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Board to discuss new buses, Warren's contract Seven propane buses to be purchased from Railroad Commission grant

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren's contract, the 2011-12 district budget and the purchase of seven propane-powered school buses are among the proposed items for today's school board meeting. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the MISD boardroom, 615 W. Missouri Ave. MISD was approved for a grant in excess of \$700,000 from the Railroad Commission of Texas to purchase the seven buses and an on-site fueling station. This would be at no cost to the district and help keep the fleet up to date, said Willie Tarleton, MISD direc-

tor of transportation.

"With budget restraints, we did not have new buses in our budget," Tarleton said. "If the board does approve this, these buses will not cost the district even one penny."

The commission received funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and opened the grants to all public school districts.

Currently, 60 school districts use 1,754 propane autogas buses.

The board also will discuss Warren's performance and contract during his first year as superintendent. Secretary Karen Nicholson said the board will use performance objectives as a benchmark for his evaluation.

"We gave him some goals when he first arrived and he's pretty much taken that as his marching orders," Nicholson said. "We will go over each of those goals and he will tell us how he thinks he's achieved them."

Five performance objectives focusing on achievement in bilingual and English as a second language programs, strategic technology plans and campus configuration were approved by the board Oct. 12.

The annual evaluation is conducted in executive session, but the board will present any contract amendments during the open meeting. Board President Jay Isaacs said these may include a salary increase. Warren currently makes \$225,000 a year.

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MPD: Warrants issued for teen in brutal killing of emus

Police say they are looking for additional suspects, more charges could be filed

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Police have issued arrest warrants for one teenage boy and are looking for additional accomplices in one of the most brutal animal slayings investigators say they have ever seen in Midland.

Three emus, valued at \$20,000 each, were killed at a central Midland home this past spring according to authorities. On April 21, police were dispatched to a home in the 3700 block of Northfield Drive in reference to a cruelty to an animal call.

The homeowner told officers one of his emus had been shot to death in the head sometime overnight. On April 25 and 28, police again were called to the home, where investigators found that someone had bludgeoned a second emu to death with a tree limb and a third one also was bludgeoned and stabbed to death.

Crime Stoppers tips led police to a 17-year-old male in Midland whom officers interviewed. According to an affidavit for probable cause, the boy voluntarily gave a statement to police and said he had heard about the killings from one of the suspects, but he himself was not involved. He then described in detail how the bird was killed and how those involved attempted to wrap a bungee cord around the legs of the animal and take it to the ground.

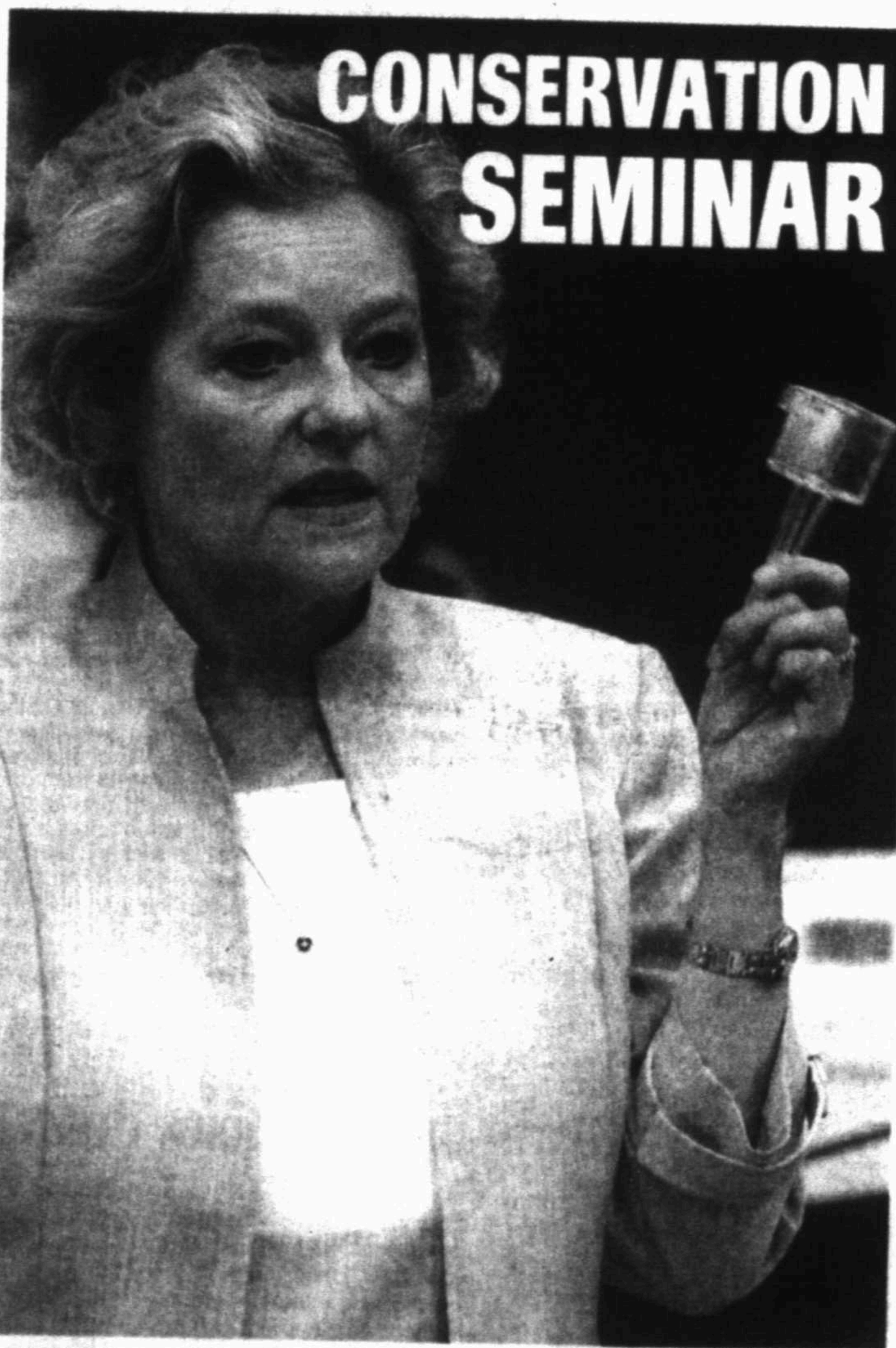
The teen then said that once the bird was captured, it began to make a lot of noise and the suspects then beat it to death. He told police that he gave a pole used to beat the bird to those involved in the killings.

During a second interview with authorities, the teen said he was present for two of the three killings and watched them happen but made no attempt to stop them.

Three witnesses, according to police, said the teen had bragged to them he was responsible for killing the birds.

Warrants were issued Wednesday for class A misdemeanors charges of cruelty to non-livestock animals; the Reporter-Telegram does not release

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CONSERVATION SEMINAR



TOP: Doreen Richardson, with Keep Midland Beautiful, talks about how to use a small rain gauge to ensure proper water usage — which is one inch of water per week — during a water conservation seminar Monday at Midland College ATC. ABOVE LEFT: Karen Vest looks over items given out Monday during the meeting. ABOVE RIGHT: Johnny Womack, city of Midland utilities superintendent, talks about water usage since the outdoor watering restrictions were implemented during the event.

Photos by Tim Fischer • Reporter-Telegram

Heat wave hardest on nation's poorest communities

By Juan Carlos Llorca
Associated Press

HORIZON CITY — The cinderblocks that make up Maria Teresa Escamilla's new home will do little to shield her from the triple-digit heat that has been scorching West Texas. She has no electricity yet, and the roof is not properly attached, leaving the interior exposed to the elements.

Escamilla has been living in an air-conditioned apartment she can no longer afford. But when the lease ends in two weeks, she has to move — a day she dreads because it means she'll have no escape from the searing temperatures.

"This is what I have to look forward to," she said. There will be no air conditioning and an unbearable number of mosquitoes at night.

With much of the nation in the grip of a broiling heat wave, few people are hit as hard as the poor, and few places are poorer than the ramshackle communities along the Texas-Mexico border known as "colonias."

The misery was widespread Monday, with the worst conditions blanketing a broad band from Texas to Minnesota and the Dakotas. Seventeen states issued heat watches, warnings or advisories. And the heat index easily surpassed 100 degrees in many places: 126 in Newton, Iowa; 120 in Mitchell, S.D.; and 119 in Madison, Minn.

The high temperatures were nearly certain to persist for the entire week. Forecasters expected the extreme discomfort to spread soon to the East Coast.

In towns large and small, the withering heat was cruellest to those who could not afford air conditioning.

Built at the edge of the desert, the colonias often lack electricity and running water. People bought the land before zoning regulations were adopted, hoping that utility services would follow.

To finance her house, Escamilla,

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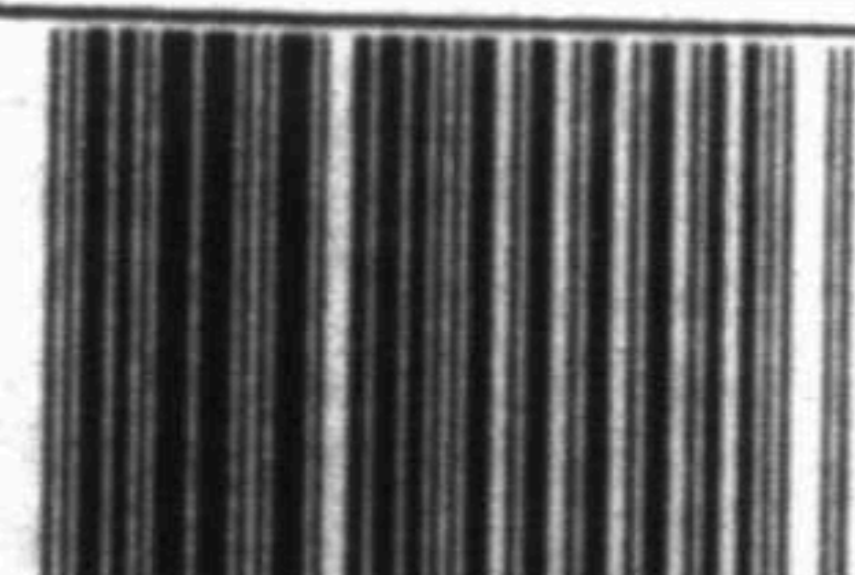
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"He has done an outstanding job of getting plugged into the community and building relationships," Isaacs said. "We are very, very pleased with his work and we fully anticipate extending his contract."

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HEAT

From 1A

who is 62, had to take out a loan against her funeral services and buy building materials recycled from demolition sites in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso.

Norma Salazar, who shares a tiny trailer home with her husband and six children in Horizon City, on the outskirts of El Paso, has to rely on an evaporative cooler, a cheap alternative to air conditioning that sucks the hot, dry desert air through a mesh of water-soaked fibers.

But it only cools half of the trailer, and when the heat climbs above 100, not even that.

"When it gets really hot, we turn on the fans and stay inside," Salazar said.

Going to a library or a mall to keep cool is not an option because the car doesn't have air conditioning. "So getting there is even worse than just staying inside, not moving," she added.

In downtown Minneapolis, where the heat index reached 106 degrees, the Salvation Army's Harbor Light Center threw open its doors for anyone who needed to cool off and drink a glass of ice water.

Executive Director Bill Miller said he allowed about 200 people who slept at the shelter Sunday night to stay instead of being asked to leave in the morning.

"We don't have them leave when it's this hot," he said. "It's hot enough to get dehydrated, especially if you're drinking. In this heat, it could kill you."

Betty Jean Horlacher-Bainbridge-Roswell slept at the center Sunday night before venturing out into the heat Monday morning. She was six blocks away when she was nearly overcome.

"I almost passed out because of the heat," the 55-year-old woman said, explaining that she suffers from diabetes, epilepsy, high blood pressure and other health issues. She pushed the baby-stroller filled with her belongings back to the center.

Had it been closed, "I would have probably died," she said.

Chicago officials opened six cooling centers, many of them in lower-income neighborhoods, along with hundreds of air-conditioned public buildings such as libraries, park facilities and police stations.

Anne Sheahan, spokeswoman for the city's Department of Family and Support Services, expected the number of people seeking refuge at the centers to climb in step with the temperatures, which were not expected to drop below the mid- to upper-90s throughout the week. The city was also offering rides to cooling centers.

Chicago authorities stepped up their high-heat precautions after a 1995 heat wave killed more than 700 people in less than a week. Now temperatures above 90 degrees trigger an emergency plan that includes city workers calling and visiting the frail and elderly.

Chicago school officials said they were making 1,500 fans available to schools that were not fully air-conditioned and asked teachers to keep blinds closed, move classes to cooler rooms and ensure students have water at all times.

Spokeswoman Marielle Sainvilus said the district would not cancel summer school classes during the heat because many students are poor.

"Unfortunately a lot of our kids do not have air conditioning at home," she said. "And they'll also get nutrition and a safe environment."

In East St. Louis, Ill., a mostly black city that's among the nation's poorest, 79-year-old Bernice Sykes spent Monday in a soup kitchen that had been pressed into service as a makeshift cooling center.

Sykes, a retired restaurant worker living on Social Security income, figured she had little choice to seek relief: One of her two tiny fans failed Sunday in her \$500-a-month-efficiency apartment, which has no air conditioning.

"I want to get out of there as quick as I can," she said Monday. "Right here, I feel good. But I've got to use that one fan when I get home. It's just so hot."

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which runs the soup kitchen, was hustling to offer other ways to beat the heat, including deploying one of its two air-conditioned buses as mobile cooling stations and handing out water and wet rags for use as neck compresses.

"It's pretty brutal. When I got up this morning, it already was 80 degrees," said Pat Hogrebe, who works at the kitchen. "I'm hoping, praying for the cool weather angel to come. Today, it's just not here."

Even powerful fans can be of limited usefulness.

"When its 95 degrees out, and the fans blow out hot air that's not enough to drive down body heat," said Bobby Mukkamala, an ear, nose and throat doctor from Flint Township, Mich., a once-thriving auto manufacturing town where the economy has steadily declined.

In Oklahoma, the intense heat has generated a flood of applications for elderly and low-income residents for money to help pay their utility bills.

The Summer Cooling Assistance Program was launched July 11 and ended just three days later when all \$22 million in the budget were paid out, said Rick Steen, director of field operations for the Department of Human Services in southwestern Oklahoma.

Back in El Paso, Grace Ortiz heads a task force that tries to prevent heat-related deaths. She says the group has given out more than 400 fans this year and expects to distribute twice that number before the summer is over, mainly to the elderly and needy families with children.

"They are the most at risk," Ortiz said. "Sometimes a fan can be the difference between life and death."

Superintendent's performance objectives 2010-11 as approved by the board of trustees Oct. 12:

1. Place focused emphasis on MISD bilingual/English as a second language programs in order to see marked improvement in student achievement;
2. Develop district instructional programs' evaluation processes and communicate with trustees as to recommendations for continuance, changes and/or elimination of those

programs;

3. Systematically eliminate all AEIS unacceptable ratings for MISD campuses and/or district;
4. Analyze current district technology status and develop strategic plan for improvement;
5. Evaluate current facility needs and campus configuration patterns and make recommendation to MISD board of trustees for improvement.



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Abby Dodson, 7, demonstrates her trunk strength and balance as she waves to the crowd in this October 2010 file photo during a play day at Midland Children's Rehabilitation Centers. The hippotherapy program uses horses as tool to help children with physical, occupational and speech disabilities.

Rehab center to construct indoor riding arena

From Staff Reports

Children soon could have the opportunity to complete their hippotherapy sessions in all types of weather following a decision by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday.

The Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center request for a zone change from a one-family dwelling district to a planned district for an office building was approved Monday. The switch will mean the nonprofit can move ahead with plans to build an indoor riding arena behind its facility off "A" Street and Ventura Drive.

Planning Division staff said the structure will be about 300 feet back from Ventura Drive and is consistent with other development in the area as it's located next to MARC and is just south of the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest's facility.

The hippotherapy program, which started in the 1980s, traditionally has been run outdoors and has closed from December through February because of cold weather. Executive Director Brooke Mueller told the Reporter-Telegram at the center's hippotherapy play day.

Hippotherapy, or therapy on horseback, is used as a tool for physical, occupational and speech therapy for children with disabilities. It's also been used to help children with autism gain focus and practice following instructions.

With a motion from Becky Ferguson and a second from Kevin Wilton, the request was

approved unanimously. Board member Karen York was absent.

"It's a nice thing for them to be able to offer to those people who need these services," chairman Brian Carney said.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved the fourth phase of the Affordable Self Storage Unit at Thomason Drive just north of Wall Street. The fourth phase will include a large, climate-controlled facility that will be accessible from hallways indoors. The original site plan called for two smaller buildings that were accessible from the outside instead of the larger facility approved Monday.

- Approved a preliminary plat on the west side of Farm-to-Market Road 1788 that will allow for the expansion of an oil services company.

- Approved a preliminary plat for the addition of a state government building on the west side of north "A" Street near Midland Airport. City staff said the two-story facility will house Texas Health and Human Services offices. Its height will not interfere with the nearby air field activities, they said.

- Approved a zone change request by Don Hoffman that will shift his property on Farm-to-Market Road 1788 from a future development district to a light industrial district. The area, which is located about a mile south of Highway 191, is awaiting zoning after being annexed by the city and therefore remains a future development district, which does not allow for property development. In moving it to a light industrial district, industrial uses will be permitted but the city's landscaping ordinance still will apply.

Study: Brain injury raises dementia risk

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press

PARIS — A large study in older veterans raises fresh concern about mild brain injuries that hundreds of thousands of troops have suffered from explosions in recent wars. Even concussions seem to raise the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease or other dementia later in life, researchers found.

Closed-head, traumatic brain injuries are a legacy of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Body armor is helping troops survive bomb blasts, but the long-term effects of their head injuries are unknown.

Other research found a possibly high rate of mild cognitive impairment, or "pre-Alzheimer's," in some retired pro-football players, who take many hits to the head in their careers.

The studies, reported Monday at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in France, challenge the current view that only moderate or severe brain injuries predispose people to dementia.

"Even a concussion or a mild brain injury can put you

at risk," said Laurie Ryan, a neuropsychiatrist who used to work at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and now oversees Alzheimer's grants at the U.S. National Institute on Aging.

Don't panic — this doesn't mean that every soldier or student athlete who has had a concussion is in danger. Pro-football players and boxers "are almost a different species from us" in terms of the repeated blows they take to the head, said William Thies, the Alzheimer's Association's scientific director.

It does mean you should try to avoid one, by fall-proofing your home and wearing helmets and seat belts, he said. About 1.7 million brain injuries occur each year in the U.S.

Troops also need to prevent any further harm, said Dr. David Cifu, national director of physical medicine and rehabilitation for the Veterans Health Administration.

"What the people who have had a head injury and read this should do is to exercise and eat right and take their medicines and take their aspirin and do meditation to reduce stress — reduce risk factors that are modifiable,"

he said. The new study is "a great start," but limitations in its methods mean that it can't prove a brain injury-dementia link, he said. More definitive studies are starting now but will take many years to give results.

The veterans study was led by Dr. Kristine Yaffe, a University of California professor and director of the Memory Disorders Clinic at the San Francisco VA Medical Center. The Department of Defense and the National Institutes of Health paid for the work.

"It's by far the largest" study of brain injury and dementia risk, she said. "It's never been looked at in veterans specifically."

Researchers reviewed medical records on 281,540 veterans who got care at Veterans Health Administration hospitals from 1997 to 2000 and had at least one follow-up visit from 2001-2007. All were at least 55 and none had been diagnosed with dementia when the study began. This older group was chosen because dementia grows more common with age, and researchers needed enough cases to compare those with and without brain injuries.

sheer brutality and way they were killed is disturbing," he said.

Investigators are also looking into any additional charges that could possibly be applied. Because the birds were valued at a total of \$60,000, Garcia said a third-degree felony charge of criminal mischief also could be added.

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On the Net:
Read the arrest affidavit at
www.mystatex.com.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

- Porter's Farm Market, 4-7 p.m., 5401 S. County Road 1140. Web: www.porterscommunityfarm.com
- Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's.

Meetings schedule

Airport Planning and Development Board
10:30 a.m. today
Third floor media room, Midland International Airport
9506 LaForce Blvd.

Permian Basin Community Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation
3:30 p.m. today
Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
2910 LaForce Blvd.

MISD
5:30 p.m. today
First floor boardroom
615 W. Missouri Ave.

City Council
9 a.m. Thursday
Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Bush Tennis Center

Construction at the Bush Tennis Center officially will break ground at 8:30 a.m. today.

The public is invited to attend the ground breaking at the center, which is located on Briarwood Avenue just west of Holiday Hill Road.

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2. 1998 51
3. 1977 43
4. 2011 34
5. 1953 32
6. 2001 31
6. 1994 31
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8. 2006 28
10. 1989 27

Source: National Weather Service

Airman returning home

Airman 1st Class Justin Thomas will return home at 10:37 p.m. today. Thomas is on a three-week leave from Ramstein, Germany. He has served in Iraq at the Joint Balad Air Base from January through April. He is in communications and will return to Ramstein Airbase.

He is the son of Suzanne C. Thomas of Midland and Gary Thomas of Conroe and the grandson of Ray and Virginia Collins of Midland. He is a 2008 graduate of Lee High School.

Source: Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee

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Today in history

Today is Tuesday, July 19, the 200th day of 2011. There are 165 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:
On July 19, 1961, TWA became the first airline to begin showing regularly scheduled in-flight movies as it presented "By Love Possessed," starring Lana Turner, to its first-class passengers.

On this date:
In 1848, a pioneer women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

In 1943, allied air forces raided Rome during World War II.
In 1969, Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, went into orbit around the moon.

In 1969, 111 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-10 crashed while making an emergency landing at Sioux City, Iowa; 185 other people survived.

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Obama threatens veto of House GOP spending cuts

By David Espo
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Courting confrontation and compromise alike, House Republicans shrugged off President Barack Obama's threat to veto legislation to cut federal spending by trillions of dollars on Monday while simultaneously negotiating with him over more modest steps to avert a potential government default.

The Republican bill demands deep spending reductions and congressional approval of a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution in exchange for raising the nation's debt limit. But Obama will veto it if it reaches his desk, the White House said, asserting the legislation would "lead to severe cuts in Medicare and Social Security" and impose unrealistic limits on education spending.

In response, GOP lawmakers said they would go ahead with plans to pass the bill today. "It's disappointing the White House would reject this common sense plan to rein in the debt and deficits that are hurting job creation in America," Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio said.

By contrast, neither the administration nor congressional officials provided substantive details on an unannounced meeting that Obama held Sunday with the two top House Republican leaders, Boehner and Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia.

Obama said late Monday the two sides were "making progress."

Several Republicans said privately the decision to vote on veto-threatened legislation is paradoxically designed to clear the way for a compromise. They said conservatives would have a chance to push their deep spending cuts through the House, and then see the measure quickly die either in the Democratic-controlled Senate or by veto.

Barring action by Congress to raise the \$14.3 trillion debt limit, the Treasury will be unable to pay all the government's bills that come due beginning Aug. 3, two weeks from Wednesday. Administration officials, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and others say the result

could be a default that inflicts serious harm on the economy, which is still struggling to recover from the worst recession in decades.

In a gesture underscoring the significance of the issue, Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., announced the Senate will meet each day until it is resolved, including on weekends.

The two-pronged approach pursued by the House GOP follows the collapse of a weeks-long effort to negotiate a sweeping bipartisan plan to cut into future deficits. The endeavor foundered when Obama demanded tax increases on the wealthy and selected corporations be included alongside cuts in benefit programs, and Republicans refused.

The failure of that effort also reflects the outsized influence exerted by 87 first-term Republicans, many of them elected last fall with tea party backing.

As late as last Thursday, Republican leaders held a news conference to tout plans to vote this week on a proposed balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

But the same senior Republicans emerged from a closed-door meeting of the rank and file on Friday to say the House would instead vote on an alternative — dubbed by its advocates as "Cut, Cap and Balance." No date has been set for a vote on the constitutional amendment itself.

Officials said the change in course had been requested by members of the Republican Study Committee, whose members are among the most conservative in Congress.

Supporters of the measure say it would cut \$111 billion from government spending in the budget year that begins on Oct. 1, and \$6 trillion more over the coming decade through a requirement that the budget shrink relative to the overall size of the economy.

Additionally, it would require both houses of Congress to approve a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution as a condition for an increase in the debt limit.

Both Boehner and Cantor reacted relatively mildly to the White House veto threat.

"As President Obama has not put forth a plan that can garner 218 votes in the House, I'd caution him against so hastily dismissing 'Cut, Cap and Balance,'" said Cantor.

Other Republicans, by contrast, took a harder line.

"I find it incredibly ironic that President Obama is one of the few Americans who think we don't need a constitutional amendment 'to do our jobs,'" said Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas, a member of the leadership.

"The point of cutting up the credit cards in order to raise the debt ceiling isn't to meet his tax-and-spend demands; it's to force him to stop spending money we don't have."

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky made a strong statement of support for the measure.

"Not only is this legislation just the kind of thing Washington needs right now, it may be the only option we have if you want to see the debt limit raised at all," he said.

"I strongly urge my Democratic friends to join us in supporting it."

Despite his warning, McConnell and Reid have been deeply involved in writing a fallback measure that is viewed in both houses as promising.

It would allow the president to raise the debt limit by \$2.5 trillion in three installments over the next year without a prior vote by lawmakers. Instead, a panel of House and Senate members would be created to recommend cuts in benefit programs, with their work guaranteed a yes-or-no vote in the House or Senate.

Recreating the divide that plagued the earlier negotiations, Democrats want the panel to have the power to recommend higher taxes.

Neither Reid nor McConnell has publicly disclosed the details of the measure, and neither is expected to do so as long as the legislation in the House is pending.

One conservative deficit hawk, Sen. Tom Coburn, unveiled his own proposal to bring federal deficits under control. The Oklahoma Republican recommended \$9 trillion in cuts over a decade, including \$1 trillion in higher taxes.

Republicans to recruit Hispanic statehouse candidates

By Ken Thomas
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans hope to recruit 100 Hispanic candidates for legislative seats across the nation in 2012, looking to rebuild its bench of GOP officeholders.

The Republican State Leadership Committee, a group that works to elect Republicans to statewide and legislative offices, said Monday it intends to spend at least \$3 million in hopes of sending more Republican Hispanic leaders to statehouses while making inroads with women voters and voters under age 30.

Hispanics accounted for more than half of the U.S. population increase over the last decade and Republicans said the demographic trends would have a major influence on the political landscape over the next decade.

"If we don't adapt now to changes that are taking place in the country, we will face a very different electorate in a couple of cycles than we do today," said Ed Gillespie, a former Republican National Committee chairman who leads the RSLC. "If we don't change our performance with some of these key constituencies, we'll have a very difficult time being a majority party."

Gillespie and others involved in the effort said they hope to build upon 2010, when Republicans helped elect several high-profile Hispanic candidates, including Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, Gov. Brian Sandoval of Nevada and Gov. Susana Martinez of New Mexico.

The group plans to work with state parties and legislative leaders to recruit Hispanic candidates and support their campaigns. Officials said they would spend at least \$3 million on the effort but could spend more if they have strong recruitment in states like Florida and Texas, where legislative races can be more costly.

US debt still attractive to overseas investors

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The rest of the world still trusts Uncle Sam to make good on his word.

Bitter and so-far fruitless debate in Washington about America's looming borrowing limit has raised the prospect that the U.S. will default on its enormous debt for the first time in history. But foreign investors don't seem too concerned. They bought \$38 billion in U.S. government debt in May, increasing their holdings 0.6 percent to \$4.51 trillion, the Treasury Department said Monday.

This even though the U.S. reached its \$14.3 trillion borrowing limit in May. And the Treasury says Congress now has just 14 days to raise that borrowing limit or the government will default.

Foreigner investors' love of U.S. debt isn't as blind as it might appear, though. Investors expect lawmakers to eventually raise the borrowing limit to avoid a potential global financial crisis. They also expect that the federal government would choose to cut spending if they can't agree on new spending limits, rather than withholding interest payments to bondholders.

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Poll: Obesity hits more boomers than others in US

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Baby boomers say their biggest health fear is cancer. Given their waistlines, heart disease and diabetes should be atop that list, too.

Boomers are more obese than other generations, a new poll finds, setting them up for unhealthy senior years.

And for all the talk of "60 is the new 50" and active aging, even those who aren't obese need to do more to stay fit, according to the Associated Press-LifeGoesStrong.com poll.

Most baby boomers say they get some aerobic exercise, the kind that revs up your heart rate, at least once a week. But most adults are supposed to get 2 1/2 hours a week of moderate-intensity aerobic activity — things like a brisk walk, a dance class, pushing a lawn mower. Only about a quarter of boomers polled report working up a sweat four or five times a week, what the average person needs to reach that goal.

Worse, 37 percent never do any of the strength training so crucial to fighting the muscle loss that comes with aging.

Walking is their most frequent form of exercise. The good news: Walk enough and the benefits add up.

"I have more energy, and my knees don't hurt anymore," says Maggie Sanders, 61, of Abbeville, S.C. She has lost 15 pounds by walking four miles, three times a week, over the past few months, and eating better.

More boomers need to heed that feel-good benefit. Based on calculations of body mass index from self-reported height and weight, roughly a third of the baby boomers polled are obese, compared with about a quarter of both older and younger responders. Only half of the obese boomers say regularly exercise.

An additional 36 percent of boomers are overweight, though not obese.

The nation has been bracing for a surge in Medicare costs as the 77 million baby boomers, the post-war generation born from 1946 to 1964, begin turning 65. Obesity — with its extra risk of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and arthritis — will further fuel those bills.

"They're going to be expensive if they don't get their act together," says Jeff Levi of the nonprofit Trust for America's Health. He points to a study that found Medicare pays 34 percent more on an obese senior than one who's a healthy weight.

About 60 percent of boomers polled say they're dieting to lose weight, and slightly more are eating more fruits and vegetables or cutting cholesterol and salt.

But it takes physical activity, not just dieting, to shed pounds. That's especially important as people start to age and dieting alone could cost them precious muscle in addition to fat, says Jack Rejeski of Wake Forest University, a specialist in exercise and aging.

Whether you're overweight or just the right size, physical activity can help stave off the mobility problems that too often sneak up on the sedentary as they age. Muscles gradually become flabbier until people can find themselves on the verge of disability and loss of independence, like a canoe that floats peacefully until it gets too near a waterfall to pull back, Rejeski says.

He led a study that found a modest weight loss plus walking 2 1/2 hours a week helped people 60 and older significantly improve their mobility. Even those who didn't walk that much got some benefit. Try walking 10 minutes at a time two or three times a day, he suggests, and don't wait to start.

"I don't think there's any question the earlier you get started, the better," says Rejeski, who at 63 has given up running in favor of walking, and gets in 30 miles a week. "If you allow your mobility to decline, you pay for it in terms of the quality of your own life."

When it comes to diseases, nearly half of boomers polled worry most about cancer. The second-leading killer, cancer does become more common with aging.

"It's the unknown nature, that it can come up without warning," says Harry Forsha, 64, of Clearwater, Fla., and Mill Spring, N.C.

Heart disease is the nation's No. 1 killer, but it's third in line on the boomers' worry list. Memory loss is a bigger concern.

"On a scale of one to 10, seven or eight," is how Barry Harding, 61, of Glen Burnie, Md., puts it. "It's more talked about now. Alzheimer's and dementia."

In fact, more than half of boomers polled say they regularly do mental exercises such as crossword puzzles.

After Harding retires, he plans to take classes to keep mentally active. For now, he's doing the physical exercise that's important for brain health, too. He also takes fish oil, a type of fatty acid that some studies suggest might help prevent mental decline.

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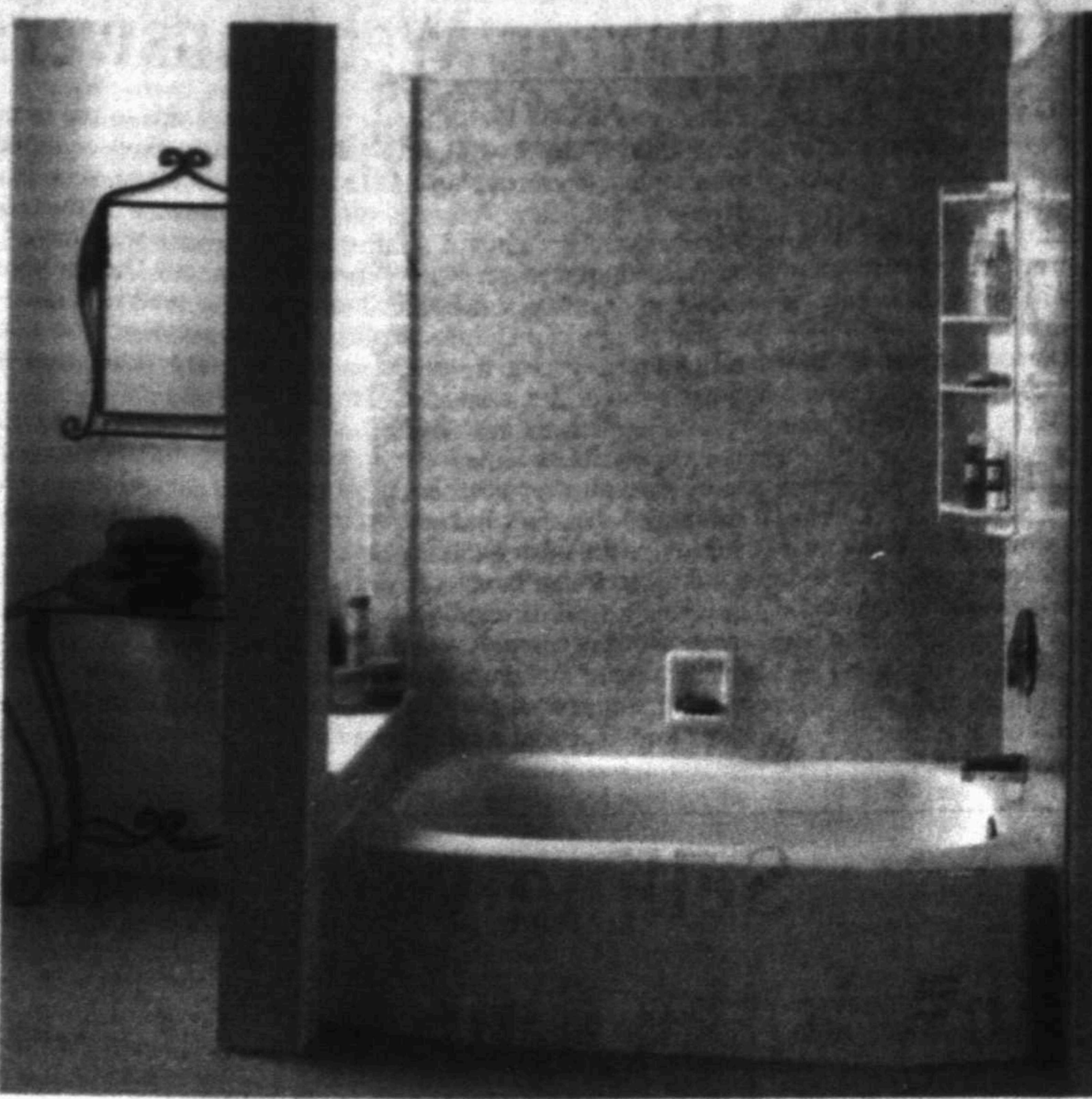
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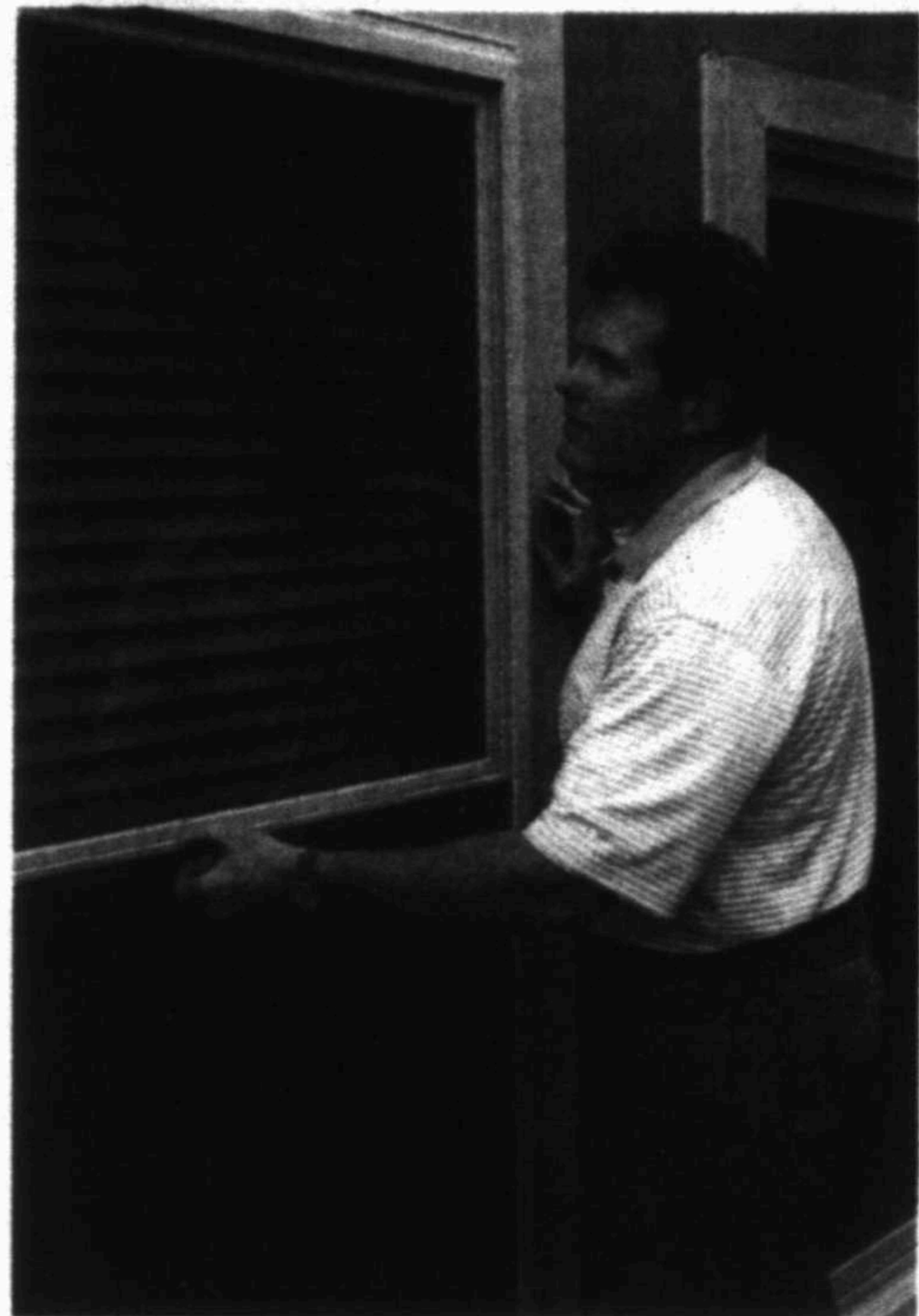
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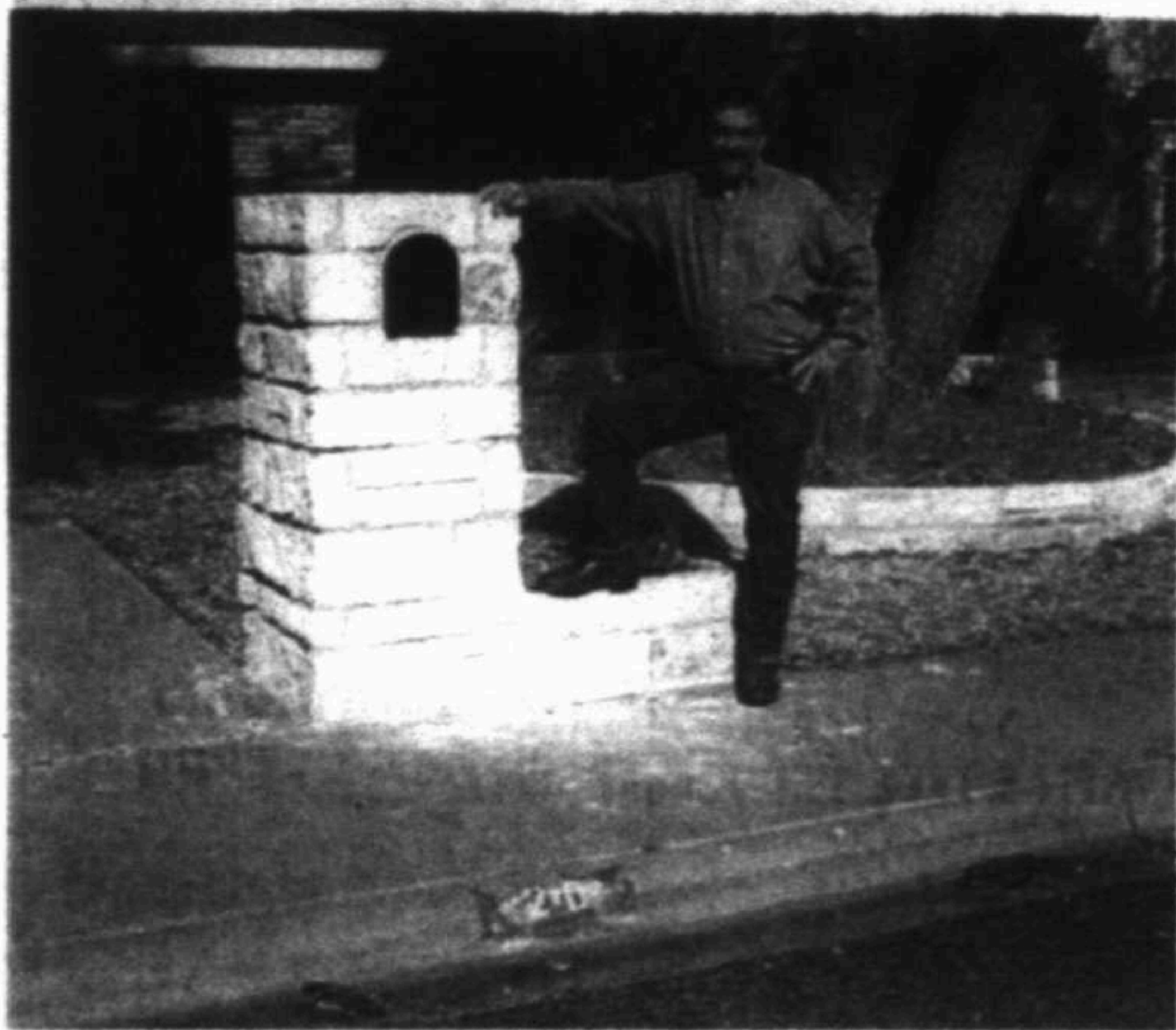
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Time to place 'stimulus' on the scrap heap

■ All the spin in the world can't deny the stimulus was the "economic equivalent of bloodletting."

May we now consign the idea of a government stimulus to the same historical dustbin as spontaneous generation, the geocentric model of the universe and other discredited theories?

A report from President Barack Obama's own Council of Economic Advisers provides powerful evidence that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was nothing more than an expensive myth.

Oh, you missed that report? That's because the White House released it on the Friday before the long Fourth of July weekend, a move calculated to minimize bad publicity and limit damage to the Church of Salvation in Federal Spending.

The White House economists, a group disposed to give a friendly accounting, determined that the stimulus had "created or saved" about 2.4 million jobs. The price of the stimulus thus far is \$666 billion.

A simple calculation suggests that a cost

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to taxpayers of \$277,500 per job. "Heresy!" shout the stimulus faithful. The contracts that support those jobs could last for several years. "The true cost per job of the Obama plan," wrote New York Times columnist Paul Krugman, a high priest of Keynesian economics, "will probably be closer to \$100,000."

And that's a good thing? Well, what else did American taxpayers get from the stimulus besides jobs that cost six figures to create or save? Two analysts at Navigant Economics studied the cost-effectiveness of expanding broadband Internet access, a \$7.2 billion piece of the stimulus plan.

Jeffrey Eisenach and Kevin Caves found that \$2.7 billion spent on a rural broadband

initiative overwhelmingly duplicated service to homes that already had broadband access. Ignoring the duplication, the cost of the program is \$30,104 per home. Taking it into account, the cost is \$349,234 per household — for Internet access!

Well, surely with all those billions of dollars being spent, taxpayers got a stimulus bargain on something, didn't they? The Omaha World-Herald reported last week that the Omaha school board voted to spend \$130,000 in stimulus funds to buy 8,000 copies of a book on "how to become more culturally sensitive" for every district employee, including the custodial staff. That's only \$16.25 a pop.

Recall that when President Obama and the formerly Democrat-controlled Congress rammed through the stimulus in 2009, the president's Council of Economic Advisers, the ones who now say the stimulus "created or saved" 2.4 million jobs, predicted it would actually create — not create or save, just create — between 3 and 4 million jobs by the end of 2010.

They also made the case that the stimulus was essential to hold the unemployment rate

below 8 percent. At the time, the unemployment rate was 7.8 percent. It went as high as 10.1 percent. It's currently 9.2 percent.

Those aren't exactly rounding errors. Belief in the efficacy of the stimulus rests on two quasi-religious assumptions. The first is that when the federal government spends money, it produces what's called a multiplier effect on the economy, but when individuals spend, invest or save the same money, it does nothing. The second assumption is that the government can magically spin money out of thin air.

Without faith in those assumptions, there's no more evidence that the stimulus has created or saved jobs than that it has destroyed or endangered them with \$800 billion in debt, higher inflation and the inevitability of higher taxes. That's the economic equivalent of bloodletting.

Defenders of the stimulus have all the accuracy — and all the excuses — of doomsday cultists. The American people would have been better off if President Obama and his economic advisers had kept the change and sprinkled some pixie dust on the economy instead.

OUR VIEW

Benson again lets down former hometown

On Sunday, we learned former Lee High School standout running back Cedric Benson again has run into trouble with the law.

According to an Associated Press report, "Travis County sheriff's spokesman Roger Wade said Benson was arrested in downtown Austin on a misdemeanor count of assault with bodily injury with family violence. Benson attorney Sam Bassett said in a statement the arrest followed 'a conflict' between Benson and a male former roommate."

Details of the case are sure to come out, and we believe Benson is due his day in court. Still, to many who have followed Benson's career, it has become same story, different day. Every time you believe Benson has turned the corner a story, typically with an Austin dateline, comes out.

According to the report, Benson was arrested last summer over an alleged bar fight in Austin. Police charged him with misdemeanor assault for allegedly punching a bar employee in the face. Benson has denied the charge, and the case is pending.

The report also mentions "two alcohol-related arrests" during his time with the Chicago Bears. The Austin American-Statesman also reported two incidents during his time at the University of Texas, including one in 2002 when "he was charged in his hometown of Midland with three drug and alcohol misdemeanors, which were later dropped."

We have grown tired of Benson's antics, and we're not the only ones. While his on-the-field high school resume surpasses any other athlete in our city's history, we don't expect to see him put into our school district's athletic hall of honor any time soon. Why should they risk the embarrassment of taking a chance on the unpredictable former Lee Rebel? It doesn't matter he's arguably the greatest football player in the city's history.

From our vantage point, Benson acts like the entitled, coddled superstar who's never seen a situation big enough to change his way. There's always someone to get him out of predicaments. We kept hoping things would change — that the latest brush with the law would be his last. We keep getting let down. It's a shame.

We have hoped there would be a day when Benson could come back to Midland and be given a salute as the key player on a team that delivered Lee High School three straight state football championships — the ultimate team accomplishment in our city's history. But that day isn't in the foreseeable future. Benson certainly isn't a role model. His off-the-field issues have turned him into just another football player who couldn't see the entire picture of what it means to be a success in life.

Lastly, we hope Benson does turn it around. We hope there is someone in his life who can reach him where others couldn't. We don't see a day when Benson's name will have the impact it had a decade ago, not in Midland. But somewhere, someone could be able to overlook his past. That person — maybe a young fan — might buy his jersey, hoping for the best.

Maybe one time, Benson won't deliver the worst.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Houston Chronicle

Guideline changes bring fairness, balance

Secure Communities, the federal program created to target and deport immigrants identified as dangerous felons, ended up leaving many people and communities feeling far from secure.

Since its inception in 2008, thousands of illegal immigrants who had no criminal record, or had misdemeanor convictions, were deported. Under the program, police had to turn over the fingerprints of anyone they arrested to federal authorities to be checked for prior criminal records or deportation orders. Until last month, when the guidelines were changed, more than half of those marked for deportation either had no criminal record or had been convicted only of misdemeanors, reported the Los Angeles Times, and only 30 percent were the serious offenders the program was intended to target.

Several states, legislators, police departments and municipalities and immigrant groups rose up in angry protest, and on June 17, John Morton, head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, unveiled substantial changes in the program.

In a Chronicle opinion piece a

week ago Sunday ("Prosecutor discretion in deportation cases just makes sense") Geoffrey A. Hoffman, director of the University of Houston's immigration clinic, praised the changes for showing "an effort by the government at the operational level to make nuanced decisions about persons in removal proceedings.... Not everyone who is caught up in the system of detention and deportation is a threat to our country." We agree with his assessment. There is a vast difference, for instance, between pursuing a vicious career criminal and a victim of domestic abuse who makes a police report. Morton, in his change memorandum, gave agents several factors to consider.

These included how long a person has lived in the U.S.; military service, particularly in combat; education, graduating high school or college; community ties and contributions; relation to a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; or being an asylum seeker or a victim of domestic violence.

With 11 million or so undocumented immigrants living here, many of them contributing members of our society, it's good to remember those nuances.



Debt crisis requires 'representation of popular will'

■ We need limited government more than ever.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. —

If your disgust over America's crushing debt and the irresponsible leaders who refuse to reduce unnecessary spending has reached the fed-up point, there is an easy solution beyond whatever compromise might be reached in the current standoff between President Obama and congressional Republicans. Vote Republican in 2012.

But don't vote for just any Republican, rather vote for conservatives who believe the foundational principles of America still work and can rescue us from default, placing the country back on a track that leads to prosperity and greater liberty.

Last week, I was one in a series of speakers (Justice Stephen Breyer speaks next week) at the new Calvin Coolidge Museum and Education Center. My subject was "What the Past Can Teach the Present, Ensuring the Future."

There are no new ideas, only old ideas that either worked or failed. There is "nothing new under the sun," as Ecclesiastes reminds us.

Some excerpts from my address:
-- Not knowing how to solve a problem is forgivable. You would expect our representatives to press on until they find a solution. Knowing how to solve a problem, but refusing to solve it because you would rather have the issue run on than to offer a solution that benefits the country, is more obscene to my mind than receiving a tweet from Anthony Weiner.

-- Quoting Coolidge: "There is no salvation in a narrow and bigoted partisanship. But if there is to be responsible party government, the party label must be something more than a mere device for securing office. Unless those who are elected under the same party designation are willing to assume sufficient responsibility and exhibit sufficient loyalty and coherence, so that they can cooperate with each other in the support of the broad general principles, of the party platform, the election is merely a mockery, no decision is made at the polls, and there is no representation of the popular will."

The election last November was an expression of the popular will. It was a repudiation of the direction in which President Obama and congressional Democrats are taking the country. Instead of moderating their far-left views,

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Democrats have doubled down and are behaving as if liberalism is on the rise rather than on the decline. The attitude of these elected dictators seems to be "the public be damned."

President Obama talks about "shared sacrifice," but why should people who are not responsible for the deficit pay more to irresponsible politicians who can't live within the means we provide them? Let them "sacrifice" by cutting spending. Taxpayers have sacrificed enough.

Abraham Lincoln had a little something to say on how expanding government suffocates individual freedom: "The legitimate object of government is to do for a community of people whatever they need to have done, but cannot do at all in their separate and individual capacities. In all that the people can individually do as well for themselves, government ought not to interfere."

There may never have been a better case made for the federal government's limited role and the limitless role and responsibility of the individual citizen.

These separate yet complementary functions of state and citizen should be at the center of the 2012 campaign. It will be a difficult debate because of the number of people liberals have managed to addict to government, but it is a debate we must have. Its proper resolution will determine whether America can continue to prosper and protect and defend liberty without which the America we have known will be a subject for future historians, as they study the reasons for our decline.

We don't live in the past, but we can learn from it. Will we? Coolidge did. The presidential and congressional candidates should make a pilgrimage to this tiny hamlet to see what their education left out, or they have forgotten.

The principles by which Calvin Coolidge lived and governed are as relevant for our time as they were for his.

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Police: Fla. teen killed parents, then had a party

By Matt Sedensky
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A 17-year-old boy is accused of bludgeoning his parents with a hammer, then hosting dozens of friends for a party while their bodies lay in the bedroom, police said Monday.

Tyler Hadley of Port St. Lucie is charged with twin counts of first-degree murder in the deaths, which authorities say happened Saturday. He is being held without bond at a juvenile detention center in Fort Pierce and it's not immediately known whether he has an attorney.

The parents — Blake and Mary-Jo Hadley — were believed to have been struck with the hammer in their heads and torsos sometime after their son posted on Facebook around 1:15 p.m. Saturday alerting friends to an evening party at his house, about 50 miles north of West Palm Beach.

Investigators believe the parents were attacked outside their master bedroom and the bodies were moved into the bedroom and the door locked.

As many as 60 people attended the party that night, according to Port St. Lucie Police spokesman Tom Nichols. They were loud enough to prompt a noise complaint and a visit by police officers. When they arrived at 1:30 a.m. Sunday to warn about the noise, the party was already breaking up, Nichols said.

Then, police said, they received a tip that murder may have taken place. They returned to the home at 4:20 a.m., finding the bodies covered with towels, files, books and other household items, and the hammer between them.

The mother, 47, was an elementary school teacher. The father, 54, worked for Florida Power and Light.

Illegal mortgage 'robo-signing' goes on

By Michelle Conlin and Pallavi Gogoi
Associated Press

Mortgage industry employees still are signing documents they haven't read and using fake signatures more than eight months after big banks and mortgage companies promised to stop the illegal practices that led to a nationwide halt of home foreclosures.

County officials in at least three states say they have received thousands of mortgage documents with questionable signatures since last fall, suggesting that the practices, known collectively as "robo-signing," remain widespread in the industry.

The documents have come from several companies that process mortgage paperwork, and have been filed on behalf of several major banks. One name, "Linda Green," was signed almost two dozen different ways.

Lenders say they are working with regulators to fix the problem but cannot explain why it has persisted.

Last fall, the nation's largest banks and mortgage lenders, including JPMor-

gan Chase, Wells Fargo, Bank of America and an arm of Goldman Sachs, suspended foreclosures while they investigated how corners were cut to keep pace with the crush of foreclosure paperwork.

Critics say the new findings point to a systemic problem with the paperwork involved in home mortgages and titles. And they say it shows that banks and mortgage processors haven't acted aggressively enough to put an end to widespread document fraud in the mortgage industry.

"Robo-signing is not even close to over," says Curtis Hertel, the recorder of deeds in Ingham County, Mich., which includes Lansing. "It's still an epidemic."

In Essex County, Mass., the office that handles property deeds has received almost 1,300 documents since October with the signature of "Linda Green," but in 22 different handwriting styles and with many different titles.

Linda Green worked for a company called DocX that processed mortgage paperwork and was shut down in the spring of 2010. County officials say they believe Green hasn't

worked in the industry since. Why her signature remains in use is not clear.

"My office is a crime scene," says John O'Brien, the registrar of deeds in Essex County, which is north of Boston and includes the city of Salem.

In Guilford County, N.C., the office that records deeds says it received 456 documents with suspect signatures from Oct. 1, 2010, through June 30. The documents, mortgage assignments and certificates of satisfaction, transfer loans from one bank to another or certify a loan has been paid off.

Suspect signatures on the paperwork include 290 signed by Bryan Bly and 155 by Crystal Moore. In the mortgage investigations last fall, both admitted signing their names to mortgage documents without having read them. Neither was charged with a crime.

And in Michigan, a

fraud investigator who works on behalf of homeowners says he has uncovered documents filed this year bearing the purported signature of Marshall Isaacs, an attorney with foreclosure law firm Orleans Associates. Isaacs' name did not come up in last year's investigations, but county officials across Michigan believe his name is being robo-signed.

O'Brien caused a stir in June at a national convention of county clerks by presenting his findings and encouraging his counterparts to investigate continued robo-signing.

The nation's foreclosure machine almost came to a standstill when the nation's largest banks suspended foreclosures last fall. Part of the problem, banks contended, was that foreclosures became so rampant in 2009 and 2010 that they were overwhelmed with paperwork.

The banks reviewed

thousands of foreclosure filings, and where they found problems, they submitted new paperwork to courts handling the cases, with signatures they said were valid. The banks slowly started to resume foreclosures this winter and spring.

The 14 biggest U.S. banks reached a settlement with federal regulators in April in which they promised to clean up their mistakes and pay restitution to homeowners who had been wrongly foreclosed upon.

The full amount of the settlement has not been determined. But it will not involve independent mortgage processing firms, the companies that some banks use to handle and file paperwork for mortgages.

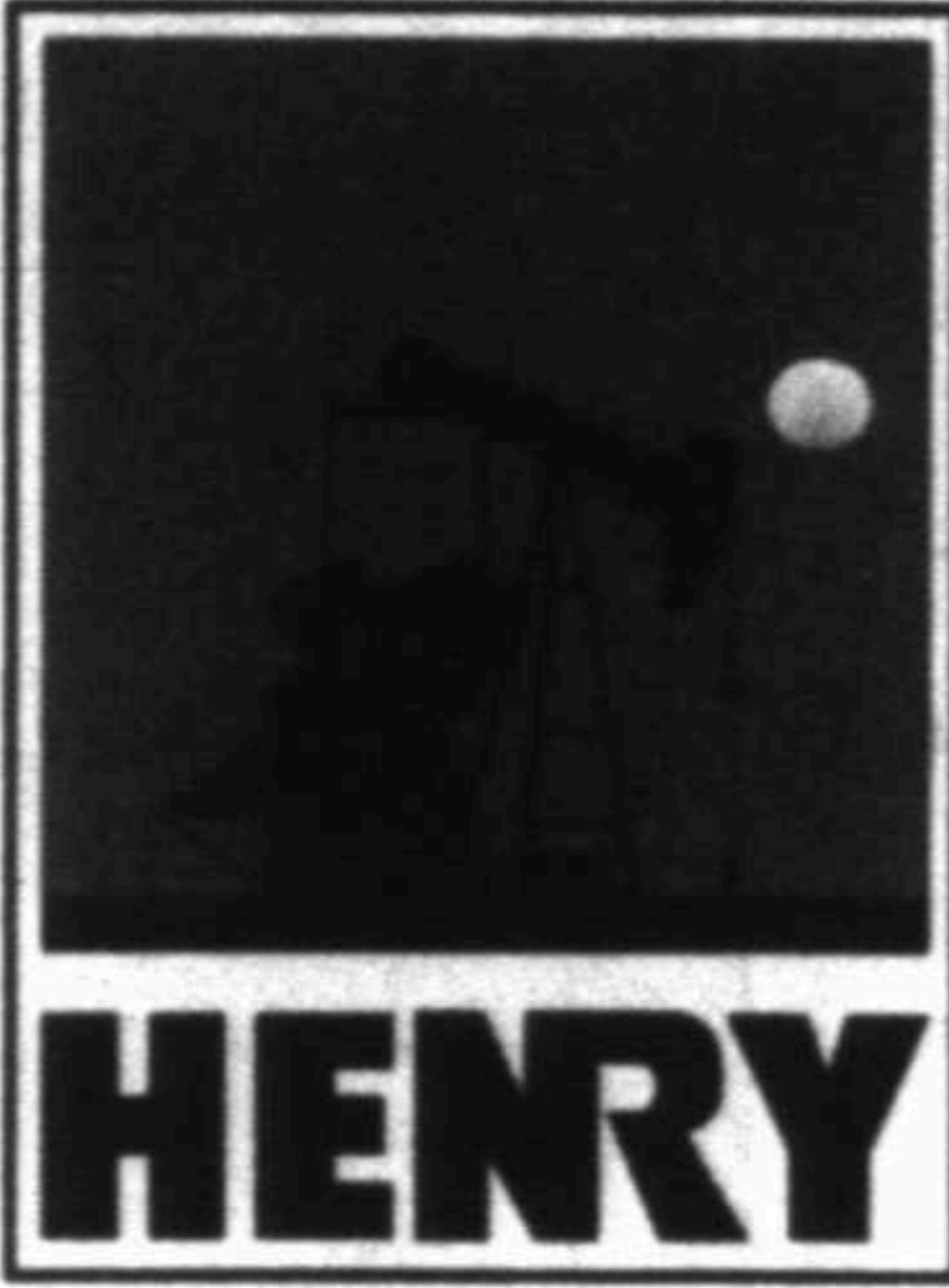
So far, no individuals, lenders or paperwork processors have been charged with a crime over the robo-signed signatures found on documents last year.

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BEIRUT Sectarian killing spree kills 30 in Syria

The discovery of three corpses with their eyes gouged out set off a sectarian killing spree that left 30 people dead in a chilling sign that the Syrian revolt against President Bashar Assad is enflaming long-simmering religious tensions.

The opposition accused the president's minority Alawite regime of trying to stir up trouble among the Sunni majority to blunt the growing enthusiasm for the 4-month-old uprising. The protesters have been careful to portray their movement as free of any sectarian overtones.

NEW ZEALAND 7,500 earthquakes shake resolve

CHRISTCHURCH — It's been 10 months since the first big earthquake struck New Zealand's second-largest city. It's been nearly five months since a far more devastating one killed 181 people and crippled the downtown. And it's been just a few hours since yet another aftershock startled Christchurch residents during the night.

Seismologists have recorded 7,500 earthquakes in Christchurch since September — an average of more than 20 a day. The rumblings are rattling the psyche of the still battered city. They have left the land under thousands of homes unsafe

to build on. Some people have left town entirely. Yet many have proven resilient, and some now see a reconstruction boom on the horizon.

Christchurch is the disaster that the world forgot. When the deadly quake toppled the iconic Cathedral spire and flattened buildings in this city of 390,000, people around the globe paid attention. But two weeks later, the massive earthquake and tsunami that left more than

23,000 dead and missing in Japan took center stage.

In New Zealand, the quake in Christchurch is reverberating. In a country of 4 million people, the cost of the quakes — estimated at more than \$12 billion — amounts to 8 percent of annual economic output. Compare that to Hurricane Katrina, whose costs were less than 1 percent of U.S. gross domestic product. Christchurch likely will eclipse the Japan disaster in cost per person.

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2nd police official quits in scandal

Associated Press

LONDON — Scotland Yard's assistant commissioner resigned Monday, a day after his boss also quit, and fresh investigations of possible police wrongdoing were launched in the phone hacking scandal that has spread from Rupert Murdoch's media empire to the British prime minister's office.

Prime Minister David Cameron called an emergency session of Parliament on the scandal and cut short his visit to Africa to try to contain the widening crisis. Lawmakers today are to question Murdoch, his son James and Rebekah Brooks, the former chief executive of Murdoch's U.K. newspaper arm.

In a further twist, a former News of the World reporter who helped blow the whistle on the scandal was found dead Monday in his home, but it was not believed to be suspicious.

Murdoch shut down the News of the World tabloid after it was accused of hacking into the voice mail of celebrities, politicians, other journalists and even murder victims.

The crisis has roiled the upper ranks of Britain's police, with Monday's resignation of Assistant Commissioner John Yates — Scotland Yard's top anti-terrorist officer — following that on Sunday of police chief Paul Stephenson over their links to Neil Wallis, an arrested former executive from Murdoch's shuttered News of the World tabloid whom police had employed as a media consultant.

The government quickly announced an inquiry into police-media relations and possible corruption.

Home Secretary Theresa May said people were naturally asking "who polices the police," and announced an inquiry into "instances of undue influence, inappropriate contractual arrangements and other abuses of power in police relationships with the media and other parties."

The Independent Police Complaints Commission also said it was looking into the claims, including one that Yates inappropriately helped get a job for Wallis' daughter. Wallis, former executive editor of News of the World, was arrested on suspicion of conspiring to intercept communications.

Yates said he had done nothing wrong.

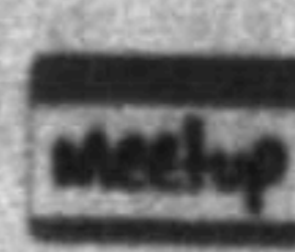
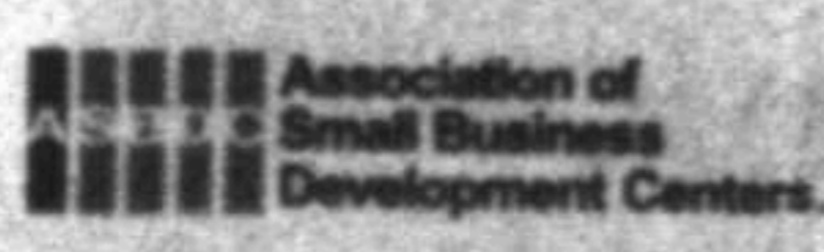
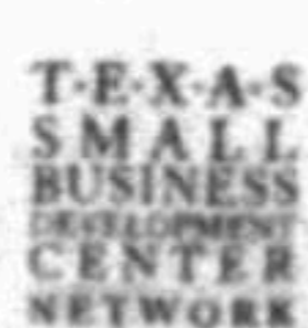
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Dewhurst poised to make US Senate bid official

By Patricia Kilday Hart
Houston Chronicle

Ending perhaps the worst-kept secret in Texas politics, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst will make his official announcement by "mid-week" that he will seek the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate seat becoming vacant due to the retirement of incumbent Kay Bailey Hutchison, his press secretary, Mike Walz, said Monday. Eschewing the traditional barnstorming tour of the state favored by nascent campaigns, Dewhurst will announce by video and plunge into the challenge of raising money under restrictive federal campaign laws, which limit individuals to giving \$2,500 to a candidate per election, Walz said.

But political observers say Dewhurst, a Houston multimillionaire, enters the race with the unmistakable advantage of being able to self-fund a campaign that could

easily top \$10 million.

Dewhurst's announcement brings the number of official candidates in the Republican Primary race to four. The other candidates are former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz, former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and former Texas Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones.

Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, who formed an exploratory committee in May, says he will decide by mid-August whether to enter the campaign. Retired Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez is the only announced candidate in the Democratic Primary U.S. Senate race.

Since he vowed not to launch a campaign while the Texas Legislature was in session, Dewhurst's opponents have several months' head start in the race. Their campaigns tout important endorsements, particularly Cruz's, whose campaign boasts support from three former Texas GOP chairpersons and other well-known

conservatives.

But political observers say Dewhurst remains the candidate with clear advantages, from his ability to self-finance, to his track record of winning support in four previous statewide races. A University of Texas/Texas Tribune poll in May showed Dewhurst favored by 25 percent of Republican registered voters over the other announced candidates, all of whom garnered only single-digit support.

"Endorsements are one of the most overrated aspects of American politics," said Richard Murray, University of Houston political science professor. "It is very difficult to transfer support to another candidate. By contrast, it is very difficult to overstate the advantage of money."

Dewhurst's decision to employ a videotaped announcement shows the evolving importance of technology in political campaigns and allows him to control his campaign's message, Murray noted. By

announcing by video, he noted, "you don't have those pesky reporters." A staged public event invites being quizzed by anyone who shows up, he said, but "it's pretty hard to quiz a video."

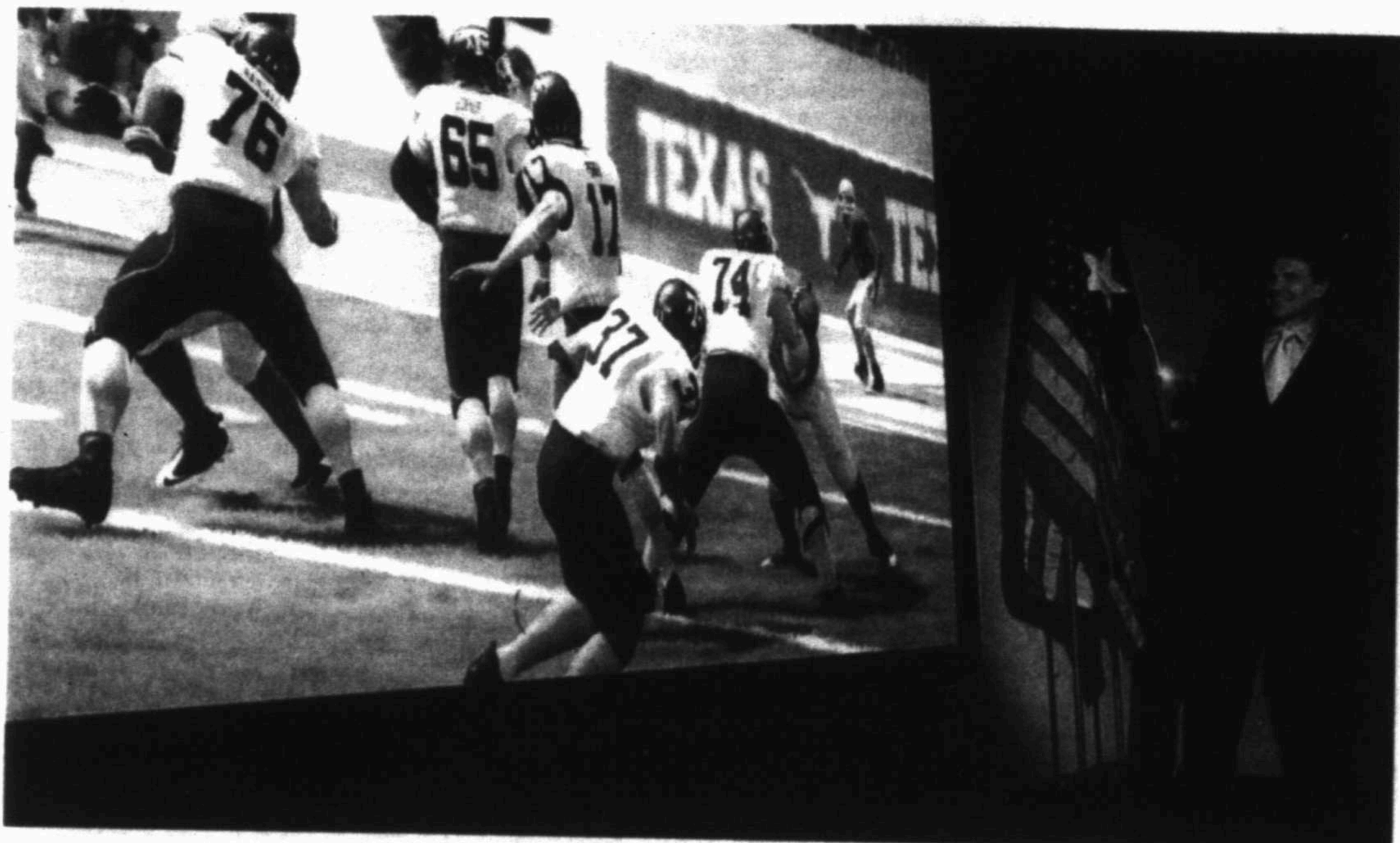
Patrick said that money and technology — if overused — could backfire on Dewhurst.

"He risks losing the race if he tries to do it only with technology and money," said Patrick. "At the end of the day, you've got to look people in the eye and shake their hand and tell them why you are the best candidate."

The central issue of the Dewhurst campaign likely will be fiscal conservatism, with an emphasis on the outcome of the recently completed session of the Texas Legislature. In a campaign video released on YouTube three days ago, Dewhurst boasts that the Legislature cut the state

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Answering the call



Associated Press

Gov. Rick Perry, right, watches himself (17) as he is featured in an electronic football game during a news conference at Electronic Arts BioWare on Monday in Austin. Officials announced they are expanding their EA Sports division and adding 300 jobs in Central Texas.

Perry believes he's been 'called' to run

By Peggy Fikac
Houston Chronicle

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry, nearing a decision on a 2012 presidential run, did a bit of a Texas two-step Monday when pressed about comments he made this weekend indicating he believes he's been "called" to make the race.

"There's a lot of different ways to be called. My mother may call me for dinner. My friends may call me for something. There are people calling from all across this country ... and saying, 'Man, we wish you would consider

doing this,'" Perry said.

But asked if that meant his comments were devoid of any religious overtone, Perry quickly added, "Oh no, no, no. ... I am a man of faith. I don't make any apologies about my faithfulness. ... Do I look for signs, and do I look for good Scripture that tells me how to live my life? Absolutely I do that."

Perry, who said he's in a "thoughtful, steady process of making a decision" about entering the race, took questions from reporters after ceremonially signing a bill that includes an effort to contain Medicaid costs in Texas.

It was his third public appearance of the day, and the only one at which he took questions.

At his appearance on the Medicaid measure, Perry slammed what he called intrusive, expensive "Obamacare," the federal health care reform law that supporters say is necessary to get people the care they need and hold insurance companies accountable.

During a speech to the Texas Municipal Police Association, Perry criticized federal efforts on border security,

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— GOV. RICK PERRY

Readers reach out to single mom

An exhausted, frustrated single mother of three who works 60 to 72 hours a week vented in a July 10 letter to the editor about a series of surcharges and fines that have stacked from a no-insurance ticket she received three years ago. Her license was suspended unbeknownst to her, and another ticket with more fines came as a result.

Overwhelmed with an order to remit \$85 every two weeks, Sabrina Sanchez was brought to tears, and in her opinion, a certain precinct judge was merciless to her situation and ability to pay these fees.

She was looking at three more years in trying to get this all paid and behind her.

"Whoever said 'Life has a way of getting you down,' certainly wasn't joking," she wrote. "It's no wonder some people give up altogether. I can't win for losing."

As one judge even told me as we were doing some fact-checking, sometimes people get themselves in a hole with fines, and can't get out.

Sabrina figured she'd receive a lot of flak — letters to the editor responding



to hers — with people outraged she had let her auto insurance lapse in the first place.

No one was prepared for what happened next, and even those of us here at the newspaper were in awe.

By noon on July 11, three women had called the newsroom wanting information on how to assist Sabrina, who never asked for help. It just came. All three of the women want to remain anonymous.

The next day, a sizable money order made out to Sabrina arrived in the mail at the newspaper. We don't know who the donor is.

I called Sabrina and asked her to come to the paper because we had something from a reader we wanted to give her. She arrived around 10:30 p.m.,

the time she got off work, after another long day.

Visibly touched, Sabrina went on to tell me one of the women who called the newsroom on Monday had given her a check for that same dollar amount. Between the two donations, she could pay all her traffic fines in municipal and precinct courts, and also the state surcharges.

She hugged me — just the delivery person — and it was a blessing just seeing all this unfold.

Then when I came into the office on Saturday, there was an email from my boss stating yet another gift for Sabrina had been submitted, this time in cash, and it was so much she didn't want to leave it in my desk.

So when Sabrina and I got together for a visit on Sunday, she once again was blown away by the kindness of strangers.

"It's amazing to me what strangers have done," Sabrina remarked, and recalled the first gift she received. "I felt an overwhelming sense of gratitude, the

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SHARE expands its horizons to Odessa

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

When it opened its doors in Odessa, volunteers at SHARE already had a family from Crane ready to attend.

Others from Odessa who had been driving to Midland once a month were registered and new families still are signing up, said Tom Jones, executive director.

SHARE (Sharing Hands a Respite Experience) also is continuing to offer parent support, sibling outreaches and twice-monthly respite care in Midland.

Between the two cities, Jones said the organization now is serving 65 families of children with special needs.

There were only 12 families participating when the outreach started in 2005.

"Doors have just opened," Jones said, explaining their continual growth. "I think we're kind of building something kind of special here — focusing on families and getting them connected and all."

Jackie McClinton, volunteer coordinator, said they started a feasibility study last fall to look at expanding in Odessa.

In February they had a trial respite care night and this summer officially launched the Odessa program.

"It was time for SHARE to grow, and instead of extending another night in Midland it was requested by families that we find a facility in Odessa," she said, adding families already were traveling to Midland from Odessa, Stanton, Crane, Andrews and other surrounding areas.

The nonprofit partnered with Cross-Roads Fellowship — which already had been trying to extend its ministry to special-needs families — and uses the church facilities to hold programs.

Jones said the nonprofit always has been based on supporting families with special-needs children, and in growing they're simply trying to bring that provision to additional individuals.

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SWIMMING PARTY

■When: 6-9 p.m., Wednesday

■Where: Sherwood Family Aquatic Center in Odessa

■To inquire about programs or volunteer visit www.sharewesttexas.org.



MRT file photo

Jacob Beach, 4, giggles while standing under one of the fountains at Washington Park Pool during a SHARE pool party in 2010.

Obituaries



Betty Jo Stewart Clegg

Betty Jo Stewart Clegg, 87, of Hobbs, New Mexico, passed away on July 16, 2011.

Betty is preceded in death by her husband, Nathan Clegg; daughter, Shirley Ann Queen, and son, Harold Eugene Clegg.

She is survived by her grandson, Nathan Russell; two great-children, Austin Jacob Russell and Lakyn Danielle Russell.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas.

Ellis Funeral Home



Clifton Ray Price

Funeral services for Mr. Clifton Ray Price of Lenorah, TX will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Msgr. Tim Schwertner

Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, TX.

Clifton passed away July 16, 2011 in Odessa, TX surrounded by his loving family.

He was born January 12, 1955 in Stephenville, TX.

He was a United States Army veteran. He married Sandra Garza of Stanton on September 16, 1989.

He loved to fish, drink beer, smoke cigarettes, sit outside and feel the sun on his face. He liked to watch old cowboy movies and be alone.

He was employed through the years with Wheeler Drilling, Mitchell Farms, Clary Tire Company, Mendez Electric, and Cotton Patch Farms.

He was preceded in death by his father, Junior B. Price; step-father, James Clary; brother, Floyd Dean Price and step-brother, Dwayne Clary.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Price of Lenorah; three daughters, Minerva Jo "MJ" Price, Grace Price both of Lenorah; and Melissa Rene Price of East Texas.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas.

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Scott, Jr., on June 17, 1950, in Ballinger, Texas. He preceded her in death on October 17, 2009.

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wonderful smile filled our hearts and will forever bring us peace for all eternity.

Ivry is survived by her parents, Samantha Aguirre Carrasco of Midland, TX and Chris Landeros of Plainview, TX; grandparents, Jessie and Rodolfo Carrasco of Midland, TX; great grandmother, Carmen Baeza of Midland, TX; aunts, Jessica and Elvis Trevino, Marianne A. and Alejandro Delcid, Sabrina and Jimmy Rodriguez; and uncle, Mario Aguirre.

Services will be held Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 9 am, in Stanton, TX. Burial will follow.



Mark "Anthony" Torres

Mark "Anthony" Torres, 34, of Midland, Texas, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Saturday July 16, 2011, in Joplin, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta M. Clemons; daughter, Debra LaVonne Clemons Pound; step-children, Rebecca Billeiter Balcerowicz, Jerry P. Billeiter, and Joe Billeiter; one brother; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Torres of Midland. He is also survived by his niece, Alexandria Romero of San Jose, California; two nephews, John Macias and Jonathan Guilbeaux, both of Houston, Texas; and one great nephew, Julian Romero of San Jose, California; his grandmother, Ramona Polanco of Midland, Texas; and numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins.

A prayer service will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral service is set for Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel, with Pastor Bob Miller officiating.

Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home

Death Notices

Billy Ray Clemons

Billy Ray Clemons, 69, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta M. Clemons; daughter, Debra LaVonne Clemons Pound; step-children, Rebecca Billeiter Balcerowicz, Jerry P. Billeiter, and Joe Billeiter; one brother; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

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officiating.

Harry is survived by his mother, Patsy Rawlings and sisters, Judy Beach and Donna Brownlee.

John "Jack" Wilson

John "Jack" Wilson, 88, of Andrews, passed away Sunday July 17, 2011, in Andrews.

Services will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews.

Burial will be in Andrews North Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

He is survived by his sons, John Wilson, Jr., Lloyd Wilson, and Floyd Wilson; daughters, Laura Keefer and Patricia Wilson; twelve grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Opal Hood

Opal Hood, 97, of Andrews, passed away Sunday July 17, 2011, in Andrews.

Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

She is survived by two sons, Charles Hood (Goldie), Ray Hood (Sandra); two daughters, Patsy Stockstill (Gerald), Ruth (Dr. Robert) Sears; one brother; two sisters; nine grandchildren; twenty-five great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Ruth C. Jenkins

Ruth C. Jenkins, 87, of Midland, passed away, Friday, July 15, 2011.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 21, 2011, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the funeral home. Funeral services will be on Friday, July 22, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Resthaven.

Survivors include three sons, RC Scooter, Roy David, and Bryan Thomas Jenkins; one daughter, Helen Ruth Chambers; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

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

Vera Lee Brent

Vera Lee Brent, 90, of Big Spring, passed away on Sunday, July 17, 2011.

A private service will be held in Alma, Arkansas.

Survivors include one daughter, Becky Neumann; one step daughter, Patsy Owens (Claude); one step son, Terry Hans; one grandson; two great grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Some to get more money for Hurricane Ike claims

By Purva Patel, Houston Chronicle

Some homeowners insured by the state's two insurers of last resort will soon receive additional payments for their Hurricane Ike claims.

The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association and Texas Fair Access to Insurance Requirements Plan, which sell coverage to those who can't find it in the private market, agreed to settle cases brought by state regulators over delayed payments and disputes over damaged roofs and other claims after Hurricane Ike in 2008.

The companies settled

without admitting any violations of state regulations.

Under the settlement with the Texas Department of Insurance, both insurance associations agree to provide training for adjusters and claims examiners, upgrade their technology to improve tracking of claims and comply with prompt payment deadlines.

Hundreds of policyholders sued TWIA after Hurricane Ike, and the association's claims-handling practices led to several state investigations.

Many policyholders alleged the windstorm insurers didn't meet deadlines required by law, such as sending policyholders

written acceptance or rejection notices within 15 days of receiving the information they need to assess a claim.

The insurance department found that 600 complaints against TWIA by August 2010 and 100 against FAIR by April of that year were justified.

Both insurers agreed to give premium credits of 18 percent as interest on claims that weren't paid within deadlines set out in the state's insurance code.

The two insurers also agreed to treat roof shingles unsealed by hurricane winds as damaged.

Policyholders had complained that Ike winds

blew their shingles back, breaking the seals that keep them adhered to each other and prevent water from leaking through.

TWIA and FAIR had not considered loose shingles damaged in assessing claims.

The settlement requires the insurers to give homeowners premium credits for roof claims that were denied when they should have been paid.

The insurers also agreed to pay "overhead and profit" to policyholders unfairly denied the payments. Such payments are made for damage that would likely require the use of a general contractor, even if

the homeowners oversee the work themselves.

The insurers must file reports with the insurance department noting which customers receive the additional benefits; regulators reserve the right to audit the files where no payments were made.

Policyholders who are owed more than their pre-

miums will get credits in the amount of the premium and checks for the surplus.

The settlement doesn't apply to claims that have been settled previously or remain in litigation.

Neither TWIA nor the insurance department could say how many policyholders would be affected.

Trinity School colleagues saddened by former chaplain's death

By Meredith Moriak, Staff Writer

Colleagues and friends of the Rev. Allen Whitman remember him as someone who had the ability to talk to anyone.

"His chapel talks were absolutely fascinating," said Doris Watson, a former administrator at Trinity School. "He could speak to whatever age group and could always hold their attention."

Whitman, the school's former chaplain and also a former rector of

Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, died Saturday at age 86.

SHARE

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The Friday night respite care offered is aimed at giving parents a break. Volunteers provide activities for special-needs kids and their siblings, while parents are given four hours to go on a date, run errands or even go home and take a nap.

When they began, Jones said he just wanted to give adults some time alone, knowing it can be difficult to find babysitters for children who require extra care.

Six years later, Jones hears from parents who not only say they covet the time provided, but also comment that SHARE has saved their marriage, he said.

Like in Midland, McClinton said the program in Odessa is volunteer based.

A pediatric registered nurse always is on site and they're now working to establish other programs so everything offered in Midland can eventually be mirrored in Odessa. All services are provided to families free of charge.

Having hosted a pool party for 77 parents and children in Midland over the weekend, the nonprofit now is gearing up for its Odessa pool party on Wednesday and hopes Midland and Odessa families can mingle together.

"It's a much needed service," Jones said, of the programs.

Kathleen Thurber can be reached at kthurber@mrt.com.

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kindness shown to me by a stranger."

Already, Sabrina is giving back, in the way others have given to her. With the extra money, she was able to help another single-parent family — which she described as "very poor" — by purchasing some household items they needed.

The first donor and I got a chance to talk over the weekend, and she was delighted to hear how everything played out.

"When she kept thanking me, I told her God had blessed us and all I wanted her to do is pass it on when she was able to," the generous lady told me. "And it looks like she's already done that."

Sabrina, a person of deep religious faith, was quick to thank God for everything that had happened.

"I felt very humbled that although God has a whole

universe of people to care for, he still knows my name and my situation, and he cares," she said. "And I am glad there are people who care."

Sabrina says she's going to be careful to keep her auto insurance, registration and other such matters current. But as she walks away from this experience, it also has renewed her commitment to help others in need.

"Anytime I have the opportunity, I always do what I can to help others," the licensed vocational nurse said. "Certainly, after all this I have more compassion for people."

One of the other donors mentioned she believes in the concept of "paying it forward."

Indeed, the gifts these readers gave, just seem to keep on giving.

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PERRY

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which were defended by the administration even as it said it is working to do more.

Perry also celebrated an announcement of new jobs by a video-game company, using the event to highlight Texas' job-creation record.

Asked about his White House prospects, Perry told reporters, "You'll be some of the first to know when I make a final decision."

The Des Moines Register reported over the weekend that Perry told the newspaper he wasn't ready to announce. "But I'm getting more and more comfortable every day that this is what I've been called to do. This is what America needs."

The Houston Chronicle reported last week that, according to a transcript of a meeting Perry had with East Texas business leaders in May, he said he was "called to the ministry" at age 27 and that "I've just always been really stunned by how big a pulpit I was gonna have. I still am. I truly believe with all my heart that God has put me

in this place at this time to do his will."

The May meeting was to raise money for a "day of prayer and fasting" that Perry plans Aug. 6 at Reliant Stadium in Houston. His comments are seen as particularly attractive to conservative GOP primary voters, but they've prompted some to wonder whether general election voters might see him as going too far in coupling religion and politics.

In other questions related to a potential run, Perry was asked Monday about the prospect that his state-paid security costs would rise as they did when George W. Bush traveled to campaign for the presidency. Perry said it's appropriate for the state to pay the tab.

"I'm going to be promoting Texas no matter where I go," he said.

Perry also was asked about whether resigning as governor to run for president was a question with which he's dealing.

"No," he said. "I'm not dealing with the question."

DEWHURST

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budget by \$15 billion and kept \$6 billion in the state's rainy day fund. While no one disputes the Legislature cut \$15 billion in state spending, many lawmakers note that budget tricks have committed most of the rainy day fund.

Dewhurst's claim that the Legislature's cuts to public education did not affect the classroom likely will also get scrutiny.

Monday, his opponents expressed nonchalance on the announcement that they knew was coming. "Tom has a strategy for this race and is also willing to invest his own money," noted Leppert campaign spokesman Shawn McCoy, who called Dewhurst "a career politician."

Kelton Morgan, Jones' campaign manager, said he was unconvinced that

Dewhurst's entry into the race "changes the dynamics."

"People do talk a lot about his money," he said. In a joking reference to failed campaigns for Texas governor by millionaire candidates Tony Sanchez and Clayton Williams, Morgan added: "Ask Gov. Sanchez or Gov. Williams how that worked out for them."

In an email, Cruz said he was assured that he has gained the support of "Tea

Party leaders and conservative grassroots activists."

"We have an incredibly strong foundation of donors who have not yet maxed out to build upon, and we will have the resources to get our message out," he said.

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Channel	Time	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	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Wipeout	"At Full Tilt"	101 Ways to Leave a Game Show (N)	Combat Hospital	Combat Hospital	Combat Hospital	KMID News	(3:30) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS: Worst Nightmare	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	CBS 7 News	(3:30) David Steve Carell	Letterman	(3:30) LateL (N)
KWWT CW	5	14	5	14	Sein. "The Letter"	Sein. "The Letter"	90210 "Best Let'd Plans"	Shedding for the Wedding	House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Roseanne	Roseanne	South Park
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Hell's Kitchen '17	Masterchef "Top 10 Compete" (N)	The Simpsons	Meet Your Mother	Meet Your Mother	Loves Ray
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. William	Dr. Hollisa Alewine	Update News	Rico Cortes	La Luz del Suroeste	NewBeginn	NewBeginn	Ministerios Nueva Vida
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News	Be Millionaire	It's Worth What? (P) (N)	America's Got Talent	Twelve of the top acts perform. (N)	News-West 9	(3:30) Jay Leno Jenna Fischer, Ben Bailey	(3:30) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13	13	8		PBS Newshour	History Detectives	Frontline "Kill/Capture"	Frontline "Kill/Capture"	POV "Bibioburro, The Donkey Library" (N)	Charlie Rose	BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4	4	16		Teresa	AntesalaCopa (L)	CSF Fútbol	Copa America Semifinal (L)	Noticias Tejas	Noticiero Noctu.	Para Volver a Amar	
KOSA MNT	16	16	16			Earl	Smarter	Smarter	Smarter	Lyrics (N)	Lyrics (N)	My News Access H.	Earl
FLIX	340	65	165			(5:00) *Cutthroat Is... (5:00) * * * * * La Dolce Vita (61, Dra) Marcello Mastroianni.						* * * * * The 400 Blows	Movie
HBO	300	68	14			(5:00) Making * * * * * The Kids Are All Right						True Blood	Case of Curt Flood
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	* * * * * Crazy Heart (02, Dra) Jeff Bridges.						Entour.	Entour.
HBO3	304	70	16	102		* * * * * Brown Sugar (02, Rom) Taye Diggs.						Entour.	Entour.
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(3:15) * * * * * Waterworld						* * * * * Love Happens	Jennifer Aniston.
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(1:00) * * * * * Cop Out (10, Act) Bruce Willis.						(3:30) Femme	(1:10) Beverly Hills...
PLEX	320	66	19	140	25	(1:15) * * * * * The Sting II Jackie Gleason.						* * * * * Cyrus (10, Com) John C. Reilly.	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(1:15) * * * * * Outsourced Josh Hamilton.						* * * * * Believe In Me	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) * * * * * Next Day Air (5:00) * * * * * Spoken Word (09, Dra) Kuno Becker.						* * * * * Before I Self Destruct	* * * * * Changing Lanes
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Simmons: Family "Face Your Demons"	Simmons: Family	Simmons: Family	Jewels "Mr. Tweed Goes to Canada"	Jewels "The Kids Aren't Alright" (SP) (N)	Simmons: Family	Simmons: Family	Simmons: Family
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) * * * * * The Matrix						* * * * * Caddyshack Chevy Chase.	* * * * * Caddyshack Chevy Chase.
BET	58	26	40			(5:00) 106 & Park						* * * * * Caddyshack Chevy Chase.	* * * * * Caddyshack Chevy Chase.
BRAVO	65	63	41			Flipping Out	Flipping Out	Flipping Out	Flipping Out	Flipping Out	Flipping Out	The Mo'Nique Show	Wendy Williams
CNBC	46	45	39	72		The Kudlow Report	Scam of the Century	60 Minutes	Titans "Ted Turner"	Mad Money	60 Minutes	Decorators	Decorators
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA	In the Arena	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360	Alaskan Monster	Deadliest Catch	Alaskan Monster	Alaskan Monster
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch	O. Catch "The Island"	Deadliest Catch	Alaskan Monster	Deadliest Catch	Alaskan Monster	Wizards	Wizards
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Babysit. A.N.T.	Goodluck Shake Up	E:60 (N)	Poker World Series (L)	WNBA Basketball Seattle vs Chicago (L)	SportsNation	ESPN Awards	Poker World Series (L)
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	E:60 (N)	Poker World Series (L)	WNBA Basketball Seattle vs Chicago (L)	SportsNation	ESPN Awards	Poker World Series (L)	Line?	Line?
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	WNBA Basketball Seattle vs Chicago (L)	SportsNation	ESPN Awards	Poker World Series (L)	Line?	Line?		
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Pretty Little Liars	Pretty Little Liars (N)	9 Chloe King (N)	Hannity	On the Record	The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity	Hannity
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report	The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity	On the Record	The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity	Hannity	Hannity
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "La Stanza"	Cupcake Wars (N)	Monster Kitchen	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	UTSA Football	Sports Stories	WPT Poker Semifinal Hard Rock Showdown	The Game 3.	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers vs. Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim Site: Angel Stadium, Anaheim, Calif. (L)	Chopped	Chopped
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2 1/2 Men	Two 1/2	* * * * * Forgetting Sarah Marshall Jason Segel.	* * * * * Superbad (07, Com) Michael Cera, Jonah Hill.				
HALLMARK	54	49	58	34		Little House Prairie	L. House "Chicago"	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	My Place My Place	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	American Pickers "Buddy's Booby Trap"	Easy Riders	Hel's Runaway Bride	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Old Christine
MSNBC	47	51	49	73		Hardball	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	Sponge	Wife Kids Wife Kids	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	'70s	Nanny	Nanny
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	* * * * * Underworld: Evolution	Evolution	* * * * * Underworld: Rise of the Lycans	Rise of the Lycans	Conan Seth Green, Marc Maron	Conan Seth Green, Marc Maron	RepoG (N)	RepoG (N)
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Raincoats"	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	* * * * * Skinwalkers (06, Act) Jason Behr.	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:45) * * * * * Hotel	* * * * * Caesar and Cleopatra Vivien Leigh.	Cleopatra Vivien Leigh.	(1:15) * * * * * Dream Wife Cary Grant.			(1:15) * * * * * Kismet	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado	Mi Corazon Insiste	Decision "Extremas"	La Casa de al Lado	Noticiero El Cartel	Decision	Decision	Decision
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order: Judge Dredd	Rizzoli & Isles "Living Proof"	Memphis Beat "Troubled Water" (N)	Hawthorne: "Just Between Friends" (N)	Memphis Beat "Troubled Water"	Hawthorne: "Just Between Friends"	Memphis Beat "Troubled Water"	Hawthorne: "Just Between Friends"
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Sanford	All Family All Family	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In Divorced	Roseanne
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Pursuit"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Privilege"	White Collar "Taking Account" (N)	Covert Affairs "Half World Away" (N)	Necessary Rough "Spinning Out"	White Collar "Taking Account"	White Collar "Taking Account"	White Collar "Taking Account"
VERSUS	38	39				Poker Heads Up	Cycling Tour de France	Stage 16 Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux GAP	Adventure Sports	Cycling Tour de France	South Park	South Park	South Park
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos	Christine "Nuts"	Christine "Nuts"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine	Adventure Sports	Cycling Tour de France

School discipline report to be released today

Associated Press

Raising new questions about the effectiveness of school discipline, a report scheduled for release today found that 31 percent of Texas students were suspended or expelled during their years in middle and high school — at an average of almost four times apiece.

When also considering less serious infractions punished by in-school suspensions, the rate climbed to nearly 60 percent, according to the study by the Council of State Governments, with one in seven students facing such disciplinary measures at least 11 times.

The study linked these disciplinary actions to lower rates of graduation and higher rates of later criminal activity and found that minority students were more likely than whites to face the more severe punishments.

"In the last 20 to 25 years, there have been dramatic increases in the number of suspensions and expulsions," said Michael Thompson, who headed the study as director of the Justice Center at the Council of State Governments, a nonpartisan group. "This quantifies how you're in the minority if you have not been removed from the classroom at least once."

This is not just being sent to the principal's office, and it's not after-school detention or weekend detention or extra homework. This is in the student's record.

The study, which followed every incoming Texas seventh-grader over three years through high school and sometimes beyond, joins a growing body of literature looking at how to balance classroom order with individual student need.

Several experts said in interviews that the data, covering nearly 1 million students and mapping each of their school records against any entry in the juvenile justice system, is the most comprehensive on the topic yet. The report did not identify individual districts or schools.

The findings are "very much representative of the nation as a whole," said Russ Skiba, a professor of school psychology at Indiana University who reviewed the study along with several other prominent researchers.

Doug Otto, superintendent of the Plano Independent School District, said the data showed that "suspensions are a little too easy."

"Once they become automatic, we've really hurt that child's chances to receive a high school diploma," he added. "We've got to find ways to keep those kids in school. Don't get me wrong — we have to provide safe environments for all the other kids."

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Questions need answering before Perry runs

These are busy days at the Rick Perry Maybe I'm Running for President campaign. He's making phone calls to key Republicans in key states. More out-of-state trips are upcoming. Last week, he lunched here with ex-President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan.

Team Perry continues to check on the feasibility of joining a GOP presidential field that includes several folks who have been out there for months and one (Mitt Romney) who's been out there for years.

Is it too late for Perry to jump in? No. Is there still sufficient GOP money available? Probably. Can Perry run well in early contests? Probably. He'd have a niche in Iowa. You never know what New Hampshire will do (and losers can survive), and he could do well in South Carolina (where, as Phil Gramm used to note, it's the first contest in a state where they don't think Texans talk funny).

You don't have to squint too much to see Perry getting through to the March 6 Super Tuesday contests in multiple states. Could he win the nomination? Yes. It's not easy, but he could. (Caveat: Lots of candidacies look their best just before they actually begin. See Fred Thompson, 2008.)

The dicier question: Can Perry oust an incumbent president, something that's happened only three since World War II? Gerald Ford was an unelected president. George H.W. Bush initially won with a big boost from the Reagan coalition. Jimmy Carter was hampered by being Jimmy Carter.

Barack Obama could be vulnerable. Chances for a major economic comeback before Election Day seem increasingly slim.

Who knows what Iraq and Afghanistan will look like?

And the 2010 Census provided additional electoral votes in GOP states (including

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Texas, with four more). If all states voted as they did in 2008 (and they won't), Obama would get six fewer electoral votes. That would leave him with 359, far more than the 270 needed for victory.

But a GOP challenger could change the outcome by winning major swing states won by Obama in 2008 (Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania and Virginia) and a few smaller ones.

Those are some of the can-I-win questions Perry faces. First, however, he has to answer a more difficult one: Do I want to win? Sure, the presidency comes with perks. (I recommend Air Force One for all your travel needs.) But how would Perry look with gray hair after 18 months on the job?

I sometimes wonder why anybody would want to be president. Some who run do so for narrow cause.

(See Jesse Jackson, 1984, 1988. I'm guessing Jackson had nightmares about winning and actually having to show up to work each day at the White House.)

The spotlight a presidential candidate — and his or her family and friends and elementary school teachers — draws can be unbearably unreasonable. Winning makes it unbelievably worse.

On Dec. 29, 2000, the Washington Post ran a 1,330 word story headlined: "Taking Sensible First Footsteps: Laura Bush is Arriving Well-Heeled for Washington."

This was not a clever play on words. It really was about her shoes, specifically the

ones ("Black pumps with a rounded toe, a low vamp and a sturdy heel. ... Not particularly attractive, but they got the job done") she donned for her husband's victory speech. The shoe review was in a broader story about Washington shoes in general.

Five days into the George W. Bush administration, a correspondent thought it important to report that peanut butter sandwiches, a Bush favorite, were being made in the White House. OK, so it wasn't the most important story I've ever written. But it was accurate, unlike the checkout-line tabloid stuff presidents must endure, including the stories noting the Bushes were planning a post-administration divorce.

Thanks to the burgeoning social media that can be so anti-social, it's grown worse. "It's not just the pressures of leading the free world, it's having to acknowledge that in the new media and hyperpartisan culture you will be demonized and vilified no matter what you do," said former Bush adviser Mark McKinnon.

And, he added, the pressures do not end when the presidency does. "Being president today means you subject the rest of your life to invasion and torture by the media," McKinnon said, "and you become a serious terrorist target as long as you live."

The Washington Examiner's Byron York recently reported a "veteran politico" said Perry's decision-making process must include this question: "Do you never want to be able to fish alone again?"

Perry political adviser Dave Carney assured me Perry is well aware of all of this, has talked about it with folks who have run for president "and he has heard the good, the bad, the ugly."

So far, according to Carney, Perry remains undecided, though the person closest to him is ready for the race should the governor decide to make it.

"Mrs. Perry is all in 100 percent," Carney said. "She has been for a long time."

Anti-nuke groups to fight Manhattan Project parks

By Jeri Clausing
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Anti-nuclear activists are lining up against legislation to create national parks at Los Alamos National Laboratory and two other sites where the world's first nuclear bombs were developed, calling the plan an expensive glorification of an ugly chapter in history.

"It is a debasement of the national parks idea," said Greg Mello, a co-founder of the anti-nuclear watchdog, Los Alamos Study Group.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar released a study to Congress last week that recommends establishing a national historical park to commemorate the top-secret Manhattan Project that developed the atomic bomb. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., said he is drafting legislation to create sites at Los Alamos; Hanford, Wash.; and Oak Ridge, Tenn.

"The secret development of the atomic bomb in multiple locations across the United States is an important story and one of the most transformative events in our nation's history," Salazar said in a release announcing the project.

"The Manhattan Project ushered in the atomic age, changed the role of the United States in the world community, and set the stage for the Cold War."

Anti-nuclear activists were appalled.

Polygamist sect leader again seeks judge's removal

Associated Press

SAN ANGELO — The defense team for polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs again tried to have the judge hearing his case removed for bias, soliciting testimony Monday from court officials in an attempt to show she took an unusual interest in the case and received extra security because of it.

It's the second time the 55-year-old Jeffs, ecclesiastical head of a radical, Mormon offshoot known as the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, has sought to replace Texas District Judge Barbara Walther. He is scheduled for trial July 25 on aggravated sexual assault of a child charges that could land him in prison for life.

The charges stem from an April 2008 raid on the church's Yearning for Zion compound outside the town of Eldorado, south of San Angelo, where Jeffs is set to be tried. Authorities who believed underage girls were being forced into polygamous marriages temporarily removed more than 400 children living at the compound, and the story made headlines nationwide when women there were seen in frontier-style dresses and 19th century hardos.

The raid left Jeffs and 11

others facing charges that included sexual assault and bigamy. Seven have been prosecuted since last year, and all were convicted in cases overseen by Walther — who signed the original search warrant that prompted the raid.

Judge John Hyde of Midland presided over Monday's hearing and said after more than five hours of testimony that he would issue a ruling Tuesday. He listened to, and ultimately denied, Jeffs' first motion to remove Walther last month. That claimed the judge's body language affected jurors during earlier trials of FLDS members.

This time, Jeffs' attorney, Emily Munoz Detoto of Houston, said Walther received calls while the raid was going on about how many children were being removed. The judge then called child protective services to ensure they had the manpower to handle so many cases.

"From early on, there was a tenor of bias against Mr. Jeffs and the church of the FLDS," Detoto said. During testimony, one of the law enforcement officials involved in the raid, Brooks Long of the Texas Rangers, confirmed that Walther received updates on the raid — but said that wasn't unusual.

He said police had been

told 150 people lived on the compound but the figure was actually 800, that authorities spent nearly three hours talking with church leaders before they were granted access to the grounds and that residents watched the situation from guard towers.

"I have never been on a ranch in West Texas or anywhere in Texas that had a setup like this," he said of the level of security.

Long also said attorneys for the church arrived on private planes and filed motions to stop the raid, meaning Walther could have learned about its progress from what was filed.

In the days after the raid, Walther was assigned additional security in court and at home as rumors flew that church supporters could come after her. Detoto argued that while Walther didn't ask for additional protection, she "was threatened enough not to call it off."

Detoto asked Long to read from a newspaper article where a church supporter claimed to have posted the judge's home address

and phone number on the Internet and suggested that someone "pay her a visit."

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LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 100 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 75 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 101, a low around 75 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 99 and a low around 76.

The high on Monday reached 99 while the low dropped to 69.

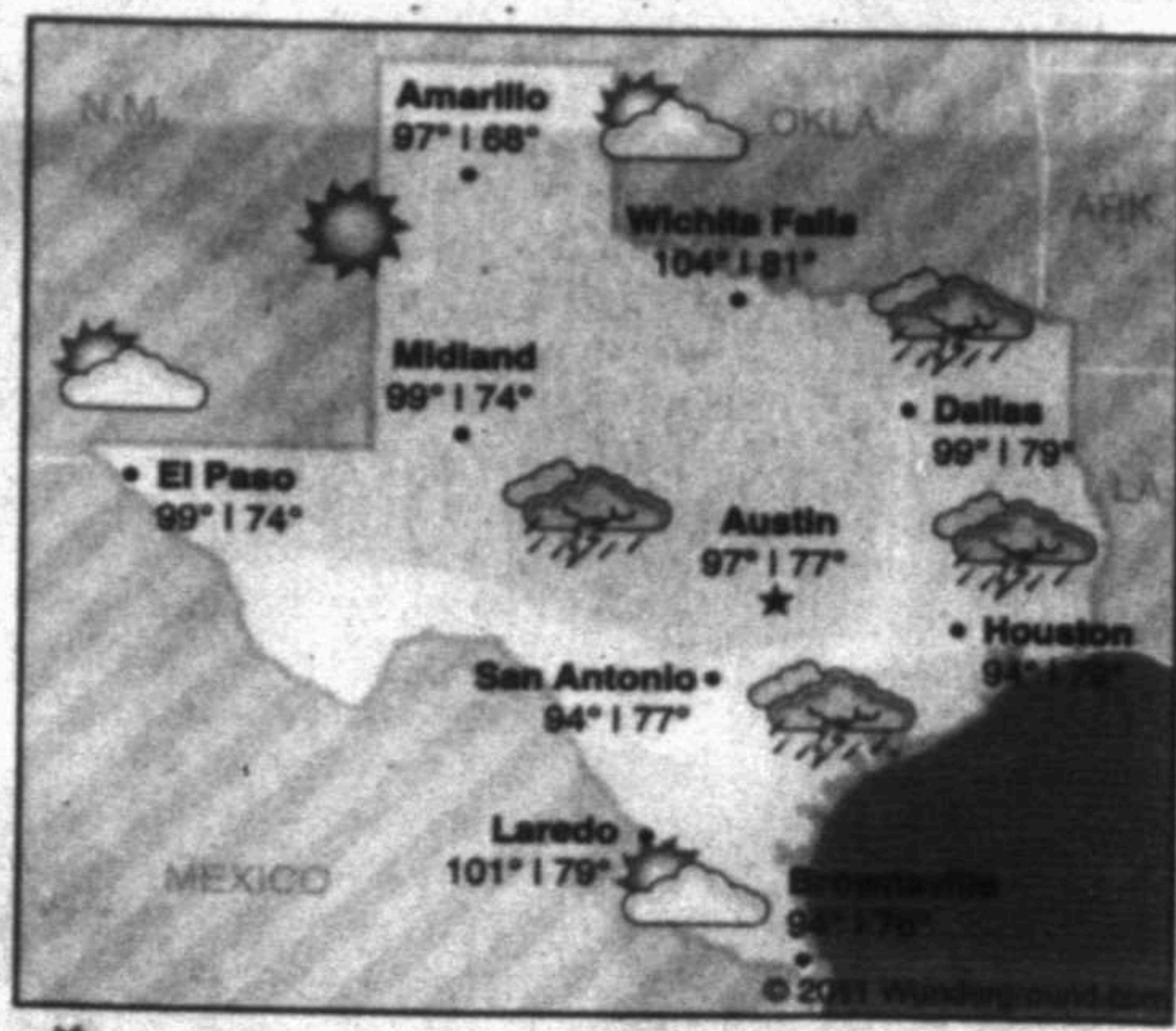
The record high for July 18 is 111 set in 1989. The record low is 62 set in 1936, 1955 and 1986.

Extreme heat and high humidity will persist from the Plains to the Southeast today.

The combination of temperature, humidity, sunshine and other factors will make it seem like well over 100 degrees for a number of hours.

High pressure at most levels of the atmosphere is causing the prolonged, extensive heat wave.

High pressure reaching south from Canada will push into part of the Northeast with lower humidity, but little change in heat and humidity is forecast for the Middle Atlantic states.



Precipitation	Monday's temperatures
Rainfall Sunday0.00 in.	High99
Rainfall Monday0.00 in.	Low69
Total for monthTrace	Normal high95
Total for year0.16 in.	Normal low69
Normal total (year to date)6.87 in.	Sunrise . . . 6:56 a.m.
	Sunset . . . 8:54 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, July 19



Southerners rise in force to defend their 'Y'alls'

DEAR ABBY: "Keeping It Real in Laguna Beach, Calif." (May 27), who is embarrassed by the dialects of his Southern relatives, should learn some Southern hospitality!

Yes, we may say "Ma and Pa," "y'all," "yonder" and "I reckon," but we would not laugh or be embarrassed if a California relative came to visit. We'd be overjoyed and welcoming.

"K.I.R.," get off your high horse and get over yourself! If you visited, we'd show you around town, take you to see friends and relatives, and smother you with affection. We'd have big family gatherings, sit on the front porch and drink lemonade. We would never ridicule your different accent.

Come spend some time with us "hicks." We welcome everyone and are glad to have you. We'll serve you white gravy and homemade buttermilk biscuits, pecan pie and sweet tea. And when you leave, we'll give you a big, air-constricting hug and some "sugar" (Southern slang for kisses) and say, "Y'all come back now, ya hear?" — **GEORGIA GIRL**

DEAR ABBY: Why would "K.I.R." assume that because his Southern family doesn't live in an "uneducated" area, their accents are "fake"? His generalizations show how little he knows about the rich and varied Southern culture.

He should read Tennessee Williams, Eudora Welty or Truman Capote, or watch a

documentary about the South. In other words, educate HIMSELF to keep from coming off as embarrassingly shallow in front of his relatives. — **SOUTHERN YANKEE IN TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: The late Lewis Grizzard, an accomplished writer and comedian from Georgia, talked about the differences between Northerners and Southerners in his comedy show.

My favorite line about our twang was, "GOD talks like we do." — **KARLYLE IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR ABBY: I had lunch with the CEO of a major corporation. He is Harvard-educated with a doctorate from Berkeley. When he ordered "smashed taters with gravy" no one thought HE was a hick. — **SMILING IN SEATTLE**

DEAR ABBY: I'm appalled by "K.I.R.'s" pretentious attitude. Anyone spending this much time worrying about the use of "Ma and Pa" clearly has too much time on his hands. He should spend it more constructively, examining why he's so concerned with appearances. — **DAWN IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR ABBY

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Know Your System

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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♠ A 8 5 2	♠ K 10 8 6 5 2
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♣ A J 6	♣ K Q 8

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♥ Q 9	♥ A K 7 4
♣ 10 9 7 4	♣ K Q 8

The bidding:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
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 2 Pass 3♠ Pass
 4 Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠

There are a few basic systems employed by the majority of expert pairs, and they can be described in a few pages. More important is the partnership agreements that are used. For example, Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell, regarded by many as the world's best pair, have a book of several hundred pages listing their agreements!

This deal was played in a team match and at both tables the auction started with a strong no-trump and a heart response to the Stayman inquiry. At the other table North jumped to five hearts. That was passed and declarer lost three trump tricks.

At this table North bid three spades as a slam-try agreeing hearts. South, with a minimum count and very weak hearts, signed off in game. West led the 10 of clubs and declarer played safely, taking the first trick and ducking a round of trumps. After winning the return, South cashed dummy's ace of hearts. Had trumps split 3-2, declarer would have taken 11 tricks; after seeing the actual break, South discontinued trumps, ruffing a spade in the closed hand and leading side-suit winners. West made two more trumps.

"This North was able to try for slam at a safe level even though North-South were a new partnership. They had agreed to use Bridge World Standard, a consensus system developed by The Bridge World magazine based on the preferred methods of leading American experts. Even with no preliminary discussion, each partner knew what North's three-spade bid meant."

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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| 1 "I'm clueless!" | 65 Half and half | 32 "I law a puddy" | 45 Unintellectual |
| 6 Half of Ethiopia's capital | 66 Yam unit | 33 Excessive | 49 Broadway matchmaker |
| 11 Finger-to-lips syllable | 67 Buck of country music | 34 "This is no lie" | 51 Italian ball game |
| 14 1994 peace prize sharer - Yitzhak | | 35 Expected soon | 52 Namia lion |
| 15 C.S. who created Namia | DOWN | 40 Turner on screen | 53 Fishing gear |
| 16 Chinese word of enlightenment | 1 Artist El | 41 Poached fare | 54 Facetious "I see" |
| 17 St. Patrick's day shout | 2 Rowed | 42 Slob's opposite | 56 Prefix with scope |
| 19 IV administrators | 3 Classic Ford | 43 Either of the first two consonants in "ooocyyx" | 57 Crease remover |
| 20 0. in Spain | 4 Company that merged with Konica | | 60 Access points |
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| 23 Unconventional merchandise quantity | 7 Lion player Lahr | | |
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| 27 Lewinsky confidante Linda | 9 Swollen ego | | |
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| 39 With "leave," settle for the existing situation | 22 Fourth planet | | |
| 46 "M*A*S*H" system | 24 Dungeons & Dragons monster | | |
| 47 Drum major's cap | 26 R&B's ___ Hill | | |
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, July 19, 2011:

This year, tap into your creativity more often. Detach, and you'll see unusual pathways and restrictions clear. Don't wonder; rather, just explore. Travel and education could play significant roles. Some of you might publish or become involved with a spiritual group. If you are single, you will meet someone who elevates your mind and soul. Decide if you want more. If you are attached, the two of you finally need to plan a long-coveted trip. PISCES illuminates your day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ A touch of cynicism will take you far. A proposal that seems unbeatable probably needs to be investigated with greater care and concern. Express your reticence in the most effective way. You don't want a strong reaction. Tonight: Listen to the whispers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You have a lot to smile about, but if you take someone for granted, you could be witness to a sore ego. Avoid a difficult situation, and deal with a money issue head-on. You might be right, but on the other hand, another person could be out of kilter, too. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You have a style or way about you that sometimes attracts a lot of compliments. Do remember that you cannot control others, though you might give it a shot. Frustration is the only long-term outcome. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ If you are in the mood, venture in a new direction and have a long-overdue conversation. Explore various options before committing to any path. More knowledge cannot hurt, and will only create options and depth. Tonight: Return calls.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Extend yourself in the friendliest manner possible. You need to understand your limits — where they end and where they begin. If someone says "halt," it is most likely because he or she means just that. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Once more, continue letting others assume the role they want. Understand what is going on beyond the obvious. Refuse to get caught up in a power play. Don't allow people and/or a specific someone to push

your buttons. Understand when enough is enough. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ While others react to their lives and issues, stay centered knowing what has to be done. This attitude will get you far, very far. Realize what is going on with someone at a distance. You could be far more fiery and intimidating than you realize. Tonight: Take in news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ When used well, your creativity solves issues, entices others and sometimes provokes a loved one. Be aware of this tendency to cause unnecessary problems. With the same creativity, you can prevent a problem. Tonight: Relish the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Your stability might be an asset. You are trying to deal with an issue involving home and family that is difficult at best. Stop wondering just how far you can go — find out. Self-discipline proves to be necessary. Tonight: You cannot prevent someone from going up in smoke!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Use your strong sense or ability to verbalize. Plug in your energy, and focus it where it can and will make a difference. Extremes mark your decisions. Partners give you feedback. Tonight: You don't need to go far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Your possessive side emerges, allowing greater give-and-take. Your ability to examine and touch base with real issues comes into play. A child or loved one is at best creating uproar. Know when enough is enough and say so. Tonight: Pay bills first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Focus on the positive, knowing full well your attitude could change the direction of a major venture. Be willing to state your feelings. Others have a strong reaction, which you shouldn't react to. Understand, but don't play into it. Tonight: As you like it.

BORN TODAY

Inventor of the Colt gun, Samuel Colt (1814), guitarist Brian May (1947), singer Vikki Carr (1941)

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TUESDAY

July 19, 2011

Camp time



'Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth ...'

Kids study flight, navigation at Junior Aviation Academy



ABOVE: Junior Aviation Cadet Academy instructor Janet Tilley talks to youth about the "Big Boy" and "Fat Man" atomic bombs during the Junior Aviation Academy earlier this month at the Commemorative Air Force Airpower Museum. LEFT: Blake Morgan adjusts the C-54 cargo plane flight controls as he plays the role of captain. BELOW LEFT: Kevin Dawson, from left, the museum's education coordinator, assists Alex Drinkard, 13, and Ryan Theesfield, 11, in plotting a course for their simulated flight from Midland to San Angelo. BELOW RIGHT: Junior Aviation Academy participants play the roles of radio operator, pilot and co-pilot traveling on a C-54 cargo plane on a simulated flight en route from Midland to San Angelo.

Photos by
Cindeka Nealy
Reporter-Telegram



The Airpower Museum's annual Junior Aviation Academy is for students 10 through 15 and is divided into four sections: the history of World War II and navigation, dynamics of flight, desert survival and air combat simulation. Activities include learning how pilots plan their flights; flying a mock mission aboard the C-54 in the museum gallery after studying navigation; building balsa wood and paper-plate gliders; and using computer simulators for World War II "dogfights." The museum also offers Aviation Cadet Academy, a more in-depth study for students 12 through 18.



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'Hounds score 15 runs to beat Hooks

From staff reports

CORPUS CHRISTI — The Midland RockHounds exploded offensively on Monday night as every batter in their lineup crossed home plate and picked up a hit in a 15-8 victory against the Corpus Christi Hooks at Whataburger Field.

RockHounds.....15
Hooks8

In all, the RockHounds shelled out 19 hits, including nine for extra bases. Surprisingly, Midland's offensive explosion did not include a home run.



Timmons



Canham

Leading the way for the 'Hounds was second baseman Wes Timmons. Timmons finished 4 for 5 with a run scored and four RBI. Catcher Mitch Canham was 3 for 5 with two triples,

three runs scored and three RBI.

Third baseman Stephen Parker and first baseman Michael Spina each had two doubles and two RBI on the night.

The RockHounds fell behind 3-2 after four innings, but erupted for eight runs in the fifth inning. Timmons led off the frame with a single to right, and after a Grant Green strikeout, moved to second on a Parker single. Both Timmons and Parker scored on a double by Spina, giving Midland a 4-3 advantage.

Designated hitter Adam Heether hit. Please see HOUNDS/2C



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Bev Wright watches her putt Monday as she plays in the Midland Women's City Golf Tournament qualifier at Green Tree Country Club.

Taking on the best

James, Dunnichay finish 11th at world championships

From staff and wire reports

SHANGHAI — Anna James' second international competition didn't go quite as well as the first, but for the 15-year old Midlander she hopes it is just the start of her diving around the world.

James and partner Mary Beth Dunnichay combined to finish 11th out of 12 teams in the finals of the women's 10-meter synchronized diving competition Monday at the world diving championships.

Dunnichay and James combined to score 278.22 points as China's Chen Ruolin and Wang Hao won the gold with a score of 362.58.

"We didn't hit our diving as good as we knew we can, so it's encouraging to know we can get better," James said.

The competition was James' first outside the country, and she also became the first diver from the City of Midland Aquatics swimming or diving team to earn a spot in the world championships.

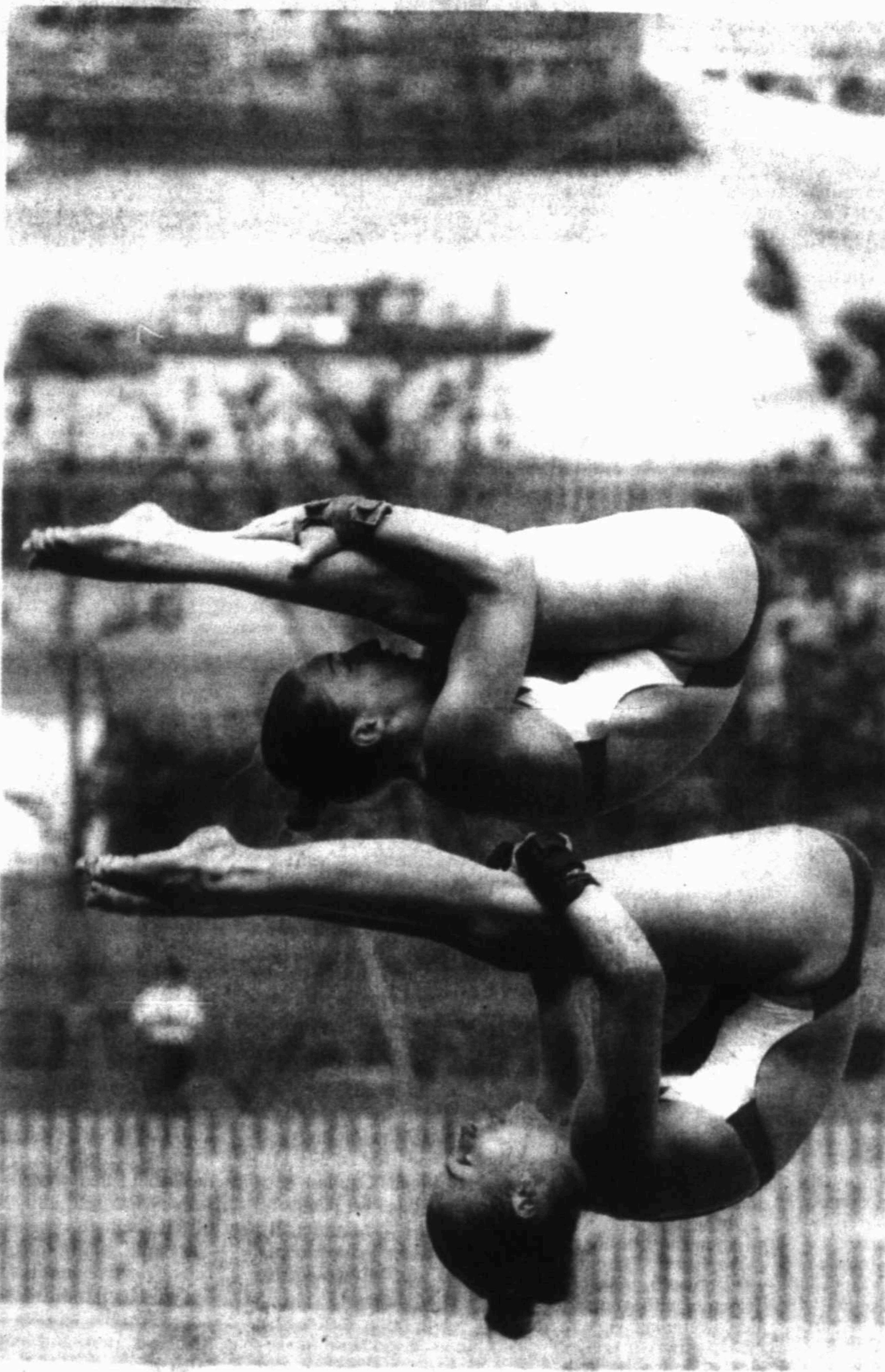
James and Dunnichay were ninth after the preliminary round as Dunnichay was competing in her second world championships, finishing in second 2009.

"It was only our second international competition together, and we went out and did the best we could," said Dunnichay, who is from Elwood, Ind., and will be a freshman at Purdue University in the fall. "We'll learn from this. We know what we need to work on."

Wang Hao and Chen Ruolin led every round in easily winning the women's 10-meter synchro after Li Shixin won the men's 1-meter springboard and teammate He Min took the silver.

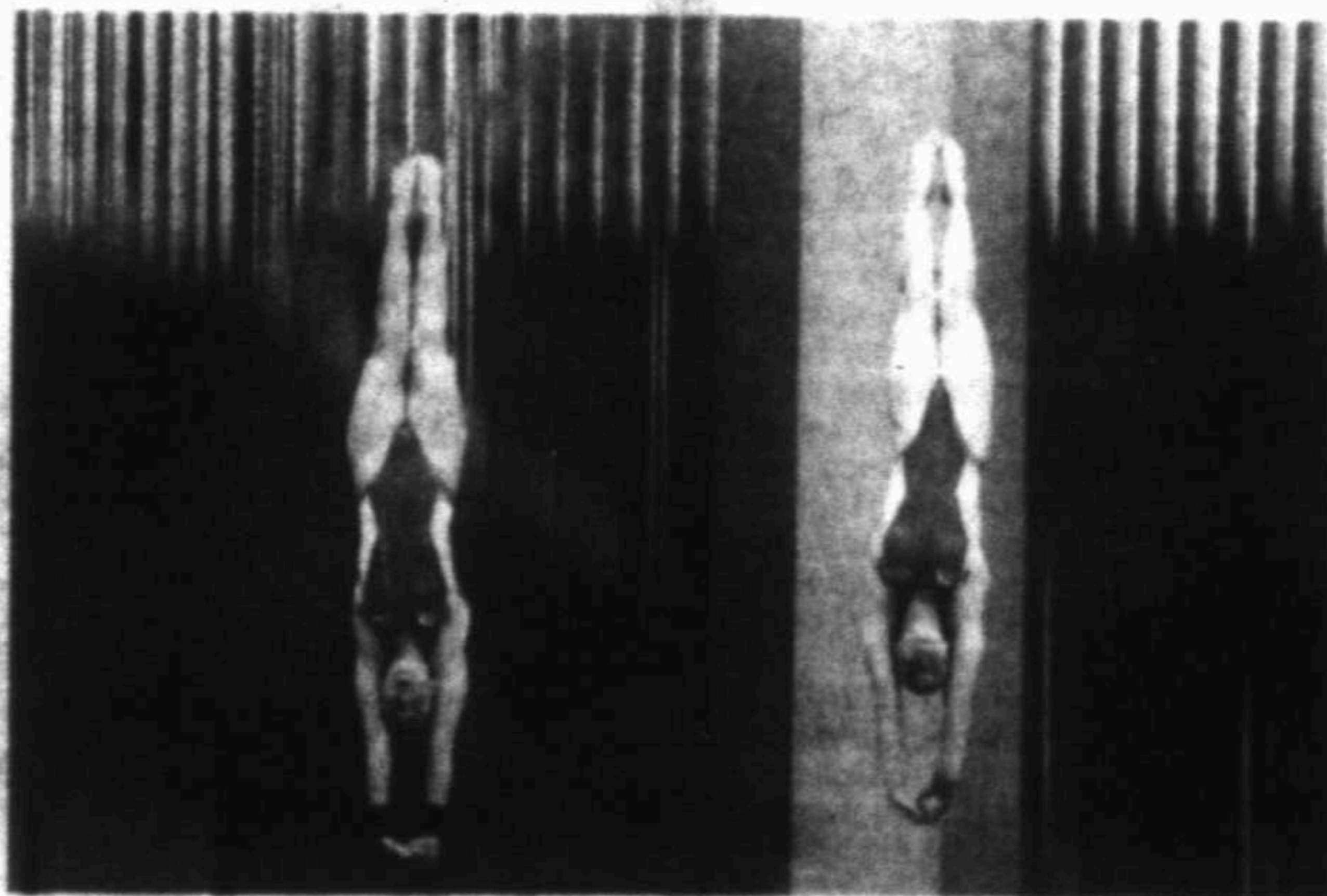
It was Chen's third consecutive world title in synchro platform, including 2009 in Rome when she also teamed with Wang.

Please see JAMES/2C



Wong Mays-E/AP

TOP: Midlander Anna James, top, and Mary Beth Dunnichay dive during the women's 10-meter Synchro Platform event Monday at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Shanghai, China. RIGHT: James, right, and Dunnichay dive during the same event. The duo finished in 11th place out of 12 teams.



Lee grad Schlemeyer tops Women's City qualifier

From staff reports

Former Lee High School golfer and last year's runner-up Brooke Schlemeyer led qualifying for the Midland Women's City Golf Championship on Monday at Green Tree Country Club.

Schlemeyer, who graduated from Lee in 2010,

carded a 74 and won medalist honors by five shots over Trina Albright.

Narissa McHaklan finished third with an 81 and former Midland High golfer and two-time city champion Danica Weddle was fourth with an 86.

Those four players along with Susie McGowan, Margaret Lange and Bev Wright all will have spots in this week's championship flight.

Match play will begin today in the annual tournament at Hogan Park Golf Course's Quail Course. Defending champion Christian Curnutte, who is 13 years old, was exempt from qualifying and will begin her quest to win her second straight city title at 8:48 a.m. when she takes on Bev Wright.

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Midland Women's City Golf Championship qualifier scores and today's tee times.

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Tests show no new heart issues for Nolan Ryan

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tests done Monday on Texas Rangers President Nolan Ryan showed no new heart problems for the Hall of Fame pitcher, who was hospitalized after experiencing discomfort over the weekend.

Ryan, 64, "continues to improve," the Rangers said in a statement. He is expected to be released from a Houston hospital in a day or two.

Ryan has a pre-existing heart condition that will continue being treated with medication, according to the team's statement. He had a double-bypass operation in 2000 and has a family history of heart disease.

He sought treatment after experiencing discomfort Sunday morning while at his home in Georgetown.

Please see RYAN/2C



Ryan

Source says Cowboys hopeful about holding a training camp

By Tom Orsborn

San Antonio Express-News

The Dallas Cowboys are hopeful they can hold at least part of training camp at the Alamodome, a source said Monday.

"San Antonio is definitely in the mix," said the source, who asked to remain anonymous because the team's plans remain fluid.

The Cowboys booked the Alamodome for July 25 through Aug. 13, but plans to hold the entire camp during that period in San Antonio are no longer feasible because of the lengthy NFL lockout, which could be resolved Thursday at the NFL owners meeting in Atlanta.

"We haven't finalized the details of our camp at this point pending the resolution of the labor discussions,"

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said in an email. "We are in the process of looking at all of the options and putting a plan together that is good for the team and our fans. We hope to have more information by Friday."

Meanwhile, a city official said the Alamodome is prepared to host the team well into August. Another event isn't planned for the building until Aug. 24.

"The Alamodome has committed to being ready to host the Dallas Cowboys training camp, and operational planning has been consistent with our past experience," Mike Sawaya, the city's director of convention, sports and entertainment facilities, said in an email. "As soon as details are finalized, we will be ready to go."

"Fortunately, this is an event that our staff has much experience with, so we would anticipate another highly successful event both for our fans and for the Dallas Cowboys."

The Cowboys are in the fifth and final year of a rent-free contract with the Alamodome, which has a strong relationship with the club.

The same can be said of the Grand Hyatt. In fact, the managing director of the hotel said Monday he doesn't foresee any problems housing the team should practices in San Antonio be scheduled for after Aug. 13.

"We are flexible," Tom Netting said. "We don't have any issues. Like the Alamodome, we are well situated for whatever needs to happen. The Cowboys are great partners."

Please see COWBOYS/4C



Louis Lanzano/AP

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones exits a law firm where contract talks ended, Friday in New York. The Cowboys are hopeful that at least some form of training camp can be held in the Alamodome in San Antonio.

McCasland leaves ACU for Baylor

By Joey D. Richards
Abilene Reporter-News

Talking in his office Monday evening, Jared Mosley, Abilene Christian University's director of athletics, admitted it had been a bittersweet 24 hours. In less than a day, Grant McCasland — a stunning hire as ACU's men's basketball coach just four months ago and a former coach at Midland College — stepped down to take an assistant job at Baylor, while Joe Golding, Mosley's friend and former ACU teammate, agreed to replace McCasland as the Wildcats' head coach.



McCasland

It was a whirlwind turn of events. It appeared ACU had pulled off a coup in luring McCasland away from Lone Star Conference rival Midwestern State on March 30, just seven days after leading the Mustangs to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight for the second consecutive season.

Yet McCasland, who played four seasons at Baylor, the last in 1998-99, couldn't resist the chance to return to his alma mater when Bears' coach Scott Drew offered him the job. McCasland, the son of a Baptist minister, broke the news to Mosley late Sunday evening, and he was announced as Baylor's new assistant Monday morning.

Mosley said he understood McCasland's decision. "Obviously, we are extremely excited for him," Mosley said. "This is an opportunity that he and I even talked about on the front end of our hiring him

in March. That was ultimately the place he one day desired to be, and things just happened to fall in place. He couldn't control the timing and when the opportunity presented itself, I certainly understand that on his behalf.

"I'm disappointed in a sense, because I was looking forward to working with him and seeing how quickly he could get things turned around. On the flip side of that, he's done a good job on the recruiting front. We've got a lot of pieces in place I think we can hold on to that will help us make the turn we need to make."

That turn will have to happen under Golding, who was an assistant at ACU the last time the Wildcats posted a winning season. That came in 2007-08, his last season at ACU, when the Wildcats won 20 games. Jason Copeland, who resigned after his sixth season this past season, was the head coach at the time. Golding also played for the Wildcats from 1994 to 1998, playing three seasons with Mosley, was a two-time all-conference and all-region forward.

Golding served as an assistant coach at Division I Arkansas-Little Rock the last three seasons. He was part of a Trojans program that won the Sun Belt Conference last season and appeared in the NCAA Division I national tournament.

Mosley, who convinced Golding to take the job in less than two hours after phoning him Sunday night, was thrilled to have him on

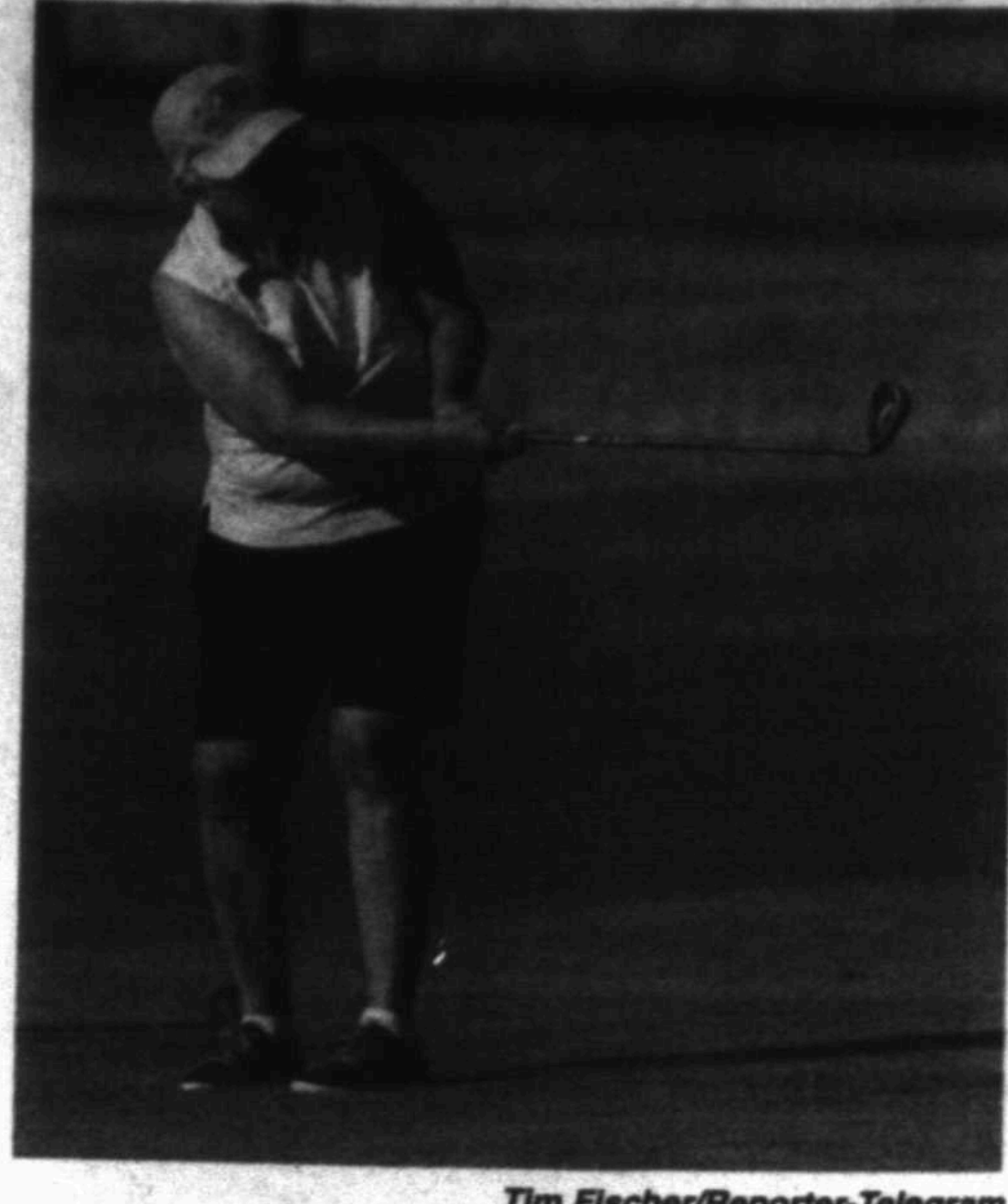
board. "I'm extremely excited," Mosley said. "Joe's someone I've thought highly of for a long time. He's prepared himself professionally to take this job on. The timing on his front, he'd probably acknowledge isn't ideal. But in a lot of ways, he's bringing in some familiarity with ACU as both a player and assistant that, in my mind, in this next six weeks before school starts, is going to be very, very important as far as us getting the kids we need in school and getting this thing going. He's got a good lay of the land, and he's going to be able to navigate a lot of that perhaps even quicker than Grant and the assistant coaches we have in place."

This will be Golding's first collegiate head coaching job, and he had always hoped that first job would come at ACU. However, Golding didn't think that opportunity would come anytime soon, especially after the hiring of McCasland. "I was real excited when they hired Grant," he said. "I thought it was great for ACU. Obviously I have a lot of respect for Grant. Grant and I are very good friends."

Yet McCasland told him about his decision to leave ACU on Sunday, and that in turn led Golding back to ACU. Golding said he considered taking the Wildcat job after Copeland stepped down, but didn't think the timing was right. Obviously, he felt differently this time around.

"It's a great opportunity for Grant and obviously a great opportunity for me," he said. "It's a crazy world, a crazy business."

MIDLAND WOMEN'S CITY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Margaret Lang chips onto the green Monday as she competes in the Midland Women's City Championship qualifier at Green Tree Country Club.

Midland Women's City Golf Championship
Monday's Qualifying Scores
Green Tree Country Club
1. Brooke Schlemeyer 74; 2. Tina Albright 79; 3. Melissa McHadden 81; 4. Daniela Wedde 86; 5. Susie McGowan 89; 6. Margaret Lange 91; 7. Bev Wright 94

LOCAL SPORTS

Entries for Mar's City tournament available

Entries for the SC Fuels Midland Men's City Golf Tournament are being accepted at Hogan Park Golf Course. The entry fee is \$125 per player, which includes green fees, carts and tee prizes. The tournament is scheduled for August 5-7 at Hogan Park Golf Course. The entry deadline is 6 p.m. Aug. 3, and all players must have a verifiable handicap. Entries are also being accepted for the Midland Junior City Golf Championship, which is scheduled for Aug. 20 at Hogan Park. The entry fee is \$40 and the event is for boys and girls ages 10-17. Entry deadline is Aug. 18.

Midland CC Parent-Child

Results of the Midland Country Club Parent-Child Tournament
Parent-Child Tournament
Golf Flight: 1. Scott Dufford-Hill Dufford 68-65-132; 2. Neil David Griffin-Eric Griffin 70-69-139; 3. Charlie Ray-Joe Smith 101-135-236; 4. Gary Wallace-Austin Wallace 69-70-139; 5. Mark Stoltz-Mark Stoltz Jr. 66-73-139; 6. Steve Scribner-Taylor Scribner 66-73-139; 7. Craig Hubbard-Chris Hubbard 70-69-139; 8. Todd Brown-Reagan Brown 136-141-277; 9. Gary Brown-Josh Brown 140-112-252; 10. Charlie Ray-Joe Smith 101-135-236; 11. Craig Hubbard-Patrick Hubbard 99-111-210; 12. Joe Wanta-Kyle Wanta 83-116-199; 13. Barr Bolger 95-98-193; 14. Robert Sheets-Madison Sheets 60-81-141; 15. Jim Eastman-Smith Eastman 53-46-99; 16. Charles Gaines-Bailey Gaines 53-39-94; 17. Nine Hole Point: 1. David Griffin-Gunner Griffin 50-60-110; 2. Eric Griffin-Gunner Griffin 54-55-109; 3. Turk McDonald-Riggs McDonald 51-56-107

Gaines County GC Memorial

Flight winners in the Memorial at the Gaines County Golf Club
Championship Flight: Jeff Beal-Jeff McLeod 61-68-140-269
President's Flight: Troy Cannon-Jeff Moore 63-72-152-287
First Flight: Matt Mullins-Clint McWilliams 62-70-151-283
Second Flight: Eric Cavazos-Jordan Cavazos 61-72-153-286
Third Flight: Andy Ellis-Morgan Ellis 66-75-152-293
Fourth Flight: Charlie Johnson-Ray Morgan 74-75-162-311
Fifth Flight: Louis Addison-Ron Mann 75-74-160-309

Local bowlers earn spot on state list

Here is a list of area bowlers and teams that earned spots in the final standings of the 74th Texas State USBC Women's Championship.
Division 3 Team: 43 Western Food Odessa, 3,232
Division 4 Team: 11 Clark's Good House-keeping Appliance Midland, 3,379

Nats beat Astros with 3 runs in ninth

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Michael Morse and Ryan Zimmerman homered and Zimmerman drove in the go-ahead run in the ninth inning to give the Washington Nationals a 5-2 win over the Houston Astros on Monday night. Laynce Nix added a pair of insurance runs with an RBI single after Zimmerman's hit in the ninth.



Dave Einsele/AP

Roger Bernadina singled to start the inning before advancing to second on a sacrifice bunt by Danny Espinosa. Zimmerman's grounder rolled just out of reach of a diving Jeff Keppinger and into the outfield to allow Bernadina to score and chase Houston starter Jordan Lyles (0-5). The Astros' rookie allowed five hits and four runs with six strikeouts in the longest outing of his career to remain winless in ninth career start. Morse homered in the fifth inning and Zimmerman's came in the seventh. Washington starter Jason Marquis (8-4) yielded six hits and two runs

Washington's Michael Morse (38) passes Houston Astros shortstop Angel Sanchez, left, after hitting a solo home run Monday during the fifth inning in Houston.

with a season-high-tying nine strikeouts to get his first win since June 10. Michael Bourn singled to start Houston's side of the eighth, but Marquis retired the next three Astros to end the inning and his night. Closer Drew Storen allowed one hit in a scoreless ninth for his 25th save. Lyles had retired seven straight before Zimmer-

Nationals

Astros 2

man's homer that landed in the first row of the stands in right field with one out in the seventh inning and tied it 2-all. Morse followed with a single, but Lyles retired the next two Nationals to get out of the inning before pitching a perfect eighth.

Carlos Lee's two-out double down the left field line scored Angel Sanchez and gave the Astros a 2-1 lead in the sixth inning. Lyles didn't allow a hit until Morse's homer to left field on the first pitch of the fifth inning. He walked Bernadina to start the fourth inning, but faced the minimum through four thanks to a double play in that frame. The Astros evened it at 1-1 when Jason Michaels doubled and scored on a double down the right field line in the fifth inning. The first hit Marquis yielded was a single by Corporan with no outs in the third inning. He retired the next six Astros after that before the double by Michaels in the fifth inning.

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Monday's MLB Roundup

RED SOX 15, ORIOLES 10: At Baltimore, Dustin Pedroia doubled in two runs to spark an eight-run eighth inning, and Boston got home runs from Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Josh Reddick in a 15-10 rout of Baltimore on Monday night. WHITE SOX 5, ROYALS 2: At Kansas City, Mo., Mark Buehrle lasted seven innings in another impressive start, and Chicago capitalized on an error by Kansas City shortstop Alcides Escobar. Yankees 5, Rays 4: At St. Petersburg, Fla., Russell Mar-

tin drew a bases-loaded walk with two outs in the top of the ninth to give New York the win. INDIANS 5-6, TWINS 2-3 1ST GAME: At Minneapolis, Lou Marson hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the seventh inning and Cleveland completed a doubleheader sweep with a 6-3 victory over Minnesota, kicking off a four-game series with two wins.

National League CUBS 6, PHILLIES 1: At Chicago, Aramis Ramirez and Carlos Pena homered to back a dominant start by Rodrigo Lopez, and Chicago beat Philadelphia 6-1 on Monday

night as Phillies ace Roy Halladay left the game because of the heat. MARLINS 4, METS 1: At New York, Clayton Kershaw came off the disabled list to win his first major league start in three years for Florida. Pirates 2, Reds 0: At Pittsburgh, Charlie Morton pitched five innings and Pittsburgh moved into first place in the NL Central. DIAMONDBACKS 3, BREWERS 0: At Phoenix, Arizona's Josh Collmenter pitched eight innings of three-hit ball for his first win in six weeks.

Associated Press

HOUNDS

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an infield single to move Spina up a bag. Spina scored when next batter Shane Peterson doubled to center. An untimely error by Hooks third baseman Jimmy Paredes allowed Heather to score and Barfield to reach base, while Peterson moved to third. Canham hit his second triple of the night to score Peterson and Barfield for an 8-3 Midland lead. Canham's extra-base hit was followed by a double from shortstop Tyler Ladendorf and Midland had a 9-3 advantage. Timmons, batting for the second time in the inning, capped the inning's scoring with a RBI-single to left that scored Ladendorf. The Hooks cut into Midland's lead with two runs in the bottom of the fifth and three more in the sixth, pulling within 10-8. But that's as close as the Hooks would get as

relievers Trey Barham and Brett Hunter combined to hold Corpus scoreless in the game's final three innings. With Barham and Hunter stifling the Hooks bats late, the RockHounds essentially put the game out of reach in the top of the eighth. Already up 11-8, the RockHounds add four runs with Timmons picking up the biggest hit — a two-RBI single back up the middle of the infield that scored Jeremy Barfield and Mitch Canham. Despite giving up five runs over five innings, Shawn Haviland (3-9) picked up the win for Midland. Haviland had 10 strikeouts. Midland and Corpus Christi play the second game of their four-game series at 7:05 p.m. today at Whataburger Field.

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TL Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists standings for North and South Divisions, Corpus Christi, and Friday's Scores.

World Series champion Giants headed to White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Next stop for the World Series champion San Francisco Giants? The White House. President Barack Obama will open the White House to the Giants on July 25 in honor of their first World Series title since the franchise moved West in 1958.

San Francisco finished off the Texas Rangers in five games last year to win it all. "It's going to be very special," manager Bruce Bochy said before the Giants hosted the Los Angeles Dodgers on Monday night. "I'm certainly looking forward to it. The

guys can spend some time there and get a chance to meet the president, which is always an honor. It's going to be a thrill for everybody." The White House said Obama also will recognize the team's efforts to give back to the San Francisco area community.

RYAN

From 1C located about 170 miles northwest of Houston. Ryan had been expected to join the Rangers in Anaheim, Calif., on Tuesday night for the start of a three-game series between his AL West-leading club

and the Angels, who are in second place, four games back. He was scheduled to throw out the ceremonial first pitch and to take part in a ceremony inducting Gene Autry, the Angels' late owner, into the team's Hall of Fame.

Ryan holds the records for most no-hitters (seven) and strikeouts (5,714). He's been running the Rangers since 2008 and became part-owner last summer. Texas went to the World Series for the first time last fall.

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City Golf Championship
Qualifying Scores
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Tour de France

Tour de France Standings
Monday (18th Stage)
After 18 stages
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AL Boxes

Table with columns for team, player, and statistics. Includes teams like Detroit, Cleveland, and Tampa Bay.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Standings table for Major League Baseball, showing Eastern, Central, and National divisions for various teams.

MAJLINS & METS 1

Box score for Marlins vs. Mets game, including batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

Hounds Watch

Advertisement for Hounds Watch featuring a dog and text about Texas at L.A. Angels, 9 p.m., FSS.

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Child Country Club
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Tennis

ATP World Tour
Atlanta Championships Results
A U.S. Open event
Monday

FIRST GAME

Table showing tennis match results for the first game, including player names and scores.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table showing American League game results, including team names and scores.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table showing National League game results, including team names and scores.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
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Women's City Golf Championship, Green Tree Country Club.

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Baku Cup Results
Monday
At Baki Tennis Akademiyasi
Baku, Azerbaijan

SECOND GAME

Table showing tennis match results for the second game.

WHITE SOX vs. ROYALS 2

Box score for White Sox vs. Royals game.

BRAVES 7, ROCKIES 4

Box score for Braves vs. Rockies game.

TRANSACTIONS

Major League Baseball
MLB announced Boston's David Ortiz and Baltimore's RHP Kevin Gregg have their four-game suspensions reduced to three games.

USGA

U.S. Junior Amateur Championship
Scores
Monday
At Gold Mountain Olympic Course
Bremerton, Wash.

Pro Rodeo Leaders

Table showing Pro Rodeo Leaders for various categories like All-Around, Barrel Racing, etc.

NL Boxes

Table showing National League game results and statistics.

PRO RODEO

Table showing Pro Rodeo event results, including rider names and scores.

PHILADELPHIA

Table showing Philadelphia game results and statistics.

AUTO RACING

Table showing Auto Racing results, including Sprint Cup Points Leaders and other race information.

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AP sources: Club execs to be briefed if deal OK'd

By Howard Fendrich and Barry Wilner
Associated Press

Two people familiar with talks to end the NFL lockout tell the Associated Press that if an agreement is ratified by Thursday, team executives will be briefed starting that day on how the deal's terms affect league business.

The people said the league's 32 clubs were told Monday that topics would include the rookie salary system and guidelines for player transactions. They spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the process is supposed to remain confidential.

Owners are scheduled to hold a special meeting in Atlanta on Thursday, when they could ratify a new labor contract — if one is reached by then. Club executives would be briefed in Atlanta on Thursday and Friday.

Any tentative agreement also must be approved by

players, including star quarterbacks Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees and the remaining plaintiffs in a federal antitrust suit against the league.

Two other people, who have knowledge of the NFL Players Association's plans, told the AP that representatives of every team were expected to meet Wednesday in Washington, in preparation for a possible vote. Those people also spoke on condition of anonymity.

Lawyers for the NFLPA and owners met Monday at a Manhattan law firm to work on ending the four-month lockout, the sport's first work stoppage since 1987. They were joined in the afternoon by the court-appointed mediator, U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan.

One issue standing in the way of a resolution, according to one person from each side of the dispute: Players

want owners to turn over \$320 million in benefits that weren't paid during the 2010 season. Because there was no salary cap that season, the old collective bargaining agreement said NFL teams were not required to pay those benefits.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFLPA head DeMaurice Smith spoke to each other on the telephone Monday and were planning to keep in regular contact.

Also Monday, the NFL filed a request with the Minnesota court to grant its lawyers an extension of a week to file their formal response to the antitrust lawsuit. The original deadline was Monday.

Players and owners have come up with the framework of an agreement that resolves most of their differences.

The areas they've figured out include:

- how the more than \$9 billion in annual league revenues will be divided, with somewhere from 46.5 to 48.5 percent going to players, depending on how much the total take from TV contracts and other sources rises or falls;
- a structure for rookie contracts that will rein in soaring salaries for high first-round draft picks;
- free agency rules that allow most four-year veterans to negotiate with any team;
- a cap of about \$120 million per team for player salaries in 2011, with about another \$20 million per team in benefits.

The lockout began March 12, when negotiations broke down and the old CBA expired. The NFLPA announced it was dissolving itself and would no longer be a union that could bargain for all players under labor law, instead saying it was now a trade association. That allowed players to take their chances against the NFL in federal court under antitrust law.

Several teams that cancelled their out-of-town camp plans did so because of scheduling conflicts at the colleges where they practice.



Wong Maye-E/AP
Anna James and Mary Beth Dunnichay dive during the women's 10-meter Synchro Platform event Monday at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Shanghai, China.

JAMES

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China has won six straight world titles in the event.

Since Chinese diving superstar Guo Jingjing retired in January, Chen has been considered her successor.

"I don't want to think too much about it," she said. "My performance will be affected."

Although the 10-meter platform individual gold is also important, it is not my goal. My goal is the London Games.

Australia's Alexandra Croak and Melissa Wu earned the silver at 325.92 — their country's

fourth runner-up finish in the event.

Christin Steuer and Nora Subschinski claimed Germany's second bronze of the day with 316.29.

Wang and Chen received one perfect 10 for synchronization on their second dive. After ending the five-dive final with a backward 2 1/2 somersault with 1 1/2 twists that barely created a splash, the women climbed out of the pool and hugged.

The Germans received the only other 10 of the competition for their first dive.

COWBOYS

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The shortened camp also could include fewer practices in full pads. In a concession to the players, the owners reportedly have agreed to eliminate full-

contact two-a-day practices during training camp, a change that could lead to a dip in attendance at the Alamodome.

"We'll be ready for whatever the plan is," Sawaya said.

One of the reasons the Cowboys haven't eliminated San Antonio from their camp plans is their belief that holding at least some practices out of town will help the team bond after

the long lockout.

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'A very good night' follows Clarke's Open triumph

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

SANDWICH, England — Darren Clarke's bleary, bloodshot eyes told it all.

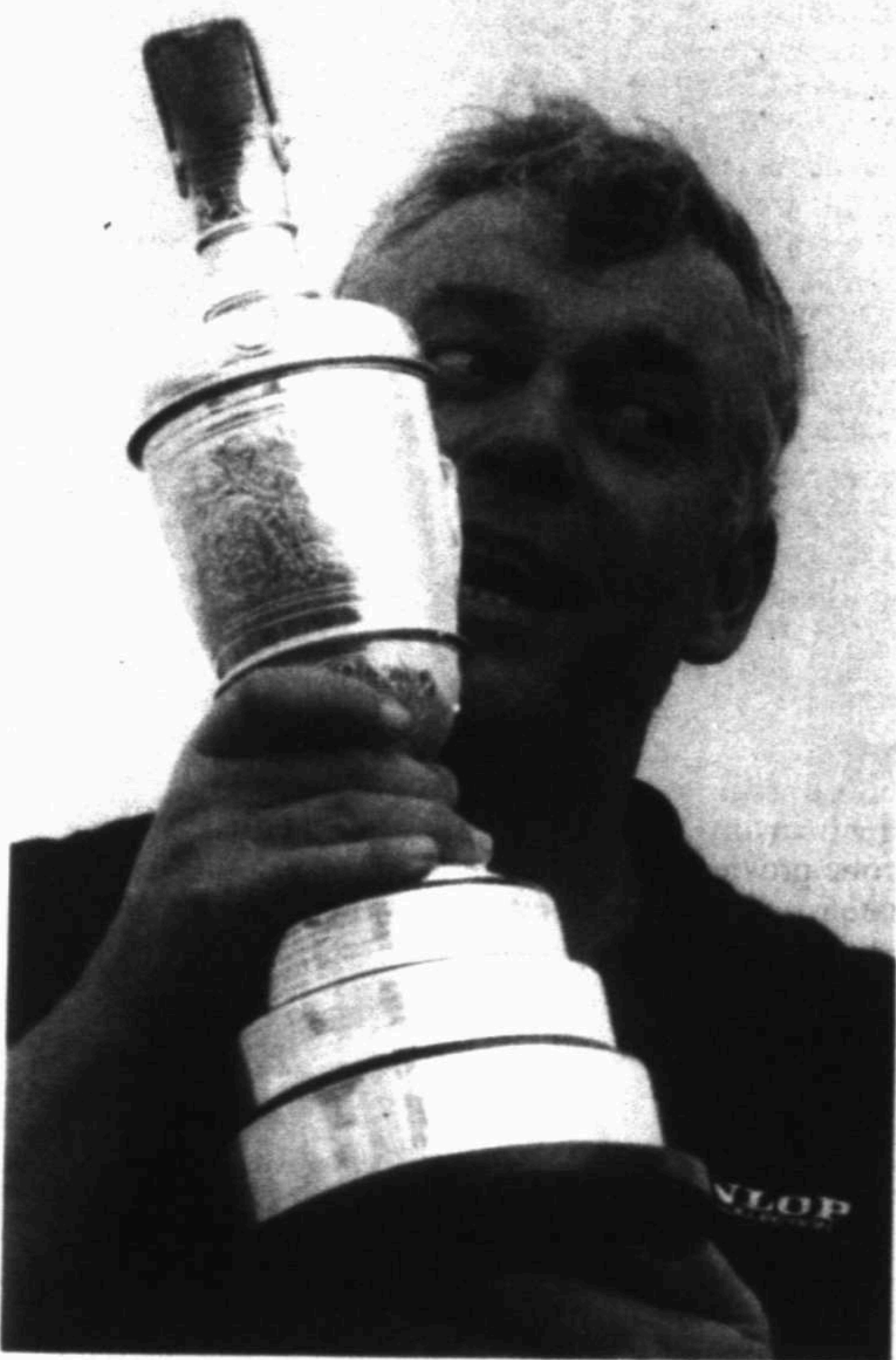
The party began shortly after he walked off the 18th green at Royal St. George's with the claret jug in hand. Beer and red wine flowed through the night, the revelry not letting up until Clarke had to return Monday morning for a few more interviews and some picture-taking at the spot where he tapped in the final putt to win the British Open.

"I have not been to bed yet," Clarke said. "I probably won't get any sleep until tomorrow at some stage. You have to enjoy it while you can."

"It's been," he added mischievously, "a very good night."

Clarke sure earned it. No one had ever gone more than 15 British Opens before winning. Clarke did it on his 20th try at 42, making him the oldest first-time major winner since Roberto de Vicenzo in 1967.

But that only tells part of the story. Clarke lost his wife, Heather, to cancer five years ago, leaving him to raise two young boys. Not surprisingly, his focus on the course wavered, which sent him plummeting out of the top 100 in the world. It had been a decade since he



Matt Dunham/AP

Darren Clarke is about to kiss the Claret Jug trophy Sunday as he celebrates winning the British Open at Royal St. George's golf course in Sandwich, England.

was a serious contender in a major — he didn't even qualify for the three majors that preceded the Open.

"I definitely appreciate an awful lot more what I've

achieved," Clarke said. "Ten years ago, I did take an awful lot of things for granted."

His parents and new love, fiancée Alison Campbell, were at Royal St. George's

to cheer him. Clarke's two boys stayed home in Northern Ireland, but he phoned them shortly after his three-stroke victory over Americans Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson.

"Tyron, my oldest one, was very pleased, very proud," Clarke said. "He was going to tell everybody his dad was Open champion."

And Conor, his youngest? "He wanted to know what he could spend all the money on," Clarke said, breaking into a grin.

That's not surprising. Clarke has always been a guy who lived life to the fullest, so it's only appropriate that he passed on that attitude to his children.

Then again, given all that's happened, Clarke plans to handle the spoils of this triumph a bit more prudently than he would have, say, 10 years ago. His Open prize was nearly \$1.5 million, and there will undoubtedly be a flood of new endorsement opportunities.

"I actually don't have anything in mind because I've been there, done all that before," Clarke said. "I've had the opportunity to buy whatever I want to buy and all that. This time, I'm a little bit older and a little bit more sensible. If I can put a little bit more aside for my boys' future, then that's what I'll do, as opposed to looking after myself."

China coach plays down team's chances at Shanghai

By Justin Bergman
Associated Press

SHANGHAI — China head swimming coach Yao Zhengjie has downplayed his team's chances of winning multiple golds for the home crowd at the world championships, saying his swimmers are concentrating on the 2012 London Olympic.

"Of course we're improving, but we're still quite far behind the U.S. and Australia," Yao told the Associated Press on Monday. "We won just one gold at the 2008 Olympics, so we just want to work harder and get better."

China has spent the past decade rebuilding its swimming program following a series of devastating doping scandals in the 1990s. The Chinese women's team dominated the sport in the early part of the decade, winning 12 gold medals at the 1994 worlds, but dozens of swimmers subsequently tested positive for banned substances.

After the Chinese swimming association cracked down on cheating in the late 1990s, instituting a lifetime ban for swimmers and coaches who are caught taking performance-enhancing drugs, China's performances in the pool trailed

off dramatically.

Chinese swimmers didn't win any golds at the 2005 or 2007 world championships, and just the one gold in their home pool at the 2008 Olympics when Liu Zige captured the women's 200-meter butterfly.

However, at the 2009 worlds in Rome, the team started to show signs of a resurgence, winning 10 medals overall, including four golds.

"Of course, the more golds we win in Shanghai, the better," Yao said. "But I know it will be difficult. The Americans, Australians and Europeans are really experienced and have a long history in these events."

China's top hope in Shanghai is the extremely popular 19-year-old Sun Yang, who shocked the world last year at the Asian Games in Guangzhou, where he nearly broke Australian Grant Hackett's 10-year-old world record in the 1,500-meter freestyle.

Sun, under the tutelage of Hackett's former coach, Dennis Cottterell, finished the Guangzhou race in 14 minutes, 35.43 seconds, just under a second off Hackett's 14:34.56 from the world championships in Fukuoka, Japan in 2001.

Stewart-Haas turn 1-2 gem at New Hampshire

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Tony Stewart called New Hampshire a perfect weekend for his organization. And with good reason.

Ryan Newman's first victory of the season from the pole and Stewart's second-place finish gave Stewart-Haas Racing its first 1-2 start and finish.

Think Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon did that at Hendrick Motorsports? Nope. No set of teammates started 1-2 and finished 1-2 since the 1989 Daytona 500 when Darrell Waltrip and Ken Schrader pulled off the feat.

The last time teammates qualified 1-2 and finished first and second in the same order was in 1957 at North Wilkesboro Speedway. Fireball Roberts won from the pole while teammate Paul Goldsmith started second and finished second. In 1989, Waltrip won, but started second. Schrader started from the pole and finished second.

"For the organization to take the front row and get first and second, you couldn't ask for a better weekend," Stewart said.

With a rare off week ahead before heading to Indianapolis for the Brickyard 400, the celebration will be a long one. But once the glow wears off, Stewart-Haas Racing has two crucial questions to answer: Where

were these kinds of runs all season? What must be done to crank it up and contend?

Newman has been a more consistent driver than his boss, Stewart. Newman's win, his first since April 2010, was his sixth top-five this season. He finished fourth the previous race at Kentucky and showed flashes in other races of coming so close to taking the checkered flag.

"We've been really good for three-quarters of the race, then we'll come home fourth, fifth, 10th, not maybe make the right call, strategy, whatever it is, to put ourselves in the box of top five to close out the race," Newman said. "There have been times where we had failures, bad pit stops. All those things add up."

Stewart, a two-time Cup champion, hasn't had the kind of consistent up-front runs he demands of himself and his team and hadn't had a top-five finish since the second race of the season in Las Vegas.

Stewart realized last month the season was falling short of the big expectations when he fired competition director Bobby Hutchens. Stewart said at New Hampshire that the job is open and the search continues.

It seems unlikely he'll have a replacement by the time of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship on Sept. 18.

Will he have a spot in

the Chase?

With seven races left until the field is frozen, both drivers have positioned themselves to be in the hunt for a spot. Newman solidified his place with the victory and is eighth in the standings.

The top-10 drivers automatically earn a spot. Two spots in the Chase will go to the winningest drivers ranked between 11 and 20.

Stewart knows a win would but all but guarantee him a place in the field. The standings bear that out. He's 11th even though he has the same point total as 10th-place driver Denny Hamlin. But Hamlin has one win, leaving Dale Earnhardt Jr. the only driver in the top 10 without a victory.

Newman's crew chief, Tony Gibson, said this may have been the best three days in the brief history of SHR, but it doesn't necessarily mean the season is magically turned around. Whatever they hit on worked, and it's up to every member of both teams to keep the momentum going into the Chase.

"We kind of got off track a little bit this year," he said. "I think we're just trying to make sure we head back in the right direction. Grab everybody by the arms, tug 'em, bring 'em in, head down that road instead of going down two roads. For us it's not one guy is doing a bad job, it's a matter of everybody doing a good job."



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Contador must attack to save his Tour

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

PIOULENC, France — Alberto Contador knows he is running out of time, and stages, to close the gap on his Tour de France rivals.

The Spaniard's bid for a fourth Tour title has yet to get going as the race enters its final week, a combination of bad luck and a nagging knee injury conspiring to make it difficult for him to launch his trademark attacks in the mountains.

"This is probably the hardest Tour I've done. I have lost a lot of strength since the beginning," Contador said Monday, the Tour's second rest day. "It's true that without the time loss from the first stage I would be in a good position to win the Tour, and (just) waiting for the last time trial."

Contador must first find a way to claw back from a four-minute deficit on race leader Thomas Voeckler. He also lost time to Andy and Frank Schleck of Luxembourg and two-time runner-up Cadel Evans of Australia.

After 15 of 21 stages, seventh-place Contador trails Frank Schleck by 2:11, Evans by 1:54, Andy

Schleck by 1:45 and Ivan Basso by 44 seconds. Contador and his Saxo Bank team have no choice but to be aggressive in the high climbs of the Alps this week.

The 17th stage Wednesday from Gap to Pinerolo features just one category 1 ascent and won't be as testing as the excruciating climbs Thursday and Friday that will leave riders exhausted before the 26-mile time trial on Saturday.

Stages 18 and 19 feature enormous treks up Col du Galibier, Col d'Izoard and L'Alpe d'Huez — all of them known as HC climbs, or Hors Catégorie, because they are too demanding to have a classification.

"The climbs in the Alps are different than the Pyrenees, they are longer and at a higher altitude," the 28-year-old Contador said. "Some riders will suffer from that. But we need to attack, that's for sure."

Contador lost a lot of time to the Schlecks and Evans when he was caught behind a pileup on the first stage.

The bad luck he had then set the tone for the rest of his

race. It proved to be a bad omen with Contador falling on stages 5 and 9, banging his right knee twice.

"Without the time loss from the first stage I would be in a good position to win the Tour, waiting for the last time trial (to come)," Contador said through a translator.

After his spill on stage 9, Contador knew he had to focus on damage limitation in the three grueling mountain stages in the Pyrenees.

Considering he was riding with an injury last week, Contador did remarkably well not to lose more than 33 seconds to Frank Schleck, 15 to Andy Schleck and 13 to Evans.

"I think everybody knows he is a champion. He is still a young rider but a young rider with a lot of experience," said Bjarne Riis, Contador's team manager. "I think he knows how to handle situations when there are problems. Of course, you get frustrated when you're not at 100 percent, everybody gets frustrated. But, in another way, you know that you have to stay calm."

The unpredictable nature

of this year's race still gives Contador some advantages.

It's seems uncertain which Schleck brother is the leader and which is the support rider, while Voeckler's unexpected presence means there is an extra cyclist to chase down. Then there is Evans and Basso, the Tour runner-up in 2005, to deal with.

If Contador recovers in time for the big Alps, he could rise up when the others are taking each other down.

"Each day that passes without knowing which card the Schleck brothers will play is more complicated," Contador said. "In my opinion, they have to think about their attacks and to know which one is the best. The other one has to sacrifice himself, otherwise it will be very hard to distance riders as good as Evans and the others."

Riis turned the pressure up on the Leopard-Trek team by claiming he knows what tactics the Schlecks will use in the Alps.

"I know the Schlecks. I have an idea what's going on, but this is an idea we discuss between us," Riis said. "I believe that what we will see a spectacular race in the Alps."



The United States' Abby Wambach, left, congratulates teammate Alex Morgan on Sunday after Morgan scored the opening goal of the final of the Women's World Cup in Frankfurt, Germany.

Despite WCup loss, plenty of optimism for US women

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — Once the Americans get over the disappointment of coming up just short at the Women's World Cup, they'll find plenty of reasons for optimism.

The U.S. team pulled together amid a series of challenges that, just a few years ago, would have broken it apart. And while the illustrious careers of captain Christie Rampone, Shannon Boxx and maybe Abby Wambach are nearing their end, Lauren Cheney, Alex Morgan and Megan Rapinoe proved in Germany they are more than able successors.

There's also another major title to be won at next summer's London Olympics, and qualifying starts in just a few months.

"It's just unfortunate, just a bummer," Carli Lloyd said after the Americans were stunned by Japan in a riveting final Sunday night, losing 3-1 in penalty kicks after twice blowing leads in a 2-2 tie. "But there's another World Cup in four years."

For some, the majority of the team will remain intact through London, but Rampone (36) and Boxx (34) are likely to call it quits after that. Wambach said it's too early to say what she'll do, but she is 31, and her

body is showing the wear and tear from the fearless playing style that has earned her third place on the all-time World Cup scoring list with 13 goals.

Wambach passed Michelle Akers (12) for top U.S. honors with her header in the 104th minute Sunday, her fourth goal of the tournament.

Part of what has always made the U.S. so strong is the smooth transition from one generation to another, and the U.S. might have its most promise since the days of Mia Hamm, Julie Foudy, Brandi Chastain.

Solo, winner of the Golden Glove as the tournament's top goalkeeper, is in the prime of her career at 29. Morgan and Cheney, both just 22, each finished the tournament with two goals. Cheney also had three assists while Morgan had one. Rapinoe displayed the accuracy and touch on the flanks so critical in coach Pia Sundhage's desire for a possession-based offense, and has the energy and spunk to shoulder the burden of being the face of the team behind Wambach.

No team found a way to contain speedy Heather O'Reilly, who makes a nice complement to Rapinoe on the opposite side of the field. Lloyd seemed to gain confidence in directing the offense as the tournament wore on, having one of her best games against Japan.

Armstrong wants hearing on feds' ties to media

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lance Armstrong's attorneys say illegal government leaks of grand jury information have sullied the cyclist's reputation, and have asked a court to order federal agents to discuss their contacts with the media.

In a 20-page notice of alleged violations filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, lawyers for the seven-time Tour de France winner cited more than a dozen articles in many media outlets from May 2010 through last month about an ongoing grand jury investigation into whether Armstrong used

performance-enhancing drugs in violation of U.S. law.

The cyclist's attorneys argue that only someone in the government could be responsible for the leaks, and a judge should order the government to explain why it should not be held in contempt. In a last resort, the lawyers said, the court could force journalists to reveal their sources.

"The leaker in this case has, from the beginning, acted with the obvious intent of legitimizing the government's investigation of a national hero, best known for his role in the fight against cancer," the court papers said. "Each leak has been

designed to propagate public support for this investigation by smearing Armstrong and tarnishing his reputation. The tactical nature of these leaks cannot be ignored as it strongly suggests an underlying partisanship inherent in government agents."

Armstrong's lawyers accused the Associated Press, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Sports Illustrated and CBS' "60 Minutes" of reporting illegally leaked information.

One of Armstrong's lawyers, John W. Kecker, attached a statement detailing 26 media reports that reported the alleged illegal leaks.

Responding to the notice, Lou Ferrara, AP's managing editor for sports, said: "The AP has been aggressive in covering this important story. AP reporters will continue to pursue the truth. This action will not stop us."

Filed by the same California-based lawyers who represented the Major League Baseball Players Association and succeeded in having the government's seizure of player drug tests and records declared illegal, the request for an order to show cause asks a federal court to require that all agents involved in the probe provide sworn statements detailing their contacts with media.

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Archery

Indoor Archery League
For: Men and women of all ages
When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday nights
Where: Sports Center, 2900 W. Front St.
Cost: \$70 for a 10-week league.
For more info: Call Charles at 683-4540 or e-mail cduas@mid.com

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons \$65 an hour or \$40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Darryl Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting.

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Rappart at 296-2438

Private Baseball Instruction
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelport-training.org

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Vertical jump, speed and agility training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevelport-training.org

Summer Pro/Am Basketball League
What: Regional Development Basketball League
For: Players 18 and up and teams for summer basketball league to start in June
For more info: Call 896-206-9073, ext. 4299

Billiards

Eight and Nine ball leagues
When: Every Sunday and Wednesday 6-8:30 p.m.
Where: Fast Freddy's, Midland
Sign-up at: Beach Billiards or Fast Freddy's
For more info: Contact Bob Schultz, league director, 689-3113

Booster Clubs

Midland High Softball
When: First Thursday of every month, 7 p.m.
Where: MHS Youth Center
For more info: Call Russell at 561-8887

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 8:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-0176 or Cactus Lanes 684-0177

Edith McPherson Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes

For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245, Brenda at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 689-4058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free; YMCA Youth member, \$5 and program participant, \$10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Midland College 2011 Girls Basketball Camps
When: Session 1, 9 a.m.-noon, July 18-21; Session 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m., July 18-21; Shooting camp, 6-8 p.m., July 18-21
For: Grades 10-12th
Where: Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
For more info: Contact Ron Jones at 685-4581 or jones@midland.edu

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Alamos Energy's Fletcher Community Room, 2300 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: \$25/\$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 689-1718 or go to www.pbba.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks League
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: \$20 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6533

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Thursday, Tuesday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Strength, speed, agility and power training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevelport-training.org

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Notes: Education and training will be provided.
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-0004 or Don Otten at 631-2395

Midland Lee Rebel Football Camp
When: July 18-21, 1st-5th grade, 8-10 a.m.; 6th-8th grades, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Lee High School
For: 1st through 8th grades
Cost: \$50 per athlete
For more info: Contact coach Marchison at 432-689-1849 or wmmarchison@midlandtx.net

Midland High Football Camp
When: July 18-21, 4th-8th grade, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Where: Memorial Stadium
For more information: Contact the MHS Field-houses at 689-1195

Private Tae Kwon-Do Lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
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Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (409) 248-9472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Ju-Jitsu-Kempo-Kung-Fu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Gurbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 486-7467 or 686-8444

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For more info: 262-6466, www.trapperacceleration.com

Pre-Week Summer Golf Program
When: Check-in, 8 a.m. first day of clinic, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; Session I, July 18-20; Session II, August 8-10
Where: Hogan Park Golf Course
Cost: \$80
For: Boys and girls ages 4-8
For more info: Contact Hogan Park Golf Shop at 685-7380

Junior Golf Summer Program
When: Session I, July 18-22; Session II, August 8-12
Where: Hogan Park Golf Course
Cost: \$80
For: Boys and girls ages 9 to 17
For more info: Contact Hogan Park Golf Course at 685-7380

2011 Summer Junior Golf Clinics
When: Session 4, August 1-4
For: Ages 5-12
Cost: \$65 per student
For more info: Contact Nueva Vista Golf Club at 520-6050

Gaines County Golf Course Summer Junior Clinics
When: 9:30-11:30 a.m., July 20-22; Advance Clinic, 10-12
Cost: \$15 per day, \$45 per session; Advance clinic, \$25 per day/\$75 for session
For more info: Contact 758-3808

Big Spring CC 3-person low ball
When: July 23-24
Where: Big Spring Country Club
Cost: \$60
For more info: Contact the pro shop at 267-5354

Gymnastics

Next Level Gymnastics
What: Preschool, Stretch-in-Grow, All-around, T&T, Boys, special needs
For more info: Call 262-6466 or www.nextlevelport-training.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido.
For more info: Call John Rogg, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: \$25 a month
For more info: Call 689-6139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday, 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 687-6554

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Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 1 p.m. Sunday, Velvet Room (non-smoking); 7 p.m. Sunday, Woodies & Tweeters; 7 p.m. Monday, Woodies & Tweeters (shootout); 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Hog Pit; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Woodies & Tweeters; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Hog Pit; 1 p.m. Saturday, Velvet Room (non-smoking).
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokerleague.net

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Club Practice
When: 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Hogan Park
For more info: 687-6418

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HDH Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 684-8992

Running

Permian Basin Running Club Runs
When: 7:30 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Elephant at Put-Put Golf on Loop 250
For more info: Visit permianbasinrunningclub.com or call Greg Larson at 620-6124

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

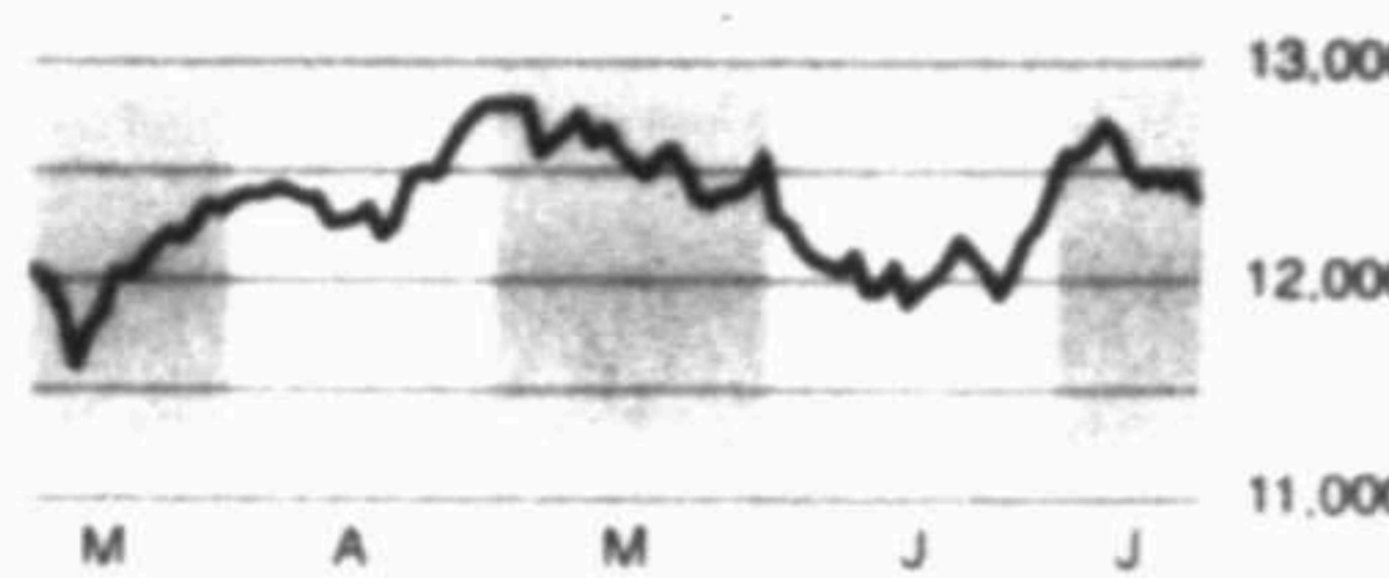
Martin County EMS Labor Day 5K
When: Registration, 8:30 a.m., race 9 a.m. Sept 9
Where: 1101 W. Broadway, Stanton, Martin County EMS building
Cost: \$15 if postmarked by Aug. 31, and \$20 if postmarked after Aug. 31
For more info: Contact Bob Tenney at 661-8597 or pick up an entry form at Dr. Pablo Tenney's office at 109 E. 1st Street, Stanton

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland.
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m., third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.). Also shoot on 8th Sunday on months that have them

Business & Oil

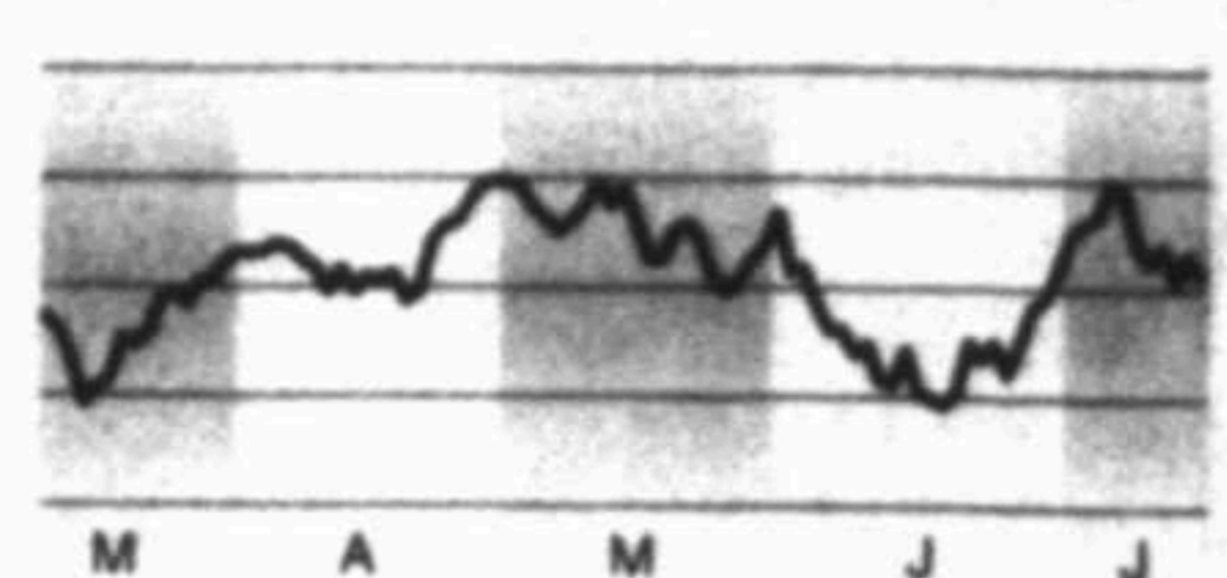
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July 18, 2011
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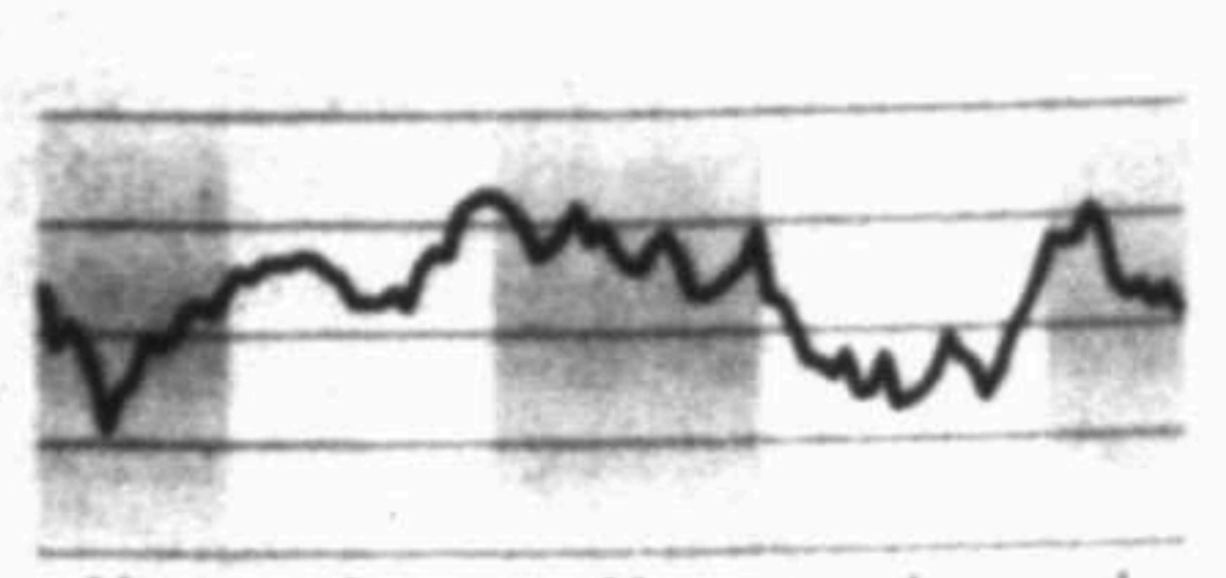
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July 18, 2011
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Pct. change from previous: -0.89% High 2,783.76 Low 2,743.79

July 18, 2011
Standard & Poor's 500
-16.70
1,305.44



Pct. change from previous: -0.81% High 1,315.94 Low 1,295.92

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday	\$95.93
Previous	\$97.24

POSTED

Monday	\$92.50
Previous	\$93.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday	\$88.75
Previous	\$90.00

NATURAL GAS

Monday	\$4.524
Previous	\$4.520



Seth Wenig/AP

In this file photo taken Nov. 8, 2006, gold bars are on display at the gold exhibit in the American Museum of Natural History in New York. Investors are worried about debt problems on both sides of the Atlantic. So they bid gold up \$12.30 an ounce Monday to settle at \$1,602.40.

Oil loses about 2 percent

Growing concern about the U.S. and European economies weighed on oil Monday as prices fell nearly 2 percent. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for August delivery gave up \$1.31 to settle at \$95.93 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent crude lost \$1.21 to settle at \$116.05 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Traders worried that Greece's debt crisis could spread to other European countries and further undermine already weak economic growth there. The price of oil fell as the dollar rose against the euro and other major currencies. Oil, which is priced in dollars, tends to drop as the greenback strengthens and makes oil more expensive for investors holding foreign currency.

At the pump gasoline prices were unchanged Monday at \$3.676 per gallon, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. A gallon of gasoline is 31 cents cheaper than peak levels set earlier in May, but it's still 95.3 cents more expensive than the same time last year.

In other Nymex trading for August contracts, heating oil fell 4.103 cents to settle at \$3.0777 per gallon and gasoline futures lost 3.19 cents to settle at \$3.0974 per gallon. Natural gas added less than a penny to settle at \$4.524 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Fears about debt send gold price to record

By Stan Choe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gold's reputation as a safe place for your money sent it above \$1,600 for the first time.

Investors are worried about debt problems on both sides of the Atlantic. So they bid gold up \$12.30 an ounce Monday to settle at \$1,602.40. That's a record for the market price for gold, but below its 1980 peak after adjusting for inflation. An ounce of gold at that time cost \$850, or about \$2,400 in today's dollars.

Gold is looking better by the day because debt problems in the U.S. and Europe are making two other so-called safe havens, the dollar and the euro, seem shaky. The U.S. could default on its debt on Aug. 2 if Congress and the White House don't agree to raise the country's borrowing limit. In Europe, investors worry that Greece may default. Countries including Italy, Spain and Ireland are also struggling to pay their bills. Defaults could mean losses for the banks that own bonds issued by those countries, and that could trigger widespread disruption in financial markets.

Why own gold? It's because gold has a long history as a way of preserving wealth, said Tom Winnmill, portfolio manager of the \$96 million Midas Fund. The fund owns gold and stocks in gold miners. "In 6,000 years, gold is one of the very few assets that have never gone to zero," Winnmill expects gold to rise to \$1,800 by the end of 2012.

Investors believe gold is safe because it doesn't depend on a government's ability to repay a bond, like a Treasury or a Greek note. Neither do other commodities like crude oil, which has the added use of powering automobiles. "But it's much easier to pick up a bar of gold than a swimming

pool of oil," said James Steel, an analyst with HSBC.

Gold rose 21 percent in dollar terms in the 12 months through June 30, according to the World Gold Council, an industry group. It rose against other currencies, too: up 2.2 percent in euros, 10.4 percent in Japanese yen and 16.5 percent in Indian rupees. But gold fell 5.5 percent against the Swiss franc, which is seen as one of the world's safest currencies.

Gold's rise has accelerated in the last two weeks: Monday was its 10th straight day of gains after it closed at \$1,482.60 July 1. Gold has also steadily risen since the start of 2009, when it cost \$880. The Federal Reserve has kept short-term interest rates at a record low of nearly zero since December 2008. Low interest rates weaken the appeal of the dollar, and that in turn sends gold higher.

Investors are behind much of the increase in the price of gold. Demand from investors rose 26 percent in the first quarter from a year earlier, according to industry data. Demand for gold from dentists for crowns and from companies for use in electronics was flat. Demand for gold in jewelry rose 7 percent.

The amount of gold held by exchange-traded funds and similar investments is at a record, according to Barclays Capital. Exchange-traded funds, also known as ETFs, trade like stocks and are a way for investors to own gold without having to store and insure actual gold bars or coins.

But much of that demand has been from speculative investors, such as hedge funds, said Jon Nadler, senior metals analyst with Kitco Metals. Gold could plunge — if investors regain their confidence that the U.S. won't default and that the 27-nation European Union won't be threatened by the region's debt problems.

Dollar gains on debt fears

The dollar climbed Monday on worries about the possibility of debt defaults in the U.S. and Europe.

The euro fell to \$1.4090 late Monday from \$1.4136 late Friday. The British pound dropped to \$1.6048 from \$1.6123. The dollar slid to 79.05 Japanese yen from 79.11 yen.

The dollar rose to 95.95 Canadian cents from 95.57 cents and to 0.8183 Swiss franc from 0.8141 Swiss franc.

The dollar, along with the franc, the yen and gold, are "safe haven" assets with traders and often gain in value when there are worries about financial crises and slowing global growth.

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Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price \$36.32 Down 1.27

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price \$68.85 Up 0.16

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price \$94.52 Down 0.88

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price \$33.79 Down 0.66

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Closing Price \$29.45 Up 0.19

Closing Price \$9.12 Up 0.03

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price \$16.75 Down 0.25

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 or more)				GAINERS (\$2 or more)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Bank	257,798	13.12	+0.15	Facebook	116.09	+2.70	+20.2
Gold	146,417	119.07	+1.07	Paycom	31.85	+0.22	+19.6
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LOSERS (\$2 or more)				DIARY			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total
MGIC	4.52	-0.15	-3.3	454	305	42	801
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Adrasx	4.35	-12	-4.8	ConAgra	92	14	26.23	-14	+16.2	S Eale	1.68e	57.32	-86	-1.5	PlainsAA	3.93f	25	63.55	-1.11	+1.2	SP Mats	1.30e	39.10	-4.7	+1.8	SP Eng	1.06e	76.60	-26	+1.2			
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AMD	6	6.18	25	+24.4	ConocoPhill	2.64	11	75.44	-98	+10.8	IntegrE	2.72	16	51.06	-67	+5.3	Praxair	2.00	26	105.86	-1.17	+10.9	SPDR S&P	...	21.00	+35	+11.6	SunocoLg	4.78f	9	83.77	-0.6	+2
Alcoa	12	17	15.17	31	+1.4	CrackerB	88	12	47.56	-18	-13.2	Intel	.84f	10	22.28	-0.9	+5.9	PrmEgy	...	24.45	-28	+6	TeleEsp s	1.98e	...	21.86	-25	-4.2					
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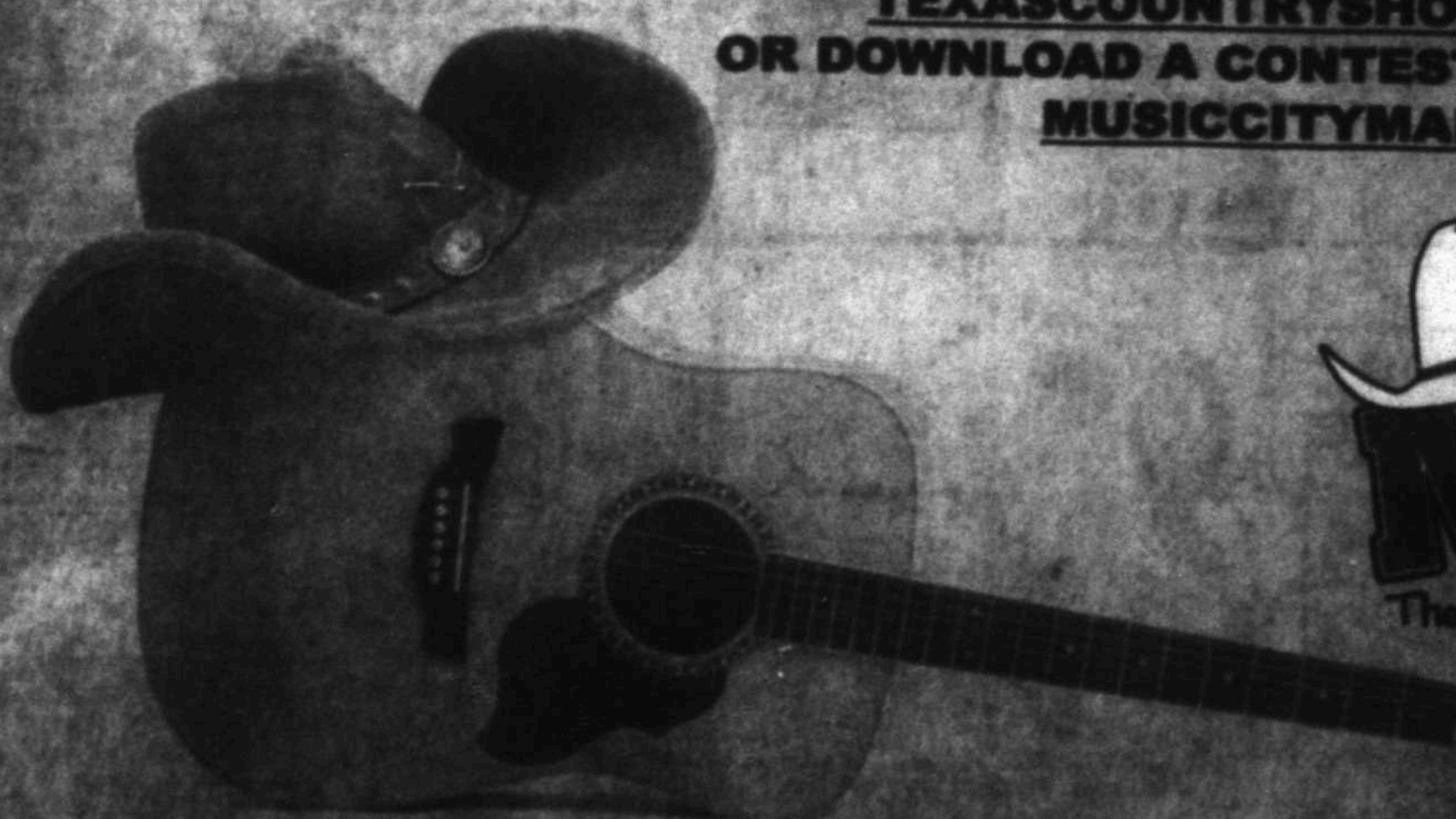
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High Sky Children's Ranch is in search of individuals who desire a career in working with children who have trauma histories of abuse and neglect. The following positions are now open: Emergency Care Director, Full-time, Exempt. The shelter Director is responsible for supervision, monitoring, and leadership of the Emergency Care Program. This director will ensure that all guidelines and standards are followed, and will work with other directors to meet the needs of children in the foster care system. Minimum requirements include: Bachelor's degree in a Human Service Field, 2 years experience working with children who have abuse histories, the ability to be on-call, and clear background checks. Other crucial aspects are the ability to communicate clearly both verbally and in writing, as well as strong leadership skills. Contact Shawna Bowerman at shawna@highsky.org for information on this great opportunity.

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Accelerated Pump Services FT
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Field Mechanic & Shop Mechanics
Successful candidates will be responsible for repairing all of our pump lines including National Oilwell, Gardner Denver, Summit Pump, all other multiplex and centrifugal lines. Mechanic must have tools and maintain heavy equipment and overseeing the use of company truck for cleanliness and safety. Candidate must have knowledge of positive displacement and centrifugal pump applications with a minimum experience of 3 years. Mechanic must be customer service oriented, self-motivated, good writing skills, and excellent communication skills. Salary dependent upon experience between \$15 and \$30/hour
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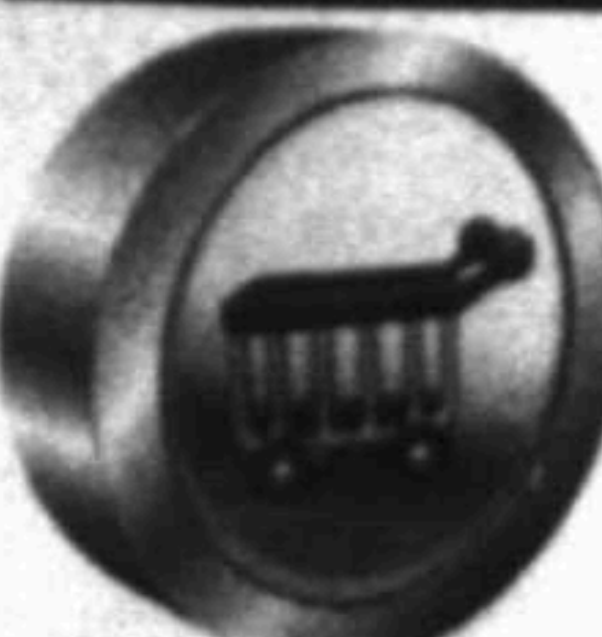
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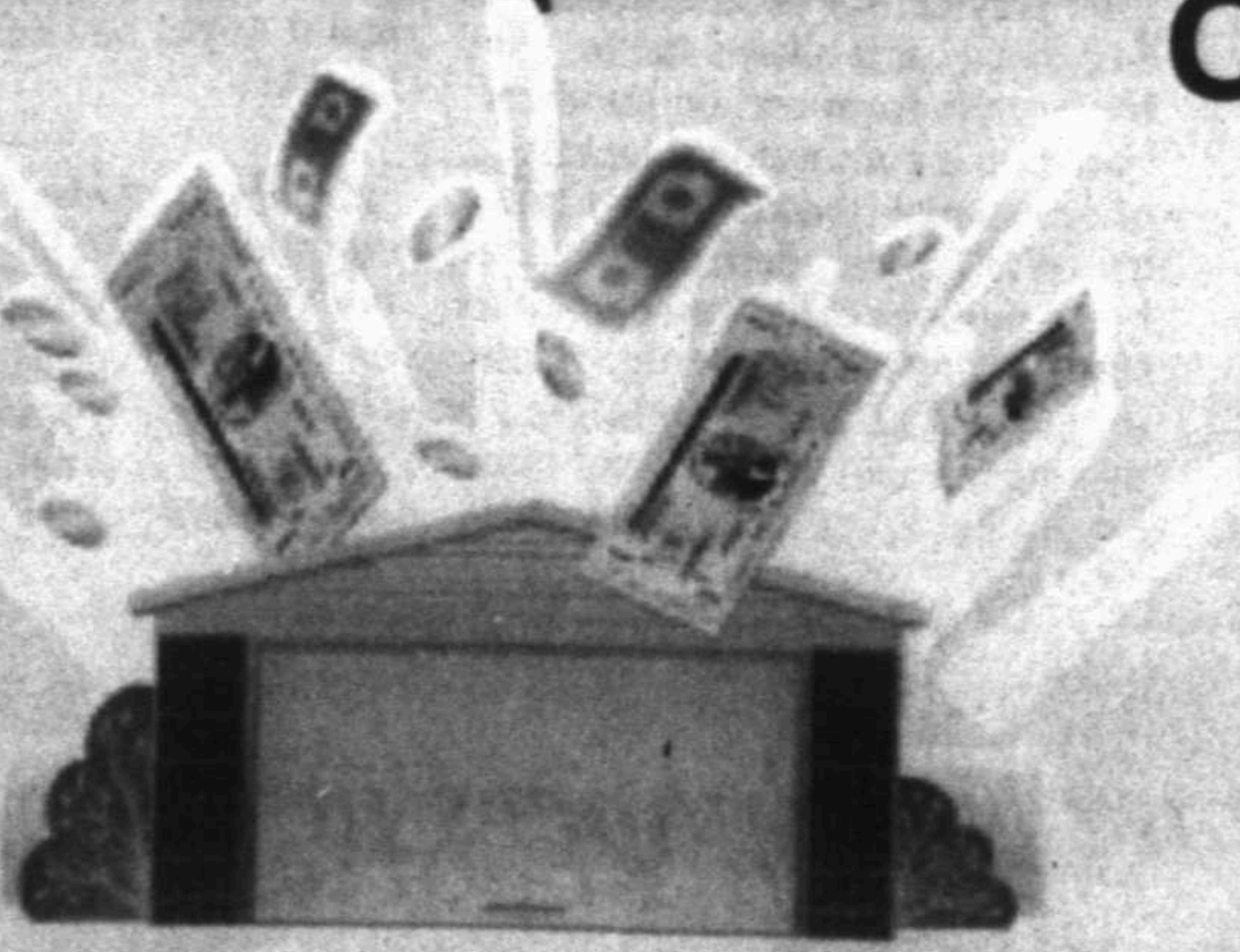
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LIGHTNING up the night



Lightning bugs on the rebound after recent population downturn

By Susan Reimer
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — The sun is setting and the sky above Dave and Christine McComas' house in Woodbine, Md., turns pink, signaling that the curtain is about to go up on tonight's show.

Soon, the wildflower meadow behind their home begins to sparkle, hundreds of lightning bugs floating upward. Ten-year-old Gloria and her friend, Mariel Frith, also 10, leap to catch the fireflies before they dim and disappear.

"We need to do it gracefully," Gloria shouts, laughing.

Lightning bugs are easier to catch than they are to count. But if you have the sense that there are more of them lighting up the summer night this year than in years past, you might be right.

After several years of decline in the lightning bug population, scientists say there could be a resurgence in the number and species of the beetles that lit the summer nights of our youth.

"The big drivers would be changes in climatic conditions," said Michael Raupp, professor of entomology at the University of Maryland and author of the blog Bug of the Week (bugoftheweek.com).

"It could be that the winter was more benign, that the larval stages (that live in the ground) had better food and the weather conditions are better for mating and laying eggs. Or there could be a drop in the number of predators."

Lightning bugs live a life as dramatic as their evening performance. After a year or two in the ground eating worms, grubs and slugs, they emerge and put on a light show to attract a mate.

They are aboveground for only a couple of weeks before they mate, leave their eggs in the soil and die. They don't even stop to eat, unless it is a bit of pollen or a sip of nectar.

"The most spectacular displays happen where the meadow reaches the forest edge," said Raupp, who stalks bugs with his camera. The larvae also glow, and he

finds them "winking along at nighttime like little trains in the soil."

"The signaling starts low in the grass, where they have been resting all day, and slowly moves up to the tree canopy. And they love hot, humid weather," said Christine McComas.

She and her husband and four daughters live on about 3 1/2 acres in Howard County, and she has converted an acre at the back of their property to a wildlife habitat, planting native wildflowers and 150 trees.

Fireflies couldn't ask for a better place to hang out, and they reward her family with nightly magic.

"Once it flashes, I can see the whole body for a minute," said Gloria. "They give themselves away, like little lanterns saying, 'Here I am.'"

"I don't have to do anything," said Mariel. "They just come to you. They land on my finger and invite their friends for a party, and I catch them."

Torin Reilly, 10, visiting a neighbor from Selinsgrove, Pa., joins the girls in

the deep twilight underneath a sugar maple tree as they fill up a pickle jar with lightning bugs, but he doesn't understand why the jar goes mysteriously dark.

"They don't flash in jars," explained Raupp. "Freaks them out."

The Museum of Science in Boston launched a project in 2008 to try to track lightning bugs, and they have "counters" who send in reports on the color of the flash — from pale green to yellow — and the flash patterns.

But Don Salvatore, who oversees the Firefly Watch, thinks it will be years of counting before scientists have a handle on the population, the number of species and their geographic haunts.

"We have a lot of anecdotal evidence," Salvatore said. "But we have never had any data." More than 5,000 "watchers" count the fireflies in their backyards during a 10-second period on a summer evening and report the numbers to him.

He has counters in 38 states, but there are no fireflies west of the Rockies and they are scarce in the Southwest.

Dear PropellerHeads: Now that everyone in my family has a cell phone, I am start-ing to wonder if we need the old land line anymore. Should we cut the cord?

A: I was thinking the same thing recently. We seldom get calls on the land line anymore. When we do, it's usually a telemarketer or a charity. Do I really want to pay good money to be annoyed?

But I just didn't think I was ready to kiss my old telephone goodbye. After all, our land line number is listed in dozens of places; and if someone who didn't have my cell number wanted to get in touch, they could easily find our land listing. And the thought of contacting all the banks, credit cards and other businesses to change our land number to my cell number was daunting.

So I chose what I think is a good compromise: I kept my land line number but got rid of the land line service. I was able to do this thanks to Ooma. Not Uma, the skinny actress from the Kill Bill movies. I'm talking about Ooma, a device that allows you to



make phone calls through an Internet connection (www.ooma.com).

Ooma is able to do this by utilizing Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), rather than telephone wires, to reach out and touch someone. VoIP has been around for a while, but was impractical until most households acquired high-speed Internet access. You can learn more than you ever wanted to know about VoIP at the FCC web site: <http://transition.fcc.gov/voip/> (your tax dollars at work). But in simple terms, a VoIP de-vice chops your conversation into tiny sound particles called umas that are small enough to slip through your Ethernet.

Just kidding! I have Uma on my mind for some reason. Oprah... Uma. Uma... Oprah. Oops! I did it again.

Anyway, Ooma was easy to set up. You plug the Ooma Hub into

your router, and then plug your phone into the Ooma Hub, and you can begin making calls. The service is free, but you must pay taxes and fees, which worked out to less than \$4 for me. Since I was paying my phone company about \$30 for monthly service, that was a no-brainer. However, the Ooma device costs around \$250, so it will be about a year before I make up the cost.

I was able to port my land line number to the Ooma service, which was part of the appeal. The service includes a voice-mail service that you can access over the Internet, and that will send a text alert to a cell number. You can view all the calls made to and from your phone as well.

I also sprang for the Ooma Premier service, for an additional \$10, because it allows me to block calls from certain numbers based on a community blacklist, or a personal blacklist that I create. When someone from a black-listed number calls, you can either send them directly to voice mail or play a "number disconnected" message. I also get a second number so that if someone calls when

I am on the phone, it will ring through to another handset.

Ooma is not the only VoIP service out there. Vonage offers a similar service at a similar price (www.vonage.com). But it doesn't have a cool name like Ooma. The discount market is covered by Magic Jack

(www.magicjack.com). It's only \$39.95 for the first year, and \$19.95 for subsequent years. But I was not impressed by their reputation. If you have a few hours to kill, google "magic jack complaints." Both services allow you to "port" your current number to their service, although the Magic-Jack porting service is currently in beta test mode (in other words, approach with caution).

Gotta go: the phone's ringing, and it might be Uma on my Ooma!

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