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Social Security fixable; changes politically tough

EDITOR'S NOTE: Few issues directly touch as many people in the United States as does Social Security. In this third installment of a four-part series, The Associated Press examines options for shoring up Social Security's long-term finances.

By Stephen Ohlermacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite Social Security's long-term problems, the massive retirement and disability program could be preserved for generations to come with modest but politically difficult changes to benefits or taxes, or a combination of both.

Some options could affect people quickly, such as increasing payroll taxes or reducing annual cost-of-living adjustments for those who already get benefits. Others options, such as gradually raising the retirement age, wouldn't be felt for years but would affect millions of younger workers.

All of the options carry political risks because they have the potential to affect nearly every U.S. family while raising the ire of powerful interest groups. But the sooner changes are made, the more subtle they can be because they can be phased in slowly. Each year lawmakers wait, Social Security's financial problems loom larger and the need for bigger changes becomes greater, according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

"Certainly, in the current environment, it would be very difficult to get changes made," Social Security's commissioner, Michael J. Astrue, said in an interview. "It doesn't mean that we shouldn't try. And sometimes when you try hard things, surprising things happen."

Social Security is ensnared in the same debate over taxes and spending that has gripped Washington for years. Liberal advocates and some Democrats said benefit cuts should be off the table. Conservative activists and some Republicans say tax increases are out of the question.

Others, including a deficit commission created by President Barack Obama in 2010, have called for a combination of tax increases and cuts to future benefits, including raising the retirement age again.

Janice Durflinger, of Lincoln, Neb., is still working at age 76, running computer software programs for a bank. Still, she worries that a higher retirement age would be tough on people with more physically demanding jobs.

"No matter how much you exercise, age takes

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Democrats are slamming Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan over his views on Social Security privatization.

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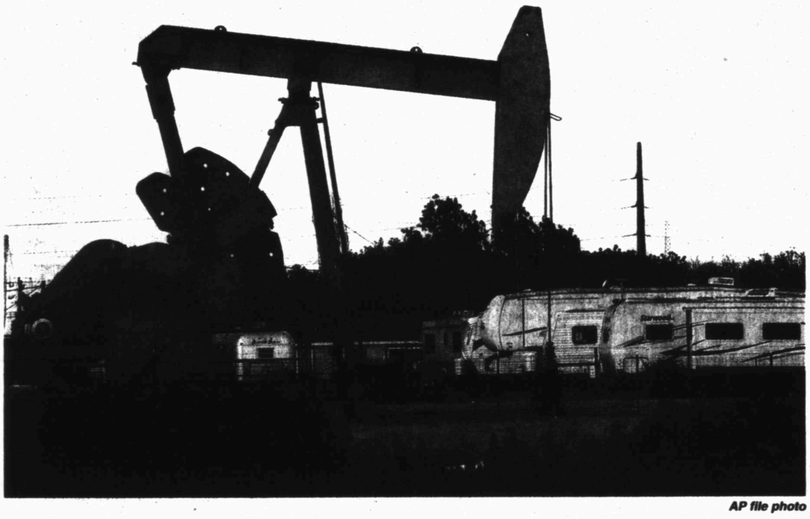

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An RV park is located near a pump jack in Midland in this July 25 photo. The oil and gas boom in the Permian Basin has driven up demand for housing and services.

Oil, gas industry fuels West Texas growth

OUTSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE: The Reporter-Telegram offers this report from the San Antonio Express-News as another report on what others are reporting about Midland and the Permian Basin.

By John MacCormack
San Antonio Express-News

Nearly three decades ago, Texas Monthly ran a post mortem on the Texas oil industry with headline reading "So long, it was fun while it lasted," and a forlorn James Dean figure hitchhiking out of town.

Back then, few would have questioned such a dire assessment, as the mother of all busts was destroying the West Texas banking industry, making oil barons into car salesmen, and turning parts of Midland and Odessa into junkyards of rusting equipment.

Triggered by an oil glut that caused a relentless price decline, the crash of '82, and the long depression that followed chased most of the industry majors out of the Permian Basin and an entire generation of oil field workers into other livelihoods.

"In 1983, they thought the oil industry in Texas was done," said Doug Robison, chairman of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, who keeps a worn copy of the July 1983 magazine in his office.

But, as the saying goes, the obituary proved a trifle premature.

As anyone who has tried to rent a house, navigate traffic or lease drilling equipment around here knows, the good times are rolling again. A strong demand for oil coupled with refined hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling techniques are tapping long untouchable, deep reserves.

What began a decade ago as a

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See more pictures of how the recent boom has changed Midland's landscape and culture.

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Perry's fundraising evokes talk of re-election

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry quietly has replenished his depleted campaign war chest since he abandoned his presidential bid in January, fueling speculation that the longest-serving governor in Texas history will seek yet another term in 2014.

Perry raised $1.9 million from the start of the year through June — convincing donors to keep writing big checks even after a series of gaffes during his White House run left his political future looking murky.

His political committee, Texans for Rick Perry, now has about $3.3 million cash-on-hand. This exceeds the $2.9 million he had midway through 2008, two years before he waged a nasty but successful battle during the Republican gubernatorial primary against U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, then bested Democrat Bill White in the general election.

"He must be raising a lot of money for something," said Scott Caven, a Houston banker who was finance director for Perry's gubernatorial campaigns in 2002 and 2006 but later resigned because he didn't agree with the governor's decision to seek a third full term. Already America's longest-sitting governor, the 64-year-old Perry has been in office since George W. Bush left for the White House in December 2000.

He has not officially announced he will run again. But those who have attended Perry fundraisers say he's been assuring donors for months that he will. Some believe him; others say the governor simply is rattling his political sabers.

That's because it has been a rough year for Perry, who just 12 months ago was the toast of conservatives everywhere when he strapped on his signature cowboy boots, strode into the Republican presidential race and became an almost overnight front-runner. His campaign flamed out with almost equal speed, however, free-falling after Perry muttering "oops" during a November debate, when he couldn't remember the third federal agency he promised to eliminate if elected.

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MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

Midland 101: 1962 LHS yearbook stands out

By Jimmy Patterson

Midland long has been known for the quality of people it sends out into the world — people who have done well here and have gone elsewhere to do even better. A couple presidents named Bush would come to mind first.

But there are plenty of other famous people who are from Midland or spent time here.

The list includes actors Kathy Baker and Woody Harrelson; baseball players Randy Velarde, Laynce and Jayson Nix, Mike Stanton and Mike Timlin; NFL stars Eric Winston, Cedric Benson, E.J. Holub, Tom Brahaney, Rex Tucker and Ryan Tucker; LPGA golfer Judy Rankin; swimmer Doug Russell, an Olympic gold medalist; NBA stars Spud Webb and Mookie Blaylock; race car designer Jim Hall; writer Larry L. King; former Secretary of Commerce Don Evans; and mezzo-soprano Susan Graham.

It is unlikely that few high school yearbooks from a town the size of Midland can boast photographs of a future first lady, a four-star general and an Academy Award-winning actor — in the same year.

The 1962 Midland Lee High School Rebelee Yearbook contained class photos of sophomores Laura Welch and Tommy Lee Jones and junior Tommy Franks.

Welch married George W. Bush and would go on to become first lady of the United States. Jones, who graduated from St. Mark's School in Dallas, won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor in "The Fugitive." Army Gen. Tommy Franks, who served as commander of the U.S. Central Command

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Coming Tuesday

The Education Section returns this week for the start of the school season.

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Obituaries

Robert "Bobby" Quiroz

Robert "Bobby" Quiroz 41, of Midland, went to be home with his heavenly father on Thursday August 16, 2012 at his residence. He was born on July 19, 1971 in Denton, TX, to Alicia and Felix Quiroz Sr.

He was raised in Midland, TX. Bobby was employed in the family business Quiroz Construction for the last 15 years. He started as a labor worker and worked his way to a fine concrete man Finisher and Brick and Rock Layer. Bobby was a friendly outgoing person with a voice that managed to capture the attention of everyone around him. He enjoyed outdoor sports and hanging out with his friends

Bobby is preceded in death by his grandparents Donicio Quiroz, Gregoria Quiroz, Gomecinda Madrid, Gregonio Madrid.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories his thirteen year old son Robert Quiroz Jr. of Midland, TX; six brothers Mike Quiroz, Felix Quiroz Jr., David Quiroz, Rudy Quiroz and Danny Quiroz all of Midland, TX, Noel Quiroz of Odessa, TX; two sisters Linda Quiroz Hennington of Odessa, TX and Olga Q. Rodriguez of Midland, TX; his parents Felix and Alicia Quiroz Sr. of Midland, TX; numerous uncles, aunts, nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers will be Matt Quiroz, Mark Runions, Miguel Quiroz, Jr., Javier Quiroz, Benjamin Rodriguez, Anthony Rodriguez, Noel Quiroz Jr., and Nicholas Quiroz.

Rosary will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church with Fr. Gilberto Rodriguez officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were entrusted to Heavenly Gate Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: heavenlygate@suddenlinkmail.com.

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Santana H. Rios

Funeral services for Santana H. Rios, have been set for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton with Msgr. Tim Schwertner officiating; interment will follow at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Santana, age 77, passed away in Midland, amongst his beloved family on Saturday, August 18, 2012. He was born in Runge, Texas on July 25, 1935 to Apolonia Herrera and Francisco Rios. Silvestre worked at the West TX Compress as well as the Martin County for many years.

Santana is preceded in death by his daughter Norma Rios.

He is survived by his wife Hercilia Barron of Stanton, Texas. Two daughters; Gloria Rosales of Stanton, Texas and Geneva Gonzales of Ennis, Texas; two sons, Frank Rios of Midland, Texas and Santana Rios of Fort Worth, Texas; one sister, Margarita Acevedo of Brownfield, Texas; one brother, Domingo Rios of Big Spring, Texas. Nineteen grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren.

The pallbearers will be Jeremy Rios, Jason Rios, Albert Rios, Marcos Rosales, Timothy Gonzales and Raymond Gonzales III.

Rosary will be held on Monday, August 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

The family would like to give thanks to the Hospice of Midland.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Death Notices

Alden Farris Hughes, Jr.

Lieutenant Colonel Alden Farris Hughes, Jr., USAF (Ret) went home August 17, 2012 at ORMC Hospital. Born March 9, 1926 in Ryan Oklahoma to Lottie Sue and Alden Farris Hughes.

Preceded by his parents and one son.

Survivors: Wife, Bobbie Hughes; sister, Sue Hale of Dallas; son, Greg Glasgow of Davenport, CA, daughters; Linda Scott of Gardendale, and Cynthia Barron of Midland; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Memorial Services August 21, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at Mission Dorado Baptist Church.

Services entrusted to Frank Wilson Funeral Directors.

Frankie Cordell

Frankie Cordell, 58, of Andrews passed away Saturday, August 18, 2012 in Andrews.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Monday at McNett Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at McNett Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Andrews North Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki Cordell of Andrews; his son, Keith Cordell of Andrews; his daughters, Tina Henson of Seminole; Tana Cordell of Andrews; his brothers, Lynn Cordell of Boyd, Texas; Elton Cordell of Chickasha, Oklahoma; Ronnie Cordell, Johnny Cordell and Arvin Cordell all of Briar, Texas; and five grandchildren.

Marguerite Christine Kitchens

Marguerite Christine Kitchens, 84, passed away Sunday, August 19, 2012 at Memorial Hospital in Seminole, Texas.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at First United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Joyce McCormick officiating and Pastor Marv Gregory assisting. Burial will follow in Levelland Cemetery. All services are under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home. The family requests that all memorials be sent to the First United Methodist Church in Seminole.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors: Sister, Mary (Weldon) McCormick of Lubbock; several nephews, nieces and a lifelong friend.

Tommy R. Duniphin

Tommy R. Duniphin, 88, of Big Spring, formerly of Odessa, passed away on Sunday, August 19, 2012 in Big Spring, Texas.

Tommy was born in Arkansas on May 21, 1924.

Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home, in Odessa, Texas. The funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 in the Sunset Chapel.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

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its toll," Durflinger said.

But at 20, Jared Macher of Manalapan, N.J., worries that Social Security won't be around for his generation without big changes.

"My generation sees Social Security as a tax, not an investment," Macher said.

Social Security's finances are being hit by a wave of demographics as millions of baby boomers reach retirement, leaving relatively fewer workers behind to pay into the system. About 56 million people get benefits today; that is projected to grow to 91 million in 2035.

For nearly three decades Social Security produced big surpluses, collecting more in taxes from workers than it paid in benefits to retirees, disabled workers, spouses and children. But Social Security trustees project that the surplus, now valued at $2.7 trillion, will be gone in 2033. At that point, Social Security would only collect enough tax revenue each year to pay about 75 percent of benefits, unless Congress acts.

The AP used data from the Social Security Administration to calculate how much of the shortfall would be eliminated by various options. To illustrate how Social Security's long-term finances have become worse in the past two years, the AP also calculated the share of the shortfall that would have been eliminated, if the options had been adopted in 2010.

Taxes

Social Security is financed by a 12.4 percent tax on wages. Workers pay half and their employers pay the other half. The tax is applied to the first $110,100 of a worker's wages, a level that increases each year with inflation. For 2011 and 2012, the tax rate for employees was reduced to 4.2 percent, but is scheduled to return to 6.2 percent in January.

OPTIONS:

■ Apply the Social Security tax to all wages, including those above $110,100. Workers making $200,000 in wages would get a tax increase of $5,574, an amount their employers would have to match. Their future benefits would increase, too. This option would eliminate 72 percent of the shortfall. Two years ago, it would have wiped out 99 percent.

■ Increase the payroll tax by 0.1 percentage point a year, until it reaches 14.4 percent in 20 years. At that point, workers making $50,000 a year would get a tax increase of $500 and employers would have to match it. This option would eliminate 53 percent of the shortfall. Two years ago, it would have wiped out 73 percent.

Retirement age

Workers qualify for full retirement benefits at age 66, a threshold that gradually rises to 67 for people born in 1960 or later. Workers are eligible for early retirement at 62, though monthly benefits are reduced by about 25 percent. The reductions shrink the longer you wait to apply.

OPTIONS:

■ Gradually raise the full retirement age to 68 in 2033. This option would eliminate 15 percent of the shortfall. Two years ago, it would have eliminated a little more than 20 percent.

■ Gradually raise the full retirement age to 69 in 2039 and 70 in 2063. This option would eliminate 37 percent of the shortfall. Two years ago, it would have eliminated about half.

Cost-of-living adjustments

Each year, if consumer prices increase, Social Security benefits go up as well. By law, the increases are pegged to an inflation index. This year, benefits went up by 3.6 percent, the first increase since 2009.

Option: Adopt a new inflation index called the Chained CPI, which assumes that people change their buying habits when prices increase to reduce the impact on their pocketbooks. The new index would reduce the annual COLA by 0.3 percentage point, on average. This option would eliminate 19 percent of the shortfall. Two years ago, it would have eliminated 26 percent.

Benefits

Initial Social Security benefits are determined by lifetime wages, meaning the more you make, the higher your benefit, to a point. Initial benefits are typically calculated using up to 35 years of wages. Earnings from earlier years, when workers were young, are adjusted to reflect the change in general wage levels that occurred during their years of employment.

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CEDAR PARK

4 shot in Central Texas Walmart parking lot

Police say a suspect is in custody after four people were shot during an altercation in a Central Texas Walmart parking lot.

Cedar Park Police Capt. Mike Harmon said authorities responded to the shooting about 4:30 a.m. Sunday and took the suspect into custody. He says the four people who were shot were hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries.

Police said 18-year-old Soloman Onwukaife has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Harmon said he did not have any attorney information for Onwukaife, who remained hospitalized after being injured in the altercation.

Police said more charges may be filed.

Harmon said no Walmart employees or customers were injured.

Cedar Park is located about 20 miles north of Austin.

DALLAS

Body found in search for man missing after rains

Two men were swept into rain-swollen creeks in Dallas and Fort Worth after thunderstorms brought up to 4 inches of rain to the area over the weekend. By Sunday, authorities believed they had recovered one man's body.

Fort Worth Fire Department spokesman Richard Harrison told The Associated Press a body was found in the search area Sunday afternoon but has not been positively identified as the missing man. Harrison said that a witness told them the man was swept away Saturday night after stepping into a creek on the east side of the city to cool off.

Lt. Jerome Henry, of Dallas Fire Rescue, told The Dallas Morning News the search resumed Sunday for a man swept away in White Rock Creek. Witnesses say the man was fishing Saturday night when he lost his footing while walking across a concrete barrier to the other side of the creek.

The storms caused street flooding, stranded drivers and a partial roof cave-in at the Urban Inter Tribal Center of Texas.

New rules require proof chile grown in New Mexico

By Phaedra Haywood
Santa Fe New Mexican

SANTA FE, N.M. — It can be hot, medium or mild. It can come from a family plot near Chimayo or a 100-acre farm in Hatch. But if the label or seller says its New Mexico chile, it better be grown in New Mexico.

This is the first harvest season in which new state rules require vendors of chile and chile products to verify the origin of their produce.

The state laws, passed last year, make it illegal for anyone to knowingly sell chile or chile products labeled as New Mexico-grown if the chile wasn't grown in the state. The state Department of Agriculture will enforce the rules.

Chile growers lobbied for the new regulations, according to New Mexico Chile Association Executive Director Jaye Hawkins, as a way to guard against impostor products from places such as Mexico, China and India.

Hawkins said competition from importers — who have fewer regulations and lower labor costs than New Mexico chile growers — seriously has affected New Mexico's chile industry in the last two decades.

In the 1990s, Hawkins said, New Mexico farmers grew about 35,000 acres of chile.

Last year, she said, less than 10,000 acres of chile were grown in the state.

Department of Agriculture spokeswoman Katie Goetz said the department held a series of meetings with farmers across the state after the rules were passed last year to figure out the least cumbersome way to enforce them.

The result is a two-document system. The first form in the system is an affidavit provided by a grower to verify the chile's origin. That form travels with the chile, like a passport, to its ultimate destination.

For example, Goetz said, if the chile is bound for a grocery store, the form travels with the chile to the store, which then has the verification it needs to label the chile as New Mexico-grown.

The second part of the program requires those who process chile into other products, such as salsa, to submit a verification form with the state, which affirms they are using only New Mexico-grown chile in products with a "New Mexico chile" label.

Goetz said state standards inspectors, who already conduct audits of grocery stores — to ensure the accuracy of scales and volume claims, for instance — have taken on the added responsibility of verifying the origins of chile products.

While in stores, Goetz said, the inspectors check products that list New Mexico chile on their labels against a list of companies that have submitted verification forms to ensure the products are in compliance.

If they aren't, Goetz said, the items are pulled from the shelves until the vendor remedies the problem, either by providing documents to verify that the chile is indeed New Mexico-grown or by changing the label to eliminate a false claim.

Goetz said the department began enforcing the new regulations July 1.

Since then, she said, inspectors have audited about 120 products; about 45 of those were pulled from shelves because the manufacturers weren't in compliance.

Goetz said she didn't have data to differentiate between products that were pulled because they were grown out of state and products that were pulled because they simply lacked the proper paperwork.

Goetz said roadside vendors are also subject to the regulations and should have on-site their verification forms showing where their chile was grown.

Ideally, she said, vendors should have multiple copies of the document on hand to give to customers who want to process the chile into another product that could be offered for sale.

Mauricio Mena, the produce manager at Lowe's grocery store on St. Michael's Drive — one of the few chile roasters that have begun selling this year's crop — produced a sheaf of papers when asked about the regulations; all the documents showed that the store's chile is grown in Hatch, like the sign says.

Mena said he learned of the new requirement via emails from his supervisors and the Department of Agriculture, and he thinks it's a good idea.

"A lot of people come from Colorado and Texas, and they want New Mexico chile," he said. "If it's going to be sold as authentic New Mexico chile, then it should be authentic, and the state should require certification," he said. "It's better for the tourists to get what they pay for. It's not fair if they don't."

Associated Press

Pablo Mendoza roasts Hatch chili at the Lowe's grocery store parking lot on St. Michaels Drive in Santa Fe, N.M., on Wednesday. Under new state rules, stores and roadside vendors must have verification forms on-site showing where their chile is grown.

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Waco-area towns get help with aging infrastructure

By J.B. Smith
Waco Tribune-Herald

AP file photo

Valley Mills city administrator Bill Lancaster holds a tattered map from 1929, which he relies on for locating water and sewer lines, in Valley Mills, on July 31. Many small towns like Valley Mills don't have the money to make a commitment to quality infrastructure.

WACO — The maps that Valley Mills city administrator Bill Lancaster uses to locate water and sewer lines look like ancient treasure maps: ripped, yellowed and water-stained.

They were drawn in 1929, the same year this small town installed the sewer system and water tower that still are in use.

To find pipes installed since then, Lancaster and his crews go hunting with modern metallic line detectors and old-fashioned divining rods.

Those methods often fail. A few weeks ago, a gas company dug into an unmapped plastic waterline, forcing the city to declare a boil water notice until the line was disinfected.

"Every time we dig a hole, we have a new surprise," Lancaster said.

But the city administrator is hoping a new $1 million initiative by the Heart of Texas Council of Governments will help Valley Mills and other small towns in this area get a handle on their aging infrastructure.

The regional planning initiative, called "Efficient Towns and Counties," will serve 35 communities in Falls, Hill, Limestone, Freestone and Bosque counties.

Funded by a federal grant and contributions from the counties, the initiative revolves around a single big idea: help communities help themselves with better data.

Among other objectives, the initiative will use Geographic Information System software to create digital maps of each town and its infrastructure. The agency will buy line-locating equipment that towns can use to help update the maps.

The communities then can use the data to formulate their own plans for improving their infrastructure, said Megan Henderson, regional services director for the council of governments.

In many cases, she said, the towns may find they need less infrastructure, not more. With digital mapping and modeling in place, towns may realize they can deactivate some problematic lines and create a simpler, smarter and more cost-effective system, she said.

That may be the only way struggling small towns can survive in a time of diminishing federal and state aid for public works, Henderson said.

"It's obvious to me that small cities don't have the money to make a meaningful commitment to quality infrastructure," she said. "Their water and sewer services are upside down in how they're funded and maintained, and there's absolutely no road map for fixing them. . . . There's this sense that in a lot of ways we may need to go back to go forward."

Henderson spent eight years in Falls County towns, first as Marlin's Main Street manager, then as Rosebud's city manager.

She said that for years, small towns have depended on competitive grants from the federal government's Community Development Block Grant program to make upgrades to their sewer and water systems.

The money was never enough to keep up with the towns' needs to replace aging infrastructure.

"The problem is that the systems themselves are citywide, and the programs that exist are not of the scale to change a citywide system," she said.

Earlier this summer some lawmakers, including U.S. Rep. Bill Flores, R-Bryan, supported axing the block grant program altogether. Even if the program continues, Henderson said, towns need to have well-thought-out plans so they can make the most of scarce resources.

Henderson said the HOTCOG initiative also will help towns analyze their road systems with an eye to smarter spending.

She said some towns may realize certain roads no longer serve enough residents to justify completely rebuilding them.

Instead, the towns could use alternative paving techniques, such as regrinding the road base and sealing it with slurry. Marlin City Manager William McDonald said he sees a potential to downsize infrastructure and use alternative paving technologies in parts of town where most people have moved out. Marlin is a good example, Henderson said, of overbuilt infrastructure that has become burdensome to maintain.

TEA employee becomes school funding guru

By Laurel L. Scott
San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO — In 1974, Omar Garcia wasn't planning to become the school finance guru for the state of Texas. He was just looking for a job.

A native of Raymondville in the Rio Grande Valley, Garcia had earned bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from what was then Texas A&I University in Kingsville. He was visiting Austin, staying with a friend who was attending the University of Texas School of Law, hoping to get into the banking industry.

"I looked at a couple of bank teller positions that paid like $350 a month," he said recently.

He said he was visiting the UT campus when he saw postings for jobs at the Texas Education Agency.

"There were two jobs posted and both of them were paying like $800 a month. $350? $800? What's it going to be? It was a no-brainer," Garcia said.

That first job was in TEA's division of school audits.

"My job back then was to travel all over the state auditing school districts," he said. "I did that for almost five years. We traveled all year long, two weeks in, two weeks out."

A promotion put him in TEA's division of state funding, and during the next 23 years he rose through the ranks to become TEA's state funding director, responsible for making sure school districts got the amount of funding authorized by the Legislature.

But that position, which he left in 2002, is not why he is called an "icon" of Texas school finance and is the man that more than 1,000 school districts across Texas count on to help them determine how much income they likely are to get from the state's Foundation School Program.

Garcia is the architect of an Excel document known as the state funding template, used by school districts to calculate how much money to expect from the state, depending on their district's demographics, tax rate and many other factors.

The TEA has its own system for calculating what school districts will get, based on their numbers, said Lisa Dawn-Fisher, TEA's chief school finance officer. School districts, however, do not have access to TEA's program. Tom Patton, a retired former state funding director who was Garcia's boss at the time, started at TEA in 1968.

"In those days, you could do your estimates on a single sheet of paper," he said. "After 1984 or so, it got increasingly more complex as these various layers were created — tax efforts began to make a difference, special student populations began to make a difference."

The mid-'80s also is when TEA moved into a new building "and with that move we got desktop computers," Garcia said.

The computers came with the Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet program, and Patton asked Garcia to try programming the funding formulas into a spreadsheet.

"That was the concept, the schools need something they can readily do on their own," Patton said. "I have likened the schools to farming for a living — you can plan all you want but until your crop is gathered and sold, you don't know what you're going to make.

"School funding, unlike what people might commonly think, is driven by a formula that is dependent entirely on what's happening with the school year now. The state is advancing money to schools based on estimates that were made some time ago. Then, when it's all over, if they (TEA) owe you more money, they pay you more money, and if they advanced you too much, you have to pay it back. The state cannot tell you what you're ultimately going to earn."

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5 p.m. today
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive

Seliger town hall meeting

Texas State Sen. Kel Seliger will host a town hall meeting from 4 to 5:30 p.m. today in UTPB's Science and Technology Building's Cooper Lecture Hall.

Seliger serves on the Senate finance and education committees, as well as the finance subcommittee on higher education.

The program will be free and open to the public.

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5-6 p.m. Local News reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
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Today in history

Today is Monday, Aug. 20, the 233rd day of 2012. There are 133 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill paid tribute to the Royal Air Force before the House of Commons, saying, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

In 1986, postal employee Patrick Henry Sherrill went on a deadly rampage at a post office in Edmond, Okla., shooting 14 fellow workers.

WEST TEXAS BOOMTOWN

AP file photos

TOP: An old motel sign and telephone booth are on display at a museum in Rankin. **BOTTOM LEFT:** A roustabout worker washes a drilling rig at a lease off Loving County Road 408 near Mentone. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Visiting her grandparents for part of the summer, Darbi Doan, 8, second from left, hangs out with neighbors under a canopy at the E&D RV Park near Stanton.

BOOM

From 1A

modest revival now is a full-fledged boom. The play extends across hundreds of square miles of West Texas and into New Mexico, from Mentone east to El Dorado.

"I had a family emergency the other night and when I got back into town at 4 a.m. it looked like Interstate 10 because of the oil field traffic," said Crane County Judge John Farmer, who lives southwest of Odessa. "Anything within 150 miles of Midland and Odessa is the same way. Even in Stanton, which was all cotton fields, they're drilling oil wells now."

The price of oil is hovering around $90 a barrel down from a peak of more than $110 this spring. But because of fundamental changes in how oil is being extracted, some doubt that a drop to $60 or $70 a barrel will kill the boom. After all, there are now more than 155,000 producing wells out here, generating revenue and requiring service for years to come.

"It's unbelievable. This has 50 years worth of life. They'll be redrilling the entire Permian Basin," exclaimed Jim Smitherman, chief executive officer of Security Bank in Midland, one of the few banks to survive the last bust.

"Before they found the new oil, we were in a tertiary recovery phase and most of us didn't think this area had much longevity," he said.

Filling pockets

Airport hangars in Midland now are jammed with private planes, there is a three- to four-month wait to join the Petroleum Club and many of the service companies lining Interstate 20 keep "Hiring" signs out front.

A freshly graduated petroleum engineer can make $80,000 a year, sometimes with a $10,000 to $20,000 signing bonus tacked on. Roughnecks and truck drivers willing to work killer hours can gross over $100,000 a year.

From the first commercial well, drilled in Mitchell County in 1921, oil and gas have written the history of the Permian Basin, a vast ancient seabed riddled with hydrocarbons, where catastrophic busts often have followed spectacular booms.

The cycle this time around will be different, said Robison, president of ExL Petroleum. No longer does the oilman's fate depend solely on luck and the capricious world price of oil. Instead of hitting only one of 10 holes, some drillers who are tapping once inaccessible formations and using new extraction techniques expect to find oil most of the time.

Historically, oil and gas has been a destroyer of capital," Robison said. "But that paradigm has changed. It's a new industry. If you can drill 200 to 300 new wells, and if every single one is economic, that greatly reduces the risk of loss of investment."

The boom also has sweetened royalty payments and lease bonuses for land owners.

"Anymore, a 25 percent royalty is standard, and it's not unusual to find $1,000 to $3,000 bonuses per acre in really hot areas," said Arlen Edgar, 78, a longtime oil and gas investor.But booms also bring foreboding. Economist Karr Ingham, who tracks the region's business activity, as well as its oil and gas economy, is beginning to hedge his bets.

"This has been a pretty extraordinary run since 2009. The rig count is actually higher right now than it was during the peak of the 1980s, and that's a pretty stunning development," he said. But, he said that for the past three months the oil and gas industry index has declined.

"These are deep wells with a very high cost basis, so I'm kind of wondering aloud if this drop in crude prices will put the brakes on activity. It wouldn't bother me to be dead wrong, but that's actually what I'm expecting," he said.

"And if prices drop to $70 or lower, I think things will really slow down," he said.

Labor shortage

City leaders in Midland and Odessa, meanwhile, are quietly digesting forecasts that, if the boom holds, their populations could double within two or three decades, creating an Interstate 20 metroplex of at least 400,000 people. Since 2000, the combined populations of Midland and Ector counties have risen by more than 40,000 people, to roughly 280,500, according to the U.S. Census. Median family incomes also have increased by more than a third.

"In some of the projections, we'll add 100,000 to our population, which is a whole new city," said Courtney Sharp, city manager of Midland, which is afloat in tax revenue.

Sales tax income for Midland went from $13.4 million in fiscal 2001 to $29.4 million in fiscal 2011. So much money is flowing in that the city's reserve fund is now equal to about half its general fund, double what it used to be.The wealth has triggered an ambitious capital improvements program.

PERRY

From 1A

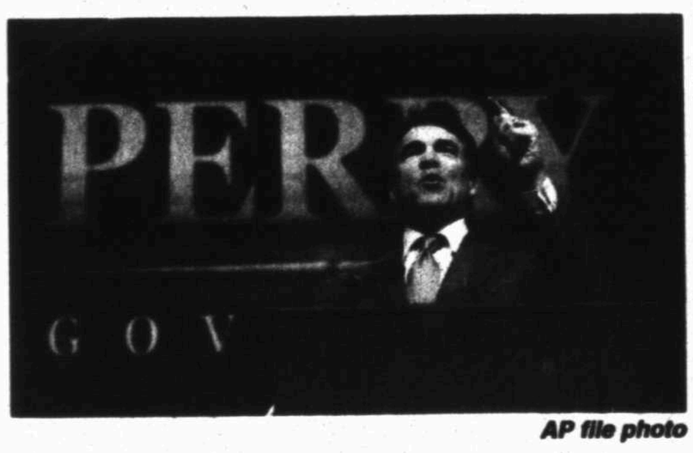
Back in Texas, Perry campaigned for Lt. Gov. Dewhurst, who poured more than $20 million of his own money into a Republican primary battle for the U.S. Senate with tea party favorite and former Solicitor General Ted Cruz.

Dewhurst lost by 13 percentage points during last month's runoff, raising questions about whether the state has now moved too far to the right for Perry and the rest of the Texas GOP establishment.

Asked if Perry is no longer conservative enough for tea party activists — and if that could hurt his fundraising efforts — Perry spokeswoman Catherine Frazier said simply, "No and no."

Frazier added Sunday that Perry "continues to show strong fundraising, and Texans recognize that he has been a leader in tackling the issues most important to conservatives."

As further proof the governor still considers himself a future political force, he has also refused to rule out making another run at the White House in 2016 — though his doing so will depend heavily on whether President Barack Obama is re-elected or unseated by presumptive GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney.



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Texas Gov. Rick Perry speaks during the Texas Republican Convention in Fort Worth, on June 7.

Texans for Public Justice, a state campaign finance watchdog group that frequently clashes with the governor, has long dubbed Perry the top fundraiser in Texas politics. The group said he remains so despite his stumbles in the presidential race and with Dewhurst.

"There's a Perry machine in this state that reflects his unprecedented longevity," said research director Andrew Wheat. "He has the power and money flows to power."

Still, the governor is not the only one stockpiling campaign cash. Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott widely is believed to have gubernatorial aspirations, though he has also been seen as willing to wait for Perry to step aside before running.

Abbott raised $3 million during the first six months of the year, bringing his campaign funds to an impressive $14.5 million. He also has strong statewide name recognition, helping Texas sue the federal government 21 times since Obama took office. But Eric Bearse, an Abbott spokesman and a former top Perry aide, said the attorney general isn't worrying about his political future yet.

"The only thing that we're focused on is maintaining a close, cordial relationship with the governor," he said.

"They have been friends for a long time. They work closely together and will continue to do so."

Perry has a lot of ground to make up if he wants to catch Abbott in fundraising — but the governor has proven to be a master at raising money.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Alejandro Aranda, 27, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a second charge within 12 months of assault of a family or house member causing bodily injury.

Francisco O. Hernandez, 41, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft of service valued between $20,000 and $100,000.

Jon D. Lentz, 48, of Eden Prairie, N.M., was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft valued between $1,500 and $20,000.

James E. Myers, 42, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft of property valued less than $20,000 containing at least 50 percent of aluminum, bronze or copper.

Anna M. Reyes, 30, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of burglary of a habitation intending to commit another felony.

Joe Rodriquez Jr., 30, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of burglary of a habitation intending to commit another felony.

Alan J. Swinney, 42, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault of a family or house member impeding breath.

Lisa M. Taylor, 46, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Samantha S. Williams, 37, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of violation of parole.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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From 1A

in the Middle East from 2000-2003, graduated from Lee in 1963.

The 1963 yearbook's index, lists the future first lady as "Laura Welsh." Ironically, she was a member of the yearbook staff the year her name was misspelled. The future Mrs. Bush also was an advisory officer, homecoming queen nominee, Rebelee Court nominee and a Student Council alternate. She graduated in 1964.

Jimmy Patterson's book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas" will be published in 2013.

Like NASA rover, family switches to Mars time

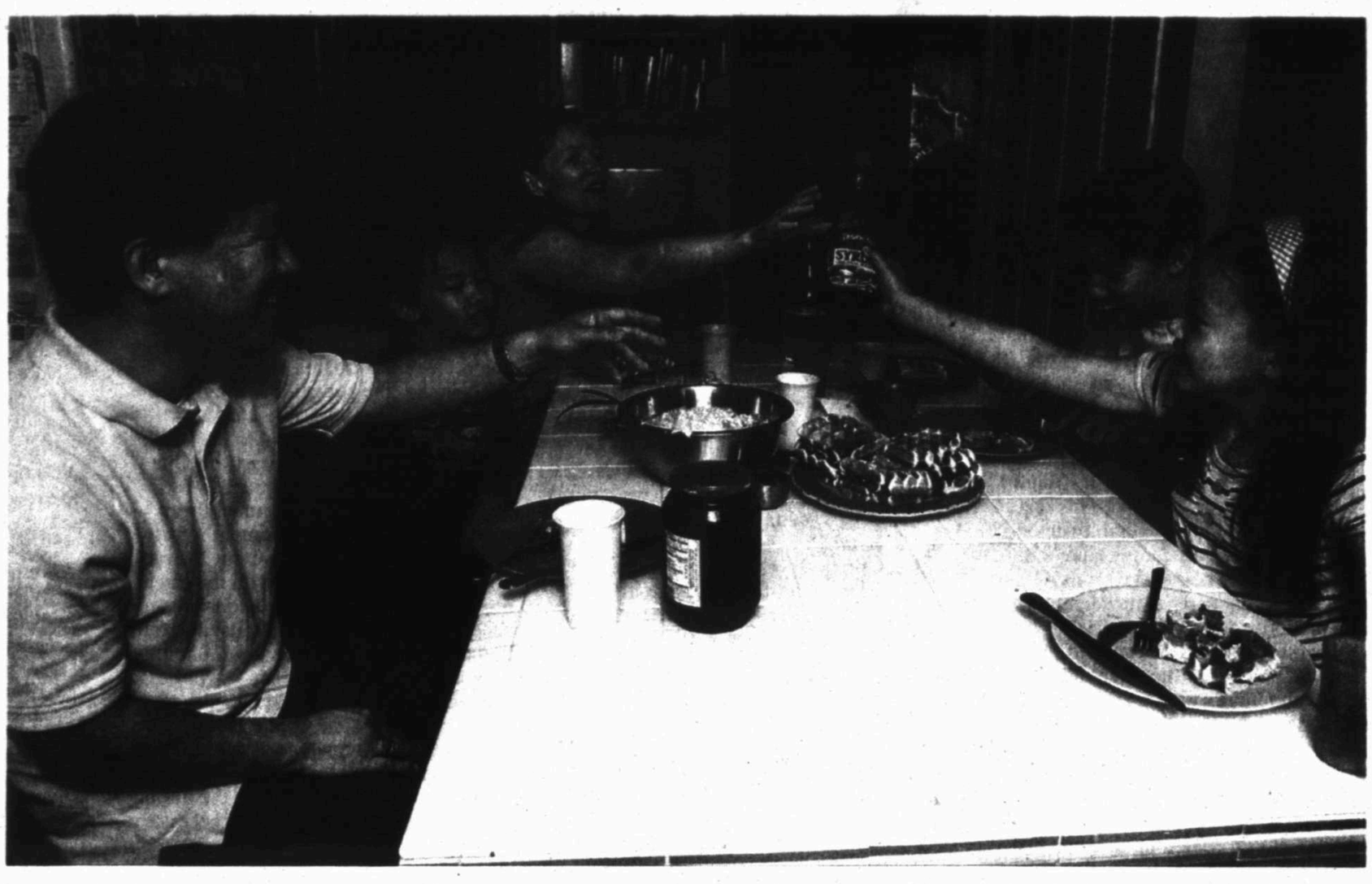
Associated Press

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. —

For one family, an exotic summer getaway means living on Mars.

Martian time, that is.

Since the landing of NASA's newest Mars rover, flight director David Oh's family has taken the unusual step of tagging along as he leaves Earth time behind and syncs his body clock with the red planet.



ABOVE: David Oh, a flight director of NASA's latest Mars mission, far left and his family have breakfast at 3 pm at their home in La Canada Flintridge, Calif. The Oh family has been living on Mars time and following an odd schedule ever since the NASA rover Curiosity landed in an ancient Martian crater on Aug. 5. Siting from left: David, Devyn, his wife Bryn, Braden, and Ashlyn.

LEFT: An electric clock is set on Mars Time to help David, the rover's flight director, keep his schedule straight.

Associated Press photos

Every mission to Mars, a small army of scientists and engineers reports to duty on "Mars time" for the first three months. But it's almost unheard of for an entire family to flip their orderly lives upside down, shifting to what amounts to a time zone change a day.

Intrigued about abiding by extraterrestrial time, Oh's wife, Bryn, could not pass up the chance to take their kids — 13-year-old Braden, 10-year-old Ashlyn and 8-year-old Devyn — on a Martian adventure from their home near the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory where the Curiosity rover was built.

"We all feel a little sleepy, a little jet-lagged all day long, but everyone is doing great," Bryn Oh said, two weeks into the experiment.

Days on Mars last a tad longer. Earth rotates on its axis once every 24 hours — the definition of a day. Neighbor Mars spins more lazily. Days there — known as sols — last 39 minutes and 35 seconds longer than on Earth. The difference may not seem like much each day, but it adds up.

To stay in lockstep, nearly 800 people on the $2.5 billion project have surrendered to the Martian cycle of light and dark. In the simplest sense, each day slides forward 40 minutes. That results in wacky work, sleep and eating schedules. Many say it feels like perpetual jet lag.

The Oh family broke in slowly. A sign on their front door warns: "On Mars Time: Flight Director Asleep. Come Back Later."

Days before Curiosity's Aug. 5 touchdown, the children stayed up until 11:30 p.m. and slept in until 10 a.m. In the beginning, it wasn't much different from a typical day on summer vacation. As the days wore on, they stayed up later and later, waking up in the afternoon and evening.

One day last week, the family ate a 3 p.m. breakfast, 8 p.m. lunch, 2:30 a.m. dinner and 5 a.m. dessert before heading off to bed.

To sleep when the sun is out, their bedroom windows are covered with aluminum foil or cloth to keep out any sliver of light. In the hallway, a handmade calendar keeps track of the days and schedules are written on an oversized mirror. A digital clock in the master bedroom is set to Mars time.

Bryn Oh keeps a meticulous spreadsheet updated with her husband's work hours and the family's activities. They wear a wireless device that monitors their steps, calories burned and sleep patterns.

When David Oh tells coworkers on Mars time and friends on Earth time about the switch: "Some of them think it's really cool to have the kids along. Some who worked on other Mars missions have said, 'You're crazy.'"

Being night owls has its perks: Braden, Ashlyn and Devyn saw their first shooting star. The family went on night hikes in the hills around the neighborhood. They had a late dinner in Hollywood and gawked at street performers on the Walk of Fame with other tourists. They saw a midnight screening of a zombie film and then went bowling.

One night, Bryn Oh took the children biking in an empty parking lot. The youngest shed his training wheels, and for the first time, pedaled around.

Of the three, Ashlyn has the most difficulty sticking to the Mars rhythm. She tends to wake up too early and balks at naps.

"It's awesome, but it's tiring" she said.

Braden thrives on the weird hours. What teenager doesn't like staying up as late as possible and having frozen yogurt at midnight? He started a blog detailing the family's experiences.

Earthly sacrifices were made. The family traded a real vacation for a glorified staycation. Dental appointments, harp lessons and play dates were scheduled around when the kids were awake, which was a moving target every day.

Still, they managed to host a party a week after the landing, throwing a Mars-themed backyard barbecue complete with a cake shaped like Gale Crater, Curiosity's new home, and topped with candles shaped like stars.

Bryn Oh said it's easy to lose track of what day it is. A simple question like "What time is it?" is difficult to answer. Do you mean Earth time? Curiosity time? The time that their bodies think they're on?

For the mission workers, the schedule is also more grueling than in the past. Their work hours tend to whiplash around depending on when orbiting spacecraft fly over the rover landing site to relay signals to Earth. One shift sends up commands spelling out what Curiosity will do for the day; another pores over the pictures beamed back.

To cope, workers talk as if they're on Mars, saluting "Good morning" to one another even though it might be dark outside. Cots are available for siestas. There's also free ice cream — "a little pick-me-up in the middle of the night," said mission manager Mike Watkins.

Watkins said it's tough for anyone to stray from Earth time let alone a family.

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President right about need to break stalemate

■ Voters must ask if Obama should be part of the solution.

JONATHAN GURWITZ
San Antonio Express-News

On the campaign trail in Virginia last week, Vice President Joe Biden warned a mixed race crowd that if Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan win in November, "They're going to put y'all back in chains."

Speaking in Iowa, President Barack Obama tossed out a one-liner referencing a three-decade old story about Romney taking a family vacation with his dog in a carrier on the roof of a station wagon. So much for hope and change. Here it's worth quoting Obama four years ago, as he accepted his party's presidential nomination:

"If you don't have a record to run on, then you paint your opponent as someone people should run from. You make a big election about small things."

Run from the slave trader. Vote for the guy without the dog on the roof. There are some wonderful ironies in the Obama-Biden strategy of jokes and chains. Back in 2006, Biden cozied up to an audience in South Carolina with the story that his home state of Delaware was "a slave state that fought beside the North. That's only because we couldn't figure out how to get to the South."

Back then, slavery was funny stuff. Y'all. In his semi-factual memoir, "Dreams from My Father," Obama discusses eating dog meat with his stepfather in Indonesia. "Tough," the author notes parenthetically. Again, funny stuff. So is this what Americans have to look forward to through Nov. 6 — race-baiting and dog jokes?

Whatever chance there is that the presidential election actually will be decided on substantive issues, it was enhanced by Romney's selection of Ryan as his running mate. Ryan actually has authored a budget that puts the country back on a path toward fiscal responsibility. The House of Representatives has passed the Ryan plan — twice in the last two years. Last year, the Democrat-controlled Senate voted down the Obama budget, 97-0.

This year, the budget presented by the president was so unserious that Majority Leader Harry Reid refused to even bring it up for consideration. The last time the Senate actually passed a budget was in 2009. That's par for the course. From spending to taxes to entitlement reform, Ryan and Republicans have put forward proposals commensurate with the threat to economic prosperity and national security posed by trillion-dollar deficits, a $16 trillion debt, and a Medicare trust fund that — according to its trustees — will be insolvent by 2024.

Democrats and the White House have done nothing. Actually, worse than nothing. Obama appointed a bipartisan debt commission in 2010 to create the ultimate grand bargain — a package of necessary budget, tax and entitlement reforms for which commission members said, in their final report, they "were willing to put our differences aside to forge a plan because our nation will certainly be lost without one." The warning was lost on the president. He shelved the recommendations of his own debt commission.

Now in 2012, without a record to run on and without serious proposals of their own, Obama and the Democrats are left to tell jokes and scary stories. Speaking in Ohio last month, Obama said that there's no lack of ideas or solutions for the nation's problems.

"What's holding us back," he said, "is we've got a stalemate in Washington between two visions of where the country needs to go. And this election is about breaking that stalemate."

That's a far cry from Obama's soaring rhetoric in 2008 about ushering in a new era of politics. And the president was pulling another political prank if he was including himself among the problem-solvers. But about the need to break the stalemate, he was — unusual for this campaign season — factually correct.

GUEST VIEW

Voters should study dueling Medicare plans

Dallas Morning News

Paul Ryan, as you no doubt have heard, wants "to end Medicare as we know it." He wants to steal Medicare money and give tax breaks to the rich. And by choosing Ryan as his running mate, Mitt Romney endorses a plan to yank the health care safety net from beneath seniors, leaving them to die in penniless misery.

No, no, no, Republicans argue back. How can Romney-Ryan kill Medicare when President Barack Obama is already "gutting" it? He wants to whack $700 billion from Medicare to fund his health care reform, leaving seniors to die in penniless misery.

Oh, yeah? (More spin here.)

Oh, yeah? (Angry rebuttal spin here.)

Be patient, voters. As you can tell, we Americans are fairly out of practice at rational, reasonable debate over an issue that truly affects everyone's future. Medicare, as one of the big three federal entitlements, with Medicaid and Social Security, certainly is that.

Even as annual deficits pile accumulated debt ever higher, Medicare costs continue to chew up the federal budget. Predictions of its solvency disappearing by 2024 or earlier are increasingly common and no longer thought alarmist.

At least we're talking about big things, passionately if not always straightforwardly. Pretending the problem doesn't exist obviously doesn't make it go away.

And both sides know it. So here's a bit of unspinning:

The Democrats' plan does reduce future growth in Medicare spending by about $700 billion to help fund other parts of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. The Obama plan places greater emphasis on government oversight to hold down future costs, particularly in restricting payments to doctors and hospitals.

The Ryan plan, as revealed in his two latest House-passed budgets, effectively accepts the Obamacare cuts. The difference is how his plan goes after that reduced Medicare spending. Ryan would emphasize private-sector competition, placing his faith in the free market over government regulation.

Importantly, Ryan revised his 2013 budget with a key improvement that this newspaper favors. Instead of phasing out government-run Medicare, he now offers future recipients younger than 55 a choice: a voucher to buy private insurance or today's Medicare. The vouchers, whose rate would be set by a bidding process, would cover government-approved plans; if voucher holders want a more expensive plan, they would pay the extra.

Romney, the actual presidential candidate, throws a wrinkle by insisting that his Medicare plan is not precisely Ryan's. Both are committed to repealing Obamacare, but the Romney campaign says it would not preserve the Obamacare-driven cuts, as the Ryan plan would.

Clear now? Give it some time. We have conventions and debates and more than two months of study time ahead. Make use of it. Doing nothing really isn't an option.

Dueling Medicare plans

Key elements of Barack Obama's and Mitt Romney's plans:

■ From barackobama.com:

Improves quality and delivery system efficiency through the federal agency that distributes Medicare benefits, saving Medicare almost $120 billion over five years.

Extends the life of the Medicare trust fund by eight years.

Saves seniors, on average, $4,200 over 10 years. By 2022, premiums and co-insurance for seniors will be more than $500 lower.

For seniors in the coverage gap, closes the "doughnut hole" by 2020.

■ From mittromney.com:

Medicare is reformed as a premium support system. Existing spending is repackaged as a fixed-amount benefit to each senior to purchase insurance that must be at least comparable to what Medicare provides today.

If seniors choose more expensive plans, they will have to pay the difference; if they choose less expensive plans, they can use the balance to pay other medical expenses.

The government will offer "traditional" fee-for-service Medicare as an insurance plan, so seniors can purchase that if they prefer.

Lower-income seniors will receive more generous support; wealthier seniors will receive less support.

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Left contributes to hate speech

■ Family Research Council shooting reminds us how little it takes — from either side — to set off the "crazies."

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay rights organization, posted an alert on its blog Tuesday: "Paul Ryan Speaking at Hate Group's Annual Conference."

The "hate group" that the Republicans' vice presidential candidate would be addressing? The Family Research Council, a mainstream conservative think tank founded by James Dobson and run for many years by Gary Bauer.

The day after the gay rights group's alert went out, 28-year-old Floyd Lee Corkins II walked into the Family Research Council's Washington headquarters and, according to an FBI affidavit, proclaimed words to the effect of "I don't like your politics" — and shot the security guard. Corkins, who recently had volunteered at a gay community center, was carrying a 9mm handgun, a box of ammunition and a backpack full of Chick-fil-A — the company whose president recently spoke out against gay marriage.

Mercifully, the gunman was restrained, and nobody was killed. When I walked by the Family Research Council building in downtown Washington on Thursday afternoon, things were returning to normal. Outside the main doors, above which is inscribed the group's "Faith, Family, Freedom" motto, some discarded yellow police tape lay on the sidewalk. Attention to the incident already had begun to fade.

That's unfortunate, because this shooting should remind us all of an important truth: that while much of the political anger in America today lies on the right, there are unbalanced and potentially violent people of all political persuasions. The rest of us need to be careful about hurling accusations that can stir up the crazies.

Human Rights Campaign isn't responsible for the shooting. Neither should the organization that deemed the FRC a "hate group," the Southern Poverty Law Center, be blamed for a madman's act. But both are reckless in labeling as a "hate group" a policy shop that advocates for a full range of conservative Christian positions, on issues from stem cells to euthanasia.

I disagree with the Family Research Council's views on gays and lesbians. But it's absurd to put the group, as the law center does, in the same category as Aryan Nations, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Stormfront and the Westboro Baptist Church. The center says the FRC "often makes false claims about the LGBT community based on discredited research and junk science." Exhibit A in its dossier is a quote by an FRC official from 1999 (!) saying that "gaining access to children has been a long-term goal of the homosexual movement."

Offensive, certainly. But in the same category as the KKK?

Since the shooting, conservatives have complained that the media have played down the story. This probably has less to do with bias than with the fact that nobody was killed. Still, there is something to the complaint.

I took issue with Glenn Beck for stirring up the unstable by promoting conspiracy theories in the mass media; more than one Beck follower became violent. What the Southern Poverty Law Center and Human Rights Campaign have done isn't close to the level of provocation Beck achieved, but that doesn't justify their actions. The National Organization for Marriage, which opposes gay marriage, is right to say that the attack "is the clearest sign we've seen that labeling pro-marriage groups as 'hateful' must end."

Gays and lesbians are winning the fight for equality by example and persuasion. Those who support gay rights will gain nothing by sticking inflammatory labels on their opponents, many of whom are driven by deeply held religious beliefs.

The Family Research Council's president, Tony Perkins, said Thursday that "Corkins was given a license to shoot an unarmed man by organizations like the Southern Poverty Law Center." This goes too far. Nobody gave Corkins a license to kill. But at the same time, "hate," a strong word, has been used too loosely — whether it's Mitt Romney telling President Obama to take his "campaign of division and anger and hate back to Chicago," or the Southern Poverty Law Center lumping a Christian policy group in with hooded bigots.

Late Thursday, the law center fired back at Perkins, defending its categorization of the FRC as a hate group because it "has knowingly spread false and denigrating propaganda about LGBT people." The center said that Perkins should stop putting out "claims that are provably false" about gay people.

Yes, Perkins should stop doing that. But even if he doesn't, the Southern Poverty Law Center should stop listing a mainstream Christian advocacy group alongside neo-Nazis and Klansmen.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Don't expect parties to get bold in platforms

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Don't look for many bold pronouncements when Republicans and Democrats adopt party platforms at their national conventions.

Platforms are supposed to reflect the core values of the party and maybe provide some red meat to fire up the base, getting activists excited about supporting their presidential nominee. That's what Democrats hope to do by embracing gay marriage in their platform, a position that President Barack Obama only recently has adopted.

But no candidate wants to provide political fodder for opponents by including something in the platform that might turn off the sought-after undecided swing voters who could decide the election.

"You don't want a sentence or paragraph or phrase from your platform to be used against you in an ad or in a speech as a wedge issue," said Linda P. Schacht, a veteran of many Democratic conventions who worked on Jimmy Carter's campaigns in 1976 and 1980.

That could present a challenge for Republican Mitt Romney, who will have to contend with supporters of Rep. Ron Paul at the GOP convention in Tampa, Fla., at month's end. Paul's supporters are determined to make their mark on the convention, and the Texas congressman has pointed to the platform as a good way to do it.

"A lot of delegates who are pledged to vote for Romney are actually very strong supporters of ours and will be strongly supporting us when we want to put things into the platform to say, 'Hey, we don't need another war,'" Paul said in a recent broadcast interview. "The Federal Reserve? Yes, we do need to audit the Fed and we ought to really cut spending."

The GOP platform committee meets today and Tuesday in Tampa, ahead of the start of the convention Aug. 27.

Romney will have enough delegates to win any battle over the platform. But if Paul's supporters aren't placated, they could become an unwanted distraction, forcing public debates over foreign policy and the fight against terrorism at a time when Romney would rather focus on the struggling economy and his efforts to defeat Obama.

Many of Paul's libertarian views dovetail nicely with mainstream Republican ideas on limited government and low taxes.

But Paul breaks with much of his party when he rails against American intervention abroad, calling the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan illegal because Congress never passed a declaration of war.

Conventions

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Obama, Romney pass Sunday in church, with families

Associated Press

WOLFEBORO, N.H. — President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney spent a quiet Sunday attending church with their families, resting up for the campaign's final 11 weeks and the approaching party nominating conventions.

While the Romneys enjoyed beautiful sunshine in New Hampshire, and the Obamas endured rain in Washington, both men sent top advisers to the Sunday talk shows. These surrogates sparred mainly over Medicare and taxes, just as the candidates themselves have done for days.

Obama and Romney plunge back into heavy campaigning and fundraising this week. Targeted states include Ohio, Nevada and New Hampshire.

The debate's dominant topic remains how to tame Medicare's explosive growth without hurting the millions of elderly Americans, and future retirees, who count on it to pay for health care. TV interviewers pressed Romney aides to explain how the GOP ticket can restore a proposed $716 billion cut in Medicare spending's growth over 10 years without worsening the program's projected shortfall in funding.

Dems slam Ryan over Social Security

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats eagerly are renewing their fight against privatizing Social Security now that Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has picked Paul Ryan as his running mate. It was a fight that didn't go well for the GOP when President George W. Bush pushed the idea in 2005.

In his 2010 "Road Map for America's Future," the Wisconsin congressman proposed a plan to allow younger workers to divert more than one-third of their Social Security taxes into personal accounts that they would own and could will to their heirs.

Ryan wrote that the accounts would provide workers an opportunity "to build a significant nest egg for retirement that far exceeds what the current program can provide." Workers 55 and older would stay in the current system. Romney hasn't embraced the proposal and Ryan, chairman of the House Budget Committee, didn't include it in either of the federal budgets passed by House Republicans the past two years. But now Democrats hope to capitalize on the issue.

Bush's proposal for private accounts got a chilly reception from members in both parties in Congress, though Ryan embraced it. Democrats used the issue against GOP congressional candidates in the 2006 election, when they regained control of the House and Senate.

"The very last thing we ought to be doing is putting at risk the retirement security of millions of America's seniors," said Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida, who heads the Democratic National Committee.

Until now, Social Security largely had been absent from the presidential campaign. President Barack Obama has yet to lay out a detailed plan for addressing the issue, and his silence is drawing criticism from advocates who supported him in the past. Romney has been more forthcoming with proposals, but Social Security has not been a big part of his campaign, either.

Romney, in his book, "No Apology," said he liked the idea of personal accounts. But, he wrote, "Given the volatility of investment values that we have just experienced, I would prefer that individual accounts were added to Social Security, not diverted from it, and that they were voluntary."

Romney's current plan for Social Security doesn't mention personal accounts. Instead, he proposes a gradual increase in the retirement age to account for growing life expectancy. For future generations, Romney would slow the growth of benefits "for those with higher incomes."

Associated Press

Republican vice-presidential candidate, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., center, greets the crowd after speaking at a campaign rally in The Villages, Fla., on Saturday.

Romney said tax increases should be off the table, and current beneficiaries and those near retirement should be spared from cuts.

"Mitt Romney and Paul support gradual reforms to Social Security that protect current beneficiaries from any benefit disruptions while strengthening the program to ensure that it doesn't go bankrupt," Romney campaign spokesman Ryan Williams said.

The trustees who oversee Social Security say the trust funds that support the program will run dry in 2033. At that point, Social Security will generate only enough tax revenue to pay about 75 percent of benefits, triggering automatic cuts unless Congress acts.

During the 2008 campaign, Obama said he wanted to improve Social Security's finances by applying the payroll tax to annual wages above $250,000.

It is now limited to wages below $110,100, a level that increases with inflation.

Obama also pledged to oppose raising the retirement age or reducing annual cost-of-living adjustments, or COLAs. "Let me be clear, I will not do either," Obama said at the time. Last year, however, Obama put on the table a proposal to reduce annual COLAs during deficit-reduction talks with House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. The talks ultimately failed and nothing came of the proposal, but it raised questions about whether Obama would honor his 2008 pledge.

"A national politician would do well to strongly identify themselves with Social Security, not just with rhetoric, but to be very clear that they understand the pain people are experiencing today, that they stand behind this program and they will protect the citizenry and they will not cut benefits," said Eric Kingson, a Syracuse University professor who co-founded Social Security Works. "I hope to hear that from the White House. I have not heard that yet."

Obama offered some principles to strengthen Social Security in his 2011 State of the Union address.

"We must do it without putting at risk current retirees, the most vulnerable or people with disabilities, without slashing benefits for future generations and without subjecting Americans' guaranteed retirement income to the whims of the stock market," Obama said in the speech. Last week, Vice President Joe Biden made a more sweeping guarantee during a campaign swing in southern Virginia, telling a customer at a diner that Social Security will not be changed.

"I guarantee you, flat guarantee you, there will be no changes in Social Security," Biden told the customer, according to a White House pool report. "I flat guarantee you."

A Biden adviser said later the vice president was merely reassuring the woman that her benefits would not be changed. The adviser spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about the issue.

Obama campaign spokesman Adam Fetcher said the president "has put forward a set of principles to guide bipartisan action to strengthen it for future generations.

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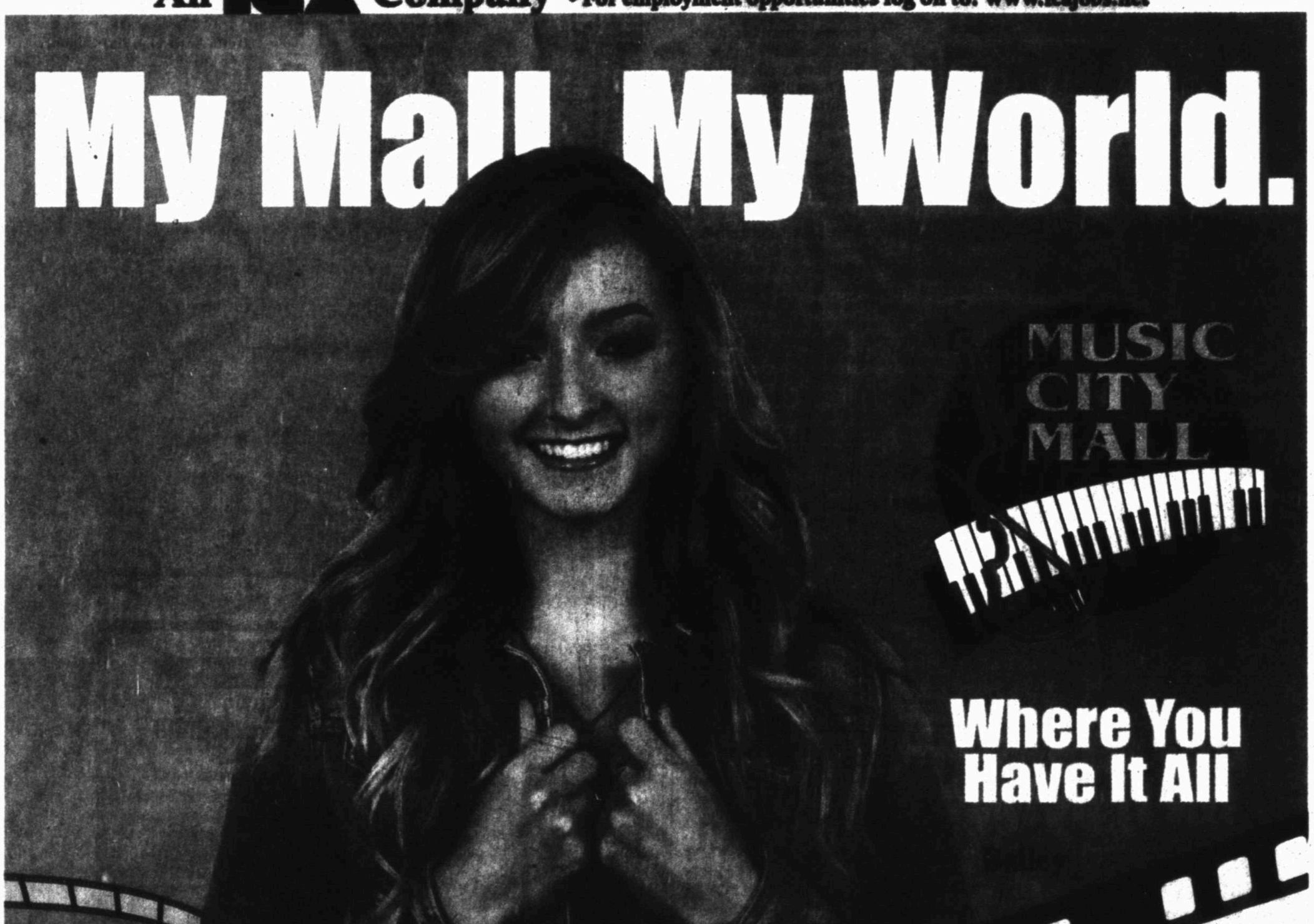

West Texas *living*

Names & Faces

an evening with GREG HALL

CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES Greg Hall, above, with Midland Christian School cheerleaders Briana Kayser, from left, Maddie West, Lainee Smith and McKenzie Kirby and dogs that were auctioned at the live auction. RIGHT Jimmy Smith with Greg Hall, who is auctioning a bracelet. It sold for $4,000.

CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FAR LEFT Mitzi and Mark Wholeking. LEFT Greg Hall with his daughter, Jacqueline, and wife, Angie. BELOW Harper and Dee Estes, from left, Greg Hall and Sandra and Jim Alsup.

Engineer Greg Hall, who helped rescue the 33 Chilean miners in October 2010, was the guest speaker at Centers for Children and Families' annual fundraiser. Hall, owner of Driller Supply International in Houston, is a Texas A&M University graduate. "An Evening With ..." was July 20 at the Horseshoe and included dinner, live and silent auctions, a cork pull, raffle and a question-and-answer session with Hall.

James Alsup was honored with the Harriet Herd Founders' Award for his involvement on the Centers' board and work in the community. Karmen Hendrix Bryant was the first recipient of the award that was given in honor of the late Ibby Whitaker Hardie. It recognizes the community involvement of a younger Midlander.

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FOCUS ON MEALS ON WHEELS

Lori Wesley is a member of the Board of Directors for Community and Senior Service

Meals on Wheels volunteers to be honored for service to seniors

Since 2009, food insecurity has increased for Americans 60 and older. No one in this country, or our community, should face the threat of hunger. And seniors — many who have little power to change their circumstances — deserve our special attention. We should honor the commitment and sacrifices of this greatest generation by helping them maintain health, independence and dignity.

Meals On Wheels, a Community and Senior Services program, makes an overwhelmingly positive impact on senior hunger with more than 1,200 volunteers who help package and deliver 130,000 meals annually to those who might go without a meal. These volunteers are being applauded at the third annual Power Lunch, which is Aug. 28. This sold-out event will feature America's premiere "lifestyle management" expert, Heloise. Known for her internationally syndicated newspaper column, "Hints from Heloise," her "Good Advice: Heloise to the Rescue" column in Good Housekeeping magazine and best-selling books, Heloise is an American icon who engages her audiences with her sage advice, great wit and admirable Texas charm.

Her approach is very similar to the role Community and Senior Services plays here in our Midland community. Celebrating its 30th anniversary, CSS probably is best known for its Meals on Wheels program. CSS also has a handyman program, to provide minor home repairs; RSVP, to engage our seniors in other volunteer services; and Foster Grandparents, who provide much needed support to our children in elementary schools. Other events such as the Texas Size Garage Sale (planned for the third weekend in October) and Gourmet Gala help fund the programs at CSS. CSS programs reduce the number of socially isolated elderly residents through a daily visit by a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

I respect the importance of the aging members of our society, admire what they have sacrificed and done to make our country great, and believe without a shadow of a doubt we should do the same. West Texas National Bank is proud to sponsor this worthwhile initiative through the Power Lunch for Midland's Meals On Wheels. It is an honor to pause and recognize the volunteers who provide nutritious meals and meaningful services here in Midland. Without the consistency of these remarkable programs and volunteers, many of the elderly in our community would not eat.

To learn more and get involved with programs that positively impact our seniors, visit www.cssmidland.org or call 689-6693.

Lori Wesley is vice president of marketing for West Texas National Bank and chair of Power Lunch 2012.

Need to Read seeks to improve literacy and enhance productivity of Midland adults

FOCUS ON MIDLAND NEED TO READ

Patci Lewis is executive director of Midland Need to Read

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Approximately one in three adults in the United States cannot read this sentence, according to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, or read well enough to understand a newspaper story written at the eighth-grade level. Without literacy skills — including the ability to read, write, do math, solve problems, and access and use technology — adults will struggle and fail to reach their full potential as parents, employees, and community members.

Adults need strong literacy skills:

- to raise children who have strong literacy skills.

As the education level of adults improves, so does their children's success in school. Helping low-literate adults improve their basic skills has a direct and measurable impact on both the education and quality of life for their children.

- to be good employees.

Fifty percent of the chronically unemployed are not functionally literate, according to 2005 data from the U.S. Department of Education. A rise of 1 percent in literacy scores leads to a 2.5 percent rise in labor productivity, according to a 2004 article in The Economist.

- to keep themselves and their families healthy.

People with low literacy are less likely to understand written and oral information given by physicians, nurses, pharmacists and insurers.

- to be active in their communities.

The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy, conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, showed low-literate adults are less likely to vote than strong readers, but become more active in their communities as their reading and writing skills improve.

- to avoid crime.

Illiteracy and crime are closely related. "The link between academic failure and delinquency, violence and crime is welded to reading failure," according to the Department of Justice. More than 70 percent of inmates in America's prisons cannot read above a fourth grade level, according to www.begintoread.com.

There are people in Midland who need our help. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 37 percent of Midland adults over 18 do not have a high school diploma or the equivalency. That is approximately 50,000 of our community members.

The mission of Midland Need

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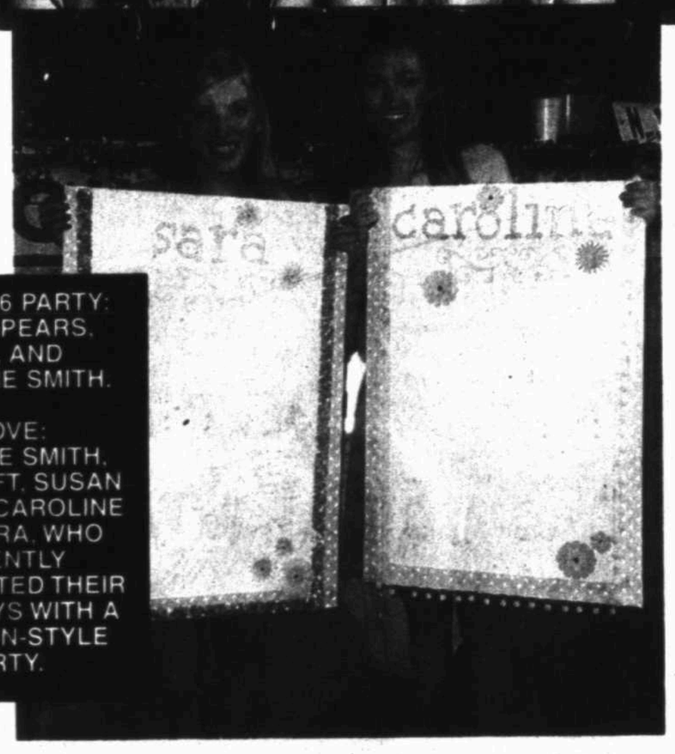
BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON

80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY: LESA BURNETT CAIN, FROM LEFT, DAVID BURNETT, GERALD AND JANELL BURNETT AND JOHNNY BURNETT. GERALD RECENTLY TURNED 80 YEARS OLD AND CELEBRATED WITH A SPORTS-THEMED BIRTHDAY PARTY AT THE RANCHLAND HILLS GOLF CLUB WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

60TH ANNIVERSARY: LUCY AND FRED THUMMEL

BOTTOM: JAMES BRIDGES, LEFT, AND JAMES PLAGENS CELEBRATED A MASS FOR THE THUMMELS' ANNIVERSARY.



SWEET 16 PARTY: SARA SPEARS, LEFT, AND CAROLINE SMITH.

ABOVE: SUZANNE SMITH, FROM LEFT, SUSAN SPEARS, CAROLINE AND SARA, WHO RECENTLY CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAYS WITH A WESTERN-STYLE PARTY.

60th anniversary

Congratulations and best wishes to Lucy and Fred Thummel, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary earlier this summer.

The couple renewed their vows at a Mass at St. Stephen's Catholic Church on June 27, their actual wedding date. It was celebrated by Msgr. James Bridges and Msgr. James Plagens and included special tributes from their daughter, Cindy Thummel, Janelle Edwards and Cindy Midkiff.

The beautiful service was followed by a reception in St. Stephen's ballroom, hosted by their children, William "Mike" Thummel of Oak Park, Ill., and Delavan, Wis.; and Cindy Thummel of Clunes, Australia.

Along with a cocktail spread, guests enjoyed a memorabilia display that included photos and Lucy's wedding gown.

Special guests were three of Lucy's bridesmaids, Connie Thummel Tande, of Argyle; and Isabel Gomez Fushille and Teresa Romero Gonzalez, both of El Paso. Other out-of-town guests included Mike's daughter, Morgan; Capt. and Mrs. Gerald Thummel, of Coronado, Calif.; Mary Taylor, of Delavan, Wis.; Norma de Hoff, of Orland Park, Ill.; Jack and Jenny de Hoff of Schaumburg, Ill.; Shari Chiles, of Dublin; Joan Sanders of Lexington; Margo Monreal and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paz and children, Andrea and Anthony, all of El Paso; Teresa Patino, of Lubbock; and Virginia Streit, of Alpine.

Festivities began on June 26 when out-of-town guests and family were entertained at a barbecue at the Margaret Cowden Clubhouse of Manor Park. The following day, Lucy hosted a luncheon for the out-of-town women at The Café at the Gardens, while Fred hosted lunch for the men at The Grill of Manor Park.

Lucy and Fred met on a blind date in 1950 at Marymount College in Salina, Kan., where Lucy was a student, and Fred, who was from Tipton, Kan., was on leave from the U.S. Navy. They married on June 27, 1952, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in El Paso, Lucy's hometown. That also happened to be Lucy's birthday.

The couple moved to Midland in November 1952 from Anaheim, Calif., after Fred completed his Navy service. He first was employed by his brother, Gene Thummel, as a driver for the Midland Airport Limousine Service.

From 1960 until his retirement in 1997, Fred was an employee of the U.S. Postal Service and retired as manager of the General Mail Facility. Lucy worked for 25 years at Suzie's Closet and The Gazebo.

Both of the Thummels' children were born and raised in Midland. Lucy and Fred have two other grandchildren, Nigel, of Adelaide, Australia, and Emily of Melbourne, Australia, and a great-grandchild, Ella Eve, of Adelaide.

Sweet 16 party

With both girls' birthdays falling in the summer months, Caroline Smith and Sara Spears' parents weren't about to let that deprive their daughters of a sweet 16 celebration.

Kicking off the summer in western style, the girls' parents hosted a party at K D's Bar-B-Q for approximately 75 teens. They enjoyed a barbecue dinner, a photo booth, outdoor games including volleyball, horseshoes and washers, and Texas country dance music by the San Antonio band, Emory Quinn.

Sunflowers in mason jars adorned the outdoor tables and the dining room area, and the party scene was decorated in the cheerful colors of turquoise and yellow.

A special dessert display table featured sugar cookies in the shapes of sunflowers; a tower of chocolate, vanilla and strawberry cupcakes; and a large variety of turquoise and yellow candies in apothecary jars.

Caroline is the daughter of Suzanne Smith and the late Thomas Smith, and Sara is the daughter of Susan and Bob Spears, all of Midland.

80th birthday

Turning 80 years old was fun for Gerald Burnett, as family and friends gathered with him recently to celebrate at Ranchland Hills Golf Club.

Showing off Gerald's lifetime love of sports, the party décor represented his three favorites — basketball, baseball and golf. Gerald was a star basketball player in high school, he played baseball for the semi-pro team, the Cardinals, and enjoys an almost daily game of golf.

Guests enjoyed a sports-themed party -- from the golf ball-filled vases on the food tables, to the baseball "chandelier," to basketball cake balls. Each food station had a different theme.

The All-American station featured mini hot dogs and barbecue sliders with fries in cones. The home run station featured tenderloin and the dessert dugout featured a popcorn bar and various cake balls.

The party was hosted by Gerald's wife and children and their families Guests came from as far away as Tennessee.

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to Read is to improve literacy and enhance productivity of Midland County adults. We seek to empower as many adults as possible so that they may achieve their literacy goals. During the past 27 years, we have trained volunteer tutors, enrolled adult learners, and provided all the books and materials needed to support numerous literacy goals. These goals include getting a new or better job, passing the GED exam, improving English as a second language, obtaining citizenship, enrolling in college or simply reading bedtime stories with children. When adult literacy goals are accomplished, the impact is tremendous, not only for the individuals, but also for their families and ultimately our community.

Those who have made a personal commitment to improve their literacy skills with Midland Need to Read are saying ...

"Just two years ago I had the toughest time trying to read a newspaper. Now I have read not one, but two books."

"I've fooled my employers for 29 years — they always think I can read. I'm glad that I have a tutor now so I can quit pretending."

"I have a new baby girl, and because of Need to Read, I am proud that I can now read bedtime stories to her."

Adult learners must be 17 years old, live in Midland County, and be willing to meet with a volunteer tutor for a couple of hours a week. One-to-one or small group tutors are needed — for two hours per week. Instructional experience is not required. The professional staff at Midland Need to Read provides all the training, resources and support to meet adult learners' goals.

Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is Sept. 10-16. In recognition of this event and the existing need in our community, we are asking for your help. If you would like to volunteer or donate to support adult literacy in Midland, please contact us at 1709 W. Wall St., Midland, Texas 79701 or call 682-9693. With your assistance, we can reach our vision where families — and therefore our community — will be transformed through adult literacy.

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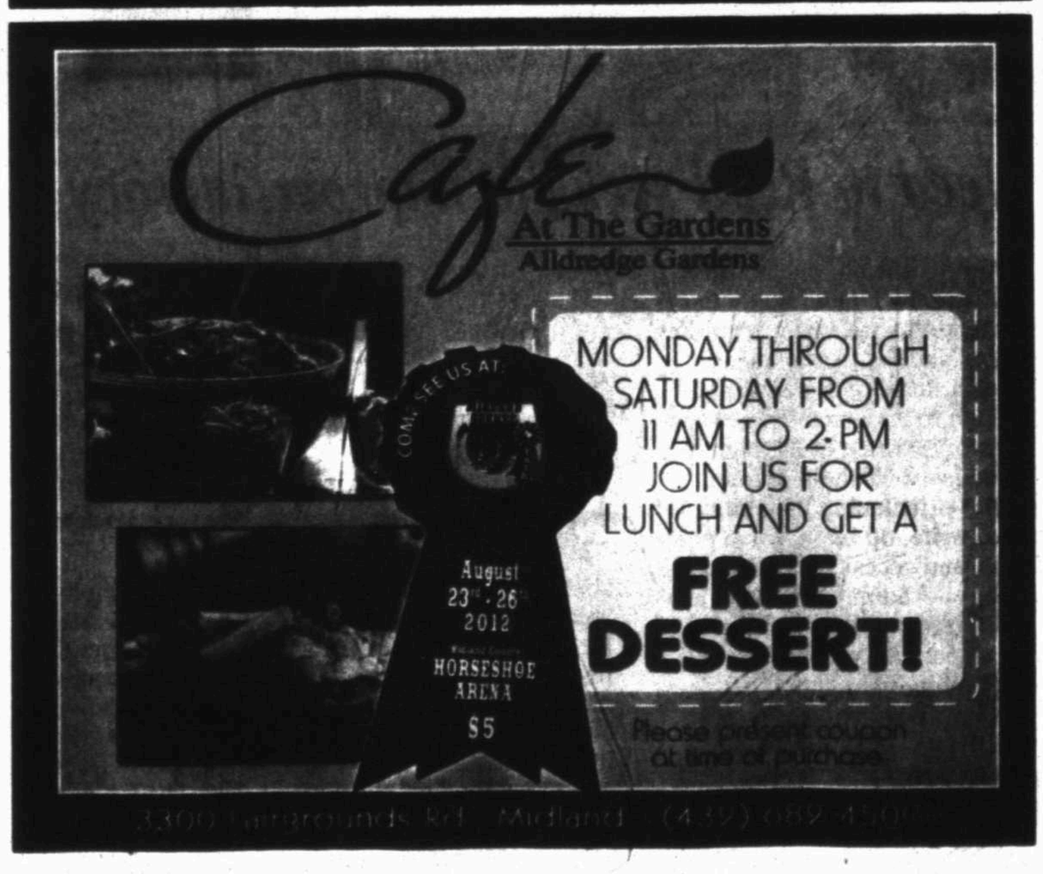

Courtesy photos

TOP: Members of Zeta Xi Chapter who attended international conference were Patti Groce, left; Susan Harmon, second from left; and Lois Templeton, right. Tressa Armstead, second from right, is a former member who now lives in Fort Stockton. **BOTTOM:** Dolly Benson, second from right; her son, Carl Benson, left; and Lois Templeton.

Educators attend sorority conference in Las Colinas

From staff reports

Members of the local Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an educators' society, attended the group's state conference and the international convention.

The 83rd Annual Alpha State Conference was June 21-23 in Las Colinas. Zeta Xi chapter members who attended were Dolly Benson, Virginia Conner, Nancy Doss, Natalie Eustace, Lois Hagins, Susan Harmon, Celia Munoz, Anita Patton and Lois Templeton.

Benson was recognized for her 50 years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma and Eustace received the Alpha Texas State Achievement Award.

The international convention was July 24-28 in New York City. Members from 17 countries were represented. Local members who attended were Susan Harmon, Patti Groce, Templeton and Eustace.

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Bachelor Pad A shocking twist sends one confident player scrambling. (N)				The Glass House (SF) (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Mother "Karma"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Mike & Molly	Hawaii Five-0 "Lekio"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman Kelsey Grammer, Train		(:35) Late Late
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld "The Massuse"	Seinfeld "The Susie"	Remodeled "Sending the Wrong Image"		Remodeled "Hold 'Em or Fold 'Em" (N)		Cops	'Til Death	'Til Death	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	South Park
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Hotel Hell "Cambridge Hotel" (N)		Hell's Kitchen "Five Chefs Compete" (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. William	Joe McGee	Update News	Jonathan Hansen	Light of the Southwest				House Calls	CCM Ministries	Andrew G. Roth	Y.Salamanca
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	America's Got Talent		Stars Stripes "Search and Destroy" (N)		Grimm "The Kiss" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Tonight Show J. Leno Jeff Foxworthy		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Antiques Rd. "Tucson (Hour Three)" 3/3		Warriors "Antiquing in Philadelphia, PA"		Antiques Roadshow "Phoenix (Hour One)"		Charlie Rose		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Un Refugio Para El Amor		Por ella soy eva		Abismo De Pasion		Amor Bravio		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Hasta que el dinero nos separe	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	SVU "Bad Blood"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		My News	Earl	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX	340	65			165	(5:05) ★★★ Smoke		★★★ Broken Flowers Bill Murray.				★★ Pi Sean Gullette.			★★ Scary Movie 2		
HBO	300	68	14	14		★ Welcome to Mooseport		Bill Maher		★ J. Edgar ('11, Cri) Josh Hamilton, Leonardo DiCaprio.					Hard Knocks		Movie
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	★★ Something Borrowed				True Blood		The Newsroom		★ The Big Year Owen Wilson.			Movie
HBO5	304	70	16	102		(5:40) ★ For Richer or P...		★ Beginners ('10, Com/Dra) Ewan McGregor.				Enlight	★★★ Intolerable Cruelty			(:15) Bill Maher	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★ X-Men: First Class		★★ Alien III Sigourney Weaver.				★★★ Fast Five ('11, Act) Vin Diesel.				(:10) Life on Top	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★ Win Win ('11, Com/Dra) Paul Giamatti.				★★★ California ('93, Thril) Brad Pitt.				Sex Game	Chemistry	★ Sex & the City 2	
PLEX			96			Movie		★ Ghoulies II Damon Martin.		★★ Rebirth of Mothra				(:45) ★★ Rebirth of Mothra II			Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) ★ King's Speech		(:15) ★★★ Reservoir Dogs Harvey Keitel.				Weeds	Episodes	Therapy	Weeds	Episodes	Therapy
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ Star Trek Nemesis		★★ Gridlock'd ('96, Dra) Tupac Shakur, Thandie Newton, Tim Roth.						(:15) ★ Justice (2000, Crime Story)			
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Double Life"		Intervention		Intervention "Katie"		Beyond Scared Stra. "Boston, MA (Girls)"		Scared "Mecklenburg County, NC"		Intervention	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	★ Behind Enemy Lines		★★★ Groundhog Day ('93, Com) Bill Murray.					★★★ Groundhog Day ('93, Com) Bill Murray.				
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106&	★★ A Low Down Dirty Shame Keenen Ivory Wayans.					★★ Belly ('98, Cri) DMX, NAS.				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		New York Social (N)		Housewives NJ		Real Housewives		Gallery Girls (N)		Real Housewives		Gallery Girls	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Factories "IKEA"		Best Buy		American Greed		Mad Money		Porn: Business	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		BBQ Pitmasters		BBQ Pitmasters (N)		Fast N' Loud		BBQ Pitmasters		Fast N' Loud	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Phineas	Phineas	★★ Cats and Dogs			Gravity	Babysit.	Jessie	Shake Up	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	Babysit.
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Countdown (L)		NFL Football Pre-season Philadelphia vs New England (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:00) Baseball		Baseball Little League World Series (L)				MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (L)					
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Bunheads		American Teen (N)		Bunheads (N)		Bunheads		The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	SportsDay OnAir	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Baltimore Orioles vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	CowboysC (L45) Sports	WPT Poker Seminole Hard Rock Showdown	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ Iron Man ('08, Action) Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeff Bridges, Robert Downey Jr..								★★★ Iron Man ('08, Act) Robert Downey Jr..				
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It (N)		HouseH	House (N)	Love It or List It		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pickers "Train Wreck"		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	American Pickers		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Counting	Counting	Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Frasier	Frasier	★ Taken Back (2012, Thriller) Moira Kelly, Kacny Rohl, Amanda Tapping.						★★ The Elizabeth Smart Story ('03, True Story) Lindsay Frost, Tom Everett, Dylan Baker.		★ Taken Back ('12, Thril) Amanda Tapping.	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				2012 Summer Olympics Basketball (M)				2012 Summer Olympics Basketball (W)				Cycling Pro Challenge		Poker After Dark	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Figure	Splatalt (N)	Victori.	Victori.	H.Heights (N)		G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(5:00) ★★ Ali ('01, Bio) Will Smith.				★★ Tyson ('08, Doc) Mike Tyson, Trevor Berbick.					★★ Tyson Trevor Berbick.		
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ Underworld: Rise of the Lycans				Warehouse 13 (N)		Alphas "Gaslight" (N)		Warehouse 13		Alphas "Gaslight"	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Wink"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan Chris Elliott, Mike Tyson		The Office	Office "Murder"
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	★ Lion of the Desert		★★★ Zorba the Greek ('64, Dra) Anthony Quinn.					★★★★ Lust for Life Kirk Douglas.			Movie	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Rosa Diamante		Corazon valiente		El patron	Rostro	Al rojo	Decisiones		Decision
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	H.S. Moms "Everyone Going to Prom?"		My 40-Year-Old Child		United Bates (N)	United Bates (N)	Big Tiny (N)	Big Tiny (N)	My 40-Year-Old Child		United Bates of	United Bates of
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	The Closer "The Last Word"		Major Crimes "Reloaded"		Major Crimes "Before and After" (N)		Perception "Lovesick" (N)		Major Crimes "Before and After"		Perception "Lovesick"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:25) M*A*S*H		(:55) MASH	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS: Los Angeles "Callen, G"		WWE Monday Night Raw		WWE Monday Night Raw		WWE Monday Night Raw		(:05) ★★ G.I. Joe: The Rise of the Cobra ('09, Act) Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje.			
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		America's Funniest Home Videos		Old Christine	Old Christine

BRIDGE

Permian Bridge Club

July 30

Charlie Grimes-Ann Servatius, Jean Pistole-Gloria Crites, Helen South-Jerry Burchell, Marilyn Higgins-Don Troy, Kay Sewell-Marty Massie

July 31

Flo Curry-Pistole, Frances Levin-Jean Banks, Dottie Duncan-Grimes, Linda Aaron-South, Marlene Blumentritt-Irene Hamm, Nancy Liberty-Tommie Strack, Paulette Turner-Higgins

Aug. 1

Dorothy Brenneman-Pistole, Curry-Crites, Belle Harris-Ann Parish, Higgins-Troy, Aaron-Burchell

Aug. 3

Debbie Kemp-Sandy Thomas, Duncan-Grimes, Roberta Bacon-Bob Bacon, Janet Stoltz-Servatius, Tommie Strack-Wyoma Whitlow

Aug. 5

Duncan-Grimes, Pistole-Servatius, Gregory Bartha-Frances Levin, Strack-Whitlow, R. Bacon-B. Bacon, South-Brenneman, Leilani Matthews-Aaron, Nancy Ward-Gloria Jackson

Aug. 6

South-Burchell, Curry-Turner, Brenda Leonard-Patti Witt, Sewell-Higgins

Aug. 7

Duncan-Grimes, Brenda Brauner-Higgins, Aaron-South, Stoltz-Frances Mills, Janette Kuzmich-Burchell, Phyllis Laird-Turner

Aug. 8

Betty Dickerson-Bob Baker, R. Bacon-B. Bacon, Brenneman-Pistole, Harris-Parish, Blumentritt-Higgins, Levin-James Hawkins, Aaron-Burchell

Aug. 9

Blumentritt-Pistole, Carol Hastings-Richard Stein, Servatius-Burchell, Bill Dent-Sarana Savage, Helen Davis-Brenneman, Massie-Sewell

Aug. 10

Whitlow-Stoltz, Ricki Perry-Strack, Aaron-Kuzmich

Aug. 12

Burchell-Brenneman, Duncan-Grimes, Bartha-Levin, Bob Bennett-Phyllis Berkowitz, Hastings-Stein, Joyce Ball-Barbara Miles,Strack-Whitlow

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Support groups

■ Midland Parkinson's Support Group, 6:30 p.m. the first Monday, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-6640.

■ For miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.

■ For post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.

■ Survivors of Sexual Abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570 5935.

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

■ Bariatric Support Group, 11:30 a.m. third Wednesday, ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa; 272-4333.

■ A support group for those with diabetes or at risk for diabetes, 11:30 a.m. the first Saturday, Furr's Cafeteria; 570-9412.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays, First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

■ West Texas Amputee Support Group, 11 a.m..third Saturday, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital; 550-4371.

■ ODESSA — Tourettes syndrome support group, 2 p.m. second Sunday, Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St.; Pam Weaks, 806-438-6601, pzweaks@yahoo.com, or Rene Howell, 806-549-7788.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; noon Wednesdays and 4:30 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D, 553-1031.

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans, first, third and fifth Tuesdays at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 7 p.m. second Monday,Grace Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m. second Tuesday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 522-2273 or Joanna at 682-4229.

■ PFLAG Odessa (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays), 7 p.m. the second Monday (except on holidays), Alternative Life Solutions Counseling, 2458 E. 11th St., Odessa; 559-5909 or 432-337-3684, pflagodessa@yahoo.com or www.pflagodessa.weebly.com.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.■ Parent Quest, for parents of special-needs children, meets 6-8 p.m. the first Tuesday at First Christian Church. For more information, contact Malissa Roach, SHARE program coordinator, at 349-1069.

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

Toastmasters Clubs

■ Slyker's Professional Toastmasters Club, 10 a.m. second and fourth Saturdays, Texas Tech University Health Science Building, Room 1C12 (west side), 800 W. Fourthth St., Odessa; 522-2716, marken1986-slykers1@yahoo.com, http://slykersprofessionaltoastersclub.blogspot.com.

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club., 6:30 a.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave.; 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.

■ Permian Toastmasters 1509, noon Fridays at Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 208 S. Marienfeld; Celeste Perez, 682-2960 or celeste@midlandhcc.com.

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m. p.m. first Thursday, Barnes & Noble; Paula Millhollon, 520-3250.

■ Midland Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Mondays, clubhouse, Loop 250 and Lamesa Road; 561-9729.

Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. A St., Building C; 685-3100.

■ 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

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FAMILY REUNION | DESCENDANTS OF WELCOME WRIGHT AND BIANCA MCKENNEY FLOURNOY

The reunion of the descendants of Welcome Wright and Bianca McKenney Flournoy was July 27-28 in Midland. Jim and Cassie Gerety hosted a pool party at their home and Jackie Flournoy hosted a luncheon at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This is the 25th consecutive year the reunion has been in Midland. The family began gathering in the 1960s. Attending the 2012 reunion were: Julia-Renee Nettles, from left in first row, Deegan Zering, Brent Smith, Lyn Nettles, Adalyn Speed, Ashlyn Williams, Kylee Smith, Justyne Lawson, Audre Smith, Christon Flournoy and Bryce Nettles; V. J. Kenley, from left in second row, Jerry Lakey, Bonita Lakey, Barbara Funk, Howard Blalock, Bill Dixon, Laverne Dixon, Jackie Flournoy, Tom Flournoy, Merle Wooley, Maria Flournoy and Don Flournoy; Susan Lumbley, from left in third row, Kathy Adams, Victoria Speed, Caylie Geisendorff, Tiffany Geisendorff, Lisa Hale, Linda Clark. Elaine Flournoy, Dalton Flournoy, Shelia Flournoy, Kathy Towery, Carrie Smith, Dawn Zering and Paul Flournoy; James Adams, from left in fourth row, Kris Speed, David Garza, Alex Geisendorff, Glen Hale, Jim Gerety, Cassie Gerety, Mark Flournoy, Kristi Shands, Randall Flournoy and Tyler David. Not pictured are Kathy Todd, Jamie Todd, Tootsy Blalock, Sara Shands, Gage Williams, Jeannie Satterfield, Chantilly Satterfield, Glen Hale Jr. and Marrisa Wilson. ***Courtesy photo of the family.***

PERMIAN BASIN SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Courtesy photo

Permian Basin Square & Round Dance Association elected officers at its district meeting in June. They are Barry Stoute, of Odessa, from left, Danny Monzindo, of Big Lake, Martha Hammett, of Odessa, John and Nora Geen, of San Angelo, and Ed and Ann Ewbank, of Midland. The clubs that belong to the association are High Sky Squares and Tall City Cloggers, Midland; Allemanders, Odessa; Levis & Lace, Ozona; and Promenade Squares, San Angelo.

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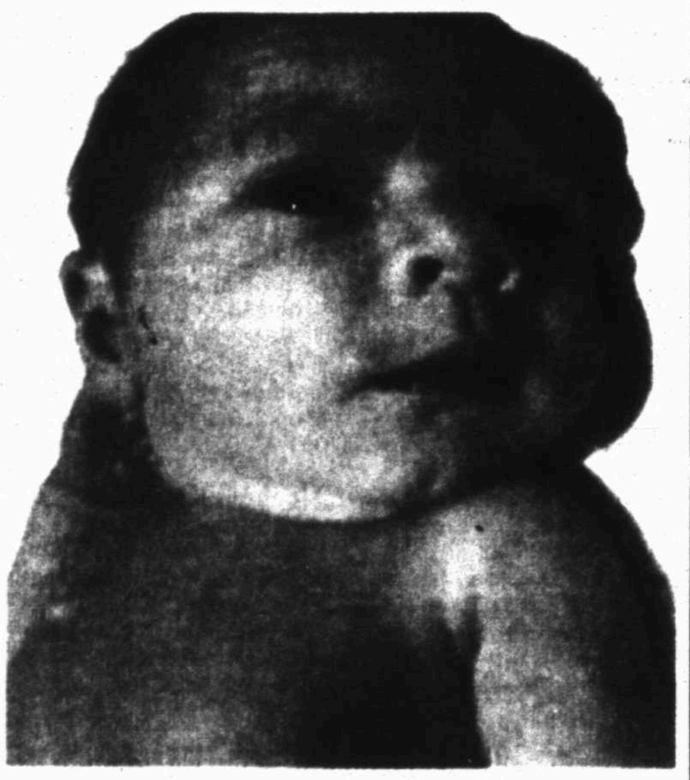

NOEL WAYNE SMITH

Birth date: Aug. 1, 2012
Birth place: Midland Memorial Hospital
Birth weight and length: 7 pounds, 3 ounces; 19 inches
Proud mother: Jordan Smith
Proud grandparents: James and Michael Smith

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BIG SPRING — Three Big Spring area residents were the winners in a drawing earlier this month sponsored by a committee tasked with raising funds to open a Big Brothers Big Sisters office in Big Spring.

Stacy Barr won a $3,500 travel voucher. Carolyn Easter won an iPad and Rebecca Macha won a $500 Walmart gift card.

The winners were drawn from those who purchased the 1,000 $25 raffle tickets sold by the Big Brothers Big Sisters Crossroads committee, said Kay Crites, executive director of the Midland office. The prizes were purchased with funds raised in previous fundraisers, she said.

The new BBBS office would serve Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties. Anyone wanting to make a donation or who would like to help the committee may contact James Bell at jamesgb3@gmail.com or Crites at 687-0195.

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Ray Ann Zant, lieutenant governor of The North Texas District of Optimist International, and Paul Lucas, member of the Board of Directors of Optimist International, received the Builders of Excellence Award at the organization's internationl convention, which was July 12-14 in Milwaukee.

The were recognized for helping to build the Midland Optimist Club.

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Former Lady Chap Lindsey Casey recently received a doctorate of medicine from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine.

After graduating from Longview High School in 2001, Casey attended the University of Oklahoma and played on the Lady Sooners basketball team. She transferred to Midland College for the 2002-03 academic year and graduated from San Diego State.

While at MC, she helped lead the team to a 31-6 overall record while averaging 10.3 points and 8.2 rebounds per game.

Casey earned her medical degree in orthopaedic surgery and will continue her training at West Virginia University School of Medicine as an orthopaedic surgery resident, according to a press release from MC.

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AUDIO ACOUSTICS

When your hearing aids go on vacation

By Orland Purcell, Au. D., CCC-A

ORLAND PURCELL, AU. D.

When you go on vacation, your hearing aids get to go, too. And like you, they need certain things packed.

The first thing is to make certain you have plenty of batteries. The average hearing aid battery lasts from 5-14 days, so make sure you have enough to last the whole time you're planning to be gone. Depending on where you are going, you may be able to pick some up on your trip, but if you're going fishing, hearing aid batteries may not be available at the bait shop. And if you're travelling overseas, it's really a good idea to bring batteries with you.

Second, it's wise to take your hearing aid dryer. If you don't already have one, stop by Audio Acoustics and we can help you with that.

A hearing aid dryer is designed to eliminate accumulated moisture in your hearing aids overnight. If you're going to the beach, or will be around water, or if you'll be doing activities that involve perspiration, you will need this dryer to remove the accumulated moisture that could damage your hearing aid. Hearing aid dryers are relatively small and can easily be packed in a suitcase or carryon.

The third item your hearing aid should have is a cleaning kit. An inexpensive item, it includes a wax removal brush, a wax removal pick, a tube vent cleaner, a battery door opener and a battery magnet. Even on your trip—or maybe, *especially* on your trip, it's important to maintain a daily cleaning routine.

You might also consider a hearing aid sweat band or sleeve for your BTE. This would help keep your BTE dry and free of sand or dust as well.

If you will be swimming, wading or otherwise actually in the water, remove your hearing aids while in the water.

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Sports

Pitching propels Drillers past RockHounds

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Drillers	**8**
RockHounds	**2**

Parker Frazier wasn't dominating by any means Sunday night, but the tall and lanky right-hander for the Tulsa Drillers did a great job of minimizing the damage against the Midland RockHounds.

It also helped that Frazier's teammates racked up 13 hits, took advantage of Sonny Gray's struggles and turned five double plays in cruising to an 8-2 victory in front of 4,534 fans on a comfortable evening at Citibank Ballpark.

The loss snapped a four-game winning streak for the RockHounds, which had 10 hits but couldn't string enough offense together against Frazier (5-13).

"I knew this team was aggressive and they liked swinging," Frazier said. "I knew that if I was throwing my offspeed for strikes, these guys would ground out early in the counts, and hopefully keep us in the ballgame."

Added Midland manager Steve Scarsone about Frazier, "He was able to change speeds and keep the ball down and got a few double plays out of it. Anytime we had something going, it was over quick."

Scarsone

The RockHounds got to Frazier quickly in the first inning when Conner Crumbliss led off the game with a single and later scored on a double by Anthony Aliotti.

After that, Frazier settled down nicely and retired the next seven batters he faced and faced just one batter over the minimum of 12 through four innings when he got one of five double plays in the game.

"They just made good swings on the ball and the wind just carried that (double) to the fence," said Frazier about the first inning. "But I felt good out there and I knew I was going to get out (of the first) with just one run. What really turned it for me came in the fifth when I had runners on first and second and one out and I got a double play ground ball to end the inning. I think that was when I knew I was capable of going late in the game."

As it turned out, Frazier went 7 2/3 innings, and despite allowing nine hits, only two runs were scored against him. He also didn't walk a batter and struck out four with Dusty Coleman being the victim of three strikeouts.

In contrast to Frazier, Gray (5-9) couldn't get out of those jams with a double play grounder or a key out.

Please see **HOUNDS/2C**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Starting fresh

Stuart Villanueva/Bryan College Station Eagle

Texas A&M football coach Kevin Sumlin gathers with his players on Aug. 3 on the first day of fall football practices in College Station. The Aggies begin their season Aug. 30.

Aggies go into 1st season in SEC with new coach, QB

Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M is entering a new conference with a new coach. And Wednesday night, the Aggies decided on a new quarterback, too.

Former Houston coach Kevin Sumlin said Johnny Manziel will start Texas A&M's opener against Louisiana Tech on Aug. 30 as the Aggies prepare for their first season in the Southeastern Conference. He'll replace Ryan Tannehill, the eighth overall pick in the NFL draft.

[illegible] sophomore Jameill Showers and Matt [illegible] vying for the chance to lead Sumlin's high-powered offense. Showers is the only one of the three to have thrown a pass for the Aggies, but his experience is extremely limited. He [illegible] three games last season and was sacked for 40 yards.

[illegible] by Manziel, a Parade All-American in after throwing for [illegible] yards with 45 touchdowns and only five interceptions as a senior at Kerrville Tivy.

Johnny has performed the best at this stage and we will proceed until the season opener with him getting the first-team reps," Sumlin said. "My policy is simple really: the best player plays. Competition is a great thing and we need more competition at all of our positions. All of our quarterbacks have competed well, and I expect them to continue to push Johnny."

Stuart Villanueva/Bryan College Station Eagle

Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel (2) throws passes on the first day of the team's practices Aug. 3 in College Station.

Tannehill took over at quarterback for Texas A&M midway through the 2010 season and threw for 3,744 yards and 29 touchdowns last year in his only full season.

The good news for Manziel is that he'll play behind an experienced line led by left tackle Luke Joeckel and a pair of senior receivers in Ryan Swope and Uzoma Nwachukwu.

Swope led the Aggies last season with 89 receptions for 1,207 and 11 touchdowns and Nwachukwu added 639 yards receiving with two scores.

A boost to the offense will be the return of Christine Michael, who has seen his last two seasons end prematurely after breaking his leg in 2010 and tearing an anterior cruciate ligament last season. He ran for 899 yards and eight touchdowns last season before the injury.

Sumlin was hired at Texas A&M after Mike Sherman was fired following a 6-6 regular season. Though Sumlin is known for the offenses he led at

Please see **AGGIES/4C**

Rice coach Bailiff has high hopes for Owls in 2012

Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Rice Owls have [illegible] — as [illegible] the in [illegible] 2008 campaign. [illegible] Bailiff sees at least [illegible] of hope for 2012. His [illegible] record and [illegible] years in 2008, [illegible] some [illegible] this year's group [illegible] a community [illegible] The Owls have been through three [illegible] coaches in four years [illegible] back for a second [illegible] year in a row. So is quarterback Taylor McHargue, who split time with [illegible] Fanuzzi last season. McHargue completed 100 of 174 passes with eight touchdowns and [illegible] interceptions as a sophomore in 2011. Fanuzzi finished with slightly better numbers, and Bailiff says McHargue was a victim of his own high standards.

"He wanted to perform to everybody's high expectations," Bailiff said. "When you put too much pressure on yourself, it's never a good thing. He just kept pressuring himself, trying harder and harder and wasn't getting the results."

Having Reagan back, Bailiff says, will help McHargue this season. McHargue reshuffled in 2009, when [illegible] was the offensive coordinator. David Beaty replaced him in 2010, and Reagan took over when Beaty left to become the receivers

Please see **OWLS/4C**

Team of James and Parratto take title in N.C.

From staff reports

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Midlander Anna James combined with Jessica Parratto to win the women's synchronized platform competition Sunday at the AT&T National Diving Championship.

James

James and Parratto combined to score 311.16 during the competition, which was nearly 30 points ahead of second place finishers Sydney Couch and Lacey Houser.

James also competed in the individual platform competition, finishing ninth with 310.20 points.

Ex-'Hounds manager to lead Astros

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tony DeFrancesco helped Houston's Triple-A affiliate find success.

The Astros hope he can do the same for their young, struggling major league club.

DeFrancesco was chosen interim manager Sunday, a day after Brad Mills was fired.

"There's going to be a commitment to excellence," DeFrancesco said. "Believe me, I want to be the guy that changes the environment around here. I grew up a winner, I had success in the minor leagues, and it's time for it to translate to the major league level. I'm sure I'm going to make mistakes, but that's part of baseball."

DeFrancesco

DeFrancesco managed Oklahoma City to a 67-60 record and has the RedHawks contending for a playoff spot this season. Houston has the worst record in the major leagues at 39-83 after losing to Arizona, 8-1, on Sunday.

DeFrancesco also managed the Midland RockHounds, the Double-A affiliate of the Oakland A's from 1999-2002.

He takes over an Astros club that is the youngest in the National League at 26.5 years — and even younger than the Oklahoma City team, 27.3 years.

—In his third season running the Astros, Mills was dismissed Saturday night after Houston lost to the Diamondbacks 12-4.

Hitting coach Mike Barnett and first base coach Bobby Meacham were let go along with Mills. Dan Radison will take over in the interim as first base coach and Ty Van Burkleo will be the hitting coach.

General manager Jeff Luhnow said he made the decision not to bring Mills back for next season about a week ago.

"Once that decision was made, it made a lot of sense to make these decisions sooner rather than later," Luhnow said. "We didn't want to have a lame-duck administration and wanted to get some new blood in here."

He told Mills after the game Saturday night that he was being let go in what was about an hour-long meeting.

Please see **ASTROS/2C**

Young helps Rangers rout Blue Jays

Associated Press

TORONTO — Matt Harrison set the tone with a terrific start, and the best offense in baseball took care of the rest.

Michael Young hit a three-run homer and added a two-run double to help the Texas Rangers beat the slumping Toronto Blue Jays 11-2 on Sunday.

"We really fed off of (Harrison) today," Young said. "Usually when you have a good offensive performance you feed off the starting pitcher."

Harrison (14-7) pitched eight strong innings to match his career high for wins, set last season. The left-hander allowed two runs and two hits, struck out seven and walked one.

"Tremendous," Rangers manager Ron Washington said of Harrison. "He worked fast, he got quick outs, he pounded the strike zone, he used all his pitches."

David Murphy also connected and doubled twice, and Geovany Soto had three hits as baseball's highest scoring team passed 600 runs for the season. The AL West leaders sit atop the majors with 606 runs scored.

"Offense is always a hot-button issue in Texas with the culture we've built up with offense over the years," Young said, "but we're no different than any other team in the sense that starting pitching is always the biggest key. We get that kind of effort, we like our chances."

Nathan Denette/The Canadian Press

Toronto catcher Yan Gomes, center, misses the tag on Texas' David Murphy, left, as home plate umpire Bill Welke, right, makes the call Sunday during the third inning in Toronto.

Rangers 11
Blue Jays 2

Held to four runs while splitting the first two games of the series, Texas pounded out 19 hits in the finale, two shy of their season high.

Harrison entered with an 0-2 record and a 12.00 ERA in five career games against Toronto, including a loss May 2 at Rogers Centre when he allowed a season-high eight runs in 3 1-3 innings.

A slight tweak to his windup didn't deliver results in the bullpen, but things came together once Harrison took the mound.

"I kind of turned more toward first base out of my windup," Harrison said. "I was having trouble staying over the rubber and this helped out a lot."

"I was a little worried warming up today because I was all over the place," he added. "I probably threw 20 balls in the dirt. It ended up working out so I can stick with it."

Harrison became the first lefty in Rangers history to win 10 road starts in a season. He's 10-4 in 15 outings away from home, including two shutouts.

"The most important thing was my mechanics and I was able to hone those in pretty quick," he said. "It definitely kept me in the strike zone more and built confidence, and I was able to be more aggressive with all my pitches."

Young's fourth homer in the fifth gave him as many RBIs with one swing as he had collected in 17 previous games in August. The drive also snapped a career-long 88-game drought between home runs. Young last went deep in a win May 7 at Baltimore.

Tenn., Texas, stay unbeaten at Little League WS

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — After his home run sailed over the left-field fence, Brock Myers raced around the basepaths as if he was running a 40-yard dash.

The soft-spoken, Myers played it cool later in front of reporters, but Tennessee manager Joey Hale insisted on giving the 12-year-old Myers and his clutch-hitting teammates the star treatment.

Jayson Brown broke a 5-5 tie by hitting a 1-2 pitch down the right-field line for a two-out, two-run triple in the top of the sixth, and Myers followed with his two-run shot to left to lift the team from Goodlettsville to a 9-6 win over the prolific sluggers from Petaluma, Calif., on Sunday at the Little League World Series.

Tennessee is unbeaten in the tournament, joining Texas in the U.S. bracket after the San Antonio sluggers beat New Castle, Ind., 13-3.

In the international bracket nightcap, Japan's Hajime Motegi hit a two-run blast to center with one out in the bottom of the ninth to beat Taiwan, 2-0. The 13-year-old Motegi was so happy as he rounded the bases that he jumped into the arms of his third-base coach down the line before even reaching the plate. Both teams dominated from the mound and flashed big league defense.

Panama started off Sunday's action with an 8-3 over Canada to remain undefeated.

Hale's team had a tougher time against a California club that belted four homers on the afternoon. Petaluma's powerful hitters are rarely out of any game the way they swing the bats, so Myers' blast helped ease his skipper's mind.

"They were pretty big ... Brock. Going up by four, it was pretty nice," Hale said.

Myers smiled briefly and shrugged his shoulders.

Brown, also 12, simply said afterward the big inning was "pretty awesome."

But the game was pretty tight going into the sixth, with 17,000 fans watching in the stands and millions more watching on national television.

After scratching out two first-inning runs on a fielder's choice and passed ball, Petaluma turned up the power. Six-foot-3 Bradley Smith, 12, got the spree started with a homer down the left-field line.

With two blasts in two games, Smith has already become one off the most feared hitters in South Williamsport.

"If you're hitting the ball like that, you want him to step up to the plate as much as possible, but the rules only call for you to hit at certain times," manager Eric Smith said.

Kempton Brandis and Porter Slate also homered on the afternoon, and Cole Tomei slugged a solo shot with two outs in the sixth.

Slate then draw a walk, but reliever Jake Rucker got a force at second to end the game — two batters before Smith's place in the order.

"I wasn't nervous at all," Myers said. "I knew Jake was going to get the next out."

While the California kids were understandably down, Smith urged his players to shake it off the disappointment to start focusing on Monday's elimination game against New Jersey.

"It's a strong group of kids and we can hit the ball," he said. "We're in any game."

So is Tennessee, which also scratched out runs with textbook baserunning.

Rucker went 3 for 4 with three runs, scoring on a passed ball and two fielder's choices. He also earned the win in relief.

PANAMA 8, CANADA 3

James Gonzalez had two homers and six RBI, including a grand slam, for Aguadulce, Panama.

After leaving the bases loaded and having a run taken off the board in the first due to a runner leaving early, Panama broke out for six in the second. Carlos Flavio started the outburst with a solo homer. Edisson Gonzalez also had an RBI single before James Gonzalez hit his grand slam against the Canada region champs from Vancouver.

James Gonzalez, 12, became the first Panama player to hit a grand slam and two home runs in the tournament.

Panama pitching limited a Canada team that scored 13 runs in a win Friday over Mexico. Edisson Gonzalez and Daniel Cruz combined for 13 strikeouts.

"That was probably the best pitching team we've seen. They had good fastballs and good breaking balls," Canada manager Vito Bordignon said. "We had difficulty adjusting today."

TEXAS 13, INDIANA 3

Jordan Cardenas hit his second homer of the tournament and Zachary Sanchez also went deep for Texas, which broke open a one-run game by scoring six in the fourth.

Texas' top four hitters in Cardenas, Sanchez, Landry Wideman and Seth Morrow set the pace by combining to go 8 for 14 with nine runs and seven RBI.

The offensive outbreak in the sixth broke a 1-for-18 stretch with runners in scoring position.

"That happens all the time with this team," Texas manager Jack Wideman Jr. said. "I told the kids it's a six inning game, we will fight through it."

Hunter McCubbins clubbed a two-run homer in the first for Indiana, which was must now play an elimination game Monday night against Connecticut.

Indiana manager Tim Porter isn't worried. His team's improbable run to the World Series began as the eighth seed at states.

"The bump in the road is almost expected with this team. The sun will come up tomorrow, we are playing a baseball game and we wake up in Williamsport," Porter said. "This is just a game, not the end of the world."

JAPAN 2, TAIWAN 0

Ninth-place hitter Motegi clubbed the biggest hit of the night in a game in South Williamsport. It was the first time he had hit a homer to end a game.

"When I hit it, I didn't realize it was going to be a home run," he said through interpreter Yuichi Ishibashi.

Japan and Taiwan combined for 30 strikeouts. Japan frittered away other chances late to win, including the eighth with the bases loaded and one out. But Taiwan reliever Cheng-Kai Hu came on to strike out the next two batters to get out of the jam.

ASTROS

From 1C

"I have a great deal of respect for Brad, and he's a great baseball manager," Luhnow said. "He'll have a long career moving forward. To a certain extent, I sensed some relief, but I'm not going to speak for him. It's been tough."

Luhnow called DeFrancesco a winner, and the new manager is looking forward to improving this team.

"We want a staff that is able to work with young players who are on their way up and get them better," Luhnow said.

Morale has sagged for the Astros as they've gone into a tailspin during the summer after trading several high-priced veterans mostly for prospects. They have slashed almost $40 million from their opening-day roster and have a remaining payroll of just $21.3 million.

Francisco Cordero and Jed Lowrie, two of Houston's three highest-paid players, are on the disabled list. That leavès Ben Francisco as the only active player making more than $750,000.

Luhnow traded Carlos Lee to Miami on July 4 as the Astros went all in on their rebuilding effort under new owner Jim Crane. They have gone 7-32 since that deal, including a franchise-worst 12-game losing streak.

Lee, however, was only the first piece to be jettisoned. After that, Houston got rid of pitchers J.A. Happ, Brandon Lyon, David Carpenter, Brett Myers and Wandy Rodriguez before wrapping up a busy month by sending third baseman Chris Johnson to Arizona.

Luhnow said he needed to do something to shake things up.

"We made three changes because we really wanted to change the mix and bring in a new environment," he said. "We want to have success here and that starts with making the players excited to be here."

Mills was the first big league manager to be fired this season. He was 76-86 in his first season with Houston and a franchise-worst 56-106 last year. He took over for Cecil Cooper, who was also fired during the season, as was his predecessor Phil Garner.

Luhnow said he'll begin the search for a new manager immediately.

"Our goal is to assemble the best possible staff to fit the Houston Astros organization," he said. "We're going to be working diligently on the search for the remainder of the season or into the offseason, however long it takes. We have no timetable."

Luhnow knows that things won't change overnight, but he's hoping this is the start of something positive for Astros.

"What we want to accomplish for the rest of the season is to win as many games as possible and put ourselves in a position where we have the best staff and group of players as we can possibly have," Luhnow said.

SATURDAY'S MLB GLANCE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RAYS 8, ANGELS 3

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Matt Moore shrugged off home runs by Mike Trout and Albert Pujols to win his fourth straight decision, and the Tampa Bay Rays completed a four-game sweep of the fading Los Angeles Angels with an 8-3 victory on Sunday.

Tampa Bay tagged Zack Greinke (1-2) and outscored the Angels 37-14 in the series — the Rays set a team record for runs in a four-game set, erupting right after Seattle's Felix Hernandez pitched a perfect game against them.

ORIOLES 7, TIGERS 5

DETROIT — Nate McLouth hit a go-ahead, two-run triple as Baltimore rallied for the win.

McLouth, Nick Markakis and Mark Reynolds each had two hits for the Orioles, who have won five of seven, including the last two of the key weekend series at Detroit. Chris Davis homered for the second straight game and J.J. Hardy had a two-run double.

YANKEES 4, RED SOX 1

NEW YORK — Ichiro Suzuki homered twice and Hiroki Kuroda pitched eight innings of four-hit ball to lead the New York Yankees past Josh Beckett and the Boston Red Sox 4-1 on Sunday night.

ROYALS 5, WHITE SOX 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jeremy Guthrie flirted with a no-hitter, Salvador Perez drove in three runs and Kansas City completed a three-game series sweep of the AL Central leaders.

MARINERS 5, TWINS 1

SEATTLE — Michael Saunders hit a two-run homer, Blake Beavan pitched into the sixth inning and Seattle picked up its fifth straight victory.

ATHLETICS 7, INDIANS 0

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jarrod Parker pitched eight sharp innings and Coco Crisp homered and drove in five runs to help Oakland finish off the three-game sweep.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PIRATES 6, CARDINALS 3, 19 INNINGS

ST. LOUIS — Pedro Alvarez homered in the 19th inning and the Pittsburgh Pirates won the longest game in the majors this season, outlasting the St. Louis Cardinals 6-3 Sunday.

NATIONALS 5, METS 2

WASHINGTON — Bryce Harper homered and tripled, and Danny Espinosa also homered to lift the Washington Nationals over the New York Mets.

DODGERS 5, BRAVES 0

ATLANTA — Chad Billingsley combined with two relievers on a three-hitter to win his sixth straight start, Luis Cruz homered for the second game in a row and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat Atlanta.

REDS 5, CUBS 4

CINCINNATI — Xavier Paul led off the ninth inning with a pinch-hit triple and Ryan Hanigan followed with a single, lifting the Cincinnati Reds over the Chicago Cubs.

PADRES 7, GIANTS 1

SAN DIEGO — Clayton Richard pitched eight sparkling innings, Cameron Maybin drove in three runs and the San Diego Padres snapped a five-game losing streak by beating San Francisco.

ROCKIES 3, MARLINS 2

DENVER — Jordan Pacheco homered among his three hits as the banged-up Colorado Rockies slowed down Giancarlo Stanton and beat Miami.

PHILLIES 8, BREWERS 0

MILWAUKEE — Kyle Kendrick pitched three-hit ball for eight innings and the Philadelphia Phillies beat Milwaukee after waiting out a rare rain delay at Miller Park.

HOUNDS

From 1C

With the game tied at 1, the Drillers scored two runs in the fifth to take the lead. One of those runs was unearned when Gray had a throwing error trying to pick off Tim Torres (3-for-4) at first base. Torres eventually scored on an infield single by Angelys Nina.

Gray's troubles carried over into the sixth when the Drillers knocked him out of the game by scoring three runs on five hits to take a 6-1 advantage.

"He had some opportunities to get some ground ball double plays and such, but for some reason he wasn't able to get them," said Scarsone about Gray's outing. "They had some good at-bats, so you've got to give their hitters a little credit. He just couldn't get out of the middle of the game, and before you know it they got a pretty good lead and we couldn't get anything going with the bats."

Frazier said thanks to his offense, he was able to relax and concentrated on getting outs.

The only other blip on his night came in the eighth when Miles Head hit a solo home run into the right field bullpen.

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'HOUND BITES: Former RockHounds manager Tony DeFrancesco has been named the manager of the Houston Astros after the club fired Brad Mills late Saturday night. DeFrancesco was managing Triple-A Oklahoma City. He managed in Midland from 1999-2002. ... LHP Carlos Hernandez has been promoted to Triple-A Sacramento. There has been no corresponding move made, which leaves the RockHounds with 24 players on the active roster, one short of the limit. Hernandez was scheduled to make a start for Midland today. ... Tulsa's hitting coach Kevin Griggs, who was coaching first base, got tossed in the middle of the fifth by first base umpire Adam Schwarz after Griggs argued the pickoff of Angelys Nina at first base by RockHounds pitcher Sonny Gray.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: The RockHounds host Tulsa in the final game of a three-game series at 6:30 p.m. today at Citibank Ballpark. Midland's starter is expected to be Matt McSwain (1-0, 8.64 ERA), while the Drillers expect to start LHP and former RockHound pitcher Josh Outman (1-5, 4.40 ERA).

TL Standings

Second Half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	35	19	.648	—
Arkansas	29	26	.527	6 1/2
Tulsa	23	32	.418	12 1/2
NW Arkansas	17	37	.315	18

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	34	21	.618	—
Frisco	29	26	.527	5
San Antonio	27	28	.491	7
Midland	24	29	.453	9

Sunday's Scores

Frisco 3, NW Arkansas 0, 1st game
Arkansas 5, San Antonio 2
Tulsa 8, Midland 2
Corpus Christi 7, Springfield 1
Frisco 3, NW Arkansas 1, 2nd game

Today's Games

Tulsa at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
NW Arkansas at Frisco, 7 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Springfield, 7:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

DRILLERS 6, ROCKHOUNDS 2

Tulsa	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Mitchell cf	5	0	1	0	Crumbliss lf	3	1	2	0
Nina 2b	4	0	1	1	Ladendorf cf	4	0	2	0
Arenado 3b	5	2	2	1	Abreu 1b	4	0	1	1
Paulsen b	5	1	1	0	Head 1b	4	1	1	1
Rolling dh	3	2	2	1	Horton 2b	4	0	2	3
Zuanich rf	4	0	1	1	Barfield rf	4	0	2	0
Davis c	4	1	2	1	Freitas c	3	0	0	0
T.Torres rf	4	2	3	2	Taylor dh	3	0	0	0
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Midland						
Gray L, 5-9	5.1	8	6	5	2	2
Smyth	2.2	4	2	2	0	1
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	7	6
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	20	43
Miami	0	2	0	.000	24	43
N.Y. Jets	0	2	0	.000	9	43
South						
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	46	32
Jacksonville	2	0	0	1.000	59	55
Indianapolis	1	0	0	.500	62	55
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	47	34
North						
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	41	17
Cleveland	2	0	0	1.000	54	27
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	43	44
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	49	48
West						
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	49	33
Kansas City	1	0	0	.500	44	48
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	27	34

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	24	23
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	23	28
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	57	35
Washington	1	1	0	.500	38	39
South						
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	36	43
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	47	44
New Orleans	1	2	0	.333	47	44
Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	36	55
North						
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	36	62
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	24	31
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	42	31
Green Bay	0	2	0	.000	23	56
West						
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	57	27
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	26	26
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	34	55
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	58	71

Sunday's Score
Pittsburgh 26, Indianapolis 24
Today's Game
Philadelphia at New England, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY'S LATE BOX
CHARGERS 28, COWBOYS 20

Dallas	3	7	3	7	— 20
San Diego	0	6	7	21	— 28

First Quarter
Dal—FG Bailey 40, 55.
Second Quarter
Dal—Olawale 2 run (Bailey kick), 8:32.
Third Quarter
SD—V.Brown 18 pass from Whitehurst (Kaeding kick), 10:30.
Dal—FG Bailey 49, 1:18.
Fourth Quarter
SD—Battle 2 run (Novak kick), 12:22.
SD—Meredith 38 pass from Whitehurst (Kaeding kick), 9:27.
SD—Hester 4 run (Novak kick), 3:02.
Dal—Harris 15 pass from Carpenter (Bailey kick), :53.
A—33,381.

	Dal	SD
First downs	22	18
Total Net Yards	366	278
Rushes-yards	21-81	26-53
Passing	285	225
Punt Returns	2-22	2-36
Kickoff Returns	4-75	3-64
Interceptions Ret.	2-25	2-73
Comp-Att-Int	31-48-2	20-27-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-37	1-6
Punts	4-46.5	3-57.3
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-86	5-40
Time of Possession	34:24	25:36

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Dallas, Olawale 10-30, Murray 3-12, J.Williams 3-11, F.Jones 3-10, Lewis 1-10, McGee 1-8, Romo 1-2, San Diego, R.Brown 6-16, Baber 4-12, Battle 4-10, McClain 2-8, Hester 2-5, Brinkley 4-4, Whitehurst 2-1, Lee 2-minus 3).

PASSING—Dallas, McGee 9-16-1-86, Orton 7-10-1-83, Carpenter 6-9-0-78, Romo 9-13-0-75. San Diego, Whitehurst 7-12-0-122, Rivers 13-15-2-109.

RECEIVING—Dallas, Beasley 7-104, Ogletree 4-60, Harris 4-42, Hanna 4-31, Olawale 4-30, Murray 2-18, Bryant 2-15, Holmes 2-6, Szczerba 1-13, F.Jones 1-3. San Diego, R.Brown 4-37, Floyd 3-34, Spurlock 3-18, V.Brown 2-31, Willis 2-18, McMichael 1-28, Hester 1-12, Rosario 1-9, McClain 1-8, Meachem 1-7, Gates 1-5, Parnell 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Tennis

WTA Texas Open Results
Sunday
At Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center
Grapevine
Purse: $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Polona Hercog, Slovenia, def. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, 6-4, 0-0, retired.
Chanelle Scheepers (7), South Africa, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-0, 6-2.
Bojana Jovanoski, Serbia, def. Alexandra Panova, Russia, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.
Aleksandra Wozniak, Canada, def. Klara Zakopalova (5), Czech Republic, 6-0, 7-6 (2).
Sorana Cirstea (8), Romania, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
Alize Cornet, France, def. Ivetta Benesova, Czech Republic, 1-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, def. Romina Oprandi, Switzerland, 7-5, 6-4.
Yanina Wickmayer (4), Belgium, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 6-3, 6-4.
Doubles
First Round
Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, and Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-1, 1-6, 10-7 tiebreak.

ATP World Tour Winston-Salem Open Results
A U.S. Open Series event
Sunday
At The Wake Forest Tennis Center Winston-Salem, N.C.
Purse: $625,000 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 6-3, 6-0.
Alex Bogomolov Jr., Russia, def. Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, 6-2, 6-2.
David Goffin, Belgium, def. Nicolas Mahut, France, 7-6 (8), 6-1.
Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-2, 2-6, 6-1.
James Blake, United States, def. Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-4, 6-3.
Ryan Harrison, United States, def. Go Soeda, Japan, 6-3, 7-5.

Western & Southern Open Results
A U.S. Open Series event
Sunday
At The Linder Family Tennis Center Mason, Ohio
Purse: Men, $3,43 million (Masters 1000); Women, $2.17 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Championship
Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, 6-0, 7-6 (7).
Women
Championship
Li Na (9), China, def. Angelique Kerber (5), Germany, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1.

AL Boxes

RANGERS 11, BLUE JAYS 2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	5	0	1	0	R.Davis lf	3	0	0	0
Andrus ss	6	1	4	0	Rasmus cf	5	0	1	0
Hamlin cf	4	2	1	1	Reyes cf	4	0	0	0
Gentry ph-cf	2	0	0	0	Encarnac 1b	4	0	0	0
Beltre dh	4	1	0	0	Y.Escor ss	3	1	1	0
N.Cruz rf	3	2	2	1	Sierra rf	2	0	0	0
Uldarin ph-lf	0	0	0	0	Mattis dh	2	0	0	0
Moreland 1b	5	2	3	5	McCoy 3b	3	1	1	2
Oil 3b	0	0	0	0	YGoms c	3	0	0	0
Dvillip ll-rf	4	2	3	2	Hchver 2b	3	0	0	0
Soto c	5	1	3	2					
Morlnd 1b	5	0	2	1					
Totals	**43**	**11**	**19**	**11**	**Totals**	**30**	**2**	**2**	**2**

Texas	002	102	02x	— 11					
Toronto	010	010	000	— 2					

DP—Toronto 2. LOB—Texas 10, Toronto 1. 2B—Kinsler (33), Hamilton (22), N.Cruz (31), M.Young (19), Dav.Murphy 2 (23), Moreland (12), HR—M.Young (4), Dav.Murphy (11), McCoy (1). S—Mattis.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
M.Harrison W,14-7	6	2	2	2	1	7
M.Lowe	1	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
H.Alvarez L,7-11	4	13	12	8	8	3
Lincoln	1	2-3	4	2	2	0
Delabar	1	1	0	0	0	2
Lyon	1	0	0	0	1	0
Jenkins	1	2	1	1	1	0

T—2:34. A—35,701 (49,260).

ORIOLES 7, TIGERS 5

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Markks rf	4	2	2	1	Ackman cf	5	1	2	1
Hardy ss	4	1	1	2	Infante 2b	5	1	1	1
McLoth lf	5	1	2	2	MCarr 3b	2	1	0	0
Adjms cf	5	0	1	1	Fielder 1b	4	1	1	0
C.Davis dh	4	1	1	1	JhPerlt ss	4	1	1	3
MRyrd 1b	3	0	2	0	Dhrng dh	3	1	1	0
Machd 3b	4	0	0	0	JuDiaz rf	4	0	1	0
Quintnll 2b	2	1	0	0	Dirks ph-rf	2	0	1	0
Andino ph-2b	1	0	0	0	Laird c	3	0	0	0
Tegrdn c	3	1	0	0	Avila ph-c	1	0	0	0
					Berry lf	4	0	1	0
Totals	**35**	**7**	**9**	**7**	**Totals**	**35**	**5**	**9**	**5**

Baltimore	040	300	000	— 7					
Detroit	000	000	020	— 2					

E—Quintanilla (4). DP—Baltimore 2. Detroit 1. LOB—Baltimore 6, Detroit 6. 2B—Markakis (23), Hardy (20), Ja.Betts (22), Berry (8). 3B—McLouth (1). HR—C.Davis (20), Infante (3), Jh.Peralta (9).

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
W.Chen W,12-7	5	7	5	5	2	4
Ayala	1	1	0	0	0	1
O'Day	1	1-3	1	0	0	0
Strop	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
J.Johnson S,37-40	1	0	0	0	0	1
Detroit						
Fister L,7-8	3	2-3	8	7	3	6
Putkonen	2	1-3	1	0	2	0
Worman	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ondrusek	1	0	0	0	0	1
Benoit	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by O'Day (D.Young). WP—Putkonen.

T—3:05. A—40,511 (41,255).

ROYALS 5, WHITE SOX 2

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Wise cf	4	0	0	0	L.Cain cf	5	1	2	1
Bckhm 2b	4	0	0	0	AEscor ss	4	1	1	0
A.Dunn dh	4	0	0	0	AGordn lf	4	0	0	0
Konerk 1b	4	0	1	0	Butler dh	2	0	1	0
Rios rf	4	0	0	0	JDyson pr-dh	0	1	0	0
Pizzncs c	2	0	0	0	S.Perez c	4	0	2	0
Alfonzo ss	3	0	0	0	Mostks 3b	3	1	2	0
Viciedo lf	3	1	1	0	Francr rf	2	0	1	0
Olmedo 3b	3	1	1	0	Hosmer 1b	3	1	1	0
					Giavtll 2b	4	0	1	0
Totals	**31**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**Totals**	**31**	**5**	**11**	**4**

Chicago	000	000	020	— 2					
Kansas City	000	002	000	— 2					

E—Pierzynski (5), Hosmer (9). DP—Chicago 2. LOB—Chicago 3, Kansas City 9. 2B—S.Perez (10). SB—J.Dyson (23).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Quintana	7	9	2	2	4	5
Crain L,2-2	1-3	1	3	3	2	1
Veal	0	0	0	0	1	0
N.Jones	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Kansas City						
Guthrie	7	2-3	3	2	0	1
Collins	1	0	0	0	0	0
G.Holland W,6-3	1	1-3	0	0	0	0

Collins pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
Veal pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
WP—Quintana 2.
T—2:43. A—22,401 (37,903).

ATHLETICS 7, INDIANS 0

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Carrer lf	4	0	2	1	Crisp cf	4	1	1	0
AsCarr ss	4	0	0	0	Cnddon 3b	5	0	1	0
Choo rf	4	0	2	0	Reddick rf	4	0	0	0
CSantn dh	4	0	1	0	Cespedes dh	3	1	1	0
Brdly cf	4	0	1	0	Carter 1b	4	0	2	0
Kchm 1b	4	0	2	0	Moss lf	4	1	2	1
Lillrdg 2b	3	0	0	0	Norris c	3	0	0	0
Hannhn 3b	3	0	0	0	Pennign ss	3	1	1	0
Marson c	3	0	0	0	Weeks 2b	3	2	1	0
Totals	33	0	7	0	Totals	34	7	12	7

Cleveland	000	000	000	— 0					
Oakland	001	132	00x	— 7					

DP—Cleveland 1. LOB—Cleveland 7, Oakland 7. 2B—Donaldson (7), Cespedes (17), Carter (8), J.Weeks (14), HR—Crisp (7), Moss (13). SB—Carrera (3). S—J.Weeks.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Masterson L,9-11	5	2-3	9	7	1	5
E.Rogers	1-3	3	0	0	0	1
C.Perez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland						
J.Parker W,8-7	8	6	0	0	1	2
R.Cook	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Masterson (Pennington).
T—2:05. A—20,130 (35,067).

RAYS 8, ANGELS 3

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
DJrngs lf	5	0	1	0	Trout cf	4	1	1	1
BUpton cf	4	1	1	1	TrHntn dh	4	0	1	0
Joyce rf	4	0	1	2	Pujols 1b	4	1	1	1
Longori dh	4	1	1	0	Trumo rf	4	0	0	0
Fuld pr-dh	0	1	0	0	HKndrc 2b	4	0	1	0
C.Pena 1b	5	0	2	2	Callasp 3b	2	1	0	0
RRorts 2b	5	0	2	2	Aybar ss	4	0	2	1
SRdrgz 3b	5	1	1	0	VWells lf	4	0	1	0
JMolin c	2	1	1	0	BoWhtn c	2	0	0	0
Ethrsn ss	2	1	1	1	MMntr ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**36**	**8**	**11**	**6**	**Totals**	**33**	**3**	**7**	**3**

Tampa Bay	040	020	002	— 8					
Los Angeles	000	101	001	— 3					

E—C.Pena (6). DP—Tampa Bay 1, Los Angeles 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 8, Los Angeles 6. 2B—Ethrsn (21), C.Pena (16), VWells (7). HR—R.Roberts (2), Trout (24), Pujols (28). SB—De.Jennings (23), Fuld (4), J.Molina (3), Tor.Hunter (8). S—E.Johnson.

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
M.Moore W,10-7	6	1-3	5	2	2	5
McGee	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jo.Peralta	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
W.Davis	1	1	1	1	1	0
Rodney	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles						
Greinke L,1-2	6	7	6	6	4	8
Hawkins	1	1	0	0	0	3
Walden	1	0	0	0	1	1
S.Downs	1-3	2	2	1	0	0
Williams	2-3	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Greinke (E.Johnson).
T—3:14. A—36,789 (45,957).

MARINERS 5, TWINS 1

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Revere cf	4	0	0	0	Ackley 2b	4	2	2	0
ACasill 2b	4	0	0	0	MSnchs cf	4	2	2	2
Mauer dh	5	0	1	0	Seager 3b	2	0	1	0
Wthgn lf	4	1	1	0	Jaso c	2	1	0	1
Morrns 1b	3	0	1	0	JMntcr dh	4	0	0	0
Doumit c	4	0	2	0	Smoak 1b	3	0	1	0
Plouffe 3b	2	0	0	1	Thams rf	4	0	3	1
MCarsn rf	4	0	1	0	TRonsn lf	3	0	0	0
Florom ss	3	0	1	0	Kawsk ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**Totals**	**30**	**5**	**9**	**4**

Minnesota	010	000	000	— 1					
Seattle	000	000	300	— 5					

DP—Minnesota 3. LOB—Minnesota 11, Seattle 9. 2B—Willingham (24), Florimon (1), Ackley (17), Thames (11). HR—M.Saunders (11). SB—A.Casilla (15), M.Saunders (17). SF—Plouffe.

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Deduno L,4-1	6	5	2	2	6	2
Gray	1	4	3	3	1	0
Perkins	1	0	0	0	0	3
Seattle						
Beavan W,8-7	5	1-3	7	1	1	3
D.Capps	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
O.Perez	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Kinney S,1-1	2-1-3	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Deduno (M.Saunders).
T—3:07. A—22,635 (47,860).

YANKEES 4, RED SOX 1

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsbry cf	4	0	0	0	Jeter ss	4	2	3	0
Ortiz dh	4	0	1	0	Swisher 1b	3	0	0	0
Pedroia 2b	4	0	0	0	Cano 2b	3	0	1	0
AdGnzl 1b	4	1	1	1	Grndrs cf	2	0	1	1
Lumrey c	3	0	1	0	ErChvz 3b	4	0	0	0
Stltmch dh	3	0	1	0	Ibanez lf	4	0	0	0
Pdsnik rf	3	0	0	0	RMartnr c	4	0	0	0
Crisco ss	3	0	0	0	Suzuki rf	4	2	3	3
Punto 3b	3	0	1	0	McGeh dh	4	0	0	0
Totals	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**Totals**	**32**	**4**	**8**	**3**

Boston	000	000	100	— 1					
New York	101	101	00x	— 4					

DP—New York 1. LOB—Boston 3, New York 8. 2B—Jeter 2 (26), Granderson (14). HR—AdGonzalez (15), I.Suzuki 2 (7). SB—Jeter (8), Swisher (2).

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Beckett L,5-11	6	7	4	3	6	6
A.Miller	1-3	0	0	0	1	2
Tazawa	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
New York						
Kuroda W,12-8	8	4	1	1	0	4
R.Soriano S,31-33	1	1	0	0	0	1

WP—Beckett.
T—2:51. A—48,620 (50,291).

NL Boxes

DIAMONDBACKS 8, ASTROS 1

Arizona	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
GParra rf	5	0	1	1	Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0
A.Hill 2b	4	3	3	2	SMoore 3b	3	0	1	0
Elmore 2b	0	0	0	0	Wallac 1b	3	0	0	0
Kubel lf	5	1	1	0	Rdrtnz lf	3	0	1	0
Gldsch 1b	3	2	1	0	Wright p	0	0	0	0
MMntr c	3	0	1	2	Maxwell lf	1	0	0	0
Ellmers ph-c	1	0	0	0	Downs 2b	4	1	1	0
C.Young cf	5	1	2	1	Bogsvc rf	3	0	0	0
Drew ss	4	1	0	0	BBarns cf	3	0	1	0
J.Nthnn 3b	3	0	0	1	Castro c	4	0	2	1
WDmnd p	2	0	1	0	Galmp p	1	0	0	0
Albers p	0	0	0	0	Storey p	0	0	0	0
CJhnsn ph	1	0	0	0	Fnccs ph-rf	2	0	1	0
Shaw p	0	0	0	0	FRdrgz p	0	0	0	0
Zagrsk p	0	0	0	0	WLopez p	0	0	0	0
					MKrzcyk ph	0	0	0	0
Totals	**36**	**8**	**10**	**8**	**Totals**	**31**	**1**	**6**	**1**

Arizona	000	500	210	— 8					
Houston	000	001	000	— 1					

DP—Arizona 1. LOB—Arizona 8, Houston 10. 2B—G.Parra (17), A.Hill (30), F.Martinez (2), Greene (12). HR—A.Hill 2 (17). SB—A.Hill (9), Gldschmdt (13), C.Young (7). S—S.Moore. SF—I.Kennedy.

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
I.Kennedy W,11-10	6	5	1	1	5	7
Albers	1	0	0	0	0	3
Shaw	1	0	0	0	0	2
Zagurski	1	1	0	0	1	2
Houston						
Bullerngs L,0-4	3 2-3	6	5	5	2	1
Storey	1 1-3	0	0	0	2	2
W.Wright	1 1-3	1	2	2	2	1
Fe.Rodriguez	1-2	3	2	1	1	2
W.Lopez	1	1	0	0	0	0

WP—W.Wright.
T—3:27. A—14,923 (40,963).

REDS 5, CUBS 4

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi
DeJesus rf	4	2	3	1	Cozart ss	4	0	2	0
Barney 2b	4	1	0	0	Stubbs cf	4	0	0	0
Castro ss	3	0	1	0	BPhllps 2b	4	1	1	0
ASorin lf	3	0	1	2	Ludwick lf	2	0	0	0
SCastro ss	4	0	1	1	Bruce rf	4	1	2	1
LaHair 1b	4	0	0	0	Frazier 1b	4	2	1	2
Bulldon cf	3	0	1	0	Valdez 3b	3	1	1	1
Clevngr c	3	1	0	0	Paul ph	1	1	1	0
Volstad p	1	0	0	0	Hanigan c	3	0	2	2
Rizzo ph	1	0	0	0	Latos p	3	0	1	1
Bowden p	0	0	0	0	Chqnnp p	0	0	0	0
Beliveau p	0	0	0	0					
Marmol p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**30**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**Totals**	**32**	**5**	**10**	**5**

Chicago	001	002	010	— 4					
Cincinnati	100	300	001	— 5					

No outs when winning run scored.

E—Valdez (2), Bruce (5), Cozart (13). DP—Chicago 1, Cincinnati 2. LOB—Chicago 4, Cincinnati 6. 2B—DeJesus (22), B.Jackson (2). 3B—Paul (1). SB—B.Phillips (10), CS—A.Soriano (2), B.Jackson (1). S—Volstad. SF—A.Soriano, Hanigan.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Volstad	6	7	4	4	1	4
Bowden	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	0
Beliveau	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Camp L,3-6	0	2	1	1	0	0
Cincinnati						
Latos	8	6	4	2	3	6
Chapman W,5-4	1	1	0	0	0	2

Camp pitched to 2 batters in the 9th.
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Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	72	49	.595	—	—	7-3	W-1	39-24	33-25
Baltimore	67	54	.554	5	—	8-2	W-4	33-27	34-27
Boston	66	55	.545	6	—	6-4	W-2	32-29	34-26
Toronto	59	63	.484	13 1/2	7 1/2	4-6	L-1	29-34	30-29
Tampa Bay	56	65	.463	16	10	3-7	L-2	31-30	25-35
Central Division									
	W	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**Str**	**Home**	**Away**
Chicago	65	56	.542	—	—	5-5	L-3	32-26	33-30
Detroit	64	57	.529	1 1/2	2	4-6	L-2	34-25	30-32
Kansas City	64	68	.450	11	11 1/2	7-3	W-3	26-33	38-35
Cleveland	54	67	.446	11 1/2	12	3-7	L-5	30-29	24-38
Minnesota	50	70	.417	15	15 1/2	1-9	L-5	24-37	26-33
West Division									
	W	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**Str**	**Home**	**Away**
Texas	70	50	.583	—	—	5-5	W-2	36-22	34-28
Oakland	65	55	.542	5	1/2	6-4	W-4	37-26	28-29
Los Angeles	62	60	.508	9	4 1/2	3-7	L-4	33-29	29-31
Seattle	54	67	.475	13	8 1/2	7-3	W-5	30-30	28-34

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Washington	75	46	.620	—	—	7-3	W-1	34-23	41-23
Atlanta	70	51	.579	5	—	6-4	L-2	36-29	34-22
New York	57	64	.471	18	10	4-6	L-1	28-30	29-34
Philadelphia	56	65	.463	19	11	6-4	W-2	26-33	30-32
Miami	55	67	.451	20 1/2	12 1/2	4-6	L-1	29-31	26-36
Central Division									
	W	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**L10**	**Str**	**Home**	**Away**
Cincinnati	74	48	.607	—	—	8-2	W-1	41-22	33-26
Pittsburgh	67	54	.554	6 1/2	—	5-5	W-1	37-23	30-31
St. Louis	65	56	.537	8 1/2	2	5-5	L-1	37-26	28-30
Milwaukee	54	66	.450	19	12 1/2

Biffle wins when Johnson's car falters

By Noah Tristar
Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Jimmie Johnson looked as if he had already finished the hardest work. After starting at the back of the pack, he had moved up quickly, and when he passed Brad Keselowski for the lead on lap 191 of 200, his No. 48 Chevrolet seemed to be the superior car.

Then Johnson's engine faltered with only six laps remaining. He lost the race — and the NASCAR Sprint Cup points lead — to Greg Biffle on Sunday.

"I got it turned around and was catching him, and then his engine failed," Biffle said. "It was going to be a great race, no matter what. I felt like I could catch him, but we'll never know. Passing him might have been a different story."

Biffle won the race at Michigan International Speedway, taking advantage when Johnson left the track because of engine trouble. Johnson started the race from the back because of an engine change, and he couldn't hold on at the end. He finished 27th.

After Johnson's mishap, there was a caution for oil on the track. Biffle held off Keselowski by 0.416 seconds in the green-white-checkered finish.

Biffle took over the points lead, while Johnson dropped from first to fourth. Matt Kenseth moved up a spot to second despite a 17th-place showing.

"I know that a lot of people don't expect us to win the championship, and don't expect us to compete for the title," Biffle said. "I don't care what they say or who they want to talk about, but we will be a factor when it comes down to Homestead. I promise you that."

Brian Czobat/AP

Greg Biffle celebrates after winning the Pure Michigan 400 Race on Sunday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn Mich.

Kasey Kahne finished third in the 400-mile race, followed by Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Marcos Ambrose.

It was the 12th victory for Roush Fenway Racing at MIS, breaking a tie with the Wood Brothers for the most wins at the track.

Pole sitter Mark Martin was sailing along in the lead for most of the first 65 laps before his race ended in scary fashion. Bobby Labonte went into a spin while Martin was coming up from behind, and Martin went sliding off toward pit road. His car crashed frighteningly into the end of a short, narrow barrier on the interior side of pit road.

The side of Martin's car was essentially impaled by the end of the wall, just in front of the left rear tire and dangerously close to the driver's seat. But in the smoky scene that followed, Martin was able to get out and walk away.

"I really feel that was a freak accident. I'm not sure you can ever completely fix something like that," Martin said. "That was a pretty freak angle that I got it. I'm not sure what you can do. It could have been really bad if I would have got into that hole a little deeper where it would have caught me in the door instead of the crush area back there."

Johnson started from the back, and so did Earnhardt, who was using a backup car after a mishap in practice Saturday. The two Hendrick Motorsports teammates made a solid run of it, but it was Biffle and his No. 16 Ford that emerged at the end.

Johnson did not speak to reporters afterward. He was trying to become the first driver to reach four victories this season. Keselowski and Tony Stewart also have three, and drivers will earn bonus points in the Chase for the Sprint Cup for "regular-season" victories.

The Chase starts next month.

"The 48 has the most speed and the best history as far as the Chase is concerned," Keselowski said. "We caught a lucky break that was unfortunate for Jimmie. ... He definitely deserved to win the race. Just didn't play out that way."

It was Biffle's second win of the year and third career victory at MIS. Keselowski, racing in his home state, settled for second place for the second straight week.

"Just a great day," Keselowski said. "I don't know what to say other than I was this close to getting what would have been one of the biggest wins of my career. That would have been really special."

Owls

From 1C

coach at Kansas.

"We're speaking the same language," Bailiff said, "so we were really able to, in this training camp, to pick up where we left off. It's allowed us to do things at a faster rate, as far as installation. That leads to more reps, and that leads to getting better as a team."

The top two receivers from last year, tight ends Vance McDonald and Luke Willson, also are back. McDonald led the Owls with 43 catches for 532 yards and five touchdowns and Willson was second on the team in yards receiving (313) and third in receptions (29).

Versatile Sam McGuffie also returns for one more season at Rice. The transfer from Michigan rushed for 883 yards and added 384 yards receiving in 2010, but then missed the final five games of last year because of an ankle injury.

"We can put Sam about anywhere we want," Bailiff said.

The Owls averaged only 23 points per game, but they did score on 32 of 36 drives inside the opponents' 20-yard line. The offensive line is rebuilt, although Bailiff says the level of experience is deceptive.

Right guard Drew Carroll started 10 games as a freshman in 2011, and left guard Ian Gray, a redshirt freshman last year, played in eight. The Owls have also plugged in 6-foot-4, 305-pound Nate Richards at center. Richards is a junior-college transfer, a rarity at academic-minded Rice.

"Nate is such a brilliant kid," Bailiff said. "He's able to communicate, gets them in the right protections and our misalignments are way down from camp last year. I actually feel really good about our offensive line."

Only five starters return on defense, including 2011 leading tackler Cameron Nwosu, a linebacker. The Owls can hardly be worse statistically after ranking 112th against the pass (278.6 yards per game) and 111th overall (462 yards per game).

But three key players return from injuries — defensive end Cody Bauer, linebacker Trey Briggs and cornerback Phillip Gaines. The Owls also get back cornerback Bryce Callahan, who intercepted six passes as a freshman in 2011. Rice was plus-8 in turnover margin, picking up 14 fumbles and intercepting 13 passes last season, and Bailiff says the defense has more speed overall than it did in 2011.

"We had to get faster on that side of the ball," Bailiff said. "The game has changed, to where everybody is playing some kind of a spread (offense), so you need guys who can run. Every year, we've recruited better and every year, those kids mature a little more. So you're getting better each year, just through the maturity of the players you've recruited.

Aggies

From 1C

Houston, he knows that he'll have to shore up Texas A&M's defense if he hopes to succeed in the SEC. He has just five returning defensive starters this season.

He said he believes his players want to live up to the storied history of past defenses at the school including the "Wrecking Crew" heyday of the late 1980s and early '90s.

"Anytime you're playing defense at Texas A&M you have a standard," Sumlin said. "From where I sit, I think that you have to have some sort of motivating factor based on the tradition of excellence on defense in the past. Everybody since the '80s and '90s has tried to meet that standard. That's a bigger motivational standard than anything. That's a huge goal and there's been a lot of people that have tried to do it here recently and I don't know that that's happened."

The Aggies are switching from 3-4 scheme to the 4-3 under first-year defensive coordinator Mark Snyder. A leader of the group will be senior linebacker Sean Porter, who led the team with 9 1/2 sacks last season.

"I don't think we're going to struggle in the first year at all," Porter said. "I think we're a pretty good defense. From what I can see we have a solid defense and we're going to be able to compete in the SEC."

After opening with Louisiana Tech, the Aggies play their first SEC game when they host Florida on Sept. 8.

Ron Capps tops Funny Car field in NHRA race

Associated Press

BRAINERD, Minn. — Ron Capps topped the Funny Car field Sunday in the Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals to take the season lead with one race left in the regular season, and Erica Enders raced to her third Pro Stock victory of the season and second in a row.

Capps powered away from 15-time series champion John Force in the final round for his third victory of the season, third at Brainerd International Raceway and 36th of his career.

Capps cruised to a final-round performance of 4.134 seconds at 304.05 mph in a Dodge Charger, while Force's Ford Mustang lost traction and finished in 6.633 at 116.35.

"I'm pretty excited to go to Indy with the points lead," said Capps, who leads Robert Hight by 53 points. "Force is cagey. He's good here. ... I was doubtful that we were going to get a win. He's been eking it out all day and getting on a roll. He knows how to take it to the next level. I looked over at about 800 feet and didn't see him ahead of me, and we got the win light."

Enders outran series points leader Allen Johnson in the final round with a 6.649 at 208.26 in a Chevy Cobalt. She's the first female driver to win at BIR since Shirley Muldowney won a Top Fuel title in 1982.

Morgan Lucas won the Top Fuel division, and Eddie Krawiec topped the Pro Stock Motorcycle field.

Lucas edged Antron Brown at the finish for his third victory of the season and his third victory in the event sponsored by his family's oil company. Lucas posted a 3.818 at 316.90 to hold off Brown's charging dragster, which trailed with a 3.831 at 313.80. Brown moved into the series lead, 58 ahead of Spencer Massey.

Krawiec remained undefeated in Pro Stock Motorcycle, claiming his sixth victory of the season and increasing his series points lead by defeating Hector Arana Jr.

SUNDAY'S GOLF ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PGA

WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP: At Greensboro, N.C., Sergio Garcia had the lead at 15 under through four holes Sunday when final-round play in the Wyndham Championship was suspended for the day because of heavy rain.

Tim Clark, Jason Dufner and Bud Cauley were 14 under through varying stages of their rounds, and 38 players — half the field — were still on the course when play was stopped.

After waiting roughly 2 hours, 20 minutes, officials decided to bring them back to Sedgefield Country Club at 9 a.m. Monday to crown a champion and figure out who qualifies for the playoffs and who doesn't. It will be the first Monday finish in Greensboro since 1983.

LPGA

SAFEWAY CLASSIC: At North Plains, Ore., Japan's Mika Miyazato won the Safeway Classic for her first victory on the LPGA Tour, finishing with a 2-under 70 to beat Brittany Lincicome and Inbee Park by two strokes.

The 22-year-old Miyazato finished at 13-under 203 in her wire-to-victory on Pumpkin Ridge's Ghost Creek Course. She shared the first-round lead and had a two-shot advantage after the second.

Lincicome shot 67, and Park had a 70.

The 22-year-old Miyazato, in her fourth season on the LPGA Tour, is the sixth first-time winner this year. She broke through after a pair second-place ties in June.

South Korea's Haeji Kang had a 66 — the best round of the day, to tie for fourth at 10 under with Cristie Kerr (70) and So Yeon Ryu (71). Sydnee Michaels, the first-round co-leader, was four strokes back after a 70.

Champions

DICK'S SPORTING GOODS OPEN: At Endicott, N.Y., Willie Wood won the Dick's Sporting Goods Open for his first Champions Tour title, beating Michael Allen with a par on the first hole of a playoff.

Wood made a long birdie putt on the final hole of regulation to match Allen, a two-time winner this year, at 13-under 203 on the En-Joie Golf Course. Wood closed with a 66, and Allen shot 66.

In the playoff on the par-4 18th hole, Allen drove left in the water, essentially ending his chances.

Woods earned $270,000 for the victory, his first since he won the 1996 Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic for his lone PGA Tour title.

USGA

U.S. AMATEUR: At Cherry Hills Village, Colo., Steve Fox made an 18-foot birdie putt on the 37th hole, completing a remarkable underdog run to win the U.S. Amateur at Cherry Hills.

The 21-year-old Fox, from Hendersonville, Tenn., was 2-down with two holes to play against Michael Weaver of Fresno, Calif., before rallying to force the extra hole.

Fox, a senior at Tennessee-Chattanooga, made an 11-foot birdie putt to win the 35th hole. Still with a 1-up advantage, Weaver, a 21-year-old redshirt junior at the University of California, needed to make a 5-foot par putt on the 36th hole at the 18th green to secure the win, but it lipped out, extending the match.

Web.com

MIDWEST CLASSIC: At Overland Park, Kan., Shawn Stefani won the Midwest Classic for his first Web.com Tour title, closing with a 7-under 64 for a two-stroke victory.

The 30-year-old former Lamar player finished at 17-under 267 on the Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate. He earned $99,000 to jump from 54th to 12th on the money list with $166,715.

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Cowboys, press benefiting from a more relaxed Garrett

Tom Orsborne
San Antonio Express-News

Any list of the top surprises at Cowboys training camp would have to include the drama surrounding Cole Beasley, Felix Jones failing his conditioning test and Barry Church winning the safety job with the cutting of veteran Brodney Pool.

But the No. 1 unforeseen development in Oxnard just might have been Jason Garrett dropping his robotic, deliberate way of speaking at press conferences for a more relaxed, conversational style that included some one-liners Jay Leno and David Letterman would envy.

Garrett's most memorable quip came after an awful performance by backup center David Arkin that included repeated off-target shotgun snaps that turned the quarterbacks into hockey goalies.

"We cued the circus music a couple different times during that walk-through," Garrett deadpanned.

Another gem came after a reporter suggested Arkin's struggles might have to do with him getting too much work.

"He's a young man, practicing football in California. We're not dipping him in boiling water," Garrett joked.

On another occasion, Garrett was asked if he thought Tony Romo was a top-five quarterback. Without hesitation, he replied, "There's a restaurant up there in Montecito called Lucky's. If you go up to Lucky's and have a couple of beverages, you guys can figure out if he is a top-five quarterback."

In between laughs, Garrett made plenty of good decisions, including leaving the door open for Beasley to return after the undrafted rookie left camp saying his heart was no longer in it. Two weeks later, the SMU-ex paid Garrett back for his patience with a seven-catch, 104-yard performance in Saturday night's 28-20 loss to San Diego.

Team executive vice president Stephen Jones has noticed Garrett's increased comfort level with his job.

"Whenever you've been doing something, as you do it more, you get better at it," Jones said. "He's showing tremendous leadership."

Garrett took over as coach midway through the 2010 season after the firing of Wade Phillips following a 1-7 start. He led the club to a 5-3 finish, but the momentum stalled with the lockout, which prevented him from working with the team the entire offseason.

The Cowboys finished 8-8 last season, but they broke camp last week with high hopes in part because Garrett seems to have made a leap in confidence.

"It was a little different last year because of the work stoppage," Jones said. "He didn't get a full year to really get his feet up under him. He's very comfortable now."

Garrett's brainy imprint can be found throughout the organization. Looking for every edge, the Princeton grad added a director of football research, a nutritionist and a yoga instructor. He also attended the MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference and continues to pick the brain of coaching legends such as Duke's Mike Krzyzewski.

Luck solid, Colts fall to Steelers

By Will Graves
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Andrew Luck shook off a pair of early interceptions to put together three second-quarter scoring drives, giving the Indianapolis Colts a halftime lead before the Pittsburgh Steelers rallied for a 26-24 preseason victory Sunday night.

The top overall pick completed 16 of 25 passes for 175 yards and added a 1-yard touchdown run for the Colts (1-1), who held their own against a perennial Super Bowl contender.

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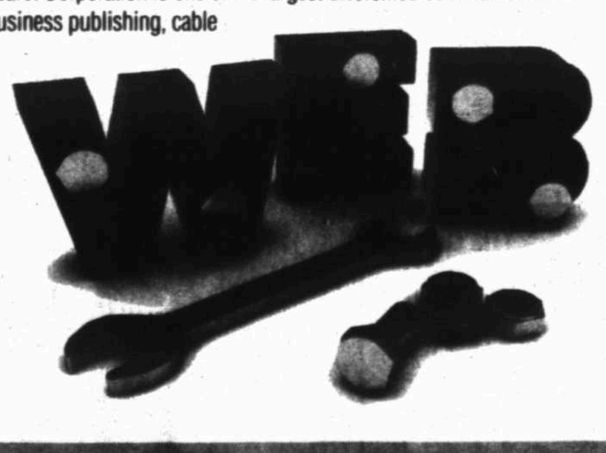

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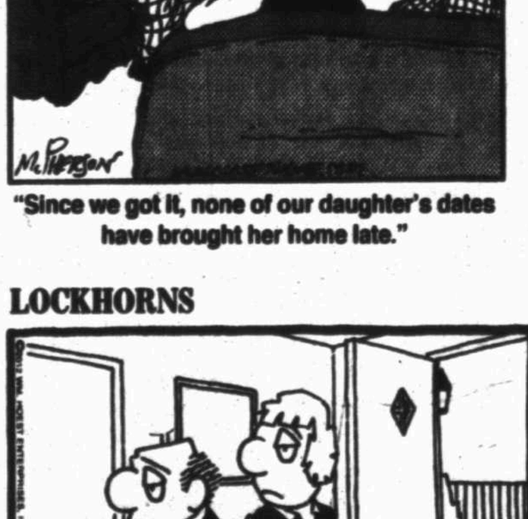

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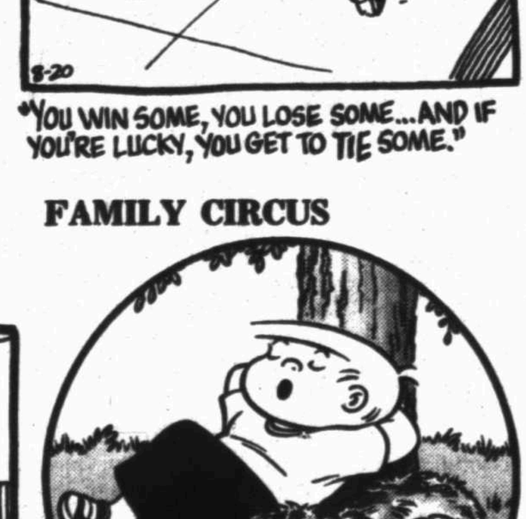

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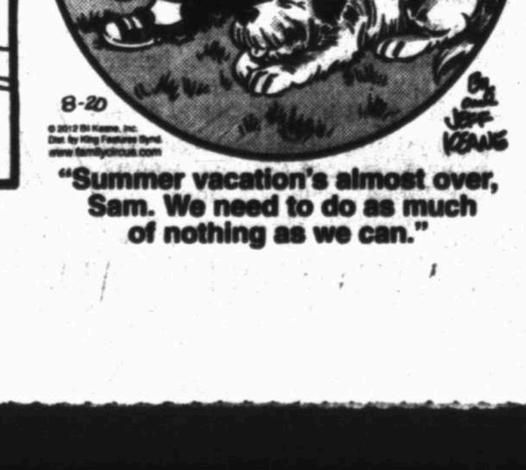

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TODAY Partly sunny High 94 Low 69

TUESDAY Mostly sunny High 92 Low 71

WEDNESDAY Mostly Sunny High 94 Low 73

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 94 and south winds in the afternoon between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms and partly cloudy conditions with a low around 69 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday, look for a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms and mostly sunny skies with a high around 92, a low around 71 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 94 and a low around 73.

The high on Sunday reached 87 while the low dropped to 70. The record high for Aug. 19 is 103 set in 1994 and 1977. The record low is 60 set in 1950.

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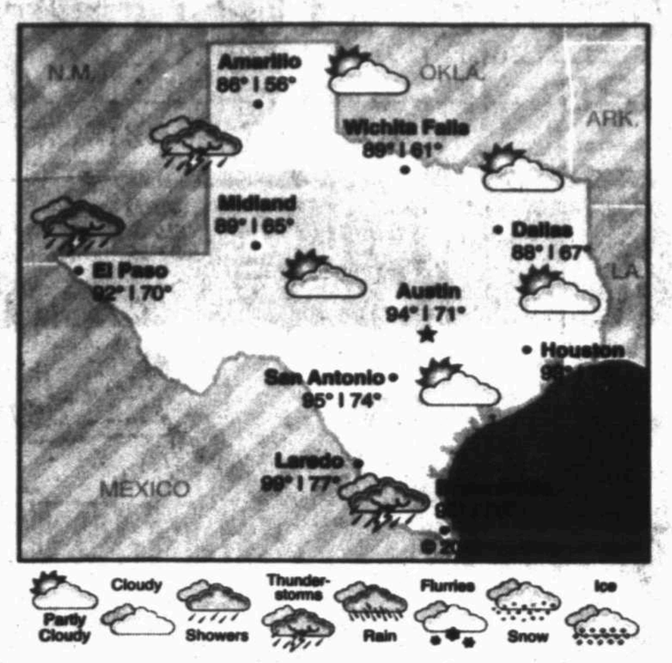
A surge of tropical moisture will lead to potentially flooding downpours from coastal Mississippi to northern Florida today. Showers and thunderstorms will rumble over the rest of the East Coast and will dot parts of the Midwest. Temperatures across both of these regions will be held to highs that are on the cool side for the second half of August. Lower temperatures will grace the northern and central Plains, while blazing heat is also absent from the southern Plains.



Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunderstorms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Precipitation

Saturday	0.01 in.
Sunday	trace
Total for month	0.23 in.
Total for year	6.19 in.
Normal total (year to date)	8.94 in.

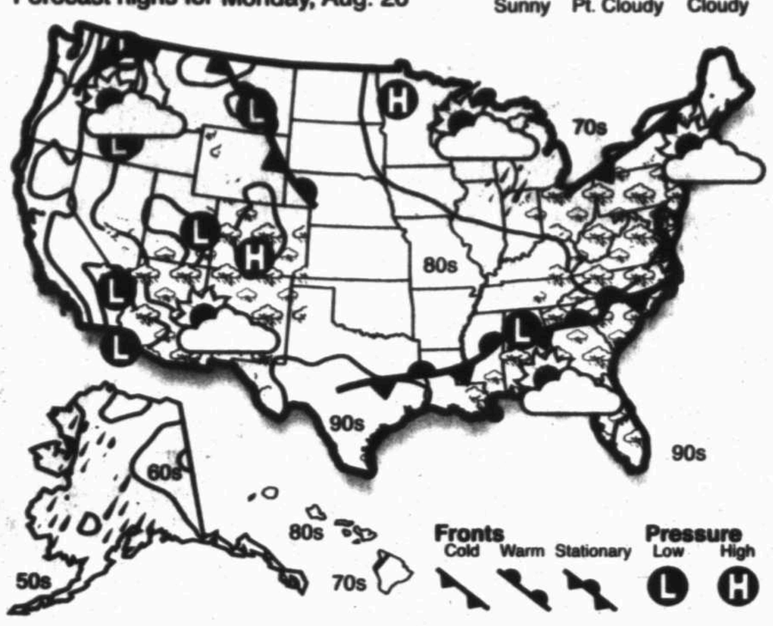
Sunday's temperatures

High	87
Low	70
Normal high	94
Normal low	69

Sunrise ... 7:17 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:26 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Aug. 20



Old cellphones take on new life for soldiers calling home

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My son is a career soldier, Army Rangers Airborne, and yes, I am proud of him. During his 15 years of active duty he has been involved in every "action" around the world. The greatest gift I have been given started with an idea conceived by two high school students in Massachusetts. The program is called Cell Phones for Soldiers, and these are the basics:

Old cellphones are donated and then sold to a recycler, and with that money phone cards are purchased and donated to soldiers all over the world. Eighty percent of calls home by active-duty soldiers are made using these cards.

I have never heard of such a win-win program, and the biggest winner is the family member who answers the phone and hears, "Hi, Mom. I love you. I'm OK." — DR. LISA MORGAN, A VERY THANKFUL MOM

DEAR DR. MORGAN: Until I read your letter, I hadn't heard of the program, either. It seems very worthwhile, and something anyone who wants to support members of our military might be interested in.

Founded in 2004, Cell Phones for Soldiers is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to provide free communication tools for military serving overseas. There are more than 15,000 collection sites across the United States. Nearly 12,000 calling cards are mailed each week, and since 2004, more than 150 million minutes of talk time have been provided. Anyone interested in learning more should visit cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 21, almost 22, and I have just found out that it isn't the flu. I'm pregnant. The problem is, I don't know who the father is. I have an "idea" of who he might be — but it could be three other guys. I'm not in a relationship with any of them. No. 1 and No. 2, I wouldn't want my child exposed to because of some of the things they do.

I have heard that if a mother is on state support and the parents aren't together, the father will have to pay child support. Is that true? I don't know what to do. — LOST AND CONFUSED IN MISSOURI

DEAR LOST AND CONFUSED: You are going to need prenatal care to ensure you have a healthy baby. Your local Planned Parenthood health center may be able to provide prenatal care or refer you to other low-cost options. Your next stop should be your county department of social services so that when your child arrives, you'll be able to feed it. I'm sure they will want the father to contribute financially. Determining which candidate is — or is not — the father is as simple as getting a paternity test.

P.S. And this is important, too: In the future, Planned Parenthood can provide you with reliable, low-cost contraceptive services, so the next time you become pregnant it will be by choice and with a committed partner.

DEAR ABBY: I am 7 years old and me and my parents can never agree on my bedtime. Do you think 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10, 11 or midnight? — BAD BEDTIME IN BOSTON

DEAR BAD BEDTIME: It depends on what time you're expected to get up the next morning. According to the experts, children between the ages of 5 and 10 years old need between 10 and 11 hours of sleep each night. So count backward from the time your day is supposed to start and you'll know what time you're supposed to be in bed.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A J 7 ♡ K 10 9 3 ◇ A J 9 6 2 ♣ 8
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?
A — A bid of two hearts now would be a reverse, showing extra strength. Since you have a minimum opener, all you can do for the moment is raise to two spades and see how partner reacts.

Q 2 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 8 ♡ A J 8 6 3 ◇ K 7 ♣ Q J 7 4 3
As dealer, what action do you take?
A — Pass! You have no good rebid over partner's expected one-spade response. To bid two-clubs with such a shabby suit asks for trouble and to bid one no-trump with a weak singleton, even though partner has responded in the suit, misdescribes your holding.

Q 3 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ J 8 3 ♡ A 9 8 6 2 ◇ 9 4 ♣ J 7 6
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

What action do you take?
A — Partner's one-spade rebid was not forcing, so take advantage of this to tell partner you have a mediocre hand — pass!

Q 4 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A Q 9 3 ♡ K J 5 ◇ ♣ A 9 6 4 3
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?
A — With 14 high-card points, a singleton and no wasted values, your hand is worth more like 18 points than its high-card points suggest. Jump raise to three spades.

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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 Monday, Aug. 20, 2012:

This year you become a host to the unexpected. Your life develops an exciting and surprising tone. Your high energy carries you through many interesting events, while your focus gets you through your day-to-day life. Communication obviously will play a strong role. Being the "good" Leo, you will tend to overindulge in many different areas of your life. If you are single, you could attract quite a group of wannabe suitors. If one of them doesn't grab your heart, understand that you still have not met the right person. If you are attached, your significant other will feel most indulged, though you must remain in touch with his or her needs. A fellow LEO will be good to have around.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You know how to work well with others, yet you prefer to remain the dominating influence. You might believe a situation is evolving in this same manner. Don't be surprised if the other party follows through on his or her need to assume control. Tonight: Sort through the possibilities, then decide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Pace yourself, and try not to react to a somewhat surprising event or piece of news. Give yourself time to adjust and internalize the information at hand. Schedule a stressbuster if possible. You will want to indulge a loved one. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Allow your imagination to infuse relationships and events with more excitement or intrigue. You tend to add interest and a new dimension to any project. Others appreciate your originality and will ask for your feedback. Tonight: Add more fun to a situation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could see a personal matter quite differently from others — so much so that you might feel unsure of certain past judgments. In the next few weeks, you could revisit past decisions and choose to change them. It is important to remain confident. Tonight: Happily head home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Listen well, and understand what is going on behind someone's words. You grasp more than you are willing to deal with right now; however, it does serve you well to get to the root of an issue. Much more caring flows between you and someone else as a result. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Be sensitive to your budget. You might want to deal with a loved one differently. You do not always have to say "thank you" in a materialistic manner. Consider your other options. You might want to see where a friend is coming from. Listening does not necessarily mean you agree. Tonight: Maintain your budget.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You are all smiles. The unexpected excitement that a quirky friend generates helps keep your interest. Understand what is going on behind this person's erratic behavior. Listen to your inner voice and let it guide you. Avoid a difficult family member. Tonight: As you like.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Realize what is going on behind the scenes. What is being expressed openly might be hiding a different agenda or problem. Also, evaluate your own actions in a difficult situation. Are you being as clear as possible? Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You are in a position to transform or walk away from a difficult situation. A meeting could prove to be instrumental. Excellent communication, combined with high energy and drive, allows you to start down the path to realizing a certain desire. Tonight: Find your pals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Take charge, and understand that others might be slightly resentful or envious of your leadership abilities; they wish they could handle problems as effectively as you do. Be gracious, and do not cop an attitude. Still, don't indulge others too much. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. The unexpected plays a role in your plans. There could be miscommunication out of the blue. Curb a tendency to go to extremes or be reactive. Listen to news with a grain of salt. Tonight: Act on some fun idea that has been on the back burner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ A partnership or several key relationships dominate your plans and ideas. You could be overwhelmed by everything you have to do. Share some of the burden by asking for help. Let others pitch in. You will be much happier with a lighter load. Tonight: Indulge a roommate or family member.

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BORN TODAY

Author H.P. Lovecraft (1890), boxing promoter Don King (1931), author Jacqueline Susann (1918)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 No. on a utility bill
5 Show of affection
9 Dust and grime
13 Old woman's home, in a nursery rhyme
14 Capital NNW of Copenhagen
15 TV's Uncle Millie
16 *Place to prop a pillow
18 Win by __
19 St. Francis's home
20 Emulate Georgia O'Keeffe
21 Well-suited
22 Luck of the draw
25 French girlfriend
27 Deadlocked
29 *Vital central section of a country
31 Sawbones
34 Joint-bending ballet move
35 Actor Beatty
36 Youth organization whose focus areas begin the answers to starred clues
39 Leave open-mouthed
42 Oklahoma tribe
43 Spread here and there
47 *Effortless way to win
50 Length x width, for a rectangle
51 Wheel holder
52 "... nothing to fear but fear __"
55 Unspecified high degree
56 Bundled, as hay
58 Pretenses
60 Chutzpah
61 *Recuperative resort
64 Raring to go
65 Part of ISBN: Abbr.
66 Resting on
67 Small bills
68 Barely passing grades
69 Spoil, with "on"

DOWN
1 Bat wood
2 Any product at a dollar store
3 Rolled with the engine off
4 "Bill & __ Bogus Journey"
5 __ ball: rubber toy fad of the '80s
6 Old Testament prophet
7 Camera type, for short
8 Roll-your-own grass
9 "It wasn't me," e.g.
10 Armored superhero
11 "Goosebumps" series author
12 Casual shirt
15 Sheep's bleat
17 Ballpoint brand
20 Hazards
21 24-hr. cash source
23 Brothers of nieces
24 Differential or integral math subj.
26 Onetime Leno announcer Hall
28 "What's the __?": "Seems the same to me"
30 German: Abbr.
32 Lovey-dovey murmurs
33 Surpassed in performance
37 Ginger or ginseng
38 Lingerie top
39 "I get it!"
40 Yellow-podded veggie
41 Make bigger
44 Che's given name
45 Slippery area to mop up
46 "Let's not"
48 Probes, with "into"
49 Prove false
53 Calm spells
54 Strong and healthy
57 Suffix with auction
59 Herring known for its roe
60 Recent: Pref.
61 Stayed out of sight
62 WSW opposite
63 Mimic

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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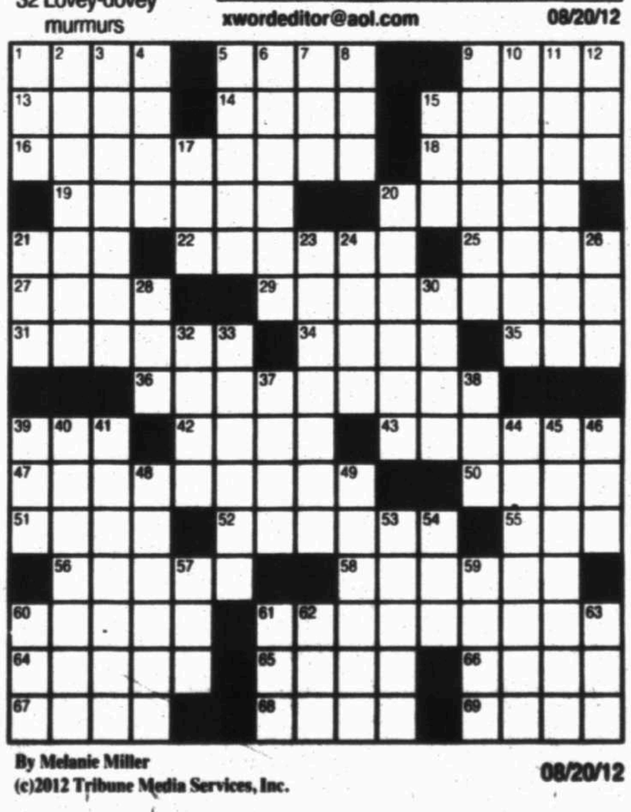

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BRADY LAKEHOUSE for sale. 1480 sq. ft. 2 rooms/1 bath with large kitchen. Good place for family & friends to gather. One room 30 x 36 & second room 20 x 20. For info call 325-234-6035 or 325-949-2981.

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Residential Sales

Vacation & Resort Property

O.H. IVIE House/Kennedy Park. 1600 sq. ft. 2 bed, sleeps 10, full bath, kitchen, LA, 2 huge walk in closets, hardwood floors w/braided rugs, partially furnished. 3 a/c's, 2 TV's/DVD, stove, 2 refrig., 2 couches, entertainment center in LA, lg. covered patio, boat storage w/workshop, all concrete floors. Fenced. Great for Co. housing for hunting and fishing. $35,000. Charles 557-2243 or 682-5248.

RUIDOSO HOUSE for sale, 4 bdr, 4 bath, stainless appliances & granite countertops, updated, 2491 sq ft. $339,900. Call 575-808-8089.

Lots & Land

Oil & Gas & Hunting Leases

120 ACRES in Sinton, TX, large 3/2 home, 2 large barns, pens, wind mills, ponds, small olive orchards, good grass, lots of game. Immediate possession. Broker, 361-643-4499.

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1968 Ac. Kendall Co - Limestone Quarry, Hill Country, Live Water 1285 Ac. Edwards Co - Nueces River, Views, Mountains Ruple Properties, LLC (830)569-3500 www.SouthTexasRanches.com

2.528 ACRES in Runnels and Nolan County, several water wells and surface ponds, good cover of live oaks, 1/2 of owned minerals will convey. $1050 per acre. 325-650-4079.

3 LOTS for sale on Estes St. $25,000. Call 432-262-5763

Lots & Land

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NEW TODAY!

260 WOODED acres brown co. 1/2 mile live creek with fish, 140-160 B&C class deer killed, turkey, go to tootiekelllyrealestate.com for info. 325-642-0444

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955 ACRES in Coke County, 3 water wells, old rock ranch house, mountainous terrain, with creek, $1,100 per acre, make an offer. Motivated seller, 325-650-4079.

ATTENTION OILFIELD Companies 10 or 20 acres for lease. SE Midland. Ideal man camp or heavy equipment storage. Land improvements negotiable. Will beat competitors price. Call 432-352-0894.

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Oil & Gas & Hunting Leases

FARMS/RANCHES FOR SALE

Andrews Co.: 904.8 acres between Andrews and Odessa. Good grass, turf considering drought conditions. Fenced and crossfenced with ranch home, barns, working/shipping pens. Paved access. Salt water disposal well and grazing lease generating good income and wind energy potential. $495/ac.

Dickens Co.: 1165 acres between Dickens and Spur. Good hunting and cattle country. Water well and rural waterline. Rolling mesquite flats descending to scenic creek bottom. Thick brush. Whitetail and mule deer, quail, turkey and pigs. Nice scenic ranch. $650/ac.

Garza Co.: 1,965 acres cattle/hunting ranch 30 miles SE of Lubbock on M 211. Native pasture w/95 acre wheat field. Level to rolling and broken terrain. Good fences. No other improvements. Scattered oil production on one section. $650/ac.

Kent Co.: 1,380 acres SW of Jayton. Highway frontage. Excellent whitetail deer hunting property. 2 br 2 bth main home. 1 br 1 bth guest house. Nice barn. Food plots, feeders, blinds included. ABC Creek flows through the property. Scenic wooded draws. Two windmills and an electric water well. Minerals negotiable. $950/ac.

King Co.: 3,545 acres between Guthrie and Aspermont. Terrain varies from rugged hills to productive live creek bottom flats. This ranch offers good hunting opportunities for deer, turkey and quail. Rural waterline through ranch with concrete drinking troughs. $650 per acre.

Lubbock Co.: 80 acres NW of Lubbock 1/4 of a mile N of Erskine on FM 179. Productive dryland farm with a level terrain. Paved frontage. $2,650/ac.

Nolan Co.: 639 acres north of Blackwell. Good access, good fences. Mix of rolling to semi-rugged terrain. Dense cover over most of the ranch. Two good dirt tanks and elect. water wells. Same family ownership since 1902. 10% of the minerals offered. $885/ac.

Stonewall Co.: 7,210 acres Northeast of Aspermont. Canyons, miles of creek bottoms and mesquite flats with excellent live water features. Excellent roads and new fences. Seller will convey all owned minerals. Price reduced to $595/ac.

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Bookkeeper

Confidential

FULL CHARGE F/T or P/T, skilled in Windows based accounting software and Excel required. General ledger maintenance, journal entries, accounts payable & bank reconciliations with minimum 3 years experience. Must work independently and have strong communication skills. Fax resume to: 432-685-0096.

Corporate Accounting

Master Tubulars
P.O. Box 50036
Midland, TX 79710-0036

Full time
5 years EXP
Salary (DOE) & Benefit Pkg

Job Requirements:
Applicant must have a degree in Accounting/Business and/or at least 5 years accounting experience.

*Ability to gather data *Self sufficient *Detail oriented *Superb data entry *Fast learner *Good organizational skills *Multi-task ability *Effective verbal/written communication skills

Job Responsibilities:
Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, General Ledgers, Sales Tax, Payroll Tax, Ad Valorem Tax, Job Costing, Reconciliations.
Responsible for accurately and promptly performing various assigned functions in support of month end close and processing reports.
Work with Vendors/Customers and/or other departmental personnel in addressing questions and resolving issues.
Mail resume to: P.O. Box 50036, Midland, Texas 79710 or email: hr@mastertubulars.com

McCLURE OIL COMPANY

FULL-CHARGE BOOKKEEPER

McClure Oil Company, Inc. is seeking a **full-charge bookkeeper** with a minimum of 3 years experience.

This position will be responsible for coding & data entry of accounts payable invoices, assistance with JIB processing, revenue data entry, & bookkeeping for various related entities. Oil and gas experience is preferred but not required. This is a full time position with competitive salary (DOE) and benefits.

Send resume with references and salary requirements to:
hr@mccloreoil.com

AUTOMOTIVE

Pre-Owned and New Volvo Sales

Alderson European Motors FT

We are currently seeking to expand our Pre-Owned and New Volvo sales team at our newly constructed Mercedes-Benz and Volvo dealership. We are seeking confident and professional individuals with excellent customer service skills. If you take pride in your work, are enthusiastic, and looking for a career with the Permian Basin's largest luxury automobile dealership, then we would like to speak with you. Experience is not necessary. We will train. We offer a competitive pay plan, health insurance, and 401k. Call 432.699.7993 or stop by 5801 Andrews Highway to apply.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Assistant

Centers for Children & Families FT

Administrative Assistant needed. Flexible environment. Must have at least two years clerical experience. MUST be able to work evenings and weekends. Organization and proficiency in Excel, Word and Publisher required. Send resume to: riaforge@centerswesttexas.org no later than Aug 24.

Administrative Assistant

Enertia Software is seeking an individual for a part time Administrative Assistant role. Flexible hours are available for the right candidate. This position requires reliability, good computer skills, knowledge of Microsoft Office, strong phone skills, the ability to manage typical office duties and a positive attitude. If you believe you have the skills and motivation for this position, please mail or deliver your resume to: Enertia Software, Attn: Human Resources, 125 W. Missouri, Midland, TX. 79701.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Preschool Teachers

The Village School is now hiring Preschool Teachers for ages 6 weeks to 12 years. FULL TIME & PART TIME POSITIONS. Must have High School Diploma or GED & be able to pass Background Check. NON-SMOKING FACILITY. Apply in Person at: 2600 W. Illinois.

Teaching Positions

Premier High School FT

Premier High is taking applications for Classroom Teacher. Please come by 1900 N. Big Spring, 79705 or call (432)682-0384.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

XCHEM

IMMEDIATE NEED!

X-Chem is looking for an Account Manager in Midland to join our team!

An Account Manager opportunity, for an oil field chemical company, located in our Midland, TX office. The account manager is responsible for identifying prospective customers, qualifying prospects, generating sales proposals and closing new business. Also responsible for maintaining and servicing existing customer relationships and generating new business in existing account base. This position is technically skilled in the application of oil and gas field production chemicals as well as troubleshooting customer problems. The account manager will work in conjunction with customers to identify production problems, tests chemical at the customer's location, and make recommendations to the customer. The account manager will also prepare periodic reports for customers to show how a customers' chemical program(s) are performing. The account manager is the customer's primary point of contact within X-Chem.

The ideal candidate will have the following:
- 5+ years of Business Development or Sales experience in the oil/gas industry
- Strong ability to build and maintain key relationships and provide solutions to problems
- Great organizational skills, close attention to detail, excellent follow through and the ability to multi-task
- High level of professionalism, confidentiality, and strong customer service skills
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office preferred
- Strong written and verbal communication skills

X-Chem offers competitive pay and excellent benefits.

Qualified candidates should apply at www.nch.com

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HEALTHCARE

Clinic Nurse LVN- Addiction Treatment Center

Midland/Odessa

Monday-Friday 5:15am-12:15pm weekdays & 6am to 9:30am on Saturdays. Travel required between Midland & Odessa clinics. Assessments, TBs, dispense meds. Paid holidays, CEU days & personal days. Fax: 800-671-8364.

Front Desk/Billing

Gonzales Health & Rehab FT

Front desk/billing clerk needed for busy medical office. Bilingual a must. Benefits. Send resume to PO Box 5765 Midland, TX. 79704.

Hospice Director of Healthcare Services DON

Interim Home Health FT
Midland, TX 79701

Experienced preferred. Great benefits. Apply in person at: 1031 Andrews Hwy, Ste 200, Midland, Tx 79701 or fax resume to 432-618-0307. No phone calls please. Equal Opportunity Employer. E.O.E.

LPC/LCDC/Social Worker

Midland Addiction Treatment Center PT
Monday-Friday 8:45am-10:45am
Treatment planning/Case management. Personal days/CEU days. Paid holidays. Fax resume to 800-671-8364.

HEALTHCARE

Physical Therapy Tech

Midland Physical Therapy FT

Midland Physical Therapy seeking Physical Therapy Tech. No experience needed. Will train the right person. Must like helping people and have outgoing personality. Summer or full time position available. Can start immediately. Fax resume to 432-570-8713.

Registered Dental Asst./Front Office Asst.

Confidential FT
Midland, TX 79707
Registered Dental Assistant & Front Office needed. Bring resume by: 3200 Sunburst Dr., Midland, TX 79707.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Front Desk / Breakfast Attendant / Housekeeping

Baymont Inn & Suites FT/PT
10000 Airport Rd.- 432-561-8000 Midland, TX
Looking for dependable and reliable people to work flexible schedule. Front Desk applicant must have valid DL. Must be able to work weekdays or weekends. Breakfast Attendant must be able to work M-F, hours 5am-11am. Call 432-561-8000 / Fax 432-561-5243 email: baymontmidlandairport@gmail.com

Maintenance/Front Desk

Holiday Inn Express FT
5309 West Loop 250 North Apply in person
Midland, TX 79707 No phone calls
Now hiring Full-time Front Desk & Maintenance. Professional appearance required. Will train the right person. Serious inquiries only. Previous applicants need not apply. Apply in person only. No phone calls. Competitive pay.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

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SECURITY OFFICERS NEEDED. Full benefits including 401(k), paid vacation, and tuition reimbursement. $500 sign on bonus and GREAT PAY. Contact Danielle Barnett for an interview (423) 685-3235 EOE M/D/F/V

OTHER JOBS

Accounts Payable Coordinator

Great opportunity with a premier oil & gas company in Midland!
•Strong A/P experience required • Knowledge of ADP and Oracle a plus • Proficiency in Microsoft Office programs required
Salary - $42-$45K DOE
Call Kelly Services at 432-363-0123. Never an applicant fee.
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CHILD CARE WORKERS

Mrs. Irene's Child Care FT/PT

Child care workers needed FT and PT! Paying above average wages and will train. Call **432-520-8888**

Children's Program Coordinator

Grace Presbyterian Church - Midland, TX PT

Seeking an individual for the part-time position of Children's Program Coordinator. The ideal person for this position would be someone who is creative, energetic and encouraging. The person will have a background in children's education, be well organized and able to recruit and utilize volunteers. The primary focus of the position will be the Wednesday night Kids Club as well as the annual vacation bible schools. Candidates must agree to a background check. If interested please forward resume to gracemidland@clear.net.

*****Control Room Clerk*****

Monitoring cameras, data entry and reporting. Oilfield knowledge preferred. Strong data entry and Excel skills required. $15.00/ hour. Call Kelly Services at 432-689-9801. Never an applicant fee. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Delivery Driver

Carter's Furniture FT/PT
2101 W Wadley #6 Midland, TX 79705
Delivery driver needed full-time and part-time. Must have good driving record, heavy lifting required. Apply in person.

LOOKING FOR PART TIME WORK??

National Greeting Card Company now hiring for Midland / Odessa Area. Need something to do while the kids are in school? Retired from a full time job and not ready to stay home? This is the job for you!!! Send reply to agmerchandisers@yahoo.com.

Maids and Janitors

Confidential PT

Accepting applications for Maids and Janitors. Great PT jobs. Work Monday-Friday 5:30pm-8:30pm. Apply at:1307 N. Big Spring, 8:30am-5:30pm.

Meat Processing Room

Cox Marketing FT

Immediate positions open for meat processing room. Competitive pay, no experience necessary, will train. Come by to fill out application at: 10150 Pilot Ave. Midland, TX 79706.

General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES
Midland Reporter-Telegram

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)

MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD SUNDAYS ONLY IF INTERESTED CALL TOMMY 967-2267

MULTIPLE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Looking for responsible individuals who can be at work on time, work at both a steady and fast pace. Ability to work overtime and **MUST BE ABLE TO PASS INITIAL and RANDOM DRUG TEST**. Serious applicants can apply at 2800 SCR 1207 Midland, TX. Drive over I-20 on S. Midkiff to County Road 113 and turn East, 1st Building on the right side.

Oilfield Dispatcher

Select Energy Services is seeking an experience Oilfield Dispatcher for Night Position-for our Midland/Odessa, TX location. Must have previous dispatch experience. Oilfield dispatch experience is preferred. Must have good communication skills and be able to multi-task. All applicants must be 21 years of age and able to pass drug and background checks. For more information call 432-689-9834.

TEST PROCTOR, PART TIME, $11

PSI provides licensing examinations and electronic fingerprinting services nationwide. Customer Service required. Email your resume and cover letter to: **proctor@psionline.com, put Midland in subject line.**

REAL ESTATE

Maintenance & Yardman

Santa Fe Apartments FT

For Santa Fe apartments. Stop by pick up application at 5010 W. Loop 250 North, 79707 or call 432-694-1349.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Breakfast Cooks

Breakfast Cooks with experience needed ASAP. Higher wage pay for experience. Also, looking for contract catering help, servers, chefs, cooks. Applications outside of peak periods only 8am-2pm. Apply in person at Lori's Cafe, 2201 W. Wall, Midland, TX.

DOMINO'S PIZZA NOW HIRING!

•Drivers: Make cash everyday, Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $7.50 an hour (no split tip/wage here) plus delivery reimbursement, plus tips. **•CSRs:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $8.25 an hour, Bright & Friendly people only! **•Shift Leaders:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $9 an hour, Flexible Schedules. Apply at any Domino's Pizza Midland or Odessa or send resume: **cassie@clearwire.net.** Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE

OTHER JOBS

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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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

DICKSON PROCESS SYSTEMS

Dickson Process Systems is currently seeking a Document Control Administrator for our Midland Office.

Document Control Administrator

QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor's Degree in Computers or Math is required. Knowledge of mechanical drawings and terminology is a plus.

- Must be very organized
- Have the ability to question the process flow and over all validity of the documents being received and sent to customers
- Self motivator
- Detailed oriented with the ability to multi-task

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Document Control. This consists of tracking/sending documentation/drawings to and from our Document Control to our customers via their company portals as necessary. You will work closely with the engineers in order to keep them current on the status of documents/drawings. Check documentation/drawings for accuracy
- Compile Job Books/Vessel Folders for the equipment we manufacture.
- Create new documents (forms/spreadsheets/etc.) as needed.
- Assist with IT problems. You will be trained in this area.
- Help implement the Purchase Order and Inventory Module. You will learn MAS90 enough to learn how Purchase Order interfaces with the other modules, i.e.: Job Cost and General Ledger.
- As you become familiar with our company, you will learn to purchase equipment.
- You will file U1A's with the National Board. All pressure vessels we manufacture must be registered with the Board.

Dickson Process Systems offers full benefits package.

Serious interested candidates should contact Anne Dickson at 432-561-5584 or you may fax your resume to 432-561-5690 or send via email to adickson@dicksonprocess.com

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WEB MASTER\INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SPECIALIST

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an exciting career opportunity for a Web Master\Information Technology Support Specialist to join our team. The right candidate will be an individual that possesses a wide range of skills and experience in Internet\Web, IT workstation and network technology support.

Qualifications:
Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: web designer, monitor, improve, and update the performance of existing and planned Web sites and pages, daily maintenance of internet and intranet websites, maintain the MRTe E-Edition (online MRT newspaper) site, e-blasts and conceptualizing and implementing interactive/viral media for the web. Must have the ability to work and think independently as well as collaborate with the MRT Web Team. The ideal candidate will have experience with HTML, HTTP, XML, ASP, Java, MS SQL Server, and MS Office and a minimum of 1 year experience in web programming. Experience with IIS, SOAP and ASP.NET is a plus. Knowledge of Microsoft Operating Systems (PC and Network), desktop client software, internet/web, IT peripheral devices and the ability to achieve goals with or without direct supervision. Must be flexible and adaptable to a changing environment and able to learn new and innovative technology on the fly. Certifications such as MCSE, MCP, A+, Network+, Cisco, Mac OS and Mac networking experience are a plus, but not required. Positive attitude, accuracy, timely execution, and teamwork are some of the many attributes of associates who are currently enjoying successful careers at the Midland Reporter-Telegram. All applicants must possess excellent communication skills, work well against deadlines and be extremely detail oriented, and be willing to keep up with changing technical standards.

We offer a very competitive compensation and benefits package including insurance, 401(k) plan, paid holidays, vacation, comprehensive training and a realistic opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive, and innovative organization.

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For consideration, please provide your resume outlining relevant experience and qualifications to:

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Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Ave.
Midland, Texas 79701

Email: itmanager@mrt.com

HEARST newspapers

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Experienced Diesel Technician Wanted

We are currently seeking an experienced diesel technician. This position will perform maintenance and repairs on all trucks and trailers to include, but not limited to, engine repairs, bulk trailer repairs, brakes, tires, lubricating, DOT inspections, and other preventative maintenance items. This is a fast paced work environment with aggressive deadlines and someone with high energy is a must:
The ideal candidate should possess:

- High school diploma or GED
- Must have at least 3 years of verifiable experience
- Must have own tools
- Must pass physical & Pre-employment drug test
- Demonstrate high initiative
- Able to deal with diverse people and situations

We offer a full benefit package including paid vacations, insurance and 401k. EOE

Please call 432-335-9575 ext. 312 for interview or email resume to Brandon_Holloway@gnrgtrucking.com

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G & RG TRUCKING ODESSA, TEXAS

Field Assistant

Field Assistant needed on water well truck
Call 559-4629, 664-5519, or 689-7151.

XCHEM.

IMMEDIATE NEED!

X-Chem is looking for an Sevice Tech in Midland to join our team!

A Service technician opportunity for oil field chemical company located in our Midland, TX office. Field support position responsible for servicing pumps, identifying production problems, testing chemical at the customer's location, obtaining customer samples for analysis, etc. Assists Account Manager as needed to service customers. May delivery chemical to customer locations on occasion.

The ideal candidate will have the following:
- 1-3 years of oil field experience required
- Class A CDL with Hazmat Endorsement preferred
- Familiar with gauges / small pump operations
- Strong ability to build and maintain key relationships and provide solutions to problems
- Great organizational skills, close attention to detail, excellent follow through and the ability to multi-task
- High level of professionalism, confidentiality, and strong customer service skills
- Able to manipulate 55 gallon drums of chemical weighing 500lbs
- Ability to drive a forklift
- Strong written and verbal communication skills

X-Chem offers competitive pay and excellent benefits.

Qualified candidates should apply at www.nch.com

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RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Multiple Positions
The Garlic Press FT/PT
Midland, TX 79705
The Garlic Press is hiring for Multiple Positions. Apply in person at Oakridge Square, Wadley and Garfield, between 11am and 1pm or 5:30 and 7pm.

NOW HIRING!!! Cooks, Servers, & Dish Washers
Great Western Dining at Midland College FT/PT
Great Western Dining is now hiring full & part Time positions. Cooks Servers, Dish Washers. Will Train!! Apply at the Jack E. Brown Dining Hall Monday-Friday 8a to 4pm.

Now Hiring
The Taqueria FT
Staff needed for new food concept opening soon!! 'The Taqueria' is now hiring full/part-time employees with all shifts available! Apply at The Warfield Truck Stop, 10400 I-20 @ FM 1788, Midland today!

SEDONA MEXICAN GRILL NOW HIRING:
Servers, Dishwashers, Hostess and **Experienced Line Cooks.** Apply at 2101 W. Wadley, Midland, TX.

Swensen's now hiring for Management Positions!
Business is great! Now hiring for **Management Positions.** Join a Team that promotes a feeling of membership, not just employment. Apply in person at **Loop 250 and "A". Street, Midland, TX.**

RETAIL JOBS

Floor Person
Natural Foods Market FT
Health food store is taking applications for an energetic and friendly full-time sales person. Knowledge of supplements, herbs, and healthy diet a plus, but will consider someone eager to learn. Shifts will include evenings, and most Saturdays. Five day work week. Apply in person Monday through Friday only, 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley.

Retail Sales
Company Confidential PT
Part-time 20-30 hrs per week, no nights, no Sunday's, flexible schedules. $8.50 to $10.50 Depending on experience. Call 432-238-1373.

SCIENCE & RESEARCH

Lab Manager
O tex pumping ia accepting application for a Lab Manger
Must have a degree in Chemistry or Enginering and expierence
in UCA, fluid loss sales, constistometer . We offer full benifits, 2 weeks
paid vacation, and 401 K.

Send resumes to jessu@otexpumping.com apply in person at 2611 E I-20 Midland Tx 79706

SKILLED LABOR

Shop Hand
Lee-Co Coating Enterprise FT
Now accepting application for full-time Shop Hand. Duties will include: preparations, coating and painting sub pump equipment. No experience required, will train. Hours are usually afternoon-late night. Position starts at $10 an hour depending on experience. Call for application 432-570-8283 or email resume to: leda@suddenlinkmail.com.

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Triumph Downhole Equipment & Inspection Services FT
Seeking Certified Inspectors, must be certified in EMI, MPI, PT, UT is a plus. We are looking to fill several positions immediately in Corpus Christi and Odessa, Texas. Position include Full Benefits, 401k, Company truck, competitive compensation. Please sent resume to john.wolfe@triumphdownhole.com.

Electricians
Diamond Electric FT
is taking applications for Journeyman and apprentice electrician full time. Please call Matt at 432-634-0034 or Butch, 432-967-1098.

Estimators, Technicians, Welders, I&E & Project Managers
Sancus Energy & Power FT
Now hiring Estimators, Technicians, Welders, I&E, and Project Managers in New Braunfels. Call 713-557-2603, 281-536-7720 or 832-460-1002 or email resume to melaniejohnson@sancus-ep.com

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RRR Construction FT
Looking for skilled metal building personnel. Salary depends on experience. Call 325-514-7336.

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Driver
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Driver with CDL or will train. Good driving record and miscellaneous labor. Please leave message with service at 432-684-6427.

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life & dental insurance, paid vacation, & 401k. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview or online @ **www.silverlinetx.com**

Daytime Dispatcher
B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **Daytime Dispatcher.** Paid every Friday. Please come by 2823 S. Rankin Hwy, Midland, TX.

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Hicks Hot Shot PT
Looking for part-time Hot Shot Driver. Must have class A CDL license and be responsible and dependable. Call Allen 432-530-5106.

Truck Driver
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