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Energy independence comes with caveats

Experts say oil, gas prices still will be affected by world markets, even if US has no imports

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — On the presidential campaign trail, both Mitt Romney and Barack Obama have vowed to break the United States free of foreign oil, offering a pledge of at least North American "energy independence."

In some ways, that's an easy promise to make. No matter who resides in the White House for the next four years, the United States already is on a trajectory to derive much of its oil and all of its natural gas from within its own borders because of technologies that allow energy companies to harvest the fossil fuels from dense rock formations.

But abundant domestic supplies don't guarantee a drop in the cost of energy. Oil prices are set on a world market, subject to a complex mix of factors outside the United States' control. And even if net U.S. or North American oil imports plummeted to zero, the United States still would be connected to that global market.

Michael Levi, a senior fellow for energy and the environment at the Council on Foreign Relations, argues that the notion of real energy independence requires more than just "impressive arithmetic." It isn't just adding up total imports and exports to get to zero.

"So long as you are part of a global oil market, your economy remains vulnerable to unrest in that market — even if you are buying oil from yourself," Levi said.

For instance, OPEC countries could cut their production to offset any spikes in U.S. oil — a scenario even bullish analysts anticipate.

"There will be times when OPEC may respond and cut production, and that temporarily will pop up the price again," said analyst John Freeman, managing director of Raymond James & Associates.

Romney unveiled his energy plan last month in a 21-page white paper that promises "North American energy independence by 2020," largely by expanding offshore drilling, relaxing environmental regulations and putting states in control of permitting energy projects on federal land

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Fracturing in the news

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Students gather arourid the flag pole outside Lee High School on Wednesday morning for the annual student-led prayers for See You at the Pole. Check out Friday's edition of Religion to see more pictures from See You at the Pole.

MOUTD uses taxi service in midst of driver shortage

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

A continuing shortage of bus drivers has forced EZ Rider to partner with a local taxi company to provide service to its paratransit riders.

That was news to some Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District board members at their meeting Wednesday, despite a motion during the board's previous meeting to allow the bus service organization to pursue ways to provide service to its paratransit riders.

EZ Rider has employed the help of Midessa Transportation for the past two to three months, according to Executive Director Alonda Massey. The taxis are sent out in order to avoid long hours for the paratransit drivers and to prevent cutting the curb-to-curb service for people with disabilities.

"We were running so far behind, and we didn't have the drivers," Massey said. "We had to do something."

Key figures

EZ Rider pays **$25 per trip** for the taxi company's services and makes **$2.50 per trip** from its riders.

Lack of staff consistently has been a problem for EZ Rider, Massey said, not unlike companies across the rest of the Permian Basin. In April, the bus service's parent company — McDonald Transit of Lubbock — asked the board to allow the public transportation system to turn down requests for paratransit service outside the required area if a driver was not available. About 10 trips at that time were provided on a daily basis outside EZ Rider's required paratransit service area, a representative said.

EZ Rider pays $25 per trip for the taxi company's services, Massey said, whereas the organization receives $2.50 per trip from its riders. The organization's actual loss, though, is less than $22.50 per ride, a number that board member and Midland City Councilman John James said is misleading.

"If we're not expending fuel, labor and vehicle costs, that's what you compare to the $25," he said.

The board made a "conscious decision" at its last meeting that the greater loss was not providing service to its paratransit riders because of the shortage in bus drivers, James said, though the board did not specifically vote on how the organization should go about fixing the problem.

"We dictate overall policy, but do we dictate day-to-day policy?" board member and Midland City Councilman Michael Trost said. "We said that EZ Rider needed to take care of this however they can."

There is no written contract existing between the district and Midessa Transportation, according to Massey. There

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New disease strain found in Midland mosquitoes

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

A new strain of a mosquito-borne disease has led the Texas Department of State Health Services to conduct surveillance programs and tests.

The California serogroup strain has appeared this week for the first time in Midland County, and staff are testing those mosquitoes that may be carrying the disease.

Zoonosis control specialist Kathy Parker set out nine traps Monday and Tuesday to catch mosquitoes to send to Austin for testing.

The testing is in conjunction with the regular surveillance testing that is done each year from May through November, said Parker, who covers about 36 counties in West Texas and the Permian Basin.

While West Nile virus is the most common mosquito-borne disease, Parker said several other viruses in the area are linked to other mosquito species.

The California serogroup disease recently was found in a Midlander when a doctor suspected it could be an arbovirus, she said.

Symptoms of arboviruses, which are not as severe as West Nile, include headaches and seizures, officials said.

When conducting the surveillance program, Parker said they test the mosquito pools to see if the area sprayings are successful and to check if mosquito levels are down.

Levels have dropped in Midland because sprayings have been conducted all over the city, officials said.

There are diseases specific to each species of mosquito. The California serogroup disease is found mostly in the Eastern states. There have been only five known cases in Texas since 1964, according to officials.

To conduct the surveillance program, Parker said she goes out before sunset, usually between 6 and 8 p.m., and sets traps in a water hole where there have been reports of mosquitoes.

The trap — which is made with a PC pipe — sucks up mosquitoes into nets.

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George Strait hitting the road for the last time

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — George Strait is getting ready to park his tour bus.

The enduring country music superstar announced Wednesday during a news conference at the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum that he will embark on his final tour early next year. Strait will play 21 dates in 2013, then 20 more in 2014 on The Cowboy Rides Away tour. He plans to continue recording music and making occasional live appearances after that, but his road warrior days will soon be over.

"I just don't want to go to the point where I show up and nobody else does, you know?" Strait said in an interview before making the announcement. "It's been great. I've been doing it for 30-some odd years and I've loved it. Sometimes I've not liked it as much. And here lately it's just the walking out onstage part, that's all great. I'm still loving that. It's just the hectic part about touring and traveling and bam bam bam bam. I just feel like it's time for me to try something else."

News of Strait's retirement will come as something of a shock in country quarters. He's so entrenched in the genre he's become part of the bedrock, a landmark to be marveled at repeatedly over the decades.

The 60-year-old Country Music Hall of Fame member from Texas released his first single "Unwound" in 1981, before some of today's top stars were born. Since then he's had 59 No. 1 country singles and is the only artist to score a Top 10 hit in every year of his career. All his albums have gone platinum or gold, selling more than 68 million copies.

Traditional country singer Joe Nichols acknowledged Strait's impact when he called the singer "the Rolling Stones of country music" in a 2010 interview.

And in a lot of ways, that's been true. Until now. The Stones refuse to retire from the road, while Strait has decided to do it on his own terms.

"I'm sure I'll miss it. I'm sure I will," Strait said. "How can you not after doing it for so long. It was a hard decision to make. It was tough. I've lost sleep. But I think about midway through this tour I'll realize that, yeah, I did make the right decision. It's just a part of it."

The first leg of the tour will kick off Jan. 18 in Lubbock and end June 1 in San Antonio. Dates for 2014 will be announced later. Martina McBride will join Strait on tour in 2013.

Strait said he was nervous about whether fans will come out and see him, but that's rarely been a cause for concern over the years. His live show is one of country's top draws. He's sold more than 4.3 million headlining concert tickets since 1999, according to Pollstar, an average of more than 18,000 per performance.

He said one of his most memorable performances was his last-minute replacement of Eddie Rabbitt at the 1984 Houston Rodeo in the Astrodome: "He just happened to get a case of laryngitis, which was a stroke of luck for me." And he also fondly remembers opening for — Willie Nelson in those early years: "I opened for Willie at a fair one time and we were right in the middle of our set and the crowd just starts going crazy and I'm thinking, 'They're really liking this stuff.' I look behind me and Willie's bus is pulling up."

It's been a long time since Strait opened for anybody, and he can count most of today's major stars among the myriad who have opened for him. Yet he admits, he sometimes still gets that indescribable feeling you get when you walk out on the stage.

"It's just amazing the energy that you feel," Strait said. "I'd say three years ago we played in my hometown of San Antonio for 55,000 people at the Alamodome and walking out there with a crowd like that is just, you're excited, you're scared. There are just so many emotions going on. I still get nervous for things like that until after I sing about the first one or two songs, then I settle down. To try to describe what you feel, it's just a big electric energy feel that's right on top of you."

Strait says he knows he'll miss that feeling, and he reserves the right to return to the road if he wants. But Wednesday he was feeling comfortable with everything.

"I hope people show up because we're going to a lot of the places we've been to for so long, from year to year, and it's kind of like saying goodbye to that," he said. "It's going to be a little emotional."

AP file photo

George Strait performs during Fire Relief: The Concert For Central Texas at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin on Oct. 17, 2011. The 60-year-old country music superstar on Wednesday announced that he'll embark on his final concert tour early next year. He made the announcement at a news conference at the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum in Nashville, Tenn.

Strait's stops in Texas

- Jan. 18: United Spirit Arena in Lubbock
- March 17: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo at Reliant Stadium in Houston
- June 1: The Alamodome in San Antonio

Pollstar.com

Police chief resigns; NM force has gone to the dog

Associated Press

VAUGHN, N.M. — The police chief of the small eastern New Mexico town of Vaughn resigned Wednesday, leaving the town with just one certified member on its police force — a drug-sniffing dog named Nikka.

Dave Romero, attorney for the town, said Wednesday that police Chief Ernest "Chris" Armijo decided to step down after news stories reported that he wasn't allowed to carry a gun because of his criminal background.

"He decided the attention was distracting," Romero said.

State officials said Armijo couldn't carry a gun after acknowledging that he owed tens of thousands of dollars in delinquent child support payments in Texas. Armijo also faces new felony charges after being accused of selling a town-owned rifle and pocketing the cash.

Romero said Armijo is working to clear up the latest case. He said Armijo has not ruled out seeking the police chief's position again if his case is resolved and the position is open.

According to records, the only qualified member of the Vaughn Police Department is Nikka, a drug-sniffing dog. Vaughn's other officer isn't certified and pleaded guilty to charges of assault and battery last year. Non-certified officers can't make arrests and can't carry firearms.

But Romero said not having an officer qualified to carry a gun didn't put Vaughn at risk. "England doesn't allow police officers to carry guns," he said. "Sometimes the strongest weapon in law enforcement is communication."

Vaughn, a town of about 450 located 104 miles east of Albuquerque, is a quiet town that is an overnight stop for railroad workers. And while residents say there is no crime problem, the town is set deep in what U.S. Homeland Security Investigations officials say is an isolated region of the state popular with drug traffickers.

Officials say the desolate roads in Guadalupe County make it hard for authorities to catch smugglers moving drugs from Mexico.

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New tests show less benzene in fracturing zone

CHEYENNE — New groundwater testing in Wyoming shows much lower levels of the carcinogen benzene than what the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reported when it linked contaminants in two water wells to hydraulic fracturing.

Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead said Wednesday that the state still needs to review the data from the U.S. Geological Survey, but he praised the new tests as an improvement over last year's EPA reports.

Pavillion-area homeowners complain that their well water turned foul with chemicals when gas drilling picked up in their neighborhood about seven years ago.

The USGS, Wyoming, the EPA and two Indian tribes collaborated on the new testing after state officials criticized the EPA for not involving them in the earlier study.

The study drew a link between certain contaminants and hydraulic fracturing, which blasts water, sand and chemicals into wells to crack open rock fissures.

PENNSYLVANIA

Tanker spills drilling wastewater in creek

JERSEY SHORE — A tanker carrying 4,600 gallons of hydraulic fracturing wastewater has spilled its load near a storm drain that empties into Pine Creek, a popular fishing spot in Lycoming County.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection said the truck spilled treated wastewater on State Route 44 in Watson Township on Wednesday afternoon. DEP said it's not clear how many gallons have spilled. The agency has sampled various spots on Pine Creek and said it has not detected any harm to fish.

Hydraulic fracturing is the technique used by drillers to tap into deep reserves of natural gas. Each fracked well can produce millions of gallons of contaminated wastewater.

Report criticizes Pa. gas drilling enforcement

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pennsylvania regulators aren't inspecting tens of thousands of oil and gas wells even once a year, a new report says. But state officials say they're inspecting most new wells in the Marcellus Shale region, which is the right place to focus.

The report issued Tuesday by Earthworks, a Washington D.C. nonprofit, found that more than 66,000 active wells weren't inspected by the Department of Environmental Protection last year and that many companies cited for violations aren't punished.

DEP spokeswoman Katherine Gresh said in a statement that the agency inspected 78 percent of newer shale gas wells last year and that older conventional wells usually operate for decades without problems. She said that failing to note the major differences between old and new wells "is comparing apples to oranges and misleading the public."

Key fact

Pennsylvania now budgets more for oil and gas oversight than the state of Texas, which has far more wells.

Earthworks said the number of inspections don't meet the goal of DEP's own guidelines, even for new wells.

"There's at least a quarter of all new wells that aren't getting inspected. We still think that's not good enough," said Bruce Baizel, an Earthworks staff attorney.

Gresh said that a 1989 DEP statement on frequency of well inspections isn't a law, just a policy, and that drilling companies also are required to inspect their own wells and report any problems. The 1989 document states that the agency intends to inspect wells "at least once during each of the phases of siting, drilling, casing, cementing, completing, altering and stimulating a well."

Regulators contend that, overall, water and air pollution problems are rare. The industry and many federal and state officials say the practice is safe when done properly, and many rules on air pollution and disclosure of the chemicals used in fracturing are being strengthened.

Gresh also said that the number of inspections per well has risen from 3.3 in 2009 to more than 10 so far this year and that the agency has made "rapid and significant field personnel staffing increases; and upgraded policies and regulations."

The Associated Press found that the staffing increases took place in 2009 and 2010, during the previous administration of Gov. Ed Rendell. DEP said in an email last month that it has budgeted for 202 employees in the oil and gas program since 2010.

However, the earlier budget increases for oil and gas oversight were substantial. Earthworks found that Pennsylvania now budgets more for oil and gas oversight than the state of Texas, which has far more wells.

The Marcellus Shale Coalition, an industry group, said the Earthworks report is biased.

"In 2009, Marcellus Shale producers supported a well permitting fee increase which helped double PA DEP's regulatory staff at no taxpayer expense," spokesman Patrick Creighton said in a statement. He added that the report makes "false claims, contrary to the facts and readily available data, in an effort to grab a headline and spread fear."

NY records show history of oil, gas well problems

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — State regulators claim a strong record of oil and gas drilling oversight, but their own reports reveal thousands of unplugged abandoned wells and other industrial problems that could pose a threat to groundwater, wetlands, air quality and public safety.

Annual reports and incident reports prepared by Department of Environmental Conservation staff and reviewed by The Associated Press run counter to the agency's long-stated assertion that the types of problems reported in other states have been prevented in New York by strong regulations.

The review comes as New York officials prepare to issue a decision on whether to allow hydraulic fracturing, a lucrative method of extracting natural gas that has raised environmental concerns.

"Division of Mineral Resources annual reports over two decades show that the DEC's inadequate regulation of gas and oil extraction activities resulted in thousands of unresolved pollution threats to public health and the environment," said Walter Hang, president of Toxics Targeting, an Ithaca-based consulting firm that provided the reports. Hang leads an effort to ban natural gas drilling in New York, where drilling has been on hold since the DEC began an environmental impact review in 2008.

That same year, then-DEC Commissioner Pete Grannis said: "As a result of New York's rigorous regulatory process, the types of problems that have occurred in states without such strong environmental laws and rigorous regulations haven't happened here."

A DEC spokeswoman said agency enforcement personnel have resolved or are working to address problems noted in the agency's reports.

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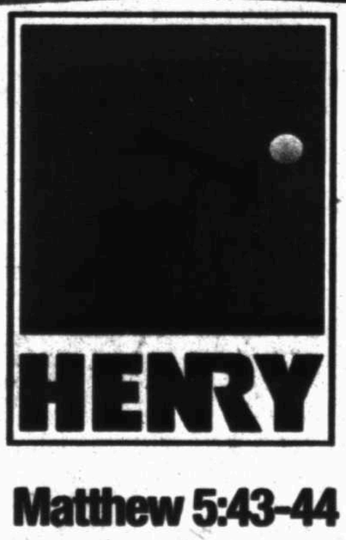

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■ Brown Bag Lunch Series presents Jack Burgess, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. Burgess will present a history of the Shafter Silver Mine.

■ St. Ann's Family Fair carnival at St. Ann's Church, 6-10 p.m., Illinois Avenue and N Street. Carnival prices: Armbands: $20. Without an armband, tickets are $1 and rides cost three to four tickets each.

■ The Rib Speaks Out, 7 p.m., Allison Fine Arts Building, Wagner Brown Auditorium. Admission: Free.

Homecoming activities

■ Lee High School parade, 6 p.m., at the intersection of Wadley Avenue and Sunburst Drive, traveling east on Wadley before turning south on Midland Drive. The parade will turn onto Neely Avenue, traveling east and ending at the school where Rebelpalooza will take place.

■ Greenwood High School parade, 7:30 p.m., Greenwood Baptist Church, 10909 FM 307. It will travel onto FM 1379 and into the Greenwood High School parking lot.

■ Trinity School carnival, 6 p.m., Trinity School. The free homecoming carnival with a bounce house, face painting, football throw and jumpers will begin at 6 p.m. at the school. The Sports Booster Club will sell hamburger meals for $5. A concert by Christian rap singer Big Rich will be from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m.

Movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

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Opening Friday: "Looper," "Hotel Transylvania" and "Won't Back Down"

■ **Big Sky Drive-in**
Closing today: "The Odd Life of Timothy Green"
Opening Friday: "Hotel Transylvania"

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

Note: Big Sky shows Monday Night Football every Monday during the season for free on Screen 2.

Community calendar

■ The League of Women Voters of Midland will have an informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the Carrasco Room at Midland College.
The guest speakers are Patrick Payton and Laura Roman, co-chairs of Better Schools for a Better Midland, and Paul Cain, Speakers Bureau Committee chair
For more information, call Karmen Hendrix-Bryant at 682-6723.

■ Two cancer support groups are to meet next month at Hope House, 2006 W. Tennessee Ave. Dialogue Support Group is to meet noon Oct. 9 and Women's Support Group is to meet noon Oct. 16. Lunch will be served. For more information, call Fatima Castillo at 218-8714.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Oct. 18.
This month's featured book is "The Halloween House." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.
To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m., Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.; 694-8643 and 10 a.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely; 694-8347.

Water worries

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

Tuesday's total: 14,454,000 (CRMWD 10,798,000, Paul Davis field 3,656,000)
Previous three Tuesdays
Sept. 18: 12,717,000 gallons
Sept. 11: 14,074,000 gallons
Sept. 4: 16,094,000 gallons

MRT on the radio

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

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 1-9-0
Pick 3 night: 8-5-5
Daily 4 day: 5-6-2-6
Daily 4 night: 1-1-4-1
Cash Five: 7-12-25-32-37
Lotto Texas: 5-19-30-31-34
Powerball: 13-26-39-41-42 PB: 10
All or Nothing (morning): 2-4-7-9-12-13-15-19-20-21-23-24
All or Nothing (day): 3-5-6-7-8-10-13-15-16-17-18-20
All or Nothing (evening): 2-3-4-5-8-11-13-16-18-20-22-24
All or Nothing (night): 2-3-4-5-8-9-14-15-16-17-21-24

Today in history

In 1964, the government publicly released the report of the Warren Commission, which found that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone in assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

Associated Press

Benjamin Benson poses Tuesday in the parking lot outside his residence at a senior community in Peabody, Mass. Families may have to watch for dings in the car and plead with an older driver to give up the keys — but there's new evidence that doctors could become more of an influence on one of the most wrenching decisions facing a rapidly aging population.

DRIVING DECISION

Study says doctors play role in getting older drivers to give up the car keys

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Families may have to watch for dings in the car and plead with an older driver to give up the keys — but there's new evidence that doctors could have more of an influence on one of the most wrenching decisions facing a rapidly aging population.

A large study from Canada found that when doctors warn patients, and tell driving authorities, that the older folks may be medically unfit to be on the road, there's a drop in serious crash injuries among those drivers.

The study, in today's New England Journal of Medicine, couldn't tell if the improvement was because those patients drove less or drove more carefully once the doctors pointed out the risk.

But as the number of older drivers surges, it raises the question of how families and doctors could be working together to determine if and when age-related health problems — from arthritis to frailty to Alzheimer's disease — are bad enough to impair driving.

By one U.S. estimate, about 600,000 older drivers a year quit because of health conditions. The problem: There are no clear-cut guidelines to tell who really needs to — and given the lack of transportation options in much of the country, quitting too soon can be detrimental for someone who might have functioned well for several more years.

It's never an easy discussion.

"It did not go over so well," Benjamin Benson recalled about the time when his sons told the 87-year-old they feared his reflexes had slowed too much for safe driving.

"I've never had an accident," the Peabody, Mass., man said. His family's response: "Well, do you want to wait for the first one?"

The retired accountant wasn't ready to quit then, but quietly he began to analyze what would happen to him and his wife, who doesn't drive, if he did.

His longtime doctor wouldn't advise one way or the other. So over a few months, the couple tried online grocery shopping. They took a taxi to the dentist, not cheap at $38 round-trip. But Benson calculated that maintaining and insuring the car was expensive, too, when he drove only 3,000 miles a year.

A few weeks ago, Benson surprised his family by giving away the car, and he said he's faring fine so far.

Unlike in most of the U.S., doctors in much of Canada are supposed to report to licensing authorities patients with certain health conditions that may impair driving. Ontario in 2006 began paying doctors a small fee to further encourage that step — and researchers used the payments to track 100,075 patients who received those warnings between April of that year and December 2009 (out of the province's more than 9 million licensed drivers).

They compared the group's overall rate of crashes severe enough to send the driver to the emergency room, before the warnings began and afterward, and found a 45 percent drop, reported lead researcher Dr. Donald Redelmeier, a University of Toronto professor. While the study included adult drivers of all ages — for conditions ranging from epilepsy to sleep disorders, alcoholism to dementia — most were over age 60. A small percentage of the province's licensed drivers have received warnings, Redelmeier stressed, and licenses are suspended by authorities between 10 percent and 30 percent of the time.

TAXI

From 1A

also was no official bid for different taxi services in the Permian Basin, but Massey noted the amount of money spent on the services was not enough to require a bid. Midessa Transportation currently provides a similar subcontracted service for West Texas Opportunities, Inc., Massey said. The company also was one of the few, if not only, in the area equipped to transport disabled or handicapped individuals, James said.

The funding for the partnership is taken out of EZ Rider's paratransit operating costs, Massey said. Other board members asked Massey to create a report on how much is being spent on the taxi service and what is being saved in opportunity costs in regard to fuel, labor and other expenses. Massey said the cost will only be a small slice of the bus service's overall expenditures, but board members expressed the need for better transparency with tax payer dollars.

"I think we're going to find that the number is really tiny, but that prudence is necessary," James said.

In other business:

■ New board officers were elected for the fiscal year 2013 beginning in October. Karen York will remain as the chair, and Chris Flores will replace Dr. Susan Lara as vice chair.

■ The board plans to take action during its next meeting in regard to converting its entire fleet to natural gas after the construction of its multimodal transportation facility, which officials plan to be moved into by the time the lease ends on its current Odessa offices in March 2013. The idea was inspired by a recent announcement that two of Midland's Stripes convenience store locations will house some of the city's first compressed natural gas fueling stations, Trost said.

■ Board members plan to move forward with a recommendation to the city of Midland in regard to placing advertising at bus shelters.

"My initial estimate is that could be $50,000 per year if we did it really well in both cities," James said during the meeting.

■ Two EZ Rider buses wrapped in KOSA advertisements already can be seen around town, board members said; the wraps were agreed upon in return for $48,000 worth of trade advertisement. The timing and approach for future promotional campaigns are yet to be decided by the board.

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DISEASE

From 1A

The next morning, she collects the live mosquitoes and then sends them in vials to Austin for testing.

"The main thing is trapping. We go to areas where there is a high concentration to evaluate the spraying and whether it's working or not. If it is, it's then decreasing the (mosquito) population," she said.

Midland and West Texas are about two weeks behind the peak season of West Nile that regions such as East Texas have been experiencing.

Officials said Wednesday that it's likely West Texans still will see West Nile cases in both humans and horses through the end of October.

The number of cases has begun to drop, but Parker said DSHS is trying to be vigilant and get a start on next summer's cases by conducting these surveillance programs.

"We got really lucky. It could have been so much worse," she said about this year's West Nile.

Parker said officials want to develop a good plan of action to address West Nile before the mosquito season starts up again.

While the mosquito population never will be completely eliminated, residents can help reduce breeding. It takes approximately four days for an egg to mature into an adult, Parker said.

With rain expected in the forecast today, Friday and Saturday, Parker said residents should eliminate standing water on their property. Tires or empty garbage cans that collect rainwater could be breeding grounds, she said.

Parker plans to place traps around the city on Monday and Wednesday and requests that people do not touch the traps.

She hopes that staying on top of the surveillance will provide information and insight before next year's West Nile season hits.

"Who could have known this season we had?" she said.

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ENERGY

From 1A

within their borders.

Obama's energy approach would combine support for renewable fuels and alternative power with domestic oil and gas production. Obama also has broadly touted the promise of newly available natural gas supplies.

Regardless of who is president the next four years, the United States is likely to pursue policies that would curb the pricing advantage for American energy.

For instance, Romney has pledged to sign off on the proposed Keystone XL pipeline that would deliver Canadian crude from Alberta to refineries along the Gulf Coast, while simultaneously freeing supplies now trapped in the Cushing, Okla., oil hub.

The dearth of infrastructure between Cushing and the Gulf Coast is one reason West Texas Intermediate crude is trading at roughly $17 less per barrel than Brent, the international benchmark.

"That's solely because of a lack of pipeline capacity," noted David Hughes, a geologist and fellow at the Post Carbon Institute. "People who think Keystone XL is going to increase U.S. energy security and lower prices should think again because as soon as Canadian oil daylights to the Gulf Coast, it can command world prices."

Even the surge in domestic natural gas production doesn't guarantee costs will remain low. The government's Energy Information Administration forecasts that the United States will be producing more natural gas than it uses by 2022, but energy companies and analysts widely say current prices — between $2 and $3 per thousand cubic feet — are unsustainably low.

The Obama administration is considering allowing more companies to liquefy and export natural gas, effectively putting the fossil fuel on a world marketplace for the first time and almost inevitably sending domestic prices up.

Both Obama and Romney have touted increased energy development as a way to rev up the U.S. economy and create jobs.

Daniel Ahn, chief commodity economist at Citi, predicts that new U.S. oil and gas production could add between $200 billion and $300 billion in revenue, stimulate many hundreds of billions more in economic activity and create 2 million to 3.5 million new jobs.

The surge in drilling in North Dakota, Ohio and south Texas has been made possible by horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing techniques that free natural gas and oil from dense rock formations.

The crude extracted from the Bakken formation in North Dakota, the Eagle Ford shale in Texas and other unconventional oil plays has enabled the U.S. to reverse a nearly four-decade-long decline in domestic production.

"By opening the door to vast resources of unconventional liquids, and, of course, natural gas, too, the industry has radically reshaped the trajectory of U.S. oil production," said Raymond James analysts in a report that was the foundation for much of Romney's proposal.

Citigroup forecasts that by 2020, the United States will produce 15 million barrels per day of liquid fuels, up from 5.6 million barrels per day last year. Raymond James predicts net oil imports to essentially reach zero by 2020, based on more biofuel, declines in demand and boosted domestic crude production.

But not everyone's convinced.

The government's Energy Information Administration — which has at times been criticized as too optimistic — projects that while U.S. crude production will climb for much of the next decade, it will peak at 6.7 million barrels per day in 2020. By 2035, according to the EIA, the United States will produce just 6 million barrels per day and import 36 percent of the oil it consumes.

Other energy analysts say the optimistic forecasts ignore the rapid decline rates from hydraulically fractured wells.

"You almost always find the biggest and best stuff in the beginning. The longer you are in the basin, the smaller the fields and the more expensive it gets to produce," said Art Berman, an energy consultant from Texas. "People are forgetting that."

Wells in the Bakken and Eagle Ford formations generally produce a lot of oil initially, but that starts dropping fast.

Berman, oft-criticized by the industry, and Hughes estimates decline rates of about 40 percent — which means just keeping production flat requires drilling hundreds of new wells each year.

Berman suggests that the question isn't whether the U.S. has enough oil to become energy independent, but at what price.

"It's tremendous we are producing more oil than we have in a couple years," Berman said. "At the same time, we have to be realistic about what the costs are to do this and how sustainable it is."

Even under the most bullish forecasts, the United States' thirst for energy eclipses what the country is able to produce.

According to the EIA, the United States consumed 18.8 million barrels per day of refined petroleum products and biofuels in 2011 — about 22 percent of world consumption.

Even with new Obama administration fuel economy standards that would nearly double average gas mileage for passenger vehicles to 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025, the transportation sector drives U.S. demand for oil.

"Our vulnerability stems primarily from the fact that we consume a lot of oil, not from the fact that we consume a lot of imported oil," Levi said.

US general charged with adultery, other sex crimes

Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — An Army brigadier general who served five combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan has been charged with forcible sodomy, multiple counts of adultery and having inappropriate relationships with several female subordinates, two U.S. defense officials said Wednesday.

The defense officials spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to provide details on the case.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair faces possible courts martial on charges that include forced sex, wrongful sexual conduct, violating an order, possessing pornography and alcohol while deployed, and misusing a government travel charge card and filing fraudulent claims.

Sinclair, who served as deputy commander in charge of logistics and support for the 82nd Airborne Division in Afghanistan, was sent home in May because of the allegations, the officials said. Since he returned to the U.S., Sinclair has been assigned as a special assistant to the commanding general of 18th Airborne Corps.

Often when general officers are under investigation they are temporarily assigned as special assistants to more senior officers or commanders.

The charges were announced at a brief press conference Wednesday at Fort Bragg. After reading a prepared statement, base spokesman Col. Kevin Arata refused to take questions. Reporters were told all questions would have to be made in writing and that no response was likely to come until the following day.

Phoenix filmmaker jailed in grenade launcher hoax

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A Phoenix man dressed his nephew in a sheet and sent him into a busy street with a fake grenade launcher, filming the masked teenager pointing the weapon at passing cars to see how long it took police to respond, authorities said.

Michael D. Turley was arrested Monday, nearly two months after the bizarre film was posted to YouTube. He posted $5,000 bond and was released.

In the film, the narrator, who police identified as Turley, said he wanted to see how long it took authorities to respond to a terrorist incident. The introduction to the video mentions the July 20 theater shooting in Aurora, Colo., that killed 12.

"Given this event, I wanted to run a little test here in Phoenix, Arizona," Turley said. "I want to find out how safe I really am, and I want to know the response time of the Phoenix police department."

The YouTube clip shows the masked teen marching back and forth at an intersection with the rocket-propelled grenade launcher on his shoulder.

The first officer finds Turley and the teen in a neighborhood, standing in Turley's driveway.

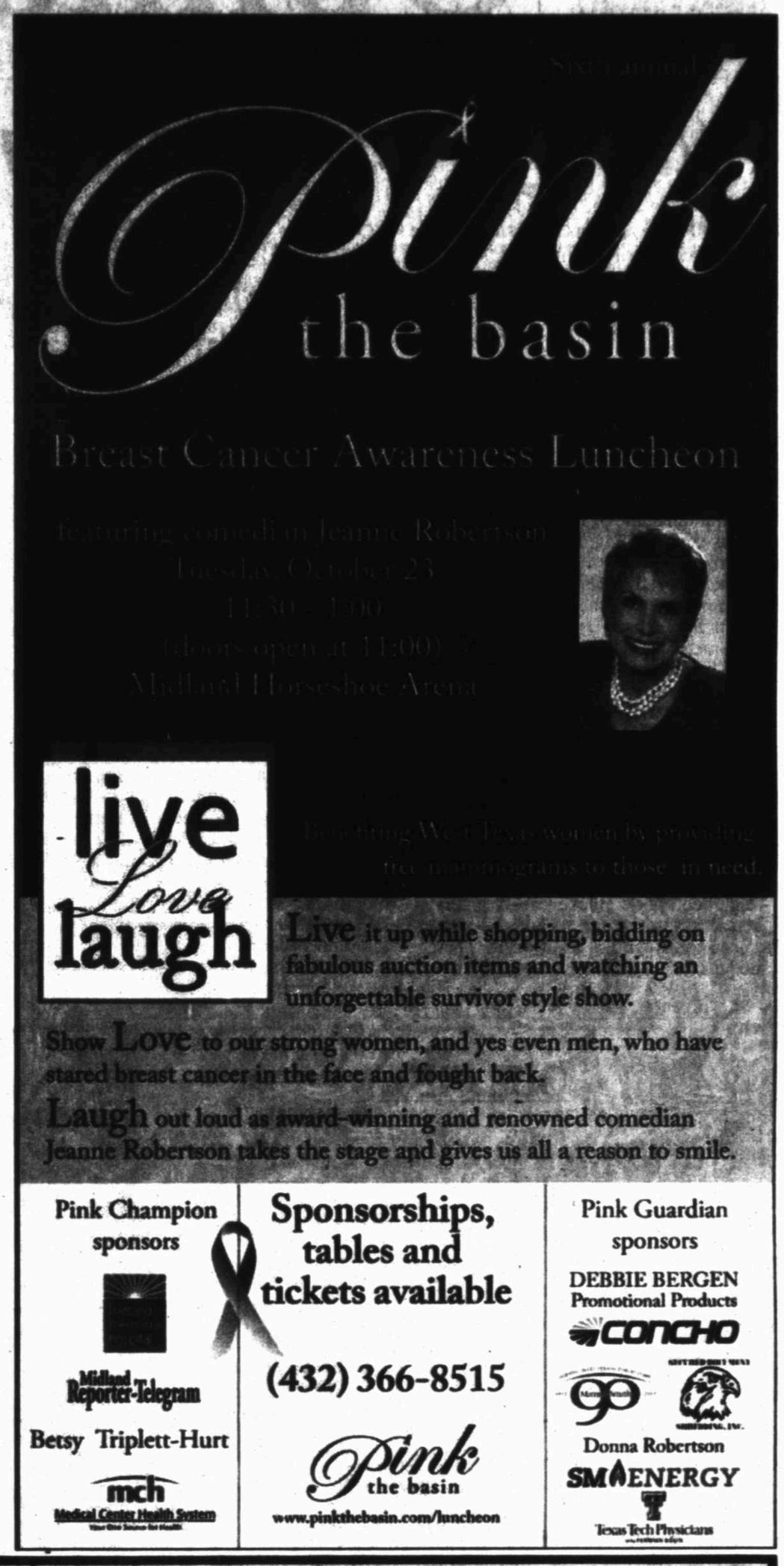
The officer calmly tells the boy to put down the weapon and Turley to put down the camera. He doesn't draw his gun.

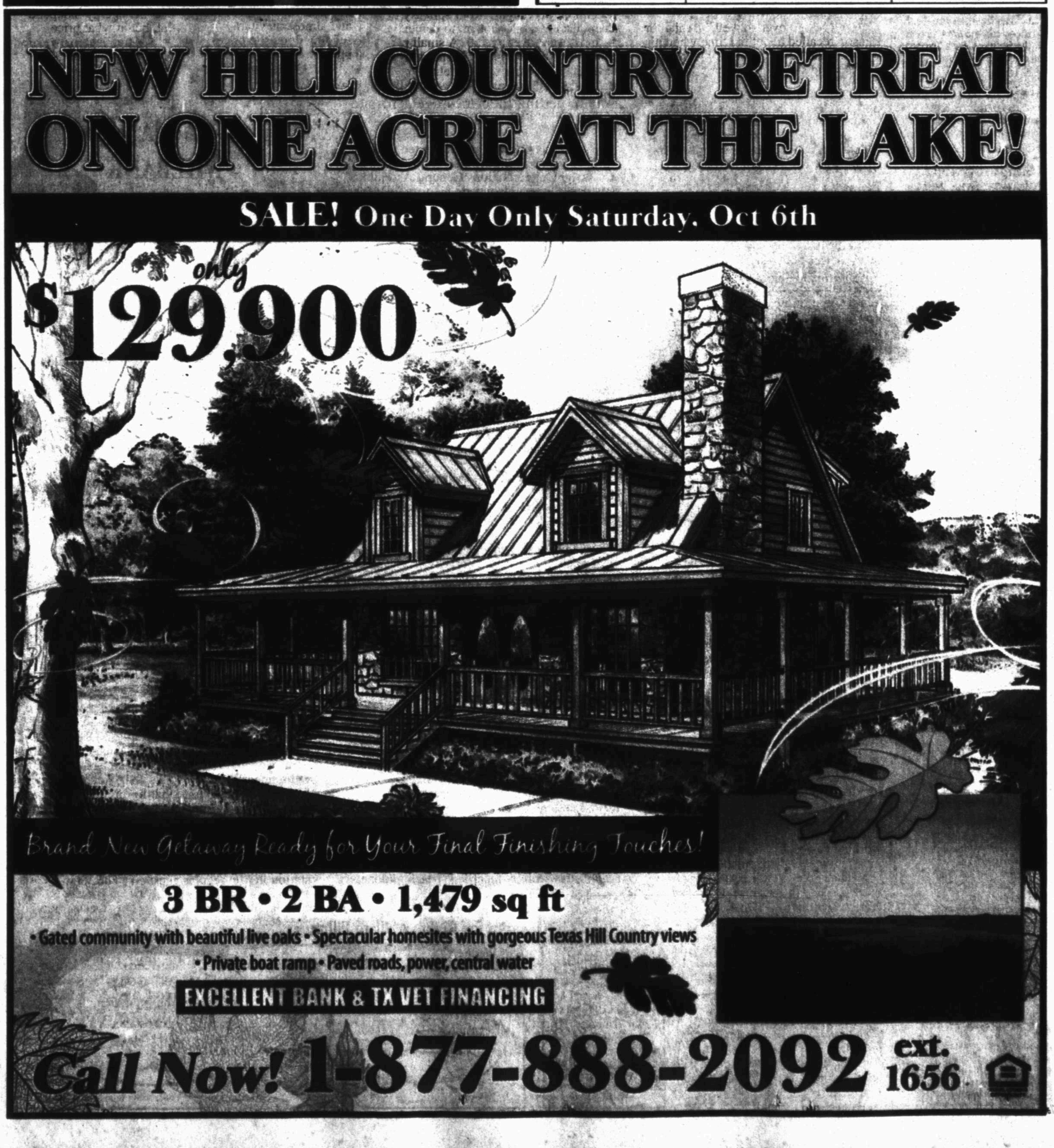
Officer James Holmes, a police spokesman, said Turley told the officer they were just filming a movie, and the officer took down their names and left.

After interviewing people who called 911 and later seeing the video posted on YouTube, police arrested Turley.

"It surprised us that he actually put that video on YouTube," Holmes said.

The police response took just over three minutes from the first call, and a helicopter and SWAT team was dispatched as backup, Holmes said.





Opinion

State of North Carolina attacks free speech

■ Nutrition board tries to silence blogger who was giving hints on eating right, saying he needed a license to "counsel."

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RALEIGH, N.C.— North Carolina is giving Steve Cooksey some choices. He can stop speaking. Or he can get a Ph.D. in nutrition, or a medical degree, or a bachelor's degree in nutrition and then pass an examination after completing a 900-hour clinical internship. Or he can skip this onerous credentialing, keep speaking and risk prosecution.

He has chosen instead to get a lawyer. His case, argued by the libertarians at the Institute for Justice (IJ), will clarify the First Amendment's relevance to an ancient human behavior and a modern technology.

Four years ago, Cooksey was a walking — actually, barely walking — collection of health risks. He was obese, lethargic, asthmatic, chronically ill and pre-diabetic. The diet advice he was getting from medical and other sources was, he decided, radically wrong. Rather than eat a high-carbohydrate, low-fat diet, he adopted what he and other enthusiasts call a Paleolithic diet, eating as primitive humans did — e.g., beef, pork, chicken, leafy green vegetables. Cooksey lost 75 pounds and the need for drugs and insulin. And, being a modern Paleo, he became a blogger, communicating his dietary opinions.

When a busybody notified North Carolina's Board of Dietetics/Nutrition that Cooksey was opining about which foods were and were not beneficial, the board launched a three-month investigation of his Internet writings and his dialogues with people who read and responded to them. The board sent him copies of his writings, with red pen markings of such disapproved postings as: "I do suggest that your friend eat as I do and exercise the best they can."

"If," the board sternly said, "people are writing you with diabetic specific questions and you are responding, you are no longer just providing information — you are counseling — you need a license to provide this service." This had the intended effect of chilling his speech; his self-censorship stopped his blog. By saying his bloggings will be subject to continuous review, North Carolina hopes to silence him in perpetuity.

IJ's Jeff Rowes notes that Cooksey's speech "involves no sensitive relationship (as in psychological counseling), no uniquely vulnerable listeners (as in potential legal clients forced to make snap decisions), and no plausible presumption that the listeners are unable to exercise independent judgment." That presumption is, however, the animating principle of modern regulatory government. North Carolina is uninterested in the fact that Cooksey's advice is unpaid, freely solicited and outside any context of a professional-client relationship. The state simply asserts that Cooksey's audience is "a uniquely vulnerable population," which is how paternalistic government views everybody all the time.

Were Cooksey blogging for profit to sell beef and other Paleolithic food, he would be free to advise anyone to improve their health by buying his wares. So his case raises two questions:

Is an individual's uncompensated advice, when volunteered to other individuals who seek and value it, constitutionally protected? And does the Internet — cost-free dissemination of speech to spontaneous, self-generated audiences — render many traditional forms of licensing obsolete?

Two principles are colliding. One is that when government regulates speech based on its content, judicial "strict scrutiny" of the regulation requires government to bear the burden of demonstrating a "compelling" need for "narrowly tailored" speech restrictions. The second is that when government regulates occupations in ways that restrict entry to them, excluded citizens bear an enormous burden of demonstrating that there is *no* reasonable basis for the regulation.

Since the New Deal, courts have applied the extremely permissive "rational basis" test: If legislatures articulate almost *any* reasons for regulating, courts will defer to them. This has given a patina of high principle to the judiciary's dereliction of its duty to prevent individuals' liberty from being sacrificed to groups' rent-seeking. Laws like the one silencing Cooksey are primarily rent-seeking. They are written to enhance the prestige and prosperity of a profession by restricting competition that would result from easy entry into it, or from provision of alternatives to its services.

People, being opinionated mammals, have been dispensing advice to one another since the advent of language, and have been foisting dietary opinions since cavemen weighed the relative benefits of eating woolly mammoths or saber-toothed tigers. So IJ has two questions for North Carolina and for the judicial system:

Did Ann Landers and Dear Abby conduct 50-year crime sprees by offering unlicensed psychological advice? Is personal advice as constitutionally unprotected as child pornography? If so, since a 2010 Supreme Court opinion, it is less protected expression than videos of animals being tortured.

OUR VIEW

National Football League brings criticism upon itself

There is little doubt that Seattle's 14-12 victory over Green Bay on Monday night will go down as one of the most controversial games of all time.

By now most of you are aware of the rulings, non-rulings and replays made on the final play of the game that awarded Seattle a touchdown and a 2-point victory. We won't bore you with another recap, but the fallout from this decision has placed the NFL in an awkward position. Critics are vocal about the impact to the integrity of the game.

While there is room for discussion over whether the pass was an interception by Green Bay, a simultaneous catch or a missed offensive interference call, just about everyone admits the wrong team won the game.

It remains incredulous to us that the right outcome could not be reached. In the end, the wrong team won the game — not once, but twice. The ruling on the field was wrong, and not even the NFL itself had the gumption to make the right call. In fact, the NFL Officiating Department ultimately agreed with the call on the field but admitted that an offensive interference call had been missed. Either way, the wrong team won.

This major controversy comes in the midst of the NFL using replacement referees. The league's regular officials are locked out (although, as of press time, both sides were closer to an agreement), and there has been much dissatisfaction over the performance of the replacements, a lot of whom have the background of Division III refs.

We would agree that the replacement refs are not as good as the regulars and that the game is a little too quick for the replacements to keep up with. We have noticed several questionable calls, but this one directly impacted the outcome. That fact opened a new can of worms and places the NFL's negotiations with the regular refs under duress. There is now a call to settle the lockout, and Monday's result probably hastened the negotiations. Certainly, the regular officials now are more in control of getting what they want from the NFL.

But we wonder if fans will remember the days of the replacements refs when a regular official blows a call. What has been lost in this whole discussion is the fact that regular refs also make bone-head calls. Will they come under the same criticism when they get back on the field?

The NFL is reaping what it has sown. The multi-billion dollar enterprise has built its brand into the most successful sports enterprise in history, but its greed and inability to correct the everyday wrongs of the industry has been a slap in the face.

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Candidates forgo substance for 'The View'

■ Both Obama and Romney take the low road in getting their message across to voters.

DANA MILBANK
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As heads of government arrived in New York on Monday to attend the opening of the United Nations General Assembly, President Obama also made his way to Manhattan but to see a different group of world leaders: Barbara, Elisabeth, Joy, Sherri and Whoopi.

It bordered on scandalous that Obama, joined by the first lady, would make time to sit down with the women of "The View" even as he declined foreign leaders' requests to meet with him one on one in New York this week. (He left that menial task to his secretary of state.) But Mitt Romney isn't in an ideal position to press Obama on his priorities.

This is because the Republican presidential nominee and his wife, Ann, just spent some quality time on the set of "Live! With Kelly and Michael," where they discussed, among other things, Snooki, peanut butter and chocolate milk, their toothpaste-squeezing techniques, Romney's singing of western tunes while on horseback and what the candidate wears to bed. Then there was Ann Romney's scheduled appearance on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" on Tuesday — the same day Obama's appearance on "The View" was to air.

The candidates tell you that this campaign is about big issues. If you believe that, you're being snookied.

Romney doesn't dabble in messy things such as what precisely he would do in Afghanistan or with the tax code. But he has made time to do interviews with Leno, David Letterman and People magazine in addition to Kelly and Michael. Obama hasn't held a formal news conference in the White House in more than six months, but he has found places on his calendar for Leno, Letterman, Jimmy Fallon, People, "Entertainment Tonight" and, of course, "The View."

In this "Jersey Shore" culture, it's perhaps inevitable that candidates would try to reach voters by chatting about the banal and the prurient. But this doesn't make it any less depressing.

This summer, Obama chatted with New Mexico radio hosts about which superpower he'd like to have ("to be able to speak any language"), his favorite workout song (Beyonce's "Crazy in Love") and his favorite chile ("the classic red"). This wasn't long after Michelle Obama volunteered to People the couple's bedtime ritual: "He's like, 'Ready to be tucked?' I'm like, 'Yes I am.'"

There's apparently no use in taking the high road. In his secretly recorded speech to donors, Romney explained that he wouldn't appear on "Saturday Night Live" because it's "not presidential" or "The View" because most of the hosts "are sharp-tongued and not conservative," or Letterman because he "hates me because I've been on Leno more than him."

But after the "View" ladies complained on air, Romney's campaign sent word that he would appear on the show in October.

Whatever happens there, it probably couldn't be less presidential than the Romneys' experience with Kelly Ripa and Michael Strahan. Romney, misunderstanding a question, at first suggested that he would like Gene Hackman to play his wife in a movie. He then praised Hackman's performance in "The Birdcage" — a movie about drag queens that probably is not a favorite of his conservative supporters.

Ann Romney spoke about walking in on George W. Bush in the White House while he was having a massage. When the Romneys were asked, "What does Mitt wear to bed?" the candidate replied: "I think the best answer is as little as possible."

Romney did demonstrate some pop-culture literacy when he noted that reality-TV star Snooki had lost weight. Obama had confessed on "The View" two years ago that he didn't know who Snooki was.

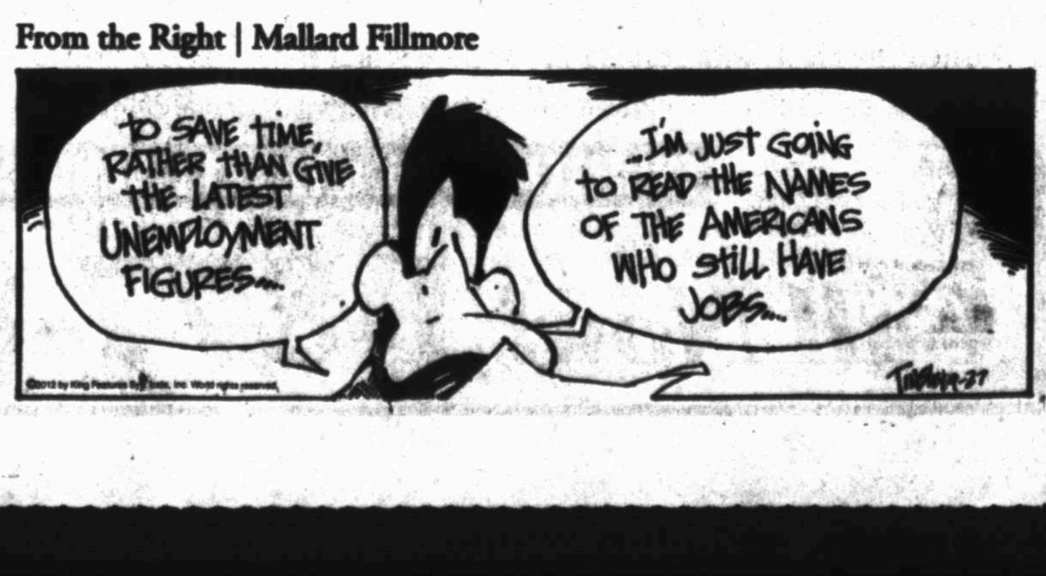
Romney and his running mate, Paul Ryan, gained further small-talk cred when they confided to People that they liked the George Clooney movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" The pair also discussed Ryan's purchase of a new chain saw.

The banality circuit has its perils, though. When Michelle Obama tried last month to make a joke about Leno's dietary habits, it came across as if she were scolding her fellow guest, Olympian Gabby Douglas, for eating McDonald's. The president went out to set the record straight — in a radio interview with Iowa's "Big Ken and Colleen." He also used that forum to talk about back-to-school shopping, his girls' summer camp, and his boyhood desires to be an architect or a professional basketball player.

Little could he have imagined back then that he would instead grow up to reach an even higher station in life: regular guest on "The View."

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Provisional ballots could be hanging chads of 2012

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New voting laws in key states could force a lot more voters to cast provisional ballots this election, delaying results in close races for days while election officials scrutinize ballots and campaigns wage legal battles over which ones should get counted.

New laws in competitive states like Virginia, Florida, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin could leave the outcome of the presidential election in doubt — if the vote is close — while new laws in Kansas, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee could delay results in state or local elections.

Some new laws requiring voters to show identification at the polls still are being challenged in court, adding to the uncertainty as the Nov. 6 election nears.

"It's a possibility of a complete meltdown for the election," said Daniel Smith, a political scientist at the University of Florida.

Voters cast provisional ballots for a variety of reasons: They don't bring proper ID to the polls; they fail to update their voter registration after moving; they try to vote at the wrong precinct; or their right to vote is challenged by someone.

These voters may have their votes counted, but only if election officials can verify that they were eligible to vote, a process that can take days or weeks. Adding to the potential for chaos: Many states won't even know how many provisional ballots have been cast until sometime after Election Day.

Voters cast nearly 2.1 million provisional ballots in the 2008 presidential election. About 69 percent eventually were counted, according to election results compiled by The Associated Press.

Provisional ballots don't get much attention if an election is a landslide. But what if the vote is close, as the polls suggest in the race between President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney?

Most of today's voting nightmares go back to Florida in 2000, when the results of balloting and thus the winner of the presidential contest were not known for weeks after Election Day. Questions about recount irregularities and the validity of ballots with hanging chads — paper fragments still attached to punch-card ballots — preceded the eventual declaration that George W. Bush had won the state by 537 votes and was the next president.

"In a close election, all eyes are going to be on those provisional ballots, and those same canvassing boards that were looking at pregnant chads and hanging chads back in 2000," Smith said. "It's a potential mess."

The federal election law passed in response to the 2000 presidential election gives voters the option to cast a provisional ballot, if poll workers deny them a regular one. Voter ID laws could slow the count even more.

In Virginia and Wisconsin, voters who don't bring an ID to the polls still can have their votes counted if they produce an ID by the Friday following Election Day. Pennsylvania's law gives voters six days to produce an ID. The Wisconsin and Pennsylvania laws are being challenged in court.

In Ohio, which has competitive races for both president and the Senate, provisional voters have up to 10 days following the election to bring an ID to the county board of elections.

If voters in Florida don't bring an ID to the polls, they must sign a provisional ballot envelope. Canvassing boards then will try to match the signatures with those in voter registration records, a process that conjures up images of the 2000 presidential election in Florida.

"Americans have gotten used to the expectation that you could turn on the TV and you would know that night who won the election, even after Florida in 2000," said Edward B. Foley, a law professor at Ohio State University. "But this could be an election in which we don't know the answer for several days."

Florida could see a big increase in provisional ballots because the state has tightened its change-of-address requirements. This year, voters who move from one county to another in Florida without updating their voter registration will have to cast provisional ballots. In previous elections, they could change their address on Election Day and cast a regular ballot.

Four years ago, Florida voters cast about 36,000 provisional ballots. About half of them were eventually counted, though the percentages varied greatly from county to county.

This year, Florida could have 300,000 provisional ballots, said Michael McDonald, an election expert at George Mason University.

"You want to see chaos in Florida? There it is," McDonald said.

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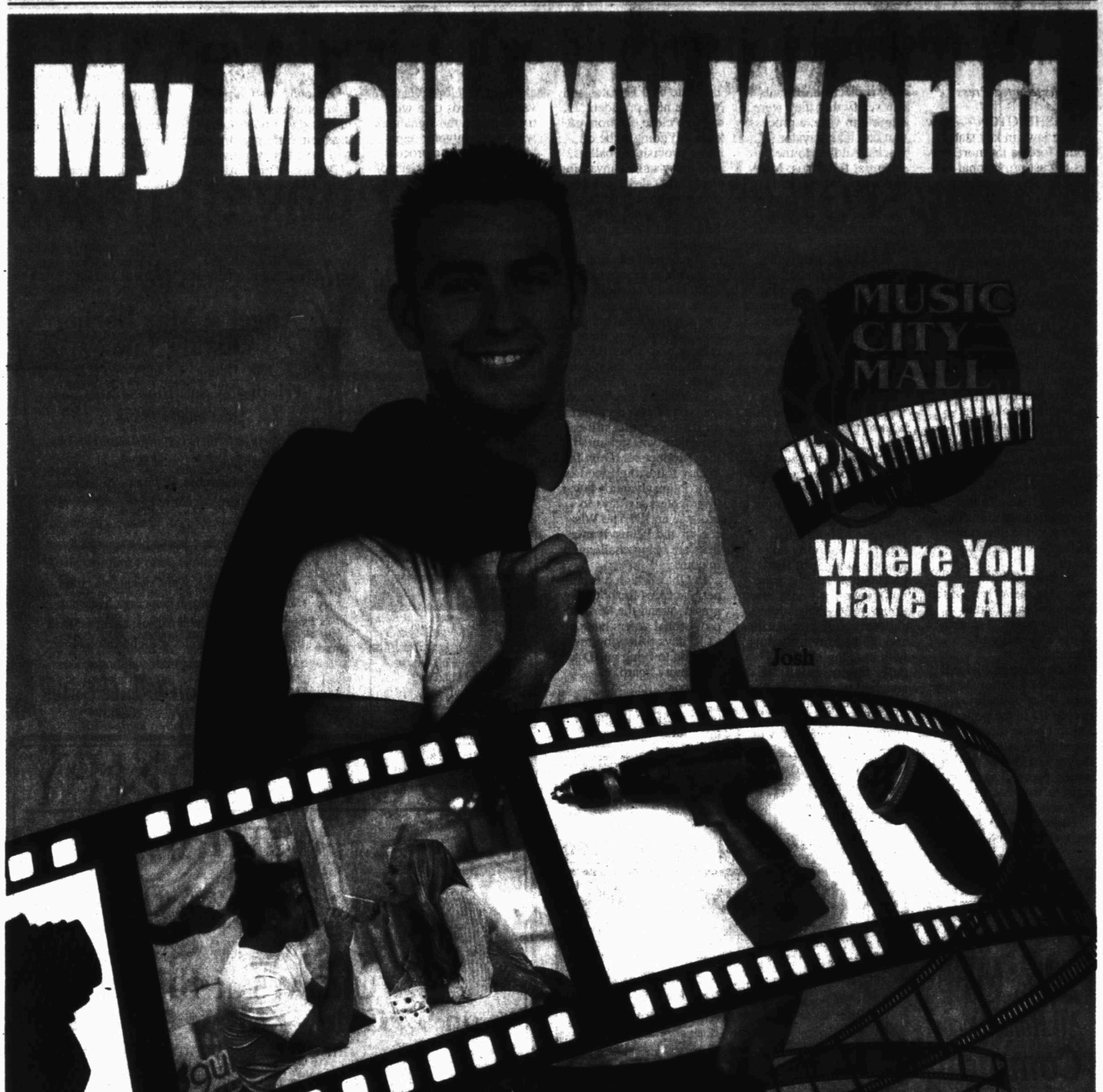
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Comptroller: Local debt has doubled

Report shows debt in past decade has outpaced population growth, inflation

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas' Republican comptroller took aim Wednesday at cities and counties racking up debt to fund projects including schools and roads, bringing the focus by state GOP leaders to tighten government spending down to the local level.

A new report by Comptroller Susan Combs — who widely is rumored to be considering a run for lieutenant governor in 2014 — is centered on data showing that local debt has doubled in the past decade in Texas at a rate outpacing population growth and inflation. Last year, local debt statewide was nearly $193 billion.

Combs, the state's chief accountant, said she's not making judgments on local projects but believes voters too often are making decisions without enough information. She also denied any political motivations behind the report, which is in line with fiscal conservative and tea party groups that recently have sharpened their sights on local debt.

Combs is calling for ballots in local bond elections to spell out the tax and debt ramifications before voters check yes or no.

"There's not enough transparency at the local levels for the public," Combs said. "They're not at the discussion table."

Possible opponents in the 2014 lieutenant governor's race have taken shots at Combs, but she has not officially announced her candidacy.

The report comes a day after Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst renewed their call for stricter constitutional spending limits in Texas.

Combs' report calls for limits that would narrow local government use of certificates of obligation, which are similar to bonds but generally don't require voter approval.

According to the report, the certificates have accounted for 16.6 percent of all city, county and hospital district debt since 2005 but fell off last year.

The report does not criticize or highlight any specific bond proposals. Combs said "one by one" the approved bond packages may be justified but said she was struck by the widening gap between debt and population growth and inflation.

Local debt

The following is information from the Texas Bond Review Board and local officials about total debt payment information for each of Midland's taxing entities:

	Principal	Interest	Total
Midland County	$27,805,000	$11,707,416	$39,512,416
Midland College	$45,911,345	$15,369,698	$61,281,043
City of Midland	$120,735,000	$58,775,417	$179,510,417
Midland Hospital	$128,190,000	$82,390,245	$211,120,245
Midland ISD	$117,150,725	$67,523,902	$184,674,827

Total payments for all five: $676,098,748

The information from Midland County and Midland College has been updated based on reports Wednesday from officials. Principal, interest and total payment information for the city, hospital and school district come from the TEIRB and were last updated using information from Aug. 31, 2011.

Perry pushes limit on spending

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Gov. Rick Perry says he's committed to balancing the Texas budget by reducing unnecessary spending and without raising taxes.

The Republican governor pledged to do a better job of using money collected from fees for their intended purpose and not for other uses. He says lawmakers need to practice truth in the budgeting process and spend wisely, because there's no such thing as extra revenue when it comes from taxpayers' pockets.

Speaking at a news conference in Fort Worth on Wednesday, Perry said the Texas budget needs to be balanced without accounting maneuvers.

However, Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis of Fort Worth says the present budget wasn't balanced because of gimmicks. She says about $5 billion was transferred to the general fund although it had been collected for other purposes.

ELECTION 2012

Cruz headlines KWEL rally

From staff reports

U.S. Senate candidate Ted Cruz returns to the Permian Basin this weekend as a headliner for the "pro-America rally," organized by radio station KWEL.

The conservative talk station has put together the program, "This is my Country, I Built It," scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday at the main hangar at the Commemorative Air Force. Americans for Prosperity and Gun Owners of America also are participating in the free rally.

Cruz

Cruz, conservative talk show host David Webb, Peggy Venable, Americans for Prosperity's Texas director, and Tim Macy, vice chairman of Gun Owners of America, are among those scheduled to speak.

Dorilynn Anderson, a KWEL

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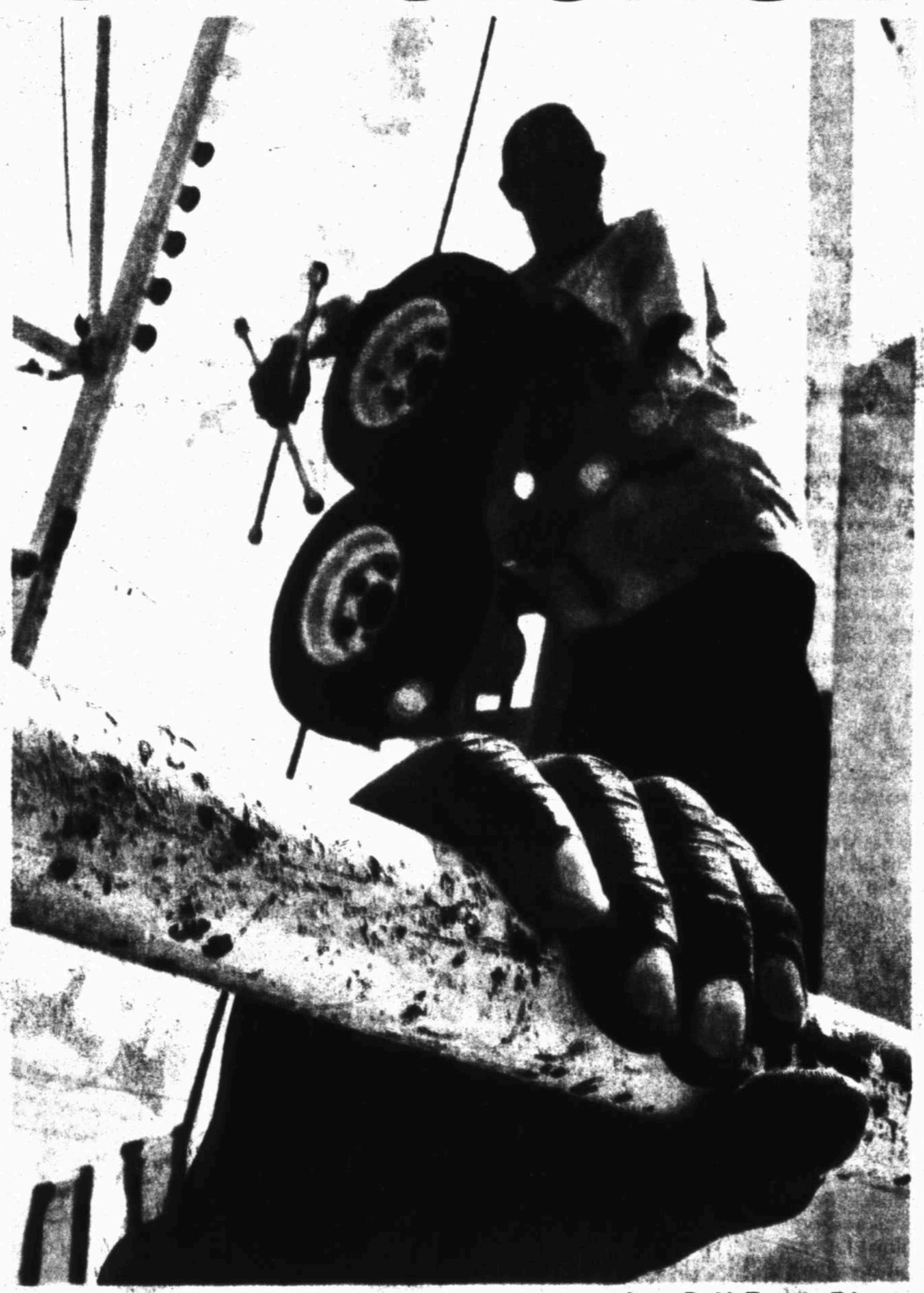
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Samuel Smith oversees his crew as they assemble the Ferris wheel Wednesday at St. Ann's in preparation for the fair that starts today.

Expect low temperatures, wet conditions this weekend

From staff reports

While forecasters are not ready to guarantee 90-degree temperatures are done for 2012, the area will enjoy more fall-like conditions this weekend.

And while homecoming games and St. Ann's Fair and Carnival are on the calendar of many Midlanders, the National Weather Service has showers in the forecast.

The remnants of tropical storm Miriam will carry moisture into the American southwest, including the Permian Basin, according to meteorologist Kurt Kotenberg.

The chances of rain increase from 40 percent today to 50 percent tonight and 60 percent during the day on Friday.

"We are looking at a lot of moisture that will be pulled up and stay around through Friday," Kotenberg said.

Some areas of Midland and the Permian Basin could receive up to an inch, he said.

The wet and cooler conditions will be a welcome change for many. Highs, which reached 95 on Tuesday and 91 Wednesday, are expected to drop into the lower 80s today through next Tuesday.

The Climate Prediction Center is calling for average temperatures and rainfall for the next three months.

However, Kotenberg said it is too early to write off 90-degree high temperatures. Last year, the high temperature on Oct. 17 was 95 and it was 90 degrees as late as Oct. 25, he said. And while 2012 hasn't been as hot as 2011 — the hottest year on record in Midland — this year remains "above average."

While the rain potentially could put a damper on some local events, any precipitation is welcome.

The National Weather Service is reporting 7.18 inches of rain at Midland International this year. That is more than 4 inches below normal.

The region hasn't fared much better, and area lakes this week reported some of the

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Zetas threaten Mexico's shale gas output

By Dudley Althaus
Houston Chronicle

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico — The brutal Zetas gang poses one of the most daunting challenges to the development of Mexico's abundant shale gas reserves near the Texas border.

The gas fields extend from the booming Eagle Ford play of South Texas deep into the ranch and coal country stretching inland from this violent border city. This is Zetas country, among the most fearsome of Mexico's criminal badlands.

U.S. and Mexican energy companies long have been besieged by the gangsters here — their workers assaulted, extorted or murdered — despite a heavy military and federal police presence.

Now, with feuding Zetas factions bloodying one another and fending off outside rivals, what has been a bad situation threatens to get much worse.

Northern Mexico's gas production has suffered for years as gangland threats or attacks have kept workers from servicing the wellheads, pipelines and drilling rigs in the Burgos Basin, the territory between the Rio Grande and the city of Monterrey, which now provides up to 20 percent of Mexico's natural gas.

"Petroleos Mexicanos has problems with security ... principally in Burgos," Guillermo Dominguez, a senior member of the National Hydrocarbons Commission, told the Mexico City newspaper Reforma.

And now the surging Zetas bloodletting pits the gang's top bosses — Heriberto Lazcano and Miguel Angel Treviño — against Ivar Velazquez, a former underling known as "El Taliban."

From his base in the western state of Zacatecas, Velazquez reportedly has allied with the remnants of other gangs to launch a challenge for control of Coahuila state, which holds most of the shale gas reserves.

Challenge to control

Banners recently hung by both Zetas factions have accused one another of treason and other transgressions that will be avenged with death. Fighting has rattled Nuevo Laredo, the Zetas stronghold that also is the busiest land port for U.S.-Mexico trade, killing scores this month alone.

Still more banners appeared in Nuevo Laredo on Tuesday, reportedly written by beleaguered civilians, promising all the gangster factions further bloody vengeance.

"Zetas are pretty much in control, but they have been challenged," said a U.S. official in

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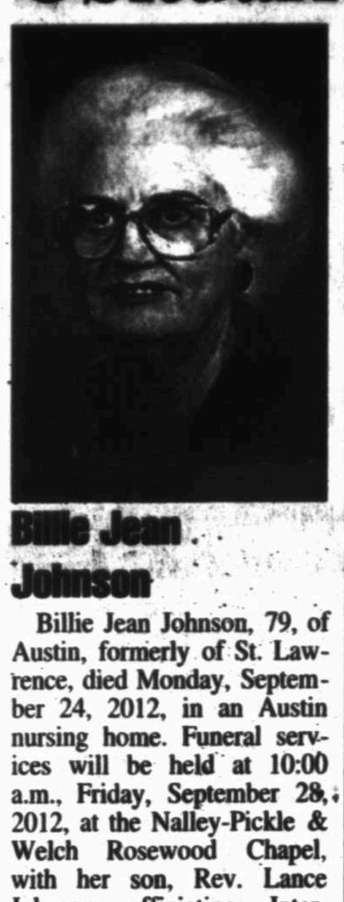
Obituaries



Billie Jean Johnson

Billie Jean Johnson, 79, of Austin, formerly of St. Lawrence, died Monday, September 24, 2012, in an Austin nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 28, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with her son, Rev. Lance Johnson, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

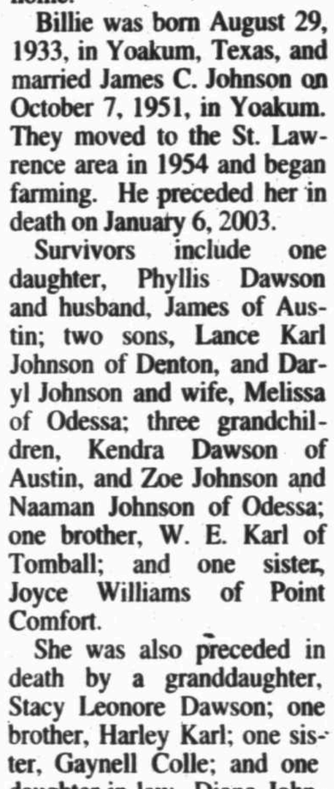
The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, September 27, 2012, at the funeral home.

Billie was born August 29, 1933, in Yoakum, Texas, and married James C. Johnson on October 7, 1951, in Yoakum. They moved to the St. Lawrence area in 1954 and began farming. He preceded her in death on January 6, 2003.

Survivors include one daughter, Phyllis Dawson and husband, James of Austin; two sons, Lance Karl Johnson of Denton, and Daryl Johnson and wife, Melissa of Odessa; three grandchildren, Kendra Dawson of Austin, and Zoe Johnson and Naaman Johnson of Odessa; one brother, W. E. Karl of Tomball; and one sister, Joyce Williams of Point Comfort.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Stacy Leonore Dawson; one brother, Harley Karl; one sister, Gaynell Colle; and one daughter-in-law, Diana Johnson.

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



Mitchell Lee Brandt

Mitchell Lee Brandt, 24, went to his eternal home September 25, 2012, in Midland surrounded by his family. Born January 7, 1988, he was adopted at birth to Tom & Linda Brandt. Following a surprise pregnancy, his Mom & Dad gave him a sister, Kirsten Grace Brandt, 9 months later.

Mitchell publicly professed his faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior in March of 1996, & was baptized along with his sister at First Baptist Church in Menard, Texas on Easter Sunday of that same year.

He graduated from Midland Christian High School, & played on JV basketball & Varsity football teams. The highlight of his junior year was winning the state football championship. He enjoyed his family, golf, & vacations. Mitchell learned to ride & work cattle on the Menard ranch at a very young age, & became an avid bird & deer hunter. He accompanied almost all of the exotic game hunts led on the ranch.

Mitchell was a collector of friends. He didn't know a stranger, & didn't forget old friends either. Mitchell kept up with friends from Hillander, Midland Christian, T-Bar M camp, & was attending Sul Ross University Geology program the semester before he was diagnosed with a rare acute Leukemia. He had plans to finish school, and always insisted on working while he was a student.

Mitchell endured a 7-month battle with Leukemia, including treatment at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, & a bone marrow transplant. Choosing never to complain about his condition, Mitchell was an inspiration to everyone around him. He always had an incredible attitude and kept the doctors and nurses laughing.

Left to cherish Mitchell's memory are his parents, Tom & Linda Brandt; sister, Kirsten & her fiancé, Andrew Kelley; grandad, Jim Essman, Midland; grandparents, Tom & Mary Brandt, Houston; Tate & Jana Brandt; cousins, Logan, Carter, Jared, Glen Rose; cousin, Michael Brooks & wife, Mary, Oklahoma City; Angela & Greg Spencer; & cousins, Michael, Emily, Midland; cousin, Natalie Spencer Guinn, Houston; Jimmy & Harriet Essman, & cousins, Jimmy, Macy, Smith, Midland; Flo Curry, Midland; Jeff & Shelly Butler & cousin, Madi, San Antonio; & Jon & Lisa Hardaway, Midland.

Mitchell was preceded in death by grandparents, John and LouAnne Dalton of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and aunt, Brenda Lee Brooks of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mitchell along with his family want to thank his many caregivers; grandparents in Houston, his aunt Shelly, a gifted nurse, his best friend Asa Bynum, and Tricia Cagle/Stonegate Prayer Team.

A memorial service and reception will be held at Stonegate Fellowship on Friday, September 28 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to be made to Hospice of Midland, or MD Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Memorial for "Mitchell L. Brandt", Houston, TX 77210. www.mdanderson.org/gifts.

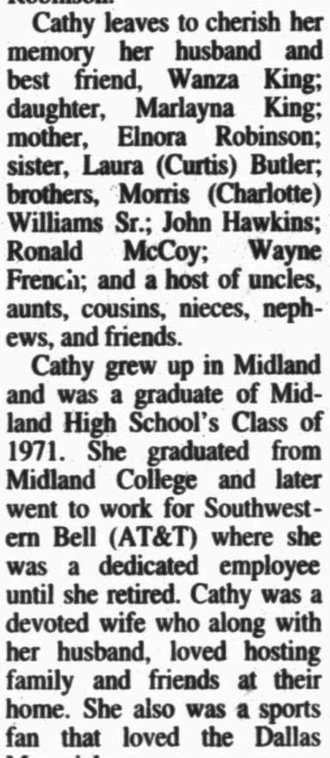
Cathy Williams-King

Cathy Williams-King, 59, a current resident of Cedar Hill, TX and former Midland resident, departed this life on Saturday, September 22, 2012, in Sunnyvale, TX. She was born June 8, 1953, in Lamesa, TX, to Pete French Jr. and Elnora Williams-Robinson.

Cathy leaves to cherish her memory her husband and best friend, Wanza King; daughter, Marlayna King; mother, Elnora Robinson; sister, Laura (Curtis) Butler; brothers, Morris (Charlotte) Williams Sr.; John Hawkins; Ronald McCoy; Wayne French; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Cathy grew up in Midland and was a graduate of Midland High School's Class of 1971. She graduated from Midland College and later went to work for Southwestern Bell (AT&T) where she was a dedicated employee until she retired. Cathy was a devoted wife who along with her husband, loved hosting family and friends at their home. She also was a sports fan that loved the Dallas Mavericks.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 28, 2012, at Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas. Services entrusted to Golden Gate Funeral Home.



Sara Janice Vandiver

Sara Janice Vandiver, 66, of Midland, Texas, passed away Monday, September 24, 2012, in Midland, Texas.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, September 27, 2012, at Cuthbert Avenue Baptist Church, Midland, Texas, with Dean Cook, pastor, officiating.

Viewing will be held at Thomas Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 26, 2012, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Sara Vandiver was born September 23, 1946, in San Angelo, Texas, to Girvous Odell Gardner and Martha Annie Dell Buchanan. She Graduated from Midland High School in 1965. She was a member of Cuthbert Avenue Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.

Survivors include her son, Phillip Vandiver and fiancée, Christina Gonzales of Odessa, Texas; daughter, Tami Clayton of Midland, Texas; three grandchildren, Richie and Alex Gonzales of Odessa, Texas, and Brittany Clayton of Midland, Texas; three brothers, Dennis W. Gardner of Grandfield, Oklahoma; Donald R. (Bobby) Gardner and wife, Barbara of Peaster, Texas; and Roger Gardner of Lubbock, Texas; one sister, Nancy M. Gardner of Sweetwater, Texas; several nieces and nephews.

Sara was preceded in death by her parents, Odell and Martha Gardner; one brother, Phillip Dexter Gardner; one sister, Judith Ann Spruill; one nephew, Robert Chance Gardner; and sisters-in-law, Carolyn Gardner and Mary Gardner.

Death Notices

Beulah Gormany

Beulah Gormany, 91, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, September 20, 2012, in Midland.

She is survived by her son, Bernard Whaley and a sister, Pernie Johns.

Family will be receiving friends, Friday, September 28, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. A funeral service is set for Saturday, September 29th, at 11:00 a.m., at Visionary Hollowell Community United Methodist Church, 400 South Marshall St. Interment will follow to Fairview Cemetery.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Johnny D. Rodriguez

Johnny D. Rodriguez, 61, of Odessa, passed away Monday, September 24, 2012, in Odessa.

Survivors include his wife, Lorenza P. Rodriguez; his daughters, Marisol R. Aranda (Arnold), Dusty M. Rodriguez (Fabian Munoz), and Tahlia M. Sanchez; sons, Eli Rodriguez (Mayra), Randy Rodriguez (Janice), and Trevor A. Rodriguez (Medrina); and ten grandchildren.

Visitation with the family will be 6:00-8:00 p.m., Friday, September 28, 2012. Funeral Services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 29, 2012, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel, with Father Frank Chavez officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Judy Buckingham

Judy Buckingham, 69, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, September 25, 2012.

A rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, September 30, 2012, at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 1, 2012, at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include husband, Charles "Rusty" Buckingham; son, Matt Buckingham; and daughter, Brandy Purcell.

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

Loretta Steen

Loretta Steen, 97, of Odessa, passed away Friday, September 21, 2012, in Odessa.

Survivors include her daughters, Aretta Musick (Lonnie) and Elaine Vickers; her sons, Bill Steen, Freddy Steen, Larry Steen (Hope), and Ben Steen (Sue); her sisters, Etta Jackson and Betty Chaney; her brother, Bill Tidwell; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and a multitude of nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September, 27, 2012, at Living Word Church, at Santa Rosa and Kermit Hwy., Odessa.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Stanley Lee Primus, Jr.

Stanley Lee Primus, Jr., 29, passed away on Monday, September 17, 2012, in Lubbock.

He is survived by his fiancée, Christina Brown; son, Pulelei'ite M. Primus; daughters, Kenzi & Makayla; beloved mother, Ferila A. Primus; father, Stanley Primus, Sr.; grandmother Louise Primus; three sisters, Margaret Valentine, Shaylah Tate (Hassan), and Rose A. Primus; three nieces; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Family will be receiving friends, Friday, September 28, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. A funeral service is set for Saturday, September 29, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

'Moon River' crooner dies at age 84

Associated Press

BRANSON, Mo. — For the older — OK, squarer — side of the generation gap, Andy Williams was part of the soundtrack of the 1960s and '70s, with easy-listening hits like "Moon River," the "Love Story" theme and "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" from his beloved Christmas TV specials.

The singer known for his wholesome, middle-America appeal was the antithesis of the counterculture.

"The old cliche says that if you can remember the 1960s, you weren't there," Williams once recalled. "Well, I was there all right, but my memory of them is blurred — not by any drugs I took but by the relentless pace of the schedule I set myself."

The 84-year-old entertainer, who died Tuesday night at his Branson home following a yearlong battle with bladder cancer, outlasted many of the decade's rock stars and fellow crooners such as Frank Sinatra and Perry Como. He remained on the charts into the 1970s and continued to perform into his 80s.

Williams became a major star in 1956, the same year as Elvis Presley, with the Sinatra-like swing number "Canadian Sunset." For a time, he was pushed into such Presley imitations as "Lips of Wine" and the No. 1 smash "Butterfly."

But he mostly stuck to what he called his "natural style" and kept it up throughout his career. In 1970, when even Sinatra had temporarily retired, Williams was in the top 40 with the theme from "Love Story," the Oscar-winning tearjerker.

Williams was also the first host of the live Grammy awards telecast and hosted the show for seven consecutive years, beginning in 1971. Movie songs became a specialty, including his signature "Moon River." The longing Johnny Mercer-Henry Mancini ballad was his most famous song, even though he never released it as a single because his record company feared such lines as "my huckleberry friend" were too confusing and old-fashioned for teens.

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ARLINGTON

Police: Father-in-law killed in family dispute

Police say a man fatally shot his father-in-law during a domestic dispute at a North Texas home.

Arlington police spokeswoman Tiara Ellis Richard said officers were called to a home Tuesday evening and found the victim with multiple gunshot wounds. Richard said the man died at an Arlington hospital.

Richard said investigators believe 34-year-old David Matthew Merrill was the shooter. He was jailed Wednesday on a murder charge with bail set at $50,000. Online jail records didn't list an attorney for Merrill.

Richard says the investigation was in its early stages Wednesday. The victim wasn't identified immediately.

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Group: West Texas school district should apologize

A committee for a West Texas school district rocked by a public corruption scandal is recommending that board members apologize to constituents and explain a failure to "protect the students and faculty."

A task force for the El Paso Independent School District issued a report Tuesday calling for citizens to be involved in the hiring of superintendents and the creation of a public integrity unit.

Former Superintendent Lorenzo Garcia is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to fraudulently awarding school contracts to his lover and expelling students to improve scores on high-stakes standardized tests.

The board voted to hire Vernon Butler as interim superintendent. He is the third person to lead the district since Garcia was arrested last year. District leaders said they hope to have a permanent superintendent next year.

FORT WORTH

2 indicted in killing during robbery

Two North Texas men have been indicted in the fatal shooting of a teenager who police say was the mastermind of a robbery gone bad.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Tuesday that a grand jury has indicted 21-year-olds Terrance Crumley and Curtis Fortenberry on capital murder charges. Prosecutors have not said whether they'll seek the death penalty against the Fort Worth men.

The case involves the June 28 fatal shooting of Claudia Hidic of Fort Worth. A resident called 911 after finding Hidic's body outside his home. Police initially were not sure of the circumstances of the death.

Investigators later determined Hidic apparently was caught in the crossfire in the attempted home robbery. A man at the residence told police he exchanged gunfire with a male suspect.

CHANNELVIEW

Woman's body found under Channelview mobile home

Searchers have located a female body under the Houston-area mobile home of a woman reported missing last week.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said autopsy results are pending on the body found Tuesday afternoon in Channelview by Texas EquuSearch volunteers. A searcher noticed the skirting around the bottom of the home appeared to be pulled back.

Investigators say the body had no immediate signs of foul play.

Authorities said 52-year-old Rosemarie Hutcheson was last seen Friday in Channelview.

HOUSTON

4 suspected human smugglers charged

Four men from Mexico have been charged in a smuggling investigation that led to 82 suspected illegal immigrants rescued from a house in Houston.

Prosecutors said Luis Trejo-Onofre, Jose Santos-Solorzano, Jose Victor Perez-Olivas and Gumecindo Jaime-Martinez are charged with harboring, transporting and conspiracy to harbor and transport illegal immigrants.

All remained in custody Wednesday pending initial court appearances in Houston.

The mother of a 16-year-old Nicaraguan girl flagged down a Houston police officer last week to report smugglers were holding the teen. The woman said she paid to have the girl transported but the smugglers demanded more cash.

A tip led to a Sept. 19 raid of a house and 82 immigrants from six countries.

The girl was among those rescued. All were detained pending decisions on their immigrant status.

KILLEEN

Soldier from Missouri identified as slaying victim

A soldier from Missouri died in Texas after gunfire blamed on a buddy who allegedly wanted to help cure the victim's hiccups.

Fort Hood officials late Tuesday identified the victim as 22-year-old Pfc. Isaac Lawrence Young, of Ash Grove, Mo.

Killeen police say both soldiers were drinking alcohol and watching football Sunday when the shooting happened.

An arrest affidavit said Spc. Patrick Edward Myers of Spartanburg, S.C., apparently pointed a gun at the victim's head to scare him and stop the hiccups. Myers told investigators the shooting was an accident and he thought the gun had dummy rounds.

Myers was being held Wednesday in the Bell County Jail on a manslaughter count with bond set at $1 million.

FORT WORTH

State Supreme Court to hear pet-value appeal

The Texas Supreme Court will hear arguments on whether a judge or jury should consider the sentimental value of a pet instead of its market value when it comes to computing damages.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported justices have accepted the appeal of an appeals court ruling that overturned a 120-year-old Texas Supreme Court precedent. The 2nd Texas Court of Appeals in Fort Worth ruled that owners can claim the sentimental value of their dead pets.

Kathryn and Jeremy Medlen sued a former Fort Worth animal shelter employee after their dog was mistakenly euthanized three years ago.

A state district judge initially dismissed their sentimental value claim, but the appeals court reversed that decision.

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Zetas

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Mexico who monitors the situation, speaking on condition of anonymity. "You have all these groups fighting one another, shifting alliances and internal fights. ... It's a wilderness of mirrors."

The Zetas' spats with rivals already have turned Coahuila's other large cities — Torreon in the west, Monclova in the center and Saltillo in the east — into fierce gangland battlegrounds.

State officials are blaming the Sept. 17 escape of 131 prisoners from a Piedras Negras prison on the Zetas seeking to replenish their ranks for new battles.

The insecurity in Mexico's gas fields contrasts sharply with the drilling and production frenzy seizing the ranchlands just north of the border.

Oil field pickups and semi-trailer fuel tankers choke Highway 83, the once-desolate ranch-country highway that cuts northwest from Laredo though the lower reaches of the Eagle Ford.

Some 6,000 drilling permits have been issued for Eagle Ford shale in Texas, and 550 wells are producing there.

By comparison, Pemex so far has drilled five exploratory shale gas wells but hopes to drill 170 more in the next four years. The company plans to spend $200 million on exploration in the short term.

Those first exploratory wells have been drilled to the west of Nuevo Laredo and below the border at Piedras Negras, ranch and coal country that remains relatively violence free for now.

But that tranquility may owe more to the now-threatened dominance of the Zetas bosses than to rule of law.

"They are in control," said a U.S. official. "They are pretty much just doing their thing."

Workers disappearing

At least eight Pemex and contract employees vanished in May 2010 near a gas facility near Falcon Lake, territory under the Zetas' firm control. Last March, two men working for a Mexican company doing contract work for Houston-based Halliburton disappeared outside Piedras Negras.

Halliburton spokeswoman Tara Mullee-Agard said employees get regular security briefings, but the company declined to comment on the contractors' disappearance.

"Many companies that were active in the areas have stopped until Pemex or the government can provide security," said an employee of one Reynosa-based company. "In places where there have been incidents, we don't operate anymore. When darkness falls, we stop wherever we are."

Weekend

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lowest totals in history.

Lake Thomas and Spence are down to 0.41 and 0.19 percent full respectively, and O.H. Ivie reservoir was 11.82 percent full, according to the Colorado River Municipal District. It is the first time Ivie fell below 12 percent full and continues a dangerous trend.

The CRMWD reports Ivie was more than 39 percent full in September of 2010. That number fell dramatically to 20.87 percent full in September of last year. CRMWD officials told the Reporter-Telegram in August that they estimate Ivie may supply water through June or July of 2013.

Cruz

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personality and an organizer of the event, said the idea for the rally came from the need to talk about the "positive" things happening in America and the things local residents are thankful for.

"It seemed like all the news we were hearing was bad news," Anderson said. "We want to leave people with hope and empower them to share what they like."

There will be opportunities for the politically active to make donations to groups such as Gun Owners of America and Americans for Prosperity, Anderson said.

Those organizations are helping to fund candidates in tighter races across the country, she said.

Still, the rally isn't about one's politics; it's about providing optimism for the future. "Pro-America is not pro-politics," Anderson said.

She said no one from city or county government is scheduled to speak at the rally, and those who are scheduled to speak aren't expected to address the local school bond issue.

"Speakers will be limited in their time," Anderson said. "We want to keep it positive and uplifting."

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Vt. ships radioactive waste to Texas

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Nearly 20 years after the Vermont and Texas Legislatures first agreed to have Vermont ship low-level radioactive waste to the Lone Star State, the first shipments of waste have been made.

A 30-gallon drum containing wastes from the University of Vermont and Burlington's Fletcher Allen Health Care hospital was received and placed in its permanent home in a West Texas disposal site earlier this month, officials said Wednesday at a Statehouse meeting of the Texas-Vermont Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission.

The generator of more than 90 percent of Vermont's low-level waste, the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant in Vernon, made its first shipment in September, with two more to have been completed by next week.

"We finally have a compact. It's real. It's open and we're shipping waste there. It's pretty amazing," said Sarah Hofmann, deputy commissioner of the Vermont Department of Public Service, which handles utility matters for the state.

Plans for such a compact began to germinate in the 1980s after Congress passed a law saying the federal government would take responsibility for long-term storage and disposal of high-level radioactive waste — mainly spent fuel from nuclear reactors.

With the Yucca Mountain waste project in Nevada stalled, the federal government still hasn't fulfilled that promise, and high-level waste is being stored at reactors around the country, including at Vermont Yankee.

The states, meanwhile, were left to handle low-level radioactive waste — everything from clothing and equipment used by nuclear plant workers to instruments and materials used by hospital nuclear medicine departments and in some university research.

Texas joined with Vermont and Maine, initially in hopes that signing up with two small states would allow Texas to block others from shipping their much larger volumes of waste there. Since then, the company that developed the site in Andrews County, Waste Control Specialists, has persuaded Texas lawmakers and regulators to allow it to welcome waste from elsewhere.

That has led to stepped up efforts by officials in Vermont, which has paid $27.5 million to help develop the Texas site, to ensure that Vermont will not lose access to any of the 20 percent of the waste site it initially was promised. On that score, "We're not concerned; we're vigilant," Hofmann said.

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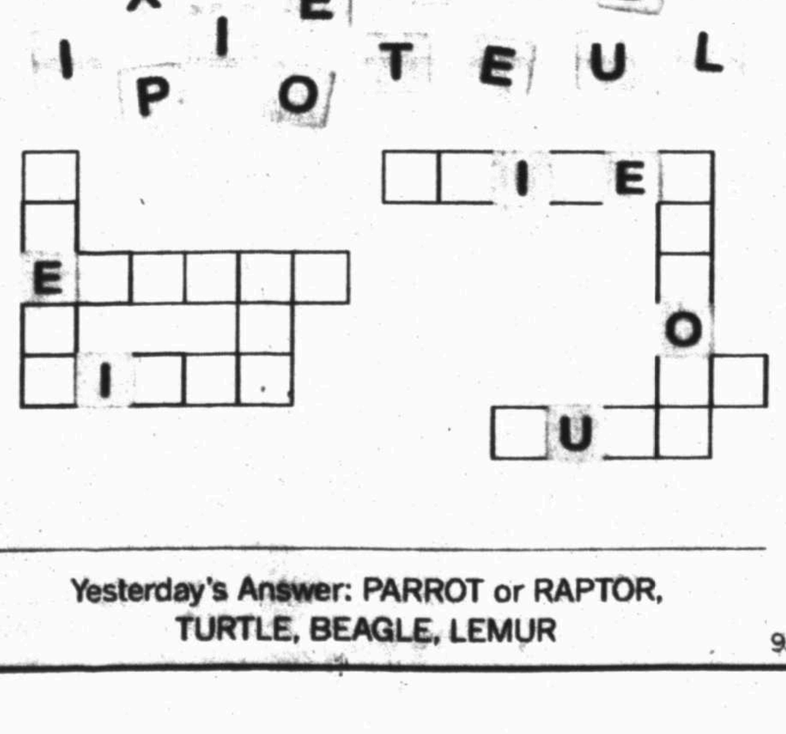

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Dallas Design District gains residents, eateries

By James Ragland
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The Dallas Design District, once a tucked-away hub of drab warehouses and sprawling showrooms, is fast becoming a destination spot, with new upscale apartments and trendy restaurants as lures.

But that's only half the story. To fully appreciate the radical transformation of the area from a sleepy industrial island to an up-and-coming neighborhood, you must look at it through the eyes of people whose roots in the area are decades deep.

People like Brendan Bass. He's been drawn to the cluster of warehouses just north and west of downtown Dallas since the '60s, when his father, William Bass, opened a namesake furniture showroom in the district.

Bass, 55, no longer comes to the Design District just to work. He and his wife, Tina, are among the hundreds of new residents who've moved into the area over the past five years:

"This is beginning to feel like a real neighborhood now," he said.

Bass, with a nudge from his wife, recently sold their 4,400-square-foot home in University Park to rent a 23rd-floor penthouse in the district's first high-rise apartments, 1400 Hi Line.

By the time the apartments are built out later this year, about 2,500 new tenants are projected to be roosting in five residential developments that have sprung up since 2007.

The apartments, combined with two upscale restaurants that opened in the last two years and a few prominent art galleries and shops, are turning the Design District into a hipper hub of social and recreational activities — from happy hours to weekend bike rides.

People aren't just visiting, they're hanging out.

"The change has taken off exponentially in the last five or six years," Brendan Bass said. "It feels so strange to be out here at night walking to a restaurant.

"Back in the '90s, you certainly wanted to get out of here by sundown. But now, there's too much movement for the petty criminals to exist or flourish here."

For decades, only a small underground network of designers, artists and photographers lived and worked in the aging warehouses.

Then, in 2004, the district formally was rezoned for residential uses. A year later, the Dallas City Council approved a Tax Increment Financing zone to help spur $1 billion in private investments by 2027.

The plan is coming together steadily, if not seamlessly. So far, city officials say, more than $166 million in new taxable value has been added with projects ranging from prominent galleries and art studios to upgraded showrooms and retail centers.

The TIF district's assessed 2012 taxable value is nearly $308 million — a 117 percent increase over 2005.

The 1,284 new apartments — including the 1400 Hi Line project set to be completed by the end of this year — and the arrival of the popular Oak and Meddlesome Moth restaurants are helping to foster an urban feel akin to that of the more established Uptown.

Among those leading the charge is Jim Lake Jr., a developer whose father bought Design District property decades ago when it was going for cheap.

Lake, who turned the building his late father bought on Manufacturing Street into an office, got the ball rolling when he started the Design District's first residential-retail project, Trinity Lofts & Work/Live Showrooms, in 2005.

Completed in 2007, Trinity Lofts has 92 units and 28,063 square feet of showroom space.

AP file photo

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Amputee shot by police had battled mental illness

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Despite being constrained by mental illness and the loss of his left leg and arm, Brian Claunch had spent much of the past decade finding opportunities to run away from residential care facilities where he had been placed, preferring to live on the streets.

In recent months, Claunch had seemed to settle into some stability, staying put, taking his medications. But all of that abruptly ended this past weekend in a confrontation with police in which the 45-year-old man in a wheelchair was fatally shot by an officer.

While his criminal and medical history did not seem to indicate violent tendencies toward others, Claunch had his ups and downs, according to John Garcia, the owner of Healing Hands Assisted Home Care, where Claunch had been living. The worst aspects of his mental illness burst forth when he wouldn't calm down after demanding cigarettes and soda around 2 a.m. Saturday, Garcia said.

A caretaker called police. Authorities say Claunch cornered a responding officer with his wheelchair and waived a shiny object in his hand. The other responding officer, fearing for his partner's life and his own safety, shot Claunch in the head, police said. The shiny object turned out to be a ballpoint pen.

Since the shooting, community and civil rights groups have called for changes in how officers are trained and disciplined. Houston Police Chief Charles McClelland has called the shooting tragic but asked people to reserve judgment until the department's investigation is completed. The FBI is monitoring the case.

Garcia, who was not at the home when the shooting happened, tearfully recalled a loving but also at times quarrelsome man. Claunch had been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, a chronic condition in which people see and hear things that aren't there.

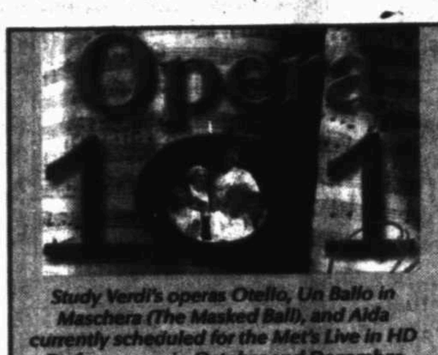
"He was aggressive. As far as violent, I don't know," Garcia said. "Every time (Claunch) got into a situation with me, I would just say, 'Brian, calm down, calm down,' and I would walk away from him and in an hour or two he would be OK."

According to court records, Claunch lost his left arm and leg because "he firmly believed that the devil was in the left side of his body so he (decided) to lay down on the railroad tracks and waited for a train to come and (dismember) him."

A mental status examination in 2002 found Claunch was "pleasant and cooperative" but had a history of psychiatric hospitalizations over the prior decade. He was unable to work and would not take his medications, leading to him "hearing voices."

In 2003, a probate court judge declared Claunch a ward of the Harris County Guardianship Program.

Court records show Claunch's mother initially petitioned to be her son's guardian but changed her mind.



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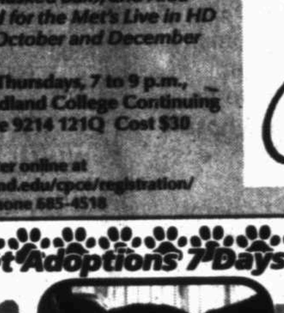

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TODAY Mostly cloudy High 85 Low 63

FRIDAY Cloudy High 77 Low 63

SATURDAY Partly sunny High 79 Low 59

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly cloudy skies today with a high around 85 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy conditions with a low around 63 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Friday, look for cloudy skies with a high around 77, a low around 63 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph with a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Saturday, look for partly sunny skies with a high around 79 and a low around 59 with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms.

The high on Wednesday reached 91 while the low dropped to 70. The record high for Sept. 26 is 105 set in 1977. The record low is 44 set in 1989.

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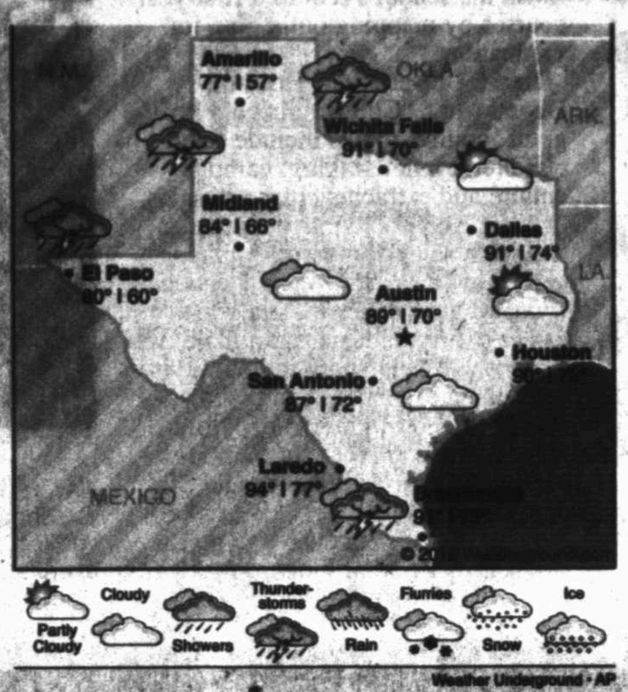
Showers and thunderstorms will stretch from eastern Colorado to the mid-Atlantic Coast today. The clouds and unsettled conditions are occurring along a stalled front. Some rain is forecast to brush the southern coast of New England as well. Pockets of heavy rain and urban flooding will occur along the frontal zone. Clusters of locally gusty storms are forecast, mainly near and south of the front.



National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Sept. 27

Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

Precipitation		Wednesday's temperatures	
Tuesday	0.00 in.	High	91
Wednesday	0.02 in.	Low	70
Total for month	0.47 in.	Normal high	84
Total for year	7.18 in.	Normal low	59
Normal total (year to date)	11.36 in.	Sunrise	7:40 a.m.
		Sunset	7:39 p.m.

Breakup of long marriage may be only short-term

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I just got some shocking news. His father — age 81 — is leaving his wife of 60 years! Mom is not self-sufficient and seems dependent on him. Dad found himself a younger woman + a "chick" of 70. He has announced that he still has sexual needs and wants to enjoy the rest of his life. My husband thinks it will be a short-term fling and he'll return to Mom, but she said she won't be taking him back. (Who knows how she'll feel later?)

My problem is, no matter what happens between them, I'm having a hard time even considering forgiving him for his selfishness. I know it's not my place as his daughter-in-law, but I don't know how I can bring myself to face him feeling as I do. Any words of wisdom? — JUDGMENTAL JUDY IN ARIZONA

DEAR JUDGMENTAL JUDY: I do have a few. If your mother-in-law already hasn't done so, make sure she gets the best legal advice possible. After 60 years of marriage, there should be plenty of assets to split. They will make her financially independent, and from that, emotional independence will follow. Do not count her out as a weak sister just yet because she appears to be stronger than you think.

While it's possible your father-in-law may want to reunite after the fling, it is equally possible that when the "chick" sees his nest egg is cracked in half, he will be less appealing to her. Only time will tell. In the meantime, keep the peace, bide your time, and as tempting as it may be to voice everything that's on your mind, keep your lip zipped. This isn't your marriage, so don't stir the pot.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Tom," the love of my life, for four years. We have been together more than 10 years and have a 2-year-old daughter.

Tom was diagnosed with a terminal illness early last year and is close to the end now. He's very angry, which I understand, but he takes it out on me since I am his caregiver. I'm also a full-time student about to graduate with my degree in registered nursing, so I'm busy all the time.

Between school, my daughter and giving full care to my husband, I'm stressed out. He yells a lot about everything, from money woes to the wrong bread on his sandwich. To top it off, we haven't been intimate since our daughter was born.

I'm not considering straying from our marriage, but at times I feel I'll be ready to date as soon as he's gone. It makes me feel guilty. Is it wrong to feel this way? Do you have any advice to help me through this tragic time in our lives? — DEPRESSED AND LONELY IN MICHIGAN

DEAR DEPRESSED: Yes. Stop beating yourself up for experiencing human emotions at a time when you're hauling a load that would crush an ox. Of COURSE your husband is angry. He has good reason to be — but he's misdirecting it on you.

Guilt is the last thing you need to add to what you're dealing with. It's normal to crave the closeness you haven't experienced in two years. If there are counseling services offered at your nursing school, please avail yourself of them.

Venting your feelings in a supportive environment will lighten your load and help you cope with your husband. There are also online support groups for caregivers. If you reach out in either direction, you'll feel better.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Have a fit!

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ A K Q J 10 5 2
♡ 10 9
◇ A 2
♣ Q 5

WEST
♠ Void
♡ A Q J 8 2
◇ K J 8 6 5 3
♣ K 10

EAST
♠ 4 3
♡ K 6 5 3
◇ 9 7
♣ 9 7 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 9 8 7 6
♡ 7 4
◇ Q 10 4
♣ A J 8 3

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1◇	Dbl	Pass	1♠
2♡	2♠	3♡	3♠
4♡	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: Ace of ♡

When last did you see dummy put down 150 honors in the trump suit and have a side-suit ace as well? It happened in the semifinal of the von Zeltwitz Life Masters Pairs at the recent ACBL Summer North American Championships in Philadelphia.

Sitting North on this deal was Mark Itabashi from Murrieta, Calif. He decided his hand was too good for any preemptive action so elected to make a takeout double, and was pleasantly surprised to hear his partner respond in spades. Note that, depending on the opening lead, four spades by North might go down.

West led the ace of hearts and continued the suit to his partner's king. The shift was to the nine of diamonds, taken in dummy with the ace. Next came six rounds of trumps ending in this position:

♠ 2
♡ —
◇ 2
♣ Q 5

♠ —	♠ —
♡ —	♡ 5
◇ K 8	◇ 7
♣ K 10	♣ 9 7

♠ —
♡ —
◇ Q 4
♣ A J

Now dummy's two of trumps is cashed, declarer parting with his low diamond and West is ruined. At the table he parted with the eight of diamonds, and he was tucked in with the king to lead away from the king of clubs into declarer's combined club tenace.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012:

This year you experience many different feelings that help guide you. You sometimes wonder which voice to listen to, but only you can decide that. You often have issues with the opposite sex. Maintain your sense of humor, and everything will work out fine. Transform your attitude, and you'll transform your life. If you are single, you come from a place of compassion when you meet someone. Be vulnerable yet open to the fact that this person might not be Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, share a new hobby with a sweetie in order to become closer. PISCES can drag you down.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Your intuition directs you as to which way to go, though you could feel stuck between a rock and a hard place. You see the potential for change, but you need a boss or supervisor to go along with you. You might opt not to share everything you are thinking. Tonight: Not to be found.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ A friend seems to zero in on an issue, which helps you to verbalize and express your thoughts. A partner cares, but he or she initially might show it as hostility. Get past this person's behavior. Detach, and you will see more. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You are on top of your game, and you understand what makes an associate function in the way that he or she does. Open up to a talk, and share more of what you think is needed. Be aware of what others suggest as well. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Detach before making a final decision. You intuitively want to know more of what could make a situation work. By stepping back, you will gain greater insight for how to proceed. Evaluate what is needed at the moment. Tonight: Your feelings need to lead the way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Recheck any agreements that could impact your finances. You have very high ideals, and you want to satisfy them. Sometimes double-checking is important in ensuring that everything is proceeding as you'd like. Be willing to flow with a change in plans or a call that takes too long. Tonight: Deal with a family member directly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Defer to someone who really wants to call the shots and make the decisions. You might not agree with this person, but you need to witness the end results of his or her actions. A child or loved one interjects a delightful element into your day. Tonight: Make calls and figure out weekend plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You deal with others directly and with self-confidence. You know what your expectations are, and, for the most part, you share them with those involved. You could get into a heated conversation at first, but let it go — don't let it mar your interaction. Tonight: Off to the gym.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your sense of direction calls for some quick decisions. Your ability to see beyond an issue and understand the consequences of certain actions allows you to make the right move. Deal with a passionate individual directly; remember that this person cares. Tonight: Choose something fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Think through a problem with key players. What you see happening is OK, even if on some level you don't buy someone else's version of the story. Nevertheless, you plan on making an important change because you see the wisdom of making it. Tonight: Happy to be home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Keep conversations moving. You have an intuitive sense of what you want to hear. Do not let frustration build, and realize that you have no control over others. Stay upbeat. A conversation opens up a situation. Tonight: Visit with a friend over a drink and munchies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You might not understand the financial implications of what you are seeing. Someone might be more deceptive than you think. If you are unsure, say little and avoid making any commitments. Tonight: Think "budget."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might want to understand what is going on with someone at a distance. You could be unusually aggravated with a loved one, but let these feelings pass. A friend encourages you to go along with his or her idea. Say "yes." Tonight: Beam in what you want.

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BORN TODAY

Actress Gwyneth Paltrow (1972), rapper Lil Wayne (1982), TV producer Shaun Cassidy (1958)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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14 Winner of the 2005 Best Picture Oscar
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24 Give way
25 Chess announcement
28 Place setting item
30 One way to sing
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48 Vodka in a blue bottle
49 Rug often groomed
50 Honor, in a way
52 "... but I could be wrong"
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60 Department store founder Rowland Hussey __
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31 Kind of gravy
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35 Moo goo __ pan
36 Lion's share
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39 Give it a go
42 Leaves in a huff, with "out"
43 Attacked eagerly, as a wrapped gift
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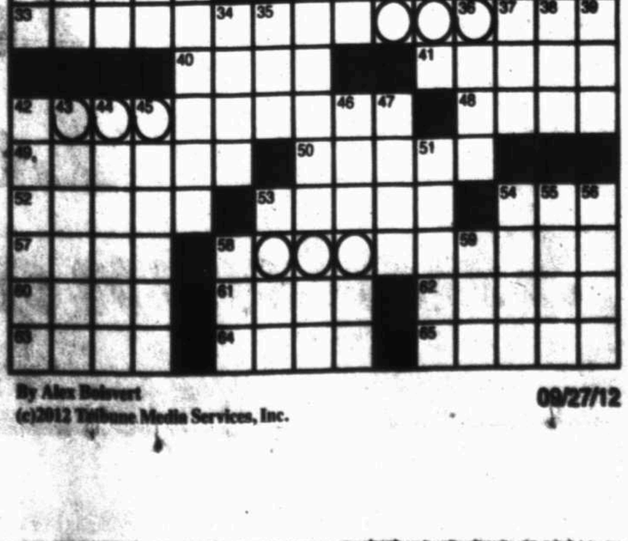

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First-year college classes focus on learning to succeed

By Monica Rhor
Houston Chronicle

The shift from high school to college can be a jolt.

Suddenly, there's no mom or dad watching over students' shoulders, making sure they get enough sleep, do their homework, get up in time for school. There's no teacher issuing constant reminders about upcoming due dates, no counselor charting schedules for the coming semester, no second chances for missed homework or late assignments.

Suddenly, expectations are amplified, responsibilities are heavier, stakes are higher.

The culture shock trips up many freshmen, causing some to fall behind on the path to graduation, and others to drop out.

According to a 2009 survey from the National Center for Education Statistics, only 36 percent of students who started college at a four-year institution graduate within four years from that school. That drops to about 19 percent for students who graduated on-time from a two-year institution.

So a growing number of colleges and universities have begun offering courses designed to help high-schoolers transition to college and stay on track to earning a degree.

The courses go by various names: "First Year Experience," "Freshmen Seminar," "Introduction to Collegiate Studies," "Learning Frameworks." They are electives at some schools, mandatory for freshmen at others.

But they share a focus on teaching study skills, career guidance and time management.

At Sam Houston State University, for example, "Introduction to Collegiate Studies" not only emphasizes writing skills, but also guides students in picking careers and identifying their own learning styles.

At San Jacinto College, students finish the school's required first-year courses by mapping out a plan for graduation.

In the University of Houston-Downtown's "College Success Program" course, topics include financial literacy, note-taking, campus culture and extracurricular activities.

"If we help students do better in their first semester of college academically, make informed decisions about what to major in, and what career opportunities are available, we think it will help shorten the time it takes them to graduate and increase the likelihood of graduation," said Kay Angrove, director of Sam Houston's First-Year Experience and Student Success Initiatives. "We're very mindful that it's expensive to go to college, so we want them to make as few mistakes as possible."

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Jiawor Guan, 18, a graduate from Sharpstown International School, and Michael Hopkins, 18, a graduate from Manvel High School, introduce themselves before starting an exercise in their freshman seminar course at University of Houston Downtown.

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MC VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Chaps won a thriller in New Mexico. See that story on Page 2C.

Prepping for the next game

Bulldog Report

Fuentes impresses on defense

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

It's not that Phillip Fuentes' impact in Midland High's victory against Amarillo Tascosa on Friday was unexpected. It was the way Fuentes impacted the game that was unforeseen.

Since he was a sophomore, Fuentes has played the receiver position for the Bulldogs. In fact, he was the team's top returning receiver this season after catching a handful of passes during his junior year.

But with the injuries in the Bulldogs secondary piling up, Fuentes was called upon to take on a new position — free safety. The results were game-changing as Fuentes made multiple plays at his new position, helping the Bulldogs pull out a 13-7 victory against Tascosa.

"If I had to single out one player from that game it would be Phillip," Midland High coach Craig Yenzer said. "Phillip played a great game and he was a difference maker. He really stuck out."

It was the first time in Fuentes' varsity career he had played defense and he did so admirably. The only reason the Midland High senior was asked to start at the position was due to in-

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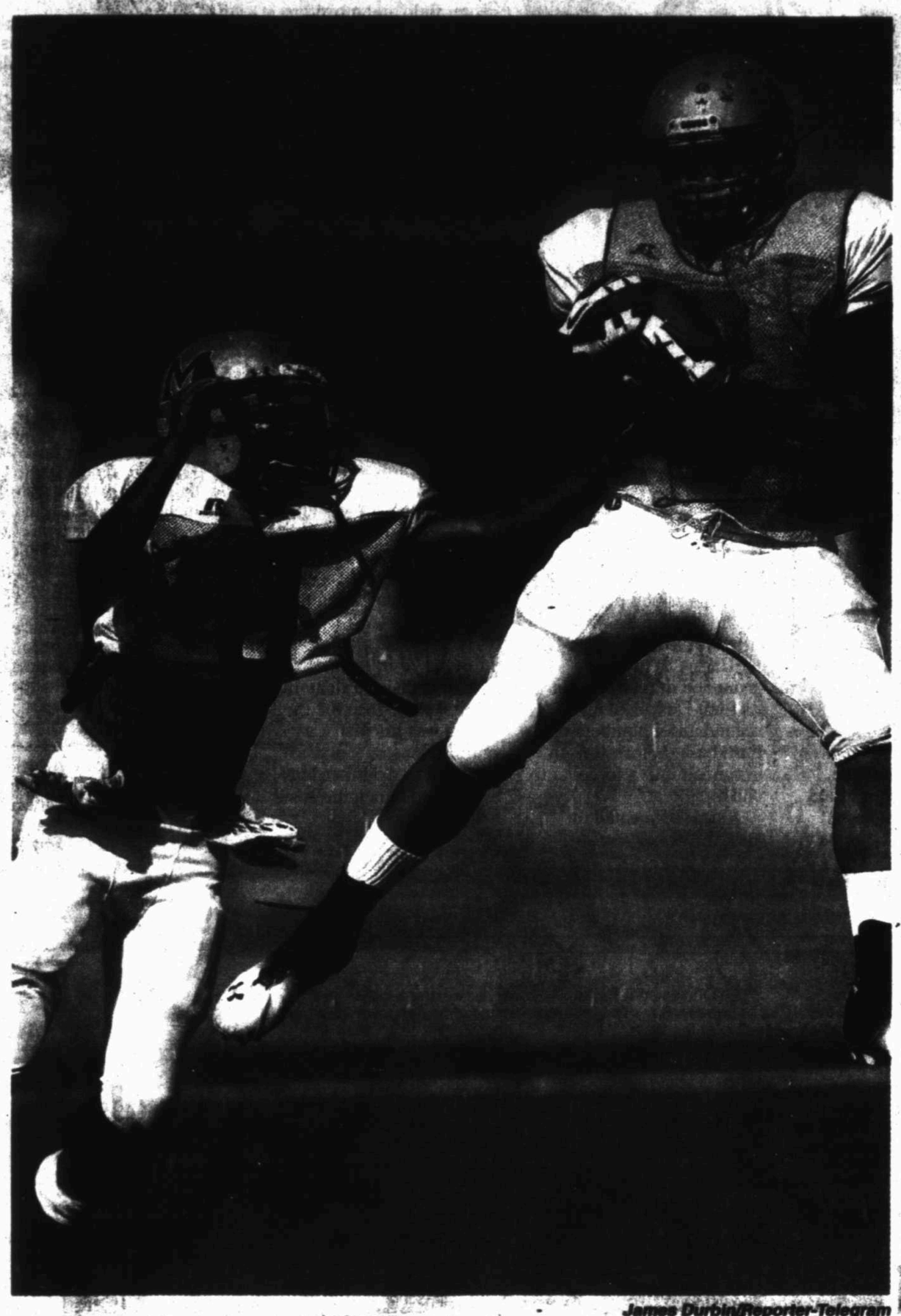

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Phillip Fuentes, right, makes an interception while playing as safety during Midland High's practice Wednesday at Memorial Stadium. Fuentes also plays as a wide receiver but is stepping in this week as a safety.

MHS begins key 4-game stretch this week

JONATHAN HULL
Sports Writer

Random musings about District 2-5A football from a disillusioned mind:

■ No victory in District 2-5A should be taken for granted. That includes Midland High's 13-7 win against Amarillo Tascosa on Friday.

I don't think any coach, player or fan will argue when I call that about as ugly of a victory as one can get. But, it's a win just the same, and the Bulldogs are already better off in district than they were a season ago.

Last season, Midland High started off district play with three straight losses to Odessa Permian, Odessa High and Abilene High before scrambling to win to defeat Lee. That win against Lee was the Bulldogs' lone win in 3-5A last year and turned out to be just enough to sneak them into the playoffs.

In a bigger district, a couple wins or losses at the beginning of league play don't have the same impact as in the smaller six-team District 3-5A a year ago. But in Midland High's case, early wins in 2-5A are going to decide the Bulldogs' playoff fortunes.

With a very challenging four-game stretch about to begin for the Bulldogs this week against Odessa Permian, beating Tascosa was vital for their season. After Midland High visits Ratliff

Please see HULL/4C

Things aren't quite as easy to predict in 2-5A after two weeks

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Columnist

Sometimes I have a problem getting all the numbers to go with the facts. And when I run into that problem, it makes me question just about everything we know. That's certainly the case with District 2-5A this year.

The question is: Do we know what we think we know or do we just not get it at all?

You might be asking why the concern. Well, I just don't get it. Based on opponents, comparative scores, home field advantage, talent levels, etc., etc., Lee should have lost to Abilene Cooper. It didn't happen, throwing Einstein and the universe all out of kilter.

And then I have to explain that 13-7

Please see WILLIAMSON/5C

Rebels remain focused on season during bye week

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Rebel Report

With no game last Friday, Lee has had two weeks to soak up the press clippings and news stories that came in the aftermath of its 28-20 district-opening win against Abilene Cooper.

Yet coach James Morton said there hasn't been a difference in the way his Rebels have practiced since the win, and the players said part of the motivation has been a different type of recognition.

"We have an indicator list," said senior offensive tackle Blake Long. "When we go to practice, we mess up, we get put on the indicator list."

Added junior Alex Bell: "You never want to get on there. That just shows that we're not staying focused all the time — we never want to get on that list."

While players have tried to dodge the public humiliation of the list, which Long said hangs in the Lee locker room, the list has a deeper significance for the Rebels — one that ties into accountability on Friday nights.

"Everyone walks by, everybody reads it and they know what you messed up on and how it affects the whole team," Long said. "Because if one person messes up that can ruin the whole play."

Lee felt that was the case early in the season when poor execution sabotaged chances to pull away from El Paso Americas and protect a lead against Hurst L.D. Bell.

But the Rebels saw a jump in that category against Cooper, gaining a season-best 381 yards against the Cougars.

And after the win, Lee's first

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

El Paso Americas' Javier Hinijos gets wraped up by Lee's Michael Morales on Aug. 31 in the ASCO Midland Football Madness at Grande Communications Stadium.

A's win at Texas, only 3 games back in AL West

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Yoenis Cespedes had one of Oakland's two triples in the first inning and the Athletics jumped out to a quick lead in a 9-3 victory at Texas on Wednesday night to pull within three games of the AL West-leading Rangers.

Athletics	9
Rangers	3

The Athletics, who had played five consecutive one-run games, led 5-0 only eight batters into the game. They chased Martin Perez (1-3) before the rookie left-hander got all the way through the batting order.

Oakland has won two of three in the series that wraps up with a day game Thursday. After that, the A's go home for a three-game weekend series against Seattle before hosting the Rangers for the final three games of the regular season next week.

Stephen Drew had four of Oakland's 16 hits, including a double leading off the game before scoring on Cespedes' triple into the right-center gap.

The only Oakland starter without a hit was No. 9 hitter Cliff Pennington. Even Josh Reddick ended a career-long 0-for-30 slump with singles in the seventh and ninth innings.

Rookie righty Jarrod Parker (12-8) won his third consecutive decision over four starts. He struck out eight in six innings, and his 109 pitches were his most since 111 on June 4, when he threw eight scoreless innings and allowed only one hit against the Rangers in Oakland.

Oakland had a 2 1/2-game lead over the Angels for the AL's second wild card. Los Angeles was playing at home later Wednesday night against Seattle.

The magic number remained at

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Inside

See how the Astros did against the Cardinals and the MLB roundup on Page 2C.

NFL reaches tentative agreement with refs

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL and the referees' union reached a tentative contract agreement at midnight Thursday, ending an impasse that began in June when the league locked out the officials and used replacements instead.

"Our officials will be back on the field starting (tonight)" for the Cleveland-Baltimore game, Commissioner Roger Goodell said. "We appreciate the commitment of the NFLRA in working through the issues to reach this important agreement."

With Goodell at the table, the sides concluded two days of talks with the announcement of a tentative 8-year deal, which must be ratified by 51 percent of the union's 121 members. They plan

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NASCAR PAGE 8C

Norris pitches Astros to win over Cardinals

By Kristie Ricken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Bud Norris pitched into the eighth inning for his first win since May 21, and Jose Altuve homered and the Houston Astros avoided a sweep with a 2-0 win over the St. Louis Cardinals, who are vying for the second NL wild card, on Wednesday night.

Norris (6-13) allowed two hits and struck out seven without a walk in 7 1-3 innings to snap a career-long 12-game losing streak which spanned 18 starts in the last National League game in Houston with the Astros moving to the American League West for 2013.

The victory broke a 10-game winning streak for the Cardinals over Houston and cut their lead over Los Angeles and Milwaukee to 3 1/2 games for the second NL wild card spot after both teams won Wednesday.

Norris hurled the gem despite a tough stretch where he has been slowed by a blister on index finger of his right hand and flu-like symptoms.

Wilton Lopez got the final five outs to complete the three-hitter and get his eighth save. Norris clapped his hands once and smiled when Houston got the final out.

Chris Carpenter (0-1) allowed four hits and two runs in six innings in his second start since missing 150 games following right shoulder surgery.

Norris had retired 12 of 13 when he hit Adron Chambers to start the eighth inning. Daniel Descalso reached on an error by Brett Wallace, when his grounder rolled between the first baseman's legs.

Norris struck out Pete Kozma before he was lifted for Lopez. Pinch-hitter Carlos Beltran grounded into a forceout that left Descalso out at second and Chambers on third base, before Jon Jay grounded into a forceout to end the threat.

Altuve connected on Carpenter's first pitch of the fourth inning for Houston's first hit, a homer to the Crawford Boxes in left field, to make it 1-0.

Scott Moore followed with a double which bounced off the wall in center field and moved to third on a flyout by Jed Lowrie. Justin Maxwell reached on a fielder's choice that left Moore out at home.

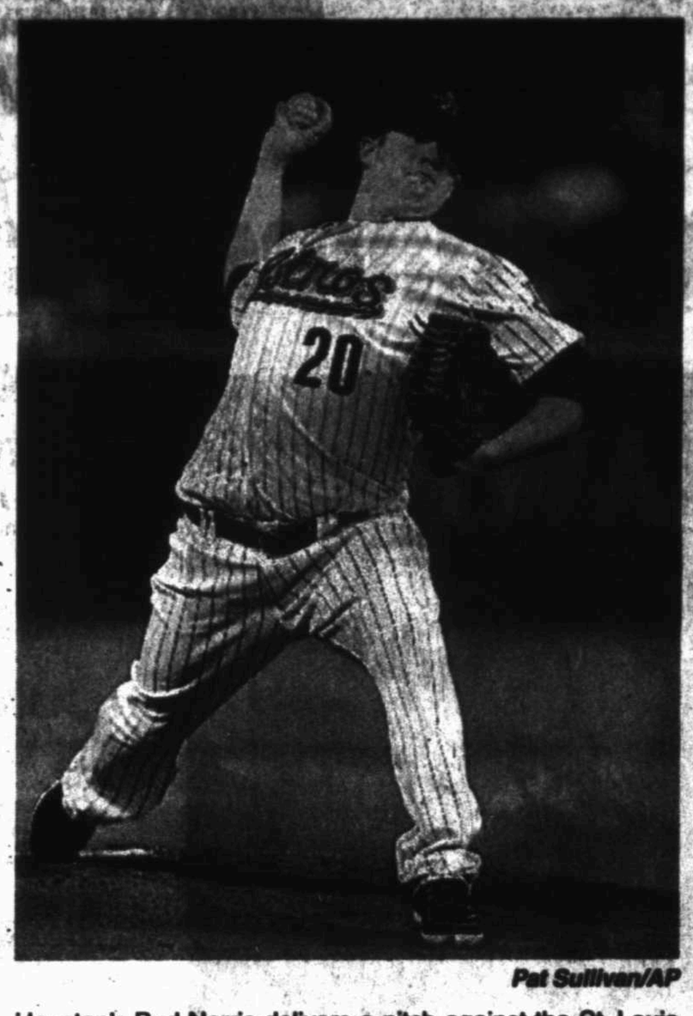
Maxwell stole second base before scoring on Wallace's double to right field which pushed the lead to 2-0.

Norris was perfect through the first three innings. Jay doubled to start the fourth for the Cardinals' first hit. But Norris got right back on track, retiring the next seven batters. Carpenter singled with one out in the sixth before Norris retired the next two Cardinals to end the inning.

Carpenter hit Fernando Martinez to start Houston's third, but faced the minimum through three thanks to a double play in that inning.

He threw 92 pitches after throwing 77 in five innings of a no-decision Friday in his first start since the injury. It was his first start against Houston since throwing a two-hitter last Sept. 28 to clinch the NL wild card.

Astros	2
Cardinals	0



Pat Sullivan/AP

Houston's Bud Norris delivers a pitch against the St. Louis Cardinals in the first inning Wednesday in Houston.

Forrest Allen/MC Athletics

The Midland College volleyball team celebrates winning a five-set match against New Mexico Military Institute on Wednesday at NMMI.

Lady Chaps win 5-set thriller over NMMI

From staff reports

ROSWELL, N.M. — Exactly one week after a four-set triumph against rival Odessa College, Midland College survived an even closer match, defeating New Mexico Military Institute 25-23, 14-25, 25-20, 16-25, 18-16 on Wednesday at NMMI.

MC coach Tammie Jimenez said the key to the match was her team's mental approach as the five-set war raged on.

"I think it took a little bit of feeding them information about how great we are as a team," Jimenez said. "Because there were moments of mental lapses ... moments where we started to question ourselves."

Yet the Lady Chaps were able to survive thanks to a team-high 12 kills from Gabby Nieto while Dragana Cvoric and Victoria Smith added nine and Raiza Kochhann chipped in eight.

Kochhann also had a team-high 5.5 blocks while Nieto had five. Kristina Gafford recorded a team-leading 28 assists while Midland High product Naomi Posada had a team-high 15 digs to go with five kills.

The win was the Lady Chaps' fifth straight and moved them to 4-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, 12-4 overall.

"I feel like we're playing very well," Jimenez said. "We're definitely starting to gel. We're understanding that it takes more than one of us, that it takes a collective effort to win a match."

Midland College will resume play Friday when it hosts the Midland College Tournament, which will continue Saturday.

MIDLAND COLLEGE DEF. NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE, 25-23, 14-25, 25-20, 16-25, 18-16

Midland College statistics

Kills — Gabby Nieto 12, Dragana Cvoric 9, Victoria Smith 9, Raiza Kochhann 8, Naomi Posada 5, Kristina Gafford 2, Kahleen Lesuza 2, Megan Sanchez 1

Digs — Posada 15, Meirna Salazar 11, Sarah Allen 10, Cvoric 8, Gafford 6, Lesuza 2, Smith 1

Assists — Gafford 28, Shayla Hancock 3, Smith 2, Lesuza 1

Blocks — Kochhann 5.5, Nieto 5, Cvoric 1.5, Posada 1.5, Smith 1, Gafford 0.5

Aces — Allen 3, Salazar 3, Cvoric 2, Nieto 1, Sanchez 1

Record: Midland College 12-4, 4-0 in WJCAC

Next: Midland College at Midland College Tournament, Friday and Saturday

WEDNESDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TIGERS 5, ROYALS 4

DETROIT — Jhonny Peralta brought home the go-ahead run when Andy Dirks' hard slide broke up a potential inning-ending double play in the eighth inning and the Detroit Tigers beat the Kansas City Royals 5-4 Wednesday night.

Triple Crown candidate Miguel Cabrera was robbed of a tiebreaking homer in the fifth inning by Alex Gordon's catch above the left-field wall. Detroit, which started the day tied with the Chicago White Sox atop the AL Central for the first time since Sept. 2, found a way to break through the eighth, though.

ORIOLES 12, BLUE JAYS 2

BALTIMORE — Chris Davis and Manny Machado each connected twice and the Baltimore Orioles tied a team record with seven home runs and stayed within 1 1/2 games of the AL East lead.

The Orioles ended a two-game losing skid against the Blue Jays and remained close to the division-leading New York Yankees, who won 8-2 in Minnesota.

RAYS 4, RED SOX 2

BOSTON — Carlos Pena and Ben Francisco hit back-to-back, tape-measure homers in the fifth inning on Wednesday night to lead the Tampa Bay Rays to their seventh consecutive victory, 4-2 over the Boston Red Sox.

The Rays remained 3 1-2 games behind Baltimore for second place in the AL East. Tampa Bay began the day three games behind Oakland for the second wild-card spot.

YANKEES 8, TWINS 2

MINNEAPOLIS — C.C. Sabathia struck out 10 batters over eight innings and New York beat remained 1 1/2 games ahead of Baltimore in the AL East.

The Orioles beat Toronto 12-2 on Wednesday night. The Yankees visit the Blue Jays for four games starting Thursday. Baltimore, after an off day, plays Boston at home this weekend.

Sabathia (14-6) threw 89 of his 118 pitches for strikes. Robinson Cano hit a two-run double and Curtis Granderson added a two-run triple during a six-run third inning against Brian Duensing (4-11), and Sabathia took care of the rest. The burly lefty gave up six hits, two runs and one walk.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BREWERS 8, REDS 1

CINCINNATI — Ryan Braun hit his NL-leading 41st home run on Wednesday night, and Milwaukee kept its wild-card chances flickering with an 8-1 victory over Cincinnati.

BRAVES 3, MARLINS 0

ATLANTA — Martin Prado homered and Paul Maholm combined with three relievers on a six-hitter as Atlanta showed no hangover from their champagne celebration after clinching an NL wild-card spot the night before.

NATIONALS 8, PHILLIES 4

PHILADELPHIA — Bryce Harper hit his 20th homer, Ian Desmond and Kurt Suzuki also connected and Washington moved closer toward winning its first division title since moving to Washington.

DODGERS 8, PADRES 2

SAN DIEGO — Matt Kemp had four hits, falling a triple shy of the cycle, and four RBI as Los Angeles used a rare offensive outburst to keep its slim playoff hopes alive.

METS 6, PIRATES 0

NEW YORK — David Wright broke the Mets' record for hits and Jeremy Hefner bounced back from a horrendous start in a victory that eliminated Pittsburgh from playoff contention.

HSVOLLEYBALLCAPSULE

BY LEN HAYWARD

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN AT FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN

When/where: 5:30 p.m. today, Cardinal Gym, North Richland Hills

Records: Midland Christian 24-5, 2-2 in TAPPS 1-4A; Fort Worth Christian 18-11, 2-1

Last district match: Arlington Grace Prep def. Midland Christian, 25-21, 22-25, 25-19, 25-12; Fort Worth Christian def. FW SW Christian, 3-0

Notes: The Lady Mustangs will play a rare Thursday game today on the road against a team that is looking to go to the playoffs. Midland Christian took a break from district play on Tuesday to defeat Midland Classical in three sets. ... The Lady Mustangs picked up a split of district matches last week at home as they beat Grapevine Faith in four sets and then fell to Arlington Grace Prep in four sets. ... Fort Worth Christian's lone district loss this season has come to Grace Prep as wll. The Lady Cardinals have not played a four or five-set match in district play this season. ... Today's game is being played on Thursday because of Midland Christian's homecoming festivities on Friday.

Next: Midland Christian at Lubbock Trinity Christian, 7 p.m. Tuesday; Lubbock Trinity Christian at Fort Worth Christian, 6:30 p.m. Friday

TEXAS

From 1C

five for the two-time defending American League champion Rangers, who host the Angels for three games this weekend.

Matt Harrison (17-10), the All-Star left-hander, starts for Texas in the series finale, when he will try to become the Rangers' first 18-game winner since Kenny Rogers in 2004. He faces lefty Travis Blackley (5-3).

The Athletics set an AL record for striking out the most in a season with their 11 against six Texas pitchers. They have 1,333, nine more than Tampa Bay had in 2007, and they still have seven games left.

After Cespedes' one-out triple, the A's had three consecutive singles. The last was Josh Donaldson's grounder up the middle that then rolled under the glove of center fielder Josh Hamilton for a two-base error, making it 4-0. Derek Norris tripled to left-center on a liner Hamilton appeared to misplay and let get over his head.

A night after Yu Darvish was scratched from his scheduled start because of neck stiffness, and Scott Feldman and five other relievers were needed in a 10-inning loss, the Rangers were already back in their bullpen before the end of the first inning.

Wilmer Font, the third Texas pitcher, walked the only two batters he faced to start the third before Drew's two-run single made it 7-3. Moss doubled and scored on a single by Norris an inning later.

REFS

From 1C

to vote Friday.

"Our Board of Directors has unanimously approved taking this proposed CBA to the membership for a ratification vote," said Scott Green, president of the NFLRA. "We are glad to be getting back on the field for this week's games."

The replacements worked the first three weeks of games, triggering a wave of frustration that threatened to disrupt the rest of the season. After a missed call cost the Green Bay Packers a win on a chaotic final play at Seattle on Monday night, the two sides really got serious.

The union was seeking improved salaries, retirement benefits and other logistical issues for the part-time officials. The NFL has proposed a pension freeze and a higher 401(k) match, and it wants to hire 21 more officials to improve the quality of officiating. The union has fought that, fearing it could lead to a loss of jobs for some of the current officials, as well as a reduction in overall compensation.

The NFL claimed its offers have included annual pay increases that could earn an experienced official more than $200,000 annually by 2018. The NFLRA has disputed the value of the proposal, insisting it means an overall reduction in compensation.

Replacement refs aren't new to the NFL. They worked the first week of games in 2001 before a deal was reached. But those officials came from the highest level of college football; the current replacements do not. Their ability to call fast-moving NFL games drew mounting criticism through Week 3, climaxing last weekend, when ESPN analyst Jon Gruden called their work "tragic and comical."

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NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	3	1	0	.667	81	75
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	87	79
New England	1	2	0	.333	82	64
Miami	1	2	0	.333	65	66
South						
Houston	3	0	0	1.000	82	42
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	52	76
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	67	113
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	67	83
North						
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	77	75
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	85	102
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	.333	77	75
Cleveland	0	3	0	.000	57	89
West						
San Diego	2	1	0	.667	63	51
Denver	1	2	0	.333	77	77
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	68	69
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	68	68

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	47	54
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	66	65
N.Y. Giants	2	1	0	.667	64	65
Washington	1	2	0	.333	99	101
South						
Atlanta	3	0	0	1.000	94	48
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.333	60	67
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	52	79
New Orleans	0	3	0	.000	83	102
North						
Minnesota	2	1	0	.667	70	59
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	74	50
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	57	54
Detroit	1	2	0	.333	67	94
West						
Arizona	3	0	0	1.000	67	40
San Francisco	2	1	0	.667	72	65
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	57	39
St. Louis	1	2	0	.333	60	78

Today's Game
Cleveland at Baltimore, 7:20 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Tennessee at Jacksonville, noon
San Diego at Kansas City, noon
Seattle at St. Louis, noon
New England at Buffalo, noon
Minnesota at Detroit, noon
Carolina at Atlanta, noon
San Francisco at N.Y. Jets, noon
Miami at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 3:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 7:20 p.m.
Open: Indianapolis, Pittsburgh
Monday's Game
Chicago at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

WNBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(n-if necessary)
(Best-of-3)
Eastern Conference
Connecticut vs. New York
Today: New York at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 29: Connecticut at New York, 6 p.m.
x-Monday, Oct. 1: New York at Connecticut, 6 p.m.
Indiana vs. Atlanta
Friday, Sept. 28: Atlanta at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 30: Indiana at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
x-Tuesday, Oct. 2: Atlanta at Indiana, TBD
Western Conference
Minnesota vs. Seattle
Friday, Sept. 28: Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 30: Minnesota at Seattle, 8 p.m.
x-Tuesday, Oct. 2: Seattle at Minnesota, TBD
Los Angeles vs. San Antonio
Today: San Antonio at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 29: Los Angeles at San Antonio, 2 p.m.
x-Monday, Oct. 1: San Antonio at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Tennis

ATP World Tour Thailand Open Results
Wednesday
At Impact Arena
Bangkok, Thailand
Purse: $608,500 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
First Round
Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, def. Marinko Matosevic, Australia, 6-3, 6-4.
Go Soeda, Japan, def. Danai Udomchoke, Thailand, 6-4, 7-5.
Gael Monfils, France, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 6-4, 7-5.
Second Round
Janko Tipsarevic (1), Serbia, def. Hiroki Moriya, Japan, 6-4, 6-4.
Jarkko Nieminen (7), Finland, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 7-6 (1), 6-2.
Doubles
First Round
Jamie Murray, Britain, and Andre Sa, Brazil, def. Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Scott Lipsky (2), United States, 6-4, 3-6, 10-7.
Leander Paes, India, and Horia Tecau (1), Romania, def. Rohin Haase and Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, 6-4, 7-5.
Christopher Kas, Germany, and Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, and Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-4, 7-5.
Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, and Denis Udomchoke, Thailand, def. Alexander Brunstrom, Sweden, and Jonathan Marray, Britain, 6-1, 3-6, 11-9.
Quarterfinals
Sanchai and Sonchat Ratiwatana, Thailand, def. David Marrero and Fernando Verdasco (3), Spain, 6-3, 1-6, 10-6.

WTA Toray Pan Pacific Open Results
Wednesday
At Ariake Coliseum
Tokyo
Purse: $2.17 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Sara Errani (6), Italy, def. Marion Bartoli (9), France, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Nadia Petrova (17), Russia, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 7-6 (2), 6-7 (1), 6-4.
Sam Stosur (8), Australia, def. Dominika Cibulkova (12), Slovakia, 6-4, 7-5.
Angelique Kerber (5), Germany, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 6-1, 6-1.
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, def. Jamie Hampton, United States, 6-4, 6-3.
Caroline Wozniacki (10), Denmark, def. Li Na (7), China, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Roberta Vinci (14), Italy, 6-4, 6-2.
Doubles
First Round
Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, and Kveta Peschke (4), Czech Republic, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Peng Shuai, China, 6-1, 6-2.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, and Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Vania King, United States, and Yaroslava Shvedova (1), Kazakhstan, 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Quarterfinals
Sabine Lisicki, Germany, and Lisa Raymond, def. Darija Jurak, Croatia, and Katalin Marosi, Hungary, 6-4, 6-2.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting KC	16	7	7	55	37	25
Chicago	16	9	5	53	50	34
D.C.	15	10	5	50	47	39
New York	14	8	8	50	43	30
Houston	12	8	10	46	32	37
Columbus	11	11	7	40	35	37
Montreal	12	15	4	40	44	49
Philadelphia	9	14	6	33	29	33
New England	7	15	7	28	31	42
Toronto FC	5	18	7	22	34	55

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-San Jose	18	6	6	60	52	38
x-Los Angeles	15	11	4	49	54	42
x-Real Salt Lake	13	11	4	43	45	37
Seattle	13	7	9	48	45	31
Vancouver	10	12	8	38	31	40
FC Dallas	9	12	9	36	35	39
Colorado	9	13	8	35	38	45
Portland	7	15	8	29	31	51
Chivas USA	7	15	7	28	21	45

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
x- clinched playoff berth

Friday's Game
Chicago at Sporting Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.

Wild Card

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	WCGB
Baltimore	89	67	—
Oakland	88	67	1/2
Los Angeles	85	69	3 1/2
Tampa Bay	85	70	4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	WCGB
x-Atlanta	90	65	—
St. Louis	84	72	5 1/2
Washington	81	75	9
Los Angeles	80	75	9 1/2

x-clinched playoff berth

AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y. Yankees 8, Minnesota 2
Detroit 5, Kansas City 4
Baltimore 12, Toronto 2
Tampa Bay 4, Boston 2
Oakland 9, Texas 3
Cleveland 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Seattle at L.A. Angels, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE
L.A. Dodgers 8, San Diego 2
Washington 8, Philadelphia 4
Atlanta 3, Miami 0
Milwaukee 8, Cincinnati 1
N.Y. Mets 6, Pittsburgh 0
Houston 2, St. Louis 0
Chicago Cubs at Colorado, late
Arizona at San Francisco, late

AL Boxes

ATHLETICS 9, RANGERS 3

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	hi
Drew ss	5	1	4	2	Kinsler 2b	2	1	0
JCarter lf	4	0	1	0	Andrus ss	4	0	1
S.Smith ph-lf	2	0	0	0	Hamilton lf	4	0	0
Barton 1b	3	0	0	0	Beltre 3b	4	0	1
Cespedes cf	5	1	1	1	N.Cruz rf	3	0	0
Carter dh	5	1	1	1	M.Ming dh	4	1	2
Moss 1b-lf	5	3	3	0	DvMrp lf	4	1	1
Dnldsn 3b	4	2	2	1	Napoli c	3	0	0
Reddick rf	4	1	2	0	Andrsn ph	1	0	0
DNorrs c	4	0	2	3				
Pengln 2b	4	0	0	0				
Totals	41	9	16	8	Totals	31	3	5

Oakland	502	100	001	—	9
Texas	120	000	000	—	3

E—Moss (6), Hamilton (8). DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Oakland 9, Texas 8. 2B—Drew (5), Moss 2 (15), Andrus (30), Mi.Young (28), 3B—Cespedes (4), D.Norris (1). CS—Pennington (6). SF—D.Norris, Andrus.

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
J.Parker W,12-8	6	5	3	3	3	8
Blevins	1	2-3	0	0	0	1
Scribner	1	1-3	0	0	0	2
Texas						
M.Perez L,1-3	2-3	6	5	5	0	1
Oviedi	1	1-3	2	0	0	0
Ford		0	0	2	0	0
Schoppers	1	2-3	4	1	1	1
Tatayama	2	1-3	0	0	0	4
Grilli	1	1	1	0	2	

Ford pitched to 2 batters in the 3rd.
T—3:35. A—46,689 (48,194).

YANKEES 8, TWINS 2

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	hi
ISuzuki rf	5	1	2	0	Span cf	4	0	0
Gardnr lf	4	0	0	0	Revere rf	4	0	0
Jeter ss	4	1	0	0	Mauer dh	4	0	0
Cano 2b	5	1	2	2	Dozier c	4	0	0
Swisher 1b	4	1	1	1	Parmel 1b	4	0	0
Grndrs cf	5	1	2	1	MCarsn lf	4	0	1
Nunez 3b	2	0	0	0	JCarrll 3b	3	0	1
Ibanez dh	4	1	2	0	CHmm ph	1	0	1
CStwrt c	3	0	1	0	ACasill 2b	4	0	2
Dickrsn lf-rf	4	2	2	2	Flormn ss	3	0	1
Totals	36	8	11	7	Totals	34	2	7

New York	000	002	000	—	2
Minnesota	010	000	000	—	1

DP—Minnesota 1. LOB—New York 6, Minnesota 6. 2B—Cano 2 (43), Ibanez (19). 3B—Granderson (4). HR—Dickerson (2).

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sabathia W,14-6	6	6	2	2	1	10
Eppley	1	1	0	0	0	1
Minnesota						
Deduno	1-2-3	0	0	0	2	2
Manship L,4-11	1	5	6	6	0	2
Swarzak	3	1-3	3	2	2	1
Waldrop		2	2	0	0	0
Perkins		1	1	0	0	1

WP—Duensing. PB—Dozier.
T—2:54. A—33,251 (39,500).

TIGERS 5, ROYALS 4

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	hi
Lough cf	4	1	1	1	AJcksn cf	4	1	2
AEscor ss	4	0	0	0	Berry lf	4	0	0
AGordn lf	4	1	2	1	MCarr 3b	4	0	1
Butler dh	4	0	1	1	Fielder 1b	3	0	1
S.Perez c	4	0	1	0	DKnrg dh	4	1	2
Mostks 3b	3	0	1	0	DKelly pr-dh	0	1	0
Franco rf	4	1	1	1	Dirks rf	4	0	0
Hosmer 1b	4	0	2	0	JhPerlt ss	3	1	1
Falu 2b	4	1	3	0	Avila c	4	1	2
					Infante 2b	3	0	0
Totals	35	4	10	4	Totals	33	5	9

Kansas City	003	100	000	—	4
Detroit	010	300	001	—	5

E—Fielder (10), LDS—Kansas City 5, Detroit 6. 2B—Lough (2), A.Gordon 2 (51), Falu (5), A.Jackson (29), D.Young (20). HR—Franco (14), A.Jackson (16), Avila (9). SB—D.Kelly (2). CS—Falu (2).

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Guthrie	7	7	4	4	2	3
K.Herrera L,4-3	1	2	1	1	0	0
Detroit						
Porcello	4	7	4	4	0	3
L.Marte	2-3	1	0	0	0	2
Albaquerque	2-3	1	1	0	0	1
Benoit W,4-3	1	1	0	0	0	1
Valverde S,32-37	1	0	0	0	1	1

T—2:30. A—32,360 (41,255).

ORIOLES 12, BLUE JAYS 2

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	hi
Lawrie 3b	4	0	0	0	McLoth lf	4	2	2
Rasms cf	3	0	0	0	Hoes ph-lf	1	0	1
McCoy ph-lf	1	0	0	0	Hardy ss	3	2	2
Encrnc dh	4	1	1	1	Quntnll ph-ss	1	0	0
YEscor ss	3	0	0	0	C.Davis rf	4	2	2
Hchvr ph	1	0	1	0	EnChvz cf	3	0	0
Lind 1b	4	0	3	0	AdJons cf	4	0	1
RDavis rf	3	0	0	0	Avery cf	0	0	0
Sierra ph	1	0	0	0	Wietters c	3	1	1
Vizquel 2b	3	0	0	0	Thome dh	4	1	1
Arencic c	2	1	1	0	McHyml 1b	4	2	1
Gose fld	3	0	1	1	Flahrty 2b	3	0	1
					Andino 2b	1	0	0
					Machd 3b	4	2	3
Totals	32	2	7	2	Totals	35	12	12

Toronto	100	010	000	—	2
Baltimore	100	052	22x	—	12

E—Lawrie 2 (16). DP—Toronto 2, Baltimore 1. LOB—Toronto 4, Baltimore 2. 2B—Arencibia (16), Ad.Jones (39). HR—Encarnacion (42), McLouth (6), C.Davis 2 (28), Thome (3), Mac.Reynolds (23), Machado 2 (6). CS—R.Davis (13).

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Villanueva L,7-7	4	2-3	7	6	6	1
Lyon	1	3	0	0	0	1
Camerio	1	1	2	2	0	1
Beck	1	2	2	2	0	1
D.Carpenter	1	1	2	1	0	2
Baltimore						
Mig.Gonzalez W,8-4	1	7	5	2	1	1
Matusz	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tom.Hunter	1	2	0	0	0	0

WP—Villanueva.
T—2:47. A—38,513 (45,971).

RAYS 4, RED SOX 2

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	hi
DJnngs rf	4	0	0	0	CSisco 3b	4	0	0
BUpton cf	4	0	0	0	Pdrdnk rf	4	0	1
Zobrist ss	4	0	0	0	Pedroia 2b	2	1	0
Longori 3b	3	0	0	0	C.Ross rf	3	0	1
Kppngr dh	4	2	2	0	Loney 1b	2	0	1
C.Pena 1b	3	1	2	2	Kalish pr	0	0	0
JFrncs lf	3	1	1	1	SDMrp lf	3	1	1
Joyce rf	1	0	0	0	Lvrnwy dh	4	0	1
RRorts 2b	3	0	1	0	Nava lf	4	0	1
Lobaton c	3	0	0	0	Shrpnn c	3	0	0
Totals	34	4	6	4	Totals	29	2	6

Tampa Bay	000	030	100	—	4
Boston	000	000	002	—	2

DP—Tampa Bay 1, Boston 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 5, Boston 6. 2B—Zobrist (37), Lobaton (10). HR—C.Pena (19), B.Francisco (2). SB—Pedroia 2 (18), SDMrp (1).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cobb W,10-9	5	3	1	1	3	5
Farnsworth	1	0	1	1	1	1
McGee	1	0	0	0	0	2
W.Davis	1	0	0	0	0	2
Jo.Peralta	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rodney S,45-47	1	0	0	0	0	1
Boston						
Lester L,9-14	6	4	3	3	1	5
Mortensen	0	1	1	1	0	0

R.Hill 2-3 2 0 0 0 2
Melancon 1 1-3 1 0 0 0 4
Breslow 1 0 0 0 1 3

Mortensen pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
Farnsworth pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
T—3:18. A—37,247 (37,495).

INDIANS 6, WHITE SOX 4

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	hi
Choo rf	5	1	1	1	De Aza lf	1	1	1
Kipnis 2b	3	1	1	0	Youkils 3b	5	1	1
AsCarr ss	5	1	0	0	A.Dunn dh	5	1	1
Lillridg ss	3	0	0	0	Hoxton pr	0	0	0
C.Santn 1b	3	2	0	1	Konerk 1b	4	0	0
Kthm 1b	0	0	0	0	Rios rf	3	0	2
Canzler lf	4	0	2	1	Przynsc c	3	1	2
Brantly dh	4	1	1	1	AlRmrz ss	4	0	1
Hafner dh	5	0	0	0	Wise cf	4	0	0
ChonHd 3b	4	1	1	0	Bckhm 2b	3	0	0
Hannhn 3b	0	0	0	0				
Marson c	2	1	0	0				
Carrer cf	5	1	2	0				
Totals	35	6	9	6	Totals	32	4	8

Cleveland	100	201	110	—	6
Chicago	300	010	000	—	4

LOB—Cleveland 14, Chicago 9. 2B—Choo (40), Carrera (5), Pierzynski (18), AlRamirez (24). HR—Rollins (1). SB—Kipnis 2 (36), Choo (8), De Aza (28). CS—Rios (6). S—De Aza. SF—Rios.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Masterson	4	2-3	7	4	4	4
F.Hermnsn		1	0	0	0	1
Sipp W,1-2		1-3	0	0	0	0
Pestano		1	1	0	0	1
E.Rogers		1	0	0	0	0
C.Perez S,38-42		1	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
H.Santiago		3	1-3	5	3	3
Omogrosso		1	1-3	1	0	0
Veal		1	1-3	1	1	0
Jo.Jones		1	1-3	1	1	0
Thornton L,4-9		1	1-3	1	1	2
Myers		1	1-3	1	1	1
Crain		1	0	0	0	1

Veal pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.
WP—Masterson.
T—3:44. A—20,166 (40,615).

MLB Boxes

ASTROS 2, CARDINALS 0

St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	hi
Jay cf	4	0	1	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	1
MCrpnt 3b	4	0	1	0	SMoore rf	4	0	1
Holiday lf	4	0	0	0	Bogovc rf	0	0	0
YMolin c	4	0	0	0	Loaiza ss	4	0	0
YMolin c	3	0	0	0	Maxwll cf-lf	3	1	0
Chamrs rf	2	0	0	0	Wallac 1b	3	0	1
Descals 2b	3	0	0	0	Castro c	3	0	0
Kozma ss	3	0	0	0	FMrtnz lf	1	0	1
Cnprtr p	2	0	1	0	Blanks ph-cf	1	0	1
Motte p	0	0	0	0	Lyles ph	1	0	0
Beltran ph	1	0	0	0	Norris p	2	0	0
SMiller p	0	0	0	0	WLopez p	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	3	0	Totals	28	2	5

St. Louis	000	000	000	—	0
Houston	000	200	00x	—	2

E—Kozma (3), Wallace (6). DP—St. Louis 1, Houston 1. LOB—St. Louis 4, Houston 4. 2B—Jay (19), S.Moore (11). HR—Altuve (6). SB—Maxwell (9). S—B.Norris.

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
C.Carpenter L,0-1	6	4	2	2	0	3
Rzepczynski	1	1	0	0	0	0
S.Miller	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
B.Norris W,6-13	7	1-3	2	0	0	0
W.Lopez S,8-11	1	2-3	1	0	0	0

HBP—by C.Carpenter (FMartinez), by B.Norris (Chambers).
T—2:27. A—18,712 (40,981).

DODGERS 8, PADRES 2

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	San Diego	ab	r	hi
EHerrr lf	5	0	0	0	EvCarr ss	3	0	1
Punto 2b	5	4	3	0	Blnsky p	0	0	0
Kemp cf	5	2	4	4	Bartlett ss	1	0	0
Collins rf	4	0	0	0	JoBlkr ph	1	0	0
AdGnzl 1b	5	0	2	2	Forsyth 2b-ss	5	1	0
Wlnghf p	0	0	0	0	Headly 3b	3	1	1
HRmrz ss	5	0	2	1	Grandl c	4	0	2
L.Cruz 3b	4	0	0	0	Alonso 1b	4	0	1
Uribe ph	1	0	0	0	Venale rf	4	0	1
Treanr c	4	1	0	0	Guzmn lf	3	0	0
Hesmng p	3	0	1	0	Maybin cf	3	0	0
SthTlsn p	0	0	0	0	Denorfi lf	1	0	0
Chnette p	0	0	0	0	Vnsnte c	2	0	0
Fdrwcz ph	0	0	0	0	Amaral ph	1	0	0
Guerrir p	0	0	0	0	Bass p	0	0	0
Victorn cf	0	0	0	0	Perino ph-2b	1	0	0
Totals	40	8	14	8	Totals	33	2	6

Los Angeles	201	302	000	—	8
San Diego	000	000	200	—	2

E—Guzman (2). ExCebrera (16). DP—San Diego 2. LOB—Los Angeles 6, San Diego 5. 2B—Kemp (29), Hesmng (1), Headley (29). HR—Kemp (29), J.Rivera (8).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hesmng W,10-10	5	1-3	4	0	4	3
Sh.Tolleson	1	1-3	2	2	2	1
Chnette	1	1-3	0	0	0	0
Guerrier	1		0	0	0	0
J.Wright	1		0	0	0	1
San Diego						
Richard L,14-13	3	2-3	10	6	4	0
Vincent	1	1-3	1	0	0	0
Boxx		2	2	2	2	0
Thayer		1	1	0	0	1
Burns		1	1	0	0	1

PB—Grandal.
T—2:59. A—24,818 (42,691).

METS 6, PIRATES 0

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Pittsburgh	ab	r	hi
Sllzrtn lf	3	0	1	0	Tejada ss	5	1	4
Presley rf	4	0	0	0	DnMrp 2b	4	1	2

MLB Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	93	65	.589	—	—	6-4	W-1	48-30	45-35
Baltimore	89	67	.571	1 1/2	—	7-3	W-1	44-34	45-33
Tampa Bay	85	70	.548	5	3	7-3	W-7	44-34	41-36
Boston	69	87	.442	21 1/2	19 1/2	3-7	L-2	34-47	35-40
Toronto	67	89	.429	23	21 1/2	4-6	L-1	36-38	32-49
Central Division									
Detroit	83	72	.535	—	—	6-4	W-1	46-31	37-41
Chicago	82	73	.529	1	.6	3-7	L-2	44-33	38-40
Kansas City	78	85	.482	13	10	4-6	L-4	38-42	34-43
Cleveland	65	91	.417	18 1/2	23 1/2	5-5	L-1	34-41	31-50
Minnesota	65	91	.417	18 1/2	23 1/2	5-5	L-1	30-48	35-43
West Division									
Texas	91	64	.587	—	—	5-5	L-2	48-29	43-35
Oakland	88	67	.568	3	—	4-6	W-2	44-31	44-36
Los Angeles	85	69	.552	5 1/2	2 1/2	7-3	W-4	45-34	40-35
Seattle	72	82	.468	18 1/2	15 1/2	3-7	L-2	38-40	34-42

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Washington	94	61	.606	—	—	5-5	W-1	48-30	46-31
x-Atlanta	90	65	.581	4	—	8-2	W-4	45-32	45-33
Philadelphia	76	77	.497	16	5 1/2	5-5	L-1	40-40	36-37
New York	71	84	.458	23	12 1/2	5-5	W-1	35-45	36-39
Miami	66	89	.426	28	17 1/2	2-8	L-6	35-40	31-49
Central Division									
Cincinnati	93	62	.600	—	—	6-4	L-1	49-31	44-31
St. Louis	84	72	.538	9 1/2	—	5-5	L-1	46-29	38-43
Milwaukee	80	75	.516	13	3 1/2	7-3	W-1	41-36	39-39
Pittsburgh	76	79	.490	17	7 1/2	3-7	L-1	42-33	34-46
Chicago	59	95	.383	33 1/2	24	2-8	L-3	37-41

REPORTER-TELEGRAM FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

SEPT. 28-OCT. 1

Travis Mateaff
Last week: 16-9
Season: 79-20
Pct.: .798

Jonathan Hull
Last week: 19-6
Season: 77-22
Pct.: .777

Oscar LaRay
Last week: 21-4
Season: 76-23
Pct.: .767

Lee Hayward
Last week: 20-5
Season: 76-23
Pct.: .767

Jordan Mason
Last week: 21-4
Season: 75-24
Pct.: .758

Terry Williamson
Last week: 18-7
Season: 74-25
Pct.: .747

Guest Picker
Caroline Lockwood
KMID Sports Anchor

HIGH SCHOOL

Lubbock Coronado at Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee
Midland High at Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Midland High	Odessa Permian	Midland High	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian
Abilene High at San Angelo Central	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High	Abilene High
Odessa High at Abilene Cooper	Midland Christian	Abilene Cooper	Midland Christian	Abilene Cooper	Midland Christian	Midland Christian
FW SW Christian at Midland Christian	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews
Lubbock High at Andrews	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring
Seminole at Big Spring	Greenwood	Greenwood	Greenwood	Greenwood	Greenwood	Greenwood
Lamesa at Greenwood	Ballinger	Ballinger	Ballinger	Ballinger	Ballinger	Ballinger
Ballinger at Coahoma	Crane	Crane	Crane	Forsan	Forsan	Crane
Forsan at Crane	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton	New Home	Stanton
Seagraves at Stanton	Grady	Grady	Grady	Grady	Garden City	Grady
Grady at New Home	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Rankin	Rapoa
Garden City at Rapoa	Rankin	Rankin	Rankin	Rankin	Water Valley	Rankin
Sanderson at Rankin	Water Valley	Water Valley	Water Valley	Water Valley		Water Valley
Water Valley at Trinity						

COLLEGE

Arkansas at Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Arkansas	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
Houston at Rice	Rice	Houston	Houston	Rice	Houston	Rice	Rice
TCU at SMU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU
Texas Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Baylor at West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia
Texas Tech at Iowa State	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Iowa State	Texas Tech	Iowa State

PRO

Chicago at Dallas	Chicago	Dallas	Chicago	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Tennessee at Houston	Tennessee	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia	N.Y. Giants	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants
San Diego at Kansas City	Kansas City	San Diego	Kansas City	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	Kansas City

Last week's guest picker CBS 7 News Anchor Jay Hendricks was 18-7. This year's guest pickers are 69-30 (.697).

BULLDOGS STATISTICS

Midland High
2012 Statistics
(1-0, 1-0)

Midland High	28	7	0 —35
Opponent	20	7	07 —34

RUSHING

Player	Carries	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Lance White	23	169	8.0	1
Xzavier Martinez	20	139	4.5	2
Connor Beck	13	53	4.1	1
Sam Grimes	4	11	2.5	0
Erik Pena	6	10	1.7	0
Carson Mauldin	1	3	3.0	0
Charles Hickey	1	(-1)	(-1.0)	0
Deandre Goodley	1	(-5)	(-5.0)	0
Totals	69	379	5.5	4

PASSING

Player	Comp.-Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Connor Beck	51-83	4	575	1
Sam Grimes	5-9	0	30	0
Totals	56-92	4	605	1

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Deandre Goodley	11	160	14.5	0
Marcello Justice	9	69	12.4	1
Phillip Fuentes	4	44	14.7	0
Lance White	7	21	3.0	0
Xzavier Martinez	3	15	5.0	0
Khalil Pena	2	13	6.5	0
Landon Dory	1	10	10.0	0
James Bohrmann	1	3	3.0	0
Totals	38	495	11.3	1

PUNTING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	L
Nico Francino	10	397	39.5	71
Totals	10	397	39.5	71

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	SPT	TP
Xzavier Martinez	2	0	0	0	12
Connor Beck	3	0	0	0	18
Nico Francino	0	6	2	0	12
Lance White	1	0	0	0	6
Marcello Justice	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	7	6	2	0	54

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	Int.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Brent Stewart	1	28	28.0	0
Corbin Berrones	1	12	12.0	0
Gilbert Sanchez	1	0	0.0	0
Kodie Ochoa	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	4	40	10.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR
Jimmy Eseman	30	9	0	0	1
Eric Villegas	22	0	1.0	0	0
Gilbert Sanchez	19	0	1.0	0	0
Marcus Salinas	19	1.0	2.0	0	0
Isaac Eng	16	0	0	0	0
Kodie Ochoa	12	0	0	1	0
Corbin Berrones	11	0	0	0	0
Jason Carter	10	0	1.0	0	0
Corbin McCullough	10	0	1.0	0	0
Colin Teale	8	0	0	0	0
Brent Stewart	8	0	0	0	0
Phillip Wright	8	1.0	1.0	0	0
Kohl Fritschen	7	0	0	0	0
Brady Watson	7	0	1.0	0	0
Christian Carrasco	7	0	0	0	0
Robert Taylor	6	0	1.0	0	0
Landon Dory	6	0	1.0	0	0
Leonel Caballero	5	0	0	0	0
Travis Baur	5	0	0	0	0
Juan Losoya	5	0	0	1	1
Phillip Fuentes	4	0	0	0	1
Jorge Flores	4	0	0	0	0
Isaiah Navarez	4	0	0	0	0
Noah Perkins	3	0	0	0	0
Matt Williams	3	0	0	0	0
Mason Montgomery	2	0	0	0	0
Ivan Melendez	1	0	0	0	0
Erik Pena	1	0	0	0	0
Jay Vargas	1	0	0	0	0
Matthew Scoggins	1	0	0	0	0

OFFENSE/DEFENSE
OFFENSE

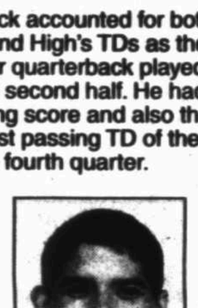
Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
345	115.0	405	135.0	750	250.0

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
485	161.7	626	208.7	1,111	370.3

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Midland High



Beck

OFFENSE
Connor Beck, QB, Sr.

Beck accounted for both of Midland High's TDs as the senior quarterback played well in the second half. He had a rushing score and also threw his first passing TD of the year in the fourth quarter.

Salinas

DEFENSE
Marcus Salinas, LB, Sr.

Salinas had his best game of the year with 11 tackles, including a sack and a tackle for loss.

Fuentes

SPECIAL TEAMS
Phillip Fuentes, WR/DB/RS, Sr.

Fuentes had a 42-yard punt return that gave Midland High its best field position of the first half in the opening quarter. He also had a fumble recovery, two pass breakups and four tackles making his first ever start at safety.

TOP 10 SCHEDULE

Class 5A
1. Katy (3-0) vs. Katy Morton Ranch, today
2. Allen (4-0) at Coppell, Friday
3. DeSoto (4-0) vs. South Grand Prairie, Friday
4. Cibolo Steele (4-0) vs. San Marcos, today
5. Abilene (4-0) at San Angelo Central, Friday
6. Galena Park North Shore (4-0) at Channelview, Friday
7. Southlake Carroll (2-1) at Keller Central, Friday
8. Lake Travis (3-1) vs. Austin High, Friday
9. Coppell (4-0) vs. Allen, Friday
10. Dallas Skyline (2-1) at Dallas Jesuit, Friday

Class 4A
1. Pearland Dawson (3-0) at Santa Fe, Friday
2. Leander (4-0) at Cedar Park, Friday
3. Lancaster (3-0) vs. Mansfield Legacy, Friday
4. Tyler (3-1) vs. Nuevo Leon, Mexico, Saturday
5. Aledo (2-1) vs. FW Arlington Heights, Friday
6. WF Rider (2-1) vs. Byron Nelson, today
7. Angleton (3-1) idle.
8. Mcdonald (2-1) at Vidor, Friday
9. Dallas Highland Park (2-1) vs. Forney, Friday
10. Amarillo (3-1) vs. Stephenville, Saturday

Class 3A
1. Navasota (4-0) at Fairfield, Friday
2. Abilene Wylie (4-0) vs. Lubbock Estacado, Friday
3. Stephenville (3-1) at Amarillo, Saturday
4. Alvarado (4-0) at Waco Connally, Friday
5. Kilgore (3-0) vs. Longview Spring Hill, Friday
6. La Marque (3-1) vs. Houston St. Pius X, Friday
7. West Orange-Stark (4-0) vs. Hamshire-Fannett, Friday
8. Carthage (3-1) vs. Whitehouse, Friday
9. Waco La Vega (3-1) at Gatesville, Friday
10. Giddings (4-0) idle.

Class 2A
1. Refugio (3-0) vs. Riviera Kaufer, Friday
2. Cameron Yoe (3-0) vs. Saint Jo, Friday
3. Newton (3-0) at Warren, Friday
4. Tatum (3-0) vs. Center, Friday
5. Cisco (4-0) at Stamford, Friday
6. East Bernard (4-0) vs. El Maton Tidehaven, Friday
7. Rogers (4-0) vs. Universal City Randolph, Friday
8. New Boston (3-0) at Queen City, Friday
9. Canterville (3-0) at Hegins, Friday
10. Lexington (2-2) at Jarrell, Friday

Class 1A
1. Munday (4-0) at Holliday, Friday
2. Mason (4-0) vs. Ban Silba, Friday
3. Wellington (4-0) at Bimnett West Texas, Friday
4. Stamford (3-1) vs. Cisco, Friday
5. Josepfi (4-0) at Eldbert, Friday
6. Shiner (3-1) at Thrall, Friday
7. Seymour (4-0) at Hawley, Friday
8. Burton (3-1) idle.
9. Pineland West Sabine (4-0) idle.
10. Springtlle-Earth (4-0) vs. Ralls, Friday

FUENTES

From 1C

juries hitting safeties Brent Stewart and Gilbert Sanchez.

"You want your best athletes on the field," Yenzer said. "Phillip is definitely one of our best athletes."

Fuentes ended up with four tackles, two pass breakups and recovered a fumble that halted a promising drive for Tascosa in the first quarter. On the play, Tascosa's Peyton Brooks caught a quick dump pass from quarterback Tucker Davidson and was streaking down the seam inside the Bulldogs' 20.

Fuentes was trailing the play as MHS cornerback Juan Losoya converged on Brooks and forced the ball out of Brooks' grip while making the tackle. Fuentes quickly jumped on the ball to secure possession for the Bulldogs and stop Tascosa from potentially going up by two scores.

"It was just instinct," Fuentes said of making the fumble recovery. "I was just trying to hustle and make a tackle and I saw the ball come out. I just jumped on it out of instinct."

Fuentes had experience playing in the secondary as a freshman when he lined up at cornerback. However, a fractured tibia ended his season and when he came back he was moved to the other side of the ball.

He hadn't given much thought to playing safety until the Bulldogs coaching staff approached him about it prior to spring practice.

"It's really different," Fuentes said. "From sophomore year to this year, I've been on offense, then they tell me they want me to go both ways and I start learning that position. It's very different going on defense and looking at the offense from there."

It wasn't just on defense where Fuentes made his mark Friday, though. The senior had two great punt returns for the Bulldogs, although one was called back due to a holding penalty. The one that counted came in the second quarter and he set the Bulldogs up with their best field position of the first half when he returned a punt 42 yards to around the Tascosa 45-yard line.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs couldn't cash in with Nico Francino's 35-yard field goal being blocked, but it showed how Fuentes is capable of impacting the game in multiple ways.

"My blockers made that happen," Fuentes said of the punt returns. "I was just going off of blocks and was able to get into the open field. It felt really good to make that kind of difference in the game."

Fuentes says he owes his ability to impact a game in multiple facets of the game to his father, Lupe Fuentes. The elder Fuentes played high school football at Pecos, and spends time with his son going over the ins and outs of the game.

"He says that I'm the one making all of this possible," Phillip Fuentes said, "but really he's responsible for at least half of it."

Fuentes better get ready to continue playing more than one position, though. Yenzer said he expects Fuentes to spend more time playing safety as it allows the Bulldogs to use some of their better athletes in other positions as well.

"We're not going to ruin a good thing," Yenzer said. "He showed he can make a difference back there and we're going to give him every opportunity to continue doing so."

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SCOUTING ODESSA PERMIAN

Record: 1-3, 1-1 in District 2-5A

MHS coach Craig Yenzer on the Panthers: "I don't put a whole lot of stock in their first two losses. On face value, they have a huge offensive line. We know they have a tremendous athlete at tailback, and a quarterback who played a lot last year and was very successful. They've got a lot of confidence and experience on defense. They're a better team than their record suggests."

About the Panthers: Permian is coming off a brutal 44-14 loss to Abilene High that saw the Panthers get down 23-0 before even being able to respond to the Eagles. Abilene High held the Panthers to just 282 yards of total offense with much of that damage coming late in the game against the Eagles' backups. ... Permian tailback Jorrion Wilson rushed for 124 yards and a TD against Abilene High. Wilson leads District 2-5A in rushing so far this season with 551 yards and six TDs on 101 carries. ... Permian quarterback Jack Wilkins, whose last name alone gave Yenzer pause, currently ranks third in 2-5A in passing yards with 710 yards with five TDs and four interceptions. Wilkins has completed less than 50 percent of his passes on the year at 50-for-106.

Compiled by Jonathan Hull

HULL

From 1C

Stadium on Friday, it then hosts San Angelo Central, which is playing as well as any team in the district on offense.

The Bulldogs then travel to play explosive Abilene Cooper, followed by the cross-town rivalry against Lee, which is playing a very physical brand of football. A physical brand of football that gave Midland High trouble Friday.

It's those four teams the Bulldogs will be competing against for one of the three playoff spots not belonging to Abilene High. Wins aren't going to be easy to come by for Midland High during that four-game stretch. A 2-2 record during that span should be considered a good showing.

The Bulldogs do get struggling Odessa High and Lubbock Coronado before ending the season with Abilene High. I don't think there's any doubt they'd like to have a playoff spot wrapped up before heading into the regular season finale.

That could be a tall order, but there's not a game in the next four weeks the Bulldogs shouldn't believe they can't win. At least they better hope not. Their season depends on it.

■ Maybe it's a little early, but if I had a vote (I don't) for District 2-5A Coach of the Year, San Angelo Central's Brent Davis would be at the top of my ballot right now.

Abilene High's Steve Warren is likely to win the award at season's end as long as the Eagles continue down the path they're currently on, but it's hard to ignore what Davis has done during his four-year tenure at Central.

Davis took over a program in 2009 that didn't win a single game in the prior season. The Bobcats won two games in Davis' inaugural year and increased that total to five wins and went two rounds deep in the playoffs his second season.

Last year, the Bobcats won nine games and their first district title since 1982, while once again going two deep in the postseason. But after losing a large senior class and entering the more challenging nine-team District 2-5A, the Bobcats were expected to return to futility.

That hasn't been the case, though. Central is 3-1 with a 2-0 start in district. Sure, the Bobcats' two district wins are against Odessa High and Lubbock Coronado, but Central's offense is nothing to scoff at.

Senior Mickey Scott has replaced Landon Sawyer admirably and is more of a threat with his legs than Sawyer was a year ago. The quality of competition is being raised significantly Friday when the Bobcats host Abilene High. We'll find out exactly how good the Central offense is when its matched up against the district's best defense.

But Permian, Cooper, Lee and Midland High should all beware. Central is going to continue to make noise in 2-5A.

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LEE AND MIDLAND HIGH NOTES

Bulldog Bites

■ Connor Beck threw his first TD pass as a varsity member of the Bulldogs in the win against Amarillo Tascosa, hooking up with junior receiver Mazelle Justice on a 12-yard score. Beck also had a rushing TD in the game, giving him the team lead in rushing TDs (3) and scoring (18).

■ The Bulldogs had just one tackle for loss heading into Friday's game against Tascosa, but recorded eight stops behind the line of scrimmage against the Rebels. Junior cornerback Jason Carter led the charge with two tackles for loss, while Marcus Salinas, Robert Taylor, Corbin McCullogh, Eric Villegas, Brady Watson and Landon Dory each recorded one TFL. Salinas had the Bulldogs' only sack of the game.

■ Midland High is now 13-2 against teams from Amarillo since 2002 when Craig Yenzer took over as head coach. The Bulldogs' only losses in that span came against Amarillo High in a 2006 area playoff game and a 2009 district game.

■ The Bulldogs got a little healthier this week as both Brent Stewart and Gilbert Sanchez returned to fully participate in practice. Stewart was limited against Tascosa due to a concussion he suffered against Southlake Carroll, but should be a full participant against Odessa Permian.

Sophomore safety Kohl Fritschen is expected to miss an extended period of time with a knee injury he suffered during Midland High's bye week. Senior defensive end Jackson Wilson and senior cornerback Daniel Estrada are the only other players being ruled out for Midland High against Permian at this time.

Rebel Yells

■ After its bye week, Lee is tied with Midland High for third in District 2-5A as the Rebels are one of four unbeaten teams in district play. That list will at least be trimmed by one Friday, as Abilene High and San Angelo Central, both 2-0 in league play, meet in San Angelo.

■ Rebel running back Jason McAfee is the third leading rusher in District 2-5A despite having played one less game than the players in front of him, Odessa Permian's Jorrion Wilson and Abilene Cooper's Kerry Sims.

■ Lee still feels it has room to improve despite its win against Cooper, and its per game averages back that up, as the Rebels are sixth in 2-5A in total offense and yards allowed per game.

■ Lee has an even turnover margin, which ties it for fifth in the district with Permian. The Rebels won the turnover battle 2-1 in the win against Cooper.

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2-5A NOTES

The A-List

RUSHING
(100 yards or multiple TDs)
Jorrion Wilson, Odessa Permian, 124 yards, 1 TD
Marcell Porter, Abilene High, 100 yards, 3 TDs
Jordan Charles, San Angelo Central, 97 yards, 3 TDs
Tomas Gonzales, Odessa high, 126 yards, 1 TD
Lorenzo Joe, Abilene Cooper, 128 yards, 3 TDs (1 passing)
Robert Lee, Lubbock Coronado, 102 yards, 1 TD
Tucker Davidson, Amarillo Tascosa, 103 yards

PASSING
(200 yards or multiple TDs)
Evin Abbe, Abilene High, 322 yards, 3 TDs
Mickey Scott, San Angelo Central, 208 yards, 3 TDs

RECEIVING
(100 yards or multiple TDs)
Keevan Lucas, Abilene High, 220 yards, 2 TDs
Anthony Pierson, Abilene Cooper, 140 yards, 1 TD

DEFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS
Marcus Salinas, Midland High, 11 tackles, 1 sack, 1 TFL
Fred Lawrence, Abilene Cooper, 99-yard kickoff return TD
Kaleb Cory, Abilene Cooper, 16-yard fumble return TD

2-5A notes

ABILENE HIGH

■ Senior receiver Keevan Lucas continues to wreak havoc on opponents as well as the Abilene High record books. Lucas set a single-game Abilene High record with 12 receptions for 220 yards against Odessa Permian on Friday.

Lucas is the first player in Eagles history to catch 12 passes in a single game after three — Jeret Smith (2010), Jerale Badon (2001) and Don Brown (1970) — caught 11 passes in a single game.

Lucas' 220 yards eclipsed the single-game mark of 216 yards set by Badon in 2001.

Lucas already has 34 receptions for 664 yards and five TDs through four games this season. He's nearly halfway to the single season record for yards in a season of 1,369 held by Lyle Leong Jr.

ABILENE COOPER

■ With a 99-yard kickoff return TD against Lubbock Coronado last week, Cooper senior defensive back Fred Lawrence became just the second Cougar in program history to have a 100-yard and a 99-yard kickoff return TD in his career.

Antoin Livingston achieved that feat in the same season in 2002. Lawrence had a 100-yard kickoff return TD against Midland High last season.

2-5A STANDINGS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Abilene High	2	0	4	0
San Angelo Central	2	0	3	1
Lee	1	0	2	1
Midland High	1	0	2	1
Abilene Cooper	1	1	3	1
Odessa Permian	1	1	1	3
Lubbock Coronado	0	2	1	3
Amarillo Tascosa	0	2	0	4
Odessa High	0	2	0	4

Thursday Sept. 20
Abilene Cooper 55, Lubbock Coronado 20
Friday, Sept. 21
Midland High 13, Amarillo Tascosa 7
San Angelo Central 48, Odessa High 7
Abilene High 44, Odessa Permian 14
Friday's Games
District 2-5A
Lubbock Coronado at Lee, 7:30 p.m.
Midland High at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m.
Odessa High at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m.
Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 7:00 p.m.

REBELS STATS

Lee
2012 Statistics
(0-4, 1-4)

Lee	47	28	7	4	—11
Opponent	146	83	27	4	—21

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jason McAfee	69	310	4.5	4
Tyler Nunez	35	160	4.7	1
Eric Crespo	5	34	6.8	0
Aron Dobbins	3	14	4.7	1
D'onte Cole	1	7	7.0	0
Hayden Bland	1	4	4.0	0
Rebs	117	600	5.5	6

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Tyler Nunez	14	33	4	276	3
Totals	14	33	4	276	3

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Josh Warren	3	97	16.2	1
Jason McAfee	3	84	28.0	1
D'onte Cole	3	97	32.0	1
Alex Bell	1	64	64.0	1
Keith Johnson	1	4	4.0	0

Totals	10	276	10.7	3	

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TL
Ashton Kinder	3	143	47.7	71
Dylan Kohls	2	48	22.5	24
Totals	14	448	32.0	71

SCORING

Player	TD	INT	PS	SPT	TP
Jason McAfee	5	0	0	1	32
Alex Bell	1	0	0	0	6
Aron Dobbins	1	0	0	0	6
Tyler Nunez	1	0	0	0	6
Logan Wells	1	0	0	0	6
Josh Warren	1	0	0	0	6
Reily Gish	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	0	0	1	71

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR
Richard Morales	27	0	6	1	1
Blake Turner	27	0	5	0	0
Talmage Cockrell	26	0	3	0	0
Logan Wells	26	0	1	1	2
Dakota Pettit	22	0	4	1	0
Reily Gish	20	0	5	0	0
Alex Bell	18	0	0	0	0
Josh Bardill	14	0	8	0	0
Adam Hecht	12	2	1	0	1
Gage McDaniel	11	0	0	1	0
Kevin Bailey	10	0	4	0	0
Wade Kennedy	9	0	3	0	0
Anthony Hernandez	8	0	1	0	0
Tanner Collins	5	0	0	0	0
Hamilton Nguyen	4	0	1	0	0
Dyson Pell	3	0	1	0	0
Weldon Patterson	3	0	0	0	0
Lee Kennedy	2	0	0	0	0
Jason Glenn	2	0	0	0	0
Chris Bell	1	0	0	0	0
Patrick Lee	1	0	0	0	0
Blake Long	1	0	0	0	0
Jason McAfee	1	0	0	0	0
Tyler Nunez	1	0	0	0	0
Gabriel Kohls	1	0	0	0	0
Henry Williamson	1	0	0	0	0

OFFENSE/DEFENSE

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
649	216.3	276	92.0	925	308.3

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
519	173.0	620	206.7	1,139	379.7

REBELS

From 1C

in a district opener since 2009, Morton said he felt like his team wasn't satisfied, which was also a reason for the crisp practices.

"Well, I thought last week was really a great week considering we had the win over Cooper," Morton said. "I thought that was really business-like and showed what they were hungry for.

"I thought that that was a real positive sign."

Morton said he felt like Lee has improved its passing in practices since the Cooper game and the execution up front has continued its improvement as well. Long agreed.

"With us, the first game, we (were) still far from perfect, but every week we've been getting better and we haven't messed up bad, so we're just going to keep on getting better," Long said.

Morton did, however, caution that the proof will be in the games, and Lee will play its first home game under the Friday night lights against Lubbock Coronado at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Between that and the fact that Friday is the Rebels' homecoming game, the players are amped to get on the field.

"I'm really excited because I used to come to these games and watch them and just dream about this," Bell said, "so to actually get to play is a dream come true."

And after the way his players responded to the bye week, Morton is confident it can pick up where it left off after the Cooper win.

"I think our players have kind of really bought in to the concept that the practice, the preparation's what makes the game and how we play in it," Morton said.

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SCOUTING LUBBOCK CORONADO

Record: 1-3, 0-2 in District 2-5A

Lee coach James Morton on the Mustangs: "I think our kids understand that they've got to show up and they've got to be ready to play because Coronado's going to come down here and play their tail ends off against us."

About the Mustangs: Coronado enters the game with a 7-0 win against rival Lubbock High as its only victory of the season. The Mustangs have gone two years without a win over a program not named Lubbock High, with its last win against a non-Lubbock High opponent coming in a 35-21 win against San Angelo Central on Oct. 8, 2010. Coronado does, however, boast the No. 2 rushing offense in 2-5A, gaining 252.3 yards per game on the ground. But the Mustangs' also have the second-worst rushing defense in 2-5A and are giving up an average of 389.5 total yards and 25 points per game. Lee dominated a scrimmage against Coronado last season but hasn't played the Mustangs in a game since 2009, when the Rebels beat Coronado 30-16 as part of the 10-team District 2-5A.

Compiled by Jordan Mason

WILLIAMSON

From 1C

score last week as Midland High squeaked past Amarillo Tascosa. How do you explain that score? Tascosa is a team not considered a playoff threat. The Rebels had given up 136 points in three previous games. They had never given up less than 42 points in a game and once gave up 49 points.

Midland High gets 13 points against one of the most porous defenses in the league and gives up more yards in both rushing and passing categories, yet somehow manages to win with two second-half touchdowns. The Bulldog offense is basically at a standstill with only two touchdowns in the last 10 quarters. They had an eight quarter TD drought before quarterback Conner Beck hit Mazelle Justice with a 12-yard TD pass in the third quarter against Tascosa.

Lee now comes back from an open date against Lubbock Coronado on Friday and we'll see if these Rebels still own that same fire that upended Cooper while MHS goes to Odessa Permian in what could arguably be the most important game of the year for both of those teams.

Lee should handle a struggling Coronado team. And you would think MHS and Permian will be pumped to the gills in a game that could yield playoff potential. But somehow, the final facts don't always seem to be lining up with the numbers. So, what I do? Expect the unexpected because that is expected in this league.

Last week I was 8-1 in the District 2-5A Pickin' Game, giving me a 32-12 (.727) mark for the season. Here's how the games will go down this week:

Lee 30, Lubbock Coronado 10: The Rebels continue building a resumé for a big meeting with Abilene High in two weeks while Coronado is still searching for that district team they can beat.

Odessa Permian 17, Midland High 16: Does anyone have a clue here? I don't. I have a suspicion these two teams are dead on even, and if that is the case, go with the home team. This game has the potential of being a playoff maker and a playoff heartbreaker.

Abilene High 44, San Angelo Central 14: Both teams are undefeated in district play and share the 2-5A lead, but who's kidding who here? AHS wins in a runaway.

Abilene Cooper 50, Odessa High 7: A long season gets even longer for the Red Hosses as Cooper gears for the big meeting with AHS next week. Now that should be fun to watch.

Area Games

Big Spring 28, Seminole 14: The Indians might stay with the Steers for awhile if they can avoid turnovers.

Andrews 30, Lubbock High 21: The Westerners are now dipping into the 3A ranks in search of a win. They didn't dip far enough.

Greenwood 60, Lamesa 7: The Rangers have to be concerned which Lamesa team shows up — the one that scored over 70 points in a loss two weeks ago or the one that got 14 points last week. The Tors have given up 136 points in the last two weeks.

Stanton 24, Seagraves 22: I'm staying with the Buffs for one more round even though they cost me a perfect record last week.

Midland Christian 52, Fort Worth Southwest Christian 20: District play starts for the Mustangs, and in my way of thinking, that's a downhill slide.

Tech looks to avenge losses to Cyclones

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — The signs inside Texas Tech's locker room this week are bitter reminders: Iowa State 41-7 and Iowa State 52-38.

The Red Raiders have lost to the Cyclones two straight years, with last season's anemic one-touchdown performance at home still fresh in players' minds. That loss brought the Red Raiders, and their fans, crashing to the ground after the team stunned No. 3 Oklahoma 41-38 a week earlier.

It was a thud that kept on giving. The Red Raiders lost their final four games, capping their first losing season since 1992 and no bowl invite for the first time in 11 seasons.

This season, the Red Raiders (3-0) have shown strength on offense and defense. They're No. 1 nationally in total defense — that's not a misprint — and second in total offense.

Senior quarterback Seth Doege wants to erase last year's shellacking. And those signs, well, they are motivation for Saturday night's visit to Iowa State.

"The vibe around the locker room and the building is totally different than it was last year," said Doege, who has thrown for 12 touchdowns and 858 yards in the nation's second-best offense. "We remember what happened the last two years. They definitely did what they wanted against us and we didn't perform very well on offense."

Both teams were off last weekend.

For Texas Tech, a win over the Cyclones (3-0) would be a good jumping off point for a tough upcoming schedule. After Saturday, the Red Raiders host No. 16 Oklahoma and No. 9 West Virginia, visit No. 15 TCU and No. 7 Kansas State, then return home to play No. 12 Texas.

The game could turn out to be a defensive battle. The Cyclones are ninth nationally in scoring defense (10.7 points per game), while the Red Raiders are sixth (10 ppg).

The Red Raiders have started slowly in the back-to-back losses. Last season, they fell behind by 21-0 and in 2011 by 24-0.

Coach Tommy Tuberville wants a fast start Saturday night but said that's often difficult on the road.

"It's been a one-sided game the last two years, and we have got a lot to make up for," he said. "We are going to be playing in an environment that we'll have very few people that will be pulling for us. It will be a night game, which is always tougher to play when you go on the road."

Pac-12, Big 12 could face best of rest

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A tentative plan for the new college football postseason calls for a Pac-12 or Big 12 team to face the best team from a group of five conferences, including the Big East.

A person with direct knowledge of the plan for the four-team playoff in 2014 told The Associated Press that either a Pac-12 or a Big 12 team likely will be the opponent for the top-rated champion from the Big East, Mountain West, Conference USA, Sun Belt and Mid-American Conference.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday because the conferences did not want to make the plan public.

The proposal has the Pac-12 sending either its champion or a replacement team to the game in years when the Rose Bowl hosts a national semifinal. In years the Rose Bowl is a traditional Big Ten-Pac-12 matchup, the Big 12 would send one of its top teams to the game.

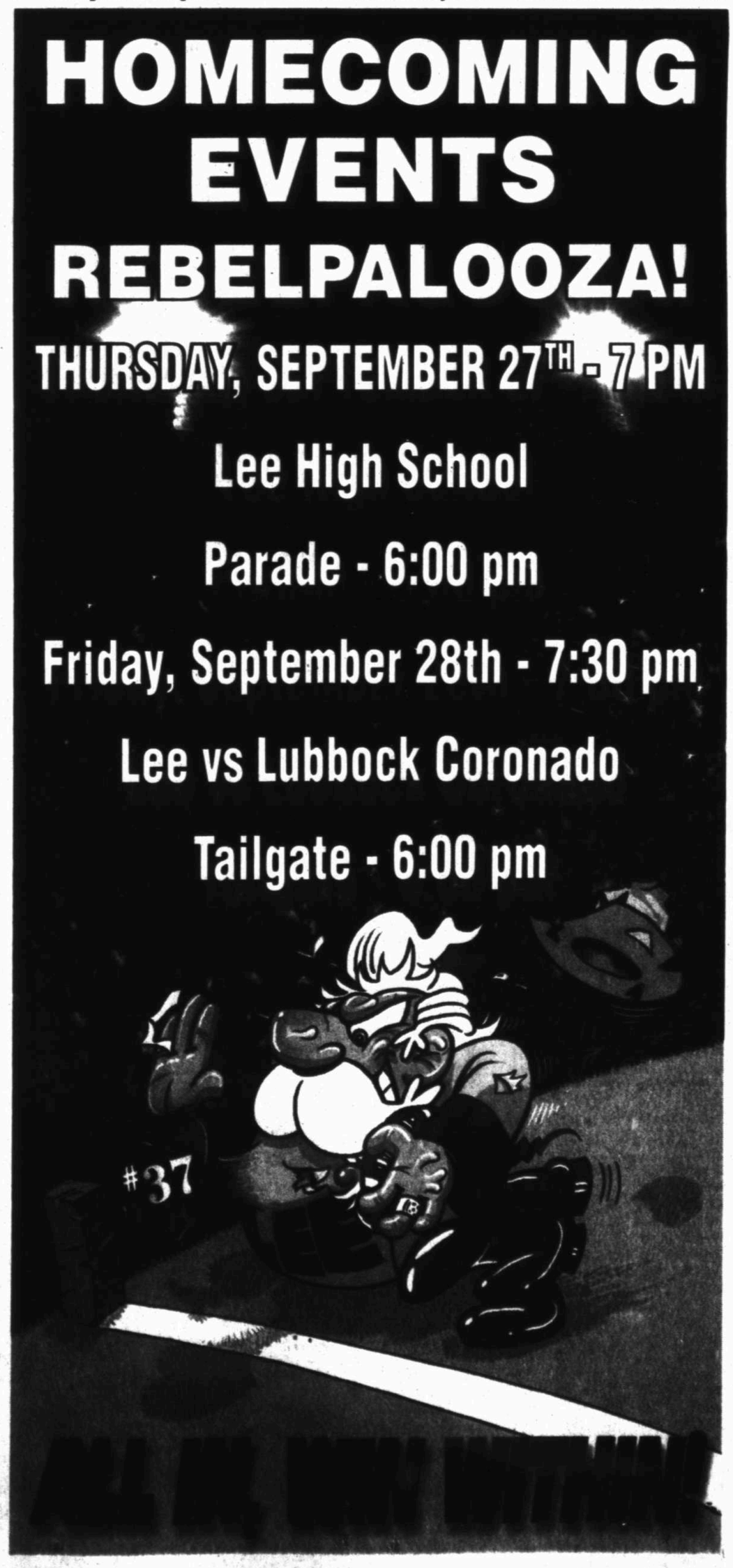
The deal with the Big 12 and Pac-12 would be similar to the one the Orange Bowl is working on with the Big Ten and the Southeastern Conference. That deal, which has not been completed, would match a team from either of those conferences or Notre Dame against the Atlantic Coast Conference champ or a another ACC team.

The original playoff plan had the national semifinals rotating among six bowl sites, giving the new system two playoff games and four other high-revenue bowl games each season. The top four teams determined by a selection committee, regardless of conference affiliation, will play in the semifinals. The winners meet in a championship game about a week later.

The spots in those other four games would be for other highly ranked teams, but those slots have quickly started filling up as the major conferences began making deals.

The Rose Bowl, as has been tradition, will always match the Pac-12 and Big Ten when it does not host a semifinal. The new marquee bowl being created by the Big 12 and the SEC — site to be determined — will be also part of the system, so those two spots are filled. The Orange Bowl's deals took two more spots out of play.

That led to concerns about limited access to the high-revenue games for the other five conferences.



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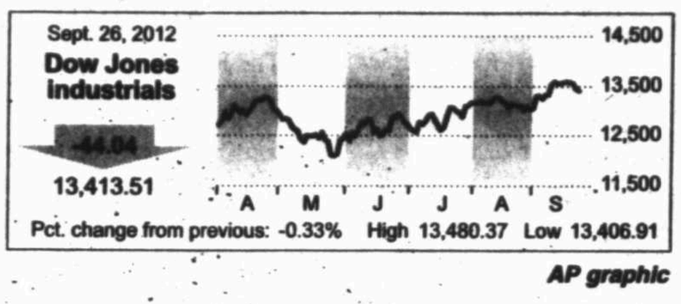

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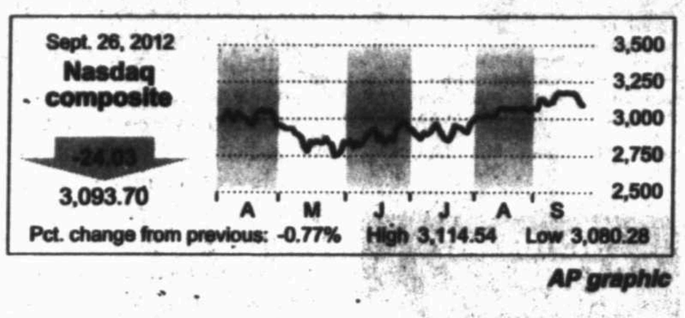

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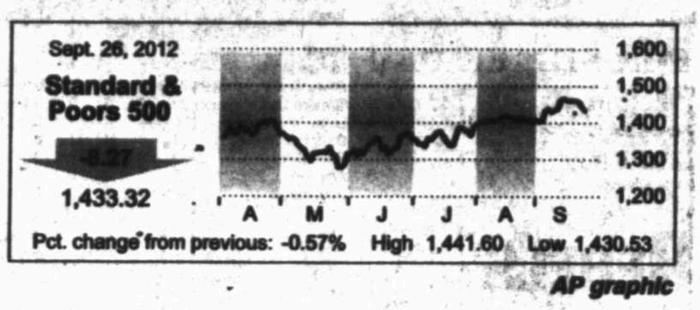

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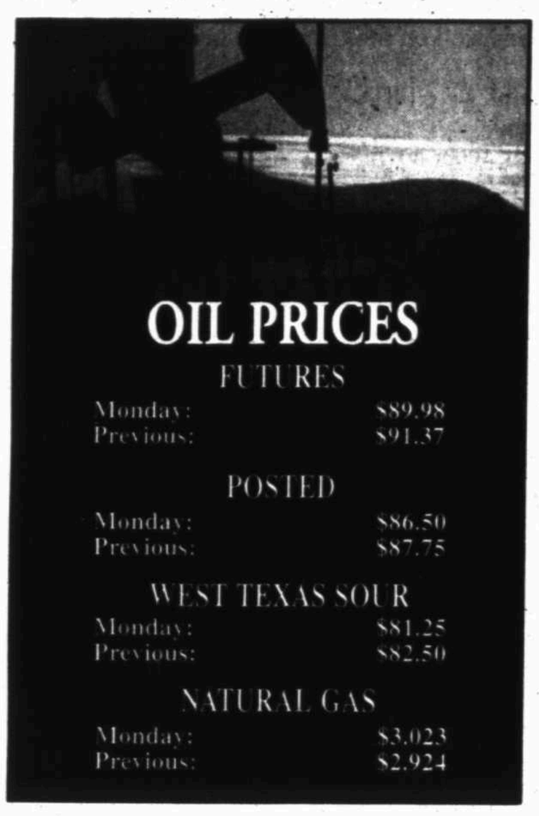

Mr. Sexy Back tries to bring Myspace back

Associated Press

NEW YORK— "Who am I to say I want you back? When you were never mine to give away."

Those are the opening lines of a song that accompanies a "New Myspace" promotional video. The once-mighty social network is trying to stage yet another comeback with the help of Justin Timberlake. The new site, for which people can request an invitation, looks a bit like an entertainment-focused version of Pinterest, with a dash of Twitter and Facebook thrown in.

But Myspace has tried redesigns before, to no avail. Will it work this time?

"If you break my heart a second time, I might never be the same," continues the song, "Heartbeat," by the group JJAMZ.

From the sound if it, Myspace wants to win the hearts and minds of tech-savvy hipsters. Founded in 2003 and initially a fast-rising star, Myspace attracted mostly teenagers and twentysomethings, offering them a place to express themselves online. It peaked in 2008 with some 76 million U.S. visitors in October. The site lost its footing as the fun of customizing profile pages began to bore its users and the site's heavy use of banner advertisements slowed the speed at which pages loaded. At the same time, people already were migrating to Facebook, which counted users 35 and older among its fastest-growing demographic.

The company's new promotional video offers a 2-minute and 18-second peek into a slick, image-heavy site. The site's much cleaner look is a stark contrast to the old Myspace, which users often derided as messy and cluttered. Posted this week, the video promises that Myspace will start "totally from scratch," as if trying to shed its former self. It doesn't say when the new site will launch, only that it's "not ready quite yet."

AP file photo

Justin Timberlake arrives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute gala benefit in New York in May.

The new Myspace will let users connect to the site with their Twitter or Facebook accounts, a sign that it won't be competing with those sites as a social networking service. Rather, Myspace will continue with its entertainment focus, as a place to play and discover music, add photos, videos and playlists and connect with artists.

Timberlake, who's featured prominently in the video, likely will play a big part of the MySpace revamp. The former 'N Sync pop star, with a group of other investors, bought MySpace last summer from News Corp. for $35 million, mostly in stock. That was quite a difference from the $580 million that News Corp. paid for the company in 2005, when it still was an Internet darling.

Oil prices drop

Not so fast. That's the message for drivers hoping a recent drop in oil prices will soon show up at the gas station.

Oil has dropped $9 per barrel, or 9.1 percent, in less than two weeks. Gas prices tend to lag changes in oil, but experts don't expect a significant move lower until the middle of October.

Oil ended at $89.98 on Wednesday, down $1.39, or 1.5 percent. The national average price for gas was $3.805 per gallon, a record high for this time of year, and up 31 cents from the same date last year.

Gas prices should be at a record for early October when President Barack Obama debates Republican challenger Mitt Romney next week in Denver. The focus of the debate will be on the economy and domestic policy. High gas prices usually cut into consumer spending, which accounts for about 70 percent of economic activity.

Gas stubbornly has remained high although economic growth is tepid and demand for gasoline is lower than a year ago. Oil rose about 25 percent from late June through late August. More recently, refinery issues have tightened the supply of gas on both coasts. And there are lingering effects from Hurricane Isaac, which disrupted refineries and imported oil deliveries along the Gulf Coast.

Prices are at or above $4 per gallon in Alaska, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, New York and Washington, according to AAA, Wright Express and the Oil Price Information Service. The lowest prices, which range from $3.546 per gallon to $3.656 per gallon, are in Texas, the lower Midwest and the South.

Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service, predicted that gas would drop into a range between $3.25 per gallon to $3.50 per gallon by Thanksgiving.

US stocks fall on unrest, weak home sales

Associated Press

A mixed report about the housing market and unrest in Europe on Wednesday extended the longest losing streak for the Standard & Poor's 500 index since mid-July. Other risky assets, like European stocks and oil, fell more sharply.

The median price of new homes sold in August rose by a record amount, while sales of new homes dipped slightly. Sales in August were up 27.7 percent from a year earlier, but remain at about half the pace economists consider healthy.

Stronger data on the U.S. housing market have insulated stocks in recent weeks from a slackening global economy. Stocks' other main source of support has been the Federal Reserve's program to boost the economy by pumping money in. That idea lost some luster Tuesday after a key Fed official said he doubted it will do much good.

"There was some optimism coming into the market, and that's usually when you're most vulnerable to sell-offs when there are negative headlines" like the Fed official's comments, unrest in Europe and weaker data about the U.S. economy, said Todd Salamone, director of research at Schaeffer's Investment Research.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $11.08 Down 0.22

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $51.37 Down 1.041

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $93.00 Down 3.03

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $24.83 Up 0.33

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $28.94 Down 0.17

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.60 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $15.00 Up 0.06

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1543240	8.81	-.11
GpFSnMe rt	1408255	12.91	...
S&P500ETF	1304077	143.30	-.81
Bar iPVix	680944	9.57	+.33
SPDR Fncl	512948	15.50	-.10

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BarcSnC	15.99	+4.06	+34.0
AGreet	16.82	+2.48	+17.3
7DaysGrp	11.95	+1.38	+13.1
KnightCap	2.61	+.21	+8.8
Vipshop n	7.50	+.80	+8.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Blyth s	25.68	-6.89	-21.2
Omnova	7.67	-1.08	-12.3
ETr2xSSD	26.67	-3.08	-10.4
Jabil	18.90	-2.07	-9.9
AmrFitty	3.51	-.33	-8.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,220
Declined	1,809
Unchanged	109
Total issues	3,138
New Highs	104
New Lows	23
Volume	3,645,723,850

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	46313	15.38	-.38
NovaGld g	36950	5.59	+.01
NwGold g	32332	12.23	+.09
GoldStr g	27306	1.96	+.12
Vringo	23503	3.19	-.04

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GoldRsv g	3.15	+.27	+9.4
PernixTh	7.47	+.42	+6.0
AvalnRare	2.00	+.11	+5.8
MAG Slv g	11.83	+.65	+5.8
CoastD	2.11	+.11	+5.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IncOpR	3.63	-.34	-8.6
TriangPet	7.03	-.52	-6.9
ImpacMtg	6.72	-.44	-6.1
Servotr	8.45	-.53	-5.9
NavidseBio	2.86	-.18	-5.9

DIARY

Advanced	185
Declined	234
Unchanged	34
Total issues	453
New Highs	15
New Lows	5
Volume	83,438,369

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	724441	2.50	+.03
Microsoft	539740	30.17	-.23
Intel	493044	22.65	+.11
RschMotn	432184	7.00	+.40
Facebook n	368247	20.62	+.34

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LifePtrs	3.66	+2.20	+150.7
Trovag un	7.50	+1.10	+17.2
OakRidgeF	4.55	+.65	+16.7
StarScient	3.83	+.49	+14.7
CalAmp	8.11	+.99	+13.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
USMD n	20.00	-12.85	-39.1
NuPathe	3.23	-1.11	-25.6
Telestone	2.04	-.36	-15.0
FFinSvc	3.00	-.50	-14.3
PrimaBio n	5.25	-.85	-13.9

DIARY

Advanced	903
Declined	1,522
Unchanged	139
Total issues	2,564
New Highs	37
New Lows	27
Volume	1,718,926,462

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76	51	38.08	+.02	+25.9
Abraxas	...	10	2.27	-.06	-31.2
AdamsEx	.65e	...	11.30	-.05	+17.2
AMD	...	...	3.32	+.04	-38.5
Alcoa	.12	33	8.89	+.05	+2.8
AlonUSA	.16	36	13.34	-.37	+53.2
AlphaNRs	...	...	6.59	+.05	-67.7
AmIntlGrp	...	3	32.75	-.33	+41.2
Amgen	1.44	18	83.46	-.36	+30.0
Anadarko	.36	...	68.76	-.40	-9.9
Annaly	2.17e	69	17.36	-.14	+8.8
Apache	.68	10	85.24	-.04	-5.9
Apple Inc	10.60	16	665.16	-8.36	+64.2
ApldMatl	.36	13	11.14	-.01	+4.0
ArchCoal	.12	...	6.40	+.17	-55.9
ATMOS	1.38	15	35.81	-.26	+7.4
AutoData	1.58	21	58.08	-.31	+7.5
BP PLC	1.92	6	42.37	-.64	-.9
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	16.76	-.12	-6.8
BakrHu	.60	12	45.37	-.95	-6.7
BcoBrad pf	.58r	...	16.01	-.19	-4.0
BkofAm	.04	9	8.81	-.11	+58.5
Bar iPVix	...	...	9.57	+.33	-73.1
BasicEnSv	...	5	11.08	-.22	-43.8
Berkhire A	...	19132490.00		+5.00	+15.5
BerryPet	.32	...	39.46	-.74	-6.1
BlkHillsCp	1.48	29	35.61	-.03	+6.0
BrMySq	1.36	16	33.66	-.31	-4.5
BrownFA s	.93	26	61.70	-.19	+16.8
BrownFB s	.93	26	64.45	-.16	+20.1
CVS Care	.65	17	47.83	+.20	+17.3
Cameron	...	23	55.23	-1.20	+12.3
Caterpillar	2.08f	10	86.95	-.06	-4.0
Celestic g	...	7	6.91	-.43	-5.7
Cemex	.32t	...	7.96	-.29	+53.6
CntryLink	2.90	45	41.23	-.71	+10.8
CheeEng	.35	6	18.80	-.29	-15.7
Chevron	3.60	9	116.30	-.83	+9.3
Chicos	.21	19	17.94	-.13	+61.0
Chimera	.40e	6	2.81	...	+12.0
Cimarex	.48	12	67.82	-.70	-6.6
Cisco	.56f	12	18.56	-.09	+3.1
Citigroup	.04	9	32.51	-.35	+23.6
ClayEng	...	8	61.37	-1.01	-32.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CocaCola s	1.02	20	37.76	+.08	+7.9
ColgPal	2.48	21	106.75	+.10	+15.5
Comcast	.65	20	35.12	-.74	+48.1
ConAgra	1.00f	19	27.53	+.14	+4.3
ConchoRes	...	16	93.00	-3.03	-.8
ConocPhil	s2.64	7	57.01	-.40	+2.6
CrackerB	2.00f	15	67.13	-.07	+33.2
CSVS2xVxS	...	...	1.70	+.11	-94.7
CrosTim	2.48e	11	30.99	-.11	-36.6
DCP Mid	2.68f	30	46.00	+.48	-3.1
DTE	2.48f	16	60.00	+.29	+10.2
Dataram h	...	...	.57	-.10	-29.5
Dawson	...	15	24.83	+.33	-37.2
Dell Inc	.32	6	10.01	+.03	-31.6
DevonE	.80	10	59.00	-.48	-4.8
DirSCBear	...	...	15.05	+.28	-43.2
Disney	.60f	17	51.94	-.60	+38.5
DowChm	1.28	19	29.10	-.37	+1.2
EMC Cp	...	22	26.75	-.42	+24.2
EOG Res	.68	22	110.60	-1.82	+12.3
EmpDist	1.00	17	21.75	+.07	+3.1
Energen	.56	14	51.17	-.85	+2.3
EngyTsfr	3.58	9	42.32	-.52	-7.7
EnPro	...	17	35.94	-.04	+9.0
EntPrPt	2.54f	20	53.10	-.35	+14.5
Ericsson	.35e	...	9.13	-.08	-9.9
ExtermnH	...	...	19.85	-.05	+116.9
ExxonMbl	2.28	12	91.23	-.51	+7.6
Facebook n	...	...	20.62	+.34	-46.1
FordM	.20	8	10.01	-.08	-7.0
ForestOil s	...	12	8.10	-.03	-40.2
FMCG	1.25	12	39.28	-.03	+6.8
FrozenFd	...	...	1.98	-.01	+63.5
GATX	1.20	17	43.20	-.75	-1.1
GabBtdT	.80	...	7.72	-.04	+23.9
GAInv	.50e	...	28.96	-.21	+16.3
GpnElec	.68	18	22.10	-.21	+23.4
GtPlainsEn	.85	18	22.35	-.08	+2.6
GpFSnMx n	...	...	12.91	...	...
HalconR rs	...	...	7.18	...	-23.5
Halliblrtn	.36	10	33.92	-.85	-1.7
Heinz	2.06	19	55.85	+.03	+8.3
HewlettP	.53	6	17.11	+.40	-33.6
Hitachi	...	...	63.70	...	+22.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iSnSilver	...	...	32.87	+.19	+22.0
iShEMkts	.82e	...	40.93	-.19	+7.9
iS Eafe	1.72e	...	53.43	-.55	+7.9
iShR2K	1.23e	...	83.14	-.53	+12.7
IntegrysE	2.72	19	52.87	+.24	-2.4
Intel	.90	10	22.65	+.11	-6.6
InterDig	.40	23	35.34	+2.35	-18.9
ItauUnibH	.60e	...	15.74	-.02	-15.2
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	40.24	-.31	+21.0
JohnJn	2.44	22	69.00	-.32	+5.2
KimbClk	2.96	19	85.36	-.14	+16.0
KindME	4.92f	...	81.73	-.97	-3.8
KindMM	4.92t	...	74.40	-.45	-5.2
Kraft	1.16b	20	41.27	-.09	+10.5
LegacyRes	2.24f	9	28.94	-.17	+2.5
Lowes	.64	20	30.01	+.34	+18.2
Lubys	...	27	6.70	+.01	+48.6
MktVGold	.15e	...	52.40	+.23	+1.9
MarvelIT	.24	9	9.21	-.04	-33.5
McDnlds	3.08f	18	93.20	+.34	-7.1
Merck	1.68	21	45.01	-.10	+19.4
MerlMed	...	29	14.92	-.05	+11.5
MexcoEn	...	80	6.42	-.18	-8.3
MicronT	...	...	5.94	-.17	-5.6
Microsoft	.92f	15	30.17	-.23	+16.2
MorgStan	.20	13	16.43	-.17	+8.6
Nabors	...	10	13.96	-.30	-19.5
NblEnrgI	3.11e	...	95.85	-.21	+15.2
NOIIVarco	.48	14	78.38	-1.81	+15.3
NokiaCp	.26e	...	2.59	-.11	-46.3
NvIMAd	.91e	...	15.89	+.10	+5.6
NvPMII	.88	...	15.40	+.11	+4.9
NuvPI	.92	...	15.46	+.06	+6.8
NSTFR	.66e	...	15.90	+.16	+11.1
NTXQI	.77	...	17.05	+.12	+4.4
OcciPet	2.16	11	85.01	-.32	-9.3
Oracle	.24	15	30.73	-.58	+19.8
PatTech	...	16	5.40	-.09	+97.1
PatSDel	...	...	4.93	-.09	-61.0
PetMDT	.20	7	15.84	-.35	-20.7
PennaRE	.84	...	15.71	-.19	+80.6
PenngtnP	...	...	1.66	-.04	+61.2
Pmrian	1.27e	11	14.90	-.09	-26.9
Petrobras	1.09e	...	23.11	+.10	-7.0
Pfizer	.88	15	24.83	-.01	+14.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PioNtrl	.08	32	101.58	-1.39	+13.5
PlainsAA	4.28f	16	88.52	-.62	+20.5
PwShs QQQ	.61e	...	68.20	-.56	+22.2
Praxair	2.20	19	103.85	-2.45	-2.9
PrmEgy	...	7	27.00	...	+19.5
PrUSHiSP	...	...	13.76	+.16	-28.7
PrectSens	2.25	18	69.30	-.29	+3.9
PulteGrp	...	67	15.30	-.76	+142.5
RangeRs	.16	...	67.75	+.67	+9.4
RegionsFn	.04	17	7.15	-.06	+86.3
RschMotn	...	3	7.00	+.40	-51.7
Rowan	...	25	33.81	-.78	+11.5
RoyDShllA	3.44	14	70.45	-.58	-3.6
SpdrDJIA	3.67e	...	133.90	-.44	+9.9
S&P500ETF	2.85e	...	143.30	-.81	+14.2
SpdrHome	.22e	...	24.60	-.58	+43.9
SabnR	3.81e	13	51.97	-.17	-17.6
SandRsFn	.68	46	43.96	+.35	-12.3
SandRidge	...	...	6.84	-.19	-16.2
Sapient	...	21	10.61	-.12	-17.4
Schlmbrg	1.10	18	72.05	-.64	+5.5
SigmaAld	.80	19	72.23	-.86	+15.6
SiriusXM	...	4	2.50	+.03	+37.4
Smucker	2.08f	21	85.88	-.21	+9.9
SprintNex	...	...	5.46	-.07	+133.3
SP Engy	1.22e	...	72.79	-.70	+5.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SPDR Fncl	.25e	...	15.50	-.10	+19.2
Staples	.44	9	11.41	-.29	-17.9
SunocoL s	1.88f	12	46.17	-.23	+17.2
Synovus	.04	...	2.34	-.11	+66.0
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	14.99	+.19	+16.1
TelefEsp	...	...	13.72	-.55	-20.2
Tesoro	.48	9	40.69	-.36	+74.2
Textinst	.84f	18	27.57	-.26	-5.3
3M Co	2.36	15	92.59	-.24	+13.3
Towlemark	.80	11	50.82	-.69	+17.1
TriCentl	.50e	...	16.11	-.08	+13.2
TylerTech	...	48	42.31	-.04	+49.5
UBWV	1.24	15	24.63	-.18	-12.9
Vale SA	1.16e	...	18.10	+.05	-15.6
ValeroE	.70f	8	30.90	-.57	+46.8
VangEmg	1.44e	...	41.31	-.20	+8.1
VulcanM	.04	...	45.76	-.35	+16.3
Walgrn	1.10f	12	35.82	-.25	+8.3
WellsFargo	.88	11	34.42	-.30	+24.9
WshnFedIn	.32f	9	25.77	-.92	+93.9
WhitngPet	...	9	46.24	-1.02	-1.0
WmsCos	1.25f	20	33.98	-.76	+26.0
Windstrm	1.00	37	10.42	-.14	-11.2
XcelEngy	1.08f	16	27.75	+.10	+.4
Xerox	.17	8	7.25	-.03	-8.9

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD %Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,653.24	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	13,413.51	-44.04	-.33	+9.79	+21.82
5,390.11	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	4,913.52	-3.10	-.06	-2.12	+15.50
499.82	411.54	Dow Jones Utilities	474.96	+.62	+.13	+2.21	+9.99
8,515.60	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	8,221.32	-53.46	-.65	+9.95	+19.55
2,502.21	1,941.89	Amex Index	2,444.50	-9.84	-.28	+7.29	+17.80
3,196.03	2,268.89	Nasdaq Composite	3,093.70	-24.03	-.77	+19.75	+24.17
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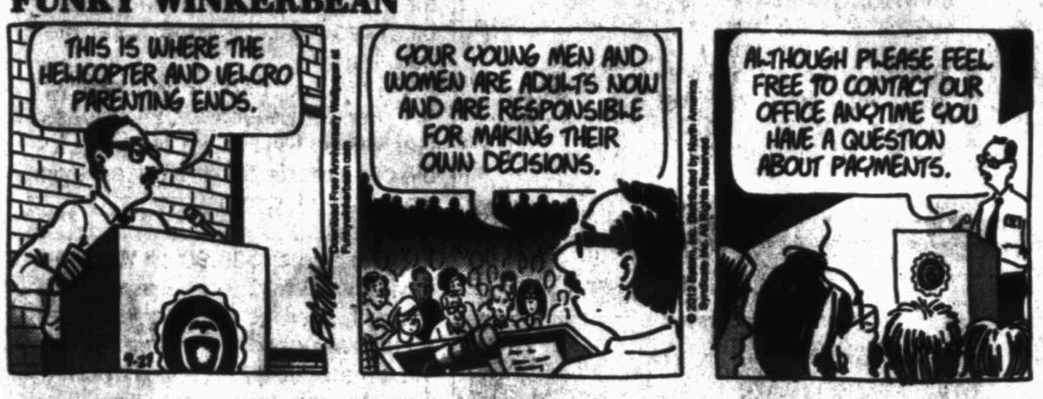

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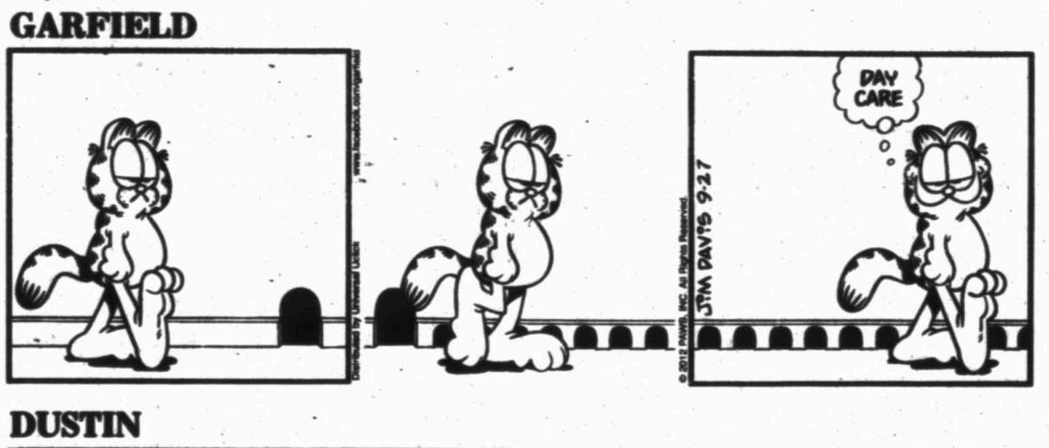

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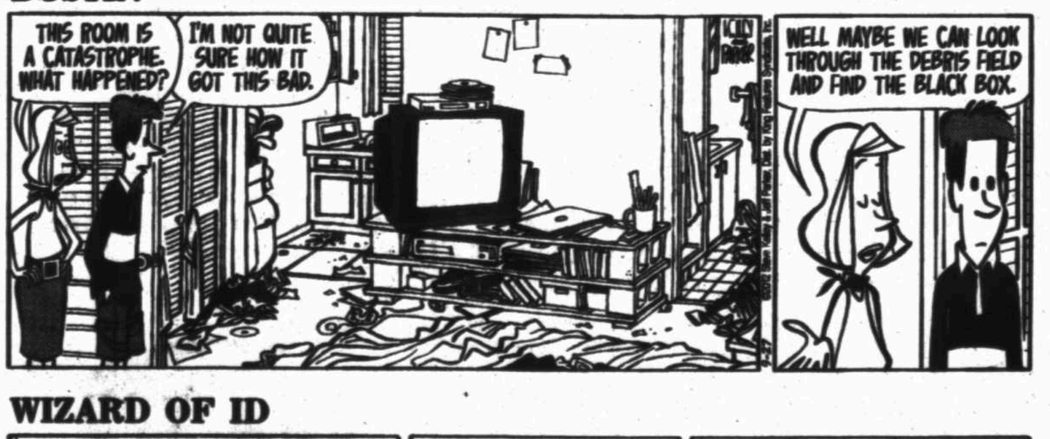

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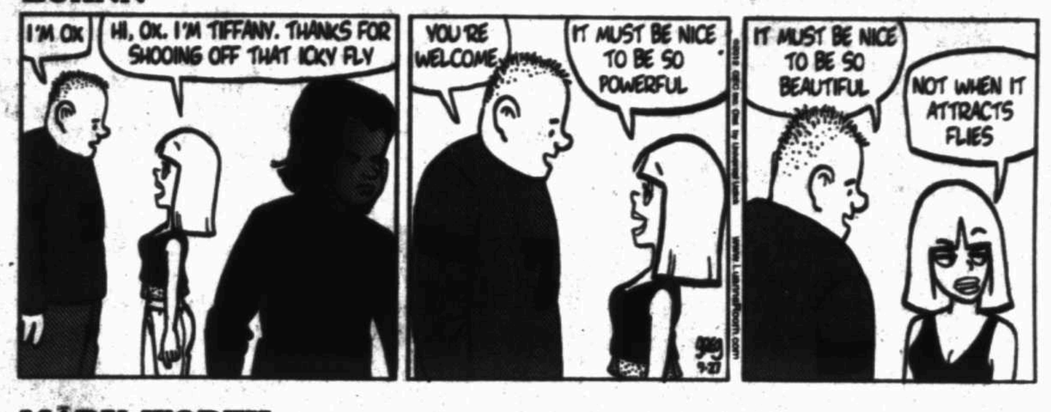

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"I just aim the mortar at the school, and if the kids forgot something, BLAM! It's there in five seconds."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IS THAT NO AS IN 'NO WAY,' OR NO LIKE 'MAYBE'?"

LOCKHORNS

"IF I KNOW HOW TO PUSH ALL YOUR BUTTONS, WHY CAN'T I FIND THE 'MUTE'?"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Fish need to stay in water. They're allergic to air."

NASCAR THIS WEEK

ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern

Sprint Cup Series
AAA 400
2 p.m., Sunday — ESPN

Nationwide Series
Dollar General 200
3 p.m., Saturday — ESPN2

Truck Series
Smith's Food & Drug Stores 350
6 p.m., Saturday — SPEED

BURNING ISSUES

▶ Dale Earnhardt Jr. and race winner Denny Hamlin both benefited from well-timed caution flags for debris in New Hampshire. Yellow flags kept Earnhardt from being lapped and enabled Hamlin to pit under a yellow flag, thus preserving his considerable advantage in New Hampshire.

▶ The Chase is taking shape. Half the field – Jimmie Johnson, Brad Keselowski, Hamlin, Tony Stewart, Kasey Kahne and Clint Bowyer – is separated by 15 points. The other half is more than 25 points off Johnson's pace.

▶ Kahne is quiet by nature, and so are his finishes of third and fifth in the two Chase races to date. He's right in the championship picture, though.

▶ Hamlin's 22nd career victory was also owner Joe Gibbs' 100th.

▶ Joe Gibbs Racing has won seven times this year: five by Hamlin and one each by Kyle Busch and Joey Logano, neither of whom made the Chase.

▶ Once upon a time, money was a major issue in NASCAR, whose officials play it down nowadays. For the record, the leader in points, Johnson, is also the leader in money, with $6,575,261 deposited in the Hendrick Motorsports coffers so far as a result of his team's efforts.

▶ By the way, Matt Kenseth ranks second in money won with $5,976,759. Why? Winning the Daytona 500 is worth a lot.

▶ Dale Earnhardt Jr. was fortunate to salvage a 13th out of New Hampshire. It's been some time since he had such an obviously off week.

▶ Hamlin boldly predicted he would win the Sylvania 300. He then played it down after a mistake (wrong pressure in his tires) led to a subpar qualifying performance. After winning, he played down ... playing it down.

▶ Next up is Dover, where Keselowski, Hamlin and Stewart all finished outside the top 10 in June.

2012 POINTS STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Jimmie Johnson	2,096
2. Brad Keselowski	-1
3. Denny Hamlin	-7
4. Tony Stewart	-10
5. Kasey Kahne	-15
Clint Bowyer	-15
7. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-26
8. Kevin Harvick	-31
9. Greg Biffle	-33
10. Martin Truex Jr.	-34
11. Matt Kenseth	-35
12. Jeff Gordon	-45

Nationwide Series	
1. Elliott Sadler	1,014
2. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	-4
3. Austin Dillon	-19
4. Sam Hornish Jr.	-46
5. Justin Allgaier	-103
6. Michael Annett	-139
7. Cole Whitt	-209
8. Mike Bliss	-268
9. Brian Scott	-348
10. Joe Nemechek	-363

Camping World Truck Series	
1. Ty Dillon	602
2. James Buescher	-4
3. Timothy Peters	-26
4. Parker Kligerman	-30
5. Joey Coulter	-46
6. Matt Crafton	-49
7. Justin Lofton	-54
8. Nelson Piquet Jr.	-78
9. Miguel Paludo	-121
10. Ron Hornaday	-125

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WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP
Race: AAA 400
Where: Dover (Del.) International Speedway (1.0 mi.), 400 laps/miles.
When: Sunday, Sept. 30.
Last year's winner: Kurt Busch, Dodge.
Qualifying record: Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 161.502 mph, June 4, 2004.
Race record: Mark Martin, Ford, 132.719 mph, Sept. 21, 1997.
Last race: After running out of gas late in the Chase opener, Denny Hamlin promised to win in New Hampshire via Twitter. Though he hedged his bet later, Hamlin came through with his series-best fifth victory of the year, over Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon.

NATIONWIDE
Race: OneMain Financial 200
Where: Dover (Del.) International Speedway (1.0 mi.), 200 laps/miles.
When: Saturday, Sept. 29.
Last year's winner: Carl Edwards, Ford.
Qualifying record: Kyle Busch, Toyota, 158.228 mph, May 15, 2010.
Race record: Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevy, 130.152 mph, May 30, 1998.
Last race: Austin Dillon, in a Chevy, completed a sweep at Kentucky Speedway, where both his victories this season have occured. Sam Hornish Jr. finished second in a Dodge, followed by Brendan Gaughan in a Chevy. Elliott Sadler led a race-high 93 laps but settled for fifth.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK
Race: Smith's Food & Drug Stores 350
Where: Las Vegas Motor Speedway (1.5 mi.), 146 laps/219 miles.
When: Saturday, Sept. 29.
Last year's winner: Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevy.
Qualifying record: Mike Skinner, Toyota, 178.085 mph, Sept. 23, 2006.
Race record: David Starr, Chevy, 135.394 mph, Oct. 13, 2002.
Last race: James Buescher, in a Chevy, also completed a Kentucky sweep. The 22-year-old won over runner-up Parker Kligerman in a Toyota and Ty Dillon in a Chevy. The previous week's winner, Ryan Blaney, crashed in practice and wound up finishing 11th in a backup truck.

DOVER DATA

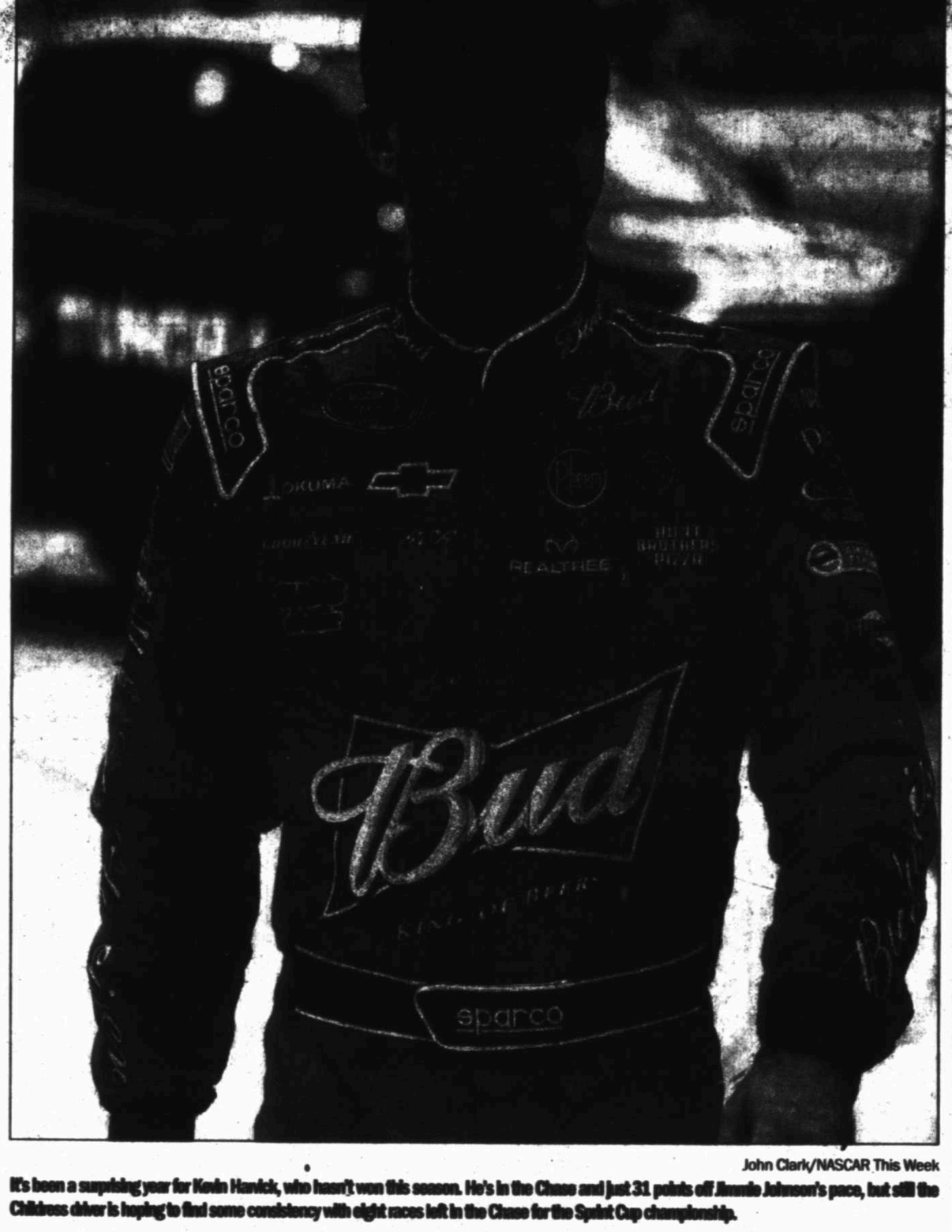
FOX June 3 – Sept. 30 ESPN

DOVER INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY

Distance:	1 mile (oval)
Length of frontstretch:	1,076 ft.
Length of backstretch:	1,076 ft.
Miles/Laps:	400 mi. – 400 laps

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

KEVIN HARVICK — SPRINT CUP SERIES — NO. 29 BUDWEISER CHEVROLET



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

It's been a surprising year for Kevin Harvick, who hasn't won this season. He's in the Chase and just 31 points off Jimmie Johnson's pace, but still the Childress driver is hoping to find some consistency with eight races left in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Working For That Win

Though season has been a struggle, Harvick's still in it

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

LOUDON, N.H. — The good news is that Kevin Harvick managed to make the Chase for the Sprint Cup for the sixth time in the last seven seasons.

The bad news is that, so far, Harvick hasn't managed to win a race. He finished 11th in the second installment of NASCAR's race-offs and is already 31 points off Jimmie Johnson's pace.

Richard Childress Racing, where Harvick competes alongside Jeff Burton and Paul Menard, is winless, though the organization has prospered in the Nationwide and Camping World Truck series. RCR last went winless at the Cup level in 2009. The team has been stuck on 100 Sprint Cup victories all year. Harvick won four times in 2011.

Twice Harvick has finished second this season, the most recent runner-up showing occurring at Dover International Speedway, the next stop on the Cup schedule.

"I think for us we need to make our cars better," Harvick said. "We need to get faster."

Duh.

"We have been fortunate to be in the position that we are in, pointswise. You've got to kind of balance that with trying to get better and also trying to protect what you've got."

Harvick, 36, has a knack for consistency. In the past three weeks, the Bakersfield, Calif., native has finished 10th, 12th and 11th. In fact, he's finished in a range of 10th to 16th in eight of the past nine races. The exception was a fifth at Atlanta on Labor Day weekend.

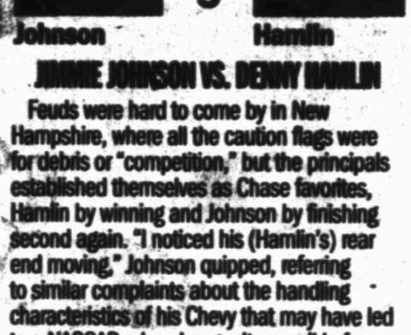
It's not the kind of consistency Harvick has in mind.

The RCR operation finds itself playing catch-up in the Chase, which isn't a good place to be.

"I don't think there is really one specific thing that you can put your finger on to say this is what we are doing," Harvick said. "I think it's a lot of things that need to get better. Everybody is working on them. We didn't capitalize on the situations that we were in to win races at the beginning of the year. Performance hasn't been exactly where we needed to be. Everybody is working hard to try to get it to that point. Hopefully, we can do that."

At this late point, it's a hard feat to accomplish.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Johnson VERSUS Hamlin

JIMMIE JOHNSON VS. DENNY HAMLIN

Feuds were hard to come by in New Hampshire, where all the caution flags were for debris or "competition," but the principals established themselves as Chase favorites, Hamlin by winning and Johnson by finishing second again. "I noticed his (Hamlin's) rear end moving," Johnson quipped, referring to similar complaints about the handling characteristics of his Chevy that may have led to a NASCAR rules change. It was all in fun.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Johnson's point was that Hamlin had an overwhelming advantage this time. Even at this early point in the Chase, there's still the opportunity for a bit of good-natured gamesmanship."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

A Simple Q and A

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053. Send emails to mdutton@gastongazette.com, ATTN: NTW question

Dear NASCAR This Week,

Could you tell me how the announcers say that after they clean up the track for the yellow flag, there will be three laps to go? A green-white-checkered? This is only two laps, not three laps. Thank you.

Bob Ward
Princeton, Ind.

Apparently because they messed up.

LEGENDS AND LORE

Turner's Race To Win

The third race of NASCAR's second season was run at the famed, and famously dangerous, mile dirt track in Langhorne, Pa., on April 16, 1950. Curtis Turner drove an Oldsmobile to victory, finishing a lap ahead of Lloyd Moore's Lincoln and six ahead of Jimmy Florian's Ford. Another two of the sport's early legends, Tim Flock and Lee Petty, finished on the same lap. Unfortunately, they were 11 off Turner's blistering pace. (Source: racing-reference.info)

FAN TIPS

It's Bo Time With Greats

If you're interested in attending Bojangles Pole Night at Charlotte Motor Speedway – it's on Oct. 11 before the Bank of America 500 two nights later – you can purchase a limited-edition collectible ticket featuring four NASCAR greats. Only 2,500 of the tickets are available. The tickets pay homage to Hall of Famers Bobby Allison and Cale Yarborough, as well as a couple of future Hall of Famers, Mark Martin and Jimmie Johnson. The tickets are $20 and can be purchased by calling 1-800-455-FANS (3267).

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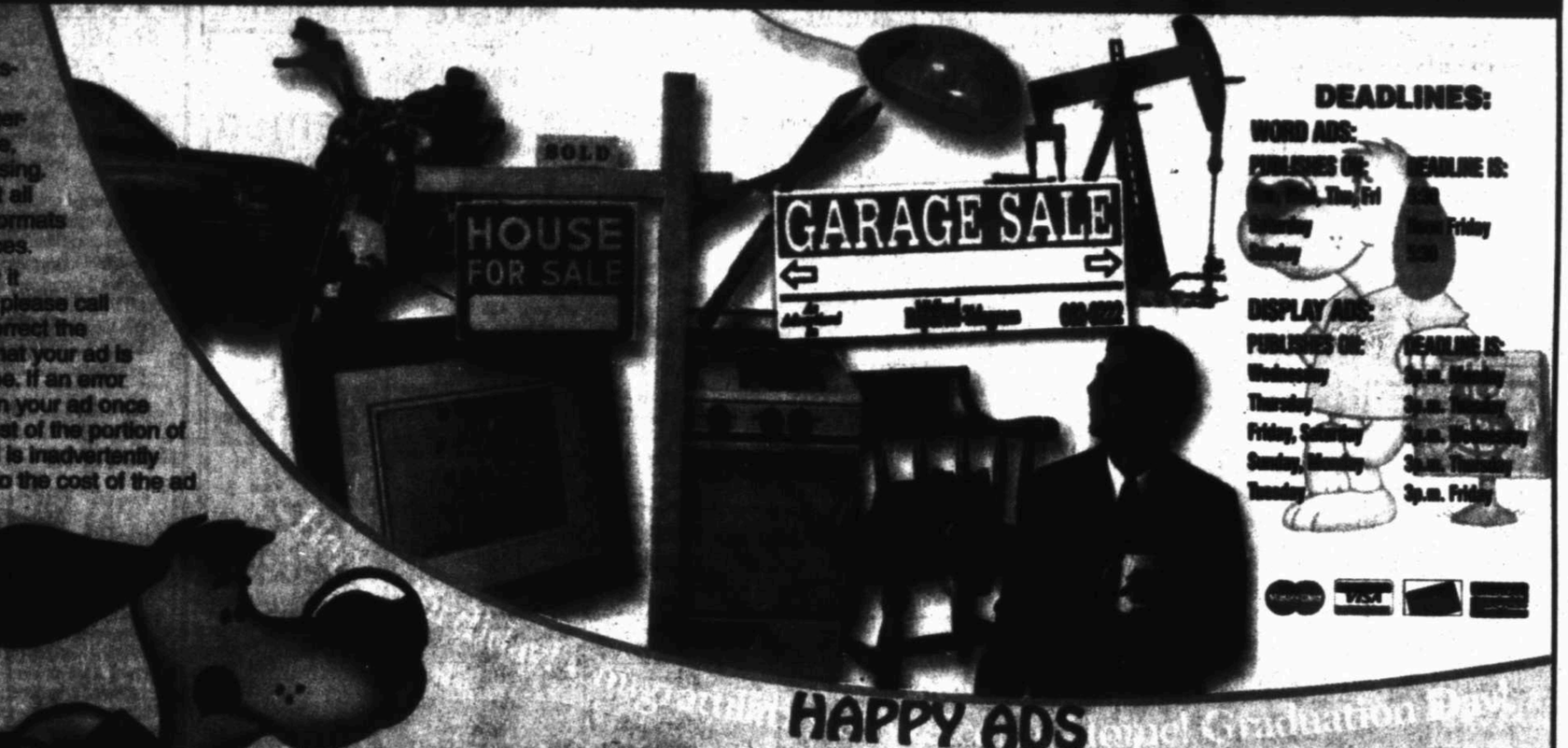

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Walter Donald Hamilton, Jr., Independent Executor of the Estate of Shirley Jo Hamilton, Deceased, Cause No. P17143 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

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David K. Becker, Independent Executor of the Estate of Phillip Roy Becker, Deceased, Cause No. P17100 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 13, 2012
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Oct 18, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Rule 38 Case No. 08-0278222
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 10, Blk. 35 T1N, T&P RR CO/CAMPBELL, W A Survey, A-1127, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 10.2 miles NE direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Oct 16, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRE PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	MCMORRIES '10'
Lease/Unit Well No. :	2
Lease/Unit Acres :	78.56
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	635.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1320.0

Lease Lines :	660.0 F west L.	678.0 F north L.
Survey Lines :	660.0 F west L.	1980.0 F south L.

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) PAUL PAGE (ATOKA), (2) MON BAK (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

PAUL PAGE (ATOKA): Special Rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

MON BAK (STRAWN): OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11375 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, PATRICIA GIH, at (972) 969-3725.

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Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., October 3, 2012 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 5508-13
For: An annual master agreement for Fertilizer for the Spraberry Farm.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Niran E. Kellogg, deceased, were issued to Elizabeth Clements and Julie Montgomery, Independent Co-Executrixes, on September 20, 2012, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Niran E. Kellogg, Deceased," No. P17131 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Co-Executrixes, at 1400 Maberry, Midland, Texas 79701, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Elizabeth Clements and Julie Montgomery, Independent Co-Executrixes of the Estate of Niran E. Kellogg, Deceased, Cause No. P17131 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

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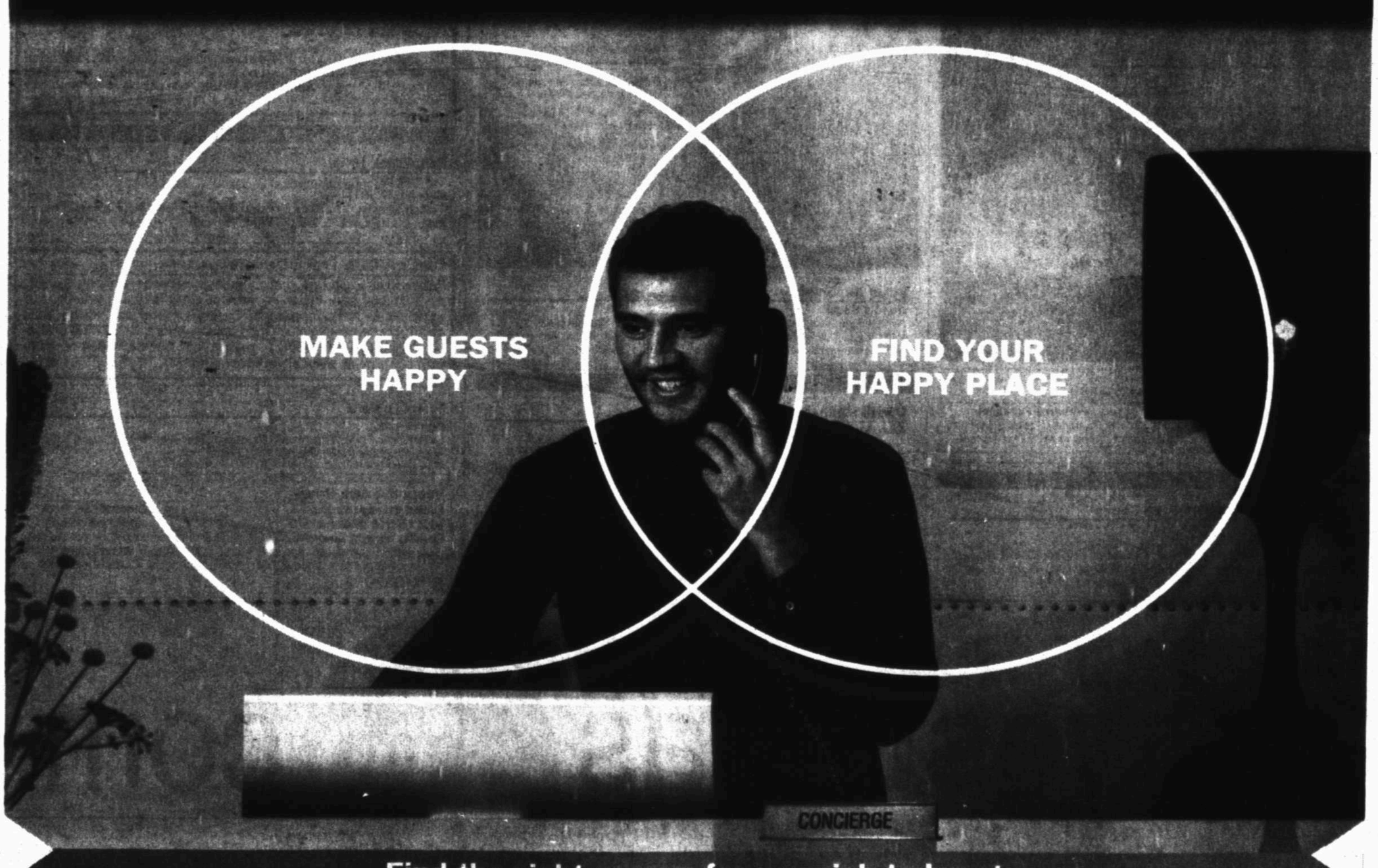

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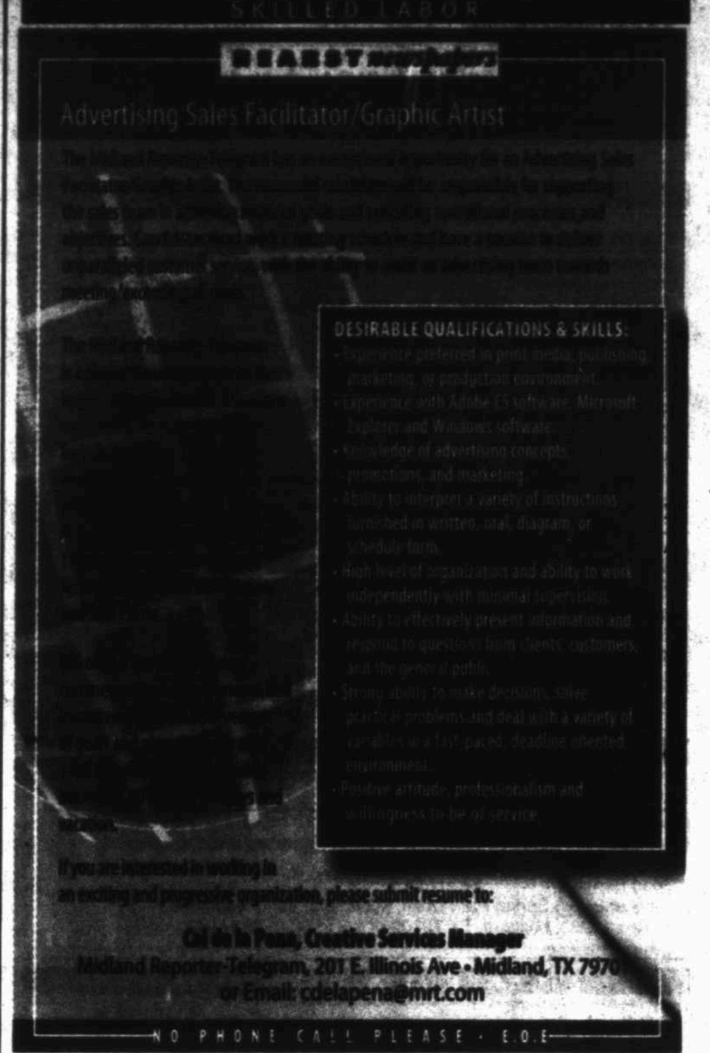

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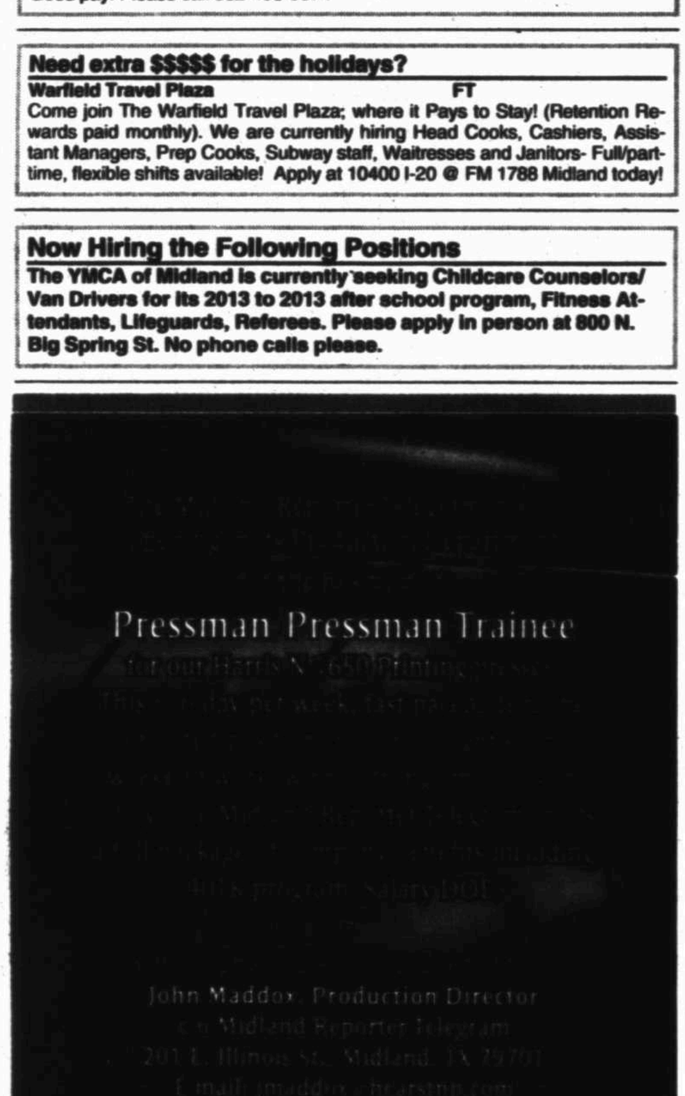

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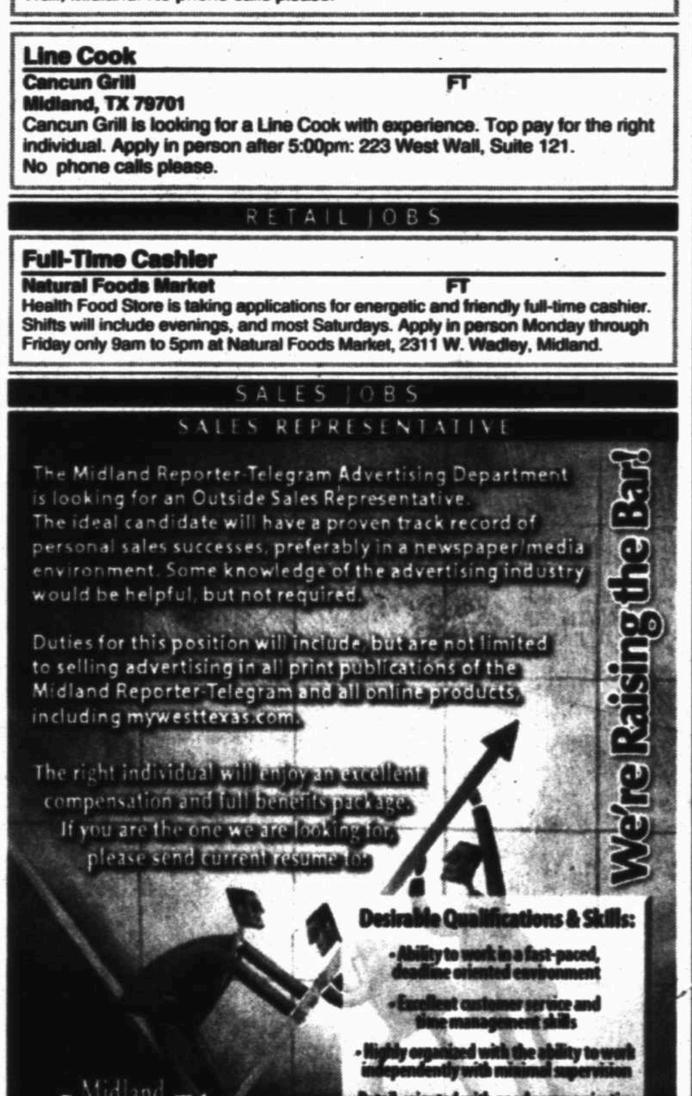

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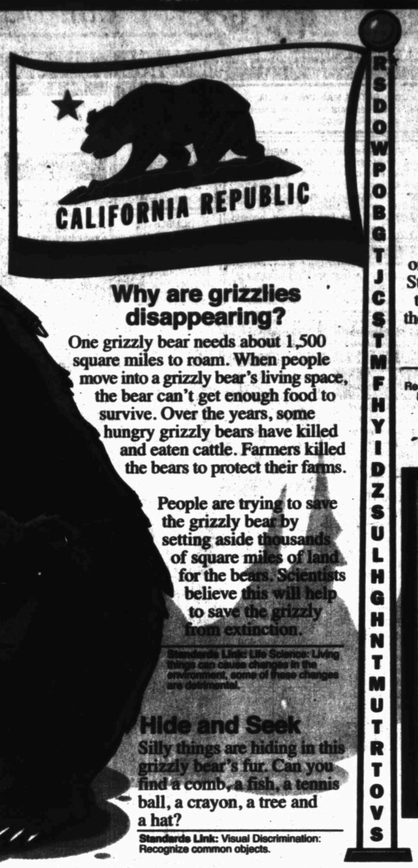
The grizzly bear is on the California state flag. It is a symbol of California.

However, the grizzly bear, one of the largest animals in North America, is in danger of becoming extinct. In 1850, there were around 10,000 grizzly bears living in California alone. Today fewer than 1,000 live in the lower 48 states. None are living wild in California.

Standards Link: Life Science: Changes in the environment cause some animals to survive and reproduce, others die or move to new locations.



Why are grizzlies disappearing?

One grizzly bear needs about 1,500 square miles to roam. When people move into a grizzly bear's living space, the bear can't get enough food to survive. Over the years, some hungry grizzly bears have killed and eaten cattle. Farmers killed the bears to protect their farms.

People are trying to save the grizzly bear by setting aside thousands of square miles of land for the bears. Scientists believe this will help to save the grizzly from extinction.

Standards Link: Life Science: Living things can cause changes in the environment, some of these changes are detrimental.

Hide and Seek

Silly things are hiding in this grizzly bear's fur. Can you find a comb, a fish, a tennis ball, a crayon, a tree and a hat?

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Recognize common objects.

Flagpole Fun

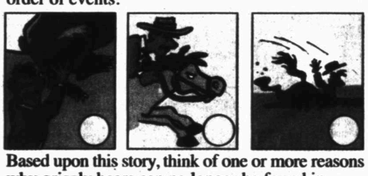
What does a 600-pound grizzly eat? To find out, circle every third letter on the flagpole. Start by circling the letter with the star. Write the words on the menu below.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

History Mystery

Why did grizzlies disappear from California? Read the History Scoop story. It's true!

Number the pictures from 1 to 3 to show the correct order of events.



Based upon this story, think of one or more reasons why grizzly bears can no longer be found in California.

Standards Link: History: Students recognize primary resources and identify causes and long-term effects of events in the past.

History Scoop July 21, 1883

Don Jose Ramon Pitches Griz

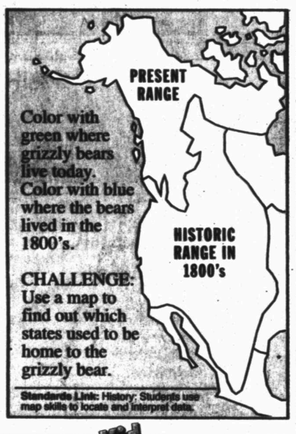
CALIFORNIA – Last week, while Don Jose Ramon Carrillo was out riding his horse, he spotted a grizzly near his adobe ranch house.

"Grizzlies have killed some of my cows," said Don Jose.

Famous for the many grizzly bears he has killed, Don Jose spurred his horse and chased the grizzly bear. Don Jose claims the bear ran and fell into a ditch.

"My horse couldn't stop," recalled Don Jose. "The next thing I knew, I was in the ditch with hundreds of pounds of angry bear!"

There wasn't enough room to fight in the ditch. "The bear was trying like crazy to climb out of the ditch. I wanted him out just as badly. So, I grabbed his behind and pushed him out!"



Color with green where grizzly bears live today. Color with blue where the bears lived in the 1800's.

CHALLENGE: Use a map to find out which states used to be home to the grizzly bear.

Standards Link: History: Students use map skills to locate and interpret data.

Extra! Extra!

Cut a newspaper story into three or more parts. Give the parts to a friend and see if they can put the story back together in the correct order. Now let your friend give you a story to do.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify main events and sequence in a story.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Bears: Fact or Opinion?

Bears hibernate in the winter. If someone comes close to its' cubs, the mama bear will hide them in a safe place. I think bears are scary because if you get too close to a bear it could kill you. I think bears are interesting. I think bears are really furry too.

Anysa Castaneda, St. Ann's, 4th Grade

There are eight species of bears. The largest of all bear species is the brown bear. I think that bear cubs are very cute and cuddly. I think that bears are mean and scary when protecting their cubs.

Aries N Salazar, St. Ann's, 4th Grade

Bears are cute and cuddly but can be mean and scary too. When I went to Colorado, I saw a baby bear and it was so cute. We took lots of pictures. They are tall and they like to eat fish.

Guadalupe Silva, St. Ann's, 4th Grade

Bears are ferocious and mean. Bears live in caves. There are brown bears and black bears. They live in groups. There are eight to nine species of bears.

Zak Alvarado, St. Ann's, 4th Grade

A cub is the name of a baby bear. The diet of bears depends on their habitat. Polar bears are better looking than grizzly bears. Grizzly bears are stronger than polar bears. I don't think bears are friendly.

Rocio Rivera, St. Ann's, 4th Grade

There are eight species of bears. Bears are a group of carnivorous animals known for their muscular bodies. In my opinion, bears are pretty cool animals especially the way they catch fish. I don't think bears should ever become extinct because they are such beautiful creatures. Bears are awesome creatures and I hope nothing ever happens to them.

Diego Reyes, St. Ann's, 4th Grade

Bears are mammals because they are covered in hair. They have a spine, they're warm blooded and they feed milk to their babies once they are born. Bears are omnivores just like people. They eat meat and plants. Bears are big and scary. Cubs are cute and cuddly.

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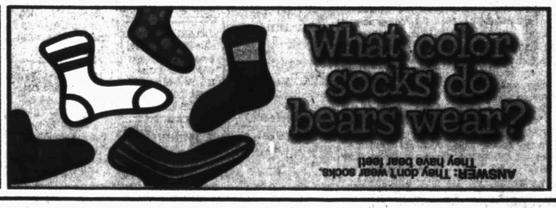

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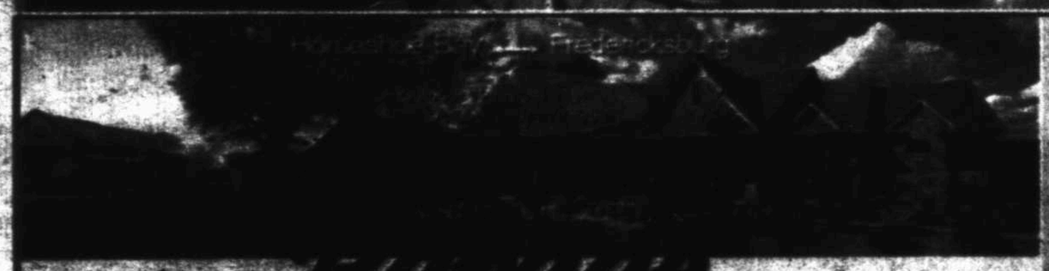

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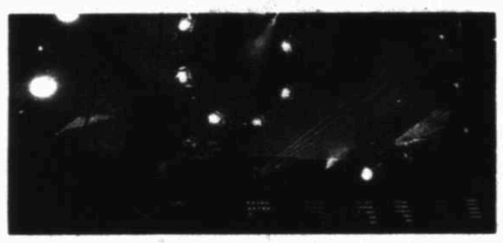

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When: Every day
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Details: All players must be registered by 6:45 p.m. Schedule: 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday at Woofers and Tweeters, Tuesday and Saturday at The Detour.

Friday

COMEDY NIGHT AT THE VELVET ROOM
Where: Midtown Hotel, 3100 W. Wall St.
Tickets: $10

"FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF IVY GAP"
When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday
Where: Permian Playhouse, Odessa
Tickets: $12 for adults, $10 for seniors and students and $7 for children ages 12 and under. Group discount available for groups of 15 or larger. Purchase at the door, or online at www.permianplayhouse.com.

MUSICAL: "THE MAGICAL PINATA"
When: Friday-Oct. 7
Where: The Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa
Call: 580-3177

Saturday

PAWS IN THE PARK
When: 7 a.m.-noon, Saturday
Where: Off the Leash Dog Park, Hogan Park in the back. Take Hispanic Cultural Road

ST. ANN'S FAMILY FAIR
When: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Where: St. Ann's Church, Illinois Avenue and "N" Street
Info: Carnival open today through Sunday. Hours vary.

ART A LA CARTE AND KITE FLYING FESTIVAL
When: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: Ellen Noel Art Museum, Odessa

BRIAR PATCH TRADE DAYS TRADE SHOW
When: Saturday and Sunday
Where: Building D, Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

THE RIB SPEAKS OUT TODAY @ MIDLAND COLLEGE
A "side-splitting" anti-suffrage satire, and Mark Twain's ever-inquisitive Eve appear on campus at 7 p.m. today. Genders will battle in the Allison Fine Arts Building, Wagner Brown Auditorium, when — tongue firmly in cheek — New York actress Michèle LaRue delivers Marie Jenney Howe's vintage lecture, "Someone Must Wash the Dishes: An Anti-Suffrage Satire," and offers "Eve's Diary" (a dramatization of Twain's popular short stories) in a double-bill titled The Rib Speaks Out. The event is free and open to the public. Written in 1912 — eight years before women won the vote — "Someone Must Wash the Dishes: An Anti-Suffrage Satire" is celebrating its centennial.

CLOSING PERFORMANCE SATURDAY @ COLE THEATRE
Midland Community Theatre's production of "A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline" closes Saturday in Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. In his review, Graham Dixon concluded, "So 'A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline' is well worth attending. Those who were fans of the singer all those years ago are offered oodles of nostalgia. Younger people are engrossed by a vanished time in which country music was primetime on network television and foot long tassels were the epitome of style. " Call 570-4111 for tickets.

JOAN SEBASTIAN IN CONCERT
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Tickets: 1-888-695-0888 or contact the Odessa Jaikalopes office, 552-7825.

PERMIAN BASIN HEALTH FAIR CONFERENCE
When: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: Building G, Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

REMUDA QUARTER HORSE SHOW
When: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Sunday
Where: Horseshoe
Tickets: Free to the public

MERCY IN THE SKY WITH DIAMONDS
When: 7 p.m. to midnight
Where: MCM Grande Fundome, Odessa
Tickets: $50; Sponsorship tables available. Contact Betsy Daniel: 432-352-1913 or mercytrips.org
Info: A Tribute to the Beatles concert benefitting Mercy Trips Healthcare Outreach.
Live Performance by "The Eggmen", dinner and dancing

Monday

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall
Info: Weekly meeting. New members welcome. Call Walter, 260-7136.

Tuesday

RED HEAD EXPRESS & THE WALKER FAMILY
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
Tickets: Single tickets $30. Adult season tickets $75, children 18 and younger $35.
To purchase go to www.liveonstage-pb.com or call Live on Stage, 789-1249.
Info: Part of the Live on Stage season

PAINT TIME
When: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
Info: Call 352-8297.

CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Cigar Frog's

PERMIAN BASIN DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave.
Cost: $5 members, $6 non-members.
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Wednesday

THE AUSTRALIAN PINK FLOYD SHOW
When: 8 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $42 and $47. Wagnernoel.com or box office noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSELLERS
Where: 2617 West Loop 250 N.
Call: 682-8880
Saturday: 10:30 a.m. "Peanut Butter and Homework Sandwiches"
Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. Storytime for Preschool

FREDDA TURNER DURHAM CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
Where: Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.
Call: 683-2882 for more information.

Road trip

Lubbock

THE LUBBOCK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theatre.
Info: Opening night of season features David Cho, new music director, and Serhiy Salov, pianist in a performance entitled Five on Five. Single tickets: $25-$50. Call 806-762-1688.

Marfa

MARFA'S 7TH ANNUAL TRANS-PECOS GATHERING OF MUSIC + LOVE:
When: today through Saturday
Info: Festival celebrates friends, music, sandlot baseball, arts and crafts, unique vendors and camping under a sky full of stars at El Cosmico. Tickets available for sale at elcosmico.com.

'The Magical Pinata' to take Globe stage

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

ODESSA — Past, present and future have their story to tell in "The Magical Pinata," opening Friday at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road.

"It's about a young girl learning about past, present and future – learning that it is better to share what you have," said Katie Garcia, who plays that girl, Cucha. "This young girl meets all these mentor type people that kind of guide her to new openings of her mind, a new mindset.

"It's a really complicated show to explain. I mean watching it you can understand it, but I have tried to explain this show so many times."

The show, with book and lyrics by Karen Zacarias and music by Deborah Wicks La Pluma, is designed for children.

"I think it's a great show that I think drew heavy influence from a lot of popular kids shows today," said Cory Maxwell, who plays the Monkey King. "So translating those kids' shows onto a stage is definitely proving to be a challenge, but I think it's going to go over well, and kids will probably respond very well to it.

"I think also like a lot of other kid shows this has a lot of jokes that were intended for more mature audiences. Not anything risque but stuff that goes over the heads of kids in the audience and is received by the adults. So I think they will enjoy it for that reason."

Cody Whitaker, who plays Sidekick to the Monkey King, described the play as a "big, fun show. And it's good for kids. They don't worry about what they don't understand. They just focus on what they do. I love to perform for kids. The way that I personally describe the show is it's a mixture of "Scrooge" with "Alice in Wonderland" meets the "Wizard of Oz" kind of thing. And Cucha is Scrooge."

"The Magical Pinata" is not a musical.

"It's a play with music," said Victoria Stoner, who plays Abuela. "Some songs help the plot along. Other songs don't help the plot necessarily."

Production dates and times are 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Oct. 5 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday and Oct. 6. Student productions are set for 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

"I think it's mostly about growth and becoming who you are really meant to be and just learning the difference between right and wrong and why it's so important," said Stoner. "Abuela is the main character grownup. And she is kind of the narrator of the story. She's the one telling it. And now she's trying to tell it to her grandson who reminds her of herself."

ALL THE DETAILS:

"THE MAGICAL PINATA"

When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Oct. 5 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday and Oct. 6. Student productions are set for 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Where: The Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road., Odessa

Tickets: Call the Globe Theatre, 580-3177 or go to www.globesw.org.

Cast: Victoria Stoner, Abuela; Chris Garcia, kid; Katie Garcia, Cucha; Rene Fierro, father; Alexa Nease, Senora Compleanos; Vanessa Hernandez, Burro Burrito; Cory Maxwell, Monkey King; Cody Whitaker, Sidekick; Cassidy CB Barbee, Chapulin; Sarai Flores, Parrot Rivera; and ensemble members Kiarra Landreth, Kiyana Bullard, Elsa Garcia and Gabriella Garcia.

Crew: German Sibrian, tech; Logan Bryant, assistant stage manager; and Alexander Mancha and Christopher Gutierrez, co-directors.

St. Ann's Fair opens Saturday

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

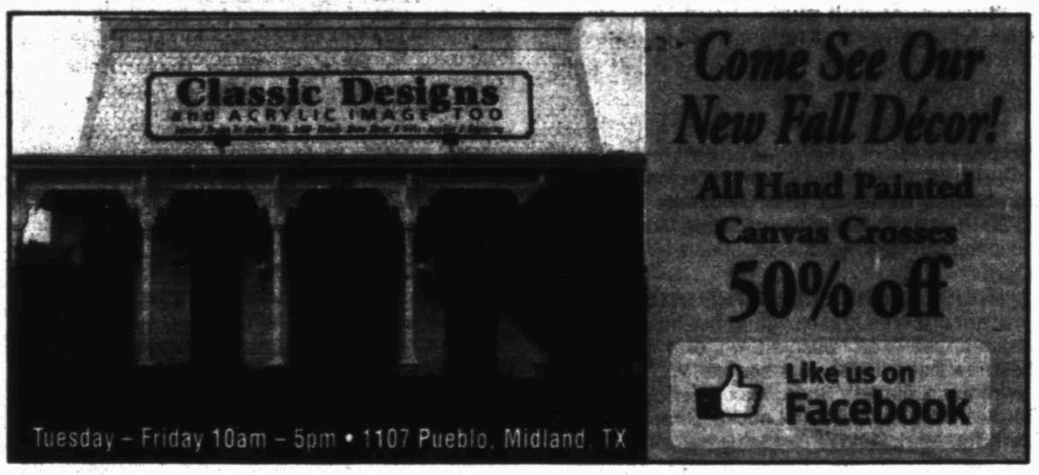
In 1949, the Knights of Columbus, the Mother's Club, the Altar Society, Frank Repman and Nick Dragisic started something at St. Ann's Catholic Church that has become a Midland tradition — St. Ann's Family Fair. The event added a carnival in 1960, had 44 booths in 1978, first grossed more than $100,000 in 1981, raffled $10,000 in gold in 2003 and introduced its Fair Day Fun Run in 2007.

When the fair opens Saturday, young and old will find more than 50 food and game booths including smoke free bingo, books, T-shirts, games for children and the well-known Odds and Ends Garage Sale booth. And, of course, there's a carnival.

The fair takes a year to plan, seven days to set up and a day to take down. The entire effort is staffed by volunteers, some of whom have participated for more than two decades. The proceeds benefit St. Ann's School.

ALL THE DETAILS

ST. ANN'S FAMILY FAIR AND CARNIVAL
Where: 1906 Texas Ave.
Family Fair: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday
Admission: Free.
Carnival: 6-10 p.m. today and Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday
Carnival prices: Armbands: $20 Thursday and Friday and Sunday; $20 Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and $20 again 3 to 10 p.m. Without an armband, tickets are $1 and rides cost three to four tickets each.
Fifth Annual St. Ann's Fun Run: 8 a.m. Saturday. Includes: Kid's Miracle Miler (1 mile), 5K to the Fair and 10K Old Midland Route. Includes food, beverage and medals awarded to the top three places in each age division. To register go to www.active.com.
St. Ann's Fair Bingo: noon to 6:30 p.m. Saturday.
Where: St. Ann's School gym. Bring your dauber or buy one there. Smoke free.
Source: St. Ann's Family Fair online



onscreen

"Dredd 3D"

"End of Watch"

Capsule reviews of 'Dredd 3D,' other new releases

"DREDD 3D" — A wickedly dark comic streak breaks up the vivid violence and relentless bleakness of this 3-D incarnation of the cult-favorite British comic series "2000 A.D." The visceral visuals, shot in 3-D by Oscar-winning "Slumdog Millionaire" cinematographer Anthony Dod Mantle, feature extreme close-ups and sequences of super-cool slow-motion photography, which wisely are spread sparingly throughout the course of the picture. Karl Urban stars as the stoic Judge Dredd, the baddest bad-ass of them all in a dystopian future where enforcers like him serve as judge, jury and executioner. Dredd is the most fearsome of the judges in the squalid, densely populated Mega City One, with his ever-present helmet and a low, monotone grumble that recalls both Christian Bale's Batman and Clint Eastwood's Man With No Name. (For the uninitiated, Dredd is actually much funnier than this description makes him sound; his terse, deadpan responses to the most absurd and depraved situations provoke the biggest laughs.) Olivia Thirlby has a calm yet confident presence as the rookie Judge Anderson, who happens to have been assigned to Dredd for training upon one particularly bloody day. Her psychic abilities make her an asset when things get especially chaotic, and her slightly ethereal nature provides a nice complement to Dredd's intense groundedness. Dredd and Anderson respond to a triple homicide at the Peach Trees housing complex, a 200-story ghetto ruled by the ruthless prostitute-turned-drug-lord Ma-Ma (Lena Headey). When they take one of her lieutenants (Wood Harris) into custody, Ma-Ma puts the whole place on lockdown and insists she'll keep it that way until the judges are killed. R for strong bloody violence, language, drug use and some sexual content. 98 minutes. Three stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

"END OF WATCH" — You've seen the buddy cop movie a million times before, especially the racially mismatched buddy cop movie. You've also seen the found-footage movie a million times before, beginning with the precedent-setting "Blair Witch Project" in 1999 and again in recent years following the success of the low-budget 2007 horror film "Paranormal Activity." "End of Watch" combines these two approaches: It's a racially mismatched buddy cop movie in which the cops record their daily activities while on patrol, from mercilessly teasing each other in the squad car between calls to tracking bad guys through the dangerous streets and narrow alleyways of South Central Los Angeles. But admittedly, the found-footage aesthetic infuses the film with both intimacy and vibrancy; it creates the illusion that what we're watching is unscripted, and so we feel like we don't know what's going to happen from one moment to the next. And co-stars Jake Gyllenhaal and Michael Pena have such tremendous chemistry with each other, they make you want to ride alongside them all day, despite the many perils in store. As they insistently goof on each other in often hilarious fashion, their banter reveals not just an obvious and believable brotherly bond but also the kind of gallows humor necessary to make the horrors of their profession tolerable. After responding to a series of seemingly random calls successfully, the partners find themselves the targets of a stereotypically vicious Mexican street gang, which may have even more dangerous ties south of the border. R for strong violence, some disturbing images, pervasive language including sexual references and some drug use. 108 minutes. Three stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Capsule reviews of other feature films

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RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

"LAWLESS" — Based on the true story of the Bondurant brothers, who made moonshine, money and their own mythology in Prohibition-era Virginia. A beautifully crafted, grand yet intimate bootlegging saga, with Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf, Guy Pearce and Jessica Chastain. 1 hr. 50 R (violence, profanity, sex, adult themes). 3 stars.

"THE POSSESSION" — A young girl comes into possession of an antique box that contains an evil spirit. Not one of Danish director Ole Bornedal's ("Deliver Us from Evil) better efforts. 1 hr. 32 PG-13 (mature themes, terror, violence, muliple moth swarms) 2 stars.

Also

"HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET" — A recent divorcee and her daughter move into a dream house in an upscale town, only to find that their new home hides dark secrets. With Jennifer Lawrence, Elisabeth Shue, Max Thieriot and Gil Bellows. Written by David Loucka. Directed by Mark Tonderai. (1:41) PG-13.

"THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN" — A childless married couple who can't conceive fantasize about what their child would be like, and shortly afterward a mysterious young boy enters their lives. With Jennifer Garner, Joel Edgerton, Dianne Wiest and C.J. Adams. Written and directed by Peter Hedges. (1:44) PG.

"PARANORMAN" — In this animated film, a misunderstood boy who can communicate with the dead is called upon to save the day when his small town is overrun by zombies. With the voices of Kodi Smit-McPhee, Tucker Albrizzi and Casey Affleck. Written by Chris Butler. Directed by Butler and Sam Fell. In 3-D. (1:32) PG.

"TROUBLE WITH THE CURVE" — An aging baseball scout enlists his daughter, an ambitious young lawyer, to accompany him on an important recruiting mission. With Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams, Justin Timberlake and John Goodman. Written by Randy Brown. Directed by Robert Lorenz. (1:40) PG-13.

"RESIDENT EVIL: RETRIBUTION" — In a world devastated by a zombie virus, one woman scours the globe to save humanity and stop an evil corporation. With Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez, Sienna Guillory and Kevin Durand. Written and directed by Paul W.S. Anderson. In Imax 3-D. (1:35) R.

"2016: OBAMA'S AMERICA"— The documentary travels into Obama's past via interviews and Obama's autobiography "Dreams from My Father" and suggests what the United States and the world might look like in 2016. By Dinesh D'Souza, the film is No. 2 on the all-time grossing list for political documentaries. (1.29) PG. Closing today.

DVDIVA'S pick of the week

Horror film breaks all the rules by twisting clichés

By Nancy Adamson
DVDiva columnist

Pick of the week:

"The Cabin in the Woods" (R) The plot is both all too familiar and radically different from anything ever produced. One thing is for certain: "The Cabin in the Woods" absolutely is the best horror film of the year, if not one of the best horror films of all time. It is the rare film that pulls off an amazing array of wonderment: It amazes with its clever ideas, brings laughter with its raucous wit and terrifies with never-before-seen effects and barrels of blood. A

"Apartment 143" (R) A widower and his two kids leave their home when strange things start to happen then find the unexplainable phenomena seemingly have followed them to their new domicile. The trailer for this movie was terrific and I thought I couldn't wait to see it. That's when Internet buzz kept me from a full-price rental until it finally emerged from "very long wait" status at Netflix. If you're among those who couldn't wait, you have my sympathies. This was one of the most disappointing horror films I've seen all year, right down there with "Silent House." D

"The Babymakers" (R) Broken Lizard, the comedy troupe behind cult classics "Super Troopers" and "Beerfest," stumbles with this story of a couple trying to get pregnant. The film isn't a total loss — it's better than the other baby-themed movie out this year, "What to Expect When You're Expecting" — but it's disappointing. It takes a while to hit its stride, and even then the laughs are pretty rare. But while it lacks it laugh-out-loud moments, there are a lot of instances where a smile is all that can be mustered. But when so many alleged comedies can even pull off that feat, the bawdy humor of "The Babymakers" may find an audience. B-

"Goats" (R) A surprisingly grounded 15-year-old leaves his hippie mom and family friend, Goat Man, to go to the prep school his father attended. Eclectic sometimes to the point of ridiculousness, there remains an interesting element to the film that keeps it watchable. That element mostly is David Duchovney, who plays the aforementioned Goat Man, a bohemian botanist who has eschewed bourgeois conformity for a rural Zen state. His profundity keeps things lively and fun. B

"Hysteria" (R) Hugh Dancy and Maggie Gyllenhaal star in this fact-based romp about the invention of the, umm, marital aid. While you would expect the humor to be ribald and obvious — and it is — there is another dimension to the comedy that is much more subtle, in that way only Brits can pull off. The result is a blushing good time. B+

"Katy Perry: Part of Me" (PG) It is unfortunate that this feature was in production at what was possibly the best and worst times of the pop diva's life. While her career was at its zenith, culminating in a stadium tour that captured every costume change and No. 1 hit on film, her personal life was at its lowest, resulting in her separation and divorce from comedian Russell Brand. Her unstoppable crying jags and depression also made the final cut. For fans of Perry, there are no revelations offstage that haven't already been covered on E! and VH1 specials, but the plethora of onstage moments are dazzling. B

"My Friend Bernard" (PG) Strange cartoon feature — beautifully animated — about a shy little boy who finds a transporter necklace that takes him all over the world. There's really not a whole lot of story but there are a whole lot of questions I had while watching this weird film. OK, maybe I shouldn't take these things too seriously, but the kid, who looks to be of toddler age, is able to come and go from his house for hours at a time and wander blocks away without anyone but the Salvation Army bell-ringer noticing. He's able to frolic all over the Arctic tundra without so much as a sweater to keep him warm and he's able to befriend a hungry polar bear that seems more interested in eating a scaly old fish than a half-naked, tender little boy. C+

"Red Dog" (PG) Quirky, delightful and heart-wrenching film based on the true story of a dog that won the hearts of a remote mining community in Australia in the 1970s. With laugh-out-loud, cartoony moments that remind of the absurdity of "Kung Fu Hustle" and another Aussie head-scratcher, "Welcome to Woop Woop," mixed with tear-jerker moments, "Red Dog" is the best dog story since "Hachi: A Dog's Tale." B+

"Salvation Boulevard" (R) A devotee of a charismatic preacher is framed for the attempted murder of an atheist. This film is just a hot mess. Early on, it looked as though it was going for the social commentary slant, skewering blind faith. But then it goes off-course, headed toward a slapstick farce that is beneath both its vaunted cast and any audience that watches it. C+

"Silenced" (R) Korean drama is based on the true story of several officials at a school for the deaf who beat, tortured and raped many of the students. Graphic at times — sometimes excessively so — it's a story that probably wouldn't have the impact it does without explaining exactly what happened to these children. "Silenced" is a film that will make you wince while hoping and praying justice will be meted out to the scumbags who committed these atrocities. B

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September 29th, 2012

8:00 am Start for Kids Miracle Miler
8:15 am Start for 5K & 10K Fun Run

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live and in concert

THE AUSTRALIAN PINK FLOYD SHOW WEDNESDAY @ WAGNER NOEL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Having sold more than three million tickets in concerts that have taken place in 35 countries, The Australian Pink Floyd Show was described by the Times in Great Britain as "The Gold Standard." The band began in 1988 in Adelaide. Lee Smith, a local guitarist obsessed with Pink Floyd, who needed to augment his band featuring drummer Grant Ross and bassist Trevor Turton placed an ad in Allan's Music store. It read: "Vocalist and keyboardist required for band. Professional attitude expected. We only play Pink Floyd." This year, the Daily Mirror said of the Australian Pink Floyd Show, "This bunch are the kings of the genre." Curtain is at 8 p.m. Tickets are $42 and $47. To purchase, go to Wagnernoel.com or the box office from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

JOAN SEBASTIAN SATURDAY @ ECTOR COUNTY COLISEUM

Joan Sebastian, a popular multiple-Grammy and Latin Grammy Award winning Mexican singer and songwriter, performs with El Padrino, a 21-year-old horse. His shows follow a Mexican tradition dating back to the 1700s, when neighborhood ranches would host impromptu bull riding, horse riding and singing events or a variation thereof.

He composed his first love song by the time he was 11 and later recorded it. Sebastian has composed hundreds of songs and been a regular staple on the top-40 charts in Mexico since his career began in 1977. His music is a mixture of Latin pop, ranchera and grupera music.

Sebastian's success is found not only in music but also in his short acting career when he became the main protagonist of a Mexican soap opera. In 1996 he made his acting debut in the Mexican soap opera Tú y Yo (You and I) sharing credits with Maribel Guardia (his former wife and mother to one of his sons) the soap opera became an instant televised hit.

Curtain is at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by calling 1-888-695-0888 or by contacting the Odessa Jackalopes office, 552-7825.

REDHEAD EXPRESS AND THE WALKER FAMILY TUESDAY @ THE WAGNER NOEL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Redhead Express is based in Nashville, Tenn., while the nine family members tour in their 38-foot motor home. They've been crisscrossing the nation since they rented out their newly built home on Trunk Road and took the family on tour in June 2008. Brett and Apryll Walker, their four daughters and three young sons appear together on stage night after night. The girls' music is a homegrown blend of contemporary country, old-fashioned bluegrass and Americana. The performance is the second one in this season's Live on Stage subscription series. Single admission tickets are $30. Adult season tickets are $75, children 18 and younger $35. To purchase go to www.liveonstage-pb.com or call Live on Stage, 789-1249.

LIVEWIRE

Midland/Odessa/Big Spring/Alpine

Thursday, Sept. 27

Rob Baird @ Rockin Rodeo

Friday, Sept. 28

Andy Ellis @ Cigar Frog's

Black Eye Shiner @ The Detour

Haden Burchard @ Lone Star Bar

Nitelife, Daniel Porter, Mary Mitchell @ Music City Mall

The Beaumonts @ New Blue Max

Friday, Sept. 28, and Saturday, Sept. 29

Star 69 @ Your Place

Saturday, Sept. 29

Alberto Madrid @ Cigar Frog's

Jeff Williams, Justin Langston, Michael Walker, Ann Russell, Ty Miller, Jacob Garcia, Mary Mitchell @ Music City Mall

Ernesto Calderon @ The Wine Rack

Joan Sebastian @ Ector County Coliseum

Sunday, Sept. 30

Jeff Williams, Andres & Justin, Mary Mitchell @ Music City Mall

Monday, Oct. 1

My Darkest Days, Surrender the Fall, Otherwise @ Dos Amigos

Tuesday, Oct. 2

Redhead Express & the Walker Family @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Sickening Southwest Tour III featuring Sacrificial Slaughter, Isolation in Infamy, Madrost, Priapism, Eternal Mosh, Vitale Justice @ Fast Freddy's

Wednesday, Oct. 3

800 Mile Monday @ New Blue Max

The Australian Pink Floyd Show @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

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ART A LA CARTE FAMILY ART DAY

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

ODESSA — Art and kites take over the Ellen Noel Art Museum Saturday during the annual Art a la Carte Family Art Day.

"The morning kicks off with our annual Sidewalk Art Contest for children from 2 to 12," said Jessica Smith, administrative assistant. "They get a cement block on the front walkway, and they will get chalk. This year's theme is 'Up, Up and Away.' They are given that theme, and from 9 to 9:30 a.m. they are given the chance to draw whatever that means to them."

The theme is based on the museum's current exhibition "Art That Soars: The History and Magic of Kites."

"One part is historic kites, and these are replicas of kites from history that have been significant for scientific uses," said Doylene Land, curator of education. "And then there's a replica of the Wright glider and the diamond kite that you most typically think of as a kite but it's about 5 feet tall and 4 feet wide. These historic kites are made of cloth and wood."

Another gallery houses contemporary kites. Part of the exhibit focuses on those made of ripstop fabric by manufacturers across the country.

"We have one that is 11 feet tall by about 8 feet wide," said Land. "And the smallest kite is probably about 12 inches by 12 inches."

The other section features those kites made of paper, which is handmade Japanese washi paper.

"They are all different shapes and sizes, and they will make you think, 'Will it really fly?' And all of the kites (in the exhibit) have flown," Land said. "So, yes, they do fly."

At the conclusion of the Sidewalk Art Contest, the museum awards first, second and third prizes in three age categories, a Best of Use of the Theme Award and a Dusty Chalk Award. The latter goes, Smith said, "to the messiest kid covered in chalk."

Following the awards, hands-on activities are planned as part of Art a la Carte.

"This year we will have kite making," Smith said. "Also during Art a la Carte, people have the chance to tour the current exhibitions and sign up for programming coming up in the fall."

At 12:30 p.m., everyone will have the opportunity to fly a kite they made, purchased in the museum's store or brought with them.

"With this exhibit we see the kites," Land said. "They are in the gallery. I felt like it would not be complete without having the experience of flying kites."

ALL THE DETAILS

"UP, UP AND AWAY" ART A LA CARTE FAMILY ART DAY

When: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday

Where: Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd.

Admission: Free. Activities are free.

Info: This year's event includes a Kite Flying Extravaganza at 12:30 p.m. Currently on display through Nov. 11 at the museum is the exhibit "Art That Soars: The History and Magic of Kites," which features historical and contemporary kites courtesy of the Drachen Foundation, Seattle, Wash.

Activities: 9 a.m. Sidewalk Art Contest for ages 2 to 12; awards, 10 a.m. Art a La Carte; and 12:30 p.m. kite flying.

Regular hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Info: Visit the Museum's Web site: www.noelartmuseum.org or call 550-9696.

In the limelight

'First Baptist of Ivy Gap'

By Graham Dixon

Men go to wars, and the women are left behind. Sometimes the men come home, and sometimes they do not. When they do not the women are left with questions, secrets and doubts that may be hidden for years but inevitably reveal themselves. "First Baptist of Ivy Gap," running through Sept. 30 at the Permian Playhouse, explores the relationships between six women in the last year of WWII and in 1970, during the Vietnam War.

At two and a half hours, this production runs at a rather glacial pace, and only becomes more energized in two scenes in the second half. Most of the rest of the time, the lack of action or plot development — the six women wrap bandages for soldiers and talk — is problematic.

The actresses try gamely, and each has her moments. Devie Russell has the deepest and most challenging role as Luby, the mother of a teenage Marine who dies. Her sense of frozen foreboding in the Act I is well-presented, and her equally unchanging grief 25 years later is believable. At times her words become lost within her crying and they are difficult to comprehend.

As her young antagonist, Kirsten Geddes is often excellent as the young girl in love who returns as a worried mother in the Vietnam war. Geddes often is believable in this challenging role, although sometimes her physical gestures seem planned rather than spontaneous.

April Van Houten plays the snobbish, often malevolent Vera Reynolds with an intense gusto. She succeeds in humanizing an essentially non-sympathetic character, and we believe the vulnerability she reveals at the end. The certainty with which she states that "God does not laugh" is as chilling as it is funny. Her worst dream is the rebellious Mae Ellen, the church organist with dreams of leaving the small town — and of course never will. Tammy Underwood plays this character as an overgrown teenager — impossible but lovable.

The pastor's irrepressible wife, Edith, is played excellently by D'Alice Belanger. She is happy in the 1970 scenes, but like many people entering old age, a slight melancholy pervades her character as she wonders what might have been.

The cast is round out by Paula Waldrop as Olene Wiffler, the one character who actually succeeds in leaving Ivy Gap. While this actress is far older than Wiffler, making her first act dreams a little odd, it works in the 1970 scenes. She is believable as the rather sleazy but golden-hearted ex-Vegas dancer who has made good.

First-time director Joan Soehnlein shows her inexperience in rather static blocking, but some of the subtler interrelationships between the women obviously have received a lot of work. This comes to fruition in the only scene to take place outside of the church, as Luby and Sammy face off over decades of resentments revolving around the dead Marine.

Is a mother's love greater than a potential wife's?

The question is never fully resolved, and the end of "First Baptist of Ivy Gap" descends into a less than credible resolution of past conflicts into unified empathy and love.

The decision to use the whole stage — a massive yellow and brown wall spreads from wing to wing broken only by steps up to the sanctuary — took away from the intimate intensity that is surely intended by the playwright. The actresses often were remote from one another rather than claustrophobically entangled.

An interesting, if flawed production.

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ROOTS AND BOOTS TOUR
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 4
Where: Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
Info: Joe Diffie, Sammy Kershaw and Aaron Tippin

THIRD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST
When: 6:30 to 11 p.m. Oct. 5
Where: Ellen Noel Art Museum, Odessa

FRANKENSTEIN
When: Oct. 5-13
Where: Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.
Info: Special production presented by Midland Community Theatre's Benevolent Order of Hamhocks. Four performances.

CIRQUE CHINOIS
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 6
Where: Al G. Langford Chaparral Center, Midland College campus
Admission: Free
Info: Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series. The National Circus of the People's Republic of China from Beijing, the People's Republic of China.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL RODEO
When: Oct. 6-7
Where: Horseshoe

BIG SPRING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S "AN EVENING IN VIENNA: CONCERT
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 6
Where: Big Spring Municipal Auditorium
Contact: Joan Bell, 432-267-8514
Info: Features the music of Strauss. Guest Conductor John Giordano of Corpus Christi will conduct. Soprano soloist Ava Pine will perform.

MIDLAND-ODESSA SYMPHONY & CHORALE CHAMBER CONCERT: CHORALE
When: 2 p.m. Oct. 7
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

KENNY ROGERS
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 11
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788
Tickets: $60-$115. Box office hours noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 552-4430.

COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE'S 49TH ANNUAL CAF AIRSHO
When: Oct. 13-14
Where: Midland International Airport.

FAMILY FIRST: "A NIGHT OF HEROES"
When: 4-9 p.m. Oct. 13
Where: Midland Center, 105 N Main St.
Admission: Free
Info: Key note speaker is U.S. Olympic Women's Boxing Bronze Medalist Marlen Esparza. Hosted by the Junior League of Midland, Inc.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
When: Oct. 13
Where: Crestview Baptist Church, 301 N. Loop 250 West
Tickets: $20
Info: Guest speaker: Janay McDonald. Music: Jeff Berry.

ORGANIST PETER RICHARD CONTE
When: 4 p.m. Oct. 14
Where: First Presbyterian CHurch, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Info: Organist for the largest pipe organ in the world in the Macy's department store in Philadelphia.

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR JAN BRETT
When: 5-7 p.m. Oct. 15
Where: HEB, 3325 Wadley Ave.
Info: Drawing demonstration and book signing for her latest book, "Mossy."

DRAMA: "THE WOMAN IN BLACK"
When: Oct. 19-31
Where: The Black Box Theatre next to the Globe Theatre, 2308 ShaKespeare Road, Odessa
Call: 432-853-5249
General admission: $10
Info: Mark 10 Theatricals production.

MIDLAND-ODESSA SYMPHONY & CHORALE POPS I: RICK BRAUN
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 20
Where: Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $17-$40
Info: call 563-0928 or go to www.wagnernoel.com

PIONEER LIVE AND ENTERTAINMENT
When: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 20
Where: on the grounds White Pool House, 112 E. Murphy, Odessa
Info: Food, bake sale, homemade ice cream, activities and booths offering the opportunity to learn about pioneer crafts.

PUMPKIN FEST
When: Oct. 24
Where: Building D, Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Info: Findraiser for First United Methodist Church, Odessa

ZZ TOP
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 26
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

"THE 39 STEPS"
When: Oct. 26-Nov. 17
Where: Mabee Theatre II, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

GEORGE JONES
When: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center,1310 N. FM 1788
Tickets: $40-$95. Box office hours noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 552-4430.

KOOKY KARNIVAL
When: Oct. 27
Where: Building D and E, Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Info: Family entertainment. Presented by St. John's School the Devine

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Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in categories according to the type of food they serve and classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.
Entree price range is based on the average entree price on the menu: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 and $$$ = $20 or more. Restaurants are given a general rating based on quality of food, service, cleanliness, atmosphere and overall experience. 1 spoon = poor, 2 spoons = average, 3 spoons = above average, 4 spoons = good and 5 spoons = excellent.

American/Grill

Addie's Diner
304 E. Florida Ave.
686-2044

Waitresses wearing poodle skirts and records dangling from the ceiling give this place a true "diner" vibe. Delicious burgers and salads. Chicken fried steak or steak fingers, chicken fried chicken or chicken fingers, fried catfish, hamburger steak and grilled pork chop entrees. Breakfast until 10:30 a.m. Kid's menu available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 5:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Bush's Chicken (OAC)
2210 N. Big Spring St.
687-7090

Fried chicken meals with traditional sides. All combos include fries, gravy, roll and a large drink. Snack packs and family size meals available. Kid's menu. Try the red cinnamon apple pie for dessert. Iced tea is sold by the gallon. Three-lane drive through.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: Drive through 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily; through, lobby 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.
3 spoons

Café at The Gardens (SD)
3300 Fairgrounds Road
687-1478

Located in the back of Alldredge Gardens, the cafe offers one of the most relaxed atmospheres in town. Sit in the garden center and enjoy the beautiful fish in the pond as you eat your lunch. Sandwiches, soups, quiche, burgers and wonderful desserts. Kid's menu. Catering available as well as party area.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
4 spoons

Claudia's Kitchen
3601 W. Wall St.
(Inside the Bradford Inn and Suites)
432-694-8821, ext.165

Friendly service and diner atmosphere. Try the Texas toothpicks and jalapeno bottle caps. Breakfast items can be ordered throughout the day and include hearty meals such as pork chops, chicken fried steak with eggs and potatoes. Large selection of burgers and sandwiches, chicken fried steak, steak fingers and ribeyes.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 6 -10 p.m. the last Friday of the month for dinner featuring Christian karaoke.
3 spoons

Graham Pharmacy (SD)
1601 W. Wall St.
684-5756

Pharmacy with gift shop and "old-fashioned" soda fountain offerning homemade fudge and desserts, simple lunch favorites and shakes and ice cream dishes. Sandwiches include BLT, tuna, pimento cheese and ham and cheese as well as club sandwiches with turkey and/or ham and cheese. Hot dogs, corn dogs, salads and Frito pie also are available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.
3 spoons

Down Home Kitchen (SD)
102 N. Lee St.
682-3696

Small, unassuming building in south Midland. Diners may choose from a few freshly-made entrees — meatloaf, pork chops, chicken fried steak and more — and sides such as corn, macaroni and cheese, green beans and boiled cabbage. Each plate is around $8 and includes an entree, two sides and bread. Dessert options include peach cobbler and a variety of cakes.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
3 spoons

The Bar (SD)
606 W. Missouri Ave.
685-1757

Opened in 1979 and serves lunch, dinner and Saturday brunch. Menu items include sandwiches, burgers, chili, soups, steaks and more. Smoking is permitted in part of the restaurant. Menu is available at www.thebarmidland.com.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Midland Donuts (OAC)
2100 W. Wall St.
and 307 N. Midland Drive
686-7766

Large assortment of doughnuts and breakfast pastries as well as breakfast burritos and biscuits. Menu also includes croissant rolls and croissant sandwiches. More than 100 drink options including blended coffees, smoothies, chai teas, shaken iced teas, tapiocas and snocones. Dining room and drive through.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 3 a.m.-9 p.m. daily
2 spoons

The Ranch House (OAC)
5103 W. Wadley Ave.
699-0695

Stop by for a quick sandwich. Choices include: chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked brisket and barbecue. Sandwiches are $4.50 and come with potato chips. Combination meals are $6.50 and include a side of homemade beans. Homemade bread. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily
3 spoons

Clear Springs Cafe (SD)
5707 Andrews Highway
522-1188

Burgers, Po'boy, catfish, shrimp, crawfish, oysters, chicken strips, steaks, chicken fried steak and chicken. Specials offered daily. Claim to have the "best onion rings and catfish in Texas, the World and the known Universe." Kid's menu. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

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4 spoons

La Bistro Inside DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Midland Plaza (SD)
117 W. Wall St.
683-6131

Full breakfast and lunch buffet with daily specials. Also offers full menu of items including specialty appetizers such as mini hamburgers and hot-dogs, hot wings, fish assortment and stuffed potato skins. Steaks, seafood, sandwiches and salads are available with various side dishes.
Buffet: $$
Hours: 6:30-10 a.m. breakfast buffet, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet; regular menu until 10 p.m. daily.
4 spoons

JoJo's Eatery
214 W. Texas Ave. (Petroleum Building)
682-3134

Offering a large selection of sandwiches, salads and burgers. Super friendly service and atmosphere. Absolutely do not leave before trying the pie (any kind). Buy it by the slice or whole pies and cakes made to order. Daily specials, catering and call-in orders welcome.
Entrée price range $
Hours: 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.
3 spoons

Nueva Vista Grill (OAC)
6101 West Wadley Ave.
(Nueva Vista Golf Course)
522-7455

An "oasis" found in Midland offering a relaxing and casual lunch or dinner atmosphere. Salads include grilled chicken, crispy chicken or chef salad, delicious grilled sandwiches, barbecue and a wide variety of burgers. Daily lunch specials at great prices. Variety of fountain drinks, sports drinks, bottled soft drinks and can and tap beer. Breakfast available.
Payment types accepted: credit cards and cash.
Price range: $
Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (during cold weather); 7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. (Summer hours). In summer, offer breakfast items.
3 spoons

Lori's Café (SD)
2201 W. Wall St.
570-1701

Homestyle cooking. Breakfast includes pancakes, omelettes, waffles, breakfast enchiladas and burritos, as well as traditional eggs, toast, bacon and grits. Lunch offers sandwiches such as French dip, Philly cheesesteak, Reuben and chicken Parmesan. Burgers, a large selection of salads, chicken fried steak and many appetizers.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-2 p.m Tuesday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.

3 spoons

Stanton Drug and Old-Fashioned Soda Fountain (SD)
201 N. St. Peter
Stanton
432-756-3731

Enjoy small-town atmosphere and a mouth-watering hamburger or sandwich in the quaint surroundings of the Stanton Drug Store. Breakfast served until 10:45 a.m. Only a short drive from Midland.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. (or until they run out of meat) Monday-Friday.
3 spoons

Strawberry Fields Cafe (SD)
2311 W. Wadley Ave.
684-5869

Fresh foods made from organic and natural ingredients. Meats and poultry are free-range, raised on a natural diet and free of chemicals used on conventional factory farms. All foods are made fresh daily and are free of refined sugars, hydrogenated oils, artificial colors, flavors and preservatives. Salads can be purchased by the pound. Sandwiches, wraps, no-bull burger (veggie burger) and soups. This is the place to go for a guilt-free delicious meal. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $
Hours:9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Tater World (SD)
902 S. Garfield St.
682-9111

Taters are front and center on the menu including tater twisters (homemade tater chips), cheddar fries, tater skins and baked potatoes, which weigh one pound or more. Brisket, steak stuffed taters or regular stuffed potatoes. Other dishes include some of the best catfish in town, a variety of salads, sandwiches, burgers, chicken fried steak, breakfast burritos and "hot doggs." Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday.
4 spoons

Eddie's Catfish Company (OAC)
301 N. Lee St.
684-4422

The owners of Eddie's Catfish Company used to serve catfish only on Fridays at Greater Ideal Family Life Center. When they moved into the building on Lee Street, they began serving catfish Monday through Saturday. The menu features one- or two-piece catfish meals, fried shrimp or a combination. Meals include hushpuppies, coleslaw and French fries or onion rings. Large

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Entree price range: $
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
3 spoons

Café Unique (OAC)
3303 N. Midkiff Road
(San Miguel Shopping Center)
262-5993
www.MidlandsUniqueCatering.com

Meals to go, catering and a café all under one roof. Salads such as a Palm Desert Salad consisting of mixed greens, chili peanuts, apples, Blue cheese crumbles, avocado and barbecue Ranch dressing with grilled chicken. Sandwiches include chicken salad on a toasted croissant with chips; turkey, bacon and tomato melt on sourdough with chips; or pulled pork sandwiches with saucy pinto beans. Variety of quiches.
Entrée price range: $
Café hours: 11 a.m.-3: p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Drop in for dinners to go 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
2 spoons

Triple Threat Sports Bar & Grill (SD)
12 Meta Drive
(Village Shopping Center)
683-5300

Sports bar atmosphere with pool tables and several video games. Thirteen big-screen televisions. Happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-7 p.m. with drink specials and free chips and salsa. Menu features a wide selection of appetizers including popcorn shrimp, Buffalo wings, chicken tenders, chips and salsa or queso, fried mushrooms, mozzarella sticks and a sampler platter. Known for their Philly cheese steaks served with fries.
Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - midnight Sunday.
4 spoons

Denny's (SD)
3701 W. Wall St.
www.dennys.com
520-5306

Always open with a friendly atmosphere. Large variety of menu items from appetizers, snacks, breakfast items, burgers, sandwiches, steaks and chicken. Special combination meals and seasonal dinners also served on holidays. Good food, service and willingness to make customers happy.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 24 hours every day.
3 spoons

Yana 615 (SD)
615 North Sam Houston
Odessa
432-332-4305

Located in the downtown Odessa area near the hospital in a house that has been remodeled into a restaurant. Quaint and charming. A relaxing and out of the ordinary spot to meet friends for lunch. Specialties of the house include orange roughy, a vegetable plate, lemon pepper pasta, spinach lasagna and chicken tarragon. Chicken palatchinka (two homemade crepes filled with chicken breast in a creamy sauce and served with dried fruit baked rice and a house salad) is a favorite. Dessert is a must!
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday-Friday
5 spoons

The Café at Crestview (OAC)
301 N. Loop 250 West
(Inside Crestview Baptist Church)
www.crestviewmidland.org
681-8200 ext. 2007
Catering: 559-2928

A tranquil setting featuring a café that is open to everyone. Signs in the parking lot will direct you to the correct door to enter. Menu includes soup of the day, soup and sandwich and salads ranging from a grilled chicken, chicken Caesar or garden salad. Tex-Mex dishes include chicken fajitas, ground beef burritos or quesadillas and various types of nachos. Signature sandwiches, burgers and hearty specials all at very reasonable prices. Delicious desserts. Wednesday night meals for $7 each or $20 per family. Free drinks with meal.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday; 5-6 p.m. Wednesday
3 spoons

Burgers

Bob's Better Burger (drive-in)
3417 Thomason Drive
694-1561

Serving burgers, fries, milkshakes for more than 50 years. Menu is posted in front of the kitchen where customers stand outside and place orders through a window. Menu includes small and large burgers with additions such as cheese, jalapenos, chili and bacon. Corn dogs, hot dogs, sandwiches, fries and onion rings are available. Kid's menu. Cash only.
Entree price range:$
Hours: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Saturday
4 spoons

Michael's Charcoal Grill (OAC)
723 W. Wadley Ave. 686-9030
and 4317 W. Illinois Ave. 689-8702

Barbecue specialties including ribs, brisket, sausage and chicken. Other entrees include rib eye steaks, pork chops, country fried steak, chopped sirloin steak as well as several seafood dishes including fried catfish and fried cod. Sandwiches, burgers, salads, low cal plates as well as junior pilot and senior menu. Beer and wine served. Airplane memorabilia decorates the large dining room. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Burgers Fries and Cherry Pies (OAC)
5210 W. Wadley Ave.
617-2327

More than 20 combinations of burgers and toppings. Choose ground beef or a grilled chicken breast. Sizes are 1/3 or 1/2 pound burgers on white, wheat or jalapeno cheddar homemade sourdough buns. All types of fries are on the menu including border fries (picante, guacamole, jalapenos and cheese), chili cheese fries, cheese fries, feta fries and frontier fries (hickory, barbecue sauce, picante sauce and cheese).
Average Price: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Sunday
2 spoons

Texas Burger (OAC)
3306 W. Loop 250 West, 522-2177
and 500 W. Wadley Ave. 620-9838

Texas Burger has three locations in Odessa, one in Andrews and two in Midland. Menu includes a variety of burgers and sandwiches as well as chicken strip, steak finger or shrimp dinner plates or baskets. Corn dogs, hot dogs, frito pie and a number of salads also are listed on the menu. Prices are reasonable and the kid's menu offers several options. The restaurant also features desserts with ice cream and frozen custard.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
3 spoons

Fuddruckers (OAC)
4511 N. Midkiff Rd.
689-0448

Located inside Midland Park Mall, Fuddruckers offers different sizes of hamburgers and a variety of toppings. The menu also includes chicken sandwiches, salads, hot dogs and more. For customers wanting healthier options, the restaurant serves buffalo, ostrich, turkey and veggie burgers. Desserts include freshly-baked cookies and brownies as well as ice cream and shakes.
Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday - Thursday, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday - Saturday
3 spoons

Dixie Burger (OAC)
1300 Rankin Highway
email: dixieburger@gmail.com
686-0116 ,

A chef brings his influence to a burger joint with delicious results. Great burgers and barbecue combo (smoked pork or beef sandwich with homemade Dixie BBQ sauce) and steak combo (thinly-sliced sirloin steak with onions and cheese served on white or wheat). Also featured are "classic meals" such as Frito pie, chili and chili cheese dogs, corn dogs and hot dogs. Daily specials include the "black and blue," sirloin steak grilled to your liking topped with bleu cheese and grilled onions on a toasted bun with horseradish mayonnaise, lettuce and tomatoes. Delicious desserts are available, too.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday
2 spoons

Deli/Sandwich

Murray's (OAC)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
697-3433; for catering call 689-3433

Warm and friendly with an inviting atmosphere, Murray's is the place to go for a delicious and relaxed lunch or dinner. Delicious deli style hot or cold sandwiches and soups. Caesar salad with blackened or grilled chicken breast, grilled tuna or shrimp. Be sure to try a Murray's "Best Burger" for a delicious burger and a side of the famous curly fries. Menu also includes tuna or shrimp scampi, tilapia, chicken, and chicken alfredo. Great selection of desserts. Catering available. Wide selection of beer served.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
5 spoons

Harvest Caffe (OAC)
2101 West Wadley Ave., Suite 8
218-8331
www.harvestcaffe.com

Popular meeting place of many Midlanders for breakfast and lunch. Breakfast burritos, soups, salads and sandwiches. Specialty coffee drinks served all day. Wide selection of gourmet desserts such as cheesecake, lemon bars, brownies, pies and cake. Several TVs on softly and a fireplace in the back. Meeting room available as well as outdoor seating.
Average meal price $
Hours: 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday.
4 spoons

Souper Salad
4706 N. Midkiff Road
218-7953

Salad bar stations with several choices of lettuce and just about every topping you can imagine. Other buffet areas include: pasta; tossed salads; soups; several types of bread such as cornbread, muffins or gingerbread; tacos; baked potatoes; and pizza. For dessert, try the yogurt machine and add a topping or enjoy cut up pound cake, strawberries and whipping cream. Take out available.
Hours: 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. daily.
Entrée price range: $
Rating: 3 spoons

Skip the breaded items and order the stir-fried at Panda Express

By Joan Huff

One of Midland's newest restaurants, Panda Express — located in the Wal-Mart parking lot on Midland Drive — is open and ready for business. A brightly colored building of orange, red and yellow will draw your attention as you are driving in the parking lot. Apparently numerous people were excited about the opening because the restaurant had a constant flow of diners coming in and out the doors while I was there for a late lunch one day around 2 p.m.

Panda Express is exactly what the name implies — a fast food Chinese restaurant. On this day, about half of the patrons were getting orders to go while the rest stayed to dine inside. The menu is printed on the wall above the line customers walk through to order food. There are various meals from which to choose; two, three and four entrees plus a side. The menu also has a Panda bowl, kid's meal, family feast and a la carte items including cream cheese rangoons, chicken egg rolls, veggie spring rolls and crispy shrimp.

Numerous main dishes include string bean chicken breast, Beijing beef, broccoli beef, Shanghai Angus steak and Kung Pao chicken. Several are marked "Wok Smart" and are 250 calories or less per single serving. I decided to try two entrees and ordered the new recipe for peppercorn shrimp in addition to my personal favorite of sweet and sour chicken. I also asked for an egg roll. For a side, I had a choice of mixed veggies, chow mein, fried rice or steamed rice and I chose fried rice. I was taking the order to go, and the woman behind the counter gave me a divided Styrofoam container and filled the main portion with rice. The other two sections were used for my entrée selections. I would have preferred more of the entrées and not such an abundance of rice. The young man running the cash register was very friendly and kept his smile even though the line was getting long. It was obvious the employees still were getting used to the process of filling plates and getting people through the line.

I ate my meal at the restaurant; I had requested it "to go" knowing at the late hour I would not eat everything. The peppercorn shrimp was very good and the shrimp were large and tasty.

I had to go back to the counter to ask for soy sauce because it was not included in my sack or on the table. While there I met another diner doing the same thing. I was disappointed in the sweet and sour chicken — it had absorbed the sauce from the serving pan which took away the crispness of the batter and gave it a soggy texture. The chicken egg roll had a clear noodle running through it that I was not familiar with, but after further investigation I learned it was vermicelli. The egg roll was crispy on the outside, but again had a mushy texture.

I heard the orange chicken is a favorite, so I'll probably give the restaurant another chance after it has been open a little longer. For fast food, it is served quickly, but I would be careful what you select. Skip the breaded items and order the stir-fried.

Panda Express has a drive-thru and outdoor seating which is a rarity in Midland. It also offers catering and party trays for all sizes of groups. Visit the website to sign up for notices of specials and events.

PANDA EXPRESS

4505 N. Midland Drive (in Wal-Mart parking lot)

Website: www.pandaexpress.com
Phone: 689-2317
Fax: 689-2340
Payment accepted: cash, credit cards
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 10:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Sunay, 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday
Meals served: lunch, dinner
Kid's menu? yes
Parking? Ample parking lot
Outdoor seating: Yes
Private dining room for parties? No
Take out? Yes
Catering? Yes
Gift Cards? Yes
Drive Thru? Yes

Food: 2 spoons
Service: 2 spoons
Value: 3 spoons
Cleanliness: 3 spoons
Overall: 2.5 spoons

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