



Pleasant Hill Christian Church held its annual Vacation Bible School the week of July 8. The theme this year was IncrediWorld Amusement Park, with programming developed by AnswersInGenesis. The adventure based week divided students into teams and they traveled throughout the church campus. The goal was to discover how God blessed us with this IncrediWorld. As part of their lesson this week, the students (and their parents) were challenged to help make a difference to a local charity. The Panhandle Food Pantry was the recipient of their \$174.78 offering. The pantry also received 30 pounds of peanut butter, 16 pounds of jelly, and 17 bottles of juice to distribute to local families. Shown in the photo are some of the students with donated items.

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Pictured above are the age group winners of the Raymond Independence Day Celebration 5K run, held Saturday, June 30. In the back, from the left, are Trent Seed, Randy Held, Dustin Fletcher, and Mark Gehlbach. In the middle are Tom Broadus, Erika Gehlbach, Dana Pitchford, and Amy Wagahoff. In front is Levi Weir. Not pictured are Kenny Markezich, Zoe Manning, Lisa Gunn, and Karen Wedekind.

Open House Bridal Shower

An open house bridal shower will be given in honor of Kerri Currier on Saturday, August 4, from 1-3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Harvel. Kerri will become the bride

of Andrew Benning, son of Ivan and Karen Benning of Harvel on October 20, 2012. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Bergners and Target.



Pictured above are the age group winners of the 21Kbike race held Saturday, June 30, in conjunction with the Raymond Independence Day Celebration. From the left are Randy Held, Ryan Held, Cheryl Held, Curt Hoehn, Sharon Littrell, Jim Littrell, and Dana Brockmeyer. Not pictured is Kimee Armour.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Farmersville-Waggoner Public Library District

NOTICE is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Farmersville-Waggoner Public Library District, Farmersville, Illinois, in the Counties of Montgomery and Macoupin, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the library, 210 S. Cleveland Street, Farmersville, Illinois, during normal business hours beginning July 18, 2012, and that final hearing and action on said Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of said Farmersville-Waggoner Public Library District at a meeting to be held at the Library at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, August 21, 2012.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2012
Cheryl Hampton, Secretary

Drysdale Jr. Golf Tourney results

Eight golfers from Montgomery County's Panhandle area participated at the Drysdale Junior Golf Tournament on Monday, July 9, in Springfield.

Monday results
Bunn (16-17): First flight, Annie Riemann 108.
Lincoln Greens (14-15): Sixth flight, Cole Krager 115. Seventh flight, Landin Armour 117.
Bergen (8-14): Championship flight, Andrew Skinner 53. Third flight, Sam Herman 66. Fourth

flight, Dade Pitchford 72; Tucker Lemon 81. Championship flight, Sydney Herman 93.

Tuesday results

Bunn
Girls First Flight: Kristin Cullen def. Anne Riemann 5-up-4.
Lincoln Greens
Boys Sixth Flight: Cole Krager def. Alec Rogers 2-up-1.
Boys Seventh Flight: Landin Armour (bye).

Bergen

Boys Championship Flight: Chase

Piehler def. Andrew Skinner 1-up.
Girls Championship Flight: Sofia Baptist def. Sydney Herman 5-up.
Boys Third Flight: Sam Herman def. Dillon Brewer 2-up.
Boys Fourth Flight: Tucker Lemon def. Dylan Fletcher 3-up; Dade Pitchford (bye).

Wednesday results

Lincoln Greens
Boys Sixth Flight: Cole Krager def. Kody Bland 4-up-3.
Boys Seventh Flight: Eric Noll def. Landin Armour 9-up-8.

Bergen

Boys Consolation Championship Flight: Andrew Skinner def. Logan Evans; Josh Gordley def. Andrew Skinner 4-up.
Girls Consolation Championship Flight: Carly Isaacks def. Sydney Herman.

Boys Third Flight: Jack Thoma def. Sam Herman 1-up.

Boys Fourth Flight: Anthony Boston def. Tucker Lemon 5-up; Dade Pitchford def. Henry Patterson 4-up.

Thursday results

Lincoln Greens
Boys Sixth Flight: Austin Dunn def. Cole Krager 3-up-2.

Bergen

Boys Fourth Flight: Anthony Boston def. Dade Pitchford 1-up.



Winners of the five mile bike race at the Raymond Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, June 30, from the left, are Drew Eastin, Taylor Pope, Micah Gehlbach, and Madelyn Boaden.
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Notice is hereby given that at their July 10th, 2012 regular meeting, the Montgomery County Board has duly approved, as provided by law, persons to serve as Election Judges for the precincts located within Montgomery County, IL. A list of said Judges is available for public inspection in the office of the Montgomery County Clerk, 1st floor, Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, IL.

Applications for confirmation and approval have been made to the Circuit Clerk of the 4th Judicial Circuit of said county. Circuit Judge date for hearing on objections to the confirmation and approval of those prospective judges has been set on Monday, July 23rd, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom #2 of the Circuit Court of the Montgomery County Courthouse Complex, Hillsboro, Illinois.

Anyone having knowledge of any reasons why these individuals should not be confirmed and approved by this court must file his objection in writing to the Montgomery County Clerk's Office, #1 Courthouse Square, PO Box 595, Hillsboro, IL 62049 on or before the opening of court on said day. Notice is further given, that if no cause to the contrary be shown as specified, such appointments shall be confirmed by order of court, as provided by law.

Dated July 10th, 2012

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Heavy concentrations of PCBs may be headed to Clinton

CLINTON, Ill. (AP) — At an obscure landfill in nearby Clinton, a plan to store toxic waste is raising a dispute over how much say neighboring towns and counties should have over what gets dumped above the water they drink.

If the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency signs off, a privately owned landfill just south of Clinton will become the permanent storage site for heavy concentrations of PCBs from throughout the Great Lakes region, toxic remnants of the Midwest's manufacturing glory days.

The landfill sits over the Mahomet Aquifer, a 150-mile long subterranean mass of saturated sand and gravel that provides drinking water for about three-quarters of a million people in central Illinois. Many of the towns and counties that use it complain they have had no say in the PCBs plan approved by DeWitt County five years ago.

So area lawmakers this year proposed a bill in the General Assembly that would give them more influence. It would grant any county or municipality sitting over an aquifer the chance to block plans to store toxic chemicals anywhere over that aquifer.

Rep. Chapin Rose, a Mahomet Republican who lives over the aquifer, says approving a landfill plan without input from those who drink the water below it is much like taxation without representation.

"It's a very simple concept that those of us affected by this decision should have a say," said Rose, who sponsored the bill.

But it isn't clear whether it would pass legal muster for neighboring local officials to have more direct influence than already granted by the existing EPA review process. Even sponsors expect a court challenge if the legislation passes.

The bill was among pieces of unfinished business when the legislature adjourned its spring session. Sponsors plan to push it again when lawmakers convene in the fall.

The EPA will say only that the permit is under review. In March, the agency delayed issuing a ruling on the landfill, saying it wanted to take another look at the geology below the landfill and how water moves through it after hearing concerns.

Area Disposal, the company that owns the landfill, believes those concerns are overblown.

Company attorney Brian Meginnes said the bill and the ongoing opposition are a product of unreasonable distrust in government agencies charged with regulating substances like PCBs.

"If at the end of the day you follow the process and the government authority says Yes, you meet the requirements, here it is, I don't think people should criticize the company or the agency and be unwilling to accept the results of the process," Meginnes said. "People now go out and Google something and spend an hour and think they're an expert in something."

A professor who specializes in environmental law says the bill, even if passed, might not affect the Clinton Landfill since the PCB-storage plan has already moved to federal counties. But for future projects, she said, it would give local governments "a remarkable amount of say" in what their neighbors can store in a landfill.

"It's essentially giving every single county touching the aquifer veto power, and every municipality as well," said Arden Rowell, a law professor at the University of Illinois who called the existing EPA review process quite rigorous. She noted that it includes the agency's own recommendation that sites like the one proposed at Clinton Landfill not sit above "high-value" groundwater.

PCB is short for polychlorinated biphenyl, man-made chemical compounds manufactured in the United States until they were outlawed in 1979. They were used in a wide range of industrial and commercial products: oil-based paints, plastics, rubber, electrical equipment and parts such as switches and fluorescent light ballasts, carbonless copy paper and dozens of others.

The chemicals cause cancer in humans and animals, and can damage immune, reproductive and nervous systems.

Much of the PCB-laden soil the company hopes to store in Clinton would be dredged out of Great Lakes harbors and places like the Fox River in Wisconsin, where paper makers left behind the toxic chemicals in the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

Area Disposal already accepts relatively low-level PCBs at the Clinton Landfill, but is likely to run into much heavier concentrations in the materials from those harbors, rivers and other sites, necessi-

tating the approval of the U.S. EPA. Both the state EPA and the DeWitt County board have already agreed.

The 2007 approval from the county board sparked an outcry. Several board members were voted out of office, primarily over the landfill. In a non-binding referendum in 2008, 75 percent of 4,400 county residents who cast ballots gave a thumbs down to Area Disposal's plan.

"How exactly can it be a good idea to put this stuff right over an aquifer?" said George Wissmiller, a retired police officer from DeWitt who leads a protest organization known as WATCH Clinton Landfill.

Driving a pickup truck deep into the landfill, manager David Bryant said the combination of three synthetic liners — each about as thick as a credit card — and the natural clay below it make it extremely unlikely PCBs would reach the aquifer 150 feet underneath. "We're very confident in the liner system," he said.

But hydro-geologist George Roadcap, who works for the Illinois Water Survey, said what lies in that 150 feet is actually a potential path to the aquifer — pockets of water-saturated sand and gravel. Any escaping PCBs wouldn't have to go far to reach water, where they could move beyond the ground under the landfill and into the aquifer, he said.

"We think there's evidence that, yeah, if the aquifer was contaminated, which is a big if, it would go straight toward the Clinton (water) well field," said Roadcap, who registered his concerns with the EPA.

Meginnes believes landfill companies would have the upper hand in any court challenge. He points to a 1985 federal appellate decision in which the court found that local officials in Louisiana couldn't write their own law to keep a PCB-handling facility out. Federal law, the court decided, was supreme.

The bottom line, according to Meginnes: "The Midwest needs safe places for this waste to be disposed of. It's up to the federal government and the EPA to decide if this is a proper place."

But Wissmiller and others aren't willing to assume the federal government will do the right thing.

"I'm a retired government employee. I don't do optimism when it comes to government stuff," the 63-year-old said. "We need to continue to fight it."

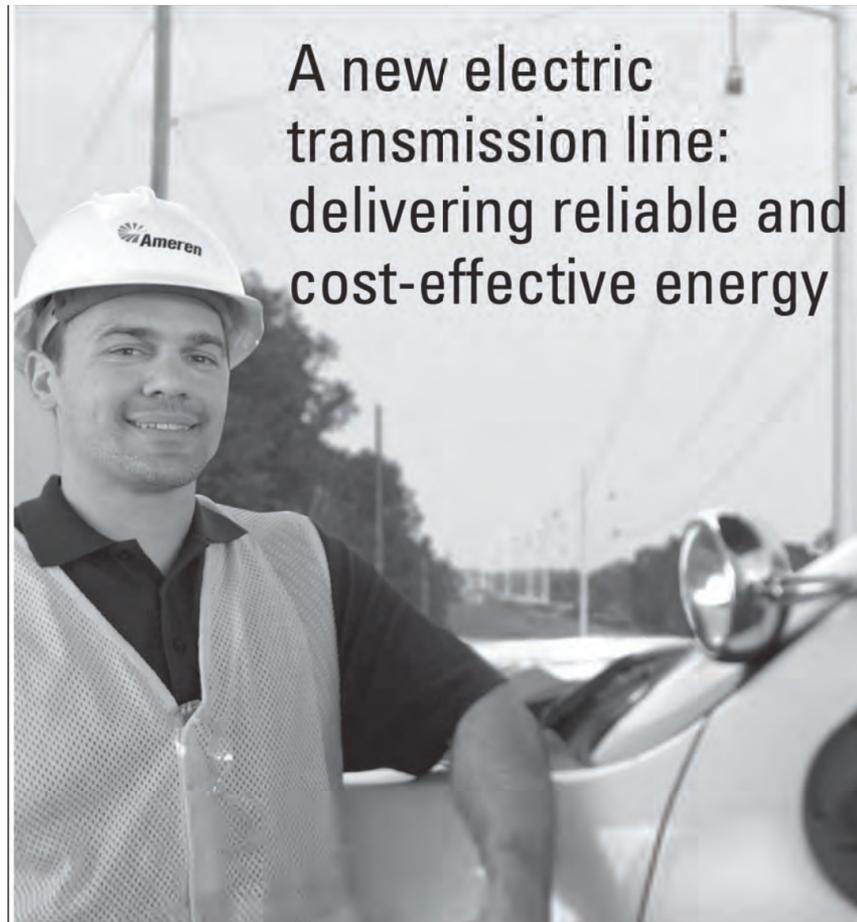


In this June 20, 2012 photo, a heavy Caterpillar earth mover buries waste at the Clinton Landfill near Clinton, Ill. If the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency signs off on the idea, a designated part of the Clinton Landfill will become the permanent storage site for heavy concentrations of PCBs from throughout the Great Lakes region, toxic remnants of the Midwest's manufacturing glory days.
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100,000 still without power

CHICAGO (AP) — Thousands of residents were still without power in northern Illinois this morning, and officials with Commonwealth Edison say it could take several days to restore service.

About 250,000 ComEd customers were left in the

dark at the height of the outages after a storm swept through Chicago and its suburbs, knocking down trees and power lines.

ComEd spokesman John Schoen (SHAYN) says about 100,000 customers remained without power this morning.

Schoen said about 360 ComEd repair crews were out working on the problem and the utility has asked for help from other companies. He says it will take several days to get the power back on for everyone because of the severity of the damage.

Illinois first inland state to ban shark fins

CHICAGO (AP) — With the Shedd Aquarium's Wild Reef as a backdrop, Gov. Pat Quinn signed a law banning the sale, trade or distribution of shark fins.

Illinois becomes the first inland state to adopt such a ban. Lawmakers who pushed for it have said Chicago's Chinatown has been a hub for the sale of shark fin in the Midwest.

Quinn says the ban will aid global efforts to prevent the collapse of shark populations.

Shark fins are typically used in soup and other Asian cuisine. After harvesting their fins, many sharks are thrown back into the ocean to bleed to death or drown.

Shedd Aquarium President and CEO Ted Beattie applauded the ban.

New University of Illinois president takes over

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — Robert Easter has been on the University of Illinois' flagship campus for decades, but he's starting what's expected to be a short stay as president of the university system.

Easter was chosen three months ago to take over for departing President Michael Hogan and lead the school's campuses in Urbana-Champaign, Chicago and Springfield. Monday is Easter's first day on the job.

Easter is a former dean of

the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences in Urbana. He has also served in several interim leadership roles.

Hogan resigned in March after some faculty leaders called for his ouster. They complained about his leadership style.

Easter has been called a natural choice to take over after Hogan's rocky tenure, but he's agreed to keep the job only two years.

Searchers find body of swimmer in Lake Mattoon

NEOGA, Ill. (AP) — Search crews found the body of a 25-year-old man who went out into Lake Mattoon to retrieve an inflatable raft and didn't return to shore.

Alan Baker of the Neoga Fire Protection District says the Shelby County Dive

Team found the body Sunday night near where he'd last been seen hours earlier. The victim's name isn't yet being released, pending notification of family members.

Emergency workers say the man was from Windsor.

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CARDS:

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end the ninth after Marc Rzepczynski left with heat-related woes in a game that began with the temperature at 94 degrees. Rzepczynski said he was having trouble focusing on the catcher's glove.

"Not overheated, but getting very close to it," Rzepczynski said.

Furcal also had an RBI single in the fifth and has 36 RBIs overall, most among National League leadoff men. He singled to left on a 1-2 pitch and David Freese barely beat catcher John Buck's tag for the winning run.

"Great way to end the first half," Freese said. "We worked some good ABs off Bell and got it done."

Buck had the ball ahead of the slide and the Marlins

briefly argued the call. After watching a replay, Buck said home plate umpire Phil Cuzzi had gotten it right.

"I came in here and checked it, and I think he got it," Buck said.

The Cardinals took two of three from Miami and headed into the All-Star break on a 6-2 streak after taking two of three from Miami.

The Marlins were minus another star most of the series. Giancarlo Stanton, the team's lone All-Star, underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee Sunday after playing just two innings a day earlier.

Hill said the surgery was a success and that the team was hopeful Stanton would be back in four to six weeks.

Omar Infante added three hits and Logan Morrison and Greg Dobbs extended their hitting streaks to 11 games for Miami, which despite the loss has won seven of 11.

Tony Cruz cut the deficit to a run with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly with one out in the ninth and Daniel Descalso coaxed an 11-pitch walk to load the bases again ahead of Furcal's winning hit. Furcal, who had been 0 for 4 with the bases loaded and 0 for 10 the last two seasons, is 5 for 14 against Bell with four RBIs and four walks.

The top three in the Marlins' order, Jose Reyes, Ramirez and Carlos Lee, were a collective 1 for 31 with five walks, an RBI and two runs. Florida pitchers held Cardinals All-Star Carlos Beltran to a single in 13 at-bats.

Rookie Joe Kelly allowed an unearned run in six innings for the Cardinals. But manager Mike Matheny's attempt to finesse the seventh with three relievers flopped when Mikael Cleto gave up a double and a walk with one out to the only batters he faced and Kearns greeted Victor Marte with his

third career pinch homer on a 2-0 fastball that landed an estimated 409 feet in the visitor's bullpen in left-center.

Furcal's RBI single in the fifth had put the Cardinals ahead 2-1. Skip Schumaker had an RBI single in the second and Matt Holliday extended his hitting streak to 11 games.

Florida starter Anibal Sanchez gave up two runs in six innings and walked none for just the second time this season. He entered Sunday's start 2-6 with a 5.64 ERA over 10 starts, but also was stingy against the Cardinals on June 27 at home when he allowed three runs in seven innings and got the win in a 5-3 victory.

Mike Dunn didn't allow a hit in 1 2-3 innings and Steve Cishek struck out Holliday with a man on third to end the eighth. St. Louis hitters are 1 for 19 against Cishek, who worked 1 2-3 hitless innings

on Friday in a 3-2 victory.

The Marlins took the lead without a hit in the first, fueled by one-out walks to Ramirez and Carlos Lee. Ramirez stole second on the first pitch to Lee, the pair pulled off a double steal as Logan Morrison struck out on a full count and Ramirez scored without a play after catcher Tony Cruz threw wildly into left field.

Kelly struck out five and walked five, but kept his pitch count manageable by allowing just two hits and getting two double plays — one that he started himself after snaring a liner by John Buck in the second. Pitching coach Derek Lilliquist visited after 10 of Kelly's first 18 pitches were balls.

CUBS:

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Niese (7-4) had only given up four or more runs in a game five times — 16 starts — this season entering Sunday.

"They came out swinging," Mets manager Terry Collins said. "He was trying to get ahead (and) they were hammering the first pitch."

The Cubs finished the first half in the midst of a modest surge, winning nine of 13 to improve to a disappointing 33-52 in Theo Epstein's first year in charge. It's their worst record before the break since 2006 when they were 34-54.

The team has been a little up and down but everybody hustles right now," Castro said. "Let's see in the second half everybody pull a little bit together and win more games."

The Mets had a chance to move a season high-tying eight games above .500 but continued a recent trend of trading wins and losses. They go into the All-Star break 46-40, their best first half since 2010 when they were 48-40. New York finished a homestand against

last place teams, Philadelphia and Chicago, 3-3.

Not that the Mets didn't have had their chances Sunday. They put runners in scoring position in each of first three innings and also in the sixth but came up empty.

Dempster put his streak in jeopardy by allowing a one-out triple to Scott Hairston in the second but he got Jordany Valdespin to line out to second and Josh Thole to groundout to shortstop. Niese and Ruben Tejada opened the third with singles but the Nos. 2-3-4 hitters couldn't capitalize.

After Tejada's hit, Dempster retired nine in a row before being lifted.

"He was way more efficient than we thought," Cubs manager Dale Sveum said. "Everything went well. He feels great."

The right-hander was scheduled to start the Cubs' first game after the All-Star break on Friday but Sveum said Dempster will start Saturday instead to better fit his throwing program. Paul Maholm will move up from Saturday.

Dempster has won four in a row after an 18-start winless streak dating back to Aug. 11.

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Maholm came on in relief for the first time. He made 201 consecutive starts until he entered in the sixth and gave up two hits. But the Mets failed again with runners on. Ike Davis popped to shortstop and Lucas Duda grounded into a double play.

Manuel Corpas, James Russell and Shawn Camp finished the eight-hitter.

Niese had settled in after the first, allowing only one hit until Luis Valbuena singled with one out in the seventh. Reed Johnson singled with two outs and Castro hit the first pitch for a three-run homer, his seventh long ball this year.

"A little tough the last couple of weeks, but today something good happened," Castro said.

Niese allowed seven runs and nine hits in seven innings.

NOTES: To make room for Dempster on the Cubs roster, Chris Volstad was optioned to Triple-A Iowa. Volstad is 0-7 this season. ... Mets prospects RHP Zach Wheeler and 3B Wilmer Flores were scheduled to play in the MLB Futures Game in Kansas City Sunday. Valdespin started in center

field for first time in his career.

... Game took a crisp 2 hours, 8 minutes. ... Collins said Johan Santana will not start Friday. He'll go Sunday or Monday instead. "We're going to let Johan's ankle have an extra day or so," Collins said. "He's fine. Don't misread anything." Santana twisted his ankle in Friday's start, when he gave up a career high-tying 13 hits.

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A wide variety of 4-H member's projects, including baked goods, woodworking, crafts and live animals, will be available for bidding and purchase.

All bidders and buyers are invited to a light supper and photos with their purchases after the auction.

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TENNIS:

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while Federer is good on grass, it turns out he's especially good indoors on grass. When the roof closed, he seemed unbelievable tennis," Murray said.

"He played terrific," he said. "Coming into the match, he had won 20 of his 74 matches indoors. With wind eliminated as a factor, he can swing more aggressively and hit pinpoint serves with even accuracy."

"That's what happened. A 26-minute, 20-minute game in the first set proved pivotal and decided the match's most memorable moments. Murray to the grass three times during the game, but also had five break points before they were finally broken to give Federer a 4-2 lead.

Federer held every service game the rest of the way. With the win, he became the first thirtysomething man to win Wimbledon since Arthur Ashe in 1975, and he reclaimed the No. 1 ranking from Djokovic.

Federer lost in the quarterfinals at Wimbledon in 2010 and 2011, then blew a two-set lead against Djokovic in the U.S. Open semifinals last year, when he squandered two match points.

There was speculation that parenthood had cost him his edge, and that his best days were behind him.

"I understand everyone wants to be the first to have mentioned it or said it first that 'OK, this is the decline,'" he said. "I see it more as a steppingstone, a period I have to go through. I knew how close I was for the last few years."

Now, with Federer's fortunes on the rebound, men's tennis remains compelling and competitive at the top. For the first time since 2005, the first three major tournaments have been won by three different players. Djokovic won the Australian

Open in January. Nadal won a record seventh French Open title last month.

And then there's Murray, now 0-4 in Grand Slam finals, with three of those losses to Federer. The only other man in the Open era to lose his first four major finals was Ivan Lendl, who happens to be Murray's coach.

Lendl went on to win eight Grand Slam titles. Murray believes he'll yet make a breakthrough, perhaps even at Wimbledon, where he became the first Brit to reach the men's finals since 1938.

"I'm getting closer," his told the crowd during the trophy ceremony, fighting back tears. He accepted a hug from Federer, and a moment later they were both laughing.

Federer then told the crowd he'll be rooting for Murray in the future.

"He'll at least win one Grand Slam," Federer said. "This is what I hope for Andy."

Now that his drought has ended, there might be more majors in Federer's future, too.

How to replace for US basketball team to top '08

BRIAN MAHONEY AP Basketball Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — They lost Shane Wade but gained Kevin Durant. Dwight Howard's size given way to Russell Westbrook's speed.

The Americans know their men's Olympic basketball team will look much different than the one that captured gold four years ago in Beijing. Three of the most important players on that team were unable to return, but the carryovers keeping them about being better now than they were then.

"I think it has the potential to be that if we learn to use our athleticism. It's a more versatile team than 2008. Now does that slate into being better?" Mike Krzyzewski said Sunday. "Although we don't have the center, that team did have Durant or Westbrook. It's a different team and we'll see if it becomes better, but it could be."

Some ways, that's difficult to envision. Wade was the

team's leading scorer, averaging 16 points in just over 18 minutes per game off the bench. Howard started at center and averaged 10.9 points while shooting 74.5 percent from the field. Chris Bosh, also out this summer, backed him up and shot even better, knocking down 24 of 31 shots (77.4 percent) and leading the team with 6.1 rebounds per game.

How can any team make up for all that?

"Well, we have some guys that can pick that up," LeBron James said. "I mean, D-Wade was our leading scorer, but we didn't have Kevin Durant on our team. We didn't have the activity of Tyson Chandler on our team as well and the athleticism at the point guard position."

Westbrook is an offensive upgrade over Jason Kidd, the point guard not back from '08, and is seen by teammates as the player who could most easily fill Wade's role as the game-changer off the bench. As James sees it, Andre Iguodala is more athletic than Tayshaun

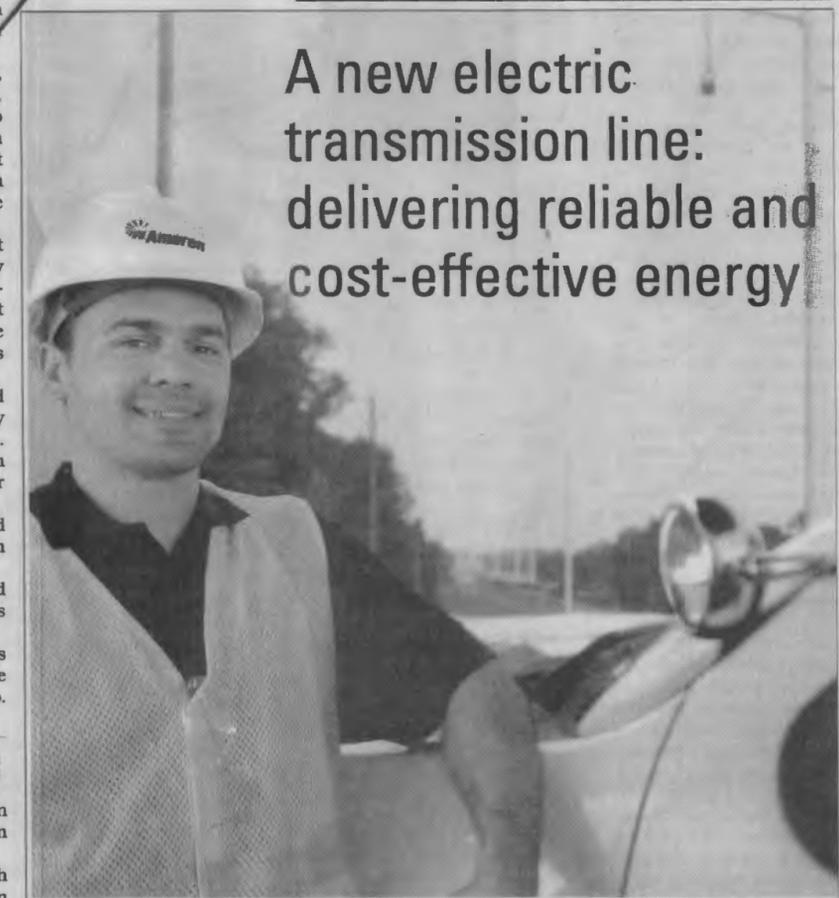
Prince, and James Harden can do more things offensively than Michael Redd.

Prince and Redd, along with Carlos Boozer, were reserves on the 2008 team but were not retained. Kidd retired from international competition after winning two gold medals.

"If you match us up, we have so many great pieces that guys can just play to their strengths, and I think we can be better," James said.

Having Durant is a start. The NBA's three-time scoring champion had the best tournament ever by an American player at the world basketball championship two years ago, scoring 22.8 points per game. But the biggest difference could be James, who was already a great player in 2008 but has grown into the best in the world by now.

Carmelo Anthony, Chris Paul and Deron Williams, the other young players from that team, have made similar leaps toward superstardom, and Kobe Bryant has held steady while he was.



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