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Half a Century



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MARION MUNN, A part-time manager of the facility and audit program at the Texas Tech Physical Plant, received recognition on May 2 at the Length of Service Award Ceremony for his 51 years of service at Tech. Munn began his work as a carpenter at Tech in 1961.

By ASHLYN TUBBS
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Tech employee serves more than half century at university

When walking into Marion Munn's office at the Texas Tech Plaza, a few things dear to him are on display.

A 1994 Top Techsan award, a Tech 1936 football schedule and a picture of Tech campus when he began working for the university in 1961 — all of which reflect Munn's time at Tech as he is now in his 51st year of employment.

"I just love the people here," he said. "I have always enjoyed working for the university and I've never thought of leaving."

Munn, who is 70, recently received recognition for his work at the Length of Service Award Ceremony on May 2.

Munn came to Tech when he was 20 years old, he said, to work with his father. He started out as a carpenter, but he moved up in status to a foreman, then to superintendent.

"I've always enjoyed construction work," he said, "so I decided to make this my career."

Although Munn retired 12 years ago, he came back as a part-time employee and is the manager of the facility and audit program for the Physical Plant.

"Mr. Munn is incredibly dedicated and proud to work at Tech," said Brenda Bullard, associate

director of the Physical Plant. "He strives to see results and he's a pleasure to work with."

Munn said his experience began when he was a child and got paid 25 cents an hour by his father to help with construction work.

Not only did Munn work together with his father at Tech for 14 years before his father relocated, but Munn's son, Marty Munn, later joined him and has served for 32 years. Together, the three generations have served Tech for 97 years.

"I bet no one working at the university has that beat," Marion Munn said.

Marty Munn said he has enjoyed working with his father because he has gotten to see him more than he normally would.

"I've never heard anyone here say a bad word about him," he said. "Everyone has respected him the entire time he's worked here and they still do."

Marion Munn said he has helped maintain, remodel and renovate many of the buildings on campus. For example, he said, he helped put the flagpoles up around Memorial Circle and assisted in closing off the Administration building.

"He had his hand in a lot of projects," Bullard said. "He can

walk around campus and show you everything he has worked on."

Marion Munn said he has witnessed many changes and events during his career.

He has helped put the lights and stages up for many Carol of Lights celebrations. He said he remembers the football stadium as tiny, with bleachers on each end. He remembers the old Dairy Barn on campus as being a place he would visit to get fresh chocolate milk. He remembers the Student Union Building as having three barracks and being where the students would play pool. He also remembers the May 11, 1971, tornado that blew down the north wall of the Home Economics building.

"There was quite a bit of damage," he said. "I was pretty busy after that."

While tearing up the floor of an old mule barn in the Agricultural Pavilion in the late 1960s, Marion Munn discovered a Tech football schedule from 1936 along with an assortment of other paraphernalia.

"I thought that was really neat," he said. "The Daily Toreador wrote an article about it then. I had a bunch of stuff spread out and they took a picture of all of it."

Marion Munn said one of his proudest moments is when he received the Top Techsan award in 1994 for his dedication to Tech.

"That's an award that you have to be nominated for," he said, "and that was a real honor for me."

Marion Munn said he is amazed by the physical growth of Tech. He said there used to be nothing but pasture with many horses and cattle west of the old Dairy Barn.

He said he is also impressed by the academic improvements over the years.

"It's going to be nice when the university gains a tier-one status," he said.

Apart from his work with Tech, Marion Munn lives in Lubbock with his wife and said they stay busy playing bingo and going to their four grandchildren's sports games and activities as much as possible.

He said he is still in good health and plans to continue racking up his years of service.

"I want to work here as long as the director will have me work," he said. "As long as I'm contributing to the university, I have no plans of quitting this job."

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Jones AT&T Stadium hosts 2nd 5K Fun Run



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TOP: RED RAIDER basketball players Kader Tapsoba and Ty Nurse run next to Bailey Menchaca, 7, as she finishes the shorter children's version of the Epilepsy 5K Lubbock Fun Run on Saturday. Kelley Crofoot, an organizer of the event, said the event helped to raise about \$37,000 for the Epilepsy Foundation of West Texas. The money will help to fund a local clinic, medicine for patients and a summer camp among other things. Above: Members of the Red Raider basketball team follow closely behind younger participants in the Epilepsy 5K Lubbock Fun Run on Saturday as they begin their shorter portion of the race.

To benefit Epilepsy Foundation of West Texas

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data management and volunteer for the Fun Run.

According to Wed MD, epilepsy is defined as a chronic medical condition marked by recurrent epileptic seizures. Patients may have single seizures as a result of fever, drug withdrawal or trauma, for example, but are not labeled as having epilepsy if seizures do not recur. Epilepsy is diagnosed in 125,000 Americans each year.

"People get it when they're older, people have it when they're younger and it's not as easy to diagnose," Curti said. "It's in conjunction with other diseases, it's a side effect and I think people just don't think about it and need to be more aware."

Unfortunately, epilepsy has many misconceptions and negative stigmas attached to its name.

"The misconceptions that are very common, and I'm not going to use the word comical because there's nothing funny about it, is that it's contagious," Snyder said.

"The people who have epilepsy, so many of them you would never ever know it," Snyder said. "Other than that one disorder they have in their brain, they're no different from the rest of us."

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Saturday, the second annual Lubbock 5k Fun Run benefitting epilepsy was hosted at Texas Tech's Jones AT&T Stadium.

The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center was the lead sponsor of the event, out of 23 sponsors total. More than \$36,000 was raised for the event and 124 participants registered for the event, according to the Epilepsy Foundation of Texas website.

"The Health Sciences Center understands the absolute need, obviously, for the awareness of epilepsy, which is kind of, for a lack of a better word, on the back burner as far as awareness goes," said Lana Snyder, president of the board of directors for the Epilepsy Foundation of West Texas.

Awareness is an essential goal for the Epilepsy Foundation of West Texas. Lubbock has two epilepsy clinics for those who are affected by epilepsy, she said, which most people do not know about.

"I think the event helped the community to get together. I think it promoted awareness and I think that's really important," said Debra Curti, an employee at the HSC in research and

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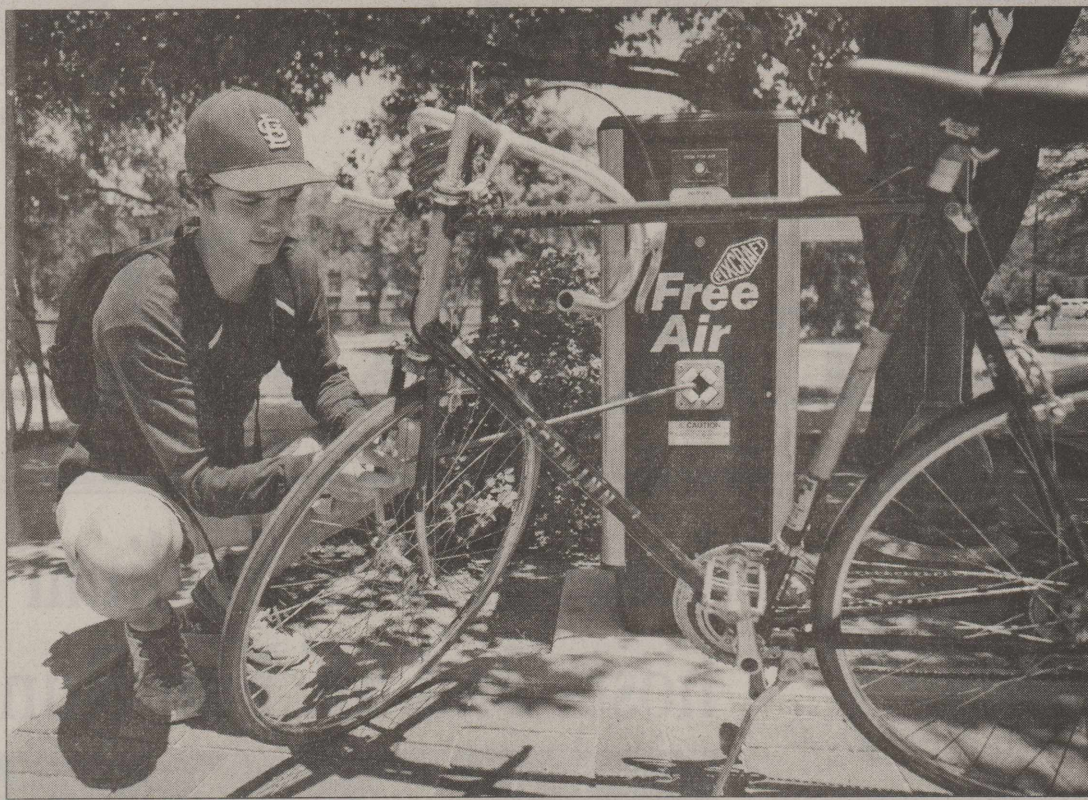


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 JAMES BLACKMER, A senior chemistry major from Ventura, Calif., fills his bike with air outside of the Student Union Building on Monday.

Webb Simpson wins US Open

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Webb Simpson refused to think of himself as a U.S. Open champion until he sat with his nervous wife in a quiet corner of the locker room Sunday, staring in disbelief at a television as Jim Furyk and Graeme McDowell tried to catch him.

He was up against a pair of major champions. He was at The Olympic Club, where the wrong guy always wins a U.S. Open.

Simpson should have known now how this would end.

He did his part with four birdies in a five-hole stretch around the turn, and a tough par from the collar of the 18th green for a 2-under 68. It was enough to capture his first major when Furyk bogeyed two of his last three holes, and McDowell couldn't recover from a bad start and too many tee shots in the rough.

"Oh, wow," Simpson said when McDowell's 25-foot birdie putt to force a playoff stayed left of the cup.

Simpson emerged from a fog-filled final round as a U.S. Open champion, and he put two more names into the graveyard of champions.

"I never really wrapped my mind around winning," said Simpson, who finished at 1-over 281 to win in only his fifth time at a major. "This place is so demanding, and so all I was really concerned about was keeping the ball in front of me and making pars."

Olympic is known as the "graveyard of champions" because proven major winners who were poised to win the U.S. Open — Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Tom Watson and Payne Stewart — all lost out to the underdog.

Perhaps it was only fitting that the 25-year-old Simpson went to Wake Forest on an Arnold Palmer scholarship.

"Arnold has been so good to me," Simpson said. "Just the other day, I read that story and thought about it. He's meant so much to me and Wake Forest. Hopefully, I can get a little

back for him and make him smile." No one was beaming like Simpson, who followed a breakthrough year on the PGA Tour with his first major.

No one was more disgusted than Furyk, in control for so much of the final round until he snap-hooked his tee shot on the par-5 16th hole to fall out of the lead for the first time all day, and was unable to get it back. Needing a birdie on the final hole, he hit into the bunker. He crouched and clamped his teeth onto the shaft of his wedge. Furyk made bogey on the final hole and closed with a 74, a final round without a single birdie.

McDowell, who made four bogeys on the front nine, at least gave himself a chance with a 20-foot birdie putt on the 17th and a shot into the 18th that had him sprinting up the hill to see what kind of chance he had. The putt stayed left of the hole the entire way, and he had to settle for a 73.

McDowell shared second place with Michael Thompson, who closed with a 67 and waited two hours to see if it would be good enough.

Tiger Woods, starting five shots behind, played the first six holes in 6-over par and was never a factor. He shot 73 and finished six strokes back.

Furyk was fuming, mostly at himself, for blowing a chance at his second U.S. Open title. He also was surprised that the USGA moved the tee up 100 yards on the 16th hole to play 569 yards. It was reachable in two shots for some players, though the shape of the hole featured a sharp turn to the left.

"There's no way when we play our practice rounds you're going to hit a shot from a tee 100 yards up unless someone tells you," Furyk said. "But the rest of the field had that same shot to hit today, and I'm pretty sure no one hit as (bad) a shot as I did. I have no one to blame but myself."

"I was tied for the lead, sitting on the 16th tee. I've got wedges in my

hand, or reachable par 5s, on the way in and one birdie wins the golf tournament. I'm definitely frustrated."

But he gave Simpson his due.

Of the last 18 players to tee off in the final round, Simpson was the only one to break par. That didn't seem likely when Simpson was six shots behind as he headed to the sixth hole, the toughest at Olympic. That's where he started his big run.

His 7-iron landed in the rough and rolled 5 feet away for birdie. He made birdie on the next two holes, including a 15-footer on the par-3 eighth. And his wedge into the 10th settled 3 feet away, putting him in the mix for the rest of the day.

"It was a cool day," Simpson said. "I had a peace all day. I knew it was a tough golf course. I probably prayed more the last three holes than I ever did in my life."

Simpson's shot from the rough on the 18th hole went just right of the green and disappeared into a hole, a circle of dirt about the size of a sprinkler cap. With a clump of grass behind the ball, he had a bold stroke for such a nervy shot and it came out perfectly, rolling 3 feet by the hole for his much-needed par.

Then, it was time to wait. It was the third time in the last seven years that no one broke par in the U.S. Open. On all three occasions, the winner was in the locker room when the tournament ended.

While Furyk will be haunted by his finish, McDowell can look back at his start — four bogeys on the front nine — and his inability to find fairways. Even on the last hole, his tee shot tumbled into the first cut of rough and kept him from being able to spin the ball closer.

"There's a mixture of emotions inside me right now — disappointment, deflation, pride," he said. "But mostly just frustration, just because I hit three fairways today. That's the U.S. Open. You're not supposed to do that. You're supposed to hit it in some fairways. And that was the key today for me."

First Lady speaks to graduates at Oregon State

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Drawing on memories of her childhood and early career, Michelle Obama told Oregon State University graduates Sunday to live life for themselves, not for anyone else.

The first lady spoke at the invitation of her older brother, Craig Robinson, the head men's basketball coach at Oregon State. The siblings grew up in a working class family with high expectations, and both chased successful and lucrative careers — Robinson in finance, Obama in a prominent law firm.

"We still had all the traditional markers of success with a fat paycheck, the fancy office, the impressive lines on our resumes," the first lady told a crowd of about 30,000, including 5,000 graduates. "But the truth is, neither of us was all that fulfilled."

"I was living the dream, but it wasn't my dream," Obama said.

"Craig felt the same way, unbeknownst to me."

Eventually, both left their lucrative jobs for other passions. Obama went to work for the Chicago mayor, Robinson to coach basketball.

"Success is only meaningful and enjoyable if it feels like your own," Obama said.

A rich life is defined by more than a paycheck, Obama said, urging graduates to focus on what they have rather than what they lack.

Obama also advised graduates to keep in close touch with the family and friends who are important to them, saying she never missed a chance to tell her father she loved him before he died from complications of multiple sclerosis. She fought tears as she recalled her mother's assurances that her father was proud to be her dad.

"Liking them on Facebook

doesn't count," she said. "Nor does following then on Twitter. What counts is making the time to be there in person."

Obama's stop in Oregon was also a chance for her to catch up with family and meet a new nephew. Aaron Robinson was born four months ago to Robinson and his wife.

Robinson said he was surprised, but pleased, to see excitement on campus after the university announced the commencement speaker.

"It's exciting, as her brother, to be able to hear her doing such a good job for our country," Robinson told reporters before Obama spoke.

Obama was awarded an honorary doctorate in public health for her work as first lady on fighting childhood obesity and improving health. She held up the diploma and mouthed, "Go Beavs," a rallying cry for Oregon State Beavers' athletics.

Texas A&M awarded national biodefense contract

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas A&M University will receive one of three national biodefense contracts to help the country quickly develop vaccines in the event of a pandemic and strategies for responding to bioterrorism.

The three Centers for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manu-

facturing were announced Monday by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Texas A&M System Chancellor John Sharp.

"We have long served our nation and risen to defend our country against national security threats," Sharp said.

The biodefense centers will work

to develop vaccines to rapidly respond and protect against influenza pandemics and conduct research and training for responding to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats.

The other centers will be located in Maryland and North Carolina. The initial contract for the center at Texas

A&M is worth \$176 million and can be renewed for up to 25 years. University officials project a long-term investment of up to \$1 billion and laud it as the biggest federal program to be awarded to the state of Texas since NASA.

"It's a game-changer for us, and we think, for Texas," Sharp said.

In 2010, President Barack Obama said he wanted the country to develop a new plan for a better and quicker response to bioterrorism threats and attacks, the White House said. The move came after the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation gave the government a failing grade for its efforts to prepare for and respond to a biological attack.

The new centers are a "dramatic step forward in ensuring that the United States can produce life-saving countermeasures quickly and nimbly," Sebelius said. "They will improve our ability to protect Americans' health in an emergency."

Texas A&M will partner with Georgia-based pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline, Kalon Biotherapeutics in College Station and nearly 20 other public and private researchers across the country.

Sharp said Texas A&M was well-positioned to bid for the project, given its historical connection to the U.S. military and its ongoing research in the fields of engineers, life sciences and veterinary medicine.

"This is just another war: A war against natural pandemics and not-so-natural terrorism," Sharp said.

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Romney won't say he will overturn immigration order

TROY, Ohio (AP) — Mitt Romney in an interview aired Sunday repeatedly refused to say that he would overturn President Barack Obama's new policy allowing some young illegal immigrants to stay in the United States. He claimed Obama's decision was political, while senior White House adviser David Plouffe said the move wasn't motivated by politics.

The Republican presidential candidate was asked several times in an interview on CBS' "Face the Nation" whether he would overturn the executive order issued Friday if he's elected in the fall. He refused to directly answer.

"It would be overtaken by events," Romney said when pressed for the second time by moderator Bob Schieffer during the interview taped Saturday while the former Massachusetts governor's bus tour stopped in Pennsylvania.

He explained the order would become irrelevant "by virtue of my putting in place a long-term solution, with legislation which creates law that relates to these individuals such that they know what their setting is going to be, not just for the term of a president but on a permanent basis."

Romney's Rust Belt tour swept through Ohio on Sunday, where he appeared with House Speaker John Boehner in the speaker's home district in Troy. Protesters shouted throughout his abbreviated campaign speech there, yelling "Romney go home!" as Romney campaign staff moved speakers into the group of protesters in attempt to drown them out in return.

The protest came just a few minutes after top Obama adviser David Axelrod posted a tweet saying he's opposed to efforts to shut down Romney's bus tour. Obama's Chicago campaign has been helping distribute information about protest events — former Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell held a protest outside a Wawa on Saturday that prompted Romney to shift his tour to a different Wawa store than originally planned.

"I strongly condemn heckling along Mitt's route," Axelrod tweeted. "Let voters hear BOTH candidates and decide."

After the protests, though, Romney's event Sunday ended on a high note — he climbed into the front seat of a 1961 Rambler, the car that helped his father turn around American Motors. George Romney's picture was in the old brochure still with the car. Romney sat in the front seat with the 20-year-old owner, Michael Scheib, who leaned over to tell Romney to "scare 'em, press them horn."

Romney honked, and the surprised crowd laughed.

Earlier in the day, Romney attended a Father's Day pancake breakfast with two of his sons and five of his 18 grandchildren. He told a rain-soaked crowd that the weather was a metaphor for the country and that "three and half years of dark clouds are about to part." At a second event in Newark, near Columbus, Romney told a cheering crowd that the president's slogan had changed.

"Last time when he was running for president his campaign theme was hope and change. This time he's hoping to change the subject because the American people are not happy," said Romney, speaking for about nine minutes as Occupy Wall Street protesters yelled from a nearby sidewalk.

In the TV interview, Romney suggested that Obama's decision on immigration was motivated by politics. "If he felt seriously about this he should have taken action when he had a Democrat House and Senate, but he didn't. He saves these sort of things until four and a half months before the general election," he said.

Plouffe, the Obama adviser, sent by the White House to four of the talk shows, contended that Obama's action, which appeals to Hispanic voters who are critical to the president's re-election effort, was not "a political move."

Still, Plouffe acknowledged that Obama's team expects an extraordinarily close election. "It's going to come down to a few votes per precinct in a few states," Plouffe said in an interview on NBC's Meet the Press. His comment underscores the reality that a small number of extra votes from Hispanics could make the difference in some key states like Nevada and Colorado.

Obama's order has put Romney in a difficult position, forcing him to decide between possibly alienating Hispanic voters with tough talk or stoking anger within a conservative GOP base that was slow to warm to him during the primary process.

Romney's comments represent a further softening of his rhetoric on immigration since the GOP primary campaign ended.

For example, before the Iowa caucuses in January, when he faced the challenge of winning over the right-wing base of the GOP, he pledged to veto legislation backed by Democrats that would have created a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children. Instead of emphasizing the plight of illegal immigrants, Romney focused on the consequences illegal immigration has for U.S. jobs.

Obama's immigration announcement disrupted the start of Romney's five-day bus tour through small cities and towns in six important states.

The tour, now on its third day, scheduled three stops, including two in Ohio towns just outside the metropolitan areas of Cleveland and Columbus. Romney spent the first two days in New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, where he assailed Obama and insisted that he's the candidate who will give middle-class Americans "a fair shot."

The Obama administration said the policy change announced Friday will affect as many as 800,000 immigrants who have lived in fear of deportation. Obama's move bypasses Congress and partially achieves the goals of the Democrats' long-stalled legislation aimed at young illegal immigrants who went to college or served in the military.

Romney's CBS interview was his first in more than a year with a Sunday talk show on a network other than Fox. It covered a range of topics, including health care, Romney's political future and the European financial crisis.

RED RAIDER ORIENTATION



PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

LT. COL. DOUGLAS Crabb, a professor of aerospace studies at Texas Tech, hands Gilbert McBrie, an incoming Texas Tech student from Houston, some information about the Air Force ROTC program at Tech during the Red Raider Orientation Campus Resource Fair in the Student Union Building Ballroom on Monday.

Islamist claims victory in Egypt president vote

CAIRO (AP) — The Muslim Brotherhood declared early Monday that its candidate, Mohammed Morsi, won Egypt's presidential election, which would be the first victory of an Islamist as head of state in the stunning wave of protests demanding democracy that swept the Middle East the past year. But the military handed itself the lion's share power over the new president, sharpening the possibility of confrontation.

With parliament dissolved and martial law effectively in force, the generals issued an interim constitution granting themselves sweeping authorities that ensure their hold on the state and subordinate the president. They will be Egypt's lawmakers, they will control the budget and they will determine who writes the permanent constitution that will define

the country's future.

But as they claimed a narrow victory over Hosni Mubarak's last prime minister Ahmed Shafiq in a deeply polarizing election, the Brotherhood challenged the military's power grab. The group said Sunday it did not recognize the dissolution of parliament, where it was the largest party. It also rejected the military's right to issue an interim constitution and oversee the drafting of a new one.

That pointed to a potential struggle over spheres of authority between Egypt's two strongest forces. The Brotherhood has cam-

aigned on a platform of bringing Egypt closer to a form of Islamic rule, but the military's grip puts it in a position to block that. Instead any conflict would likely center on more basic questions of control — if the Brotherhood pushes a fight. It has reached accommodations with the military in the past.

Official final results are not due until Thursday, and Shafiq's campaign challenged the Brotherhood claim, which was based on the group's compilation of election officials' returns from nearly all polling centers nationwide.

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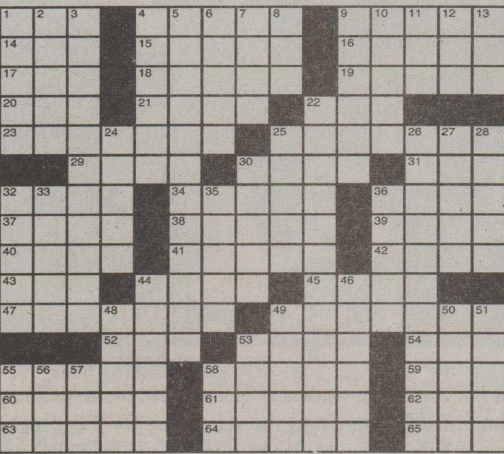
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- JFK's running mate
 - Muddle through mud
 - Funeral stands
 - Notre Dame's Parsiglian
 - Biblical prophet
 - Illuminated from below
 - Muscular twitch
 - Signed in pen
 - Asia's Archipelago
 - Rodent-induced shriek
 - Manitoba neighbor: Abbr.
 - Time divs.
 - Nebulous element
 - Luminous cosmic objects
 - It's between eleven and one
 - Rathole
 - NASA moon craft
 - When repeated twice, a "Seinfeld" catchphrase
 - Softly hit hit
 - Veal cord
 - Grumpy and dopey, but not doc: Abbr.
 - "Slipstream" album maker
 - Bonnie
 - Ices, Mafia-style
 - Legal order
 - Detailed wood design
 - Itchy outbreak
 - Mer's "How funny!"
 - On pins and needles
 - "Sounds fair"
 - Throw money around
 - Critters in shells
 - Mystery writer
 - Grafton
 - Tibetan priest
 - Make red, e.g.
 - Fill the tank
 - Distorts
 - Not even
 - Go on until
 - Bill featuring Franklin, in slang
 - Hair on a dummy
 - Posts
 - Goat-legged deity



By Ed Sessa

6/19/12

Friday's Puzzle Solved

FENCE BRATS GAL
AMOUR AUDIT OLA
DISTRESSALE FTD
STET MET DEPLOY
ESP MERRY
FIRSTCLASSEATS
RAM NYLON SKIP
AMPAS ABS BSIDE
MERY REESE TED
PREAKNESSTAKES
SNOUT ADE
ROSTRA ANT WHEW
AMI ENDLESSPACE
FAV ACEIT EIGHT
TRE NEWTS PESOIS

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- DOWN**
- Rubber tree product
 - Like a summary
 - Start of a nursery rhyme
 - Eastern religion meaning "way of the gods"
 - Start of a nursery rhyme
 - Liam's "Schindler's List" role
 - Try to unearth
 - Possessed
 - Unfounded charge, to an alleged perp
 - "None for me"
 - Letter-shaped pipe
 - Narrow inlet
 - Muddy pen
 - Start of a nursery rhyme
 - Land on the sea
 - Sales rep's goal
 - End of a nursery rhyme, or the fate of this puzzle's other three long answers
 - Divination deck
 - Singer Gorme
 - Marsh plant
 - Superboy's girlfriend Lang
 - Little treasure
 - Southern California's Santa Mountains
 - Star Wars initials
 - Liverpool lads

My Granmary's surprise celebrity game

Paige Skinner



Granmary is my 95-year-old grandmother who is up-to-date with all things pop culture. She spends her evenings on the sofa watching "The Bachelorette," "Access Hollywood" and "Dancing with the Stars" — just to name a few.

However, when Granmary tries to tell a story about someone she saw at Michael Jackson's funeral, she can tell their life story, how many animals they have and who they were last seen canoodling with — just not their name. And this is where it gets exciting. In fact, my family has made an entire game out of it.

Now it's time for you to take a stab at it. The descriptions will start off easy and then get harder. Enjoy and good luck.

- "The J*p (of Asian descent) who pitches for the Rangers."
- "The one who started all

the tweets and was on 'One and a Half Men.' Demi should have known he would never stayed with an old woman like her."

3. "The girl who gains all the weight who was on 'Cheers.'"

4. "The girl from Garland who took the poor woman's husband."

5. "She is a brunette country singer from Canada and her family was killed in a car wreck. Her husband cheated on her and now she's with the guy whose wife cheated on with the ex-husband."

scriptions.

Yu Darvish is the Japanese pitcher for the Texas Rangers. Granmary, someone who has lived through both world wars, does not see anything wrong with the abbreviated term.

Ashton Kutcher, who has been described as the "King of Twitter" for being the first person to reach one million Twitter followers, is the actor Granmary thinks is on "One and a Half Men." To this day, Granmary cannot believe he ever married Demi Moore.

Kirstie Alley is practically known for her fluctuating weight. Poor woman. I guess "Cheers" was her glory days.

I'm sure not very many people know country-singer-turned-famous-home-wrecker LeAnn Rimes is from my hometown Garland. She was in the news a while ago for being a home wrecker. I'm not entirely convinced someone

can steal someone else's husband, but Granmary seems to think that's exactly what LeAnn Rimes did.

Now, if you got this last one correct, I will be very impressed. I finally got it after sitting there for a minute, listening to Granmary repeat the same clues over and over again. The Canadian country singer is Shania Twain. I had no idea her parents died in a car accident, but I did know her husband cheated on her with her best friend and now she is married to that woman's ex-husband. Take a moment to digest that.

And that, my friends, is the Granmary Celebrity Game. Feel free to sound off in the comments section or email me your score. I look forward to hearing it.

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Obama's executive order grants illegals work permits

By COURTNEY L'ECUYER

ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT (U. ARIZONA)

President Barack Obama announced a new policy that grants certain illegal immigrants work permits. Some call it an election-year policy change and others claim it highlights the importance of the Latino vote to the president.

In 2010, Congress rejected a similar policy that was part of the Dream Act. This time around, the policy, backed by the Department of Homeland Security, stops deportation of illegal immigrants but does not offer citizenship down the road according to a White House report.

The executive order applies to those under the age of 30 and who have im-

migrated illegally under the age of 16. Along with these age requirements, they must have lived in the country for at least five years with a scot-free criminal record, have a high school diploma and currently be in school or serving in the military. The work permit will be valid for two years and can be renewed after that.

Experts from Pew Hispanic Center estimate this policy will affect close to 1.4 million individuals, 70 percent of them from Mexico.

Whether the directive is right or wrong, good or bad, the actions taken by the President closely resemble another political ploy to get reelected. Many find the action ironic due to Obama's track record of strict immigration policies. During the last four

years, he has deported more illegal immigrants than any other U.S. President since the 1950s. According to the New York Times, under his presidency 1.1 million illegal immigrants have been deported.

Presidential candidate Mitt Romney will now be pushed to voice his solution to our country's illegal immigration issue because of the new executive order. This turns election year into an even larger spider-web for voters.

Will Obama win the Latino vote for his new policy or will they recognize his move as highly political?

Politicians are smart people. Regardless of their true views, the policies that will get them reelected are going to be voiced first. Obama could have

issued an executive order early on in his term, but he waited until now, less than six months away from Election Day.

For illegal immigrants, this provides an opportunity to work legally in the US for the first time. For many grumbling politicians, they see the executive order as granting amnesty to all who knowingly crossed the border illegally and are now being rewarded for doing so.

This policy may be beneficial for our country and immigrants, but it didn't have to be done by an executive order.

It is quite certain that many illegal immigrants in our country will gladly work to help boost our economy. It is also less messy and cruel than deportation. However, Congress and the president need to be co-strategizing a long-term solution and not a quick executive action to solve this one.

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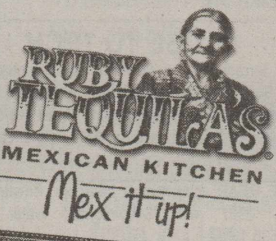
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