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## Oil execs: Tech improvements to aid US production

Despite upcoming move to overseas markets, US can expand domestic uses of oil

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy  
N.Y. Times News Service

DENVER — Technological improvements will allow energy companies to scrape more crude out of the ground and drive U.S. oil production higher, even as producers seek new overseas markets for the fossil fuels, executives said Wednesday.

Although government forecasters expect

U.S. oil production to peak around 9.5 million barrels per day in 2016, Scott Sheffield of Irving-based Pioneer Natural Resources told an energy conference here the real pinnacle could be 14 million barrels daily.

"The only thing that can stop it is oil prices," Sheffield said, warning that a price collapse for domestic West Texas Intermediate crude would cause "a tremendous turn-down."

Steven Mueller, CEO of Houston-

based Southwestern Energy, a major gas producer, sees big potential as companies apply unconventional techniques to conventional basins and areas once written off as unworkable.

Mueller predicted that energy companies will return to some of those plays with "crummy rock" — a category he said included "all of Midland and West Texas" — and figure out how to make them economical. Mueller added that every conventional basin also has source rock

that can be exploited through hydraulic fracturing, a post-drilling completion method that involves pumping sand, water and chemicals underground to pull oil and gas from rock pores.

"There are basins in the world that have never been produced that will produce," he said.

The industry may not discover any more big elephant fields boasting 25 to 75

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## SKATING ON AIR



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Gregory Ohlsen looks to drop in as Keith Grondahl pulls up on the lip of one of the many ramps at the new skate park at Rock the Desert. The 15th annual Rock the Desert is today through Saturday at 2000 South Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Gates open at noon today and 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday. More than 30 performances are scheduled by bands that include Skillet, Newsboys, Family Force 5, Crowder and Phenomenon. General admission tickets are \$25. For more information, visit [www.rockthedesert.com](http://www.rockthedesert.com). For more information about the Christian music festival, please see Weekender and go to [mrt.com](http://mrt.com).

## TxDOT official: Do not buy car seats at garage sales

By Rachael Gleason  
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A state transportation official is asking parents to routinely check their car seat latches and restraining belts to ensure their children's safety.

Three out of four car seats inspected at the Texas Department of Transportation's Odessa district office are incorrectly installed, said TxDOT safety expert Robert Martinez.

Different models of cars and pickups have different seat belts, and sometimes installation can be confusing, Martinez said. But four technicians are available at the local office to inspect and correct car seat installation.

"We'll inspect a car seat, and if needed, replace a car seat," said Martinez, who once came across a family using a toy stroller and bungee cords.

More than 70 percent of car seats are misused in a way that

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### How to properly use car and booster seats:

■ **Birth through 2:** Rear-facing car seat. For the best possible protection, infants and children should be buckled in a rear-facing car seat, in the back seat, until age 2 or when they reach the upper weight or height limits of their particular seat. Check the seat's owner's manual and/or labels on the seat for weight and height limits.

■ **2 to at least 5:** Forward-facing car seat. When children outgrow their rear-facing seats they should be buckled in a forward-facing car seat, in the back seat, until at least age 5 or when they reach the upper weight or height limit of their particular seat. Check the seat's owner's manual and/or labels on the seat for weight and height limits.

■ **5 up until seat belts fit properly:** Booster seat. Once children outgrow their forward-facing seat, (by reaching the upper height or weight limit of their seat), they should be buckled in a belt-positioning booster seat until seat belts fit properly. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs (not the stomach) and the shoulder belt lays across the chest (not the neck). Remember to keep children properly buckled in the back seat for the best possible protection.

■ **Once seat belts fit properly without a booster seat:** Children no longer need to use a booster seat once seat belts fit them properly. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs (not the stomach) and the shoulder belt lays across the chest (not the neck). The recommended height for proper seat belt fit is 57 inches tall. For the best possible protection keep children properly buckled in the back seat.

Source: Centers for Disease Control

## Skeptics aside, Perry marching forward to 2016

By Steve Peoples  
Associated Press

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — Republicans along New Hampshire's seacoast once gave Rick Perry a rock star's welcome, rallying behind the longtime Texas governor as a political savior destined to reclaim the White House for the GOP.

Today, there is perhaps no better place that illustrates Perry's challenges as he works to resurrect his presidential ambitions.

"I wish him the best of luck if he tries to make a comeback," said state Rep. Pam Tucker, who hosted Perry's inaugural New Hampshire rally in her backyard and supported Perry "to the bitter end" in 2012, but wasn't invited to join a small delegation of New Hampshire officials who met with Perry in Texas last month. Asked about the governor's new image, which includes dark-rimmed glasses, Tucker said: "I don't think a physical makeover is going to make any difference."

Those close to Perry say he is aggressively eyeing a second presidential bid, even if he has to rebuild a political operation from scratch in the state that hosts the nation's first presidential primary. As he begins to re-engage with New Hampshire voters during his first trip to the state since the 2012 election later this month, the Texas Republican faces deep skepticism and lingering embarrassment from some of those who were once among his biggest believers.

Perry will forever be remembered for his performance during one of the many GOP presidential debates in 2011, when he tried repeatedly — but failed — to name the third government agency he would eliminate as part of his budget plan. All he could come up with: "Oops." "Mistakes were made. You can't hide from that," said Perry adviser Mark Miner, previewing what could become a familiar talking point for a second Perry campaign. "But it's a bigger issue that Washington and the politicians of Washington have forgotten how to govern than Gov. Perry forgetting a government agency two years ago."

With chiseled good looks, the 64-year-old is the nation's longest serving governor, having led a state since 2000 that can claim credit for much of the country's recent job growth. He also has a unique ability to connect with voters one-on-one — a significant asset in the diners and living rooms of early voting states of Iowa and New Hampshire.

Perry has also emerged as a leading Republican voice in the immigration

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**The big number**  
Judges listened to cases for 4 states about gay marriage on Wednesday. More on Page 5A.

**Today in State**  
A score briefly closed the state Capitol. Page 4A  
**Coming Friday**  
Rep. David Herrera celebrates 25th year as a priest.

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## Obituaries

**Alan Paul Hewitt**

Alan Paul Hewitt, of Midland, Texas, passed away August 2, 2014 in his home. Alan, 83, was born on January 21, 1931 in Ashtabula, Ohio to Paul and Belva Hewitt.

His love of flying began at age 12 and he received his pilot license at age 16, even before his driving license.

After graduating from Edgewood High School, he went to the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma for a semester.

After recuperating from a major truck accident, he changed his course and began studies in Geology at Bowling Green State University of Ohio. It was there he met and married Marilyn Bower Hewitt (Mickey). They were married in 1953 and Alan graduated in 1954 with a degree in geology.

Following graduation, he was a geologist for Cities Service Oil Company for 13 years. This brought Alan and Mickey to Midland, Texas in 1957. He became an independent geologist for the remainder of his career.

Alan was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He continued his love of flying for many years. He was a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. He served as a Boy Scout leader, and was both a coach and mentor to baseball and football players. He served with Meals on Wheels and served his church. Alan was active at First Presbyterian Church, where he served as both deacon and elder.

He had a love for gardening and farming Christmas trees in Ohio. He was a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. He will be remembered for his gregarious nature, contagious laugh, big smile, and generous heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, Rosalie Kim, and granddaughter, Julie Marie Phillips.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Mickey); their five children, Kyle Phillips of Colleyville, Texas, Donna Scott of Boise, Idaho, Kelly Hewitt of Flower Mound, Texas, Diane Nance of Forney, Texas, and Mark Hewitt of Shawnee, Kansas; and grandchildren, Jeremy Wayne Stover, Sarah Phillips Hlavacek, Jamey Stover Newton, Amy Phillips Martinez, Nicholas Alan Scott, Clifton Lewis Nance, James Brian Phillips, Alan Tucker Hewitt, Stephanie Carol Nance, Elizabeth Julie Hewitt, and Brock David Hewitt. He has 12 great grandchildren.

He is also survived by his sister, Donna Betty of Ashtabula, Ohio; and brothers, Gary Hewitt of North Kingsville, Ohio, and Bill Hewitt of Conneaut, Ohio.

Services will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Midland Deacon's Fund, or to your favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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**Averill Hale Badgett**

Averill Hale Badgett "MaMaw", 90, of Andrews, passed away on Monday, August 4, 2014. The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 7, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2014 at Alamo Heights Baptist Church in Midland. Burial will follow at Resthaven North in Midland.

Averill was born on March 22, 1924 in Loraine, Texas to Nettie and Charlie Hale. She was one of 11 children. Growing up, she worked on the farm pulling cotton. Averill married Hester Badgett in Andrews, Texas. She worked for Stanton ISD for over 30 years as a bus driver and in the cafeteria.

Averill enjoyed cooking, quilting, yard work, and being a homemaker. She loved being with her friends and family, but especially with the ones that called her "MaMaw." Averill never let her grandchildren go home without having a bath and a coke float.

She taught Sunday school for several years at the First Baptist Church of Tarzan. After retirement, Hester and Averill moved to the Greenwood community and joined the Greenwood Baptist Church. Averill loved people and never met a stranger.

She is survived by her son, Loie Badgett and wife, Virginia of Andrews, Texas; son, Billy Ray Badgett and wife, Doris of Neosho, Missouri; son, Sammy Badgett and wife, Carol of Crawford, Texas; son-in-law, Royce Hamilton of Lufkin, Texas; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Hester Badgett, and daughter, Laticia Hamilton.

The family would like to thank the Permian Residential Care Center in Andrews, Permian Regional Medical Center, 3rd floor nurses, Dr. Bonnie Muncy, and Home Hospice in Andrews for all of their care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be donated to Home Hospice in Andrews, 803 N. Main Andrews, Texas, 79714 or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

**Espiridion Trevino, IV**

Espiridion Trevino IV (Pete, Junito, Duncan, Monkey, Strawberry, Brother), 28, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Saturday, August 2, 2014. Espiridion was born in

Lubbock, Texas on April 27, 1986, to Espiridion Trevino III and Flora Ailene Salas Trevino.

He graduated from Lubbock-Cooper High School in 2004, after graduation he join the Marines, he completed his 4 years with honorable discharge, he then started working with his father and continued on to receive a Journeyman Lineman degree from Northwest Lineman College-Texas Alum.

Espiridion worked as a lineman for Tescos for 3 and a half years. He enjoyed spending time with his family, playing video games, listening to his music, and spending time with his dog, Princess. He was also actively involved in St. Joseph's Indian School the Lakota Tribe.

Espiridion is preceded in death by Espiridion Trevino Sr.; Espiridion "Pete" Trevino Jr.; Nicholas Flores; Marcelina Flores; and cousins.

Espiridion is survived by parents, Espiridion Trevino III, Flora Ailene Salas Trevino; siblings, Dionne Trevino, Gabrielle Trevino, and Valentin Quintero, Emry Espinoza, Nicole Ashley Trevino, Crystal Porras, and Fred Lomas, Anastajia DaJay Trevino, Aaliyah Isabella Trevino; niece, Valielle Alavaeh Quintero; grandparent, Goya Trevino, Pauline and Joe Espinoza; all of his uncles, aunts, and cousins, and other family and friends.

Family visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 7, 2014, at Ellis Funeral Home 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas, 79701.

The Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, August 8, 2014, at Ellis Funeral Home.

The funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 9, 2014 at St. Stevens Catholic Church 4601 Neely Ave. Midland, Texas, with Father Rodriguez officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery off of A St. in Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to the Trevino family at Ellis Funeral Home on 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas.

The family of Espiridion Trevino, IV wishes to thank all family members and friends, US Marine Corps, Ellis Funeral Home, St. Stevens Catholic Church, and Fairview Cemetery.

Online condolences may be offered at [www.ellisfunerals.com](http://www.ellisfunerals.com).

**Joseph LaMartina**

Joseph LaMartina, 89, died Saturday at home in Garden City.

He was born February 1, 1925, in Brooklyn, New York, to Thomas and Josephine LaMartina, who came to America from Sicily through Ellis Island. Joe had eight brothers and sisters who were all 1st generation Americans.

Joe came to Texas at the age of 21 when he was stationed at Good Fellow Air Force Base in San Angelo. There, he met and married Tribly Cook, then moved to Brooklyn where their two daughters, Linda and Suzie were born. They stayed there for about five and a half years when Tribly said she wanted to come back to Texas. Joe lasted about the same amount of time in Texas and he moved back to Brooklyn.

He was an accomplished carpenter and worked in a lumber yard during his years in San Angelo and back in Brooklyn. Everyone learned real quick not to leave any wood lying around or even a piece of unused furniture without a "Do Not Touch" sign, because Joe would build or create something else out of it.

His greatest love besides family was baseball with the New York Yankees being his favorite all-time team. He played from when he was a boy, with any group of kids that were around and on any lot they could find. This went

on until he came back to Texas at the age of 68. Joe's passion for baseball was so strong that he built a baseball diamond outside his backdoor and taught all four of his great grandsons in Garden City how to play and love the game. He watched his oldest great-grandson Dylan play every year from t-ball to college, and this year was able to watch his youngest great-grandson start his first year of t-ball.

He also loved watching the birds and made several types of feeders to attract them. Planting vegetables also became a pastime for him and he loved sharing the finished products. Joe grew up during the depression and was very self-sufficient. He was very resourceful and spent his money wisely with the exception of a few lottery tickets every week.

For those who were privileged to know him and were able to spend any time with him, you heard lots of stories and unbelievable things that he had lived through growing up in Brooklyn. To hear Joe tell it, he went to "The School of Opportunity!"

Funny story on Joe, he never had a driver's license. We West Texans know how important it is to have one. When Joe's daughters were about 4 and 6, he bought an old car and took it apart in the backyard. Somehow or another he was able to put it back together where it did actually run. They loaded the family up, went around the block to celebrate and he hit a telephone pole. Everyone was ok, but Joe said, "I will never drive again!"

Joe is survived by one daughter, Josephine Linda Cyfert and husband John Wayne Cyfert of Garden City; a stepdaughter, Rhonda Sue Treadaway of San Angelo; one sister, Dorothy Smith of Pennsylvania; one brother, Rudy Lamartina of Florida.

He is also survived by two grandsons, Ed Wayne Cyfert of Garden City and Richard Cyfert of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Leasa Lowery and husband Kenny Lowery of Garden City, granddaughter, Kristen Jones Gathright and husband Melvin of Alice, Texas.

Joe's great grandchildren are Dylan Lowery and fiancée Emily Adams of Lubbock, Austen, Ragan, and Karson Lowery of Garden City, along with Jayce, Taryn, and Collin Gathright of Alice, Texas; and also many nieces, nephews and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Josephine LaMartina; sisters, Louise Manolio, Camille Sortino, Maryanne Montanino, and Loretta Dehner; brothers, Lee LaMartina and Mike LaMartina; and one daughter, Susan O. Jones.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Please pay your respects online at <http://www.myersandsmith.com/>

**Mary LaCaff**

Mary Conley Jones LaCaff passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, in Midland, Texas, at the age of 87.

She was born on April 5, 1927, in Lubbock, Texas, to Sallie Virginia and E. Murray Jones.

She graduated from Lubbock High School and Texas Tech University. She moved to Midland in 1950 and lived with JoAnn Jonsson, Ann Wemple, and Frances Shaeffer. Mary's stories of their times together were wildly entertaining.

In 1951, she met the love of her life, Ted B. LaCaff, at the Elks Club swimming pool. They married later that year and were married for 53 years until Ted's death in 2004. They were blessed with six children. The family enjoyed summers at their beloved cabin in Holy Ghost Canyon, New Mexico.

In 1992 Mary and Ted were lured to Santa Fe, New Mexico, because of Ted's

love of the mountains and Mary's love of art. Mary, an accomplished artist, also enjoyed decorating, cooking, and entertaining her many friends and family members. She returned to Midland in March of this year to be closer to her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted B. LaCaff; daughters, Sally and Lucy; son-in-law, Blake Yarborough and his children Jordan and Taylor.

She is survived by her daughters, Becky Yarborough and Mary Ann Detmering and husband Tim, sons Ted F. LaCaff and David LaCaff; grandchildren, Annabelle Gardaphe and husband Chase, Madeline Bailey, Justin Yarborough and wife Ashley, Isabelle, Eloise, and Christopher Detmering; and great grandson Charles Witt Gardaphe.

Services will be held on Friday, August 8, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Midland Deacon's Fund or a favorite charity.

Mary's gift to her friends and family is a lifetime of treasured memories that will bring much joy and laughter for years to come. We will miss her wit and humor but have no doubt that Ted is glad to have that wit and humor with him now that they are reunited.

**Melba Jo "Jody" Brock**

Melba Jo "Jody" Brock, 76 of Midland passed away at her home on July 26, 2014.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2014, 3:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel with Jimmy Martin officiating.

Jody was born on December 23, 1937, in Colorado City, Texas, to Henry and Gladys Browne. She was raised on a cotton farm in Colorado City with three brothers, Ivan, O'Neil, and Jerry.

She attended Colorado City High School where she played basketball and volleyball. She was an avid bowler and a youth coach for a number of years. She was very proud of the fact that she bowled over 30 years in the TWBA State Bowling Tournament.

Jody married Tom Sanders in 1955, and followed him in the Navy before returning to Texas in the early 60's. They moved to Fort Stockton in 1967. In 1970, she opened her grooming business "Our Shoppe." She entered the bookkeeping business in 1978. After the death of her first husband, Tom, she retired in 1993.

In 1994, she married Jay Brock who has been the love of her life for 20 years. They cruised the world, having seen Alaska three times, Panama Canal, Canada, and the New England States, Russia, China, South Korea and North Korea, Hawaii twice and the Caribbean. She and Jay loved to build projects together. They made all of their children a beautiful piece of wood furniture that will be treasured forever.

Jody was known for her kind and giving heart, she never met a stranger and made friends for life. She loved her family unconditionally and was the rock that kept them stable.

She is survived by her loving husband of 20 years, Jay Brock; daughters, Sandy Bradley and husband David, Tonnie Milligan and husband Brad; step-daughters, Lauri Smith and husband Jack, Melani Terrill and husband Mike, and Cheri Brock; stepson, Paul Brock and wife Carla; brother, Jerry Browne. She had nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; along with her extended family and numerous friends.

Melba is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Gladys Browne; Tom Sanders, her husband of 37 years; and brothers, Ivan Browne and O'Neil Browne.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, Texas, 79702.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

**Robert Ortiz Marroquin**

Robert Ortiz Marroquin, 50, went home to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. He was born in Midland to the late Gemesindo, Sr. and Manuela Marroquin on March 30, 1964.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Pablo Marroquin, Manuel Marroquin, and Julian Marroquin; and two sisters, Mary Helen Yharte and Elvia Losoya.

He is survived by his brothers, Gemesindo Marroquin, Jr., Danny Marroquin, and Candelario Marroquin; his sisters, Alicia Reyes and Margie Losoya, all of Midland; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

A prayer service will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral service is set for Friday, August 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed [pipkin@nts-online.net](mailto:pipkin@nts-online.net) or you can visit our website at [www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com](http://www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com).

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**Sidney Francis Hirt**

Longtime resident and early settler of the St. Lawrence farming community and St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Sidney Francis Hirt died at Polo Park Estates in Midland, Texas on August 4, 2014 at the age of 88.

A rosary will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Funeral mass will be at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 8, 2014 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Lawrence, officiated by Father Raj. Interment will follow in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Sidney was born December 11, 1925 to Frank and Alma (Niehues) Hirt in Olfen, Texas. He attended Wall schools and graduated from Eola High School in 1943.

Sidney was married to Agnes (Sue) Theresa Kleypas on April 7, 1947, and began farming in Wall and working at the Wall Gin. He moved his family to St. Lawrence in 1955 and farmed there until his retirement at the age of 70.

While in St. Lawrence, he was an active member of his community. He played an integral role in getting an army surplus building moved from Midland Airport to be used as the St. Lawrence Catholic Church. He was on the

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**Obituaries**

founding committee of the National Cotton Council and was President of the St. Lawrence Men's Society for a number of years. He served on the Garden City School Board for nine years as President and was active in 4-H leadership in Glasscock County. He was very active in sports and played on a basketball team well into his thirties. Sidney won Texas Conservationist of the Year Award.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Sue Hirt, his mother and father, his sister, Jeanette Kohutek, and brother, Daniel Hirt.

Survivors include three sisters, Dorothy DeHaas (Bill), Marcie Batla (Delmer), and Annette Frerich (Hubert); two brothers, Eugene (Dorothy) Hirt and Bernard (Jean) Hirt; four daughters, Kimberly Tanner of College Station, Texas, Judy Dalman (John) of North Richland Hills, Texas, Lisa Miksch of Laverna, Texas, Becky West (Ira) of Del Rio, Texas; two sons, Ronnie Hirt (Carla) of St. Lawrence, Texas, and Steven Hirt (Millie) of Midland, Texas; 10 grandchildren, Jason Watts, Chris Watts, Heather Hirt Clark, Brazos Hirt, Christie Hirt Hinton, Cody Hirt, Micah Miksch, Sarah West Sigmon, Joshua Tanner, and Jarrod Tanner. He had 13 great grandchildren.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Bobby Williams and Samantha Woods for the loving care they so graciously gave to Sidney during his final years. They would also like to thank Dr. Michael Miller and Dr. Robert Vogel for their special care.

Serving as pallbearers will be his grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Cemetery fund and EMS of Glasscock County. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

**Willie Mae Toles Wrightsil**

Willie Mae Toles Wrightsil passed away on August 4, 2014.

Funeral service will be Friday, Aug 8, 2014, at 11 a.m., at Macedonia Baptist Church, 201 S. Carver St., Midland, where Rev. Woodrow W. Bailey III is pastor.

She was born March 26, 1936, in Hammond, TX, to the late William and Geneva Toles. She had one brother (her twin) William Toles who preceded her in death.

Willie Mae was married to Edward J. Wrightsil, and they had one daughter, both preceded Willie Mae in death.

To cherish her memories she leaves a niece, Nicole Bedford; a very devoted cousin, Mr. Aubrey Todd, Sr., and wife, Morie. She also leaves other cousins, relatives, & friends.

Service arrangements by Jackie Warren Funeral Home, Midland, Texas.

Burial will be in Mt. Olive Cemetery in Big Spring, TX.

**Baby Abigail Hinojos**

Baby Abigail Hinojos, infant daughter of Johnny A. Hinojos and Jackie Trejo of Midland, passed away Saturday, July 19, 2014.

She is survived by her parents; and grandparents, Johnny Hinojos Sr. and Guadalupe Hinojos both of Midland.

A graveside service will be held Friday, August 8, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: [pipkin@nts-online.com](mailto:pipkin@nts-online.com), or you can visit our website at [www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com](http://www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com).



**Deretha "Dot" Brooks**

Deretha "Dot" Brooks went to soar with angels August 4, 2014 at Manor Park in Midland. Family visitation and viewing will be Thursday, August 7, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home, 4100 N FM 1788.

Funeral services will be Friday, August 8, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at Christ Church Midland, 5501 N Midkiff with burial to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Dot was born March 4, 1925 in Dimmit, Texas to John (JJ) and Minnie Redwine. She was the middle child of 13 children. Her family moved many times between Texas and New Mexico farming.

She married William Truman Brooks January 9, 1945 in Muleshoe, Texas. Their 51-year marriage brought two children, Kathy and Steve. The Oilfield took them many places until they settled

in Ozona in 1963. W.T. was transferred to Midland in 1977. They both resided in Midland until their deaths.

Dot was an avid bowler and bowled on numerous leagues over the years. Anyone who was blessed to eat a pie she made will tell you it was heavenly. You never left her table hungry as she enjoyed to feed those she loved.

She was preceded in death by her husband W.T.; her son, Steve Brooks; her parents; brothers, Leonard Redwine, J.C. Redwine, Duge Redwine, Jerl and Berl Redwine; and sister, Wanelle Boatman.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Gary and Kathy Gibson; grandchildren, Cody (Sherry) Layman, Brandi (Daniel) Price, Amy Gibson, and Blake Gibson; 10 great grandchildren; brothers, Homer and Eugene Redwine; sisters Bonnie Ashmore, Edna (JB) Snead, Billie Rae (Dallas) McCurry; and numerous nieces and nephews and other family members and friends.

The family would like to thank Dr. Vogel and his staff, the loving nurses and staff at Manor Park and Home Hospice for the compassionate care of Dot over the years.

Memorials can be made in honor of Dot to Manor Park Midland.

All arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.



All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

**Death Notices**

**Clara Lou Hammonds**

Clara Lou Hammonds, 71, of Andrews passed away Monday, August 4, 2014, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m. Friday at Andrews North Cemetery.

She is survived by her children, Wayne Hammonds, Carl Hammonds, Rhonda Lopez, Darla Ohta, and Tammy Ashabanner; two brothers; and two sisters.

**H.C. Rowden**

H.C. Rowden, 80, of Big Spring, died Monday August 4, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

He is survived by two sons, Hubert Rowden and Phillip Rowden; two daughters, Jeanette Wall and Rebecca Shelton; one brother; and two sisters; and by the mother of his children and wife for 43 years.

**Marcos John Hoover**

Marcos John Hoover, 57, of Odessa went home to his mansion in the sky on August 5, 2014.

A celebration of Life service will be held at First Southern Baptist Church Gardendale at 7:00 p.m. August 19, 2014. He will be laid to rest at a later date.

He is survived by his little brother.

**Paul Merrell**

Paul Merrell, 61, of Big Spring, died Saturday, August 2, 2014.

Private family services will be at a later date.

He is survived by his daughter, Melissa Merrell; and one sister.

**FELONY ARRESTS**

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tonya M. Bush-Cormier, 47, of Iota, Louisiana, was charged Tuesday with being a fugitive from justice.

Cyril D. Howe, 32, of Odessa was charged Tuesday with burglary of a building and bench warrant.

Harold W. Mitchell, 54, of Midland was charged Tuesday with burglary of a building.

Ruben M. Muro Jr., 32, of Midland was charged Tuesday with criminal mischief between \$1,500 and \$20,000.

John M. Parker, 42, of Midland was charged Tuesday with stalking.

Bradley S. Parkins, 53, of Midland was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Michael G. Powell, 38, of Midland was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Andrew J. Vigil, 19, of Midland was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Troy D. Young Jr., 21, of Big Spring was charged Tuesday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and fraudulent use or possession of identification information.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

**CRIME BRIEFS**

FROM STAFF REPORTS

**MPD: Man arrested for stalking, making threats**

A Midland man was arrested Tuesday for stalking a woman and threatening her nephew, according to court documents.

John M. Parker, 42, was being held Wednesday on an \$11,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of stalking and a class B misdemeanor charge of a terroristic threat.

A Midland police officer responded to a disturbance at about 11 p.m. Tuesday in the 3400 block of North Midland Drive.

Parker, standing outside of an apartment unit, was yelling and the officer heard him. Parker was visibly intoxicated at the time of the incident, according to the arrest affidavit.

The officer detained Parker and learned that he had repeatedly been calling a woman, who was unable to use her phone because of the calls, according to the affidavit.

Parker later arrived at the apartment, and the woman and her nephew told him to leave multiple times.

Parker also threatened physical harm against the nephew and kicked the apartment door in an attempt to enter the residence, according to the

affidavit. If convicted, Parker faces up to 10 years in prison for the felony charge.

**MPD: 20-year-old man arrested on third DWI charge**

A 20-year-old Midland man was arrested Sunday on his third DWI charge, according to court documents.

Miguel Angel Munoz was being held Wednesday on a \$25,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of driving while

intoxicated with an open alcohol container three or more times.

Midland police officers conducted a traffic stop on Munoz at about 2 a.m. Sunday near the 4300 block of Andrews Highway.

The officers smelled alcohol on Munoz, who had bloodshot eyes and seemed unaware of his surroundings. Inside the vehicle, an officer found a beer can that was mostly empty, according to the arrest affidavit.

Munoz had been convicted for DWIs in 2012 and in June of this year, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Munoz faces up to 10 years in prison.

**Bible banner suit heads to state Supreme Court**

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A group of high school cheerleaders from southeast Texas asked the state Supreme Court on Wednesday to rule on whether banners emblazoned with Bible verses that they display at football games is protected free speech.

The cheerleaders had filed a lawsuit against the Kountze School District after it had initially said the Christian-themed banners could not be displayed following a complaint by the Freedom From Religion Foundation in 2012 that sought to have them banned. The district later allowed the banners but said it retained the right to restrict their content as it viewed them not as private speech but as government speech.

A state district judge in 2013 ruled the banners were constitutionally permissible. However, in May an appeals court said the cheerleaders' lawsuit was moot, because they were no longer at risk of being kept from displaying the banners because of the policy change.

But in a petition to Texas' highest civil court, attorneys for the cheerleaders said the school district doesn't have to restrict the banners' content because the signs are the cheerleaders' constitutionally protected private speech. Their attorneys asked the court to overturn the appeals court's ruling.

"The case is not simply about whether (the school district) is currently allowing religious messages to appear on the cheerleaders' banners," the attorneys wrote

in their petition. "Rather, the dispute is whether the speech on the banners is the private speech of the cheerleaders, or government speech of the school. That controversy remains very much alive — because (the district) continues to unconstitutionally treat the cheerleaders' messages on their banners as its own government speech."

In its ruling, the appeals court did not specifically address whether the banners are protected free speech.

"If the opinion ... is not reversed, it will inevitably lead to the silencing of the speech of the cheerleaders — whose only desire is to cheer on their fellow students with a message of their own choosing and their own faith," said David Starnes, one of the cheerleaders' attorneys.

**STATE BRIEFS**

FROM WIRE REPORTS

**AUSTIN**  
Powder scare briefly closes part of Texas Capitol

Authorities say a powdery substance mailed to a Texas state senator has been determined to be non-threatening after officials closed part of the Capitol to investigate.

The Department of Public Safety ordered part of the East Wing basement closed after Sen. Kel Seliger's office reported receiving an envelope with the substance inside. The Austin Fire Department sent in hazardous materials crews to investigate.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said investigators determined the powder to be not dangerous. Vinger said the envelope was mailed from a state prison and that authorities would investigate.

The Capitol has since re-opened. Seliger, an Amarillo Republican, said he didn't know if it came with a threatening note.

The Capitol's basement mainly houses lawmakers' offices. Authorities blocked off the area with

police tape and stationed troopers outside.

**LUBBOCK**  
Texas judge finds alleged shooter unfit for trial

A West Texas judge says a man charged with shooting a Lubbock police officer is incompetent to stand trial.

KCBD-TV reports Tuesday that 33-year-old Jeremy Moor of Slaton was ordered sent to a treatment facility for up to 120 days. It's unclear why he was deemed incompetent. The goal of the sentence is to make Moor fit for trial.

Moor is charged with attempted capital murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the connection to the October shooting of officer Timothy Varner. The officer was shot multiple times outside of a downtown Salvation Army shelter.

Authorities say Moor had been turned away from the shelter because he refused to take a Breathalyzer test.

Online jail records did not indicate an attorney for Moor.

**BARSTOW**  
UP reopens West Texas line after derailment

Union Pacific Railroad has reopened a West Texas line damaged when a freight train and a truck hauling water collided.

UP spokesman Jeff DeGraff said Wednesday that work continues to move the derailed cars that blocked a traffic crossing near Barstow.

The truck driver, identified as Raul Inocente Villalobos, was hospitalized following the accident Sunday afternoon at the crossing about 50 miles southwest of Odessa. He was listed in critical condition Wednesday at an Odessa hospital.

A conductor suffered a minor arm injury. Three locomotives and 10 cars derailed. The train was hauling various cargo, in containers, from California to Shreveport, Louisiana.

DeGraff says the main rail line reopened Monday night but repairs continue at the crossing, where eight cars and their cargo remained.

**TODAY IN MIDLAND**

**Things to do**

- Mommy and Me and Nature: "Fossils and Forest Friends," 10-11 a.m. at Sibley Nature Center. [sibley-naturecenter.org](http://sibley-naturecenter.org).
- Ron White at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. [wagnernoel.com](http://wagnernoel.com).
- Rockhounds vs Tulsa and Thrift Thursday, 7 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. [mlb.com](http://mlb.com).
- The Texas Travelers, 7 p.m. at Cafe at the Gardens. 687-1478.

**Sales tax rebate**

The city of Midland has collected this month's sales tax revenue from the State Comptroller's Office. The total amount of revenue received was \$4,104,933.

This month's figure reflects a \$446,381 increase — or 12.2 percent — from August 2013.

The year-to-date total sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2013-2014 is up \$4,371,068 — or a 12.37 percent increase — from last year's totals at this time. Fiscal year-to-date actual sales tax revenue is \$39,713,550.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months before collection; August collection is based on June sales.

Source: City of Midland

**Public hearing**

The Midland City Council will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. Tuesday at council chambers, 300 N. Lorraine St. The purpose of the hearing is for discussion on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.28 percent.

A property owner's individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of the property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

Source: city of Midland

**City pool hours today**

- Doug Russell Pool, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon-7 p.m. Family swim is 7-9 p.m.
- Washington Pool, 1601 E. Indiana, noon-7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Family swim is 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Washington Pool is closed Mondays.
- Admission: \$2; kids under 2 are free. For more information, call 685-7356.

**Correction**

During 2014-2015, the school day will end at 3:20 p.m. at Midland ISD elementary campuses.

An item in the Education section in Wednesday's edition had the incorrect time.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

**Omission**

The address to register for Saturday's special-needs symposium is [www.surveymonkey.com/s/symposiums2014](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/symposiums2014).

It was omitted from a story in Wednesday's edition about the PEN Project Special Needs Symposium and Resource Fair that is being held in conjunction with the SHARE Back to School Party.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the omission.

**Club meetings and support groups today**

- 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](mailto:pbcc.50gigs.net); [odes-sachess@cablone.net](mailto:odes-sachess@cablone.net).
- Children's Service League, 9:30 a.m., Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center; Brooke Mueller, 498-2053.
- Newcomers Club, 10 a.m., Stephanie Sparkman at 684-8065 or Freida Robertson at 218-7239.
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 8:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave., weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m., 694-8643.

**Lottery**

- Pick 3 morning: 5-4-2
- Pick 3 day: 7-4-4
- Pick 3 evening: 7-5-7
- Pick 3 night: 3-4-7
- Daily 4 morning: 3-9-1-2
- Daily 4 day: 9-9-0-6
- Daily 4 evening: 0-7-7-4
- Daily 4 night: 7-9-8-2
- Cash Five: 12-19-24-29-34
- Lotto Texas: 12-18-36-45-52-53
- Powerball: 1-8-24-28-49 PB: 24
- Power Play: 5
- All or Nothing morning: 1-2-5-7-8-10-13-14-15-16-19-22
- All or Nothing day: 2-3-4-7-8-11-13-15-17-19-20-23
- All or Nothing evening: 1-2-7-13-15-16-17-18-20-21-22-23
- All or Nothing night: 1-4-5-9-11-12-13-16-17-19-22-24

**Today in history**

Today is Thursday, August 7, the 219th day of 2014. There are 146 days left in the year.

**On this date:**

In 1782, Gen. George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and noncommissioned officers.

In 1814, Pope Pius VII issued a bull restoring the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, four decades after the order had been suppressed by Pope Clement XIV.

In 1989, a plane carrying U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and 14 others disappeared over Ethiopia. (The wreckage of the plane was found six days later; there were no survivors.)

Ten years ago: Celebrated oil field freighter Paul "Red" Adair died in Houston at age 89.

Today's birthdays: Singer B.J. Thomas is 72. Marathon runner Alberto Salazar is 56. Actress Charlize Theron is 38.

**Man enters plea deal in real estate scam case**

From staff reports

A Midland man involved in a mortgage fraud scheme involving about 800 properties and \$45 million in bank loans pleaded guilty Tuesday to federal charges, according to court documents released Wednesday.

Michael Duraine Cowan II, 43, pleaded guilty Tuesday to federal charges of conspiracy to commit bank fraud and money laundering as part of a plea agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Cowan's sentence will be determined at a later date, but it was agreed that a concurrent term between 30 and 72 months incarceration is an appropriate sentence for the two counts, according to court documents.

Cowan must also forfeit \$1 million to the government.

Stephen Mark Hilliard, 58, Cynthia Gayle Hirsch, 61, and Berta Laura McFaddin, 56, also face charges of conspiracy to commit bank fraud. Hilliard was also

charged with money laundering, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

The four defendants were arrested Jan. 8 after a grand jury returned an indictment for them.

The government alleges that the group was able to defraud banks by inflating the cost of real estate to fund luxury cars, vacation homes and personal lifestyles.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Austin Berry described what the defendants were doing as a "same-day

property flip" scheme that took place between 2003 and 2011.

If convicted of the federal crime of conspiracy to commit bank fraud, each of the remaining defendants could receive a 30-year prison sentence; a term of supervised release not to exceed three years and a fine not to exceed \$1 million. If Hilliard is found guilty of money laundering, he could also face a 20-year prison sentence, a term of supervised release not to exceed three years and a fine not to exceed \$500,000.

**Army has begun questioning Bergdahl about capture**

HOUSTON — The U.S. Army has begun questioning Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl about his disappearance in Afghanistan that led to five years in captivity by the Taliban, his attorney and an Army spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Bergdahl was questioned at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, where he has been staying since returning to the U.S., said his attorney, Eugene R. Fidell.

"Sgt. Bergdahl answered all questions put to him. The interview is proceeding. It has been a productive expenditure of time," Fidell said in a telephone interview during a break in the questioning. Fidell declined to comment on what specific questions Bergdahl was asked.

however, he can request additional time if he feels it is necessary," Conway said in an emailed statement. She did not respond to an inquiry about what type of questions investigators asked.

Maj. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl, who is heading the probe into the 28-year-old's disappearance, questioned Bergdahl on Wednesday, Fidell said.

A well-known lawyer and military justice expert who is currently a visiting lecturer at Yale Law School, Fidell described the setting of Bergdahl's interview as "a comfortable environment," a room with a sofa and a couple of chairs. He said there were four people in the room, the interview was being recorded and that they were taking breaks throughout the day.

officials were released from detention at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Bergdahl had disappeared from his post in Paktika province in eastern Afghanistan on June 30, 2009. Some ex-members of Bergdahl's former unit have labeled him a deserter, asserting that he chose to walk away and saying some were wounded or killed looking for him.

The investigation's findings will help determine whether Bergdahl is prosecuted for desertion or faces any other disciplinary action.

Bergdahl had been receiving care at Fort Sam Houston since returning to the United States on June 13. He was treated at Brooke Army Medical Center at the fort but was later shifted to outpatient care at the military base.

**Texas fire marshal offers old cases for new review**

Associated Press

DALLAS — The state fire marshal in Texas says he will allow advocates to review more than a decade's worth of cases investigated by his office to identify possible wrongful convictions.

The office has already sent 24 case files from 2002 to 2004 to the Innocence Project of Texas. Fire Marshal Chris Conneely said he intends to let the advocacy group review all his cases up to this year.

"Why not?" Conneely told The Associated Press in an interview last week. "We serve the public. And I want the public to have confidence in the criminal justice system."

That confidence has been tested by problems with several high-profile arson cases in Texas, most notably the case of Cameron Todd Willingham, a man executed in 2004 for killing his three daughters in a 1991 house fire in Corsicana, south of Dallas. Advocates have long pursued Willingham's case for evidence suggesting that he was wrongfully executed.

daughters has recanted. While efforts to press Willingham's case continue after his death, Conneely's office and criminal justice advocates have agreed to work together to weed out problems with fire investigations overall.

Conneely has been working with the Innocence Project of Texas for more than a year to review old cases.

An advisory panel of fire experts he agreed to create has reviewed cases brought by the group and flagged five of them, including three murder cases. The panel said the fire investigations in those cases did not meet the standards of modern science.

The panel sent its findings to the prosecutors of each of those cases, some of which are on appeal.

With the review of those cases finished, Conneely offered to let the state Innocence Project read through his old files, which include investigation reports and other documents prepared for trial, to look for any problems. So far, none have been found.

Lt. Col. Alayne Conway, an Army spokeswoman, said Bergdahl was advised of his rights under Article 31 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Article 31 pertains to individuals being informed of the nature of the accusation against them and says that they do not have to make any statement to investigators.

"This is an ongoing investigation; the investigating officer has 60 days from his appointment to conclude his investigation;

It was not immediately known how long the interview would last. But Fidell said he expected this would be the only interview Bergdahl would be giving as part of the investigation.

"There is no reason to think there will be more than one," he said.

The Idaho native was freed by the Taliban May 31 in a deal struck by the Obama administration in which five senior Taliban

The files are a fraction of the total number of arson cases in Texas, since the fire marshal's office was not typically called to help larger cities or counties that could investigate incidents in their own areas.

**Rapper Wiz Khalifa skips court date**

Associated Press

EL PASO — A warrant has been issued for rapper Wiz Khalifa's arrest after he skipped a court date on a marijuana possession charge in West Texas.

Online court records show the 26-year-old performer, whose real name is Cameron Thomaz, failed to appear for a scheduled Wednesday arraignment in an El Paso County misdemeanor court. So County Court-at-Law Judge Ricardo Herrera issued a bench warrant for Khalifa's arrest.

The case started May 25 when Khalifa was arrested at El Paso International Airport after airport security officers reported finding a small canister of marijuana on him.

Khalifa had been departing after appearing at a local music festival. Instead, he was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and was released after posting \$300 bail.

**SEATS**

From 1A

could increase a child's risk of injury, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Still, the federal data shows infant deaths are reduced by 71 percent with proper use.

"It's not a guarantee," Martinez said. "But it's going to help prevent injuries and save a life."

Parents should routinely check latches and restraining belts, he said. Car seats also expire after six years because of the impact of heat and cold on plastic material.

"Don't buy them at garage sales," Martinez said. "The car seat is compromised if involved in a crash, and you don't know how long it's been used."

Call TeDOT's Odessa district office at 332-0501 to make an appointment for a car seat inspection.

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billions of barrels of oil, Sheffield said, but they will continue to find new opportunities in conventional plays. And he noted the industry is pursuing new techniques for boosting the recovery rate at wells up from the 2 to 3 percent common today.

Mueller said it is a long-term project that could yield big gains decades from now.

"This is an area ripe for some huge increases," Mueller said. "We're going to learn fairly quickly but this is a long-term thing we are working on. Two to three generations from now our grandchildren and their children will solve this problem."

Boosting production is only one objective; many domestic producers also are looking to supply markets outside the U.S.

Pioneer won a coveted ruling from Commerce Department regulators in March confirming that the company could export an ultra-light hydrocarbon known as condensate coming out of Eagle Ford wells as long as it is first stabilized and processed in a distillation tower. Once processed through those facilities — which Sheffield said cost about \$6.5 to \$10 million apiece — the government considers the condensate to be a petroleum product, therefore unlimited by the 39-year-old ban on exporting raw

crude. "You can look at it as a minimum refinery," Sheffield said, noting that Pioneer's distillation process allows the company to pull off liquid petroleum gas. "We actually change the form of our condensate fairly significantly by running it through."

The first cargo of that processed condensate just shipped from Galveston and Pioneer said in an earnings call Tuesday that the company expects monthly cargoes through the end of the year.

"The benefit of that is that we're getting significantly higher pricing as compared to refiners who are discounting any condensate somewhere between \$10 and \$15 off WTI," Sheffield said. "We're taking the extra cash flow and reinvesting it back in the ground and drilling more wells."

Other companies who hope to follow suit have asked the Commerce Department for similar rulings — but many view condensate export as just a move toward their ultimate goal: a complete lifting of the 1970s-era ban on selling most U.S. crude overseas.

Sheffield predicted an ongoing education campaign aimed at the Obama administration and lawmakers on Capitol Hill would yield a reversal, possibly by 2017.

Federal law already allows natural gas exports,

but only one company holds every permit needed to export a liquefied form of the fuel: Houston-based Cheniere Energy Inc., which is building a facility in Sabine Pass, Louisiana.

Two other proposed LNG export projects are right behind Cheniere, with conditional export licenses and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approval of their construction plans:

■ Freeport LNG at Quintana Island.

■ Semptra LNG's proposed project in Hackberry, Louisiana.

Some gas export advocates say the regulatory process in Washington is moving too slowly, potentially jeopardizing U.S. companies' chance to sell in Asian markets. But Southwestern's Mueller said the process of building those multi-billion dollar export facilities and exporting LNG "will go slower than everybody thinks," even without regulatory delays.

But, he suggested, the real upside of U.S. gas production isn't exports; it's the potential to use the fossil fuel domestically both as a chemical feedstock that can be transformed into other products and an electricity source keeping refineries and factories humming.

"You're seeing the world come to our doorstep because we've got cheap energy," Mueller said.

# Judges weigh 4 states' gay marriage cases

CINCINNATI — Three federal judges weighing arguments in a landmark gay marriage hearing Wednesday peppered attorneys on both sides with tough questions, with one judge expressing deep skepticism about whether courts are the ideal setting for major social change and another saying the democratic process can be too slow.

The judges in the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals considered arguments in six cases from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee, setting the stage for historic rulings in each state that would put more pressure on the U.S. Supreme Court to decide the issue once and for all. Wednesday's hearing was the biggest so far on the issue.

The cases pit states' rights and traditional, conservative values against what plaintiffs' attorneys say is a fundamental right to marry under the U.S. Constitution.

While questions and comments from two of the judges all but gave away how they'll rule, one in favor of gay marriage and one opposed, Judge Jeffrey S. Sutton vigorously challenged some of each side's assertions.

Sutton repeatedly questioned attorneys for the same-sex couples whether the courts are the best place to legalize gay marriage, saying that the way to win Americans' hearts and minds is to wait until they're ready to vote for it.

"I would have thought the best way to get respect and dignity is through the democratic process," said Sutton, a George W. Bush nominee. "Nothing happens as quickly as we'd like it."

Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey, a Bill Clinton

nominee, said that historically, courts have had to intervene when individual constitutional rights are being violated, such as overturning state laws against interracial marriage and giving women the right to vote, pointing out that the latter took decades.

"Do you have any knowledge of how many years I'm talking about, going into every state, every city, every state board of elections, for 70 years?" she said. "It didn't work. It took an amendment to the Constitution."

Besides, gay marriage already is legal in more than a quarter of the states, and "it doesn't look like the sky has fallen in," Daughtrey said.

Constitutional law professors and court observers say that the 6th Circuit could be the first to uphold statewide bans on gay marriage following an unbroken string of more than 20 rulings in the past eight months that have gone the other way.

They point to Sutton, the least predictable judge on the panel. In 2011, he shocked Republicans and may have derailed his own chances to advance to the U.S. Supreme Court when he became the deciding vote in a ruling that upheld President Barack Obama's health care law.

If the 6th Circuit decides against gay marriage, it would create a divide among federal appellate courts and put pressure on the U.S. Supreme Court to settle the issue in its 2015 session. The panel did not indicate when it would rule.

Attorneys for each state defended their marriage bans, arguing that any change should come from voters and that same-sex marriage is too new to be

considered a deeply rooted, fundamental right.

"The most basic right we have as a people is to decide public policy questions on our own," said Michigan's solicitor general, Aaron Lindstrom.

Leigh Latherow, hired by Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, told the judges that the state has an economic interest in encouraging heterosexual marriage, which can lead to procreation. And Tennessee Associate Solicitor Joseph Whalen said Tennessee's law barring recognition of out-of-state gay marriages ensures children are born into a stable family environment.

Attorneys for the same-sex couples said marriage is fundamental for everyone and should not be decided by popular votes.

"These rights are very, very profound," said Al Gerhardtstein, a Cincinnati civil rights attorney representing the Ohio plaintiffs. "A marriage is a significant thing. It's solemn. It's precious. This can't be just subjected to a vote."

Carole Stanyar, who represents the same-sex Michigan plaintiffs, bemoaned the often slow pace of the democratic process and said she doesn't see such a change coming to her state any time soon.

"In my state, nothing is happening to help gay people," she said.

Outside the courthouse, advocates held up banners and signs urging marriage equality. Jon Bradford, 26, of Covington, Kentucky, wore a wedding dress, and his partner, Matt Morris, wore a top hat and formal shirt.

"It's to make a statement, really," Bradford said. "We want to be married."

# Perry

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debate in recent weeks, having sent 1,000 Texas National Guard troops to the border to help handle an influx of young immigrants.

Major questions remain, however, about his ability to raise money among the party's biggest donors, who are as skeptical in some cases as the New Hampshire voters he disappointed in 2012.

"He's a very gifted politician," said Ron Kaufman, a veteran of GOP presidential politics. "The trouble is, it's always harder to rebuild than build. He's certainly got some rebuilding to do."

Perry briefly addressed his political strengths in a conference call with New Hampshire reporters last week when asked about the embarrassment that lingers among some former supporters.

"I'm pretty proud of what we've been able to do in Texas — whether it's

the creation of jobs, more so than any other state in the nation, or whether it's filling a void when the federal government fails to do their constitutional responsibilities," Perry said. "2016 will take care of itself when 2016 comes along."

Perry is taking definite steps in that direction. For more than a year, he has been holding weekly meetings with experts on foreign and domestic policy — either in person or on the phone — to create what his advisers call "a fluency" in complicated topics.

He has also increased foreign and domestic travel with stops this year at World Economic Forum in Davos, the Jimmy Kimmel show and New York, Iowa and South Carolina in recent months. He visits New Hampshire on Aug. 22 and 23. And this fall, he makes another international swing that includes stops in China, the United Kingdom, Germany, Poland and

Croatia.

With the help of veteran Republican operative Henry Barbour, Perry has also begun hiring staff in key states to help prepare for a possible run. His travel and staffing is being paid by a nonprofit group, led by his chief political adviser, called Americans for Economic Freedom, which can raise and spend unlimited sums of money without disclosing its donors.

This week, Perry also created a political action committee that is designed, at least initially, to help elect other Republicans in the November midterms.

"They've done a spectacular job in relaunching," said Dave Carney, who served as a senior adviser to Perry for much of his first run. "Rick Perry is an impressive person. He's going to have to prove that again."

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# OPINION

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## Watergate's origin was a 1968 incident

■ After listening to tapes, author determined Nixon ordered 1971 crime to cover up earlier wrongdoing

At about 5:15 p.m. on June 17, 1971, in the Oval Office, the president ordered a crime: "I want it implemented on a thievery basis. Goddamn it, get in and get those files. Blow the safe and get it."

The burglary he demanded was not the one that would occur exactly one year later at the Democratic National Committee's office in the Watergate complex. Richard Nixon was ordering a break-in at the Brookings Institution, a think tank, to seize material concerning U.S. diplomacy regarding North Vietnam during the closing weeks of the 1968 presidential campaign.

As they sometimes did regarding his intemperate commands, Nixon's aides disregarded the one concerning Brookings. But from a White House atmosphere that licensed illegality came enough of it to destroy him.

Forty years have passed since Aug. 9, 1974, when a helicopter whisked Nixon off the White House lawn, and questions remain concerning why he became complicit in criminality. Ken Hughes has a theory.

**GEORGE WILL**

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Working at the University of Virginia, in the Miller Center's Presidential Recording Program, Hughes has studied the Nixon tapes for more than a decade. In his new book, "Chasing Shadows: The Nixon Tapes, the Chennault Affair, and the Origins of Watergate," Hughes argues that Nixon ordered a crime in 1971 hoping to prevent public knowledge of a crime he committed in 1968.

In October 1968, Nixon's lead over his Democratic opponent, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, was dwindling, partly because Humphrey had proposed a halt to U.S. bombing of North Vietnam. Five days before the election, President Lyndon Johnson announced the halt, hoping to convene peace talks. One impediment, however, was South Vietnam's reluctance to participate. Its recalcitrance reflected its hope that it would be better supported by a Nixon administration.

On July 3, 1968, a Nixon campaign aide, Dick Allen, sent a memo proposing a meeting with Nixon and Anna Chennault,

a Chinese-American active in Republican politics. She would bring to the meeting South Vietnam's ambassador to Washington. The memo said the meeting must be "top secret." Nixon wrote on the memo: "Should be but I don't see how — with the S.S. [Secret Service]." On July 12, however, she and the ambassador did meet secretly in New York with Nixon who, she later said, designated her his "sole representative" to the Saigon government.

The National Security Agency (NSA) was reading diplomatic cables sent from South Vietnam's Washington embassy to Saigon, where the CIA had a listening device in the office of South Vietnam's president. The FBI was wiretapping South Vietnam's embassy and monitoring Chennault's movements in Washington, including her visit to that embassy on Oct. 30.

On Nov. 2 at 8:34 p.m., a teleprinter at Johnson's ranch delivered an FBI report on the embassy wiretap: Chennault had told South Vietnam's ambassador "she had received a message from her boss (not further identified). ... She said the message was that the ambassador is to 'hold on, we are gonna win.'" The Logan Act of 1799 makes it a crime for a private U.S. citizen, which Nixon then was, to interfere with U.S. government diplomatic negotiations.

On June 26, 1973, during the Senate Watergate hearings, Walt Rostow, who had been Johnson's national security adviser, gave the head of the LBJ library a

sealed envelope to be opened in 50 years, saying: "The file concerns the activities of Mrs. Chennault and others before and immediately after the election of 1968." Rostow died in 2003.

Based on examination of the available evidence, Hughes concludes that Chennault was following Nixon's directives (which Nixon denied in his 1977 interviews with David Frost). Hughes' theory is: June 17, 1971, was four days after The New York Times began publishing the leaked "Pentagon Papers," the classified Defense Department history of U.S. involvement in Vietnam. Nixon worried that further leaks, including documents supposedly in a Brookings safe, would reveal his role in sabotaging negotiations that might have shortened the war. This fear caused Nixon to create the Special Investigations Unit — aka "the plumbers" — and to direct an aide to devise other proposals such as the one concerning Brookings. This aide suggested using the IRS against political adversaries, but added:

"The truth is we don't have any reliable political friends at IRS. ... We won't be ... in a position of effective leverage until such time as we have complete and total control of the top three slots at IRS."

Forty years later, the IRS has punished conservative groups, and evidence that might prove its criminality has been destroyed.

Happy anniversary.

### OUR VIEW

## Get ready for school year by figuring out how you can help

Friday is the start of Texas' sales tax holiday. For three days, Texans can purchase those items essential for students to make it through the school year without having to pay sales tax. In the city of Midland, sales tax is 8.25 percent, which is a savings of \$8.25 on \$100 worth of goods.

We expect stores will offer some of the best deals of the year to get you to go in the door, so the consumer has an opportunity to get that much more for their dollar. We expect there will be some crowded stores. Please be patient.

While this weekend represents the unofficial start of preparation for the school year, it also offers Midlanders a chance to start to make a difference. We hope residents take the opportunity this weekend to pick up a few extra supplies to donate to those in need. There are many organizations collecting supplies for students. We expect schools also will welcome gifts and pass them on to students and teachers.

But we are also asking our readers to take the few days before the start of school — generally Aug. 25 for most students around Midland — to think how you can help. Can you give time or resources to a class or school program? Can you help with organizations around Midland that lend support to education in our city? If you need a place to start, call Midland ISD's administrative offices, stop by your neighborhood school, check with the Chamber of Commerce about its Partners in Education program or ask a teacher you know what you can do to help.

Everybody in Midland is busier than ever these days. We get that. But for those with time and resources to give, the difference you can make can be life-changing. Even a regular donation to a food pantry can mean the world to a family struggling to make ends meet. Students need a good meal at the end of the day.

We live in a community that recognizes the power of giving to others, but that doesn't mean everyone will be covered. If you have the ability, please help. Our community will be better because of it.

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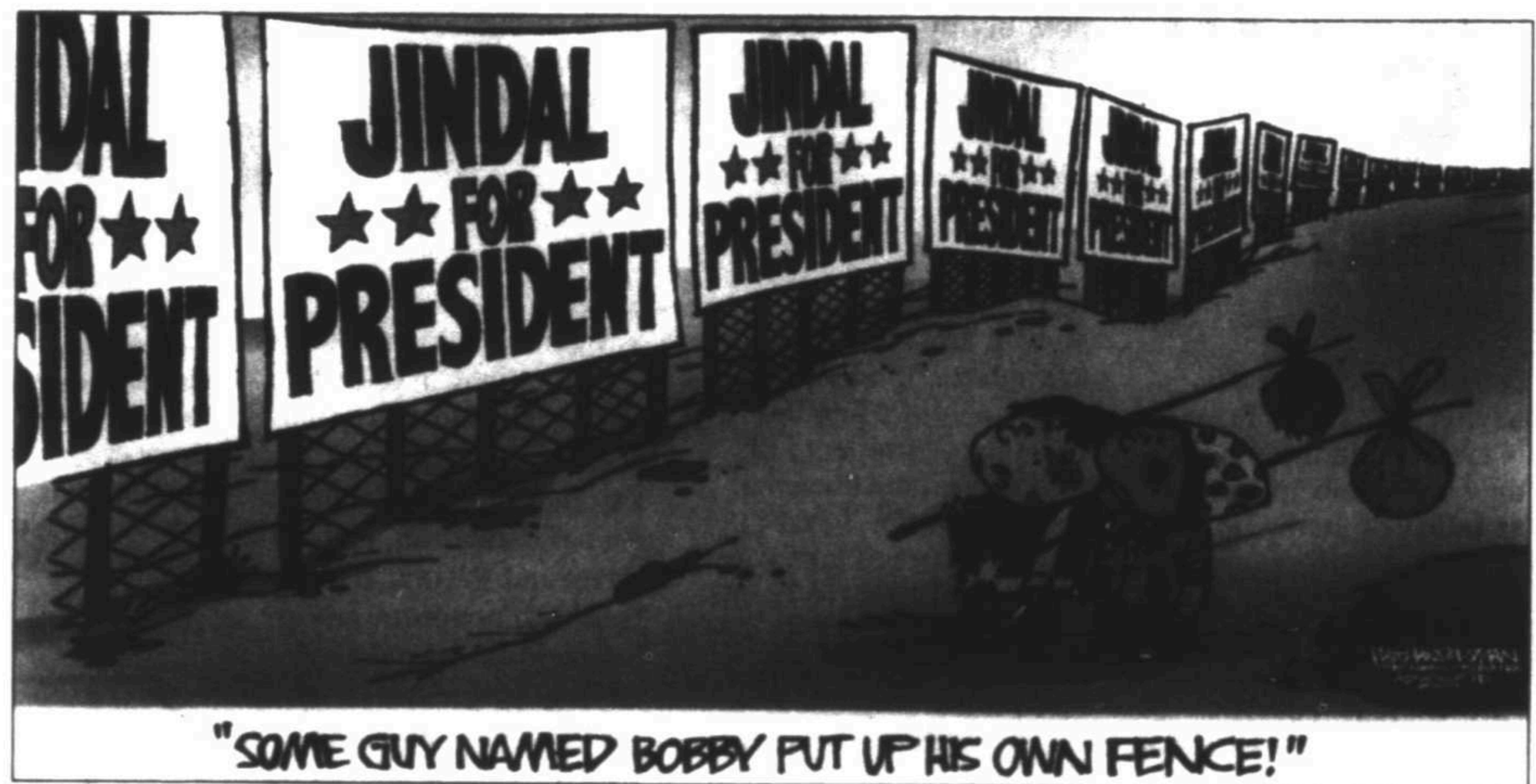
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"SOME GUY NAMED BOBBY PUT UP HIS OWN FENCE!"

## US must be more welcoming

■ Disassociating whiteness and American-ness is to be celebrated, and is key to nation's survival

The unfriendly airwaves of talk radio this week gave us an inadvertently revealing moment.

Rep. Mo Brooks of Alabama, a Republican immigration hard-liner and part of what The Wall Street Journal just branded "the GOP's Deportation Caucus," was giving his retort to the paper's pro-business editorialists on Laura Ingraham's radio show Monday: "They need to be patriots, and they need to think about America first," Brooks said.

America First? How 1940! The congressman went on to condemn those who say the Republican position on immigration is dooming the party by alienating Latinos.

"This is a part of the war on whites that's being launched by the Democratic Party," Brooks said. "And the way in which they're launching this war is by claiming that whites hate everybody else. It's a part of the strategy that Barack Obama implemented in 2008, continued in 2012, where he divides us all on race, on sex, greed, envy, class warfare."

It was the battle cry of the white man, particularly the Southern white man, who is feeling besieged. I don't share the fear, but I understand it. The United States is experiencing a rapid decoupling of race and nationality: Whiteness has less and less to do with being American.

The Census Bureau forecasts that non-Hispanic whites, now slightly more than 60 percent of the population, will fall below 50 percent in 2043. Within 30 years, there will cease to be a racial majority in the United States. In a narrow political sense, this is bad news for the GOP. But for the country, the disassociation of whiteness and American-ness is to be celebrated. Indeed, it is the key to our survival.

This is not merely about a fresh labor supply but about the fresh blood needed to cure what ails us. To benefit from such a transfusion, we not only need to welcome more immigrants but also to adopt pieces of their culture lacking in our own — just as we have done with other (mostly European) cultures for centuries.

This is the theme of my friend Eric Liu's provocative new book, "A Chinaman's Chance." Liu writes about Chinese-Americans (Asians, as it happens, eclipsed Hispanics last year as the fastest-growing minority in the United States) but the thesis is similar for other immigrant cultures. Liu argues that the United States needn't fear China's rise because the Chinese have already given us the tools to beat them economically: their

sons and daughters.

"America has an enduring competitive advantage over China: America makes Chinese-Americans; China does not make American-Chinese," Liu says. "China does not want to or know how to take people from around the world, welcome them, and empower them to change the very fabric of their nation's culture."

Liu observes that American culture now has an excess of individualism, short-term thinking and prioritizing of rights over duties. He calls for "a corrective dose" of Chinese values: mutual responsibility, long-term thinking, humility, moral character and contribution to society.

"What Chinese culture at its best can bring to America is a better balance between being an individual and being in a community," he writes, offering the example of Tony Hsieh, the Taiwanese-American chief executive of Zappos who is pouring some \$350 million into reviving downtown Las Vegas: "He's an American gambler with a Chinese long view; he is supremely confident yet mainly silent; he has so little of the American need to sell himself, so little extroversion, that he jokes even his friends aren't sure he likes them."

Part of Liu's confidence that the United States will triumph over China is that his ancestral land, in modernizing, is losing some of the best aspects of Chinese culture — and acquiring our own excesses. He notes that, as the Chinese extended family frayed, the government enacted a law requiring adult children to visit their elderly parents — which Chinese did voluntarily for millennia.

China responds, with edicts because it lacks the source of continuous adaptability and vitality that imported cultures give the United States. The inherent advantage in the American system will continue — if we don't get hung up about whiteness.

The tea party movement was a setback because it elevated extreme individualism over collective responsibilities and because it tapped into nativism and further undermined trust in American institutions. Some tea partiers such as Brooks may never be able to leave the bunkers where they defend whiteness.

But for other conservatives and Republicans — and, more importantly, for America — it's not too late.

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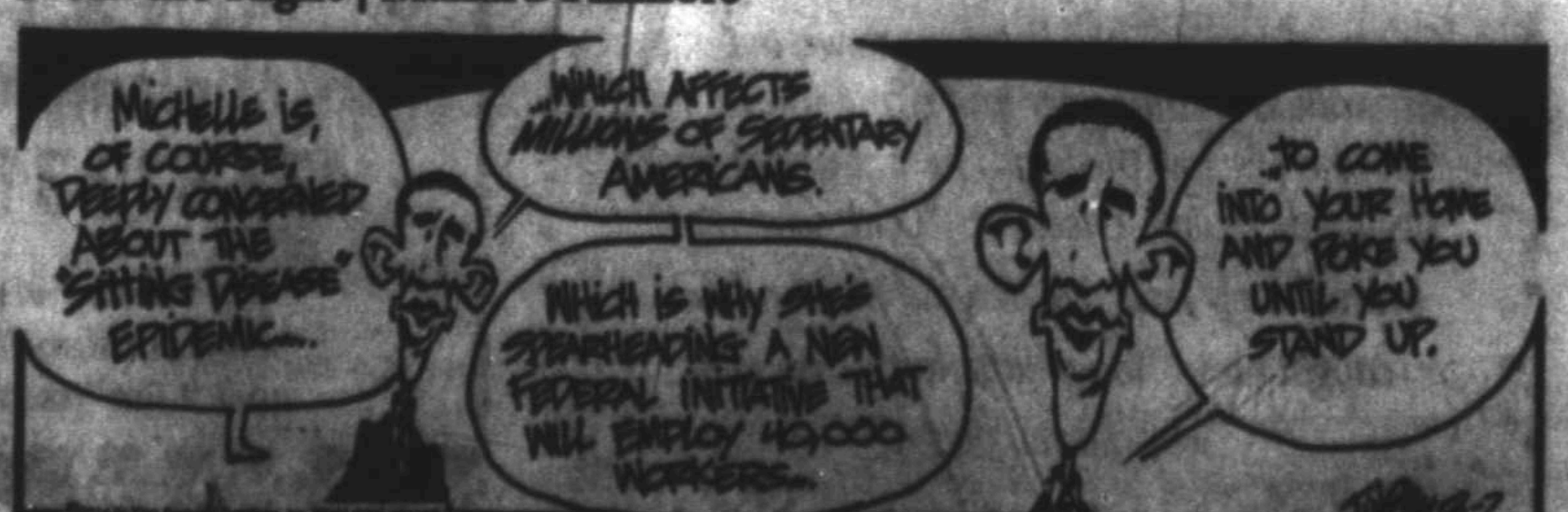
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First lady Michelle Obama Wednesday ent generation promote U.S.

## First pro

WASHINGTON — Michelle Obama, first lady of the United States, is expected to announce her plans to promote U.S. economic growth and job creation.

Obama said she will focus on "the first lady's role in promoting economic growth and job creation." She noted that the first lady's role is to "inspire and encourage the American people to work together to build a stronger, more prosperous future for our country."

Obama said she will continue to work with the White House staff to develop and implement policies that will promote economic growth and job creation. She also said she will continue to work with the private sector to create new jobs and opportunities for Americans.

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# Obama, African leaders confront continent's crises

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama called on African nations Wednesday to forcefully tackle health crises, security challenges and government corruption that could stymie the continent's economic progress as he concluded an unprecedented summit.

The summit, aimed in part at cultivating an Obama legacy on a continent where his family ties run deep, also marked a rare return to Washington for former President George W. Bush, who launched a \$15 billion HIV/AIDS initiative while in office and has made public health issues in Africa a priority since leaving the White House.

Bush's institute partnered with first lady Michelle Obama to host a daylong event for spouses of the African leaders.

"There's not many things that convince me to come back to Washington," said Mrs. Bush, who now lives in Dallas and steers clear of politics. "The first lady's summit, of course, is one."

While Obama has continued Bush's signature HIV/AIDS program, he has also been seeking his own legacy-building initiatives in Africa. This week's U.S.-Africa summit is seen as a cornerstone of that effort, bringing together leaders from about 50 countries for three days of talks.

A centerpiece of the conference was an effort to recast the U.S. economic relationship with Africa away from humanitarian aid and toward more equal, economic partnerships. Obama announced \$33 billion in new U.S. commitments, mostly from the private sector, to boost investment in Africa, home to six of the world's 10 fastest-growing economies.

Yet the summit's final day of discussions underscored the challenges that could undermine that economic growth. African nations are still struggling with the HIV epidemic, malaria, and the current outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus. Government corruption remains a persistent problem, as well.

And a surge in violent extremism, particularly in North Africa and the Sahel region, has sparked international concern.

Though Obama vowed that the U.S. would be a strong partner in tackling those issues, he emphasized a need for Africa to take the lead, particularly on the security front.

"Today we can focus on how we can continue to strengthen Africa's capacity to meet transitional threats and in so doing make all of our nations more secure," he said.

During a private session on security, leaders were expected to discuss Boko Haram, the violent Islamist group in Nigeria that was responsible for the kidnapping of more than 200 schoolgirls earlier this year. Some have escaped and returned home, but most remain captive.

As Obama participated in summit meetings, his wife convened a gathering of African first ladies, talking about investments in education, health and economic development. She was joined by Laura Bush, reprising an event the two American first ladies held last summer in Tanzania.

Calling Africa "an under-appreciated continent," Mrs. Obama said it was incumbent upon the world to develop a better understanding of what it has to offer.

"This is the beginning of a lot of work that needs to be done," she said.

Mrs. Obama and Mrs. Bush also focused on the need to educate girls. Mrs. Obama noted that 30 million girls in sub-Saharan Africa do not attend school.

"We do need to make sure worldwide that all women are valued," Mrs. Bush said during the rare

joint appearance that highlighted the relationship that has developed between the two first ladies.

George Bush also gave his endorsement for efforts to support women in Africa, declaring, "Taking care of women is good politics." He announced that a global health partnership that helped screen more than 100,000 women in Botswana, Tanzania and Zambia for cervical cancer in the past three years was expanding into Namibia and Ethiopia.

The effort is part of Bush's "Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon" women's health initiative that has been a focus of his post-presidency. He has made frequent trips to Africa since leaving the White House, but he rarely visits Washington and weighs in on political debates even less.

More than \$200 million in investments announced during the spouses' program, including the cervical cancer screenings, will go toward supporting education, health and economic programs benefiting more than 1 million Africans. That includes an expansion of Bush's HIV/AIDS program aimed at doubling to 300,000 the number of children in 10 priority countries who receive life-saving drugs over the next two years.

A focus on Africa has brought Obama and Bush together in the past. After a scheduling coincidence put them in Tanzania at the same time last summer, they met and laid a wreath in honor of victims of the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombing. Bush and his wife also traveled with the Obamas on Air Force One to South Africa in December for a memorial service honoring South African President Nelson Mandela.



Associated Press

First lady Michelle Obama points out her hairstyle as she sits with former first lady Laura Bush as they participate in "Investing in Our Future," a discussion at the Kennedy Center in Washington, on Wednesday as part of the US Africa Summit. Michelle Obama and Laura Bush, first ladies of different generations and opposing political parties, are uniting for the second time in just over a year to promote U.S. relations with Africa.

# First ladies Obama, Bush press for girls' education

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Michelle Obama and Laura Bush, first ladies from different generations and opposing political parties, spoke with one voice Wednesday on the importance of educating women and girls worldwide, saying countries will be more prosperous as a result.

"You have to change attitudes before you can change behaviors," Mrs. Obama said.

She noted that some 60 million girls, including 30 million in sub-Saharan Africa, do not attend school. The first lady said that until global leaders understand that educating girls is as important as educating boys, "then we will have a lot of work to do."

"We do need to make sure worldwide that all women are valued," added Mrs. Bush.

The current and former first lady commented as they opened a program for more than two dozen spouses of the African officials who are participating in the third and final day of President Barack Obama's U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit.

They reprised an event they held in Tanzania last summer, focusing on meeting the needs of women and girls and sharing some of their experiences in the high-profile role of first lady.

The joint appearance also put on rare public display the warm relationship that has developed between the two since the change of power at the White House.

Mrs. Bush "set a high bar for me during her time in the White House" and has long been a source of inspiration, Mrs. Obama said.

"I consider her not just a role model but also a friend," the first lady said.

Between serious talk about education and how to keep their projects alive after leaving the White House, the two women also showed flashes of humor as they joked about White House life.

Former President George W. Bush's institute organized the July 2013 gathering of African first ladies and invited Mrs. Obama to participate after learning that she and her husband would be in Tanzania at the same time.

After Obama decided to hold a U.S. summit with African leaders, Obama aides reached out and proposed a repeat collaboration with Mrs. Bush.

Wednesday's program highlighted the role of first spouses and focused on public-private partnerships and investments in education, health and economic development.

The former president announced that a global health partnership that said it has helped screen more than 100,000 women in Botswana, Tanzania and Zambia for cervical cancer in the past three years was expanding into Namibia and Ethiopia.

Mrs. Obama, a 50-year-

old Democrat from Chicago, remains grateful to Mrs. Bush for showing her around the White House after Obama was elected in November 2008, among other courtesies.

According to aides, Mrs. Bush, a 67-year-old Republican from Midland, Texas, appreciates a lunch the Obamas hosted at the White House for the entire Bush family after the official portrait of the 43rd president was unveiled in 2012.

At Mrs. Bush's invitation, Mrs. Obama paid a second visit to the White House before her husband's January 2009 inauguration, this time bringing her mother, who now lives at the White House, and daughters Malia and Sasha. Bush's daughters, Barbara and Jenna, came from out of town to show the Obama girls parts of the White House where they had had fun.

In Tanzania, Mrs. Obama said Mrs. Bush was one of the reasons she wanted to participate in the program, although it took place the day the Obamas were departing Africa for home.

"I like this woman," the first lady said, gesturing toward Mrs. Bush. "It's hard to find people who know what you're going through, who understand the burdens and the fears and the challenges. ... It's kind of therapeutic."

"A sorority, I guess," suggested Mrs. Bush.

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# WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

## WEEKEND TO-DO LIST

### FRIDAY



**FUN WITH SCIENCE**  
This week's Summer Science Class is 'Out of This World' at the Petroleum Museum.

### SATURDAY



**FARMERS MARKET**  
Buy local, eat local at the Midland Downtown Farmers Market.

### SUNDAY



**MUSIC ON THE LAWN**  
The Shades will perform during the final Summer Sunday Lawn Concert at the Museum of the Southwest.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

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**WOMEN WHO ROCK**  
Save the Date: Women rock in upcoming Midland shows. Page 4

## MOVIES

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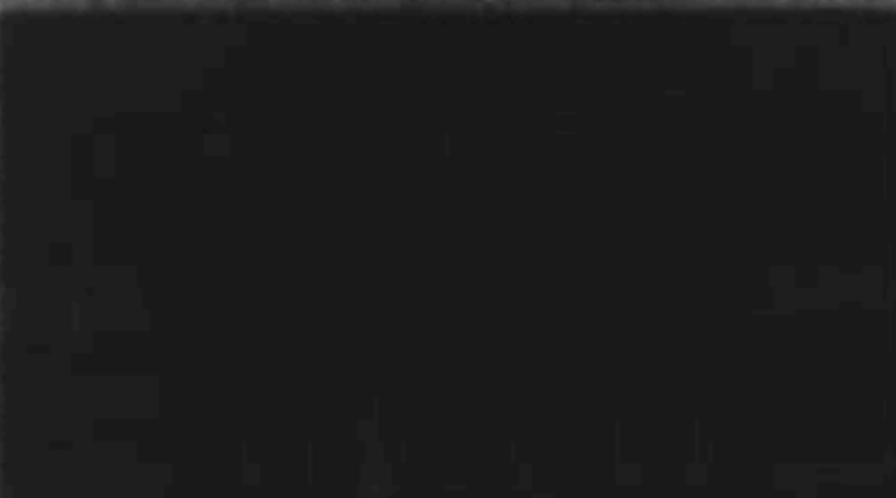
**TALL CITY 14**  
Opening: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," "Into the Storm," "Step Up All In," "The Hundred-Foot Journey"  
Closing: "Tammy," "Sex Tape," "And So It Goes," "Transformers: Age of Extinction"

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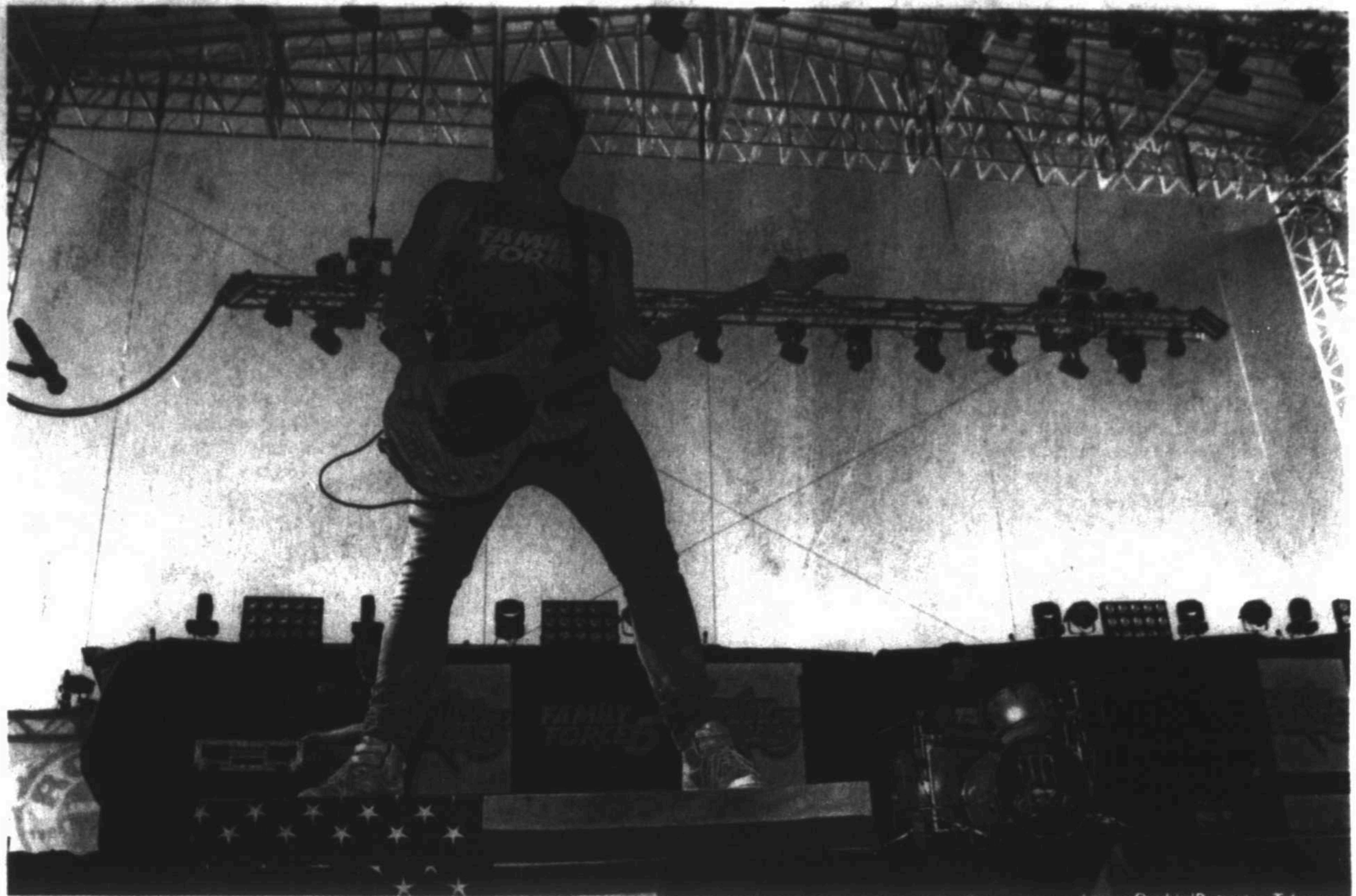
**BIG SKY DRIVE-IN**  
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Closing: "Planes: Fire & Rescue," "The Purge: Anarchy"

**STAYING IN?**  
Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. Page 3

## COMING SOON



**LIVE MUSIC**  
Queensryche is playing in the Basin this week.



# ROCK THE DESERT 2014

## Personal trials urged Family Force 5's regeneration

By Rich Lopez  
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In Family Force 5's fourth album "Time Stands Still" that dropped Tuesday, there's a relentless energy from its opening track "Sweep the Leg" to the closer "This Is My Year." The songs don't just play, but explode out of the speakers. For guitarist Derek Mount, that means mission accomplished.

But with his band's brethren, their first album in three years isn't just an add-on to their discography, but an act of catharsis that has reinvigorated the band just in time to perform at Rock the Desert this weekend.

"This was a long process and of course there were the internal changes, but we were going through a lot of personal things and

### WANT TO GO?

**Family Force 5's Late Night Dance Party** is 11:15 p.m. Friday in the Teen Tent. The band performs onstage 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

**Rock the Desert 2014**, 2000 South Fram-to-Market Road 1788, Aug. 7-9, \$25-\$50. Rockthedesert.com.

See a list of performers and more on Family Force 5 on Page 4.

heavy stuff in the last couple of years," Mount said.

Bassist Josh Olds, pictured above, who suffered kidney failure and underwent dialysis in 2009, had faced a new life-changing situation.

"He and his wife had become legal guardians to four teenage girls," Mount said without

going into detail. "We surrounded him, and we just always want to be there and support each other. We had to play some shows without him, and that played a role in the way we wrote 'Time Stands Still.' There's a lot of tongue-in-cheek there, but we do go deeper, as well."

Founding member and band singer Solomon Olds stepped down from his duties as frontman to focus on songwriting and remixing. He still works with the band but doesn't perform with Family Force 5. Instead of finding a new singer, brother and drummer Jacob Olds stepped into the role.

The changes and trials gave the band a jolt. "This is a very authentic and genuine record. We're breaking all of our own rules, but

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## 'In the Heights' ups the ante on West Texas theater

### REVIEW

By Rich Lopez  
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The title "In the Heights" is underscored with "A New Musical" in the playbill, but it's really a new type of musical: sassy, smart and sincere, but with the quality of a legendary musical in terms of characters and story. Director Scott Windham took the Lin-Manuel Miranda and Quiara Alegria Hudes work with its subplots of family, romance and loyalty and aimed high with absolute success. Permian Playhouse's production is a major triumph through flawless execution and inspired spirit.

Usnavi (Arik Vega) runs the bodega which is the crossroads for the Heights' inhabitants. He also acts as the narrator of the story introducing his neighbors and friends and Vanessa (Victoria Strong) who he has affection for. Nina Rosario (Regina Bejarano) is home from Stanford after a disastrous first term and has to break the news to her parents, Kevin (Eric Baker) and Camila (Carmina Agui-



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### WANT TO GO?

"In The Heights" runs through Sunday at Permian Playhouse, 312 W. 42nd St., Odessa. \$7-\$14. Permianplayhouse.com.

lar). Usnavi's friend Benny (Chris Lee) navigates his way through life with his job at the Rosario family business and his affections toward Nina. Abuela Claudia (Maija Johnson) is the matriarch of the neighborhood who happens on life-changing circumstances. All are surrounded by a bevy of colorful characters who drive the story along.

"In The Heights" has im-

mediate impact upon walking into theater. Scott Timms' set is a two-story phenomenon that embraced the world of Washington Heights and his use of depth and height was extraordinary.

His imagination created a fully realized space where the characters work and live from Usnavi's clever bodega and the neighboring salon owned

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### RTD 2014

## Dreams come true this weekend for Texas band

By Rich Lopez  
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Shattered Silence should believe in dreams — at least in singer Justin Gambino's.

"OK, so I had a dream that we played at Rock the Desert in the Teen Tent and that I met one of my favorite Christian hip-hop artists," he said.

When the alt-rock band released its first full-length "Shadows" in February, they celebrated with a release party. And then they received news that changed everything.

"The day of our party, I got an email from RTD and they offered a slot for us to play in," Gambino said. "And we were playing the Teen Tent! I went later to look at the lineup and Andy Mineo is playing. It's just too wicked crazy; I can't even get my head around it."

"Wicked crazy" could describe the year so far for the band from Angleton. Gambino and his bandmates have been on the indie band/new album hustle with gigs throughout the state gaining exposure in

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# CALENDAR



## 'THE PHANTOM OF THE OPRY (OR FRANKLY, MY DEAR)'

### HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### MUSIC

**Rock the Desert**, today through Saturday at Rock the Desert grounds. rockthedesert.com.

**The Texas Travelers**, 7 p.m. today at Cafe at the Gardens. 687-1478.

**Mountain Sprout**, 9 p.m. Friday at Blue Max. facebook.com/bluemaxrocks.

**Lonestar**, 7 p.m. Saturday at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org

**The Shades**, 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org/lawn-concerts.

#### ART & EXHIBITS

**Random Acts of Art: Jewelry Making**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org

**Rachel Long artist open house**, 6-8 p.m. Saturday at ArtQuest. 682-2469.

#### GAMES & SPORTS

**RockHounds vs Tulsa and Thirsty Thursday**, 7 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

**RockHounds vs Springfield**, 7 p.m. Friday at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

**RockHounds vs Springfield with fireworks**, 7 p.m. Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

**RockHounds vs Springfield and Faith and Family Day**, 2 p.m. Sunday at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

**Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center**, 682-8595.

**Hold 'em poker tournaments**, 7 p.m. Friday at Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour.

**Senior bingo**, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

#### DANCE

**Thursday Night Dance Club of Odessa with music by Showdown**, 7:30-10 p.m. today at 301 E. 61st St., Odessa. 697-0281.

**Ector County Thursday Night Dance**, 6:30-10 p.m. today at North Side Senior Center in Odessa. 337-5281.

**Permian Basin Dance Club**, 7:20-10 p.m. Tuesday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom. 520-4343.

#### THEATER, FILM & COMEDY

**Ron White**, 8 p.m. today at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**"In the Heights,"** Friday through Sunday at Permian Playhouse in Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

**"The Phantom of the Opry (Or Frankly, My Dear),"** Friday through Aug. 23 at Black Box Theatre in Odessa. mark10theatricals.com.

**"Objects in Mirror"** one-act play, 2 p.m. Sunday at Unitarian Universalist Church. uumidland.org.

**Summer Mummer's "Desert of the Dead,"** through Aug. 30 at Yucca Theatre. summermummers.com.

#### EVENTS

**Midland Downtown Farmers Market**, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday at 501 W. Texas Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

**Book signing with Claire Bansbach**, 1-3 p.m. Saturday at The Ground Floor. tatepublishing.com.

**Magic show by Bronson Chadwick**, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday at Jorge's Midland Drive location. bronsonchadwick.com.

#### KID-FRIENDLY

**Mommy and Me and Nature: "Foxes and Forest Friends,"** 10-11 a.m. today at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

**Summer Science Class: "Out of this World,"** 9 a.m.-noon Friday at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

**Storytime**, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Thursdays at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

**Storytime**, 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. 682-8880.

**Spanish Storytime and Tesoro Playgroup**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

**Storytime**, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

**Little Chefs Cooking Class**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. midland-texas.gov.

**Dome shows**, throughout the week at Marian Blakemore Planetarium. www.museumsw.org 683-2882.

**"Galactic Golf"** through Sept. 21 at the Predda Turner Durham Children's Museum. museumsw.org.



## MIDLAND COUNTY FAIR

### COMING SOON

#### AUGUST

**"Seeing in the Dark"** PBS film screening, noon-1 p.m. Aug. 11, at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

**RED/Demon Hunter**, 7 p.m. Aug. 13 at Ace Arena in Andrews. whatyeshuacando.com.

**Queensryche**, 8 p.m. Aug. 13 at La Hacienda. haciendamidland.com.

**Guy Forsyth's Hot Nut Riveters**, 8 p.m. Aug. 14 at ArtiZen Outlet. talktownes.com.

**Happy Together Tour**, 8 p.m. Aug. 14 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**Improv at the Yucca**, 8 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

**Walther & the Awe Hells**, 8 p.m. Aug. 15 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

**Christian Music Festival**, Aug. 15-16 at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

**A'lante Flamenco Dance**, 2 p.m. Aug. 16 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

**Shoji Tabuchi**, 8 p.m. Aug. 16 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**Lower Society Car Show**, Aug. 16-17 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

**Rap and Ride Revolution Workshop**, 4 p.m. Aug. 17 at DEFINE body & mind. definebody.com.

**Ted Nugent**, Aug. 17 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**RockHounds vs Corpus Christi**, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19 at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

**Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture with Mark Bland**, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at The Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

**Magic show with Harlin**, 2 p.m. Aug. 20 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

**RockHounds vs Corpus Christi**, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 20 at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

**Laura Bush Literacy Program free reading event**, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at George W. Bush Childhood Home visitor center. bushchildhoodhome.org.

**"Sharknado 2: The Second One"** film screening, Aug. 21 at Regal Tall City 14. fandango.com.

Registration deadline for free bridge lessons,

Aug. 21 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. 742-7445.

**Damon Wayans Live**, Aug. 21 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**RockHounds vs Corpus Christi and Thirsty Thursday**, 7 p.m. Aug. 21 at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

**Midland County Fair**, Aug. 21-24 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

**RockHounds vs Corpus Christi**, 7 p.m. Aug. 22 at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

**SciFriday: "Back to the Future,"** 8:15 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Marian West and William Blanton Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

**Lee High School Marching Band festival and carnival**, Aug. 22-23 at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

**Permian Basin Gun Show**, Aug. 22-24 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

**Back to School Bash**, 10 a.m.-noon at Midland West Side Lions Club. 618-0108.

**RockHounds vs Frisco with fireworks**, 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

**Judy Collins**, Aug. 23 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**RockHounds vs Frisco and Faith and Family Day**, 2 p.m. Aug. 24 at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

**3 Doors Down acoustic with fireworks**, 7 p.m. Aug. 24 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**RockHounds vs Frisco**, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

**The Avett Brothers**, Aug. 26 at Chap Center. brownpartickets.com.

**Clint Black**, Aug. 28 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**Operation HOME Festival**, Aug. 29-30 at the Horseshoe. thehomefest.com.

#### SEPTEMBER

**Bridge lessons**, Sept. 1 at Midland College. 685-4518.

**Sawyer Brown with Larry Stewart**, Sept. 4 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**Panhandle Reining Horse Show**, Sept. 4-7 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

**"Urinetown The Musical,"** Sept. 5-27 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

**Winslow Homer and the American Pictorial Press exhibit opening**, Sept. 5 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

**"Real Close to Broadway" Maverick Players production**, Sept. 5-21 at VFW Hall. maverickplayers.org.

**Septemberfest**, Sept. 5-7 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

**Permian Basin Fair and Expo**, Sept. 5-13 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

**Jeanne Robertson**, Sept. 7 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**MOSC Masterworks I "An Evening with Susan Graham,"** Sept. 13 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**Professional Armed**

**Services Rodeo Championship**, Sept. 18-21 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

**"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare: Abridged,"** Sept. 19-27 at The Globe Theatre. globesw.org.

**Ronnie Milsap 40/40 Vision Tour**, Sept. 20 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**The Piano Guys**, Sept. 22 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**Ian Anderson's The Best of Jethro Tull**, Sept. 24 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**Murder Mystery Dinner for PDAP**, 7 p.m. Sept. 25 at Midland Country Club. 685-3645.

**Martina McBride**, Sept. 25 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**Just Between Friends sale**, Sept. 25-27 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

**St. Ann's Family Fair**, Sept. 25-28 at St. Ann's Catholic Church and School. stannfamilyfair.org.

**Orna Feinstein exhibit opening**, Sept. 26 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

**Live on Stage! presents Fernando Varela**, 7 p.m. Sept. 26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

**Run to the Fair**, 8 a.m. Sept. 27 at St. Ann's Catholic Church and School. stannfamilyfair.org.

**Santana**, Sept. 28 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

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# STAGE & SCREEN

## 'Shaun of the Dead's' Nick Frost puts on his dancing shoes

### PICK O' THE WEEK

**"Cuban Fury" (R)** Although many of the supporting characters lack depth, Nick Frost spent months learning to salsa dance in this winsome effort. The payoff is incalculably rewarding. **B+**

### ICKI O' THE WEEK

**"Dead Drop" (R)** Action fare that's so cliché and boring, it's actually annoying. **F**

### MORE REVIEWS

**"Call 213" (R)** If you're still missing Merle (Michael Rooker) from "The Walking Dead" — and who isn't? — here's a chance to see him as his depraved best

## Reelee&stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

playing a corrupt prison guard in this otherwise lukewarm horror fare. **B-**

**"The Den" (R)** Horror fare manages to take a fairly fresh — and sometimes scary — look at the world of webcams. **B-**

**"Heatstroke" (unrated)** Being chased by poacher and hyenas — animal actors that get their names in the credits with the humans — in the desert might not be the most creative theme, but the DVD cover depicting a gun-toting Stephen

Dorff — who's dead before the end of the first act — is an unneeded deception. **B-**

**"It Felt Like Love" (unrated)** The most raw, shocking look at teen sexuality since 1995's "Kids." **B**

**"Lullaby" (R)** Weepy character study is too long and too introverted to appeal to many. You'll break out the tissues, but only because you rented this film. **C**

**"Noah" (PG-13)** The "artistic license" disclaimer that ran

with the theatrical trailer doesn't even begin to describe how much this film deviates from the story we heard in Sunday school. I thought the walking, talking, ark-building rock thingies heralded a sequel to "Never Ending Story." But that doesn't mean this isn't a fantastic tale complete with all the bells and whistles its \$125 million budget could afford. **B**

**"On My Way" (unrated)** Catherine Deneuve is remarkable in this French film about a former beauty queen whose life is unraveling. **B+**

**"The Other Woman" (PG-13)** As unbelievable as the story is, it can be wildly funny, with most of the laughs going to Leslie Mann, not Cameron Diaz. **B-**

**"The Protector 2" (PG-13)** It took 14 years to finally make a sequel to the story of the elephant-loving martial artist whose pet pachyderm gets kidnapped by evildoers. The only thing that matters in this series is the action sequences, and they look unrehearsed. **C+**

**"The Suspect" (unrated)** The two fairly entertaining car chases don't really measure up to some of the more daring ones in cinema history, and neither does the storyline. **C+**

**"Sxtape" (R)** Ridiculous story might have had a chance if the two young lovers hadn't gone back into the abandoned hospital a second time after she started hallucinating and bleeding profusely from her nose. **D**

## HEIGHTS

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by Daniela (Nikki Windham) to Abuela's front door and the far-off horizon of sky and bridge. The set extended beyond the proscenium with graffiti on the walls as a cleverly added touch. Timms' set became a character on its own.

That fueled the actors who created complete characters. Windham's casting was superb and he clearly had faith in his actors, which include of both veterans and newbies.

Vega maintained gravitas as both a dreamer and neighborhood optimist with his soulful eyes and masterful grasp of Usnavi. Lee gave Benny a delightful happy-go-lucky air that's easy to root for. Nikki Windham, Breanna Carrasco's Carla and Jon Naylor's Sonny nailed

punch lines and facial expressions as comic relief, but were appropriately entrenched in the surrounding drama. Suitably costumed, Johnson didn't overdo Abuela's elder status and instead trusted her songs and dialogue, which resulted in a fully developed character.

The number of debuts was remarkable. Bejarano's Nina was solid in her display of affection to Benny and her fear of disappointing her parents. Baker was properly stoic as Nina's unrelenting father and belted his songs out with beautiful drama.

But Strong commanded Vanessa effortlessly. For her first musical, she emanated astounding confidence and with such a strong voice, goosebumps were frequent.

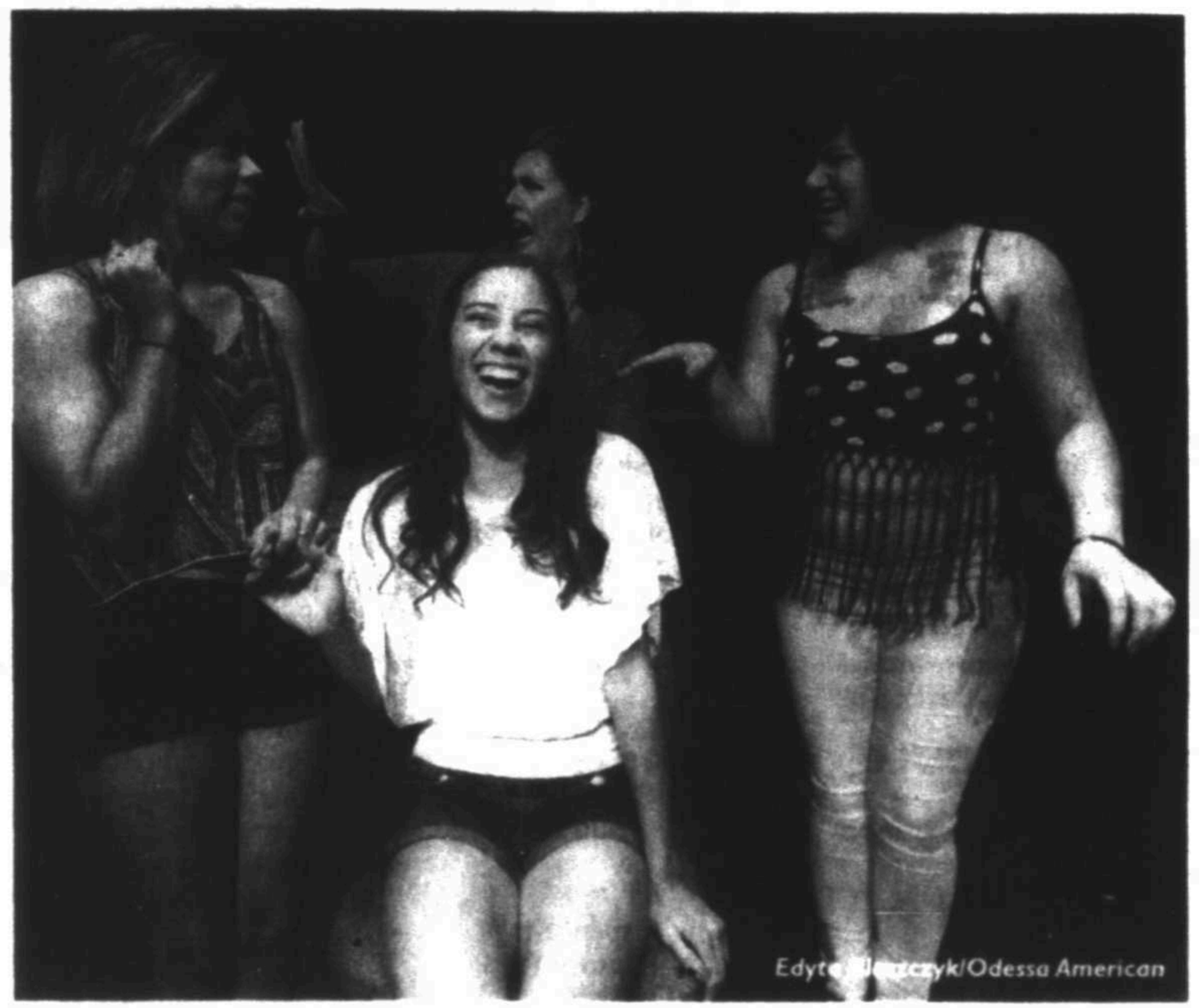
Windham introduced fresh faces to West Texas

theatergoers that will hopefully be seen far more in future shows.

Scotty Aycock's and Jimmy Olague's music direction was spot-on with a fusion of Latin, pop and hip-hop. With Timms' set, the band was crucial to creating the ambiance of the Heights. Tammie Locklear-Talbot's and Tori Sandale's choreography was smart and hip and gave the show even more energy.

Windham said he needed a strong team to pull off a show he believed in so much — and it worked. From its technical qualities to its music to its acting, "In The Heights" set the bar high for theater in West Texas.

"In The Heights" runs through Sunday at Permian Playhouse, 312 W. 42nd St., Odessa. \$7-\$14. Permianplayhouse.com.



Edyta Jezewski/Odessa American

## FILM CAPSULES

**22 Jump Street (R)** Two undercover cops try to crack a new case at the local college. With Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum and Peter Stormare. Written by Michael Bacall, Oren Uziel and Rodney Rothman. Directed by Phil Lord and Christopher Miller.

**And So It Goes (PG-13)** A willfully obnoxious real estate agent wants nothing more than to sell one last house and retire, until his estranged son suddenly drops off a 9-year-old granddaughter he never knew existed. With Michael Douglas, Diane Keaton and Sterling Jerins. Written by Mark Andrus. Directed by Rob Reiner.

**Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13)** A growing nation of genetically evolved apes is threatened by a band of human survivors of a devastating virus unleashed a decade earlier in this sequel to the 2011 film "Rise of the Planet of the Apes." With Andy Serkis, Jason Clarke, Gary Oldman and Keri Russell. Written by Mark Bomback, Rich Jaffa and Amanda Silver. Directed by Matt Reeves.

**Earth to Echo (PG)** After a construction project begins in their neighborhood, three boys start to receive strange coded messages on their cellphones, and their investigation brings them into contact with an extraterrestrial who needs their help. With Teo Halm, Brian "Astro" Bradley and Reese Hartwig. Written by Henry Gayden. Directed by Dave Green.

**Get on Up (PG-13)** A biopic about the Godfather of Soul, James Brown, from his impoverished childhood to his musical stardom. With Chadwick Boseman, Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer and Nelsan Ellis. Written by Steve Baisman, Jez Butterworth, John Butterworth and Tate Taylor. Directed by Taylor.

**Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13)** After stealing a mysterious orb coveted by an intergalactic villain, glib adventurer

teams with a motley crew of alien outlaws to survive and save the universe in this movie based on the Marvel comic book. With Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista and Bradley Cooper. Written and directed by James Gunn. In 3-D and Imax.

**Hercules (PG-13)** The mythical Greek hero Hercules leads a band of mercenaries to help end a bloody civil war in the land of Thrace and return the rightful king to his throne. With Dwayne Johnson, Ian McShane, Rufus Sewell and Joseph Fiennes. Written by Ryan J. Condal and Evan Spiliotopoulos. Directed by Brett Ratner.

**How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG)** A young Viking and his faithful dragon must protect both their kind from a power-hungry conqueror in this sequel to the 2010 animated film. With the voices of Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler, Kit Harington and Cate Blanchett. Written and directed by Dean DeBlois. In 3-D.

**The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG)** A promising young chef and his family, who have been displaced from India to the South of France and opened their own restaurant, come into conflict with the icy proprietress of a classical French restaurant in this movie based on the novel by Richard C. Morais. With Manish Dayal,

Helen Mirren and Om Puri. Written by Steven Knight. Directed by Lasse Hallstrom.

**Into the Storm (PG-13)** A town is ravaged by deadly tornadoes while storm chasers try to obtain a once-in-a-lifetime shot in this found-footage-style thriller. With Richard Armitage, Sarah Wayne Callies and Matt Walsh. Written by John Swetnam. Directed by Steven Quale.

**Lucy (R)** A woman forced to act as a drug mule accidentally ingests some of the contraband and finds it gives her superhuman abilities, then turns the tables on her captors. With Scarlett Johansson and Morgan Freeman. Written and directed by Luc Besson.

**Planes: Fire and Rescue (PG)** In this animated movie set in a world of anthropomorphic aircraft, a famous air racer learns that his engine is damaged and shifts gears into the world of aerial firefighting. With the voices of Dane Cook and Julie Bowen. Written by Bobs Gannaway and Jeffrey M. Howard. Directed by Gannaway.

**The Purge: Anarchy (R)** A new group of individuals fights to survive the annual night on which all crime is legal for 12 hours in this sequel to the 2013 film "The Purge." With Frank Grillo, Zach Gilford

and Kiele Sanchez. Written and directed by James DeMonaco.

**Sex Tape (R)** To spice up their love life, a couple of 10 years make a marathon sex tape and then scramble to erase it from existence after they accidentally send it to friends and family members. With Cameron Diaz, Jason Segel, Rob Corddry and Ellie Kemper. Written by Segel.

Kate Angelo and Nicholas Stoller. Directed by Jake Kasdan.

**Step Up All In (PG-13)** A high-stakes dance contest in Las Vegas brings together crews from previous installments of the "Step Up" franchise. With Ryan Guzman, Briana Evigan and Stephen "Twitch" Boss. Written by John Swetnam. Directed by Trish Sie.

**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG-13)** Four anthropomorphic turtles trained in martial arts team up with a fearless reporter and her wise-cracking cameraman to save New York City from the villain Shredder and his henchmen, the Foot Clan. With Megan Fox, Will Arnett, William Fichtner and K. Todd Freeman. Written by Josh Appelbaum, Andre Nemec and Evan Daugherty. Directed by Jonathan Liebesman.

**Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG-13)** Three years after an epic battle has forced the shape-shifting robots known as Transformers into hiding, a garage inventor makes a startling discovery and gets caught up in a battle for the fate of Earth. With Mark Wahlberg, Stanley Tucci, Kelsey Grammer and Sophia Miles. Written by Ehren Kruger. Directed by Michael Bay. In 3-D and Imax.

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# MUSIC

## FAMILY FORCE 5

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we're really excited about this music. I think this is a new chapter for sure," Mount said.

Personal trials didn't just jumpstart the band's inspiration — it was Mount's own questioning about where the band had gone. He worried that the band and its music was becoming routine.

He spoke with patriarch Jerome Olds once about the band's loss of recklessness.

"We got to a space in life where it was a routine. We're very blessed and appreciative to do music for

a living, but we were taking that for granted too," Mount said. "We forgot who we were. We used to have this hunger and deep passion and certain conversations or sources of inspiration really pushed us to make something super edgy and cool."

Amid their media blitz for the new album and embarking on a 28-city tour that comes to Midland during Rock the Desert, Mount says the band is at its best ever.

"We're on cloud nine, and tour rehearsals have been cool. Right now, it's back to basics and we're playing like we did at 20.

And it's just so great to play these songs at Rock the Desert so soon after the album came out. We love it there," he said.

With both a concert performance and their Dance Party, Family Force 5 only expects the fans to be ready for them.

"You can tell when an audience is connected and at RTD they always feel like they're ready to party along with us," he said.

Family Force 5's Late Night Dance Party is 11:15 p.m. Friday in the Teen Tent. The band performs onstage 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

## FAMILY TIME WITH FF5'S DEREK MOUNT

By Rich Lopez  
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Before taking the stage at Rock the Desert, guitarist Derek Mount of Family Force 5 played some word association. FF5 has successfully party-rocked their fans for two decades. With such tenure, the band fits firmly in the pop culture continuum. So what better way to confront pop culture with more pop culture?

Mount responded with his immediate thoughts to these five notable shows or bands he should be able to relate to on some level:

**"Family Feud:"** Oh man, absolutely. I used to watch it when Ray Combs hosted and I had the board game. But I always scored about 50 points in the final rounds.

**"All in the Family:"** You know, Archie Bunker is a classic. I know we're all supposed to say he's our favorite character but I have to give Edith some props. She put up with a lot.

**"Modern Family:"** That is a staple in the Mount household. We have watched every single episode.

**Sly and the Family Stone:** Of this list so far, I say "yes" the most to this. He is a big influence to Family Force 5. My dad introduced me to this. We definitely have some funk in our diet — especially the (Olds) brothers.

**"Family Guy:"** Well, yeah, I mean, come on. Who doesn't love this? Man, this list was a clean sweep for me!

Visit familyforce5.com for more about the band.

## ROCK THE DESERT 2014 SCHEDULE



The 15th annual Rock the Desert Christian music festival kicks off today at the RTD Festival Field on Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Three-day passes are \$25 at rockthedesert.com. Last year 16,000 people attended the festival and organizers expect larger crowds this weekend.

For more information, go to rockthedesert.com.

### RTD SCHEDULE

#### Today — Gates open at noon

1 p.m.: The Ongoing Concept  
2 p.m.: Jason Castro  
3 p.m.: We As Human  
4:30 p.m.: War of Ages  
6 p.m.: Oh Sleeper  
7:10 p.m.: Ryan Ries (speaker)  
7:30 p.m.: Disciple  
9 p.m.: Red Jumpsuit Apparatus  
10:30 p.m.: Skillet

#### Friday — Gates open at 10 a.m.

1 p.m.: Love & the Outcome  
2 p.m.: Unspoken  
4 p.m.: Citizen Way  
5:30 p.m.: For King & Country  
7 p.m.: Shawn McDonald  
8:30 p.m.: Fireflight, Brian "Head" Welch and Fieldy  
10 p.m.: Newsboys  
Teen Tent

1 p.m.: Izzo Radiate  
2 p.m.: Jenny & Tyler  
3:30 p.m.: OBB  
5 p.m.: About a Mile  
6:15 p.m.: Jason Castro  
7 p.m.: Baron Batch  
7:15 p.m.: Benjah  
8:15 p.m.: Social Club  
9 p.m.: Andy Mineo  
11:15 p.m.: Late Night Dance Party with Family Force 5

#### Saturday — Gates open at 10 a.m.

1 p.m.: OBB  
2:30 p.m.: Rhett Walker Band  
4 p.m.: KB  
5 p.m.: Capital Kings  
6 p.m.: Rapture Ruckus  
7 p.m.: Tedashii  
7:45 p.m.: Jeff Bethke (speaker)  
8 p.m.: Family Force 5  
8:45 p.m.: Crowder  
9:30 p.m.: Phenomenon  
hosted by Soul Glow Activator & DJ Promote  
Teen Tent  
Noon - Izzo Radiate  
12:45 p.m.: SOG  
2 p.m.: Shattered Silence  
3:30 p.m.: We Are Leo  
5 p.m.: Karyn Williams  
6 p.m.: Baron Batch  
6:30 p.m.: Seventh Day Slumber

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■ Pack it: Festival goers may bring in coolers that are subject to being searched by security officers. No glass containers. Blankets and lawn chairs also are allowed.

■ Walk it: No unicycles, bikes, scooters, segways or golf carts allowed.

■ Cook it: No campfires, grills or cookouts allowed.

■ Festival for Fido? No pets allowed.

■ Keep hydrated: There will be bottled water for sale and emergency water stations in the medical tents. Festival goers may also bring their own bottle water.

■ No surprises: No smoking, no alcohol, no illegal drugs, no weapons, no laser pointers, no audio or video recording.

■ Day at the lake: No swimming or fishing on the lake.

■ Camp it: For camping registration and rules, go to rockthedesert.com.

## Save the Date: Women rock in upcoming Midland shows

By Rich Lopez  
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Iconic women musicians will come to town in the near future and Midland will be all the better for it. From classic rockers to folk legend, these ladies are sure to deliver. Save the date on your calendar for these two shows.

**Patty Griffin at the Yucca:** Tall-Townes continues to impress in these parts with both Texas bands and marquee names like Griffin. The local promoters have announced Griffin with Dawn & Hawkes (from NBC's "The Voice") to perform at the Yucca Theater on Nov. 8.

Griffin recently announced the fall leg of her tour through Canada and the western U.S. in support of her 2013 album "American Kid." The official first date of her fall leg is Oct. 15 in Lubbock at the Cactus Theater and after her Midland show, she'll perform at Austin City Limits on Nov. 15.

Griffin won the Grammy in 2011 for Best Traditional Gospel Album for "Downtown Church" and worked with

Robert Plant in Band of Joy.

Austin-based duo Dawn and Hawkes join Griffin as openers. After performing a Beatles song on season 6 of "The Voice," the two were selected to be on judge Adam Levine's team.

Tickets are not yet available. Visit talltownes.com for show information.

### Heart at the Wagner Noel:

The sister-rocking duo of Heart will bring signature hits like "Magic Man," "Barracuda" and "Alone" to West Texas this fall. They headline the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center on Oct. 21.

But the Wilson sisters are far more than just classic rock, they are legends — officially. Heart was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame last year so they have the actual-erred to prove it. They were also trailblazers as one of the few female-led rock bands in the '70s. And with their tenure in music from the early '70s to present day, they have the longest span of top 10 records according to Billboard charts across four decades.

Tickets for Heart are currently on sale and range between \$50 and \$95. Visit wagnernoel.com for show information.

## LIVE WIRE

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7 **Blessthefall, Chiodos, I Killed the Prom Queen, Capture the Crown @ Club Patron**  
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8 **Mountain Sprout @ Blue Max**  
8 **Voodoo Highway @ Redneck's**  
8 **Sansitch @ Cigar Frog's**  
8 **Snakeboy Johnson @ The Roadhouse**  
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9 **Lonestar @ Ector County Coliseum**  
9 **Steel Horse Band @ Legacy Harley Davidson Star Bar**  
9 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band @ The Ten Four**  
10 **The Shades @ Museum of the Southwest**  
12 **Showdown @ Permian Basin Dance Club**

## DREAMS

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small venues, restaurants and churches.

But with Rock the Desert, Gambino is in awe that this will likely be Shattered Silence's highest profile gig to date.

"We're super stoked but mentally preparing, too. We believe God has given us this music and we play it so someone can feel good and have an experience with God. That's the ultimate reason we're here," he said. "This will be our biggest show yet and it still hasn't settled that we're playing RTD and with all of our favorite artists," he said.

The band formed in 2012 as Gambino and a drummer friend recorded music for fun. They figured why not make it official. With a couple of members come and gone, the band settled and received positive feedback on an EP they independently released. Gambino then hustled to get Shattered Silence noticed and found Tate Music Group online.

Tate gave them the chance. "It all happened so fast. They called us wanting to put us on contract and six months later, we're shooting a video in Oklahoma. It's been the fastest ever since," he said.

Which is tough for the quartet who all have full-time jobs.

Bassist Glenn Elmore just finished Ministry College and will actually miss his graduation to perform at Rock the Desert. Gam-

bino, lead guitarist Gaylor Franks and drummer Joshua Johnson all work in the chemical industry.

But Gambino, who also performs acoustic solo gigs, is certain God is driving the band's direction, which reassures their intentions.

"All glory goes to him, and I think we're put on this planet to sing the words he puts in our hearts. We live and feel like our music. The show onstage is the same as off. Wehd like to be good role models,

but not on a pedestal in any way," he said.

Gambino describes the band's work as inspirational rock and is even ready for the haters that come with Shattered Silence's entrance into Christian music. But Gambino believes he and the band have something to say to the genre's fans.

"With every fan we have, they are those naysayers. I've been told I can't do things, but we believe in what we do and are

striving for that. And we want people to know that believing in God and then yourself and the people who believe in you, dreams can happen," he said.

The proof is there at Rock the Desert when Shattered Silence performs at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Teen Tent.

Rock the Desert 2014, 2000 South Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Aug. 7-9. \$25-\$50. Rockthedesert.com.

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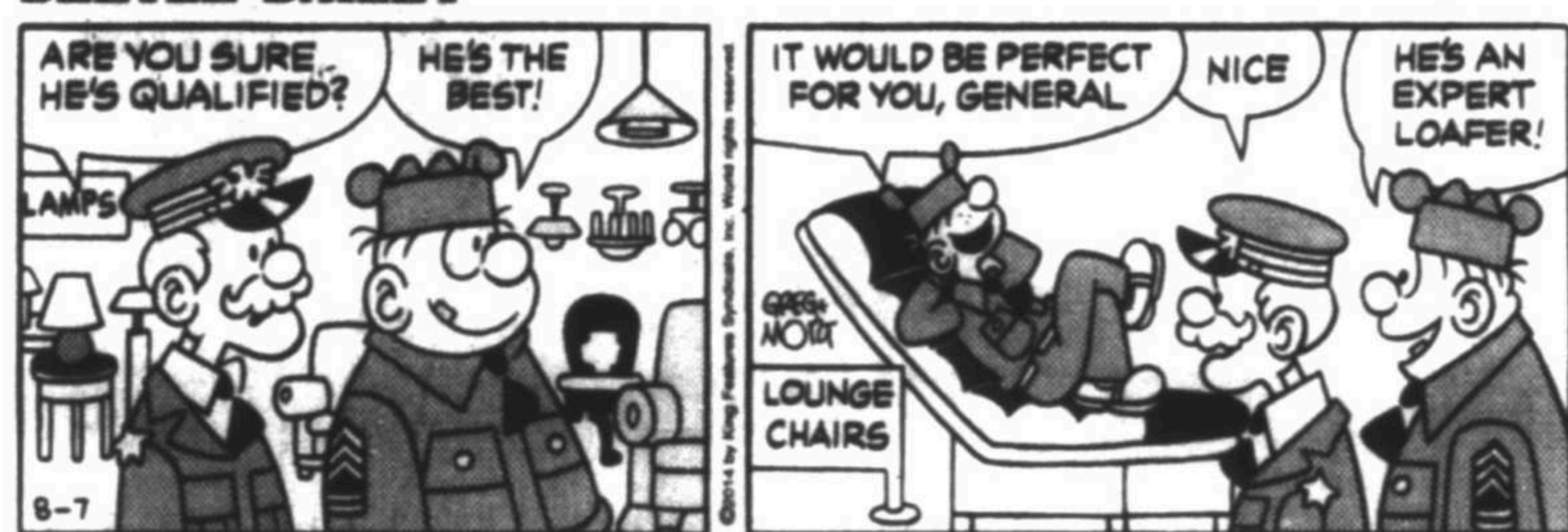
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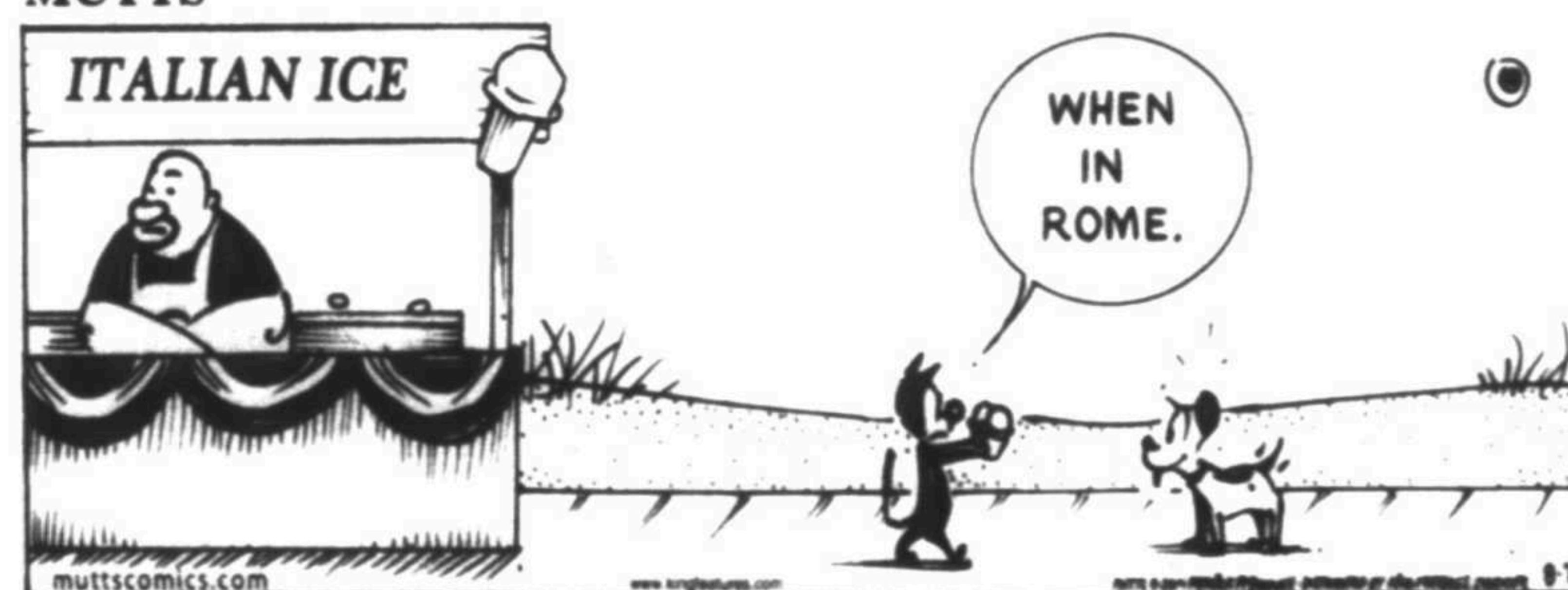
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## MEXICAN

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**CARAMBA'S SPANISH INN** Bustling Mexican restaurant with a variety of foods and combination plates. Tex-Mex favorites and burgers, steaks and seafood. 3116 W. Front St. 520-9724 or 520-9525 | \$ | 4 spoons

**CASA DEL SOL RESTAURANTEY CANTINA** Reminiscent of a Mexican cantina. Mexican stir-fry is a popular choice or try one of the West Texas specialties like country-fried steak, shrimp or catfish. 523 East Illinois Ave. 686-1118 | \$ | 3 spoons

**CASA LOPEZ CAFE** Sports bar, restaurant and catering service with entrees like enchiladas and fajitas and appetizers such as bacon wrapped shrimp and stuffed jalapenos. 4411 W. Illinois Ave. 699-7373 | \$ | 4 spoons

**CASA MADRID** Established Midland restaurant serves fajitas, Mexican combination plates, tacos, tamales, flautas and enchiladas. 911 S. Big Spring St. 685-1350 | \$ | 3 spoons

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**CHITO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT & SPORTS** Traditional Mexican fare with sports bar atmosphere. Breakfast served on weekends. 4400 N. Midland Drive 689-8646 | \$ | 4 spoons

**DONA ANITA'S** Some of the best chile rellenos in town. Or try the tacos or enchiladas. Huevos con chorizo, menudo, huevos rancheros and migas on Sundays. 305 W. Florida Ave. 683-6727 | \$ | 3 spoons

**DOS COMPADRES** We recommend the carne guisada or any of the enchiladas with a tangy and mild green sauce. 2200 W. Wadley Ave., #1 Oak Ridge Square 684-7239 www.doscompadres.net | \$ | 3 spoons

**DOS MARGARITAS** Extensive menu includes fajitas, combination plates, lunch

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**EL BANQUETE** Traditional Mexican cuisine such as soft beef and pork tacos. Breakfast burritos, fajitas and enchiladas. 1802 Rankin Highway 620-0123 | \$ | 2 spoons

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**FREEBIRDS** Create your own burrito, tacos, nacho, salad or bowl with fillings that range from cilantro lime rice, black beans and tomatillo sauce to carnitas, queso and pico de gallo. 3322 N. Loop 250 West www.freebirds.com 689-9100 | \$ | 4 spoons

**GARCIA'S BURRITOS** Pick up a breakfast burrito for \$2 starting at 7:30 a.m. on weekdays. Or try a fajita plate with beans, rice, guacamole and sour cream. 1306 N. Lamesa Road 684-4383 | \$ | 2 spoons

**GERARDO'S CASITA** Try the tortilla soup or the fajitas. Don't forget a margarita from the full-service bar. 2407 N. Big Spring St. 570-8012 www.gerardocasita.net | \$ | 4 spoons

**JAVI'S MEXICANO RESTAURANTE** Mexican restaurant, bakery, tortilla and tamale factory serves wide variety of burritos and great burgers. 1511 Rankin Highway 684-4898 | \$ | 4 spoons

**JORGE'S CAFE** Two locations in Midland serving Tex-Mex fare. Jorge's does a simple queso without chunks of peppers or tomatoes — you'll either love it or hate it. 3323 N. Midland Drive 689-0032 4400 N. Big Spring St. 683-6303 www.jorges.com | \$ | 4 spoons

**JUMBURRITO** Drive-through or eat-in for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Try the stew-meat with cheese and avocado and/or Jumburritos' hot sauce. Expect a line for weekend breakfast. 1301 Lamesa Road, 682-5060 | 2101 W. Wadley Ave., 683-7017 | 908 S. Midkiff Road, 689-0350 | 4509 N. Midkiff Road, 689-3894 | www.jumburrito.com | 4 spoons

**LA BODEGA MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND BAR** Try the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — or the rueda, described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. The upstairs bar allows smoking and keeps later hours

than the restaurant. 2700 N. Big Spring St. 684-5594 www.mylabodega.com | \$ | 4 spoons

**LA HERRADURA MEXICAN CUISINE** Go for breakfast and try the huevos rancheros with beans, potatoes and tortillas. Menudo, caldo de res and cabrito en salsa verde on the weekends. 1422 Rankin Highway 687-3000 | \$ | 2 spoons

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**TAMPICO SPANISH INN** Go early to get a table. Start with an appetizer like queso, quesadillas or avocado salad. 2411 W. Wall St. 682-5074 | \$ | 4 spoons

## BURGERS & BARBECUE

**BASIN BURGER HOUSE** With buns made in-house and creative combinations this isn't your typical burger joint. Try the black & blue burger and follow it with the Nutella & banana milkshake. Live music on the patio. 607 N. Colorado 687-5696 www.basinburgerhouse.com | \$\$ | 4 spoons

**BOB'S BETTER BURGER** Step back in time as you stand outside the screen window to order some of the best burgers, fries and onion rings in town. 3417 Thomason Drive 694-1561 | \$ | 4 spoons

**BROOKS BAR B-Q** The barbecue is great but it's hard not to order the fat burger. Whatever you decide be sure to save room for pie. Order it first — the kitchen tends to run out during the lunch rush. 501 E. Texas Ave. 685-5079 | \$ | 4 spoons

**BURGERS FRIES AND CHERRY PIES** More than 20 combinations of burgers and toppings from the standard bacon or chili to the unexpected — ever try pimento cheese on a burger? Fries get the gourmet treatment too. 5210 W. Wadley Ave. 617-2327 | \$ | 2 spoons

**DICKEY'S BARBECUE PIT** Texas-based barbecue marketed as fast food. Try the pulled pork sandwich and the baked potato casserole. 5210 W. Wadley Ave. 689-4500 www.dickeys.com | \$ | 4

spoons

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## A's assistant GM pleased with RockHounds success

By Len Hayward  
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The Oakland A's have traded away first round draft picks before as former Midland RockHounds Grant Green and Michael Choice come to mind right off the bat. But in June, the club was in discussions about trading arguably the team's top prospect short-stop Addison Russell. And then in July, Oakland pulled the trigger on one of two big trades the team made this summer.

Athletics assistant general manager David Forst said the trade that sent Russell to the Cubs along with outfield prospect Billy McKinney and



Forst

### RockHounds game

Be sure to find out how the RockHounds fared against the Tulsa Drillers last night.

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former RockHounds pitcher Dan Straily for pitchers Jeff Samardzija and Jason Hammel was something that produced more discussion in the A's front office than at any time during his 15 years with the team.

"At no point did anyone say you should make this trade because we have doubts about Addison, that never came into our conversation," said Forst, who was in Midland on Tuesday and Wednesday for his yearly visit with the RockHounds. "We really had to focus on the big league

club and the Cubs made it clear from the beginning they weren't doing it without Addison."

That trade in early July set the stage for what was a busy month for the A's as they worked to fill holes for a run at the World Series. American League West-leading Oakland ended the month by trading for Red Sox starting pitcher Jon Lester.

The Russell trade, though, was the one that had the most effect on the RockHounds this season because Russell was slated to play much of this season in Double-A.

Russell played a few games in April and then a hamstring injury sent him back to Arizona for rehabilitation, and Russell returned in June. But by the end of the first week of July, Russell was packing his bags for Knoxville, Tenn., and the Cubs Double-A affiliate.

"Everyone who is drafted at a level like that you project, you spend time in the instructional league and you watch them grown up in the system," Forst said. "But I think Addison, with the year he had last year, continuing in the fall, put himself nationally on a little different scale."

The RockHounds have continued to win games, and that's something that Forst has been more than happy to see. In fact, every team from Advanced-A to the Major Leagues in Oakland's organization is either tied for first place or in first place.

Heading into Wednesday night's game against Tulsa, the RockHounds were tied for first in the Texas League South Division second half standings with a 27-18 record and have the Texas League's second-best overall record at 65-50.

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## Ready to rock and roll



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Big Spring coach Phillip Ritchey works with his players during practice on Tuesday night at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring.

## Steers riding momentum from last year's success

By Oscar LeRoy  
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BIG SPRING — Hunter Hill said there's a big difference with the Big Spring football team's overall attitude at the start of this year's two-a-day practices compared to last year's two-a-days. "Everybody is more enthusiastic and lot more excited," said the senior running back and linebacker for the Steers. "We weren't really that excited last year at this time. We're not only excited, we're ready for the season to start."

The Steers have every reason to be excited for the start of the 2014 season. They are coming off their best season in four years and came oh, so close to upsetting powerhouse Stephenville in the Class 3A Division I regional round in arguably one of the best games of the year involving a West Texas football

program.

Big Spring had the Yellow Jackets down 36-34 with 37 seconds left before Stephenville quarterback Jarrett Stidman, a Texas Tech commit, threw a touchdown pass with 4.3 seconds remaining in what was eventually a 47-36 victory.

It was a gut-wrenching defeat for the Steers, who ended the season at 9-4 and were left to think what could have been.

"We found out how close we were to doing something really special," said seventh-year Big Spring coach Phillip Ritchey. "That third round loss just made us hungrier to work harder in the offseason, two-a-days and over the summer to see if we can finish this year. We left the field in such a dejected mood. Even though we were very excited about the level we played at, we still lost in heartbreaking fashion. But I think as

time wore on, it motivated us to look more forward to this season and view it as a chance to try to redeem ourselves after that tough loss and do even greater things this year."

Senior quarterback Tobyn Tannehill, who had a monster game in the loss to Stephenville with 236 yards passing, 156 yards rushing and two total touchdowns, said last year's success can only help his team's motivation going into this season.

"The experience we got from going that far and the leadership we had just helps us be more enthusiastic and gives us a good starting point," Tannehill said. "I feel like we're a little more excited. We're also pretty hungry, especially us seniors this year."

Tannehill will lead a potent offense that returns seven starters from last

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## MCA volleyball team ready to continue success

By Len Hayward  
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The Midland Classical volleyball team has made history the last two seasons.

Two years ago, the Lady Knights made the TAPPS 3A playoffs for the first time, and then in 2013, MCA won the program's first playoff match.

As the Lady Knights hit the floor for the start of the 2014 season this week, the goal is to not only keep making some history but also maintain the level of play the team has had the last two years.

Midland Classical lost five key seniors of a team that finished 17-8 in 2013, and this year's team will have one senior on its 10-player roster, and the other nine are sophomores and juniors.

This year could be a test to see how far the Midland Classical program has come and if it can continue to meet the rising expectations it has each season.

"I think it will be a good test just to see how well we come together and learn to play together for the next few years since we are such a young team," said junior



Johnson



Parker

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## Big 12 hopes 'One True Champion' good for playoff

By Stephen Hawkins  
Associated Press

With 10 teams playing a round-robin schedule and no championship game, the Big 12 is emphasizing its unique standing in the new playoff era.

The mantra "One True Champion" is part of the conference's new branding effort, complete with television ads and its own website.

"The only thing that you really have to do after adopting 'One True Champion' as your moniker is you have to go out and win some games," Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said. "We want to win national championships."

The Big 12 is the only one of the five power conferences in which every team plays each other. The Big 12 ends its regular season the first weekend of December when the SEC, ACC, Big Ten and Pac-12 are playing championship games.

Texas was the Big 12's last national champion, during the 2005 season, and got back in the title game four years after that. Eight-time Big 12 champ Oklahoma won the 2000 national title.

Baylor is coming off its first Big 12

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## Cowboys, Chargers backup QBs to be busy

By Bernie Wilson  
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Like backup quarterbacks? Then the Dallas Cowboys-San Diego Chargers exhibition opener Thursday night is one to watch.

With Tony Romo sitting out to rest his surgically repaired back, Brandon Weeden will get the start for the Cowboys.

Philip Rivers likely will take a seat after the opening series, allowing Kellen Clemens to make his Chargers debut after Charlie Whitehurst took his clipboard and signed with Tennessee.

Weeden got all the first-team reps during offseason workouts

and more first-team work in training camp with Romo essentially sitting out every third practice.

He signed with the Cowboys after the Browns released him just two years after making him the 22nd pick of the first round — the same pick as Johnny Manziel this year. He's the clear front-runner to be the backup after Kyle Orton was released just before camp. Caleb Hanie seems a distant third.

Weeden said he's looking to get his feet under him and put the Cleveland experience a little further behind.

"No doubt about it. Putting up huge numbers isn't my main focus. I think my



Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Brandon Weeden throws a pass as the offense runs a play during training camp July 24 in Oxnard, Calif.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

'HOONDS WATCH

Table with columns: Wednesday, Today, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Rows: Midland 3, Tulsa 0; Tulsa at Midland; Springfield at Midland; Springfield at Midland; Springfield at Midland.

WHAT'S ON TV

BOXING: Bantamweights, Oscar Cantu (7-0-0) vs. Joseph Rios (13-9-2); junior welterweights, KeAndre Gibson (10-0-1) vs. Jose Hernandez (14-7-1); junior lightweights, Jerry Belmontes (19-4-0) vs. Abner Cotto (17-2-0), at Corpus Christi, 9 p.m., FS1. GOLF: PGA of America, PGA Championship, first round, at Louisville, Ky., noon, TNT. USGA, U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, second and third round matches, at Glen Cove, N.Y., 2 p.m., TGC. LPGA, Meijer Classic, first round, at Grand Rapids, Mich., 4 p.m., TGC. LITTLE LEAGUE: Playoffs, Great Lakes Regional semifinal, teams TBD, at Indianapolis, 1 p.m., ESPN. Playoffs, Northwest Regional semifinal, teams TBD, at San Bernardino, Calif., 4 p.m., ESPN. Playoffs, Great Lakes Regional semifinal, teams TBD.

WHAT'S ON RADIO

NFL: Preseason, Dallas at San Diego, 8 p.m., KNFM, 92.3 FM.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL: Major League Baseball. MLB - Announced the suspension of San Francisco minor league RHP Jarrod Dunnington (Augusta-SAL) for 50 games after a second positive test for a drug of abuse and Cincinnati minor league SS Cesar Mesa (Ricks-DSL) for 72 games after testing positive for a metabolite of Bisdolone. American League. CLEVELAND INDIANS - Options RHP Denny Salazar to Columbus (IL) and recalled RHP C.C. Lee from Columbus. NATIONAL LEAGUE. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS - Reinstated INF Cliff Pennington from the 15-day DL. Options RHP Bo Schultz to Reno (PCL). CHICAGO CUBS - Activated RHP Kyuji Fukushima from the 60-day DL. Designated OF Nate Schenkerz for assignment. COLORADO ROCKIES - Activated RHP Jordan Lyles from the 60-day DL. Placed LHP Brett Anderson on the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Brooks Brown from Colorado Springs (PCL). Designated OF Jason Prida for assignment. SAN DIEGO PADRES - Announced the resignation of vice president/assistant general manager of player personnel Chad MacDonald. Named A.J. Preller general manager. WASHINGTON NATIONALS - Activated LHP Matt Thornton. Options RHP Blake Treinen to Syracuse (IL). American Association. AMARILLO SOX - Signed RHP Anthony Figliola. FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS - Signed RHP Nick McCut. GARY SOUTHWEST RAILCATS - Released RHP Barry Fowler. LAREDO LEMURS - Released RHP Jack Wagner. Can-Am League. ROCKLAND BOLDFERS - Signed INF Giuseppe Papaccio. TROIS-RIVIERES AGILES - Released INF Felix Brown. Frontier League. GATEWAY FRONTIERS - Signed RHP Brett Zawack. FLORENCE FREEDOM - Signed INF Tyler Heck and INF Bryan Solomon. Released LHP Preston Overby. WASHINGTON WILD THINGS - Signed LHP Christopher O'Hare. WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS - Signed C Michael Allen. BASKETBALL: National Basketball Association. NEW YORK KNICKS - Acquired F Quincy Acy and F Travis Outlaw from Sacramento for G Wayne Ellington and F Jeremy Tyler. FOOTBALL: National Football League. ARIZONA CARDINALS - Announced the retirement of TE Jake Ballard.

WNBA STANDINGS

Table with columns: Eastern Conference, Western Conference. Rows: Atlanta, Washington, Chicago, Indiana, New York, Connecticut; Phoenix, Minnesota, Los Angeles, San Antonio.

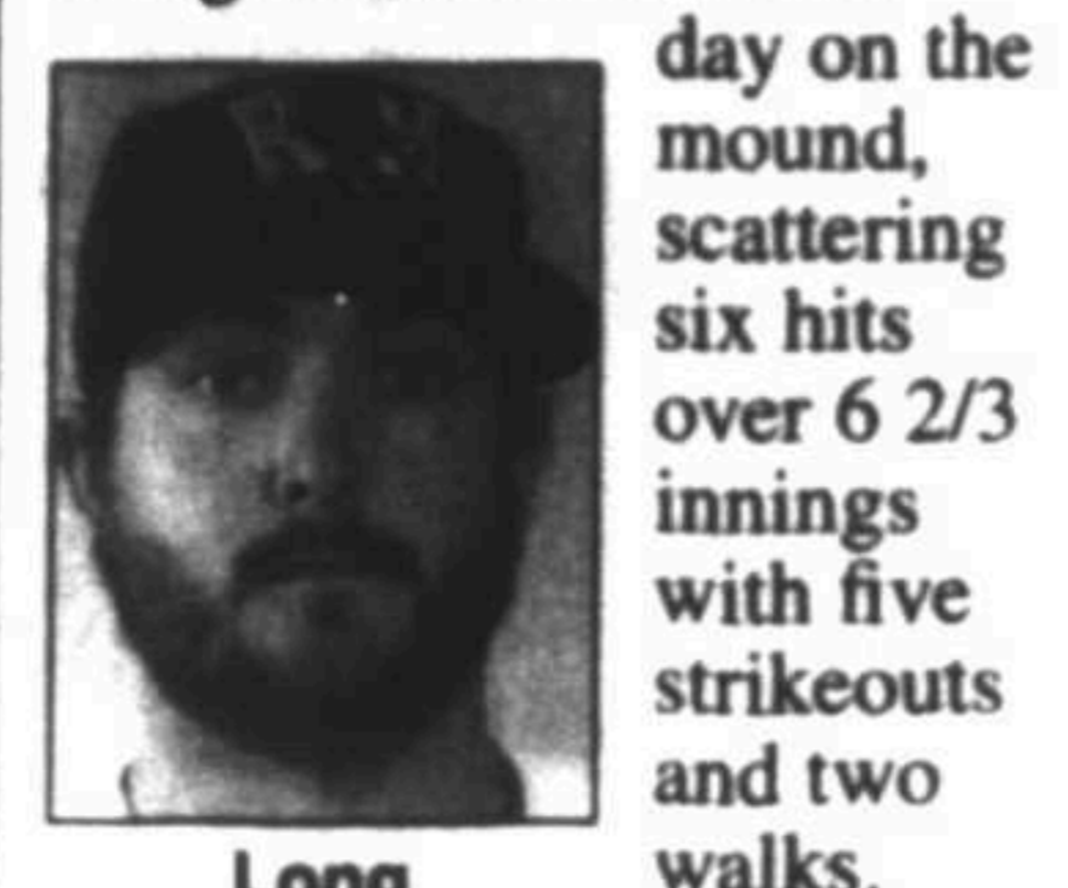
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WEST: ALAN HENRY: Water stained, 75-83 degrees; 17.55 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Yellow Magics early, later switching to Carolina rigs and jigs. Crappie are good on live minnows and jigs over brush piles. Catfish are good on chumhouse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers. ARROWHEAD: Water of color: 75-83 degrees; 18.49 feet low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake. COLORADO CITY: 21.83 feet low. No report available. FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 74-82 degrees; 14.85 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Zell Pops, Texas rigs and shalyheads. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers. HUSBARD CREEK: Water of color: 75-84 degrees; 27.23 feet low. Black bass are good on topwaters early, midmorning switching to Texas rigs, crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs over deep cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait. NASWORTHY: No report available. OAK CREEK: Water stained; 75-83 degrees; 23.54 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Carolina rigs, jigs and shalyheads. Crappie are fair to good on chumhouse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers. O.H. FIVE: Water stained; 75-84 degrees; 38.13 feet low. Black bass are good on Zans Spooks early and late, midday switching to Texas rigs, jigs and Rat-L-Trap. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 74-81 degrees; 18.28 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to Carolina rigs, Texas rigs and medium running shad pattern crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on dials and Lure Geogons. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers. SPENCE: 75.04 feet low. No report available. STAMFORD: 16.75 feet low. No report available. SWEETWATER: Water murky; 75-82 degrees; 26.37 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Carolina rigs, split shad weighted flukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait. WHITE RIGGS: Water stained; 74-82 degrees; 22.51 feet low. No report available. SOUTH: AMSTAD: Water stained; 82-86 degrees; 42.00 feet low. Black bass are good on Senkos, crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on shad and watermelon topwaters. White bass are fair on chumhouse topwaters and spinnerbaits. Catfish are good on stinkbait, liver, and frozen shrimp over baited holes. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not. BRAUNING: Water stained. Black bass are fair on crankbaits and dark soft plastic worms. Striped bass are fair on liver and shad off points. Redfish are fair dunnage near the jetty and dam. Channel catfish are good on shrimp, cut bait, and chumhouse near the dam. White catfish are fair on cut bait. CALAVERS: Water stained. Black bass are good on crankbaits and soft plastics. Striped bass are good on chicken livers and shad along the shoreline. Redfish are good down rigging silver and gold spoons and live ball near the dam in 10-20 feet. Channel and blue catfish are fair on liver, chumhouse, shrimp, and shad near the railroad trestle and 181 cove. Yellow catfish are slow. CHOKE CANYON: Water stained; 81-85 degrees; 25.80 feet low. Black bass are fair on small whitechumhouse spinnerbaits, watermelon crankbaits, and pumpkin flake jigs. Striped bass are fair on live ball, along main lake points. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are good on live ball. Yellow and blue catfish are good on live ball upriver. COLETO CREEK: Water stained; 88 degrees in main lake, 100 degrees at hot water discharge; 2.24 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastics and spinnerbaits over grass beds in 8-10 feet. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on trotlines and dropbaits baited with live perch in 10-14 feet. Yellow catfish are slow. FALCON: Water murky; 83-87 degrees; 80.81 feet low. Black bass are good on Brush Hogs and shallow running crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are very good on stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

RockHounds beat Drillers in shutout

RockHounds 3 Drillers 0

From staff reports Kent Matthes homered for the seventh time in the last 10 games, and three Midland pitchers combined on a shutout as the RockHounds beat the Tulsa Drillers 3-0 on Wednesday at Security Bank Ballpark.



Long

day on the mound, scattering six hits over 6 2/3 innings with five strikeouts and two walks. Relievers Ryan Doolittle and Jose Flores combined to pitch 2 1/3 scoreless innings as Flores earned his seventh save of the season by pitching a scoreless ninth inning. Meanwhile at the plate, Matthes stayed hot and hit his 14th home run of the season in the bottom of the second inning, a solo shot that gave the RockHounds a 1-0 lead that they didn't give up. Later in the inning, Dusty Coleman added to his RBI total (63 in 2014) with a double that scored Max Muncy. Matthes is hitting .378 over the last 10 games and .245 since coming to Midland, and has hit home runs in three straight games, dating back to his home run on Sunday against Corpus Christi. Midland added some insurance in the sixth inning as Muncy scored again, this time when Coleman reached on an error. Midland had nine hits on the day as Tulsa starter

TL standings table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Northwest Arkansas, Springfield, South Division, Midland, Corpus Christi.

and former RockHound Carlos Hernandez pitched six innings, giving up three runs on eight hits with four strikeouts and no walks. Hiroyuki Nakajima, who is hitting .333 over his last 10 games, was 2-for-4 and center fielder Kenny Wilson was also 2-for-4. Midland improved to 28-18 in the second half and remained on top of the Texas League South Division standings, and Tulsa is now 19-26. Midland will try to win the series in the final game of the three-game set with the Drillers at 7 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark.

MCA

From 1C

Kristen Johnson, who has an honorable mention selection on the TAPPS 1-3A All-District team last year. The Lady Knights, though, won't be lacking on returning talent. Newcomer of the Year and junior Alissa Beattie returns, along with Johnson and Beth Ann Holmes, who was also an honorable mention selection on the TAPPS 1-3A team. Midland Classical coach Taryn Parker said the team will be a little more balanced offensively because the Lady Knights relied heavily on the graduated Kayla Beattie a year ago. But Parker said she also believes that volleyball at a school where the girls basketball team has had state-level success is forging its own path to success. Parker said the junior high programs are overflowing with players, and the program is now more known than it had been previous to the last two years, joking that everybody wants volleyball t-shirts now. "I think when you have high expectations you are able to rise to those expectations," Parker said. "It's easier when you have no expectations, you don't have anything to strive for." The goal remains to get

Miller, Jones excited to play with LeBron again

Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — They were pieces of a championship puzzle in Miami, perfect fits. Mike Miller and James Jones hope to be just as valuable accessories in Cleveland to help LeBron James win a title that would mean more to the superstar than any other. Attracted to the Cavaliers for a chance to play again with James, Miller and Jones were introduced Wednesday by the Cavs, who finally got a chance to show off some of their newest assets of this "monumental" summer. Flanking Cavs general manager David Griffin, Miller and Jones both expressed their excitement at being a part of James' homecoming, a return the Ohio native wants to crown by ending the city's

50-year championship drought. Miller and Jones won back-to-back titles with James and the Heat. They know what it takes to win, and they know it won't be easy. "Winning a championship takes a lot of hard work. It's one of the hardest things you'll ever do," Miller said. I was able to be a part, and James was able to be a part of an unbelievable ride in Miami." They're riding with James again. Two of the league's better long-range shooters, Miller and Jones will give Cleveland more weapons to add to the ones they already have in James, All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving and maybe even forward Kevin Love, who could be headed to the Cavaliers in a trade with Minnesota before the month ends.

SUCCESS

From 1C

July where it won 20-10 and most recently won 17 of 27 games it played in 26 days in July. "This is a special group, they are playing well right now," Forst said. "This group has really come together, and there are some veteran guys who have turned things around. It's always nice to put a winning team here because we have a special relationship with the people in Midland. It's fun to see during the summer when this team is doing well."

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Tebow embracing analyst job while waiting on NFL

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tim Tebow still wants — and trains for — another NFL opportunity. Still, while the 26-year-old free agent quarterback waits for another chance to play professional football, he isn't about to let a potential dream job pass him by. Tebow is embracing his latest passion: working as a football analyst for ESPN's new SEC Network, which debuts Aug. 14. "I love doing this," an enthusiastic Tebow told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "I want to do this for a long time. I love talking football and I love being around it." The only thing he doesn't like is "having to wear this" suit, Tebow said, laughing and tugging at his gray jacket coat. "I'd rather be in shorts." Or pads. Tebow said his agent has fielded some calls from interested NFL teams — he declined to name which teams — but added no deal is imminent. Most NFL teams are two weeks into training camp,

so Tebow knows he's missing valuable time. Over the past several months he's been trying to balance learning his new job and staying in peak physical condition in case that call comes. He works out five to six times per week in Los Angeles, Arizona or Florida depending on his busy travel schedule. "I'm kind of a vagabond these days," he said. Carolina Panthers coach Ron Rivera said it surprises him Tebow hasn't landed on an NFL roster since the New England Patriots cut him Aug. 31, 2013. "I'm a big fan of his and he knows it. He has always given me fits when I've had to coach against him," Rivera said of Tebow, who is 8-6 as an NFL starter. "He's a playmaker and he plays a different kind of football. All the guy has ever done is win. ... He's one of those guys if you were struggling at quarterback, hey, why wouldn't you give him a shot?" But the Panthers — and 31 others teams — haven't given Tebow a shot. Tebow said he's not exactly sure why.

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2014 MIDLAND CLASSICAL ROSTER table with columns: Player, Class. Rows: Grace Sims, Beth Ann Holmes, Kristen Johnson, Morgan Jones, Alissa Beattie, Darian Griffin, Eleri Hayes, Halle Stokes, Aly Scott, Katharine Kothmann.

2014 MIDLAND CLASSICAL SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Time. Rows: Aug. 12 Grandfalls-Royal, Aug. 14-16 Wink Tournament, Aug. 18 Wink/Fort Stockton, Aug. 23 Coalinga, Aug. 28 Colorado City, Aug. 29-30 Denver City Tournament, Sept. 2 Wink, Sept. 5 Odessa Warriors, Sept. 6 at Kermit, Sept. 9 Brownfield, Sept. 12 at Denver City, Sept. 23 Andrews/Kermit, Sept. 27 Lubbock Titans, Sept. 30 at Trinity, Oct. 3 at Ama. San Jacinto, Oct. 4 at Lubbock Christian, Oct. 7 at Abilene Christian, Oct. 10 Abilene Christian, Oct. 11 Ama. San Jacinto, Oct. 14 Trinity, Oct. 17 Lubbock Christian.

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# Rosales hits 2 HRs, leads Rangers over White Sox

By Matt Carlson  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Adam Rosales homered twice in a game for the first time in his career and Nick Tepesch pitched scoreless ball into the sixth inning, leading the Texas Rangers over Chris Sale and the Chicago White Sox 3-1 Wednesday.

The Rangers, who began the day with baseball's worst record, have won consecutive games for the first time since June 27-28. They routed the White Sox 16-0 on Tuesday night.

Rosales hit a two-run shot in the second and added a solo shot in the seventh. He entered the

game with only one homer this season.

White Sox center fielder Adam Eaton exited in the second after running into the right-center field fence trying to catch Rosales' homer. The team said Eaton bruised his lower back.

Tepesch (4-7) gave up six hits in 5 2-3 innings. He had lost four straight decisions, and skipped a turn because of a sore left knee.

Sale (10-2) allowed three hits in six innings, striking out nine. His only other loss this season came on June 12, when he was outduelled by Detroit's

Max Scherzer.

Chicago's Dayan Viciedo homered in the seventh off Roman Mendez. Neftali Feliz got two outs for his fourth save in five chances.

In four starts and one relief appearance in July, Tepesch allowed 18 runs in 22 2-3 innings before his knee flared up in the seventh inning of his last start, on July 26 against Oakland.

On Wednesday, Tepesch sailed through five innings before leaving with runners on second and third and two outs in the sixth. Roman Mendez replaced him and got major league home run leader Jose Abreu to ground out.



Chicago White Sox third baseman Conor Gillaspie takes a throw from catcher Tyler Flowers and catches the Texas Rangers' Elvis Andrus stealing third during the sixth inning on Wednesday in Chicago.

## MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

### Interleague

**PHILLIES 10 ASTROS 3**  
PHILADELPHIA — Chase Utley hit a three-run homer, and Ben Revere had four hits, including a triple, to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a 10-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Wednesday night.

Ryan Howard had two hits and two RBIs with a double for Philadelphia, which had scored just two runs in 35 2/3 innings entering Wednesday. The Phillies topped the Astros 2-1 in 15 innings on Tuesday night.

David Buchanan (6-5) was called up to replace Cliff Lee, who was placed on the disabled list because of a left elbow strain sustained last Thursday.



The Houston Astros' Brad Peacock pitches during an interleague game against the Philadelphia Phillies, Wednesday in Philadelphia.

**PADRES 5 TWINS 4, 10 INNINGS**  
MINNEAPOLIS — At the crack of the bat, San Diego Padres manager Bud Black didn't think center fielder Alexi Amarista had a chance to get Eduardo Escobar's screaming line drive.

Step by blazing step, it didn't take Amarista long to give Black and the rest of his team some much-needed hope.

Amarista made that game-saving catch in the bottom of the ninth inning and Seth Smith followed with a solo homer in the 10th to lift the Padres to a 5-4 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Wednesday.

"Then I saw Alexi's route, and you're sort of watching Alexi and watching the ball," Black said. "And then in flight, you think maybe."

7-3 victory.

It is the first time since May 2012 that the Braves, who were swept at Dodger Stadium and San Diego before losing two straight at Safeco Field, have lost eight in a row.

"You can't get caught up in wins and losses as a starting pitcher. One day the media will stop evaluating us on that," Young said with a laugh.

Young (10-6), who allowed all three runs in the third, was immediately picked up by his teammates, as the Mariners responded with a four-run third.

Tampa Bay needed a nice lift.

Kevin Kiermaier hit a two-run homer to help Hellickson end a six-start winless stretch for his first victory in 11 months, and the Rays beat the Oakland Athletics 7-3 Wednesday to avoid a sweep.

Hellickson's fastball hit the mark and he complemented that with an effective change-up.

A bit of relief?

"Absolutely. It's been a long time since I've felt good after a start," Hellickson said. "I don't want to get too far ahead of myself. It's one game, but I felt good and hopefully I can do it again in five days."

**MARINERS 7 BRAVES 3**  
SEATTLE — Without wavering, Chris Young will say it each time he is asked: Individual wins are not important to him. It's about the team's success, the veteran right-hander says, going to painstaking lengths to get his point across.

Young reached his first double-digit win total in a season since 2006 on Wednesday, but it truly was a team effort this time around as the Seattle Mariners sent the Atlanta Braves to a season-high eighth straight loss with a

**REDS 8 INDIANS 3**  
CINCINNATI — Mat Latos pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning and chipped in with a hit as the Cincinnati Reds opened a seven-game homestand with an 8-3 win over the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday night.

Zack Cozart hit a three-run homer off the left-field foul pole and Kristopher Negron added a two-run shot as the Reds won for the third time in four games.

**BLUE JAYS 5 ORIOLES 1**  
TORONTO — Drew Hutchison came within one out of his second career complete game. Jose Bautista homered and drove in three runs and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-1 on Wednesday night, snapping a four-game losing streak.

Melky Cabrera had three hits as the Blue Jays closed within four games of the AL East-leading Orioles and handed Baltimore its first loss in four games.

Hutchison (8-9) struck out eight and allowed just one hit, a solo homer by Chris Davis in the second, to win for the second time in three starts. Hutchison responded to the homer by setting down 22 straight batters but was replaced after Nick Markakis

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**RAYS 7 ATHLETICS 3**  
OAKLAND, Calif. — Jeremy Hellickson has been waiting nearly a year to find his rhythm on the mound again.

Seven months after elbow surgery, he delivered on a day

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G. Peitz	41	20	.677	3 1/2
Peacock	20	20	.500	3 1/2
D. Davis	0	0	.000	2 1/2
K. Pappas	1	0	1.000	3 1/2
H. Hooper	1	0	1.000	1 1/2
Totals	36	31	.538	33:12
Houston	100	100	1.000	—
Philadelphia	500	300	.625	—

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E. Byrd (2) DP—Houston 1, LOB—Houston 7, Philadelphia 4, 2B—M. Dominguez (17), Rollins (19), Howard (12), SS—Revere (8), HR—Ullery (10), SB—Abreu (45), R—Rivers (31), SF—M. Rodriguez, Neves

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## Vote would let big conferences set their own rules

By Ralph D. Russo  
Associated Press

The NCAA board of directors will vote Thursday on a proposal that would give the five wealthiest college football conferences the ability to make rules and pass legislation without the approval of the rest of Division I schools.

The autonomy proposal is expected to pass. Here's what you need to know about it:

as those in the Sun Belt or Mid-American Conference. But they'll try.

"Will there be greater additional costs? More than likely," Sun Belt Commissioner Benson said at the league's football media day last month. "And yes, there will be challenges, but Sun Belt universities have invested too much not to be part of major college football in the future."

There is concern that schools trying to keep up with the Big Five in revenue sports such as football and men's basketball might not have enough money to fund non-revenue Olympic sports.

### Q: What do the big conferences want?

The 65 schools in Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and Southeastern Conference would get the ability to pass permissive legislation to "enhance the well-being of student-athletes." They want to be allowed to spend their growing revenues on things such as scholarships that cover the full cost of attending college beyond tuition, room and board and books. Those conferences also want to invest more in long-term health care and continuing education and ensure that athletes retain scholarships for four years. Schools in the other 27 Division I conferences can try to do some of those things if they want, but they will not be required to.

### Q: Who is against it?

There are some in those other 22 conferences who are concerned that giving the Big Five the ability to make their own rules will increase the competitive advantage those schools already have. The most vocal critic has been Boise State President Bob Kustra, who believes autonomy is the Big Five's attempt to keep schools such as his from competing on the highest level. The Broncos, who play in the MWC, have often been shut out of the biggest games, with the biggest payouts.

"The NCAA cannot fall prey to phony arguments about student welfare when the real goal of some of these so-called reformers is create a plutocracy," Kustra wrote in a statement released to the media in May. "That serves no useful purpose in American higher education."

"I think we've gotten to a place where we just believe there was a need for us to perhaps be a little less egalitarian, a little less magnanimous about the 350 schools and spend a little time worrying about the most severe issues that are troubling our programs among the 65." Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said Wednesday during forum in New York host by the conference.

### Q: Why is this likely to pass?

Because the Big Five generate millions in revenue for all NCAA members, and while the leaders of those conferences have repeatedly said they don't want to break away from the rest of Division I, they have also made clear it is an option. So they'll get what they want.

It also helps relieve some of the pressure to reform an outdated amateur sports model, brought in part by a lawsuit that claims athletes deserve revenue from the use of their names and likenesses and a unionization effort from Northwestern football players.

### Q: Why do those conferences need autonomy to do that?

In the past, schools in conferences that don't have the billions of dollars in TV revenues that the so-called Big Five have stood in the way of the NCAA passing legislation that would have provided some of those extra benefits to athletes. Specifically, in 2011 a proposal that would have allowed schools to give athletes a \$2,000 stipend to cover cost of attendance was overridden by about half of the 355 Division I schools.

### Q: When would it go into effect?

The formal start would be in January 2015, at the NCAA convention.

### Q: Will other conferences try to do what the Big Five want to do?

The leaders of the other five conferences that play at the highest level of college football, FBS, have all said their members are prepared to do their best to provide the same additional benefits to student-athletes. Some schools, such as those in the American Athletic Conference or Mountain West, are probably better situated to spend more on athletes than others, such

### Q: Will fans notice a difference?

Not really. Maybe in the long-term some FBS schools will decide it's too expensive to compete at that level and drop down to FCS. And it could be a step toward full separation between the Big Five and the rest of college athletics, but there is nothing to suggest that is imminent. For now, it will look like business as usual.

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Tiger Woods stands on the first tee during a practice round for the PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club on Wednesday in Louisville, Ky. The tournament is set to begin today.

# Woods ready to tee it up in the PGA Championship

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Barely able to tie his shoes three days ago, Tiger Woods is ready to tee it up in the PGA Championship.

Woods caused the biggest sensation of the week Wednesday afternoon simply by driving his silver SUV into the parking lot at Valhalla. He has never arrived so late for a major championship and had so little time to prepare — just nine holes at Valhalla, which he had not seen since winning the PGA Championship in 2000.

But at least he's playing. That much was in doubt Sunday when he withdrew from the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational because of back pain that made it a chore to switch out of his golf shoes.

Woods said he suffered a pinched nerve, but that it was not at all related to back surgery he had March 31 that kept him out of golf for three months.

He said his trainer adjusted the area above the sacrum.

"Once he put it back in, the spasms went away," he said. "And from there, I started getting some range of motion."

The latest injury occurred when Woods tried to play a shot from just above a deep bunker on the second hole at Fires-tone, and his momentum caused him to land hard in the sand. He kept playing, and hit some horrific shots before deciding to withdraw after a tee shot on the ninth hole.

That was only his third tournament since his return from surgery, leading to concern that he might be done for the year.

"It was a different pain than what I had been experiencing," Woods said. "So I knew it wasn't the site of the surgery. It was different and obviously it just the sacrum."

His arrival put some life into what had been an ordinary week. Dozens of cameras captured Woods putting on his shoes with ease at his car. He got a big cheer just walking onto the practice range and the crowd was six-deep down

the first hole, about like it was for the Ryder Cup at Valhalla six years ago.

In the nine holes he played with Steve Stricker, Davis Love III and Harris English, Woods looked the same as he did last week.

He drilled his driver down the first fairway. He badly pulled his tee shot on the third hole. It was a mixture of good and bad, about what can be expected from someone who has played only nine rounds in the last five months.

"Nothing great," Woods said. "It's only Wednesday."

Woods tees off Thursday alongside Phil Mickelson and Padraig Harrington. He simply said, "Yes," when asked if he expected to win, which seemed to be a tall order considering his return from surgery. Woods missed the cut by four shots at the Quicken Loans National, had his worst 72-hole finish in a major at the British Open and was in the middle of the pack at Fires-tone when he withdrew.

Barring a victory, this likely will be his last tournament for at least six weeks.

# Big 12

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title, and like all the champions since Texas in 2009, the Bears didn't win all their league games.

So would a Big 12 champion with a blemished record get one of the coveted four spots in the first College Football Playoff semifinal games?

"With what you do going through this league, no, I don't see that as a problem at all," Baylor coach Art Briles said. "But who knows? I mean, that's why they formed the committee. We'll see how the committee thinks."

Here are 10 things to watch in the Big 12's fourth year as a 10-team league:

**BEAR MARKET:** Baylor moves into its new campus stadium with returning quarterback Bryce Petty, the Big 12's top offensive player, and receiver Antwan Goodley (13 touchdowns). The Bears set an NCAA record with 52.4 points a game last season.

**BELL RINGER:** Blake Bell was Oklahoma's starting quarterback for eight games last season, and ran for 24 TDs in short-yardage situations the previous two years. He is now a 6-foot-6, 260-pound senior starting tight end, his dad's NFL position. The quarter-

back is sophomore Trevor Knight (348 yards, four TDs passing in Sugar Bowl victory over Alabama).

**STRONG MESSAGE:** New Texas coach Charlie Strong has suspended three potential starters for at least the season opener, and maybe more games, while four other players have been dismissed for rules violations. The Longhorns are without a Big 12 title since 2009.

**EARLY NEUTRAL TESTS:** Oklahoma State plays its opener Aug. 30 against defending national champ Florida State and Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston in Arlington, Texas. West Virginia plays Alabama in Atlanta the same day. It's UCLA vs. Texas in Arlington for Week 3.

**DECADE IN CHARGE:** Mike Gundy goes into his 10th season as Oklahoma State's head coach, and 24th in Stillwater as a player or coach. "From a personal standpoint, I couldn't be any more proud of who we are and the direction that we're going," said Gundy, 77-38 as head coach, including the 2011 Big 12 title and a second-place finish last year.

**K-STATE COMEBACK:** Kansas State was the defending Big 12 champ last year when it

opened with a loss to FCS champion North Dakota State, part of a 2-4 start. The Wildcats then won six of their last seven games, including a bowl over Michigan. Versatile stand-out receiver Tyler Lockett is among seven returning offensive starters.

**THIRD-TIME CHARM?** TCU (Mountain West) and West Virginia (Big East) were coming off consecutive conference titles when they joined the Big 12 in 2012. Both are since 11-14 overall and 6-12 in Big 12 games.

**BOWL BOOST:** Texas Tech was 7-0 under new coach and former QB Kliff Kingsbury before losing five in a row to the Big 12's top five teams. "Our team learned how to handle adversity," Kingsbury said. The Red Raiders then beat Arizona State in the Holiday Bowl.

**WEIS WOES:** Kansas has won only three Big 12 games the past five seasons, and is 4-20 overall (1-17 Big 12) under coach Charlie Weis. "We haven't done a thing in the two years I've been here," said Weis.

**BISON VS. BIG 12:** North Dakota State won its third FCS title in a row last season and opens this year at Iowa State, which lost its 2013 opener against FCS team Northern Iowa.

# STEERS

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year's team. However, the Steers must replace eight starters off a solid defense.

The Steers will also have to go through a gauntlet of a District 3-4A Division I schedule that includes traditionally strong programs in Stephenville, Abilene Wylie, Brownwood and Snyder.

"I can't imagine one any tougher from top to bottom," said Ritchey of the new district. "Traditionally, Stephenville has been a state champion in recent times, Abilene Wylie was a state champion not too

long ago and Brownwood has been one of the best teams in the history of football going back to the Gordon Wood days. And then Snyder has been really good in the past. We're just trying to be one of those teams they talk about, have a good program and one they respect."

As for the overall Steers program, Ritchey said last year's run should help the players realize the potential and serve as an example of what they can accomplish with hard work.

"You can just see it with the way they work, you can see it in their

attitude, you see it in the way they get along with each other and the bonding that happened through that experience," Ritchey said. "But they know you never have it made. We kind of found that out. We were 37 seconds away from a third round win and it still got away from us. I think they know that there's still a sense of urgency to get better because we're not where we want to be, no matter what happened last year."

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At Valhalla Golf Club Louisville, Ky. All Times EDT Thursday-Friday Hole 1-Hole 10	Castano, Spain; Graham Delaet, Canada; Gary Woodland, United States 1:25 p.m.-8:15 a.m. — Sergio Garcia, Spain Steve Stricker, United States; Tom Watson, United States 1:35 p.m.-8:25 a.m. — Kenny Perry, United States; Ryan Moore, United States; Henrik Stenson, Sweden 1:45 p.m.-8:35 a.m. — Bubba Watson, United States; Martin Kaymer, Germany; Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland 1:55 p.m.-8:45 a.m. — Jason Duhner, United States; Y. E. Yang, South Korean; Keegan Bradley, United States 2:05 p.m.-8:55 a.m. — Luke Donald, England; J.B. Holmes, United States; Francesco Molinari, Italy 2:15 p.m.-9:05 a.m. — Zach Johnson, United States; Darren Clarke, Northern Ireland; Richard Sterne, South Africa 2:25 p.m.-9:15 a.m. — Tim Clark, South Africa; Paul Casey, England; Kevin Na, United States 2:35 p.m.-9:25 a.m. — Silvestro Bowditch, Australia; Rod Perry, United States; Ben Crane, United States 2:45 p.m.-9:35 a.m. — David Hronek, United States; Chris Stroud, United States; Jason Bohn, United States Tee 10-Tee No. 1 7:35 a.m.-12:45 p.m. — Robert Karlsson, Sweden; Frank Eppelito, United States; Koumei Oda, Japan 7:45 a.m.-12:55 p.m. — Hideki Matsuyama, Japan; Angel Cabrera, Argentina; Patrick Reed, Australia 7:55 a.m.-1:05 p.m. — Shaun Michael, United States; Colin Montgomerie, Scotland; Michael Block, United States 8:05 a.m.-1:15 p.m. — Riccio Fowler, United States; Victor Dubousson, France; Ernie Els, South Africa 8:15 a.m.-1:25 p.m. — Jordan Spieth, United States; Adam Scott, Australia; Lee Westwood, England 8:25 a.m.-1:35 p.m. — Jimmy Walker, United States; Ian Poulter, England; Jason Day, Australia 8:35 a.m.-1:45 p.m. — Padraig Harrington, Ireland; Phil Mickelson, United States; Tiger Woods, United States 8:45 a.m.-1:55 p.m. — Graeme McDowell, Northern Ireland; Brandt Snedeker, United States; Brooks Koepka, United States 8:55 a.m.-2:05 p.m. — Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain; Charl Schwartzel, South Africa; Jim Furyk, United States 9:05 a.m.-2:15 p.m. — Matt Kuchar, United States; Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa; Justin Rose, England 9:15 a.m.-2:25 p.m. — Marc Leishman, Australia; Boo Weekley, United States; Bernd Wiesberger, Austria 9:25 a.m.-2:35 p.m. — Russell Henry, United States; David McNeill, United States; Marc Warren, Scotland 9:35 a.m.-2:45 p.m. — Mikko Ilonen, Finland; Jerry Smith, United States; George McNeill, United States 12:40 p.m.-7:30 a.m. — Shane Lowry, Ireland; Bob Sowden, United States; Ryan Palmer, United States 12:50 p.m.-7:40 a.m. — Charley Hoffman, United States; Dustin Volk, United States; Scott Brown, United States 1 p.m.-7:50 a.m. — Alexander Levy, France; Stuart Deane, United States; David Hearn, United States 1:10 p.m.-8 a.m. — David Tensia, United States; Fabrizio Zanotti, Paraguay; Danny Willett, England 1:20 p.m.-8:10 a.m. — Anirban Lahiri, India; Bill Haas, United States; John Senden, Australia 1:30 p.m.-8:20 a.m. — Vijay Singh, Fiji; Davis Love III, United States; Shawn Stearns, United States 1:40 p.m.-8:30 a.m. — Cameron Tringola, United States; Scott Piercy, United States; Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand 1:50 p.m.-8:40 a.m. — Branden Grace, South Africa; Hunter Mahan, United States; Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark 2 p.m.-8:50 a.m. — Chris Kirk, United States; Matt Jones, Australia; Seung-yul Noh, South Korea 2:10 p.m.-9 a.m. — Jerry Kelly, United States; Tommy Fleetwood, England; Heiko Tanihara, Japan 2:20 p.m.-9:10 a.m. — Will MacKenzie, United States; Steve Stricker, United States; Chesson Hadley, United States 2:30 p.m.-9:20 a.m. — Johan Kok, United States; Ben Martin, United States; Chris Wood, England 2:40 p.m.-9:30 a.m. — Daniel Summerhays, United States; Jim McGooven, United States; Geoff Ogilvy, Australia
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# F1 chief Bernie Ecclestone: The ultimate survivor

By Steve Douglas  
Associated Press

Bernie Ecclestone is a man used to getting his own way.

Whether it's running his sport with an authoritarian hand for four decades or paying his way out of a bribery trial, the 83-year-old English billionaire has spent a career cutting deals and wheeling and dealing to stay on top of the Formula One racing world.

For the past 10 months, Ecclestone has been entangled in court cases in native England and Germany that

threatened — but failed — to bring him down.

The ultimate survivor, Ecclestone emerged with his image tarnished but the grip on his sport intact, for now.

In February, the High Court in London rejected a multimillion-dollar corruption claim against Ecclestone related to the sale of F1 in 2005. And on Tuesday, he took the rare and contentious step of paying a Munich court \$100 million to drop a bribery case against him.

For the seemingly untouchable Ecclestone, it was business as usual.

"This now allows me to do what I do best, which is running F1," he said after the verdict was handed down Tuesday in Munich.

Ecclestone could have faced 10 years in prison if

convicted of paying a \$44 million bribe to German banker Gerhard Gribkowsky. Ecclestone denied wrongdoing and contends that Gribkowsky, who was in charge of selling German bank BayernLB's 47 percent stake in F1 in 2005, blackmailed him.

Ecclestone is one of the shrewdest financial operators in sports, having built a powerbase in F1 since the 1970s that has allowed him to control the business operations of the racing series at the behest of teams and sell TV rights across the globe.

According to Forbes, Ecclestone has a net worth of \$4.2 billion — not bad for someone who dropped out of school at 16, is the son of a fisherman and who starting working life as a used-car salesman.



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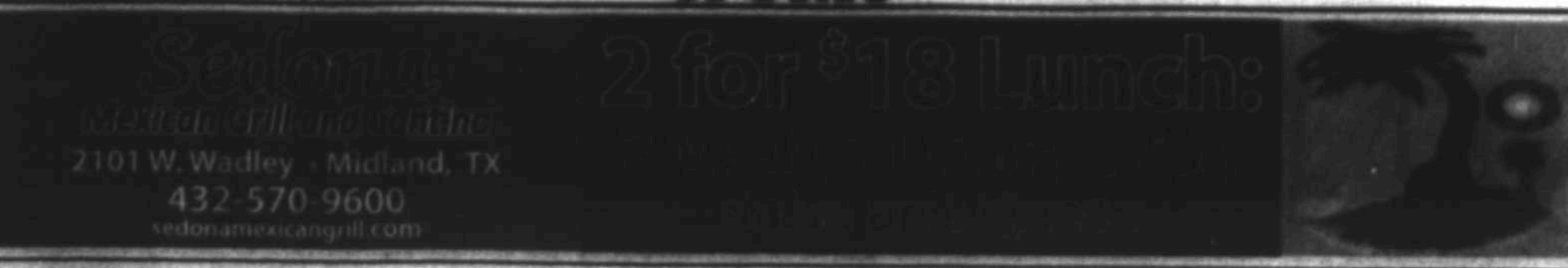
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UFC's Jones, Cormier regret brawl at promo event

By Greg Beacham Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jon Jones and Daniel Cormier both deeply regret their brawl at a publicity stop in Las Vegas earlier this week. The light heavyweights also say they would probably do it again in a similar situation. Jones and Cormier kept their rivalry civil Tuesday during another publicity appearance for their title fight next month. They sat on opposite sides of a stage at a club in downtown Los Angeles, with police officers watching them warily. "The whole situation was silly, and I think I reacted inappropriately," said Jones, the UFC's 205-pound champion. "I think I turned a lot of fans off. I think I turned a ton of fans on." Indeed, the fighters will likely face disciplinary action from the UFC and the Nevada Athletic Commission for a scuffle that started during a photo faceoff in the lobby of the

"I can defend myself now. I'm never allowing anyone to dominate me again."

Daniel Cormier, fighter

MGM Grand casino. They also created a viral phenomenon that sold untold thousands of pay-per-view buys and garnered international interest in their title showdown at UFC 178 on Sept. 27. "I do believe we have to carry ourselves more respectfully," Cormier said. "MMA is a very new sport, and when we behave the way we did, it's easy to say it's just a sport filled with thugs." It all started when Jones and Cormier walked straight into each other during the traditional photo faceoff at the MGM Grand casino on Monday, with the taller Jones putting his forehead on Cormier's head. Cormier then shoved Jones with his hand at the champion's neck, and Jones threw a looping

punch. The fighters fell off a makeshift stage into a crowd of fans and UFC employees while trading more punches and kicks, sending one public relations man who tried to get between them tumbling into a makeshift backdrop. Jones said the brawl was part of the "mental warfare" before any fight. "If Daniel could touch me like that and me not do anything, I think it would have given him a false sense of confidence," Jones said. "I needed to let him know that I am not on the defense. I am the lion. I am the aggressor. I am the one that's on the attack. You're just not going to do that to me." Cormier said the confrontation brought back childhood memories of bullies in Lafayette, Louisiana.

"I can defend myself now," Cormier said. "I'm never allowing anyone to dominate me again." Jones and Cormier didn't get near each other in Los Angeles, but they flung insults and jokes across the stage in front of several hundred excited fans. At one point, Jones stood and picked up his stool, taking three menacing steps

toward Cormier on the far end of the stage before breaking into a laugh and a grin. Even without an eye-catching brawl, this title fight already was the UFC's most compelling matchup of the fall. Jones (20-1) is widely considered the pound-for-pound champion of MMA, while Cormier (15-0) is an undefeated for-

mer heavyweight who has loomed for years as Jones' biggest challenge. Although Jones is apologetic about his latest instance of questionable behavior, he also thinks he learned something useful for their fight next month from that early preview. "I felt his strength there," Jones said. "He really isn't that strong."

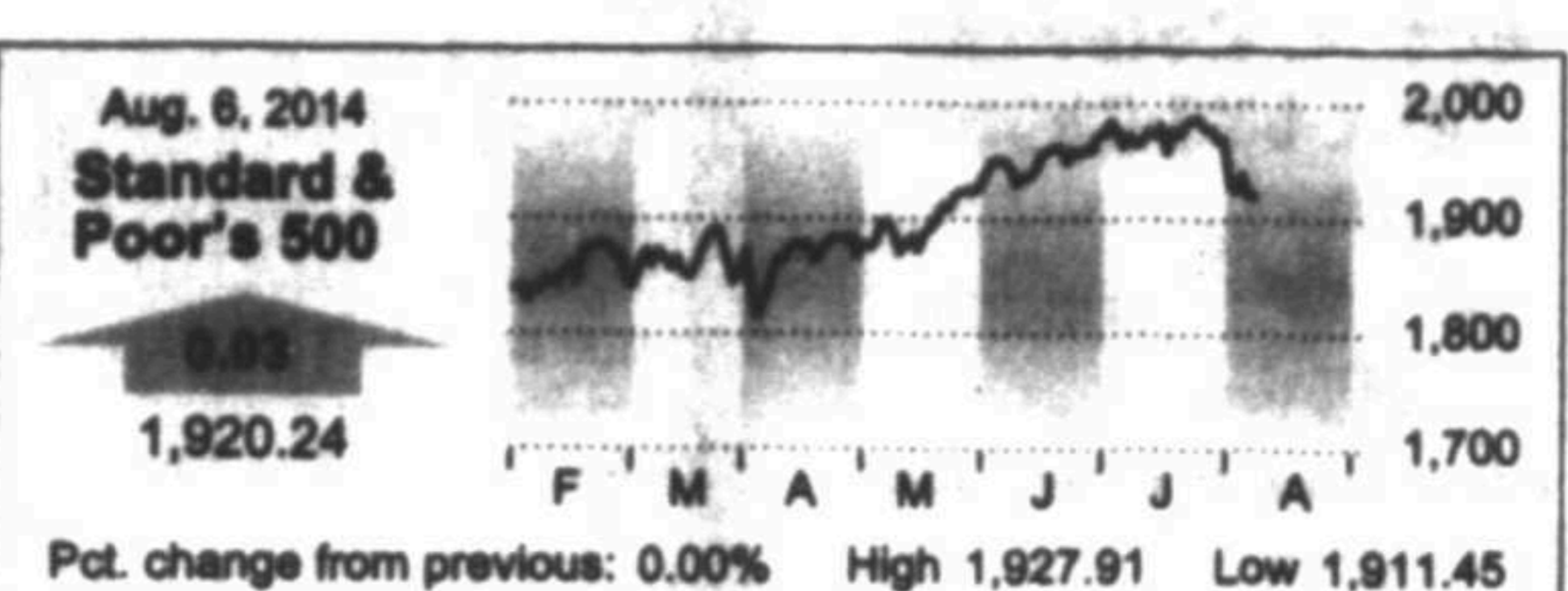
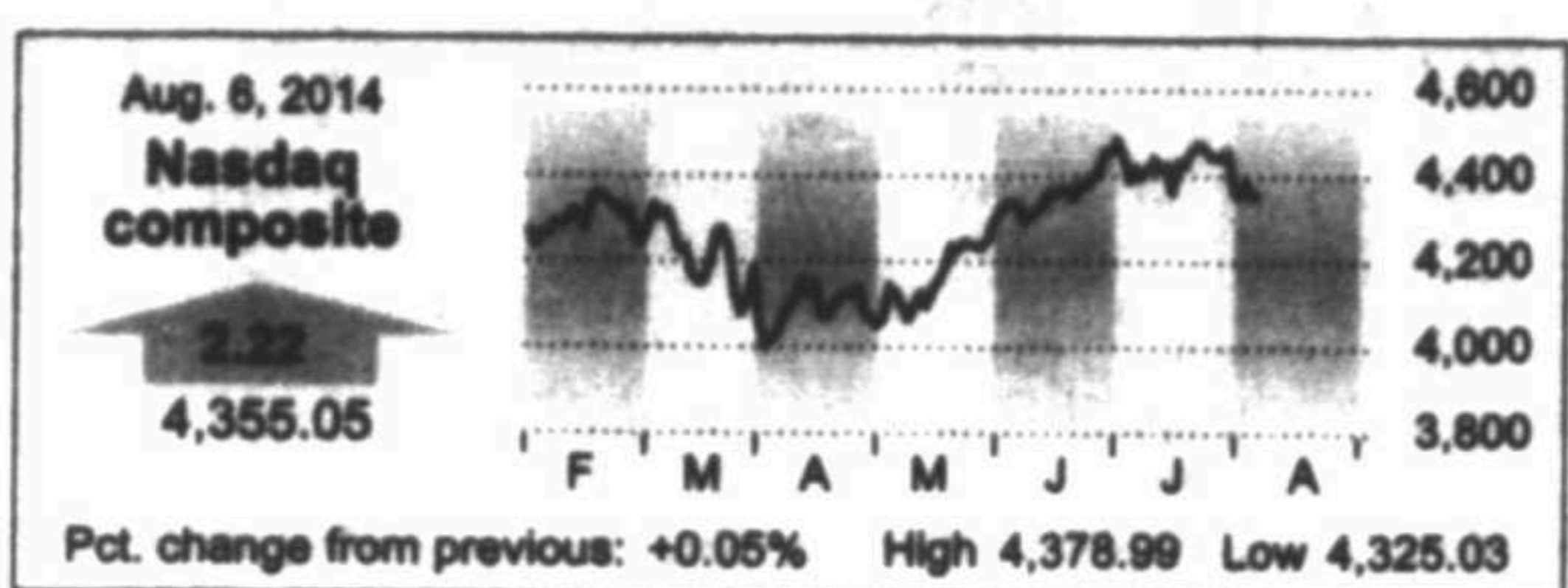
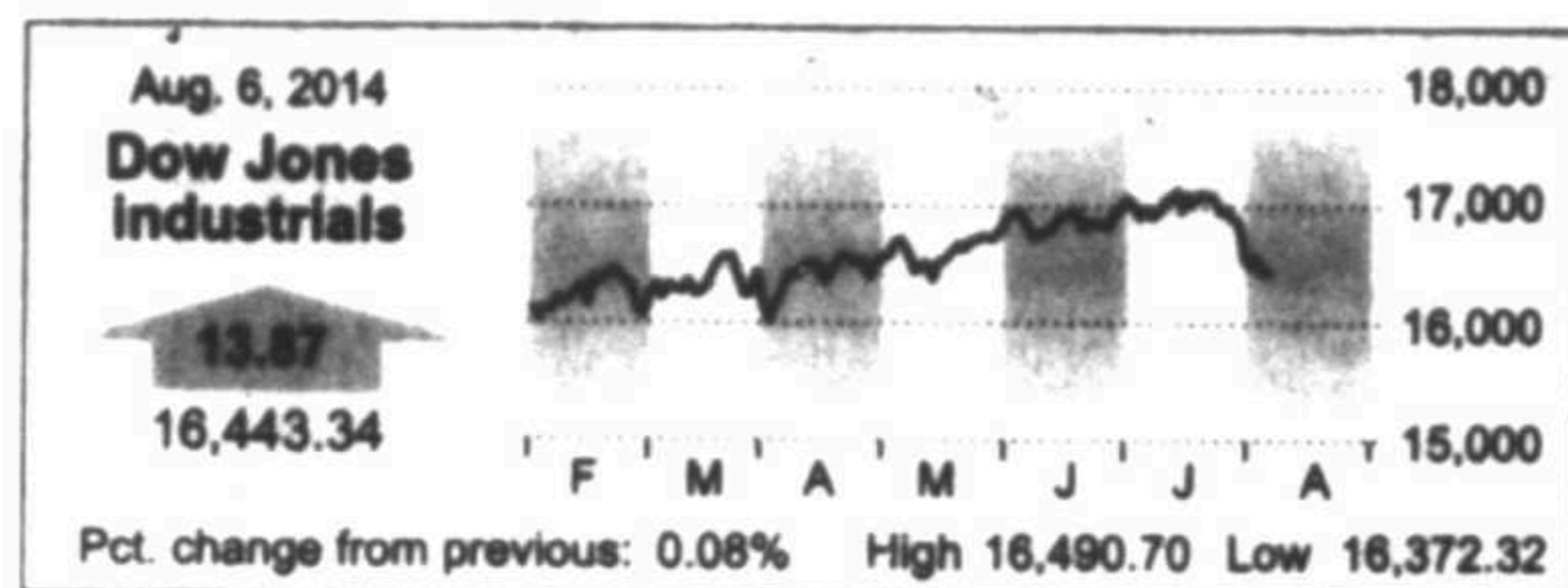
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## A DAY ON WALL STREET



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## AP source: BofA nears a \$16-\$17B settlement with US

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bank of America is nearing a \$16 billion to \$17 billion settlement to resolve an investigation into its role in the sale of mortgage-backed securities before the 2008 financial crisis, a person directly familiar with the matter said Wednesday.

The deal with the bank would be the largest Justice Department settlement by far arising from the economic meltdown in which millions of Americans lost their homes to foreclosure. It would follow earlier multibillion-dollar agreements reached in the last year with Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase & Co.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been announced, cautioned that some details still needed to be worked out and that it was possible the agreement could fall apart.

But the person said the two sides reached an agreement in principle following a conversation last week between Attorney General Eric Holder and Bank of America CEO Brian Moynihan.

The person said the tentative deal calls for the bank to pay roughly \$9 billion in cash and for the remaining sum to go toward consumer relief.

A bank spokesman declined to comment. The Wall Street Journal first reported details of the settlement on Wednesday.

The Justice Department last year reached a \$13 billion settlement with JPMorgan, and last month announced a \$7 billion settlement with Citigroup.

Each of these deals are designed to offer some financial relief to homeowners, yet the cash totals from some of America's largest banks are not nearly enough to reverse the damages caused by the bursting of the housing bubble and the ensuing recession that began in late 2007.

Millions of Americans lost their homes in foreclosures and found themselves jobless in the worst downturn since the 1930s. Even as the unemployment rate has clawed back to 6.2 percent from a peak of 10 percent, many people are no better off, as average household incomes after inflation are still lower than what they were seven years ago.

Consumer groups criticized past settlements for being soft on the banks, noting that top executives at these firms have yet to face criminal charges for the actions of their companies. Dennis Kelleher, president and CEO of the advocacy group Better Markets, called for transparency surrounding the deal, urging the Justice Department to make public information on investor losses, the names of any bank executives involved and details on bank profit.

The settlements all stem from the sale of toxic securities made up of subprime mortgages. Banks played down the risks of subprime mortgages when packaging and selling the securities to mutual funds, investment trusts and pensions, as well as other banks and investors.

The securities contained residential mortgages from borrowers who were unlikely to be able to repay their loans, yet were publicly promoted as relatively safe investments until the housing market collapsed and investors suffered billions of dollars in losses. Those losses triggered a financial crisis that pushed the economy into the worst recession since the 1930s.

Bank of America had previously argued that it shouldn't be held liable for the subprime mortgages issued by Countrywide and Merrill Lynch, two troubled firms the bank acquired in 2008 as the meltdown took hold. Combined, those three firms issued \$965 billion in mortgage-backed securities from 2004 to 2008, according to public records. Almost 75 percent of that total came from Countrywide.

## Report faults Chevron in gas well fire

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Environmental investigators faulted Chevron Inc. site managers in a report released Wednesday on a natural gas well fire in western Pennsylvania that killed one worker.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection report said that a contract worker with no oil field experience worked on the well, contrary to company policy, and that the February fire "may have been caused by human error" when a lock screw was ejected from the well, allowing high-pressure methane gas to escape.

The report also said Chevron's well site managers did not always provide enough oversight to contractors at the site in

Dunkard, about 50 miles south of Pittsburgh.

A Chevron spokesman said the company is reviewing the report.

The investigation found that the inexperienced worker "was not supervised closely" as he used a tool on the well bore in the days before the fire and had not been trained on the procedure "or any other well procedure."

The department also said that in the week before the fire, apparently "no fewer than seven persons" served as well site manager and they may not have sufficiently communicated among themselves.

The report found that both DEP and Chevron also could have done a better job informing the news media of details about the fire, which burned for days.

## Stocks stabilize

U.S. stocks stabilized on Wednesday after earnings from a major beer brewer helped the market stem its recent declines.

The stock market ended the day little changed after a sizable drop a day earlier, when Russia massed troops near its border with Ukraine.

Molson Coors was the biggest gainer in the Standard & Poor's 500 index after the company reported better-than-forecast earnings. Rupert Murdoch's 21st Century Fox rose after the company said it was dropping a bid to acquire Time Warner, while Sprint plunged after it abandoned its effort to acquire T-Mobile US.

The S&P 500 rose a fraction of a point, or less than 0.1 percent, to 1,920.24. The index lost 18 points, or 1 percent, on Tuesday. The index is still up on the year, but has dropped 3.5 percent from its record close set July 24.

## Oil slips; gold rises

A sign of improved demand for gasoline in the U.S. wasn't enough to pull oil out of its downward slide Wednesday. After starting the day trading higher, benchmark U.S. crude oil fell 46 cents, or 0.5 percent, to \$96.92 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It was the benchmark's 11th loss in the last 13 trading sessions.

In commodities trading, gold rose \$22.90, or 1.8 percent, to \$1,308.20 an ounce. Silver rose 19 cents, or 1 percent, to \$20.02 an ounce. Copper fell four cents, or 1.2 percent, to \$3.17 a pound.

## MIDLAND STOCKS

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<b>Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)</b> Closing Price \$110.50 Up 2.17	<b>Concho Resources (CXO)</b> Closing Price \$136.22 Up 0.51	<b>Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)</b> Closing Price \$24.09 Down 0.98	<b>Diamondback Energy (FANG)</b> Closing Price \$78.52 Down 0.41	<b>Legacy Reserves (LGCY)</b> Closing Price \$29.30 Up 0.29	<b>Mexco Energy (MXC)</b> Closing Price \$6.86 Up 0.22	<b>Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)</b> Closing Price \$30.76 Up 0.13	<b>RSP Permian (RSPP)</b> Closing Price \$25.89 Down 1.30	<b>Ring Energy (REI)</b> Closing Price \$17.64 Up 0.44
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### OIL PRICES

**FUTURES**  
Wednesday: 896.92  
Previous: 897.38

**POSTED**  
Wednesday: 894.25  
Previous: 894.00

**WEST TEXAS SOUR**  
Wednesday: 882.95  
Previous: 883.70

**NATURAL GAS**  
Wednesday: \$3.933  
Previous: \$3.897

### NYSE

**MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)**

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Sprint	1143605	5.90	-1.38
BioAm	880738	15.20	+2.00
SAP500ETF	861657	192.07	+0.06
Walgrm	715516	59.21	-9.91
RiteAid	683660	5.98	-0.57

**GAINERS (\$2 on stock)**

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ARC Docu	6.56	+9.66	+147.1
CarrSrv	17.88	+1.86	+11.6
PaycomS	13.83	+1.34	+10.7
WPX Engy	22.98	+2.21	+10.6
ChinaGreen	2.13	+0.20	+10.4

**LOSERS (\$2 on stock)**

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NuSkin	46.52	-11.40	-24.5
Sprint	5.90	-1.38	-23.4
GlobalMed	18.51	-4.05	-21.9
Walgrm	59.21	-9.91	-16.7
TimeWarr	74.24	-10.95	-14.7

**DIARY**

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Advanced	1.857		
Declined	1.251		
Unchanged	104		
Total issues	3,212		
New Highs	28		
New Lows	70		
Volume	3,390,820,272		

### AMEX

**MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)**

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AldiNeuG	37636	3.25	+1.0
Globalstar	30162	3.76	-0.1
NwGold	25668	6.12	+1.9
SandstG	23945	6.25	-0.47
CheniereEn	23196	70.53	+0.5

**GAINERS (\$2 on stock)**

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AlphaPro	2.25	+1.9	+84.0
TriToch	3.77	+2.8	+74.0
ComSec	2.00	+1.3	+65.0
SivCrst	2.10	+1.2	+57.1
TrsatP	10.59	+6.1	+57.6

**LOSERS (\$2 on stock)**

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Advanced	1.857		
Declined	165		
Unchanged	40		
Total issues	421		
New Highs	1		
New Lows	7		
Volume	73,696,994		

### NASDAQ

**MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)**

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Groupm	594397	6.17	-0.90
21stCfoxA	483164	32.33	+1.03
SinusXm	430783	3.36	-0.1
CognizTc	384747	43.67	-6.31
Apple Inc s	359772	94.96	-1.16

**GAINERS (\$2 on stock)**

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Mind CTI	2.86	+4.7	+163.7
CRD En n	3.33	+5.2	+156.5
Corcept	2.74	+4.1	+149.7
Enphase	11.06	+1.36	+12.3
AirTmap	8.52	+1.00	+11.8

**LOSERS (\$2 on stock)**

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Advanced	1.857		
Declined	1,050		
Unchanged	135		
Total issues	2,780		
New Highs	16		
New Lows	72		
Volume	1,768,654,673		

## HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg								
AT&T Inc	1.84	10	34.62	-0.49	-1.5	ConocoPhill	2.92	13	80.61	+8.7	+14.1	IS Energy	2.23	...	65.43	-1.6	-2.5	Sunoco	1.48	32	44.71	+2.7	+18.5								
AbbVie	1.68	20	52.05	-7.4	-1.4	Covidien	1.28	24	84.77	-1.79	-24.5	ISHR2K	1.48	...	111.73	+3.6	-3.1	T-Mobile US	...	...	31.06	-2.85	-7.7								
Abmex	...	39	5.11	+0.09	+66.7	CrackerB	4.00	18	97.15	+3.4	-11.7	IntegrusE	2.72	19	63.79	-0.80	+17.2	Praxair	2.80	21	127.88	-8.3	-1.7	Teladip	1.02	...	16.73	+1.4	-3.7		
AdamsEx	...	...	13.56	+0.1	+3.7	CSVelVST	...	...	36.41	-1.8	+5.9	Intel	...	...	32.86	+0.3	+26.5	PrmEgy	...	...	63.61	-1.84	+88.0	Tesoro	1.20	20	61.87	+5.7	+5.8		
AMD	...	41	4.12	+0.4	+6.5	CSVxSh	...	...	3.96	+0.5	-47.2	InterDig	...	...	44.45	-4.8	+50.7	ProctDiam	2.57	20	81.09	+1.68	-4	SM Co	3.42	20	139.55	-2.3	-5		
AlonUSA	...	24	13.65	+0.7	+5.1	CrowTim	2.71	12	30.80	+2.7	+4.7	JPMorgCh	1.60	15	56.23	+1.7	-3.2	RangPa	...	...	75.07	-0.50	-11.0	Tbcost	...	...	43	20.75	+1.45	-7.7	
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AutoData	1.00	22	90.87	+0.16	+18.5	Drex	...	...	74.38	-2.1	+20.2	Lubys	...	...	5.91	+1.1	+6.1	SAP500ETF	3.58	...	192.07	+0.6	+4.0	TylerTech	...	...	90.48	-4.1	-11.4		
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<b>TODAY: Mostly sunny</b> High: 100 Low: 75	<b>FRIDAY: Mostly sunny</b> High: 98 Low: 74	<b>SATURDAY: Sunny</b> High: 98 Low: 74	<b>SUNDAY: Mostly sunny</b> High: 98 Low: 74	<b>MONDAY: Mostly sunny</b> High: 98 Low: 74	<b>TUESDAY: Sunny</b> High: 98 Low: 73
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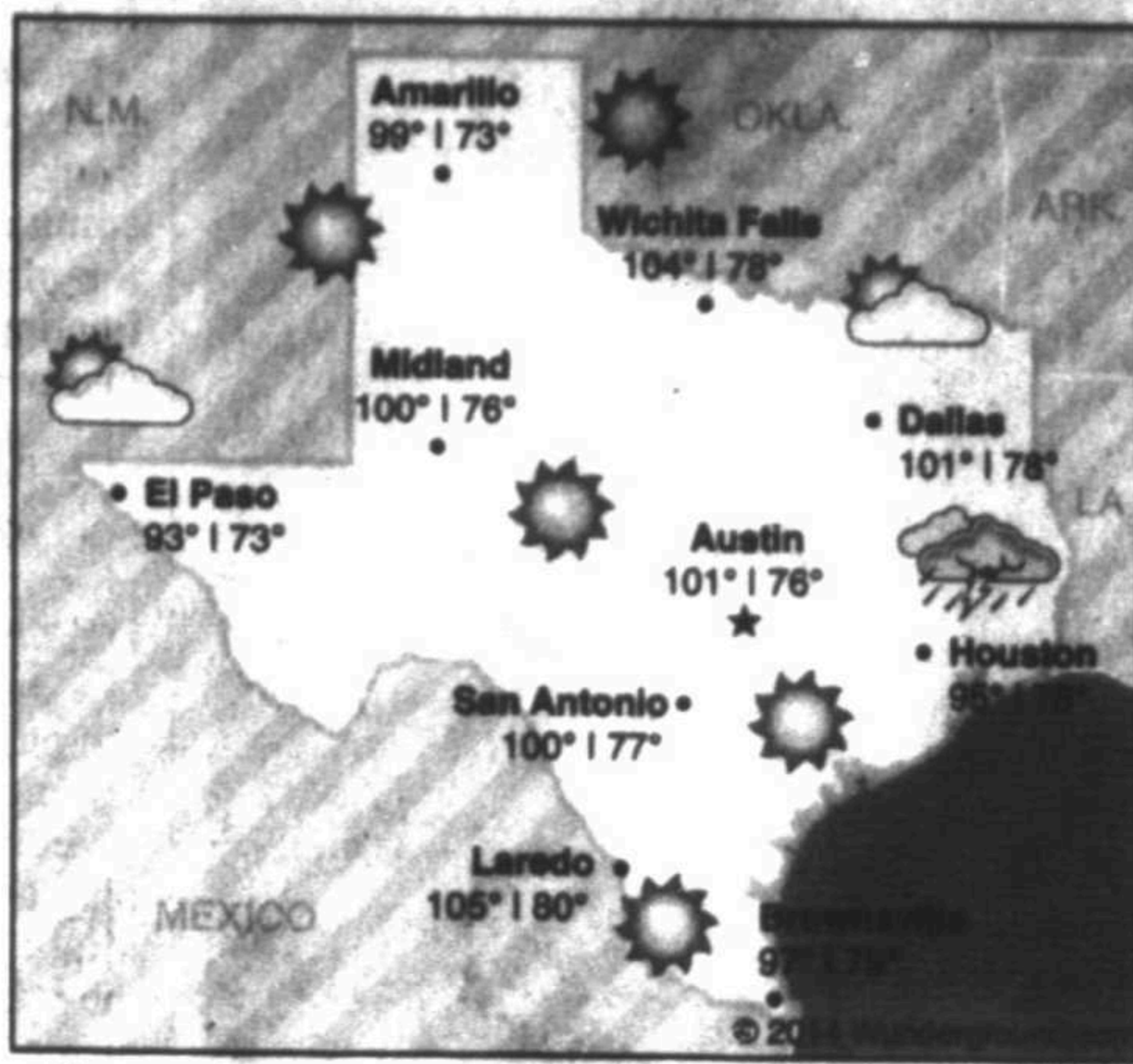
**Local forecast**

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 100 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 75. Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 98 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Expect a low Friday night of around 74. The high on Wednesday reached 99, while the low dropped to 74. The record high for Aug. 6 is 107 set in 1964. The record low is 61 set in 1975.

**Weather Whys**

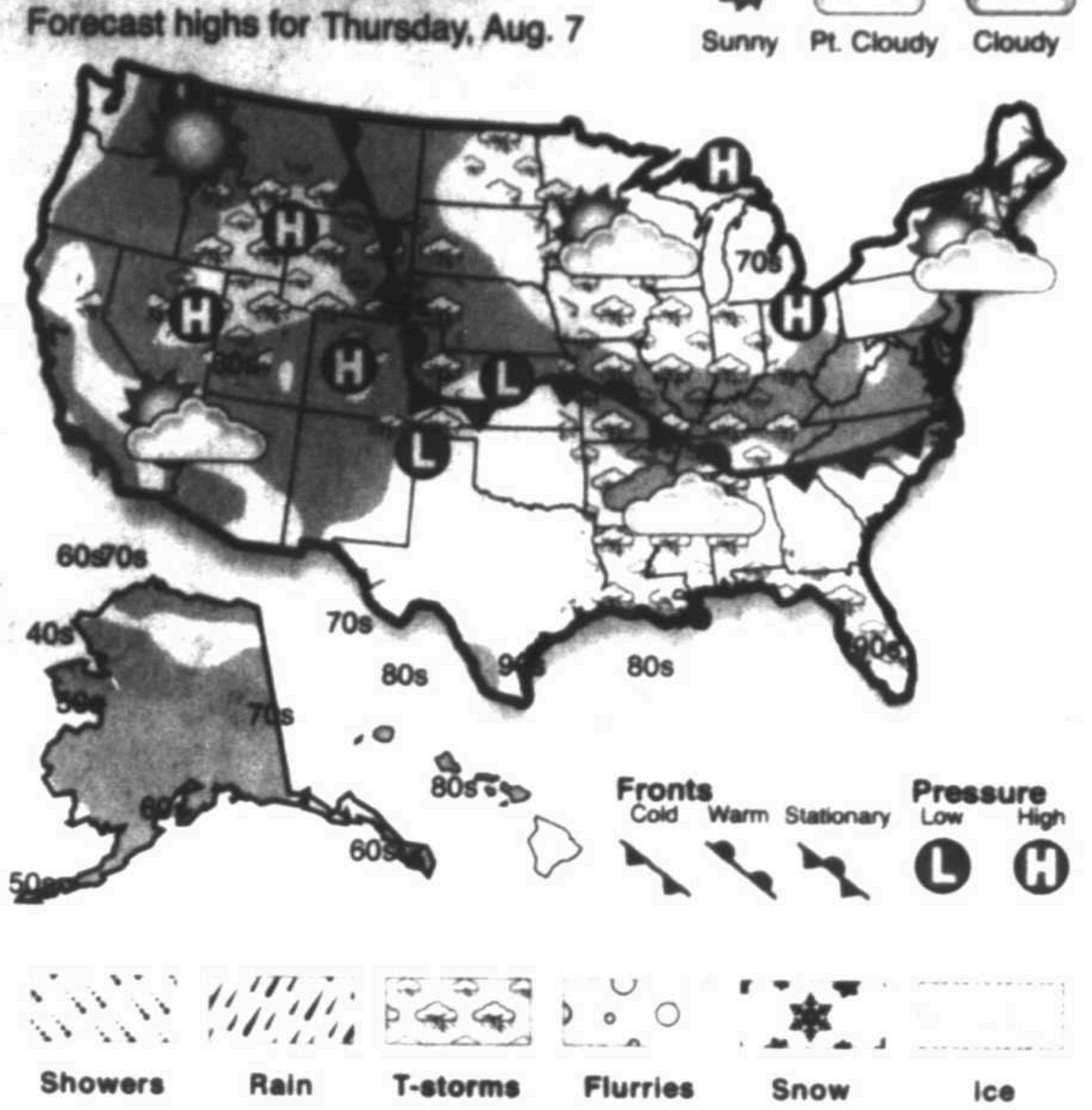
**Q: What are the "dog days of summer?"**  
"It's a slang term for the hottest time of the year, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "In general terms, it's the time between early July and early September when the highest temperatures occur in the Northern Hemisphere," he says. "The ancient Egyptians named the brightest star in the sky Sirius, which they labeled the 'dog star' after one of their mythic gods."

*Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University.*



<b>Precipitation</b>	<b>Wednesday's temperatures</b>
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.	High ..... 99
Wednesday ..... 0.00 in.	Low ..... 74
Month total ..... 0.02 in.	Normal high ..... 95
Year total ..... 3.99 in.	Normal low ..... 70
Normal total (year to date) ..... 8.24 in.	Sunrise ..... 7:08 a.m.
	Sunset ..... 8:40 p.m.

**National forecast**



**Battle of the sexes over sex ignites feedback from readers**

**DEAR ABBY:** I just finished reading the letter from "Pressured" (April 23), the wife whose husband keeps track of how often he and his wife have had sex and his determination to have sex 100 times per year. She was wondering if this is normal.

I can tell her that my former husband thought we should have sex five times a week. He kept a calendar of when we had sex that also included who initiated it. I explained to him that I was more than willing to have frequent sex but that he also had to be an attentive, caring husband.

Our marriage counselor believed he was suffering from obsessive-compulsive disorder, depression and was probably a diagnosable narcissist. Surprise, surprise! He pronounced our marriage counselor to be inept and divorced me.

"Pressured" says she has a good marriage, so I assume that means she has a caring husband. I would advise her to do her best to enthusiastically and creatively meet his needs. Most men express love and feel loved by having sex. Scorekeeping could be his ineffective attempt at communicating his need to feel loved.

**DEAR EX:** Thank you for writing. The saying "men are from Mars; women are from Venus" aptly applies to the responses I received from my readers about that letter. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** Most guys may keep track of how often they're having sex, although more likely it's how long since the last time, or maybe how many times a week. But this guy is an idiot for letting his wife know that he's tracking it, let alone that he has a goal of 100 times. Hopefully he's not procreating, just "recreating" in bed.

Abby, I thought you knew men better. "Fifty great versus 100 'so-so' times" — are you kidding? Surely you know the saying, "Even bad sex is pretty good sex." We guys will take it any way, any how, anytime. For us, it's all good, all the time. — DAN IN IRVING, TEXAS

**DEAR ABBY:** Unfortunately, my husband also likes to keep a running tab of our sexual frequency. It galls me. I saw a movie years ago in which a couple saw the same therapist and one tells the counselor, "We NEVER have sex! We only do it three times a week." While the other says, "We have sex ALL THE TIME! We do it three times a week!"

We must consider the other person and his or her needs, whether they're emotional, sexual or physical. Emotional and physical are not necessarily the same. — DENISE IN MICHIGAN

**DEAR ABBY:** For most men, sex is just a little less important than breathing and eating as essential to our existence. Men are getting fed up with being deprived. I have often considered extramarital sexual pursuits, and I feel I'd be justified in doing so. I know I'm not alone.

Men have needs, and should have a right to share intimate relations with their wives. If not, we should be given the green light to fulfill our needs elsewhere. — JAMES IN KENTUCKY

**DEAR ABBY:** I had to chuckle at "Pressured." I have been married 20 years and have five children. I figure my husband and I are intimate an average of 260 times a year. Needless to say, my husband greets me with a smile every day, and our marriage is rock solid. — KNOWS THE SECRET IN UTAH



**DEAR ABBY**

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**GOREN BRIDGE**

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

**Certain to win**

East-West vulnerable South deals.

<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>
♠ 8 5 3	♠ 9 6 4 2
♥ A Q 7 5	♥ 8 4
♦ A 4 3	♦ J 8 6 5
♣ 7 5 4	♣ J 10 9
<b>WEST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>
♠ A K J 10 7	♠ Q
♥ 9 2	♥ K J 10 6 3
♦ 9 7	♦ K Q 10 2
♣ A Q 6 3	♣ K 8 2

The bidding: WEST 1♣, NORTH 2♠, EAST Pass, SOUTH 4♠. \*heart fit, at least 10 points

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

The cue-bid to show a good raise is very popular with duplicate players. It frees up the jump-raise to use as a preemptive bid, showing four trumps and about five to seven points.

West won the opening spade lead and continued with the king of spades, ruffed by South. Declarer drew trumps

in two rounds, ending in dummy, and ruffed dummy's remaining spade. This was followed by the king and ace of diamonds, then a low diamond toward the queen-10. South rose with his queen, and had to go down one when the jack of diamonds didn't fall and the ace of clubs proved to be off-side.

Declarer can succeed by inserting the 10 of diamonds on the third round of the suit. He can now discard a club from dummy on the queen of diamonds and surrender only two clubs to the defense. Is there any reason for South to find this play? A reason supported by bridge logic rather than a peek at the East-West hands?

Yes! Should the 10 of diamonds lose to the jack, West would be end-played! He would be forced to give South the king of clubs or yield a ruff-sluff. That combined with a club discard on the queen of diamonds would give South his 10 tricks. The diamond finesse would win even if it lost!

**DAILY CROSSWORD**

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>	35 Some hotel lobbies	50 Keyboard contemporary of Vladimir
1 Spring	1 Rough spots	36 Escape on the way down	52 Memo header
5 Goes kaput	2 Amherst sch.	38 Loving rejection	54 World Cup broadcaster
9 Buckle opener?	3 Poser	39 Dungeons & Dragons role	55 Driller's deg.
14 With passion	4 Start to text?	44 Listing in a revision, perhaps	56 Postpone paying
16 Chekhov's "Sisters"	5 Arm-twisting	45 Bested	57 Civil War figure
17 "Like Grandma's pancakes, say 19 Capt.'s heading	6 Takes the stage	47 Spare tire	58 Govt.-issued ID
20 Wetland	7 Stately shader	49 Salon job	60 "A mouse!"
21 Director's headache	8 Part of CBS: Abbr.		
22 Deli supplies	9 Valuable violins		
24 "It's rolled with a pin and put in a tin	10 Fnsbee maker		
29 DDE opponent	11 Works at an exhibit		
30 They may be rolled over, briefly	12 Champagne word		
31 Gun lobby org.	13 "Clever"		
32 Barely-there underwear	15 "Let's hit the road!"		
35 "Rent..."	18 Shoddy		
36 "... Holden": Irving Bachelier novel	23 "Bates Motel" ailer		
37 "What a dummy!"	24 Preserved, in a way		
40 Solitary	25 Literary twist		
41 Alternative to de Gaulle	26 Open, as a gate latch		
42 Houston hockey team	27 Ei...		
43 Common Mkt.	28 Gump player		
44 Actress Falco	32 First president who wasn't elected		
45 Hobbit enemy	34 Gold unit		
46 "Deli supply			
48 Extreme			
51 Bush...			
52 Simpson judge			
53 Fury			
55 Basics of business, or a hint to the end of the answers to starred clues			
61 "She... among the untrod/dan ways". Wordsworth			
62 Begins, as a conversation			
63 "Clao"			
64 Must have			
65 "Of Man River" composer			

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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By Johnson Features  
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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, Aug. 7, 2014:

This year you often rally your energy at home and get involved in a cause. As a result, you will accomplish a lot. At times, those around you might feel left out as they encounter the new, efficient you. Make time for loved ones and friends. They will continue to play a pivotal role in your life. If you are single, you are likely to encounter a new person. Recognize that you are changing, and avoid a commitment for at least a year. If you are attached, your sweetie might be taken aback by the new you. Give him or her time to adjust. CAPRICORN is all business.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Someone seems to match your fiery nature, and this will challenge you to move in a new direction. It is up to you whether this is war or peace! Responsibilities call, but you'll want to make extra time for a key person in your life. Tonight: In the whirlwind of the moment.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Others are just as challenging as you are. The problem seems to be that one person wants to be more combative than you can tolerate. Your family will serve as a powerful anchor. Know that you can have what you want. Tonight: Consider a weekend getaway.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You'll want to get past a problem, but you might not be able to contain someone's anger. Some of you will attempt a noteworthy discussion, while others opt to avoid the situation. A one-on-one conversation will point you in the right direction. Tonight: Go for a close encounter.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You'll find yourself surrounded by others. One person specifically is hot-tempered and capable of causing you a problem. How do you want to deal with this? Many of you will opt to head down a more peaceful path. Tonight: Don't allow someone to trigger you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You'll want to focus on certain details that must be completed, if you are to enter this weekend feeling fancy-free and content. You can accomplish a lot, quite quickly. Refuse to let a loved one slow you down. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Your playful manner and deliberate attitude will attract others'

attention. They might not be exactly sure of what you want, but neither will you. Remain responsive to others. If you become irritated by someone, simply walk away. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You might be more upbeat once you distance yourself from a difficult situation. You won't want to reveal everything on your mind when checking out an investment involving your home. Refuse to take on a commitment just yet. Tonight: Stay anchored.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You could be angrier than you realize. You have been holding back your feelings for so long that you might not be totally aware of what is even triggering your anger. Slow down some, and initiate a conversation. Tonight: Hang with a favorite person.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your spending could go way over budget if you are not careful. Your instincts are working overtime. Be careful about swallowing anger, as there could be a backfire. You might find that getting a situation resolved can be difficult. Tonight: Play it conservatively.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You know where you are going, though a friend could slow you down. Trust your judgment, and you will come out on top. Confusion might surround a phone call, so try to confirm what is going on. Tonight: Only where you can listen to music!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Know when to pull back and let others steal the scene. You might not be sure of your choices if you opt to head in a different direction. Listen to an angry friend or relative; this person needs your help. Tonight: Keep your plans a secret for now.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. This person's fresh perspective always helps level you out, allowing you to see a situation differently. Use your intuition to help open up a conversation with a friend. Tonight: Aim for what you want.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actress Charlize Theron (1975), archaeologist Louis Leakey (1903), actor David Duchovny (1960)

# Hoyer starting exhibition opener

By Tom Withers  
Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Johnny Manziel will start Cleveland's exhibition opener on the sideline.

Browns coach Mike Pettine chose Brian Hoyer as the starting quarterback for Saturday's game in Detroit, giving the veteran the first chance to impress before Manziel takes the field.

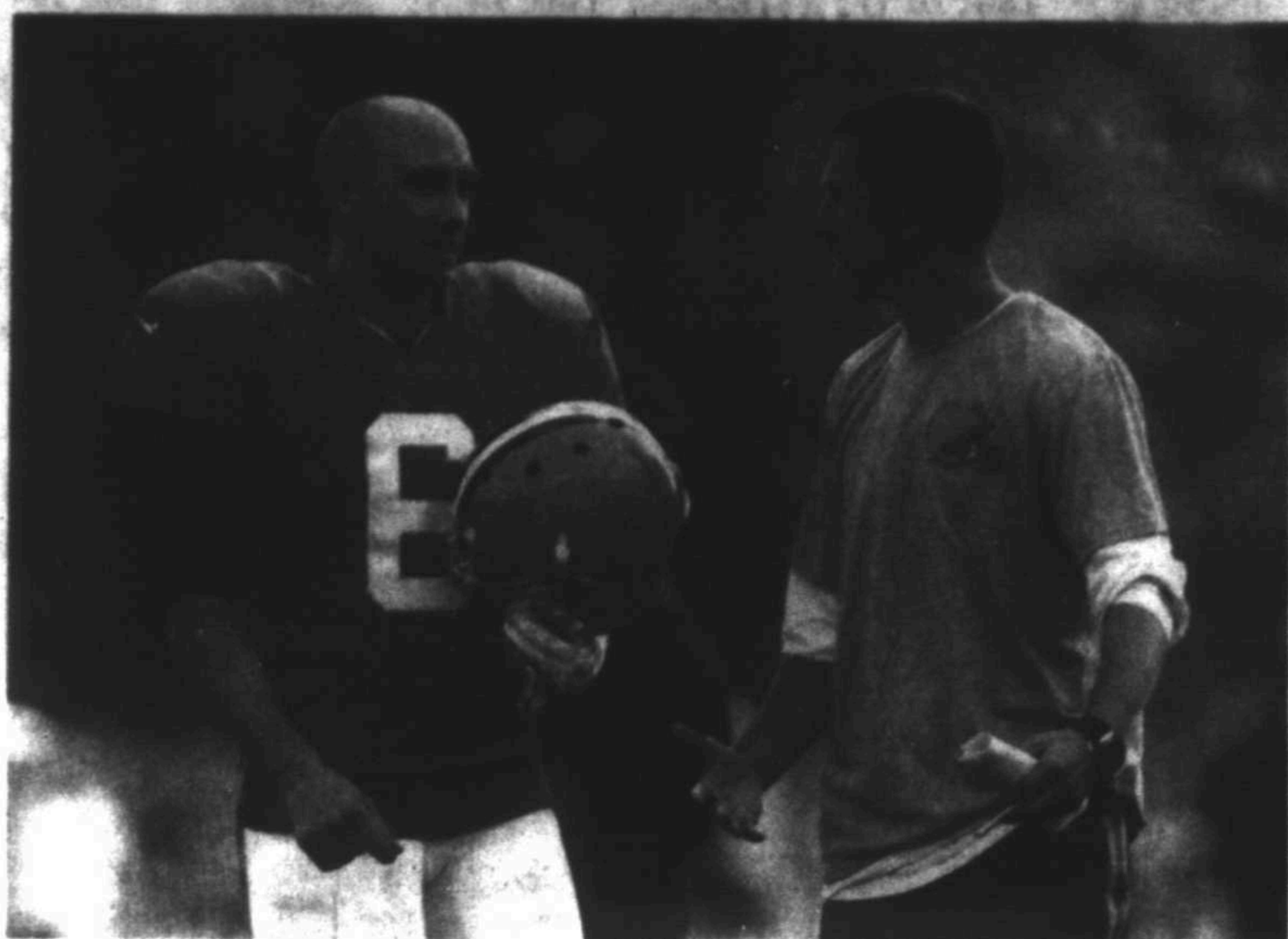
Pettine said the decision to start Hoyer over Manziel was based on the veteran's performance so far in training camp.

"That was his job," Pettine said. "He was the one coming into it. We did want to mix the groups up coming into it, as we did, but he's done nothing to have that taken away from him, so he'll be out there with the starters."

Manziel has steadily improved, closing the gap on Hoyer in recent days as the rookie becomes more comfortable with the Browns' playbook and offense. The former Heisman Trophy winner took his first practice snaps with the first-team offense earlier this week and he could get some playing time with Cleveland's starters against the Lions.

Manziel said the Xs and Os aren't as jumbled in his mind as they were even a few days ago.

"You just get out there with a lot less clutter," he said. "We're in to a couple weeks now, and it feels a lot more comfortable for me. There's still a long ways to go for me obviously, and like I said a week ago, I felt like if I kept working on this stuff and got more and more familiar with a certain play call, a certain formation, a certain concept, then in due time I would get better at certain



Cleveland Browns quarterback Brian Hoyer (6) talks with offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan during practice at training camp in Berea, Ohio, on Wednesday.

concepts and there's still a lot more for me to go."

The competition between Hoyer and Manziel appears to have tightened, and Pettine said both QBs have made progress during the first two weeks of camp.

"They've both made improvement, and I think they're both doing a great job of playing to their skill sets," Pettine said. "It's obviously very different, what they bring to the table. I think Brian's starting to feel very comfortable in the pocket."

As he works toward naming a starter for the Sept. 7 opener at Pittsburgh, Pettine said more weight will be placed on how Hoyer and Manziel do in the first two preseason games. Pettine would like to have the QB competition — and all positional battles — decided before the third exhibition.

"That's the plan," he said. "I've always been a part of, and more than likely will be here, resting most of the guys in the fourth game, so that third game is critical to get that chemistry and cohesion. We've mixed the lineups a lot, which is good because you're getting guys exposure. They're in with the twos. They're in with the ones. They're going against the ones, going against the twos. At some point, you've got to settle down and develop that chemistry, that cohesion."

Hoyer got a jolt on Tuesday when his surgically repaired right knee got hit during practice. Hoyer said linebacker Paul Kruger banged into his knee but that it held up fine.

"It was more scary than anything else," he said. "I kind of went down and waited for there to be some pain and there wasn't, so it

was actually kind of good to have some confidence going into Saturday knowing I've actually taken a hit and the brace withstood the hit and the brace felt good.

"I was scared for about two seconds and realized there was no pain and got up and went on to the next play."

Hoyer hasn't considered taking a day off to rest his knee.

"I can't afford it," he said. "That's what we're here for is to play football. I really don't think I need it. I feel fine."

At least outwardly, Hoyer isn't showing any fear of Manziel gaining on him. The six-year veteran remains focused on getting better, leading his teammates and earning the trust of his coaches. He's been prepared, meticulous and unshaken despite having the popular Manziel breathing down his neck.

# Cowboys

From 1C

main focus is going out, operating from a mental standpoint, not going 10 for 10 for 150 yards or whatever. I'm not worried about that at all. I think it's more about the communication, being on top of getting everybody lined up, false starts and just being a successful drive, putting points on the board however it is. I'm not going to put any extra pressure on myself because I'm not going to treat them any different than I have in the past."

Coach Jason Garrett said Weeden would probably play a half, and that he might play a little more in the exhibition season in general because he needs as many snaps as possible.

Chargers coach Mike McCoy wouldn't say what his QB rotation will be. It's expected that Rivers will get a series and then hand off to Clemens. Clemens spent the last two seasons with the St. Louis Rams as a backup to starter Sam Bradford. Clemens started the last nine games after Bradford went down with a knee injury, completing 142 of 242 passes for 1,673 yards and eight touchdowns, with seven interceptions.

"I'm excited," Clemens said. "We've had a good camp. A lot of good work, a lot of improvement across the board. It's al-

ways good to hit somebody that's wearing a different colored jersey. We've faced our defense now for a couple weeks straight. They know our calls, we know theirs. To go against somebody new will be refreshing."

Clemens said he picked the Chargers because of San Diego and he knew Rivers a little bit.

The offense was a plus, too.

"I love it," Clemens said. "I think the first thing that's really encouraging is it's so quarterback-friendly."

... Every quarterback has his own style, if you will, so everyone is so respectful of Philip and (center Nick) Hardwick and the guys who've been here. We've got a lot of options. I think we're going to be very good in the run game. I think we'll be good in the passing game. It'll be fun to watch."

Said Rivers: "He's been great. He's a good addition. We miss Charlie but getting a guy like Kellen is huge."

Chargers first-round draft pick Jason Verrett probably will sit out as he continues to recover from offseason shoulder surgery. Verrett has been in pads at practice, but has also worn a red jersey, meaning hands-off.

"If I'm not healthy enough, I'll just get a lot of mental reps out there."

## NFL PRESEASON GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE													
East					West								
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA		
Miami	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	Carolina	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	New Orleans	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Buffalo	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	Chicago	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
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							Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 6 p.m.						
							New England at Washington, 6:30 p.m.						
							San Francisco at Baltimore, 6:30 p.m.						
							Cincinnati at Kansas City, 7 p.m.						
							Seattle at Denver, 8 p.m.						
							Dallas at San Diego, 9 p.m.						
							Friday's Games						
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							Buffalo at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.						
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# Seahawks visit Broncos in rematch of Super Bowl

By Arnie Stapleton  
Associated Press

DENVER — When the Seattle Seahawks visit the Broncos for a preseason kickoff tonight, they'll see a Denver defense that was reshaped with them in mind — along with a team still smarting over all that trash talk during and after the Super Bowl.

The Broncos responded to that 43-8 shellacking by adding thumpers DeMarcus Ware, T.J. Ward and Aqib Talib in free agency. Bruised leg permitting, Ware will make a cameo appearance in what promises to be an intense start to the preseason at Sports Authority Field before the starters give way to backups for the bulk of the night.

"It's going to be fun," Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said. "It's a great opportunity to play an incredible football team. They're a tremendous team and they've got some great additions to their team I know they're really excited about seeing. We're anxious to see what they look like too, knowing that we're going to see them in the season."

The teams meet up Sept. 21 at Seattle.

"So it's a really cool matchup," Carroll said. "I'm sure there's a lot of people who will have a lot of interest in this thing."

Count Broncos defensive tackle Terrance Knighton first among them.

He wasn't happy with all the trash talk going on during and after the Super Bowl, including linebacker Bobby Wagner's suggestion that the Broncos were intimidated by Seattle's defense that night in the Meadowlands.

"You hear things like we were scared and things like that. As an athlete and a professional ... you take it personal," Knighton said. "And they'll hear about it and they'll feel it when we play them."

Most members of the Broncos and Seahawks don't put much stock in the statements that could be made tonight, but Knighton said that 35-point loss still stings.

"Everybody might not say it, but it's definitely in the back of people's minds," he said.

During offseason weight training, the Broncos took

to hollering, "35!" whenever the grind was wearing on them.

"I think the entire team has been motivated," Peyton Manning said after Denver's annual summer scrimmage last weekend. "We're trying to get better, trying to be a better team than we were last year but that started back in April when we got back on the offseason program."

GM John Elway also tinkered with his offense after the Super Bowl, adding receivers Emmanuel Sanders and Cody Latimer to replace Eric Decker. He wanted more balance, so he juggled his offensive

line and replaced Knowshon Moreno with Montee Ball. However, Ball will miss the preseason after undergoing an appendectomy on Tuesday.

That means Ronnie Hillman will get the start as he tries to bounce back from a horrible season that began with his fumble at the goal line last summer in Seattle, a turnover that was returned for a touchdown by the Seahawks.

"I have seen great growth" in Hillman, Manning said. "I think he's been a different guy in the meeting rooms with a full offseason this year and attacking it the way he did.

He's starting to see the benefits of that here on the field. I have seen a drastically improved player."

Hillman slid so far down the depth chart last year that he was a healthy scratch for the Super Bowl.

Tonight's matchup, marquee though it may be for this time of year, matters little to Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman.

"No, it doesn't matter who we play," he said. "You know, the opponent never matters in these situations. You're working on technique; you're working on discipline and getting better as a team regardless of who you're going against."

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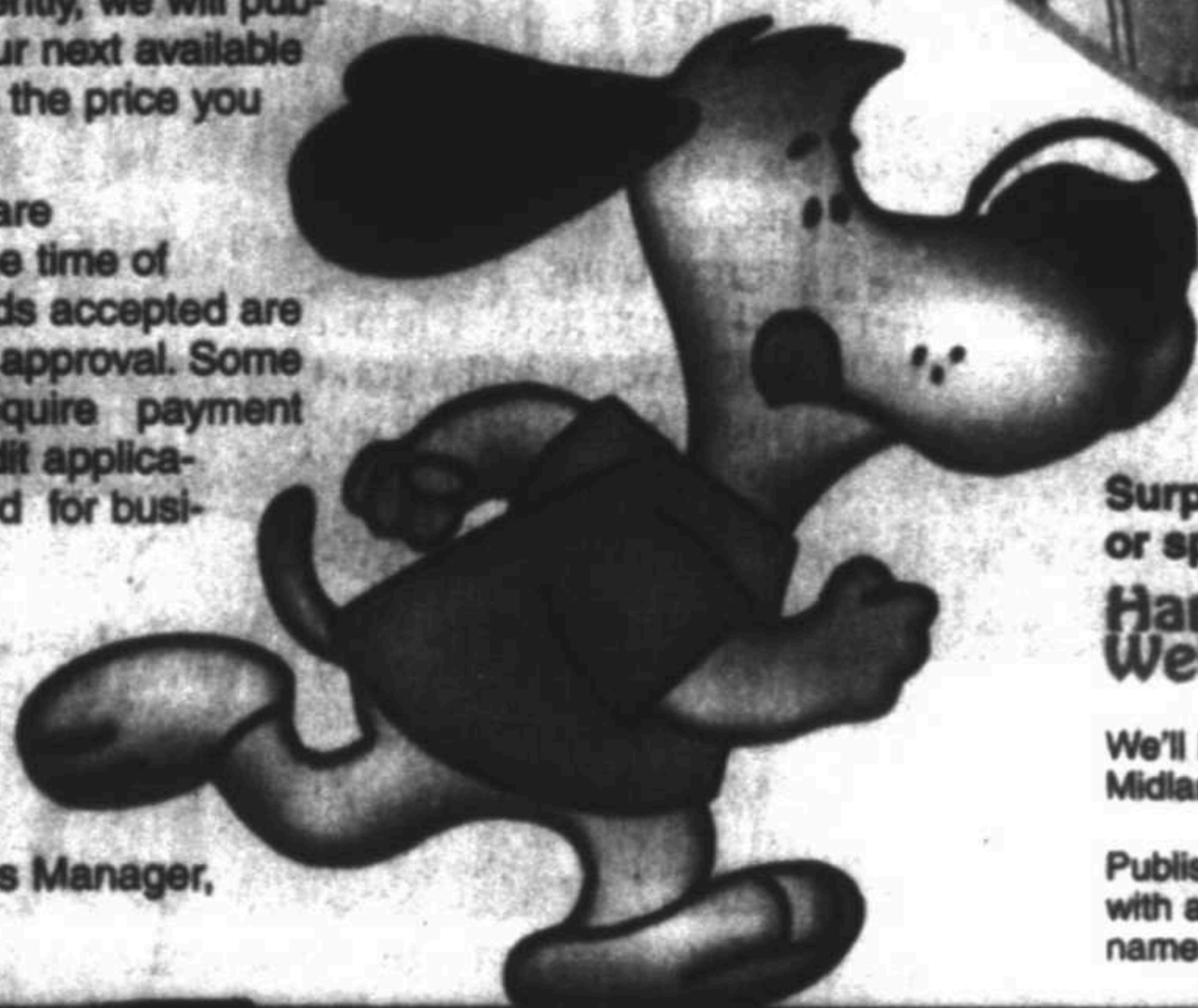
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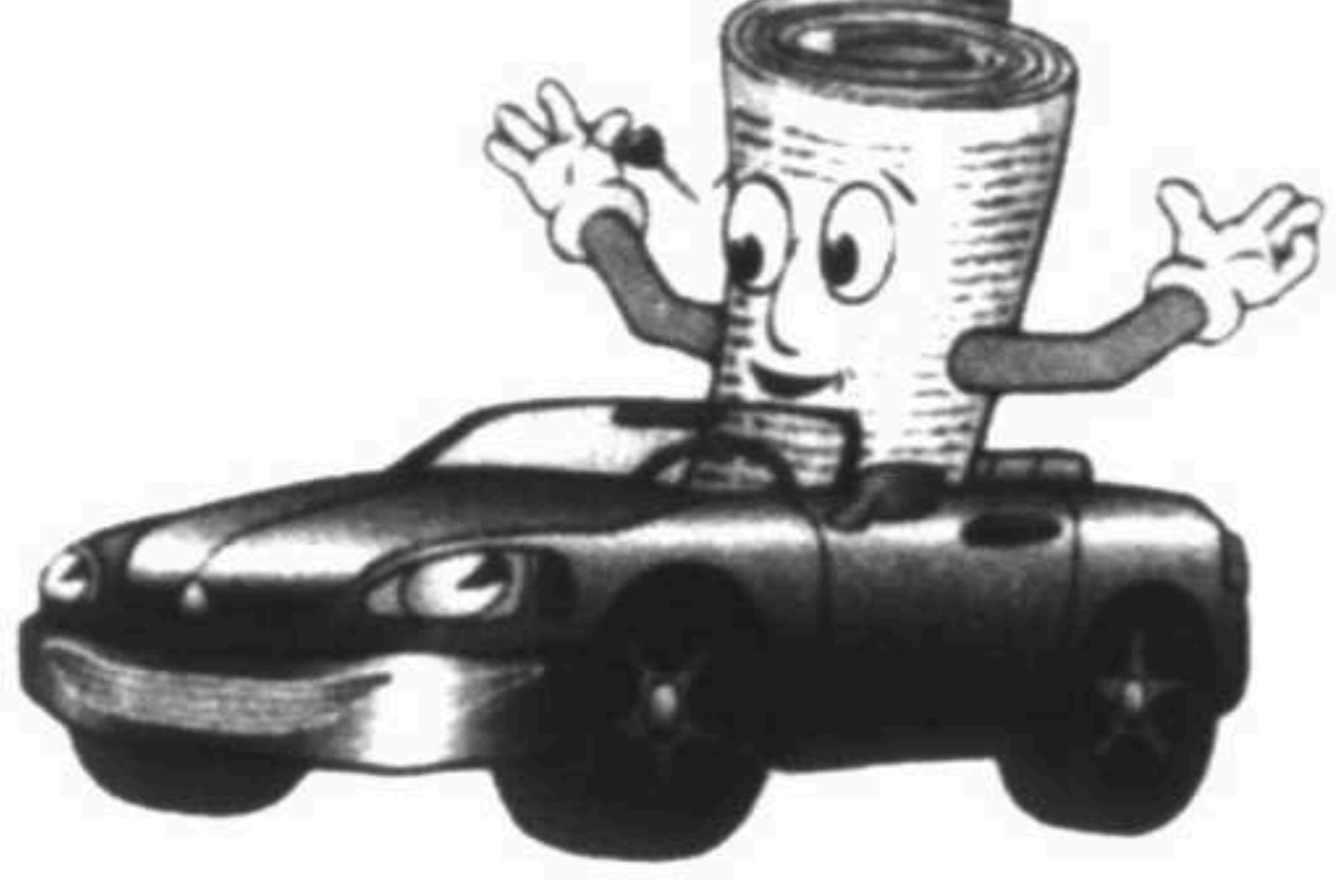
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**Weekly Writing Corner**

**What makes you laugh?**

*What things make you laugh or smile?*

I laugh when I feel good inside and when I'm happy. When I watch my dog Rags play with his new toy, He makes me laugh and then I feel very happy. Rags is my best friend and he always makes me feel good.  
*Alyssa, 5th grade*

Simply Must Instigate Laughter Everywhere.

*Jacob, 6th grade*

Sometimes, when people smile at me, it cheers me up. Sometimes, when I'm sad, nothing at all will cheer me up except my mom's brownies. Then I can smile again.  
*Kim, 5th grade*

Laughing is all about being happy and making other people feel happy. When I laugh, it means everything is good. I may have scored a goal in soccer or a home run in baseball. My whole team is happy with me and so we all have something to laugh about.

*Billy, 6th grade*

When you laugh, your face crinkles up and your eyes get smaller.

*Rachel, 2nd grade*

I think what makes people laugh is like a virus. When you laugh, other people will laugh along with you. When someone makes me laugh, it makes me feel good too. Pretty soon, we get people to join in and we can all laugh together.

*Vanessa, 4th grade*

I think laughter is contagious, kind of like sneezes but better!

*Chris, 4th grade*

When I laugh it makes me feel better. When I make other people laugh, that makes me feel good too. I think everyone is happier when something makes them laugh out loud. Don't you?

*Allison, 5th grade*

This joke makes me laugh: How many robots does it take to screw in a light bulb?  
A: Three — one to hold the light bulb and two to turn the ladder.

*Greg, 3rd grade*

Why are frogs so happy?  
A: They eat whatever bugs them!

*Jake, 3rd grade*

How do you get an elephant on top of an oak tree?  
A: Stand him on an acorn and wait 50 years.

What if you don't want to wait?  
A: Parachute him from an airplane. Why isn't it safe to stand under an oak tree between one and two in the afternoon?

A: That's when the elephants practice their parachute jumping!

*Michael, 3rd grade*

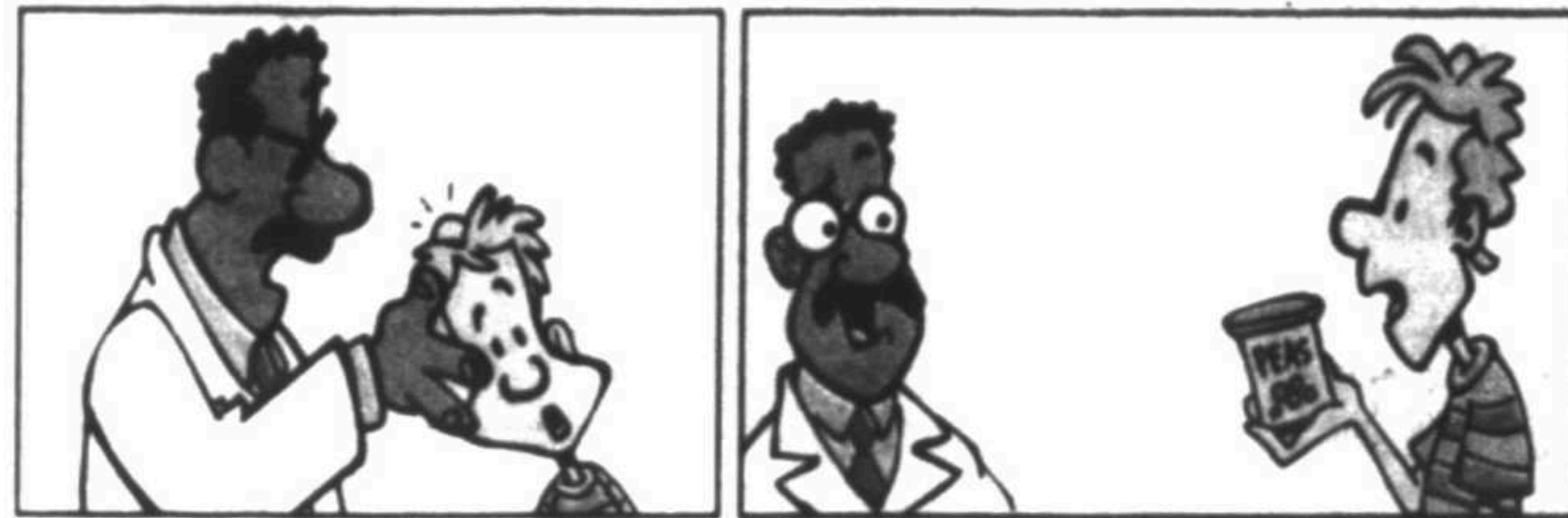


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Did you know that it takes more muscles to frown than it does to smile? So, smile and the whole world smiles with you!

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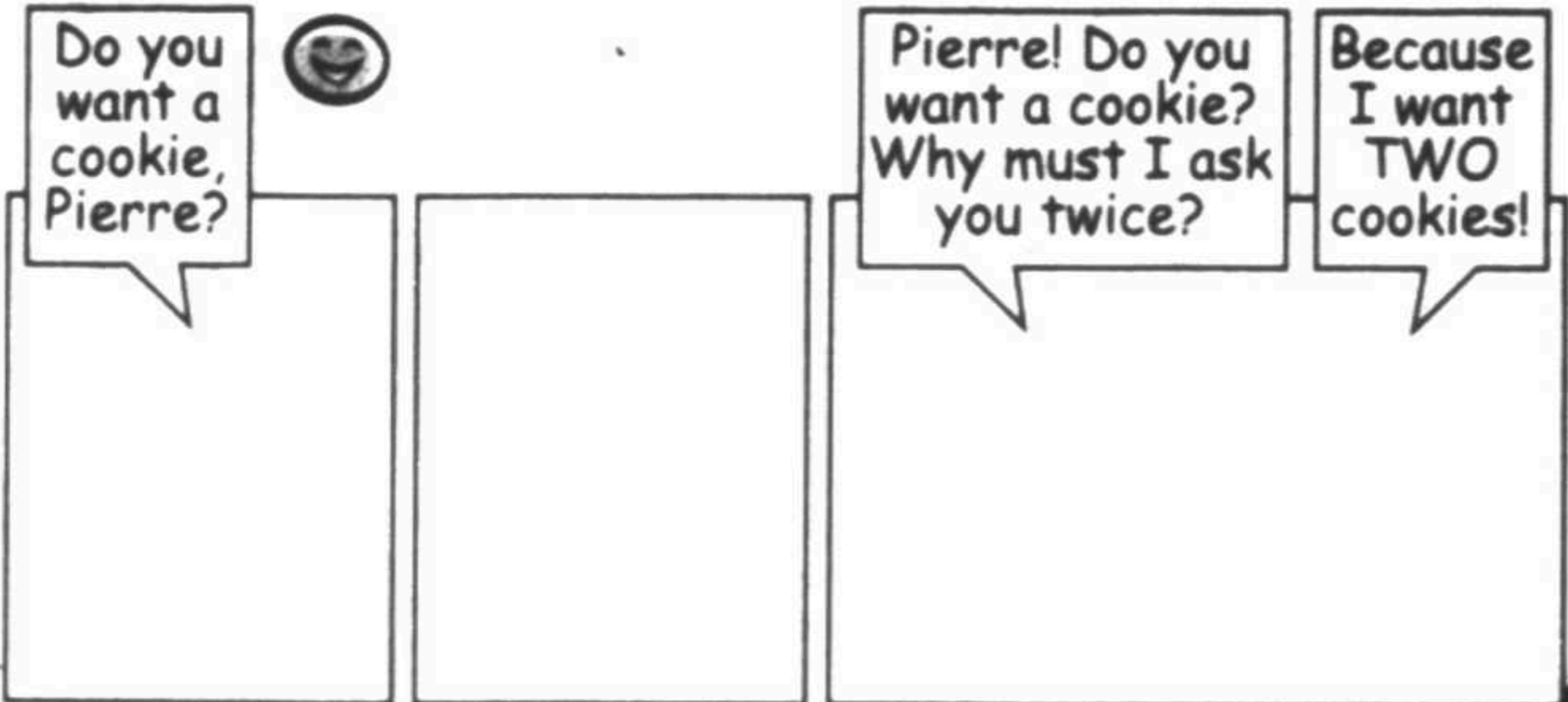
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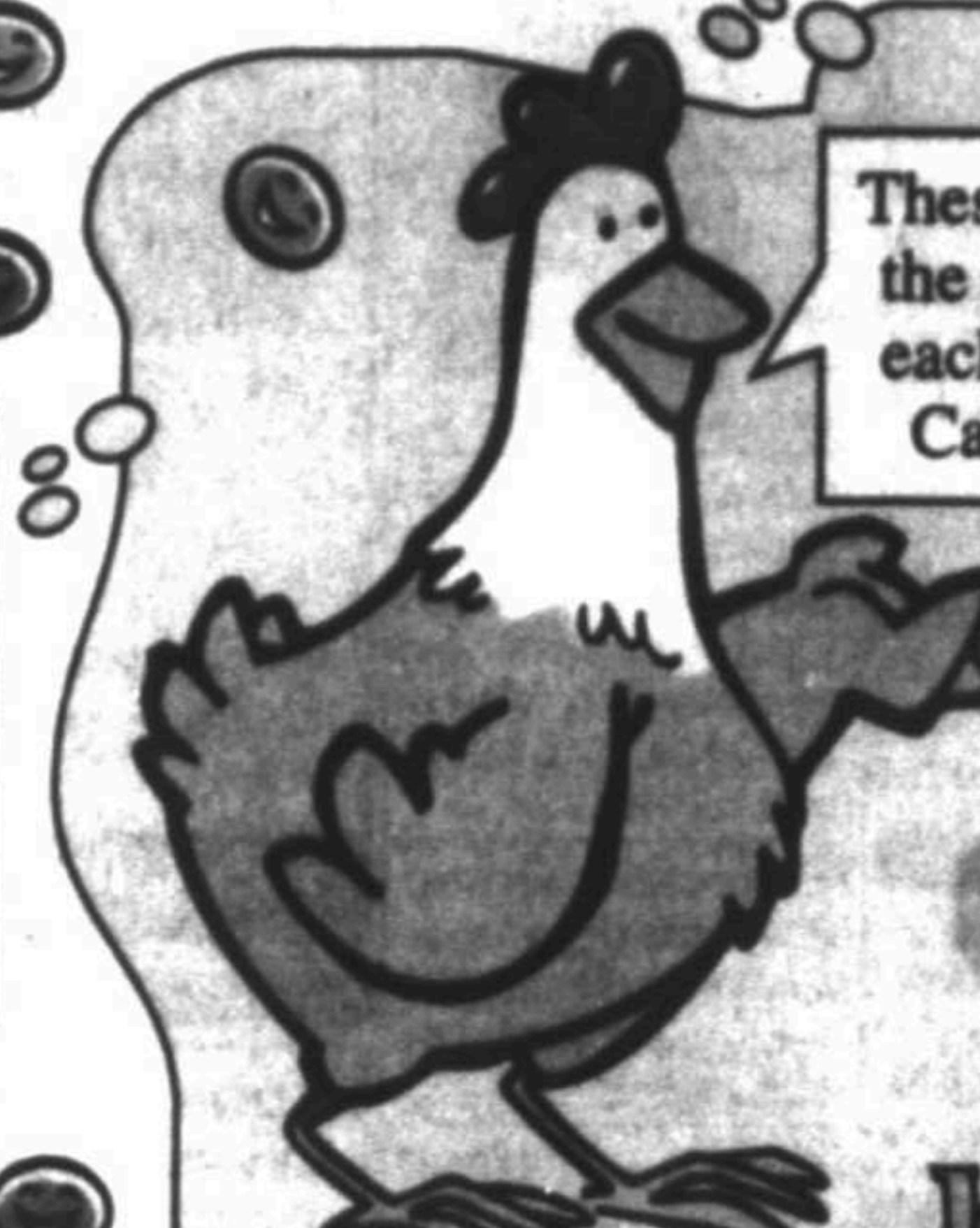
Standards Link: Health: Identify activities and actions that promote or enhance emotional health.

**Laughter: The Universal Language!**

There are jokes from all over the world. What can you learn about people by reading their jokes? Draw your own comic strip using this joke from Martinique.



Standards Link: Social Science: Compare life in different places and recognize that some aspects of cultures are similar.



These jokes are from all over the world and the answer to each joke is the same thing. Can you guess what it is?

**Spain**

What is a small, white chest that all know how to open and nobody knows how to close?

**Jamaica**

What is more useful when it is broken?

**Zambia**

What is an entire little house without a door?

**Peru**

In a pot there are two kinds of food. What is it?

**Malawi**

I have built my house without any door. What is it?

**Afghanistan**

In a bowl of china fixed, two liquids with colors unmixed. What is it?

Have you figured out the answer? If not, color all the boxes with odd numbers. Read the letters that are left and you will know the answer.



How many smiles can you find on this page?

Standards Link: Social Science: Compare life in different places and recognize that some aspects of cultures are similar.

**Comedy Cafe**

How many silly things can you circle in this picture?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

**Superlative Fun**

Look through the newspaper for three happy pictures. Label one "Happy," one "Happier," and one "Happiest." Repeat this game with other words.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Understand comparative and superlative case.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

Why does a crane raise one leg when he stands in the water?

Put the words in the right order to discover the answer to this joke from Poland.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

**Double Double Word Search**

- OPEN
- CRANE
- SMILE
- LAUGHTER
- FOOD
- JOKES
- WORLD
- QUICKLY
- GUESS
- ORDER
- PEOPLE
- SILLY
- FUN
- LEARN

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

**FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY**

**Good News/Bad News**

In today's paper, categorize stories as either "good news" or "bad news." Explain why you think newspapers print "bad" news at times. Are there some stories that are bad news to some and good to other people?

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write formal letters; write persuasive compositions that state a position or proposal.

**What is the longest word in the English language?**

ANSWER: Smiles, because there is a 'm' between the first and last letters.

**Write On!**

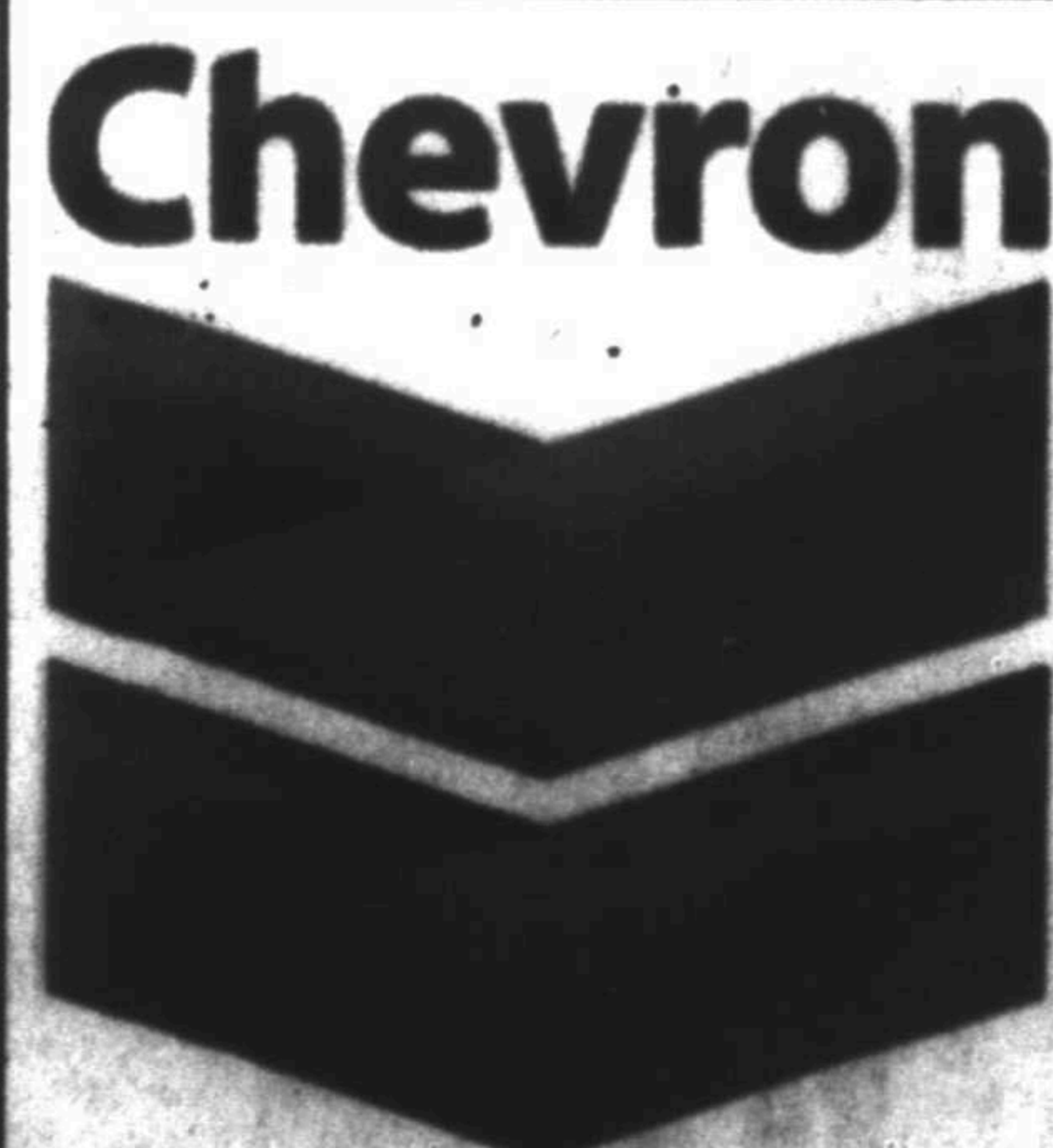
**Ode to Squidzilla**

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