
Where: Iglesias de Cristo Cherry Lane, 570-8697
Info: Theme is Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong For God.

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM AND BAILY CIRCUS
When: July 25-28
Where: Ector County Coliseum

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS WITH COOL MUSIC
When: 8-10 p.m. July 26
Where: Noel Heritage Park Fifth and Lincoln, Odessa
Info: Free. Brave Como, polka

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When: July 26-27
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When: July 26-28
Where: Horseshoe

COWBOY FAST DRAW
When: July 26-27
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

RINGLING BROS CIRCUS
When: July 26-28
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

SUMMER SUNDAY LAWN CONCERT
When: 7:30 p.m. July 28
Where: grounds of the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Admission: Free.
Info: Jazz Bird, smooth jazz. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and a cooler

ROCK THE DESERT
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DINNER THEATER: "MURDER AT THE TELETHON" BY MARK TENNISWOOD
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GALLAGHER'S LAST SMASH
When: Aug. 3
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

SUMMER SUNDAY LAWN CONCERT
When: 7:30 p.m. Aug. 4
Where: grounds of the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Admission: Free.
Info: Bent, blues. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and a cooler

CEREBRAL REBELUTION ART SHOW
When: Aug. 4
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
When: 5-8 p.m. Aug. 4-7
Where: The Orchard Church, misty@orchardmidland.com
Info: Theme is Kingdom Rocks: Where Kids Stand Strong for God. Dinner at 5 p.m. for children and families.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
When: 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 5-8
Where: St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 694-8856
Info: Theme is Faith Through the Arts. Activities include bookbinding, photography, painting and stitching.

ALL ABOUT WOMEN FAIR AND EXPO
When: Aug. 9-11
Where: Horseshoe

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Where: Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa
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When: 7:30 p.m. Aug. 11
Where: grounds of the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Admission: Free.
Info: The Shades, rock 'n' roll. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and a cooler

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
When: 5:30 p.m. Aug. 12-14
Where: Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 683-4207
Info: Theme is God's Backyard Bible Camp. Intergenerational vacation Bible school includes evening meal.

CHICAGO
When: 8 p.m. Aug. 13
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $50 to $90 plus fees

APPALOOSA HORSE SHOW
When: Aug. 16-18
Where: Horseshoe
Info: Midland County Fair Pre-Event

MIDLAND COUNTY FAIR
When: Aug. 22-25
Where: Horseshoe

LORETTA LYNN
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Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
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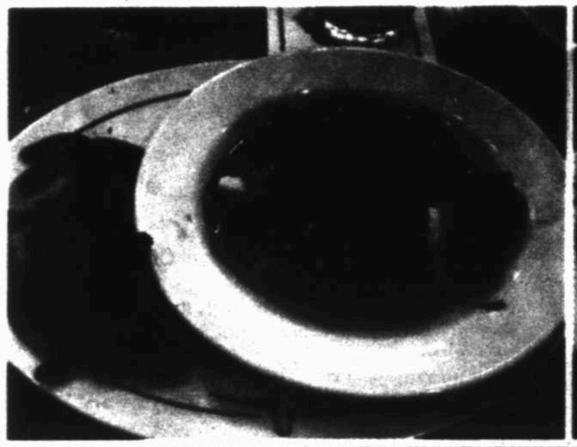
By Joan Huff



It has been with great anticipation that Midland has watched the transformation of the former Cheddar's building into what is now Saltgrass Steak House. According to the website, the restaurant's story dates back to the 1800s when millions of Longhorns roamed freely in Texas. "Each winter the Longhorn were driven to the Texas Gulf Coast to graze on the rich coastal salt grass. And when they headed for market, they followed the legendary Salt Grass Trail, known far and wide for creating the best beef in the Lone Star State."

Trying to avoid the crowds that have been flowing through the new restaurant's doors, my friend and I thought we would go for lunch one day at 1 p.m. A full parking lot and buzzing dining room still greeted us, however, we were quickly seated and handed menus. As we looked around, we saw how the decor had been changed to a Western and rustic atmosphere. There is a sports bar area to the left of the entry with seating at tables or at the bar, and at the end of the main dining area is a room that can be used for parties. A large patio area also offers outdoor seating.

Obviously, Saltgrass is famous for its certified angus beef steaks, but the menu has a variety of foods. The appetizers were out of the ordinary such as "Seafood Fondeaux" (crawfish, shrimp and mushrooms sautéed in cream sauce, then baked with Romano and jack cheese), "Shrimp and Chicken Enbrochette" (grilled Gulf shrimp and chicken tenderloins wrapped in bacon and basted with barbecue sauce), artichoke and spinach dip and an avocado crab stack. Saltgrass also has soups (made daily) and salads with homemade salad dressings, as well as hamburgers, a grilled chicken sandwich and a Texas cheesesteak sandwich.

We were glad to find a lunch menu that is served until 4 p.m. with foods priced accordingly. A soup and sandwich combination, a lunch portion of chicken fried steak, barbecue baby back ribs, fried shrimp and a grilled chicken breast are just a few of the offerings. There are also platters — including a ribeye or prime rib — that are served with a dinner salad, Caesar salad or cup of soup and a side dish. As our drink orders were delivered, we were also given a loaf of warm Shiner Bock beer bread served with honey butter.

I wanted to try a steak item and chose the tenderloin tips from the lunch menu. When it arrived, I was very pleased with my choice — very tender pieces of beef tenderloin sautéed in a delicious cognac pepper sauce with mushrooms on top of garlic mashed potatoes. I also chose a side of fresh vegetables. I loved the flavor of the meat and the potatoes and thought it was a good representation of the restaurant's steaks. My friend chose chicken tenders that were served with cream gravy. It was a very generous plate of chicken and she thought it was very good.

The menu at Saltgrass is divided into categories including shrimp and fish, chicken and "favorites." There are also hearty combo meals such as barbecue baby back ribs and a grilled chicken breast or the shrimp and chicken tenders platter. Of course, steak is the focus of the restaurant and one entire page is centered around this popular choice. There are steak combos and a complete list of steaks from top sirloin, prime rib, Texas T-bone and center-cut filets. Saltgrass is a paradise for steak lovers.

As we sat and looked around the room, everyone seemed to be enjoying their meals as empty plates were being removed from tables. Then, we saw a dessert order being delivered — chocolate cake. This was not your typical slice of chocolate cake, but a five-layer cake with each layer about 1 1/2 inches tall. It was so tall, it was laying on its side.

Saltgrass Steak House is a wonderful addition to the Midland restaurant scene. It's obvious employees are still in training, but that is a given in a new restaurant. The food and atmosphere make this a great place to enjoy a meal. Just be sure to bring several friends if you are going to order a piece of cake for dessert.

SALTGRASS STEAK HOUSE

4511 W. Loop 250 N.
699-0476
www.saltgrass.com

Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday, Saturday
Payment accepted: credit cards, cash, no checks
Entree price range: $9-$16 for lunch menu items and specials served Monday-Friday until 4 p.m.; $9-$30 for full menu
Meals served: lunch, dinner
Kid's menu? Yes
Outdoor seating? Yes
Private dining room for parties/meetings? Yes
Take out? Yes
Parking? Large parking lot

Food: 4 out of 5 spoons
Service: 4 out of 5 spoons
Value: 4 out of 5 spoons
Cleanliness: 3.5 out of 5 spoons
Atmosphere: 5 out of 5 spoons
Overall rating: 4 out of 5 spoons

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Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in categories according to the type of food they serve and classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.
Entree price range is based on the average entree price on the menu: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 and $$$ = $20 or more. Restaurants are given a general rating based on quality of food, service, cleanliness, atmosphere and overall experience. 1 spoon = poor, 2 spoons = average, 3 spoons = above average, 4 spoons = good and 5 spoons = excellent.

American/Grill

Addie's Diner
304 E. Florida Ave.
686-2044

Waitresses wearing poodle skirts and records dangling from the ceiling give this place a true "diner" vibe. Delicious burgers and salads. Chicken fried steak or steak fingers, chicken fried chicken or chicken fingers, fried catfish, hamburger steak and grilled pork chop entrees. Breakfast until 10:30 a.m. Kid's menu available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 5:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Bush's Chicken (OAC)
2210 N. Big Spring St.
687-7090

Fried chicken meals with traditional sides. All combos include fries, gravy, roll and a large drink. Snack packs and family size meals available. Kid's menu. Try the red cinnamon apple pie for dessert. Iced tea is sold by the gallon. Three-lane drive through.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: Drive through 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily; through, lobby 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.
3 spoons

Café at The Gardens (SD)
3300 Fairgrounds Road
687-1478

Located in the back of Alldredge Gardens, the cafe offers one of the most relaxed atmospheres in town. Sit in the garden center and enjoy the beautiful fish in the pond as you eat your lunch. Sandwiches, soups, quiche, burgers and wonderful desserts. Kid's menu. Catering available as well as party area.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
4 spoons

Claudia's Kitchen
3601 W. Wall St.
(Inside the Bradford Inn and Suites)
432-694-8821, ext.165

Friendly service and diner atmosphere. Try the Texas toothpicks and jalapeno bottle caps. Breakfast items can be ordered throughout the day and include hearty meals such as pork chops, chicken fried steak with eggs and potatoes. Large selection of burgers and sandwiches, chicken fried steak, steak fingers and ribeyes.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 6 -10 p.m. the last Friday of the month for dinner featuring Christian karaoke.
3 spoons

Cotton Patch Cafe (SD)
2320 W. Loop 250 N.
618-0070
www.cottonpatch.com

Casual with a grill-style atmosphere. Large menu offers a wide choice of flavors, combinations and sizes of meals. Start with appetizers and finish up with a steak, sandwich, burger or fish. Grilled favorites as well as soups and salads are available. Daily specials include chicken fried steak with a choice of two sides for $6.99 or all you can eat catfish for $9.99 on Fridays.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

Graham Pharmacy (SD)
1601 W. Wall St.
684-5756

Pharmacy with gift shop and "old-fashioned" soda fountain offerning homemade fudge and desserts, simple lunch favorites and shakes and ice cream dishes. Sandwiches include BLT, tuna, pimento cheese and ham and cheese as well as club sandwiches with turkey and/or ham and cheese. Hot dogs, corn dogs, salads and Frito pie also are available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.
3 spoons

Down Home Kitchen (SD)
102 N. Lee St.
682-3696

Small, unassuming building in south Midland. Diners may choose from a few freshly-made entrees — meatloaf, pork chops, chicken fried steak and more — and sides such as corn, macaroni and cheese, green beans and boiled cabbage. Each plate is around $8 and includes an entree, two sides and bread. Dessert options include peach cobbler and a variety of cakes.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
3 spoons

Cracker Barrel (SD)
3108 N. Loop 250 West
689-3137

Home-style meals. Serving breakfast (all day), lunch and dinner. Menu includes soups, sandwiches, pork barbecue, fried chicken tenderloin, grilled pork chops, sugar cured ham, smoked ham, hamburger steak and meatloaf. Friday fish fry, Saturday offers made from scratch chicken n' rice with vegetables and Sunday features homestyle chicken. Kid's menu available. Old country store in front of restaurant.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

The Bar (SD)
606 W. Missouri Ave.
685-1757

Opened in 1979 and serves lunch, dinner and Saturday brunch. Menu items include sandwiches, burgers, chili, soups, steaks and more. Smoking is permitted in part of the restaurant. Menu is available at www.thebarmidland.com.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

The Ranch House (OAC)
5103 W. Wadley Ave.
699-0695

Stop by for a quick sandwich. Choices include: chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked brisket and barbecue. Sandwiches are $4.50 and come with potato chips. Combination meals are $6.50 and include a side of homemade beans. Homemade bread. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily
3 spoons

Clear Springs Cafe (SD)
5707 Andrews Highway
522-1188

Burgers, Po'boy, catfish, shrimp, crawfish, oysters, chicken strips, steaks, chicken fried steak and chicken. Specials offered daily. Claim to have the "best onion rings and catfish in Texas, the World and the known Universe." Kid's menu. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Le Bistro inside DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Midland Plaza (SD)
117 W. Wall St.
683-6131

Full breakfast and lunch buffet with daily specials. Also offers full menu of items including specialty appetizers such as mini hamburgers and hotdogs, hot wings, fish assortment and stuffed potato skins. Steaks, seafood, sandwiches and salads are available with various side dishes.
Buffet: $$
Hours: 6:30-10 a.m. breakfast buffet, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet; regular menu until 10 p.m. daily.
4 spoons

JoJo's Eatery
214 W. Texas Ave. (Petroleum Building)
682-3134

Offering a large selection of sandwiches, salads and burgers. Super friendly service and atmosphere. Absolutely do not leave before trying the pie (any kind). Buy it by the slice or whole pies and cakes made to order. Daily specials, catering and call-in orders welcome.
Entrée price range $
Hours: 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.
3 spoons

Lori's Café (SD)
2201 W. Wall St.
570-1701

Homestyle cooking. Breakfast includes pancakes, omelettes, waffles, breakfast enchiladas and burritos, as well as traditional eggs, toast, bacon and grits. Lunch offers sandwiches such as French dip, Philly cheesesteak, Reuben and chicken Parmesan. Burgers, a large selection of salads, chicken fried steak and many appetizers.

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Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-2 p.m Tuesday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

Stanton Drug and Old-Fashioned Soda Fountain (SD)
201 N. St. Peter
Stanton
432-756-3731

Enjoy small-town atmosphere and a mouth-watering hamburger or sandwich in the quaint surroundings of the Stanton Drug Store. Breakfast served until 10:45 a.m. Only a short drive from Midland.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. (or until they run out of meat) Monday-Friday.
3 spoons

Strawberry Fields Cafe (SD)
2311 W. Wadley Ave.
684-5869

Fresh foods made from organic and natural ingredients. Meats and poultry are free-range, raised on a natural diet and free of chemicals used on conventional factory farms. All foods are made fresh daily and are free of refined sugars, hydrogenated oils, artificial colors, flavors and preservatives. Salads can be purchased by the pound. Sandwiches, wraps, no-bull burger (veggie burger) and soups. This is the place to go for a guilt-free delicious meal. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $
Hours:9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Tater World (SD)
802 S. Garfield St.
682-9111

Taters are front and center on the menu including tater twisters (homemade tater chips), cheddar fries, tater skins and baked potatoes, which weigh one pound or more. Brisket, steak stuffed taters or regular stuffed potatoes. Other dishes include some of the best catfish in town, a variety of salads, sandwiches, burgers, chicken fried steak, breakfast burritos and "hot doggs." Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. Friday.
4 spoons

Eddie's Catfish Company (OAC)
301 N. Lee St.
684-4422

The owners of Eddie's Catfish Company used to serve catfish only on Fridays at Greater Ideal Family Life Center. When they moved into the building on Lee Street, they began serving catfish Monday through Saturday. The menu features one- or two-piece catfish meals, fried shrimp or a combination. Meals include hush-puppies, coleslaw and French fries or onion rings. Large portions. Family packs.
Entree price range: $
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
3 spoons

Café Unique (OAC)
3303 N. Midkiff Road
(San Miguel Shopping Center)
262-5993
www.MidlandsUniqueCatering.com

Meals to go, catering and a café all under one roof. Salads such as a Palm Desert Salad consisting of mixed greens, chili peanuts, apples, Blue cheese crumbles, avocado and barbecue Ranch dressing with grilled chicken. Sandwiches include chicken salad on a toasted croissant with chips; turkey, bacon and tomato melt on sourdough with chips; or pulled pork sandwiches with saucy pinto beans. Variety of quiches.
Entrée price range: $
Café hours: 11 a.m.-3: p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Drop in for dinners to go 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
2 spoons

Triple Threat Sports Bar & Grill (SD)
12 Meta Drive
(Village Shopping Center)
683-5300

Sports bar atmosphere with pool tables and several video games. Thirteen big-screen televisions. Happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-7 p.m. with drink specials and free chips and salsa. Menu features a wide selection of appetizers including popcorn shrimp, Buffalo wings, chicken tenders, chips and salsa or queso, fried mushrooms, mozzarella sticks and a sampler platter. Known for their Philly cheese steaks served with fries.
Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - midnight Sunday.
4 spoons

Denny's (SD)
3701 W. Wall St.
www.dennys.com
520-5306

Always open with a friendly atmosphere. Large variety of menu items from appetizers, snacks, breakfast items, burgers, sandwiches, steaks and chicken. Special combination meals and seasonal dinners also served on holidays. Good food, service and willingness to make customers happy.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 24 hours every day.
3 spoons

Yana 615 (SD)
615 North Sam Houston
Odessa
432-332-4305

Located in the downtown Odessa area near the hospital in a house that has been remodeled into a restaurant. Quaint and charming. A relaxing and out of the ordinary spot to meet friends for lunch. Specialties of the house include orange roughy, a vegetable plate, lemon pepper pasta, spinach lasagna and chicken tarragon. Chicken palatchinka (two homemade crepes filled with chicken breast in a creamy sauce and served with dried fruit baked rice and a house salad) is a favorite. Dessert is a must!
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday-Friday
5 spoons

The Café at Crestview (OAC)
301 N. Loop 250 West
(inside Crestview Baptist Church)
www.crestviewmidland.org
681-8200 ext. 2007
Catering: 559-2928

A tranquil setting featuring a café that is open to everyone. Signs in the parking lot will direct you to the correct door to enter. Menu includes soup of the day, soup and sandwich and salads ranging from a grilled chicken, chicken Caesar or garden salad. Tex-Mex dishes include chicken fajitas, ground beef burritos or quesadillas and various types of nachos. Signature sandwiches, burgers and hearty specials all at very reasonable prices. Delicious desserts. Wednesday night meals for $7 each or $20 per family. Free drinks with meal.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday; 5-6 p.m. Wednesday
3 spoons

Deli/Sandwich

Harvest Caffe (OAC)
2101 West Wadley Ave., Suite 8
218-8331
www.harvestcaffe.com

Popular meeting place of many Midlanders for breakfast and lunch. Breakfast burritos, soups, salads and sandwiches. Specialty coffee drinks served all day. Wide selection of gourmet desserts such as cheesecake, lemon bars, brownies, pies and cake. Several TVs on softly and a fireplace in the back. Meeting room available as well as outdoor seating. Average meal price $
Hours: 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday.
4 spoons

Jason's Deli (OAC)
4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B
682-2200

Inviting salad bar with fresh fruit, various salads and the large selection of healthy sandwiches. All of the foods are free of artificial trans fats. Vegetarian and heart healthy items are noted on menu. Soups and salads. Kid's menu and free soft serve ice cream with meal. Catering, call in, or order online. Delivery available. Trays of food available for events.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily
4 spoons

McAlister's Deli (OAC)
2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100, 687-0880 and 4415 W. Wadley Ave., 694-1800
www.mcalistersdeli.com

Soups, salads, Texas sized-spuds with all the toppings, signature sandwiches such as a grilled chicken breast club, sweetberry chicken or a muffuletta. Large selection of traditional deli sandwiches. Kid's menu and catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
4 spoons

Murray's (OAC)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
697-3433; for catering call 689-3433

Warm and friendly with an inviting atmosphere, Murray's is the place to go for a delicious and relaxed lunch or dinner. Delicious deli style hot or cold sandwiches and soups. Caesar salad with blackened or grilled chicken breast, grilled tuna or shrimp. Be sure to try a Murray's "Best Burger" for a delicious burger and a side of the famous curly fries. Menu also includes tuna or shrimp scampi, tilapia, chicken, and chicken alfredo. Great selection of desserts. Catering available. Wide selection of beer served.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
5 spoons

Smiling Moose Deli (OAC)
3322 North Loop 250 West
www.smilingmoosedeli.com
697-3354

Open early to serve breakfast including bagel sandwiches, breakfast burritos and a wide selection of coffee drinks. Lunch sandwiches,

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delicious wraps, salads, soups and homemade breads can be selected from the menu or made to order. Gluten-free menu and gluten-free hoagie rolls available. Extensive catering menu including continental-style breakfast, box breakfast, sides, coffee, juice and just about anything from regular menu is available. Check website for coupon deals.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Breakfast served all day.
4 spoons

Swensen's (OAC)
900 W. Loop 250 N.
570-7271

One entire menu for food and one for ice cream creations, an immaculate dining room, fast, friendly service and great value. Appetizers and huge selection of sandwiches — grilled, cold, warm, pita and burgers. Salads include a crispy chicken, chicken Caesar, chef, Cobb, chicken or beef fiesta and a chicken or tuna salad platter. Visit the ice cream counter or order from your table. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday.
4 spoons

Taste of Chicago's Italian Beef (OAC)
1100 E. Illinois Ave.
682-3200

Chicago-inspired sandwiches such as corned beef, Italian beef, Italian sausage, Reuben, Polish sausage, gyros and Chicago style hot dogs. Meats are tender and sliced thin, breads are grilled for some of the best sandwiches around town. Homestyle fries and chips. Drive through window.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. thursday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Tony's Bakery (OAC)
1108 N. Big Spring St.
570-4166

Family-owned bakery where everything is made from scratch. Breakfast items include pull-apart bread, assorted Kolaches and meat empanadas. Pastries available all day. Several varieties of delicious large sandwiches to feed a group must be ordered a day ahead. They are worth the wait. Cookies, cakes in all shapes and sizes made to order for occasions. Run by when you need a quick dessert and purchase items out of the bakery cases.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.-3 p.m Tuesday-Wednesday; 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Steak/Seafood

Cattle Baron (SD)
418 Wadley Ave.
683-2334

Quiet, relaxing, Western décor themed steak house featuring prime rib, filet mignon, rib eye, peppered steak, beef kabob, garlic trout, fresh catfish, orange bourbon salmon as well as lobster tails and Alaskan king crab legs, combination plates and several hamburger choices. Salads and salad bar also available. Full service bar. Catering. Lunch specials offered Monday-Saturday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday
3 spoons

Ranchland Hills Golf Club
1600 E. Wadley Ave.
682-3729 (Clubhouse)
www.Ranchlandhills.com

No membership required! Everyone can enjoy the dining (including a sports bar) and golf facilities as the doors are open on the recently remodeled Ranchland Hills Golf Club. Appetizers, soups, salads, seafood, chicken and beef are all on the menu and served with elegant style. Start the day with a selection from the large breakfast menu. Lunch includes sandwiches and burgers in addition to chicken fried steak, steak and shrimp or chicken. Beautiful views, casual atmosphere (still no t-shirts in the dining rooms) and delicious food in a very relaxed setting, perfect for entertaining. Rooms available for parties. Payment accepted: credit cards, cash, and checks.
Entrée average price range: $$
Hours: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., 6-9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday-Saturday

Steak Express (carry-out, delivery)
3316 W. Illinois Ave.
694-4040

Steak Express serves steaks, burgers and more for carry-out or delivery only. Order online at www.steakexpress.com or call 694-4040. Menu includes Nolan Ryan beef steaks in a variety of cuts, grilled chicken, salmon, shrimp, ribs and combinations served with baked potato, salad and roll. Burgers, sandwiches and salads also are available. The restaurant offers lunch specials daily until 3 p.m. $1.50 delivery fee. Go for the burger if you're really hungry.
Entree price range: $$
Hours: 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday -Thursday; 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday
4 spoons

Texas Roadhouse (SD)
4512 W. Loop 250 N.
689-7427

Call ahead seating is available. Enjoy fresh rolls before you order. Wide selection of appetizers from rattlesnake bites (diced jalapenos and jack cheese, hand battered and lightly fried), Texas red chili and buffalo wings. Grilled chicken salad, chicken critter salad and Caesar salads, hand-cut steaks such as rib-eye, sirloin, and prime rib in addition to "road kill" (chopped steak with onions mushrooms and jack cheese). Feature "fall off the bone ribs." Kid's menu.
Entree price range: $$
Hours: 4-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 4-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m-11 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

Wall Street Bar & Grill (SD)
115 East Wall St.
684-8686

Some of the finest dining in town, especially for steaks and seafood. Appetizers, steaks including N.Y. strip, filet mignon, ribeye, beef kebab and chicken fried steak. Tempting seafood dishes including charbroiled shrimp, pecan crusted trout, seafood relleno and catfish. Chicken dishes and a delicious house salad and fresh bread. Kid's menu available. Brunch on Sunday morning. Save room for the Gold Brick dessert. Reservations for groups over six taken.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5:30-10 p.m. Monday - Friday; 5:30-10 p.m. Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5:30-9 p.m. Sunday
5 spoons

Way Out West (buffet style)
515 Andrews Highway
697-4196

Large buffet serving lunch and dinner. Offering specials at both meal times in addition to senior discounts. Order from the menu or go through the buffet. Steaks, seafood, soups, salads, brisket, casseroles. Wide variety of choices. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday
3 spoons

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE

McLaren Memorial COMEDY Playwriting Competition

Do you like to make people laugh? Have you wanted to try your hand on the MCT stage?
The McLaren Festival is a group of reader's theatre style productions great for newcomers and seasoned actors alike.

Auditions are being held July 14 & 15

at 2000 W Wadley at 6:30 PM to assemble a company of readers who will present at the McLaren Comedy Festival. One performance only.

Scripts will be provide at auditions. Company members may be used in multiple productions. Each production is part of a Full-Length Entry Finalist and the presentation with the most audience votes may be selected for a full production as part of the 2014 Season at MCT.

Contact Tracy Alexander, Volunteer Director at tracy@mctmidland.org for more information.

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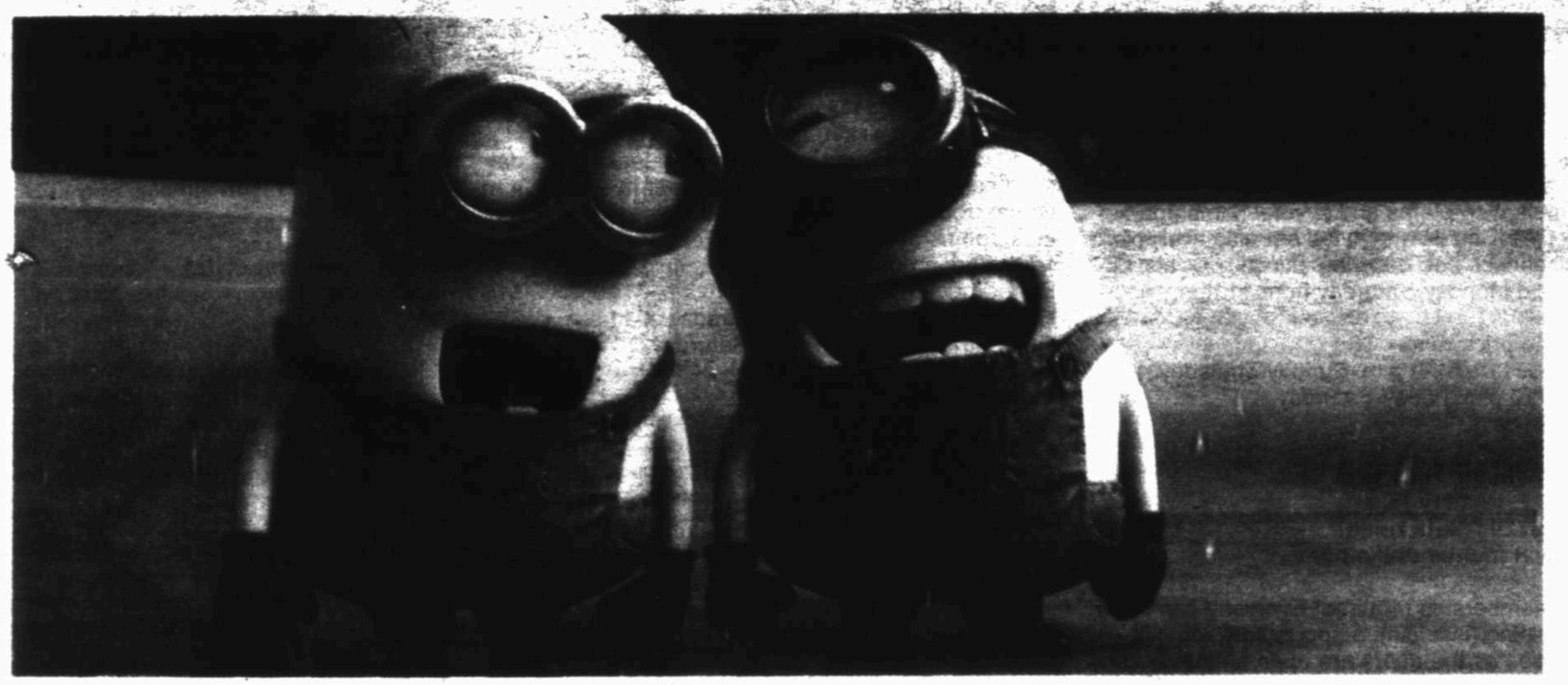

'Despicable 2' is another zany escapade

By Michael Rechtshaffen
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Stealing the moon can be a tough act to follow, as reformed criminal mastermind Gru and the creative team behind the $540-million-grossing 2010 smash "Despicable Me" discovered when it was time to dream up an encore.

After all, it was no mean feat to successfully juggle all that lunar lunacy with a delightful companion plot involving a trio of orphaned girls who, in turn, steal Gru's heart. While the new edition doesn't quite catch that inspired spark, there's still plenty to enjoy here courtesy of those zippy visuals and a pitch-perfect voice cast led by the innately animated Steve Carell.

"Despicable Me 2" finds Carell's Gru more or less embracing his newly domesticated life after adopting Margo (Miranda Cosgrove), Edith (Dana Gaier) and little Agnes (Elsie Fisher), even swapping his more nefarious activities for a startup jelly-and-jam-making operation. But he soon finds himself in a stickier situation when he's dispatched by the top-secret Anti-Villain League to track down the perpetrator of a fresh heist involving a ginormous electromagnet.

Setting up an undercover operation in a mall cupcake shop, Gru is reunited with fresh AVL recruit Lucy Wilde (Kristen Wiig, formerly the proprietor of Miss Hattie's Home for Girls), with his suspicions set on the gregarious owner of a Mexican restaurant (a terrific Benjamin Bratt), who bears a nagging resemblance to El Macho, a notorious villain believed to have perished while riding a shark into a volcano with 250 pounds of TNT strapped to his chest.

It's those sort of details that lend the "Despicable Me" franchise an irresistible Looney Tunes-style nuttiness — one even more prevalent this time around in the absence of a more substantial plotline.

Still, returning directors Pierre Coffin and Chris Renaud and the returning writing team of Ken Daurio and Cinco Paul again maintain the energy at a brisk, buoyant clip, while Carell and the rest of cast add an extra layer of dimension to those expressively drawn characters.

Also amusingly returning to the fold is Russell Brand as rickety resident mad scientist Dr. Nefario, Steve Coogan as AVL head honcho Silas Ramsbottom and Ken Jeong as Floyd Eagle-san, now the owner of a wig store.

Back again to imbue the production with a pleasing visual and aural snap are production designer Yarrow Cheney and on-a-roll Pharrell Williams, whose springy songs blend nicely with Heitor Pereira's bright score.

Those who foolishly opt to leave at the start of the end credits will be missing out on another entertaining 3D demonstration again led by a handful of those wacky Minions.

"Despicable Me 2," a Universal release, is rated PG for, according to the Motion Picture Association of America, "rude humor and mild action." Running time: 98 minutes.

MPAA rating definition for PG: Parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

"MONSTERS UNIVERSITY" — Pixar's first prequel takes a look at how its "Monsters, Inc. stars, Mike and Sully (the voices of Billy Crystal and John Goodman), first met, in the ivied halls of a college campus where the multi-hued, multi-limbed, multi-eyeballed students learn how to be "scarers." Cute, funny, but not on the top tier when it comes to originality. 1 hr. 50 G (mild scares) 2 1/2 stars. — MCT film capsules

KIDSCALENDAR

PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM MUSEUM SUMMER SCIENCE CLASSES
When: 9 a.m.-noon Friday
Where: 1500 Interstate 20 West
Info: $20 museum members and $25 non-members. This week's topic is "Blows its Top." For more information, call 683-4403

AMERICAN GIRL EVENT
When: 4 p.m. Friday
Where: Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N.
Info: Activities and crafts based on American Girl book series

FAMILY FRIDAYS
When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday
Where: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Info: Planned activities every Friday during the summer. This week is Healthy Choices Day and Canned Food Drive. Bring canned food item in exchange for admission price for one person. Donations go to West Texas Food Bank.

BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS STORYTIME
When: 10:30 a.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Wednesday for preschool.
Where: 2617 W. Loop 250 N.
Info: 682-8880

MIDLAND FESTIVAL BALLET SWAN LAKE'S MYSTICAL CAMP
When: 9-11 a.m. Monday through July 18
Where: 4410 N. Midkiff Road
Info: For ages 5-8. Cost is $75. For more information, call 682-2653 or visit www.midlandfestivalballet.org.

FREDDA TURNER DURHAM CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EXHIBITS
When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.
Where: Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Info: Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Temporary Exhibit: Musical Instruments through Aug. 25. For more information, call 683-2882.

PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM MUSEUM MOVIE CAMPS
When: 9:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays
Where: 1500 Interstate 20 West
Info: This week's film is "Ice Age: Continental Drift." For more information, call 683-4403.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FINE ARTS SCHOOL MUSIC AND ARTS CAMPS
When: Session 3 will run Aug. 12-15
Where: 800 W. Texas Ave.
Info: www.fpcmid.org or call Kathy Schorr at 230-2042 or Becca Sawyer at 684-7821.

ELLEN NOEL ART MUSEUM SUMMER CLASSES FOR CHILDREN, TEENS AND ADULTS
Where: 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa
Info: Registration required in advance, by phone 550-9696 or in person at the museum. For more information, visit www.noelartmuseum.org.