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City Council divided on Energy Tower numbers

Some say $75 million city incentive amount is a bit higher than expected

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City Council may have a decision worth millions in its future if Energy Related Properties requests a city incentive.

And that amount, $75 million, surprised some council members after hearing that number Tuesday evening.

William Meyer II, president of ERP, said $75 million is the maximum amount ERP might request from the city if an agreement is made later this year. Meyer said Tuesday evening that the amount will be used for a five- or six-floor underground parking garage.

"I can't speak about the council, but $75 million is a bit steep," said District 4 Councilman Michael Trost.

At-large Councilman Jerry Morales was also surprised at the number, saying it was a higher-than-expected amount.

Both Morales and Trost acknowledged that "solid" discussions between the city and ERP have yet to take place. Both councilmen want to hear more details about the proposed parking garage that Meyer said would be accessible to the public.

"I support Energy Tower and downtown revitalization, as of today," Morales said. "But there are still a lot of questions to be asked."

Although Meyer revealed the greatest amount of money ERP could request, he did not specify where the money could come from. Downtown developers have a number of different groups to get public assistance from such as the Midland Development Corp., the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone or from the city itself.

"Whatever we do, it's not something that will affect taxpayers in terms of property tax rate," said District 2 Councilman John Love III. "We have alternative revenue options that could work for both the city and taxpayers."

Regarding the $75 million number Meyer publicly said Tuesday evening, Love said it would be a great investment for Midland's future.

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The funny page



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Jaret Burkett, creator of the popular "Midland Memes and Jokes" Facebook page, poses for a portrait with some of his image macros Wednesday. The page has more than 19,000 followers at the time the picture was taken.

Facebook page highlights community concerns

By Rachael Gleason
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Midlander Jaret Burkett took to the Internet after visiting a local chain restaurant left a bad taste in his mouth.

Burkett, his wife and newborn baby were seated, but the 28-year-old said they were never served.

"I didn't even get a drink," he said.

Burkett, an oil and gas professional, didn't share his frustrations in a Facebook status. Instead, he made a Facebook page and posted image macros — or online photos with witty sayings in big bold letters — that included a photo found on the Internet of a restaurant table with the phrase, "We waited 30 minutes no service," written in ketchup and mustard.

Midland Texas Memes and Jokes

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Burkett added his own caption: "How to tip when going out to eat in Midland, Tx."

Two weeks and nearly 20,000 likes later, "Midland Texas Memes and Jokes" has become the online source for community capers.

"I'm not trying to get shock value. I'm not trying to offend everyone. I'm just trying to make people aware, and I think a joke's the best way to do that," said Burkett, the man behind the macros.

Love it or hate it, the page has also become a public forum for serious community issues.

"I bring those issues to light where some people — preferably people who can do something about it — can see that it's not just one or two complaints that they probably get," said Burkett, whose macros focus on Midland water quality, bad drivers and high cost of living. "It's a serious problem that everyone in Midland is experiencing. I think that's why it was so successful."

Burkett isn't the only Midlander to start a social media buzz.

In 2012, businessman Clayton Williams had two political billboards posted at ClayDesta Plaza on Big Spring Street and Wadley Avenue that read, "I built this business. Obama can kiss my Rig."

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Even with Cruz's eligibility resolved, electoral map is daunting

■ ANALYSIS

By David McCumber
Hearst Newspapers

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Ted Cruz' 2016 presidential punch list just got that much shorter. But the challenges ahead won't be so easy to surmount.

Take, for instance, the electoral map.

"My guess is that Cruz imagines himself appealing to Hispanics as well as the Tea Party, and maybe generating a large turnout of conservatives, as his ticket to the White House. Doubtful," says Larry Sabato, director of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia. "Texas is not America, and America is not Texas."

"Democrats have a long lead in electoral votes, and the Republican map has been shrinking steadily. What makes Cruz any different? Most Hispanic Republican candidates are lucky to win 40 percent of the Hispanic vote," Sabato added.

Never mind the odds — Cruz is clearly enjoying all the chatter about his potential presidential candidacy.

"I will admit that I find the tizzy in the media a little bit amusing — the fact that the New York Times is this hysterical after my being in office only a few months," he said on the Laura Ingraham Show on Monday.

And he gave a broad hint about the way he thinks about his prospects this week when he told Time Magazine that he modeled his 2012 Senate campaign after two other successful political insurgencies — Marco Rubio's run for Senate in 2010 from Florida and President Obama's presidential campaign in 2008.

Cruz said, "If you look at that 2008 Democratic primary, there was no more formidable, unstoppable candidate — other than an incumbent president — in modern times than Hillary Clinton. And Barack Obama ran a guerrilla campaign that empowered the people."

As for the "birther" issue of his eligibility to be President, he clearly

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Dropout rate in Midland ISD declines below 10 percent

From staff reports

Midland ISD administrators are celebrating the consistent decrease in the district's longitudinal dropout rate, which measures the percentage of students who drop out before high school graduation.

The 9.9 percent rate recently released for the class of 2012 is more than 6 percent less than the 16.1 percent rate MISD reported in 2007 when officials set the goal of getting below 10 percent.

"We are proud that we have reached our own district goal of being below 10 percent in longitudinal dropouts," said Deborah A. Acosta, MISD's Dropout Prevention/Recovery & At-Risk Coordinator, in a news release. "Texas Education Agency's recent ratings release for the class of 2012 reports that Midland ISD's longitudinal dropout rate is 9.9 percent."

Administrators are also happy to see a consistent increase in the district's graduation rate, which was 83.9 percent in 2012, compared to the statewide graduation rate of 87.7 percent.

According to the news release, the increased graduation rates are due to the collaborative efforts of campus staff, district administrators and the support of the community.

Several initiatives that have contributed to the improvement include the annual dropout recovery walk, the credit recovery program and flexible scheduling. The placement of collegiate coaches on Midland and Lee high schools and freshman schools has made an invaluable difference in the lives of students who need assistance to reach current educational goals and to envision graduation and

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MISD dropout rates

2007: 16.1 percent MISD longitudinal dropout; 74 percent MISD graduation; 78 percent statewide graduation
2008: 13 percent MISD longitudinal dropout; 74.1 percent MISD graduation; 79.1 percent statewide graduation
2009: 11.9 percent MISD longitudinal dropout; 75.8 percent MISD graduation; 80.6 percent statewide graduation
2010: 11.6 percent MISD longitudinal dropout; 79.5 percent MISD graduation; 84.3 percent statewide graduation
2011: 10.66 percent MISD longitudinal dropout; 83.3 percent MISD graduation; 85.9 percent statewide graduation
2012: 9.9 percent MISD longitudinal dropout; 83.9 percent MISD graduation; 87.7 percent statewide graduation

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Tennessee college readiness short of US marks

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee's high school graduates fell short of national results for ACT college readiness benchmarks this year, according to results released Wednesday.

In English, reading, mathematics and science combined, 18 percent of Tennessee's Class of 2013 achieved college readiness, compared with 26 percent nationally.

The best showing by Tennessee graduates was in English, with 58 percent meeting the college-readiness measurement, compared with 64 percent nationally.

The biggest gap was in math, with 29 percent of Tennessee students being deemed college ready, compared with the U.S. rate of 44 percent.

The lowest overall subject score was in science, with 27 percent of Tennessee students doing well enough on the exam to be considered college ready, compared with 36 percent nationally. In reading, the Tennessee college-readiness rate was 36 percent, compared with 44 percent in the U.S.

The results were released in the ACT's yearly report, "The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2013."

Tennessee's average composite ACT score was 19.5, compared with the national average of 20.9.

Jamie Woodson, president and CEO of State Collaborative on Reforming Education, said the ACT scores in Tennessee underscore that "we're not where we need to be" in preparing students for college and beyond.

"What we know is that students aren't prepared the way we know they need to be to be successful," Woodson said. "We know that the marketplace is demanding exceptional things out of our students, and we know that our students are capable."

Woodson said she's encouraged by efforts to improve Tennessee's education system, such as implementation of common core standards.

"I think we have very clear strategies in place that are being implemented and new strategies that we need to lean into to make sure we get from where we are to where we need to be," she said.

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW JERSEY

Ex-dolphin trainer now looking into mass die-off

BRIGANTINE — Once upon a time, he was known as Capt. Bob, the man who trained the dolphins and seals to perform for crowds in Atlantic City.

But as he got to know the dolphins, Bob Schoelkopf renounced keeping them in captivity and devoted the rest of his life to rescuing stranded marine mammals.

Now the man who once prodded dolphins to jump and wave their fins for crowds is part of a broad scientific effort to determine why dolphins are dying by the hundreds.

"It's worst when you get a female come ashore and she's lactating and you see the milk come out onto the stretcher," said Schoelkopf, co-director of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center. "That means there's a baby out there swimming around without a mother. That baby is going to become shark bait."

So far this summer, there have been about 230 dolphin deaths along the East Coast, prompting the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to declare an unusual mortality event. That clears the way for an intensive scientific inquiry into what is causing the deaths.

No definitive conclusions have been reached so far, but many suspect the morbilli virus. The naturally occurring virus was ultimately blamed for the last major dolphin die-off, in 1987, when 740 of the animals died.

So far this year, several of the dolphins that washed ashore in New Jersey have tested positive for the virus.

The waves of dead dolphins started appearing in New Jersey in early July, and it hasn't let up since then. Wednesday morning, the stranding center got a call about a dead dolphin that washed ashore in Sea Bright, the 62nd so far in New Jersey this year. But it was too badly decomposed and chewed up by sharks to warrant taking it for a necropsy at a veterinary center near Kennett Square, Pa., yet another dead dolphin No. 63 washed up in Spring Lake.

One recent day in New Jersey, a dead dolphin came ashore at 1 a.m., was euthanized at 3 a.m., and staff had just gotten home into their beds when yet another dolphin washed ashore at 6 a.m.

Schoelkopf has been doing this for decades. A Vietnam veteran whose duty included underwater operations, he was injured during the war and sent to Philadelphia Naval Hospital. His diving experience allowed him to get a job at an aquarium where he cleaned the underwater glass of the dolphin tanks.

One night, he was scrubbing away when he felt something nudge him from behind. It was a dolphin that had managed to get out of its holding tank, one of several who had learned how to open the gate, swim out — and then return after a while and snap the latch closed again.

Details emerge about Ga. school shooting suspect

Associated Press



Associated Press

Natasha Knotts speaks to a reporter in Lithonia, Ga. on Wednesday. Knotts told The Associated Press that Michael Brandon Hill lived with her and her husband for a time when he was in his late teens. She says she served as a mother figure for Hill after he started coming to the small church where she and her husband are pastors.

LITHONIA, Ga. — The man accused of exchanging gunfire with police at a Georgia school didn't seem to have any friends and rarely talked about his family or past during the months he lived with a couple who serve as pastors at a small church.

But he was quiet and didn't display anger or violent tendencies, said Natasha Knotts, the woman who took him in after he started coming to the small church where her husband is pastor and she is an assistant pastor. No one was injured in Tuesday's standoff, but parents feared the worst after reports of the gunfire began surfacing.

Knotts told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Hill, who is now 20, lived with them for about six months in his late teens. Though there is no blood or legal connection between them, Knotts said she served as a mother figure for Hill.

"He was part of our family," Knotts said. Her family was aware that "he had a mental disorder" before he moved in.

Hill told her that his birth mother was dead and that he didn't know his father. He also has brothers.

Police gave more details on Wednesday about the previous day's ordeal and what led up to it. Before going to the school, investigators say that Hill took a photo of himself with the rifle and packed up nearly 500 rounds of ammunition — enough to shoot more than half the school's students.

Police said Hill, 20, got the gun from an acquaintance, but it's not clear if he stole it or had permission to take it.

No one was injured, but the suspect exchanged gunfire with police who surrounded Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy in Decatur. The school has 870 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade.

"We have to make a reasonable assumption he was there to do harm to someone," said DeKalb County Police Chief Cedric L. Alexander.

Dramatic television footage showed lines of young students racing out of the building with police and teachers escorting them to safety. They sat outside in a field for a time until school buses came to take them to their parents at a nearby Wal-Mart.

Hill held one or two staff members in the front office captive for a time, the police chief said, making one of them call a local TV station. At some point, he fired into the floor of the school office. As officers swarmed the campus outside, he shot at them at least a half a dozen times with an assault rifle from inside the school and they returned fire, police said. Police came into the school office, and Hill surrendered.

Hill is charged with aggravated assault on a police officer, terroristic threats and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Police declined to discuss what he told them when questioned.

A statement from the Dekalb County Public Defender's office said that it was representing Hill and that he has a history of mental illness. One of the office's attorneys, Claudia Saari, said in an email that a preliminary hearing is scheduled for Sept. 5.

DeKalb County Police Detective Ray Davis said Hill's motive was unclear. Hill had an address listed in court records about three miles from the school in Decatur but no clear ties to the school.

School bookkeeper Antoinette Tuff says she was one of the employees held hostage. Tuff told WSB-TV in Atlanta that she tried to keep Hill talking to prevent him from walking into the hallway or through the school building.

"He had a look on him that he was willing to kill — matter of fact, he said it. He said that he didn't have any reason to live and that he knew he was going to die today," Tuff said.

Law enforcement officers applauded Tuff on Wednesday.

"She was a real ally. She was a real hero in all of this. She just did a stellar job. She was cool, she was calm, very collected in all of this, maintained her wherewithal," Alexander, the police chief, said.

Tuff relayed messages from Hill to DeKalb County emergency dispatchers before convincing him to surrender. She told the dispatcher that Hill said he wasn't there to hurt the children but wanted to talk to an unarmed officer.

"He said call the probation office in DeKalb County and let them know what's going on," Tuff said on a 911 recording that was released Wednesday. "He said he should have just went to the mental hospital instead of doing this, because he's not on his medication."

Tuff began telling Hill of her own struggles, including raising a disabled child and losing her husband.

Tuff reassured him by saying he didn't hurt anyone, hadn't harmed her and could still surrender peacefully.

"We're not gonna hate you baby. It's a good thing that you're giving up," Tuff said after having Hill put his weapons and ammunition on the counter. Tuff told Hill that she loved him and would pray for him.

Before he surrendered, Tuff took to the school's public address system saying that Hill was sorry for what he'd done and didn't want to hurt anyone — although the lockdown remained in effect.

Hill was arrested in mid-March for making terroristic threats in Henry County, DeKalb and Henry County sheriff's officials have said. He was sentenced to probation.

Tuesday's ordeal terrified parents.

Rufus Morrow was at work when he got a phone call with news that shots had been fired at the school his daughter attends.

He drove "about 90 mph" to the school. The police chief says Hill, armed with an assault rifle and other weapons, was able to slip into the school where visitors must be buzzed in by staff.

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GOP takes an anti-Washington message to town halls

Associated Press

ORRVILLE, Ohio — Microphone in hand, Republican Rep. Jim Renacci gave his constituents a grim report on Washington's gridlock.

House Republicans, he said, had passed a number of bills that would boost energy production, cut regulations and rein in spending. But, he added, President Barack Obama and Senate Democrats haven't done their part.

"It's not the easiest thing when you only control one-third of the federal government," said Ohio's Renacci, faulting the Democrats who control the Senate and the White House for the stalemate as he flipped through a series of PowerPoint slides intended to send a message that Republicans are focused on "Making Washington Work."

This summer at the behest of their leaders, House Republicans like Renacci are fanning out across the nation to press this anti-Washington, blame-Democrats pitch at town hall-style meetings. They're trying to counter claims that they are responsible for a "do nothing" House and feed on the public's antipathy for anyone linked to Washington. They gloss over the fact that they are in control of the House and have played a significant part in the inaction on a host of issues, suggesting that there's little they can do in the face of what they call Democratic roadblocks.

The message suggests partisan battles are ahead this fall when Congress returns to Capitol Hill and also could preview the GOP's likely argument to voters in next year's midterm congressional elections — keep Republicans in control of the House so they can provide a check on Obama's power.

Democrats say the GOP argument will fall flat because Republicans control the House.

During a news conference earlier this month, Obama said Republicans had shown an "ideological fixation" with repealing the health care law, his signature legislative achievement, and there was "not even a pretense now that they're going to replace it with something better."

"It's a totally cynical playbook designed to mislead the American public," said Democratic strategist Jeremy Bird, a former Obama campaign aide. "They've been the most obstructionist branch of government, perhaps in American history."

Republicans are trying nonetheless.

About 60 miles west of Charlotte recently, Rep. Patrick McHenry, R-N.C., tried to commiserate with a public that doesn't look kindly on the capital, saying: "If you're frustrated sitting here in Polk County, imagine how frustrated I am going there and seeing it up close." In upstate New York, Rep. Tom Reed, R-N.Y., told people at a pig roast that "we need to be fighting Washington, D.C. We need to be standing up for our rights."

And in Lincoln, Ill., GOP Rep. Aaron Schock told an audience at a coffee shop that the Democratic-controlled Senate had "sat on their hands" while the House sought to repeal Obama's health care law. "The president right now is doing a very good job of trying to make it look like the House is dysfunctional," Schock said. "Really what we're trying to do is carry out the wishes of the people."

Back in Ohio, a standing-room-only crowd of more than 100 greeted Renacci in Orrville, home of The J.M. Smucker Co., famous for its Smucker's jams and jellies.

After a short film describing a typical day, Renacci walked his constituents through a 30-minute slide presentation that focused on steps he and House Republican colleagues had taken to spur job growth, promote diverse sources of home-grown energy and tame the federal deficit.

He made no apologies for opposing Obama's health care law, citing it as a reason why many businesses had decided not to expand their work force.

"I am definitely one of those people who have voted to repeal Obamacare 40 times," he said.

During a question-and-answer session, Jared Bauman, a 26-year-old physical therapist, said he agreed with Renacci on the flaws of the health care law but said he had grown impatient with the House's repeated attempts to repeal the law.

"It just kind of gets a little frustrating. I start to roll my eyes. OK, we're not getting anywhere," he said.

When several attendees pressed the congressman to support comprehensive immigration reform, Renacci said the immigration system was broken but securing the border had to be the first priority. He repeatedly cited the length of the Senate bill as a reason to oppose it.

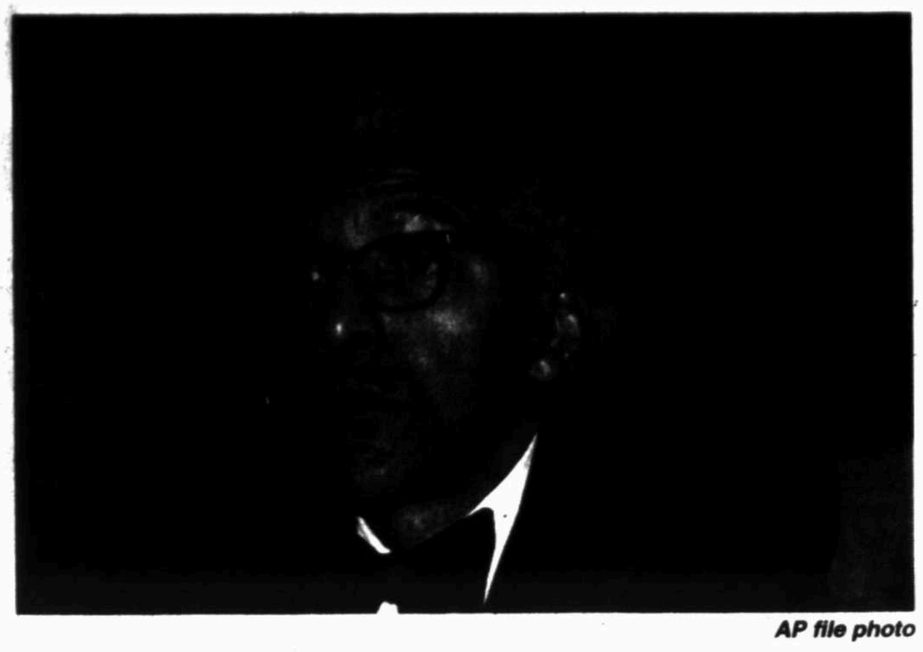
"We'll get immigration reform right by making sure we avoid mistakes of the past. You know what the mistakes of the past are? Let's throw 2,400 pages in a big bill, let's throw it out there, let's let people understand it after we pass it," Renacci said. "That's not going to happen again."

Many of his constituents' questions and comments turned to a general unease with Congress and the Obama administration.

"Is everyone in Washington that out of touch?" asked one man.

Civil rights includes gays after march

Associated Press



AP file photo

Civil rights leader Bayard Rustin is seen in New York in 1970. Months before Martin Luther King Jr. declared "I Have a Dream" to galvanize a crowd of thousands, Rustin was planning all the essential details to make the 1963 March on Washington a success. Rustin, who died in 1987, is sometimes forgotten in civil rights history. He had been an outcast. He was a Quaker, a pacifist who opposed the Vietnam war and had flirted with communism. And he was gay. Fifty years later, Rustin's legacy is a key part of the march anniversary. Civil rights leaders plan an unprecedented inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people this month as part of a larger movement calling for equal rights for all.

WASHINGTON — Months before Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" declaration galvanized a quarter-million people at the 1963 March on Washington, Bayard Rustin was planning all the essential details to keep the crowd orderly and engaged.

Rustin, who died in 1987, is sometimes forgotten in civil rights history. As a Quaker and pacifist, he was often an outcast. Perhaps most notably, he was gay in an era when same-sex relations were widely reviled in American society. He served as chief strategist for King's march, over the objections of some leaders — but he was kept mostly in the background, with some organizers considering him a liability.

At the commemorations for King's march 50 years later, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people will be included like never before in a sign of the civil rights movement's broad evolution. Rustin also will be honored with a Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama.

"In '63, we didn't talk about gays," said the Rev. Al Sharpton, who was joined by gay and lesbian activists in announcing plans for the gatherings scheduled Aug. 24-28 in Washington. "Bayard Rustin had to take a back seat. Gay and lesbian leadership stands with us and will be speaking this time."

Groups plan to bus in gay and lesbian participants from Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia, North Carolina and beyond. The planning groups include the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Black Justice Coalition and the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay rights group, as well as labor and teachers unions.

The Rev. MacArthur Flournoy, who directs faith partnerships and mobilizing at the Human Rights Campaign, said the inclusion of gay rights in the larger civil rights movement has been transformative.

"We see human rights and civil rights as linked. And so our commitment is to stand with others on issues of justice and, really, on issues of equality," he said. "LGBT equality, in our minds, is consistent with many other justice issues, so it's important that we're present."

Gay rights advocates credit Sharpton and leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with overcoming divisions among African-American groups, some of which remain socially conservative. Gay issues can be divisive, especially in black churches. King's daughter, the Rev. Bernice King, has spoken out in the past against gay marriage, while her late mother, Coretta Scott King, was an ardent gay rights supporter.

The pace of change in views among civil rights leaders has been surprising, said Taylor Branch, a historian who has written extensively on the civil rights movement. It reflects the broad impact of the 1960s call for equal citizenship, which led to movements for the rights of women, the environment, disabled people and eventually for gays.

"Once people really started confronting their fears and what does equal citizenship mean and why aren't we fairer to this group or that group, it sparked all kinds of questions like that," Branch said.

The inclusion of gay rights marks an evolution in how Americans think about civil rights as rights pertaining to citizenship, Branch said.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

MISD open house tonight

Midland ISD's 24 elementary schools will host open house events this evening at each campus.

Students, parents and guardians can meet teachers, coaches and administrators and tour the school facilities.

Start times vary by campus, and parents are encouraged to call the campus or check the campus' webpage on www.midlandisd.net for specific start times and open house information.

Midland, Lee, Coleman and Early College high schools will host open house events on Sept. 9.

Abell, Alamo, Goddard and San Jacinto junior highs will host open house events on Sept. 12.

Midland Freshman and Lee Freshman high schools will host open house events on Sept. 16.

Things to do

■ Midland County Fair at the Horseshoe. Info: www.midlandcofair.com

■ Concert, Gary Allan, The Departed, Alyssa Bagley, 7 p.m., Citibank Ballpark. Info: Tickets at midlandrockhounds.org.

■ Concert, Loretta Lynn, 8 p.m., Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. Tickets: Sold out

Kids Zone

Movie in the park
When: 9 p.m. today
Where: Hogan Park, 3600 N. Fairgrounds Road
Info: "Rise of the Guardians," presented by city of Midland's Parks and Recreation Department. Free. Bring chairs, blankets, sleeping bags. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Parents' Night Out

When: 6-8 p.m. today
Where: Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane
Info: Indoor and outdoor activities for children ages 7-10. Call 685-7355.

Community Calendar

■ The Midland Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting is 11 a.m. today at Midland Center, 105 N. Main St.

Featured speakers include Midland College President Stephen Thomas, chairman of the chamber board. Jay Edwards, firm principal for Parkhill, Smith & Cooper and the chair-elect for the chamber, is also scheduled to speak.

Tickets are $55 for members and $75 for non-members.

Contact 683-3381 for more information.

Support groups

■ Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m., at Sibley Nature Center; 687-6467.

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

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

Movies in Midland

Tall City 14:
Opening: "Mortal Instruments: City of Bones," "Blue Jasmine," "The World's End," "You're Next"
Closing: "Turbo"

Big Sky:
Opening: "Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters," "Mortal Instruments: City of Bones"
Closing: "Smurfs 2," "2 Guns"
See the Pulse entertainment and dining guide in this issue for movie and DVD reviews.

Corrections, omissions, clarifications

Biography information about Midland High School Principal Jeff Horner was omitted from Wednesday's education section. Information on Horner will run in the Aug. 28 education section along with biography information on MISD's elementary school principals.

Midland College's total budget was incorrectly reported in a headline in Wednesday's edition. The college's total budget is $59.5 million.

The Reporter-Telegram is clarifying a statement Energy Related Properties President William Meyer II made during the Energy Tower town hall meeting on Tuesday. Meyer asked Midlander Joel Rogers why he had protested certain developments in Midland, including Loop 250, Cinergy and such.

MRT on the radio

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

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 6-2-8
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Today in history

The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 22, the 234th day of 2013. There are 131 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1846, Gen. Stephen W. Kearny proclaimed all of New Mexico a territory of the United States.

Facebook aims to get the entire world online

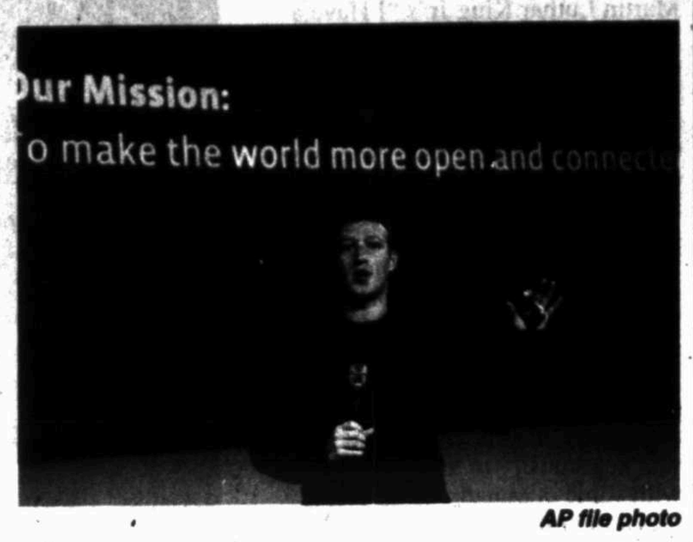
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Food, water and the Internet?

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg wants to get all of the world's 7 billion people online through a partnership with some of the largest mobile technology companies. He says the Web is an essential part of life, and everyone deserves to be connected, whether they live in Norway, Nicaragua or Namibia.

"The Internet not only connects us to our friends, families and communities, but it is also the foundation of the global knowledge economy," Zuckerberg wrote in a paper posted to his Facebook page late Tuesday. The title asks "Is Connectivity A Human Right?"

Of course, connecting more people to the Internet is the kind of philanthropy that would create more potential Facebook users, which would also help boost the company's bottom line.



AP file photo

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaks at the company's headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif. on March 17. Facebook wants to get more of the world's more than 7 billion people online through a partnership with some of the world's largest mobile technology companies. Facebook Inc. announced a partnership called Internet.org on Wednesday.

"There's nothing wrong with that," said Fordham University communications professor Paul Levinson, author of "New New Media."

"I think it is actually a profoundly important human right in the 21st century to have access to the Internet."

To get there, Facebook Inc. on Wednesday announced a partnership called Internet.org. It includes the world's biggest social network, plus Korean electronics giant Samsung, Finnish handset maker Nokia and wireless chip maker Qualcomm Inc.

Cinergy Cinema expects to open last week of September

From staff reports

Midland's new Cinergy Cinema at 1917 Liberty Road in Gateway Plaza — the intersection of Business 20 and Loop 250 — expects to open its doors the last week of September, corporate officials said.

The 50,300 square-foot entertainment complex will include 11 movie screens, including a 70-foot Hyper Digital Experience (HDX) screen, the largest between Dallas/Fort Worth and Phoenix. The next largest screen will be 50 feet.

Moviegoers can order from a menu that includes Angus burgers, pizzas, grilled sandwiches and appetizers that are cooked to order and delivered to the auditorium, where the customer is paged to come retrieve their food. The theater also has been approved for a license that will allow it to serve beer and wine.

Other amenities include five big party rooms, an arcade and gaming area with more than 50 games and a 2,000-foot blacklight elevated ropes course above the lobby and arcade. The entertainment complex also includes a two-story, 5,000 square-foot, 58-person Lasertron laser tag arena.

Reported Syria attack tests US hope to avoid war

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration searched for answers Wednesday about a reported chemical weapons attack in Syria that would mark the most flagrant violation yet of the U.S. "red line" for potential military action. But the possibility of intervention seemed ever smaller after America's top general offered a starkly pessimistic assessment of options.

Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in a letter this week to a congressman that the administration is opposed to even limited action in Syria because it believes rebels fighting the Assad government wouldn't support American interests if they seized power.

Dempsey said the U.S. military is clearly capable of taking out Assad's air force and shifting the balance of the war toward the armed opposition. But such an approach would plunge the U.S. into the war without offering any strategy for ending what has become a sectarian fight, he said.

On Wednesday, Syrian anti-Assad activists accused the government of carrying out a toxic gas attack in the eastern suburbs of Damascus, killing at least 100 people.

Concerns

From 1A

A photo of the billboard picked up 200 comments and 1,400 likes in just three hours, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

You never leave Midland

One macro in particular, which is well-known on the Internet and features a character from "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," hits close to home for Burkett.

The macro plays on Boromir's line, "One does not simply walk into Mordor," with text that says, "One does not simply leave Midland."

Burkett's parents, who are from a small town near Abilene, raised the family in Midland, his sister lives here and after two attempts at leaving, the new father is here to stay — at least for now.

"As I was leaving, I swore I would never come back — not even to visit," he said. "I moved back about a year later."

Burkett, who attended a community college in Austin with the intention of attending the University of Texas, credits Midland's economy for the change of heart. By day, he works as vice president of operations at Cobalt Operating, an oil and gas company that keeps wells running.

"Someone in my position without a full college education can have a real hard time making the amount of living I do living here," he said. "I'd prefer if there was a lake. Trees. People who drive better. But at least here you don't have to worry about a job."

Creating the page

After posting a handful of original macros on his newly made Facebook page in early August and sharing it on his wall, Burkett said only one friend liked it. After that, it was difficult meeting the 25-like requirement for making a custom URL: www.facebook.com/midlandjokes.

"The first 25 took just as long as the next 1,000," he said.

At first, the social media master said he was going to stay anonymous, but then the page started gaining traction.

As of Wednesday, his Facebook page had about 20,000 likes, with up to 200,000 people viewing some posts. To put that in perspective, Midland had a population of 114,000 in 2011, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

"I kind of wanted to tell people. I kind of wanted to take credit for it. Not in a prideful way — actually, yes, in a prideful way," he said with a laugh.

Burkett said he typically monitors the site all day. If he's not responding to messages — about 20 per day — or reading comments, he's making macros. He can knock out a handful in about 30 minutes, and he usually posts them all at once.

"Every time I'm out, I keep getting more and more ideas," said Burkett, noting he shares other macros and ideas and gives credit where credit is due. "Once I come up with one, it's easy to make several."

Social media and web design always appealed to Burkett, who's also in an indie rock band called Naming Trees. But despite the long hours, not all projects paid off like the memes page, which in one day had as many likes as some of his other endeavors.

"In a way, it was irritating to see how the amount of work you put into it doesn't necessary mean what you get out," he said.

Covering the issues

In one of the macros, a brown sign — jutting out from brown, withered grass on the side of the road — offers a stern warning to drivers: "WELCOME TO MIDLAND: HOMETOWN OF WEEKLY FATAL ACCIDENTS AND HORRIBLE DRIVERS. Good luck!"

The annual death toll on Midland County roads rose to 31 this month, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports. And at one point, there was an average of one death a week on roads inside Midland County.

Burkett said the truth behind the macro is why it's been widely viewed and shared on Facebook more than 2,000 times.

"People talk about how traffic is bad, but seeing the overwhelming amount of people that can relate to that really highlights how bad of a problem it actually is," he said

When he first started the page, Burkett said didn't envision himself tackling the serious issues.

"At first I thought I was isolated. I thought, maybe I'm just a pessimist," he said. "Then I would notice people writing in the comments."

Macros also focus on water quality — Burkett asked readers to send in photos of their laundry following the city's chlorine flush — high housing prices, health care and restaurant wait times and jokes about Odessa.

In some macros, he pokes fun of Midland's cultural norms, specifically how business professionals dress.

"I looked everywhere for that picture of the Midland guy. It's real hard to find a guy with a tucked-in fishing T-shirt. I spent days Googling. I didn't want to take a picture of someone in town," he said, noting he tries to use creative commons photos for the macros to avoid legal issues.

Staying positive

In highlighting community concerns and creating a public in the comments section, the Facebook page is not without criticism.

Burkett posted a response to some negative feedback following a macro showing bicyclists being hit by car with the saying, "I don't always ride my bike, but when I do ..."

"I'm really hoping I didn't offend anyone who actually lost someone. My goal is just to bring awareness," he said. "I can post a post that says, 'It's dangerous to ride a bike in Midland.' That's probably not going to get shared that much. But I tell a joke about it, and it will get shared."

As for comments on the macros, Burkett said they can be good or bad. The page creator said he's received some messages from users who don't appreciate the dirty jokes or rude language others post.

But Burkett said the comments section has become a public forum, and he learns more about the community from what people have to say.

"Most people experience it, go on with their lives and don't tell anyone, so it kind of turned into an outlet for people to voice their opinions on specific topics here and there," he said. "A lot of it is stuff I wasn't even aware of."

After reposting a Facebook user's dashcam video, which highlights bad drivers in Midland, Burkett said one comment changed his mind on a particular driving habit.

"A lady posted in there about how people always get mad at her as soon as the light turns green. I've honked at people for that before," he said. "She explained that she sees people run the light so much that she's going to wait. It's not worth risking her life over. It changed my perspective. A lot of the comments have changed my perspective."

Moving forward, Burkett said he knows excitement about the page will not last forever, and he doesn't want to beat a dead horse by posting on the same subject. And after endorsing libertarian mayoral candidate Dan Anderson and considering a lighthearted run as mayor, Burkett said with a laugh that he'll stay out of politics.

"I don't want to push an agenda. I want to be where, no matter what your politics are, no matter what your religion is, no matter what kind of background you have, you can get a kick out of this," he said. "There's a constant bickering between problems that are not as immediate and that you can't really change. But these are ones everyone can get on board with."

Burkett also doesn't take negative feedback too seriously — he can't control the issues.

"I can't change the picture of what Midland is painted as," he said. "You have to change Midland to do that."

Cruz

From 1A

thinks it's a nonissue, and the experts think he's right.

A Cruz spokesman said this weekend that the Texas Republican senator was unaware that he was automatically a Canadian citizen by virtue of his birth there, even though his mother is a U.S. citizen and was at the time of his birth, thereby making him a U.S. citizen.

When the Dallas Morning News asked for and received a copy of Cruz' birth certificate on Sunday, it raised the issue of Cruz' apparent dual citizenship, and experts said the only way his Canadian birth could cloud his eligibility was if he remained a citizen of Canada.

So Monday, Cruz said, no problem, he'd simply renounce the Canadian citizenship he didn't know he had.

"Nothing against Canada, but I'm an American by birth, and as a U.S. senator, I believe I should be only an American," Cruz said in a statement.

"It's smart to take care of that quickly," Sabato said. "Will the birthers let him go? I'm not sure. But renouncing his Canadian citizenship is a reasonable tactic."

Sabato said that Cruz is making the most of his current fame, building alliances outside the Senate and probably trying to elect more like-minded Republicans in 2014.

But he added, "A 2016 bid for the White House is a real stretch."

Conservative Republicans certainly disagree.

Bob Vander Plaats, CEO of The Family Leader and a force in Iowa Republican politics, said recently after a triumphal Cruz visit to the pivotal state, "Cruz is a phenomenon that I haven't seen the like of in a long time, probably ever."

In citing Obama's campaign as a model, the tea party-backed Cruz may well be thinking about the parallel to his own situation. He will have three years in the Senate come 2016. But "It's hard to catch lightning in a bottle twice," Sabato said.

"One thing's for sure," he added. "The tea party by itself is not going to win a presidential election."

Tower

From 1A

"Whether it is a new restaurant, apartment complex, hotel or car wash, companies around the globe have realized that Midland is a great place to invest for the long term," said District 3 Councilman John James. "If we can help make the Energy Tower project happen in a way that generates a good return on the citizen's investment, the project will have my full support."

Mayor Wes Perry, At-large Councilman Scott Dufford and District 1 Councilman Jeff Sparks were unavailable for a comment.

MISD

From 1A

successful futures.

A new position implemented beginning in the 2013-14 school year, a special programs counselor, will be assigned to Midland and Lee high schools. These counselors will help guide identified ELL (English Language Learner) students, as well as special needs students, toward completing the necessary requirements for graduation.

MISD is committed to helping students reach their potential and the annual Recovery Walk will be held Sept. 14. Students who need to re-enroll in school may contact Deborah A. Acosta at 689-1980.

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Court rejects new trial in church rape case

CONCORD — New Hampshire's highest court on Wednesday rejected a new trial for a man convicted of raping and impregnating a 15-year-old member of his church, a case that gained national attention because she said the church's pastor made her apologize to the congregation.

Ernest Willis was convicted in May 2011 of raping the girl in 1997. His lawyer argued that statements he made to the pastor of the fundamentalist Trinity Baptist Church should not have been used against him. But prosecutors countered that Willis' statements were not protected by religious privilege because they involved the sexual abuse of a child.

Willis' public defender, Christopher Johnson, said he had no comment on the unanimous ruling by the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

Jurors at Willis' trial heard testimony by former Trinity Baptist Church pastor Charles Phelps that Willis told him that he was "the aggressor" and that there were two instances of sexual assault and again at her apartment a month later. The Associated Press does not typically identify victims of sexual assault, but Anderson wanted her name publicized to highlight church abuse.

The justices noted that all 50 states have laws protecting the confidence of clergy-parishioner communications, but New Hampshire is one of six states that revokes that privilege in its child abuse reporting statutes.

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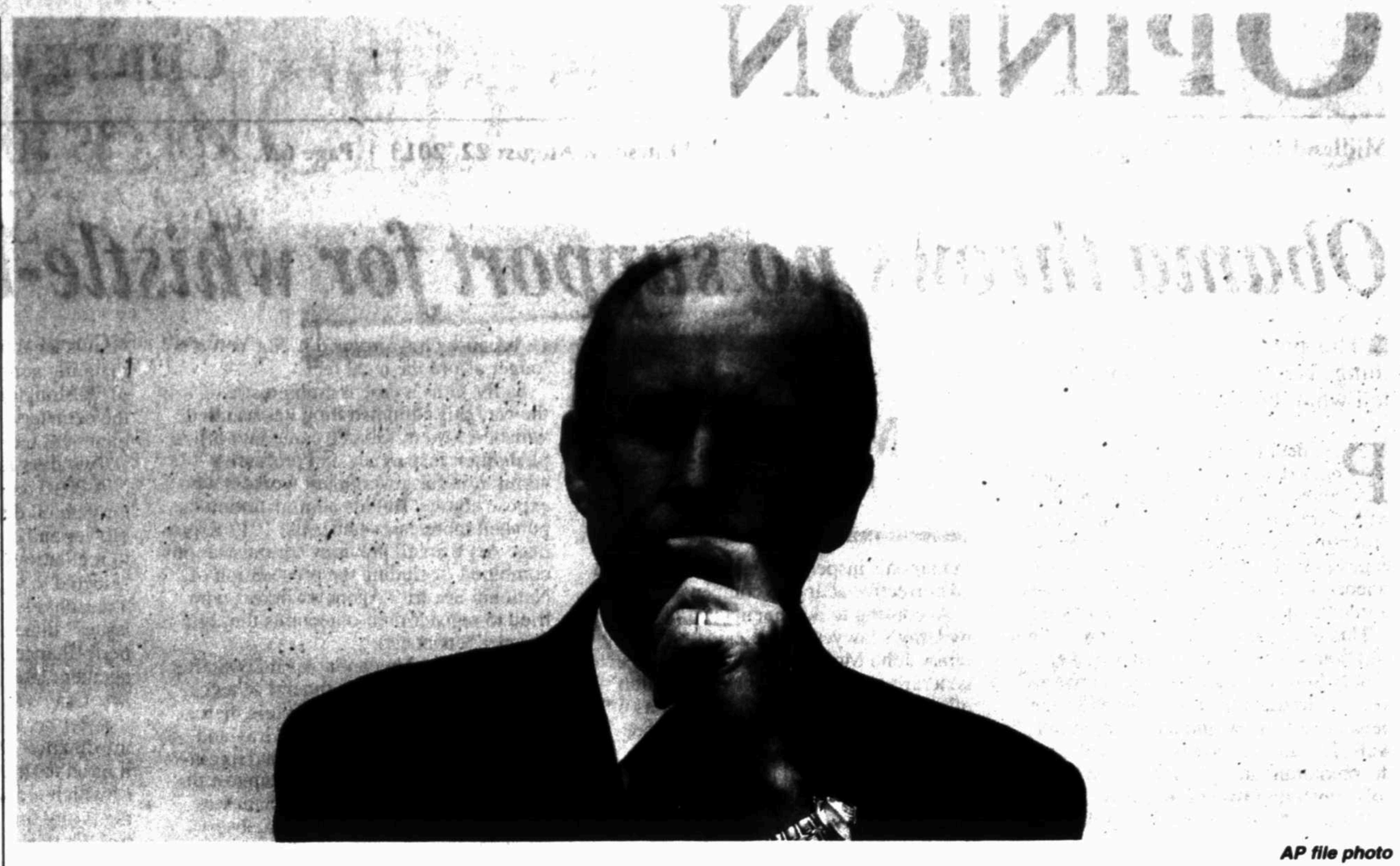
ACLU: Muslims face more scrutiny for citizenship

A government program to screen immigrants for national security concerns has blacklisted some Muslims and put their U.S. citizenship applications on hold for years, civil liberties advocates said Wednesday.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California said in a report that the previously undisclosed program instructs federal immigration officers to find ways to deny applications that have been deemed a national security concern. For example, they flag discrepancies in a petition or claim they didn't receive sufficient information from the immigrant.

The criteria used by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to blacklist immigrants are overly broad and include traveling through regions where there is terrorist activity, the report said. The criteria disproportionately target Muslim immigrants, who often wait years to get a response on their citizenship applications and in some cases are denied, advocates said.

The ACLU learned about the program through records requests after detecting a pattern in cases of Muslim immigrants whose applications to become American citizens had languished.



AP file photo

The Government Accountability Office's Comptroller General David Walker listens to a reporter's question at the U.S. Capitol in Washington in 2006. Walker, who for a decade ran the GAO, the watchdog group charged with overseeing how the government spends taxpayer money, is as adamant as ever that Washington is out of touch and out of control with the nation's finances. In September, he plans to present a major report for the nonprofit he founded, the Comeback America Initiative, whose purpose is to raise awareness about the federal government's swelling debt.

Nation's former top auditor eyes US debt warily

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The economy is slowly growing, the government's yearly budget deficit falling. But the nation's former top auditor doesn't buy the idea that everything is OK.

David Walker, who for a decade ran the Government Accountability Office, the watchdog group charged with overseeing how the government spends taxpayer money, is as adamant as ever that Washington is out of touch and out of control with the nation's finances.

Next month he'll present a major report for the nonprofit he founded, the Comeback America Initiative, whose purpose is to raise awareness about the federal government's swelling debt. It's a chasm that isn't top of mind for most Americans, he knows. But Walker, 61, wants it to be.

He stocks his pockets with fake trillion-dollar bills to pass around because, as he says, "Washington spends a trillion dollars like it's nothing." He shows up for an interview sporting two pins on his lapel — one for the Sons of the American Revolution, and one that says CPA, in honor of his accounting vocation. "It means I'm a patriot who knows math," he says, "and there's not many of them."

The government estimates the national debt at about $17 trillion, but Walker argues it's closer to $73 trillion, once all the unfunded promises for future Social Security benefits and other obligations are added in. And he envisions a bleak future if the U.S. doesn't stem the financial sinkhole: painful inflation, larger gaps between the rich and the poor, even threats to national security.

He rattles off proposed solutions. Among them: To cut down on health care costs, make hospitals provide more information about pricing. To salvage Social Security, index the retirement age to increases in life expectancy. To bring in more tax revenue, cut down on the exemptions and deductions that disproportionately benefit the wealthy.

CAI will wind down after next month's report on the state of the nation's finances, partly because Walker promised his wife he'd take it easy, partly because he's not sure the Washington establishment — Republicans and Democrats alike — is ready to listen.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Walker also expounded on why the stock market doesn't matter, why the sequester isn't helping and how he got roped into dancing the Harlem Shake. Excerpts have been edited for length and clarity.

Q: Isn't some of your message just scaremongering? You keep comparing the U.S. to Rome?

The Roman republic fell for a lot of reasons. Decline of moral values and political civility at home. Overconfidence and overextended militarily around the world. Fiscal irresponsibility by the central government and inability to control its borders. Does that sound familiar?

We tend to assume that since we're the largest economy, the temporary sole superpower, the longest standing democracy, that we must be No. 1 in most things. And we're not. We're below average on the state of our critical infrastructure. We're below average with regard to health care outcomes, K-12 education, the amount of public resources we're allocating to research and development. We spend over twice per person what other industrialized nations spend on health care and K-12 education, and yet we get below-average results. So the answer is not to spend more money. The answer is you've got to dramatically reform the system.

But Washington already cut spending. Automatic spending cuts, or the sequester, kicked in this year, when Republicans and Democrats couldn't work out a budget compromise.

That represents a mindless, across-the-board, one-size-fits-all cut to defense and other discretionary spending, rather than separating the wheat from the chaff in terms of what works and what doesn't work. The three things that drive our structural deficit problems have not been addressed by the president and the Congress. They haven't addressed social insurance problems: Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. They haven't adequately dealt with health care costs. And they haven't modernized our tax system to make it simpler, fairer and to generate more revenues. Until you do that, you're rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic.

Q: OK. So how bad is it?

Washington has a false sense of security about our nation's finances. We have an aging society. We have longer lifespans. We have relatively fewer workers supporting a growing number of retirees. In 1950, we had about 16 people working for every person drawing Social Security. Today, it's 3 to 1, and by 2035, it's going down to 2 to 1. Every couple will have their own retiree to take care of.

The national debt clock says we have $17 trillion in debt, but the real problem is much bigger. If you look at the total liabilities in unfunded promises that the government has made — for future Social Security, for Medicare, for military and civilian pensions — it's $73 trillion. That's over $250,000 per person. People have a second or third mortgage that they didn't know they had, and no house to back it.

Now the biggest risk that we have fiscally is interest. We're spending (more than $200 billion) a year on interest. The president's own budget projections say we'll be spending (almost) $800 billion on interest (per year) in ten years. And what do you get for interest? Nothing. I say shinola. I'm from the South.

How can you be so negative about the economy? There are lots of signs that things are improving. The stock market is near record highs.

The stock market? I quit believing in the efficiency of markets a long time ago. The stock market is not the appropriate bellwether of the state of the economy.

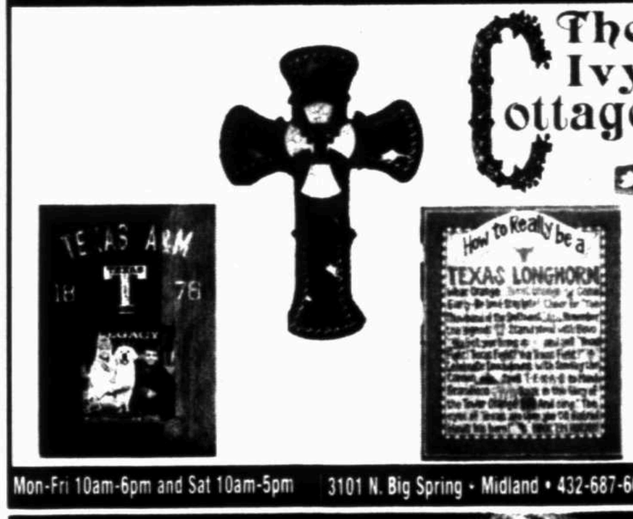
So yeah, the stock market is at a record high, but on the other hand, gaps are growing between the haves and have-nots. People on fixed income are getting killed because they can't get a reliable return on investment. Prices are going up faster than what the government tells you because they don't consider food and energy in the index. Last time I checked, you can't live without food and energy.

Q: There's a video circulating the Internet of you dancing the Harlem Shake to raise awareness about the debt (with a group similar to CAI called The Can Kicks Back). Did you pick out the curly white wig you wore?

Oh, no no no no no. They asked me to wear it. I'm a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and there are some very nice Revolutionary War wigs available. That was clearly not one of them.

Do you get invited to many parties in Washington? Because you're kind of a doomsayer.

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Obama throws no support for whistle-blowers

■ This president has not made things better for those wanting to tell what they know



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President Obama, in his news conference this month, said that Edward Snowden was wrong to go public with revelations about secret surveillance programs because "there were other avenues available for somebody whose conscience was stirred and thought that they needed to question government actions."

This is a common refrain among administration officials and some lawmakers: If only Snowden had made his concerns known through the proper internal channels, everything would have turned out well. The notion sounds reasonable, as do the memorandums Obama signed supposedly protecting whistle-blowers.

But it's a load of nonsense. Ask Gina Gray.

Gray is the Defense Department whistle-blower whose case I have following for five years. She was the Army civilian worker who, before and after her employment, exposed much of the wrongdoing at Arlington National Cemetery — misplaced graves, mishandled remains and financial mismanagement — and she attempted to do it through the proper internal channels. Pentagon sources have confirmed to me her crucial role in bringing the scandal to light.

For her troubles, Gray was fired. The Pentagon's inspector general recommended corrective action to compensate Gray.

According to documents just obtained by Gray's lawyer, Mark Zaid, Army Secretary John McHugh rejected the inspector general's suggestion. McHugh wouldn't offer Gray anything because she was on "probationary status at the time of her termination."

Gray, who worked in Iraq as an Army contractor and Army public affairs specialist, is now unemployed and living in North Carolina.

"I went all the way up the channels," Gray told me on Tuesday. "This is what happens when you do that."

In response to my inquiries to the Pentagon, an Army spokesman, Col. David H. Patterson Jr., issued a statement saying that Gray's status as a whistle-blower was limited and that her firing was unrelated. "We consider the matter closed," he said, calling the Army's position "validated" by a federal court's "dismissal of Ms. Gray's lawsuit — with prejudice."

The lawsuit was dismissed this week — because Gray dropped it. She could no longer afford the legal fees.

Sadly, Gray's case is emblematic of the way this administration has handled whistle-blowers. Obama came into office pledging transparency and professing admiration for government workers who expose abuses. But his administration has pursued more cases under the 1917 Espionage Act than all previous administrations combined (including the prosecution of National Security Agency workers who tried to register their objections through "proper" channels).

Gray's ordeal began in April 2008 after I covered the Arlington funeral of an officer killed in the Iraq war. While there, I observed a dispute between Gray and deputy superintendent Thurman Higginbotham, the man later at the center of the Arlington scandals. Higginbotham was trying to prevent reporters from observing the burial, in violation of the family's wishes and Arlington's regulations — and Gray, though new on the job, told him he was wrong.

Gray registered her objections internally — but loudly. She refused to sign off on a report to the Army secretary's office that was a whitewash of the way burials were handled at Arlington because, she said, her higher-ups were violating Defense Department regulations. She began to learn of other misdeeds by Arlington management and attempted to let military officials know; in June 2008, according to one of Gray's legal filings, she told the commanding general of the Military District of Washington about "major problems" at the cemetery, involving fraud, mismanagement and broken regulations.

Two days later, she was fired.

A 2010 report by the Pentagon's inspector general designated Gray as a whistleblower and concluded that, contrary to regulations, Arlington management "elected to terminate her, rather than make a reasonable effort to address those policy issues" that she raised or to "document performance deficiencies that ANC management later claimed formed the basis for Ms. Gray's termination."

After her firing, Gray passed along information about mismanagement at Arlington to three congressional offices, all of which received false assurances from the Army that everything was under control. Gray eventually provided her findings to reporters and to the inspector general, leading to the ouster of the Arlington management.

Snowden's case is quite a bit different, and murkier; his dalliances with China and now Russia raise questions about his motives. But Gray's case shows that Snowden was correct about one thing: Trying to pursue the proper internal channels doesn't work.

If the Obama administration wants whistle-blowers to take the "proper" route, it needs to protect them when they do.

OUR VIEW

Energy Tower Q-and-A provides good step in getting information out

In the end, not everyone who left the Energy Tower question-and-answer session at Midland Center on Tuesday will agree on whether the proposed 50-plus story project is best for Midland. However, more information is known about the Energy Tower, and a needed conversation took place.

Energy Related Properties organized the Q-and-A, facilitated by Reporter-Telegram Editor Stewart Doreen, and an estimated 125 people attended the event. The Reporter-Telegram also can report 2,700 users viewed part or all of our coverage online.

We believe the turnout was a good first step in getting more information about Energy Tower before the public. ERP officials, Scooter Brown and William Meyer II, provided more information about the project than had previously been reported, and Mike Kaiman, of Turner Construction Co., provided insight on the logistics of a project of this size.

And just as ERP had supporters in the crowd, there was opposition ready with questions and comments about the project and the negative impact they believe it will have on Midland. They also showed a passion for their community and a curiosity for the project that is healthy for the process.

In fact, we hope the members of the City Council show the same willingness to sit in front of Midland's residents, take questions from people for and against the project and give details on how they will make their decision.

This process, by what we heard on Tuesday, can't be a done deal. We believe there is still more information regarding the city's point of view that can help educate the community — one way or another. What incentive size is right for this community at this time, what impact would the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone have on taxes ERP would pay and what is a city solution for traffic impacts that Energy Tower creates? Those questions top our list.

We also learned Tuesday that changes are in store for Midland Center, no matter how the process plays out. A Midland Center renovation isn't new news as much as how Energy Tower could factor into the future of the convention facility.

Still, we know more about the process — including that ERP may ask for an incentive as great as $75 million — and having more knowledge is better when it comes time to make a decision.

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Mother was right about Mexico

■ A friend tells the story of leaving and then returning to Mexico, and the truth about opportunity and other things



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Alfredo Corchado's book "Midnight in Mexico" is like a pinata. Wherever you crack it open, something good flies out.

A friend for more than a decade and former colleague at The Dallas Morning News, Corchado has penned a masterpiece. In these pages, you'll learn the history of drug trafficking in Mexico, get valuable insights from a reporter who covered four Mexican presidents and explore the identity crisis of Mexican-Americans who are Mexicans in the United States but Americans in Mexico.

There is even high drama. Corchado is so good at digging up inconvenient truths about Mexico's drug war — which has led to more than 100,000 deaths in less than seven years — there were fears he might wind up with, as he wrote, "a bullet in my head."

Still, for me, the most important story in this book is the most personal one. "Midnight in Mexico" is primarily about a son's argument with his mother, who took him out of Mexico as a boy along with his siblings after one of his sisters died in a tragic accident. Before leaving her home country for the United States, his mother took her children to a spiritual cleansing, to wash off what she considered the evil essence of Mexico.

Corchado wasn't supposed to go back. His mother pleaded with him not to return. Yet, he did. And in our culture, when you disobey your mother, you're just asking for trouble.

Now, as Mexico City bureau chief for the Morning News, Corchado has a front-row seat to a country that is remaking itself by the day — in ways both good and bad.

I caught up with my old friend recently and asked him why he thinks people are clamoring for this book.

"There's almost a hunger or a thirst for Mexico," Corchado told me. "Either they want to connect for the first time or reconnect. You have a lot of people who haven't been back there in a while because of the headlines, and they want to dig into their roots. And then there's the Mexican-Americans, who feel like Mexico was the land of their parents and they're curious."

Speaking of Mexican-Americans, I asked whether being one is an asset or a liability in covering Mexico.

"In the beginning, it was more of a liability," he said. "I blame the Mexicans, especially in the elite, privileged class. Once you start speaking Spanish, they still look at you as *menos que ellos* (less than them). But I also blame myself. I went to Mexico with American idealism but also a romanticized image of Mexico. Then bam, you hit a wall and realize: These people don't give a (expletive) about me. They don't want to admit that you did something good with your life, because they're afraid you'll rub their noses in it and say something like: 'My mom had to take me out of here for me to become someone.' But in recent years, being Mexican-American has been an asset. That's a tribute to the Mexicans who are letting go of the nationalism. They're slowly accepting the fact that there are 35 million Americans of Mexican descent (in the United States)."

Meanwhile, Corchado has also accepted something: the truth.

"When I first went to Mexico," he recalled, "I actually did promise my parents that I would not cover drug trafficking. You could lose your life trying to tell those stories. That's why, for the longest time, I didn't tell them what I was doing, because I didn't want to admit that maybe they were right and I was wrong. There was a reason why my mom felt like we needed to flee to the United States and had to find another place to live."

With time, comes perspective.

"A big part of the book is really this debate between mother and son, and who's right and who's wrong. It's only in the last few months that I've had long conversations with my mom and dad, and I'm disappointed to admit that they were right about Mexico."

So finally, I asked my friend, on the question of which country offered more opportunity for the Corchado family, who wins the argument — mother or son?

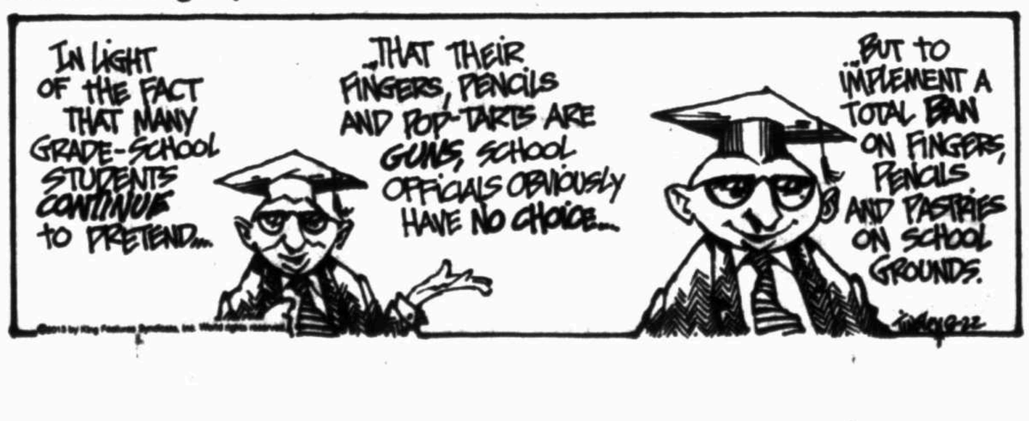
He responded without hesitation, "My mom wins hands down."

Don't feel bad, amigo. The older we get, the more we realize that this is usually how it goes.

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SENTENCED TO 35 YEARS



Associated Press

Army Pfc. Bradley Manning is escorted into a courthouse in Fort Meade, Md., on Wednesday before a sentencing hearing in his court martial. The military judge overseeing Manning's trial announced on Wednesday his sentence for giving reams of classified information to WikiLeaks.

For leak, Bradley Manning gets stiffest punishment

Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. — Army Pfc. Bradley Manning stood at attention in his crisp dress uniform Wednesday and learned the price he will pay for spilling an unprecedented trove of government secrets: up to 35 years in prison, the stiffest punishment ever handed out in the U.S. for leaking to the media.

Flanked by his lawyers, Manning, 25, showed no reaction as military judge Col. Denise Lind announced the sentence without explanation in a proceeding that lasted just a few minutes.

A gasp could be heard among the spectators, and one woman buried her face in her hands. Then, as guards hurried Manning out of the courtroom, about a half-dozen supporters shouted from the back: "We'll keep fighting for you, Bradley!" and "You're our hero!"

With good behavior and credit for the more than three years he has been held, Manning could be out in as little as seven years, said his lawyer, David Coombs. The soldier was also demoted and will be dishonorably discharged.

The sentencing fired up the long-running debate over whether Manning was a whistleblower or a traitor for giving more than 700,000 classified military and diplomatic documents, plus battlefield footage, to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks. By volume alone, it was the biggest leak of classified material in U.S. history, bigger even than the Pentagon Papers a generation ago.

In a statement from London, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange decried Manning's trial and conviction as "an affront to basic concepts of Western justice." But he called the sentence a "significant tactical victory" because the soldier could be paroled so quickly.

Manning could have gotten 90 years behind bars. Prosecutors asked for at least 60 as a warning to other soldiers, while Manning's lawyer suggested he get no more than 25, because some of the documents he leaked will be declassified by then.

Military prosecutors had no immediate comment on the sentence, and the White House said only that any request for a presidential pardon would be considered "like any other application."

The case was part of an unprecedented string of prosecutions brought by the U.S. government in a crackdown on security breaches. The Obama administration has charged seven people with leaking to the media; only three people were prosecuted under all previous presidents combined.

Manning, an Army intelligence analyst from Crescent, Okla., digitally copied and released Iraq and Afghanistan battlefield reports and State Department cables while working in 2010 in Iraq. He also leaked video of a 2007 Apache helicopter attack in Baghdad that mistakenly killed at least nine people, including a Reuters photographer.

Manning said he did it to expose the U.S. military's "bloodlust" and generate debate over the wars and U.S. policy.

He was found guilty by the judge last month of 20 crimes, including six violations of the Espionage Act, but was acquitted of the most serious charge, aiding the enemy, which carried a potential life in prison without parole.

Whistleblower advocates said the punishment was unprecedented in its severity. Steven Aftergood, of the Federation, of American Scientists said "no other leak case comes close."

The American Civil Liberties Union, Amnesty International and other activists condemned the sentence.

"When a soldier who shared information with the press and public is punished far more harshly than others who tortured prisoners and killed civilians, something is seriously wrong with our justice system," said Ben Wizner, head of the ACLU's speech and technology project.

Gabriel Schoenfeld, a senior fellow at the conservative Hudson Institute think tank and author of the book "Necessary Secrets," welcomed Manning's punishment.

"The sentence is a tragedy for Bradley Manning, but it is one he brought upon himself," he said. "It will certainly serve to bolster deterrence against other potential leakers."

But he also warned that the sentence will ensure that Edward Snowden — the National Security Agency leaker who was charged with espionage in a potentially more explosive case while Manning's court-martial was underway — "will do his best never to return to the United States and face a trial and stiff sentence."

Coombs said that he was in tears after the sentencing and that Manning comforted him by saying: "Don't worry about it. It's all right. I know you did your best. ... I'm going to be OK. I'm going to get through this."

Coombs said Manning will seek a presidential pardon or a commuted sentence.

"The time to end Brad's suffering is now," the defense attorney said. "The time for our president to focus on protecting whistleblowers instead of punishing them is now."

Coombs read from a letter Manning will send to the president in which he said: "I regret if my actions hurt anyone or harmed the United States. It was never my intent to hurt anyone. ... When I chose to disclose classified information, I did so out of a love for my country and a sense of duty to others."

He made a similar apology during the sentencing phase of the case.

Manning's lawyers also contended that he suffered extreme inner turmoil over his gender identity — his feeling that he was a woman trapped in a man's body — while serving in the macho military during the "don't ask, don't tell" era. Among the evidence was a photo of him in a blond wig and lipstick.

Prosecutors showed that al-Qaida used material from the helicopter attack in a propaganda video and that Osama bin Laden presumably read some of the leaked documents. Some of the material was found in bin Laden's hideout after he was killed.

Also, government witnesses testified that the leaks endangered U.S. intelligence sources, some of whom were moved to other countries for their safety. And several ambassadors were recalled, expelled or reassigned because of embarrassing disclosures.

Manning's supporters likened him to Daniel Ellsberg, the defense analyst who leaked the Pentagon Papers in 1971. The secret history of U.S. involvement in Vietnam was released to The New York Times and other newspapers in a case that touched off an epic clash between the Nixon administration and the press and led to a landmark Supreme Court ruling on the First Amendment.

Ellsberg was also charged under the Espionage Act, but the case was thrown out because of government misconduct, including a White House-sanctioned break-in at the office of Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

On Wednesday, Ellsberg, one of Manning's strongest supporters, called the soldier "one more casualty of a horrible, wrongful war that he tried to shorten."

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Clear-Cast was invented by a renowned NASA Space Technology Hall of Fame scientist who currently holds 23 U.S. Gov't issued patents. For the past 20 years, he has specialized in developing antenna systems for NASA, Motorola, XM Satellite Radio and companies around the world.

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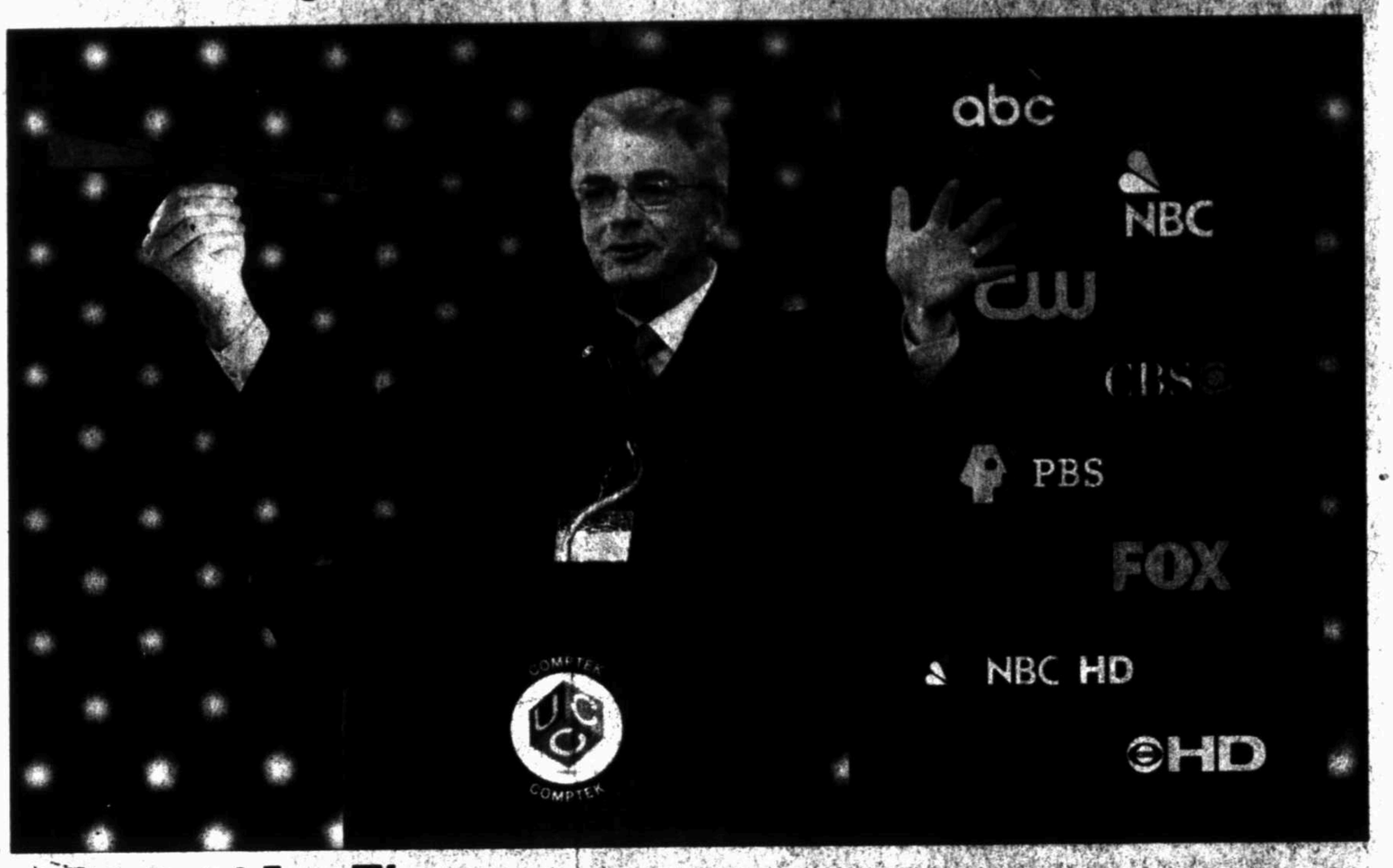
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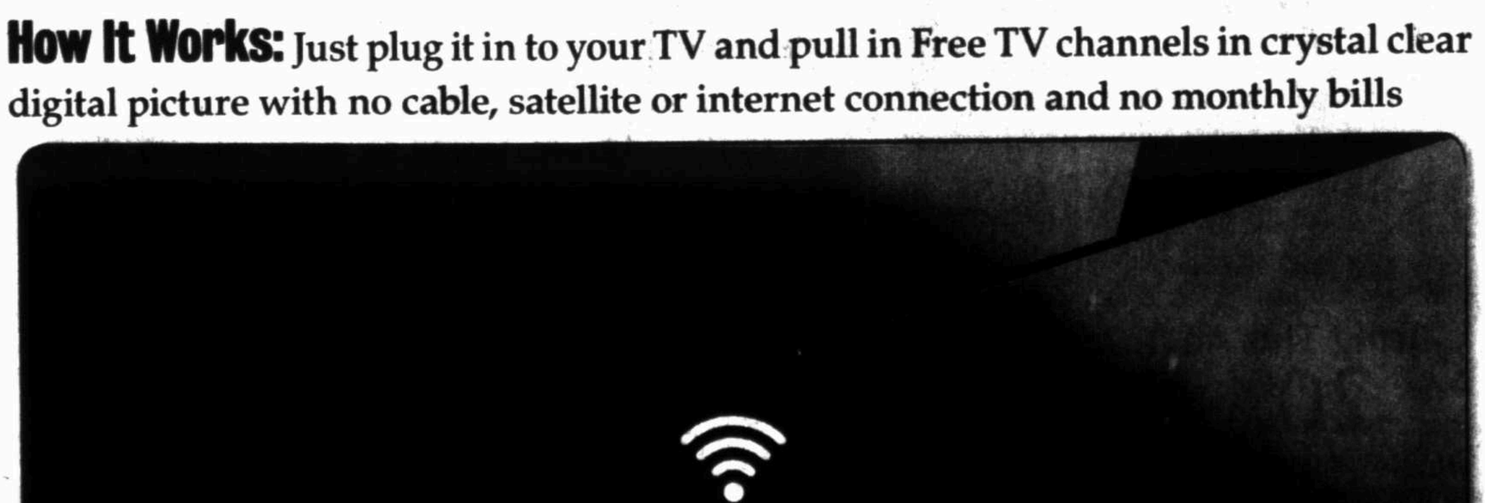
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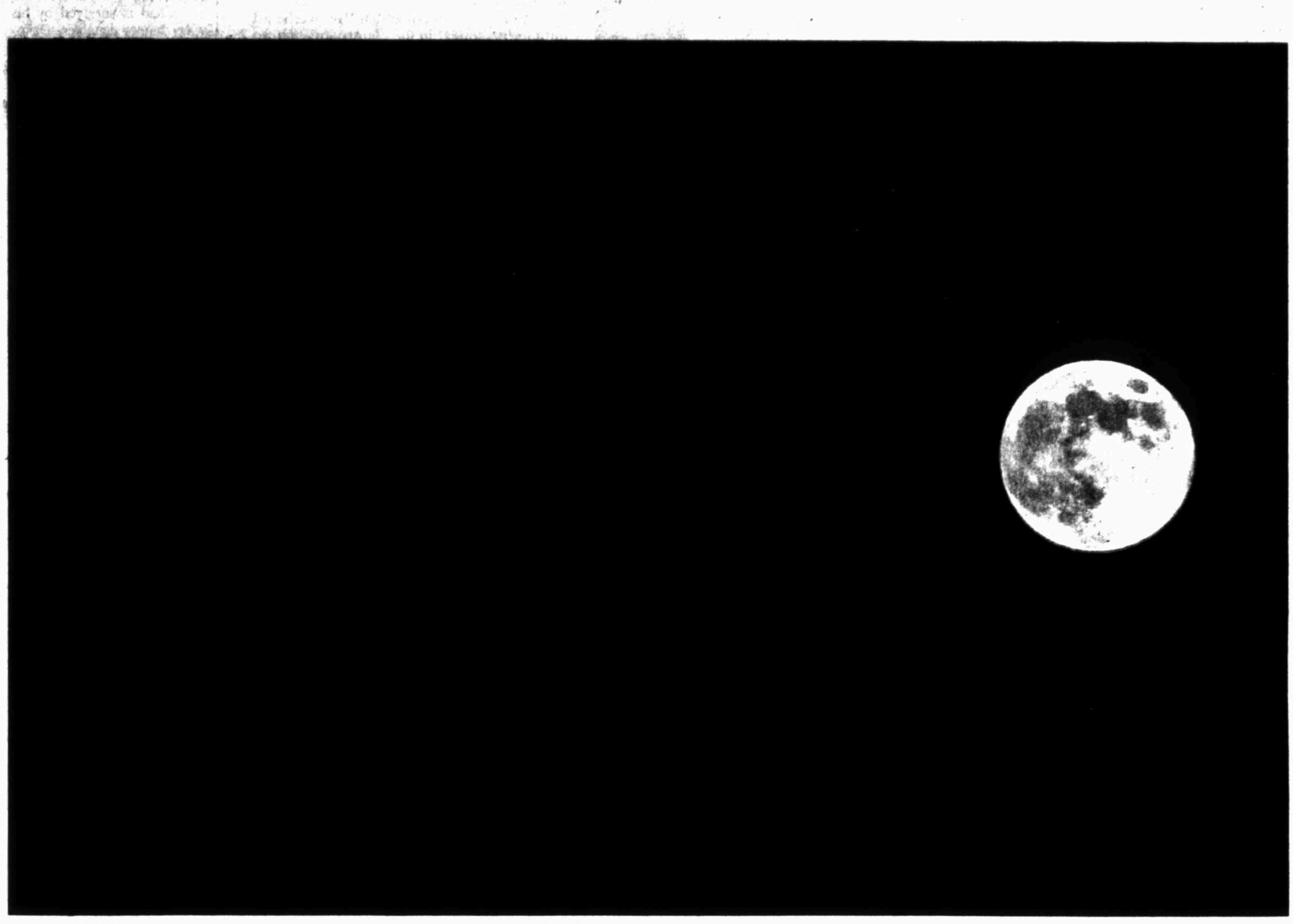
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FULLMOONFEVER

The Texas flag flies in front of a full moon Tuesday. August's full moon, which rose on Tuesday, can be correctly identified as a "blue moon," a "full sturgeon moon," a "full red moon," a "green corn moon" and a "grain moon." It qualifies as a blue moon because it's the third full moon in a season with four (most seasons have only three). full sturgeon moon refers to the annual August full moon because the large fish called sturgeon can most easily be caught at this time of year.

The term full red moon comes from the reddish tint of the moon as it rises, which is caused by atmospheric conditions this time of year. The last terms, green corn moon and grain moon, are interchangeable and refer to the crops that grow tallest at this time of year.

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Baltic book salesmen contend with unfounded Facebook rumors

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Reporter-Telegram

Timo Aleste left his home and family in the Estonian city of Tallinn to come to America to sell books door to door for Nashville-based Southwestern Advantage. This year marks his seventh summer to make that costly trek, all done at his own expense.

There has always been the occasional, "Go back where you came from," response from residents, but this year has been particularly challenging due to a Facebook rumor that, according to Aleste and to Southwestern Advantage spokesman Trey Campbell, apparently started at the beginning of the summer in Oklahoma. The rumor was that they were Russians who were asking about the presence of children in the neighborhood in order to kidnap them. As the summer progressed, the rumor grew, and one Midland version insinuated that they were Russian spies.

Some background is helpful in understanding how this started. Southwestern works with about 1,200 American college students and, since around 2001, has worked with students from Latvia and Estonia, with about 1,000 of those in the program this year. Each student is an independent contractor, selling Southwestern's educational books and software, suitable for preschoolers up to high school age. Each student obtains all necessary local permits and the foreign students have all been vetted and approved by the State Department.

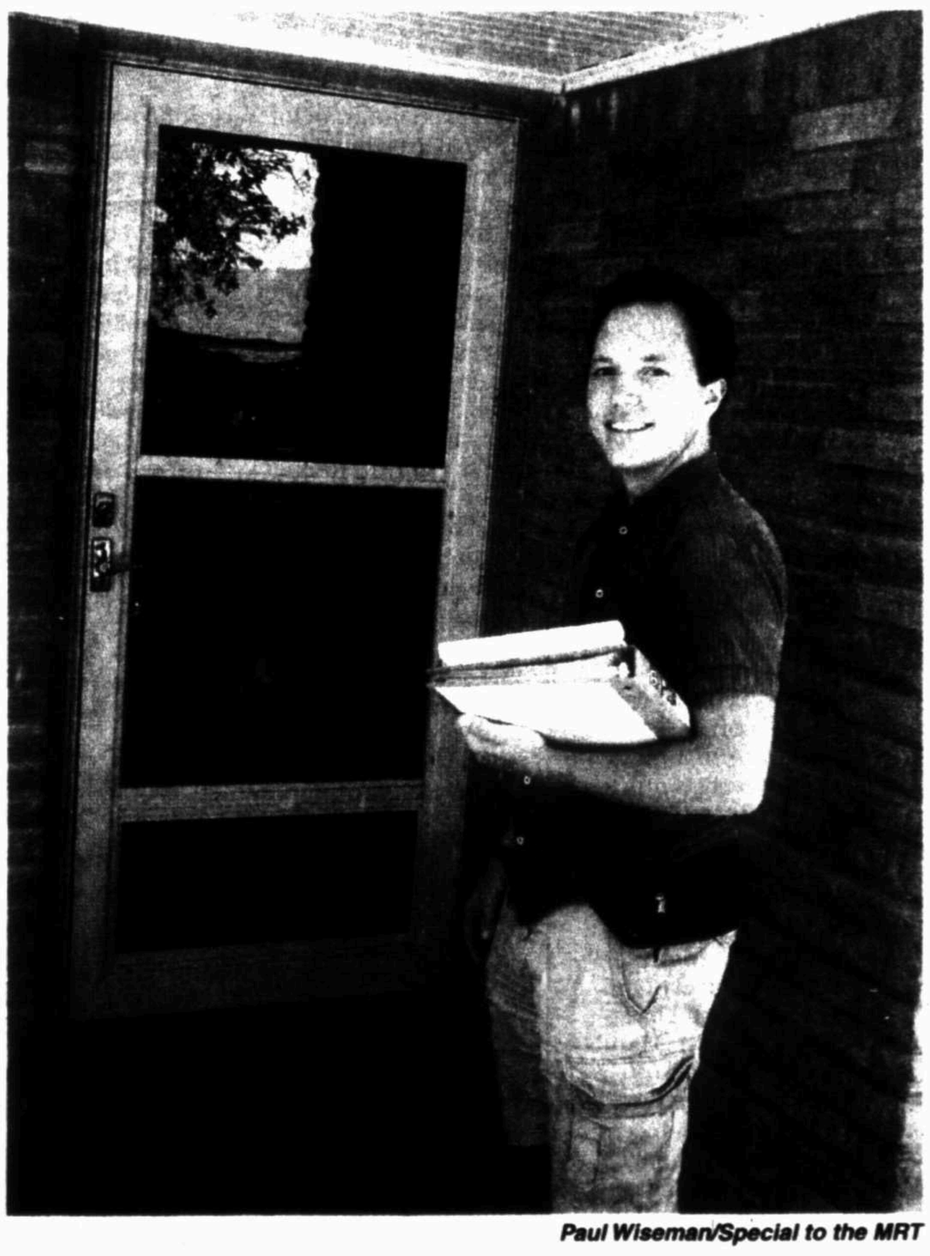
At a sales school in Nashville, students are trained to maximize their time by asking at each door if there are school age children in the home. If they have had a positive encounter, they ask the family for the names and locations of other families with school age children in the neighborhood. "This way," Aleste explained, "We don't bother people whose children are grown and gone." This information is known in Southwestern terminology as "pre-approach."

It seems, Aleste said, that a mother in Oklahoma, who had two daughters, "I don't know. I guess she just got scared or something, but she got the idea that they were gathering information about where children live and, at night time, some guys come and steal the children."

She posted this on Facebook and asked everyone to share it. Aleste said that, at one point, the post was being shared 1,000 times per day. Southwestern successfully lobbied Facebook to remove the original post, but because of the massive number of shares, the damage was done.

It quickly spread through all Mid-

Please see **RUMORS**/3B



Paul Wiseman/Special to the MRT

Estonian student Timo Aleste is one of seven Eastern European young men and women selling educational materials door–to-door in the Permian Basin this summer. They have faced challenges based on unfounded Facebook rumors that they are Russian spies. The Midland Police Department reports that their permits are all in order.

City to truck pool water to duck pond

From staff reports

Wadley Barron Park's duck pond is getting a small boost from an unlikely source: Doug Russell Pool.

As soon as the chlorine levels fade and trucks are ready, the city will move water from the 500,000-gallon pool, which is closed for the season and due for renovations, to the duck pond.

In May, the city drilled two water wells to relieve what officials said were record-low water levels. But Tina Jauz, city director of community services, said the wells did not yield as much water as anticipated.

Instead of 40 gallons per minute, one of the wells produced about 10 gallons per minute, Jauz said.

Please see **WATER**/3B

Hasan says 'Illegal war' provoked Fort Hood rampage

Associated Press

FORT HOOD — American soldiers deploying overseas to "engage in an illegal war" provoked the deadly shooting rampage at Fort Hood in 2009, the soldier accused in the attack said Wednesday after refusing to mount a defense during his trial.

Maj. Nidal Hasan could face the death penalty if convicted for the attack that killed 13 people and wounded more than 30 others at the Texas military base. But when given the chance to rebut prosecutors' lengthy case — which included nearly 90 witnesses and hundreds of pieces of evidence — the Army psychiatrist declined.

About five minutes after court began Wednesday, a day after prosecutors rested their case, the judge asked Hasan how he wanted to proceed.

Please see **TRIAL**/2B

Hasan trial offers different look from second row



FORT HOOD — Col. Tara Osborn's daily chores as she shepherds the bizarre court-martial of Maj. Nidal Hasan include a warning to spectators in the courtroom. Her admonition largely is aimed at the folks on the second row.

What they will see, Osborn cautions, "may provoke powerful emotions" and include graphic testimony and evidence. But, the military judge warns, outbursts will not be tolerated nor will nods of agreement or dissension.

The warning is heeded on the second row, inhabited by people referred to only as "family members" and who reporters are barred from questioning. On Monday and Tuesday in the sometimes chilly courtroom, one woman on the second row — the courtroom has only three rows — wore an "American Widows Project" hoodie bearing the motto "Unifying the new generation of military widows."

The second-row spectators have complied with Osborn's instructions. Sometimes some of them move in unison, as when they turn their heads at a 45-degree angle to their left to stare at Hasan when they first see him in the courtroom. At other times, some shift in their seats to get a better view of photos and charts displayed as evidence. But some do not seem to want to see the evidence.

One woman has been bringing a multicolored, corkscrew-shaped item she continuously rolls through her fingers in what looks like a tension-relieving routine.

But, for the most part, the second-row spectators, a universe that changes every day, have just been sitting and listening as the prosecution, which wrapped up Tuesday, made what seems to be an ironclad case against a defendant seemingly uninterested in defending himself.

Osborn gave him a chance to do so Tuesday, asking if he wanted to move for acquittal after the prosecution rested.

"I do not," Hasan said.

On Wednesday, Hasan offered no defense case when called on to do so by Osborn. "The defense rests," is all he said.

All in all, it's a courtroom largely sapped of the usual courtroom drama because Hasan's behavior, so far, supports his standby lawyers' claim that he wants to be executed.

One of Hasan's more engaged moments came as he got prosecutors to revise the definition of "jihad." It now says "jihad" is an Islamic practice that includes a guaranteed "place in paradise."

So sure is the outcome that I've overheard military personnel in the courtroom chatting among themselves about when the sentencing phase might begin. There'll only be a sentencing phase if Hasan is found guilty. It's hard to imagine anybody in the courtroom expects any other verdict.

So now it might be all about whether he will get the death penalty and whether everything that happens in this courtroom will stand up to appeal.

On Monday, Osborn again checked with Hasan to make sure he understands the pitfalls of representing himself. She also checked with him to see if he had changed his mind and did not want to seek testimony from a psychiatrist who could offer defense-friendly evidence.

It's "generally not a good policy" for a lawyer to represent himself or herself, Osborn told Hasan, a psychiatrist, adding it's an even worse idea for a nonlawyer to do so.

"Do you still wish to proceed pro se?" the judge asked, using the legal term for self-representation.

"I do," Hasan said, content to continue as his own lawyer.

Which raises a question about whether he's also serving as his own psychiatrist. Anybody who attempts that probably should have his head examined.

TRIAL

From 1B

Hasan, who is acting as his own attorney, said: "The defense rests."

But after jurors were dismissed, Hasan told the judge, Col. Tara Osborn, that the jury shouldn't have the option of convicting him on the lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter.

"I would like to agree with the prosecution that it wasn't done under the heat of sudden passion," Hasan said. "There was adequate provocation — that these were deploying soldiers that were going to engage in an illegal war."

Prosecutors had no objection.

"There's not a shred of evidence to suggest the accused was acting under a heat of passion as he was committing the single largest mass murder on a U.S. military installation ever," Col. Steve Henricks, one of the prosecutors, told the judge.

The exchange came during a late-afternoon hearing, hours after Osborn adjourned jurors for the day. Closing arguments are scheduled to begin Thursday in the court-martial, the military's equivalent of a trial, though it's unclear whether Hasan plans to say anything.

So far, he has made no attempt to prove his innocence. He has questioned just three witnesses, and the only piece of evidence he submitted was a favorable evaluation he received from a former supervisor a few days before the attack.

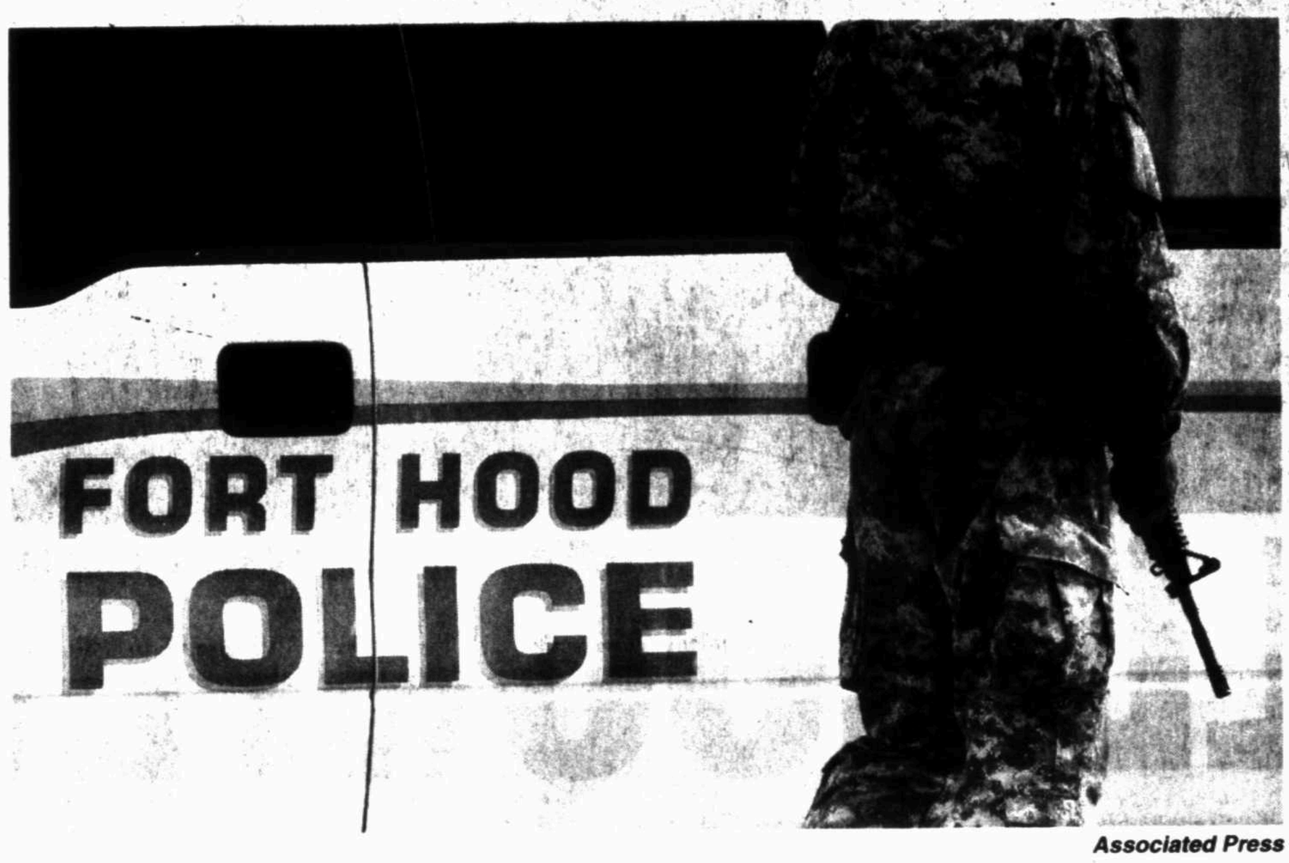
So his simple declaration Wednesday abdicating a defense wasn't much of a surprise.

"I think it's consistent with everything he's done. I think what he's trying to do in this court-martial is passively manifest his disdain for the Army and our system of justice," said Geoffrey Corn, a South Texas College of Law professor who has been following the case.

Corn, who taught the lead prosecutor in Hasan's case, also speculated that Hasan would wait until after he was convicted to address jurors.

"In the military system during sentencing, the defendant can make an unsworn statement, which means he can't be cross-examined," Corn said. "I think he doesn't want to be cross-examined because he doesn't want anybody to contest his distorted version of what he thinks is right."

Hasan, an American-born Muslim, began the trial with a brief opening statement acknowledging that evidence would "clearly show" he was the man who opened fire inside a medical building at Fort Hood on Nov. 5, 2009. He also described himself as a soldier who had "switched sides."



Associated Press

A U.S. Army police officer stands patrol outside the the Lawrence H. Williams Judicial Center where the court martial of U.S. Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan is underway Wednesday in Fort Hood. Hasan rested his case Wednesday without calling any witnesses or testifying in his own defense. Hasan is accused of killing 13 people and wounding more than 30 others at the Texas military base in November 2009.

Death Notices

Chad Wayne Fuson

Chad Wayne Fuson, 43, of Odessa, passed away Saturday, August 17, 2013.

Chad is survived by his wife, Jaime; daughter, Dakota; son, Justen Wayne; two foster sons, Cayden and Dalton Tull; sister, Kelli Jo; brothers, Sean (Rhonda); and Robbie (Gina); parents, Bob and Vicki Fuson. He is also survived by Art Schaible and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be 6-8p.m. Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services are planned for 11:00a.m. Thursday, August 22, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Nita Newcomer

Nita Newcomer, 75, of Midland, passed away on August 20, 2013.

The family will receive friends and family on August 22, 2013 at American Heritage Chapel from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Funeral service will be held on August 23, 2013, 3:30 p.m. at Kelview Heights Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Johnny Newcomer; two daughters, Donna Story-Moreno, Tx. and Susan Newcomer Lilly; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

Simon Rodriguez

Simon Rodriguez, 75, of Odessa, passed away Tuesday, August 20, 2013 in Odessa.

Arrangements are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Tashanna Forman

Tashanna Forman, 40, of Big Spring, passed away on Saturday August 17, 2013.

Visitation will be 7:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be 1:00PM Friday at Mount Bethel Baptist Church. Arrangements are made by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She is survived by one son Xavian Young; two daughters Arelle Young and Tashalla Young and one step-daughter Mia Daniels; her mother Bertie Hawkins and husband Freddie; her father Clarence Forman; one sister; three brothers; grandmother Elmira Forman; three grandchildren; and four best friends.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Ex-Marine sentenced for defrauding charities

A former Marine has been sentenced to 4 1/2 years in federal prison for conning charities out of thousands of dollars to feed his dream of playing on the pro golf tour.

Michael Duye Campbell had admitted to lying that he had suffered battle injuries to further the fraud.

A Justice Department statement says U.S. District Judge Jorge Solis in Dallas also ordered the 30-year-old Campbell on Wednesday to pay almost $41,000 in restitution.

Military records show he served in the Marine Corps from 2000 to 2004, but the records do not support his claim to have been a combat veteran who suffered a traumatic brain injury.

Campbell entered his plea on March 6. The Houston man could have been sentenced to up to 20 years in prison.

EL PASO

Failing air conditioner causes death of 10 dogs

A malfunctioning air-conditioner has led to the deaths of 10 dogs that were being transported to West Texas to train with customs officers.

The handlers for the German shepherds and Belgian Malinois made the grim discovery Monday while en route from a kennel in Denver, Ind., to the Fort Bliss Army post.

Two other dogs were treated for dehydration and heat exhaustion, while five others appeared to be fine. It's not clear what kind of carrier they were riding in.

They were bound for a canine center at the post and then were to be screened for use by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Fort Bliss spokesman Maj. Joe Buccino told the El Paso Times that the dogs "were essentially in an oven" and described the incident as "horrifying."

HOUSTON

State agency questions spending by charter school

State investigators are questioning at least $1.5 million in expenditures by a Houston charter school and contend the superintendent pursued deals that enriched her and family members.

The Texas Education Agency conducted an investigation into the Varnett Public School in 2011 but didn't release its report until last week. The agency contends thousands were spent on Broadway shows, cruises and other expenses not associated with the education of about 1,700 students.

Superintendent M. Annette Cluff, the school's founder, employed members of her family who also sat on the Varnett board. She operated a bus service that contracted with the school to transport students.

Attorney Rusty Hardin said the administrators never acted with "unlawful intent," while acknowledging some business practices may need improvement. Varnett received a state academic rating of exemplary in 2010.

AUSTIN

Perry appoints staffer to Public Utility Commission

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed a former chief of staff to serve on the three-member Public Utility Commission.

The governor on Wednesday named Brandy Marty to the commission responsible for regulating electric utilities and telecommunications companies. The commission is also charged with handling consumer complaints and determining rates.

Marty worked her way up in Perry's office from legislative liaison to running the governor's office. She previously worked for several legislators in the Texas House.

Marty replaces Rolando Pablos who stepped down earlier this year. Marty attended the University of Texas at Austin and has a law degree from St. Mary's University.

The PUC has been working to find a way in recent months to deal with potential electricity shortages.

CONROE

Up to 20K marijuana plants found

As many as 20,000 marijuana plants have been discovered on several plots in a heavily wooded area north of Houston.

Conroe police on Wednesday announced discovery of the $10 million worth of plants that will be cut and burned.

No one was immediately arrested. Police said the plants were found on private land and the property owners weren't aware of the illegal growing operation.

Sgt. Dorcy Riddle said there's evidence of living arrangements at the scene, such as cots, water pumps and a generator. Law enforcement officers from several agencies more than a week ago put the site under surveillance, but no suspects returned to the area.

Riddle said the plants were discovered during a routine drug investigation.

DALLAS

5 police officers fired amid review

Five Dallas police officers were fired amid internal investigations ranging from the death of a bicyclist to hundreds of family violence cases reported but not investigated.

Chief David Brown announced the dismissals Tuesday.

"It's obviously not a great day for the department," Brown said.

Bryan Burgess was booked on a charge of criminally negligent homicide in the May death of Fred Bradford, 51, a month after his bicycle collided with a patrol car as the cyclist was being chased. The officers saw Bradford reach into a car, then the driver left when the officers approached and Bradford rode away.

Brown also fired Michael Puckett, an officer was working with Burgess during the April 21 incident.

The officers lied and their actions endangered Bradford, police said.

The case will be referred to a Dallas County grand jury in an investigation into alleged evidence tampering.

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Oncor offers trees, energy savings via new program

By Rachael Gleason
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Midlanders could get two free shade trees through Oncor's new energy-saving trees program.

The electricity provider partnered with the Arbor Day Foundation to help customers reduce their energy consumption and save money on their electric bills — up to 30 percent if summer shade trees are planted in the right place.

To participate, customers should visit www.arborday.org/oncor and use the online interactive tool to map their houses, determine tree locations and reserve 2-foot to 4-foot trees, which will be shipped by October or November.

The tree placement tool accounts for possible obstructions and calculates estimated energy savings based on tree types, which include bur oak, Mexican white oak, roughleaf dogwood and Texas redbud. The Texas star bur oak is sold out.

"Planting trees in specific areas help cooling costs in the summer and heating in the winter," said Kris Spears, Oncor spokesman. "The tool shows you where the best places to plant and how much benefit you receive from planting in that location."

Spears said the program also teaches customers how to properly plant trees.

"We're certainly not only an energy provider; we also stress messages of conservation and environmental stewardship," he said.

Trees in the Permian Basin region are on the margins of survival, but people can plant new ones if they water them enough, said Jeff Floyd, Agrilife Extension agent for Midland and Ector counties.

"This is drought isn't helping at all," he said.

Floyd recommends watering along the drip line, or the area around the crown diameter. He said changing a watering schedule or reducing irrigated watering do the most damage because trees adapt to a certain level of water and need it to survive.

How to reserve trees

- Go to www.arborday.org/oncor
- Map your house
- Choose your tree types
- Reserve your two free trees
- Visit energysavingtrees.arborday.org/#FAQ for more information and tips on proper planting.

Rumors

From 1B

western and to Pennsylvania states, first hitting Texas in Lubbock. The rumor about them being Russian spies seems to have arisen here in Midland after a resident met a Latvian student at the door and said something to the effect of, "I know who you are, and you're not who you claim to be," according to Aleste.

Then it became dangerous for the students to work in Oklahoma and Pennsylvania, so Southwestern moved them to other states, he related. Some came to this area.

Company President Dan Moore finds irony in the fact that these Estonian and Latvian students are being mistaken for Russians. "Any Estonian who is called Soviet or Russian—you couldn't do worse if you insulted them." Aleste mitigated that statement considerably, saying, "I have many Russian friends." One of the Midland salesmen actually is ethnic Russian, although he lives in Estonia.

Campbell stated that Estonia in particular is a stronghold of capitalism in Eastern Europe and is a willing trading partner for the United States.

Aleste himself is working in Andrews this summer, and has had little direct contact with anyone espousing the rumors until the last few days. But those in Midland and Odessa have had a hard time working with such rumors flying.

He said if people have questions, he wishes they would go ahead and call the police, because then they could verify who he is and that he has all necessary permits. At two doors in Andrews, he himself called police from his cellphone to show reluctant residents that he was doing everything legally.

Sara Higgins, MPD spokesperson, said the department had fielded nine calls between August 1-19 about "suspicious activity" from Europeans with a thick accent. But she reported that they have permits, are operating within the law and there have been no reports of any illegal activity.

Moore said the company, which was founded in 1855 and began doing door-to-door sales in 1868, began working with Estonian students on a large scale in 2001, after a few years of working with a few at a time.

"The first student from the Baltics actually came in the early '90s, recruited by a sales manager who was invited to Estonia to be a guest speaker at the newly formed Estonian business school. One of the young people who was his interpreter and guide for that week got really interested in entrepreneurship and Southwestern and came over and spent the summer."

That student enrolled at Bentley College in Massachusetts and sold for three more summers. That student returned to Estonia to start a business, then called Moore in 1998 about sending a newly hired salesman through sales school and a summer on the book field. The Estonian sent another new salesman through the program in 2000. From there, the decision was made in 2001 to recruit fulltime in the Baltics.

Company officials see this as an opportunity to export American culture and values. Campbell closed by saying, "How they feel about America is shaped by what's going on in that community." He encouraged anyone with questions to call him at 615-391-280 or 888-602-7867.

Editor's note: Paul Wiseman worked for Southwestern Advantage, then known as the Southwestern Company, as a college student in the early 1970s. He can be contacted at fittoprint@sbcglobal.net.

Water

From 1B

"That's the chance you take when you drill wells. You don't know what it will yield," she said.

Instead of municipal water, both Doug Russell and Washington Pool are filled with water from wells drilled last year at both pools, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports.

The water transfer is not likely to offset the pond's evaporation factor with as hot and dry as it has been, Jauz said. But refilling it with Doug Russell's pool water, which is normally drained, is one of many ideas city officials are considering to combat the drought, she said.

"We have had a lot of ideas in the bank we haven't thought of before to remedy the situation," Jauz said.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Wipeout "How Jill Got Her Groove Back" (N)		Motive "Brute Force" (N)		Rookie Blue "You Are Here" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Live	Kimmel (:35) News Nightline
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SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) ★ Sunset Strip		★★ Our Idiot Brother			★★★ Compliance			Polyamor	Therapy	Polyamor ★ Belly
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BRAVO		65	63		41		(5:45) Chef	(:45) Top Chef "Finale"	(:45) Million Listing			(:45) Housewives		H.Wives	Housewives NJ		House Miami
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		Greed "Shipwrecked"		American Greed		Mad Money		Greed "Shipwrecked"
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan Live
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Airplane Repo		Airplane Repo		Airplane Repo		Airplane Repo (N)		Airplane Repo		Airplane Repo
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ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	Countdown (L)		NFL Football Pre-season Carolina Panthers vs. Baltimore Ravens (L)						SportsCenter		SportsCenter
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	Football	Football	Baseball Little League World Series (L)				ATP Tennis Winston-Salem Open Quarter-final				NFL Live (L)
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Alice In Wonderland				★★ Twilight ('08, Dra) Kristen Stewart.				The 700 Club		Fresh P. Fresh P.
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FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Rangers Insider	SportsDay OnAir	NCAA No Huddle Texas A&M vs. Auburn		NCAA No Huddle Tex.A&M/MS St.		NCAA No Huddle Tex.A&M/Ala.		Spotlight	SW Outdoors	Fox Sports Live (L)
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HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		★ This Magic Moment Diane Neal.				Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Rehab	Rehab	Renovation Raiders		HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House	Renovation Raiders
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LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Wife Swap		Runway "You Choose Your Materials!"		Project Runway "Let's Go Glamping" (N)			Supermarket "Spreads & Dips"		Double Divas	Runway "You Choose Your Materials!"
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow
NBCSN		38	39				P.World	CFL Football British Columbia Lions vs. Montreal Alouettes (L)						Motocross Highl.		Grid (N)	World Challenge
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SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	★ Sharknado ('13, Hor) Tara Reid.						★ Ghost Shark ('13, Hor) Mackenzie Rosman.		★ Shark Assault (Horror)		
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld "The Dog"	Seinf. "The Library"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Sullivan& son (N)	BigBang "Pilot"	Conan Ed Helms, Alice Eve, Cast of Alcoholics		Sullivan and Son Conan
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Texas seeks federal funding for mentally disabled

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas is asking for additional funding through the Affordable Care Act to help mentally disabled residents live at home, state health officials announced Wednesday in a move that also allowed the state to settle a lawsuit with disability rights groups.

But the state's decision to apply for additional funds, through an optional program under President Barack Obama's 2010 health care overhaul, could embarrass Gov. Rick Perry. The Republican — who has strongly condemned the federal law — has said he is considering a 2016 presidential bid, and his opposition to the law is a signature issue.

Texas officials are preparing an application to take part in Community First Choice, a program established by the law. It increases federal matching dollars to states that provide home care to the disabled rather than placing them in institutions, said Stephanie Goodman, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Health and Human Services.

Goodman said it was not immediately clear how much new federal money could come to Texas once Washington approves the application. But the Legislative Budget Board, which estimates the costs of legislation, has said it could be $93.5 million or more.

A coalition of groups representing the disabled filed a lawsuit in December 2010 complaining that Texas wasn't doing enough for the mentally disabled under the Americans with Disability Act and Medicaid guidelines. The Justice Department supported the suit.

The groups claimed that state officials were violating the rights of the mentally and developmentally disabled by requiring them to live in institutions in order to get Medicaid, the health care program for the poor and disabled.

The coalition — which includes the Arc Of Texas, Coalition Of Texans With Disabilities, Disability Rights Texas and the Center for Public Representation — wants Texas to pay for home care and training that would allow the disabled to remain close to their family and friends.

"We already provide these services to people who are elderly or have physical disabilities. We plan to use that increased match rate to provide these services to more people with intellectual disabilities."

Stephanie Goodman,
Texas Department of Health and Human Services spokeswoman

Republican Sen. Jane Nelson, chairwoman of the Health and Human Services Committee, passed a bill this year that required the state to provide home care whenever it was cheaper than institutional care. The law, signed by Perry, also privatized the delivery of the care and required state officials to apply for federal matching dollars.

Goodman said state officials are complying with Nelson's law by applying for Community First Choice money. She said the program will not add any new patients to the state's Medicaid rolls.

"We already provide these services to people who are elderly or have physical disabilities," Goodman said. "We plan to use that increased match rate to provide these services to more people with intellectual disabilities."

Garth Corbett, senior attorney at Disability Rights Texas in Austin, said the interim agreement reached with the state requiring Texas to participate in Community First Choice would allow the disabled to get better care.

"While there is still more to accomplish, we are pleased with the progress we have made and the fact that the parties are working collaboratively to ensure that individuals with disabilities receive the level of care needed to live independently," Corbett said.

A Perry spokesman denied that the state's participation in Community First Choice represents a reversal of the governor's opposition to the Affordable Care Act.

"Long before Obamacare was forced on the American people, Texas was implementing policies to provide those with intellectual disabilities more community options to enable them to live more independent lives, at a lower cost to taxpayers," Perry spokesman Josh Havens said in a statement.

"The Texas Health and Human Services Commission will continue to move forward with these policies because they are right for our citizens and our state, regardless of whatever funding schemes may be found in Obamacare," he said.

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Using each three-letter word just once, combine a word in the left column with a word in the right column. Then rearrange each six-letter scramble to form a word that begins with an A, M or T, and write it into the appropriate space below.

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Yesterday's Answer: WEAKLY, HYBRID, FLAGON, CUTOUT

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MC offers homebuyer education classes, free counseling

By Meredith Moriak
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Teachers and other public servants interested in learning if they qualify for the Texas State Affordable Housing Corp.'s mortgage credit certificates, low interest rate loans and down payment assistance can receive free counseling through the Midland College Business and Economic Development Center.

The BEDC offers free housing counseling to all community members, is a HUD-approved housing counseling agency and started working with TSAHC this spring, said BEDC Associate Director Betsy Fredericks.

"To be honest, I believe this is one of those best kept secrets, and we're just trying to get the word out about it," Fredericks said of the TSAHC assistance programs offered to classroom teachers, teacher aids, school librarians, school nurses, school counselors, veterans, EMS, personnel, peace officers, correction officers, county jailers, public security officers, or those in a households at or below 80 percent of the median family income.

Fredericks encourages families interested in learning about the TSAHC program take the eligibility quiz at www.tsahc.org.

Regardless if individuals qualify for assistance from TSAHC, they may benefit from other homebuyer assistance programs offered by the BEDC, Fredericks said.

The BEDC aims to help Midlanders become mortgage-ready and counselors can access "soft pull" credit reports that will not lower an individual's credit score like a "hard pull" from a creditor will, Fredericks said. BEDC counselors work with prospective homeowners to review the credit report and create a plan to become mortgage-ready, offering counseling throughout the entire process.

The center offers Homebuyer Education Classes monthly at the Cogdell Learning Center in English and Spanish. The class fee is $20 for the textbook, and the next class will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. To register, call the BEDC at 684-4309.

The BEDC's services are offered free of charge through support from Midland College, the city of Midland, and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For more information about the BEDC and its services, visit www.midland.edu/bedc or www.facebook.com/MCBEDC.

LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Woman arrested for assisting in prostitution

A Deer Park woman was arrested Tuesday for her involvement in the prostitution of a young girl in Midland, according to court documents.

Elizabeth N. Stewart, 21, of Deer Park, is being held on a $500,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of compelling prostitution for a girl under 18 years of age.

Stewart's arrest follows the Tuesday arrest of a Houston man, Joshua Barclay, 32, for exchanging sexual favors with the girl. Barclay was being held Tuesday on a $500,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of sexual assault and faces five to 99 years in prison if found guilty.

Midland police officers responded at about 9:10 p.m. Monday at the Super 8 hotel on 3828 W. Wall St.

The officer, according to court documents, contacted a young girl who told officers her "pimp" assaulted her. Barclay was identified as her pimp. She said she met Barclay through a Internet chat site, where Barclay told her to come to Midland for a job opportunity. She complied and came to Midland, according to the arrest affidavit.

Barclay told the girl that she would be required to prostitute herself for him to make money. The affidavit said Stewart assisted by helping to photograph the girl and publish the pictures online to attract clients. Stewart also drove the girl to several locations where the girl prostituted herself, according to the affidavit.

Stewart also gave advice to the girl on how to protect herself during the sexual encounters, according to the report.

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

MPD: Midland man chokes female family member

A Midland man was arrested Tuesday for choking a female family member and slamming her into a kitchen counter, according to court documents.

Rudolph L. Mora Jr., 41, is being held on a $20,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing.

Midland police officers responded to a disturbance shortly after midnight at an undisclosed location.

The alleged victim said she was in her home's living room when Mora began harassing her. She said she walked into the kitchen and Mora got in her face, grabbed her by the neck, lifted her into the air and slammed the back of her head against the kitchen counter, according to the arrest affidavit.

She said Mora gets violent after consuming alcohol and has told her that he has military training and is capable of killing her, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Mora faces up to 10 years in prison.

Midland College hosts student orientation today

Midland College will host Your College Day, a new student orientation, at 9:30 a.m. today in Chaparral Center on the main campus, 3600 Garfield Ave.

Several activities will welcome first-time students, and there will be opportunities for students to navigate campus technology, access student email, locate class buildings, learn about MC's numerous academic and career support services and meet faculty and administrators.

"This will be our third year to host Your College Day. Statistics have shown that students who attend are more likely to succeed in college because they have a chance to 'get to know' the campus and MC services," MC Student Development Coordinator Julia Vickery said. "The planning committee has developed some fun ways to convey MC information. After the 'prepared' activities, which will last until about 11, students will have an opportunity to have lunch and tour the campus on their own."

Vickery said students may choose to have lunch in the Jack E. Brown Dining Hall or the Scharbauer Student Center grill, visit with advisors, take a guided campus tour, obtain a parking pass, and/or visit one of the MC computer labs where they can become familiar with MC's online classroom management system and retrieve student email.

Students attending Your College Day will also receive a 10 percent discount at the MC Bookstore all day and will be entered in a drawing for several prizes including an iPad, Kindle Fire and more.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Amy A. Baggett, 29, of Monahans, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Joshua E. Barclay, 32, of Houston, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of sexual assault.

Roberta J. Cedillo, 38, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

Christiana E. Chatham, 52, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.

Quandrevius T. Harris, 19, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of manufacturing or distributing a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Mary L. Heredia, 45, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.

Angela K. McCoy, 31, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence.

Rudolph L. Mora Jr., 41, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing.

Steven D. Myatt, 31, of Murphy, was arrested Tuesday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Alonso Perez, 18, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault on a family or household member.

Kirby N. Shaw, 30, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of tampering or fabricating physical evidence and possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

Elizabeth N. Stewart, 21, of Deer Park, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of compelling prostitution of a person under 18 years of age.

Erica V. Villa, 27, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Former Texas judge sentenced to prison

Associated Press

BROWNSVILLE — A former judge who turned his South Texas courtroom into a money-making operation was sentenced Wednesday to six years in prison followed by three years of supervised release.

U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen sentenced former state district Judge Abel Limas, 59, on one count of racketeering in Brownsville, on the border with Mexico. He also ordered Limas to pay almost $6.8 million in restitution.

In a tearful statement Limas made to the court before he was sentenced, he said that he willingly had done everything the government asked of him because as a former police officer, lawyer and judge, he knew the "writing was on the wall."

"I believe, judge, that I righted this wrong," Limas said, while apologizing for the damage he had done to the justice system. "It wasn't a mistake. I knew what I was engaging in."

U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen's sentence exceeded the 4½ years requested by prosecutors.

Limas drew the FBI's attention in late 2007 as he neared the end of his second term in office. Investigators intercepted some 40,000 phone calls and collected surveillance photos documenting how Limas had converted his courtroom into a criminal enterprise, collecting bribes and kickbacks totaling $257,000.

Limas pleaded guilty in 2011 and became the government's star witness in four related trials that shook Cameron County's justice system. He could have faced up to 20 years in prison but received credit for cooperation.

Former Cameron County District Attorney Yolanda De Leon, who was prosecuted in Limas' court by her successor in the DA's office, made an emotional statement before Limas' sentence was handed down. The charges against De Leon were later dropped.

"Every single judge that sits in the state court now is suspect," De Leon said. "That is the legacy he has left."

After graduating high school, then college, where he majored in criminal justice, Limas followed his father — who became a top detective in his 40-year career — into the police force. Then he took his father's advice and aimed for something higher.

"Since I was a kid I wanted to be a judge," Limas testified at one trial.

He went to law school in Houston, returned to Brownsville and began practicing criminal defense.

In 2000, he ran for and won the election for the 404th District Court. He served two terms before losing in the 2008 Democratic primary.

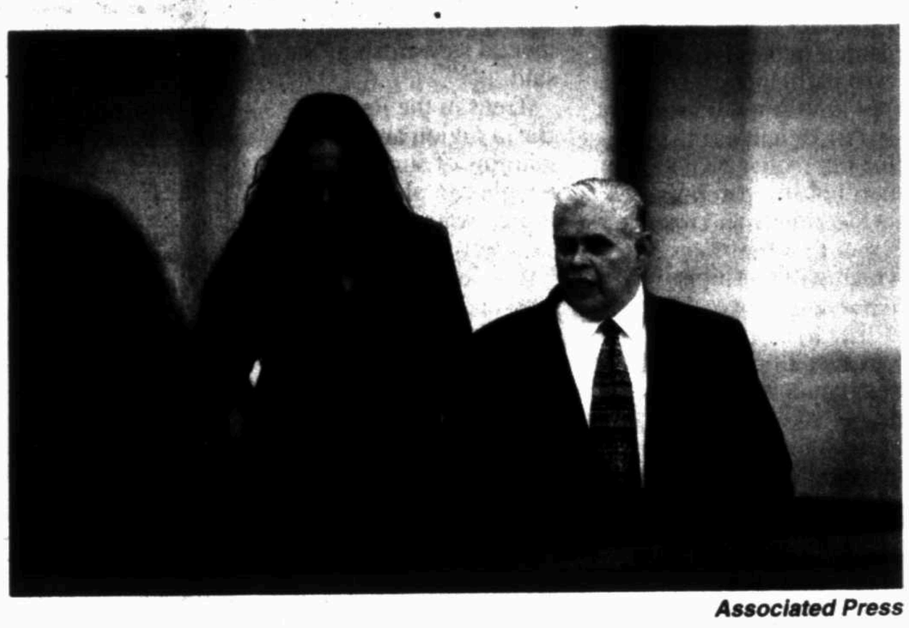
By then the married father of four was in trouble. He was hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt. He gambled — he estimated 30 trips to Las Vegas — he had kids in college, and his $8,000-per-month judge's salary wasn't covering it. He had let it be known among his attorney friends that he needed money.

Racketeering is a charge typically associated with organized crime. But in Limas' case, prosecutors said his courtroom was the criminal enterprise where he generated cash.

Limas took kickbacks from friends, accepting thousands of dollars for favorable rulings. In one case, he accepted $5,000 in cash handed to him in a McDonald's bag by then Cameron County District Attorney Armando Villalobos, just to keep his mouth shut.

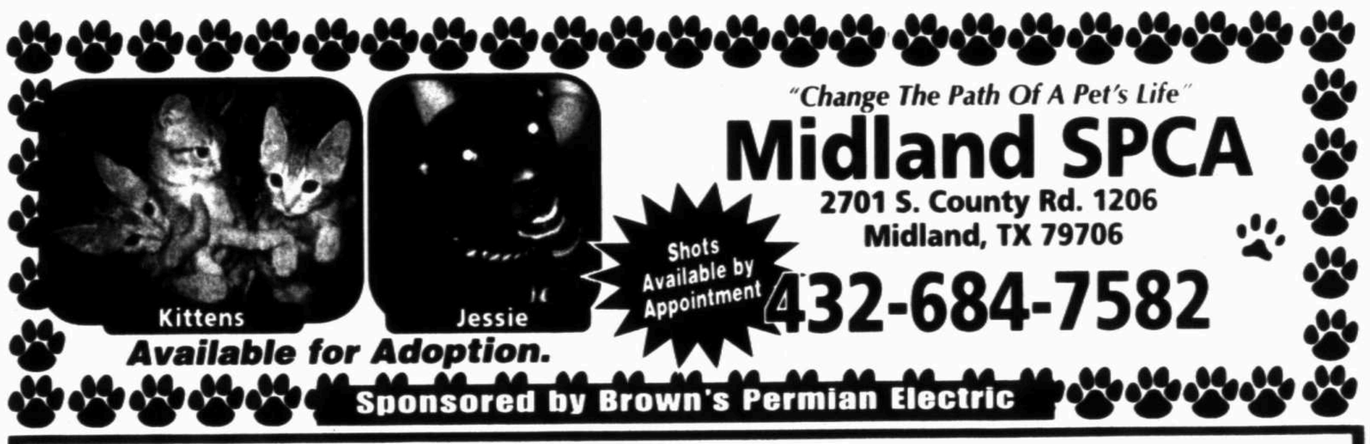
At some point, Limas testified, "I just felt like somebody was following me."

He was right. A tip in late 2007 had put the FBI on Limas' tail and they recorded his phone conversations for most of 2008.



Associated Press

Former 404th state District Judge Abel Limas, right, quickly exits the federal courthouse in Brownsville on Wednesday. Limas, who turned his courtroom into a money-making operation, was sentenced Wednesday to six years in prison followed by three years of unsupervised release on one count of racketeering in Brownsville.





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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 92 Low: 72

FRIDAY: Partly sunny High: 91 Low: 73

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 93 Low: 73

Local forecast

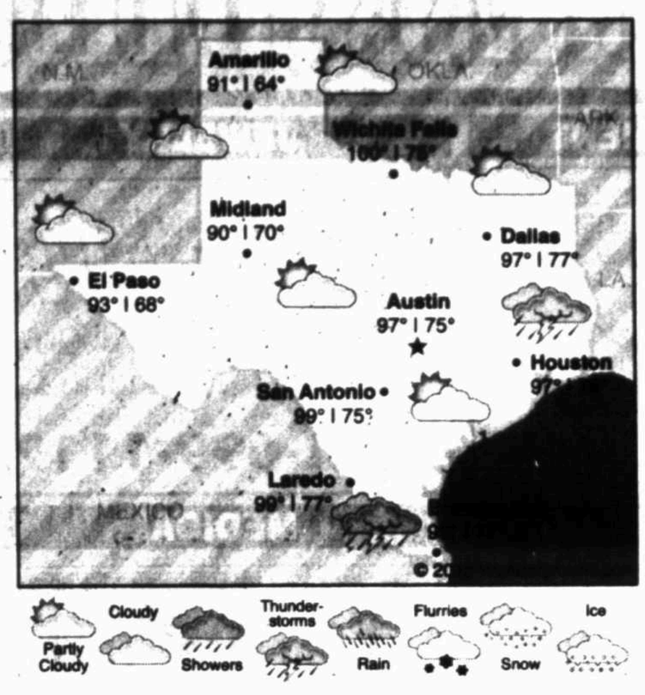
Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 92, a low near 7-0 and a 10 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms between 2 p.m. and 2 a.m.

The high on Wednesday reached 93, while the low dropped to 69. The record high for Aug. 21 is 102 set in 1964. The record low is 54 set in 1947.

Weather Whys

Q: What are some lightning myths?

Some people claim they are human "lightning rods" because they have been hit several times, although no one has ever produced proof of this, said Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University. Another myth is that it's good to seek shelter under a tree during a storm. Again, they are tall objects and more likely to be hit. Some people believe that others struck by lightning shouldn't be touched because they will get shocked. This is totally untrue — people who have been hit need immediate help. Another myth: being inside a house means you won't get hit by lightning. Although your chances are greatly reduced by being inside, there are hundreds of cases of people being hit by lightning inside their homes, often while talking on the telephone.



Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.17 in.
Year total	4.56 in.
Normal total (year to date)	9.06 in.

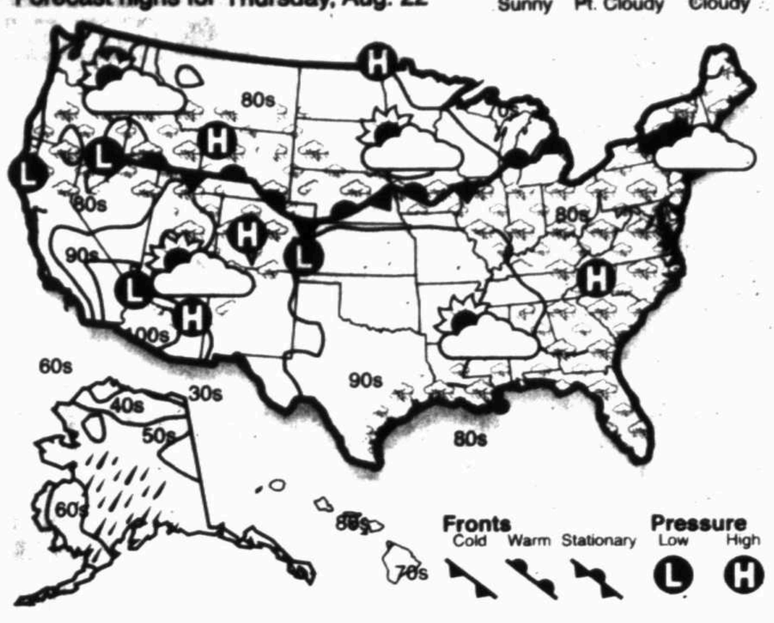
Wednesday's temperatures

High	93
Low	69
Normal high	93
Normal low	69
Sunrise	7:18 a.m.
Sunset	8:24 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Aug. 22

Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy



Narcotics anonymous meeting confession fires up readers

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: I'm writing about the letter you printed from "Somewhere in the South" (May 26) who heard someone confess to a crime he had committed at age 12 during one of his Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings. The person asked if he should go to the police. You advised him to talk about it to the "group leader."

Abby, in a 12-step program, there is no formal leader who has a responsibility to report anything to the authorities. There are usually discussion groups led by someone chosen for the night.

I am not condoning what the person did at that young age. It was a horrible act. But 12-step programs are based on ANONYMITY. Reporting what is heard at meetings is completely against what 12-step meetings are all about. It was unfair of you to place responsibility on someone who is there for his OWN addiction to tell on another group member. — ANONYMOUS IN THE USA

DEAR ANONYMOUS: I received a ton of criticism for my response to that letter. Readers like you wrote to point out that I was misinformed about how these programs work; others berated me for not insisting the writer notify the police immediately.

I was — and still am — of two minds on the question. While it would be satisfying to see "justice done," I could not bring myself to recommend going against the principle upon which these 12-step programs that have helped thousands of people is based. Another principle of these programs is that people who have hurt others must make amends for what they have done. However, this is the responsibility of the person who committed the crime — NOT someone who overheard mention of it at a meeting. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have been a member of NA for 26-plus years (drug- and alcohol-free for that entire time). I also work in the field of mental health, where I have certain reporting duties as part of my professional code of ethics. I learned long ago how to separate my professional responsibilities from my membership in NA. If I obtain information about abuse or neglect in the conduct of my profession, THEN I have a duty to act. Should I overhear something at a meeting, in the mall or some other social setting, I have no specific duty to report. — CLEAN, FREE AND LIVING LIFE

DEAR ABBY: As a 30-year member, I can say with certainty that some meeting attendees are grandiose and others are mentally ill. I have not infrequently heard disclosures that I later determined to be not true. The advice for members offered by our NA traditions is, "Take what you can use (in one's own recovery) and leave the rest of what one hears at a meeting." — CHARLES IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with your answer to that letter! Yes, this needs to be reported. If the victim died in that incident, it is a cold case and the boy's parents — if they are still alive — would have never had closure. There may be siblings who would want to know what happened to their brother.

I am not a believer that if you confess to murder in NA, AA or with a priest in a confessional that they are bound not to tell. That is HOGWASH! For some crimes I would say OK, but not something this serious. — JIM R., LANCASTER, CALIF.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
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♡ 9 8
◇ Q 10 6 3
♣ K Q 7 4 3

WEST
♠ 10 8
♡ A K 10 5
◇ 9 8 7
♣ J 9 6 2

EAST
♠ 9 4 2
♡ 7 4 2
◇ J 5 4 2
♣ A 8 5

SOUTH
♠ Q J 7 6 5 3
♡ Q J 6 3
◇ A K
♣ 10

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2◇	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Nine of ♡

There are two reasonable lines for South to adopt in his four spade contract. Can you spot them, and which is better?

North elected to open one diamond rather than one club to provide for an easy rebid. However, four spades would have been reached regardless of which bid North chose.

West's diamond lead was won in hand. Declarer cleared the remaining high diamond, took the two top spades and discarded his club on the queen of diamonds. Now declarer ran the nine of hearts. West won with the 10, cashed the king and ace and gave his partner a heart ruff. Down one — unlucky.

We slightly prefer winning the king of diamonds and unblocking the ace, then leading a club. East wins and, regardless of his return, declarer can draw two rounds of trumps and discard two hearts on the minor-suit queens, holding his losses to two hearts and the ace of clubs.

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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, Aug. 22, 2013:

This year you are capable of creating what you want — you just have to figure out what that is. You often juggle mixed feelings, and you might not be very sure of yourself. You have an unusually strong need to take care of others. Do not forget to put yourself at the top of the list. If you are single, your dynamic personality attracts many different people. Dating could be fun, as long as you can go with the flow. If you are attached, the two of you support each other in becoming free thinkers. AQUARIUS can be provocative.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might be more comfortable assuming a low profile right now. You will be able to gather more information while simultaneously doing some much-needed research. Pressure could build, so use a personal technique to control your anger. Tonight: Not to be found.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You might be dealing with a personal issue. As a result, you could have difficulty maintaining your focus until this situation is resolved. Others immediately will feel the difference when your creativity emerges and your energy changes. Tonight: Add some romance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You'll feel as though you are on top of your game, and you know full well what you want to communicate. You have a unique ability to draw others toward you. You will like the feedback you get from a close friend. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's before the weekend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Be more creative in how you follow through on your priorities. Do not get caught up in a momentary disagreement or in others' concerns. You know what works well for you. Realize that when given space, you could manifest what you most desire. Tonight: Use your energy well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Allow yourself to have some downtime. You will be much happier if you relax. A financial offer might be too good to be true. Be careful, and double-check the facts. Listen to your inner voice, and follow it — it will keep you out of trouble. Tonight: Meet up with a partner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Energy levels increase as the day goes on. Do not feel as if you have to push hard to accomplish anything right now, as you will have the time and vitality later today or in the near future to complete what you must. Tonight: Go along with a partner's suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Plug away at work as if there were no tomorrow. You have many ideas, but don't push yourself too hard; you will have time to get everything done. A boss or relative demands a lot. Let this person know that you know what you are doing. Tonight: Put your energy into a project.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your creativity will emerge, and you could feel more focused by late afternoon. A true friend will stand behind you. In fact, your bond will become stronger in the next few weeks. You might find yourself in a position where you are able to manifest your desires. Tonight: At home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Pressure builds in the next few weeks to take a stronger stand at work or to step up to the plate with a caretaking issue. You will have the energy and the knowledge to make some important decisions that you have been putting off. Tonight: Start planning your weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You are willing to push yourself to extremes in order to accomplish what you want. Self-discipline is one of your assets, but also be sure to honor your limitations. You'll want to have the physical energy afterward to enjoy the results! Tonight: Use caution with your funds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Get as much done as you can in the morning, when you are able to accomplish more. Also, others will be more receptive then. Deal on a one-on-one level with a close partner or associate. Tonight: A mini shopping trip.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by your choices right now. By evening, you will have a clearer sense of your priorities and a better sense of which direction you should head in. A loved one will do whatever he or she can to get your attention. Enjoy the escapades! Tonight: Be spontaneous.

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BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Tori Amos (1963), actor Richard Armitage (1971), guitarist John Lee Hooker (1917)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Diana's companion
5 Off-the-wall play
10 "... baked in __"
14 An awfully long time
15 Meter reading
16 Without
17 Glowing sugar cube?
20 Electrical pioneer whose last known U.S. patent was for a helicopter-plane
21 A soprano one has short strings
22 Team competition
23 Ant who sings
25 Some film-book relationships
26 Campaign to raise mailing fees?
31 Forearm bones
32 Cyclotron bits
33 Convenience store convenience
36 Clinches
37 Polynesian porch
39 Tennis coups
40 Cow or sow
41 Tax that funds Soc. Sec.
42 More patrician
44 Easy strikeout victim?
46 Field of plants?
49 Regarding
50 Somewhat inclined
51 Outback runner
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57 Wedding song for Ivana or Marla?
60 Mall map word
61 Discourage
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64 Spring for lunch
65 Lairs

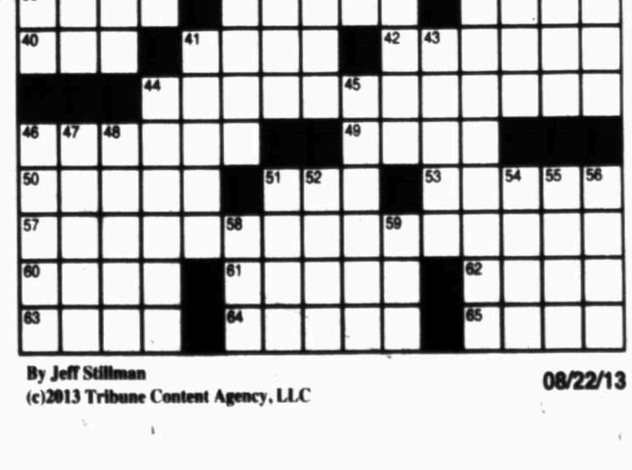
DOWN

1 Bonkers
2 People-watch inappropriately
3 __ ex machina
4 Cuts off
5 Stick for breaking, at times
6 Take for granted
7 Rooftop accessory
8 Decorative molding
9 "Eight __ Out": 1988 baseball movie
10 In the arms of Morpheus
11 Eighth-century pope
12 Jude Law's "Cold Mountain" role
13 July awards show, with "the"
18 Speed demon's undoing
19 Cuts back
24 Gymnast's asset
25 Open D and open G, for guitars
26 Frat letters
27 Smart remark?
28 Barne buccaneer
29 Old Testament peak
30 __ fault
33 Scopes Trial gp.
34 Swarm
35 Auto ad no.
38 Tread the boards
39 Couldn't stomach
41 Slice competitor
43 Santa's reindeer, e.g.
44 Balanchine's field
45 Vertigo symptom
46 Get clean
47 Survey choice
48 Levels
51 Observer
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MHS reels off 9 straight wins after season-opening loss

By Len Hayward
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VOLLEYBALL INSIDER

The Midland High volleyball season began like it ended last year with a loss to El Paso Franklin.

But since that loss in the season opener on Aug. 12 in El Paso, the Lady Bulldogs haven't lost, and have picked up victories against a pair of top West Texas programs.

Midland High beat defending Class 3A champ Abilene Wylie in five sets last week, and then on Monday, the Lady Bulldogs beat Wolfforth Frenship in five at home. In between those two victories, MHS won the Sandhills Tournament in Monahans.

Midland High is now 9-1 as it heads to the always-tough Fraulein Volleyfest in New Braunfels this weekend.

Lopez said the team's block has been key during the recent streak, and said while Jenna Gillean and Katy Fullen have been good in the middle, she said Erin Robbins and Channing Burleson have also been solid as well.

"I think it's more just getting comfortable with each other, that's definitely been a plus," second-year coach Amanda Lopez said. "We had some returners, and some that got pulled up from the junior varsity, and even though we knew each other, playing together made it a whole new setting. They are coming together the more we play."

The Lady Bulldogs have played in the tournament in New Braunfels for the last few years, and it offers a chance to see different competition and gauge where they are at as a team.

Midland High will take on Smithson Valley, Buda Hays and Cedar Park Vista Ridge in pool play today.

BLOCK BIG FOR LEE: The Lady Rebels had a rough opening day at the Garland Tournament last Friday, but then on Saturday went 3-0 to win the Silver Bracket. The difference, the team's block.

First-year coach Daphne Rhoads said she wasn't sure what was wrong

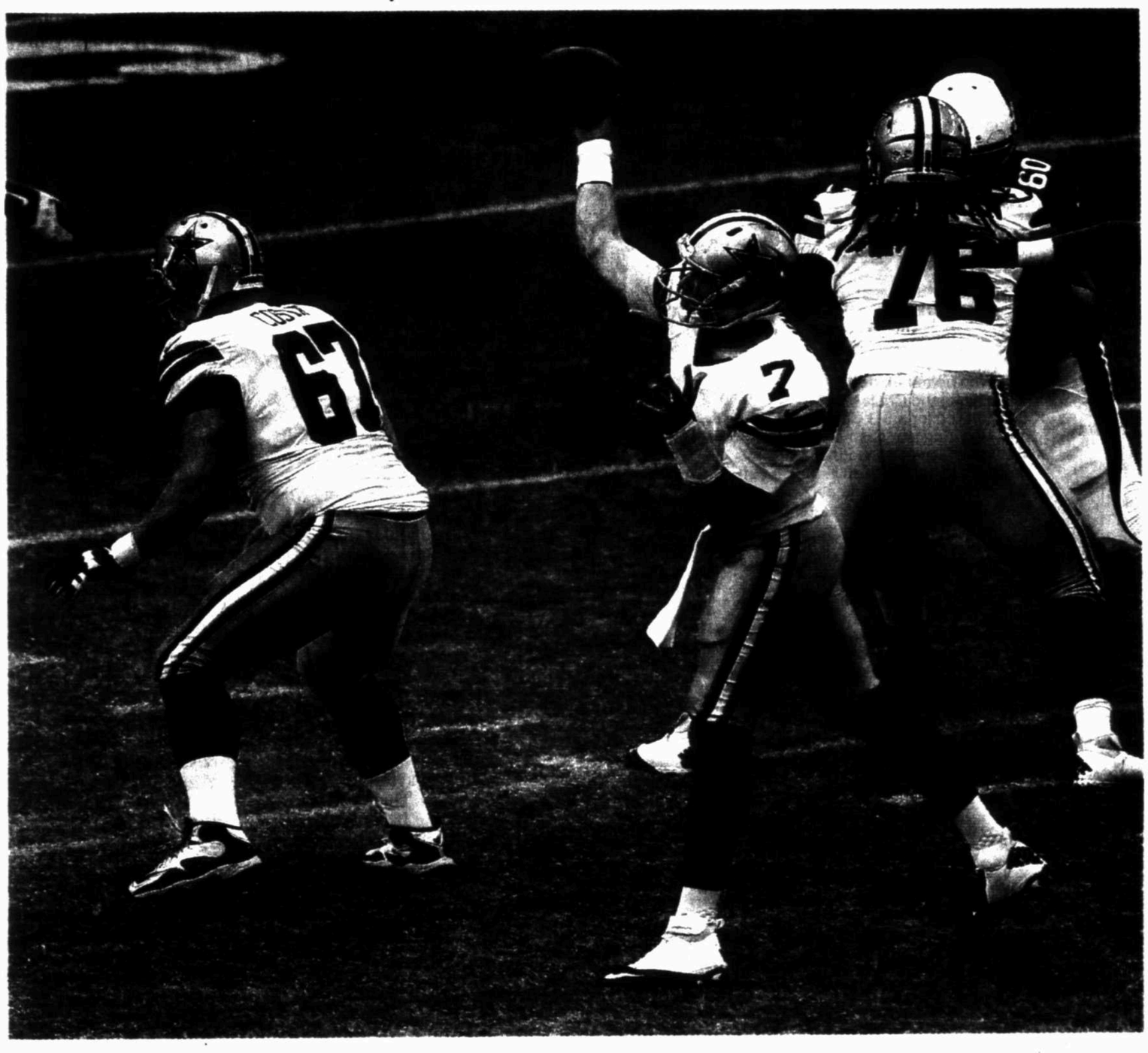
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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High volleyball players bat balls back and forth during an Aug. 5 practice at MHS gym.

O-line shuffle



Matt York/AP

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Alex Tanney (7) throws as his offensive line tries to protect him during the second half of a preseason game against the Arizona Cardinals on Aug. 17 in Glendale, Ariz. Because of injuries the Cowboys have been forced to reshuffle their offensive line.

With guards ailing, Dallas changes offensive front

By Tom Orsborn
SanAntonio Express-News

Inside

Cowboys reward Sean Lee with contract extension.

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After a month of training camp in Oxnard, Calif., the Dallas Cowboys have returned to a much different scene at Valley Ranch.

Cool weather, cheering fans and late afternoon practices are out. Sweat, privacy and early morning workouts are in.

On Wednesday, there was another change: A new-look offensive line.

With the left guard spot ravaged by injuries, the Cowboys slid right tackle Doug Free to right guard, positioned Jermey Parnell at right tackle and moved right guard Mackenzy Bernadeau to left guard.

As usual, rookie Travis Frederick was at center and Tyron Smith at left tackle.

"We want to play our best five guys," coach Jason Garrett told reporters in Irving. "We've got to figure out who they are and what the best combination is."

Free returned to right tackle later in practice, but it's clear the club is examining contingency plans while starting left guard Nate Livings and backup Ron Leary recover from arthroscopic knee surgery that threatens to sideline them for the opener against the New York Giants on Sept. 8.

Garrett downplayed the reshuffling, but that's nothing unusual for the coach, who is loath to give opponents an edge from an intelligence standpoint.

"When you're low on numbers, you've got to mix guys in at different spots," Garrett said. "I wouldn't read too much into anything about what we're doing with our offensive line. It seems like you guys are."

Free carries 325 pounds on a 6-foot-6 frame, ideal size for playing on the outside. He's never played guard at any level, but Garrett believes he can handle the job on the right side, where he can continue to use a right-handed stance.

"He's tall and long, so he's probably best suited to play tackle," Garrett said. "But those aren't bad traits to have when you're a guard, either."

Please see **COWBOYS**/4C

Andrus hits sac fly in 9th as Rangers beat Astros

Rangers 5
Astros 4

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Elvis Andrus hit a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth inning to score pinch runner Adam Rosales and give the Texas Rangers their major league-leading 40th comeback win of the season, 5-4 over the Houston Astros on Wednesday night.

As Andrus came up to bat with one out and the bases loaded, the Astros moved left fielder Chris Carter to first base to add a fifth infielder. But Andrus instead sent a ball soaring into left-center field for the fourth game-ending hit of his career.

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The AL West-leading Rangers (74-53) moved a season-high 21 games over .500 and hold a 2 1/2-game lead over the Oakland Athletics in the division.

During a wild eighth inning, Rangers reliever Tanner Scheppers gave up three hits, one walk, hit two batters and threw two wild pitches to surrender the lead. But closer Joe Nathan (4-2) shut down the Astros in the ninth to get the win.

The Texas pitching staff has allowed five runs or less in 20 consecutive games.

Chia-Jen Lo (0-1) took the loss for Houston, which was swept in the series and has lost eight-straight to the Rangers.

Scheppers allowed a hit to open the eighth and quickly erased it by getting L.J. Hoes to ground into a double play. Then the bottom fell out for the Texas right-hander.

Jose Altuve singled, advanced to third on the two wild pitches and scored on Carter's bloop single to pull the Astros to 4-3. Scheppers then hit Matt Dominguez on the left shoulder to load the bases before throwing a pitch that glanced off Max Stassi's shoulder and into his face, knocking his helmet to the ground.

Jason Castro scored to tie the game 4-4 and give Stassi — who was clearly bleeding as he was led off the field — the first RBI of his career. He was taken to a local hospital for further evaluation.

Craig Gentry homered and scored three times for Texas, one on a perfect squeeze bunt by Andrus in the seventh that gave Texas a 4-2 lead.

Castro homered and scored three runs for the Astros.

Texas starter Derek Holland pitched

Please see **RANGERS**/2C

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Cougars looking to rebound from tough season

Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston will certainly remain the pass-heavy team they've been in recent years as the Cougars try to bounce back from a disappointing first season under coach Tony Levine.

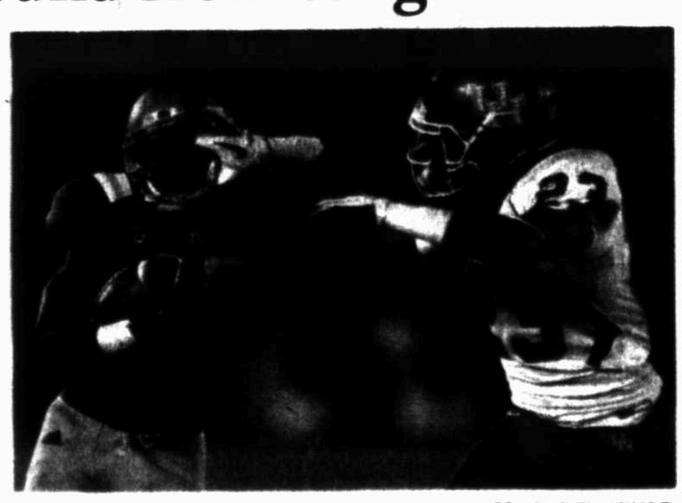
The question is who will run that offense? Five quarterbacks are competing to take the job.

The group is led by junior David Piland, who started 10 games last season and finished with 2,929 yards with 16 touchdowns and 12 interceptions. It was his second season starting for the Cougars after he took over in 2010 when Case Keenum suffered a season-ending injury before redshirting in 2011.

Also competing for the job is junior college transfer Billy Cosh, sophomore Bram Kohlhausen and freshmen Greg Ward and John O'Korn.

Cosh is also interesting option after leading Butler Community College to a junior college national championship last season.

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Mark J. Terrill/AP

Houston defensive back Trevon Stewart, right, grabs the face mask of UCLA wide receiver Damien Thigpen during a Sept. 15, 2012 game in Pasadena, Calif.

Rice coming off 1st winning season since 2008

Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

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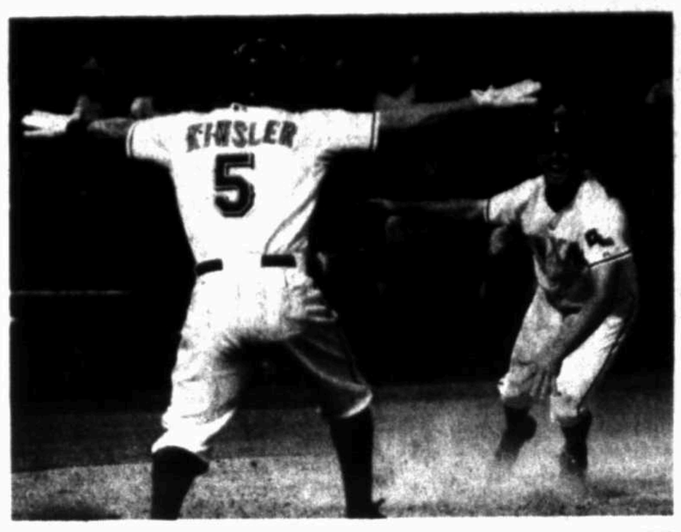
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HOUSTON — The Rice Owls had an impressive second-half turnaround to rebound from a terrible start and finish last season with their first winning record since 2008.

As they prepare for their 2013 campaign, they're hoping to build on the momentum they gained by reeling off four straight victories to qualify for a bowl. They defeated Air Force 33-14 in the Armed Forces Bowl to end the year 7-6.

"We never gave up," coach David Bailiff said. "We were in every game and it was just a matter of us continuing to improve

Please see **RICE**/5C



Jim Cowsert/AP

Texas' Adam Rosales celebrates with Ian Kinsler (5) after scoring the game-winning run on a sacrifice fly by Elvis Andrus against the Houston Astros during the ninth inning of Wednesday's game in Arlington.

RANGERS

From 1C

six-plus innings, leaving in the seventh after giving up a single to Castro and consecutive walks to load the bases with no outs. Joakim Soria came on in relief and got Stassi to ground into a double play, scoring Castro to trim the Astros' deficit to 3-2.

Holland gave up four hits and two earned runs while striking out five and walking three.

Astros starter Erik Bedard pitched 4 1-3 innings, giving up two earned runs on five hits with four walks.

NOTES: Rangers rookie RHP Nick Tepesch, on the DL since July 6 with right elbow inflammation, said he felt good after a bullpen session. He expects to throw live BP on the team's road trip that starts Friday. ... LHP Travis Blackley will apparently stay in the Texas rotation. "As of right now, he's going to get his next start," manager Ron Washington said. Blackley threw 66 pitches over four innings Tuesday night in place of injured Alexi Ogando. The next turn for that spot is Monday night at Seattle. ... In the second, Bedard took an Adrian Beltre comebacker off the inside of his right ankle, but he stayed in the game after being evaluated by team trainers. In the seventh, Holland took a Jason Castro line drive off his left forearm, but he also remained on the hill after being examined. ... Alex Rios stole second in the sixth inning, giving him 30 stolen bases — his third season reaching that plateau.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

YANKEES 4
BLUE JAYS 2

NEW YORK — Alfonso Soriano hit a tiebreaking two-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning, Ichiro Suzuki got his 4,000th hit between the major leagues and Japan, and the Yankees handed the Toronto Blue Jays their 12th straight loss in New York, 4-2 on Wednesday night.

David Huff (1-0) pitched one-hit ball in five innings of relief to shut down the Blue Jays before New York finally got to Toronto's R.A. Dickey.

TIGERS 7
TWINS 1

DETROIT — Torii Hunter hit a go-ahead, two-run double in the seventh inning and scored from second base on a passed ball to help Detroit beat Minnesota.

Drew Smyly (5-0) struck out two in a perfect inning in relief of Anibal Sanchez. Jose Veras entered with two outs in the eighth inning and closed the game for his first save with the Tigers.

ORIOLES 4
RAYS 2

BALTIMORE — Chris Davis hit his major league-leading 46th home run, Adam Jones also homered, and Baltimore beat Tampa Bay to avoid a three-game sweep.

Davis connected against Jeremy Hellickson (10-7) leading off the fifth inning. The drive landed on Eutaw Street beyond the 25-foot wall in right field and gave the Orioles a 4-2 lead.

MARINERS 5
ATHLETICS 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Brendan Ryan hit a two-run double in the sixth and added an RBI single in the eighth to help Seattle past Oakland.

Michael Morse and Brad Miller homered for the Mariners, who overcame an uneven start by Hisashi Iwakuma to beat the A's for the fourth time in the past five games.

INDIANS 3
ANGELS 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Justin Masterson pitched effectively into the seventh inning, Nick Swisher hit a two-run homer and Cleveland completed a three-game sweep of Los Angeles.

The Indians, who came in 5 1/2 games behind Detroit in the AL Central and 3 1/2 behind Oakland in the race for the second wild card spot, surpassed last season's win total with 35 games to spare.

WHITE SOX 5
ROYALS 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Dayan Viciedo hit his second career grand slam to highlight a five-run inning for the White Sox, and Andre Rienzo picked up his first career win for Chicago by shutting down the punchless Kansas City Royals in a 5-2 victory Wednesday night.

Rienzo (1-0) allowed only a sacrifice fly to Mike Moustakas while cruising through six innings to win for the first time in five starts. The Brazilian right-hander allowed just five hits and two walks in helping the White Sox win their season-best fifth straight game.

National League

BRAVES 4
METS 1

NEW YORK — Chris Johnson hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning and Atlanta beat the New York Mets 4-1 on Wednesday after Braves outfielder Jason Heyward sustained a broken jaw when he was hit by a pitch.

Atlanta got an RBI single from Freddie Freeman and another impressive start by rookie Alex Wood in splitting the two-game series for its 20th victory in 24 games. The Braves also benefited from a disputed call in the 10th.

NATIONALS 11
CUBS 6

CHICAGO — Jayson Werth and Scott Hairston hit three-run homers to lead the Washington Nationals to an 11-6 win over the Chicago Cubs on Wednesday.

Werth's three-run homer in the third inning off Jake Arrieta gave the Nationals a 6-1 lead and was his eighth since the All-Star break.

CARDINALS 8
BREWERS 6

MILWAUKEE — Carlos Beltran and Allen Craig hit towering home runs in St. Louis' six-run second inning, and the Cardinals held off Milwaukee.

Matt Holliday also homered and Shane Robinson had three hits for the Cardinals, who are one game behind Pittsburgh in the NL Central race.

PADRES 2
PIRATES 1

SAN DIEGO — Ian Kennedy pitched seven strong innings, combining with two relievers on a four-hitter, and Yonder Alonso drove in two runs as San Diego beat Pittsburgh to avoid a three-game sweep.

Kennedy (5-9) won for the second time in four starts since being obtained from the NL West-rival Arizona Diamondbacks on July 31. He held Pittsburgh to four hits, struck out eight and walked three.

PHILLIES 4
ROCKIES 3

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Young hit the winning single with one out in the ninth inning after Carlos Ruiz tied the game with a double, pushing Philadelphia past Colorado.

Erik Kratz opened the ninth with a double off closer Rafael Betancourt (2-4). Pinch runner Casper Wells advanced to third on a grounder and scored the tying run on Ruiz's pinch-hit double to left. Jimmy Rollins was walked intentionally and Young followed with the winning single to left.

DODGERS 4
MARLINS 1

MIAMI — Zack Greinke allowed one run in eight innings to win his fourth start in a row Wednesday, and the Los Angeles Dodgers took advantage of sloppy defense by Miami for the second consecutive night.

REDS 10
DIAMONDBACKS 7

CINCINNATI — Shin-Soo Choo went 4 for 5 with a homer and three RBIs to spark Cincinnati's offensive outburst in a win over Arizona.

Interleague

RED SOX 12
GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Stephen Drew and Will Middlebrooks each hit a home run, Joriny Gomes and Jarrod Saltalamacchia drove in two runs apiece, and Boston beat San Francisco.

Hooks pitchers baffle 'Hounds bats

From staff reports

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CORPUS CHRISTI — The Midland RockHounds struggled to solve the Corpus Christi Hooks' pitching staff in a 3-1 loss Wednesday night at Whataburger Field.

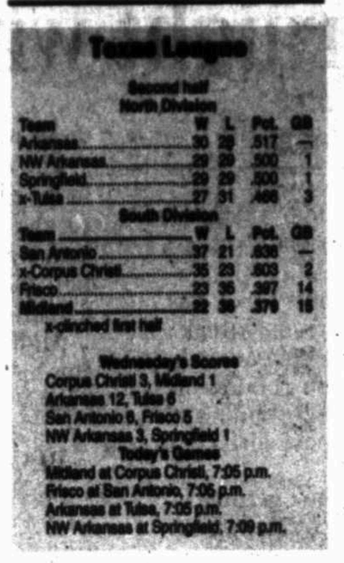
Hooks starter Luis Cruz and the relief tandem of Andrew Robinson and Jonas Dufek combined to hold the RockHounds to one run on just five hits and two walks with nine strikeouts.

Cruz picked up his first win with the Hooks in the process, allowing the lone Midland run on two hits and two walks with five strikeouts over six innings. Dufek picked up his third save as a Hook after working around two hits in the top of the ninth.

The RockHounds' lone run came in the top of the sixth as back-to-back doubles by Conner Crumbliss and D'Arby Myers finally got Midland on the scoreboard, cutting the Hooks lead to 3-1.

Zach Neal took the loss for Midland after allowing three runs on seven hits and a walk in five innings pitched.

The RockHounds and Hooks play the third of their four-game series at 7:05 p.m. today at Whataburger Field.



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North Division

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Tulsa	67	52	.563	3
Frisco	57	61	.483	12
Midland	57	61	.483	12
Corpus Christi	55	63	.466	14
San Antonio	54	64	.458	15
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Totals	32	1	5	1	Totals	31	3	9	3

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Corpus Christi.....110 100 00x—3

DP — Midland 1. LOB — Midland 6, Corpus Christi 5. 2B — Crumbliss (17), Marte (15), Tucker 2 (12), Castro (23), Torrez (5), Duffy (2), Muren (13). 3B — Muren (5). CS — Torrez (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Neal L, 8-11	5.0	7	3	3	1	1
Gailey	2.0	2	0	0	0	2
Castillo	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Corpus Christi						
Cruz W, 1-0	6.0	2	1	1	2	5
Robinson	2.0	1	0	0	0	3
Dufek S, 3	1.0	2	0	0	0	1

T — 2:37. Att — 5,026.

VOLLEYBALL

From 1C

with the block on Friday, but then the team found it on Saturday. Rhoads said sophomore Darby O'Grady, also had a good tournament blocking.

"I think they were getting a little frustrated with themselves, and shutting down," Rhoads said. "They worked through it, and they showed up (on Saturday)."

Lee (5-4) will head to San Angelo for the Nita Vannoy Tournament this weekend, and Rhoads said the team needs to keep its momentum from last week to compete well.

"If we can maintain where we left off in Dallas, we should do pretty well," Rhoads said.

LADY CHARGERS PRESENT CHECK IN WINK: The Trinity volleyball team presented the money they raised for Wink's Payton Hrncir this past weekend at the Wink Tournament. The team raised more than $2,400 for Hrncir, who was injured in an ATV accident earlier this summer.

"She was just really sweet and very appreciative, and I had the players do it, I didn't go up there," Trinity coach Ann Stroup said.

Stroup said she contacted Wink's interim coach, Paula Kay Stewart, to let her know they were going to present the money.

"I didn't want to make it uncomfortable for her in any way, and I asked her how they wanted to handle it," Stroup said. "They were very willing to meet with us, and wanted to say thank you. All the fans, the people that were helping, they were all very appreciative. Several of them came up to us and said thank you."

Trinity won the tournament, beating Colorado City in four sets. The squad will head to Crane this weekend.

QUICK SETS

■ Greenwood will play at the Nita Vannoy Tournament this weekend after splitting a dual match with San Angelo Lake View and Trinity on Monday.

■ Big Spring beat Andrews in three games on Tuesday, 25-7, 25-14, 25-12 as Morgan Seaton led the Lady Steers with 13 kills and 13 assists.

■ Midland Classical also heads to Crane this weekend after dropping a four-set match to Wink on Tuesday.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

CHULA VISTA, CALIF. 6, WESTPORT, CONN. 3, 9 INNINGS

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Grant Holman hit a three-run homer in the top of the ninth and Chula Vista, Calif., rallied for a 6-3 victory over New England champion Westport, Conn., on Wednesday night to earn a berth in the U.S. championship game at the Little League World Series.

TOKYO 5
TIJUANA, MEXICO 2

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Kazuki Ishida homered to center field in the bottom of the fifth inning to snap a 2-all tie and spark a game-changing rally, and Japan beat Mexico 5-2 on Wednesday to earn a berth in the international championship game of the Little League World Series.

Little League World Series Glance
At South Williamsport, Pa.
Double Elimination
UNITED STATES

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

INTERNATIONAL

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

Thursday, Aug. 15

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

Friday, Aug. 16

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

Saturday, Aug. 17

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

Sunday, Aug. 18

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

Monday, Aug. 19

Corpus Christi 5, Perth, Australia 2
Taoyuan, Taiwan 6, San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico, 4, San Lorenzo eliminated
Nashville, Tenn. 10, Newark, Del. 0, 4 innings, Newark eliminated
Aguadulce, Panama 12, Ottawa, Ontario 0, 4 innings, Ottawa eliminated
Sammamish, Wash. 6, Urbandale, Iowa, 5, Urbandale eliminated

Tuesday, Aug. 20

Brno, Czech Republic 5, Grosse Pointe, Mich. 3
Aguadulce, Panama 8, Taoyuan, Taiwan 7, Taoyuan eliminated
Sammamish, Wash. 6, Nashville, Tenn. 5, Nashville eliminated

Wednesday

Tokyo 5, Tijuana, Mexico 2
Chula Vista, Calif. 6, Westport, Conn. 3, 9 innings

Today

Game 25 — Aguadulce, Panama vs. Tijuana, Mexico, 3 p.m.
Game 26 — Sammamish, Wash. vs. Westport, Conn., 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 23

Rain day, no games scheduled

Saturday, Aug. 24

International championship: Tokyo vs. Game 25 winner, 11:30 a.m.
U.S. championship: Chula Vista, Calif., vs. Game 26 winner, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 25
At Lamade Stadium
Third Place

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

World Championship

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

A&M, LSU to play on Thanksgiving in 2014

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M strength coach Larry Jackson, like so many other Texans, has family members who graduated from LSU.

"I've told them if they want to use my tickets to the A&M-LSU game, they have to come wearing A&M gear," Jackson said Wednesday night. "They can't wear LSU gear."

No matter the gear, the budding rivalry gained color earlier in the day, when the Southeastern Conference announced the Aggies and Tigers will meet on Thanksgiving Day in 2014. Jackson played linebacker for the Aggies in the early 1990s, when A&M faced LSU in a spirited nonconference series, and the Aggies faced then-league rival Texas annually on Thanksgiving.

"Now, to have the (LSU) game be on Thanksgiving," a smiling Jackson said, "we can just make it a big family event."

Also Wednesday, the SEC announced the Aggies will open the 2014 season at South Carolina on Aug. 28, a Thursday night and what's scheduled to be the first live football game shown on the new SEC Network, set to make its debut nearly one year from today.

The actual game time of the LSU at A&M Thanksgiving showdown is to be determined, A&M senior associate athletic director Jason Cook said, but it might go head-to-head with TCU-Texas, the Longhorns' Thanksgiving replacement for the Aggies once A&M split the Big 12.

Added A&M athletic director Eric Hyman, "It's a likelihood it will be played at night, but you can't promise that it's going to be."

The game isn't necessarily set for Thanksgiving Day when it's played in Baton Rouge, and the series is now scheduled for the final weekend of the season, whenever that might fall. A&M replaces Arkansas in that final weekend for LSU, among SEC rivalries.

Paul elected president of NBA players union

By W.G. Ramirez
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Los Angeles Clippers star Chris Paul was elected president of the NBA players' association Wednesday, replacing Derek Fisher and giving the reeling organization some much-needed star power.

The vote by NBA player representatives came six months after the union fired Billy Hunter as executive director, a position that remains vacant and follows about 18 months of in-fighting and drama that occurred during the negotiations for the latest collective bargaining agreement. Hunter countered with a wrongful-termination lawsuit in May, accusing Fisher of conspiring with NBA officials during the 2011 lockout.

"It's not about me as president or the first vice president, it's about the players as a whole," Paul said in a conference call on Wednesday night.

As diplomatic as Paul wanted to be, there was still a feeling among many players and observers that putting a big name in the big chair would help galvanize the union. Paul, a six-time All-Star, is the first marquee player to hold the top spot in the union since Patrick Ewing's run ended in 2001. Role players Michael Curry, Antonio Davis and Fisher followed Ewing.

"That wasn't a requirement, but I think it gives us a little more oomph, I guess, having somebody like him wanting to step up and take on that role," Charlotte Bobcats forward Anthony Tolliver said in a phone interview. "It means a lot."

Paul served as a vice president for the last four years, so he has intimate knowledge of the inner workings of the union, and the turmoil that engulfed it recently.



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NFL Preseason

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	64	36
New England	2	0	0	1.000	58	40
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	54	39
Miami	1	1	0	.500	61	51
South						
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	51	30
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	60	58
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	46	64
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	40	49
North						
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	71	39
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	81	28
Cleveland	2	0	0	1.000	51	25
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	28	42
West						
Denver	1	1	0	.500	20	46
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	39	45
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	28	32
San Diego	0	2	0	.000	38	64

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Washington	2	0	0	1.000	46	34
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	30	33
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	36	40
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	48	51
South						
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	45	33
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	33	31
Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	31	61
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	37	69
North						
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	50	52
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	32	41
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	19	24
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	29	47
West						
Arizona	2	0	0	1.000	79	7
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	71	20
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	21	23
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000	26	46

Today's Games
New England at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Baltimore, 7 p.m.
Friday's Games
Seattle at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Oakland, 9 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Buffalo at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Indianapolis, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 6 p.m.
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Denver, 7 p.m.
Cincinnati at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 9 p.m.

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

Tennis

ATP World Tour
Winston-Salem Open Results
A U.S. Open Series event
Wednesday
At The Wake Forest Tennis Center
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Purse: $650,500 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Third Round
Sam Querrey (6), United States, def. Jarkko Nieminen (11), Finland, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (10).
Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, def. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, 6-3, 6-3.
Jurgen Melzer (9), Austria, def. Benoit Paire (5), France, 6-4, 6-3.
Dmitry Tursunov (13), Russia, def. Alex Bogomolov Jr., Russia, 6-3, 7-5.
Fernando Verdasco (7), Spain, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-7 (8), 6-3.
Yen-Hsun Lu, Taiwan, def. Steve Johnson, United States, 6-3, 6-2.
Alexandr Dolgopolov (10), Ukraine, def. Juan Monaco (8), Argentina, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Gael Monfils (15), France, def. Tommy Robredo (4), United States, 7-6 (2), 4-6, 6-2.
Doubles
Quarterfinals
Andre Begemann and Martin Emmrich, Germany, def. Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Scott Lipsky, United States, 6-4, 6-4.
Treat Huey, Philippines, and Dominic Inglot, Britain, def. Frantisek Cermak, Czech Republic, and Filip Polasek, Slovakia, 6-1, 7-6 (5).
Eric Butorac, United States, and Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, def. David Marrero and Fernando Verdasco (3), Spain, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Leander Paes (1), India, def. Paul Hanley and John Peers, Australia, 6-4, 6-4.

WTA
New Haven Open at Yale Results
A U.S. Open Series event
Wednesday
At The Connecticut Tennis Center at Yale
New Haven, Conn.
Purse: $600,000 (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Second Round
Simona Halep, Romania, def. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Sara Errani (1), Italy, 7-5, 6-1.
Caroline Wozniacki (4), Denmark, def. Karin Knapp, Italy, 6-1, 7-5.
Petra Kvitova (3), Czech Republic, def. Alison Riske, United States, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-3.
Sloane Stephens (6), United States, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, 7-5, 2-6, 6-1.
Doubles
Quarterfinals
Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, and Katarina Srebotnik (2), Slovenia, def. Lucie Hradecka and Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-2.
Silvia Soler-Espinosa and Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Shuko Aoyama, Japan, and Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (0).
Sania Mirza, India, and Zheng Jie (3), China, def. Katalin Marosi, Hungary, and Megan Moulton-Levy, United States, 6-4, 3-6, 10-8.

Fight Schedule

Friday
At Bangkok, Thailand, Nobuo Nashiro vs. Denkaosan Kaovichit, 12, for the interim WBA World super flyweight title.
At Dover (Del.) Downs Hotel & Casino, Amir Mansour vs. Maurice Harris, 12, for the vacant USBA heavyweight title; Edgar Santana vs. Michael Clark, 10, junior welterweights.
At Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, N.Y. (ESPN2), Argenis Mendez vs. Arash Usmanee, 12, for Mendez's IBF junior lightweight title; Claudio Marrero vs. Jesus Andres Cuellar, 12, for the interim WBA World featherweight title; Alexei Collado vs. Hugo Partida, 10, featherweights; Ed Paredes vs. Noe Bolanos, 10, welterweights.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	75	54	.581	—
Tampa Bay	73	55	.570	1
Baltimore	68	59	.540	5 1/2
New York	67	59	.532	6 1/2
Toronto	57	70	.449	17
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	76	52	.594	—
Cleveland	69	58	.543	5 1/2
Kansas City	64	61	.512	9 1/2
Minnesota	55	70	.440	18 1/2
Chicago	54	74	.422	21 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	74	52	.587	—
Oakland	71	55	.563	2 1/2
Seattle	59	67	.468	14 1/2
Los Angeles	55	71	.437	18 1/2
Houston	41	85	.325	32 1/2

Wednesday's Scores
Seattle 5, Oakland 3
Boston 12, San Francisco 1
Cleveland 3, L.A. Angels 1
Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 2
N.Y. Yankees 4, Toronto 2
Detroit 7, Minnesota 1
Texas 5, Houston 4
Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 2
Today's Games
Toronto (Happ 3-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 8-9), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (A.Albers 2-1) at Detroit (Verlander 12-9), 12:08 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 7-4) at Kansas City (Shields 8-8), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	77	49	.611	—
Washington	62	64	.492	15
New York	58	67	.464	18 1/2
Philadelphia	56	70	.444	21
Miami	48	77	.384	28 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	74	52	.587	—
St. Louis	73	53	.579	1
Cincinnati	72	55	.567	2 1/2
Milwaukee	55	72	.433	19 1/2
Chicago	54	72	.429	20
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	74	52	.587	—
Arizona	65	60	.520	8 1/2
Colorado	59	68	.465	16
San Diego	57	70	.449	17 1/2
San Francisco	56	70	.444	18

Wednesday's Scores
Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 1, 10 innings
St. Louis 8, Milwaukee 6
Boston 12, San Francisco 1
San Diego 2, Pittsburgh 1
Philadelphia 4, Colorado 3
Cincinnati 10, Arizona 7
L.A. Dodgers 4, Miami 1
Washington 11, Chicago Cubs 6
Today's Games
Arizona (Cahill 4-10) at Cincinnati (Latos 12-4), 11:35 a.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 12-7) at Miami (H.Alvarez 2-2), 11:40 a.m.
Washington (Strasburg 6-9) at Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-10), 1:20 p.m.
Colorado (Bettis 0-2) at Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 10-10), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maholm 9-9) at St. Louis (J.Kelly 4-3), 7:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 9-4) at San Francisco (M.Cain 8-8), 9:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S AL WEST BOXES
RANGERS 5, ASTROS 4

Houston					Texas				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Grssmn lf-cf	5	0	1	0	LMartin cf	2	0	0	0
Hoes rf	4	0	2	0	Andrus ss	3	0	0	2
Altuve 2b	5	1	1	0	Kinsler 2b	4	1	2	1
JCastro c	3	3	2	1	ABeltre 3b	4	0	2	0
Carter 1b-lf	3	0	1	1	Prprns c	4	0	0	0
MDmn 3b	2	0	0	0	Rios rf	3	0	1	0
Stassi dh	3	0	0	1	JeBakr 1b	2	0	0	0
Keuchl pr-dh	0	0	0	0	Morlnd 1b	1	0	1	0
BBarns cf	2	0	0	0	Rosales pr	0	1	0	0
Wallac ph-1b	1	0	0	0	Profar dh	3	0	0	0
MGnzlz ss	4	0	1	0	Gentry lf	3	3	1	1
Totals	**32**	**4**	**8**	**3**	**Totals**	**29**	**5**	**7**	**4**

Houston ..... 010 000 120 — 4
Texas ..... 002 010 101 — 5

Two outs when winning run scored.
E—Ma.Gonzalez (9), Grossman (3). DP—Houston 2, Texas 2. LOB—Houston 8, Texas 7. 2B—Ma.Gonzalez (8). HR—J.Castro (15), Gentry (2). SB—Rios (30). CS—Altuve (9). S—L.Martin, Andrus. SF—Andrus.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bedard	4 1-3	5	3	2	4	2
D.Martinez	2 2-3	1	1	0	0	1
Lo.Lo-1	1 2-3	1	1	1	2	0
Texas						
D.Holland	6	4	2	2	3	5
Soria	1	0	0	0	1	0

Schepers 2-3 3 2 2 1 0
Frasor 1-3 0 0 0 0 1
Nathan W,4-2 1 1 0 0 0 2
D.Holland pitched to 3 batters in the 7th.
HBP—by Schepers (M.Dominguez, Rasos).
WP—Schepers 2.
T—3:22. A—38,699 (48,114).

MARINERS 5, ATHLETICS 3

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Miller 2b	5	1	1	1	Crisp cf	3	1	1	1
MSndrs cf	5	0	1	0	Lowrie ss	4	0	1	0
Seager 3b	5	0	1	0	Dnldsn 3b	4	0	0	0
KMorls dh	3	2	1	0	Moss lb	3	1	1	1
Smoak 1b	3	1	0	0	Freimn ph-1b	1	0	0	0
Morse rf	4	1	2	1	Cespds lf	4	1	2	0
EnChrz rf	0	0	0	0	Reddck rf	3	0	1	0
Ackley lf	3	1	0	0	CYoung ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Ryan ss	4	0	2	3	Callasp dh	3	0	0	1
HBlanc c	3	0	0	0	Sogard 2b	3	0	1	0
					Vogt c	3	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**Totals**	**32**	**3**	**7**	**3**

Seattle ..... 010 012 010 — 5
Oakland ..... 100 200 000 — 3

{OB—Seattle 7, Oakland 6. 2B—M.Saunders (16), Ryan (9), Cespedes 2 (18), Sogard (23). 3B—Lowrie (2). HR—B.Miller (5), Morse (13). Crisp (11), Moss (20). S—Vogt. SF—Callaspo.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Iwakuma W,12-6	7	7	3	3	2	4
Furbush	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Medina	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Farquhar S,9-12	1	0	0	0	0	3
Oakland						
Griffin L,10-9	6	5	4	4	4	7
Blevins	1 1-3	0	1	1	1	1
Otero	1 2-3	2	0	0	0	1

WP—Iwakuma.
T—2:47. A—18,641 (35,067).

INDIANS 3, ANGELS 1

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	4	1	3	0	Shuck lf	4	0	0	0
Swisher 1b	4	1	1	2	Aybar ss	4	0	0	0
Kipnis 2b	4	0	0	0	Hamltn dh	3	1	1	0
CSantn c	4	0	1	0	Trumo 1b	4	0	0	0
Brantly lf	4	0	0	0	Conger c	3	0	2	1
Giambi dh	4	0	1	0	Calhon rf	3	0	1	0
Aviles ss	4	1	2	0	Mathis 2b	3	0	0	0
Chanhll 3b	4	0	0	0	AnRmn 2b	3	0	1	0
Stubbs rf	2	0	0	0	Bourjos cf	4	0	2	0
Totals	**34**	**3**	**8**	**2**	**Totals**	**32**	**1**	**7**	**1**

Cleveland ..... 002 000 001 — 3
Los Angeles ..... 000 001 000 — 1

DP—Cleveland 1, Los Angeles 1. LOB—Cleveland 8, Los Angeles 10. 2B—C.Santana (31), Giambi (8), Conger (11), Calhoun (2). 3B—Bourn (2). HR—Swisher (15). S—Shuck.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Mastern W,14-9	6 2-3	5	1	1	5	7
R.Hill	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Allen	1	1	0	0	0	3
C.Perez S,20-24	1	1	0	0	0	2
Los Angeles						
Williams L,5-10	6 1-3	6	2	2	2	6
Boshers	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
D.De La Rosa	2	2	1	1	1	0

WP—Williams, D.De La Rosa 2.
T—2:59. A—35,810 (45,483).

WEDNESDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
YANKEES 4, BLUE JAYS 2

Toronto ..... 010 100 000 — 2 6 0
New York ..... 011 000 02x — 4 6 1

Dickey and Thole; Warren, Huff (4), M.Rivera (9) and Au.Romine. W—Huff 1-0. L—Dickey 9-12. Sv—M.Rivera (37). HRs—Toronto, Thole (1). New York, A.Soriano (9).

ORIOLES 4, RAYS 2

Tampa Bay ..... 010 100 000 — 2 7 0
Baltimore ..... 201 010 00x — 4 8 0

Hellickson, C.Ramos (5), Al. Torres (7) and Lobaton; W.Chen, O'Day (8), Matusz (9), Tom Hunter (9) and Wieters. W—W.Chen 7-6. L—Hellickson 10-7. Sv—Tom.Hunter (4). HRs—Tampa Bay, Bourgeois (1), S.Rodriguez (3). Baltimore, A.Jones (26), C.Davis (46).

TIGERS 7, TWINS 1

Minnesota ..... 000 000 100 — 1 6 2
Detroit ..... 000 000 43x — 7 13 0

Correia, Thielbar (7), Fien (7), Tonkin (8) and Doumit; Ani.Sanchez, Smyly (7), Veras (8) and Holaday. W—Smyly 5-0. L—Correia 8-10. Sv—Veras (20).

WHITE SOX 5, ROYALS 2

Chicago ..... 000 500 000 — 5 13 2
Kansas City ..... 000 101 000 — 2 6 0

Rienzo, Veal (7), Lindstrom (7), N.Jones (8), A.Reed (9) and Phegley; Guthrie, Coleman (7), Mendoza (8) and S.Perez. W—Rienzo 1-0. L—Guthrie 12-10. Sv—A.Reed (33). HRs—Chicago, Viciedo (11).

INTERLEAGUE
RED SOX 12, GIANTS 1

Boston ..... 023 100 510 —12 12 0
San Francisco ..... 010 000 000 — 1 5 2

Doubront, Uehara (9) and Saltalamacchia; Zito, Machi (4), Kickham (8) and Posey, H.Sanchez. W—Doubront 9-6. L—Zito 4-9. HRs—Boston, Middlebrooks (11), Drew (10). San Francisco, Arias (1).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BRAVES 4, METS 1, 10 INNINGS

Atlanta ..... 000 001 000 3 — 4 9 0
New York ..... 000 100 000 0 — 1 8 0

A.Wood, Walden (7), Avilan (9), Kimbrel (10) and G.Laird; Niese, Germen (8), Hawkins (9), Atchison (10), Rice (10), Burke (10) and Buck. W—Avilan 5-0. L—Atchison 3-2. Sv—Kimbrel (40). HRs—Atlanta, C.Johnson (10). New York, Satin (2).

CARDINALS 8, BREWERS 6

St. Louis ..... 100 400 000 — 8 12 1
Milwaukee ..... 003 020 001 — 6 14 1

Westbrook, Siegrist (5), Maness (6), Rosenthal (7), Mujica (8) and Y.Molina; Gonzalenny, D.Hand (4), Axford (6), Badenhop (8), Mic. Gonzalez (9) and Lucroy. W—Siegrist 2-1. L—Gonzalenny 3-5. Sv—Mujica (33). HRs—St. Louis, Beltran (22), Craig (12), Holliday (16). Milwaukee, Ar.Ramirez (7), L.Schafer (3).

PADRES 2, PIRATES 1

Pittsburgh ..... 000 000 010 — 1 4 0
San Diego ..... 001 010 00x — 2 11 0

Cole, Ju.Wilson (7), Morris (8) and R.Martin; Kennedy, Gregerson (8), Street (9) and R.Rivera. W—Kennedy 5-9. L—Cole 8-6. Sv—Street (24).

PHILLIES 4, ROCKIES 3

Colorado ..... 020 000 010 — 3 11 1
Philadelphia ..... 100 010 002 — 4 11 0

Nicasio, W.Lopez (6), Belisle (7), Outman (7), Brothers (8), R.Betancourt (9) and Pacheco. W.Rosario, Cl.Lee, De Fratus (8), Diekman (9) and Krelz. W—Diekman 1-3. L—R.Betancourt 2-4. HRs—Colorado, W.Rosario (19). Philadelphia, Utley (16).

DODGERS 4, MARLINS 1

Los Angeles ..... 000 300 010 — 4 7 0
Miami ..... 100 000 000 — 1 6 3

Greinke, Jansen (9) and A.Ellis. Eovaldi, Webb (8), Camerero (9) and K.Hill. W—Greinke 12-3. L—Eovaldi 2-4. Sv—Jansen (21). HRs—Miami, Stanton (16).

REDS 10, DIAMONDBACKS 7

Arizona ..... 000 040 120 — 7 10 0
Cincinnati ..... 133 100 02x —10 15 1

McCarthy, Collmenter (8), W.Harris (5), E. De La Rosa (6), Thatcher (7), Bell (7), Ziegler (8), Putz (8) and Nieves, Leake, M.Parra (7), Hoover (7), Broxton (8), R.Hernandez (8) and Mesoraco. W—Leake 11-5. L—McCarthy 2-8. Sv—A.Chapman (32). HRs—Arizona, Eaton (2), G.Parra (9). Cincinnati, Choo (16).

NATIONALS 11, CUBS 6

Washington ..... 033 000 320 —11 11 0
Chicago ..... 100 050 000 — 6 14 0

Ohlendorf, Roark (5), Stammen (7), Clippard (8), R.Soriano (9) and K.Suzuki. Arneta, Villanueva (5), Bowden (6), Russell (7), H.Rondon (8) and Castillo. W—Roark 3-0. L—Russell 1-4. HRs—Washington, Werth (18), Harrison (9). Chicago, Rizzo 2 (20).

TUESDAY'S LATE LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
INDIANS 4, ANGELS 1, 14 INNINGS

Cleveland ..... 000 000 000 000 03 — 4 81
Los Angeles .. 100 000 000 000 00 — 1 121

Salazar, Allen (6), Rzepczynski (7), J.Smith (8), M.Albers (10), R.Hill (10), Shaw (10), C.Perez (12), Carrasco (13) and Y.Gomes; C.Wilson, D.De La Rosa (8), Frieri (9), J.Gutierrez (10), Kohn (12), Jepsen (13), Blanton (14) and Iannetta. Conger. W—Carrasco 1-4. L—Blanton 2-14. HRs—Cleveland, C.Santana (15), Stubbs (8). Los Angeles, Shuck (2).

MARINERS 7, ATHLETICS 4

Seattle ..... 002 000 050 — 7 7 0
Oakland ..... 002 000 002 — 4 11 1

J.Saunders, Maurer (7), Medina (8), Farquhar (9) and H.Blanco. Quintero, Gray, Doolittle (8), Cook (8), J.Chavez (8) and D.Norris, Vogt. W—Maurer 4-7. L—Doolittle 4-5. Sv—Farquhar (8). HRs—Seattle, Franklin (11). Oakland, Donaldson (18), Freiman (4).

INTERLEAGUE
GIANTS 3, RED SOX 2

Boston ..... 101 000 000 — 2 7 0
San Francisco ..... 000 010 011 — 3 8 0

Peavy, Breslow (6), Tazawa (8), F.Morales (9), B.Villarreal (9) and D.Ross. Vogelsong, S.Casilla (8), Romo (9) and Posey. W—Romo 4-6. L—F. Morales 2-1. HRs—Boston, Victorino (8).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PIRATES 8, PADRES 1

Pittsburgh ..... 201 000 500 — 8 9 1
San Diego ..... 000 100 000 — 1 6 1

A.J.Burnett, Mazzaro (8), J.Hughes (9) and R.Martin; T.Ross, Thayer (7), Hynes (7), Stauffer (8) and Hundley. W—A.J.Burnett 6-8. L—T.Ross 3-6. HRs—Pittsburgh, Walker (8). San Diego, Gyorko (14).

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY Water lightly stained; 87-92 degrees, 12.78' low. Black bass are fair to good on Zara Spooks early, later switching to Carolina rigs, drop shot rigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows over brush piles. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

ARROWHEAD Water off color; 86-89 degrees; 14.9' low. Black bass are good on topwaters early, later switching to weightless Senkos, Texas rigs and medium running crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on slabs. Catfish are good on prepared bait

FORT PHANTOM HILL Water clear; 87-89 degrees, 10.09' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, spinnerbaits, shakyheads and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs over structure. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK Water off color; 87-92 degrees, 20.24' low. Black bass are fair to good on DD22s, Texas rigs, shakyheads and split shot rigged flukes. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs around deep water structure. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

OAK CREEK Water stained; 86-92 degrees; 20.18' low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs, Texas rigs and shakyheads. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows. Catfish are good on prepared bait.

O.H. IVIE Water stained; 87-92 degrees, 39.79' low. Black bass are good on topwaters early, later switching to Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and shakyheads. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs around deep water structure. White bass are fair on topwaters and Rooster Tails. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait

POSSUM KINGDOM Water fairly clear; 86-91 degrees, 11.06' low. Black bass are good on drop shot rigs, Texas rigs, jigs and Carolina rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs over brush piles. White bass are fair to good on rod'reel, juglines and trotlines baited with goldfish and Sassy Shad. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers

SWEETWATER Water murky; 86-90 degrees, 21.67' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

SOUTH

AMISTAD Water murky; 83-87 degrees; 47.80' low. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastic worms with chartreuse tails, jigs, crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are fair on cheeseball, shrimp, chicken livers, and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines, jugliines, and droplines around rocks/islides baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD Water stained to murky; 86-90 degrees, 8.49' low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on crankbaits, Shaky Heads, chartreuse/white spinnerbaits, and on green pumpkin, redbug, or watermelon seed soft plastic worms around docks in 4-10 feet, and on flukes and buzzbaits in flooded grass. White bass are good on Li'l Fishes off lighted docks at night in 5-15 feet. Crappie are excellent on minnows and white or shad Li'l Fishes over baited brush piles in 8-15 feet. Channel catfish to 5 pounds are good on cheeseball and cut shad near the Hwy 279 Bridge. Blue catfish to 5 pounds are good on prepared bait near the Hwy 279 Bridge in 5-8 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN Water stained; 83-87 degrees; 30.66' low. Black bass are fair on Pop-R's, shad flukes, and watermelon red Whacky Sticks on jighead jigs. Hot bite is in 8-15 feet at daylight. Striped bass are fair on Spoiler Shads on the surface at first light, and drifting or free lining live bait from Lighthouse Point to the dam. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and dipbait. Yellow and blue catfish are very good on rod'reel, jugliines and trotlines baited with goldfish and perch upriver.

GRANBURY Water stained; 86-90 degrees, 7.31 low. Black bass are fair on watermelon and chartreuse Rat-L-Traps and spinnerbaits, and on green pumpkin soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on silverwhite crappie jigs. White bass are fair on shad colored Li'l Fishes. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on stinkbait and nightcrawlers.

GRANGER Water clear; 86-90 degrees; 1.24 low. Black bass are good on black Power Worms in 5-12 feet. White bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps along shallow riprap/beds early. Crappie are good on chartreuse jigs tipped with Berkley Crappie Nibbles in 5-15 feet. Blue catfish are good on prepared baits and shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ Water stained; 85-89 degrees, 0.35' low. Black bass are good on black/blue Curb's Erratic jigs, blue flake Whacky Sticks, and Texas rigged Big Pigs around docks and lay downs in 5-12 feet early. Striped bass are good on Creme Lure's 2" Spoiler Shads and Li'l Fishes at night. White bass are good on Li'l Fishes at night. Crappie are fair on Curb's crappie jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are very good on nightcrawlers, shrimp, and stinkbait. Yellow and blue catfish are very good on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

TRAVIS Water clear; 86-90 degrees, 58.65' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse crankbaits and watermelon worms in 15-30 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on smoke grubs and Li'l Fishes in 20-40 feet. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut perch in 30-45 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY Water stained; 84-88 degrees, 11.31' low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin soft plastic worms and Rat-L-Traps near drop offs. Striped bass are fair on silver striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and white tube jigs. Catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR

SPRINT CUP
IRWIN TOOLS NIGHT RACE
Site: Bristol, Tenn.
Schedule: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.), qualifying (ESPN2, 4:30-6 p.m.); Saturday, race, 6:30 p.m. (ABC, 6-10 p.m.).
Track: Bristol Motor Speedway (oval, 0.533 miles).
Race distance: 500 laps, 266.5 miles.
Last year: Denny Hamlin raced to the third of his five 2012 victories.
Last week: Joey Logano won a fuel-mileage race at Michigan. Kevin Harvick was second.
Fast facts: Tony Stewart, sidelined by a broken leg, has turned over Stewart-Haas Racing's No. 14 Chevrolet to Mark Martin for 12 of the final 13 races. The 54-year-old Martin was released from his part-time schedule at Michael Waltrip Racing, with New Hampshire winner Brian Vickers taking over MWR's No. 55 Toyota. At Talladega next month, Austin Dillon will drive the No. 14 and Waltrip will be in the No. 55. ... Five-time series champion Jimmie Johnson remains the standings, 41 points ahead of Clint Bowyer. Johnson and Matt Kenseth share the series victory lead with four. ... Kasey Kahne won the March race at the track.
Next race: AdvoCare 500, Sept. 1, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

NATIONWIDE
FOOD CITY 250
Site: Bristol, Tenn.
Schedule: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 8-11 a.m.), qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 2:30-4 p.m.), race, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN, 6:30 p.m.).
Track: Bristol Motor Speedway (oval, 0.533 miles).
Race distance: 200 laps, 133.25 miles.
Last year: Joey Logano raced to the sixth of his nine 2012 victories.
Last week: AJ Allmendinger won at Mid-Ohio for his second road-course victory in his lone series starts this season for Penske Racing.
Fast facts: Sprint Cup driver Kyle Busch has eight Nationwide victories this year to push his series-record total to 58. He won the March race at the track to tie Kevin Harvick's Bristol series victory record of five. ... Sam Hornish Jr. leads the season standings. Elliott Sadler is 13 points back, Regan Smith and Austin Dillon are 15 points behind, and Brian Vickers is 18 points back.
Next race: Great Clips-Grit Chips 300, Aug. 31, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

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(Start position in parentheses)
1. (10) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 200 laps, 111.6 rating, 0 points, $30,460.
2. (4) Timothy Peters, Toyota, 200, 141.7, 44, $27,925.
3. (2) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 200, 120.3, 42, $21,795.
4. (21) Johnny Sauter, Toyota, 200, 87.1, 40, $14,320.
5. (1) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 200, 114.4, 40, $12,870.
6. (3) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 88.6, 38, $11,395.
7. (6) James Buescher, Chevrolet, 200, 105.4, 37, $12,245.
8. (15) Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 200, 92.8, 36, $11,195.
9. (7) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 200, 107.8, 0, $8,895.
10. (8) Matt Crafton, Toyota, 200, 108.9, 34, $12,370.
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Texans DE Smith suspended by NFL for opener

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Texans defensive end Antonio Smith lost his cool in a preseason game, and it's going to keep him out of the team's season opener.

Smith was suspended by the NFL on Wednesday for Week 1 of the regular season and the last two preseason games for hitting Miami guard Richie Incognito with the Dolphins player's helmet.

Smith ripped the helmet off Incognito's head, then hit Incognito on the shoulder with it Saturday night' in the teams' preseason game. The two also went at it in last season's opener, when Smith kicked Incognito, drawing an $11,000 fine. Smith later said Incognito deliberately tried to twist his ankle while holding his legs in the 2012 game.

Incognito was not fined for that play.

Houston general manager Rick Smith was unhappy with Antonio Smith's actions.

"That's obviously something we can't have in our game," Rick Smith said.

Smith must sit out Houston's visit to San Diego to begin the season Sept. 9. He also will lose about $400,000 in salary for his seventh rules violation since 2011.

"I'm disappointed in myself because I've got to make sure that my players keep their composure on the football field. That's my job," Houston coach Gary Kubiak said. "They've got a job when they get out there to maintain their composure regardless of circumstances. There's no excuses. We can't hurt the team, and I talk to our guys about that all the time. If someone is going to miss some time, that hurts the team."

The Texans said league rules forbid Smith from speaking with the media while he is suspended, but Rick Smith said the player will appeal the punishment.

"There's an appeal process that has to take place and we'll support Antonio in that effort and participate in that as well," Rick Smith said. "I certainly believe that they will consider and they'll listen. They'll give us a fair opportunity to present our side of it, and I think we've got a legit case to present, and hopefully they hear us."

Antonio Smith was fined three times for unnecessary roughness and three times for illegal hits before the latest incident.

NFL Films sued over image rights

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — There could be one clip of Hall of Famers that won't make the NFL Films archives: The sight of John Riggins and other greats heading to court seeking a big payday from the company.

Ten former NFL players, including five Hall of Famers, want the league to pay if NFL Films uses images of them without their consent. They filed a lawsuit in New Jersey to reclaim payment for the use of their names, images and likenesses from film footage they say was used on NFL Network and to promote the league without the ex-players consent.

Jon King, an attorney for the players, compared the lawsuit, filed on Tuesday, to the one from former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon against the NCAA because they deal with "individuals' rights to control the use of their image."

The NCAA, and video game company Electronic Arts, are facing similar suits in California. This case cites a recent ruling in California that determined EA Sports could not use First Amendment protections to defend its actions.

"In the EA case, it had to do with computer graphics depictions of players," King said Wednesday. "As technology increases, it becomes more lifelike and realistic. In the NFL Films case, it's the players' images, but committed to film for DVD and really, more these days, for distribution on the NFL Network."

Hall of Famers including Riggins, Dave Casper, Tom Mack, Curley Culp and Ron Yary are part of the lawsuit.

"NFL Films has never obtained authorization from retired players to use their images to be, as NFL Films puts it, the 'backbone' of the NFL Network," according to the 81-page filing obtained by The Associated Press. "NFL Films' conduct goes far beyond simply use of images without consent. It continues to this day to strike licensing business deals, in New Jersey, affirmatively, and falsely, misrepresenting that it has obtained all former players' consent to appear in its promotional materials. The NFL does likewise."

Cowboys reward Lee with extension

By Tom Orsborn
SanAntonio Express-News

Hardly a day passed at the Dallas Cowboys' recently completed training camp that Sean Lee wasn't upset.

At the defense. A teammate. Himself.

"You want to hold me like that (expletive)?" Lee shouted at rookie wide receiver Terrance Williams one day. "That's a bunch of (expletive)."

Upon returning home, he's continued to push himself and others.

"A lot of times you get home, you get in your routine, get in your bed, it's natural to relax," Lee said. "We have to find a way to take it to the next level."

On Wednesday, the Cowboys did just that with the fiery middle linebacker, handing him a six-year extension that will put him under contract through 2019.

The deal is worth roughly $42 million, but it could escalate to as much as $51 million should he reach playing-time incentives, according to the team's web site. The pact also reportedly includes more than $16 million guaranteed.

"I'm extremely excited," Lee, 27, told DallasCowboys.com. "I'm blessed to be drafted by a great franchise like this and to have an opportunity to be here for a long time.

"Hopefully, we can compete for Super Bowls. It's fantastic. I'm very grateful to the Joneses and the opportunity they've given me."

A fourth-year pro selected by Dallas in the second round in 2010 out of Penn State, Lee was in the final year of his rookie contract. His new deal signals the Cowboys believe he can become one of the league's elite defenders.

"He's the bell cow of our defense," coach Jason Garrett said recently.

COWBOYS

From 1C

It's uncertain whether Free will take snaps at guard when Dallas hosts Cincinnati on Saturday in the club's next to last preseason game.

David Arkin started at left guard in last week's game at Arizona, but he's not viewed as a long-term solution.

Livings had surgery on his right knee Aug. 2. The procedure on Leary's right knee was last Friday.

The Cowboys have made two failed bids to sign veteran free agent guards, but the club hasn't shut the door on re-opening negotiations with one of them: six-time Pro Bowler Brian Waters, 36.

Notebook: Rookie J.J. Wilcox returned to practice after spending 10 days in Georgia mourning the death of his mother. "It's tough," Wilcox said. "It still affects me to this day. I felt it a little bit at practice, but I'm going to be strong."...Miles Austin, Jason Hatcher, DeMarcus Ware and Jason Witten received veteran rest days. The day off was a career first for Witten, an 11th-year pro. "It (was) a six-year discussion," Garrett joked of how he convinced Witten to take a day off. "We finally broke through."...The Cowboys signed defensive end Jason Vega, who was released by New England last week after playing two seasons in Canada...Cornerback Orlando Scandrick (sore groin) missed practice ... Corner Morris Claiborne (knee tendinitis) ran for the first time after missing two weeks of practice.

Broncos' Von Miller fades into background

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — All-Pro linebacker Von Miller donned a scout team skullcap over his helmet Wednesday and spent much of practice helping the Denver Broncos prepare to play more than a third of the season without him.

Miller was part spectator, part tutor when he wasn't squaring off against Pro Bowl left tackle Ryan Clady as a member of Denver's scout team in his first practice since the NFL handed him a six-game suspension for violating the league's drug-abuse policy.

Nate Irving took his place at strongside linebacker in the base defense alongside Danny Trevathan and Wesley Woodyard, and Shaun Phillips replaced him at rush end in the nickel packages as the Broncos began working on Plan B following the NFL's verdict.

"I don't know that one guy can take Von's place," coach John Fox said. "I just know collectively as a football team we have to all pick it up."

It was a cloud that hung over the team all of camp. Now, at least, the Broncos know they'll be without their disruptive defender for the first six games of the regular season and that they'll have to generate pressure and make stops in other ways.

"The only difference is the guys that back him up are licking their chops getting a chance to step up and make some plays," Woodyard said. "We're going to definitely miss his presence on the football field for those six games but I have no doubt in my mind he's going to come back and continue to be one of the best players."

Phillips noted that instead of sulking on the sideline, Miller spent Wednesday's workout schooling rookie defensive linemen John Youboty and Sylvester Williams on the finer points of a slippery pass rush.

"He keeps himself involved," Phillips said. "He's a locker-room guy. He's the guy that makes everyone laugh and is out there coaching the young guys. He's giving me pointers and giving other guys pointers. He always does that. That's Von's attitude. He's always helping out everyone else."

Miller can continue practicing with the Broncos and can also play in their last two exhibition games before his Aug. 31-Oct. 14 banishment, during which time he'll be allowed around team headquarters and can keep his team-issued iPad playbook but won't be able to practice or play in any games.

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Iowa State eager for true breakthrough under Rhoads

Luke Meredith
Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — For years, Iowa State coach Paul Rhoads has insisted that the Cyclones are bigger, stronger, faster and more athletic than ever.

This could be the season that the Big 12 learns just how far Iowa State has come under Rhoads.

The program is certainly a lot healthier than it was when Rhoads took over in 2009. The Cyclones have again broken their own record with more than 40,000 season tickets sold, and the $20 million football facility they opened in October should help recruiting.

But the breakthrough many Iowa State fans believe is coming under Rhoads hasn't arrived yet. The Cyclones have finished 6-7 in each of the past two season and they'll have to replace 11 starters — more than any other team in the Big 12.

There's muted optimism that the depth Rhoads has built up during his tenure should keep Iowa State from falling off the proverbial cliff in 2013. For that to happen, a host of inexperienced, unknown players will have to step up.

"Our youth is very apparent right now on the practice field," Rhoads said. "We have the least amount of returning starters in the Big 12 conference. I think that's showing a little bit right now, especially on defense."

Five things to watch for this season from Iowa State in its fifth season under Rhoads:

1. SAM I AM? The Cyclones aren't engulfed in a quarterback controversy for the first time in years because sophomore Sam Richardson has a firm grip on the job. Richardson has only started two games in his brief career, and he's still a bit of an unknown despite throwing eight touchdowns against one interception at the end of 2012. Richardson has shown a lot of promise with his arm and his feet, and he could the crucial piece the Cyclones need to compete in the quarterback-driven Big 12. But if Richardson gets hurt or simply underperforms, the Cyclones will probably be in serious trouble.

2. LIFE AFTER KNOTT & KLEIN: For years, Iowa State leaned on linebackers Jake Knott and A.J. Klein to lead their defense. Both have moved on, creating a leadership void on that side of the ball. The Cyclones are high on Jeremiah George and Jevohn Miller, but there will certainly be an adjustment period as the defense adjusts to life without its two cornerstone players.

3. BELL COWS: Iowa State shouldn't have to worry about the health of its running backs in 2013. What the Cyclones might have trouble with is keeping all of them happy. They likely won't, since they enter the season with six backs capable of seeing the field. Seniors James White and Shontrelle Johnson will likely lead the way, but there's intriguing depth of both the speed and power variety right behind them.

4. DEFENSE: The Cyclones had trouble getting pressure on opposing quarterbacks in 2012, ranking 109th nationally with just 15 sacks. There's little question that Iowa State needs to make QBs more uncomfortable this season. The Cyclones opened camp with a dozen defensive linemen on the depth chart and might use as many as 10 a game this season.

5. SURVIVING THE SCHEDULE: Once again, Iowa State will have one of the nation's toughest schedules. But it's also a weird one. The Cyclones have two Saturdays off in September, followed by back-to-back Thursday games against Tulsa and Texas. After that, Iowa State has eight straight Big 12 games — five of those on the road — as it attempts to finish over .500 in the conference for the first time under Rhoads. "Pushing past three (Big 12 victories) and into the top half of the league isn't something we're going to back away from," Rhoads said.

Predicted order of finish in the Big 12: Ninth.

UH

From 1C

He threw for 2,856 yards with 25 touchdowns last season.

O'Korn also has a winning pedigree after leading his high school to a Florida state championship last season with 2,522 yards passing and 22 touchdowns and 576 yards rushing and 15 more scores.

"We've got five young men who are extremely talented," Levine said. "Some have more experience than others. They all come from different backgrounds in terms of whether they're a junior college, local, or freshmen so everybody is in the mix. Everybody is going to have an opportunity."

Levine said that they are going to evaluate each player on everything before making a decision.

"We certainly will chart their completions, their interceptions, their percentages at practice, their decision-making at practice," he said. "But they are being evaluated in their leadership, in how they stretch when they get out on the field, in everything they do."

Five things to know about Houston:

THEY'RE HOMELESS: The Cougars demolished their former home, the dilapidated 70-year-old Robertson Stadium late last year to begin construction on a new $105 million stadium set to open for the 2014 season. So this season they'll have to play their home games in a several different stadiums around Houston. Their main location will be Reliant Stadium, home of the NFL's Houston Texans. They'll play five games there, one at BBVA Compass Stadium where the MLS Houston Dynamo play and one at Rice Stadium.

NEW CONFERENCE: The Cougars move from Conference-USA to the American Athletic Conference this season. Houston's parting with C-USA was bittersweet after having so much success in their old league, appearing in the conference championship game three times since 2006. The move keeps them from competing with in-town rival Rice in conference play, but they'll still face the Owls in a non-conference game on Sept. 21.

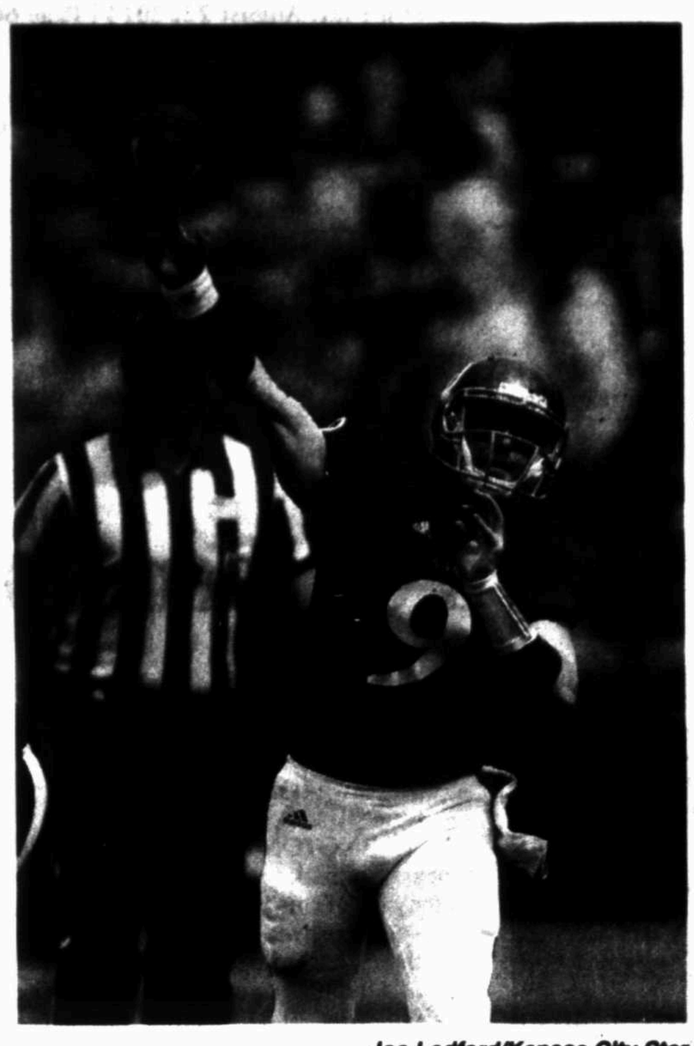
THAT'S A LOT OF TACKLES: The defense returns two starters who each piled up 126 tackles in 2012 in linebacker Derrick Mathews and safety Trevon Stewart. Matthews is a junior who was third in C-USA last season with 17 tackles for losses and also forced two fumbles and broke up five passes. Stewart's 126 tackles were the most in the nation for a freshman, and he had an interception, a sack and broke up seven passes.

WHAT A LEG: The Cougars have one of the best punters in the nation in Richie Leone. Leone has been a semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award for the nation's top punter two years in a row. He was named C-USA's co-special teams most valuable player last season after tying a Houston single-season record with a 45.5 yards a punt average. He led the league with 20 punts of more than 50 yards and had four longer than 60 yards. He booted a career-long punt of 77 yards against Louisiana Tech.

EXPERIENCED OFFENSE: The Cougars return 14 starters from last year's team and 10 of them are on the offense. That's good news for a unit that averaged 32.4 points and 480 yards last year. Their 480 yards a game was 15th in the nation and their 328 yards passing a game ranked 11th in the country.

Jayhawks out for turnaround in Year 2 under Weis

Dave Skretta
Associated Press



Joe Ledford/Kansas City Star

Kansas quarterback Jake Heaps throws the ball to a receiver during the football team's spring game on April 13 in Lawrence, Kan.

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Charlie Weis spent most of last offseason talking about Dayne Crist, the former Notre Dame quarterback who transferred to Kansas and was supposed to lead a massive turnaround.

Weis spent most of the season talking about why it wasn't happening. The Jayhawks stumbled to a 1-11 finish, and things went so poorly for Crist that he was ultimately benched.

Now, Weis is tempering expectations for another high-profile quarterback transfer.

Jake Heaps is No. 1 on the depth chart entering fall camp after spending last season running the scout team. He was forced to redshirt after leaving BYU, where he set several freshman passing record, but still got a chance to learn Weis' offense in preparation for this year.

Heaps will be pushed by Michael Cummings, the sophomore who replaced Crist last season.

The QB job isn't the only new face, though. Weis brought in a bonanza of junior college transfers, and six of them appeared as starters on the initial depth chart — not counting Trevor Pardula and Michael Mesh, who are in a race to handle kicking duties.

"Last year at this time I had a tough time giving you two-deep, and probably had a tough time giving you one-deep in some cases," Weis said. "I can give you a three-deep this year."

That's a good benchmark for the rebuilding of Kansas. Here are five more things to keep an eye on as the Jayhawks try to take another step from the Big 12 cellar when they open the season against FCS school South Dakota on Sept. 7:

1. HEAPS TO MCCAY: Heaps wasn't the only notable transfer to sit out last season — wide receiver Justin McCay, who began his career at Oklahoma, spent the entire year catching passes from his quarterback on the Jayhawks' scout team. The NCAA refused to grant McCay a waiver to play last season, forcing him to redshirt. "Justin has an opportunity to be a top-five wide receiver," Weis said.

2. DEPOSIT A NICKEL: The Jayhawks are basically scrapping a base defense that they ran last season and intend to run a nickel package — and often a dime — the majority of the time. Weis hopes that will help Kansas better handle all the spread offenses in the Big 12.

"It's a lot of coaching on the fly," he said, adding that defensive coordinator Dave Campo will move to the sideline to help facilitate things. "It's going to be everyone looking to the sideline, here's the defense, let's go."

3. TOP RUSHER: Running back James Sims ran for 1,013 yards and nine touchdowns last season, despite missing the first three games when he was suspended for violating team rules. Now, he's hoping to build on a strong finish to 2012. Sims should be the workhorse this season with Tony Pierson and Brandon Bourbon moving from running back to a hybrid wide receiver position. Sims has the size (6-foot, 200 pounds) and speed to become a legitimate NFL prospect with a good senior season.

When asked his goals for this season, he replied: "Just to be the all-time leading rusher at Kansas and to be one of the top five rushers in the nation."

4. BIG 12 OH-FER: The Jayhawks will carry an 11-game skid into the season. They have not defeated another FBS school in their last 21 games dating to the Turner Gill era. Even more embarrassing, though, may be the losing streak they have in conference play. The Jayhawks haven't won a game against a Big 12 school since defeating Colorado 52-45 in 2010, Gill's first season in Lawrence. They haven't beaten another school that's still in the league since knocking off Iowa State in 2009, Mark Mangino's final season.

5. CHARLIE SAID WHAT? Weis is certainly unafraid to say what's on his mind. That was evident even before the longtime NFL assistant referred to his team last season as a "pile of crap" a few weeks ago during a meeting with reporters in Dallas. The comment rankled some fans, but most of Weis's players — even those still on the team — have come to his defense. After all, their only win came against South Dakota State.

"Could he have picked different words to make it more PR correct? Of course he could have," Heaps said. "He was right. At the end of the day, he's right. So we're going out there to prove a lot of people wrong, and we're going out there to put a better product on the field."

Predicted order of finish in the Big 12: 10th.

RICE

From 1C

each week. We knew we were really talented, we just had to put it all together."

Looking back on what happened to get his team on track; Bailiff said that much of the credit has to go to quiet defensive star Phillip Gaines. Bailiff said the defensive back, who doesn't talk much, addressed the Owls after a four-point loss at Memphis.

"He really challenged this football team, and I think it was really special that it came from him," Bailiff said.

Gaines leads a defense that returns 10 starters. The Owls are a veteran-laden squad, returning 19 starters overall. He was named the Conference-USA preseason defensive player of the year after ranking second nationally with 18 pass breakups last season. The senior has already set a school-record with 29 passes broken up in his career.

The 6-foot-1, 185-pound Gaines finished with 33 tackles, including two for losses and recovered a fumble and returned it 12 yards for a touchdown.

His performance last year came after he suffered a season-ending injury just three games into the 2011 season.

Gaines and the Owls will get one of their toughest tests early when they open the season at Texas A&M on Aug. 31.

Five things to know about Rice:

NEW ATTITUDE: As he begins his seventh year with the Owls, Bailiff is happy with the change in culture on the team during his tenure at the academically prestigious university. "We're recruiting young men now who want to graduate but they also want to win championships and they want to work equally as hard on the football field as they do in the classroom," Bailiff said.

RIVALRY CONTINUES: The Owls will continue their rivalry with in-town foe Houston despite the Cougars leaving C-USA for the American Athletic Conference. They'll face Houston on Sept. 21 at Reliant Stadium, home of the NFL's Houston Texans. Rice has lost two in a row to the Cougars.

HE CAN RUN, TOO: Senior quarterback Taylor McHargue returns after throwing for 2,209 yards and 12 touchdowns last season. He's also a threat on the ground and led C-USA signal callers with 667 yards and tied for fifth overall in the league with 11 rushing touchdowns. About the only complaint Bailiff has about his quarterback is that he refuses to slide. Bailiff evened joked that he wanted Texas Rangers slugger and former Rice standout Lance Berkman to give McHargue some sliding lessons, so maybe he'll do it this season.

JUST KICKIN' IT: The Owls have one of the best long-distance field goal kickers in the country in senior Chris Boswell. He has 11 field goals in his career of more than 50 yards, and led the country last season with six goals of 50 yards or more. Last season he had kicks of 55 yards and 56 yards to become the first player in C-USA history with a pair of field goals longer than 55 yards in one season. His 51 career field goals are the most in school history. "He's a weapon," Bailiff said. "He's just really confident in his ability and he backs it up. He's one of the first kickers I've been around that really influences a football team with his leadership. He's a big reflection of what we are."

BIG TARGET: The Owls are eager to see how junior receiver Jordan Taylor will follow up a solid 2012 season where he led the team with 826 yards receiving. The 6-foot-5, 210-pound Taylor was a high school quarterback who starred in Rice's bowl win with nine receptions for a career-high 153 yards and three touchdowns.

Slain Australian came to US for school, baseball

Kristie Eaton
Associated Press

ADA, Okla. — Chris Lane traveled from Australia to the United States for the love of the game — and the opportunity to secure a college degree while playing America's pastime. On the small campus of East Central University in Oklahoma, he made a home for himself in class and on the baseball field.

The 22-year-old Melbourne native, who hoped to work in real estate when he graduated next May, was fatally shot in the back last week while jogging along a tree-lined street near his girlfriend's home in Duncan. Three boys— ages 15, 16 and 17 — are charged with what prosecutors call a thrill killing, while those who knew Lane in the U.S. and Australia are trying to come to grips with the random attack.

"He achieved a lot for a 22-year-old," his father, Peter Lane, told The Telegraph in Sydney, Australia. "He gave up a lot to follow his dream."

A former coach who recruited Lane from Australia remembered him Wednesday as a well-rounded, charismatic guy who knew he wasn't the best baseball player in the world, but was passionate about the sport, worked hard and used his skills to pursue a college education.

"Chris was such a level-headed guy. He knew his limitations," said Matt Newgent, Lane's former coach at Redlands Community College. "He knew in his heart of hearts he wouldn't make the majors," Newgent said.

Lane started 14 games at catcher last year, and was entering his senior year. His coach, Dino Rosato, said in a statement that Lane was a joy to coach, and other teammates looked to him for advice and support. He hit .250 for the ECU Tigers last season, a figure that's OK but not a number that would attract scouts from professional clubs — but that's not what Lane was about.

"Chris was talented enough to play baseball, but he used that as a pathway to a collegiate education," Athletic Director Jeff Williams said on a tribute page on the school's website.

Lane had been playing baseball for the Essendon Baseball Club in Australia when Newgent recruited him to play for Redlands Community College in El Reno in 2009. A former principal at Lane's prep school in Australia said he could have played Australian football, but gave that up to pursue his passion for baseball.

A shoulder injury was frustrating for Lane, Newgent said, but Lane continued with rehab and never let it get him down. He played for the Cougars for two more years before transferring to East Central University in Ada in 2012. He met his girlfriend at Redlands — Sarah Harper, a collegiate golfer.

"They were really a good couple and fun to be around," Newgent said.

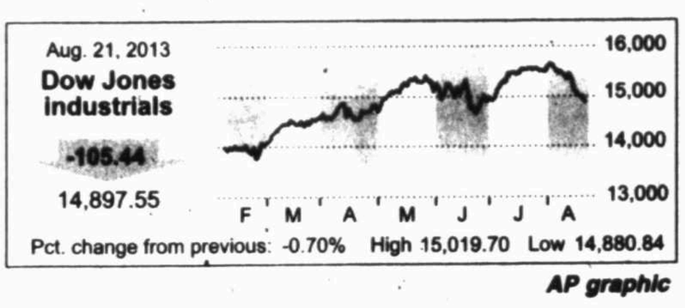
Harper transferred to Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond during Lane's last year at Redlands and the couple had a long-distance relationship, visiting each other on weekends. When Lane was looking to move from the community college to a four-year college to finish his degree, he wanted to stay in Oklahoma "because Sarah was in Oklahoma," Newgent said.

He added that many people thought the couple would eventually get married.

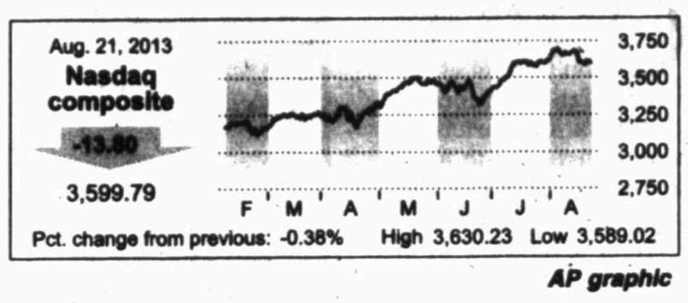
Lane and Harper had recently returned from a trip to Australia, and Lane was visiting Harper and her parents in Duncan, a south-central Oklahoma city of about 24,000. He went for a jog Friday afternoon and was shot once in the back. He died along a road on Duncan's well-to-do north side. Prosecutors said the three teens, from the grittier part of town, chose Lane at random and that one of the boys "thinks it's all a joke."

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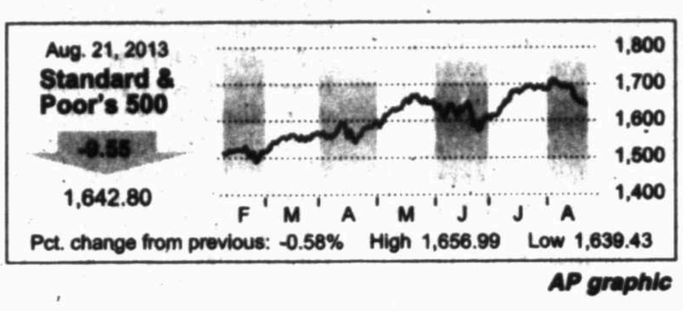
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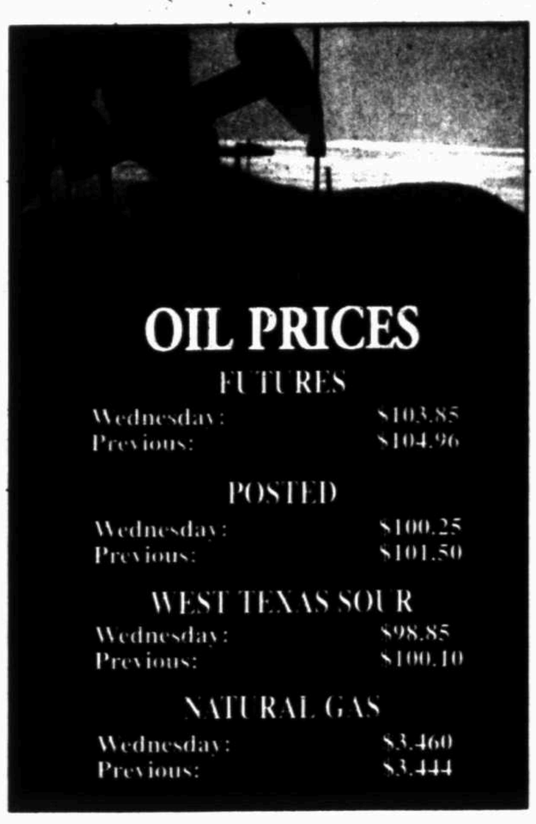
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Fed seems on track to slow bond buys by year's end

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve appears on track to slow its bond purchases by the end of this year if the economy continues to improve. But it remains divided over the exact timing of the move.

That's the message from the minutes of the Fed's July 30-31 meeting released Wednesday.

A few policymakers said they wanted to assess more economic data before deciding when to scale back the central bank's $85 billion a month in Treasury and mortgage bond purchases. These policymakers "emphasized the importance of being patient," the minutes said.

Others said it "might soon be time" to slow the purchases, which have helped keep long-term borrowing rates near record lows.

"There's more debating than deciding," said Michael Hanson, senior economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. "We didn't get a strong indication that the committee broadly is prepared to taper in September."

Nor did the minutes give any indication of how fast the Fed would scale back its purchases once it begins — or whether it would cut back equally on Treasury and mortgage bond buying.

Since the July policy meeting, a few Fed officials have suggested that the central bank could slow the bond buying as soon as September. By then, updated reports on U.S. employment and economic growth will have been issued.

The Fed is considered most likely to slow its bond buying after its September or December policy meeting because after each one, Chairman Ben Bernanke will hold a news conference and could explain such a major step.

The Fed holds eight policy meetings a year; four include news conferences by the chairman. Besides September and December, the Fed will also meet in October before the year ends.

The minutes suggested that future Fed statements may provide no advance warning of any policy shift before it happens. Several members suggested that providing advance notice might confuse stock and bond investors

"It's going to be a game-day decision," Hanson said.

In June, Bernanke signaled that the Fed would scale back its purchases later this year as long as the economy continued to improve. And he said the purchases would likely end by the middle of 2014, when the Fed expects the unemployment rate to be around 7 percent. It's now 7.4 percent.

Since then, investors have focused on when the Fed might begin to slow its purchases. Stocks have fallen on speculation that the Fed is moving closer to pulling back on the bond buying.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note has surged about three-quarters of a percentage point, lifting rates on mortgages and other loans. The average rate on a 30-year mortgage has risen about a full point since May to 4.4 percent.

The minutes released Wednesday show that Fed policymakers agreed that they won't raise the short-term interest rate they control from a record low near zero at least until the unemployment rate falls to 6.5 percent. Several members even said they were willing to lower that threshold.

The release of the minutes initially rattled Wall Street as investors digested Fed members' thoughts on the bond purchases, their short-term rate policy and their characterization of the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average had been down about 50 points before the minutes were released at 1 p.m. It fell more than 100 points afterward, recovered all its losses, and then fell again in late afternoon to close down 105 points on the day. Other indexes were just as volatile before ending the day down.

Bond yields increased, though. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.86 percent from 2.81 just before the minutes were released.

The minutes showed that some policymakers were less confident than they were at their June meeting that economic growth will pick up later this year. They cited higher mortgage rates, slower growth overseas and the potential for continuing cuts in government spending as the main reasons.

But several said they thought the housing market would continue to recover despite higher rates. If so, that would provide an important boost to the economy. Those Fed officials, who aren't identified, said banks have become more willing to provide mortgage loans, consumer confidence has increased and mortgage rates are still low by historical standards.

Fed officials generally agreed that the risks of an economic downturn have diminished since the Fed began the bond purchases in September.

Since the meeting, the data on the job market have been mixed.

Employers added 162,000 jobs in July. That was the fewest in four months. Still, the economy has created an average of 192,000 jobs a month this year, slightly ahead of last year's pace.

The unemployment rate has fallen to a 4 1/2-year low of 7.4 percent. That's down from 7.8 percent in September.

Much of the job growth has been because the number of people seeking unemployment benefits has fallen to its lowest level in five years. That suggests that companies are laying off few workers and may step up hiring in coming months.

The economy is still expanding at a sluggish pace, however, raising concerns about whether companies will remain confident enough to keep hiring. The economy grew at an annual pace of just 1.7 percent in the April-June quarter.

Oil prices drop

The price of oil fell Wednesday as the Federal Reserve indicated it will slow a bond-buying program that has suppressed long-term interest rates by the end of the year.

Benchmark oil for October delivery dropped $1.26 to close at $103.85 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The Federal Reserve released the minutes of its policy meeting from July 30-31. The Fed appears on track to cut back on its $85 billion a month of asset purchases by the end of this year if the economy continues to improve. But it remains divided over the exact timing of the move.

The Fed's stimulus policy has lowered interest rates and made oil and other commodities a more attractive investment by offering potentially higher returns. Many analysts think the tapering could weigh on oil prices.

Meanwhile, the Energy Department reported that crude oil supplies fell by 1.4 million barrels and gasoline stocks dropped by 4 million barrels in the week ended Aug. 16. Both declines were larger than analysts expected. Gasoline futures rose 1 cent to $2.94 a gallon.

Metals prices fall

Copper for September fell 3.2 cents, or 0.9 percent, to $3.31 a pound. Silver for the same month fell 11 cents, or 0.5 percent, to $22.96 an ounce. Gold for December dropped $2.50, or 0.2 percent, to $1,370.10 an ounce.

Platinum for October dropped $6.40, or 0.4 percent, to $1,519.10 an ounce. Palladium fell $2.75, or 0.4 percent, to $746.90 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $48.38 Down 0.98

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $91.92 Down 0.92

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $35.22 Down 0.68

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $39.22 Down 0.06

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.34 Down 0.22

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.61 Down 0.24

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.52 Down 0.59

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $14.70 Down 0.10

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1365255	164.56	-1.02
iShEMkts	1023975	37.59	-.90
BkofAm	895125	14.34	+.05
BariPVix rs	641239	15.49	+.28
SPDR Fncl	462924	19.81	-.14

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmrRlty	3.98	+.51	+14.7
TrinaSolar	8.97	+1.15	+14.7
DirDGdBr s	25.80	+3.00	+13.2
PrUShtMex	25.50	+2.32	+10.0
DirSKBear	43.99	+3.98	+9.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
iP LEEmM	80.00	-21.00	-20.8
DxIndBl rs	32.73	-6.77	-17.1
BcoBrades	11.30	-1.79	-13.7
DrGldBll rs	84.37	-12.59	-13.0
AEagleOut	14.76	-1.62	-9.9

DIARY

Advanced	837
Declined	2,235
Unchanged	110
Total issues	3,182
New Highs	29
New Lows	154
Volume	2,877,607,733

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
InovioPhm	167572	1.68	+.41
NwGold g	63183	7.30	-.57
AlldNevG	50755	4.32	-.27
Organovo	45228	5.86	-.24
B2gold g	33727	2.84	-.14

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DGSE	3.24	+.60	+22.7
ImmunoCll	2.98	+.23	+8.4
OrionEngy	3.93	+.19	+5.1
Tofutti	2.30	+.10	+4.5
InstFnMkts	2.08	+.09	+4.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IncOpR	4.59	-.66	-12.5
NwGold g	7.30	-.57	-7.2
Augusta g	2.00	-.13	-6.1
TanzRy g	3.73	-.24	-6.0
AlldNevG	4.32	-.27	-5.9

DIARY

Advanced	156
Declined	260
Unchanged	26
Total issues	442
New Highs	4
New Lows	20
Volume	98,416,848

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	453224	38.32	-.09
Microsoft	351944	31.61	-.01
Cisco	328531	24.07	-.25
Intel	312517	22.17	-.35
MicronT	296286	13.63	-.17

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SGOCO	3.79	+.98	+34.9
Incyte	36.04	+9.04	+33.5
TuesMrn	14.10	+2.69	+23.6
DiamondF	22.79	+3.66	+19.1
AstealntI h	2.89	+.46	+18.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Staples	14.27	-2.58	-15.3
KeyTrn	10.19	-1.60	-13.6
Galectin un	15.60	-2.21	-12.4
Orbcomm	4.53	-.50	-9.9
NeoGenom	2.25	-.24	-9.6

DIARY

Advanced	805
Declined	1,689
Unchanged	108
Total issues	2,602
New Highs	56
New Lows	34
Volume	1,386,768,613

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80	25	33.48	-.39	-.7
Abraxas	...	...	**2.56**	**-.05**	**+16.9**
AdamsEx	**.67e**	...	**11.96**	**-.09**	**+12.9**
AMD	...	...	3.61	-.02	+50.4
Alcoa	.12	29	7.84	-.16	-9.7
AlonUSA	.24a	6	11.83	+.62	-34.6
AEagleOut	.50f	13	14.76	-1.62	-28.0
Amgen	**1.88**	**18**	**104.65**	**-.95**	**+21.4**
Anadarko	**.72f**	**26**	**88.54**	**-1.25**	**+19.1**
Annaly	1.80e	3	10.94	-.09	-22.1
Apache	**.80**	**12**	**77.22**	**+.95**	**-1.6**
ApldMatl	**.40**	...	**15.55**	**-.01**	**+35.9**
ATMOS	**1.40**	**16**	**41.46**	**-.20**	**+18.1**
AutoData	1.74	25	71.83	-.51	+26.2
BP PLC	**2.16**	**9**	**40.53**	**-.37**	**-2.7**
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	15.57	-.33	+1.9
BakrHu	.60	20	46.22	-.62	+13.2
BkofAm	.04	26	14.34	+.05	+23.5
BariPVix rs	...	...	15.49	+.28	-51.3
BarrickG	.20m	...	19.07	-.70	-45.5
BasicEnSv	...	...	11.30	-.10	-1.0
BerkHa A	**...**	**17170**	**800.00**	**-2200.00**	**+27.4**
BerryPet	**.32**	**15**	**40.72**	**-.74**	**+21.4**
BlkHillsCp	**1.52**	**17**	**49.68**	**-.74**	**+36.7**
BlackBerry	...	...	10.25	-.29	-13.6
BrMySq	**1.40**	**50**	**41.32**	**-.25**	**+28.2**
BrownFA	**1.02a**	**25**	**69.41**	**-.56**	**+12.9**
BrownFB	**1.02a**	**25**	**68.94**	**-.72**	**+9.0**
CVS Care	.90	17	58.09	-1.19	+20.1
Cameron	...	18	54.95	-.49	-2.7
Caterpillar	2.40f	13	82.94	-.92	-7.4
Celestic g	...	23	10.70	-.11	+31.3
CntryLink	2.16	19	32.32	-.26	-17.4
ChesEng	.35	...	25.25	-.01	+51.9
Chevron	**4.00**	**9**	**117.70**	**-.59**	**+8.8**
Chicos	.22	15	15.72	-.34	-14.8
Cimarex	.56	17	78.84	-.05	+36.6
Cisco	.68	13	24.07	-.25	+22.5
Citigroup	.04	13	49.16	-.76	+24.3
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**48.38**	**-.98**	**+21.0**
CocaCola	**1.12**	**20**	**38.28**	**-.37**	**+5.6**
ColeREI n	.72f	...	11.19	-.14	+2.7
ColgPalm s	**1.36**	**24**	**58.51**	**-.58**	**+11.9**
Comcast	.78	17	41.83	-.86	+12.0
ConAgra	**1.00**	**16**	**34.51**	**-.49**	**+17.0**
ConchoRes	**...**	**49**	**91.92**	**-.92**	**+14.1**
ConocoPhil	**2.76f**	**11**	**66.52**	**-.46**	**+13.0**
CrackerB	3.00f	20	100.72	-.02	+56.7
CSVelIVST	...	...	26.06	-.50	+57.1
CSVSZrVix rs	...	...	...	1.75	+.07
-81.3					
CroeTim	**2.03e**	**14**	**28.79**	**+.14**	**+6.9**
DCP Mid	2.84f	21	48.87	-.08	+17.1
DTE	2.62	18	66.78	-.81	+11.2
Dataram rs	...	...	2.88	-.04	+45.5
Dawson	**...**	**20**	**35.22**	**-.68**	**+33.5**
DeltaAir	.24	8	19.56	+.37	+64.8
DevonE	**.88**	**...**	**58.08**	**-.45**	**+7.8**
DxSCBr rs	...	...	26.96	+.47	-50.0
DxSCBull s	...	...	54.05	-1.02	+69.0
Disney	**.75f**	**18**	**61.14**	**-.74**	**+22.8**
DowChm	**1.28**	**41**	**37.14**	**+.19**	**+14.9**
DryShips	...	...	2.05	+.04	+28.1
eBay	...	25	50.96	-1.03	-.1
EOG Res	**.75**	**41**	**151.84**	**-2.78**	**+25.7**
EmpDist	**1.00**	**15**	**21.61**	**-.24**	**+6.0**
Energen	.58	19	65.23	-.08	+44.7
EngyTsfr	3.58	12	52.02	+.59	+21.2
EnPro	**...**	**31**	**58.01**	**-.84**	**+41.8**
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ExxonMbl	**2.52**	**9**	**96.42**	**-.41**	**-.2**
Facebook	...	...	38.32	-.09	+44.0
FordM	.40	11	16.25	-.06	+25.5
ForestOil	...	16	5.36	-.15	-19.9
FMCG	1.25a	11	30.36	-.62	-11.2
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GenElec	**.76**	**17**	**23.81**	**-.11**	**+12.5**
GtPlainEn	**.87**	**14**	**22.36**	**-.36**	**+10.1**
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Halliburtn	**.50**	**17**	**46.98**	**-.37**	**+36.4**
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KimbCla	**3.24**	**20**	**94.08**	**-.91**	**+11.4**
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KindMM	5.28f	51	79.61	...	+5.5
Kinross g	...	...	5.55	-.36	-42.9
LegacyRes	2.32f	...	26.34	-.22	+10.7
Lowes	.72f	26	45.81	+1.73	+29.0
Lubys	**...**	**34**	**7.85**	**-.04**	**+17.3**
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McDnlds	3.08	17	95.11	-.39	+7.8
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Meritblad	**...**	**45**	**13.09**	**-.08**	**-5.8**
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PulteGrp	.20	21	16.10	-.09	-11.3
RangeRs	.16	...	75.95	-.67	+20.9
RegionsFn	.12	12	9.84	-.02	+38.0
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SpdrDJIA	3.52e	...	148.64	-1.11	+13.8
S&P500ETF	3.33e	...	164.56	-1.02	+15.6
SabnR	3.63e	14	51.30	-.61	+28.9
SanderFm	**.68**	**29**	**71.16**	**-1.96**	**+49.7**
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Saplent	**...**	**30**	**15.09**	**-.11**	**+42.9**
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SPDR Fncl	.31e	...	19.81	-.14	+20.9
SP Util	1.48e	...	37.14	-.43	+6.4
Staples	.48	...	14.27	-2.58	+25.1
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TelefEsp	**...**	**...**	**14.03**	**-.12**	**+4.0**
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3M Co	2.54	18	113.42	-1.36	+22.2
Torchmark	**.68**	**13**	**69.96**	**-.48**	**+35.8**
TriContl	**.71e**	**...**	**18.13**	**-.16**	**+13.0**
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TylerTech	**...**	**66**	**74.41**	**+.23**	**+53.6**
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ValeroE	.90f	9	35.40	+.16	+3.8
VangEmg	1.56e	...	37.61	-.85	-15.5
Vetti	...	...	.34	-.66	-92.4
VulcanM	**.04**	**...**	**48.97**	**-.66**	**-5.9**
Walgrn	**1.26f**	**21**	**48.42**	**-.34**	**+30.8**
WellsFargo	1.20	11	42.36	-.23	+23.9
WstnRefin	.72f	6	30.69	-.22	+8.9
WhitingPet	...	14	48.77	-.50	+12.5
WmsCos	1.47f	38	34.83	+.15	+6.4
XcelEngy	**1.12**	**14**	**27.44**	**-.38**	**+2.7**
Xerox	**.23**	**11**	**9.98**	**-.09**	**+46.3**
Zynga	...	...	2.75	...	+16.5

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15,658.43	12,471.49	Dow Jones Industrials	14,897.55	-105.44	-.70	+13.69	+13.09
6,686.86	4,838.10	Dow Jones Transportation	6,347.44	-38.45	-.60	+19.61	+22.81
537.86	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	475.94	-5.20	-1.08	+5.04	+.17
9,695.46	7,841.76	NYSE Composite	9,339.38	-82.18	-.87	+10.61	+15.67
2,509.57	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,299.38	-43.21	-1.84	-2.39	-4.66
3,694.19	2,810.80	Nasdaq Composite	3,599.79	-13.80	-.38	+19.22	+17.12
1,709.67	1,343.35	S&P 500	1,642.80	-9.55	-.58	+15.19	+16.22
18,157.57	14,036.94	Wilshire 5000	17,460.19	-97.02	-.55	+16.44	+18.48
1,063.52	763.55	Russell 2000	1,021.58	-6.99	-.68	+20.28	+25.72

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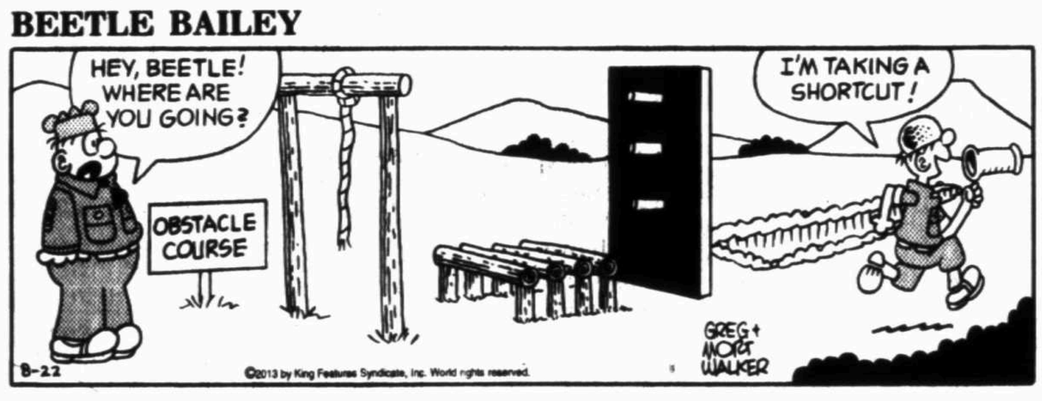
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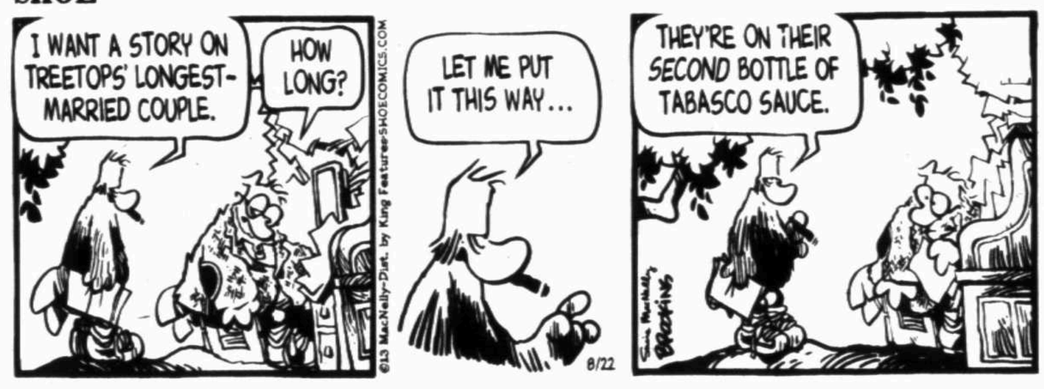
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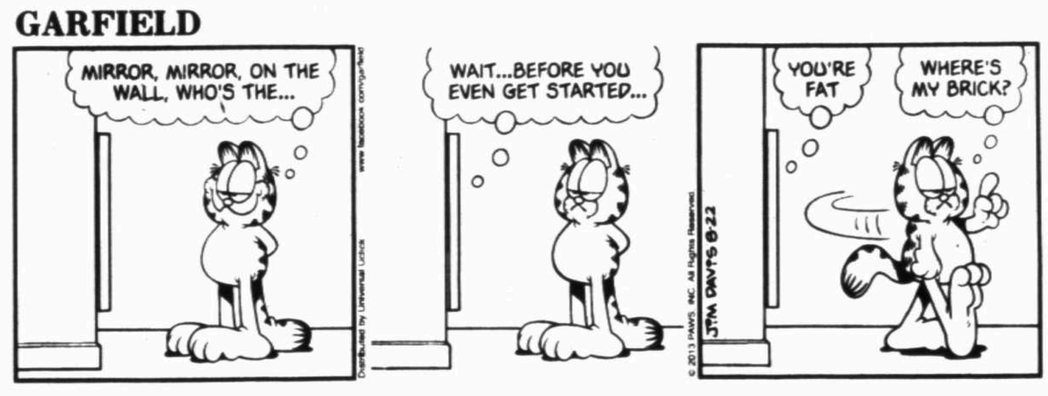
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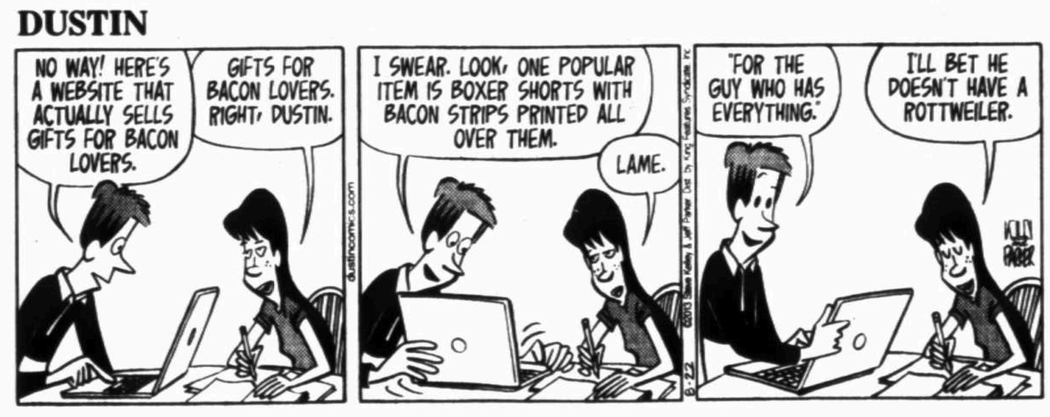
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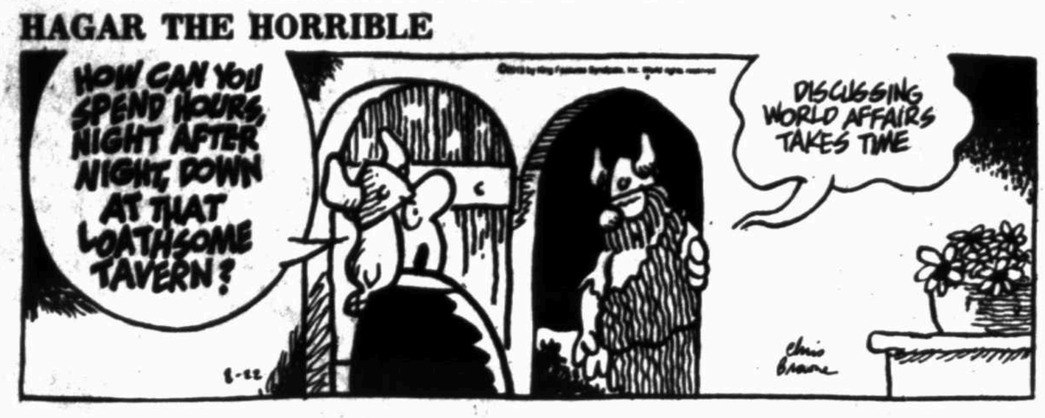
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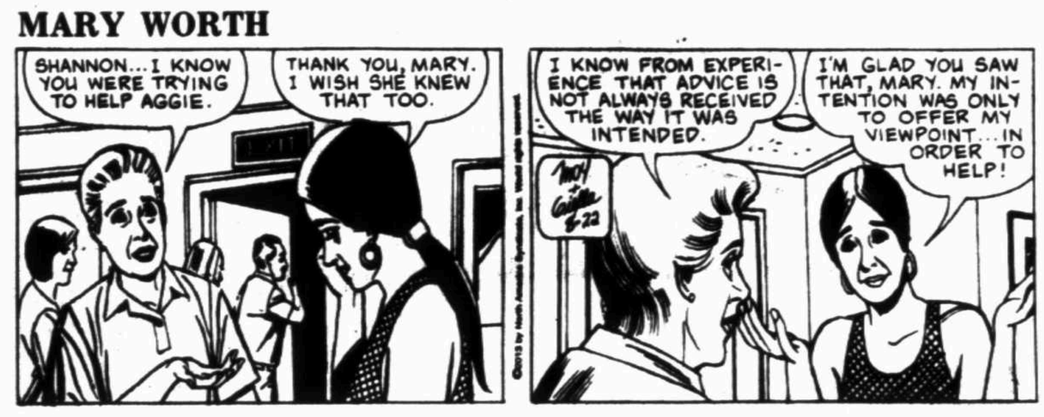
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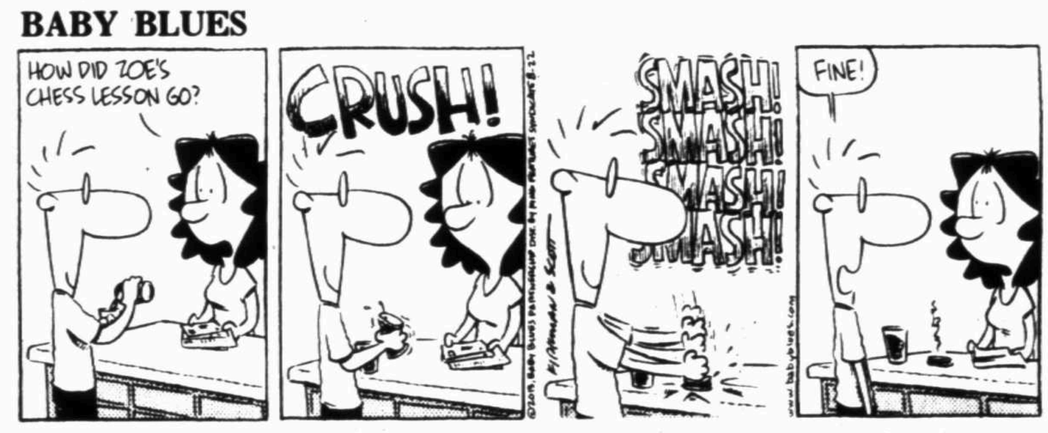
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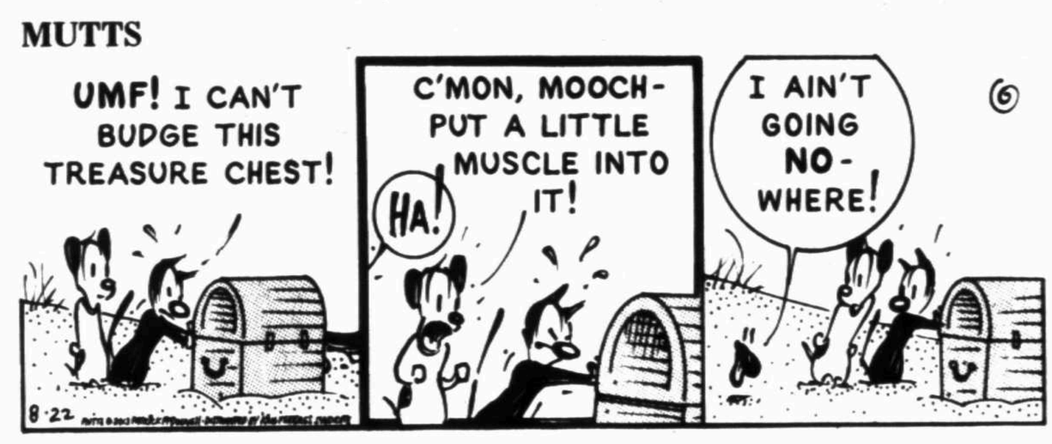
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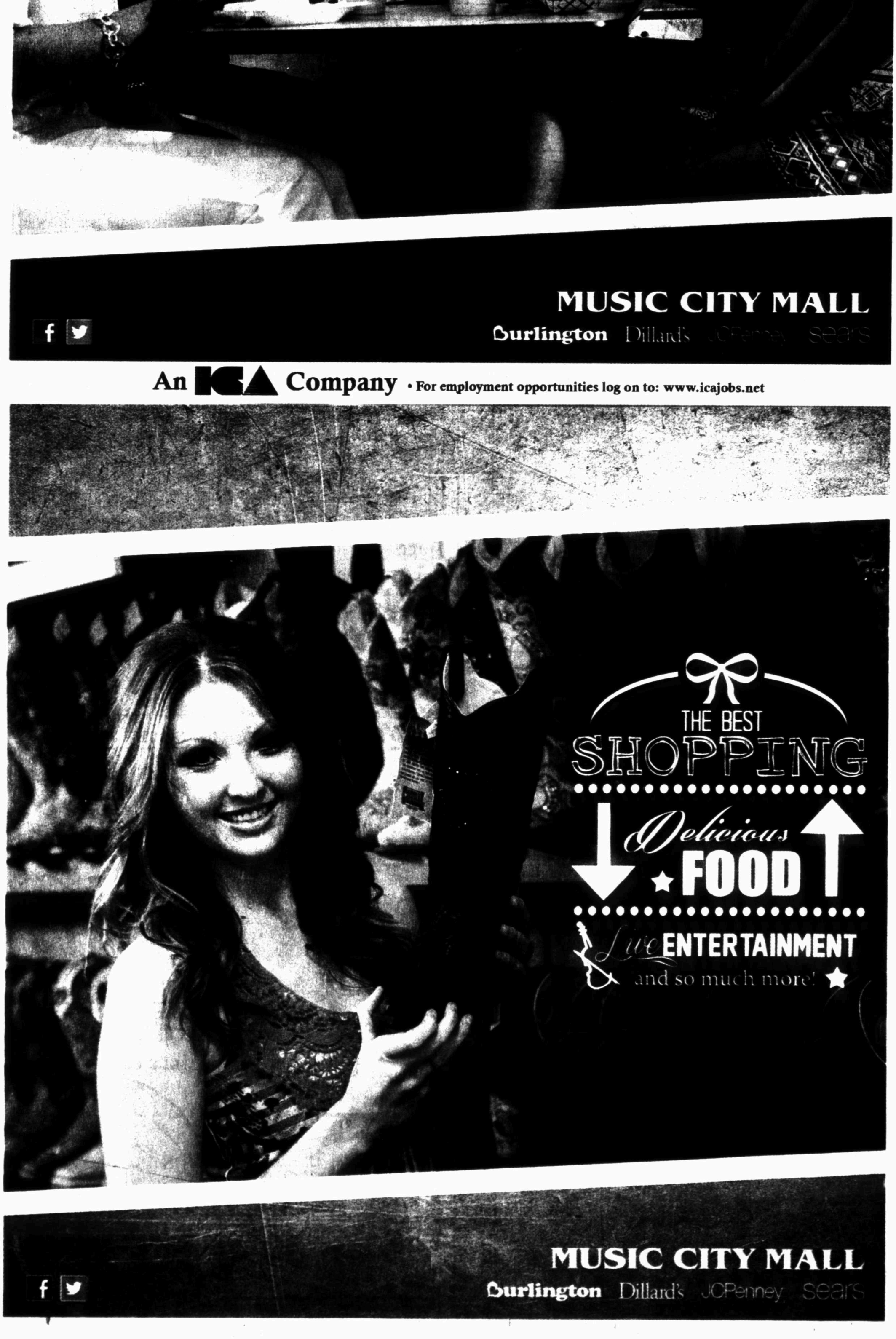


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The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 HAS BEEN CANCELLED in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by D. R. Horton and Curt Alvin for approval of a Residential Replat on: Lots 1 - 58, Block 1, Lots 1 - 13, Block 2, Lots 2 - 10, Block 3, Lots 1 - 7, Block 4, and Lots 1 -27, Block 5, Adobe Meadows; of Tract "A" and Lots 10 - 16, Block 8, Adobe Meadows, Section 3; Lots 1 - 14, Block 9, and Lots 33 - 56, Block 5, Adobe Meadows, Section 4; Lots 11-21 Block 3, Lots 8 - 16, Block 4, Lots 28 - 32, Block 5, Lots 1 - 12 and Lots 14 - 25, Block 6, Lots 1 - 32, Block 7, and Lots 1 - 9, Block 8, Adobe Meadows, Section 5, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the east side of State Hwy 349, north of east extension of Mockingbird Lane.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7247. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 38 Case No. 08-0283932
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Aug 14, 2013 Status/Permit No. 766918
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep 18, 2013
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BLUESTEM ENERGY HOLDINGS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 076862] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 32, Blk. 36 T2S, T&P RR CO / BREWER, R E Survey, A-1118, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 18 miles E direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848**.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Sep 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	KEETER	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	4	
Lease/Unit Acres :	160.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	467.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1039.0	
Lease Lines :	467.0 F NORTH L,	1010.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	2201.0 F SOUTH L,	1010.0 F EAST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 3 additional fields: (1) LOWE WEST (STRAWN), (2) LOWE (ATOKA), (3) GARDEN CITY, NW (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

LOWE, WEST (STRAWN) : OIL Special Rules 467/660, 40.0 acres.
OIL Optional Rules 467/660, 20.0 acres.

LOWE (ATOKA) : Special Rules 467/0, 320.0 acres.
Optional Rules 467/0, 40.0 acres.

GARDEN CITY, NW (STRAWN) : OIL Special Rules 467/660, 160.0 acres.
OIL Optional Rules 467/660, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 12500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Henry Green, at (817) 872-9800, x823.

Special Occasion! Call Classified 432-682-6222

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
MIDLAND COUNTY

A meeting of the Commissioners Court will be held on Monday, September 9, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., in the Auxiliary Courtroom, located at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 North Loraine Street, Midland, Texas at which time the following public hearing will be conducted:
1. Conduct Public Hearing on the Midland County Proposed Budget for FY 2013 - 2014.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Tuesday, 09/10/2013 at 10:00 A.M. at 3420 Thomason Drive, Midland, Texas, 79703. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, immediate removal required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of following delinquent tenants: Robert H. Viccars, household goods; Lori Martinez, household goods; Mariano Ojeda Jr., household goods; Ryan Slabaugh, household goods; Mary Galindo, household goods; Judy Britt, household goods; Judy Britt, household goods; Leonardo Gonzales, household goods; Andrew Bryant, household goods; Bonnie Morris, household goods; Cissy Morris, household goods. Property from the above listed delinquent tenants will be sold as individual units. For further information contact Affordable Self Storage, 432-694-4444.

Legal & Public Notices

Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. John W. Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District will be received at the offices of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 (P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas, 79721) until Thursday October 17, 2013 at 3:00 PM for the acquisition of real property including groundwater and/or surface water and/or other specified offers to increase the municipal and industrial water supply available to the District.

Proposal packets are available and may be examined at the District's office at 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or by calling the General Manager at 432-267-6341.

A pre proposal meeting will be held on Thursday August 22, 2013, 1:30 PM at the District's office 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 to review the Request for Proposals. Attendance at this meeting is not required to submit a proposal and addendums to the RFP may be issued at a later date in response to questions asked at the meeting.

General Announcements

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Lost & Found

FOUND DOG, Female, black/brown puppy, Ward & Sentinel. Call 432-520-8599

FOUND LADIES Diamond Ring, at Kent Kwik Call to identify. 432-230-9280

FOUND ON Sinclair, 8/11, young tan/white Pit Bull mix, no tags, 432-689-6316

FOUND YOUNG cat Big Spring/Front, orange patch, brown tabby. 432-638-3438.

LOST black Lab pup, taken from Thunderbird Bay on Aug 11. 325-784-6815.

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Legal & Public Notices

The annual report of the William M. Fuller Foundation will be available for inspection by any interested citizen for a period of 180 days from the date of this notice. Inspection may be made during the hours of 9am and 4pm, Monday through Friday. The Foundation office is located at 1010 West Wall Street, Midland, Texas 79701. The phone number is (432)683-5661. The manager is R.L. Fort.



Business Center

Business Opportunity

RETIRING - 28 year old established flower shop. Great instant income. Great opportunity. Serious inquiries $145K apes6263@yahoo.com

VORTEX Mobile Spray in bedliner business. Equipment used (1) time and is perfect. I have everything needed to spray including enough material to do 10 trucks. Parent Company is 55 years old. Our product is as good as any in the industry. I'm involved in another business and don't have the time. Selling it for $12,000. By it new for $25,000. You see it, you'll own it. 432-638-2363

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Re: Advertising
It is against City ordinance to attach any notices or advertising matter to any utility pole. Please contact City of Midland Code Enforcement Office, 685-7240, for additional information.



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Passenger Cars



2004 DODGE INTERPID, new auto engine, everything works. Good condition. $2,700. 432-599-3754 or 432-250-2271

BMW 2002 330CI Convertible, 56K MILES Auto. Silver. Grey Leather. New Michelin Tires. EXCELLENT CONDITION $11,500 432-352-7154

CADILLAC 2006 DTS V8, leather. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

CHEVROLET 2005 Cavalier, white, 4 dr., 111K. Perfect! $3,500 432-218-9941

CHEVY 2006 Corvette Coupe, 6.0L V8 automatic/standard, removable hardtop. Only 24K miles. Beautiful red exterior with black leather. Excellent condition. $30,000 OBO Serious inquiries call. 432-638-8654

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FORD 2011 Fiesta Hatchback SE 20k miles, factory warranty. $12,500. Call 432-661-5777.

Passenger Cars

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BMW of the Permian Basin
5715 Andrews Hwy • Midland
432-327-3900

2009 BMW 528i
Alpine/ Cream Beige Prem., Xenon, Assist & Bluetooth, 98k miles

2011 BMNW X5 50i
Jet Black/ Blk Sport Activity, Cold, Tech, Spare saver, Head up Active seats 13k miles, CPO

2013 BMW 335i Convertible
Jet Blk/Blk Conv, Prem, Nav, SaT Though Loading System heated seats 4k miles, DEMO

2013 BMW 535i
Dark Graphite / Blk M sport, Tech, Prem, heated, head up display 6k miles, Service loaner

2013 BMW 528xi
Space Gray/Oyster Prem, Heated seats, rear view camera, Nav. 4k miles, Demo

2007 GMC Yukon
Gray/Blk Sat, Rear Seat Ent, 3rd row, 125k Super Clean

2012 BMW 535i
Space Gray/Oyster Prem sound, Sport, Prem. 11k miles, CPO

2012 Mercedes CL550
Blk/Blk Harman Kardon, Nav., 20k miles

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Legal & Public Notices

"Solving Midland-Odessa's Transportation Challenges"
NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW
MIDLAND-ODESSA TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION (MOTOR)

MOTOR, a federal, state and locally recognized organization that addresses the region's transportation planning priorities, conducted its regularly scheduled Policy Board Public Meeting on Monday, July 15, 2013, at the following time and location:

TIME: 5:00 P.M.
LOCATED: Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
9601 Wright Drive
Midland, Texas 79706

MOTOR conducted Public Hearings on this date beginning after 5:00 p.m., to receive comments from the public concerning proposed amendments to the 2010-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The MTP is a long-range planning document that coordinates the planning and construction of federal and state funded transportation projects in the Cities of Odessa and Midland, as well as urbanized portions of Ector and Midland Counties. The TIP is a short range planning document that lists projects within a four year time period.

Each attendee had the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions by participating in the public comment portion of the meeting or by written comments. Such comments and suggested solutions will assist MOTOR staff with the planning and environmental decisions. The Draft MTP and TIP Amendments will be available for additional public review beginning Friday, August 23, 2013 through Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at the following locations:

City of Midland-City Secretary's Office
300 North Loraine Street
Midland, Texas 79701

Midland County Public Library
2503 W. Loop 250 N.
Midland, Texas 79705

Midland-Odessa Transportation
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
9601 Wright Drive
Midland, Texas 79706

City of Odessa-City Secretary's Office
411 W. 8th Street
Odessa, Texas 79761

Ector County Public Library
321 W. 5th Street
Odessa, Texas 79761

TxDOT-Odessa District Office
3901 E. Highway 80
Odessa, Texas 79761

MOTOR MPO Website: www.motormpo.com

All interested persons were invited to attend this public meeting. Verbal and written comments from the public may be submitted either in person at the MOTOR MPO Office, 9601 Wright Drive, Midland, Texas 79706, by website www.motormpo.com or by mail:

Midland-Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR)
P.O. Box 60916
Midland, Texas 79711

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

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

CORPORATE A/P ASSISTANT
Natural Gas Services Group FT
NGSG is immediatly seeking a full-time **CORPORATE A/P ASSISTANT.** Responsible for coding & entry of invoices, organizing check runs, distributing checks, filing checks in A/P files, reconciling statements & back-up receptionist. Familiarity with SYSPRO a plus. Must have 2 years + experience. Excellent Salary and Benefit package for the right person. For more information or to submit your resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call (432) 262-2700.

FULL CHARGE BOOKKEEPER

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

Equal Opportunity employer, Non-smoking environment.

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

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REVENUE CLERK

A publicly-traded oil and gas company in Midland, Texas, is seeking a revenue clerk with experience in the following areas: revenue booking, and filing. Excel proficiency a must, Horizon experience helpful. This position demands an energetic individual who is conscientious, accurate and reliable. We are an equal opportunity employer and offer competitive salary with an excellent benefits package. Non-smoking environment.

Please email resumes to hr@claytonwilliams.com or send to:
Attn: Personnel
Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.
6 Desta Drive, Suite 6500
Midland, Texas 79705
No agencies or phone calls please.

AUTOMOTIVE

Diesel Technician/ Mechanic

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

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

Parts Counter Help
Cashier
Sales Associate

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

Benefits include:
Health Insurance
Paid Vacation

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

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

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

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Assistant
TCO Field Services FT
Midland, TX 79701
Must be organized, dependable, familiar with Excel and work well with little supervision. Bilingual a must. Hours are M-F 6am-5pm and every other weekend 7am-noon. Call for appointment 432-682-5355.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

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

ENERGY & UTILITIES

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

Hunt

West Texas Production Operator

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

- Operate well artificial lift equipment
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- Minimum OF 5 years production experience
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- Clean driving record required

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HEALTHCARE

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

Dental Assistant
Michael C. Courter, DDS, PA FT
Opening for a CDA with at least two years of experience. We practice general denistry, as well as orthodontics. We work Mon-Thurs. Paid vacation, retirement plan, great patients and a friendly enviroment to work in. If you are responsible, self motivated, with a desire to learn and grow, then call (432) 682-0786 or send resume to: 4305 N Garfield, Ste 221, Midland, 79705.

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

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

OTHER JOBS

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NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

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

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

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

Medical Assistant/LVN
Dr. Bhuvana Balasekaran FT
Needed immediately MA/LVN for primary care office. Bring resume by: 1301 West Wall St., Suite C, Midland, TX. 79701.

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

Medical Assistant
West Texas Orthopedics FT
Medical Assistant needed for a busy medical office. Clinic Experience preferred. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 - 5. Health, dental, and vision insurance offered, as well as 401k. Please send resume' to: PO Box 5556, Midland, Texas 79704.

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

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

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lead Maintenance
Summerhill Apartments FT
Must be HVAC certified. Salary depending on experience. Apply in person to: 3001 North Midland Dr. or call 432-697-6039.

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

Resident Monitor & Cook
Dismas Charities FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
Dismas Charities is hiring Full, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor & Cook. Apply online at: www.dismas.com
Walk-in applicants are welcome at: 24 W. Industrial Loop.

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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Restaurant Positions
Osaka Japanese Steakhouse FT
Would you like to make $15-$20 an hour? Now hiring Hibachi Chef. Will train. Also need all positions: Waitress, Hostess, Cashier, Bartenders, Bus Help, Dishwasher & Kitchen Help. Apply in person: 1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 79706.

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

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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

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

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

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

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

Dining Services Staff
Midland's Premier Country Club FT
Is looking for **Line/Prep Cooks**. Bring us your culinary skills! *We hire attitude and personality over experience.* Additionally, we offer competitive wages as well as other benefits such as paid medical insurance, paid life insurance, 401k, and vacation. Please apply in person: Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705 or via email HR@midlandcc.com

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NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person
Pay 10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
10 AM — 3 PM
MIDLAND CENTER (DOWNTOWN)

To Reserve Booth Space, call Your Midland Reporter-Telegram Advertising Representative or Adrianne Ramirez @ 432-687-8811 • email: aramirez@mrt.com

SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant



The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
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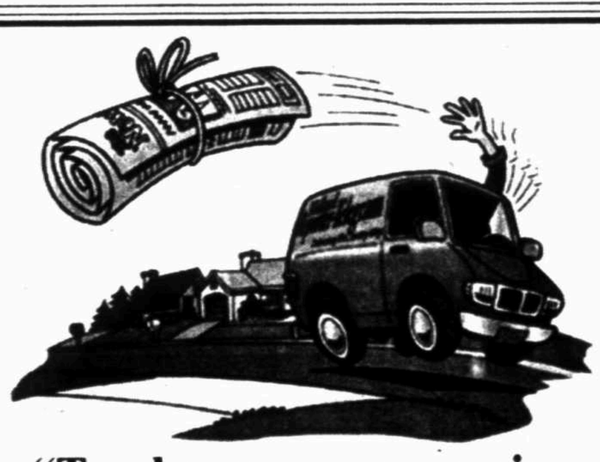
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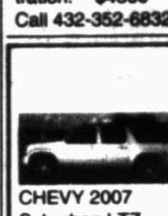
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79701

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79705

1710 NORTHRUP DR - MOVING SALE - Friday 8-2 and Saturday 8-12. Furniture, treadmill, yard tools, new ladder, nice clothes, audio books, little Christmas houses and tons of miscellaneous. Everything must go!

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79707

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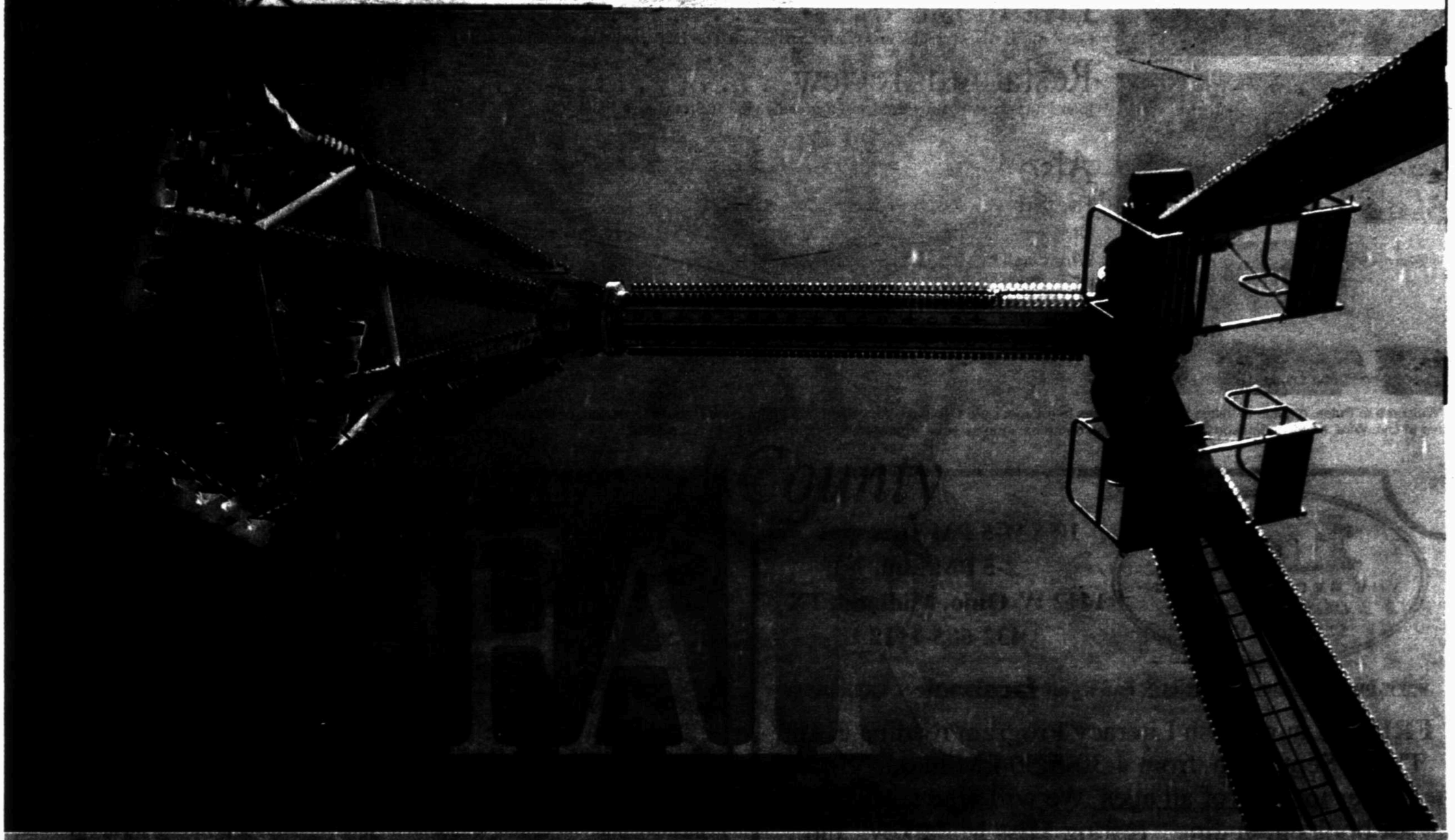
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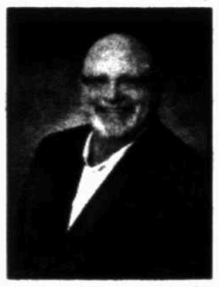
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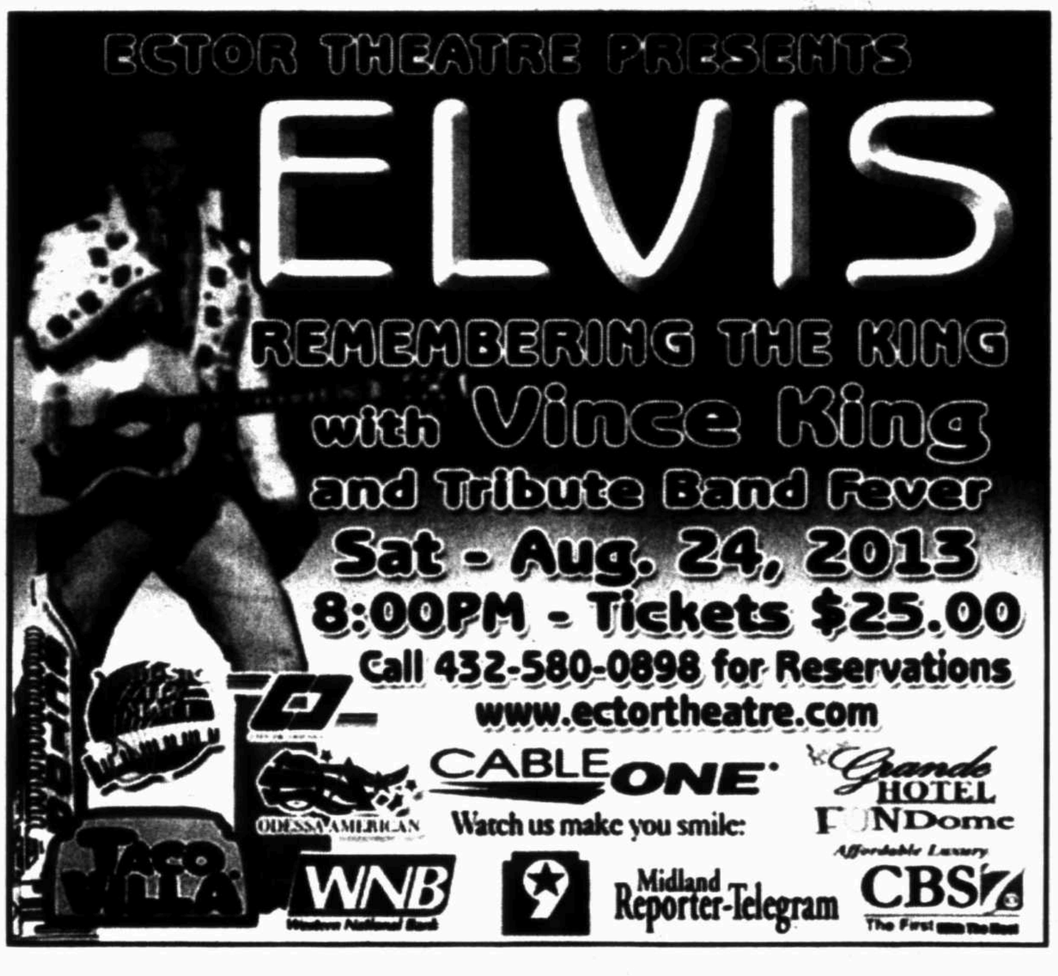
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MIDLAND COUNTY FAIR
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Where: Horseshoe
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When: 7 p.m.
Where: Citibank Ballpark
Info: Midland RockHounds Professional Baseball Club's annual Summer Concert Series. Tickets at midlandrockhounds.org.

LORETTA LYNN
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: Sold out

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When: 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday; 1 p.m. Tuesday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday.
Where: Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave.
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When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: Senior Citizen's Center, 1225 N. Adams St., Odessa
Admission: $5 members, $6 non-members
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Friday

KIDZ BOP
When: 5:30 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
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Children enjoy mechanical bull rides and carnival rides at the 2011 Midland County Fair.

MIDLAND COUNTY FAIR

Fair adds new attractions to traditional lineup

By Nick Wendel
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The fourth annual Midland County Fair will be setting up in the Horseshoe Aug. 22-25, and the anticipated 20,000 Midlanders who file in will have quite the buffet of entertainment options to devour. From bull riding to a petting zoo to a carnival, the fair directors based the vision for the fair on providing a memorable and nostalgic experience for fairgoers of all ages.

"A lot of people have fond memories of being taken to a county fair as a child," said Tammy Dooley, one of the fair directors. "Our goal is to recreate that. It is a wholesome family atmosphere, and while we are trying to keep the fair traditional, we are very aware of the new things people want to see."

Those new attractions include a robotics exhibit and cowboy mounted shooting, which involves competitors racing through an obstacle course while firing black-powdered blanks at balloon targets.

"Cowboy mounted shooting is the most exciting new sport today. For us to have a chance to see it in Midland is a really big deal," Dooley said.

But tradition lovers, fear not. The usual fair staples will also be making appearances this year, including a carnival and the ever-popular bull riding events, which have been standing room only in recent years.

Tickets to the fair cost $5 per person each day of the fair, and kids ages 12 and younger can attend free of charge. Admission includes access to all fair attractions except some carnival rides.

"We also spend a lot of time trying to hand select local Midland and Odessa entertainers because we don't have the budget to pay for huge entertainers yet, but this year we do have some really great young, talented singers," Dooley added.

The fair will also feature a creative arts component including photography and cooking. Winners of each category will be awarded a blue ribbon. Anyone interested can find registration information on Midland County Fair's website.

"One of the most exciting things for me is to see someone drop off a pie on a Wednesday and then come back when the fair is open and see that they won a blue ribbon," Dooley said. "But regardless of what people choose to do with the fair, we hope it's something they fondly remember and choose to attend for years to come."

MIDLAND COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE:

Thursday: 5-11 p.m.
Friday: 5 p.m. to midnight - bull riding from 7-9 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to midnight - car show @ 10 a.m.; bull riding 7-9 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. - rodeo 4-7 p.m.

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RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

"THE CONJURING" — Husband-and-wife paranormal investigators are thrown for a loop by the most terrifying case they've ever dealt with in this unexpectedly fresh, alive, and vibrant haunted house thriller. 1 hr. 52 R (profanity, violence, demonic horror, filicide) 3 stars

"DESPICABLE ME 2" — 2 1/2 stars. The Anti-Villain League recruits Gru when a powerful new criminal emerges in this animated family sequel. 1 hr. 38 PG (mild scares, rude humor, use of flatulence guns) 2 1/2 stars.

"ELYSIUM" — Matt Damon is a 22nd century factory worker on a "diseased, polluted and vastly over-populated" Earth, trying to crash the gated community in the sky where the rich live in smug splendor. A rabble-rousing sci-fi allegory from the director of "District 9." 1 hr. 49 R (intense action, violence, profanity, adult themes) 3 stars.

"PLANES" — Dusty the cropduster pursues his crazy dream of racing elite aircraft around the globe. Dane Cook, Stacy Keach and Brad Garrett lend their voices to a dismal kids' film that exists mostly as an excuse for a toy line. 1 hr. 32 PG. 1 star.

"TURBO" — A snail in the Indy 500? That's the premise of this formulaic animated feature that definitely isn't hitting on all cylinders. With the voices of Ryan Reynolds, Paul Giamatti, Michael Pena, Maya Rudolph and Snoop Dogg. 1 hr. 36 PG (mild action and thematic elements) 2 stars.

"2 GUNS" — Mark Wahlberg and Denzel Washington team up in this slambang adaptation of the comic book about dueling undercover agents, dealing with a crazed Mexican drug lord and their own crooked bosses. The two stars riff, wrestle and crack wise like they genuinely enjoy each other's company, but their chemistry experiment is tainted by pointlessly nasty violence. 1 hr. 49 R (violence, sex, nudity, profanity, adult themes) 2 1/2 stars.

"WE'RE THE MILLERS" — A pot dealer and a stripper — Jason Sudeikis and Jennifer Aniston — pose as an all-American, RV-driving couple, recruiting two misfit teens to play their kids so they can smuggle a huge shipment of marijuana across the Mexican border. Innocuously smutty, intermittently funny road comedy. R (profanity, nudity, drugs, violence, adult themes). 2 1/2 stars.

"THE WOLVERINE" — Hugh Jackman stars in this dark and stormy — and ragingly fun — X-Men thriller, in which Logan, the brooding mutant with the retractable adamantian claws, finds himself is the thick of whooshing ninjas, tattooed yakuza and all the anime cool of 21st century Japan. 2 hrs. 06 PG-13 (violence, profanity, adult themes) 3 stars.

"GROWN UPS 2" — A family man who has relocated his brood back to the small town where he grew up endures the last day of school along with his childhood friends. With Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock and David Spade. Written by Sandler, Fred Wolf and Tim Herlihy. Directed by Dennis Dugan. (1:41) PG-13.

"JOBS" — A biopic about the life of Apple co-founder and CEO Steve Jobs from 1971 through 2000. With Ashton Kutcher, Dermot Mulroney, J.K. Simmons and Matthew Modine. Written by Matthew Whitely. Directed by Joshua Michael Stern. (2:07) PG-13.

"KICK-ASS 2" — Having inspired a new wave of amateur superheroes, the masked vigilantes Kick-Ass and Hit Girl team with a new ally to take on a new villain with an old vendetta. With Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Chloe Grace Moretz and Christopher Mintz-Plasse. Written and directed by Jeff Wadlow. (1:43) R.

"LEE DANIELS' THE BUTLER" — A dramatic account of the life of the White House butler Cecil Gaines, who served during seven presidential administrations between 1957 and 1986. With Forest Whitaker, Oprah Winfrey, Mariah Carey and John Cusack. Written by Danny Strong and Lee Daniels. Directed by Daniels. (2:06) PG-13.

"PARANOIA" — After a costly mistake, an entry-level employee at a powerful corporation is forced to spy on his boss' former mentor, a company rival. With Liam Hemsworth, Gary Oldman and Harrison Ford. Written by Jason Dean Hall and Barry Levy. Directed by Robert Luketic. (1:46) PG-13.

"PERCY JACKSON: SEA OF MONSTERS" — A young demigod and his friends embark on a treacherous odyssey to recover the magical Golden Fleece from the Bermuda Triangle. With Logan Lerman, Alexandra Daddario and Brandon T. Jackson. Written by Marc Guggenheim. Directed by Thor Freudenthal. In 3-D. (1:45) PG.

"THE SMURFS 2" — The diminutive magical blue beings known as Smurfs reunite with their human pals to rescue one of their kind from the clutches of the evil wizard Gargamel. With Neil Patrick Harris and Hank Azaria and the voices of Katy Perry and Jonathan Winters. Written by J. David Stem, David N. Weiss, Jay Scherick and David Ronn. Directed by Raja Gosnell. (1:42) PG.



"Jobs"



DVDIVA'S *pick of the week*

World War II drama about Hirohito tops this week's list

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Tommy Lee Jones stars in "Emperor"

Pick of the week:

"Emperor" (PG-13) Riveting film is based on the true story of Gen. Bonner Fellers, the World War II officer charged by Gen. Douglas MacArthur with determining whether Japan's Emperor Hirohito should be charged with war crimes. The thing was that Fellers may have had sympathies toward the Japanese because the love of his life was a Japanese woman who had been living and studying in the United States before the war and returned to her homeland after Pearl Harbor was attacked. Matthew Fox ups his game as Fellers, giving one of the most emotional performances of his career. Kudos, too, to Tommy Lee Jones, who doesn't portray MacArthur as a caricature save for the unusual way in which MacArthur placed his hands on his hips. If you keep watching through the credits, you'll see why. A-

"Bad Parents" (unrated) A self-described soccer mom becomes obsessed with her daughter's athletic endeavors to the point that her family's life must revolve around the politics of the game. Sometimes funny but mostly snarky to the point of cruel black comedy might reflect some truths about the kind of parent who lives their life through their children. But it's too dark to be appreciated. C

"The Big Wedding" (R) Robert De Niro and Diane Keaton play a divorced couple who must pretend to still be married when their adopted son invites his birth mother — a devoted Catholic who doesn't believe in divorce — to come to the event. From a convoluted idea comes a convoluted story. In trying so hard to play it safe because of the talent involved and the budget the film had — $35 million comedies are few and far between — the project fails. C+

"The Company You Keep" (R) Robert Redford directed and stars in this adapted story of a former Weather Underground domestic terrorist who has been living a normal life under an alias and is on the lam again after one of his compatriots is captured by the FBI. Taut thriller is a class product from start to finish, but is a bit derivative of another film, "Running on Empty," which dealt with a similar theme from the perspective of a child whose parents are on the run. It also throws in a few of the elements from "Three Days of the Condor," which also starred Redford and is one of the best spy movies ever made. Altogether, one of the best films on DVD yet this year. It just fell in a week when one other film was slightly better. A-

"The Extraordinary Adventures of Adele Blanc-Sec" (PG) Interesting fare about an early 20th century writer who is so hands on in her research that she travels the world, exploring Egyptian tombs and dealing with a madcap scientist who has hatched a pterodactyl that is terrifying Paris. Based on a series of French comic books from the 1970s, this film — which you can find tucked away in the children's section — is not quite as wonderful as the synopsis implies but still loaded with cute, especially when it comes to cranky ancient flying dinosaurs. Includes subtitled and dubbed versions. B-

"Love and Honor" (PG-13) A soldier stationed in Vietnam uses his R&R week to fly home — accompanied by a friend from his platoon — after he gets a "Dear John" letter from his girlfriend. The story does a great job of conveying the attitude stateside toward the war and the unfortunate way American troops were treated. It does not do such a great job of making it look like the 1960s. The cars are old enough but the costumes and hairstyles totally miss the mark. And actor Liam Hemsworth's performance kind of bugged me. The guy has a Ryan Reynolds kind of swagger, but Reynolds counters his with a self-deprecating humor that makes his pretty adorable. Hemsworth hasn't tapped into that ability yet and he comes off as aloof in this film. B-

"A Night For Dying Tigers" (unrated) A dysfunctional group of siblings and their significant others assemble at the home of their dead parents and learn the abode has been sold. Dialogue-driven character study lacks two small things: Compelling dialogue and interesting characters. The dialogue can be smart but is positively littered with intellectual offerings that convey very little other that an arrogant air that proves the writer knows how to open a thesaurus. The film tries to convey an "Anniversary Party" or "Big Chill" aura but does so painfully as the main gatherings break up into subgroups of two or three characters whining about how miserable they are. And, of course, there's the obligatory pot-smoking scene in which a couple of the characters whine about how miserable they are while looking for munchies. D

"Olympus has Fallen" (R) In the year's OTHER film about an attack on the White House, Gerard Butler plays a Secret Service agent who was on duty when the first lady was killed — don't get too attached to Ashley Judd's appearance — but needs his skills and acumen when terrorists invade the presidential mansion. Typical action fare might not even impress the 15-year-old boy audience it's meant to impress. Oh, it throws in a few aging stars to pacify those of us who might like a little more in our summer movies besides explosions, gunfights and fistfights. Even those are lacking here, though. Not lacking in the sense that there are none but lacking in the sense that they are as stale as week-old unwrapped bread. Everything about the film is formulaic and calculated. F

"The Story of Luke" (not rated) A young man with special needs — he has a form of autism — who was raised by his grandparents strives for independence when his grandmother dies and his grandfather moves into a nursing home. Lou Taylor Pucci, who recently stole the show as the stoner Eric in "Evil Dead," shines again in his sensitive but hilarious portrayal of Luke. He does go a bit overboard with his Crispin Glover imitation but his casting was perfect. Cary Elwes and Seth Green also stand out in this nicely written comedy. Film was a darling of the indie and festival circuit. It's not hard to see why. B+

"3 Geezers!" (R) The usually gifted character actor J.K. Simmons plays an actor documenting his research for a role in which he'll play an elderly man by hanging out at a senior center. Although I try to limit my F grades to only one a week, there is simply no excuse for this kind of insult to be foisted on an unknowing audience. And even though friends and family of someone involved in the film tried to up its ranking at IMDb — 36 very demented individuals out of the 298 who rated the film ranked it a 10 out of 10 — common sense prevailed and the overall score is a mere 3.2. Heed the warnings, please! I could watch Simmons read the phone book and I couldn't stand this monstrosity. As for the DVD cover prominently featuring Tim Allen, Kevin Pollack and Breckin Meyer? Well, they're the best part of the film but each is only a cameo, with no more than five minutes of screen time combined. F

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Hungry horse.

Hay.
Hen in a hat.
Hooray !
Hooray !

Dr. Seuss's ABC Back to School Storytime on Saturday

BACK TO SCHOOL RIOT
When: 6:30-9 p.m. today
Where: Mount Rose Full Gospel Baptist Church, 211 N. Tyler St.
Info: food, facepainting, games, free school supplies. Call 210-2909 or www.mtrosefgbc.org.

MOVIE IN THE PARK
When: 9 p.m. today
Where: Hogan Park, 3600 N. Fairgrounds Road
Info: "Rise of the Guardians," presented by city of Midland's Parks and Recreation Department. Free. Bring chairs, blankets, sleeping bags. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

DOME SHOWS
When: 1 p.m., 4:15 p.m. today, Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. Friday
Where: Marian Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Info: Go to www.museumsw.org or call 683-2882 for information on programs and pricing.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
When: 6-8 p.m. Thursdays
Where: Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane
Info: Indoor and outdoor activities for children ages 7-10. Call 685-7355.

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KIDZ BOP
When: Friday
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Family friendly concert of Top 40 hits. Tickets range from $17.50-$27.50 and are available at www.etix.com.

FAMILY FRIDAYS
When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday
Where: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Info: Planned activities every Friday during the summer. This week's program is Back to School Fun and marks the final Family Friday for the summer.

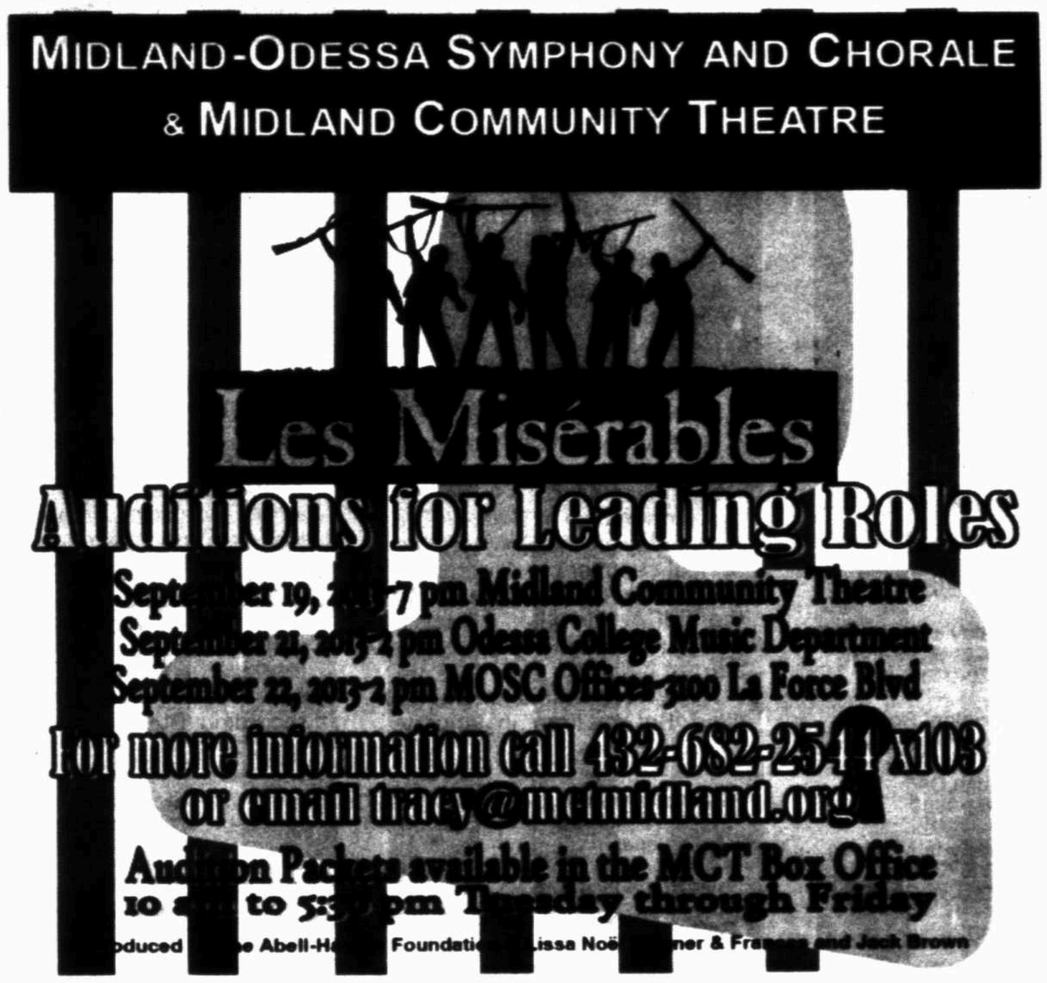
FUN FRIDAYS
When: 1-3 p.m. Friday
Where: Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane
Info: Activities for children age 8 and older. Call 685-7355. Summer programs at the center end this week.

DR. SEUSS'S ABC BACK TO SCHOOL STORYTIME
When: 10 a.m. Saturday
Where: Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N.
Info: For parents and kids age 3-7.

FREDDA TURNER DURHAM CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EXHIBITS
When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.
Where: Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Info: Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Temporary Exhibit: Musical Instruments through Sunday. For more information, call 683-2882.

STORYTIME
When: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday for preschoolers.
Where: Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N.
Info: 682-8880

To include an event on this list, email mbuck@mrt.com.



live and in concert

Music

Club Krystal
103 S. "A" St.

Cabana Sports Bar
3113 W. Industrial Ave.
688-3993

Cigar Frogs
216 N. Main St.
687-1671
cigarfrogs.com

Escape Lounge
Quality Inn & Suites, Odessa
3001 East Business Loop 20
432-333-3931

Farwest Event Center
5850 W. University Blvd. # 200, Odessa
432-381-9378

Graham Central Station
4240 Preston Road, Odessa
432-552-0552
grahamcentralstationodessa.com

Hot Shots
615 W. Wall St.
687-3582

Redneck's
2215 N. Midland Drive # 2A

La Hacienda
12610 St. Highway191
563-3737
lahaciendaeventcenter.com

La Playa de Colores
2101 E. Eighth St., Odessa

Lone Star Bar
621 W. Wadley Ave.
218-6936

Riley's Bar & Grill
3421 W. Wall St.
520-0006.

Rockin' Rodeo
4400 N. Big Spring St.
Suite D46
682-0400

Sedona Mexican Grill & Cantina
2101 W. Wadley Ave.
570-9600



Gary Allan to play Citibank Ballpark

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Gary Allan was born in California, but he loves to take the stage in Texas.

"When I first started playing music, there were pockets of people that liked me and pockets of people that didn't. But Texas always seemed to be one that liked me, so I'm real fond of playing shows there," Allan said.

Allan will play at Citibank Ballpark today for the RockHounds' annual summer concert series. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the YMCA. The gates will open at 6:30 p.m., and the opening acts will start at 7 p.m.

Allan released his newest album titled "Set You Free" in January. Easily the record's most successful song, "Every Storm (Runs Out of Rain)" has put Allan back in the top 10 of country music charts for the first time since "Watching Airplanes" topped out at No. 2 in 2008.

"'Every Storm' is my favorite song to play live right now. It's a really special one for me because that song was the first time I had produced a song without outside help," Allan said. "We had a change of the head of the label, so no one knew what I was doing. It ended up giving me a ton of freedom. I have a ton of emotional connection to that song."

While Allan plays guitar at his live concerts, his new album also marked the first time he played the six string for some of the studio recording. But even with his recent "Set You Free" milestones, Allan is wary of forgetting the music that paved the way for those successes.

"Nothing burns me out like a band that has a great history that only plays their new stuff at concerts. I'll probably play five songs off of my new album at the Midland show, but then I'll try and give a taste of each of my other albums. I always try to make sure I play old and new stuff," Allan said.

The country star began a new concert format six weeks ago that he feels has added value to his performances.

"If you haven't seen us in a while, you need to come out because we have mixed up our show. We have new transitions and some new songs. We think it's solid as a rock," he said.

Shack in the Back
11520 W Highway 80 E, Odessa
432-561-5105
shackintheback.com

Softails
5710 N. County Road West, Odessa
432-557-5047

The Bar
606 W. Missouri Ave
685-1757
thebarmidland.com

The Detour
1708 Rankin Highway
685-1011

The Ground Floor
203 W. Wall St.
683-4433

The Hemmingway
2200 W Wadley Ave. #2
570-5333

The Blue Max
7409 W. Industrial Ave.

The Pine Box
510 S. Big Spring St.

The Velvet Room
The Midtown Hotel, 3100 W. Wall St.
inthevelvetroom.com

Woofers and Tweeters
3303 N Midkiff Road, No. 160
522-2111

Your Place
3704 W. Wall St.
262-3367

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Live Wire

Midland-Odessa

Today
Loretta Lynn @ Wagner Noel
Whiskey Myers @ Rockin Rodeo
Gary Allan, Alyssa Bagley, Cody Canada and the Departed @ Citibank Ballpark
Whiskey Myers @ Rockin Rodeo
Blue Cats, Southbound 35 @ Midland County Fair
Three OG's @ Basin Burger House

Friday
Judah Company, Matt Rios, Kenneth Knotts @ Music City Mall
Casey Berry @ Lone Star Bar
Junk, Cobra Smiles, Rico @ Blue Max
Jim Dixon @ Cigar Frog's
The Texas Treetop Flyers, Charla Corn, The Unsweet Ts, Cory Yeager, Kristi Worley @ Midland County Fair
Brown Sneakers @ Basin Burger House

Friday and Saturday
Electric Gypsies @ The Bar
3 Lit Pigz @ Your Place

Saturday
Cory Yeager Band @ Lone Star Bar
Marley Prase, Chad McBride and the Drifters @ Redneck's
Dimitri's Rail, Rustic Circle @ Blue Max
The Tiques, Tech Jazz, Mike Leonard, Ty Miller, Martha Elliott, Bolum Liang @ Music City Mall
The Texas Treetop Flyers, Wolf 359, Global Warming, Jumping Giants, Jennifer Nickerson @ Midland County Fair

Sunday
The Triggers, Dice For Lights @ Blue Max
Tom Jean Jerry, WB Quartet, Matthew Figel, Ann Russell, Mary Mitchell @ Music City Mall
Justin Langston, The Texas Treetop Flyers @ Midland County Fair

Monday
Hemlock, The Midnight Ghost Train, Nightmare Canvas @ Blue Max
Seeker @ Pine Box

Tuesday
Justin Langston @ Basin Burger House

Wednesday
Creed Fisher @ Shack in the Back

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CODY CANADA AND THE DEPARTED

ALYSSA BAGLEY

When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Citibank Ballpark
Info: RockHounds' annual summer concert series. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the YMCA. Tickets range from $40-$50 and are available at www.midlandrockhounds.org or by calling 520-2255.



Courtesy photo

Cody Canada and The Departed happy to be back in Midland

By Nick Wendel
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Tonight, Cody Canada and The Departed will be special guests at the Gary Allan concert at Citibank Ballpark, and it won't be the first time Canada and Allan have graced the same stage.

"I've played with Gary tons of times. We met in 2002, and he has helped me out a lot in my career. He's great," Canada said. And that respect is mutual.

"Cody is a great guy," Allan said. "I was a fan of his from the get. I like playing with people like him because there are pockets of places where people don't like me as much as others, but they love him, so I love taking artists like him and playing with them. It lets me be able to play in front of people who wouldn't normally listen to me."

Canada, formerly a member of Cross Canadian Ragweed, started Cody Canada and The Departed in 2011, and he said the change was not much of a challenge.

"It was a very smooth transition for me. Really like I never missed a beat," he said.

Canada said that his bands have been categorized under a plethora of genres and labels, but everyone can agree on one adjective for their sounds — unique.

"We are just as much Van Halen as George Strait. It's rock with country flavor. Just as much Merle Haggard as The Who," he said.

Canada mentioned that he looks forward to playing in Midland because West Texas holds some nostalgia for him.

"I've played in Midland at least three dozen times in my career," Canada said. "It was one of the places that seemed to like the music I was playing when I first started, so now it makes me smile every time I see it. Plus, this show is outdoors, and I always prefer to play outside. It's so liberating playing outdoors. I guess I can't really make people come out, but I would definitely tell them that we are going to show Midland a good time."



what'scoming

MIDLAND OPERA THEATER'S SUSAN GRAHAM DAY
When: 5:30 p.m. Aug. 29
Where: Blakemore Planetarium

WOOD & WIRE
When: Aug. 29
Where: Basin Burger House
Info: Bluegrass/Americana band from Austin

CODY JINKS
When: Aug. 30
Where: Lone Star Bar

"THE ADVENTURES OF FRED BROWN AND HIS AMAZING PANDIMENSIONAL MULTI-SHIP"
by Dominic Lopez
When: Aug. 30-31 and Sept. 6-7 and 13-14
Where: Black Box next to the Globe Theatre, Odessa
Info: mark10theatricals.com

THE UNSWEET T'S
When: Aug. 31
Where: Basin Burger House

DONNA DEAN
When: Sept. 3
Where: Basin Burger House
Info: Americana music from New Zealand

JOE SATRIANI
When: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 5
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $37.50 to $298 plus fees

SEPTEMBERFEST: RETURN TO STORY LAND
When: Sept. 6-8
Where: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

PERMIAN BASIN FAIR & EXPO
When: Sept. 6-14
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

"THREE MURDERS AND IT'S ONLY MONDAY"
When: Sept. 6-28
Where: Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Info: Midland Community Theatre production.
Reservations: call 570-4111. Recommended for those age 8 and up.

DOUG MORELAND
When: Sept. 7
Where: Basin Burger House
Info: Country/chainsaw artist from Austin

EXILE
When: Sept. 10
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Opening concert of the Live on Stage! 2013-2014 season. Go to www.liveonstage-pb.com or call 789-1249.
Admission: Membership. Single tickets priced at $35 available at the box office.

MIDLAND-ODESSA SYMPHONY & CHORALE
When: Sept. 14
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

BAND OF HEATHENS
When: Sept. 14
Where: Yucca Theatre
Info: Summer Mummers' Block Party. Tickets at mctmidland.org.

TOM RUSSELL
When: Sept. 18
Where: Wagner Noël Rea Recital Hall

MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL
When: Sept. 19
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

MIRANDA LAMBERT AND DIERKS BENTLEY WITH SPECIAL GUESTS CHARLIE WORSHAM AND JUKEBOX MAFIA
When: Sept. 26
Where: United Spirit Arena, Lubbock
Info: Tickets at selectatlubbock.com and 806-770-2000

"THE LAST BALL" BY ROBERT HOLLMANN
When: Sept. 27, 28, 29, Oct. 4, 5 and 6
Where: Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa
Tickets: call 580-3177

JUNIOR BROWN
When: Sept. 28
Where: Yucca Theatre
Info: Junior Achievement Fundraiser

MIDLAND WINE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
When: Oct. 4-5
Where: Centennial Plaza
Info: Texas wine, food and music by Redd Volkaert, The Drugstore Cowboys, Almost Patsy Cline Band, Charles Thibodeaux and the Austin Cajun Aces and Chris Story Band

BRIAR PATCH TRADE DAYS
When: Oct. 4-6
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

"THE PERFECT WEDDING"
When: Oct. 4-19
Where: Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Info: Midland Community Theatre production
Reservations: Call 570-4111

DOOBIE BROTHERS
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 5
Where: Chap Center at Midland College
Info: MISD Education Foundation fundraiser. Individual tickets are $40-$50. Sponsor tables are $2,000-$15,000. Buy tickets at www.boxofficesolutions.net. Call 689-1038 for tables.

MIDLAND QUILTERS GUILD 2013 QUILT SHOW: THE ROADS WE HAVE TRAVELED
When: Oct. 5
Where: Grand Texan Hotel and Convention Center, 4300 W. Wall St.
Info: www.midlandquilters.com or email mqgmidland@gmail.com

A CHORAL PASSPORT: MOSC CHORALE
When: Oct. 6
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

OLD SOREHEAD TRADE DAYS
When: Oct. 12-13
Where: Stanton

IMPROV AT THE YUCCA
When: Oct. 12
Where: Yucca Theatre
Info: Recommend for those 16 and older.

MAAS RAT PACK CASINO PARTY
When: 8 p.m.-midnight Oct. 12
Where: Rooftop of Fasken Building, 500 W. Texas Ave.
Info: www.ribbonsoflight.org

ROCKIN' OUT WITH FLASH CADILLAC
When: Oct. 19
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

LIVE ON STAGE PRESENTS "TAKE ME HOME: THE MUSIC OF JOHN DENVER"
When: Oct. 22
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

"SOUVENIR"
When: Oct. 25- Nov.16
Where: Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Info: Midland Community Theatre production
Reservations: Call 570-4111. Recommended for those age 12 and up due to subject matter and language.



Strawberry Fields offers healthy lunch, breakfast options

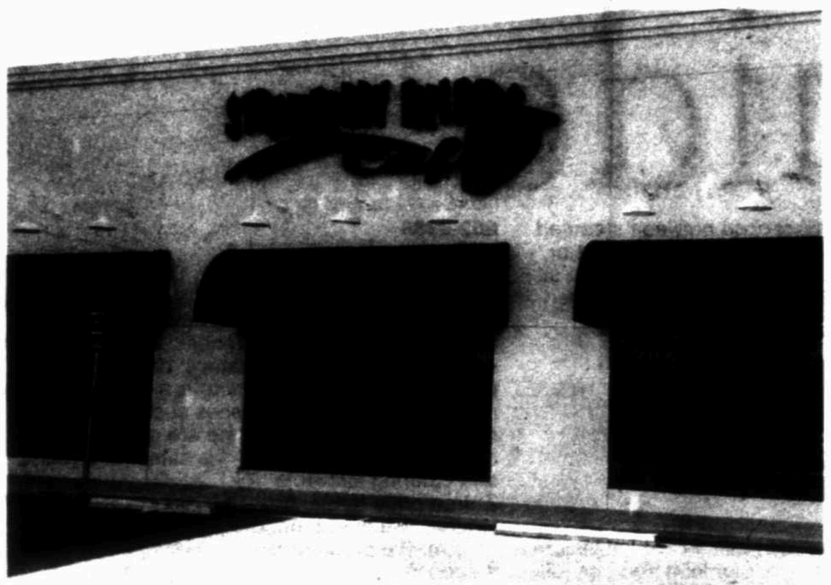
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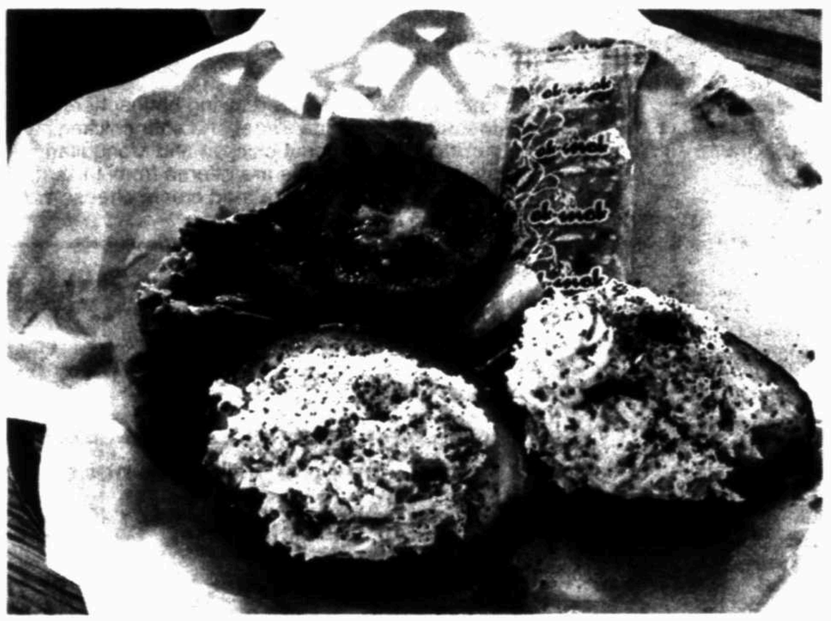
When dining at Strawberry Fields Cafe inside the Natural Foods Market, you can assume you will be eating a healthy meal. As we walked through the store and into a bustling restaurant, I commented to my friends, "It already smells healthy."

According to the menu, Strawberry Fields' mission is: "To provide delicious foods that are nutritious too! All foods are made fresh daily and free of refined sugars, hydrogenated oils, artificial colors, flavors and preservatives." The restaurant uses fresh ingredients, many of them organically grown, which leads to better tasting, nutritious foods free of pesticides and fertilizers.

The vibe of the restaurant is friendly with tables and chairs inside as well as a few outside. Walls are decorated with music memorabilia including framed sheet music, albums and People Magazine covers with the Beatles, Elvis and more. During the lunch hour, it was almost standing-room-only and several groups flowed outside to the few empty tables.

A sign by the door lists specials of the day. Soups and salads are self-served and the bright salad ingredients are very inviting. Ordering is done at the counter for sandwiches, wraps, burgers and more. Some of the sandwiches include the club, turkey trot (turkey, Monterey jack, onions, tomato, lettuce and sprouts), grilled portabella (marinated portabella mushroom with roasted red peppers, lettuce, onions and Thousand Island dressing), Manhattan ruben (turkey pastrami, Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, thousand island dressing on rye), roast beef, pimiento cheese, chicken or chicken and avocado. With organic ingredients, traditional sandwiches that might otherwise have more calories and fat have a healthy twist at Strawberry Fields.





STRAWBERRY FIELDS CAFE

2311 W. Wadley Avenue

684-5869

www.naturalfoodsmkt.com

Entrée price range: $6-$8 combo and lunch specials available
Hours: Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday: closed
Meals served: Breakfast, lunch, dinner
Reservations accepted? No
Payment types accepted: checks, all major credit cards
Parking? Large parking lot
Outdoor seating? Yes
Private dining room for parties? No
Take out? Yes
Delivery? No
Children's menu? Yes
Gift cards available? Yes

Food: 4 out of 5 spoons
Service: 4 out of 5 spoons
Value: 4 out of 5 spoons
Atmosphere: 4 out of 5 spoons
Cleanliness: 4 out of 5 spoons
Total Rating: 4 out of 5 spoons

The restaurant serves burgers with organic beef, salmon, turkey or even veggies. There are numerous wraps on the menu including the border chicken with Spanish rice and black beans, avocado, lettuce, fat-free sour cream and tomato corn salsa and the Mediterranean with jasmine rice, red pepper hummus, artichoke hearts, roasted red peppers, spinach, tomato, cucumbers, onions and olives.

Although Strawberry Fields was crowded, the food came out quickly. Our group of five ordered the "Sonoma" which was chicken salad with grapes. Two of us had it on bread with a side of pasta or chips and salsa while others had it served on top of an avocado. Either way, it was delicious. You can also purchase a combo meal with half of a sandwich, chips or pasta, a cup of soup and tea for a discounted price. Combining everything made for a very economical and delicious lunch.

If you do not have time to wait, there is a grab-and-go section with pre-made sandwiches, wraps, soups, quiche, chicken salad and other main dish items. There is also a kid's menu with sandwiches that are kid friendly.

Strawberry Fields Cafe opens early in case you want a breakfast wrap with turkey bacon, potato, cheddar cheese and egg in a whole wheat tortilla. It also has some baked pastries and fruit smoothies. The smoothies are made from various combinations of fruits and are available in different sizes. Another great start to your day would be a glass of fresh juice. One of my lunch companions had a "salad in a glass," which was made with organic ingredients of spinach, carrots and celery.

When you look at a regular grocery's organic products, you can see how eating healthy can add up in cost. At Strawberry Fields you can find delicious food offering a wide variety of choices at a great price. After eating, you may feel so good you will want to step inside the store and look around at everything Natural Foods Market has to offer.

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Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in categories according to the type of food they serve and classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.
Entree price range is based on the average entree price on the menu: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 and $$$ = $20 or more. Restaurants are given a general rating based on quality of food, service, cleanliness, atmosphere and overall experience. 1 spoon = poor, 2 spoons = average, 3 spoons = above average, 4 spoons = good and 5 spoons = excellent.

Asian

Bushido Japanese Steak House and Sushi Bar (SD)
4416 Briarwood Ave.
689-7900

Entertaining chefs cook at grills surrounded by large U-shaped tables. Combination plates with chicken, shrimp or steak include side dishes. Angus beef sirloin or filet mignon, shrimp, scallops, lobster, squid, salmon and tilapia also are available. Watch chefs roll sushi at the bar. Full service bar with large TV in the corner to watch sports. Kids menu.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours:11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday 11 a.m.-midnight Thursday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Chinese Kitchen (OAC)
4200 W. Illinois Ave.
694-3922

Open for 25 years. Daily special combination meals with one, two or three entrée choices served with an egg roll and choice of fried rice or pan-fried noodles. Entrees include sweet and sour pork or chicken, chicken chow mein, lemon chicken, beef and broccoli, Mandarin beef, Thai grilled chicken and more. Appetizers include shrimp rolls, crab Rangoon, spicy wings, tempura shrimp, tempura chicken, fried wontons and puffs. Take-out food is packaged in little white pails and chopsticks and fortune cookies are included.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily
3 spoons

Genghis Grill (SD)
4517 Midkiff Road
(In the parking lot of Midland Park Mall)
520-5426
www.genghisgrill.com

Come in, take a bowl and choose your main ingredients: chicken, steak, pork, shrimp, sausage or tofu. Next, choose the seasoning, vegetables and sauce from a wide array of choices. Finally, choose between steamed or fried rice, noodles, spiral pasta or tortillas. Hand your bowl to a chef, go sit down and your dish will be returned to you when it is cooked.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
3 spoons

Grand Buffet (SD/buffet)
2510 W. Louisiana Ave.
688-8881

Extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet. Tables are dedicated to particular types of food such as salads with mixed salads, lettuce and fresh toppings; soups; seafood including salmon and crab; fried foods such as sweet and sour chicken or pork, fried okra and fried shrimp; stir-fried dishes such as beef and broccoli; a fruit bar with Jell-O salads and fresh fruit; sushi bar; and more. Mongolian grill station.
Buffet price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday
2 spoons

The Great Wall (OAC: Carry out only)
2215 N. Midland Dr. (Mesa Verde shopping center)
694-5555

Extensive menu for Chinese take-out with dishes including noodles, fried rice, seafood, pork, beef, chicken, tofu and vegetables. Lunch specials served 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Monday through Friday include soup or an egg roll and fried rice with an entree. Prices range from $1.20 for spring rolls to $11.95 for the chef's special featuring General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, 4:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

Hunan Garden Chinese Restaurant (SD)
4410 N. Midkiff Rd, Building A., Space 1
(Court Yard at Midland Park)
697-9818

Daily lunch buffet offering about 10 options such as sweet and sour chicken, pork, beef and broccoli, cashew chicken and beef with snow peas. Lunch specials include choice of one of more than 15 entrées, egg roll and fried rice. Menu selections are divided according categories such as beef, pork, seafood, poultry and vegetables. Appetizers such as fried wonton, barbecued spareribs and shrimp.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-10 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-9 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

King & I (SD)
801 N. Big Spring St.
4400 N. Midland Drive
682-0988

Large menu offering authentic Thai food. Noodle dishes such as beef, chicken, pork or vegetables stir-fried in rice noodles with broccoli, egg and carrot. Popcorn's special (angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic, jalapenos with special sauce) is a dish favored by many Midlanders. Rice dishes such as chicken cashew and chicken sesame are delicious. The chocolate confusion cake is a must. Kid's menu and catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Kuo's Chinese Restaurant (SD)
3303 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 152, San Miguel Shopping Center
697-8888

Friendly service and a relaxing atmosphere. Menu items include sweet and sour chicken, peking duck, coconut chicken and Mongolian steak. Lunch specials are offered from 11 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. and include a fried cream cheese wonton, steamed or fried rice and choice of soup with a smaller portioned entree. Lunch entrees include sweet and sour chicken, Kung Pao chicken, moo goo chicken, hunan chicken and kung pao beef.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. -2:15 p.m., 5-9:45 p.m. Monday-Saturday: 11:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m., 4:30-8:45 p.m. Sunday
4 spoons

Moon Garden (SD)
2319 W. Loop 250 N.
570-1165 or 685-3012

Lunch specials available 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. More than a dozen entrees including broccoli with garlic sauce, sweet and sour chicken, hunan chicken, chicken with broccoli, beef chow mein and kung pao shrimp. Served with an egg roll and rice, a choice of egg drop, hot and sour or wonton soup. Two-entrée plate also offered on the lunch special.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
2 spoons

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE

Friends of MCT is looking for new members.

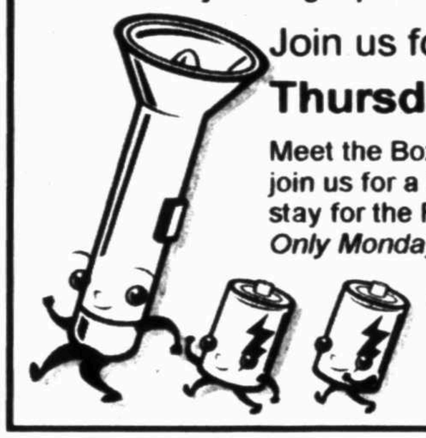
Rather than onstage or backstage activities this volunteer group focuses on front-of-the-house duties including:

- **Ushering**
- **Concessions and Novelty Sales**
- **Theatre Liaisons**



Friends of MCT can be individuals, couples, families, or any group looking for a fun way to spend a little extra time and make new friends.

All necessary training is provided and no uniform is needed.



Join us for a brief training session

Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 PM.

Meet the Box Office and Audience Services Staff, join us for a backstage tour of the facility, and stay for the Final Dress Rehearsal of *Three Murders and It's Only Monday*.

For more information or encouragement contact Laura Abbott in the Box Office 432-570-4111 or email boxofficemctmidland.org

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Shogun Restaurant (SD)
4610 N. Garfield St.
570-8888

This Japanese steakhouse has served Midlanders for more than 20 years. Sit at the Teppan Yaki tables with other customers and watch your meals cooked on the grill at the table or order from the sushi menu which includes nigiri sushi and maki sushi. Teppan Yaki table menu includes steak, chicken and seafood served with cucumber and shrimp salad, soup, steamed rice and grilled vegetables. Evening prices are high.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sunday - Friday; noon - 9:30 p.m. Saturday
4 spoons

Taste of China Super Buffet (buffet)
4400 N. Big Spring St., #53
684-5288

All-you-can-eat buffet features six large tables with more than 80 items, or order from an extensive menu. Buffet entrees include traditional Chinese dishes such as sweet and sour chicken and cashew chicken, pepper steak, beef with broccoli, Hunan beef and beef with assorted vegetables. Try seafood, fruits, salads, sushi or a grill where you can choose ingredients to be stir-fried into your own creation. Senior citizens 10 percent discount and children under 3 eat free.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday - Saturday.
2 spoons

Thai House (SD)
#9 Meta Drive
687-3373

Enjoy authentic Thai and Chinese food at this little hideaway located behind Walgreen's on Andrew's Highway. Appetizers, soups, combination dishes served with steamed or fried rice and a side of egg roll or soup, noodle, rice and curry dishes. The Thai House Special is stir-fried ground chicken with snow peas, onions, carrots, bell peppers and jalapeno peppers served on top of rice with side of fried egg. Or try Pre Wan, seafood or garlic chicken. Enjoy a refreshing Thai tea and some sticky rice for dessert. Friendly and quick service.
Entrée price range: $8-11.
Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday.
4 spoons.

Barbecue/Burgers

Basin Burger House
607 N. Colorado
687-5696
www.basinburgerhouse.com

Numerous choices of burgers, sandwiches and salads. Appetizers such as Philly cheesesteak sliders, cakes, tempura onion rings, fried green tomatoes, spicy BBQ wings and cobb bites which are wheels of corn slathered in cilantro lime butter. Unique atmosphere with old photographs from Midland's earlier days; land maps are creatively used as wall paper. Kid's menu as well as creative milkshake flavors and dessert.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday
4 spoons.

Bob's Better Burger (drive-in)
3417 Thomason Drive
694-1561

Serving burgers, fries, milkshakes for more than 50 years. Menu is posted in front of the kitchen where customers stand outside and place orders through a window. Menu includes small and large burgers with additions such as cheese, jalapenos, chili and bacon. Corn dogs, hot dogs, sandwiches, fries and onion rings are available. Kid's menu. Cash only.
Entree price range:$
Hours: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Saturday
4 spoons

Brooks Bar B-Q (SD)
501 E. Texas Ave.
685-5079

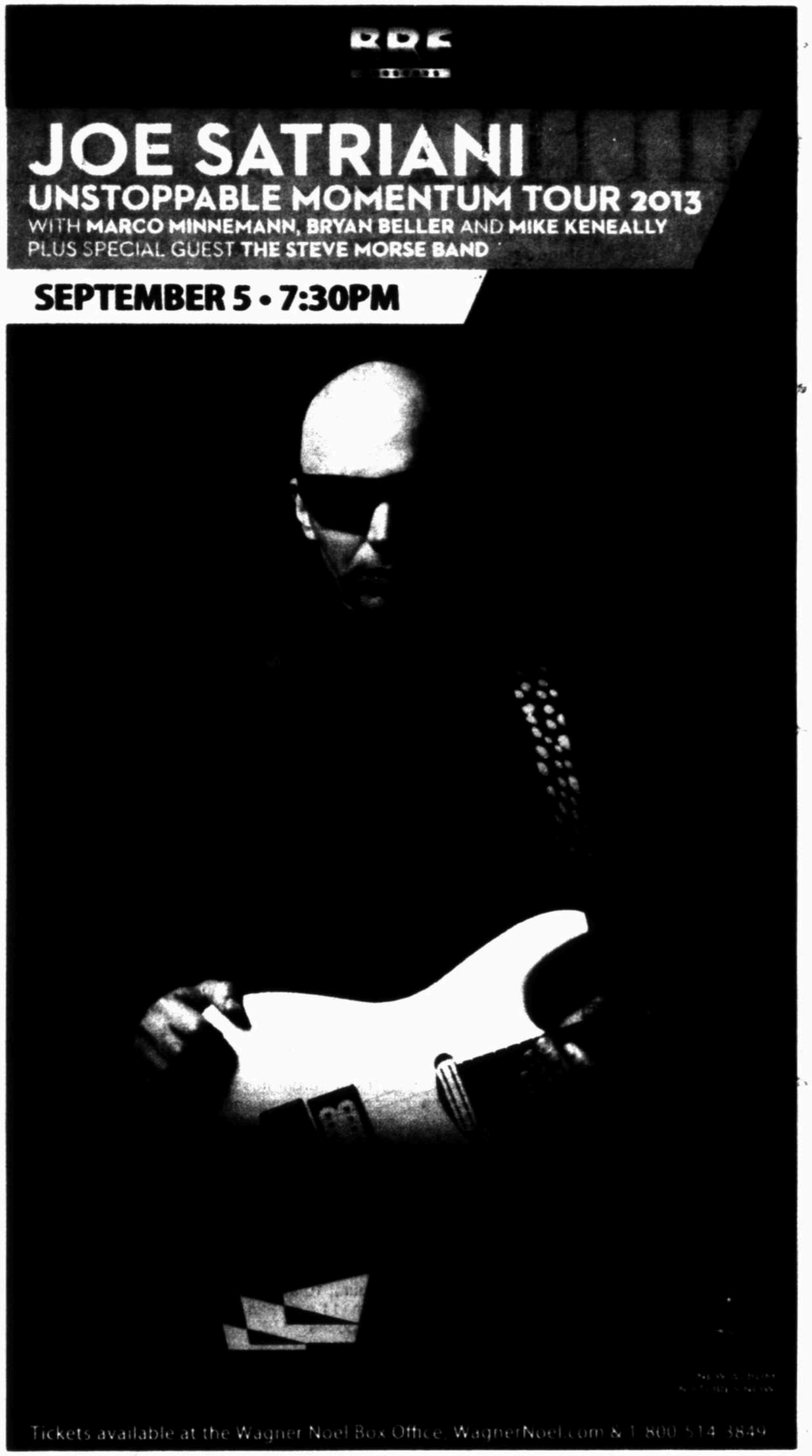
Known for "fat burgers" and barbecue plates, also serves entrees such as chicken fried steak, fried shrimp, hamburger steaks and more. Sandwiches include grilled or fried chicken or fish, patty melt, BLT, chopped beef and sliced beef. Save room for a slice of homemade pie or another dessert.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday
4 spoons

Burgers Fries and Cherry Pies (OAC)
5210 W. Wadley Ave.
617-2327

More than 20 combinations of burgers and toppings. Choose ground beef or a grilled chicken breast. Sizes are 1/3 or 1/2 pound burgers on white, wheat or jalapeno cheddar homemade sourdough buns. All types of fries are on the menu including border fries (picante, guacamole, jalapenos and cheese), chili cheese fries, cheese fries, feta fries and frontier fries (hickory, barbecue sauce, picante sauce and cheese).
Average Price: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Sunday
2 spoons

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 and traditional barbecue selections of brisket, chicken, pulled pork, all the sides. Also stuffed baked potatoes, chicken Caesar salad, sandwiches and platters. Kid's



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menu and family packs. Don't forget your yellow drink cup with your favorite drink. Catering.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily
4 spoons

Dixie Burger (OAC)
1300 Rankin Highway
email: dixieburger@gmail.com
686-0116

A chef brings his influence to a burger joint with delicious results. Great burgers and barbecue combo (smoked pork or beef sandwich with homemade Dixie BBQ sauce) and steak combo (thinly-sliced sirloin steak with onions and cheese served on white or wheat). Also featured are "classic meals" such as Frito pie, chili and chili cheese dogs, corn dogs and hot dogs. Daily specials include the "black and blue," sirloin steak grilled to your liking topped with bleu cheese and grilled onions on a toasted bun with horseradish mayonnaise, lettuce and tomatoes. Delicious desserts are available, too.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday
2 spoons

Fuddruckers (OAC)
4511 N. Midkiff Rd.
689-0448

Located inside Midland Park Mall, Fuddruckers offers different sizes of hamburgers and a variety of toppings. The menu also includes chicken sandwiches, salads, hot dogs and more. For customers wanting healthier options, the restaurant serves buffalo, ostrich, turkey and veggie burgers. Desserts include freshly-baked cookies and brownies as well as ice cream and shakes.
Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday - Thursday, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday - Saturday
3 spoons

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. Sandwich specials include 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. Park on side of building.
Entrée price range $
Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday –Thursday; 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

KD's Bar-B-Q (OAC)
3113 Garden City Highway
683-4013

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 $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday-Saturday.
5 spoons

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 rib eye steaks, pork chops, country fried steak, chopped sirloin steak as well as several seafood dishes including fried catfish and fried cod. Sandwiches, burgers, salads, low cal plates as well as junior pilot and senior menu. Beer and wine served. Airplane memorabilia decorates the large dining room. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Tank's Bar-B-Que and Catering (Carry out)
401 East Scharbauer Drive
684-0006

Carry out restaurant, offering barbecue ribs, brisket, sausage and turkey by the pound or plate. Call in your order before you arrive or walk up to the window. Friday, try the fried catfish. Traditional side dishes, beans, potato salad, onion rings and fries are served. Claims to have one of the best burgers in town. Kid's menu and catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Texas Burger (OAC)
3306 W. Loop 250 West, 522-2177
and 500 W. Wadley Ave. 620-9838

Texas Burger has three locations in Odessa, one in Andrews and two in Midland. Menu includes a variety of burgers and sandwiches as well as chicken strip, steak finger or shrimp dinner plates or baskets. Corn dogs, hot dogs, frito pie and a number of salads also are listed on the menu. Prices are reasonable and the kid's menu offers several options. The restaurant also features desserts with ice cream and frozen custard.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
3 spoons

Pizza/Italian

Brianna's Pizza (OAC)
4309 W. Illinois Ave.
689-3901

Dine-in or carry out. Brianna's offers personal, small, medium or large pizzas with a variety of toppings. Specialty pizzas include Hawaiian style, meat lovers, veggie, supreme, Mexican style and Sicilian style. Wings, boneless wings and subs also available. Lunch special from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. of $1.50 per slice of pizza.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday - Saturday
2 spoons

Carino's (SD)
4711 W. Loop 250 N.
520-7600

Carino's offers an extensive menu for lunch and dinner as well as take-out and catering. The restaurant also has an enclosed patio available for parties. Lunch specials for $5.99. Appetizers include Italian nachos, fried calamari and fried mozzarella. Entrees include salads, pizza, traditional Italian dishes and specialty Italian dishes such as baked tortellini, five meat Tuscan pasta and angel hair with artichokes.
Price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday
4 spoons

Double Dave's Pizzaworks (OAC)
3208 N. Loop 250 West Suite 100
618-DAVE (3283)

Dine-in, carry out or delivery. Specialty pizzas include "Dave's Fave," "Buffalo Chicken," "BBQ Chicken" and more. Custom pizza start at $4.99 for a small pie; specialty pizzas start at $12.99 for a medium. Other menu items include "Chee-z Rolls;" "Peproni Rolls," veggie stromboli, breadsticks; hot wings, chicken parmesan stuffer, garlic spinach stromboli, and dessert pastries. Save room for a few Peproni Rolls. Lunch and dinner buffets.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
3 spoons

The Garlic Press (SD)
2200 W. Wadley Ave.
#6 Oak Ridge Square
570-4020
www.thegarlicpress.net

Fine dining, Tuscan atmosphere. Seafood, steaks, crepes, salads and pasta dishes beautifully arranged on the plates. Dining here is an occasion, not just a meal. Extensive wine list. Kid's menu available. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $$$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5:30 - 10 p.m. Friday; 5:30 - 10 p.m. Saturday.
5 spoons

Italian Village Ristorante (SD)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
684-6595

Authentic Italian food with excellent service and food prepared to perfection. Pasta selections include items such as fettuccini di flavia (sautéed gulf shrimp proscuitto, broccoli, artichoke hearts in a creamy vodka sauce), cannelloni, spaghetti bolognese, and beef lasagna. Chicken, veal, steaks and seafood also on the menu. A little piece of Italy that happens to be in Midland.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4:45-9:45 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4:45-9:45 p.m. Saturday
5 spoons

Luigi's Italian Restaurant (SD)
111 N. Big Spring St.
683-6363

Downtown establishment open for more than 51 years. Pasta dishes, baked lasagna, vegetable lasagna, fettuccine alfredo, Luigi's chicken delight, sandwiches as well as appetizers that include soups, salads and an antipasto salad. Low calorie dishes available. Carry out dining as well as take and bake pizzas. Full service bar and kid's menu. Accept reservations for five or more. Romantic atmosphere. Parking is sparse, especially at lunch.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. -2:30 p.m., 5-10 p.m., 5-10 p.m. Saturday.
5 spoons

MD Pizza Factory (SD)
4706 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 13
(Albertson's parking lot)
432-682-4440

Casual atmosphere for dining in or take out. Signature pizzas such as chicken teriyaki, taco pizza and Genoa pesto chicken. There is also a meat lover's pizza, which includes almost every meat topping you can think of. Soups, salads, sandwiches and breadsticks. Lunch specials, senior citizen discount on Monday nights, teacher discount on Tuesday nights.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4 -9:30 p.m. Monday – Friday; 4 -9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
3 spoons

Mi Piaci Italian (SD)
2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa
432-362-8060

Located on the corner of University Boulevard and Grandview Avenue, Mi Piaci's offers traditional Italian food such as pasta, chicken, seafood, veal and pizza. Try the garlic bread with dipping sauces before your meal. Kids menu and rooms for private parties. BYOB.
Entree price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday
4 spoons

Papa Murphy's- Take 'N' Bake Pizza (pick up)
4416 Briarwood Ave., Suite 113
(Across from the North side of Wal-Mart)
699-7272
www.papamurphys.com

Take and bake pizza kitchen. They make the pizza to your specific order and you take it home to bake in your own oven at your convenience. Watch your pizza change from a ball of dough to a pie full of your favorite toppings. Coupons given at each pur-

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chase for next visit. Daily specials.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Pizzeria Venti (OAC)
3303 N. Midkiff Rd. #135
(San Miguel Square)
689-7220
www.pizzeriaventi.com

Pizzeria Venti serves piping hot slices of pizza from their wide selection. Glass display case containing all types of pizzas, a beautiful array of salads and timpanini (stuffed pizza pie). Crust made with extra virgin olive oil, imported Italian water, salt, flour and yeast. Baked pasta such as mostaccioli, cheese ravioli, manicotti and lasagna also on the menu. Soups including Tuscan white bean and minestrone can be ordered in small and large sizes. Italian pastries such as cannolis, tiramisu and various cakes. Catering available.
Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday
4 spoons

Torino's (SD)
3303 N. Midkiff #110
Facebook @ Torinos Pizzabar
218-6943

Go to Torino's to watch your favorite game. Flat-screen TVs arranged on the walls in the various dining areas offer direct TV. Pizza is made to order and is offered in quarter, half or whole sizes. Favorites include supreme, meat lovers, pepperoni, Italian sausage or cheese. Wings, cheese sticks, fried mushrooms, nachos, stuffed jalapenos and fries are perfect for game-time snacks. Menu also includes salads.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. daily
4 spoons

Venezia Restaurant (SD)
2101 W. Wadley Ave. #20
Plaza Oaks Shopping Center
www.veneziarestaurant.info

Named for one of Italy's most romantic cities, the atmosphere of the restaurant has a similar theme. Paintings of Venice, wine racks (they offer one of the largest wine lists in the Permian Basin) and inviting surroundings. Variety of pasta dishes. Tenderloin, ribeye, baby rack of lamb and quail. If you enjoy veal, there is a wide selection with items such as veal marsala, veal piccata and green peppercorn veal. Reservations recommended.
Entrée price range: $$$
Hours: 11 a.m. - 1:45 p.m., 5-10:15 p.m. Tuesday - Friday; 5-10:15 p.m. Monday; 5 - 10:30 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Zucchi's Italian Ristorante (SD)
1541 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa
550-7443

Unique atmosphere and distinctive menu. Try the baked havarti in phyllo dough with raspberry sauce for an appetizer. Entrees include pollo piccata, farfalle con pollo, gnocchi bolongnese, lasagna, veal and fish of the day and variety of pizzas. Desserts include different types of cake and cheesecake. Live music two nights a week and during the weekends. Smoking is allowed on the patio.
Entree price range: $$
Hours: 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5:15 - 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5:15 - 10 p.m. Friday; 5:15 - 10 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Steak/Seafood

Cattle Baron (SD)
418 Wadley Ave.
683-2334

Quiet, relaxing, Western décor themed steak house featuring prime rib, filet mignon, rib eye, peppered steak, beef kabob, garlic trout, fresh catfish, orange bourbon salmon as well as lobster tails and Alaskan king crab legs, combination plates and several hamburger choices. Salads and salad bar also available. Full service bar. Catering. Lunch specials offered Monday-Saturday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday
3 spoons

Ranchland Hills Golf Club
1600 E. Wadley Ave.
682-3729 (Clubhouse)
www.Ranchlandhills.com

No membership required! Everyone can enjoy the dining (including a sports bar) and golf facilities as the doors are open on the recently remodeled Ranchland Hills Golf Club. Appetizers, soups, salads, seafood, chicken and beef are all on the menu and served with elegant style. Start the day with a selection from the large breakfast menu. Lunch includes sandwiches and burgers in addition to chicken fried steak, steak and shrimp or chicken. Beautiful views, casual atmosphere (still no t-shirts in the dining rooms) and delicious food in a very relaxed setting, perfect for entertaining. Rooms available for parties. Payment accepted: credit cards, cash, and checks.
Entrée average price range: $$
Hours: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., 6-9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday-Saturday

Steak Express (carry-out, delivery)
3316 W. Illinois Ave.
694-4040

Steak Express serves steaks, burgers and more for carry-out or delivery only. Order online at www.steakexpress.com or call 694-4040. Menu includes Nolan Ryan beef steaks in a variety of cuts, grilled chicken, salmon, shrimp, ribs and combinations served with baked potato, salad and roll. Burgers, sandwiches and salads also are available. The restaurant offers lunch specials daily until 3 p.m. $1.50 delivery fee. Go for the burger if you're really hungry.
Entree price range: $$
Hours: 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday -Thursday; 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday
4 spoons

Texas Roadhouse (SD)
4512 W. Loop 250 N.
689-7427

Call ahead seating is available. Enjoy fresh rolls before you order. Wide selection of appetizers from rattlesnake bites (diced jalapenos and jack cheese, hand battered and lightly fried), Texas red chili and buffalo wings. Grilled chicken salad, chicken critter salad and Caesar salads, hand-cut steaks such as rib-eye, sirloin, and prime rib in addition to "road kill" (chopped steak with onions mushrooms and jack cheese). Feature "fall off the bone ribs." Kid's menu.
Entree price range: $$
Hours: 4-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 4-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m-11 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

Wall Street Bar & Grill (SD)
115 East Wall St.
684-8686

Some of the finest dining in town, especially for steaks and seafood. Appetizers, steaks including N.Y. strip, filet mignon, ribeye, beef kebab and chicken fried steak. Tempting seafood dishes including charbroiled shrimp, pecan crusted trout, seafood relleno and catfish. Chicken dishes and a delicious house salad and fresh bread. Kid's menu available. Brunch on Sunday morning. Save room for the Gold Brick dessert. Reservations for groups over six taken.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5:30-10 p.m. Monday - Friday; 5:30-10 p.m. Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5:30-9 p.m. Sunday
5 spoons

Way Out West (buffet style)
515 Andrews Highway
697-4196

Large buffet serving lunch and dinner. Offering specials at both meal times in addition to senior discounts. Order from the menu or go through the buffet. Steaks, seafood, soups, salads, brisket, casseroles. Wide variety of choices. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday
3 spoons

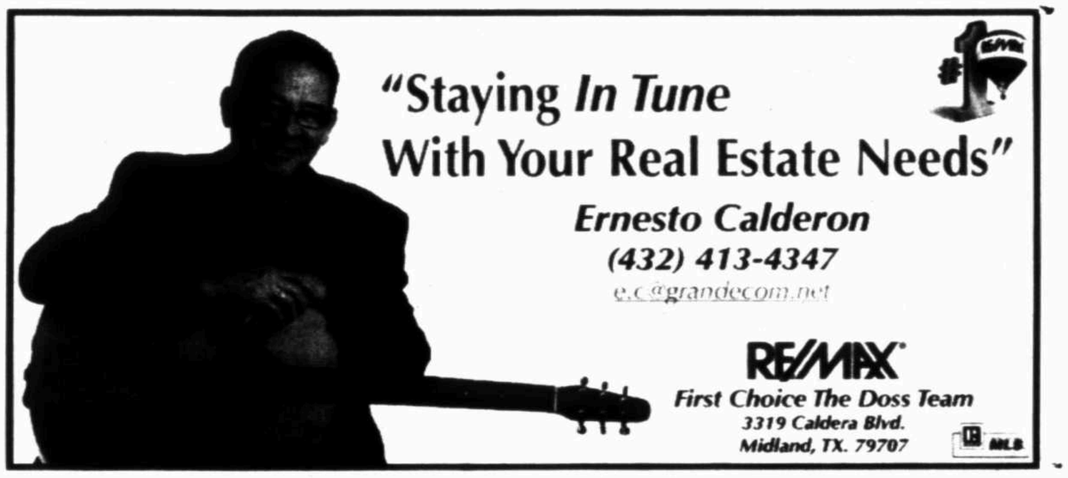
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Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar (SD)
5107 W. Wadley Ave.
694-9400

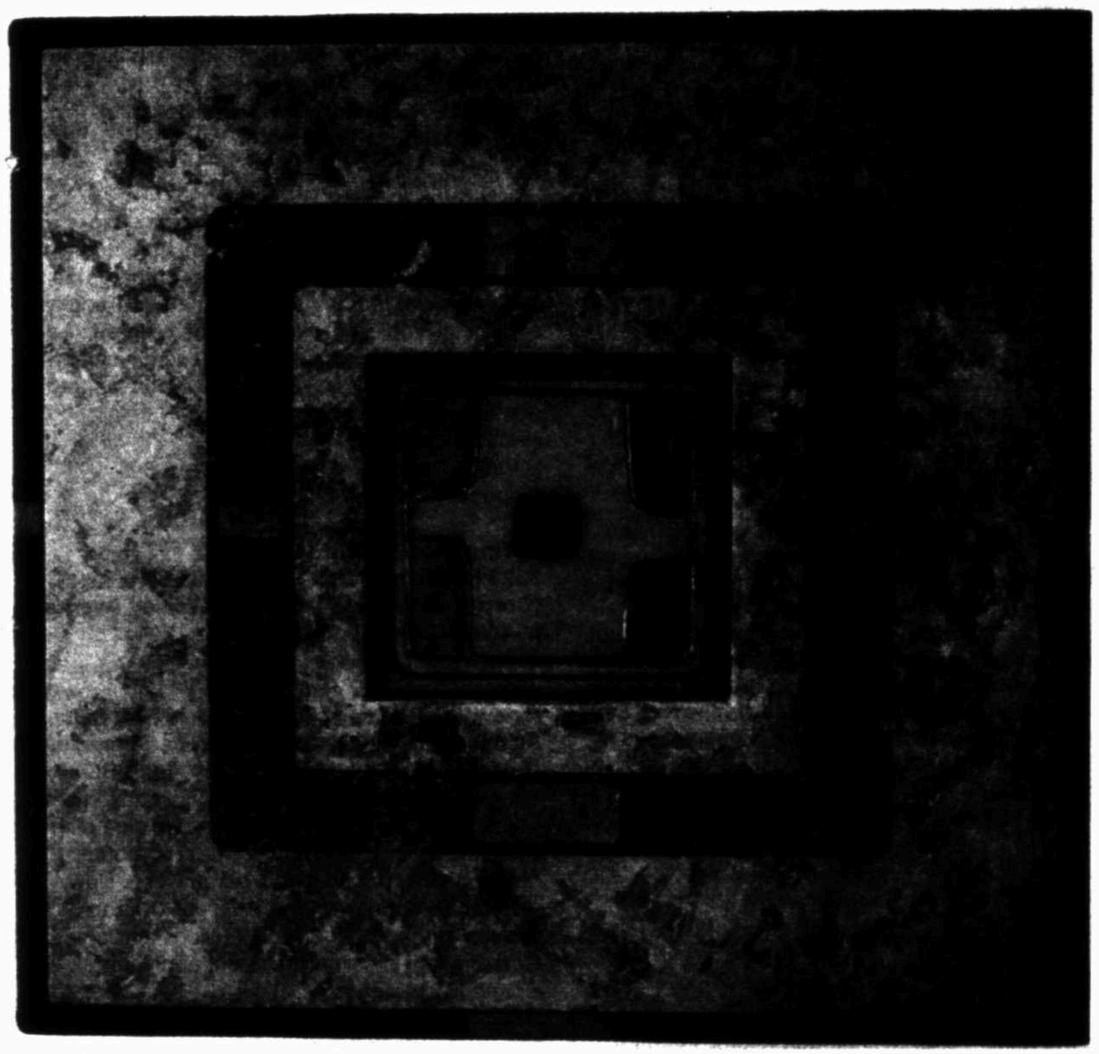
This sports bar and restaurant has nine big-screens and 35 smaller televisions mounted to the walls, giving customers a view of the game from any seat on the floor or in the bar. Traditional or boneless chicken wings may be ordered choice of 14 sauces. Other menu items include burgers, sandwiches, wraps, flatbreads, appetizers and more. Smoking is allowed.
Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. daily
3 spoons

Wing Stop (OAC)
3323 N. Midland Drive, Suite 105
(Corner of Midland Drive and Wadley Avenue)
694-WING (9464)
www.wingstop.com

Nine wing flavors, including Original Hot, Cajun, Atomic, Mild, Teriyaki, Lemon Pepper, Hawaiian, Garlic Parmesan and Hickory Smoked BBQ. Wings are cooked-to-order, usually ready in seven minutes. Choose from homemade side dishes including fresh-cut seasoned fries, bourbon baked beans, potato salad, creamy cole slaw, vegetable sticks, rolls and assorted dipping sauces. Boneless and regular wings available. Catering for any event. Take out or dine in.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons



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The Assertion of Uncertain Ideals by Danville Chadbourne

LAST CHANCE

"Musical Instruments" at Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum; "Chasing Greatness," the work of photographer Andrew Hancock at Museum of the Southwest; and Danville Chadbourne at Museum of the Southwest and Ellen Noel Art Museum will close Sunday.

ELLEN NOEL ART MUSEUM, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa, 550-9696, www.noelartmuseum.org

Exhibits: Outdoor sculptures by Danville Chadbourne of San Antonio through Sunday. Bryant Holsenbeck: Environmental Artist through Sept. 8.

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free.

AMERICAN AIRPOWER HERITAGE MUSEUM COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE, 9600 Wright Drive, Midland International Airport, 563-1000, www.commemorativeairforce.org

Exhibit: "Flappers to Fighters: The Changing Role of Women in World War II" through Aug. 31.

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.

GEORGE W. BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME, 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112, www.bushchildhoodhome.org

Hours: Tours and gift shop hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

HALEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND HISTORY CENTER, 1805 W. Indiana Ave., 682-5785, www.haleylibrary.com

Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. No admission charged.

MCCORMICK GALLERY, ALLISON FINE ARTS BUILDING, Midland College main campus, 3600 N. Garfield St., 685-4770, www.midland.edu

Hours: 8 a.m.- 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 301 W. Missouri Ave., 688-8947

Hours: Friday, Monday and Wednesday: 2-5 p.m. Free.

MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882, www.museumsw.org

Exhibits: Ceramics and paintings by Danville Chadbourne through Sunday. "Chasing Greatness," the work of photographer Andrew Hancock through Sunday. Sculptors Who Paint: Veryl Goodnight, Donna Howell-Sickles and Rosie Sandifer through Nov. 3. Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists Collection on view all year. The Sculpture Park includes 14 sculptures.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: Permanent exhibits "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Temporary Exhibit: "Musical Instruments" through Sunday.

Blakemore Planetarium hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.

Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: Charged to non-members.

PARKER HOUSE RANCHING MUSEUM, 1118 Maple, Odessa, 432-335-9918

Exhibits: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work. Also features area local history exhibits.

Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Free

PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM MUSEUM,1500 W. Interstate 20, 683-4403, www.petroleummuseum.org

Exhibits: 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 and older: $6, children (6-11) $5, children under 6 free.

SCARBOROUGH-LINEBERY HOUSE, 802 S. Main St., 685-7368

Hours: Historic home open by appointment.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ARCHIVES AND LEADERSHIP LIBRARY, 4919 E. University Blvd., Odessa, 432-363-7737

Exhibits: All U.S. presidents and brief histories of the major events that took place during each president's term of office. Different collections, including a small doll collection of the inaugural gowns and a complete collection of presidential portraits.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission: Free. Donations accepted.

NANCY FYFE CARDOZIER GALLERY, UTPB, 4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa, 552-3286

Hours: 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

WHITE-POOL HOUSE MUSEUM, 112 E. Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072

Exhibit: "A Time To Remember - War Memorabilia" through Aug. 17. Features artifacts, on loan from local collectors, which include items from the home front and abroad. The display is intended to honor military personnel and their families.

Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. No admission charged. Donations accepted.