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Fireworks sales ramp up in Permian Basin

Officials remind residents that using pyrotechnics not permitted within city limits

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Jim Harris is about to embark upon the most wonderful time of the year.

It's not everyone's favorite holiday. But for Harris — who started Truckload Fireworks 29 years ago — it doesn't get much better than Independence Day.

That's especially true this year as Harris and other fireworks vendors open their stands after being banned from selling fireworks in Midland County last year.

July 3 and 4 "are the two most wonderful, crazy days of the year," Harris said. "You're tired and it's crazy but that's what you push for."

Some Midland vendors opened for business as early as Sunday, the first day fireworks could legally be sold in Texas. Others opened Wednesday and still others said they'll begin sales in the next few days as more customers head out to stock up on sparklers, aerial shells, fountains and other items.

"Stuff is being delivered," said Jan Johnson, vice president of TNT Fireworks, adding that all of their stands should be open today.

Most vendors said there's no way to predict how sales will go. But after selling nothing during the last year in Midland, they're hopeful business will be strong.

When stands were barred from opening in 2011 because of Midland's rating on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI), most vendors said they were forced to hold onto their inventory.

Typically, fireworks are ordered from China. To ensure the product arrives in time for the Fourth of July, purchases have to be made long before vendors learn summer weather conditions, they said.

"We pretty much had to sit on the inventory," Johnson said, of 2011.

Harris said that during December when limited sales were permitted in Odessa, vendors were able to sell some product that had been bought for July 2011. This year, though, he opted to order from a company in the Midwest that stocks fireworks from China. That way he didn't have to order so far in advance.

Several Midland residents responded negatively earlier this month when Midland County commissioners announced they wouldn't ban any fireworks this year.

Because Midland had a score well below 575 on the KBDI, the county didn't have the ability to put a ban in place. Even with a score of 575, the county can halt only the sale of certain types of fireworks. To outlaw all fireworks requires the governor's office to approve an extended disaster declaration — something county officials said wouldn't happen with Midland's lower drought

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CASA'SKIDCOPCOURSE

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Sid, a Belgian Malinois police dog, demonstrates an attack on K-9 Officer Mollie Pehl on Wednesday while she and Officer Chad Simpson showcase what their dogs do on the job to a group of kids from the Casa de Amigos camp.

Kids' police academy provides new learning opportunities

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Nine-year-old Marshayla Lewins was quick to run up a rope ladder on the obstacle course at the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Training Academy on Wednesday afternoon. Once she got to the top, she wasn't too sure how to get down.

"It was scary to go down," Marshayla said of the activity she and more than 30 other kids completed during day three of the Midland Police Department's Kids Academy.

This week MPD is offering two sessions of the academy — one specifically for Casa de Amigos' summer program participants — that teaches kids about everything from bullying to fingerprinting.

Officer Larry Woodruff, who has administered the program for more than 10 years, said it's a great way to teach kids not to be afraid of police and to teach them discipline and respect.

"I love all of the academy activities, teaching and giving kids a positive image of the police department," Woodruff said. "Things like this keep kids on the right track and give them something to do."

On Wednesday, kids visited the training academy's gym, classrooms, obstacle course and gun ranges.

Lt. Bernie Kraft explained search warrants and told the kids about the 17-week enforcement training academy where officers learn about the law.

After participating in daily physical training, including push-ups and jumping jacks, Kraft told the kids how officers train to stay fit and taught them to use a baton.

"No one wants to go to jail, so sometimes we have to lay hands on people and fight them to get them to comply," Kraft said. "We'll use our baton to make someone lose their balance, not to hurt them."

For Juan Sanchez, being able to use the plastic baton was a neat experience.

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Group fears weakening of public school accountability

Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A coalition of Texas business leaders announced Wednesday that it would oppose future hikes in education funding if Texas officials weaken standardized testing standards, a step the group contends would hurt the state's efforts to hold public schools more accountable.

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The Texas Coalition for a Competitive Workforce blamed teachers and school administrators for "demonizing" standardized testing and panicking parents about exams such as STAAR, which was administered statewide for the first time this year.

"They've gone about scaring mom. They've told mom that Johnny is not going to UT because of the end of course exam," Bill Hammond, president of the influential Texas Association of Business, said during a news conference at the state Capitol. He was referring to the University of Texas.

Hammond said superintendents are so worried that their schools will be shown to have poorly prepared students for exams that "they have built a firestorm across the state."

The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, is replacing the frequently criticized TAKS test as the statewide measure for how well students and schools perform. STAAR was originally designed to count 15 percent toward ninth graders' final grades in key subjects to ensure they took the test seriously — but that requirement was suspended for a year amid a backlash from students and parents who worried it could hurt grade-point averages and

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Heat wave: More than 1,000 records fall in US in a week

Associated Press

Feeling hot? It's not a mirage. Across the United States, hundreds of heat records have fallen in the past week.

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From the wildfire-consumed Rocky Mountains to the bacon-fried sidewalks of Oklahoma, the temperatures are creating consequences ranging from catastrophic to comical.

In the past week, 1,011 records have been broken around the country, including 251 new daily high temperature records Tuesday.

Those numbers might seem big, but they're hard to put into

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Luke Vanfleteren races Abigale Hurtado, 6, in the Doug Russel Pool on Monday while the two were trying to stay cool in the 100 plus degree weather.

Midland's top 10 temperatures

Rank	High	When
1	116 F	June 27, 1994
2	114 F	June 28, 1994
3	112 F	June 26, 1994
4	112 F	July 2, 1989
5	111 F	July 18, 1989
6	111 F	June 3, 1998
7	111 F	June 27, 1998
8	111 F	June 25, 2011
9	110 F	June 26, 2011
10	109 F	June 5, 2010

Footnotes:
112 degrees occurred two times and ranked third through fourth highest temperatures
111 degrees occurred four times and ranked fifth through eighth highest temperatures
109 degrees occurred seven times and ranked 10th through 16th highest temperatures
Hottest June 27 ever was 116 in 1994.

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Google co-founder Sergey Brin, right, congratulates two parachutists during a demonstration of Google's new Project Glass, its futuristic, Internet-connected glasses, at the Google I/O conference in San Francisco on Wednesday. Google demonstrated the device by having the parachutists jump out of a blimp hovering about 7,000 feet above San Francisco. The audience got live video feeds from their glasses as they descended to land on the roof of the Moscone Center, the location of the conference.

New tablet, futuristic glasses debut at Google conference

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google is unveiling a small tablet computer bearing its brand.

Called the Nexus Seven, the tablet will have a screen that measures 7 inches diagonally, smaller than the nearly 10 inches on Apple Inc.'s popular iPad. That means it's more likely to challenge Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle Fire, which is also 7 inches.

The Nexus Seven will also be light — at about 0.75 pound, compared with the Kindle Fire's 0.9 pound. The iPad weighs 1.44 pounds.

The device will ship in mid-July starting at $199 — the same price as the Kindle Fire. By contrast, iPads start at $499. Customers can start ordering it through Google on Wednesday, initially in the U.S., Canada and Australia.

The Nexus Seven will run the next version of Google Inc.'s Android operating system, called Jelly Bean. The tablet is also designed specifically for Google Play, the company's online store for movies, music, games, books and apps. Google said Wednesday that Google Play will now offer movies for sale, rather than only rentals.

Google also announced a home entertainment device called Nexus Q. It sends content from your personal collection or YouTube to your existing TV and speaker systems. You control it through a separate Android phone or tablet.

The Nexus Q, which Google is calling the world's first "social streaming device," will available in July in the U.S. initially and sell for $299.

Google made the announcements during a keynote to open its annual conference in San Francisco for computer programmers.

Google also annouced futuristic, Internet-connected glasses will be available for people to test. Prototypes of the device, known as Project Glass, can be purchased for $1,500 only at the conference this week. It won't be delivered until early next year. A consumer version could come in early 2014.

A Google expansion into the tablet market brings another imposing entrant into what is already a battle of tech heavyweights. Last week, Microsoft Corp. announced its own tablet, Surface. Expected to go on sale this fall, Surface will run on a revamped version of Windows and compete directly with the iPad.

Although the tablet carries the Google brand, the machine will be made by AsusTek Computer Inc. Google also recently expanded into the device-making business with its $12.5 billion purchase of Motorola Mobility, but the company has stressed that it intends to continue to rely on Asus and other manufacturers that have embraced Android.

There are already other Android-powered tablets on the market, but none have proven nearly as popular as the iPad or Kindle Fire. That has raised worries at Google as more people rely on tablets to surf the Internet.

If Apple and Amazon establish themselves as the dominant tablet makers, they could set up their operating systems in ways that de-emphasize Google's Internet search engine and other services. Apple develops its own system, while Amazon modifies Android for use in Kindles.

Apple already has announced that the next version of the iPad operating system will abandon Google's digital maps as the built-in navigation system. That shift could cause neighborhood merchants to spend less money advertising on Google.

Earlier Wednesday, Google unveiled a new search tool to help you get the right information at the right time on your mobile device. Called Google Now, the tool will be part of Jelly Bean, which will be available in mid-July. Some devices, including the Galaxy Nexus, will get the upgrade automatically over the air.

With Google Now, if you say "traffic," for example, it will look at your usual commute to work and show you alternative routes if there's a lot of traffic. It will tell you the scores of your favorite sports teams automatically, and it will keep you up to date on flight statuses if you are flying somewhere. You'll have to activate Google Now to start using it.

How does Nexus compare?

Google Inc. said Wednesday that it will sell its own tablet computer, the Nexus 7, based on its Android operating system.

Google is the latest challenger to Apple, maker of the popular iPad. The new tablet will also compete directly with Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle Fire.

Here's a look at the key differences between the new device and some competitors. The Nexus 7 will be available next month and the Surface this fall.

Google Inc.'s Nexus 7
■ Price: $199 for 8 gigabytes of storage, $249 for 16 GB.
■ Screen size: 7 inches diagonally
■ Screen resolution: 1280 x 800 pixels
■ Weight: 0.75 pounds
■ Cameras: Front-facing, 1.2 megapixel camera
■ Battery life: 9.5 hours
■ Operating system: Google's Android
Pros: Access to a variety of games, utilities and other software for Android devices, though not as extensive as apps available for iPad. More features than Kindle Fire at same price.
Cons: Integrates with Google Play store, which is still new and isn't as robust as Apple or Amazon's stores. Data storage cannot be expanded with memory cards. No option for cellular wireless broadband.

Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle Fire:
■ Price: $199 for 6 gigabytes of storage
■ Screen size: 7 inches diagonally
■ Screen resolution: 1024 by 600 pixels
■ Weight: 0.9 pounds
■ Cameras: none
■ Battery life: 8 hours.
■ Operating system: Modified version of Google's Android
Pros: Cheap and portable. Convenient access to Amazon store.
Cons: No-frills tablet lacks camera and microphone. Small selection of third-party applications available from Amazon. Data storage cannot be expanded with memory cards. No option for cellular wireless broadband.

Apple Inc.'s iPad:
■ Price: Starts at $499 for 16 gigabytes of storage, goes up to $699 for 64 gigabytes, more for versions with cellular data access. (Apple still sells iPad 2 for $399.)
■ Screen size: 9.7 inches diagonally
■ Screen resolution: 2048 by 1536 pixels
■ Weight: 1.44 pounds
■ Cameras: 5-megapixel camera on back and a low-resolution camera on front, for videoconferencing
■ Battery life: 10 hours.
■ Operating system: Apple's iOS
Pros: Unmatched access to third-party applications, high-quality Apple software and the iTunes store. High-resolution screen. Widest range of cases and accessories available. Available with access to fast 4G wireless broadband networks.
Cons: Relatively expensive. Data storage cannot be expanded with memory cards.

Samsung Electronic Co.'s Galaxy Tab 2 10.1:
■ Price: $400 for 16 gigabytes of storage
■ Screen size: 10.1 inches diagonally
■ Screen resolution: 1280 by 800 pixels
■ Weight: 1.24 pounds
■ Cameras: low-resolution front camera, 3-megapixel back.
■ Battery life: 11 hours.
■ Operating system: Google's Android
Pros: Lighter, thinner and cheaper than iPad. Longer, narrower screen better suited to movies. Also with 7-inch screen for $250. Storage is expandable with microSD memory cards. Can act as a universal remote control for an entertainment center.
Cons: Selection of third-party applications not as good as iPad's, but wider than Kindle's. Screen resolution lower than iPad's. No option yet for wireless broadband, but likely to come.

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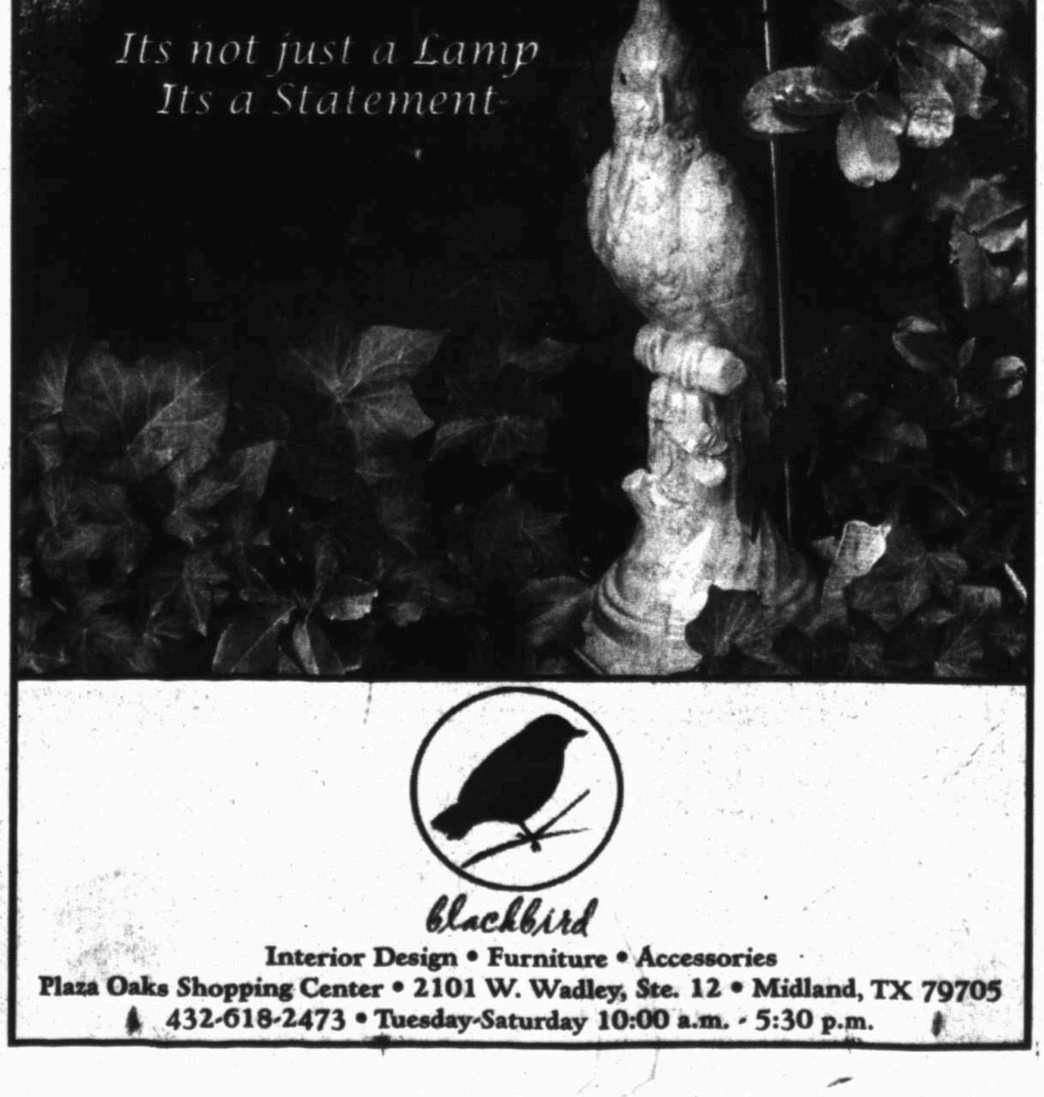

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LOS ANGELES

Michael Jackson's tiger dies of lung cancer

Thriller, a tiger that belonged to Michael Jackson when the entertainer lived at Neverland, has died of lung cancer at Tippi Hedren's wildlife preserve near Los Angeles.

Hedren said the 13-year-old, 375-pound tiger died June 11. An autopsy was performed and the tiger was cremated.

Hedren said Thriller and brother, Sabu, were born in 1998 and lived with Jackson until 2006 when Jackson left Neverland. Jackson's veterinarian asked Hedren to take the cats at her Shambala Preserve in Acton. She said a $79,000 compound was built on a lake and Thriller had a great life with Sabu.

Despite Jackson's love of animals, Hedren said he never called to check on the tigers and never sent any money to help pay for their care.

PENNSYLVANIA

Police: Woman stole cold cuts for tavern owner

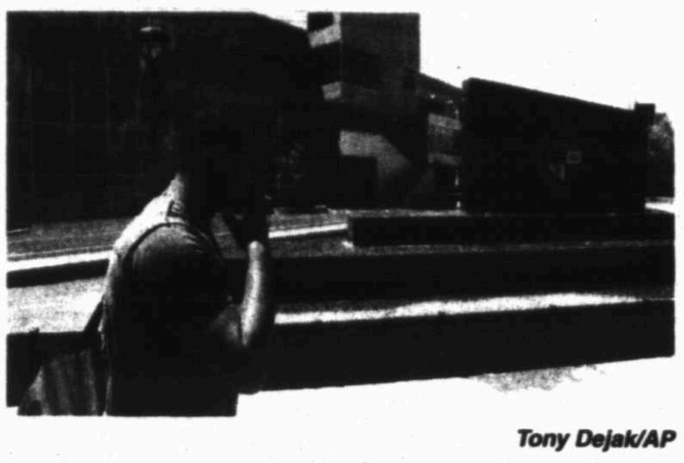
ROCHESTER — A western Pennsylvania woman has been charged with stealing cold cuts at the behest of a bar owner who allegedly paid her half price for the boosted meats and cheeses.

The Beaver County Times reported 44-year-old Mandy Sue Minnitte, of Darlington, was charged with stealing $43 worth of cold cuts from a supermarket in May for 72-year-old Antonio Celeste, owner of Celeste's Bar in Monaca. He was previously charged and has denied wrongdoing, though court records show he's scheduled to enter a special probation program for first-time offenders next month.

Police had Minnitte call Celeste the day she was caught shoplifting and had her deliver the cold cuts to him for $20, before he was arrested.

Colleges move toward absolute bans on smoking

By Julie Carr Smyth
Associated Press



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Menelik Mengesha, 23, a junior studying civil engineering at Cleveland State University smokes a cigarette Tuesday on campus. Smoking shouldn't be one of the things kids learn at college, say state officials pushing sweeping tobacco-use bans on campuses across the country.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — As a political science major at Ohio State University, Ida Seitter says, she lit up many a cigarette to help her through the stress of exam season. Right or wrong, they were her security blanket as she toiled through college.

Seitter, now 26, was old enough by then to make her own decisions, she said. She opposes efforts by policymakers in Ohio, New York, California and other states to impose bans on tobacco use not just in buildings at public colleges, but also anywhere on the campus — even in the open air.

"Just back away from me a little bit. I won't blow it in your face and I'll try not to be rude," Seitter said. "At the same time, I think it's a little discriminatory for a practice that is considered legal."

Bans on use, advertising and sales of tobacco in all its forms are being enacted or considered at about half of campuses nationwide, sometimes over the objections of student smokers, staff and faculty. The movement is driven by mounting evidence of the health risks of secondhand smoke, the reduced costs of smoke-free dorms and a drive to minimize enticements to smoke at a critical age for forming lifelong habits.

California's state system will begin to bar tobacco use in 2013. A ban on use and advertising at the City University of New York system goes into effect in September, and the University of Missouri at Columbia is going smoke-free in 2014.

Ohio higher education officials plan a vote next month urging all public campuses to ban tobacco use. That includes Ohio State, one of the nation's largest universities, which currently bans only indoor smoking.

According to the surgeon general's report for 2012, tobacco use among people ages 18 to 25 remains at epidemic proportions nationwide. The review found 90 percent of smokers started by age 18, and 99 percent by age 26. About a quarter to a third of college students smoke, studies have found.

The study found the U.S. would have 3 million fewer young smokers if success in reducing youth smoking by state tobacco-cessation programs from 1997 to 2003 had been sustained. Many of the programs have been hit by budget cuts.

Health and education officials, anti-smoking groups and a generation of students who grew up smoke-free are increasingly united on the issue, says Bronson Frick, associate director of Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights.

"There are many reasons why a college or university may choose to pursue this type of policy, whether secondhand smoke, dorm fires, or other issues," he said. "They are also questioning what the role of tobacco is in this academic setting, where we're supposed to be standing for truth and training the next generation of leaders."

According to data kept by the nonsmokers group, campus tobacco bans have risen from virtually zero a decade ago to 711 today. That includes both four-year and two-year institutions, both public and private.

One of the first campuses to ban tobacco was Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield, Mo., which endorsed the move in 1999 and put it in place four years later. The school also established a research center that works with other colleges and hospitals pursuing similar moves, now known as the National Center for Tobacco Policy.

Ty Patterson, the center's director, said Ozarks quickly realized that its previous policy of allowing smoking in designated outdoor areas was impractical and couldn't be properly enforced.

Forbidding all tobacco use was deemed to be more effective than simply saying no to cigarette smoke, Patterson said.

"When you go smoke-free, you drive smokers to use smokeless tobacco, which is more addictive," he said.

Cigarette-size cigars containing candy and fruit flavorings, dissolvable strips and lozenges are among the smokeless tobacco products being targeted to youths, according to the surgeon general. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said studies show many smokers mix and match such products with cigarettes as they move from smoking to nonsmoking venues.

Compliance with tobacco bans is generally voluntary, and violations come with few, if any, real penalties. Repeat offenders are sometimes subjected to university disciplinary policies, which vary by school.

While precise statistics on the number of campuses curtailing tobacco are elusive, Patterson estimated one-third to one-half of all higher education institutions have either made the move or are considering it.

Smoking rights advocate Audrey Silk, founder of New York Citizens Lobbying Against Smoker Harassment, said any outdoor ban — whether for a campus, beach or public park — is an attack on the rights of one segment of the population.

"This isn't a health issue anymore. It's a moral issue," she said. "There's absolutely zero reason for a smoking ban outdoors. They use it as a tool. Harm from smoke outdoors is an excuse to frustrate smokers into quitting because they can't find a place to light up."

Silk said it's not the place of schools to enforce health issues.

"Schools are a business," she said. "Who assigned them the role of behavior modification? It's their responsibility to educate. What they're doing is indoctrinating."

Tobacco companies have also questioned the role of universities to take such steps. With limited lobbying power at the college level, they have pursued legislation in some states to pre-empt tobacco-control decisions from occurring at any but the state level.

A spokesman for Philip Morris USA Inc., the nation's largest tobacco company, deferred comment to the company website, which states that some smoking restrictions are justified but that all-out bans "go too far."

"Smoking should be permitted outdoors except in very particular circumstances, such as outdoor areas primarily designed for children," it states.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

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■ Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series, Bill Modisett, Author "The King of Monument: The Life and Times of Henry Clay McGonagill," 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Petroleum Museum. Admission: Free.

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

Saturday

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

■ Funtastic Fourth Celebration is planned for 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday at Heart of the City Park in Big Spring.

The event includes live music, food and vendors.

Community calendar

■ The Midland Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers for the 2012 Star Spangled Salute presented by Devon Energy.

The event is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday at Centennial Plaza.

Call the chamber at 683-3381 for more information or to volunteer.

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

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

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

■ Tall City 14:

Closing today: "Battleship"

Opening Friday: "People Like Us," "Madea's Witness Protection," "Ted" and "Magic Mike"

■ Big Sky Drive-in:

Closing today: "Prometheus"

Opening Friday: "Ted"

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

Water worries

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

Usage totals:
Tuesday: 14,913,000
Monday: 17,146,000
Sunday:15,776,000

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Lotto Texas: 7-21-23-33-41-44
Powerball: 6-34-40-46-58 PB: 6

Today in history

Today is Thursday, June 28, the 180th day of 2012. There are 186 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1778, the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey; it was from this battle that the legend of "Molly Pitcher" arose.

In 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were assassinated in Sarajevo by Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip — the event that sparked World War I.

In 1944, the Republican national convention in Chicago nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president and Ohio Gov. John W. Bricker for vice president.

In 1962, a jury in New York awarded $3.5 million to former radio-TV personality John Henry Faulk in his libel lawsuit against the group AWARE Inc. and two individuals who had accused him of communist sympathies and gotten him blacklisted. (The judgment was reduced to $550,000 by an appeals court.)

In 2000, seven months after he was cast adrift in the Florida Straits, Elian Gonzalez was returned to his native Cuba.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush's immigration plan to legalize as many as 12 million unlawful immigrants while fortifying the border collapsed in the Senate. The American bald eagle was removed from the endangered species list.

Associated Press

WEATHER

From 1A

context — the National Climatic Data Center has only been tracking the daily numbers broken for a little more than a year, said Derek Arndt, head of climate monitoring at the center.

Still, it's impressive, given that records usually aren't broken until the scorching months of July and August.

"Any time you're breaking all-time records in mid- to late-June, that's a healthy heat wave," Arndt said.

If forecasts hold, more records could fall in the coming days in the central and western parts of the country, places accustomed to sweating out the summer.

The current U.S. heat wave "is bad now by our current definition of bad," said University of Victória climate scientist Andrew Weaver, but "our definition of bad changes. What we see now will be far more common in the years ahead."

No matter where you are, the objective is the same: stay cool.

NIGHTTIME FIREFIGHTING

Wildfires pack intense heat, but soaring temperatures and whipping winds are piling on the men and women battling the blazes raging across the Rocky Mountains.

U.S. Forest Service firefighter Owen Johnson had to work overnight and avoided the piping-hot daytime temperatures in the region, which toppled records in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. On Tuesday, Colorado Springs reached 101 degrees, and Miles City in eastern Montana soared to 111 degrees, the highest ever recorded in that area.

A call came in after Johnson's regular shift Monday in the Helena National Forest in Montana. A wildfire was racing through the Scratchgravel Hills, threatening at least 200 homes. But firefighters had to wait to pose a direct attack until midnight, when the temperatures lowered and the wind died down.

On Tuesday morning, Johnson figured he had worked more than 24 hours, and probably wouldn't quit until the sun went down.

His sweaty hands gripping a banana and a cup of coffee, he gave a tired shrug when asked to compare this fire to others in his 13-year career.

"Every fire's different," he said. "They all pose their own risks and challenges."

PRAYING FOR RAIN

On the treeless, windswept Kansas prairie, the searing mix of sun and triple-digit heat is a recipe for agricultural disaster.

Some residents have taken to praying for rain and lower temperatures in this sparsely populated western part of the state. Menlo farmer Brian Baalman can testify to that.

"Everybody is just sick of it. They just wish we would get a good rain," he said. "It has become a point to pray for it at church on Sunday, for sure."

Temperatures in the area have hovered around 111 degrees or higher for the past four days, and nine cities in western Kansas broke records on Tuesday.

Only in the earliest morning hours do hardy farmers dart out to ensure their livestock's water troughs are filled and their irrigation wells are quenching parched crops. They quickly return to cooler locales.

Much of the fortunes in the Menlo area are tied to corn crops, whose yields contribute not only to foodstuffs but also to ethanol-blended gasoline. But day after unyielding day of blazing sun and high heat have baked the top six inches of soil, and plant roots can break through to the moister soil below.

"It is getting to look ugly, the longer this keeps going on without a drink," Baalman said.

CARRIAGE-FREE FRENCH QUARTER

It was 10:30 a.m., prime time for mule-drawn carriages to cart tourists through New Orleans' historic French Quarter.

But nary a carriage rumbled down the streets — where it was already 97 degrees — because of a city ordinance.

"We have to take the mules in when it hits 95," tour guide Robert Rotherham said Wednesday, trying to coax his mule, Miss Pierre, to drink from a trough.

Stabling the carriages meant a glacial-paced day for drivers in a city where, absent special events, summer tourism is traditionally slow.

Tim O'Brien and Lacy Shanks of Kalispell, Mont, were grateful they had caught one of the early tours and glad they didn't have to hoof it. Their visit dovetailed with record-setting temperatures: Tuesday's 102 degrees toppled a more than century-old mark, 99 in 1893.

"It's killing me," O'Brien said.

FRYING BACON IN THE SUN

Aaron Anderson and his 4-year-old son bypassed the proverbial cooked egg on Tuesday, opting instead to fry bacon on their driveway in Coweta, Okla.

Anderson's thermometer read 105 degrees around 4:30 p.m., about the same time his son, Aaron Paul, said it felt like his feet were cooking.

Sky-high temperatures aren't unusual in this part of the country, but it is warm enough this week that five records were set on Tuesday.

Anderson preheated the skillet for 10 minutes in the sun, and it took an hour for the meat to fully cook.

And, yes, they ate it.

"My only regret is it was turkey bacon instead of pork bacon, but that's all we had," Anderson said.

NOT EVERYONE IS SWELTERING

In the northern corners of the United States, the weather was the opposite of infernal.

It looks like March, not June, in Seattle. People are clad in coats and scarves, using umbrellas to shield themselves not from the bright sun but raindrops.

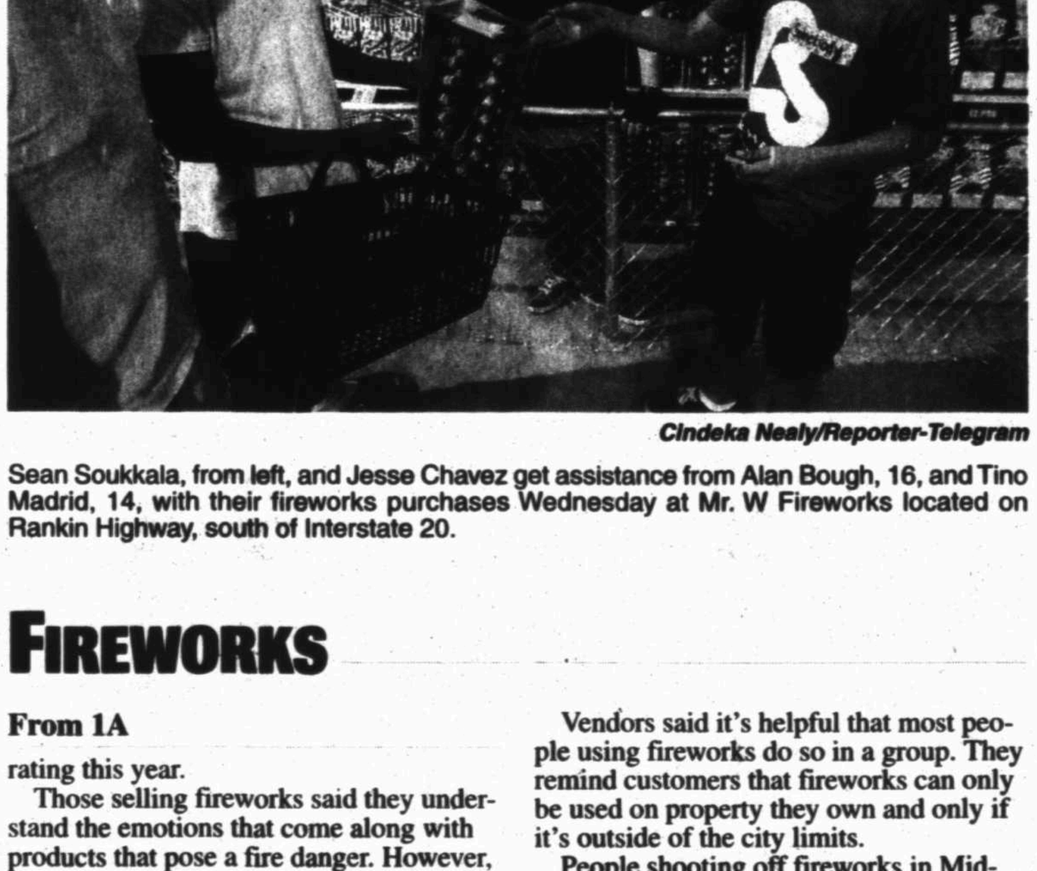
Tuesday was more than 10 degrees colder than usual, with temperatures hovering around 60 degrees. As of Monday, Seattle had seen almost double the normal rainfall, said National Weather Service meteorologist Chris Burke.

Patty Carlson didn't think she'd need a sweater Tuesday. But there she was, ordering a latte at a downtown espresso shop.

"Take a look around the street," the 30-year Seattle resident said. "Would you guess it's June?"

Meanwhile, New England kicked off summer with 90-degree heat and high temperatures in Vermont and Maine.

But as Mark Twain famously summed up the region's fickle weather, "If you don't like the weather in New England, just wait a few minutes."



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Sean Soukkala, from left, and Jesse Chavez get assistance from Alan Bough, 16, and Tino Madrid, 14, with their fireworks purchases Wednesday at Mr. W Fireworks located on Rankin Highway, south of Interstate 20.

FIREWORKS

From 1A

rating this year.

Those selling fireworks said they understand the emotions that come along with products that pose a fire danger. However, like anything that depends upon fire — whether fireworks, cigarettes or welding — if the activity is done responsibly, it shouldn't pose a danger, they said.

"Be safe, be careful and follow the directions," Johnson said.

Harris said he hasn't in his 29 years seen a major disaster in Midland-Odessa caused by fireworks. But, he still worries about the safety of his customers and he tells the employees who run his stands to remind anyone purchasing fireworks to use them responsibly.

"We don't just sell and say, 'Thanks.' We ask them to please be safe. We've got a chance to shoot fireworks (this year); let's not mess it up by having a fire," he said. "At the end of the day, no matter how much money we've made or not made, it's OK as long as everybody's safe when it's over and nothing happened."

Vendors said it's helpful that most people using fireworks do so in a group. They remind customers that fireworks can only be used on property they own and only if it's outside of the city limits.

People shooting off fireworks in Midland County who are on property they don't own must have permission from the owner.

Kim Serrano, who was helping Wednesday to run a stand raising funds for ministries at Terrace Hills Baptist Church, said so far they've been busy mostly in the later evening.

Others selling fireworks said typically, traffic picks up during the last few days of sales.

Midland Fire Department officials remind residents that while fireworks are permitted in the county, it still is illegal to possess, store or discharge fireworks in the city or within 5,000 feet of the city limits. Those found violating the ordinance can be fined up to $2,000.

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Hospital board OKs purchase of upgraded phone system

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The Midland Memorial Hospital Board approved the purchase of an upgraded phone system to serve as a paging system in the new patient tower.

But officials hope that purchase isn't necessary and the hospital can use the same speaker system that will be used to announce a fire emergency.

MMH staff told the board Wednesday during the monthly meeting that officials had wanted the new tower to be quiet because patients have complained that it is sometimes loud on the floors with overhead paging.

Because of this, Cory Edmondson, vice president of support services, said overhead speakers won't be installed in the new tower except for the ones required by the Midland Fire Department to alert for fires.

Edmondson said the hospital planned to use the same speakers for in-hospital emergencies, such as alerts about a possible tornado or baby abduction.

The MFD fire marshal's office said a second paging system would be necessary because there could be simultaneous emergencies. Officials asked the board to approve a $126,358.91 addition to the current contract with E-Plus to upgrade the new tower's phone system to be "soft" pagers.

A pager system will be installed through the phones, and codes will be announced over the phones' intercom speaker system.

Board members, though, wanted Edmondson and Russell Meyers, president and CEO, to meet with fire officials again to see if there was a possibility of sharing the intercom system.

District 7 representative Pete Hulder asked if the fire marshal's decision to use the fire department's system could be appealed since the soft paging system isn't as useful and is costly to install.

Edmondson and Meyers plan to meet with city officials again, but the board voted to approve the acquisition of the paging system should the fire marshal's office not reverse its decision.

The board also approved:

■ The purchase from Simplex Grinnell in the amount of $405,548 for a new main campus fire alarm infrastructure.

■ A resolution confirming Midland Memorial Inc.'s (MMI) limited membership interest in SHA, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Co. licensed to the state of Texas as a health maintenance organization, and confirming Midland County Hospital District's guaranty of any liability incurred by MMI.

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MPD: Woman attacked after finding daughter in bed with her boyfriend

By James Cannon
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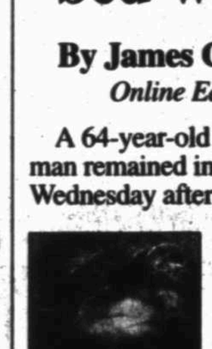
A 64-year-old Midland man remained in custody Wednesday after his arrest for allegedly beating two women with a baseball bat.



Cavazos

Luis Cavazos is being held on a $60,000 bond for a first-degree felony of aggravated assault of a family member and a second-degree felony of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Midland police were dispatched to the 300 block of East Peck Avenue in response to a disturbance with weapons. Dispatch operators told police they received reports of a man chasing two women and hitting them with a baseball bat. When they arrived, officers learned that Cavazos was in a residence behind their current location, according to the arrest report.

Officers arrested Cavazos without incident, and during a protective sweep of his residence, they found an orange baseball bat, according to the report.

One of the victims said she went to Cavazos' house to clean it and found her daughter in bed with Cavazos. A verbal argument turned physical, the mother said, because Cavazos was "extremely intoxicated," the report stated.

The mother said she was holding a beer bottle when Cavazos began swinging the bat, according to the report.

He allegedly struck the glass, causing shards to fly into her arm. The younger woman came to her mother's aid and Cavazos then allegedly began attacking both of them, according to the report. While the women were running away, Cavazos allegedly threatened to kill them and yelled profanities, the report stated. He also allegedly threw a beer bottle up against the daughter's leg, causing a gash and bleeding.

The mother said she Cavazos and are in an on-again,-off-again relationship and she was angered that he would sleep with her daughter, according to the report. Cavazos said he and the mother were just "friends with benefits," police reports stated.

Cavazos was booked into jail on two felony counts. If convicted of the first-degree felony, Cavazos could face between five and 99 years in prison. He also could receive up to 20 years in prison if convicted of the second-degree felony.

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Online:
Read the arrest affidavit
www.mywesttexas.com/

POLICE

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"It was neat to learn blocking and hit him," the 11-year-old said.

D'Artagnan Estrada, 10, said he enjoyed using the batons because hitting the pad felt like playing a video game.

Wednesday's activities also included a trip to the Culver Juvenile Detention Center, where children 10 years and older can be sent.

"You come here and get all your freedom taken away," Woodruff told the students as they stood there with their hands behind their backs. "We don't ever want to see any of you here."

While tours were a lot of fun, 12-year-old Dominique Aro said daily physical training is her favorite part of the academy.

"It's fun to be active and exercise each day," Dominique said. "(The officers) are a lot like teachers and I like that."

At the conclusion of the day, participants were able to meet K-9 officers Chad Simpson and Mollie Pehl, and their Belgian Malinois dogs, Sid and Gus.

Adeline Trammell, 8, said it was interesting to learn the dogs have such an intense sense of smell they can detect marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine.

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Warren: Academic success shouldn't be based on testing

While Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren agrees state funding should be tied to the definition of academic excellence, he doesn't think Texas' definition is correct.

Warren

"The definition of academic success should not be based on standardized testing," Warren said Wednesday. "Every child in the state should not be placed in the same box academically. There should be an emphasis on college-going students and workforce readiness."

While some groups like the Texas Association of Business believe the state's only academic gains have been through testing, Warren said he believes they've come from good teaching and focused student learning.

Though standards should be high and children need to be tested, Warren said it is not right to tie funding directly to having high standards.

"The state of Texas philosophically is going in the wrong direction," Warren said.

Staff reports

Schools

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make Texas kids less attractive to college admissions boards.

But the complaints from education groups and parents about STAAR have continued, fueling speculation that lawmakers could further alter the test when the Legislature reconvenes in January.

The Texas Education Agency, which administers STAAR, points out that there often are hiccups and logistical hurdles whenever a new statewide standardized test is introduced and that the initial problems are easily corrected.

Bernie Frances, chairman of the Texas Business Leadership Council Education Task Force, said standardized tests might eventually be so watered-down that they won't ensure students statewide are adequately prepared. He said only about 30 percent of Texas youngsters are currently "getting the credentials most people will need to succeed in our new economy."

There is "a serious and unprecedented, and totally unacceptable challenge that has been made to our progress in improving education," Frances said, and characterized school leaders as "local bureaucrats demanding that the system be dismantled."

The coalition said it would oppose future funding increases for public schools if the current accountability system is weakened — and said pro-education groups that have opposed past state-cuts to school funding while also opposing more standardized tests, "want more money for less accountability."

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> — CLAY ROBINSON
> Spokesman for the Texas State Teachers Association

Last year, the Legislature rewrote the school funding formula to cut $4 billion, despite average public school enrollment increasing by 80,000 students per year statewide. Another $1.4 billion in cuts were made to grant programs. All told, Texas' per-student funding fell more than $500.

Clay Robison, a spokesman for the Texas State Teachers Association, said business groups have been strong supporters of Gov. Rick Perry and conservative lawmakers who have advocated cuts to public schools. He said last year's funding decreases meant about 25,000 school employees had been laid off.

"They think there's something magical about the STAAR testing system, as if it means we can slash and burn the education funding and somehow expect our students to perform better," Robison said.

He said teachers are not anti-accountability but do want more input in designing the standardized test used to measure student performance.

"Let the teachers, the real experts, design a system that truly works," he said. "Not entrepreneurs."

Opinion

Decision causes problems for Romney

■ Presumptive GOP nominee is stuck with a position that is offensive to Americans' sense of fairness.

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As the Supreme Court rules this week on a variety of volatile issues, the question has come up: Is Barack Obama really running against the high court?

It might seem so on the surface, especially given the potential fallout should the justices overturn portions or all of the Affordable Care Act. Instead, the justices have caused problems for Mitt Romney.

Monday's ruling on Arizona's immigration law is a case in point. Although the majority ruled against some parts of the law, including a provision that would have made failure to carry registration documents a state misdemeanor, the court left in place other provisions that may raise antipathy toward Republicans to new levels.

One among them allows state law enforcement officers to determine whether someone they stop, detain or arrest for some other reason is in the country legally. The obvious concern is that enforcement would lead to racial profiling. And of course it will because we can be pretty certain that Caucasians pulled over for, say, speeding, won't be required to produce proof of citizenship.

Unless, that is, state officials realize that treating everyone equally is the only way to avoid charges of racial profiling. Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer has promised that mechanisms are in place to ensure that Hispanics are not singled out.

What those mechanisms might be isn't clear, but one can imagine at least one possible scenario — a reiteration of the sort of willy-nilly, random granny-search ops we've witnessed since 9/11.

Taking a stroll through probability, what if Officer Smith pulls over Paco Ramirez and asks for proof of citizenship and it turns out that Paco is descended from three generations of native-born, tax-paying Ramirezes. Paco is probably going to be annoyed. He may be sufficiently annoyed to file a profiling (or harassment) complaint with the courts. After all, why, except that he looked Hispanic, would the officer have asked for his papers?

Moreover, how likely is it that Hispanic-looking folks will be pulled over for "suspicious behavior" for the sole purpose of checking those papers?

The only way to avoid such charges, of course, is also to pull over Karen Miller and insist that she produce proof of citizenship. This is what random airport checks are all about. Officers can't pull out Muhammad bin Laden even if he's sweating profusely and chanting "Allahu Akbar" unless they also pull over Betty White.

What we have here is a sticky wicket.

And no one is in greater need of Goo Gone than Mitt Romney, who has said that Arizona's law is a model for the rest of the nation. Not only has that law been deemed at least partly unconstitutional, but Romney now is positioned to be associated with profiling. Not the best way to court the Hispanic vote. Worse, if Arizona and other similarly minded states begin to apply the equal-treatment template across races and ethnicities, he'll have everybody mad at him.

Not that the Arizona law is his fault, obviously. But angry people will pick the easiest target and the Obama campaign will make sure those dots are connected.

One thing is for certain: Romney can't change his mind. He's stuck with a position that — though appealing to Arizonans and others who justifiably are angry with our inert (inept) federal government — is profoundly offensive to our American sense of fairness. We simply don't single out groups of people in this country for special scrutiny. What is expedient or even logical isn't always ethical, and better that we err on the latter standard.

One may argue that a small inconvenience is an acceptable price to pay in exchange for law and order. In fact, many Americans don't mind airport searches or even X-ray examinations of their nethers. But the fact is, these security measures are unprecedented intrusions into our personal spaces — inarguably violations of our civil rights.

Thus, today's bargain is an exchange of freedom for greater security, and the question is whether it's worth it. If you're not here legally, you might feel the trade-off is acceptable. But if you are citizen Paco Ramirez or one of the tens of millions of Americans of Hispanic descent, you might think something else. You might think you live in a police state, that your civil rights are in jeopardy, and that your family is under siege.

And you might not be inclined to vote Republican.

GUEST VIEW

Record leases offer good news in the Gulf

Houston Chronicle

If we can get beyond the inevitable who-should-get-the-credit arguments, the record sale of oil leases in the Gulf of Mexico is good news. The Houston region should benefit from some of the jobs added, while the country will get an added measure of energy security out of the expansion of drilling offshore.

The record bids, totaling $1.7 billion, went for leases on 454 tracts covering 2.4 million acres in waters as deep as 11,000 feet.

The highest single bid was made by Statoil, the Norwegian national company, for a tract in the Mississippi Canyon in the Central Gulf. Houston-based Shell Oil submitted the highest total of bids, $763.8 million for 24 tracts.

The squawking about who deserves the credit probably stems from the high-profile presence of Energy Secretary Ken Salazar at the announcement of the new leases and his assertion that it proves "the Gulf is back."

Many in the oil industry have accused the Obama administration of slow-walking or blocking new activity in the Gulf since the BP spill in April 2010 that led to a moratorium on new drilling. We prefer to move forward. It's done.

What's ahead is a challenge to the industry to demonstrate its commitment to drill and produce in the Gulf while meeting stricter environmental standards in the wake of the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history. We agree with the assertion that this robust bidding for the Gulf leases offers evidence of the industry's confidence in its ability to meet that challenge.

This lease sale should signal a new day in the Gulf of Mexico, characterized by a firm commitment to bring these vital resources to market safely and with utmost care for the Gulf's fragile environment.

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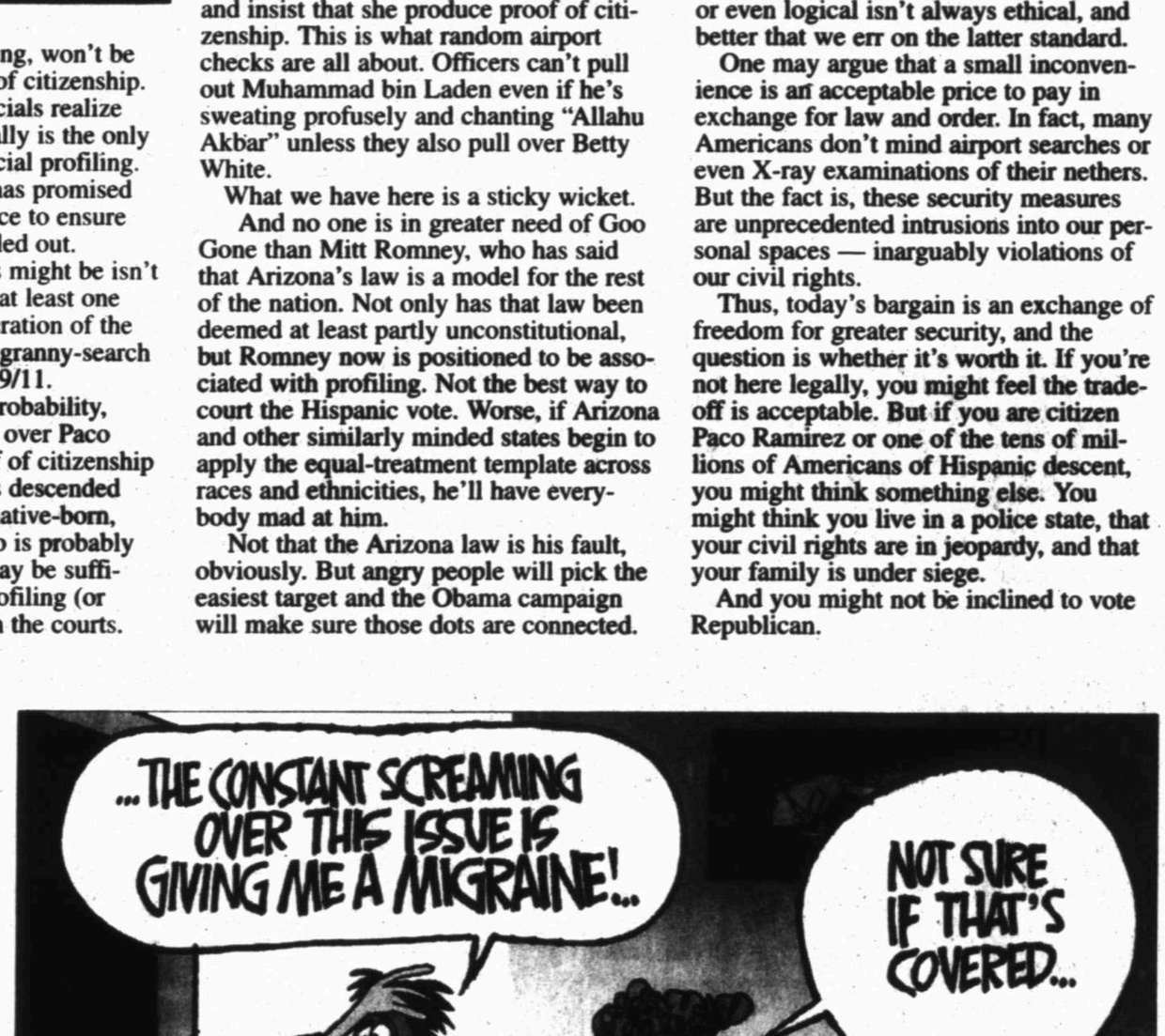

Court's ruling sends mixed messages

■ Justices deal blow to fairness and common sense.

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

The Supreme Court's decision on Arizona's immigration law allows both sides of the debate to declare a measure of victory.

But in upholding the most repugnant part of the law — requiring local and state police officers to enforce federal immigration law, which critics insist leads to racial and ethnic profiling — the court dealt a defeat for fairness and common sense.

It's also a blow to the right of all Americans to simply be left alone. The Fourth Amendment prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures is all about preventing government intrusion and protecting one's privacy.

And yes, I said, "Americans." In Arizona, and the handful of states that have passed similar laws, the aggrieved party is not the illegal immigrants who shouldn't be there in the first place — and wouldn't be if Americans weren't hiring.

They're U.S.-born Hispanics. These are people whose families can trace their Arizona heritage back as many as seven generations. Imagine what an insult it is for someone like that — because they have dark skin and look Hispanic — to be asked for proof of U.S. citizenship by a police officer whose family roots aren't as deep.

Badges are not interchangeable. The enforcement of federal immigration law should not be farmed out to local and state police. It drains resources, divides communities and destroys trust between police and immigrants.

While defenders of the law insist that it's perfectly fine for Arizona to do the job that the federal government isn't doing, such an argument is ridiculous on its face. The Framers entrusted the federal government with the responsibility of regulating the nation's immigration policy — along with printing money and making treaties with foreign countries. If the people of Vermont don't like the look of the $20 bill, they don't get to fire up the presses and make their own version.

Besides, the Obama administration has rounded up and deported more than 1.2 million illegal immigrants. It can't very well be accused of not enforcing the law or securing the border.

And so for those of us who believe that this law is one of the most harmful and sinister things concocted by a state legislature since Jim Crow, there is much to celebrate in the fact that the court struck down three out of four of the law's provisions, each time on a 5-3 vote. Even more significant is the fact that the majority included two conservatives — Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Anthony Kennedy, both of whom have ruled in other cases to expand the power of police.

The parts struck down authorized police to arrest immigrants without a warrant if there is "probable cause" that they committed any public offense that would remove them from the country; made it a state crime in Arizona for those suspected of being in the country illegally to fail to carry with them registration papers and other forms of government identification; and barred undocumented immigrants from working or soliciting work.

By the way, you'll notice that the Republican lawmakers in Arizona who drafted the law didn't include a line or two making it a state crime to hire illegal immigrants. This would have run afoul of the business owners who usually contribute to GOP campaign coffers.

I saw these mixed messages up close. I lived in Phoenix in the late 1990s while writing for the state's largest newspaper — The Arizona Republic. Arizonans couldn't get enough of illegal immigrants and the chores they did. Only when they noticed the state's demographics were changing did lawmakers devise a cure — one that was worse than the affliction.

Now the Supreme Court has delivered a mixed message of its own, clearing the way for a lot of turmoil and ensuring that the last word on this subject has not yet been heard.

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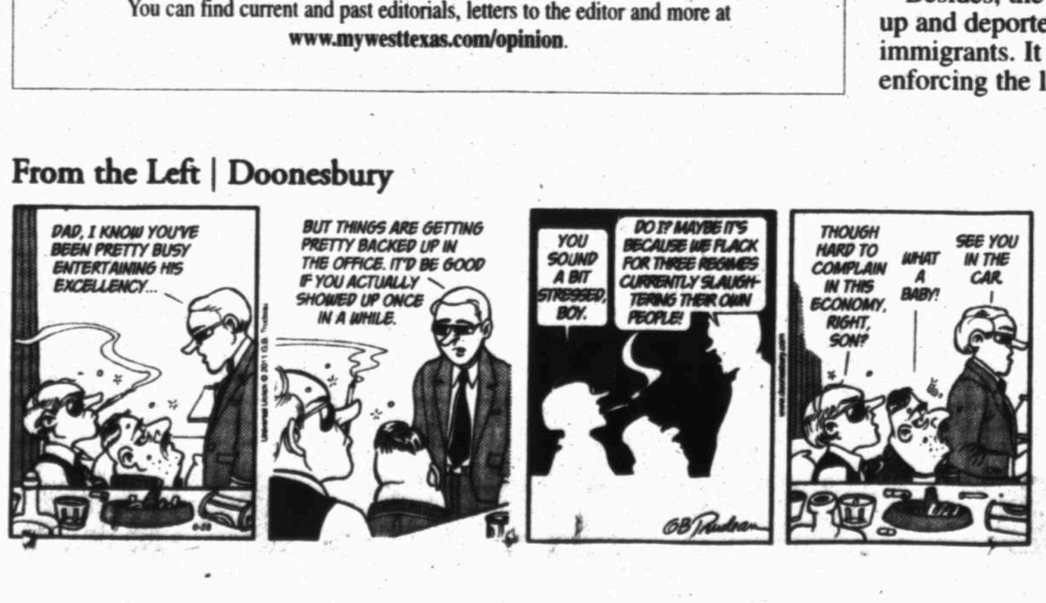

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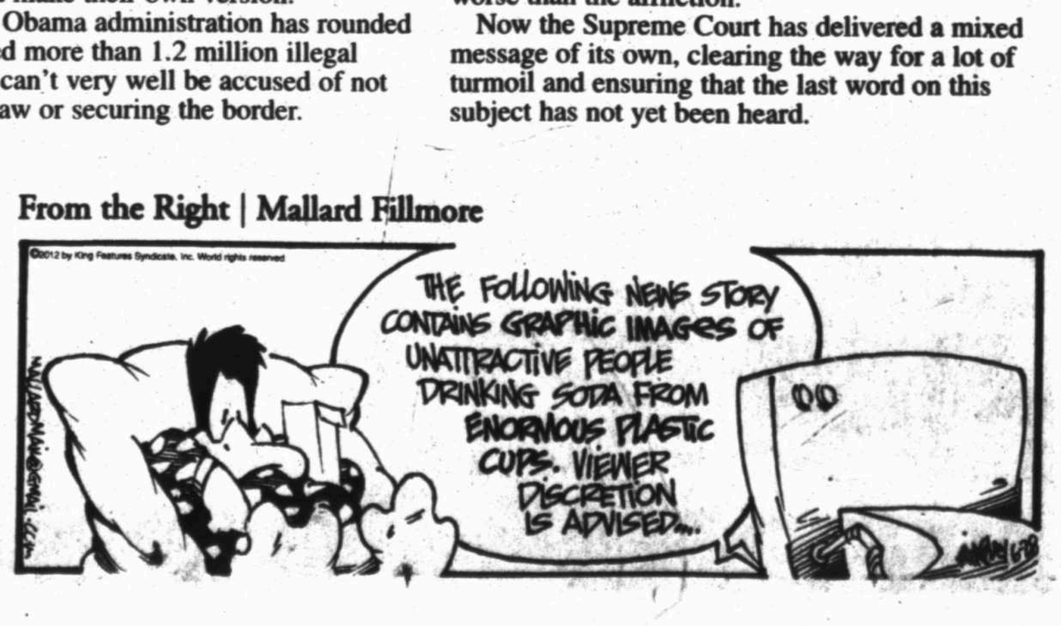

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ROMANIA

Actress Hilary Swank helps Bucharest stray dogs

BUCHAREST — Thousands of Romanian street dogs have found a friend in Oscar-winning actress Hilary Swank.

Swank, who won for her portrayal of a waitress-turned-boxer in "Million Dollar Baby," visited Bucharest last week and showed a different kind of skill: fighting for animal rights.

Swank, who says travel has been her best education, rarely leaves home without Kai, a devoted Jack Russell stray she rescued in Los Angeles.

In the Romanian capital on Friday, she visited projects set up by the animal welfare foundation Vier Pfoten that encourage interaction between stray dogs and institutionalized people.

Bucharest has 35,000 strays and their fate has sparked a fierce debate here. Some believe they should be put down, others advocate putting the dogs in shelters, while others want strays to be sterilized.

Swank spoke to The Associated Press about her devotion to animals, her belief in sterilization and the ways street dogs can help disadvantaged people.

"I believe that is so healing to these kids who don't trust people anymore," she said. "The unconditional love of an animal is very healing and teaches them about not just unconditional love but about a relationship, about responsibility, about anger management."

Swank said she is starting a U.S. charity called Hilaroo to bring needy children and animals together. The charity combines her name and that of her late dog, Karoo.

VIENNA

Police: 5 suspected of stealing 9.5 tons of garlic

Austrian police did not need sniffing dogs to locate this suspected heist — 9.5 tons of garlic.

The Austria Press Agency said police stopped three overloaded and sagging vans about to cross into Hungary from Austria on Wednesday and found them packed to the roof with the pungent cargo. After questioning the five men in the vehicles, police charged them on suspicion of receiving stolen goods.

Police said the garlic apparently came from Spain and estimate its value at $37,500. The men — all Romanian nationals — were not named, in line with Austrian privacy laws.

APA cited one officer as saying it was clear what the vans were carrying even before their doors were opened.

"All three vehicles really stunk like garlic," he said.

LONDON

Man in 'threat' tweet case gets some funny backers

Comedian Stephen Fry is among those supporting a British man appealing his conviction for tweeting that he would blow up an airport if his flight was canceled.

Paul Chambers became an Internet free-speech cause celebre when he was fined in 2010 for using Twitter to make his comment about Robin Hood Airport in northern England.

Chambers' high-profile supporters include Fry and British comedian Al Murray. Both accompanied Chambers to court Wednesday for an appeals hearing.

Chambers insists he was joking, but a court convicted him of sending menacing or offensive messages.

His lawyer argued that by that measure, William Shakespeare could have been convicted for quipping, "Let's kill all the lawyers."

One judge responded Wednesday: "That was a good joke in 1600, and it is still a good joke now."

LONDON

Rihanna escapes early morning fire at hotel

London Fire Brigade says Rihanna was among 300 people evacuated from a hotel after an early morning fire in an elevator shaft.

The 24-year-old Barbadian singer tweeted news of the fire early Wednesday to her 21 million Twitter followers, posting a picture of a fire engine and the words: "Roamin da streets since 6am! Fyah in da telly."

Will Britain finally replace the House of Lords?

By David Stringer
Associated Press

LONDON — Can Britain's government ditch the dukes, eject the earls and kick out the cronies?

Prime Minister David Cameron on Wednesday set out ambitious plans to replace Britain's 700-year-old House of Lords, the country's unelected upper chamber, with a smaller, mostly elected body — taking on a task that has frustrated political leaders for decades.

"We have been discussing this issue for 100 years, and it really is time to make progress," Cameron told legislators, hoping his government can succeed in stripping the country's non-elected elites of a legislative role which has its roots in the 11th century.

Like the United States, Germany and dozens of other nations, Britain sees a vital role for a second legislative chamber which carefully scrutinizes planned laws. But Cameron insists that those who carry out the task should be mainly elected — not appointed or born into their role.

If passed by Parliament — which is not guaranteed — Britain would gradually introduce elected members at the next three national elections, completing the transformation to a new 462-seat chamber by 2025.

WHAT IS THE HOUSE OF LORDS?

The House of Lords is the upper chamber of Britain's two-tiered Parliament — but wields far less power than the smaller and entirely elected House of Commons.

While it can amend planned laws, the Lords has no role in creating legislation.

The Commons can vote to overturn revisions made by peers and — though it is rarely used — deploy a veto to allow legislation to be passed without the consent of the Lords. One famous case saw the Commons override the objections of the Lords to pass a 2005 ban on fox hunting.

The upper chamber currently has about 775 working members, a mix of 660 political appointees, 89 hereditary peers — who inherited a place in the chamber from their nobleman forebears — and 26 people who hold ecclesiastical offices, like the Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.

Supporters insist its membership — which includes retired military commanders, surgeons, academics and spy chiefs — brings wide expertise to its role in scrutinizing suggested policy, a range of skills they claim won't be matched in an elected chamber.

Critics, however, point out that only Lesotho — the tiny African kingdom — has a political system similar to Britain, where a mixture of unelected and hereditary appointees can influence laws.

WHAT DOES CAMERON WANT TO CHANGE?

Cameron's plans would see the current House of Lords replaced by 360 directly elected members, 90 members with no affiliation to political parties who would be appointed by an independent committee, and 12 Church of England bishops. All remaining hereditary peers will be removed.

A strict 15-year term limit will be imposed on those elected, unlike the current system when members are appointed for life.

Voters would elect the first 120 members of the new House of Lords in May 2015, when Britain is scheduled to hold a national election. Another 120 would be elected at a planned 2020 national vote, and the final group five years later.

Lords can currently claim an allowance of up to $467 a day, and are likely to receive a fixed payment of about $70,000 per year in a reformed chamber.

In Britain's 2009 lawmakers' expense check scandal, two peers were jailed over false accounting related to their allowances.

Under Cameron's plans, members of the House of Lords convicted of criminal offenses could be kicked out. Currently those jailed for serious crimes — like politician and novelist Jeffrey Archer and ex-media mogul Conrad Black — can't be stripped of their seat.

WHY HASN'T THE LORDS BEEN REFORMED BEFORE?

The upper chamber's powers have been gradually stripped away for the last 100 years.

Most recently, the House of Lords ended its role as Britain's highest court of appeal in 2009 when a new Supreme Court took over judicial work carried out by 12 members known as the Law Lords.

Attempts to bring in election for members have previously won approval — most recently in a 2007 House of Commons vote — but reforms have been stalled by opposition in the Lords, competing priorities and worries over the possible cost.

WILL CAMERON FACE OPPOSITION?

Already, Cameron is preparing for a fight and has warned peers that he will veto them if they attempt to stall the changes.

Some legislators have complained that constitutional changes shouldn't be a priority when Britain is suffering a recession and implementing a tough austerity program of $130 billion in government spending cuts.

While the main opposition Labour Party leader Ed Miliband said he supports the plan, he may press for a public referendum on the changes — a tactic which could significantly delay any reforms.

One hereditary peer, ex-government minister David Trefgarne, has even claimed that mere mortals have no right to meddle with the Lords.

He suggested that because his seat in the House of Lords was granted to his ancestors by Britain's monarch — once regarded as having won the right to rule directly from God — the privilege is one conferred by divine right.

"The Almighty decided that I was to have a certain duty imposed upon me," he told BBC radio.

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Texas jury convicts Saudi bomb plot suspect

Associated Press

AMARILLO — A Saudi man accused of buying chemicals online and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction was found guilty Wednesday in federal court in Amarillo.

Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari, who was legally in the U.S. on a student visa, was arrested in February 2011 after federal agents secretly searched his apartment near Texas Tech University in Lubbock and found bomb-making chemicals, wiring, a hazmat suit and clocks.

Authorities also discovered Aldawsari's journal, handwritten in Arabic, in which he wrote he'd been planning a terror attack in the U.S. for years and that it was "time for jihad," or holy war, court documents show.

Aldawsari

He faces up to life in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 9 in Amarillo.

After the jury left the courtroom Wednesday, Aldawsari, 22, sat with his attorneys before being led off by U.S. marshals. Prosecutors left the courtroom and declined to comment.

His attorneys claimed that because Aldawsari didn't have a bomb made or a target pinpointed, he couldn't have attempted to use a bomb.

"It's always disappointing when you lose but at the same time, it was a very difficult case at the outset," defense attorney Dan Cogdell said Wednesday. "We did the best we could under the circumstances."

Cogdell said Aldawsari was likely to appeal the verdict at some point. He described his client as "the antithesis of what you'd expect him to be."

On Feb. 1, 2011, Carolina Biological Supply of Burlington, N.C., a chemical company, reported to the FBI a suspicious $435 order by Aldawsari.

Separately, Con-way Freight, the shipping company, notified Lubbock police and the FBI the same day with similar suspicions because it appeared the order wasn't intended for commercial use.

Diego G. Rodriguez, the FBI special agent in charge for the region, credited both companies for calling authorities.

"You have our deepest and everlasting respect and gratitude for calling the FBI when you learned that the chemicals ordered and shipped were suspicious," Rodriguez said.

Within weeks, federal agents had traced Aldawsari's other online purchases, discovered extremist Internet posts and secretly searched his off-campus apartment, computer and email accounts, according to court records.

TNP, the chemical explosive that Aldawsari was suspected of trying to make, has approximately the same destructive power as TNT. FBI bomb experts said the amounts in the Aldawsari case would have yielded almost 15 pounds of explosives.

Aldawsari entered the U.S. in October 2008 from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

WESTERN WILDFIRES

Associated Press

An entire neighborhood burns near the foothills of Colorado Springs, Colo., on Tuesday. A towering wildfire destroyed dozens of houses overnight, though the intensity of the blaze kept officials Wednesday from being able to fully assess the damage to the state's second-largest city.

Colorado blaze too dangerous to assess damage

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — A raging wildfire destroyed dozens of houses overnight and charred land on the edges of the Air Force Academy on Wednesday, while thick smoke and intense, towering flames kept officials from learning the full scope of damage to Colorado's second-largest city.

The wildfire doubled in size overnight to about 24 square miles, and has so far forced mandatory evacuations for more than 32,000 residents, Colorado Springs emergency management director Brett Waters said. Among those urgently evacuated Tuesday evening were residents at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

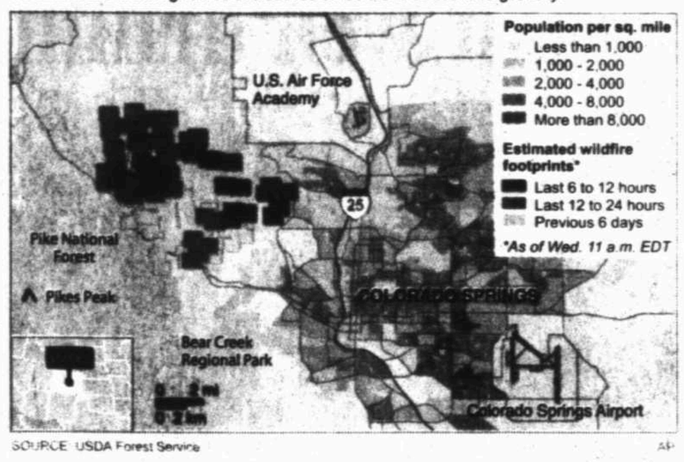
The fire burned about 10 acres of land along the southwest boundary of the academy's 28-square-mile boundary, but no injuries or damage to academy structures have been reported.

Steve Cox, an aide to Mayor Steve Bach, said Wednesday morning that the blaze has consumed dozens of houses elsewhere. A more precise figure wasn't available because of the intensity of the fire.

Heavy smoke and ash billowed from the mountain foothills west of the city. Bright yellow and orange flames flared in the night, often signaling another home lost to the Waldo Canyon Fire, which is the No. 1 priority for the nation's firefighters.

State's second largest city threatened

A raging wildfire destroyed dozens of houses and charred land near the Air Force Academy, as smoke and towering flames encroached on Colorado's second-largest city.



SOURCE: USDA Forest Service

The White House said President Barack Obama would tour the fire area on Friday.

"It was like looking at the worst movie set you could imagine," Gov. John Hickenlooper said after flying over the 9-square-mile fire late Tuesday. "It's almost surreal. You look at that, and it's like nothing I've seen before."

Flames crested a ridge above the scenic Air Force Academy campus on Tuesday, and the school told more than 2,200 residents to evacuate 600 households in one housing area.

By Wednesday, the smoke appeared farther away, said Lt. Col. John Bryan, an academy spokesman.

About 90 firefighters from the academy and nearby fire departments were battling the encroaching flames.

It wasn't immediately clear

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Man gets 40 years in stand-your-ground case

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A man who claimed Texas' version of a stand-your-ground law allowed him to fatally shoot a neighbor after an argument about a noisy party was sentenced Wednesday to 40 years for murder.

Raul Rodriguez, 46, had faced up to life in prison for the 2010 killing of Kelly Danaher.

Rodriguez

Rodriguez, a retired Houston-area firefighter, was angry about the noise coming from a birthday party at his neighbor's home. He went over and got into an argument with 36-year-old elementary school teacher Danaher and two other men at the party.

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

Rodriguez's reference to standing his ground is similar to the claim made by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer who is citing Florida's stand-your-ground law in his defense in the fatal February shooting of an unarmed teenager, Trayvon Martin. Rodriguez's case, however, was decided under a different kind of self-defense doctrine.

Prosecutors called Rodriguez the aggressor who took a gun to complain about loud music and could have safely left his neighbor's driveway in Huffman, an unincorporated area about 30 miles northeast of Houston, any time before the shooting. Defense attorneys argued Rodriguez was defending himself when one of the men lunged at him and he had less than a second to respond.

At trial, prosecutors tried to show Rodriguez had a history of not getting along with Danaher and other neighbors.

One neighbor testified that Rodriguez, who had a concealed handgun license, bragged about his guns and told her a person could avoid prosecution in a shooting by telling authorities you were in fear of your life and were standing your ground and defending yourself. During the trial's punishment phase, neighbors, former coworkers and Rodriguez's ex-wife testified that Rodriguez was abusive, a bad neighbor and that he once shot a dog.

Rodriguez's attorneys did not present any witnesses before the jury convicted him on June 13. But during the punishment phase, they called more than a dozen witnesses, including his wife and sons.

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

Texas cancer research might get smaller slice of $3B pot

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas bet $3 billion on curing cancer, but may soon spend less researching how to do it.

Launched three years ago with the blessing of voters, and lately embattled by a funding controversy that led to a Nobel laureate resigning in protest, the Cancer and Prevention Research Institute of Texas is likely to start putting more taxpayer dollars into private startups and less into university labs searching for the next big breakthrough.

Agency leaders say earmarking more money for commercialization wouldn't betray the original mission sold to Texas voters in 2007, when cancer survivor Lance Armstrong backed the constitutional amendment creating CPRIT in rallies that almost exclusively delivered messages of funding prevention and research.

"It does say innovation and commercialization, creating high-quality jobs," Bill Gimson, the agency's executive director, said of the original legislation. "This is completely within what was intended for CPRIT, because again, to get products to patients it has to be commercialized."

The agency has so far awarded $647 million to 385 projects. The vast majority — 75 percent of all grants— are funding different stages of research. Fifteen percent has gone toward commercialization, and 10 percent toward prevention efforts such as breast cancer screenings.

Still undecided is how much more money would be allocated for commercialization. Gimson said the agency will take up the issue in October, and that the new way of divvying up funds would be implemented next year.

Momentum toward shifting more public funds to private companies has raised questions about how big a role commercialization should play in CPRIT's future.

"Is the end result of commercialization creating jobs and income?" said Dr. Gail Tomlinson, the director of Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute in San Antonio. "How much of the success will be tied to the more pure goals of CPRIT?"

Talk of reshuffling funding priorities comes at a time when the agency — the first of its kind in the nation, and boasting a pot of funding dollars that is second only to the federal National Institutes of Health — is at a crossroads and under public scrutiny for the first time.

In May, the agency's chief scientific officer announced his resignation over a $20 million grant to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, the largest single award ever given by the state. Dr. Alfred Gilman, a Nobel prize winner for medicine, blasted a 6½-page proposal for the funding as measly and not sufficiently reviewed. In internal emails he accused the agency of letting "political considerations" influence decisions.

Gilman will step down in October, and CPRIT is now rereviewing the $20 million grant with greater scientific scrutiny.

Gilman did not attend a meeting Tuesday of 30 agency officials, researchers and stakeholders, including Armstrong's Livestrong advocacy group and companies already awarded CPRIT funding. Many participants were in favor of more commercialization funding, but there was also a tension during discussions of what the agency needs to do to explain its success to lawmakers and taxpayers.

CPRIT is only funded through 2019. Cancer research is a lengthy process than can take

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Obituaries

Janie Jeffcoat

Janie Jeffcoat, 67, of Midland, died Tuesday, June 26, 2012, in a Midland hospital.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 28, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park, with Rev. Jim Binnix, officiating.

She was born on January 6, 1945, in Big Spring, Texas. She was a homemaker, a devoted mother, and was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Joe Don Lilly and wife, Susan and Jeffery Lilly, all of Midland; one daughter, Janna Inge of Midland; her mother, Loray Jeffcoat of Stanton; one brother, Alvis Jeffcoat and wife, Beverly of Sand Springs; and four grandchildren, Brandon Lilly, Martin Lilly, Katelyn Inge, and Kenslea Inge.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Jeffcoat.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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

Jean Hayden Ward Adams

Jean Hayden Ward Adams passed away peacefully, on Wednesday, June 27, 2012, with her loving family surrounding her. Jean was born on September 15, 1921, to Samuel Gilbert and Ione Brewster Ward in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jean grew up in Fort Worth, Texas, where she attended Paschal High School. She then attended Texas Christian University, where she met and married the love of her life, Woodrow Adams. After several years, Jean and Woodrow settled in Midland, where she lived until 2008. From 2008 to 2012 Jean lived in Stephenville, Texas, to be close to her son and family. She loved life, people, and valued her family above all else. Jean was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church of Midland, where she was an active member of her Sunday school class. For many years, Jean was a volunteer at the Immunization Clinic of the Midland Health Department. She was also active in her Study Club, Book Club, Sewing Club, 20th Century Woman's Club League, and a member of the Ranchland Hills Country Club.

Jean was an avid bird watcher and lover of all flowers, but her passion was her family, to whom she was devoted. She was a radiant Christian woman and will always be remembered as a loving and blessed wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend to all that knew and loved her. ***Jean's love is all around us and we thank God for her life and legacy of love.***

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Elmer Woodrow Adams and loving son, Gary Lee Adams.

She is survived by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Sam and Peggy Adams. She is also survived by her precious five granddaughters, Terri and Amy Adams of Midland, Texas and their parents Anne and Larry Kelso; Allison and her husband, Tony Ballinger of Morgan Mill, Texas; Hayden and her husband, John Kimberlin of Millsap, Texas; and Dr. Lauren Adams of Morgan Mill, Texas. Jean was also blessed with four great grandchildren: Lane, Carson, and Henley Ballinger and London Kimberlin; as well as her loving sister, Elaine Shaw and husband, Robert. There are many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends who will miss Jean Hayden as well.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Friday, June 29, 2012, at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas. Interment will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park. A memorial service to celebrate Jean's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., at Ellis Funeral Home on Saturday, June 30, 2012.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorials to Integra Care Hospice, 937 FM 1821 North, Suite A, Mineral Wells, Texas 76067 or The National Audubon Society, 225 Varick Street, New York, New York 1014, 212-979-3000.

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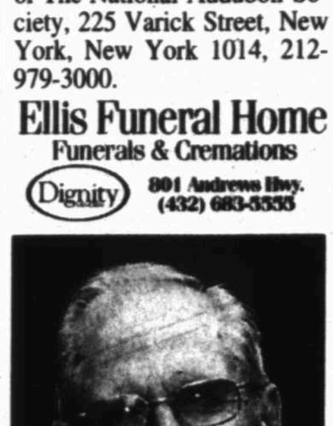

Loyd Harold Nelson

Loyd Nelson, age 84, passed away, after a brief illness on Sunday, June 24, 2012, at Montrose Memorial Hospital.

Loyd Harold Nelson was born on December 2, 1927, in Antlers, Oklahoma, to parents, Oscar Monroe and Daisy Coleman (Lebow) Nelson. Following high school, Loyd joined the United States Army and served his country for 4 years. Loyd married OraLee Monk on November 28, 1953, in Hobbs, New Mexico. They would have celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary this fall. Loyd loved to hunt, fish, play football and softball. He was an adored coach of Little League Baseball for years, while OraLee kept score and track of the rules. This was a hobby they greatly enjoyed together. During his working years, Loyd was associated with Price's Creamery for many years and an insurance agent for American National Insurance.

Loyd is survived by his wife, OraLee Nelson of the family home in Montrose; daughter, Brenda Houle and husband, Brett of Montrose, Colorado; daughter-in-law, Jana Nelson of Austin, Texas; granddaughter Season Buniger and husband, Chris of Fruita, Colorado; grandsons, Seth Clayton Dees and wife, Dani of Amarillo, Texas; Clay Derrick Nelson and Kaylee Marie Nelson of Austin, Texas; great grandchildren, Lux, Myla Season, and Swazee Dees, all of Amarillo, Texas; Odessa Rae and Tucker Jayce Buniger of Fruita, Colorado; and sister, Ruth Lowdermilk of Goleta, California.

Loyd was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Loyd Dale Nelson and Arthur Raymond "Ray" Nelson; grandson, Heath Ray Dees.

A memorial service with military honors will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2012, at Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors, at 1:00 p.m.

Visit the website, sign the online register and send condolences to Loyd's family at: SunsetMesaFuneralDirectors.com.

Arangements are being handled under the direction of Sunset Mesa Funeral Directors ~ (970) 240-9870.

Clark Daniel Swanner

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Death Notices

Hazel L. Spindle

Hazel L. Spindle, 95, passed away on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, in Odessa.

She is survived by her brother, John Norman Howell; and her two children, Hazel Stone and David Spindle (Susan); her five grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Services will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., in Andrews, at McNett Funeral Home Chapel, with graveside services to follow.

Hazel would want it to be known that she lived a full life in her 95 and 1/2 years on this earth and now rests in peace!

Margaret Louise McCowin

Margaret Louise McCowin, 80, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

Survivors include three children, Franklin McCowin, Deborah Pulley, and Stanley McCowin; four grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

No public services are scheduled at this time. Condolences may be offered at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

Roger Kraus

Roger Kraus, 52, of Midland, passed away Sunday, June 24, 2012.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 2, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Inurnment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Survivors include his sons, Ryan and Jared Kraus; grandson, Logan Kraus; two brothers, Steve and Mike Kraus.

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

NM city moves to halt well drilling

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — City commissioners in the southern New Mexico town of Truth or Consequences are proposing a moratorium on well drilling while they attempt to figure out if the number of wells tapping into the city's famed hot springs is harming the lifeblood of its eclectic mix of inns and spas.

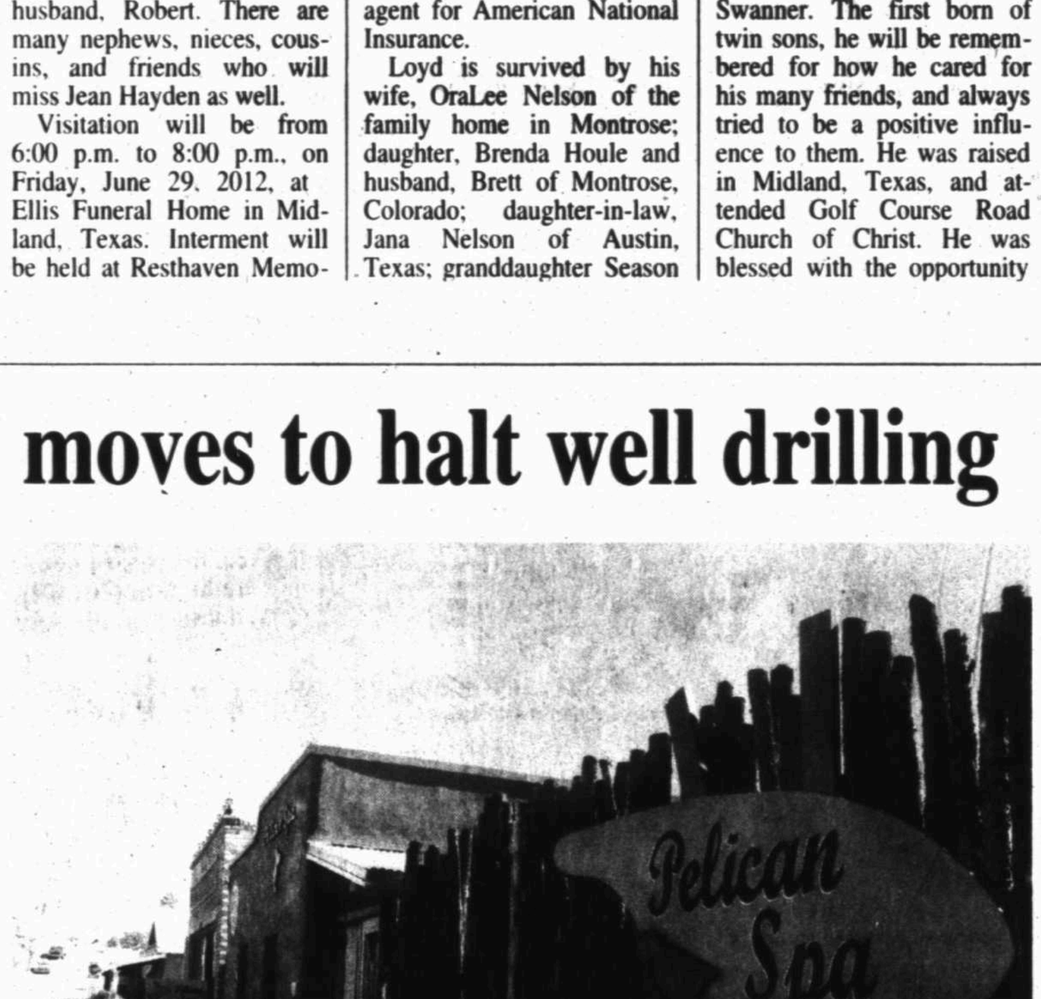
The commission voted unanimously Tuesday night to publish the proposal, which would ban the drilling of any new wells, with a few exceptions to ensure the city's 6,500 residents have affordable access to drinking water.

The proposal, which will be up for a final vote July 17, is pitting some of the town's hot springs business owners against each other.

Bill Martin, owner of the 82-year-old Artesian Bathhouse and RV Park, said reduced pressure in his lines has forced him to close a third of his tubs. He blames the problem on the number of new wells drilled in town over the past decade and an increase in the number of people using domestic wells for commercial operations.

"I've been here since 1982 and I've never seen this place so bad," he said in a telephone interview. "It's moved from being a retirement town to a rip-off-your-neighbor town."

While Martin's neighbor, La Paloma Hot Springs & Spa owner Lisa Malzahn, said she sometimes has to shut her tubs due to low pressure, other inn owners who are upstream say the moratorium is unnecessary and is being driven by a "sky is falling mentality."



AP file photo

In March, a woman walks past one of the spas and inns that tap into the thermal hot springs that have made Truth or Consequences, N.M., a destination for eclectic travelers.

"I don't have any problems," said Richard Epstein, who has owned the Fire Water Lodge for 18 years. "There are plenty of hot springs. I don't know what these people are thinking. ... It's people who already have and don't want anybody else to have. I don't like people who are, 'I've got mine, you can't have yours."

Sid Bryan, owner of the Red Pelican and Pelican Spa, said he thinks the moratorium is unnecessary: "When they tried to do this six years ago it created a run on wells."

Mayor John Mulcahy, meantime, said the town is simply taking steps to try and understand what is going on and make sure a crucial resource is protected.

"We don't know. That's the deal," he said. "I've got one guy saying, 'I've got a problem,' another guy saying, 'I don't.'"

Mulcahy said a total of 146 well permits have been granted by the city in its history, and there are currently 84 active wells. Under current law, he said, any property owner can drill a well, and there is no differentiation between regular water wells and thermal wells, meaning anyone in the city can tap into the thermal zone.

Malzahn said the Artesian mineral springs are the lifeblood of the town, attracting visitors drawn to their reputed medicinal powers.

Mulcahy emphasizes the hot springs are not drying up. Martin agrees, and said the thermal water dates back to the Ice Age. The pressure problems seem to be related to flows from the nearby Elephant Butte Lake dam into the Rio Grande and to agricultural users in the area, Martin and Malzahn said.

Martin said his concern is that fluctuating pressures could interrupt flows and pull contaminants like those from an old gas station leak downtown into the thermal springs.

"It's a huge mess that's been created," he said. "I am really concerned about that aquifer. It's really fragile."

Fight over Ariz.'s immigration law to be reignited

Associated Press

PHOENIX — In the coming days, the fight over Arizona's immigration law will be reignited by opponents who will seek a court order in a bid to thwart a U.S. Supreme Court decision that says police can enforce the statute's most contentious section.

Groups that already have filed a challenge to the 2010 law are expected to ask a lower court for a preliminary injunction that bars officers from enforcing a requirement that police check the immigration status of people they stop for other reasons.

Since the Obama administration failed in getting the requirement struck down on the argument that federal law trumps the state law, the groups will take a new tack: Attack the mandate on other grounds, such as the potential for racial profiling or unreasonably extended detentions for people whose immigration status is being verified.

But opponents face an uphill battle in pressing this strategy because the lower courts might want to wait until the requirement — which won't take effect until at least July 20 — is enforced to consider actual injuries from the law, rather than confront the potential for harm.

"My prognosis is that it will be difficult to prevail on a preliminary injunction at this time," said Kevin Johnson, law school dean at the University of California-Davis and an immigration law expert.

"The Supreme Court suggested that it was going to allow this law to go into effect and then decide if any legal challenges held weight as applied to a particular case at hand."

The Supreme Court struck down three sections of Arizona's law Monday but upheld the immigration-status questioning requirement.

Without complaints of abuses in the enforcement of the requirement, opponents would have to show that lawmakers intended to discriminate against Latinos when they passed the law.

But opponents could use a U.S. Department of Justice report, which alleges racial profiling in Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's trademark immigration patrols, to make the argument that a police agency that already inquires about people's immigration status allegedly uses discriminatory methods to enforce the law, Johnson said.

The sheriff said he wasn't pleased by the possibility that opponents could use the case against his office as fodder for trying to sink the Arizona law.

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Texas may increase wholesale electricity rates

Associated Press

AUSTIN — With temperatures now soaring into the 100s, the Texas Public Utility Commission is set to vote today on raising the price cap on wholesale electricity rates by 50 percent later this summer, a move advocates hope would spur construction of new power plants to help the state avoid rolling blackouts and meet future energy demands.

The state's large industrial users warn such a move could raise wholesale market costs by billions of dollars, and consumer groups worry that eventually will trickle down to monthly household electric bills for most Texans.

And today's vote could be just the start. Commissioners are considering, but aren't expected to vote on, tripling the wholesale price starting in summer of 2013.

The idea behind the price boost is that the lure of new profits would encourage investors to build more power plants. But critics warn that electric providers could just pocket the money and not build any new plants in an effort to make more money by keeping supply low during high-demand summer and winter months.

"There's no guarantee" of new construction, said Tim Morstad, associate state director for AARP-Texas. "They're breaking out the blank check for power companies. Slow down."

But the three-member utility commission appears headed toward approving a wholesale price increase. The sticking point seems to be on when the hike would take effect.

Commissioners, appointed by Republican Gov. Rick Perry, will vote on a plan to raise the wholesale cap from the current $3,000 per megawatt-hour to $4,500 starting Aug. 1. The cap increase would affect wholesale rates within the Electric Reliability Council of Texas electric grid, which covers most of the state except for El Paso, parts of the Panhandle and points in northeast and southeast Texas.

ERCOT warns that without additional generating capacity, the state would soon not be able to keep up with demand. Luminent Energy Co., a private utility, supports the increase, saying it would send "a strong signal" to investors that future prices will support building new generating facilities.

Utility Commission Chairwoman Dorina Nelson favors the Aug. 1 price increase to encourage investment in new power plants as soon as possible.

Commissioner Ken Anderson also appears to favor raising the price cap, but not this year. He argues that no one is going to build a new plant by Aug. 1. If higher prices hit this summer, power companies will be "carting money away not in wheel barrows, but in Mack trucks," Anderson said at the commission's April 12 meeting.

"I don't know what signals it sends this summer, other than panic," Anderson said.

Although electric providers typically sign long-term contracts for energy at a set price, they often fill in gaps on high-usage days by purchasing electricity on the "spot market," where prices are set several times an hour. That market can be compared to buying and selling on the stock market, where prices can be determined by sharp increases in demand and shortages.

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> — SEN. RODNEY ELLIS
> D-Houston

Texas Industrial Energy Consumers, which includes refineries and chemical manufacturers, warned that a sudden rate increase could create instability in electric pricing and drive smaller electric retail providers out of business.

"These are staggering numbers," the industrial group wrote in comments on the proposed Aug. 1 wholesale price increase.

What no one seems to have a handle on is how a wholesale price increase eventually could result in higher household electric bills.

Public Utility Commission spokesman Terry Hadley said the agency hasn't done a study of the potential impact on the average Texan. Hadley said much of Texas' retail electric market is based on contracts where retail providers offer household customers long-term contracts at set rates. How those companies adjust to a wholesale price increase will depend on their business plan.

"It does bring more risk to the retail provider," Hadley said.

As for the hope that an increase in profits would spur investment in new power plants, Hadley said the PUC couldn't make any promises.

"In the competitive market, generators handle the risk (of building) themselves," Hadley said.

National utility consultant Robert McCollough of Portland, Ore., said Texas would be running "a bizarre experiment" if it believes a rate hike would spur new investment in power plants.

"A bank wants a steady revenue stream. What you have in Texas is an unsteady revenue stream. Everybody makes all their money on bad days," he said. "Unless you're the king of Saudi Arabia financing this out of the household budget, (building power plants) is not going to happen."

Three state lawmakers also have expressed concern. Democratic Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston and Wendy Davis of Fort Worth, and Rep. Sylvester Turner of Houston questioned whether the higher wholesale price would give Texans anything for their money in the future.

"It would indeed be troubling to see Texas families pay higher rates and still face the threat of rolling blackouts," without new power plants, Ellis wrote to the commission.

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		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Duets "Songs From the 2000s" (N)		Wipeout "Hotties Versus Nerds 2.0" (N)		Rookie Blue "Girls' Night Out" (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
	KOSA CBS	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	Person of Interest "Flesh and Blood"		The Mentalist "A First Blush"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David	Letterman	(:35) Late Late (N)
	KWWT CW	Sein. "The Strike"	Seinf. "The Doorman"	Breaking Poi "Bad Dress: Good Show" (N)		Vampire D. "Smells Like Teen Spirit"		Cops	'Til Death	'Til Death	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	South Park
	KPEJ FOX	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Take Me Out (N)		The Choice (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: C.I. "Cherry Red"	
	KMLM IND	Marvin Wilson	Alan Lee	Update News	Mark Biltz	Light of the Southwest				Dr. Diana Dye	Matt Staver	Thurman Scrivner	Y.Salamanca
	KWES NBC	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	Swimming Olympic Trials (L)		Saving Hope "The Fight" (N)		Rock Center With Brian Williams (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Tonight Show Rhys Ifans, Tyler Perry		(:35) LateN (N)
	KPBT PBS	PBS NewsHour		Daytrip-pers	Field Trip "Pecans"	Frontline		POV "Granito: How to Nail a Dictator" (N)			Morris-town	BBC News	Tavis Smiley
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	HBO	Movie	Fight	★★★ Crazy, Stupid, Love Steve Carell.				The Newsroom		(:15) True Blood		(:15) Taxicab	
	HBO2	(5:15) Red Riding ...		True Blood				★★ Dolphin Tale Morgan Freeman.		Runnin' Rebels		★ X-Men: First Cla...	
	HBO5	(:10) ★★★ The Adjustment Bureau				Bill Maher		★★ Horrible Bosses		(:40) The Newsroom			
	MAX	Movie	★★★★★ Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone					★★ The Art of War Wesley Snipes.			Life on Top		
	MAX2	(:15) ★★ Vampire in Brooklyn				★★★ Love and Other Drugs				Femme	(:25) ★★ Splice Adrien Brody.		
	PLEX		96	Movie	★ Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid			★★ Kull the Conqueror		(:40) ★★ Firefox ('82, War) Clint Eastwood.			
	SHOW	(5:30) ★★★★ Capote				★★★★★ The Beaver		Don Friesen		Red Light Comedy:		Ultrasuede: Halston	
	TMC	(5:15) ★★ Gun Shy		★★ Transsiberian Woody Harrelson.				★ Things to Do in Denver When You're ...			★ Flesh Wounds		
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Hale Storm"	First 48 "A Simple Plan/ The Rip-Off"	The First 48 "Night Shift/ Mobbed"	Cajun Justice	Justice "Poached"	Justice "Cursed"	Justice "A Real Drag"	First 48 "A Simple Plan/ The Rip-Off"
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	CSI "Paint It Black"		★★★ The Reaping Hilary Swank.			★★★★ The Shawshank Redemption ('94, Dra) Tim Robbins.		
	BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.					Wendy Williams
	BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives NJ		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Kathy (N)	Watch (N)	Kathy	H.Wives
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Biography "Sears"		Crime Inc.		American Greed	Mad Money		Crime Inc.
	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360	OutFront		Piers Morgan
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Final Offer	Auction	Auction	Final Offer
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	A.N.T.	Babysitter	GoodLuck	Shake Up	★ The Princess and the Frog		(:45) Ferb	Babysit.	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NBADraft	NBA Draft Up-to-date information about NBA drafts and trades in the search for new talent. (L)								SportsCenter	
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Softball World Cup (L)				X Games (L)			SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight (L)	
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★ Austin Powers in Gold...		★★ Gone in 60 Seconds ('00, Act) Nicolas Cage.					The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
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	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chef Wanted (N)	Sweet Genius		Chopped	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	SportsDay OnAir	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark -- Arlington, Texas (L)					Rangers Live (L)	SW Outdoors	WPT Poker L.A. Classic	
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	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	At Home	Selling LA	Sell NY	London	HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House	Sell NY	London
	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People		Mountain Men		Swamp People		Swamp People	
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Bristol Palin	Bristol Palin	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		7 Days of Sex Couples have daily sex.		Bristol Palin	Bristol Palin	Wife Swap	
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	39				(4:30) Swimming		NBC Sports Talk		Olympic Trials				Game On!	Indy 36	Swimming	
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Tenants	Tenants	Impact Wrestling				UFC Unleashed		MMA Un.	WaysD	WaysD	WaysD
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ Edward Scissorhands				★★ Eight Legged Freaks David Arquette.				★ Ice Spiders ('07, Sci-Fi) Patrick Muldoon.			
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Subway"	Seinf. "The Glasses"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Men at Work (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Men at Work	The Office
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	MGM Par.	★★★ Finian's Rainbow ('68, Fant) Fred Astaire.					★ Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Da...			★ Head	
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Maid en Manhattan		Corazon valiente		Relaciones Peligrosa		Al rojo	Titulares	Diosa c.	Decision
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	On the Fly	On the Fly	Under Boss "Chiquita Brands International"		On the Fly	On the Fly	DUI	DUI	On the Fly	On the Fly	DUI	DUI
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	The Mentalist "Little Red Book"		The Mentalist "Pretty Red Balloon"		The Mentalist "Ring Around the Rosie"		CSI: NY "Dead Inside"		CSI: NY "My Name Is Mac Taylor"		CSI: NY "The Box"	
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	USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Caged"		NCIS "Royals and Loyals"		Burn Notice "Last Rites" (N)		Suits "Meet the New Boss" (N)		Royal Pains "Dawn of the Med"		Burn Notice "Last Rites"	
	WGN	19	18				MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox vs. New York Yankees Site: Yankee Stadium -- Bronx, N.Y. (L)				WGN News at Nine				America's Funniest Home Videos		Old Christine	Old Christine

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how close the fire was to the academy's signature building, the aluminum, glass and steel Cadet Chapel. The chapel dorms, classrooms and other central buildings are clustered in the northwest quadrant of the 28-square-mile campus.

"The cadets are safe," Lt. Gen. Michael Gould, the academy superintendent, said.

More than 1,000 incoming freshman are scheduled to report to the academy as scheduled on Thursday, but the day's events have been moved to a campus building farther from the fire, Bryan said.

About 1,500 other cadets who are attending summer classes would take shelter off campus with civilian or military families if the threat worsens, Bryan said.

Academy officials said 90 firefighters, including some from nearby departments, were trying to stop the flames on the campus.

Colorado Springs Fire Chief Richard Brown called the blaze "a firestorm of epic proportions."

Christine Williams and her daughter Serina saw flames consuming grass just 30 yards from their northwest Colorado Springs apartment complex when they fled.

"It was pretty close," Serina Williams said Wednesday. "It was too close for comfort, that's for sure. It's like we've had our life swiped out from underneath us."

Sarah Safranek was in tears as she sought information about her house.

"Right now I'd rather not know," she said.

Thunderstorms are expected near the blaze in the afternoon, but incident commander Rich Harvey says they could bring unpredictable winds that would hinder firefighters' efforts near the city of 419,000 people.

The fire is about 5 percent contained, Harvey said.

Throughout the interior West, firefighters have toiled for days in searing, record-setting heat against fires fueled by prolonged drought. Most, if not all, of Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana were under red flag warnings, meaning extreme fire danger.

The nation is experiencing "a super-heated spike on top of a decades-long warming trend," said Derek Arndt, head of climate monitoring at the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C.

Elsewhere in Colorado, the 136-square-mile High Park Fire has destroyed 257 homes, authorities said. That fire was triggered by lightning June 9.

Elsewhere in the West:

■ A blaze in central Utah has burned down 56 structures, the majority of which are homes, officials said Wednesday. Authorities are about halfway through their damage assessment of a fire that has burned about 46,000 acres, or 72 square miles. Officials returned to an evacuated area and found a woman dead Tuesday.

■ A wildfire north of Billings, Mont., caused hundreds of families to be evacuated from their homes as the blaze burned more than 18,000 acres, or about 28 square miles. Musselshell County Attorney Kent Sipe told The Billings Gazette that at least 60 homes had burned.

■ A wildfire in the Bridger-Teton National Forest has grown from about 2,000 acres to 12,000 acres, or nearly 19 square miles, on Wednesday.

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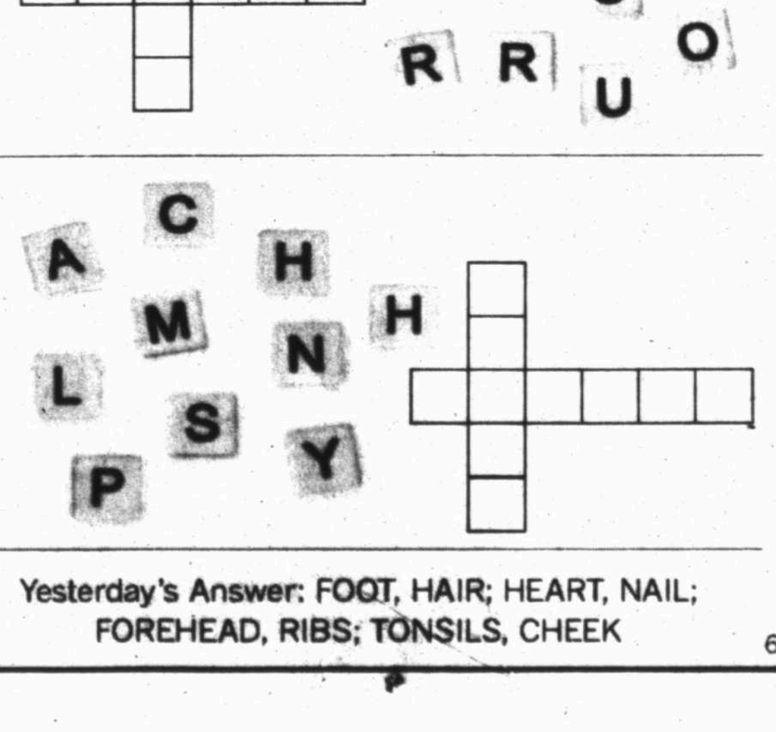

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Yesterday's Answer: FOOT, HAIR; HEART, NAIL; FOREHEAD, RIBS; TONSILS, CHEEK

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TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CONROE

Houston woman indicted in slaying, baby abduction

A Houston woman accused of killing a mother and snatching her newborn son has been indicted on a capital murder charge.

Verna McClain was being held without bond Wednesday in the Montgomery County Jail. She was indicted Tuesday.

Prosecutors have not said whether they will seek the death penalty against the 31-year-old licensed vocational nurse. McClain has been in custody since she was arrested hours after the April 17 slaying.

McClain is accused of shooting Kala Golden-Schuchardt to death outside a baby clinic in suburban Spring and abducting Golden-Schuchardt's days-old son. The baby was found safe with a relative of McClain.

Investigators said McClain had a miscarriage and was desperate to find a baby to pass off as her own to family and friends.

WACO

Police arrest man who they say started to eat dog

Bond has been revoked for a Texas man who police said killed and starting eating his housemate's dog after chasing a neighbor on his hands and knees while growling.

Waco police said Michael Terron Daniel remained jailed Wednesday after a judge revoked his bail in a previous assault case. The 22-year-old is charged with felony cruelty to a non-livestock animal.

Police said a caller reported a man was going crazy, and when officers arrived, they found Daniel on the porch covered in blood and holding the dead dog.

Police said Daniel told people at the home he had taken K-2, a form of synthetic marijuana, then assaulted them and started biting the dog's flesh.

McLennan County Jail records don't list an attorney for Daniel, who was arrested Monday.

AUSTIN

Man faces capital murder in Austin police killing

An Austin man could face the death penalty after a Travis County grand jury issued a capital murder indictment in the April shooting of a police officer.

Brandon Daniel was indicted Wednesday in the April 6 shooting death of Austin police Senior Officer Jaime Padron and faces the death penalty or life in prison if convicted.

A spokesman for Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg said there's been no decision whether to seek the death penalty.

Padron, 40, was killed inside a north Austin Walmart after responding to a call around 2:30 a.m. about a man causing a disturbance.

Daniel, 24, remains in jail pending trial. His attorney, Bill White, did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

MCKINNEY

Woman convicted of bribing North Texas judge

A Dallas-area woman has been convicted of eight felony counts for secretly financing a judge's campaign in return for favorable treatment in a child custody case.

The Dallas Morning News reports a Collin County jury deliberated for three hours in McKinney before finding Stacy Stine Cary guilty of bribery and other counts Wednesday.

She faces from probation to life imprisonment. Visiting Judge James Fallon ruled the 56-year-old University Park woman can remain free on bond pending sentencing, for which no date's been set.

CANCER

From 1B

more than a decade to lead to new discoveries — sometimes beyond the attention span of lawmakers or the public. Investing in companies, on the other hand, provides more tangible results such as royalties and job creations, as does prevention efforts such as cancer screenings and no-smoking campaigns.

Gimson said allocating more money for commercialization wouldn't be about showing Texans they're getting more bang for the buck, and said Gilman also favors more commercialization awards. One question that has shadowed the agency is whether CPRIT doling out research dollars is merely duplicating federal efforts.

The state also has a separate pot of commercialization dollars for startups in the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, which has invested in some CPRIT commercialization recipients. Lucy Nashed, a spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Perry, said Wednesday the ETF is continuing to award commercial projects that focus on cancer.

Matt Winkler, founder of the Austin biotech company Asuragen that received a $6.8 million commercialization award from CPRIT, said great scientists are capable of getting their own funding and that the state agency shouldn't be a clone of the National Institutes of Health.

"When I look at 75 percent going into research, I have trouble with that," Winkler said.

But some researchers balk at arguments that research deserves fewer state dollars. Dr. Patrick Reynolds, director of the cancer center at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said the research funding is vital in West Texas where three-quarters of all cancer research funding comes from the CPRIT.

"I'm sorry," Reynolds said. "I'm not aware the NIH has cured cancer."

Associated Press

National Action Party (PAN) presidential candidate Josefina Vazquez Mota waves to supporters during her campaign rally at the Plaza de Toros in Mexico City on Saturday.

Underdog vows she will be Mexico's first female president

By Dudley Althaus
Houston Chronicle

ATLIXCO, Mexico — The roadside billboards near this central Mexican farm town promise, "The woman never gives up," touting Josefina Vazquez Mota's conviction that she will be her country's first female president despite opinion polls universally suggesting otherwise.

At a whistle-stop rally inside Atlixco, governed by Vazquez's and President Felipe Calderon's National Action Party for much of the past 16 years, she drives home the point to the 4,000 largely impoverished supporters who have gathered, proclaiming, "In the final count the polls aren't going to vote."

"The soul of each of you votes, the soul of each mother who wants the best for our children," the 52-year-old Vazquez says. "I am convinced we are going to win."

But the Sunday balloting rapidly approaches and without some drastic development, or perhaps a miracle, Vazquez's certainty will prove delusional.

Enrique Peqa Nieto, 45, of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI — whose defeat by Vazquez's party 12 years ago ended its seven-decade grip on Mexican politics — seems all but certain to prevail. Leftist Andres Manuel Lopez-Obrador, 58, was gaining on Peqa a month ago but has faded, polls suggest.

More than a decade into a hobbling, multi-party democracy, the PRI has rebounded as a formidable electoral machine, its roots nurtured by patronage and burrowed deep into Mexican communities. Handsome, telegenic and forceful on the stump, the boyish Peqa has proved the PRI's best presidential candidate in memory.

Yet Vazquez presses on, assuring any who will listen that her victory is the only hope for Mexican political and economic progress.

"Have no doubt, I am your best option for liberty, economic security and stability," Vazquez told viewers of the June 10 debate, which she is widely credited with winning. "With me we will rebuild peace."

But Vazquez's post-debate standing barely budged her standing in the polls. A survey published this week by Reforma, a leading Mexico City newspaper, shows Vazquez's support dwindling from nearly a third to less than a fourth of voters since campaigning began 11 weeks ago.

Vazquez offers a poll of her own, showing her support rising to 30 percent, within single digits for Peqa.

Raised in a shabby Mexico City neighborhood and trained as an economist, Vazquez trudged up the National Action Party's male-dominated ranks to finally serve as secretary of Mexico's education and social services ministries. She resigned last year as leader of the party's caucus in the lower house of congress to run for the presidency.

But to win her candidacy she had to overcome the opposition of Calderon and other party leaders.

Vazquez also shoulders her party's anemic economic record, the 60,000 dead or missing wrought by Calderon's campaign against gangsters and a Roman Catholic-infused party ideology that's out of step with many modern Mexican lives.

Much of Peqa's and the PRI's economic and public security policies mirror National Action's. But he's running on the promise of making those policies work where both Calderon and former president Vicente Fox fell short. Most polls predict Peqa will win by double digits.

Vazquez is betting that the darker legacy of the PRI's long rule — corruption, economic crises and purloined elections — remain fresh for many Mexicans. They certainly do for her supporters in Atlixco.

Like most of Mexico, this town 120 miles southeast of Mexico City was long governed by political power brokers allied with the PRI. But voters tossed those bosses in the mid-1990s, installing National Action in city hall for all but three of the past 16 years.

"If would be horrible for the PRI to return to governing Mexico," said Miguel Angel Lozada, a state government worker at the Atlixco rally. "The most important thing is to prevent that.

Panetta announces grant for school on Fort Bliss

Associated Press

GRAPEVINE — An elementary school on Fort Bliss in Texas and two other schools also needing repairs on military installations will share $60 million in federal grants announced Wednesday by Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, who said providing a strong education for soldiers' children is a national priority.

The Pentagon will award more grants this summer for schools — all on military installations — that need repairs or expansions, he told a group of hundreds at the Military Child Education Coalition's national training seminar in Grapevine.

He said the department has another program to ease the transition when kids are uprooted during the academic year. For example, military children who move during the school year now have their immunization records easily transferred.

The U.S. has 1.5 million school-age children in military families. They will have moved an average of six to nine times before graduating from high school.

The youngsters have unique needs because many are suffering from losing a parent, or missing one who is deployed and has missed their birthday and holidays, Panetta said.

"These sacrifices, large and small, take a toll on military children over time," he said.

Military children who have traveled extensively also are an asset because they bring a unique perspective to the classroom, he said. The military supports math and science initiatives and expanding foreign language programs for military kids, many who grow up to become soldiers, Panetta said.

"Education is not only important to their future but important to the future of our military and the nation," he said. "The bottom line is that our military is better able to defend the country when we address the long-term educational need of those who serve and their children."

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TODAY Sunny High 101 Low 74

FRIDAY Mostly sunny High 101 Low 73

SATURDAY Mostly sunny High 99 Low 72

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 101 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for clear conditions with a low around 74 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 101, a low around 73 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday, look for sunny skies with a high around 99 and a low around 72.

The high on Wednesday reached 105 while the low dropped to 76. The record high for June 27 is 116 set in 1994. The record low is 59 set in 2006.

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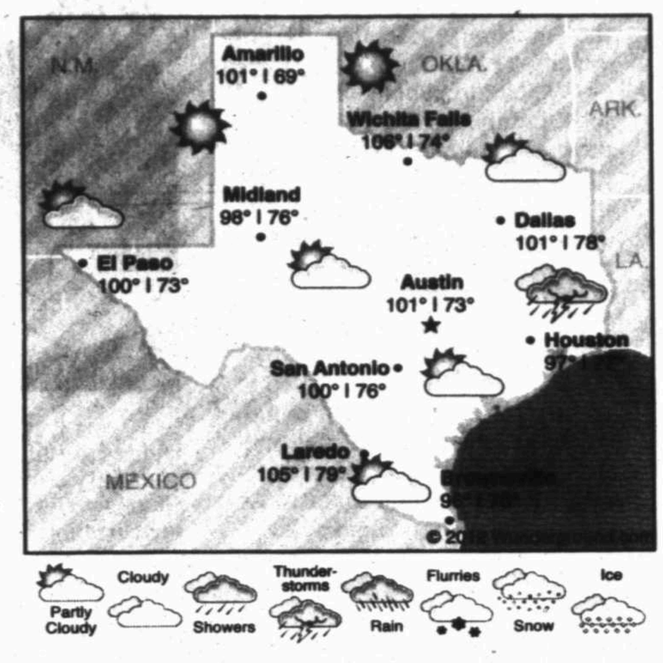
A massive area of excessive heat will stretch from the central and southern Plains to the Midwest and interior South today. Temperatures will approach or top 100 degrees. A massive area of high pressure at most levels of the atmosphere will continue to expand, while intense June sunshine heats the air and dries out the landscape.

Areas from the northern Plains to New England will be on the fringe of the high. As a result, showers are in store for Maine, while locally gusty thunderstorms swing from the northern Plains to the western Great Lakes.



Precipitation

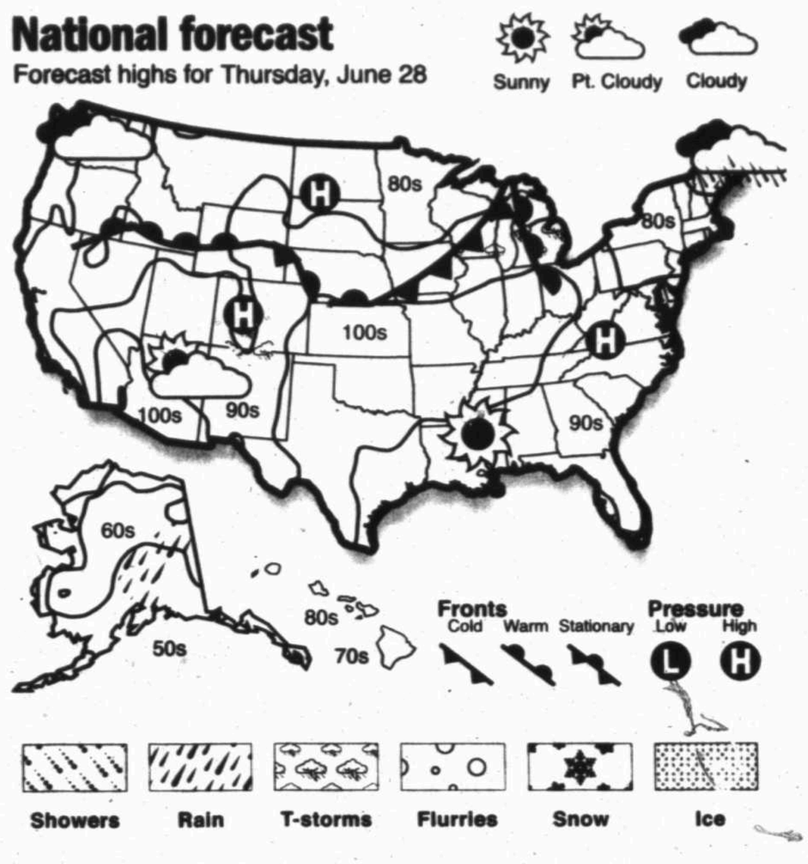
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.43 in.
Total for year	4.66 in.
Normal total (year to date)	5.88 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	105
Low	76
Normal high	94
Normal low	69
Sunrise	6:45 a.m.
Sunset	8:59 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, June 28



Honeymoon at Disney World is for husband, wife only

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 15 years. We skipped the honeymoon after our wedding so we could save up for our 15th anniversary, which we will celebrate this summer. We plan to stay at one of the resorts at Disney World.

When I mentioned it to my sister-in-law, she said, "It's silly to go to a place like Disney World without a child or two," and asked me if we would bring her son and his friend with us. I refused, saying that this trip is for my husband and me. She then accused us of being childish and selfish. I agree that going to Disney World may be childish — that's the whole point — but selfish? Do you agree with that? — CHILD AT HEART

DEAR CHILD: No, I do not. For your sister-in-law to have said what she did was rude and nervy. Unless the children were yours and you wanted them to accompany you, a honeymoon (belated or not) is for the couple celebrating their marriage. Shame on her.

DEAR ABBY: I am 26 and have been dating a nice man for three months and we have spent every weekend together. Recently, he has talked about taking me to a family celebration in another state. The conversation prompted me to initiate a discussion about where we are in our relationship. During the course of our talk, he explained that he feels it's too early for us to be an official couple. But he does want me to meet his parents.

I don't see why I should invest the time and energy to meet his family if he's still thinking about dating other people. Do you agree? — NERVOUS IN D.C.

DEAR NERVOUS: I sure don't. When a man wants you to meet his family, it's a compliment. It doesn't necessarily mean he has marriage on his mind. If you are interested in him with an eye on becoming a couple, accept his invitation. It will give you a chance to see what kind of family he comes from and how they treat each other, which is valuable insight. It will also give his family a chance to see what a charming, personable woman you are.

If you refuse the invitation for the reason you stated, I'd be surprised if the relationship developed much further.

DEAR ABBY: Please help with something that has been on my mind for years. I am one of your male readers. I have a sister, "Eileen," who is a bit older. We had a wonderful childhood and are close.

When Eileen entered college, she became pregnant. Because she was unmarried, she and Mom went to a different city and she had the baby. I believe the child was placed for adoption. I don't know if it was a boy or girl.

Eileen returned home, finished college, got married and now has a family. It was never mentioned again. I sometimes wonder if she thinks about the baby she had. I think about it a lot and wonder if I should ask her, or if it's too painful for her to discuss after all these years. I sometimes think I have a niece or nephew out there and wonder what he or she is like. Should I ask my sister or just leave it alone? — WISTFUL OUT WEST

DEAR WISTFUL: I'm sure your sister also sometimes thinks about the child she placed for adoption and wonders what he or she is like. However, unless she raises the subject with you, my advice is to leave it alone. If it has never been mentioned again, there is a good reason for it.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

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Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 9 7 5 3 2
♡ 7 5
◇ 10 5
♣ A 8 2

WEST
♠ J 10 8 4
♡ 9
◇ K 6 2
♣ Q 10 6 4 3

EAST
♠ 6
♡ K J 8 6 3 2
◇ Q 4 3
♣ J 9 5

SOUTH
♠ K Q
♡ A Q 10 4
◇ A J 9 8 7
♣ K 7

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Four of ♣

Count your tricks before settling on a line of play. Sometimes you might have to switch horses in midstream.

South's reverse sequence was forcing to three diamonds or two no-trump. Since three spades could be passed and a jump to four spades might catch South with only a singleton trump in support, North elected to bid three no-trump.

Declarer won the opening club lead in hand and cashed the king and queen of spades. When East discarded a heart, declarer had to hope that East held either both missing diamond honors or a doubleton king or queen. Declarer crossed to the ace of clubs and ran the 10 of diamonds. West won and cashed the clubs before exiting with a heart. When the queen of diamonds did not drop under the ace, the contract went down three, declarer being forced to discard hearts on the run of the clubs.

Declarer has two tricks in the red suits and two clubs. To make the contract, declarer needs either five spade tricks or three more diamond tricks and two spades. Also, declarer can afford to give up the lead only once!

Since there is no problem if spades are 3-2, declarer can cash the king of spades and overtake the queen with the ace. If both defenders follow, declarer surrenders a spade. Nine tricks are then easy, since the ace of clubs is still in dummy as an entry to the winning spades. If the spades are 4-1, declarer abandons the suit and runs the 10 of diamonds to West's king. The club return is won in dummy, the diamond finesse is repeated and, if the cards lie as in the diagram, nine tricks come creeping in the back door.

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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, June 28, 2012:

This year security, romance and children are unusually high priorities. Like a true Cancer, you will be concerned with home and family. If you are single, you could leap from one romance to another. Be aware that someone will appear close to your next birthday who might be near-perfect. Do not commit before then, if possible. If you are attached, as a couple you could buy a house, spruce up your present abode, add a new addition and/or schedule a second honeymoon. Much that is going on is related to 11 years ago. This year, you are like a cat with nine lives. SCORPIO can be extraordinarily seductive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Do not allow a momentary discontent, fatigue or low-level depression to get to you. Understand what is going on with others. Interpersonal relating later today reveals that your mood had more to do with you than with the situation. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ The time has come to do what you have been postponing. The sense of liberation you'll feel from this task's completion is well worth it. Suddenly, you feel inspired and in touch with your environment. Confusion surrounds a problem. Tonight: Just don't go out alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Toss your hat in the ring. Brainstorm and see what is behind someone's motivation. Your creativity emerges when dealing with others and in any discussion. Express an idea that you potentially wanted to follow through on. Tonight: Understand that you need to slow down a little.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You come from a grounded point of view. Could some people see this perspective as boring? If so, throw out some more wild and creative ideas. You'll inspire others in this manner. Tonight: Keep tapping into your imagination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You might want to understand where someone is coming from before you have a heart-to-heart talk with this person. Do not get yourself caught in a situation that makes you feel pressured. Avoid a power play at all costs. You have the ability to accomplish a lot. Tonight: All smiles — once you relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might be more intense than you realize. If you note several unusual responses, consider that it is likely you are acting differently. This type of intensity is not easily contained, and can bring unexpected results. Let the moment continue. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be more in tune with people in the morning. Others expect a lot out of you. Be aware of their neediness, and recognize what is happening within your immediate circle. You need to take care of yourself first — and the sooner, the better. Tonight: As you like.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ As the day grows older, you feel more empowered. Be spontaneous and less reserved. Others like what is happening and will communicate more easily as a result. Do not let others stop you from fulfilling your destiny. Tonight: Do not underestimate your charisma.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You could be taken aback by someone else's response, especially in the evening. You do not want to fight city hall. You would rather have everything happen with ease. An older person or someone you look up to can inspire you to find answers. Tonight: Not to be found.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You remain mellow despite others' tumultuous moments, because you know you are heading down the right path. Your close friends and key associates seem to inspire you. Remain strong and centered. Tonight: Where the gang is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Once more, others believe you have all the answers. Do not worry; instead, simply explain that you do not always have solutions. An inspired idea comes out of the blue during a conversation. Tonight: Express your very caring nature.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Take a break or walk away from what is, or could become, a volatile situation. You do not need to explain yourself. When you return, it will be with a big smile and a readiness to stay open. Your attitude breaks a stalemate. Tonight: Use your imagination.

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BORN TODAY

Comedian Gilda Radner (1946), actress Kathy Bates (1948), professional football player John Elway (1960)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Melodramatic "Rats!"
5 Rooms with microscopes
9 Descendant
14 "There Is Nothin' Like a __"
15 1988 World Series MVP Hershiser
16 NJ-based supermarket chain
17 "Yeah, right"
18 Life in León
19 Subordinate to
20 Tree-hugging actress?
23 "Entourage" agent Gold
24 WWII journalist
25 Yellow Brick Road accessory
28 Silver Bullet Band leader Bob
30 Old map inits.
32 "__ we alone?"
33 Inner-tubing activist?
38 Blows away
39 Ohio-based faucet maker
40 Poor-shooting comedy star?
46 Campfire remnant
47 1994 speed skating gold medalist Jansen
48 Backup crew
50 Uncommon
53 Nonstick kitchen brand
56 __ gratias
57 Pontiac-driving basketball player?
60 Trooper on the road
62 Modest attire
63 Show you're in
64 Ruthless bosses
65 Mötley __
66 Stalk in the garden
67 Target competitor
68 Cranks (up)
69 TV brother whose real name was Eric

DOWN

1 Brand with a three-stripe logo
2 Peon
3 Mapmaker Vespucci
4 UFO-tracking org.
5 __-dovey
6 Serif-free font
7 Physician's prescription
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10 Grand __
11 Race-sanctioning biggie
12 Homage in verse
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37 Future RN's course
40 Refrain syllables
41 Pac-12 member
42 Taco Bell menu item
43 Army base?
44 Provided a segue for
45 Ophelia's avenger
49 Dial-up hardware
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52 Pie maker's pride
54 Bring together, dating-wise
55 Sign before Taurus
58 Classic disco hit
59 Major party
60 "That's disgusting!"
61 Newsman Donaldson

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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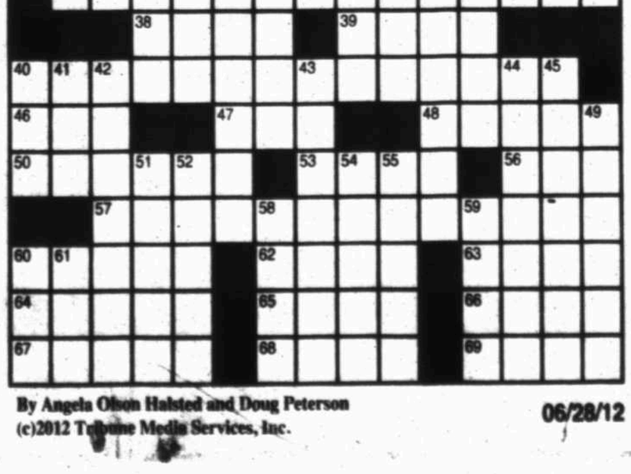

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Amateur radio operators gather in Lea County

By Lance Crenshaw
Hobbs News-Sun

HOBBS, N.M. — "This is KF5ALV, Kilo-Fox-Five-Alpha-Lima-Victor calling CQDE and standing by... This is KF5ALV, Kilo-Fox-Five-Alpha-Lima-Victor calling CQDE and standing by."

Moments after 14-year-old Samantha Bruton spoke the above call sign using the phonetic alphabet through her dad's ham radio, a reply came back from a ham-radio user in Kansas.

"KF5ALV , KF5ALV, this is AB2GD, Alpha-Bravo-Two-Golf-Delta, reading you loud and clear here in Kansas."

From 7 a.m. Saturday through the night and up until noon on Sunday, this was the typical sound heard from four different ham radios as members of the Lea County Amateur Radio Club sat and fiddled with their ham radios, making contact with other users all over the country and world, as part of the LCARC third annual field day.

Bruton, who was attempting to make her first contact through a ham radio with the help of her father, Bobby, replied with her call sign, followed by another call sign, "Four-Alpha-New Mexico."

"That is how we make verification for a contact," said LCARC member Jim Morrison. "By her saying 'Four-Alpha-New Mexico,' she is stating we have four radios working at our site and our location is in New Mexico. Then the person she is talking to will reply back with their location using the same call signal."

When making contact, ham radio users usually disclose their name, location, signal report, and possibly a brief summary of their station (how much power they're running and the kind of antenna they're using). After that, the conversation topic is up to the users.

"We talk to people about their jobs, family or politics and sports most of the time," said Morrison.

Amateur radio, or "ham radio", is the use of designated radio frequency spectrum for purposes of private recreation, non-commercial exchange of messages, wireless experimentation, training and emergency communication.

"The term 'amateur' is used to specify persons interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest," Morrison said. "It must also differentiate from commercial broadcasting, public safety or professional two-way radio services."

Associated Press

Hi-Line Amateur Radio Club President David Sageser, from left, secretary and treasurer Wane Boysun and acting director Heather Hinckley, right, all of Havre, Mont., try to communicate with a ham radio station in Wyoming while visitor Mike Fell of Superior, Mont., listens during the American Radio Relay League Ham Radio Field Day on the Hill County Courthouse lawn in Havre.

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Sports

Rangers top Tigers in high-scoring game

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — David Murphy went 4-for-5 with two home runs and matched his career high with five RBIs to make a winner out of Roy Oswalt in the Texas Rangers' 13-9 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night.

Ian Kinsler added a two-run homer and Adrian Beltre had three hits and an RBI in support of Oswalt, who earned his second victory in as many starts with the Rangers by pitching in and out of trouble.

Oswalt (2-0) went six innings, giving up five runs and a career-high 13 hits with two walks and six strikeouts.

Closer Joe Nathan pitched a scoreless ninth in a nonsave situation for the Rangers, who needed just about every run for their sixth consecutive series victory, matching the club's longest such streak this season.

Rangers	13
Tigers	9

Jhonny Peralta was 3-for-4 with a two-run double in the fifth inning for the Tigers, who twice fought back from big deficits, including scoring four runs in the eighth to make a game of it.

Doug Fister (1-5), who hasn't won on the road in six starts this season, took the loss.

Every Ranger had a hit or scored except Josh Hamilton, who went 0-for-4 and struck out four times. Hamilton continued a prolonged slump and is 6-for-36 (.167) in his past 10 games.

Murphy led the 16-hit parade with run-scoring hits in each of the Rangers' big scoring innings.

His three-run homer in the second capped a four-run inning, a solo shot in the fourth started another four-run surge, and he had a run-scoring single in the three-run fifth that extended their lead to 11-5.

Murphy matched a career high he set June 11, 2008, at Kansas City. It was the fourth multihomer game of his career.

The Rangers scored four runs on four hits and an error in the second.

Beltre, who led off the inning with a single, scored the first run when

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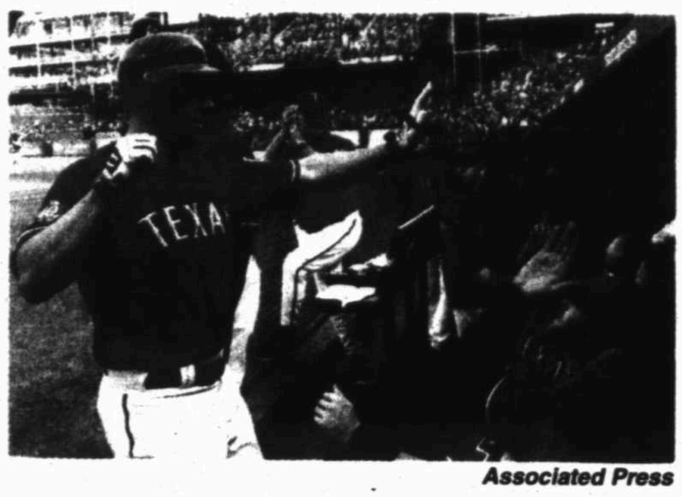

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The Texas Rangers' David Murphy (7) celebrates his two-run home run in the second inning against the Detroit Tigers in Arlington on Wednesday.

ALL-STAR SURPRISE

MRT file photo

Murphy Smith winds up to throw a pitch May 16 during the RockHounds' game against the Frisco RoughRiders at Citibank Ballpark. Smith will compete in the Texas League All-Star Game tonight.

'Hounds pitcher Smith set for All-Star Game

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

With everyday players like outfielders Jeremy Barfield, Shane Peterson, Conner Crumbliss, infielder Anthony Aliotti, and even reliever Jonathan Ortiz, who leads the RockHound pitching staff in appearances, heading to Tulsa, Okla., for the Texas League All-Star Game, it can be hard to forget about pitcher Murphy Smith.

But even without the recognition that has accompanied his All-Star teammates, the 24-year-old Smith has made his presence known this season as the only RockHound starter who will play in the All-Star game at 7 p.m. today at ONEOK Field.

When the rosters originally were announced, Smith wasn't even the most high-profile RockHounds starter named to the squad. That was Texas League strikeout leader Dan Straily, who since has been promoted to Triple-A Sacramento.

Smith, in fact, was surprised he even made the roster.

"I wasn't really expecting it," Smith said. "I don't want to say shocked, but I was just happy."

A look at his numbers, which don't jump off the page, may explain where Smith was coming from.

But what goes beyond his 4-5 record and his 4.58 ERA is the fact that in 15 appearances, including 12 starts, Smith averages more than five innings per appearance. In fact, in the month of May, Smith had a quality start (three earned runs or less in at least six innings pitched) in five of his six starts with an ERA below 2.00 in three of those starts.

And that type of play is what has endeared him to his RockHound teammates and coaches.

"He's done a great job of taking the ball and giving us some quality starts," manager Steve Scarsone said. "We're really proud that he's going to represent us in the All-Star game."

Coming into the season, Smith was hardly a big name with players like Straily and former first-round pick Sonny Gray in the rotation.

Yet RockHounds pitching coach Don Schulze, who worked with Smith while he was at Single-A Stockton, knew the RockHounds were getting an improved player from his last two years at the Single-A level.

"He's made some good strides," Schulze said. "His curveball has gotten better. He's down in the zone, and he pitches more confident."

Schulze and Scarsone said they believe pitching against better competition in the Fall League helped Smith tremendously confidence-wise.

And Smith acknowledged that he hasn't been getting rattled as easily this season.

"This season, up until recently, I felt like I've been pretty good at just kind of slowing the game down a little bit," Smith said, "not letting things speed up

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Playoff dollars could spark calls to pay players

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The new playoff system means big money for major college football, as much as a half-billion dollars per year just in television rights alone.

That has Texas coach Mack Brown — among others — wondering if some of that windfall should be heading the players way.

Brown

"In my opinion, with the amount of money the playoff will generate, I hope we can revisit the student-athlete stipend," Brown tweeted soon after the new, semi-final format was approved by university presidents Tuesday in Washington.

"It will be a very lucrative event and those young people are the ones that make it all possible," he added.

Even before the plan had a presidential seal of approval, a group of former and current athletes was pushing for some of the newfound wealth to be spent on player safety and health — an issue that becomes more important as the season expands.

The current Bowl Championship Series television deal with ESPN, plus the Rose Bowl's separate agreement with ABC, pay the major college football schools about $155 million per year. That money is distributed unevenly throughout college football, with power conferences such as the Big Ten and Big 12 getting more for their members than others such as the Mountain West and Conference USA.

The commissioners working on the playoff system have been reluctant to speculate on exactly how much the TV rights for it will be worth, but they all agree it'll be at least double.

Also, the new national title game will go to the highest-bidding city, which will pour millions more into the coffers of FBS schools. Officials in Arlington, Texas, home of the Cotton Bowl, and Atlanta, where the Chick-fil-A Bowl is played, are already lining up to make a pitch.

West Virginia Athletic Director Oliver Luck said that, to those who want the players to receive more money, all that playoff cash "is at least one more arrow in their quiver."

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7 seconds put Errani in 2nd round; Roddick, Federer win

Associated Press

Sara Errani, of Italy, returns a shot to Coco Vandeweghe, of the United States, during a first round women's singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on Tuesday. After a daylong rain delay, Errani defeated Vanderwehe on Wednesday.

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Count 'em: 7 seconds.

That's how long French Open runner-up Sara Errani "played" at Wimbledon on Wednesday against qualifier CoCo Vandeweghe, of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. — enough time to wrap up a 6-1, 6-3 victory in the first round.

How's that possible? Because action was suspended by rain a night earlier, with the 10th-seeded Errani at match point as the 132nd-ranked Vandeweghe served.

When they resumed, after the customary several-minute warmup ritual of baseline strokes, volleys, overheads and serves, Vandeweghe tossed up a ball and hit it into the net. Moments later, she hit her second serve into the net, too, to complete the double-fault that ended the match, right then and there — leaving both women smiling and spectators guffawing. Errani joined in the laughter as she packed away her racket bag, and she kept right on giggling during her news conference.

Asked by an Italian reporter to recount what happened, Errani said, justifiably: "There's not much to tell."

Asked by another whether she'd bothered to take a shower, Errani assured him she planned to later.

"I had talked to my coach to plan what I wanted to do in the match," Errani said, "but there was no need."

All in all, it was exactly the sort of unusual happening that Day 3 kept producing in what's shaping up as a wet and wild week at the All England Club. Another: Prince Charles visited his nation's most famous tennis club, something he hadn't done in 42 years.

Four of the top 13 seeded women were sent packing Wednesday, including 2011 U.S. Open champion Sam Stosur, 2011 French Open champion Li Na, and former No. 1-ranked Caroline Wozniacki.

The fifth-seeded Stosur's 6-2, 0-6, 6-4 loss to 72nd-ranked Arantxa Rus of the Netherlands means Australia will have zero men or women in the third round for the first time since 1939.

"It's a pretty woeful performance by all of us," said Stosur, the last of nine Australians in the tournament.

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SMITH

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on me and just kind of unraveling, almost taking a step back in certain situations and just executing that pitch where you need to."

Of course, Smith is still looking to improve his consistency with his delivery, and Schulze said he needs to do a better job with swing recognition while he's on the mound.

"(It's) just maturing, recognizing those things as a pitcher to see what hitters are doing with the pitches that he has," Schulze said. "Sometimes he tries to outsmart himself -- he just has to execute pitches."

But Schulze has faith that the Binghamton University product will figure it out.

"Sometimes I think Murphy tries to outsmart himself and subtly attack a hitter," Schulze said. "But those are things that come with experience and he's a smart kid, so I think he'll figure it out."

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SOCKERS TODAY

FROM STAFF REPORTS

WEST TEXAS AT LAREDO

When/where: 8:15 p.m. today, Texas A&M International's Soccer Complex, Laredo

Records: WTU 2-2-5 (11 points); Laredo 6-2-2 (20 points)

Last game: WTU 0, New Orleans 0 on June 16; Laredo 3, New Orleans 3 on Sunday.

Last meeting: WTU 1, Laredo 1 on June 7.

Notes: The Sockers are undefeated in their last five matches, posting a 1-0-4 record during that span. Included in that record is a 1-1 tie with Laredo at Grande Communications Stadium on June 7. ... This is a matchup between the top and bottom teams in the Premier Development League's Mid South Division standings. Laredo currently sits atop the standings with 20 points, while West Texas is at the bottom with just 11 points, despite losing just two matches this season. ... Laredo is 4-0 at home this season and has allowed just one goal in those games. ... This is the fourth of five straight road games for the Sockers. They're 1-0-2 in the previous three matches, including back-to-back ties against New Orleans on June 14 and 16. The Sockers close out this stretch of away games Saturday with a visit to the Texas Dutch Lions in Shenandoah. The Sockers return to the friendly confines of Grande Communications Stadium on July 4 for an Independence Day matchup against the El Paso Patriots. There will be fireworks following the match.

Next: West Texas United at Texas Dutch Lions, 7:30 p.m. Saturday; New Orleans at Laredo, 8:15 p.m. July 4.

Spain tops Portugal in shootout to make Euro final

Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — Far from its best, Spain still advanced to another major final, beating Portugal 4-2 in a penalty shootout Wednesday after a scoreless draw at the European Championship.

Cesc Fabregas, who came on as a substitute in the second half of regulation time, scored the deciding penalty after Bruno Alves hit the crossbar for Portugal moments earlier.

"I played poorly, but the team worked really hard," Fabregas said. "I had this intuition that we could advance if we went to penalties and that's what we did."

Spain, seeking its third straight major trophy after claiming titles at Euro 2008 and the 2010 World Cup, will next face either Germany or Italy on Sunday in Kiev.

"Being in another final is a miracle," Fabregas said. "It's really incredible."

Clemens juror: Key witness wasn't credible

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A juror in the Roger Clemens perjury trial said Wednesday that he and his fellow jurors didn't find the key prosecution witness in the case credible.

The witness, Clemens' longtime strength coach Brian McNamee, testified that he injected the star baseball pitcher with steroids and human growth hormone. But McNamee's physical evidence was kept in a beer can and his story changed over time. Clemens was acquitted last week of charges that he lied to Congress in 2008 when he denied using steroids or HGH.

"Brian McNamee was not a strong enough witness to render a verdict of guilty against Roger Clemens," juror Bradford Weaver told The Associated Press. He said that McNamee wasn't credible for the jury because of a lack of "truthfulness."

"The witnesses for the prosecution were, uh how does one put it, kind of wanting if you will. ... It was quite lacking. If that's what they were going to go with, then they should probably not have pursued the case in the first place if that's all they had, you know."

The U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Columbia, which prosecuted the case, declined to comment Wednesday.

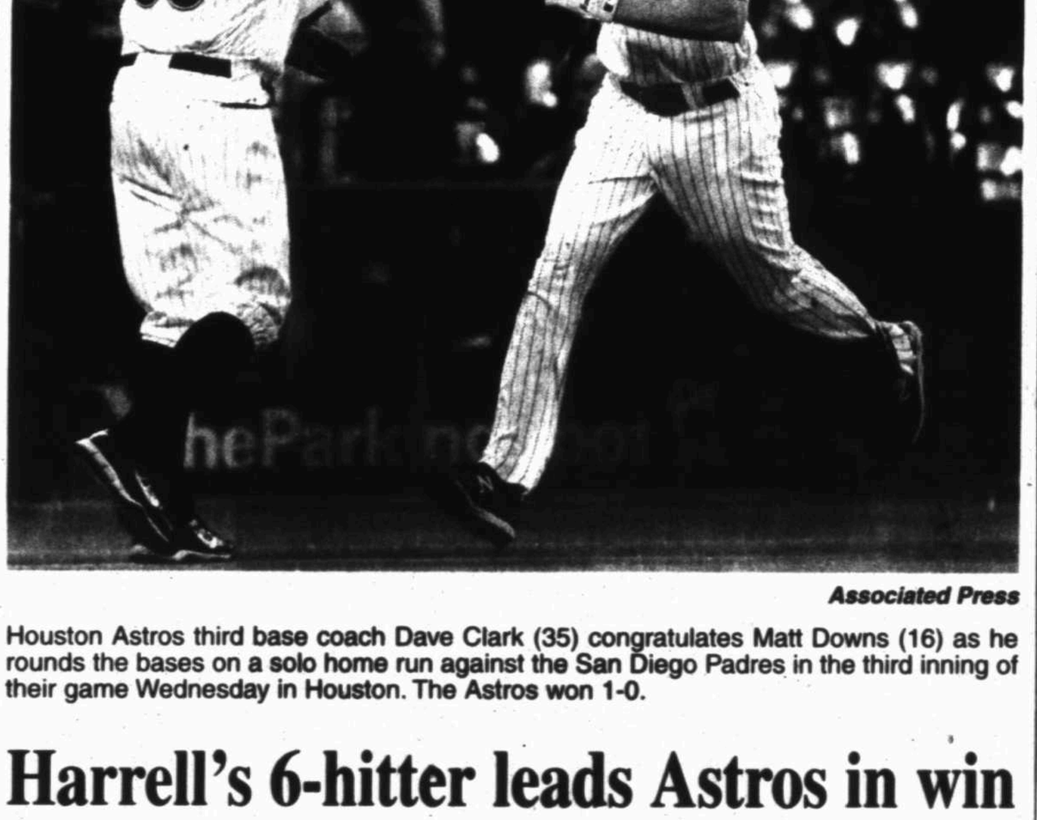
Weaver said that jurors didn't believe that the physical evidence — medical waste that contained both steroids and Clemens' DNA — was solid.

And he said that the testimony of Clemens' longtime friend and teammate, fellow pitcher Andy Pettitte, "was quite important to all of us, because he recanted." Pettitte testified that Clemens acknowledged in a conversation using HGH — only to say under cross-examination it was fair to say there was a "50/50" chance he misunderstood Clemens.

Weaver, 63, works as an administrative assistant at the Canadian Embassy, which coincidentally is next door to the federal courthouse where the Clemens trial was held. He said during jury selection in April that he was not a baseball fan, and that Clemens "seemed forthright" in his 2008 congressional appearance.

Jurors deliberated less than 10 hours, and Weaver said no one had to be persuaded to vote for acquittal. He said the jurors were unanimous from the beginning.

Weaver said he doesn't have an opinion about whether Clemens used performance-enhancing drugs. And he declined to comment when asked if he thought the case was a waste of money.



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Houston Astros third base coach Dave Clark (35) congratulates Matt Downs (16) as he rounds the bases on a solo home run against the San Diego Padres in the third inning of their game Wednesday in Houston. The Astros won 1-0.

Harrell's 6-hitter leads Astros in win

Associated Press

Astros	1
Padres	0

HOUSTON — Lucas Harrell pitched his first complete game and left fielder J.D. Martinez threw out a runner at the plate in the ninth inning to preserve the Houston Astros' 1-0 victory over the San Diego Padres on Wednesday night.

Matt Downs homered and Harrell finished a six-hitter by striking out Nick Hundley with the bases loaded.

The drive by Downs was one of only two hits by the Astros, who couldn't get anything else going against starter Clayton Richard (5-8).

Harrell (7-6) allowed four hits through the first eight innings, but things got dicey for the rookie after that.

Chase Headley singled to start the ninth and San Diego had runners at first and second with one out when Logan Forsythe singled into shallow left. Pinch-runner Alexi Amarista headed for home, but Martinez scooped up the ball and fired to catcher Chris Snyder in time.

Pinch-hitter Mark Kotsay walked to load the bases, but Harrell hung tough and whiffed Hundley to end it.

Harrell struck out seven and walked four. Previously, his longest outing was 7 1-3 innings.

Richard struck out five in seven innings, but couldn't get any run support to back up his solid night on the mound.

Martinez singled for Houston's first hit to open the second inning. The homer by Downs started the third inning before Richard retired the next 15 batters he faced.

He was replaced by Dale Thayer for the eighth inning and he picked up where Richard left off, setting down the next three Astros to make it 18 in a row.

Yonder Alonso, who returned to the starting lineup after missing the last three games with a sore knee, singled with one out in the second. But Houston turned a double play in that inning before Harrell pitched a perfect third to face the minimum through the first three innings.

Nationwide Tour gets new name

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. — The PGA Tour announced another important sponsorship Wednesday, agreeing to a 10-year deal with Web.com as the sponsor of its developmental tour.

The Web.com Tour replaces what had been known as the Nationwide Tour, and the change was effective immediately.

The agreement comes four months after the tour renewed its deal for the FedEx Cup, a $35 million bonus series. Last fall, the tour negotiated a nine-year television deal with NBC Sports and CBS Sports, meaning its TV contracts are set through 2021.

Web.com takes over a tour that is to become the primary path for players to reach the PGA Tour.

Starting in September 2013, the top 75 players from the Web.com Tour and the top 75 PGA Tour players who failed to qualify for the FedEx Cup playoffs will meet in a three-tournament series that effectively replaces Q-school. Fifty cards would be awarded after those three events.

Web.com, based in Jacksonville, Fla., is a provider of internet services and online marketing solutions to small- and medium-sized businesses. The company was founded in 1997. Since going public in 2005, chairman and chief executive David Brown said it has grown from 50,000 customers to 3 million customers, and its revenues have increased from $30 million to $500 million.

"It's OK that you don't know the 'Web.com' name. That's by design," Brown said. "We've been a very quiet company up to this point. But we believe that mass adoption of the Internet by small businesses is happening now, so now we think it's the time to strike."

Terms of the deal were not disclosed, though the return on name recognition alone is proven. Nationwide took over as the umbrella sponsor in 2003, and it has turned into a noun in the golf world — the name of PGA Tour's minor leagues.

This is the fifth name of the tour's developmental circuit. It began in 1990 as the Hogan Tour, which gave to the Nike Tour. It became the Buy.com Tour in 2000 until Nationwide took over.

Brown said his company was looking for a branding campaign and considered various options, including a chance to become the title sponsor of the PGA Tour event in the Tampa, Fla., area at Innisbrook. That would have given him exposure for one week. He believes a Web.com Tour provides exposure around the country all year.

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District 3 Little League Tournaments
9-10 Year Olds
At Northern Little League, Butler Park

Monday
Game 1: Eastern 8, South Odessa 6
Game 2: Big Spring 15, North Ector 5
Game 3: Northern 11, Mid City 3
Game 4: Jim Parker 16, Sherwood 10

Tuesday
Winner's Bracket
Game 5: Floyd Gwin 8, Eastern 1
Loser's Bracket
Game 6: North Ector 5, Odessa 4

Wednesday
Winner's Bracket
Game 9: Big Spring vs. Northern, late
Game 10: Jim Parker vs. Floyd Gwin, late
Loser's Bracket
Game 7: North Ector vs. Mid City, late
Game 8: Sherwood vs. Eastern, late

Today
Winner's Bracket Final
Game 13: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 8 p.m., Field 1
Loser's Bracket
Game 11: Game 10 loser vs. Game 7 winner, 6 p.m., Field 4
Game 12: Game 8 winner vs. Game 9 loser, 6 p.m., Field 4

Friday
Loser's Bracket Final
Game 14: Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1

Saturday
Elimination Game
Game 15: Game 13 loser vs. Game 14 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1

Sunday
Championship
Game 16: Game 13 winner vs. Game 15 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1

Monday
Game 17: If Game 15 winner beats Game 13 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1

10-11 Year Olds
At North Ector Little League, Odessa

Monday
Game 1: Jim Parker 12, Sherwood 2
Game 2: Mid City 10, Floyd Gwin 8
Game 3: Big Spring 10, North Ector 8
Game 4: Northern 13, Tower 3

Tuesday
Winner's Bracket
Game 5: Jim Parker 16, Mid City 4
Game 6: Northern 18, Big Spring 7
Loser's Bracket
Game 7: Floyd Gwin 5, Sherwood 1
Game 8: North Ector 12, Tower 8

Wednesday
Winner's Bracket Final
Game 11: Jim Parker vs. Northern, late
Loser's Bracket
Game 9: Big Spring vs. Floyd Gwin, late
Game 10: North Ector vs. Mid City, late

Today
Loser's Bracket
Game 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m. Field B

Friday
Elimination Game
Game 13: Game 11 loser vs. Game 12 winner, 7 p.m., Field B

Saturday
Championship
Game 14: Game 11 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 7 p.m., Field B

Sunday
Game 15: If Game 13 winner beats Game 11 winner, 7 p.m., Field B

Little League
At Sherwood Little League, Odessa

Monday
Game 1: Eastern 13, South Odessa 2
Game 2: Floyd Gwin 11, Jim Parker 1
Game 3: Tower 4, Sherwood 3
Game 5: North Ector 22, Eastern 0

Tuesday
Winner's Bracket
Game 4: Northern 10, Big Spring 0
Game 6: Floyd Gwin 9, Mid City 6
Loser's Bracket
Game 7: Jim Parker 4, South Odessa 2
Game 8: Sherwood def. Big Spring

Wednesday
Winner's Bracket
Game 9: Tower vs. North Ector, late
Game 10: Floyd Gwin vs. Northern, late
Loser's Bracket
Game 11: Jim Parker vs. Eastern, late
Game 12: Mid City vs. Sherwood, late

Today
Winner's Bracket Final
Game 15: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 8 p.m., Field 1
Loser's bracket
Game 13: Game 9 loser vs. Game 11 winner, 6 p.m., Field 2
Game 14: Game 12 winner vs. Game 10 loser, 8 p.m., Field 2

Friday
Loser's Bracket Final
Game 16: Game 13 winner vs. Game 14 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1

Saturday
Elimination Game
Game 17: Game 15 loser vs. Game 16 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1

Sunday
Championship
Game 18: Game 15 winner vs. Game 17 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1

Monday
Game 19: If Game 17 winner beats Game 15 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1

Junior League
At Christensen Stadium

Monday
Game 1: Odessa East 12, Odessa West 6
Game 2: Big Spring 7, Lee 2

Tuesday
Game 3: Odessa East 13, Midland High 12
Game 4: Odessa West vs. Lee, no score reported

Wednesday
Game 6: Game 4 winner vs. Midland High, late

Today
Game 5: Big Spring vs. Odessa East, 7 p.m.

Friday
Game 7: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 winner, 6 p.m.

Saturday
Game 8: Game 5 winner vs. Game 7 winner, time TBA

TBA
Game 9: If Game 7 winner beats Game 5 2inner, time TBA

RANGERS

From 1C

Detroit third baseman Miguel Cabrera threw wide to first on Nelson Cruz's slow roller.

Murphy followed with a home run to right on an 0-2 pitch. His second homer of the game, which landed in the Rangers bullpen in right-center, put the Rangers up 5-2.

Kinsler followed with his homer that gave Oswalt a five-run lead.

The Tigers chipped away at five- and six-run deficits in the fifth and eighth. Quintin Berry's triple with no outs in the fifth scored Austin Jackson, who led off with a single.

Oswalt got Cabrera to pop out softly to first and Berry was caught in a rundown on a fielder's choice on Prince Fielder's grounder to Beltre.

But Delmon Young singled and Alex Avila, who had two hits, followed with a walk to load the bases for Peralta's two-out double that cut the lead to 7-5.

Down 11-5 in the eighth, the Tigers used run-scoring hits from Jackson, Young and Avila off relievers Martin Perez and Mike Adams and an error by Kinsler to score four runs.

In two starts this season, Oswalt is 2-0 with a 4.43 ERA in 12 2-3 innings. He gave up nine hits but only one walk and one run in 6 2-3 innings in his debut June 16.

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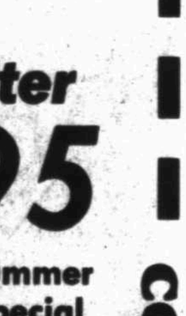
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NBA Draft

2012 NBA Draft Order
Today
At The Prudential Center
Newark, N.J.
First Round

1. New Orleans
2. Charlotte
3. Washington
4. Cleveland
5. Sacramento
6. Portland (from Brooklyn)
7. Golden State
8. Toronto
9. Detroit
10. New Orleans (from Minnesota via L.A. Clippers)
11. Portland
12. Houston (from Milwaukee)
13. Phoenix
14. Milwaukee (from Houston)
15. Philadelphia
16. Houston (from New York)
17. Dallas
18. Houston (from Minnesota via Utah)
19. Orlando
20. Denver
21. Boston
22. Boston (from L.A. Clippers via Oklahoma City)
23. Atlanta
24. Cleveland (from L.A. Lakers)
25. Memphis
26. Indiana
27. Miami
28. Oklahoma City
29. Chicago
30. Golden State (from San Antonio)

Second Round

31. Charlotte
32. Washington
33. Cleveland
34. Cleveland (from New Orleans via Miami)
35. Golden State (from Brooklyn)
36. Sacramento
37. Toronto
38. Denver (from Golden State via New York)
39. Detroit
40. Portland
41. Portland (from Minnesota via Houston)
42. Milwaukee
43. Atlanta (from Phoenix)
44. Detroit (from Houston)
45. Philadelphia
46. New Orleans (from Washington via Dallas)
47. Utah
48. New York
49. Orlando
50. Denver
51. Boston
52. Golden State (from Atlanta)
53. L.A. Clippers
54. Philadelphia (from Memphis)
55. Dallas (from L.A. Lakers)
56. Toronto (from Indiana)
57. Brooklyn (from Miami)
58. Minnesota (from Oklahoma City)
59. San Antonio
60. L.A. Lakers (from Chicago via Milwaukee and Brooklyn)

NFL

2012 NFL Preseason Schedule
Sunday, Aug. 5
Arizona vs. New Orleans at Canton, Ohio, 7 p.m. (NFLN)

WEEK 1
Thursday, Aug. 9
Washington at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Baltimore at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Denver at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Green Bay at San Diego, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Aug. 10
N.Y. Jets at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Miami, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Kansas City, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 11
Houston at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Tennessee at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 12
St. Louis at Indianapolis, 12:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 13
Dallas at Oakland, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
WEEK 2
Thursday, Aug. 16
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 7 p.m. (FOX)
Cleveland at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 17
Tennessee at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 7 p.m. (FOX)
Buffalo at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Miami at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Jacksonville at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Oakland at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 18
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 6 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 7 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Kansas City at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 8 p.m.
Dallas at San Diego, 9 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 19
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 9 p.m. (NBC)
Monday, Aug. 20
Philadelphia at New England, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
WEEK 3
Thursday, Aug. 23
Green Bay at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
Arizona at Tennessee, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 24
Atlanta at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
New England at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
San Diego at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Chicago at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m. (CBS)
Seattle at Kansas City, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 25
Indianapolis at Washington, 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 7 p.m. (CBS)
Detroit at Oakland, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 26
San Francisco at Denver, 3 p.m. (FOX)
Carolina at N.Y. Jets, 7 p.m. (NBC)
WEEK 4
Wednesday, Aug. 29
New England at N.Y. Giants, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 30
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 5:30 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 5:35 p.m.
Kansas City at Green Bay, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Tennessee, 6 p.m.
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Baltimore at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 9 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 10 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	9	3	.750	—
Chicago	7	4	.636	1 1/2
Indiana	6	5	.615	1 1/2
Atlanta	6	7	.462	3 1/2
New York	4	9	.308	5 1/2
Washington	2	9	.182	6 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	13	1	.929	—
Los Angeles	10	5	.667	3 1/2
San Antonio	5	5	.500	6
Seattle	6	7	.462	6 1/2
Phoenix	3	9	.250	9
Tulsa	2	11	.154	10 1/2

Wednesday's Sc ores
Indiana 81, Chicago 72
Minnesota 96, Phoenix 80
Today's Game
Los Angeles at San Antonio, 11:30 a.m.
Friday's Games
Connecticut at Washington, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Tulsa, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

AL Boxes

RANGERS 13, TIGERS 9

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Ajckan cf	5	2	2	1
Berry lf	6	0	3	1
MiCarr 3b	4	1	1	1
Fielder 1b	4	2	0	0
Dirbng dh	5	1	2	1
Avila c	4	1	3	1
Worth pr	0	0	0	0
Laird c	0	0	0	0
DePrft ss	5	0	3	2
Boesch rf	5	0	1	1
Raburn 2b	5	2	2	0
Totals	43	9	17	8
Detroit			001	130
Texas			040	331

E—Raburn (3). MiCabrera (6). LOB—Detroit (11), Texas 6. 2B—Jh.Peralta (16), Raburn (9), Kinsler (24), Beltre (18), L.Martin (3). 3B—Berry (3), L.Martin (2). HR—Kinsler (9), Dav.Murphy 2 (9). SB—Andrus (14).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Fister L,1-5	4	1-3	9	9	8	1
Below	2	2-3	4	2	0	2
Dotel	1	3	2	2	0	0
Texas						
Oswalt W,2-0	6	1-3	5	5	2	6
R.Ross	1	0	0	0	1	0
M.Perez	2	-3	2	4	1	1
M.Adams	1	-3	2	0	0	0
Nathan	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Below (Hamilton). WP—M.Perez, Nathan. PB—Avila.
T—3:26. A—43,379 (48,194).

ATHLETICS 2, MARINERS 1

Oakland							Seattle					
	ab	r	h	bi				ab	r	h	bi	
Crisp cf	4	1	1	1	Suzuki rf	5	0	1	0			
Pnngtn ss	3	0	0	0	Gutirrz cf	4	0	1	0			
Reddck rf	4	0	0	0	Seager 3b	3	0	1	0			
Cespds dh	3	1	1	1	J.Montr dh	4	0	0	0			
S.Smith lf	3	2	0	0	Ackley 2b	3	0	0	0			
Inge 3b	3	0	0	0	Jaso c	3	1	2	1			
Moss 1b	3	0	0	0	Smoak 1b	4	0	0	0			
Hicks 2b	3	0	0	0	Kawsk pr	0	0	0	0			
KSuzuk c	3	0	0	0	Ackley 2b	3	0	0	0			
					Ryan ss	2	0	0	0			
Totals	28	2	2	2	Totals	32	1	4	1			
Oakland					100	000	100	—	2			
Seattle					010	000	000	—	1			

E—Inge (3). DP—Seattle 1. LOB—Oakland 1, Seattle 9. 2B—Seager (20), Hill (22). Cespedes (9), Jaso (3). SB—Seager (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
J.Parker W,4-3	7	3	1	1	4	9
Balfour	1	1	0	0	0	0
R.Cook S,6-8	1	0	0	0	0	1
Seattle						
Millwood	2	2-3	1	1	1	0
Iwakuma L,1-1	3	2-3	1	1	2	3
Luetge	1	0	0	0	0	1
League	1	2-3	0	0	0	0

HBP—by R.Cook (Ryan). WP—J.Parker.
T—2:35. A—18,158 (47,860).

ROYALS 5, RAYS 4

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
BUpton cf	3	1	0	0
C.Pena 1b	5	2	1	0
Kppngr dh	3	1	1	1
Conrad 3b	3	0	0	0
Zobrist rf	4	0	3	1
SRdrgz 2b	2	0	0	1
Rhyms ph-2b	1	0	0	0
DJnngs lf	4	0	3	0
JMolin c	2	0	1	0
Matsui ph	1	0	0	0
Loaton c	0	0	0	0
EJhnsn ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	32	4	9	4
Tampa Bay				000
Kansas City				101

E—Hosmer (5). DP—Tampa Bay 2, Kansas City 4. LOB—Tampa Bay 10, Kansas City 5. 2B—Zobrist (15), De.Jennings (8), Butler (13), S.Perez (1), A.Escobar (19). 3B—Zobrist (4). HR—Moustakas (13), Butler (15), A.Escobar (2). SB—De.Jennings (12). CS—Zobrist (6), Moustakas (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
M.Moore	7	1-3	10	4	4	2
Badenhop L,1-2	1	-3	1	1	1	0
McGee	1	-3	0	0	0	0
Kansas City						
Teaford	5	4	2	2	3	5
K.Herrera	1	2	0	0	0	1
G.Holland	1	1	0	0	1	2
Collins	1	-3	1	2	1	1
Crow W,1-1	2	-3	1	0	0	2
Broxton S,19-22	1	0	0	0	1	1

Teaford pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.
HBP—by McGee (Hosmer). Balk—Teaford.
T—3:01. A—19,228 (37,903).

RED SOX 10, BLUE JAYS 4

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Lawrie 3b	4	1	1	0
Rasms cf	4	0	1	1
Bautist rf	4	2	2	1
Encrnc 1b	4	1	1	2
BFrncs dh	3	0	1	0
KJhnsn ph	1	0	0	0
YEscor ss	4	0	0	0
RDavis lf	4	0	0	0
Arencic c	3	0	0	0
Vizquel 2b	3	0	1	0
Totals	34	4	7	4
Toronto				100
Boston				010

E—Encarnacion (2). DMacDonald (1). LOB—Toronto 3, Boston 7. 2B—Lawrie (14), Bautista (9), Pedroia (19), C.Ross (14), Aviles (19), Shoppach (9). HR—Bautista (25), Encarnacion (22), Ortiz (28). SB—Aviles (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
R.Romero L,8-2	3	7	9	8	6	1
J.Chavez	3	3	1	1	1	5
L.Perez	2	0	0	0	0	3
Boston						
Lester W,5-5	7	7	4	4	0	4
Melancon	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mortensen	1	0	0	0	0	0

R.Romero pitched to 2 batters in the 4th.
T—2:40. A—37,744 (37,495).

YANKEES 5, INDIANS 4

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Brantly cf	4	1	0	1
ACarer ss	5	0	1	1
Kpnics 2b	4	0	2	1
JoLopz 3b	4	0	0	0
CSantn dh	3	1	0	0
Chsnhll ph	1	1	1	0
Duncan lf	3	0	1	1
Choo rf	4	0	1	0
Ktchm 1b	4	0	1	0
Marson c	4	1	2	0
Crghtn rf-lf	4	0	0	0
Damon ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	4	8	4
Cleveland				000
New York				000

E—Al.Rodriguez (5). LOB—Cleveland 7, New York 6. 2B—Duncan (5), Al.Rodriguez (7), Er.Chavez (8). HR—Kipnis (2), Choo (10), Granderson (5). CS—Cunningham (2). S—Cunningham.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Jimenez L,7-6	6	4	4	4	4	7
J.Smith	1	0	0	0	2	1
Pestano	1	3	1	1	0	1
New York						
Pettitte	4	3	2	1	1	7
Eppley	1	-3	1	1	1	1
Rapada	1	-3	2	0	0	0
F.Garcia W,2-2	2	1-3	3	0	0	0
D.Robertson	1	0	0	0	0	2
R.Soriano S,17-18	1	2	1	1	2	1

Pettitte pitched to 1 batter in the 5th.
T—2:59. A—45,099 (50,291).

WHITE SOX 12, TWINS 5

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
De Aza cf	6	1	3	1
ESoxcr 3b	6	3	2	0
Youkils 1b	4	1	1	3
Flowrs 1b	1	1	1	0
A.Dunn dh	5	1	3	4
Rios rf	5	2	3	2
Przyns c	4	1	1	1
AlRmrz ss	5	1	1	0
JrDnks lf	5	0	2	1
GHudsn 2b	5	1	2	0
Totals	46	12	21	11
Minnesota				011

E—Dozier (11). DP—Chicago 1, Minnesota 1. LOB—Chicago 8, Minnesota 4. 2B—Youkilis (8), Rios (14), Doumit (12). HR—Pierzynski (3), Span (2). HR—A.Dunn (24), Rios (10), Mastroianni (1), Dozier (3). SF—Pierzynski, Reveres.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Sale W,9-2	7	6	2	2	1	5
Thornton	2	1	3	3	1	1
Minnesota						
Blackburn L,4-5	5	9	6	6	0	3
Manship	1	5	3	3	0	1
Gray	1	2	1	1	0	0
T.Robertson	2	-3	4	2	2	0
Al.Burnett	1	1-3	1	0	0	1

HBP—by Ohman (Plouffe, Doumit). WP—Blackburn.
T—2:48. A—36,539 (39,500).

ANGELS 13, ORIOLES 1

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Trout cf-lf	6	3	4	1
TrHntr rf	5	4	3	2
Pujols 1b	1	1	0	0
Hrndzs cf	2	1	1	1
KMorls dh	5	0	3	4
Trumo lf-1b	5	0	3	0
Callasp 3b	4	1	1	2
HKndrc 2b	5	0	1	1
Aybar ss	4	1	0	0
HBarns c	4	1	1	1
BoWlsn c	5	2	2	0
Totals	43	13	16	13
Los Angeles				103
Baltimore				100

E—B.Roberts (1), Betemit (11), Ad.Jones (6). DP—Los Angeles 1, Baltimore 1. LOB—Los Angeles 8, Baltimore 7. 2B—Bourjos (5), Callaspo (7), Bo.Wilson (2), Ad.Jones (15). HR—Trout (10), Mark Trumbo (10). SB—Trout (18).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Weaver W,8-1	6	2-3	6	1	1	1
Jepsen	2	-3	0	0	0	1
Hamrnd L,8-3	3	1-3	8	8	8	3
Lindstrom	2	-3	2	1	1	1
Gregg	1		2	2	0	1
Frieri	1		2	2	0	1
O'Day	1		3	2	2	0
Eveland	2		1	0	0	0

HBP—by Weaver (Markakis).
T—2:49. A—18,055 (45,971).

NL Boxes

ASTROS 1, PADRES 0

San Diego	ab	r	h	bi
Venale rf	4	0	0	0
EvCarr ss	3	0	0	0
Headly 3b	4	0	0	0
Quentin lf	3	0	0	0
Amarst pr	0	0	0	0
Hundly c	4	0	0	0
Marqus pr	0	0	0	0
Forsyth 2b	4	0	2	0
Maybin cf	3	0	0	0
Nolasp ph	1	0	0	0
Hundly c	4	0	0	0
Richrd p	2	0	1	0
Stauffr ph	1	0	0	0
Thayer p	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	0	6	0
San Diego				000
Houston				001

DP—San Diego 1, Houston 1. LOB—San Diego 8, Houston 6. HR—M.Downs (5). SB—EvCabrera (12).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
Stauffer L,5-8	7	2	1	1	0	5
Thayer	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Harrell W,7-6	9	6	0	0	4	7

T—1:58. A—15,012 (40,981).

GIANTS 3, DODGERS 0

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
DGordn ss	4	0	0	0
EHerrn 3b	4	0	2	0
Ethier rf	4	0	0	0
EHerrn lf	3	0	0	0
JRiver 1b	4	0	1	0
Abreu lf	4	0	0	0
A.Ellis c	2	0	0	0
GwynJr cf	3	0	0	0
Uribe 2b	3	0	0	0
Blngsly p	2	0	1	0
Coffey p	0	0	0	0
DeJesu ph	1	0	0	0
Belisari p	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	4	0
Los Angeles				000
San Francisco				002

DP—Los Angeles 1, San Francisco 1. LOB—Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 9. 2B—Billingsley (1), Theriot 2 (8), Me.Cabrera (16). 3B—B.Crawford (2). SB—Pagan (14). S—Lincecum.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Billingsley L,4-7	6	9	3	3	3	7
Coffey	1	0	0	0	0	0
Belisario	1	1	0	0	0	0
San Francisco						
Lincecum W,3-8	7	4	0	0	2	6
Ja.Lopez	2	3	0	0	0	0
Romo S,4-4	1	1-3	0	0	0	2

WP—Lincecum 2. PB—H.Sanchez.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	46	28	.622	—	—	7-3	W-5	23-14	23-14
Baltimore	41	33	.554	5	—	4-6	L-2	21-17	20-16
Boston	40	35	.533	6 1/2	1 1/2	4-6	L-3	21-15	19-20
Tampa Bay	40	35	.533	6 1/2	1 1/2	4-6	L-3	21-15	19-20
Toronto	38	37	.507	8 1/2	3 1/2	5-5	L-2	19-15	19-22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Chicago	40	35	.533	—	—	5-5	W-2	19-21	21-14
Cleveland	37	37	.500	2 1/2	—	4-6	L-5	20-18	17-19
Detroit	36	39	.480	4	5 1/2	5-5	L-2	17-18	19-21
Kansas City	34	39	.466	5	6 1/2	6-4	W-3	14-23	20-16
Minnesota	30	44	.405	9 1/2	11	5-5	L-2	14-24	16-20

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	47	29	.618	—	—	8-2	W-2	24-14	23-15
Los Angeles	42	32	.568	4 1/2	—	6-4	W-2	22-17	20-15
Oakland	37	39	.487	10	5	6-4	W-1	19-19	18-20
Seattle	32	45	.416	15 1/2	10 1/2	4-6	L-1	13-21	19-24

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Washington	43	30	.589	—	—	5-5	W-2	20-14	23-16
Atlanta	40	34	.541	3 1/2	2	5-5	W-2	17-17	23-17
New York	40	36	.526	4 1/2	3	5-5	W-1	23-17	17-19
Philadelphia	36	41	.468	9	7 1/2	5-5	L-2	22-17	20-16
Miami	35	40	.467	9	7 1/2	2-8	W-1	19-22	16-18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cincinnati	41	33	.554	—	—	4-6	L-1	23-16	18-17
Pittsburgh	39	35	.527	2	3	6-4	W-1	23-13	16-22
St. Louis	40	36	.526	2	3	6-4	L-1	17-16	23-20
Milwaukee	34	41	.453	7 1/2	8 1/2	6-4	W-1	16-18	18-23
Houston	32	43	.427	9 1/2	10 1/2	5-5	W-2	23-18	9-25
Chicago	26	49	.347	15 1/2	16 1/2	4-6	L-1	16-20	10-29

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Los Angeles	43	33	.566	—	—	2-8	L-4	24-12	19-21
San Francisco	43	33	.566	—	—	6-4	W-1	23-15	20-18
Arizona	37	37	.500	5	5	5-5	L-2	20-17	17-20
Colorado	26	46	.361	15	15	3-7	L-2	16-23	12-23
San Diego	27	49	.355	16	16	4-6	L-2	16-24	11-25

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees 5, Cleveland 4
Chicago White Sox 12, Minnesota 5
Boston 10, Toronto 4
Kansas City 5, Tampa Bay 4
Oakland 2, Seattle 1
L.A. Angels 13, Baltimore 1
Texas 13, Detroit 9
Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Axelrod 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 9-2), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (McAllister 1-1) at Baltimore (W.Chen 7-3), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Haren 5-7) at Toronto (Cecil 1-0), 6:07 p.m.
Detroit (Scherzer 6-5) at Tampa Bay (Shields 7-4), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Ross 2-7) at Texas (Feldman 1-6), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (F.Morales 1-1) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 5-5), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores
Milwaukee 8, Cincinnati 4
N.Y. Mets 11, Chicago Cubs 1
San Francisco 3, L.A. Dodgers 0
Pittsburgh 11, Philadelphia 7
Atlanta 8, Arizona 4
Miami 5, St. Louis 3
Houston 1, San Diego 0
Washington 11, Colorado 5
Today's Games
Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 8-2) at Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 2-7), 12:05 p.m.
Washington (E.Jackson 4-4) at Colorado (Outman 0-3), 2:10 p.m.
Arizona (Bauer 0-0) at Atlanta (Jurrjens 1-2), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Cashner 3-3) at Houston (Keuchel 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (C.Young 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 9-2), 9:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 9-3) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 9-4), 9:15 p.m.

METS 17, CUBS 1

New York	ab	r	h	bi
An.Trrs cf	5	2	1	0
Tejada ss	6	2	3	0
DWright 3b	3	2	2	5
Ju.Trrs 3b	2	0	0	0
Duda rf	2	3	0	0
L.Davis 1b	5	3	3	4
Hairstn lf	5	1	2	1
DnMrp 2b	5	2	3	4
Quntnll 2b	0	0	0	0
Thole c	3	0	0	0
RRmrz p	0	0	0	0
Niese p	2	2	0	0
Nickes c	0	0	0	0
Totals	40	17	16	17
New York				100
Chicago				010

DP—New York 1, Chicago 2. LOB—New York 4, Chicago 7. 2B—Tejada (11), D.Wright (25), I.Davis 2 (11), Dan.Murphy (19), Thole (6), Rizzo (2), Valbuena (4). HR—I.Davis (10), Hairston (10), Dan.Murphy 2 (2). SB—An.Torres (7). CS—S.Castro (9). SF—D.Wright.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Niese W,6-3	7	8	1	1	1	6
R.Ramirez	2	1	0	0	0	2
Chicago						
Samardzija L,5-7	4	1-3	6	9	9	4
Berken	1	2-3	6	7	2	2
Asencio	1		1	1	0	0
Dolis	1		2	1	1	0
Corpas	1		1	0	0	1

PB—Thole.
T—2:47. A—35,837 (41,009).

BREWERS 8, REDS 4

Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi
Aoki lf	4	2	2	0
Morgan rf	4	0	0	0
ArRmrz 3b	4	0	1	2
Hart 1b	4	2	1	2
RWeks 2b	5	1	1	2
Mldnd c	4	1	1	0
Ransm ss	2	1	1	1
CGomz cf	4	0	1	0
Greink p	2	0	1	0
Green ph	1	0	0	0
Ishikw ph	1	0	0	0
LHrndz p	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	8	11	8
Milwaukee				021
Cincinnati				101

E—H.Bailey (1). DP—Cincinnati 1. LOB—Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 5. 2B—C.Gomez (8), Greinke (2), Hanley (10), Votto (32). 3B—Hart (2), Frazier (4). HR—R.Weeks (6), Ransom (6), Ludwick 2 (11). CS—Aoki (3), Ar.Ramirez (1), Ransom (1). S—Ransom.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
Greinke W,9-2	6	5	2	2	1	3
Axford S,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Fr.Rodriguez	1	1	1	1	1	0
L.Hernandez	1	1	1	1	0	2
Cincinnati						
H.Bailey L,5-6	4	7	5	4	1	1
Simon	2	1	0	0	1	0
Bray	2	1	0	0	0	1
Ondrusek	1	0	0	0	0	2
Arredondo	2-3	3	3	3	3	0
LeCure	1-3	0	0	0	0	1

H.Bailey pitched to 2 batters in the 5th. Simon pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
HBP—Fr.Rodriguez (Hanley).
T—3:09. A—28,906 (42,319).

MARLINS 5, CARDINALS 3

St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss	4	0	0	0
Jay cf	4	0	1	0
Holliday l

PAY

From 1C

While NCAA President Mark Emmert has argued strongly against paying football players like professionals, in a manner that South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier has been pushing the past two years, the fight over raising student compensation already has started.

Last year, new legislation was approved that would have allowed schools to offer a $2,000 stipend, in addition to their scholarship, toward what the NCAA calls the full cost-of-attendance.

But the measure was tossed into limbo after more than 100 schools asked for an override vote. Critics were concerned about whether all schools would be able to afford it, especially with so many facing budget crunches in the economic downturn. Also, there is concern that the schools which can afford to pay the extra stipend will gain an advantage in recruiting.

Still, Emmert has said he would still like it passed, and he praised the approval of a new postseason format to replace the BCS.

"I commend the BCS Presidential Oversight Committee on its leadership to move to a playoff model," he said. "I remain confident that as the details of the new format are determined in the coming weeks, presidents will continue to keep student-athlete well-being, both in the classroom and on the field, front of mind."

Texas Tech athletic director Kirby Hocutt said it's too soon to start talking about what do with the extra money.

"I think there's still a lot of work to be vetting out, and how the revenue is going to be distributed is the first step in that," he said. "We haven't gotten that far along in the process but I expect over the course of the next academic year we will do that in meetings."

Luck said he had been telling his bosses, even before the new playoff format, that they should start budgeting for the increased cost of scholarships.

"I always kind of figured it was inevitable," he said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

Cutting back would seem to be off the board at this point, Arizona coach Rich Rodriguez said. With teams being asked to play as many as 15 games in a season now, he said there better not be any more talk about reducing the 85-scholarship limit.

"Any talk about that going forward has to cease," he said. "You're going to need more players to get through a season healthy."

Washington State coach Mike Leach said while he has no problem with giving players a bigger scholarship, maybe the extra money could go toward more scholarships.

"Give everybody five more scholarships, five more opportunities for guys to go to school," he said.

The National College Players Association, an advocacy group made up of 17,000 current and former Division I student-athletes, isn't looking for players to be paid as much as it would like more money spent to keep them safe.

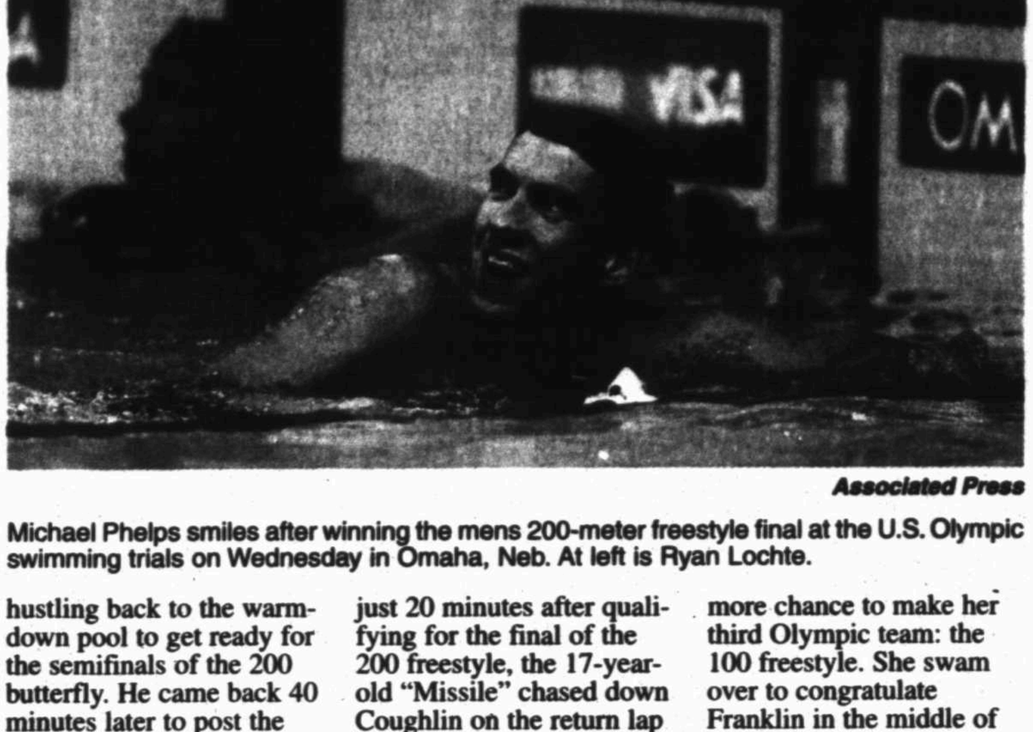
Their point is the national title winner is going to start camp in August 2014 and finish the season on Jan. 12, 2015, with a regular season, conference title game, semifinal and final in between. Not so long ago, NFL teams had only a 14-game regular season.

The group's president, former UCLA football player Ramogi Huma, was in Washington and arrived at the hotel where the presidents and commissioners a few minutes before the meeting started.

"Our universities shouldn't add extra games without adding extra protections to minimize the head trauma risks associated with contact sports," Huma said.

Round 2 goes to Phelps; Coughlin denied

Associated Press



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Michael Phelps smiles after winning the mens 200-meter freestyle final at the U.S. Olympic swimming trials on Wednesday in Omaha, Neb. At left is Ryan Lochte.

OMAHA, Neb. — Round 2 goes to Michael Phelps.

Getting back at rival Ryan Lochte, Phelps stretched out to win a thrilling 200-meter freestyle at the U.S. Olympic trials Wednesday night, setting up a duel in London that just gets more tantalizing with every race between the world's two greatest swimmers.

Lochte won the 400 individual medley on the opening night of the games, his third straight major victory over the winningest Olympian ever. But Phelps isn't going down that easily.

He got off to a stronger start that usual, leading at the first turn and holding the advantage through all four laps. Both swimmers got a big boost off the final turn, cutting through the water like missiles, and Lochte went stroke for stroke down the stretch. But Phelps stretched out his right arm at the wall, touching just ahead of Lochte. The winning time was 1 minute, 45.70 seconds — five-hundredths of a second ahead of Lochte.

"Obviously it's been a while, so it felt better" to beat Lochte, Phelps said. "But there's still some things I can improve on."

Phelps' victory was even more impressive given his busy night. He didn't even have time to celebrate, hustling back to the warm-down pool to get ready for the semifinals of the 200 butterfly. He came back 40 minutes later to post the third-fastest qualifying time, moving on to Thursday night's final looking to lock up a chance to defend the gold he won at the last two Olympics.

"I feel old," the 26-year-old Phelps quipped. "Just getting in the water to race is what motivates me."

Speaking of busy, Missy Franklin left no doubt that she is swimming's next big star with a stunning performance in the 100 backstroke, signaling a changing of the guard in an event Natalie Coughlin captured at the last two Olympics.

Coming back to the pool just 20 minutes after qualifying for the final of the 200 freestyle, the 17-year-old "Missile" chased down Coughlin on the return lap to win with an American record of 58.85.

"I have dreamed of this moment, but I never thought it would come true at 17 years old," Franklin said. "Dreams do come true."

Coughlin got off to a typically strong start and was under world-record pace at the turn. But the 29-year-old couldn't hold off two teenagers. Eighteen-year-old Rachel Bootsma got past the 11-time Olympic medalist, as well, claiming the second Olympic spot in 59.49.

Coughlin was third in 1:00.06 and has only one more chance to make her third Olympic team: the 100 freestyle. She swam over to congratulate Franklin in the middle of the pool, but her chances of making a third straight Olympic team are hanging in the balance.

She hopes to have a shot at winning at least one medal in London, which would pull her even with Jenny Thompson and Dara Torres as the most decorated U.S. female Olympians.

"I did exactly what I needed to do tonight and gave it my best. That's really all you can ask for," Coughlin said. "I have won two golds in that. I am very proud of what I've done in the 100 backstroke and it's time for Missy and Bootsma."

Thompson and Torres each have 12 medals, and the 45-year-old Torres is back trying to make one more Olympic team. She has entered only one event in Omaha and has yet to swim.

Coughlin is down to her last chance in 2012.

"It's not exactly what I was hoping for coming into this," she said. "I'm a little bummed, but not nearly as much as everyone is expecting me to be. You're walking around the pool deck and people are acting like you're dying or something. I have another shot to make the team in the 100 free, and I'm looking forward to that. For the rest of this season, I'm a freestyler."

In another final Wednesday, Breeja Larson pulled off a huge upset in the 100 breaststroke, beating Rebecca Soni and world-record holder Jessica Hardy. Soni rallied to get the second spot on the team, but Hardy finished third — about a half-second too slow to earn a spot in London. She was eager for redemption after missing out on the 2008 Olympics because of a failed doping test, which resulted in a one-year suspension.

Also, Matt Grevers captured the men's 100 backstroke with the second-fastest time ever, 52.08. Nick Thoman finished second in 52.86 to claim the second spot on the Olympic team.

15 gymnasts vie for 5 spots on team

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Picking their Olympic teams with a coin flip probably sounds good to the gymnastics folks right about now.

With enough depth on both the men's and women's sides that each could send two five-person teams to London, the selection committees have their work cut out for them after this week's Olympic trials. There's one — count it, one — guaranteed spot available, with the remaining nine gymnasts chosen based on what combination gives the Americans the best chance for medals, preferably gold, in the team finals.

"It's tough," Jonathan Horton, who led the Americans to a bronze medal at the Beijing Olympics, said Wednesday. "You know there are going to be three or four guys who belong on the team that don't make it."

The men's trials begin today, and the women start Friday. The top two men, using combined scores from nationals and Olympic trials, could lock up spots, but only if they also finish in the top three of the six events. Otherwise, two gymnasts will be named Saturday night and the remaining three will be added Sunday. The winner of the women's all-around competition gets that lone guaranteed spot and, for the first time since 2000, the rest of the team will be determined after the competition ends Sunday.

"I don't think people realize how many years and years of hard work it's been; I don't care if you're 16 or 22," Olympic champion Nastia Liukin said. "Five out of 15 girls' dreams will come true, and the other 10 are probably going to be devastated."

Unlike track or swimming, the scoring format makes it impossible to pick a gymnastics team simply based on who finishes first, second, third, fourth and fifth.

In qualifying, four gymnasts compete on each event and the lowest score is dropped. For team finals, however, the format switches to the unforgiving three-up, three-count, with three gymnasts competing on each event and all three scores counting. That means teams have to be built to put up monster numbers in team finals yet still have the versatility and balance to get through qualifying — not to mention withstanding last-minute injuries.

And that means the selection committees will be doing the equivalent of an Olympic jigsaw over these next few days, trying to figure out what pieces fit best where.

"Usually, when you select a team, it comes down to that last spot," said Martha Karolyi, the women's national team coordinator.

That appears to be the case here.

Orozco, world parallel bars champion Danell Leyva and Horton, a two-time medalist in Beijing, are considered virtual locks. That leaves two spots, and Sam Mikulak helped his cause by finishing third at the U.S. championships two weeks ago. Chris Brooks, Jake Dalton and Steve Legendre are sitting squarely on the bubble.

Dalton said he was already figuring out where — and how — he could fit at the world championships last fall. His best events are floor and vault, but he noticed the U.S. men needed some help on still rings.

"You think who's good on what events," Dalton said. "I knew I needed to get stronger on still rings."

For the women's team, reigning world champion Jordyn Wieber, Gabby Douglas and Aly Raisman can probably start packing for London. Douglas finished a mere 0.2 points behind Wieber at nationals and also has a massive score on uneven bars, the weak spot for the Americans. Raisman was the bronze medalist on floor exercise at last year's world championships, and is as rock steady as they come.

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Finally: Blake vs. Bolt at Jamaican track trials

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KINGSTON, Jamaica — Over the last several months, Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake have spent dozens of hours practicing at the same time on the same track under the watchful eye of the same coach.

When it comes to racing — really racing — the Jamaican sprinters have been crisscrossing the globe avoiding each other.

The head-to-head clash can't be put off any longer.

Bolt, the world-record holder, and Blake, the reigning world champion, will square off this week at the meet called, simply, the Jamaican National Senior Championships — or, what most other countries would call the Olympic trials.

Heats in the 100 meters start today, with the final for that event set for Friday night at National Stadium in Kingston. The 200 starts Saturday and wraps up Sunday.

Bolt will be racing for the first time since being involved in what his publicist said was a "minor" car accident while returning home from a party in the wee hours of June 10.

Both Bolt and Blake are expected to easily earn spots on the Jamaican Olympic team — widely regarded as the fastest collection of track talent in the world. That would presumably set them up for more significant showdowns in London, where the 100 final is Aug. 5 and the 200 is Aug. 9.

But this will be the first meeting since their 100-meter "race" last year at the world championships, won by Blake after Bolt was disqualified for a false start, and it could set the tone for the upcoming month.

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Wozniacki, who hadn't departed any Grand Slam tournament in the first round in more than five years, blew two match points in the second set and was beaten 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-4 by 37th-ranked Tamira Paszek of Austria. It was the first match of the fortnight played with the Centre Court's retractable roof closed.

"I had over two years where I was winning these matches," said No. 7 Wozniacki, who is dating 2011 U.S. Open golf champion Rory McIlroy and is still seeking her first major title. "I feel lately it's going the other way a little bit. It's not the first match this year where I have match points and not winning. You know, it's frustrating."

No. 11 Li lost to 52nd-ranked Sorana Cirstea of Romania 6-3, 6-4 in a second-round match, and 13th-seeded Dominika Cibulkova was beaten by 31st-ranked Klara Zakopalova of Czech Republic 6-4, 6-1 in the first round.

Adding to the anything-can-happen vibe, at least for the better part of an hour: No. 1 Maria Sharapova trailed 38th-ranked Tsvetana Pironkova throughout the first set, fended off five set points, and was ahead 7-6 (3), 3-1 when their second-round match was suspended by darkness.

That was one of four singles matches halted in progress, while four others were postponed entirely, adding to the backlog created by showers.

Before the rain came, Prince Charles sat in the Royal Box at Centre Court, watching six-time champion Roger Federer stumble once and awkwardly tweak his left knee but otherwise easily reach the third round by beating 68th-ranked Fabio Fognini of Italy 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.

"I'm fine. No pain, which is good," Federer said. "It could be dangerous with the left knee.

Federer and Fognini offered slightly stilted bows on their way off the court. Afterward, Federer chatted with and the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall for a few minutes, discussing tennis, polo and Federer's young twin daughters.

"They do brief you beforehand," said Federer, owner of a record 16 major championships, but none in the last 2 1/2 years. "I guess you don't do anything stupid. You behave. Obviously we were asked to bow, which is obviously no problem to do."

He said the royals "thought I played great ... which was unnecessary, but of course, I do appreciate it."

His performance was hardly out of the ordinary, of course. Nor was the 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 victory turned in by top-seeded and defending champion Novak Djokovic against 20-year-old American Ryan Harrison under the roof in the day's last match. Or straight-set wins by Andy Roddick to reach the second round and Kim Clijsters to get to the third.

Associated Press

Andy Roddick returns a shot to Jamie Baker, of Britain, during a first round men's singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on Wednesday. Roddick won in straight sets.

Show court schedule

Today
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
Wimbledon, England

Play begins on Centre Court and No. 1 Court at 7 a.m.; all other courts at 5:30 a.m.

Centre Court

Serena Williams (6), United States, vs. Melinda Czink, Hungary
Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, vs. Andy Murray (4), Britain
Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, vs. Rafael Nadal (2), Spain

No. 1 Court

Maria Sharapova (1), Russia, vs. Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, comp. of susp. match
James Ward, Britain, vs. Mardy Fish (10), United States
Sam Querrey, United States, vs. Milos Raonic (21), Canada
Elena Baltacha, Britain, vs. Petra Kvitova (4), Czech Republic

No. 2 Court

Anne Keothavong, Britain, vs. Sara Errani (10), Italy
David Ferrer (7), Spain, vs. Kenny de Schepper, France
Bjorn Phau, Germany, vs. Andy Roddick (30), United States
Romina Oprandi, Switzerland, vs. Victoria Azarenka (2), Belarus

No. 3 Court

Xavier Malisse, Belgium, vs. Gilles Simon (13), France
Ana Ivanovic (14), Serbia, vs. Kateryna Bondarenko, Ukraine
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (8), France, vs. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain

Results

Wednesday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
Wimbledon, England
Purse: $25.03 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Singles

Men

First Round

Milos Raonic (21), Canada, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
Bjorn Phau, Germany, def. Wayne Odesnik, United States, 6-3, 3-6, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-4.
Lukasz Kubot, Poland, def. Tatsuma Ito, Japan, 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-3.
Jurgen Melzer, Austria, def. Stanislas Wawrinka (25), Switzerland, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 2-6, 6-4, 8-6.
David Ferrer (7), Spain, def. Dustin Brown, Germany, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-4.
Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, def. Dudi Sela, Israel, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Andy Roddick (30), United States, def. Jamie Baker, Britain, 7-6 (1), 6-4, 7-5.

Second Round

Juan Monaco (15), Argentina, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
Florian Mayer (31), Germany, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 3-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.
Janko Tipsarevic (8), Serbia, def. Ryan Sweeting, United States, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2.
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Igor Andreev, Russia, 6-3, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-2.
Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Martin Klizan, Slovakia, 6-4, 4-6, 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Nicolas Almagro (12), Spain, def. Guillaume Rufin, France, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.
Jerzy Janowicz, Poland, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 2-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 9-7.
Julien Benneteau (29), France, def. Michael Russell, United States, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.
Mikhail Youzhny (28), Russia, def. Inigo Cervantes, Spain, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.
Richard Gasquet (16), France, def. Ruben Bemelmans, Belgium, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Ryan Harrison, United States, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
Alejandro Falla, Colombia, leads Nicolas Mahut, France, 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 3-3, susp., darkness.
Radek Stepanek (28), Czech Republic, leads Benjamin Becker, Germany, 6-2, 5-6, susp., darkness.

Women

First Round

Olga Govortsova, Belarus, def. Annika Beck, Germany, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Ana Ivanovic (14), Serbia, def. Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Kateryna Bondarenko, Ukraine, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.
Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Dominika Cibulkova (13), Slovakia, 6-4, 6-1.
Julia Goerges (22), Germany, def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-2, 6-2.
Alize Cornet, France, def. Nina Bratchikova, Russia, 6-0, 7-6 (1).
Sara Errani (10), Italy, def. CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, 6-1, 6-3.
Tamira Paszek, Austria, def. Caroline Wozniacki (7), Denmark, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
Anastasiya Yakimova, Belarus, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Second Round

Heather Watson, Britain, def. Jamie Hampton, United States, 6-1, 6-4.
Sabine Lisicki (15), Germany, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 3-6, 6-2, 8-6.
Sloane Stephens, United States, def. Petra Cetkovska (23), Czech Republic, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-3.
Aranbxa Rus, Netherlands, def. Sam Stosur (5), Australia, 6-2, 0-6, 6-4.
Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, def. Elena Vesnina, Russia, 6-2, 6-1.
Peng Shuai (30), China, def. Ayumi Morita, Japan, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, def. Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, 6-4, 6-1.
Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, 6-3, 6-1.
Kim Clijsters, Belgium, def. Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3.
Vera Zvonareva (12), Russia, def. Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.
Maria Kirilenko (17), Russia, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, 6-1, 6-2.
Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Li Na (11), China, 6-3, 6-4.
Nadia Petrova (20), Russia, leads Timea Babos, Hungary, 6-4, 5-5, susp., darkness.
Maria Sharapova (1), Russia, leads Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 7-6 (3), 3-1, susp., darkness.

Doubles

Men

First Round

Johan Brunstrom, Sweden, and Philipp Marx, Germany, def. Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (3), Poland, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (1), 7-6 (2).
Steve Darcis and Olivier Rochus, Belgium, def. Lewis Burton and George Morgan, Britain, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Mahesh Bhupathi and Rohan Bopanna (7), India, def. Marcel Felder, Uruguay, and Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, 6-0, 7-6 (1), 6-2.
Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram, Israel, def. Treat Conrad Huey, Philippines, and Dominic Inglot, Britain, vs. 4-6, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (6), 9-7.
Arnaud Clement and Michael Llodra, France, def. Rubern Ramirez Hidalgo and Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-2, 6-2, 6-7 (4), 6-0.
Jamie Delgado and Kenneth Skupski, Britain, def. Matthias Bachinger and Tobias Kamke, Germany, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.
Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Jean-Julien Rojer (6), Netherlands, def. Josh Goodall and James Ward, Britain, 7-6 (3), 6-2, 6-4.
David Marrero, Spain, and Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. James Blake and Sam Querrey, United States, 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, and Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, def. Colin Fleming and Ross Hutchins (13), Britain, 3-6, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
James Cerretani, United States, and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, lead Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, and Benoit Paire, France, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 5-5, susp., darkness.

Women

First Round

Flavia Pennetta and Francesca Schiavone, Italy, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, and Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4.
Liga Dekmeijere, Latvia, and Varvara Lepchenko, United States, def. Sofia Arvidsson and Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-3.
Yaroslava Shvedova and Galina Voskoboeva (7), Kazakhstan, def. Simona Halep, Romania, and Aleksandra Wozniak, Canada, 6-1, 6-0.
Irina-Camelia Begu and Monica Niculescu (15), Romania, def. Elena Baltacha and Anne Keothavong, Britain, 6-3, 6-2.
Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, and Valeria Savinykh, Russia, def. Tara Moore and Melanie South, Britain, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Darija Jurak, Croatia, and Katalin Marosi, Hungary, lead Renata Voracova and Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 5-5, susp., darkness.

Wimbledon at a glance

WIMBLEDON, England — A look at Wimbledon on Wednesday:

Weather: Rain that interrupted play on outside courts for about 3 hours and prompted the Center Court roof to be closed. High of 79 degrees.

Men's Seeded Winners: No. 1 Novak Djokovic, No. 3 Roger Federer, No. 7 David Ferrer, No. 8 Janko Tipsarevic, No. 12 Nicolas Almagro, No. 15 Juan Monaco, No. 18 Richard Gasquet, No. 21 Milos Raonic, No. 26 Mikhail Youzhny, No. 29 Julien Benneteau, No. 30 Andy Roddick, No. 31 Florian Mayer.

Men's Seeded Loser: No. 25 Stanislas Wawrinka.

Women's Seeded Winners: No. 3 Agnieszka Radwanska, No. 10 Sara Errani, No. 12 Vera Zvonareva, No. 14 Ana Ivanovic, No. 15 Sabine Lisicki, No. 17 Maria Kirilenko, No. 22 Julia Goerges, No. 30 Peng Shuai.

Women's Seeded Losers: No. 5 Sam Stosur, No. 7 Caroline Wozniacki, No. 11 Li Na, No. 13 Dominika Cibulkova, No. 23 Petra Cetkovska.

Stat of the Day: 42 — Number of years between visits to Wimbledon by Prince Charles.

Quote of the Day: "Sometimes it's good, for a change, to be under the roof." — Djokovic, after beating Ryan Harrison of the United States 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 with the retractable cover closed at Centre Court.

On Court Today: No. 2 Rafael Nadal vs. Lukas Rosol, No. 4 Andy Murray vs. Ivo Karlovic, No. 10 Mardy Fish vs. James Ward, No. 21 Milos Raonic vs. Sam Querrey; No. 1 Maria Sharapova vs. Tsvetana Pironkova (completing suspended match), No. 2 Victoria Azarenka vs. Romina Oprandi, No. 4 Petra Kvitova vs. Elena Baltacha, No. 6 Serena Williams vs. Melinda Czink.

Today's Forecast: Cloudy, with chance of showers. High of 79.

Associated Press

Frenchman questions equal prize money

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Roger Federer avoided wading into the subject of equal prize money for men and women at Grand Slams events.

After his second-round victory at Wimbledon on Wednesday, Federer was asked about comments by 13th-seeded Gilles Simon of France, who is on the ATP Player Council and said men should be paid more than women at tennis tournaments.

"I hope it doesn't become a big issue during Wimbledon. It's obviously a debate that's out there ever since, I guess, the Slams have made equal prize money. There's nothing you can do, anyway, about it," Federer replied.

"It's just a matter of who believes what, and then that is an endless debate. So, whatever you believe," he continued.

Simon told reporters at Wimbledon in French that he thinks "men's tennis is ahead of women's tennis" and "men spend twice as long on court as women do at Grand Slams."

He also said men "provide a more attractive show" in their matches.

All four Grand Slam tournaments pay equal prize money to men and women, something Simon said he doesn't think "works in sports."

In a statement released Wednesday via a WTA spokesman, the CEO of the women's tour, Stacey Allaster, said: "Tennis, including the Grand Slams, is aligned with our modern, progressive society when it comes to the principle of equality. I can't believe in this day and age that anyone can still think otherwise. This type of thinking is exactly why the WTA was founded, and we will always fight for what's right."

The All England Club began paying women the same as men in 2007, one year after the French Open started giving the same prize money to the men's and women's singles champions. The other two Grand Slam tournaments, the U.S. Open and Australian Open, already had been doing that for years.

When Wimbledon started paying players when the professional Open era came in 1968, women's champion Billie Jean King took home a little more than a third of what was earned by men's champion Rod Laver.

"It's always been talked about, but we (have) different physiques, as well. I think we earn our money, as well," 2008 French Open champion Ana Ivanovic said after winning in three sets Wednesday. "I mean, I was out there 2 1/2 hours today."

At the Grand Slam tournaments, men play best-of-five-set matches; women play best-of-three.

At most other events, all matches for both genders are best-of-three.

"It is tough for the guys, especially at Wimbledon, because it's five sets. At all the other tournaments, it should be the same," said Heather Watson, the first British woman since 2002 to reach the third round at the All England Club. "We play the same amount of sets and have to work just as hard."

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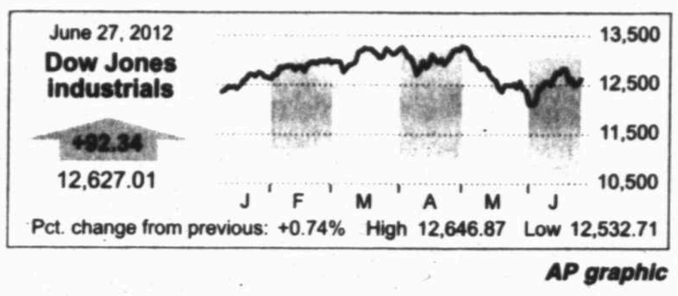

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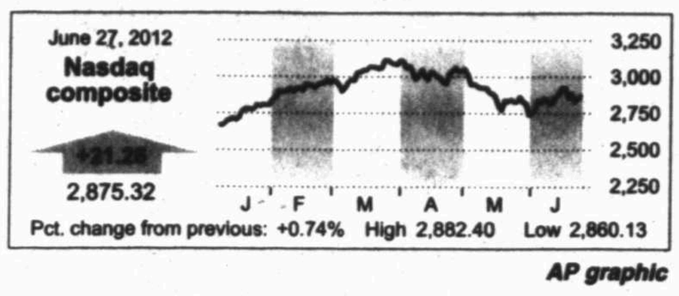

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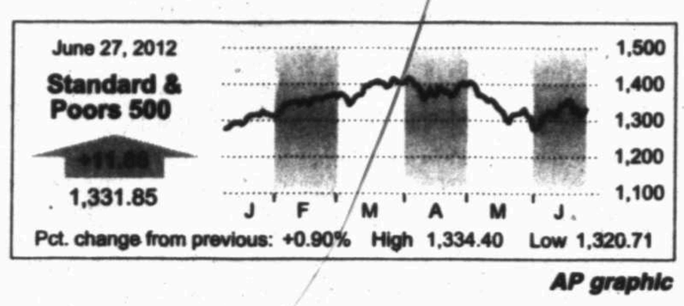

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Russian President Vladimir Putin, center, and Exxon Mobil Corp. CEO Rex Tillerson shake hands at a signing ceremony of an agreement between state-controlled Russian oil company Rosneft and Exxon Mobil corporation at the Black Sea port of Tuapse, southern Russia, on June 15. At left is CEO of state-controlled Russian oil company Rosneft Igor Sechin.

Exxon's CEO: Climate, energy fears overblown

Associated Press

NEW YORK — ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson says fears about climate change, drilling and energy dependence are overblown.

In a speech Wednesday, Tillerson acknowledged that burning of fossil fuels is warming the planet but said society will be able to adapt. The risks of oil and gas drilling are well-understood and can be mitigated, he said. And dependence on other nations for oil is not a concern as long as access to supply is certain, he said.

Tillerson blamed a public that is "illiterate" in science and math, a "lazy" press and advocacy groups that "manufacture fear" for energy misconceptions in a speech at the Council on Foreign Relations.

He highlighted that huge discoveries of oil and gas in North America have reversed a 20-year decline in U.S. oil production in recent years. He also trumpeted the global oil industry's ability to deliver fuels during a two-year period of dramatic uncertainty in the Middle East, the world's most important oil and gas-producing region.

"No one, anywhere, any place in the world has not been able to get crude oil to fuel their economies," he said.

In his speech and during a question-and-answer session after, he addressed three major energy issues: Climate change, oil and gas drilling pollution, and energy dependence.

Tillerson, in a break with predecessor Lee Raymond, has acknowledged that global temperatures are rising. "Clearly there is going to be an impact," he said Wednesday.

But he questioned the ability of climate models to predict the magnitude of the impact. He said that people would be able to adapt to rising sea levels and changing climates that may force agricultural production to shift.

"We have spent our entire existence adapting. We'll adapt," he said. "It's an engineering problem and there will be an engineering solution."

Andrew Weaver, chairman of climate modeling and analysis at the University of Victoria in Canada, disagreed with Tillerson's characterization of climate modeling. He said modeling can give a very good sense of the type of climate changes that are likely. And he said adapting to those changes will be much more difficult and disruptive than Tillerson seems to be acknowledging.

Steve Coll, author of the recent book "Private Empire: ExxonMobil and American Power," said he was surprised Exxon would already be talking about ways society could adapt to climate change when there is still time to try to avoid its worst effects.

Also, he said, research suggests that adapting to climate change could be far more expensive than reducing emissions now. "Moving entire cities would be very expensive," he said.

Legislation or regulation that would help slow the emissions of global warming gases would likely lead to lower demand for oil and gasoline, and could reduce Exxon's profit.

Oil prices up

Upbeat U.S. economic news boosted the price of oil Wednesday, while scorching temperatures lifted natural gas to its highest level in more than five months.

Benchmark crude rose 85 cents to $80.21 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, which is used to price international varieties of oil, gained 48 cents to $93.50 per barrel in London.

The Commerce Department said factories received more orders in May for long-lasting manufactured goods such as heavy machinery, computers and communications equipment. Oil and other energy products benefit from stronger manufacturing because they are used to help make and ship goods.

The report helped ease recent concerns about slower factory production in the U.S.

Separately, the National Association of Realtors said that Americans signed more contracts to buy previously occupied homes in May, which matched the fastest pace in two years. It follows other recent data that shows steady improvement in the housing market this year.

Dollar rises

The dollar closed higher Wednesday, boosted by encouraging — if incremental — news about the U.S. economy.

The dollar rose against key currencies including the euro and the British pound.

The British pound fell to $1.5559 from $1.5639. The euro fell to $1.2459 from $1.2499.

The dollar rose to 79.75 Japanese yen from 79.47 yen, to 1.0258 Canadian dollar from 1.0240 Canadian dollar, and to 0.9640 Swiss franc from 0.9609 Swiss franc.

Gold for August delivery rose $3.50 to end at $1,578.40 an ounce.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1074415	7.77	+.16
S&P500ETF	937218	133.17	+1.19
SPDR Fncl	553900	14.28	+.17
GenElec	533370	20.13	+.33
SprintNex	520845	3.13	...

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChinaDEd	3.82	+.54	+16.5
QksilvRes	5.06	+.71	+16.3
DxDNGBull	21.81	+2.91	+15.4
ChinaDigtl	2.85	+.29	+11.3
RadianGrp	2.93	+.29	+11.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DrDNGBear	22.01	-3.70	-14.4
CSVInvBmt	81.17	-7.92	-8.9
CSVSVixMT	64.94	-6.26	-8.8
CSVS2xPall	39.56	-2.94	-6.9
BarcShtC	29.68	-2.02	-6.4

Diary

Advanced	2,393
Declined	671
Unchanged	98
Total issues	3,162
New Highs	112
New Lows	29
Volume	3,216,116,486

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Rentech	56023	2.05	+.07
CheniereEn	49411	12.81	+.48
NovaGld g	21292	5.21	...
NwGold g	17321	9.36	-.14
GoldStr g	16596	1.11	-.05

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GreenHntr	2.11	+.21	+11.1
SynergyRs	2.89	+.24	+9.1
TriangPet	5.20	+.41	+8.6
PernixTh	7.04	+.44	+6.7
GldFld	2.25	+.14	+6.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medgen wt	3.70	-.95	-20.4
BovieMed	2.09	-.18	-7.9
GasNatural	9.92	-.70	-6.6
Glowpoint	2.15	-.15	-6.5
ImmunoCl	3.40	-.19	-5.3

Diary

Advanced	291
Declined	142
Unchanged	51
Total issues	484
New Highs	12
New Lows	16
Volume	62,511,485

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ArenaPhm	878463	11.39	+2.54
NewsCpA	620444	22.31	+.55
Cisco	430331	16.73	-.09
Zynga n	355657	5.63	-.14
Microsoft	334788	30.17	+.15

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ArenaPhm	11.39	+2.54	+28.7
EntropCom	5.24	+1.16	+28.4
Lincare	31.17	+5.91	+23.4
Nanosphere	2.32	+.41	+21.5
Orexigen	4.92	+.83	+20.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Gevo	6.80	-1.97	-22.5
Omeros	10.60	-2.65	-20.0
Osiris	11.42	-2.41	-17.4
OReillyAu	82.61	-13.83	-14.3
Telik rs	2.08	-.28	-11.9

Diary

Advanced	1,759
Declined	702
Unchanged	114
Total issues	2,575
New Highs	77
New Lows	50
Volume	1,599,805,441

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $9.16 Up 0.45

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $42.11 Up 0.14

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price 82.51 Up 1.49

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $22.14 Up 0.86

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $24.67 Up 0.71

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.94 Up 0.29

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $14.32 Up 0.34

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76	51	35.19	+.21	+16.4
Abraxas	...	15	3.05	+.16	-7.6
AdamsEx	.65e	...	10.38	+.11	+7.7
Alcoa	.12	16	8.53	+.14	-1.4
AlcnUSA	.16	...	7.91	+.02	-9.2
AlphaNRs	...	...	8.19	+.46	-59.9
Amarin	...	...	14.29	+1.13	+90.8
AmIntlGrp	...	3	30.82	+.02	+32.8
Amgen	1.44	17	72.37	+.91	+12.7
Anadarko	.36	...	62.20	+1.75	-18.5
Apache	.68	8	84.99	+2.58	-6.2
ApldMatl	.36	11	11.13	+.14	+3.9
ArchCoal	.12m	14	6.03	+.48	-58.4
ArenaPhm	...	...	11.39	+2.54	+509.1
ATMOS	1.38	17	34.26	+.60	+2.7
AutoData	1.58	20	54.48	+.55	+.9
BP PLC	1.92	5	38.24	+.43	-10.5
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.30	+.07	-15.0
BakrHu	.60	11	39.39	+1.13	-19.0
BkofAm	.04	...	7.77	+.16	+39.7
Bar iPVix	...	...	16.81	+.14	-52.7
BasicEnSv	...	4	9.16	+.45	-53.5
BerkHa A	...	2112	2950.00	+821.00	+7.1
BerryPet	.32	...	35.73	+2.70	-15.0
BlkHillsCp	1.48	31	32.94	+.68	-1.9
BrkMyScg	1.36	16	35.09	+.57	-.4
BrownFA	1.40	23	91.93	+1.67	+16.0
BrownFB	1.40	26	93.97	+1.77	+16.7
CVS Care	.65	17	45.99	+.56	+12.8
CabotOG s	.08	62	41.24	+3.39	+8.7
Cameron	...	18	41.09	+1.33	-16.5
Caterpillar	2.08f	10	82.25	-.48	-9.2
Celestic g	...	7	7.22	+.09	-1.5
CntryLink	2.90	31	38.59	+.29	+3.7
ChesEng	.35	7	17.93	+.88	-19.6
Chevron	3.60f	8	102.57	+1.62	-3.6
Chicos	.21	16	14.27	+.17	+28.1
Chimera	.44e	5	2.39	-.04	-4.8
Cimarex	.48	8	49.46	+2.35	-20.1
Cisco	.32	12	16.73	-.09	-7.2
Citigroup	.04	7	27.10	+.37	+3.0
ClayEng	...	5	42.11	+.14	-44.5
CocaCola	2.04	20	76.34	+1.26	+9.1
ColgPal	2.48f	20	101.50	+1.40	+9.9
Comcast	.65	19	31.04	+.47	+30.9
ConAgra	.96	28	25.31	+.08	-4.1
ConchoRes	...	17	82.51	+1.49	-12.0
ConocPhil	s2.64	6	54.45	+.81	-2.0
CrackerB	1.60f	16	60.55	+.48	+20.1
CSVelIVSt	...	...	10.23	-.06	+57.1
CrosTim	2.81e	12	34.91	+.12	-28.6
DCP Mid	2.64f	23	40.97	+2.56	-13.7
DTE	2.48f	14	58.65	+.48	+7.7
Dataram h	...	...	.80	...	-1.2
Dawson	...	14	22.14	+.86	-44.0
Dell Inc	.32	7	12.33	+.41	-15.7
DeweyE	.80	5	56.20	+1.62	-9.4
DirSCBear	...	...	19.84	-.96	-25.1
DirFnBear	...	...	24.37	-.87	-34.7
Disney	.60f	17	47.87	+.57	+27.7
DowChm	1.28f	16	30.76	-.24	+7.0
EOG Res	.68	18	85.73	+1.77	-13.0
EmpDist	1.00	17	20.87	+.29	-1.0
Energen	.56	11	42.33	+1.19	-15.3
EngyTsfr	3.58	10	45.98	+1.65	+.3
EnPro	...	17	36.83	+.24	+11.7
EntPrPt	2.51f	20	49.76	+1.19	+7.3
Ericsson	.35e	...	8.63	...	-14.8
ExterranH	...	...	19.94	+.88	+31.2
ExxonMbl	2.28f	10	83.20	+.80	-1.8
Facebook n	...	...	32.23	-.87	-15.7
FordM	.20	6	10.02	+.01	-6.9
ForestOil s	...	7	6.98	+.18	-48.5
FrozenFd	...	...	1.23	-.09	-5.0
GATX	1.20	14	35.99	...	-17.6
GabMutlT	.80	...	6.90	+.19	+10.8
GAInv	.50e	...	26.82	+.31	+7.7
GenElec	.68	17	20.13	+.33	+12.4
Golfsmith	...	...	6.06	+.01	+89.4
Goodrich	1.16	20	126.85	+.11	+2.5
GtPlainEn	.85	18	21.31	+.39	-2.2
HalconR rs	...	...	10.60	+.18	+12.9
Hallibrtn	.36	8	27.21	+.51	-21.2
Heinz	2.06f	19	53.11	+.16	-1.7
Hitachi	...	...	63.70	...	+22.2
iShBraz	1.48e	...	49.31	-.11	-14.1
iShJapn	.20e	...	9.09	+.07	-.2
iShChina25	.93e	...	32.63	+.45	-6.4
iShEMkts	.82e	...	37.65	+.24	-.8
iS Eafe	1.72e	...	48.12	+.46	-2.8
iShR2K	1.23e	...	77.44	+1.24	+5.0
IntegrysE	2.72	22	56.72	+.53	+4.7
Intel	.90f	11	26.22	+.22	+8.1
InterDig	.40	17	28.77	+.42	-34.0
JPMorgCh	1.20	8	36.78	+1.07	+10.6
JohnJn	2.44f	18	66.84	+.42	+1.9
Keycorp	.20f	7	7.62	+.06	-.9
KimbClk	2.96	19	81.86	+.19	+11.3
KindME	4.80f	...	76.96	+1.29	-9.4
KindMM	4.80f	...	71.16	+.76	-9.4
LegacyRes	2.22f	8	24.67	+.71	-12.6
LennarA	.16	68	28.70	+1.31	+46.1
Lincare	.80	16	31.17	+5.91	+21.2
Lubys	...	27	6.64	+.18	+47.2
MarvellT	.24	11	11.33	+.31	-18.2
McDnlds	2.80	17	88.33	-.77	-12.0
Merck	1.68	18	40.53	+.47	+7.5
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Nvidia	...	16	13.14	+.41	-5.2
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Prmian	1.40e	12	17.73	+.60	-13.0
Petrobras	1.03e	...	17.64	-.25	-29.0
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PlainsAA	4.18f	16	78.49	+.59	+6.9
PwShs QQQ	.51e	...	62.90	+.38	+12.7
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Tesoro	...	7	24.60	+.47	+5.3
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Vivus	...	...	28.33	+1.94	+190.6
VulcanM	.04	...	37.32	+1.86	-5.2
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WhitingPet	...	7	37.76	+.79	-19.1
WmsCos	1.20f	15	28.21	+.45	+4.6
XcelEngy	1.08f	17	28.03	+.25	+1.4
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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,338.66	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,627.01	+92.34	+.74	+3.35	+2.98
5,627.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,027.33	+24.00	+.48	+.15	-6.14
486.39	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	477.32	+5.57	+1.18	+2.72	+10.67
8,496.42	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,598.05	+70.96	+.94	+1.62	-7.66
2,498.89	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,278.69	+16.10	+.71	+.02	-1.45
3,134.17	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,875.32	+21.26	+.74	+10.37	+4.92
1,422.38	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,331.85	+11.86	+.90	+5.90	+1.87
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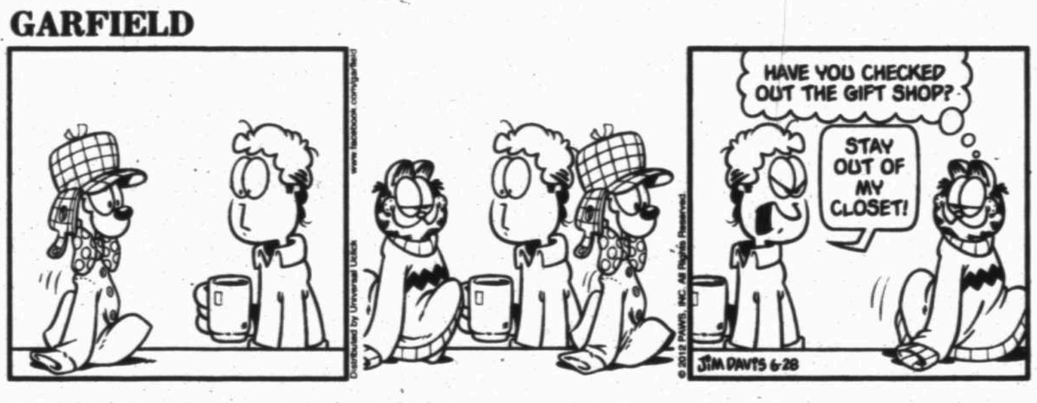

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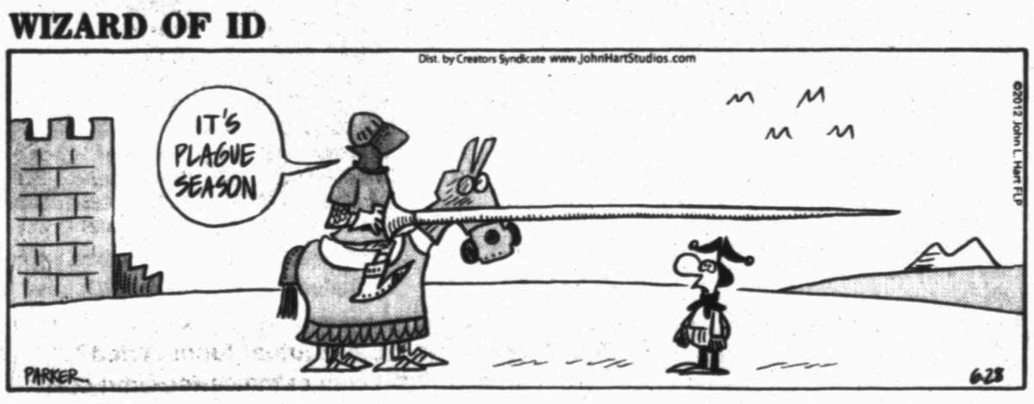

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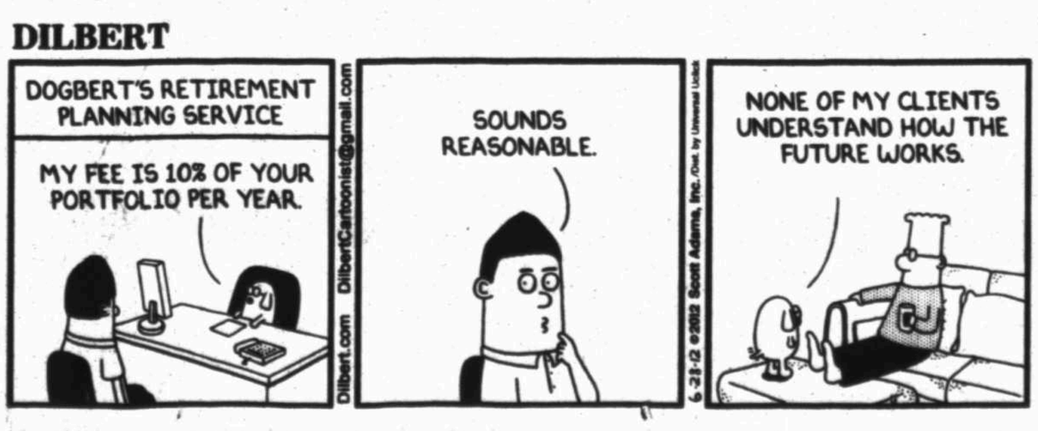

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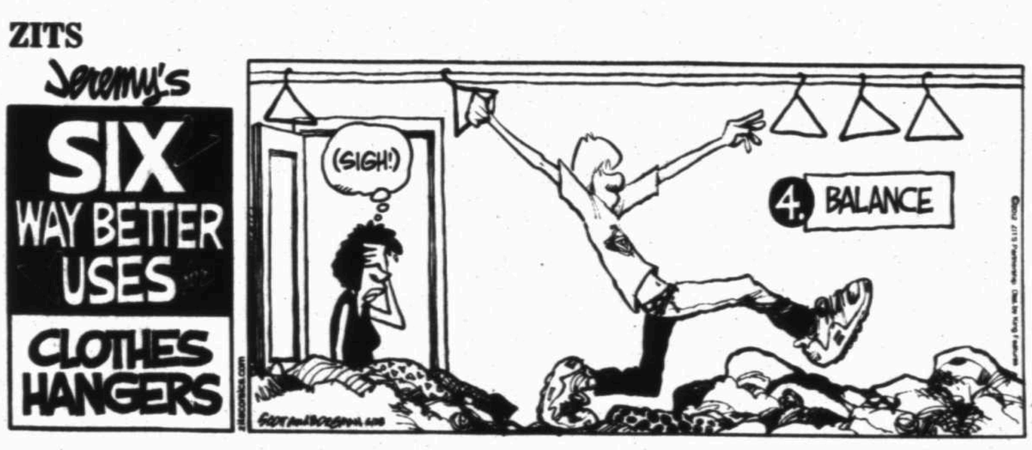

BABY BLUES

MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

Drew has one of his flying dreams.

DENNIS THE MENACE

*I WAS GONNA SURPRISE DAD AN' WASH HIS CAR. THE SURPRISE WAS HIS WINDOWS WERE DOWN."

LOCKHORNS

"I'M NOT NAGGING, LEROY ... THINK OF IT AS A DIRECTOR'S COMMENTARY TRACK."

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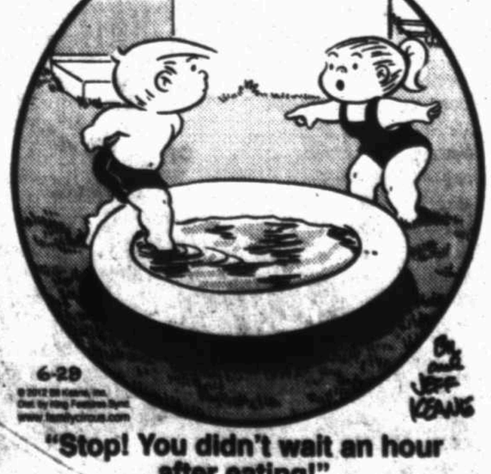

"Stop! You didn't wait an hour after eating!"

NASCAR THIS WEEK

ON THE TUBE

Sprint Cup
Quaker State 400,
8:30 p.m., Saturday
TNT

Nationwide Series
Feed The Children 300,
7 p.m., Friday
ESPN2

Truck Series
UNOH 225,
7:30 p.m., Thursday
SPEED

BURNING ISSUES

▶ The past six Sonoma winners have been first-timers on road courses. The past eight Sonoma races have seen eight separate winners.

▶ Clint Bowyer's victory shouldn't have been seen as a complete surprise. He had finished fourth in three of the previous five Sonoma races.

▶ There was nothing cheap about Bowyer's win. He led 71 of the 112 (two more than the scheduled distance) laps in a race in which only five drivers led at all and the lead changed hands only eight times.

▶ Jeff Gordon, who finished sixth, said he was shocked that there were only two caution periods. "I've stopped trying to guess," he said. "I just go until they say (the yellow flag's) out."

▶ Though there were many spins, NASCAR officials were awfully stingy with the yellow flag, which waved only two times in the entire race and not at all in the first 82 laps.

▶ Even Kurt Busch's detractors should give him credit for a remarkable third-place finish and graceful behavior afterward.

▶ Eleven drivers have combined to win more than half of the road-course races in NASCAR history, led by Jeff Gordon with nine and Tony Stewart with seven.

▶ Brian Vickers, who was racing at Le Mans a week earlier, has competed three times this year, finishing fifth, 18th and fourth.

▶ Dale Earnhardt Jr. has never finished in the top 10 at Sonoma and was bitterly disappointed after a 23rd this time.

▶ It wasn't much fun for 2007 Sonoma winner Juan Pablo Montoya, either. He finished 34th, five laps down.

2012 POINTS STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Matt Kenseth	596
2. Greg Biffle	- 11
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	- 14
4. Jimmie Johnson	- 25
5. Tony Stewart	- 63
6. Kevin Harvick	- 64
7. Clint Bowyer	- 67
8. Denny Hamlin	- 73
9. Martin Truex Jr.	- 76
10. Brad Keselowski	- 106
11. Carl Edwards	- 117
12. Kyle Busch	- 137

Nationwide Series	
1. Elliott Sadler	517
2. Austin Dillon	- 11
3. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	- 23
4. Sam Hornish Jr.	- 34
5. Cole Whitt	- 75
6. Justin Allgaier	- 76
7. Michael Annett	- 103
8. Mike Bliss	- 153
9. Brian Scott	- 178
10. Danica Patrick	- 180

Camping World Truck Series	
1. Justin Lofton	272
2. Timothy Peters	- 5
3. Ty Dillon	- 12
4. James Buescher	- 23
5. Parker Kligerman	- 25
6. Nelson Piquet Jr.	- 38
7. Matt Crafton	- 49
8. Joey Coulter	- 53
9. Ron Hornaday Jr.	- 54
10. Todd Bodine	- 60

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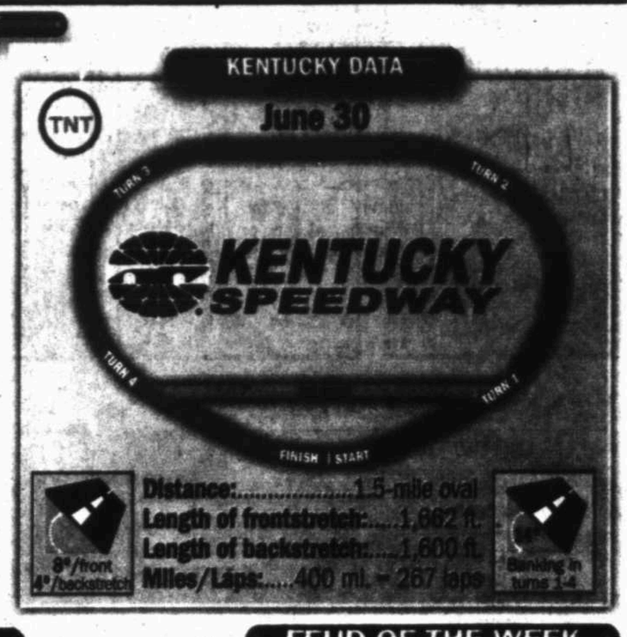
WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP
Quaker State 400
Where: Kentucky Speedway, Sparta (1.5 mi.), 267 laps/400.5 miles.
When: Saturday, June 30.
Last year's winner: Kyle Busch, Toyota.
Qualifying record: None. Time trials rained out before only previous event.
Race record: Kyle Busch, Toyota, 137.314 mph, July 9, 2011.
Last week's race: The sixth victory of Clint Bowyer's career was his first on a road course, first in a Toyota and first since moving to Michael Waltrip Racing this year. He dominated the Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma, leading 71 of a possible 112 laps.

NATIONWIDE
Feed the Children 300
Where: Kentucky Speedway, Sparta (1.5 mi.), 200 laps/300 miles.
When: Friday, June 29.
Last year's winner: Brad Keselowski, Dodge.
Qualifying record: Carl Edwards, Ford, 181.287 mph, June 18, 2005.
Race record: Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 138.408 mph, July 8, 2011.
Last week's race: Nelson Piquet Jr. became the first Brazilian driver to win in the series, taking the Road America course in Elkhart Lake, Wis. Piquet's father, of course, was the Formula One world champion in 1981, 1983 and 1987.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK
UNOH 225
Where: Kentucky Speedway, Sparta (1.5 mi.), 150 laps/225 miles.
When: Thursday, June 28.
Last year's winner: Kyle Busch, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Austin Dillon, Chevy, 179.868 mph, Oct. 11, 2011.
Race record: Mike Bliss, Chevy, 143.515 mph, July 13, 2002.
Last race: Johnny Sauter won for the first time in 2012, passing his ThorSport teammate, Matt Crafton, with 21 laps remaining at Texas Motor Speedway. Sauter and Crafton drove Toyotas, followed by Joey Coulter in a Chevy.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

KURT BUSCH SPRINT CUP SERIES NO. 51 PHOENIX CONSTRUCTION CHEVROLET

John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Kurt Busch overcame some recent controversy and a one-week suspension for a respectable third-place finish at Sonoma on Sunday.

Turning Heads

Impressive finish at Sonoma notable for controversial Kurt

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

SONOMA, Calif. — Kurt Busch, who has been a frequent source of controversy, could not have been more graceful than he was following an impressive third-place finish in the Toyota/Save Mart 350.

A year after winning at Sonoma, Busch dueled fiercely with race winner Clint Bowyer but ended up yielding second place to Tony Stewart.

When Busch won at the 1.99-mile road course, he was driving a Dodge for Roger Penske. His misbehavior cost him that prestigious ride, and now he competes in the underfunded — and often unsponsored — Chevy fielded by James Finch's Phoenix Racing.

"I thought the race would play into our hands," Busch said. "Our car was a little better on long runs than Bowyer, but he did a great job. I just kept thinking 'He's a dirt-track racer from the Midwest. There's no way he's going to be able to run the road course.'

"But he did. He did great. That car and our car, I think we separated ourselves from the pack."

Busch served a one-race suspension for a post-race verbal altercation at Dover. The comeback performance at Sonoma left him sentimental and moved.

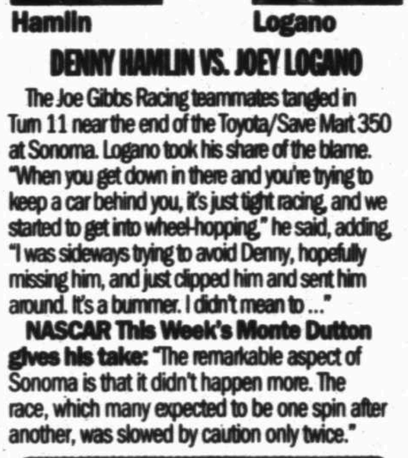
"When you show up and you're on a third of the budget, and you almost bring it to victory lane, you can't say that one guy did it out there. It takes a full team effort," he said. "I really wanted to deliver for my guys, and being that close … it's a tough game. That's why it's Sprint Cup."

At the end, Busch's red Chevy had been crippled by clipping the wall in pursuit of Bowyer.

"To have a wounded car, I had to yield to Tony (Stewart)," Busch said. "I didn't want to get up in the loose gravel and lose a bunch of spots.

"It was still a great day for Phoenix Racing and James Finch, who gave me this opportunity. They bring out the best in me. This is a no-nonsense group. … This way this program feels, we are a bunch of Boy Scouts where we have to support each other and teach each other things. Everybody has three jobs on this team."

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Hamlin Logano

DENNY HAMLIN VS. JOEY LOGANO

The Joe Gibbs Racing teammates tangled in Turn 11 near the end of the Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma. Logano took his share of the blame. "When you get down in there and you're trying to keep a car behind you, it's just tight racing, and we started to get into wheel-hopping," he said, adding, "I was sideways trying to avoid Denny, hopefully missing him, and just clipped him and sent him around. It's a bummer. I didn't mean to …"

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "The remarkable aspect of Sonoma is that it didn't happen more. The race, which many expected to be one spin after another, was slowed by caution only twice."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Whose Checkbook?

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053. Questions can also be sent by email, Facebook and Twitter (see directions at the top of this page).

Dear NASCAR This Week,
Question: When a driver intentionally wrecks another car, who pays for the damage to the car that was wrecked? Understand there may be a fine, (but) does any of that go to repairing the car that was damaged?

Steve Hayes
Soulsbyville, Calif.

Auto racing has no assessment of liability, at least in regard to financial matters. Each team assumes responsibility for its repair bills. The fines collected during the season are funneled into the NASCAR Foundation.

LEGENDS AND LORE

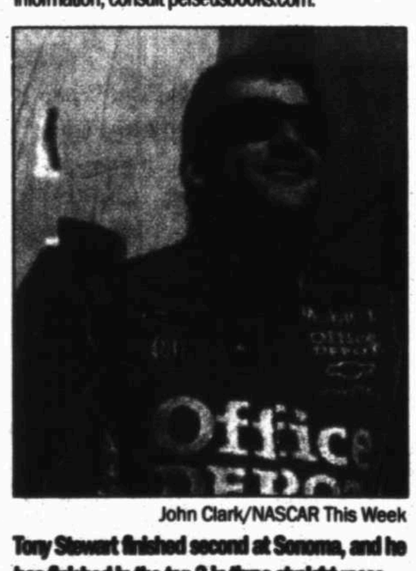
New York State of Mind?

On four occasions – 1958, 1963, 1964 and 1966 — NASCAR held events at the 2.85-mile road course on Long Island at Bridgehampton, N.Y. The winners were all veterans of the ovals: in order, Jack Smith, Richard Petty, Billy Wade and David Pearson. Wade's burgeoning career ended on Jan. 5, 1965 when he was killed in a crash while testing tires at Daytona International Speedway.

FAN TIPS

A Book of NASCAR Lists

The Speed Channel's John Roberts has written The Great Book of NASCAR Lists with M.B. Roberts. It delves into the 50 greatest drivers of all time, evolving traditions, most controversial races, significant car numbers and other topics. For more information, consult perseusbooks.com.



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Tony Stewart finished second at Sonoma, and he has finished in the top 3 in three straight races.

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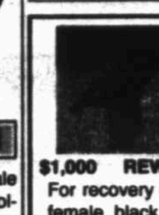

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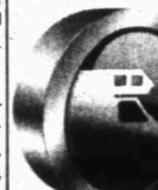

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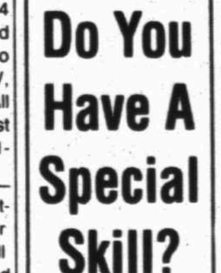

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Medical office looking for specialist in the area of coding and insurance billing. Experience required. Coding certification preferred. Normal business hours with excellent benefits. Please send resume' to P- 134 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

OFFICE MANAGER
Bliss Dental is looking for a motivated **Office Manager**. **Please call 432-689-4867.**

Pharmacy Tech or Technician Trainee
D R Pharmacy FT & PT
Must be a fast learner, honest, hardworking and punctual. Competitive salary plus benefits. Apply in person at 501 Andrews Hwy. Suite 100 Midland TX. 79701 or contact 432-683-3377,

Physical Therapy Tech
Midland Physical Therapy FT
Midland Physical Therapy seeking physical therapy tech. No experience needed. Will train the right person. Must like helping people and have outgoing personality. Summer or full time position available. Can start immediately. Fax resume to 432-570-8713.

Providers
Interim Home Health PT
Interim Home Health is searching for providers in the Midland area to provide care for the elderly and disabled. Please call 432-617-0252 and talk with Marcy or Claudia. EOE

HEALTHCARE

PT, PTA, OT, COTA and ST
Interim Home Health FT
Midland, TX 79701
Interim Home Health has the following positions open. Full-time PT, PTA, OT, COTA and ST. Apply in person at: 1031 Andrews Hwy, Ste 200, Midland, Tx 79701 or fax resume to 432-618-0307. No phone calls please. EOE.

QA Position
Confidential FT
Now hiring Full-time QA person for home health care agency. Must have knowledge of Medicare guidelines, coding & OASIS. Send resume to: P- 136, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701.

Receptionist/Medical Assistant
Confidential FT
A busy doctors office is looking for a receptionist and medical assistant. Medical office experience required. Please mail resume to P.O. Box 8729 Midland, Tx 79708.

RN and Volunteer Recruiter Coordinator
Interim Hospice
Midland, TX 79701
Interim Hospice has the following positions open. Full-time RN and Volunteer Recruiter Coordinator. Apply in person at 1031 Andrews Hwy, Ste 200, Midland, Tx 79701 or fax resume to 432-618-0307. No phone calls please. EOE.

RN Case Manager
Triple C Health
Needed immediately. Must have 1 year experience for home health. Please contact Amber or Jessica at 432-686-7449 or apply in person at 2008 West Wall St. Midland, TX 79701 or fax resume to 432-684-6265.

Sitters/CNA'S
Nurses Unlimited, INC FT
Nurses Unlimited, INC is seeking experienced Sitters/CNA'S to work for private duty clients. Hourly rate. All shifts available. Call 522-5080 or 1-800-201-5904. E.O.E.

Surgical Technician - Full Time
Texas Surgical Center FT
Exciting opportunity as a Surgical Technician in an ambulatory surgery center without having to take call, work holidays, or work weekends! Experience preferred. Medical, dental, vision, and 401k.
Send resume to: **TEXAS SURGICAL CENTER 5609 DEAUVILLE BLVD. MIDLAND, TX 79706 Fax: 432-699-8110**

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

FRONT DESK, HOUSEKEEPERS & MAINTENANCE
La Quinta Inn & Suites Midland North FT
Apply in person: La Quinta Inn & Suites Midland North, 2606 N. Loop 250 W. *Competetive Pay * Health Benefits available * Monthly bonus.

Front Desk
Residence Inn-Midland FT
Marriott Hotel- Come join the fastest growing hospitality company in West Texas for exciting new career opportunities. Hourly benefit packages. Front Desk, House Keeping, Food and Beverage, F/T and P/T. Apply within: 5509 Deauville Blvd, Midland, TX 79706.

Hotel Personnel
Courtyard by Marriott
is now hiring for the following positions: PT Night Auditor Front Desk, Houseman, Housekeepers, PM Maintenance and Servers. Must be able to work flexible schedules. Exceptional guest service skills a must! Previous hotel experience preferred. Hiring bonus will be discussed during interview. Please apply in person at 1505 Tradewinds Blvd. Midland TX 79706. or email resume to: mafcymidland@yahoo.com *NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE*

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Maintenance Assistant
GREAT PAY// BENEFITS! Dakota Apartments is now hiring a Maintenance Assistant (HVAC) for The Dakota. Apply online at www.bhmanagement.com or In person at 5101 North"A" Street, Midland, TX. 79705. EOE

Maintenance Assistant
Villa Chateau Apartments FT
Maintenance Assistant needed. full time. Apply in person at Villa Chateau Apts. 1603 N. Midkiff Rd. No phone calls please.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

Security Officers
AlliedBarton Security Services FT
SECURITY OFFICERS NEEDED ASAP in the Midland/Odessa area. Contact Danielle Barnett at ALLIEDBARTON SECURITY SERVICES for consideration. (423) 685-3235 EOE M/D/F/V

MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

Night Shift Supervisor
Teraco, Inc. FT
Teraco, Inc. is an industry leading plastic card manufacturer located in Midland. We currently have a Night Shift Supervisor opening. We are looking for someone who has experience in management, employee development and training, quality control, and can adhere to production schedules. Must be willing to graveyard shift and overtime. At least a high school diploma or equivalent is required. Benefits include: paid vacation and holiday, tuition reimbursement, 401K, and medical insurance. Email your inquiries to: resume@teraco.com or stop by 2080 Commerce Dr. to fill out an application.

OTHER JOBS

CDL Truck Driver, Trepanner, Warehouse Help
Immediate positions open. Please apply in person at: 11524 County Road. 128 West, Midland, TX 79711.

CINDY CLEAN NOW HIRING FOR PART TIME
$11 per hr. Must be over 18, non-smoker, available 8am to 5pm, have a car, and a cell phone. Call (800) 914-4670 ext. 5, leave message and mention Midland or online at www.cindyclean.net.

COOK/ CARETAKER
Full time for small assisted living facility. Care for elderly ladies. Please call 432-687-1650.

DELIVERY DRIVER
The Kent Companies
Truck Driver CDL not necessary
Local delivery with occasional travel outside Midland/Odessa
Operating fork lift
Full time up to $3K monthly
Great Benefits! Please apply at corporate office 2408 N Big Spring St or fax resumes to 432-620-0005

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING
EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram has immediate openings in it's Distribution Department (Mailroom)

Part-Time Shift Work Available
Schedule consists of a combination of day and night shifts. Night Shifts - 12 (midnight) until 3-5 a.m.
Starting pay is $10.00 hourly.

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

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: etitsworth@hearstmp.com
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OTHER JOBS

Detailers
UNISEAL FT
Detailers needed for Local new car dealership. Used experience is helpful. Good pay. Please call 832-499-9574

ENTRY LEVEL MAINTENANCE
The Kent Companies
Entry Level Maintenance
Construction work helpful but not necessary
Weekly Pay and Great Benefits
Please apply at 2408 N Big Spring St

Hair Stylist
ClubCuts FT
ClubCuts is pleased to announce an opening for a Hair Stylist. The position offers a sign-on bonus with paid vacation and other benefits. We offer a flexible work schedule. Earn over $60k per year. Call Alondra at 978-9737 or apply in person at either Midland locations.

Infant Caregiver
The Y.M.C.A. of Midland is currently seeking a full time infant caregiver for their child development center. For more information, contact Susan wood at 815 South Carver Street or call 432-684-9027.

General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES
Midland Reporter-Telegram

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
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MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD
SUNDAYS ONLY
IF INTERESTED CALL
TOMMY 967-2267

The Midland Reporter Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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RV Parts Position
Golden Coach & Marine
306 E. 2nd St.
Odessa, TX
Looking for person who is honest, courteous & self-motivated. Please apply in person or send resume to clintgolden@yahoo.com

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Residential HVAC/Refrigeration/Appliance Repair Technicians

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Sears Home Services is seeking technicians with exp. in the repair of Refrigerators/Freezers, Laundry & Kitchen Appliances. We're seeking candidates with top notch technical skills and superior customer service. We offer a competitive pay + incentive oppty, benefits, company vehicle, we have up to a $2000 sign on bonus in Odessa & more!

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REAL ESTATE

Onsite Property Manager & Leasing Agent
Santa Fe Apartmanets FT
Wanted experienced onsite property manager and Leasing Agent. Please apply at Santa Fe Apartments. 5010 W Loop 250 N, 79707.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Cook
Pizzeria Venti FT/PT
Pizzeria Venti has openings for all position and shifts. Call 432-689-7220.

Cook & Resident Monitor
Dismas Charities FT/PT
Dismas Charities is now hiring a full-time & part-time Cook and part-time Resident Monitor. Apply at: www.dismas.com

Dishwasher, Line Cooks & All Positions
Lori's Cafe is looking for dishwasher $9.00 hr. Also hiring all positions including Line Cooks, experienced only, breakfast preferred from $10-$14/hour based on experience. Insurance benefits, attendance bonuses, etc. 432-570-1701, hours 6 - 2.

DOMINO'S PIZZA NOW HIRING!
•Drivers: Make cash everyday, Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $7.50 an hour (no split tip/wage here) plus delivery reimbursement, plus tips. **•CSRs:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $8.25 an hour, Bright & Friendly people only! **•Shift Leaders:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $9 an hour, Flexible Schedules. Apply at any **Domino's Pizza** Midland or Odessa or send resume: **casale@clearwire.net**. Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE

MIDLAND'S PREMIER COUNTRY CLUB
Is looking for outstanding people for **servers** and **maintenance staff**. We hire personality over experience. Full time employees are offered a full benefits package and competitive pay. Please apply in person: **6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.**

RETAIL JOBS

Cashier
Now hiring dependable and outgoing Cashiers to work in a fun environment. Must have stable work history, flexible hours and reliable transportation. Apply in person 7am-2pm, Monday-Friday at 312 N Midland Dr.

SALES JOBS

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

The Plainview Herald Advertising Department is looking for an Outside Sales Representative. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of media advertising 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 Plainview Herald and all online products including myplainview.com.

The right individual will enjoy an excellent compensation and full benefits package. If you are the one we are looking for please send current resume to:

Desirable Qualifications & Skills:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment
- Excellent customer service and time management skills
- Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Detail oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills

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Service Manager
Carboline Company FT
Carboline Company, a leading manufacturer of protective paints and coatings, has an immediate opening for a full time Service Center Manager in our Odessa facility. Responsibilities include the overall management of the facility, including inventory, warehousing, and customer service.
We offer a competitive compensation package commensurate with experience and a comprehensive benefits program including health, dental, and life insurance. The store hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00am-5:00pm.
Please send resume with salary requirements to:
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SKILLED LABOR

Clerical Position
Diamond D Slickline Service Co. Inc.
Established slickline company in Midland is looking for a part time person for a clerical position with experience in Microsoft Office & Quickbooks. Please send resumes to our main office: P.O. Box 216, Snyder, TX. 79550.

Construction/Roofing
A & A Roofing & Construction FT
Midland, TX 79706
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Top pay, excellent benefits, paid vacation, 401K. Experience preferred, but not necessary. Will train right people. Several openings available. Call 432-563-0071 or 432-563-0072 for directions to the office.

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Fiberspar is the leader in high-strength, fiber-reinforced tubular products for the oil and gas industry. We are seeking to fill fulltime positions in the following Texas locations: Carrizo Springs, Freer, Kennedy, Midland and Odessa.

Primary responsibilities will be to supervise and install composite pipelines. The ideal candidate will have some experience in the oil field. Fiberspar offers an excellent benefits package and very competitive wages. Training will be provided.

Interested individuals should fax resume to **713-849-9202** or email us at **employment@fiberspar.com**.

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Taking applications for the following positions in the Fabrication Shop, please call (432) 563-1224
Management, Clerical, Office Manager, Shop Managers, Welders, Fitters, Welder Helpers, Truck Drivers, Swampers and an experienced Tank Rollers.

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Slingshot Supply, Inc. FT
Slingshot Supply, Inc. now hiring for the following positions. Field Service, BOP & Annular Mechanic, Accumulator Mechanic. Need prior knowledge on teardown, reassemble, and testing of bops, annulars, and accumulators. Excellent pay and full benefits after 90 days. Company truck for field service mechanics. Pay is D.O.E. Come join this fast growing company and start your career today! Join a company that is family oriented and enjoy weekends off and regular hours during the week without sacrificing on your pay check! Please come by in person to apply or fax an application or resume to 5381 w. 42nd st. Odessa, Texas 79763. Fax 432-385-7693.

Sand Blasters, Painters & Helpers
Accurate, Inc. FT
Hiring sand blasters, painters, helpers. Please call Accurate, Inc. at 432-563-1224 or 512-352-5278 or apply at 9504W CR 127, Midland.

WEIDNER APARTMENT HOMES

Service Technicians Needed! We are offering a $2000.00 hiring bonus and another $2000.00 after your 1st year! Weidner Apartment Homes is currently seeking **Service Technicians** to care for a few of our apartment communities.

Responsibilities: assist in the preparation of apartments for occupancy, respond to service requests, and perform maintenance and repairs on electrical, plumbing, HVAC systems, as well as small and large appliances.

Qualifications: Experience in apartment maintenance or related field preferred, strong verbal communication skills, have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Weidner offers competitive salaries, excellent benefits and generous apartment discounts.

Candidates must pass background checks for employment.
Please apply on-line at www.weidnercareers.com or
fax your resume to 877-399-9012.

Warehouse Manager
Basin Engine and Pump FT
Warehouse Manager for a busy fast pace warehouse, to oversee inventory activity, ordering, receiving, purchasing and product control. Surface Pump experience preffered. Please submit resume to: shawn@basinengine.com or fax resume to 432-570-1115 or applications being accepted at 1914 South County Rd. 1083.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL DRIVERS and Dispatcher
B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **CDL Drivers** and **Dispatcher.** Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Please come by 2823 S. Rankin Hwy, Midland, TX.

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life & dental insurance, paid vacation, & 401k. 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**

Driver
Anco Golf Carts FT
Driver needed. Apply in person at: 3011 West Wall. Competitive pay. Call 432-694-2278.

Drivers
Permian Trucking & Hot Shot FT
Drivers wanted. Oilfield flatbed drivers needed. Minimum 1 year experience. Call 432-362-8604.

Treater Truck Driver
X-Chem FT
X-Chem is seeking a Treater Truck Driver for our Midland location. The Treater Truck Driver is responsible for delivering chemical to customer locations, treating wells, monitoring raw material inventory supply, and other duties, as needed.

The ideal candidate will have 1-3 years experience in a similar role, a high school diploma (or equivalent), and a current Class A CDL with Tanker and Hazmat endorsements.

We offer competitive salary and outstanding benefits including 401(K) with matching funds, major medical, dental, vision, life, long and short term disability. Additionally, we offer an employee credit union, tuition reimbursement, paid vacation and holiday policy, and much more!

Qualified candidates, please contact Jenny Johnson in Human Resources at 972-721-6712 or jenny.johnson@nch.com

Vacuum Truck Driver
Midkiff Transports, Inc. Class A CDL Req.
6601 FM 715, Midland Apply in Person
Must have good driving record and be able to pass drug test. Experienced applicants only. 432-682-2405

Winch Truck Driver & Operations Manager/Sales Rep
Lucky Rental Tool FT
Lucky Rental Tool is now hiring a winch truck driver and an operations manager/sales person in our Midland, Texas yard. For winch truck driver, you must have a valid CDL. For operations manager/sales person you must have 3 to 5 year experience with sales, and administrative duties, as well as down-hole knowledge.

We'll pay you top wages, a monthly safety bonus, and mid-year and year-end bonuses. You'll also receive a retirement plan and 100% paid health insurance. Call Ralph at (575) 433-7777 or Zach at (432) 563-9777, or apply in person at 10210 Highway 191 in Midland. Lucky Rental Tool is an equal opportunity employer.

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4 OAK bookcases, $30-$60 each. Flexsteel burgundy leather couch, $350. Iron leg pecan dining table with 6 upholstered chairs, $600. Call 432-694-5368.

HOMEMADE BUNK beds with 2 foam mattresses $100 total. Call 432-570-5395

Miscellaneous for Sale

55 GAL plastic barrels $15. Truck bed tool box-full size $140 excellent condition. Twin size mattresses, good condition $20. Urinal excellent condition $125. Toilet very good condition $20. 16" tires very good condition $125. 432-352-8419

Miscellaneous for Sale

Marty's Marketplace Quick Sale

7 days - Midland Reporter-Telegram & mywesttexas.com

New Today banner - the 1st day only

Up to 10 lines of text

$15 (each additional line $1)

Call 682-6222 Today!

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Miscellaneous for Sale

11 STORM windows. Make offer. Call 432-934-2318.

2 LAWN CRYPTS at Resthaven Memorial Park, $2,495 each 682-5851.

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FULL SIZE futon couch, great condition, Queen sized brass bed, custom made, "Hang up" inversion table, Bunk beds, tubular white full on bottom, twin on top. Office furniture: 2 lateral files, numerous rolling desk chairs, numerous miscellaneous chairs, desk, credenza. Call Shannon @638-2122.

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Pets

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AKC REGISTERED Vizsla puppies. Whelped 5-11-12. We have 3 males & 6 females. $800.00 each. Champion Bloodline. Great Bird Dogs and family members. 432-664-2040

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Appliances: Maytag washer and dryer, microwave oven.
Furniture: Drexel desk and bookcase, sleeper sofa, Henredon dining table w/ 10 chairs and china cabinet, Danish modern drop-leaf table w/ 2 leaves, Davis Co. server and Henredon server, nesting tables, dinette w/ 4 chairs, twin beds w/ brass headboards, queen-size bed complete, occasional tables and chairs, office desk and chair, filing cabinet, French Provincial bedroom suite w/chest of drawers, dresser and night stand, Henredon lamp table, old pendulum clock & twin bed.
China: Noritake "Buckingham" service for 12, Noritake "Blue Orchard" service for 8, Blue Danube service for 14, silver plate punch bowl w/ 12 cups, tray and ladle, lots of crystal, Oneida flatware, Royal Dalton, red hurricane lamp, and other pieces for entertaining.
Miscellaneous: Gun rack, pictures, lamps, linens, clothes, shoes, Christmas & holiday decor, 2 silk trees, kitchen, Kirby vacuum w/ acc., books, annuals, trunk, luggage, and Black&Decker countertop oven.
Patio: Table w/ 4 chairs and another set of 4 chairs.
CAR: 1984 Mercedes 360SL. 125k miles.
BY: LINDA L. BIDEN

MOVING SALE
4021 Trinity Ct. (off Greenbriar)
Friday 9am-3pm & Saturday 9am-3pm

Drexel dining set, French Provincial full bed, dresser, chest & nightstand, entertainment center, nice vanity chair & bench, sofa, office chairs, desks, Singer sewing machine & notions, clown costumes, Enid Collins purses, Phillips surround system, linens, books, Corning, cook ware, cook books, freezer, washer, dryer, fans, chainsaw, miter saw, hand tools, and lots of misc.

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Cash & Checks Only.

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By
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1230 E. 8th Street
(Legends Golf, Odessa)
Friday & Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
This long time Odessa golf store is closing its doors, items include…clubs (left & right handed), balls, gloves, golf bags, shoes, custom golf clubs and repair equipment, everything from a stocked store, bakers racks, standing dremel, drill presses, tools, books, cash register, store displays, desks, golf art, too much to list.
For pictures please go to…
http://www.estatesales.net/estate-sales/294582.aspx

Yard & Garage Sales

79705

2404 FLARE Ct. Friday & Saturday 8am-12pm ENGRAVED TILES Going Out of Business Sale! Recliners, rugs, comforters, linens, plus-sized clothes, purses, shoes, stationery bike, weight bench, boxing station, roll-a-way bed, VHS Disney tapes; like new Tassimo Coffee maker, and lots of misc.

Yard & Garage Sales

79706

2203 E. County Road 90
Friday 8am-2pm & Saturday 8am-1pm.
Going Out of Business Sale!
Full size fridge w/ freezer, mini fridge, 2 microwaves, glass display case, vending machine that dispenses drink and snacks, ranch-style wooden desk, tools, office equipment & supplies, rolling air conditioner, torpedo heaters, 5000W generator-nearly new, 100 gal fuel tank w/ electric pump, home decor, bedding, all size clothing, too much too list!

2406 TERRACE St. Thursday and Friday 8am to 2pm. Huge moving sale. Furniture, appliances, housewares and miscellanous.

3006 VIRGINIA Friday and Saturday 7am-3pm. Furniture, tools, and lots of misc.

715 SINCLAIR Ave. Friday 8am-3pm. Furniture, jewelry, small household appliances, clothes, BBQ grill and lots more!

Estate Sales

PACKRAT ANTIQUES
Authentic Sea Glass Jewelry
307 Dodson, Midland,TX 79701
432-684-6119

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79707

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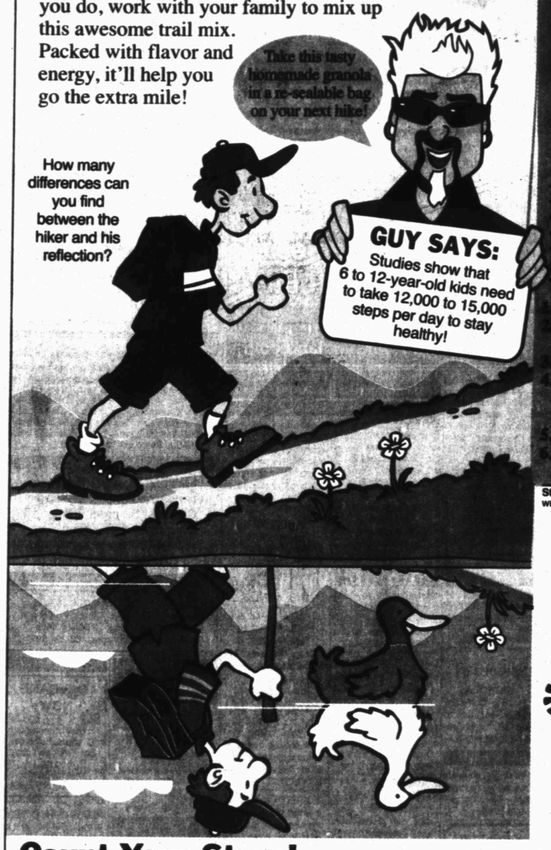
GUY FIERI'S Cooking with Kids

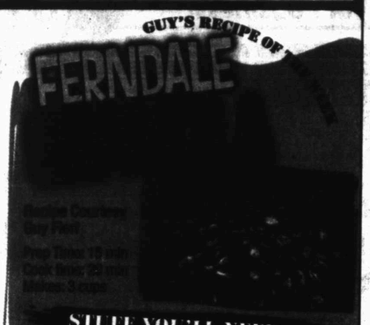
Hit the Trail!

Hey, it's summer. Take a hike! But before you do, work with your family to mix up this awesome trail mix. Packed with flavor and energy, it'll help you go the extra mile!

LET'S DO THIS! Work on this page with a parent. Cooking together builds creativity and confidence!



GUY'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK



STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp freshly grated nutmeg
- nonstick cooking spray

Standards Link: Reading comprehension. Follow multiple-step, written directions.

Count Your Steps!

One way to keep track of how many steps you take in a day is to get a **pedometer** (a device that counts footsteps). Another way is to count the number of steps it takes you to walk to places you go every day.

How many steps from your bedroom to the kitchen?	How many steps to your school (or your ride to school)?	How many steps from your couch to the bathroom?	How many steps to walk around your grocery store?	How many steps to walk to a friend's house?	How many steps to walk around your block?

Standards Link: Health: Understand how to promote and maintain personal health.

Extra! Extra!

Words That Sparkle

Look through the newspaper for words that invite you to read more. The words could be used to attract you to an ad or an article. Can you find five attractive words? Use these to write a story.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write to describe an experience.

Kids: Make a video or take pictures of your family making and eating Ferndale Granola. Provide step-by-step instructions and lots of giggles. You might see it featured on Guy Fieri's very own Cooking With Kids site (cwkfoundation.org)!

Send to: kidscook@kidscoop.com

Kid Scoop Table Talks

Mealtime is a chance for families to talk about things that are interesting. Here's today's topic:

Discuss the difference between saying "Have a nice day" and "Make it a good day." Which is more powerful?

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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KIDS
RAISINS
STEPS
MAPLE
AROUND
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DEVICE
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TASTY
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E	C	I	V	E	D	X	S	A	U
W	A	X	U	T	R	L	Y	G	N
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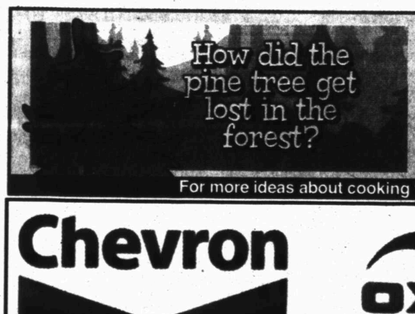
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



Use the code to discover the punch line!

A=8	E=33	H=17	K=16	N=30	R=4	U=24	W=21
B=19	G=2	I=29	L=11	O=26	T=15	V=5	Y=28

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For more ideas about cooking with kids, visit www.cwkfoundation.org

Weekly Writing Corner

Family Adventure

My family and I went on the best adventure just last month. We went to Ruidoso. We stayed in the Big Bear Lodge. It was very cool to be near a lot of nature plus, we went hiking, skiing, swimming, and exploring while we were there. This is an adventure I will never forget.

Angela Cordova, 4th grade, St. Ann's

It was about two years ago that my family and I went to Disney World. I was so excited. When we got on the airplane, I just couldn't wait to get there. When we got there, we got a hotel and it was awesome. There were a lot of fun sights to see and I especially loved their food. That's about the time I had a very fun adventure with my family.

Krista Ochoa, 4th grade, St. Ann's

My family adventure was when we went to the beach. It was an adventure because we went jellyfish hunting, and we went saddle boat riding. We went jellyfish hunting so the one I caught was a souvenir. We went saddle boat riding because we didn't want to stay at the beach all day.

Gavin Villa, 4th grade, St. Ann's

My family went to the Alamo! First, we got on a trolley. We stayed on the trolley for about 10 minutes and then we finally arrived at the Alamo. It was so crowded! We stood in line for roughly 20 minutes to take the tour of the Alamo. Finally, we got in and took the tour. What a long day it was.

Madison Saldivar, 4th grade, St. Ann's

One of my favorite memories is when my family and I went to Ruidoso to go skiing. I was really scared at first but it turned out to be fun! First, we got onto the resort and rented our skis and poles. Then we got fitted and went off to go skiing. Finally, we went on a lift cart and ate lunch in the lodge that was on top of a mountain. It was fun going skiing with my family and I can't wait to do it again next year.

Isabella Nieto, 4th grade, St. Ann's

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find out what's going on...

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Where: Mabee Theatre II, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Tickets: $10 for Thursday and Sunday performances and $15 for Friday and Saturday shows. For reservations call 522-5225. All payments cash or checks. No memberships.

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When: Every day
Where: Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour
Admission: Free to join, free to play.
Info: Seven games a week with cash prizes. Players accumulate points throughout the year to qualify for quarterly tournaments and onto a year-end tournament that offers a grand prize of $10,000 to play in the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. Every skill level. Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net for more information.
Details: All players must be registered by 6:45 p.m. Schedule: 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday at Woofers and Tweeters, Tuesday and Saturday at The Detour.

NOOK QUESTIONS?
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers

Friday

PBR TOURING PRO BULL RIDE
When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Horseshoe

SUMMER MUMMERS' "SCURRILOUS AMONG THE STARS" OR "MAY THE FARCE BE WITH YOU"
When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday through Sept. 1. One exception: Saturday melodrama begins at 7 p.m.
Where: Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.
Tickets: $20 for the pit, $15 for the house, $10 for the balcony and $5 for the gallery. Not recommended for those under 16. For reservations call 570-4111 or go by Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"
When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and July 6 and 7 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday and July 8
Where: Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa
Tickets: $14 for adults, $12 for students and seniors, $7 for children under 12 and $10 for groups of 10 or more. Call 432-362-2329 or 550-5456 or go to permianplayhouse.com.

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS WITH COOL MUSIC
When: 8-10 p.m.
Where: Noel Plaza, 5th and Lincoln Street, Odessa
Admission: Free
Info: Trinity River Whalers performing Celtic music

BEST BETS

FINAL MOVIE ON THE TERRACE TODAY @ THE HORSESHOE
The event features a free showing of a film Thursday evenings in June. Doors open at 8 p.m. This week's film, "An American Tail: Fievel Goes West," will be shown at 9 p.m. The evening includes activities, door prizes and contests. Free hot dogs and sodas for the first 50 through the doors, then hot dogs are $1 and sodas are 50 cents.

COMEDY NIGHT AT THE VELVET ROOM
Where: Midtown Hotel, 3100 W. Wall St.
Tickets: $10

Saturday

TRAVIS TRITT AND THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND
When: Gates open 5 p.m.
Where: Grande Communications Stadium
Tickets: Call 570-4111 or go by Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., or go to www.mctmidland.org
Info: Also features Granger Smith, Mark McKinney and Brian Keane. A fundraiser for Midland Community Theatre's endowment and operation funds.

ODESSA CHAMPION MOTOR SPEEDWAY
When: Gates open 6 p.m. Races begin at 8 p.m.
Where: 12300 W Highway 80 E., Odessa
Info: West Texas Street Stock, West Texas Limited Stock Cars, West Texas Stock Cars, West Texas Limited Modifieds, West Texas Modifieds, West Texas Dwarfs and an Enduro class.
Saturday: WT Dwarfs, Bicycle give away
Admission: Pit: $25 spectators, $30 car and driver. Pit gate opens at 5 p.m.
Spectator: $10 adults, $5 children 6-11, and free 5 and under. Spectator gate opens 6 p.m. Special rates on company family nights and birthday parties, call 432-563-1715 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and after hours 432-889-6273.

Monday

MIDLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS LINCOLN: THE CONSTITUTION AND THE CIVIL WAR
When: 2 p.m.
Where: Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave.
What: Ken Burns: The Civil War, Part 2 of 5

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall
Info: Weekly meeting. New members welcome. Call Walter, 260-7136.

Tuesday

PAINT TIME
When: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
Info: Call 352-8297.

CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Cigar Frog's

PERMIAN BASIN DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Cost: $5 members, $6 non-members.
Call: 520-4343 or 218-8215.
Info: Live country and Western music each week

Wednesday Fourth of July

50TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PARADE
When: 10 a.m.
Where: Centennial Plaza, downtown
Info: Registration at 9 a.m.

2012 STAR SPANGLED SALUTE
When: 6 p.m.
Where: Centennial Plaza, downtown
Admission: Free
Info: Presented by Devon Energy. Includes a dedicated Kids Zone, fiireworks and live music. Food and beverages, including a beer garden, will be available for purchase. No outside alcohol allowed.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
When: 10-11 a.m.
Where: starts 10 a.m. from Odessa College parking lot, goes down Grant Street from 23rd to 4th.
Info: Sponsored by the Odessa Jaycees. Parade Free for spectators. Call 432-332-4638.

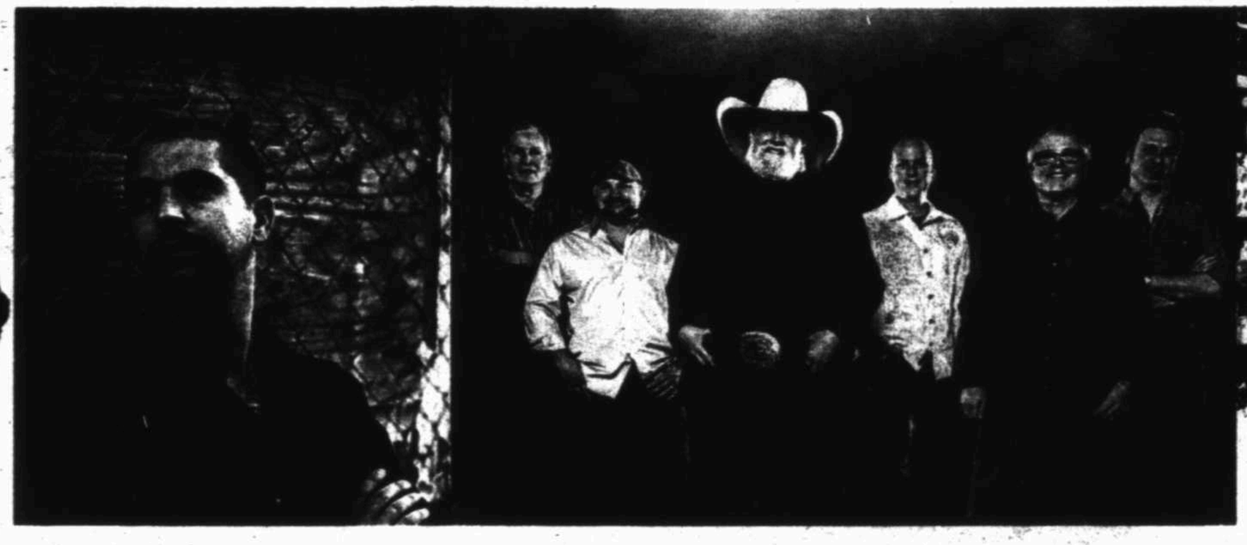
FIRECRACKER FANDANGO
When: 6 p.m.-midnight
Where: 4th and Grant to 4th and Sam Houston, Odessa
Admission: $7 advance, $10 gate.
Call: 432-335-4682.
Info: Live entertainment, games, food vendors, rides and a fireworks show at 10 pm. Go to www.mainstreetodessa.com.

Kids Zone

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSELLERS
Where: 2617 West Loop 250 N.
Call: 682-8880
Saturday: 10:30 a.m.: "Olivia Opens a Lemonade Stand"
Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. Storytime for Preschool

FREDDA TURNER DURHAM CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
Where: Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Closed July 4.
Call: 683-2882 for more information.

THE PETROLEUM MUSEUM: MOVIE CAMP
When: 9:30 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday
Info: Children age 5 and up.
Cost: $3
Call: 683-4403 for more information.



Five acts to fill Grande stadium with country

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Midland Community Theatre is branching out this year. It's adding concerts to its fundraising efforts when MCT Spotlight Presents Travis Tritt, the Charlie Daniels Band and Texas country artists Granger Smith, Mark McKinney and Brian Keane Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

"It's not anything like we've done in the past," said Tim Jebsen, MCT's executive director. "Our fundraising committee was looking for a way for our theater to reach a new audience and make them aware of Midland Community Theatre."

This year's it's country western artists. Next year, who knows?

"Next year we might bring in a magician at Chaparral Center, and the next year a rock group at the Wagner Noël," Jebsen said. "It's not always going to be a country western artist.

"We are planning one fundraising event every year that we do outside Summer Mummers. We are really trying to reach new audiences with this type of event."

In an effort to reach the largest audience possible, MCT Spotlight Presents selected five acts to perform.

Travis Tritt is a Grammy winning, country music singer from Marietta, Ga. He signed to Warner Bros. Records in 1989, releasing seven studio albums and a greatest hits package for the label between then and 1999. In the 2000s, he released three albums. Seven of his albums (counting the Greatest Hits) are certified platinum or higher by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

Tritt also has charted more than 40 times on the Hot Country Songs charts, including five No. 1s: "Help Me Hold On," "Anymore," "Can I Trust You with My Heart," "Foolish Pride" and "Best of Intentions," and 15 additional top 10 singles. He has received two Grammy Awards, four awards from the Country Music Association, and has been a member of the Grand Ole Opry since 1992.

Charlie Daniels is known for his contributions to country and Southern rock music and especially for his No. 1 country hit, "The Devil Went Down to Georgia." He has been active as a singer since the early 1950s and was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry on Jan. 24, 2008.

"It is an honor that I can't begin to articulate, there is no way I can express what it means to me," Daniels has said. "And to make it special, I was joined on stage by Russell Palmer, the man who taught me my first guitar chords all those years ago."

A native Texan, Granger Smith has been writing, singing and working at his craft since his early teens, teaching himself to play the guitar when he was 14. Smith has seven top 10 singles and has made three tours in Iraq and Kuwait to play for the American soldiers and performed three shows at the White House.

"Music is what I do," Granger has said. "If I can help someone get lost in the moment of a song long enough to forget the worries of the world, or long enough to remember what's most important, then I've done my job."

A native of Big Spring now living in Austin, Mark McKinney started his first band when he was in high school. His music shows a number of influences. "Although I grew up listening to country legends like Willie Nelson and Charlie Daniels," McKinney has said, "I was also heavily influenced by rock and pop."

Born and raised in Seneca, S.C., Brian Kearne skipped college to take a steady job as a keyboard player. After two years, he quit and took a job tending bar. Later he began writing songs and made his debut record, "I Ain't Even Lonely" with producer/drummer Eldridge Goins, paying for some of the record by working as an auto mechanic. In 2006, Keane formed the Band of Heathens, leaving the group in 2007 to pursue a solo career.

MCT is aiming for an audience of "at least 2,500," said Jebsen. "We are well on our way to that goal, and with it being general admission we know a lot of people are going to buy tickets at the door."

ALL THE DETAILS

MCT'S SPOTLIGHT PRESENTS TRAVIS TRITT, THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND AND TEXAS COUNTRY ARTISTS GRANGER SMITH, MARK MCKINNEY AND BRIAN KEANE

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McKinney: 'To entertain people with my songs is success to me'

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

In his time on stage, Texas artist Mark McKinney and his drummer have successfully overcome some awkward moments.

"I cracked my guitar in half in the middle of the show," McKinney recalled in a telephone interview with the Reporter-Telegram. "And in the middle of the song I ran over to the side of the stage and duct taped my guitar."

At another show, his drummer had an unexpected guest arrive on stage.

"This girl jumped on stage and ran over and jumped in the drummer's lap," said McKinney who performs here Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium along with Travis Tritt, the Charlie Daniels Band, Granger Smith and Brian Keane. "He was reaching around her, still playing his drums, not missing a beat. At the end of the song, we got her escorted off stage, but he never missed a beat. He did just fine."

McKinney and his brother, Eric, who was his lead guitarist, grew up in a family that had an appreciation for music.

"My family loved music," said McKinney. "I grew up around it. My father got me and my brother taking music lessons when we both were about 8 and 10 years old. I started my first band when I was in high school.

"My parents were huge Beatles fans. My brother and I would act like John and Paul. We would stand on our bed and perform. We were never shy about getting in front of people. I wanted to be in a band and write songs from an early age."

A Willie Nelson concert made a big impact on McKinney when he was a child.

"I remember seeing Willie Nelson playing at the football stadium in Big Spring when I was probably 7 or 8 years old, and I remember thinking that's what I want to do."

A native of Big Spring, McKinney now lives in Austin. His parents live there now and so does his brother, Eric, who owns and runs an recording studio called Wonderland Studios.

"He used to be my lead guitar player up until about three years ago," McKinney said. "We played music together for years and years.

"He got married, had his first child and was kind of burned out on the traveling and the late-night-honky-tonk-and-bar-and-festival life. He wanted to have something more regular. He's still involved in music and playing on records. I've been playing music for 20 years in some form or another. Full time making a living, it's been about seven years."

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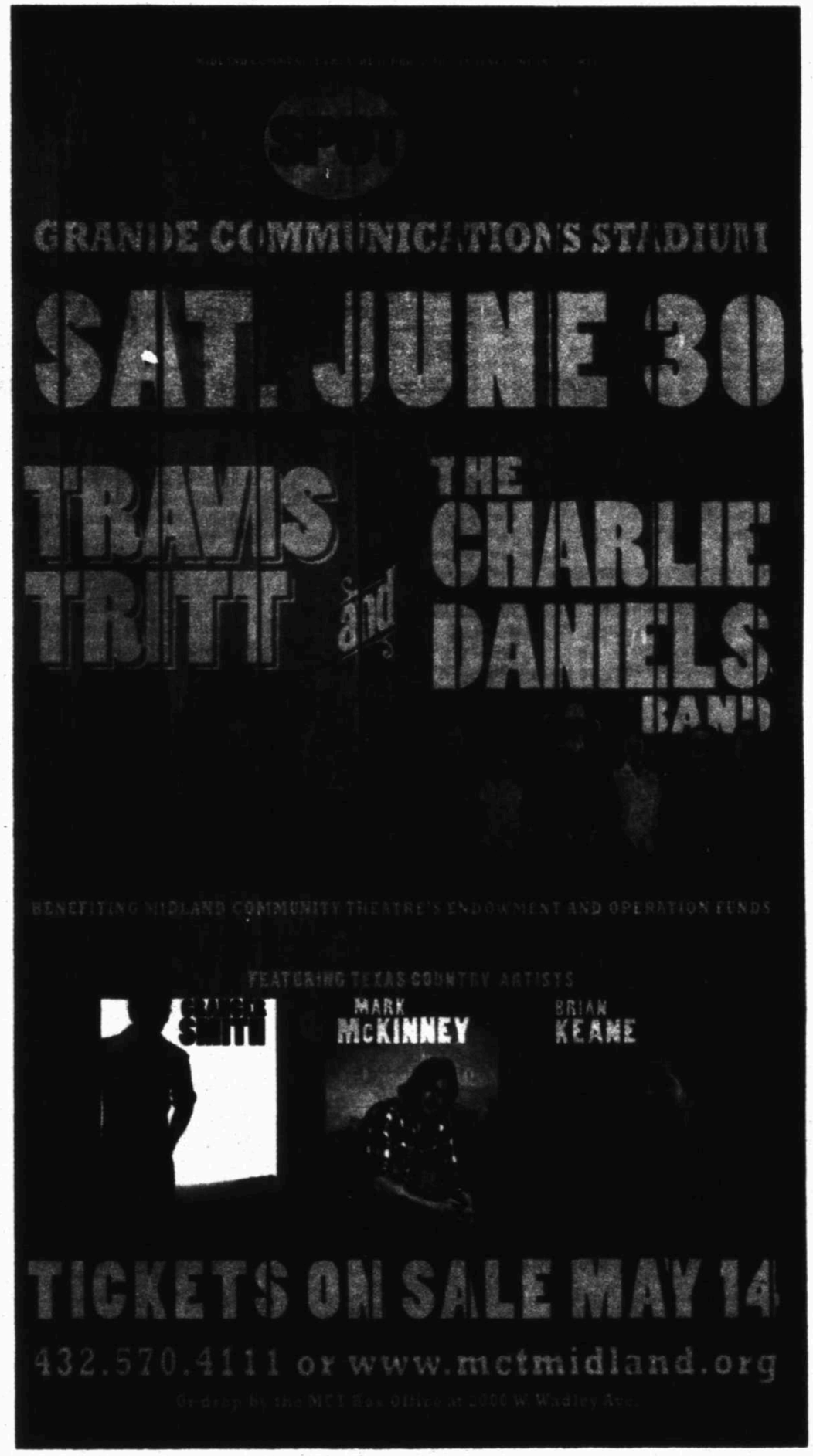
McKinney, who spent time when he was growing up in Big Spring fishing in bass tournaments with his father, still has ties in West Texas. His grandfather, Bill Coggin and aunt and uncle, Bill and Jo Coggin, live in Stanton. He is married to April, who is in the restaurant management business, and they have two children — a 9 year-old-son, Jagger, and a 5-year-old-daughter, Cypress.

He has several albums to his credit, including "Middle America," "Home" and "Middle America live," recorded about 18 months ago and now available on iTunes and at www.mckinney.com. He's working on his fourth album, which he described as having a "rootsy folksy American kind of vibe."

When up and comers ask him for advice, he said, "I usually tell them not to worry about what other people say and never give up. I think those are the two most important things."

Everybody has a different take on what they consider success to be, McKinney said. "I consider being able to write music and play music for people and make a living success. To entertain people with my songs is success to me."



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Curtis Grimes, Cody Johnson @ Rockin Rodeo
Friday
Candlebox, Jessarae @ Dos Amigos
Cory Yeager @ Cigar Frog's
Mr. Fisher and The Hospitality, The Feeble Contenders, Sociology, Dreamers, Moving Forward, Jackson's Lost Cause @ Pine Box
Nitelife, Daniel Porter, Jesse Thomas @ Music City Mall
3 Lit Pigz @ Fast Freddy's
Road Kings @ Detour
Trinity River Whalers @ Noel Heritage Plaza (Hot Summer Nights series)
Friday and Saturday
Electric Gypsies @ The Bar
The Mike Hernandez Band @ Your Place
Saturday
Cirebrook @ Sedona Grill
Robert Claiborne and Jordan Holmes @ Cigar Frog's
Technical Jazz, Mike Leonard, Pat Keefer, Connor Leggett, Benito Ramos, King/Hilliard, Mary Mitchell @ Music City Mall
The Charlie Daniels Band, Travis Tritt, Granger Smith, Mark McKinney, Brian Keane @ Grande Stadium
The Word Alive, I See Stars, Make Me Famous, Crown the Empire @ Dos Amigos
Treetop Flyers @ Corky's
Monday
800 Mile Monday @ New Blue Max
Tuesday
Aaron Lewis @ Dos Amigos
Wednesday
Jimmy Butler, Dan Carroll & the Tone Pirates @ Shack in the Back
Kevin Fowler @ Firecracker Fandango

Dallas/Fort Worth

Friday
Howard Jones @ House of Blues
James McMurtry, Lincoln Durham @ Dan's Silverleaf (Denton)
New Edition @ Verizon Theatre
Warrant, Firehouse, Trixter @ Glass Cactus (Grapevine)
Saturday
Cobra Starship @ Six Flags
Merle Haggard @ Billy Bob's
Raheem DeVaughn @ House of Blues

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The Ground Floor
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Phone: 570-5333

The Hog Pit Pub & Grub
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Phone: 561-9301

The New Blue Max
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6300 Andrews Hwy., Odessa
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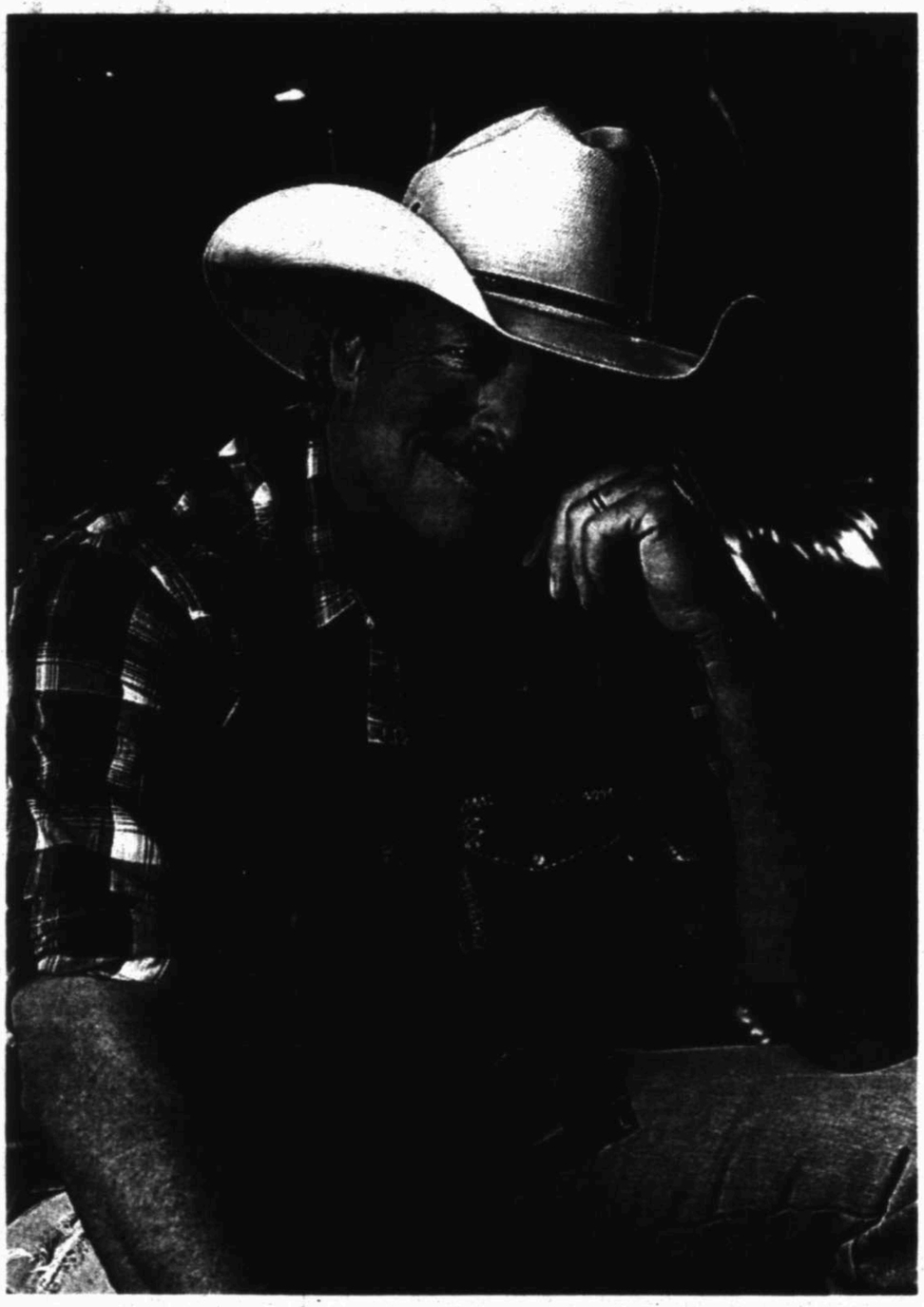

ALAN JACKSON FRIDAY @ UNITED SPIRIT ARENA. LUBBOCK
Jackson's new single, "So You Don't Have To Love Me Anymore," is on the radio now and the video for the song is airing on CMT and GAC. He is one of the 10 best-selling artists since the inception of SoundScan. His latest hit is from his forthcoming new album, which will be released this month. Jackson has sold nearly 60 million albums worldwide, topped the country singles charts 35 times and scored more than 50 Top 10 hits. Jackson has written or co-written 24 of his 35 No. 1 hit singles. Tickets for the show may be purchased at LiveNation.com, all Select-A-Seats outlets or charge by phone at 806-770-2000.

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GRASS ROOTS: AFRICAN ORIGINS OF AN AMERICAN ART @ THE ELLEN NOEL ART MUSEUM

This exhibition, on display through Aug. 12, traces the histories of coiled basketry in Africa and America, exploring the evolution of this ancient art form. Featuring baskets from the low country of South Carolina and Georgia as well as from diverse regions of Africa, the exhibition traces the story of coiled basketry from the domestication of rice in Africa, through the trans-Atlantic slave trade and the Carolina rice plantations, and then into the present-day. Family Art Day is planned from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Families will have an opportunity to take part in docent led tour of the exhibition, story time, art activities and try their hand at basket making. This event is free.

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Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.
Admission: $10 adults, $9 seniors and teenagers, $7 children ages 6-12 and free for those under 6. Discounts available.
For more info visit www.commemorativeairforce.org.

ELLEN NOEL ART MUSEUM
4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa
550-9696
Info: "West Texas Triangle: Catherine Lee" and "Grass Roots: African Origins of an American Art," both through Aug. 12.
Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 2- 5 p.m. Closed July 4th.
Admission: Free.
Web: www.noelartmuseum.org.
Upcoming: Family Art Day 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday (free). A Random Acts of Art class 12:30-4:30 p.m. July 14. Adults only. Led by basket artist Mildred Cuffaro from Kerrville. Registration required. Fee $40, includes supplies. Call 550-9696 to register. Class size limited. Summer art classes: Ceramics & Paper Madness, Painting & Art in History, Monsters & Ceramic Glazing and The Art of Me & 3-D Design.

GEORGE W. BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME
1412 W. Ohio Ave.
685-1112
Info: Tours and gift shop hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in Midland. Open July 4th.

HALEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND HISTORY CENTER
1805 W. Indiana Ave.
682-5785
Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. No admission charged. Closed July 4 and Labor Day.
Exhibit: Paintings selected from the Holt Cattle Corporation Collection through Oct. 12.

MCCORMICH GALLERY, ALLISON FINE ARTS BUILDING
Midland College main campus
3600 N. Garfield Road
685-4770
Exhibit: Caricatures by retiring Associate Vice President of Instruction Stan Jacobs, Ph.D. MC staff members have collected approximately 50 caricatures that Jacobs has done over the years — some of famous people such as President Barack Obama and Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney. Jacobs, the longest-serving employee at MC, has been at the college for 41 years.
Info: Closed July 4th.

MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
301 W. Missouri Ave.
688-8947
Hours: Friday, Monday and Wednesday: 2-5 p.m. Free. Closed Fourth of July.

MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST
1705 W. Missouri Ave.
683-2882
Facilities in the museum complex:
Museum of the Southwest: Works by Catherine Lee, "Pueblo to Pueblo: The Legacy of Southwest Indian Pottery" and William Stone's "A Venerable Landscape - the Ancient Southwest." No admission charged. Donations welcome.
Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: "A View from Space," "From Earth to the Solar System," "My Town" and "Beach Babies." Admission charged non-members.
Blakemore Planetarium: Admission $3 per person to see permanent exhibitions. Regular hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.
Regular hours at the two museums: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 2- 5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Fourth of July.

PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM MUSEUM
1500 W. Interstate 20
683-4403
Exhibits: Its 40,000 square feet of interactive exhibits cover all aspects of the petroleum industry from geology, the formation of oil, its exploration, pipelining, marketing, and refining to the economic and political impact of the industry. Also: Chaparral Race Cars.
Hours: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: Adults $8, ages 12-17 and seniors 65 & above: $6, children (6-11) $5, children under 6 free.
Info: Open Fourth of July.

SCARBOROUGH-LINEBERY HOUSE
802 S. Main St.
685-7368
Hours: Historic home open by appointment.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS OF THE PERMIAN BASIN
Odessa
Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery: Watercolor Horizons Group Juried Exhibition opens with a public preview and reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. The exhibition closes Friday.
Info: All exhibitions at the gallery are sponsored by UTPB Student Life and the Odessa Council For the arts and Humanities. Closed Fourth of July.

WHITE-POOL HOUSE MUSEUM
112 E. Murphy St., Odessa
432-333-4072
Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.
Info: No admission charged. Donations accepted. Check on holiday hours.

CHILDREN'S SIDEWALK PARADE

Children's Sidewalk Parade celebrates 50th anniversary

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Midland will be celebrating a little piece of history as the Star Spangle Salute makes its return to Downtown Midland.

The annual July 4th Children's Sidewalk Parade, sponsored by the Colonel Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will celebrate its 50th anniversary at Centennial Plaza, 105 N. Main St.

"This year I have dedicated the parade to the children and their parents," said organizer Gayle Dodson. "These children and their parents are wonderful."

Dodson's own children and grandchildren have participated in the event since she became parade chairman 38 years ago. During the celebration this year, Dodson will recognize parents in attendance who participated in the parade themselves as children.

The children's parade began in 1962 as an informal procession of about 30 children in the Hill Park neighborhood, followed by family picnics. Some of the mothers from that group later would become members of the Colonial Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which formed in 1966 and decided to make the July 4th Children's Parade its annual project. The parade has taken place at Wadley Barron Park, downtown Midland and the Museum of the Southwest throughout the years.

"The purpose of the parade is to promote patriotism and red, white and blue among the children, the future of America," wrote original parade organizer Alva Butler in 1996.

Children are invited to ride in wagons, tricycles, bicycles, strollers and Big Wheels in the patriotic parade, and parade participants will be grouped by age into four categories: birth-3 years old; 4-6 years old; 7-9 years old; and 10-12 years old. Vehicles and participants are asked to promote the theme of patriotism. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Centennial Plaza, and registration is free. All participants receive a ribbon and flag to wave in the parade.

The parade route will circle the old Courthouse Square starting on Texas Ave. and end in Centennial Plaza with a patriotic program including a performance by the Midland Community Symphonic Band. Gates open at 6 p.m. for the Star Spangle Salute in Centennial Plaza, which will include live entertainment, a beer garden, food and drink vendors and children's play area.

Sara Higgins can be reached at shiggins@mrt.com.

ALL THE DETAILS

50TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SIDEWALK PARADE

When: 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 4
Where: Centennial Plaza, 105 N. Main St.
Registration: 9 a.m. in Centennial Plaza
Cost: Free
Ages: Birth through 12 years old
Info: Call Gayle Dodson, 682-3376.

Bullriding comes to Horseshoe

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Eight seconds doesn't sound like a long time, but it depends on precisely how those seconds are being spent.

"It's dangerous," Mark Ward of V Lazy S Bullriding Productions, LLC, said of bull riding. "Very dangerous. Those boys put their lives on the line every time that gate opens."

Bull riders will be doing just that at the Horseshoe on Friday and Saturday when V Lazy S Bullriding Productions, LLC, and Dickie Williams of H&B Bucking Bulls of Odessa bring a Professional Bullriders Association-sanctioned event to the main arena.

"The new attraction is the miniature bull riding — miniature bulls that 12 to 14 year old kids will be getting on," said Williams. "The bulls are coming out of Wyoming."

This year's event, which has expanded to two nights, will feature 35 bulls a night and 10 for shoot-out rounds, Williams said. "That's 45 guys a night riding and miniature bulls, eight guys a night."

ALL THE DETAILS

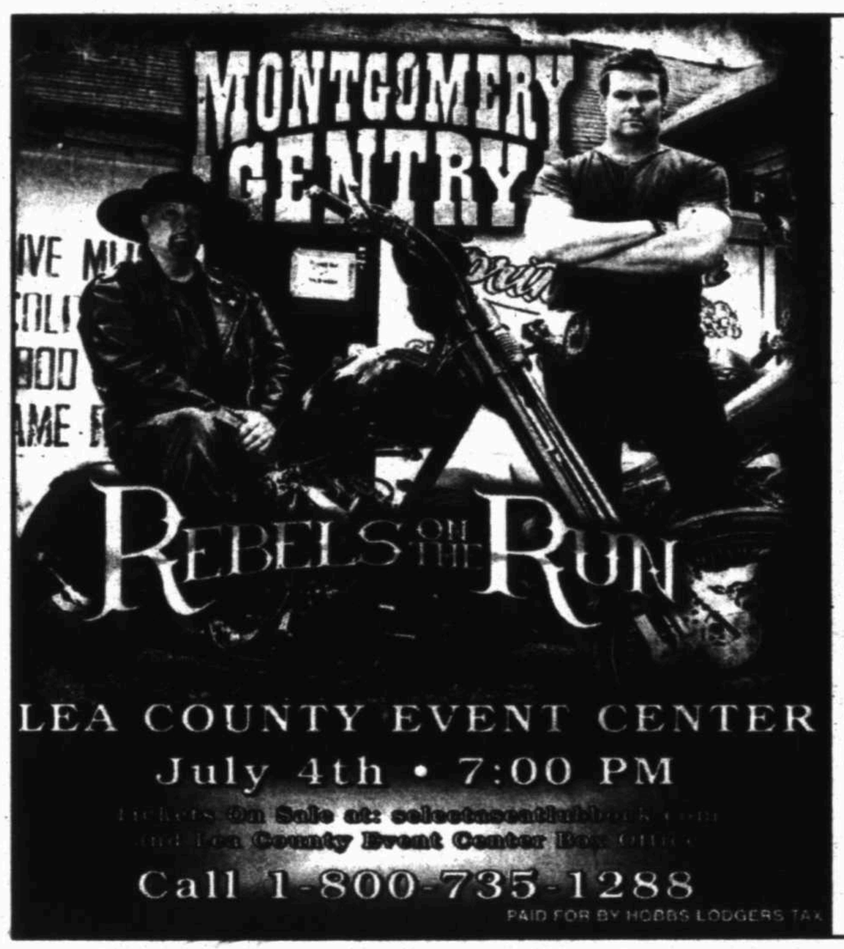
CAVENDER'S BOOT CITY INVITATIONAL 2012

When: Friday and Saturday. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Rides begin at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Horseshoe

Tickets: General admission $17 advance, $22 at the gate. Arena seats $22 advance, $27 at the gate. Kids age 6 and younger free. Tickets may be purchased at Cavender's, the Horseshoe and Endless Horizons, Odessa. Some handling charges.

Info: J.W. Hart and Justin McBride will be signing autographs from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at Cavender's. Official after party will be held both nights at Rockin Rodeo.



Red Hot Summer

June 30th — Beach Party USA!
Join us in the Lea County Event Center south parking lot. Sandcastle building instruction 9-10 am. Sandcastle competition and judging 10 am -4 pm, 11 am - 12 noon a tribute and fire truck water arc cannons celebrating the first anniversary of United Airlines' fights from Lea County Regional Airport. Music by Hobbs Community Rock Band from 3-5 pm, Food vendors, Water slides and mazes. FREE concert at 7 pm wit "Son of a Sailor", a Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band.

4th of July — BBQ & Montgomery Gentry Concert!
Enjoy a downhome BBQ dinner in the Lea Count Event Center Banquet Hall from 5-7 pm. $10/Adults and $5/Children under 12. Limited number of tickets are available at the Lea County Event Center Box Office. The Montgomery Gentry Concert is at 7 pm on July 4th in the Lea County Event Center Arena. **Buy tickets at selectaseatlubbock.com and the Lea County Event Center Box Office. Call 1-800-735-1288 today for tickets!**

August 3rd - 77th — 11th Annual Lea County Fair & Rodeo!
With six name-act concerts, Extreme Bulls, PRCA Rodeo, Wright Carnival, food vendors, livestock shows and sales - there will be something for the whole family! Daily entertainment provided by Ham Bone Express pig races, Robert Smith's Street Magic Live, and Comedic Ventriloquist, Kevin Johnson. August 4th - Easton Corbin Concert, August 5th - Hispano Heritage Day, August 6th - Dog Show, August 7th - Extreme Bulls television taping, August 8th - Lea County Fair and Rodeo Parade on Main St., Lovington and family night concert with award winning Christian group - Mercy Me, August 9th - PRCA Rodeo with Stoney LaRue, August 10th - Uncle Kracker. The Lea County Fair and Rodeo closes on Saturday, August 11th with the Chris Young concert. **Tickets are available at Lea County Fairgrounds daily during the fair.**

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"Brave"

"Seeking a Friend for the End of the World"

"BRAVE" — Pixar is long overdue for a feature with a strong female character at its center. Now that she's arrived, it's clear she deserves better. "Brave" is beautiful to look at, as you would expect given the technical and artistic standard the animation behemoth has set. Set in the wilds of Scotland, this 13th Pixar feature is full of lush, green forests and dramatic, rolling hills, all of which look even more idyllic bathed in a delicate, mystical sunlight. Our heroine, the feisty and free-spirited Princess Merida (voiced by Kelly Macdonald), has a finely detailed mane of long, red curls that look so bouncy and soft, they'll make you want to roll around in them, then maybe take a little nap. And the story begins promisingly enough, with our heroine — an avid archer — leaping on her valiant steed and taking a thunderous ride through the countryside, expertly hitting her targets without missing a beat. She's obviously a character with a mind of her own, one who has no apprehension about breaking the rules — which is why it's such a shame that the film itself feels so old-fashioned and safe. The script, credited to co-directors Mark Andrews and Brenda Chapman as well as Steve Purcell and Irene Mecchi, revisits some familiar Disney character types and themes: a princess in a long-ago kingdom who pays an ill-fated visit to a witch, a spell that changes everything and needs to be broken, and the misunderstandings and danger that ensue. "Brave" begins thrillingly but turns rather silly and slapsticky, as if it were aimed mainly at the little kids in the audience rather than the whole family. But the voice cast is strong, including Billy Connolly and Emma Thompson as Merida's parents, the king and queen. PG for some scary action and rude humor. 93 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

"SEEKING A FRIEND FOR THE END OF THE WORLD" — Steve Carell and Keira Knightley, together as a couple who've fallen suddenly and madly in love? Surely the apocalypse is nigh. It's coming in three weeks, to be exact, in the feature directing debut from screenwriter Lorene Scafaria ("Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist"). An asteroid 70 miles wide is hurtling toward Earth, ensuring destruction and doom for the entire planet. Scafaria explores how people behave when the rules of polite society are stripped away, a premise that isn't exactly novel — the world ended just last year, much more artfully, in Lars Von Trier's "Melancholia" — but one that's brimming with potential for absurdist, satirical comedy. Within that setting, Carell and Knightley get thrown together. The pairing doesn't make a whole lot of sense on paper — in the real world or on the big screen — but for the most part they have enough unexpected, opposites-attract likability and find themselves in enough strangely amusing situations to make the movie work. The mawkish third act, however, nearly destroys all that appeal. Carell's character is very much in the vein of the detached and depressed but wryly observant figures he's played before: He's an insurance agent whose wife takes off when news of the asteroid breaks. Knightley is his downstairs neighbor in the apartment building, a free-spirited, pot-smoking Brit with a penchant for classic vinyl records. Naturally, these two people need to go on a road trip. R for language including some sexual references, some drug use and brief violence. 101 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Capsule reviews of other feature films

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RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

"BATTLESHIP" — A fleet of space ships from Earth goes to battle against an alien force. 2 hrs. 13 PG-13 (profanity, violence, destruction). 3 stars

"MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED" — In this animated film, a group of animals trying to return to their home in a New York zoo get waylaid in Europe, where they join a traveling circus. With the voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer and Jada Pinkett Smith. Written by Noah Baumbach. Directed by Eric Darnell, Conrad Vernon and Tom McGrath. 1 hr. 33 PG. 2 stars

"MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS" — Captain America, the Hulk, Iron Man and Thor team up with Black Widow and Hawkeye to do battle with a demonic, demented Norse god (Thor's bad-seed brother) in Joss Whedon's effects-driven Marvel superheroes smash-up. With Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johannson, Mark Ruffalo, and Samuel L. Jackson as their boss, SHIELD agent Nick Fury. 2 hrs. 23 PG-13 (violence, adult themes) 2 stars.

"MEN IN BLACK 3" — With his partner's life and the fate of the planet at stake, a special agent travels back in time to set things right. With Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Josh Brolin and Jemaine Clement. Written by Etan Cohen. Directed by Barry Sonnenfeld. In 3-D. 1 hr 45 PG-13. 1 1/2 stars

"PROMETHEUS" — While investigating a clue to the origin of mankind on Earth, a team of space explorers become embroiled in a battle to save the human race. With Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender, Idris Elba and Logan Marshall-Green. Written by Jon Spaihts and Damon Lindelof. Directed by Ridley Scott. In 3-D. 2 hrs. 7 R. 3 stars

"ROCK OF AGES" Notable for one of the odder turns in Tom Cruise's career (he's a heavy metal rock god), this from-stage-to-screen jukebox musical uses an arsenal of '80s anthems and the hair-dos to go with it, following a dreamy-eyed Oklahoman (Julianne Hough) and a wannabe star (Diego Boneta) struggling to make it in Hollywood, where all the world is ready to break into a production number. Ironic? Earnest? Who knows? 2 hrs. 03 PG-13 (adult themes) 2 1/2 stars

"SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN" — A young woman threatens the reign of a wicked queen with her beauty and bravery in this re-imagining of the Snow White fairy tale. With Kristen Stewart, Charlize Theron, Chris Hemsworth and Sam Claflin. Written by Evan Daugherty, John Lee Hancock and Hossein Amini. Directed by Rupert Sanders. 2 hrs. 6 PG-13. 3 stars

"THAT'S MY BOY" — Comedy with Adam Sandler as a failed father who shows up unwanted on the eve of his son's wedding and tries to reconnect with him. 1 hr. 54 R (sex, drugs, profanity) 1 1/2 stars

"WHAT TO EXPECT WHILE YOU'RE EXPECTING" — Kirk Jones' adaptation of the self-help book takes place in a parallel universe where everyone has his own reality TV show and is anxious until parenthood transforms him momentarily into a new man — and then into a grumpus like Chris Rock. With Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Jennifer Lopez, Elizabeth Banks and Rock. 1 hr. 50 PG-13 (sexual candor, crude language). 2 stars

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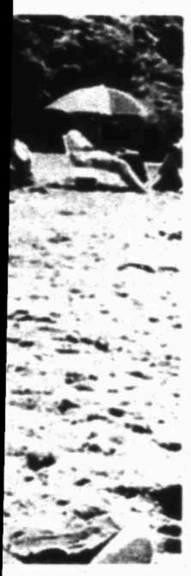

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DVDIVA'S *pick of the week*

Hilarious adult comedy scores top pick of the week

By Nancy Adamson
DVDiva columnist

Pick of the week

"WANDERLUST" (R) Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd play a couple who are forced from their hectic New York City lifestyle by the recession and wind up in a commune, where the laid-back ways of the residents seduce them into making the change permanent. There are many laugh out loud moments in this film, but it doesn't get any funnier than watching Rudd staring in a mirror trying to talk himself into having sex with another woman. The adult comedy from the brain trust behind cult classic "Wet Hot American Summer" is naughty, bawdy — by which I mean full frontal male nudity but not from Rudd, I regret to say — and one of the funniest films of the year. A-

"BIG MIRACLE" (PG) Drew Barrymore and John Krasinski star in this film based on the true story of a family of humpback whales stranded five miles from freedom in the Arctic wilderness. It was one of the biggest news stories of 1988. All three networks devoted time to it and the world was captivated by the story of the whales, named Fred, Wilma and Bamm-Bamm. Heart-warming and genuine, the film manages to relay that feeling by using actual footage from the coverage. B

"EXIT HUMANITY" (not rated) Interesting tale of a Civil War veteran who returns home from the war to find his son missing and his wife consumed by a mysterious virus that has turned her into a zombie. Well made with curious little animated bits throughout, the story's biggest fault is its length. The attempt to make an art house zombie film is somewhat noble, but at a little shy of two hours, the character study grows dull. When it did get to the carnage, I was long past interested. C+

"GOOD DEEDS" (PG-13) Mired in a life utterly void of spontaneity, Tyler Perry plays a wealthy CEO who discovers a new side of himself after an encounter with a woman who cleans his office building. Without his alter ego, Madea, in the mix to provide comic relief, Perry simply can't seem to avoid sentimentality. But this time, he pulls the reins back before going too far, resulting in his best non-Madea film since "Diary of a Mad Black Woman." B+

"JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME" (R) Jason Segel is positively adorable as a 30-year-old stoner whose mother (Susan Sarandon) and brother (Ed Helms) are tired of Jeff's total lack of motivation. That is until Jeff gets a call — a wrong number — from a man named Kevin. Quirky indie comedy is warm, funny, and a close runner-up for pick of the week. A-

"JOURNEY 2: MYSTERIOUS ISLAND" (PG) Sequel to "Journey to the Center of the Earth" takes up with Sean (Josh Hutcherson) back at home with his mom and new stepfather (Dwayne Johnson) when a cryptic message from his grandfather (Michael Caine) prompts him to embark on a new adventure.

Oddly enough, for a film that relies so much on special effects — some of which we've seen already in "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" and Peter Jackson's "King Kong" — the banter between Johnson and Caine steals the show. A worthy sequel. B+

"KIARA THE BRAVE" (PG) One look at the packaging of this animated feature probably will fool some into thinking this is the new Pixar release, "Brave," now showing in theaters. That's because the words "Kiara the" are super small compared to the word "Brave" on the cover and shows an animated red-haired young lass who looks a little like the Pixar heroine. The truth is this film was originally titled "Super K," and the packaging by the shyster distributors of this film have little else to try to sell it. It's awful, practically unfathomable and the animation is as low budget as it can get. And that's the film's strongest points. F

"RADIO REBEL" (unrated) Innocuous Disney Channel fare about a shy high schooler who finds her voice broadcasting a radio show anonymously from the solace of her bedroom. The first time I saw this film was in 1990 when it was called "Pump Up the Volume." That version was a little more edgy and had a lot better soundtrack. This version is watchable, thanks mostly to its personable star, Debby Ryan, but its watered down pop soundtrack almost made my ears bleed. B-

"RANCHERO" (R) The son of a farm worker sets off for Los Angeles, where a childhood friend's drug addiction threatens his very existence. Roger Guiterrez — who looks like a Hispanic Corey Feldman — makes an impressive starring debut in this low-budget indie drama. As with "Kiara the Brave," however, I have problems with the way this film is being marketed. The cover prominently features Danny Trejo, who is in the film, but briefly. Granted, his face undoubtedly will help sell the film, but it is almost an hour into the film before his face actually is seen. That aside, the film is never dull, thanks mostly to Guiterrez, but relies too much on stereotypes and generalizations to be taken seriously. B-

"SEEKING JUSTICE" (R) Nicolas Cage plays a distraught husband who accepts an offer to have his wife's attacker killed after she is raped and beaten. Thriller initially reminded me of a Michael Douglas film from 1983 called "The Star Chamber" in which a group of judges imparted their own justice after the system failed them. "Seeking Justice" takes a similar theme but brings its own unique twists and turns. As long as you don't question some of the routes the film takes — the holes in the plot are downright laughable at times — "Seeking Justice" is an effective suspense film. B

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what'scoming

SUMMER SUNDAY LAWN CONCERTS
When: 7:45 p.m. Sundays
Where: on the grounds of the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Info: Different acts each week. St. Blues on July 8.

TMBRA FREEDOM CLASSIC BARREL RACE
When: July 6-8
Where: Horseshoe

CAPROCK MOTORPLEX – DRAG RACING
When: July 6-8
Where: 16 miles west of Odessa, one miles South of Interstate 20. Exit 101 319S FM 1601.
Info: Test and Tune 7 p.m. Friday, Caprock Points with Southwest Superchargers 2 p.m. Saturday and Summit Super Series Points Race 10 a.m. Sunday.
Call: Mason Wright, 556-3043.

GEORGE LOPEZ
When: July 7
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $39.50 and $59.50. Purchase at the box office, online at Wagnernoel.com or by calling 1-800-514-3849. For mature audiences.

WILLIE NELSON
When: 6 p.m. July 8
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $45-85 advance

THE SIBLEY NATURE CENTER: BUG CAMP
When: July 9-12, and Aug. 13-16 from 9 a.m. to noon.
Contact: Michael Nickell, Sibley Nature Center, 684- 6827, or go to the Sibley Nature Center website at www.sibleynaturecenter.org.
Cost: $50 Sibley Nature Center members and $80 non-members.

THE PETROLEUM MUSEUM: 2012 SUMMER DAY CLASSES
When: July 13 and 20 and Aug. 3 and 10
Cost: Museum members: $15 per class; non-members: $20.
Call: 683-4403 or view online at www.petroleummuseum.org. Registration is underway for children entering third through eighth grade. Sponsored by Key Energy.

PEDRO FERNANDEZ IN CONCERT
When: 4:30 p.m. July 14
Where: Ector County Coliseum
Tickets: with service charges $165, $132, $110, $ 66, $44 and $33. Available Central Ticket Office, www.centralticketoffice.com or 800-462-7979, Endless Horizons in Odessa and Super Mercado in Midland.
Info: Opening acts include Ezequiel Pena, Beatriz Adriana, Huarachin Y Huarachon and Los Hermanos Escamilla

MIDLAND OPERA THEATER AT THE PLANETARIUM
When: 5:30 p.m. July 19
Where: Blakemore Planetarium, Indiana Avenue and K Street
Cost: Free
Info: A summer of Gilbert and Sullivan opera on DVD. The "Trial by Jury" showing begins with refreshments. Call 432-425-6836 or go to www.midlandoperatheater.org.

Willie Nelson

CENTERS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES PRESENTS "AN EVENING WITH GREG HALL"
When: July 20
Where: Horseshoe

FIFTH ANNUAL SOCCER CAMP VBS
When: 9 a.m.-noon July 23-27
Where: Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive.
Cost: $40 includes snacks, ball, jersey and water. Discounts available for volunteers and families with more than one child.
Registration deadline: July 1. Space limited. Register at www.midlandfellowshipchurch.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
When: 6 p.m. July 23-27
Where: 201 S. Carver St.
Theme: Amazing Wonders Aviation - Encountering God's Awesome Power
Info: Classes for Pre-K and Kindergarten; children; youth and adults. For more information and for transportation, call 210-5590.

VALENTINE SHRINE CIRCUS
When: July 25
Where: Ector County Coliseum

TALL CITY BLUES FEST
When: July 26-29
Where: Centennial Plaza
Info: Features award-winning blues music accompanied by emerging talent. Headliners are James "Boogaloo" Bolden Blues Band of Houston on Friday night, Tommy Castro of San Rafael, Calif., Saturday followed by a finale performance by JT Coldfire of Austin. Go to www.tallcitybluesfest.com.

RICK SMITH'S "WHENEVER IT RAINS"
When: July 27-Aug. 11
Where: The Globe Theatre, Odessa
Call: 580-3177. Buy tickets online at www.globesw.org

SILVER SPUR GUN AND KNIFE SHOW
When: July 28-29
Where: Horseshoe

MIDLAND COUNTY FAIR PRESENTS "KAREOKE ON THE TERRACE"
When: July 30
Where: Horseshoe

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: CHRIST CHURCH MIDLAND
When: 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13-16
Where: 5501 N. Midkiff Road
Theme: Sky VBS: Anything Is Possible With God!
Info: Sign up at christchurchmidland.org

LYLE LOVETT AND HIS LARGE BAND
When: 8 p.m. Sept. 1
Where: Al G. Langford Chaparral Center on the Midland College campus
Tickets: Free general admission tickets will be available beginning Aug. 6.
Info: Presented by the Midland College Foundation and the Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series

BROADWAY SERIES
When: winter 2012 and spring 2013
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Series: Cirque Dreams Holidaze, Nov. 18; Disney's Beauty And The Beast, Dec. 19 and 20; Mannheim Steamroller Christmas By Chip Davis, Dec. 26; and in 2013, Monty Python's Spamalot, Feb. 24; Rain: A Tribute To The Beatles, April 14; Blue Man Group, April 30-May 2; and The Addams Family, May 23.
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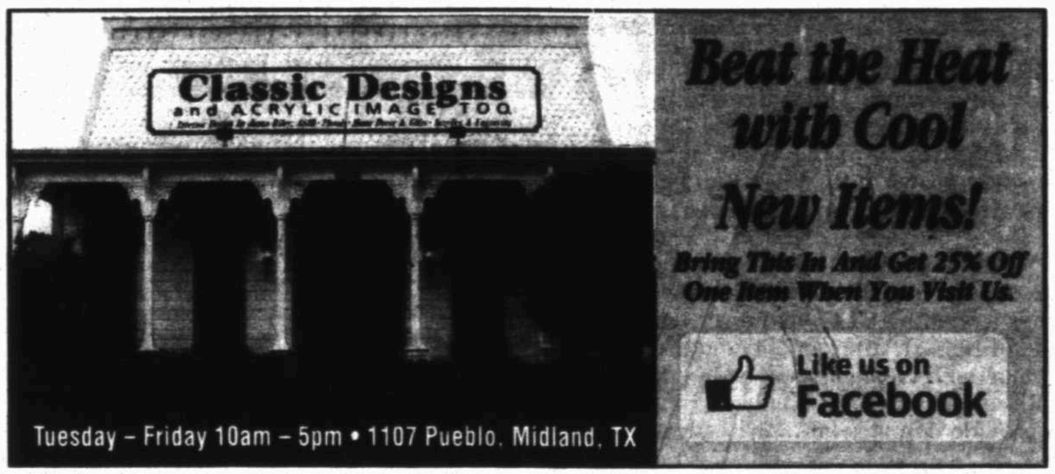

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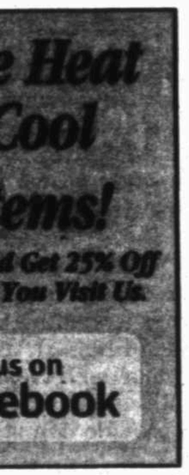

diningguide

Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in broad categories according to the type of food they serve. Additionally, they are 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.

Mexican

Ajuua's Mexican Restaurant and Drive-Thru (SD)
3205 W. Cuthbert Ave.
694-4116

Serving authentic Tex-Mex cuisine for lunch and dinner, Ajuua's offers an expansive menu with traditional favorites such as enchiladas, tacos, burritos and combination plates. The seafood menu features dishes with catfish, shrimp and oysters. Fajitas with beef, chicken, pork, shrimp or fish are available for $7.99 daily. Menudo is available Saturday and Sunday.
Entrée price range: $5.99 - $31.95
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Casa Lopez Cafe (SD)
4411 W. Illinois Ave.
699-7373

Extensive menu featuring all types of Mexican food specialties. Appetizers include items such as nachos, chile con queso, bacon wrapped shrimp and stuffed jalapenos. Variety of fajitas, combination plates, enchiladas, salads, steaks and a kid's menu. Sports bar in separate room with large TV. Delicious food and friendly service. Catering. Payment accepted: all major credit cards, cash, checks.
Entrée price range: $5.99-$13.99 Lunch specials, Monday-Friday for $5.99-11 a.m.- 2 p.m. dine-in only.
Hours: Monday-Wednesday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday-9 a.m.- 10 p.m.. Sunday 9 a.m.- 9 p.m..
Meals served: lunch, dinner on Monday-Friday. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, Sunday. Drive in window for take-out orders.

Casa Madrid (SD)
911 S. Big Spring St.
685-1350

Traditional Mexican dishes, fajitas, combination dinners, steak, Mexican plates featuring items such as tacos, tamales, flautas or enchiladas. Each of them comes with rice and beans. Salads include a diet chicken fajita salad and a chicken, beef or fajita taco salad. Rib-eye or T-bone and pork chops, chicken, burgers and fish are also on the menu. They seem to have something for everyone. Kids have their own menu with items including one cheese enchilada or one taco with a chile con queso quesadillas and rice and beans, or chicken tenders and fries, a beef smothered burrito with rice and beans or two bean and cheese burritos and a side of queso or a hamburger. Daily lunch buffet for only $8.25 and it is all you can eat. Items on the buffet include a salad bar, flour tortillas, chicken fajitas, enchiladas, menudo, asado, tacos, beans, posole, and rice and beans just to name a few. Happy hour is each day from 5-7 p.m. offering $2 domestic longnecks and $2 margaritas. They also make their own tortillas in their tortilla factory inside the restaurant. Payment accepted: Cash, checks, all credit cards.
Entrée price range: average about $8, a la carte items available. Hours: Monday-11 a.m.-2 p.m., Tues., Wed, Thurs., Sat.-11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-9; Friday-11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-10 p.m., Closed Sunday

El Banquete (SD)
1802 Rankin Highway
620-0123

Popular Mexican food establishment featuring daily specials. Appetizers such as chili con queso, guacamole, nachos and quesadillas. Taco salads, numerous burritos, beef or chicken fajita salads as well as various enchiladas plates are also on the menu. Beef tacos as well as soft pork tacos and T-bone steaks are also offered. Breakfast burritos served daily. Kid's menu available. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks.
Entrée price range: $6.50-$10.49, T-bone dinner $15.99.

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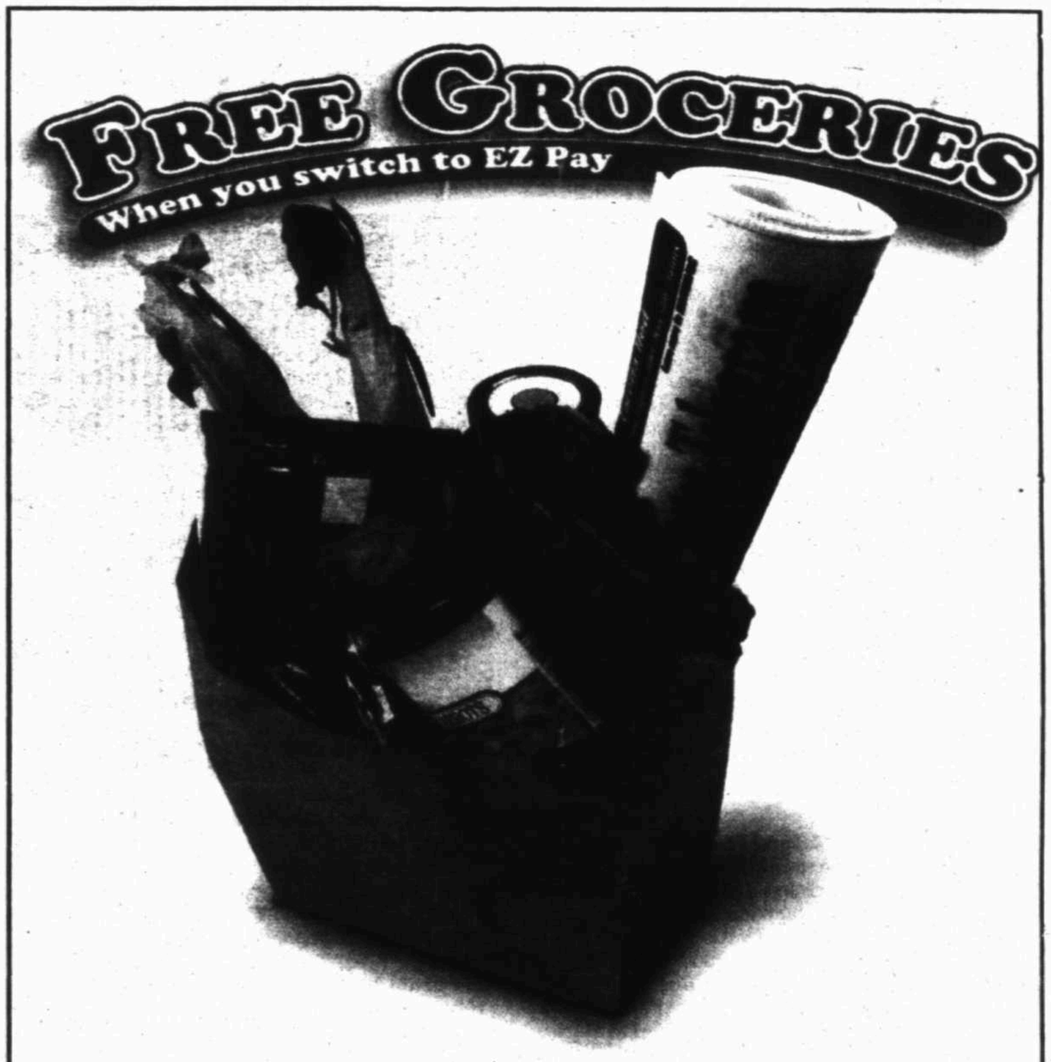

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Jorge's Café (SD)
3323 N. Midland Drive (Fairmont Shopping Center near Miss Cayce's) 689-0032
4400 N. Big Spring 683-6303

Voted top Mexican food restaurant and best salsa in town by readers of the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Lunch specials from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Quick service and nice atmosphere. Appetizers, salads, Mexican specialties, combination plates, fajitas, and steaks. Breakfast served on Saturday and Sunday. Full service bar with happy hour Monday-Friday 3-6 p.m, televisions in bar tuned to sports. Room for party. Catering available. Payment accepted: all major credit cards, cash, no checks.
Entrée price range: $4.99-$11.49. Hours: Monday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Cancun Grill (SD)
223 W. Wall St.
618-0390

Located inside the Midland Tower Building across from the courthouse, this Mexican restaurant offers everything. Colorful dining room and décor. Full service bar. Large menu offering traditional Mexican dishes as well as numerous specialties and seafood, chicken and salads. Food is beautifully displayed on the serving dishes. Tres Leches cake is delicious. Cancun Grill is perfect for those working downtown. Catering and kid's menu available.
Entrée price range: Lunch, $6.50-$11.95; Dinner, $7.75-$19.95.
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5:30-9 p.m.; Saturday 5:30-9 p.m.

Casa del Sol Restaurante y Cantina (SD)
523 East Illinois Ave.
686-1118

No reservations required, but handy when you have a group of six arriving at lunch. The inside is reminiscent of a Mexican cantina. Numerous appetizer selections, Mexican specialties and combination plates, Mexican stir-fry, West Texas specialties including country-fried steak, shrimp, grilled or fried catfish. Kid's menu available. Payment accepted: all major credit cards, cash, checks.
Entrée price range: $5.75-$12.50.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Charlas Restaurante & Bar (SD)
3330 W. Illinois Ave.
699-2440

Enjoy delicious Mexican food while enjoying an informal and relaxed dining experience. Full service bar. Appetizers, enchiladas, tacos, shrimp nachos, tortilla soup, taco and tropical salad. Large choice of steaks, fajitas, burgers, seafood and chicken dishes as well. Delicious chips and salsa. Combination meals available as well as daily lunch specials. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $4.99-$14.99.
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

Rosa's Café & Tortilla Factory (OAC)
903 Andrews Highway 520-2358
2501 N. Big Spring St. 620-0634
4301 N. Midland Drive 520-0489

Winner of the Midland Reporter Telegram's Top 100 for the "best fast food restaurant" and "best queso," this restaurant has a large menu of tacos, burritos, nachos and salads and a la carte items. Offering Mexican platters such as a beef burrito plate, cheese enchilada plate, deluxe Mexican plate and chicken or beef fajita plates in addition to a tamale dinner. Most of these "plates" come with rice and beans on the side and a small salad. Family sized portions available (try the fajita fiesta) as well as catering. Great atmosphere and quick service. Watch as they make fresh tortillas daily. Kid's menu available.
Entree price range: $1.19-$8.99
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Friday-Saturday 10:30 a.m.-midnight

Caramba's Spanish Inn (SD)
3116 W. Front St.
520-9724 or 520-9525

Bustling Mexican restaurant with a wide variety of Mexican foods. Menu features appetizers, lite plates offering 10 different choices, a "customer favorites" section, Mexican specialties and combination plates, burritos, burgers, steaks and seafood. Several rooms available for parties. Payment accepted: cash, local checks, major credit cards.
Entrée price range: $4.95-$10.95.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 p.m.

Dos Compadres (SD)
2200 W. Wadley Ave,
#1 Oak Ridge Square
684-7239
www.Doscompadres.net

Mexican restaurant offering various rooms for seating. Appetizers offered include a variety of nachos and quesadillas as well as chile con queso. There are 15 house specials to choose from as well as a large selection of combination plates. Also on the menu are steaks, seafood and fajitas. Kid's menu available. Catering. Full service bar. Daily specials. Friendly service and family atmosphere. Payment accepted: major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: $5.25-$16.95 for a 12-ounce ribeye.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Gerardo's Casita (SD)
2407 N. Big Spring St.
570-8012
www.gerardoscasita.net

Mexican food restaurant offering an extensive menu with a wide variety of appetizers such as fajita and Tejano nacho and quesadillas. Mexican entrees, tacos, enchiladas and burritos, grilled specials including burgers, fajitas, steaks, taco salad and delicious tortilla soup. Daily specials, kid's menu and several rooms for meetings or parties. Full service bar. Catering available. Payment accepted: checks, credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $5.99-$12.99. Lunch Specials: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

La Herradura Mexican Cuisine (SD)
1422 Rankin Highway
687-3000

Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, La Herradura offers diners numerous choices on their expansive menu. Breakfast plates including huevos rancheros, omelettes, pancakes, French toast and other options with potatoes, beans and tortillas are served from 6 -11 a.m. Lunch and dinner options include tacos, quesadillas, tostadas, fajitas, steaks, carne asada, enchiladas, flautas and burritos as well as hamburgers and other sandwiches. The restaurant serves menudo, caldo de res and cabrito en salsa verde on the weekends and a daily lunch buffet from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Kids menu offers a variety of options for under $5.
Payment accepted: cash, major credit cards
Entree price range: $2-$14.99
Hours: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily

La Mision (SD)
1008 S. Big Spring St.,
682-0320

Festive Mexican atmosphere with colorful décor and lights. Delicious chips and salsa with your meal. Large menu with large selection of appetizers, main dishes such as cheese enchiladas, carne guisada, hamburgers and fries, and chicken fried steak, fajitas, chili rellenos, grilled specialties. There is something for everyone on this menu. Try the sopapillas with ice cream for a delicious ending to your meal. Full service bar and outdoor seating available. Kid's menu. All major credit cards, checks and cash accepted.
Average entrée price range: $8.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Dona Anita's (SD)
305 W. Florida Ave.
683-6727

Serving traditional Tex-Mex entrees such as tacos, burritos, enchiladas, chile rellenos and combination plates, Dona Anita's is located near downtown and offers weekday lunch specials. The menu also includes fajitas with chicken, steak or shrimp, flautas, salads, quesadillas and other Tex-Mex specialties as well as American dishes such as hamburgers, a catfish platter and chicken fried steak. On Sundays, customers may order specials such as huevos con chorizo, menudo, huevos rancheros and migas.
Entree price range: $6.95-$14.95
Hours: Lunch: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m; Dinner: Monday-Saturday 5-9 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fajitas Bravo
409 E. Scharbauer Drive
682-6848

Don't let the "cover" of this restaurant fool you, open the door and find delicious food waiting to satisfy your hunger. Serving up the most delicious tender and flavorful beef and chicken fajitas I have had. Order at your table from the large menu on the wall offering barbecue brisket and ribs or grilled chicken breasts with potato salad and beans as well as traditional Mexican dishes such as nachos, burritos, burgers and quesadillas. Larger portion family packs with meats and side dishes also on the menu. Catering available for parties, meetings or any event. Thursday night pool contest from 9 p.m. until closing. Happy hour 7-9 p.m. daily. Payment accepted: cash, credit cards.
Entrée price range: $3-$16 for family packs.
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m;
6 p.m.-midnight.

La Bodega Mexican Restaurant and Bar (SD)
2700 N. Big Spring St.
684-5594

Opened in 1972, La Bodega serves a variety of traditional and unique Mexican dishes. Popular dishes include the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — and the rueda which is described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. Traditional Tex-Mex entrees include fajitas, enchiladas, nachos, tacos, burritos and flautas. A variety of salads, seafood dishes and Southwest-inspired plates also are available. La Bodega has several dining rooms, including an enclosed patio room. The bar is located upstairs and is accessible from both inside and outside the building. The bar keeps later hours than the restaurant.
Entree price range: $4.55 - $15.50
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. daily

Romie's Mexican Restaurante (SD)
701 S. Marienfeld St.
432-683-5344

Mexican dining establishment offering daily specials, most at $6.99. Large selection of appetizers including, stuffed jalapenos and flautitas, nachos and homemade salsa. Choose your favorite Mexican dish such as chalupas, tacos, enchiladas, quesadillas, burritos and pick from the variety in each category. Steak, catfish and burgers are also on the menu as well as a kid's menu. Friendly and speedy service. The perfect place to go for those working downtown and anyone looking for a delicious Mexican meal. Catering and take out available.
Hours: Monday-Friday 11-2 p.m. Payment types accepted: checks, credit cards and cash.

Sedona Mexican Grill & Cantina (SD)
2101 W. Wadley Ave., #45
570-9600

Sit out on the patio and enjoy traditional Mexican food dishes. Start your meal off with delicious chile con carne queso. Enchiladas, quesadillas, burritos, carne guizada and tacos are all on the menu. All Mexican dinners are served with rice, beans, guacamole, and two flour tortillas. Assorted selection of soups, taco salads and sandwiches, burgers and salads, seafood and steaks also offered. Daily specials and catering available. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: Mexican dishes, $5.99-8.99, fish and steak dishes, $9.99-24.99.

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Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily for restaurant, bar is open until midnight daily.

Tampico Spanish Inn (SD)
2411 W. Wall St.
682-5074

Go early to get a table at this popular Midland eatery. Wide variety of appetizers including jalapeno chips, queso, chile con queso, guacamole, avocado salad, stuffed jalapenos and a selection of quesadillas and nachos (available in whole and half orders). Lunch specials are offered and change daily. Traditional Mexican selections in addition to burgers, chicken fried steak, pork chops and salads. Kid's menu and catering available. Payment accepted: major credit cards, cash, and checks.
Entrée price range: $4.99-$14.99.
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-9:45 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-9:45 p.m., Sunday 8-11 a.m. (breakfast), 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (lunch).

Javi's Mexicano Restaurante (SD)
1511 Rankin Highway
684-4898

Serving breakfast and lunch. Also features a bakery offering all types of baked goods as well as a tortilla and tamale factory — all located right beside the restaurant. Menu includes a wide choice of burritos such as combination, steak with potatoes, chile relleno, great fajitas of chicken and beef or carne guisada. Nachos including bean, beef, chicken and beef fajita or combination. Single entrées can be ordered with a side of rice, beans and two flour tortillas for $5.99. For those who love hamburgers, Javi's menu offers several different types of burgers with a side of fries. Breakfast burritos with ham, chorizo, beans, potatoes or bacon are on the menu as well as plates such as two eggs and bacon or sausage or eggs with pork chops or short ribs in addition to huevos rancheros. Plates include beans, potatoes and two flour tortillas. Breakfast can be ordered throughout the day.
Entrée price range: breakfast $2.69-$7.99; lunch $3-$7.99. Payment accepted: major credit cards, checks, cash. Hours: Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Garcia's Burritos (OAC)
1306 N. Lamesa Road
684-4383

Appetizers such as shrimp cocktail, chips and salsa or queso and guacamole, tortilla soup as well as shrimp cocktail are on the menu. Also listed are a variety of burritos including beef, chicken or asado. Fajita plates include beans, rice, guacamole and sour cream with two tortillas. Menudo is offered on Friday and can be purchased by the pint or quart. Drinks include soft drinks, tea, coffee, milk and orange juice. Pick up a breakfast burrito when Garcia's opens at 7:30 a.m. daily. Breakfast is served until 10 a.m. Monday-Friday. Breakfast burritos such as bacon and egg, sausage and egg, steak and chile or steak and potato are all on the menu and cost $2 each. They also have a small coffee bar. Payment accepted: credit cards, cash, and checks. Open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

Chito's Mexican Restaurant & Sports Bar (SD)
4400 N. Midland Drive
689-8646
Fax: 689-8647

Mexican restaurant with sports bar atmosphere perfect for gathering with friends. Televisions on every wall. Traditional Mexican fare with large selection of appetizers. Full bar. Kid's menu and daily specials available. Breakfast served on weekends.
Payment accepted: cash, credit cards.
Hours: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.- midnight Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday.

Peno's Café & Catering Company (SD)
4305 W. Illinois Ave.
Facebook: Café J-Peno
262-5720

Daily breakfast menu includes combinations of breakfast burritos and breakfast plates with two eggs, potatoes Mexican style, beans and two flour tortillas. Add any asadero, asado, chile verde, barbacoa or brisket and two buttermilk pancakes for a very filling meal. Lunch menu includes traditional Mexican fare such as enchiladas, gorditas plate, combination plates. Try the tacos. Menudo served on Saturday and many of the menu items can be purchased by the pound. Tamales may be ordered by the dozen or half dozen. Catering available.
Payment accepted: credit cards, cash.
Hours: 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

El Burrito Restaurant (OAC)
1106 N. Big Spring St.
683-9701

In business since 1979 offering wide selection of burritos and more — homemade tortillas, breakfast plates and waffles. Lunch menu includes additional burrito choices and Mexican dishes such as a taco plate, combination plate, flautas, beef and cheese enchiladas, fajitas and tacos al carbon. Other specialties include grilled chicken and a variety of salads. Non-traditional Mexican food — called "Happy Day Foods" — include steak fingers or chicken strips served with fries, gravy, salad and toast or several choices of hamburgers.
Payment accepted: cash, checks, no credit or debit cards.
Hours: 6:45-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Dos Margaritas (SD)
1501 North Big Spring St.
www.dosmargaritasusa.com
618-9536

Warm, inviting atmosphere, friendly service. Traditional Mexican fare. Breakfast platters served from 6 to 11 a.m. include huevos rancheros, chilaquiles and steak, steak and eggs, omelettes, taquitos, breakfast burritos and even pancakes, sausage and eggs. Wide choice of appetizers, salads, grilled items, combination plates and a la carte items. Daily lunch specials served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Full bar.
Payment accepted: major credit cards, cash.
Hours: 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Freebirds (OAC)
3322 N. Loop 250 West
www.freebirds.com
689-9100
Fax: 689-9102

Burrito haven with a young vibe. Huge mural features the actors from the movie Easy Rider as they cruise down the highway on their motorcycles and Lady Liberty (Libby) is riding her own motorcycle that is suspended from the ceiling. Walk through the line and tell your "roller" how you want your burrito. Choose tortillas from spinach, flour, cayenne or wheat; a choice of cilantro lime or Spanish rice; refried, pinto or black beans; white or dark chicken, steak, and carnitas; a wide choice of vegetables, cheeses and dressings and pico de gallo or salsa. Tacos, nachos and salads include same options of fillings or toppings. Several signs in the dining room promote Midland Habitat for Humanity as well as www.freebirds.com/worldworks. Visit www.freebirds.com and order your meal 45 minutes ahead to have it ready when you arrive.
Payment accepted: cash, no checks, all credit cards except Discover.
Hours: 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.

Barbecue

Dickey's Barbecue Pit (OAC)
5210 W. Wadley Ave.
689-4500, catering 212-3351
www.dickeys.com

The menu says, "Cooked slow, served fast." Quick, friendly service offering traditional barbecue selections of brisket, chicken, pulled pork, all the sides. Also stuffed baked potatoes, chicken Caesar salad, sandwiches and platters. Kid's menu and family packs. Don't forget your yellow drink cup with your favorite drink. Catering. Payment accepted: all major credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $4.29-$8.59.
Hours: Daily 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Johnny's Bar B-Q & Diner (cafeteria)
316 N. Big Spring
683-4581

Bar B-Q and all the fixings! Look for the neon pig sign and come on in! Sandwich specials include sandwich side and a drink for $6.49. Barbecue offerings include brisket, ribs, sausage, jalapeno sausage, turkey, ham and chopped barbecue. Plate meals with one, two or three meats and two sides and Texas toast. Half portion children's plates are available or try one of the value packs to feed the whole family. They offer take out and catering as well as reservations if needed. Park on the side of the building and come in and enjoy lunch or dinner. Entrée price range $6.49-$9.99. Payment accepted: major credit cards, checks and cash. Hours: Monday –Thursday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Michael's Charcoal Grill (OAC)
723 W. Wadley Ave. 686-9030
and 4317 W. Illinois Ave. 689-9702

Barbecue specialties including ribs, brisket, sausage and chicken. Other entrees include items such as rib eye steaks, pork chops, country fried steak, chopped sirloin steak as well as several seafood dishes including fried catfish and fried cod. These meals also come with a choice of two side dishes; baked potato, salad bar, potato salad, beans, slaw, fries or tater tots. Sandwiches, burgers, salads, low cal plates as well as junior pilot and senior menu. Beer and wine served. Airplane memorabilia decorates this large dining room for an interesting as well as delicious meal. Catering available. Payment accepted: major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: $5.25-$28.95.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Brooks Bar B-Q (SD)
501 E. Texas Ave.
685-5079

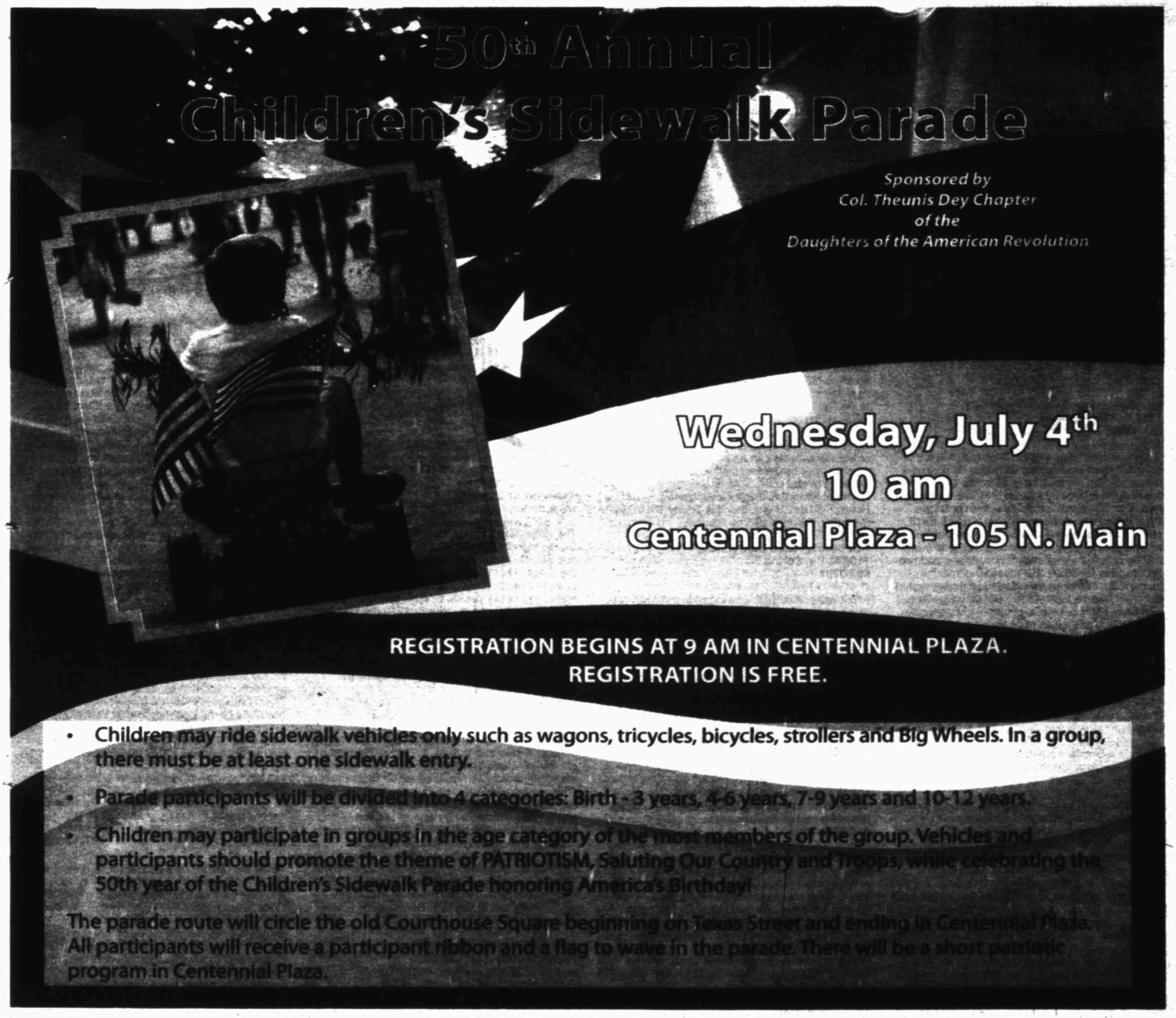
Opened in 1979 and closed in 2009 after an arsonist destroyed the building, Brooks Bar B-Q re-opened in 2010. Known for its "fat burgers" and barbecue plates, the restaurant also serves entrees such as chicken fried steak, fried shrimp, hamburger steaks and more. Sandwiches include grilled or fried chicken or fish, patty melt, BLT, chopped beef and sliced beef. Appetizers such as homemade onion rings, stuffed jalapenos, cheese sticks and hot wings also are available. Save room for a slice of homemade pie or another dessert.
Payment accepted: cash, checks, major credit cards
Entree price range: $3.50-$11
Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday

Tank's Bar-B-Que and Catering (Carry out)
401 East Scharbauer Drive
684-0006

Owner "Tank" (Gerald Connally) operates this carry out restaurant (call in your order before you arrive or walk up to their window) offering delicious barbecue ribs, brisket, sausage and turkey by the pound or plate. Friday, try the fried catfish. Traditional side dishes, beans, potato salad, onion rings and fries are also served. Claims to have one of the best burgers in town. Kid's menu and catering available. Payment accepted: Visa, MasterCard, cash.
Entrée price range: $2.75 for a hamburger to $9 for a 3-meat combo.
Hours: Tuesday-Wednesday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

KD's Bar-B-Q (OAC)
3113 Garden City Highway
683-4013

Voted the Gold Medal winner for barbecue in the Reporter-Telegram's Top 100 Contest, KD's Bar-B-Q serves a variety of barbecued meats and sides. Customers choose their meat from the grill. Choices include turkey, brisket, ham, chopped beef, several types of sausage, pork chops, chicken, pork tenderloin and ribs. Sides include potato salad, coleslaw, corn and roasted jalapenos.
Entree price range: meat priced per pound; sandwiches $5-$6.50
Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.


50th Annual
Children's Sidewalk Parade
Sponsored by
Col. Theunis Dey Chapter
of the
Daughters of the American Revolution
Wednesday, July 4th
10 am
Centennial Plaza - 105 N. Main
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9 AM IN CENTENNIAL PLAZA.
REGISTRATION IS FREE.
• Children may ride sidewalk vehicles only such as wagons, tricycles, bicycles, strollers and Big Wheels. In a group, there must be at least one sidewalk entry.
• Parade participants will be divided into 4 categories: Birth - 3 years, 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-12 years.
• Children may participate in groups in the age category of the most members of the group. Vehicles and participants should promote the theme of PATRIOTISM, Saluting Our Country and Troops, while celebrating the 50th year of the Children's Sidewalk Parade honoring America's Birthday!
The parade route will circle the old Courthouse Square beginning on Texas Street and ending in Centennial Plaza. All participants will receive a participant ribbon and a flag to wave in the parade. There will be a short patriotic program in Centennial Plaza.