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One of the biggest weekends of the West Texas music scene has come and gone, drawing people from all over the Permian Basin. Be sure to check out a recap of Texas Thunder online.

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Race for energy post deserves voters' attention

In particular, Railroad Commission candidates personify split in Republican Party

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

Perhaps no race in the May 27 runoff better crystallizes the Republicans' future as the chamber of commerce party in Texas than the nomination for railroad commissioner.

Among statewide elected officials, only the comptroller has such direct contact with people doing business in Texas. The three-member Texas Railroad Commission writes regulations and adjudicates disputes for the petroleum and mining industries. One seat is up for election every two years.

Yet despite the tribunal's influence on the Texas economy, few voters will take the time to learn the differences between presumed front-runner Wayne Christian, a deeply religious tea party politician from Center, and runner-up Ryan Sitton, a Houston engineer who founded an oil and gas services company.

That's too bad, because they personify the schism in the Republican Party between the business wing mostly concerned with how government regulates and the religious conservatives and tea party activists more concerned about ideology.

Christian came out ahead with 42.6 percent of the vote in the four-candidate March 4 Republican primary, with Sitton coming in second with 30.5 percent. Before Christian was defeated by a fellow Republican in 2012, he was the kind of lawmaker who when he got up to speak in the Texas House, every reporter in the room turned on their digital recorders, because odds were good he would say something controversial.

In the middle of an all-night session in 2011, I watched other Republicans cringe as Christian introduced an amendment to the state budget that would have banned resource centers for non-heterosexual students on public university campuses. He railed for more than an hour until Democratic state Rep. Troy Martinez Fischer of San Antonio threatened a point of order that would have sunk the entire legislative session if Christian didn't pull down his proposed amendment.

That wasn't the only time I saw

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Dan Patrick

The front-runner in the lieutenant governor's race has some past mental issues that may prove problematic to his campaign.

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ARRIVAL OF THE HEAT

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Jubilee Center of Midland's "Farm to Fairway" took place Friday at Hogan Park. The event included a golf tournament with a barbecue dinner and auction. See more pictures from the Jubilee Center of Midland's "Farm to Fairway" event in Tuesday's Reporter-Telegram.

Quick weather facts

First time for 100?
The thermometer has not topped 100 this year, but today the high will flirt with triple digits. The National Weather is predicting a high temperature of 99 today and 98 Tuesday.

Since 2000, Midland has recorded its first 100-degree day before May 19 every year but four.

The mean date for reaching 100 for the first time during that time is May 16, which happens to be the first time triple digits was recorded at Midland International Airport last year.

The earliest 100 was recorded for the first time at Midland International since 2000 was April 25 in 2012. The latest was June 18 in 2007.

Weather facts and figures
Today's predicted high: 99
Normal for May 19: 88
High on May 19, 2013: 95

Reaching 100 (since 2000)
Minimum: April 25, 2012
Mean: May 16
Maximum: June 18, 2007
Number of times after May 18: four

A while before 100?
According to the National Weather Service forecast, the forecast calls for a high in the lower 90s on Wednesday and then high temperatures in the 80s through Sunday.

Rain in the forecast?
The National Weather Service reports at least a "slight" or "isolated" chance of rain Wednesday through Sunday.

The NWS is reporting 1.32 inches of rain this year. That is more than 2 inches below normal for this time of year.

Source: National Weather Service

Obama Cabinet may be boost for rising mayor

By Emily Schmall
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — President Barack Obama's expected nomination of San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro as secretary of Housing and Urban Development could test the 39-year-old's ability to navigate Washington ahead of 2016 elections, Texas Democrats say.

Since giving the 2012 keynote address at the Democratic National Convention, Castro's star has been on the rise, with his name often included among possible vice presidential contenders.

"This is an important step for Julian," Henry Cisneros, a HUD secretary under President Bill Clinton and a former mayor of San Antonio, told The Associated Press. "If indeed he has the capability to be what we all think he can be," Cisneros said, he can prove it by performing well at the helm of the federal housing agency.

Job performance aside, Castro's background could be his main selling point.

He and his twin brother, U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, grew up on the West Side of San Antonio in a working-class Mexican-American neighborhood. They were raised by their single mother, a prominent Latino rights activist in the 1960s and 1970s, and their grandmother, who crossed the border from Mexico as a child.

If Julian Castro is nominated to preside over HUD and confirmed by the Senate, he would become one of the highest-ranking Hispanic officials in the Obama administration.

"That says a lot. He carries with him the hopes and dreams and prayers of the entire Latino population," said U.S. Rep.

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MPD honor guard visits Washington, D.C., to honor fallen peace officers

By Tyler White
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Five members of the Midland Police Department's honor guard joined thousands of other peace officers to pay respects to their fallen colleagues last week in Washington, D.C., as part of National Police Memorial Week.

MPD Lt. Victor Rivera, Officers Loren Frost and Cristen McNulty, and Community Service Officers Lorie Hill and Liz Thornton arrived May 11 to serve during the National Police Memorial Week events held in the nation's capitol.

The event honored 286 fallen law enforcement officers who were added to the memorial this year. One hundred of those officers were killed in 2013, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund website.

Rivera said the MPD officers were part of a large group set to guard the memorial wreaths, as well as being with the surviving families who lost loved ones in the line of duty, as well as attending the 33rd annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service at the Capitol Building.

Rivera and the other members of the honor guard made this trip a project to work toward, as they raised money and gathered donations from local businesses and the general public to cover the journey's cost.

Rivera said it was an important trip to make so that Midland could be represented at the national event.

He described his time at the week's events as humbling, since many other officers present have lost colleagues.

"You're with a group of people who have experienced this emotion (of loss). That's very powerful just to see it first-hand from all across the country," Rivera said.

McNulty said it was an "unfathomable" experience to see people from across the country unite. She even saw several officers from England and Australia during the events.

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MPD's Fallen Officers

Lt. Gordon Smith Jr.
End of Watch: Nov. 28, 1961
Cause: Gunfire

Officer Bryan Scoggins
End of Watch: April 14, 1961
Cause: Motorcycle accident

Officer John Perry Wyrick
End of Watch: Nov. 10, 1935
Cause: Gunfire

Source: Officer Down Memorial Page

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Costs on Greg Abbott's biggest project as attorney general rise $64M

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Suing the federal government 30 times and bringing polygamist leader Warren Jeffs to justice is how Republican Greg Abbott built his profile. But his biggest project as Texas attorney general is a bureaucratic fixer-upper that's $64 million over the original budget.

The favorite to succeed Gov. Rick Perry next year, Abbott has given a consulting giant more money and oversight to fix missteps on a massive technology overhaul in Texas' child support division, which last year led the nation with more than $3.6 billion in collections.

The revamp to streamline and automate cases is expected to be finished by 2017, when child support cases in Texas are expected to drastically increase. But the original $210 million price tag has climbed 30 percent, and federally required expert reviews obtained by The Associated Press have raised skepticism about meeting that deadline.

Aides to Abbott said changes are underway and the overhaul, known as the "T2" initiative, is on track to finish five months early. Their optimism comes after giving lead contractor Accenture LLP an additional $30 million and more responsibility under a revised contract signed in April — two months after an outside February report described the project as being "at a major crossroad" following a management shake-up.

"There's a sense of urgency on everyone's part. We're doing everything to ensure the state funds are properly utilized and that we deliver a quality product," said Charles Smith, who took over the child support division last fall.

For Abbott, who has vowed government efficiency and streamlining if elected governor in November, critical expert reviews and rising costs cast unusual scrutiny on a division that has been a quiet point of pride since he took office in 2003.

Highly technical and voluminous expert reviews obtained by the AP under open records laws have raised issues with management, missed milestones and quality concerns. Both federal officials and Abbott's office emphasized that the reports, written by University of Texas at Austin faculty, are designed specifically to identify concerns, not highlight achievements.

But the reports have raised issues that appear to be more than nitpicking. Reviewers criticized managers for abiding by a timeline that is "considered golden but is not real" and raised warning about substandard work that could escalate costs down the road.

In a statement, Abbott said that under his watch, the child support system in Texas has collected more money than any other state and ranked first in collections for every dollar spent, "making Texas the most efficient and effective child support system in the country."

Smith took over in October for Alicia Key, who had run the state's child support enforcement division for nearly a decade and now works for Xerox Inc., which processes child support payments for the state. Key's departure was not related to the technology overhaul, Abbott spokesman Jerry Strickland said.

The project ranks among the biggest contracts for Accenture in Texas since lawmakers in 2007 terminated an $899 million deal to outsource social services such as applying for Medicaid and food stamps. Technical and operational problems were rampant, and lawmakers voted to end the privatization experiment after widespread rebuke.

The total cost of the T2 project is now $274 million, according to Abbott's office, two-thirds of which will be picked up by the federal government's Office of Child Support Enforcement.

Kenneth Wolfe, a spokesman for the federal agency, said concerns raised by the reports have "continually been satisfactorily addressed" and that fixes to the problems often get underway before the reports are formally published.

Herb Kranser, a University of Texas professor leading the expert review, said his contract with the attorney general's office did not allow him to speak to the media. Accenture spokesman Joe Dickie said the project is scheduled to end as planned in 2017 and referred further comment to the state.

In January, the federal government hired Accenture to take over the maligned Healthcare.gov website that frustrated millions of Americans trying to obtain insurance under the new health law.

Death Notices

Elizabeth "Grandma" Pearson

Elizabeth "Grandma" Pearson, 83, of Big Spring, died Saturday May 17, 2014 at her residence. Funeral services will be 3:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial following at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

She was born August 26, 1930 to Mary and Fred Mallard in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. She was a housewife and mother of five daughters, three sons and one stepdaughter.

Michael Lloyd Reed

Michael Lloyd Reed, born on December 24, 1953 in Big Spring, TX to Howard and Pauline Reed, died peacefully in his sleep on May 16, 2014 in Midland, TX. He was 60 years old.

Services will be held at Greenwood Baptist Church on Tuesday May 20, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please donate to the American Diabetes Association.

Shirlene Rainey

Shirlene Rainey 81, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 17, 2014 in a local nursing home.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesady, May 20, 2014 at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel. The family will receive friends from 7:00 PM to 8:00PM Monday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch funeral home.

Austin Humphreys/Austin American-Statesman

David Calame, an archaeological enthusiast, removes dirt from around the ribs of a bison found in Burnet County on May 3. Ryan Murphy found the first bones from the bison while fishing last summer.

Hill Country bison skeleton raises questions

By Claire Osborn
Austin American-Statesman

BRIGGS — Ryan Murray was fishing in Rocky Creek last summer when he looked up and saw something strange. Something white was poking out of the side of the creek embankment on his parents' ranch in northeastern Burnet County. It was about the size of a cigarette, but it didn't look like a rock.

So Murray, a 36-year-old office administrator for Austin Gastroenterology, started digging that August afternoon. He dug for half an hour but couldn't get it out, so he came back the next week.

"I had to tie a kayak seat to a rope around a tree to lower myself down to it," he said.

Several hours later, after striking an ant colony and getting bitten a few dozen times, Murray extracted two leg bones.

"I didn't know if they were human or animal," he told the Austin American-Statesman.

In September he took them to a paleontology open house at the University of Texas, where the experts told him what he had: bison bones. But he didn't know whether his find was a few hundred years old or a relic from the prehistoric era.

Ancient bison roamed through North America as long as 2 million years ago, according to remains that were found in Florida, said Jerry McDonald, the author of "North American Bison: Their Classification and Evolution."

Modern bison — the kind that were hunted to the brink of extinction the late 1800s — started evolving about 10,000 years ago, said McDonald, a research associate at the Virginia Museum of Natural History. Modern bison are about a third smaller than their predecessors and have smaller horns, he said.

Murray, who has had a lifelong interest in fossils and artifacts since he inherited his grandfather's collection of them, kept digging for the rest of the skeleton.

"I recognized there might be some sort of scientific value to studying it," he said. He and his cousin stood on a scaffold suspended from the bank of the creek and worked with garden tools to uncover more bones, he said.

"Every time I would try to dig one bone there would be several more bones all around it, and I thought there might be an entire animal in there, so I stopped," he said. In November, he decided to seek help from archaeologists.

He said he didn't touch the site for five months except to use a chain saw to cut 100-year-old barbed wire and clear brush.

By this spring he had found help from David Calame, an archaeological enthusiast from South Texas who has recorded hundreds of prehistoric archaeological sites. Murray's father, Duane Murray, and his brother, Tony Murray, used an excavator to scrape off 7 feet of dirt piled above the bones before Calame arrived in late April.

Then came another discovery. Calame, Ryan Murray and another helper named Bruce Turner uncovered the head of the bison two weeks ago. It was filled with so much dirt that it weighed about 50 pounds when they carefully pulled it out of the Earth. Many of the teeth and one horn were still intact.

During the first weekend of May, Calame and Turner used small tools to pick away at the dirt between the animal's vertebrae and ribs. The bison's back two legs are missing, which means it could have been killed by American Indians, said Calame.

"We won't know until experts examine it and find out if there are butcher marks," he said.

While Calame and Turner were carefully pulling out bones, Ryan Murray made another discovery. As he sifted dirt found between the bones, he found small pieces of flint. The flint could have been left there by Indians cutting into the buffalo, said Calame.

The flint could be a key to the bison's age, said retired UT paleontology professor Ernie Lundelius, because prehistoric Indians hunted the bison about 12,000 years ago. Lundelius said it wasn't common to find a skeleton as complete as the one Ryan Murray found. Lundelius also examined photos that Murray took of the bison skull.

"It has adult teeth, from what I can see of it," Lundelius said. He also said that the left horn on the animal "looked odd."

"It does seem like it's kind of big for a modern bison," the professor said.

Murray said he has spent about 70 hours digging and invested about $100 in equipment for his quest. Calame and Turner provided their services for free, he said. No one in his family, including his wife, has given him a hard time about his endeavor, he said. "They've all been very supportive," he said.

He won't know how old the bison really is until next year, when UT- San Antonio runs carbon-dating tests on it for free, said Murray. Until then, he's working on clearing the dirt off the bison's skull, which he's keeping in a building at the ranch.

"This has been rewarding and fascinating and enjoyable," he said. "It's better than sitting at home and staring at an iPad."

Jurors object to early release of 'Bernie'

Associated Press

CARTHAGE — Three of the jurors who convicted an East Texas man for the slaying of a rich widow disagree with his early release from prison and say they still believe he deserved a life sentence.

Bernie Tiede was set free on bond earlier this month after the district attorney who prosecuted him agreed to let him out of his life prison term.

"He confessed that he did it," said Jessie Jacks, who served as the jury foreman. "We found him guilty. In the punishment phase we gave him a life sentence — that's the max you can give him."

Jacks and the other two jurors spoke to the Longview News-Journal days after Tiede was let out of prison for the killing of 81-year-old Marjorie Nugent, his longtime companion who was found dead in a freezer at her home nine months after her disappearance in 1996.

The case inspired the dark comedy "Bernie," starring Jack Black in the title role and Shirley MacLaine as Nugent.

"It was pretty much a cut-and-dry case," Jacks said. "He killed a lady and put her in a freezer."

Tiede was a local mortician's assistant in the East Texas town of Carthage who got to know Nugent after working at her husband's funeral. The two began to spend time together and take trips around the world, until Nugent's disappearance.

Jurors gave Tiede a life sentence, and he would not have been eligible for parole until 2027. But Panola County District Attorney Danny Buck Davidson earlier this month said new evidence that Tiede was abused as a child — and that he and Nugent had an emotionally abusive relationship — suggested he should be let out of prison early.

An Austin attorney who began to examine Tiede's case after the "Bernie" movie eventually uncovered evidence that Tiede had been abused by an uncle. After a prosecution expert agreed with Tiede's side, Davidson said it was appropriate to release Tiede after more than 15 years in prison.

Tiede's case is being reviewed by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, which still must formally sign off on the sentence reduction for it to be official. The judge agreed to let him live with Richard Linklater, the Austin filmmaker who directed "Bernie."

NATIONBRIEFS

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FLORIDA

SpaceX Dragon returns to Earth from space station

CAPE CANAVERAL — The commercial cargo ship Dragon returned to Earth from the International Space Station on Sunday, bringing back nearly 2 tons of science experiments and old equipment for NASA.

SpaceX's Dragon splashed into the Pacific, just five hours after leaving the orbiting lab.

"Welcome home, Dragon!" the California-based company said via Twitter.

After a one-month visit, the SpaceX cargo ship was set loose Sunday morning. Astronaut Steven Swanson, the station commander, released it using the big robot arm as the craft zoomed more than 260 miles above the South Pacific.

"Very nice to have a vehicle that can take your science, equipment and maybe someday even humans back to Earth," Swanson told Mission Control.

The SpaceX Dragon is the only supply ship capable of returning items to Earth. The others burn up on re-entry. This was the fourth Dragon to bring back space station goods, with 3,500 pounds aboard; it came down off Mexico's Baja California coast.

NASA is paying SpaceX and Virginia-based Orbital Sciences Corp. to make station deliveries. Orbital is next up, next month. Russia, Europe and Japan also make occasional shipments.

SpaceX also is competing for the right to ferry station astronauts, perhaps as early as 2017.

The Dragon rocketed to the space station on April 18 with a full load and arrived at the orbiting lab two days later.

NEW MEXICO

Wildfire containment reaches 60 percent

SILVER CITY — Crews have containment lines around 60 percent of a southwestern New Mexico wildfire as they go up against dry and windy conditions.

Fire managers said Sunday an "initial attack crew" is on standby in case hot spots flare up inside the 9-square-mile Signal Fire burning in the Gila National Forest.

They said high winds and dryness make the scenario extremely likely.

Authorities said the fire did not grow overnight and crews continue to work around the perimeter to ensure it doesn't spread.

They said rising temperatures will make the next few days a critical period for fire activity.

More than 700 firefighters and other personnel are assigned to the fire. Aircraft also are on hand to drop retardant and water on the fire.

The human-caused fire started burning in rugged terrain about 10 miles north of Silver City on May 11.

PHOENIX

Son: Slain Tucson soldier was 'humble' rescuer

The son of a U.S. Army soldier from Tucson who died from wounds suffered in Afghanistan says his father's role in the 2003 rescue of former prisoner of war Jessica Lynch was just one facet of what he achieved in his life.

Calvin Barreras said Sunday that Command Sgt. Maj. Martin R. Barreras was instrumental in orchestrating Lynch's rescue, but he was humble about his part in it. "It was something he took part in, and it wasn't anything he wanted recognition for," Calvin Barreras said.

The Department of Defense confirmed this week that Barreras died Tuesday in San Antonio Military Medical Center. Officials said the 49-year-old was injured earlier this month when his unit was attacked in Herat Province, Afghanistan.

Based on an email from an unidentified friend and fellow Ranger, Fox News on Friday reported that Barreras served in the Army battalion that conducted the rescue. According to the friend, Barreras handed Lynch to another soldier to take her to a waiting helicopter, Fox reported.

The U.S. Department of Defense has not commented on the matter.

Barreras was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division in Fort Bliss.

CALIFORNIA

Survey: US gas prices down 3 1/2 cents per gallon

CAMARILLO — The average price of a gallon of regular gasoline in the U.S. has dropped 3 1/2 cents over the past two weeks.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday that the price fell to $3.69 because supplies are meeting demand. She predicted prices will continue to drop but at a moderate pace as crude oil prices remain relatively strong.

Lundberg said the decrease comes after gas prices had climbed nearly 43 cents per gallon between Feb. 7 and May 2.

Of the cities surveyed in the Lower 48 states, Albuquerque, New Mexico, had the lowest price at $3.32 per gallon, and San Francisco had the highest at $4.17.

WASHINGTON

Taser death could get Supreme Court review

Handcuffed but not obeying police commands, the 21-year-old suspect absorbed the first shot from a 50,000-volt stun gun as he lay on the ground.

Over the next 14 minutes, a police officer used his Taser on Baron Pikes at least seven more times when Pikes did not follow orders.

Pikes began showing signs of distress a short time after officers dragged him into the police department building in the central Louisiana town of Winnfield. A little over an hour later, on a January day in 2008, he was pronounced dead at a hospital.

The Supreme Court is being asked to review Pikes' case as part of a civil rights lawsuit filed on behalf of his young son against a former Winnfield police officer. If the justices agree to hear the case, it would be the court's first look at police use of stun guns after turning away appeals from both recipients of the high-voltage shocks and from police officers.

A decision on taking up the issue could come as soon as Monday.

Since 2001, stun guns have been listed as a cause or contributing factor in more than 60 deaths in the United States, according to the human rights advocacy group Amnesty International. More than 540 people have died after police use of stun guns in that time, the group said.

Coffee fungus raises prices for high-end blends that use Arabica

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

AP file photo

In this Feb. 9, 2013, photo, small coffee producer Hector Perez show coffee beans damaged by the rust (roya) fungus in San Gaspar Vivar, Guatemala. The U.S. government is stepping up efforts to help Central American farmers fight a devastating coffee disease — and to keep the price of your morning cup down. A fungus called coffee rust has already caused more than $1 billion in damage across the Latin American region. It is especially deadly to Arabica coffee, the bean that makes up most high-end, specialty coffees, and it is already affecting the price of some of those coffees in the United States.

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government is stepping up efforts to help Central American farmers fight a devastating coffee disease — and hold down the price of your morning cup.

At issue is a fungus called coffee rust that has caused more than $1 billion in damage across Latin American region. The fungus is especially deadly to Arabica coffee, the bean that makes up most high-end, specialty coffees.

Already, it is affecting the price of some of those coffees in the United States.

"We are concerned because we know coffee rust is already causing massive amounts of devastation," said Raj Shah, head of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

He was expected to announce today a $5 million partnership with Texas A&M University's World Coffee Research center to try to eliminate the fungus.

But the government isn't doing this just to protect our $4 specialty coffees, as much as Americans love them. The chief concern is about the economic security of these small farms abroad. If farmers lose their jobs, it increases hunger and poverty in the region and contributes to violence and drug trafficking.

Washington estimated that production could be down anywhere from 15 percent to 40 percent in coming years, and that those losses could mean as many as 500,000 people could lose their jobs. Though some countries have brought the fungus under control, many of the poorer coffee-producing countries in Latin America don't see the rust problem getting better anytime soon.

Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Panama and Costa Rica have all been hard hit.

Much of the blander, mass-produced coffee in this country comes from Asia and other regions. Most of the richer, more expensive coffees are from small, high altitude farms in Central America. Because the farms are smaller, farmers there often don't have enough money to buy the fungicides needed or lack the training to plant in ways that could avoid contamination.

The rust, called roya in Spanish, is a fungus that is highly contagious because of airborne fungal spores. It affects different varieties, but the Arabica beans are especially susceptible. Rainy weather worsens the problem.

"We don't see an end in sight anytime soon," said Leonardo Lombardini of Texas A&M's World Coffee Research.

So far, major U.S. coffee companies have been able to find enough supply to avoid price increases. But some smaller outfits already have seen higher prices, said Ric Rhinehart of the Specialty Coffee Association of America.

Rhinehart said the worst-case scenario is that consumers eventually will pay "extraordinarily high prices for those coffees, if you can find them at all."

He said some very specialized varieties from a single origin — Guatemalan antigua coffees, for example — have been much harder to source. If the problem continues, he said, some small coffee companies either will raise prices or use blends that are easier to find, decreasing the quality of the coffee.

Larger companies such as Starbucks and Keurig Green Mountain Inc. have multiple suppliers across the region and said they have so far been able to source enough coffee.

"It's a little bit too soon to tell what the impact will be on supply and long term quality over time," said Lindsey Bolger, who heads up coffee sourcing for Keurig Green Mountain.

Still, the companies are trying to ensure that their future supply isn't affected, so they are working closely with growers on better practices that will help them avoid contamination.

"Supporting the farmer's ability to access information, technology and resources allows them to adapt to these uncertainties and ensures the longevity of our industry's supply chain," said Craig Russell, Starbucks Global Coffee executive vice president. Starbucks even bought a Costa Rican farm for research purposes.

USAID intends to work with Texas A&M to step up research on rust-resistant coffee varieties and help Latin America better monitor and respond to the fungus. The U.S. already collaborates with some of the coffee companies and other international organizations to finance replanting of different varieties of trees.

The effort is part of the Obama administration's Feed the Future program, which aims to rid the world of extreme poverty through agricultural development and improved nutrition.

While the effort has helped hungry children around the globe, "we're at risk of backtracking because of coffee rust," Shah said.

Racism claim dooms bid to honor Mark Twain in NV

Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — A state panel has effectively killed a bid to name a Lake Tahoe cove for Mark Twain, citing opposition from a tribe that says he held racist views on Native Americans.

The Nevada State Board on Geographic Names this week voted to indefinitely table the request after hearing opposition from the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, whose ancestral homeland includes Lake Tahoe.

Supporters had sought to name a scenic cove on the lake's northeast shore for Samuel Clemens, Twain's real name.

But Darrel Cruz, head of the tribe's cultural resource department, said Twain was undeserving of the honor because of derogatory comments about the Washoe and other tribes in his writings.

Among other things, he cited Twain's opposition to the naming of the lake as Tahoe, which is derived from the Washoe word "da ow" for lake.

Cruz also objected to a Twain quote about Lake Tahoe: "People say that Tahoe means 'Silver Lake' — 'Limpid Water' — 'Falling Leaf.' Bosh! It means grasshopper soup, the favorite dish of the digger tribe — and of the Piutes, as well."

Cruz said Washoes dislike being referred to as the "digger tribe," a derogatory term applied to some tribes in the West who dug roots for food.

"Samuel Clemens had racist views on the native people of this country and has captured those views in his literature," Cruz wrote in a letter to the board. "Therefore, we cannot support the notion of giving a place name in Lake Tahoe to Samuel Clemens."

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

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Meetings today

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Midland-Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR)
5 p.m.
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
9601 Wright Drive

Club meeting today

Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

Community calendar

■ The Texas Department of Criminal Justice will be screening correctional officer applicants 7:30 a.m. today at the Smith Unit in Lamesa. A $4,000 recruitment bonus is being offered, according to information information provided by the department.

To schedule a screening, go to www.tdcj.state.tx.us, select "Employment" then "Request CO Screening." Choose location and date and download forms. Applicants should bring completed forms and other requested documents to the appointment.

■ The city of Midland will host a meeting to gather public input on a new hike/bike trails master plan. The meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. today at the Midland College's Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room.

City officials are working to develop the city's first Trails Master Plan that will allow more interconnectivity and mobility between neighborhoods and destinations such as schools, parks, restaurants, shopping centers and downtown. The plan will identify key corridors for the development of safe, convenient, off-street hiking and biking facilities.

For more information, call the city's parks and recreationivision at 685-7355.

Primary runoff

Early voting starts today and continues through Friday for the May 27 primary runoff. Registered voters may cast ballots at any one of four voting centers.

■ Midland County Annex Elections Office, 211 N. "A" St., 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

■ Midland County Public Library Centennial Branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

■ Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

■ Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

What's on the radio

News talk
KCRS (AM 550)
6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Vertel
9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local news reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
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KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
6-10 a.m. Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon. Herman Cain
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
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KMND (AM 1510)
6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

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Today in history

Today is Monday, May 19, the 139th day of 2014. There are 226 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe sang "Happy Birthday to You" to President John F. Kennedy during a Democratic fundraiser at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1973, Secretariat won the Preakness Stakes, the second of its Triple Crown victories.

In 1994, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis died in New York at age 64.

Today's birthdays: PBS newscaster Jim Lehrer is 80. Rock singer-composer Pete Townshend (The Who) is 69.

Associated Press

Mental health of Patrick becomes new major issue

By Mike Ward and David Saleh Rauf
Houston Chronicle

The mental health of state Sen. Dan Patrick, front-runner in the GOP runoff for lieutenant governor, became the key issue Friday in the already acrimonious race, as medical records leaked by opponents showed he was hospitalized at least twice during the 1980s for treatment of depression and at least one reported suicide attempt.

In a campaign already marked by nasty rhetoric bordering on the bizarre, incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who is trailing Patrick, began openly feuding with Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, a former rival for Texas' No. 2 elective office over the continued disclosures: Dew-hurst ordered Patterson to stop the continued leaks, and Patterson refused.

Patrick accused Dewhurst of complicity in the leaks, but the Dewhurst campaign denied that. In a statement, Dewhurst said: "My heart goes out to Dan and his family for what they've endured while coping with his condition."

Even so, several state senators and tea-party activists on Friday criticized Dewhurst over the growing controversy before the May 27 runoff. Political observers said many Texans will probably blame Dewhurst, as well, even if he is not responsible.

"If anything, David Dewhurst is only ensuring that Dan Patrick will win by a larger margin that he might have otherwise," said Mark Jones, a Rice University political science professor who has been following the increasingly ugly race. "This information humanizes Dan Patrick. I think the blowback against David Dewhurst over this will be pretty significant."

Court documents from a 1987 lawsuit filed by Patrick against the Houston Post show he had checked himself into Spring Shadows Glen, a now-shuttered psychiatric hospital in Houston, in 1986 for treatment of mild depression and exhaustion.

Insisting he was not there for psychiatric or emotional problems, but, "for rest," Patrick said in the deposition that he "slept, basically, for two weeks." He also said he had been hospitalized at another facility, Memorial City, in the early 1980s for "fatigue, exhaustion."

Other records show Patrick was admitted to Spring Shadows Glen for "severe depression" after reporting "feelings of worthlessness, helplessness, hopelessness and marked decrease of self-esteem."

That admission was directly related to a suicide attempt on Jan. 14, 1986, according to the records, in which he tried to overdose on an antidepressant medication and slash his right wrist before collapsing and being taken to a local emergency clinic. According to the records, Patrick reported "business and marital problems and difficulties in personal relationships."

Patrick "feels the solution of separation would be a failure and prior to his suicide attempts saw his death as a preferable solution," Dr. Stephen Kramer wrote in the document.

Patrick was discharged five days after being admitted and his depression "decreased considerably and there was no evidence of suicidal preoccupations upon discharge," records said.

The documents also provide details on Patrick's stay at Memorial City, which lasted several weeks and was the product of "acute exhaustion" brought on by "feeling extreme pressure from his work as a television sports broadcaster."

Then, doctors determined Patrick's anxiety had decreased "to the point that it was felt he could return to his full-time work and be followed on an outpatient basis."

In a statement, Patrick decried the release of his medical records and accused Dewhurst and "his attack dog" Patterson of sinking "deeper into the mire, lowering themselves further into the gutter. ... They have achieved a new low.

"I voluntarily entered the hospital twice in the 1980's for exhaustion and to seek treatment for depression," he said. "Some of the prescribed medications exacerbated my condition and created more serious problems. Through prayer and with the help of my family and physician, like millions of other American, I was able to defeat depression. I have not seen a doctor or taken any medication to treat depression in nearly 30 years."

"Dewhurst believes my medical issues with depression, nearly 30 years ago, are a problem. He's mistaken," Patrick said in the statement. "The problem is when a politician who is sliding in the polls, thinks he can use his opponent's health records to get ahead. It simply won't work."

CASTRO

From 1A

Pete Gallego, D-Texas.

Gallego also thinks a Castro nomination would galvanize a grassroots effort in Texas to turn the historically Republican-dominated state into a place where Democrats can compete.

While neither Castro brother speaks Spanish fluently, both became well-versed in politics at an early age when their mother, Rosie, took them to political rallies and meetings.

"She literally taught them in her lap," said Cisneros, who has known Rosie Castro since meeting her in kindergarten.

With the housing market's lackluster recovery, if Julian Castro is named housing secretary, it will matter where he came from, Cisneros says.

"This is a poor city, so it means a lot that a person who's going to be in public service is living the reality. He has never strayed far from his roots," Cisneros said.

Castro earned an undergraduate degree at Stanford University and a law degree at Harvard before returning to San Antonio to become, at age 26, the city's youngest councilman.

As mayor, Castro spearheaded a voter-approved preschool program; set up a walk-in center for high school students seeking guidance on college; and initiated revitalization of some of San Antonio's most downtrodden neighborhoods.

Castro also worked on San Antonio's "Promise Zone" program. That federal government initiative aims to revitalize high-poverty communities by increasing economic activity, improving educational opportunities and leveraging private capital.

HUD plays a key role in the "Promise Zone" initiative and San Antonio was among the first cities that received a grant for the program from the administration.

Newt Gingrich, a former congressman from Georgia, said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union" Sunday morning that Castro would be "a good political pick for the president, it is a smart pick." But Gingrich noted that it likely signals the conservative state won't be turning blue anytime soon.

Obama's anticipated nomination of Castro as secretary of HUD also could be a symbolic passing of the baton.

In many ways, the two men's stories mirror one another's: Both are minorities raised by single mothers, attended Harvard Law School and saw their political careers ascend rapidly after giving lauded keynote speeches at Democratic National Conventions.

RACE

From 1A

fellow Republicans beg and cajole Christian to pull down measures that could have forced embarrassing votes and triggered federal lawsuits, including declarations that life begins at conception, and that schools should post the Ten Commandments and encourage classes on Western civilization instead of ethnic studies. But that kind of lawmaking earned Christian wide and deep support from groups like the Liberty Institute, Texas Right to Life, the Young Conservatives of Texas and county tea party groups.

He often ends his public comments with the exaltation, "Vote for the only Christian on the ballot!"

"What you do, right or wrong, that's part of character," Christian told me. "I am not an oil and gas professional, to my credit."

He said 14 years in the Texas Legislature, much of it on the House Energy Committee, had taught him how to run a regulatory agency, even if his only experience with the oil industry was pumping gas as a teenager.

When I met with Sitton, he said he thinks Christian's last name is what gave him the lead, because frankly, not enough people care enough about the railroad commission.

Sitton rejected accusations that working in the industry presents a conflict of interest, or that being an engineer would cloud his ability to draft good regulations.

Sitton promised to give up his role as CEO of Pinnacle AIS, if elected, and recuse himself from commission decisions that would benefit his business.

"Being an engineer by background, and bringing my experience, will be a real benefit," he argued.

When it comes to endorsements, Sitton counts Rich Kinder, chairman and CEO of Houston-based pipeline giant Kinder Morgan, and a list of 15 chief executives and Texas celebrity businessmen, including T. Boone Pickens and Clayton Williams.

Despite the contrast in supporters, the men show almost no major policy differences. Both promise to fight federal regulation and promote the free market. Both oppose major changes to the commission.

Voters must therefore decide whose experience better prepares them for the day-to-day, nuts-and-bolts regulation to make sure oil and natural gas production is safe and fair, and that the interests of everyday Texans are protected.

And this is not the only race that asks voters to choose between pragmatism and ideology.

Lieutenant governor candidates David Dewhurst and Dan Patrick offer a similar contrast, as do Dan Branch and Ken Paxton in the attorney general's race, and Tommy Merritt and Sid Miller in the agriculture commissioner's race.

The results of these races will reveal whether Republican primary voters want to draw their candidates from Main Street or the church pew.

It's a tired refrain, but low turnout proves it still needs to be said.

If you care about the future of Texas' biggest industry and the future of the Republican Party, take the time to learn about all the races on the ballot and vote by May 27. There are real differences between the candidates, with real consequences for the state's economy.

AT&T agrees to buy DirecTV in $48.5B deal

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — AT&T Inc. on Sunday agreed to buy satellite TV provider DirecTV for $48.5 billion, or $95 per share, a deal both companies described as transformational as they seek to take on cable companies and online video providers, delivering content to multiple screens —on living room TVs, PCs, tablets and mobile phones.

With 5.7 million U-verse TV customers and 20.3 million DirecTV customers in the U.S., the combined AT&T-DirecTV would serve 26 million. That would make it the second-largest pay TV operator behind a combined Comcast-Time Warner Cable, which would serve 30 million under a $45 billion merger proposed in February.

"What it does is it gives us the pieces to fulfill a vision we've had for a couple of years — the ability to take premium content and deliver it across multiple points: your smartphone, tablet, television or laptop," AT&T's Chairman and CEO Randall Stephenson said on a conference call with journalists Sunday.

But the deal could face unique regulatory scrutiny from the Federal Communications Commission and Department of Justice. Unlike the cable company tie-up, the AT&T-DirecTV merger would effectively cut the number of video providers from four to three for about 25 percent of U.S. households. That's a situation that could result in higher prices for consumers and usually gives regulators cause for concern.

Stephenson said those concerns would be addressed with a number of what he called "unprecedented" commitments. Among them:

■ DirecTV would continue to be offered as a standalone service for three years after the deal's closing.

■ AT&T would offer standalone broadband service for at least three years after closing, so consumers could consume video from Netflix and other online services, with download speeds of at least 6 megabits per second where feasible.

■ AT&T would expand high-speed broadband access to 15 million more homes — beyond the 70 million that could now get AT&T service — within four years.

■ AT&T vowed to abide by the open Internet order from 2010 that the Federal Communications Commission is now in the process of revising after a court struck it down.

■ AT&T vowed to sell its roughly 8-9 percent stake in Latin American wireless carrier América Móvil for about $5 billion.

"This is going to prove to be a pro-competitive and pro-consumer transaction," Stephenson said.

AT&T and DirecTV expect the deal to close within 12 months. Under the terms announced Sunday, DirecTV shareholders will receive $28.50 per share in cash and $66.50 per share in AT&T stock. The total transaction value is $67.1 billion, including DirecTV's net debt.

Stephenson and DirecTV CEO Michael White both said the merger would allow the combined company to offer video over multiple screens, but acknowledged that deals with content providers to expand service on multiple platforms still need to be negotiated.

White said that, for example, DirecTV's exclusive deal for its signature product, NFL Sunday Ticket, expires at the end of the coming season. He said he was "confident" the deal would be extended with the NFL on an exclusive, long-term basis, and noted that in the past, DirecTV has sold the football package directly to online platforms, such as to users of Sony's PlayStation.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Joshua Woodrow Cato, 29, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).

Gabriel Herrera, 34, aggravated assault causing seriously bodily injury, seven years deferred, $1,500 fine, court cost, 240 hours community service and Project Adam; recklessly cause bodily injury to a child, five years deferred, $1,500 fine, court cost and Alcohol Anonymous meetings.

Ishaenay Mikaela Jennings, 27, criminal negligent homicide, five years deferred, $1,000 fine, court cost and 120 hours community service.

Dalton Edward Mccormick, 23, aggravated assault on a public servant, five years in the TDCJ; possession of a controlled substance — cocaine, 15 months in state jail.

Bruce Abila Mata, 28, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, 12 months in state jail.

Carves Termaine Parker, 29, failure to comply with sex offender registration, two years in the TDCJ; failure to comply with sex offender registration, two years in the TDCJ.

Donald Price, 61, theft by repetition, two years in state jail suspended for four years probation, $750 fine and court cost.

Stephanie Rena Shelby, 40, theft by deception, 180 days state jail and pay restitution.

Omar Torres, 30, injury to a child, four years deferred, $1,000 fine, court cost and 200 hours community service.

Source: Midland County District Attorney's Office

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Cynthia Gomez, 35, (no place of residence listed), was charged Saturday with violation of parole.

Michael O. Hardie, 45, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Michael A. Riek, 20, of Midland, was charged Saturday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Matthew D. Robertson, 31, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Jesus Rodriguez-Abaraca, 23, of Midland, was charged Saturday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a date, family or household member.

Rodney S. Rogers, 40, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

MPD

From 1A

She cherishes the brotherhood that law enforcement officers share regardless of an officer's agency and said being able to go to Washington, D.C., and come back to Midland to share her experience with others in the department is an honor.

Aside from honoring the dead, Rivera said the national ceremony offers a chance to rekindle friendships with other officers who have been grown apart due to distance and time.

He said it's important to remember these fallen peace officers because their jobs were to protect the citizens of their cities. Many times, those officers are killed by those very citizens that they've sworn to protect, Rivera said.

Rivera said the honor guard hopes to alternate between attending the national event and the state event in Austin every other year.

Studies: Wildfires worse because of global warming

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

Gregory Bull/AP

Firefighter Philip Pinal of Cal-Fire Lions Valley searches for burning embers in a devastated home after a wildfire Friday in Carlsbad, California. Some evacuation orders were lifted early Friday in an area near the fiercest of several wildfires in San Diego County, as crews building containment lines around the blazes hoped cooler temperatures will help them make further progress.

WASHINGTON — The devastating wildfires scorching Southern California offer a glimpse of a warmer and more fiery future, according to scientists and federal and international reports.

In the past three months, at least three different studies and reports have warned that wildfires are getting bigger, that man-made climate change is to blame, and it's only going to get worse with more fires starting earlier in the year. While scientists are reluctant to blame global warming for any specific fire, they have been warning for years about how it will lead to more fires and earlier fire seasons.

"The fires in California and here in Arizona are a clear example of what happens as the Earth warms, particularly as the West warms, and the warming caused by humans is making fire season longer and longer with each decade," said University of Arizona geoscientist Jonathan Overpeck. "It's certainly an example of what we'll see more of in the future."

Since 1984, the area burned by the West's largest wildfires — those of more than 1,000 acres — have increased by about 87,700 acres a year, according to an April study in the journal Geophysical Research Letters. And the areas where fire has been increasing the most are areas where drought has been worsening and "that certainly points to climate being a major contributor," study main author Philip Dennison of the University of Utah said Friday.

The top five years with the most acres burned have all happened in the last decade, according to federal records. From 2010-13, about 6.4 million acres a year burned on average; in the 1980s it was 2.9 million acres a year.

"We are going to see increased fire activity all across the West as the climate warms," Dennison said.

That was one of a dozen "key messages" in the 841-page National Climate Assessment released by the federal government earlier this month. It mentioned wildfires 200 times.

"Increased warming, drought and insect outbreaks, all caused by or linked to climate change have increased wildfires and impacts to people and ecosystems in the Southwest," the federal report said. "Fire models project more wildfire and increased risks to communities across extensive areas."

Likewise, the Nobel prize winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change noted in March that wildfires are on the rise in the western U.S., have killed 103 Americans in 30 years, and will likely get worse.

The immediate cause of the fires can be anything from lightning to arson; the first of the San Diego area fires, which destroyed at least eight houses, an 18-unit condominium complex and two businesses, seemed to start from sparks from faulty construction equipment working on a graded field, said California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokeswoman Lynne Tolmachoff.

But the California fires are fueled by three major ingredients: drought, heat and winds. California and Arizona have had their hottest first four months of the year on record, according to National Weather Service records. Parts of Southern California broke records Thursday, racing past 100 degrees. For the past two weeks the entire state of California has been in a severe or worse drought, up from 46 percent a year ago, according to the U.S. drought monitor.

"With the drought this year, we're certainly going to see increased frequency of this type of event," Dennison said. "Because of the drought the fuels (dry plants and trees) are very susceptible to burning."

Another study last month in Geophysical Research Letters linked the ongoing drought to man-made climate change. Other scientists said that is not yet proven.

Scientists will have to do a lot of time-consuming computer simulations before they can officially link the drought to climate change. But Overpeck said what is clear is that it's not just a drought, but "a hot drought," which is more connected to man-made warming.

The other factor is the unusual early season Santa Ana winds, whose strength is a key factor in whipping the flames. So far, scientists haven't connected early Santa Ana to climate change, Dennison said.

Christie calls for more aggressive foreign policy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Courting powerful Jewish donors for the second time in two months, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie called Sunday for a more aggressive foreign policy that defends American values abroad — even in "in some very messy, difficult places."

"The rest of the world watches in desperation and hope that America will realize and act upon once again its indispensable place in the world," Christie, a prospective Republican presidential contender, said in a keynote address Sunday at the Champions of Jewish Values International awards gala in New York. "We must lead."

He charged that America must represent the strongest military and economic power, but also "the strongest moral power for what is good and what is right in the world."

The appearance offered Christie a second chance to impress deep-pocketed Jewish donors after stumbling in a recent speech to the Republican Jewish Coalition. Sunday's event also featured Gov. Rick Perry, Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey and major political donor Sheldon Adelson.

The gathering comes as donors — none bigger than Adelson — begin to size up the crowded field of potential Republican presidential candidates ahead of the 2016 contest. While billed as a nonpartisan affair, there were political references throughout the evening.

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Veterans affairs secretary Shinseki must go

■ It's not a matter of 'if'

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

Eric Shinseki served his country honorably as a twice-wounded officer in Vietnam, as Army chief of staff, and finally as President Obama's secretary of veterans affairs.

But his maddeningly passive response to the scandal roiling his agency suggests that the best way Shinseki can serve now is to step aside.

Reports have documented the deaths of about 40 veterans in Phoenix waiting for VA appointments — the latest evidence of widespread use of bookkeeping tricks at the agency to make it appear that veterans are not waiting as long for care as they really are. The abuses have been documented over several years by whistle-blowers and leaked memoranda, and confirmed by a host of government investigators.

That's bad enough. Worse was Shinseki's response when he finally appeared before a congressional committee Thursday to answer questions about the scandal. He refused to acknowledge any systemic problem, and declined to commit to do much of anything, insisting on waiting for the results of yet another investigation.

"If any allegations are true," Shinseki told the Senate veterans affairs committee, "they're completely unacceptable to me."

"If any are substantiated by the inspector general," he said, "we will act."

If?

Is there not already evidence of VA appointment schedulers cooking the books?

"I'm not aware other than a number of isolated cases where there is evidence of that," Shinseki told the senators.

How about the September 2013 letter to President Obama from the U.S. Office of Special Counsel describing abuses that had been documented by the Office of Medical Inspector?

"I can't say that I remember it."

And is he not aware of the April 2010 memo by the deputy undersecretary for health at the VA describing "gaming strategies" being used at VA facilities for medical appointments?

"I was not. I am not."

Would he change his management team, given the evidence of systemic failures over years?

"I don't want to get ahead of myself."

Is he concerned about a VA culture of circumventing rules?

"I'm sure someplace in a large organization, you're always going to have something like that."

Shinseki's denial and sluggish response to an obvious problem (his department tarried eight days before complying with a House committee's request to preserve documents for review) is reminiscent of the whitewash of the neglect of wounded troops at Walter Reed. This isn't some phony, Republican-hyped allegation aimed at embarrassing the White House and inflicting political damage; this looks to be a serious and long-standing problem, where official wrongdoing has led to needless deaths.

The Government Accountability Office and others have been warning for a few years of problems with the waiting lists at VA facilities across the country. After years of VA failure to respond, a CNN report last month that at least 40 died in Phoenix waiting for treatment prompted the American Legion and some lawmakers to call for Shinseki's resignation.

Shinseki has declined to ask the Justice Department to investigate, even though he acknowledges the alleged activity would be illegal. The most significant action so far: The White House dispatched a deputy chief of staff, Rob Nabors, to help Shinseki respond to the allegations. (Shinseki told the Senate panel he served with Nabors' father and knows his parents well.) Another indication of the attitude of Shinseki's team: Sen. Richard Burr of North Carolina, the panel's top Republican, disclosed at the hearing that a top Shinseki lieutenant, in a recent conference with other VA officials, declared that the medical director of the Phoenix office had "done nothing wrong" and that the decision to put her on leave was "political."

"I was not aware of the phone call," Shinseki replied.

Shinseki assured the Senate panel that he was "mad as hell" about the allegations. But Democratic and Republican senators alike observed that his anger was not matched by action.

"It's not 'we think this is happening,' it's 'we know this is happening,'" Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., said, asking Shinseki to interpret part of the 2010 VA memo outlining the "gaming" practices.

"I'm going to take your direction here," Shinseki demurred.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., reminded Shinseki that "we have more than allegations at this point. We have evidence, solid evidence, of wrongdoing within the VA system and it is more than an isolated instance of wrongdoing, it's a pattern and practice."

Blumenthal asked Shinseki if he would call in the FBI. Shinseki said he would "make that available" to the inspector general — "if that's his request."

There's that "if" again, and here's another: If Obama wants to resolve this VA debacle, he'll need a less passive secretary.

GUEST VIEW

Thanks to McDonald Observatory, the state retains corner of darkness

Houston Chronicle

If the founders of Houston had been star-gazers, they could have counted thousands of stars on a clear night in Houston. With our area's more than 4 million inhabitants, a stargazer this evening may find a night virtually empty of stars. According to the National Park Service, two-thirds of the U.S. can no longer see the Milky Way. Not the candy bar, but the glowing band of milky whiteness that arches over the night sky.

Thanks to the efforts of the University of Texas at Austin McDonald Observatory, the state retains a corner of darkness in West Texas. McDonald Observatory, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, boasts the darkest night skies of any professional observatory in the continental United States. That darkness, an important natural resource, is as necessary for astronomers to gain a clear view from their telescopes as oxygen is for humans to survive. The Permian Basin energy boom has created many jobs, but it has had an unintended consequence: Drilling operations have started lighting up the night skies shrouding McDonald.

The nighttime lights on the rigs harm not only the astronomers' research into important topics such as dark energy, but also McDonald's efforts to educate thousands of school children every year about the stars.

To preserve the West Texas starry nights, Permian Basin drilling rigs, many of which have headquarters in Houston, do not need to turn off their lights at night. The drilling operators in West Texas simply need to adopt better lighting practices. Poorly designed lights shine outward and upward into the sky, while dark-sky friendly lights point downward. McDonald has teamed up with Pioneer Energy Services to create a "dark-sky friendly drilling rig." The downward lights aren't any less safe, claims William Wren, special assistant to the observatory's superintendent.

Better night-lighting practices benefit all of us, not just astronomers. Poorly designed lights waste tens of billions of dollars in electricity costs in the U.S. annually. Artificial light at night has been shown to disrupt the mating, migration and hunting behaviors of many different species, and to damage the ecological community as a whole. As if that weren't enough, studies have found that an environment of artificial light at night may have negative health consequences.

Our night sky is probably nature's greatest wonder. Let's preserve a patch of it so that our children and all of us still have an opportunity to experience the grandeur of a starry, starry night.

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The real heroes face the inferno

■ Residents get to move back in their homes; firefighters move to the next fire

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

CARLSBAD, Calif. —

A few days ago, in this beautiful coastal city that my family and I have called home for nine years, I met with someone from the California Water Alliance. Founded by farmers and other agricultural interests in Central California, where I was born and raised, the organization aims to solve what it calls the "water emergency" in the Golden State.

First, it has to find a way to make people in the urban areas — including cities such as Carlsbad and most of San Diego County — care about the drought that has ravaged agriculture in the state. When you live near an ocean, all you see is water. It must be hard for my fellow urban dwellers to understand the dangers of building homes on thousands of acres of dry brush that doubles as kindling.

I think we all understand a little better now.

This week's outbreak of at least nine devastating brush fires north and east of San Diego scorched nearly 10,000 acres, threatened hundreds of homes, destroyed numerous structures, and caused the closure of dozens of schools. The fires also prompted the evacuation of thousands of people, including my family.

I was about 20 miles away from home, dropping my kids off at school in a nearby city, when my wife called. She was getting frantic text messages from friends saying that our neighborhood park — the one about a quarter-mile from our home where I play catch with my son — was on fire. And the flames were spreading fast. I rushed home, listening to the radio for updates. In the distance, I saw a huge plume of black smoke coming from the general direction of my neighborhood.

When I arrived at our house, the evacuation order was already in place, and I had about an hour to pack up the essentials. There are things you need for the next few days as well as the keepsakes that are dear to the family. You do it all as fast as you can, dreading that nonnegotiable knock at the door when a sheriff's deputy orders you to get out.

These moments put things in perspective. You grab documents, family photos, your kids' favorite toys, computers, some clothes for everyone, your daughter's journal.

That's about it. When you're forced to flee your home, once your loved ones are safe, what's remarkable is how much you don't take with you because you don't care what happens to it. Why do we spend our lives accumulating so much useless stuff?

Then, giving in to professional instincts, I defied my wife's pleading to leave the neighborhood and instead drove closer to the fire. I grabbed my notebook, and I got within 50 yards of the flames. The air was thick with white ash and toxic black smoke that smelled like nicotine. I saw what looked like an all-out war against a crafty and cruel enemy, with helicopters and airplanes attacking the fire as if it were an invading army.

Neighbors used garden hoses to water down their roofs and backyards. Others jumped out of their cars and surveyed the fire line with binoculars or shot video to track the fire's progress.

Eventually, the police arrived to start directing traffic and get the spectators out of the way. This was my cue to get started toward my parents' home 20 minutes away. My wife, who was at work when the fire broke out, would pick up the kids at their school and join us later.

We would spend an anxious night not knowing if we had a home to go back to.

Carlsbad officials said later at a news conference that firefighters were able to save hundreds of homes. Mine was one of them.

Journalism is about gathering information as a dispassionate observer. But there was no way I could do that when staring in the face of a disaster that threatened my family's home.

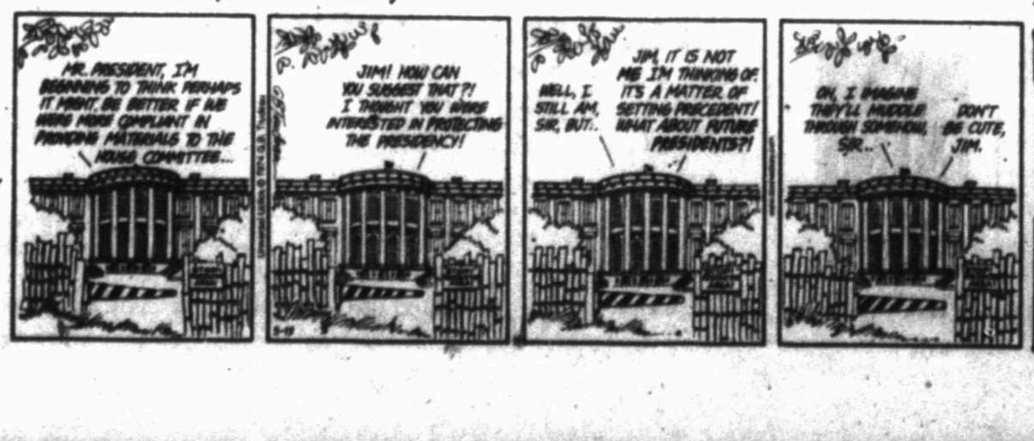
Opinion journalism allows for passion. Some of the best I've seen came from writers who were emotionally invested in their topics — i.e., columns filed from Boston after last year's marathon bombing, or from New Orleans in days after Hurricane Katrina.

I was emotionally invested in this story, as were all my neighbors.

A couple of them more than others. Two of our neighbors are firefighters, and I thought how heart-wrenching it must be to report to work to save not just other people's homes but also your own.

Firefighters are real heroes. I'm getting ready to move my family back into our house. They're getting ready to battle the next blaze.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

GOP Benghazi team brings long list of accusations

By Donna Casata dnd Bradley Clapper
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans hoping to ride their Benghazi investigation to a November election sweep have entrusted a seven-member team with "getting to the truth," in the words of House Speaker John Boehner, about whether the Obama administration misled Americans about the deadly attack in Libya.

They insist the investigation isn't political.

But several GOP members of the new House Select Committee on Benghazi have made claims about administration wrongdoing. Some have participated in previous investigations into how the U.S. ambassador to Libya, Chris Stevens, and three other Americans were killed on Sept. 11, 2012, and how the administration responded.

Democrats have yet to say if they'll participate in what will be the eighth investigation since the attack on the U.S. diplomatic outpost in the eastern Libyan city.

Republicans said they need to find out why security was insufficient, what the president did the night of the attack, why the U.S. military didn't intervene, why initial explanations focused on a protest over a YouTube video and whether the administration deliberately sought to hide evidence about its conduct.

Some of the more contentious arguments made by the GOP members:

Chairman Trey Gowdy

The second-term tea partyer and former prosecutor from South Carolina said two weeks ago there is evidence of a "cover-up." He cited a recently released email by White House national security communications aide Ben Rhodes.

He said the email "probably was the straw that broke the camel's back because that memo made it really clear we're going to blame an Internet video and not a broader policy failure in Libya." The White House has said Rhodes was referring to attacks across the Muslim world, not Benghazi specifically.

Gowdy has said former CIA Director Michael Morell "sanitized" a series of talking points used by then-U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice five days after the violence, substituting the term "extremist" for all references to "terrorist," and "demonstration" for "attack." Republicans said this was part of an effort by President Barack Obama's team to play down a major terrorist attack in the final weeks of his re-election campaign.

In April, Morell testified that he made no changes to provide political benefit to Obama or then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is considering running for president in 2016. He said the CIA considers extremist and terrorist as synonyms and that references to al-Qaida in the talking points were avoided to protect classified sources.

Rep. Martha Roby

The 37-year-old Alabama congresswoman, attorney and daughter of a federal judge led the House Armed Services Committee's investigation. That panel rejected claims by conservatives that the military failed to respond the night of the attack — putting her at odds with other Republicans.

Her investigative panel concluded in a report in February that there was no "stand down" order issued to military personnel in Tripoli, the Libyan capital, who wanted to aid Americans in Benghazi. Select committee colleagues Gowdy and Rep. Jim Jordan have suggested otherwise.

"We simply were not postured to respond in time," Roby said seven months ago.

Rep. Lynn Westmoreland

The Georgia congressman also is a veteran of a Benghazi investigation, one conducted by the House Intelligence Committee. In April 2013, he issued a news release describing his "two conclusions": that Clinton personally denied much-needed additional security for U.S. diplomats in Libya and that White House officials perpetuated a "lie" about the anti-Muslim film "to protect their own backsides."

Westmoreland pointed to a department cable declining security requests "signed" by Clinton. The conclusion has been widely challenged. The secretary of state's name is routinely attached to State Department correspondence from Washington, most of which he or she never sees or is consulted on. Lower-level department officials have said they were responsible for specific security decisions related to Benghazi.

In recent days, Democrats have targeted Westmoreland for "politicizing" Benghazi because he serves as deputy chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, which has begun an election-year fundraising drive linked to the attack.

Westmoreland, 64, has been criticized before as being overly partisan. Democrats disparaged him during the 2008 presidential election for describing candidate Barack Obama and wife Michelle as "uppity" — a derogatory term for blacks who sought equal treatment in the segregated South.

Rep. Jim Jordan

The hard-charging conservative and occasional GOP leadership thorn has repeatedly pressed witnesses on Benghazi as a member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Jordan has accused Clinton personally of trying to obstruct Congress' investigation of Benghazi after a top aide asked for a department lawyer to be present when members of Congress spoke with U.S. diplomats in Tripoli after the attack.

According to the Columbus Dispatch, the Ohio Republican said at a Heritage Foundation event this month that the State Department rejected more than 200 requests for additional security. And when the attack happened, he said there was little effort to fight back. "Why weren't we running to the sound of the guns?" Jordan reportedly asked.

Jordan, 50, said he wanted to know who started the narrative that Benghazi wasn't a terrorist attack and has said in the past Republicans would like to have Rice testify about the matter.

Rep. Mike Pompeo

The 50-year-old Kansas congressman similarly has focused on the talking points. In May 2013, he said the State Department and White House produced a document that "didn't reflect the reality on the ground as they knew it at the time." He accused "political" actors of withholding intelligence from the public.

"Were we misled?" Pompeo asked Morell at the hearing. "No," Morell responded. "I have a different view," Pompeo shot back.

Rep. Peter Roskam

A confidant of Boehner, the congressman from Illinois has been less vocal about Benghazi than many of his colleagues. He may have less motivation to criticize the administration for the wording of its unclassified Benghazi talking points. Two days before the talking points were drafted, Roskam issued his own statement condemning the attacks. Roskam, 52, blamed "violent extremists" and not "terrorists" for the anti-American unrest in Libya, Egypt and elsewhere.

Rep. Susan Brooks

The Indiana freshman also has been among the more reserved on Benghazi. The 53-year-old former Bush administration appointee who served six years as U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Indiana has said of the attack: "Until we have all the facts, we don't believe that justice has really been served."

Tea party losing races but tugging GOP rightward

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tuesday's high-profile primary elections may extend a streak of sorts for tea party Republicans: losing individual races but winning the larger ideological war by tugging the GOP rightward.

Several tea party-endorsed candidates are struggling in Tuesday's Republican congressional primaries in Georgia, Kentucky and Idaho. In each state, however, the "establishment" Republican candidates have emphasized their conservative credentials, which narrows the party's philosophical differences.

Citing similar dynamics in other states, Democrats said the GOP candidates who are trying to give Republicans control of the Senate will prove too far right for centrist voters in November.

Republicans need to gain six Senate seats to control the chamber. Holding Kentucky and Georgia against well-funded Democrats, both women, is crucial to their hopes.

Six states hold primaries Tuesday. Georgia, Kentucky and Oregon have closely watched Republican contests for Senate. Pennsylvania and Arkansas have feisty gubernatorial primaries.

In Idaho, tea party-backed lawyer Bryan Smith is trying to oust Republican Rep. Mike Simpson, who's seeking a ninth House term.

In Kentucky, tea partyers would love to knock off Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, a 30-year senator they see as too accommodating to Democrats. But challenger Matt Bevin has struggled under a barrage of attacks from McConnell and his allies.

McConnell, caught off guard by the tea party movement in 2010, has scrambled to win support from conservatives who dislike compromise. He quickly allied himself with Sen. Rand Paul, who defeated McConnell's hand-picked candidate in the 2010 primary.

And in February, McConnell voted against raising the debt ceiling, a never-pleasant vote that past party leaders often swallowed to avert a government default.

In Georgia, the Republican primary to succeed retiring Sen. Saxby Chambliss drew a crowded field, including three U.S. House members. All are battling for the top two spots, with a July 22 runoff virtually certain.

Polls suggest Reps. Paul Broun and Phil Gingrey, who espouse tea party principles, may have faded in recent weeks. Georgia's former Secretary of State Karen Handel won endorsements from Sarah Palin and the Tea Party Express.

Rep. Jack Kingston and businessman David Perdue have walked a careful line: showing more openness to establishment support while still catering to hard-core conservatives who dominate Republican primaries. When the U.S. Chamber of Commerce endorsed Kingston,

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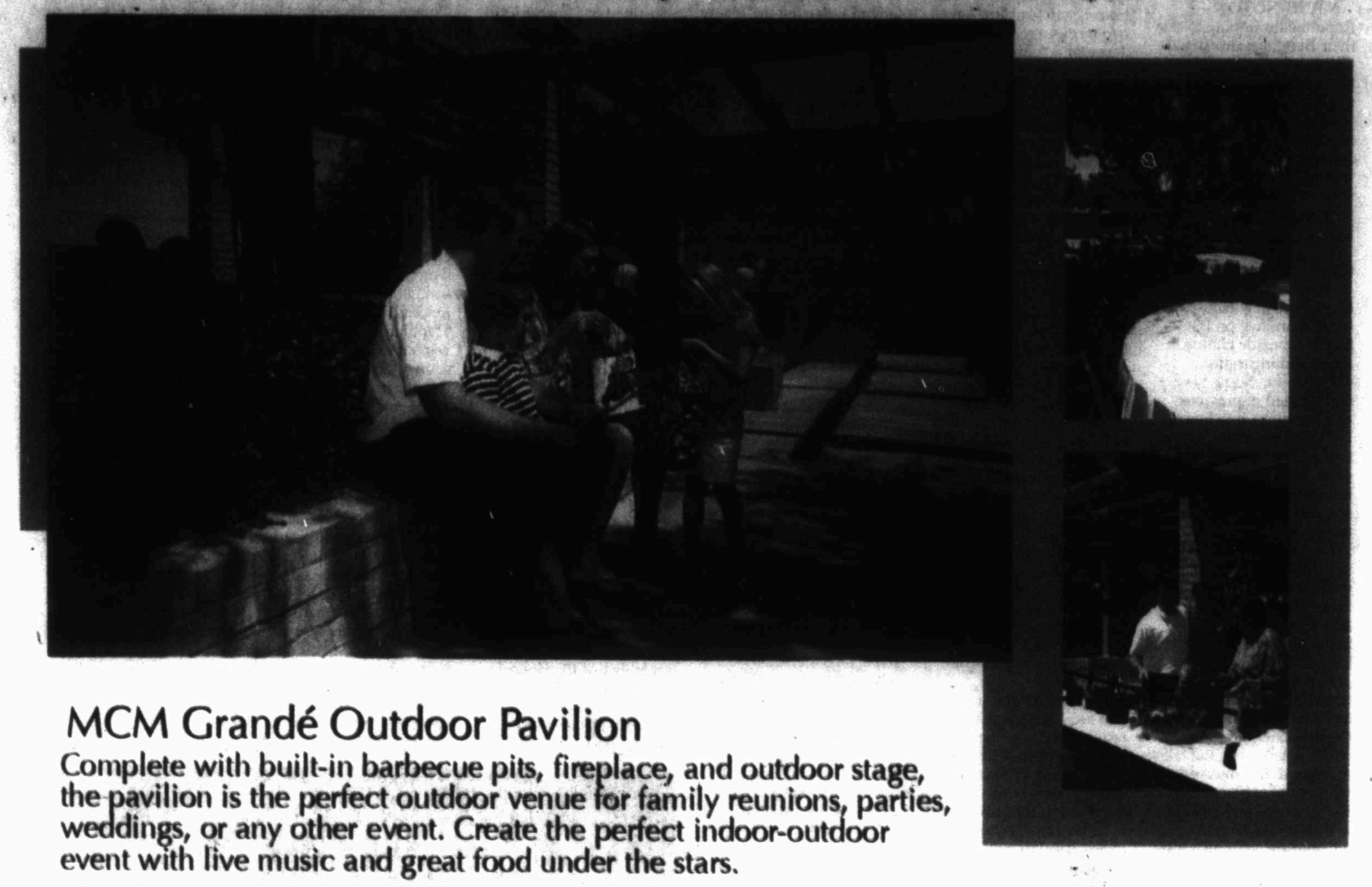

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2. Fancy (feat. Charli XCX), Iggy Azalea
3. Happy (From "Despicable Me 2"), Pharrell Williams
4. Turn Down For What, DJ Snake, Lil Jon
5. All of Me, John Legend
6. Wiggle (feat. Snoop Dogg), Jason Derulo
7. Am I Wrong, Nico & Vinz
8. Me and My Broken Heart, Rixton
9. A Sky Full of Stars, Coldplay
10. Talk Dirty (feat. 2 Chainz), Jason Derulo

TOP ALBUMS

1. Storyline, Hunter Hayes
2. NOW That's What I Call Music! 50, Various Artists
3. Frozen, Various Artists
4. Ghost Stories, Coldplay
5. Shine On, Sarah McLachlan
6. Turn Blue, The Black Keys
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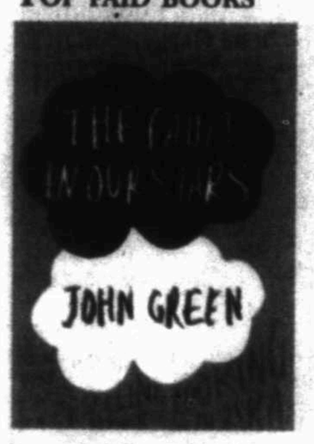

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2. Unlucky 13 by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro (Little, Brown and Company)
3. Field of Prey by John Sandford (Penguin Group US)
4. The Target by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
5. The One by Kiera Cass (HarperTeen)
6. Finding Me by Michelle Burford & Michelle Knight (Weinstein Publishing)
7. Insurgent by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
8. The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt (Little, Brown and Company)
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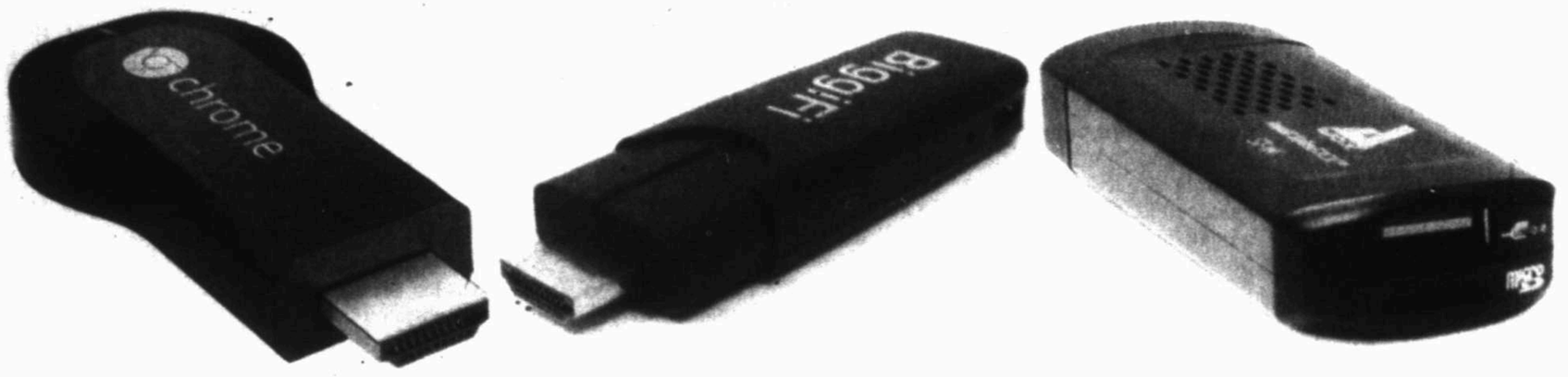

Roku stands out among streaming sticks

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK —

Google's much-talked-about $35 Chromecast streaming device is remarkable for its low cost. Its main problem, however: It works with a limited number of video services.

Recently, Roku and a few small startups have come out with low-cost devices that allow you to stream video content from Netflix, Hulu and other services to your television. This relatively new class of device is known as the streaming stick. Each is about the size of a cigarette lighter and plugs in to your TV's HDMI port.

There are more expensive streaming gadgets, such as Amazon's new Fire TV, the Apple TV and the Roku 3, all of which cost about $100 and take up more space —as much as a plastic CD case. I believe all three are better deals than cheaper streaming devices. But streaming sticks will do the job if cost or space is an issue.

One of these cheap sticks comes from Roku and offers most of what the Roku 3 does, at half the price. It's the best of the four sticks I tried.

■ REVIEW

The other two are essentially Android tablets without the touch screen. They are clunky to use, but they can do more — Facebook, Web browsing, Kindle e-books and just about anything you can do with a regular Android tablet.

With all of these devices, separate subscriptions to Netflix, Hulu and other services are required.

Google Chromecast ($35):

Just take this out of the box and plug it in to your TV's HDMI port. There's also a cable to connect to the TV's USB port for power. But when you turn on the TV, nothing happens. The Chromecast is quite dumb by design and is essentially a conduit between the TV and your mobile device.

You need to download the Chromecast app to your iPhone, iPad or Android device. You then download an app that's supported. There are more than 50 video, game and other apps to choose from, and the list is growing. But many of them are no-name apps, such as "TicTacToe" and something called "Up Down Fish." There's no app for Amazon Instant Video, iTunes or ESPN. But you do get Netflix, Hulu Plus and YouTube.

Pros: Households with multiple Netflix and Hulu accounts can keep them separate by controlling Chromecast with their own phones. That's not the case with other streaming devices. Chromecast is also one of the few to support video and music through Google Play, and it lets you mirror a personal computer's browser tab.

Cons: The app selection is small. If your phone loses the Wi-Fi connection with the Chromecast, there's no way to forward, rewind, pause or stop the video on the TV.

Roku Streaming Stick ($50):

Like the Chromecast, you just connect the device to an HDMI port and a power cable to the USB port. That's where the similarities end.

The Roku stick comes with a remote, so it's easier to navigate. Because it's essentially a Roku 3 in a smaller package, it runs the more than 1,000 apps available for the Roku 3, including games and language lessons. The main exceptions are games that require the Roku 3's motion sensor remote. Neither Roku device has iTunes or Google Play.

The device's processor also isn't as fast as the Roku 3's, so it may take longer to navigate and open apps. As is common with many streaming devices, expect some audio and video syncing issues, as though you're watching a badly dubbed foreign film.

Pros: The stick works with lots of apps, and its remote offers excellent control compared with rival streaming sticks. Its apps include Amazon Instant Video, something other sticks don't offer.

Please see STREAM/2B

Experimenting with tech for sleep has yielded few ZZZ's

OMAR GALLAGA
Cox Newspapers

I'm a terrible sleeper.

It's not really the quality. Once I'm out and undisturbed, I REM it up like Michael Stipe. It's more the quantity. I like to stay up late even when I have to get up early. Now that I have kids and a wake-up time of 6:30 a.m., slumber has gotten scarce and precious.

And those kids have no problem infiltrating the bed, dagger elbows and spear legs flailing around, cutting into my already limited supply.

There is no shortage of advice on how to get better sleep. The National Sleep Foundation, an Arlington, Va.-based nonprofit devoted to waging the battle on behalf of Mr. Sandman, has a website full of tips and tools for children and adults.

The tips are both obvious and mostly things we, as a culture, don't do very well. How's your diet? Do you exercise daily? Are your pillows and mattresses comfortable and supportive or cheap and plentiful? Do you have a fixed sleep schedule and relaxing nighttime routine or do you use Twitter? You didn't drink a grande latte this evening, did you? Are you even taking this seriously? I'm beginning to think you want to have a sleep disorder.

It seems that I'm not alone in Drowsytown. According to the Sleep Foundation, 40 million Americans experience insomnia every year and, in the foundation's annual "Sleep in America" study, it was revealed that Americans on average get fewer than seven hours of sleep a night during the week. For several years, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has called lack of sleep a "public health epidemic."

Being a tech reporter, for the past several years I've sought solutions in technology. Whenever a new app or gadget arrived that promised to confront sleep problems with new tech, I jumped at the chance to check it out. Unfortunately, the results have been mostly disappointing. And yes, I recognize the irony in relying on tech products, since in the past few years, it's been smartphones, slender tablets and the ever-churning empires of Facebook and other social media networks that have kept us awake and overstimulated. I get that.

Here's what I found.

Sleep via audio suggestion

The first app I ever used to try to get better sleep was called "pzizz," which first began as a computer program meant to play you programmed soundtracks. You could listen to ambient music or have a relaxing narrator guide you to relaxation, not unlike a form of light hypnotism.

Since then, "pzizz" has shifted its efforts to mobile phones, but has had trouble keeping its products updated for iOS and Android. For now, it's not available, but the company says on its website it plans to relaunch the apps and is offering free "sleep soundtracks" at pzizz.com.

The soundtracks were relaxing once you got past the New Age vibe, but my biggest problem with "pzizz" was the necessity of wearing headphones or earbuds (so as not to disturb my wife). The audio gear always caused more sleep problems than the insomnia I'd at times try to cure with "pzizz."

Sleep by unattractive headband

In late 2012, I found a new device at a blogging conference called Zeo Sleep Manager, which combined a headband sensor with an app for your phone. The headband, holding a large piece of plastic that went right on

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Some facts about net neutrality

By Bree Fowler
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Federal Communications Commission has taken the first step toward adopting new regulations that could create fast lanes for Internet traffic from websites that can afford to pay for the privilege.

Thursday's recommendation, passed by a 3-2, vote, moves the proposed rules governing "net neutrality" into a formal public comment period.

After the 120-day period ends, the FCC will revise the proposal and vote on a final set of rules. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler has said he wants the rules in place by the end of this year.

Here are some things to know about the proposed rules and net neutrality:

What the rules call for

Under the proposed rules, Internet providers would be able to charge other companies for priority, high-speed, access to their users.

A previous set of rules adopted in 2010 was struck down by an appeals court in January after Verizon challenged them. The FCC said the revised regulations now under consideration follow the blueprint set forth by that court decision.

The commission also will consider the possibility of defining Internet service providers as "common carriers," like telephone companies, which are subject to greater regulation than Internet providers, under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934. If the FCC adopts the common carrier option, then Internet service providers would be required to treat all traffic on their networks equally, just as telephone companies have had to do on their lines for decades.

Why some oppose the proposed rules

Internet companies such as Netflix that do a lot of business online, and use a significant amount of data, don't want to have to pay for reliable and fast delivery of online video, music and other content. They contend that's something consumers are already financing when they pay $50 to $80 per month for high-speed Internet service from companies such as Comcast Corp., Time Warner Cable Inc. and Verizon Communications.

Netflix released a statement Thursday saying that it is still concerned that the proposed approach could "legalize discrimination, harming innovation and punishing U.S. consumers with a broadband experience that's worse than they already have."

Meanwhile, smaller companies say they can't afford to pay. And conservatives don't like the idea of additional regulation over the Internet and the companies that provide it.

Advocates for an open Internet are outraged. Some protested Thursday's hearing, banging drums and holding signs calling for net neutrality. The American Civil Liberties Union released a statement saying that the proposed rules would put individuals at the mercy of Internet providers, who would be able to decide what is seen and how fast.

The ACLU saw one ray of hope in Thursday's developments, endorsing the FCC's willingness to consider reclassifying Internet providers as common carriers.

What others are saying

The White House released a statement saying that President Barack Obama strongly supports net neutrality and an open Internet. But it added that the FCC is an independent agency and that it will carefully review its proposal.

George Foote, a partner at the law firm Dorsey & Whitney who works with the FCC, argues that the proposed rules don't threaten the Internet, free speech or capitalism.

"Attempts to say otherwise are merely attempts to force the order into some self-serving narrative of disaster," Foote said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Chris Riley, senior policy engineer at Mozilla, the non-profit that makes the Firefox browser, said he's glad the FCC is considering the possibility of "real net neutrality," including the Mozilla-backed proposal to reclassify Internet providers under Title II.

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Cons: If you sit on the remote, you may accidently hit a shortcut button to Netflix or another service, disrupting your viewing.

BiggiFi ($89):

Plug it in, then control it with the BiggiFi app on Apple and Android devices.

On the TV, you'll see an Android home page with some apps. You can get others through Google's Play store.

Here's where BiggiFi gets frustrating: To tap an icon on the screen, you have to figure out the corresponding position on your phone. Tap the phone too far to the left and you get the app to the left of the one you wanted. You then have to guess where the back button is.

BiggiFi does let you snap a screenshot so that what's on the TV appears on your phone, but once you tap your selection, it's out of sync again. The phone ought to constantly mirror what's on the screen.

There is a mouse mode that turns the phone screen into a touchpad similar to a laptop's, though I couldn't scroll with the iPhone version.

Pros: There's a wide variety of Android apps available, though that still excludes iTunes and Amazon Instant Video.

Cons: The interface is far from friendly. And not all Android apps work.

AwoX StrimStick ($99):

This device resembles the BiggiFi, but comes with its own remote. The remote works like a wireless mouse and lets you control a cursor on the screen. Think of it as a wand you control in the air.

Pros: The remote works well once you get over looking silly waving your arms in the air.

Cons: I had the most performance issues with this one. I encountered video delayed because of buffering and apps that were unresponsive at times. AwoX doesn't use Google's app store, but offers its own store filled with apps of dubious quality.

At $99, you might as well buy a Roku 3, Apple TV or Fire TV.

'Tinder' app speeds up online dating for singles

By Omar L. Gallaga
Cox Newspapers

Jessie Riley calls herself a "Tinder terrorist," but she's not dangerous and she swears she's just having fun.

Riley is single, 32, and the owner of Maven Made Entertainment, a music and events business in Austin. She tried online dating services such as OkCupid before she got turned on to "Tinder," a free iPhone and Android app that makes connecting to and potentially meeting people for dates a much quicker process.

"My girlfriend and I were at Halcyon one night having drinks. We got on 'Tinder' and just starting having a lot of fun with it. We were messaging guys in only 'Jerry Mâguire' quotes. Or only in hashtags," Riley said.

When she got bronchitis shortly after, she spent a week and a half in bed, trading sarcastic text messages with men. She posted the funnier exchanges on her Facebook page, and they caught fire among her friends, who begged for more. Riley has a big personality, and she uses the dating app as a way of weeding out boring men with no sense of humor. "I use it as a vetting process," Riley said. "I'm pretty ridiculous. You get a taste of me before we meet and gauge if you can handle it."

Of the dozens or perhaps hundreds of men she's viewed in the app and approved or rejected (in "Tinder," it's a swipe to the right to indicate interest, a swipe to the left to say, "No thanks"), she's only met seven or eight people in real life. Only one of them turned into anything more romantic than a coffee.

But she's having a ball, or at least more fun than she did using traditional online dating services.

"I did Match.com. I got drunk one night and filled out an entire eHarmony profile. Do you know how long it takes to do that?" Riley asked. "It was so boring. I just kept getting bad matches, not what I was looking for."

It seems counterintuitive, but a spate of quick-hit mobile apps geared toward instant-gratification meeting and hooking up seem to be doing what most online dating sites promise: They create opportunities to match up with someone. But they're doing it with a minimum of personal information and commitment.

An app called "Grindr," launched in 2009, became a huge hit in the gay and bisexual community, offering connections to quick hookups based on location. "Tinder," which launched in 2012, is a toned-down version of the same concept. It uses information from someone's Facebook profile to show matches based on location, mutual interests and mutual friends. A dater can set an age range for matches and distance, but the rest is pretty much a matter of skimming through photos with a varying amount of text accompanying them and saying "yes" or "no."

If a "yes" is voted on in both directions, the app creates a match and allows the nascent couple to communicate via texting.

The company behind "Tinder," which launched in Southern California, doesn't disclose how many people use the app, but a spokeswoman said that the app is seeing 800 million profile ratings (those yes or no swipes) and creating 10 million matches per day. Its name is becoming shorthand for smartphone-powered dating without frills or fees.

Patrick, an Austin high school teacher in his late 20s who asked that his last name not be used because of his job, was a skeptic. He thought "Tinder" sounded shallow compared to other dating services he tried when he moved here last summer.

But he was won over. "It seems to be the most casual and easiest to navigate," he said. "It doesn't have the association of the desperate or more aggressive."

He deleted "Tinder" from his phone in the winter when he began exclusively dating a woman he met on the app, but a few months later, after the relationship ended, he put it back on his phone. He averages a match a day but has only met in person with five or six women since he started using the app.

Patrick might swipe right on a gorgeous woman he thinks is out of his league on the off chance he might be her type. The swiping and swiping can feel like a game. "That's a big part of it," Patrick said, "you're swiping, you get a hit, it has that jackpot effect like a slot machine. It's addictive."

When he goes out with friends who aren't single, they ask him to pull out his phone and browse through "Tinder" profiles. "They don't want to install it, but they want to know what it is," he said.

Riley, who also manages the Austin band Sour Bridges and works with Utopiafest, has become so adept at using "Tinder" that she can sometimes "Facebook stalk" musicians and others she wants to meet by looking them up based on mutual friends who appear in the app.

When she's not just joking around and really wants to meet someone, she's direct. "The first message I send when I'm serious is, 'You, me, coffee, say yes.'"

She can't stand boring conversation. Don't open with, "How's your day?" "If that's the best you can do, don't ever speak to me again."

Riley said she's surprised by how many men use "Tinder" but are shy about meeting in person. That's the point of the app, she figures. "These online tools are to meet people," she said. "I don't need a new pen pal and I'm not looking for a new best friend."

"Tinder" has become so popular that it has inspired variations, such as "Firefly," a dating app that recently launched in Austin after a test run in Brazil attracted 10,000 downloads in three months.

Clay Spencer, a 2003 University of Texas at Austin graduate who co-founded "Firefly" with a partner in New York, said that "Tinder" is great but can be improved upon.

"We think 'Tinder' is a revolutionary platform," Spencer said, "However, they can be a victim of their own success. We're offering a more curated experience. I don't want to see everyone around me, just the people who are relevant to me."

"Firefly" only shows daters friends of friends from Facebook, which Spencer said is safer and more likely to produce matches with people who have shared interests. "'Tinder' feels more like a hookup app. Ours feels more like a quality introduction to one of your friend's friends," he said. Unlike "Tinder" users, those who use "Firefly" can enter their height and their religion as optional information and the app displays the college attended and workplace of potential matches.

Riley has been so busy running her business that she hasn't had time to seek out a serious relationship using "Tinder," but she's convinced she could find someone with a little effort. In fact, she has plans this summer to set up a full day of half-hour blocks and "rail through as many 'Tinder' dates as possible," she said. She would tell each person all about her plan. "I'm all about transparency," Riley said.

Even if the day proved unsuccessful as far as love, she'd still have some funny stories to post on Facebook.

Jessie's 'Tinder' tips for men

Jessie Riley sees a lot of "Tinder" profile photos and said these are definite turnoffs:

1. Dead animals or fish in a profile photo. "Why are you holding a dead, beautiful animal?" she asks.
2. A photo with a puppy. "If it's your first picture, my immediate thought is, 'What are you hiding?'"
3. Photos from a friend's wedding, especially if it's the only photo where you're not wearing cargo shorts and a baseball cap.
4. A photo with a much more attractive friend. "The profile always belongs to the less-attractive guy," Riley said, "It does not add value! If you're just mildly attractive, post your mildly attractive photo."
5. Any photo with a baby or a hot girl that says, "That's not my baby, that's my niece," or, "That's my sister, don't be jealous!" Riley said she sees it all the time and it's not funny or cute.
6. Mirror selfies. "You lose all facial expression," Riley said. Also, it sends the message that you have no friends, or at least none willing to take a picture of you.

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Zeo used your sleep information to give you a "ZQ Score" and offered tips to correct your sleep behavior.

It was a neat idea that suffered from major hardware design issues. The $99 headband sensor was uncomfortable to wear all night and the sensor was built to wear out in a few months of sweat exposure, at which time it was to be replaced. By the time I got to that point, with data that told me what I already knew ("Get more sleep!"), I was ready to throw the Zeo in a drawer and never see it again.

That must have been a common response. Last year, the company behind Zeo announced it was shutting down and even the website for the product has disappeared.

Sleep by sporty wristband

Earlier this year, I bought a FitBit Force wristband. I was interested in the fitness data (it tracks your activity, such as walking and stair climbing), but was far more interested in sleep data it could collect.

This worked out well for a while, even after the product was recalled for a series of skin rashes. I got no rash, so I held onto the wristband and continued wearing it all the time, activating its sleep monitoring at night and when I took naps.

It was a lot of data beamed wirelessly to my phone and pretty graphics showing me when I got up at night, what hours I was restless and how much sleep I was getting over time. But if I forgot to activate sleep mode, the FitBit wouldn't remember, and if I forgot to turn it off upon waking, it just kept on recording sleep. I could go in and manually adjust that information in the iPhone app that collects the data, but after a while I stopped bothering.

Wearing a slim, rubber wristband turned out to be a lot less hassle than a big headband sensor, but my tendency to forget that the wristband was recording data began to make the information it was collecting useless.

Wired mattresses

For a few months, my sleep began to deteriorate, even when I was getting to bed at a decent hour. I wondered if the sag in our 10-year-old mattress might be to blame.

I visited a Sleep Number store in Austin and was thrilled to learn the company is embracing high-tech and the quantified self-data movement for its beds.

The company's flagship innovation is still the Sleep Number dual-air technology, which allows you to adjust the firmness on either side of the bed separately. Newer models, like the top-of-the-line x12, a bed that starts at $8,000 and whose name sounds more like a fighter jet, can recognize voice commands (think Siri for your bed).

Most Sleep Number beds can communicate with apps from the company that track sleep patterns, a technology called Sleep IQ. There are also bed toppers to make one side of the bed cooler or warmer than the other.

The manager at the Sleep Number store, Tim Topicz, is handsome in a Scott Bakula way and has an easy charm when it comes to discussing America's sleep problem.

Topicz said that people are more focused on sleep as one of the pillars of health, alongside diet and exercise. "The easiest one to deal with is sleep," he said. "We are educating people. Even though people are putting a premium on sleep, the most expensive bed or the most expensive technology may not be right for you. If you're lying awake thinking about how much money you spend, we've defeated the purpose."

Topicz guides me through the Sleep Number process and I emerge with a score of 35, on the soft side of bed firmness. With a click remote, he adjusts the x12 into the "Zero G" position, elevating my feet and head for maximum relaxation.

He tells me about "Partner Snore," a way to adjust the bed so that your spouse (or other sleep partner) will stop with the snoring.

It's very hard not to fall asleep, forget work and drift away right there in the middle of a retail store on a Tuesday morning.

Micro

IS THERE A WAY TO MOVE PHOTOS ONTO A DIGITAL CAMERA?

A reader, Agustin, asks about moving digital photos around: "I'd like to transfer some pictures I downloaded to my laptop from the Internet to my digital camera. Can something like this be done?"

For some digital cameras, it's possible to view photos that were not shot on that camera or to edit photos you shot and put them back on the camera's memory card. Unfortunately, it could require jumping through a lot of hoops, such as naming the photo files a certain way and making sure they're in a format the camera can view.

Different digital cameras have different ways of handling images, and it may take some experimenting to figure out what photos you copy back to the camera's memory card will work. You may want to edit the photo using software that came with your camera. You'll need to connect the camera or the memory card to the computer and move the photos manually.

If you're just looking for a way to view photos on the go, it may make more sense to transfer photos to a device with a screen such as a smartphone or an iPod Touch, if you already have one.

— By Omar L. Gallaga

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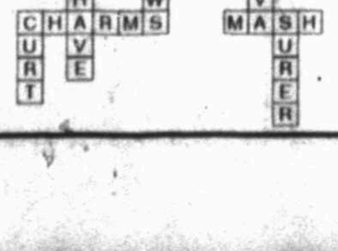

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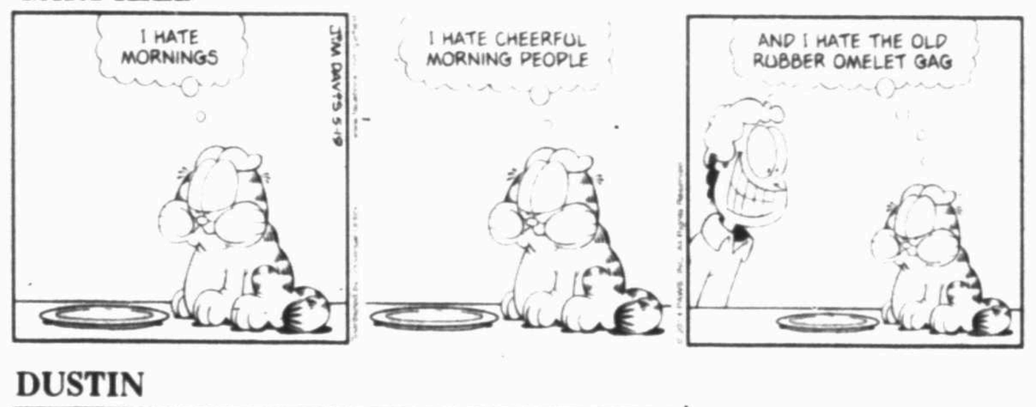

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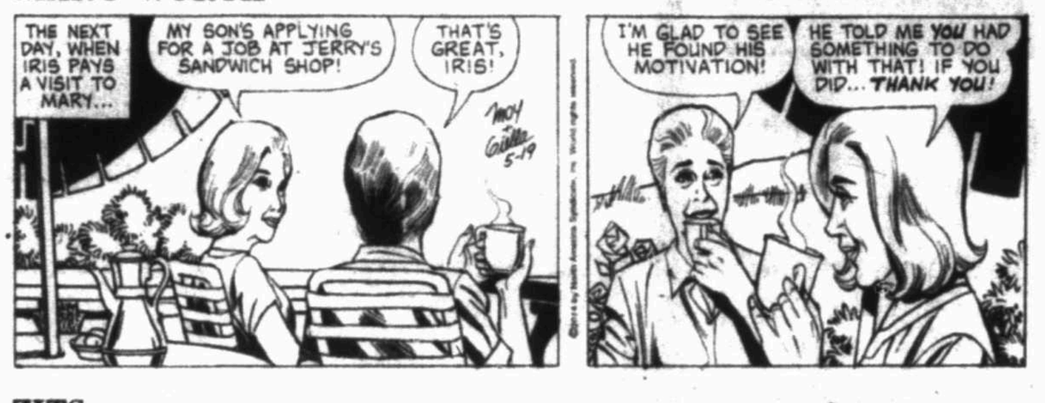

ZITS

BABY BLUES

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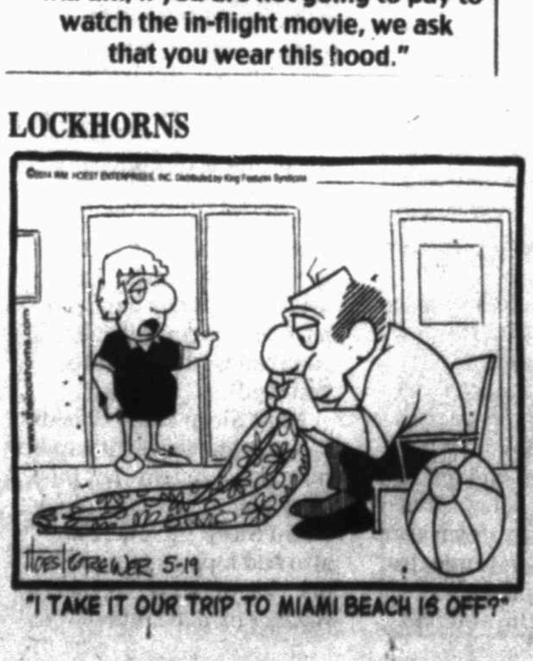
CLOSE TO HOME

"Ma'am, if you are not going to pay to watch the in-flight movie, we ask that you wear this hood."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"FIRST YOU WENT RIGHT BY THE CANDY AISLE, AND NOW YOU'RE PASSING UP THE COOKIES. WHAT DID I DO NOW?!"

LOCKHORNS



"I TAKE IT OUR TRIP TO MIAMI BEACH IS OFF?"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I'm bored of walking, Daddy. Let's do some skipping."

Moreland, Rios help Rangers beat Blue Jays

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

Rangers	6
Blue Jays	2

ARLINGTON — Mitch Moreland will be the guy at first base for Texas if Prince Fielder's neck problem keeps him out for any length of time.

His bat was a big boost a few hours after a players-only meeting for a slumping team trying to halt a slide down the AL West standings.

Moreland hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning, Alex Rios had a two-run triple and the Rangers avoided a three-game sweep with a 6-2 victory against the Toronto Blue Jays on Sunday.

"I'd like to see him do that more often, then he can get more playing time," manager Ron Washington said after Moreland doubled in his final at-bat. "Mitch is a big part and today he stepped up huge for us."

Washington expects Fielder to play in the next game Tuesday night against Seattle after he had an injection designed to ease the pain and pressure of a disk problem in his neck that he says goes back to last season.

If the outlook on Fielder changes, Moreland says his approach won't.

"We've had to deal with adversity all year," said Moreland, whose second homer of the season was a line drive just over the wall in right field off R.A. Dickey (4-4) to break a 2-all tie. "You come in every day ready to play."

The Rangers, who snapped a four-game losing streak and stayed seven games behind Oakland in fourth place in the AL West, had gone 23 innings without an extra-base hit when Rios drove one off the right-center wall in the fourth.

Juan Francisco and Edwin Encarnacion homered for the Blue Jays, who had won a franchise-record six straight in Texas, including a four-game sweep in their only visit last year.

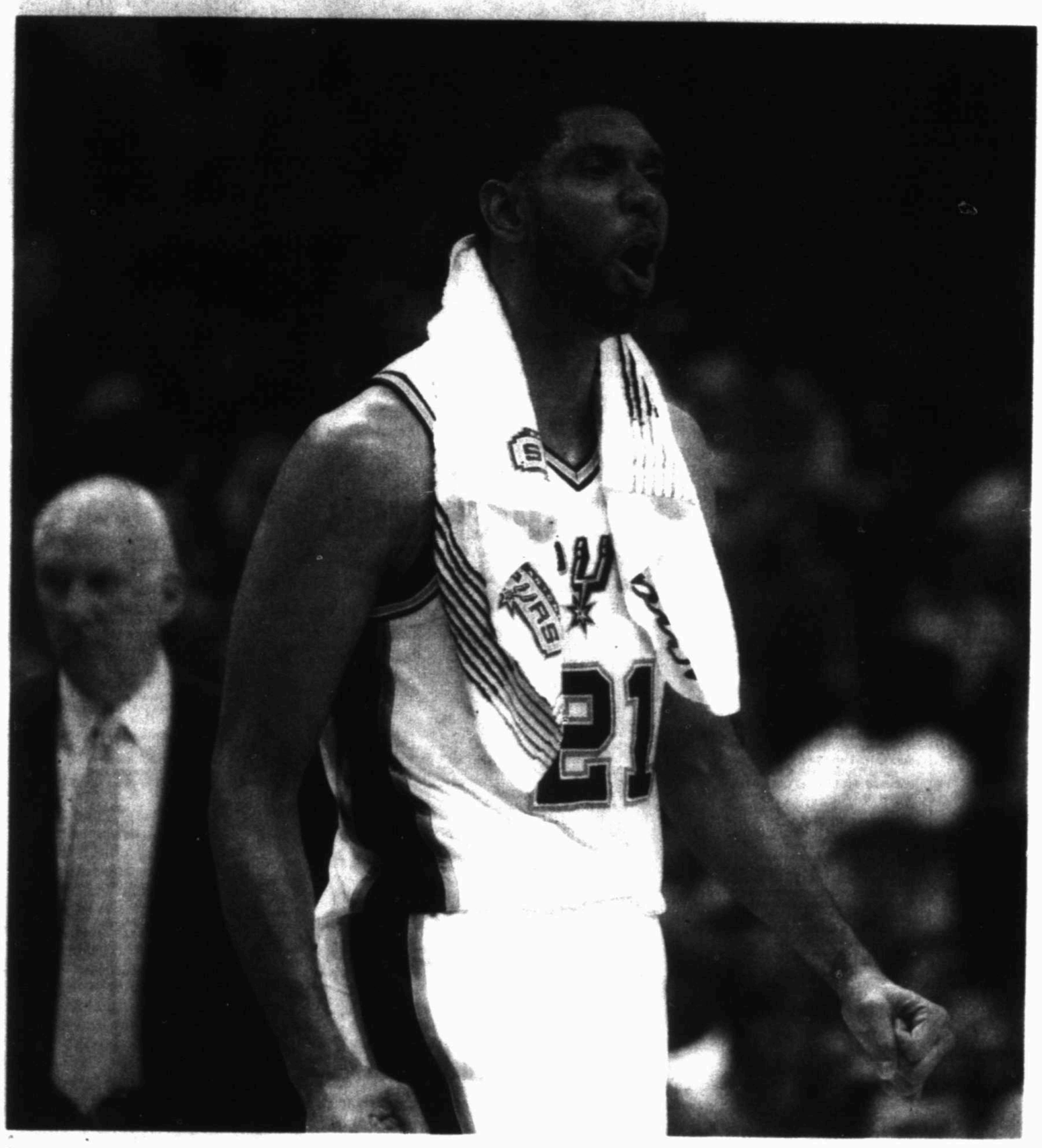
"Great teams find a way to sweep series," Dickey said. "We're definitely going in the right direction, but there's more there that we need to do. Today was a game we probably should have won."

Please see **RANGERS**/3C

Jim Cowsert/AP

Texas' Mitch Moreland, right, is met at home by Alex Rios (51) after his two-run homer scoring Rios on Sunday in the seventh inning against the Toronto Blue Jays in Arlington.

Age vs. youth



Eric Gay/AP

San Antonio's Tim Duncan celebrates the team's win over Portland in Game 5 of a Western Conference semifinal series Wednesday in San Antonio. The Spurs host Oklahoma City to open the Western Conference Finals.

Veteran Spurs, young Thunder ready for West finals

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — When asked about the oldie-but-goodie San Antonio Spurs, Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant inquired about Tony Parker's age.

"Thirty-two," a reporter answered.

"He is old," Durant quipped, drawing laughter. "He doesn't play like he's 32 years old."

Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili are even older. Duncan just turned 38 and Ginobili is approaching 37. The trio won its first NBA title together in 2003 and fought back Father Time to reach the NBA Finals last year. They will play in their seventh Western Conference finals together, starting with Game 1 tonight in San Antonio.

The game

WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS GAME 1
OKLAHOMA CITY AT SAN ANTONIO

When: 8 p.m. today
Where: AT&T Center, San Antonio
TV: TNT

Durant, the league's MVP, said there's more to San Antonio's success than some mythical fountain of youth. It starts with the genius of Gregg Popovich, the league's Coach of the Year.

"Their system, they plug guys in and out," Durant said. "They always stick to their same system. They get guys who fit. And they've got a great coach who gets those guys prepared."

Even with an aging core and numerous injuries throughout the season, the Spurs

Please see **SPURS**/4C

Nasal strip could clog Chrome's bid for Triple Crown

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — California Chrome might abandon his Triple Crown bid if New York officials do not allow the colt to wear a nasal strip in the Belmont Stakes.

Trainer Art Sherman made no threats about the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner passing on a chance to become horse racing's 12th Triple Crown winner, but he suggested it was a possibility.

"I'd have to leave it up to the owners," he said Sunday. "I know they'll be upset."

Neither the New York State Gaming Commission nor the New York Racing Association stewards has received a request to use nasal strips in the Belmont on June 7.

"If a request to use nasal strips is made, the decision on whether to permit them or not will be fully evaluated and determined by the stewards," Gaming Commission spokesman Lee Park said Sunday.

Among the Gaming Commission's rules governing Belmont Park is one that states: Only equipment specifically approved by the stewards shall be worn or carried by a jockey or a horse in a race.

In a post on its Twitter feed, NYRA said: "We operate under the rules set forth by @NYSGamingCommission."

California Chrome has worn a nasal strip during his current six-race winning streak after co-owner Perry Martin wanted to try it. Sherman is based in California and said he wasn't aware that using one in New York might be a problem. He said he would talk to New York racing officials and the horse's owners.

Some horses, like humans, wear nasal strips to assist breathing. The colt wears the strip only during races, not training.

At 1 1/2 miles, the Belmont is the longest and most grueling of the three Triple Crown races.

"I think it opens up his air passage and gives him that little extra oomph that he needs, especially going a mile and a half," Sherman said. "Anytime you can have a good air passage, that means a lot for these thoroughbreds."

Sherman said Martin likes to try different products and the co-owner thought a nasal strip might benefit California Chrome.

"This guy, Perry Martin, he might not run if they say you can't run with a nasal strip. He's very funny about things like that," the trainer said. "I don't know why they would ban you from wearing one. We'll have to cross that bridge when we get there."

Please see **CHROME**/4C

Todd wins Byron Nelson for 1st PGA Tour title

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

IRVING — Brendon Todd was shocked when he saw his ball settled at the base of a tree by the 13th green in the final round of the Byron Nelson Championship.

As good as he is with his short game, it wasn't natural for the slender 6-foot-3 Todd to set up left-handed and hit the ball with the back side of a 4-iron.

"Definitely, without a doubt," Todd said when asked if it was his most unique shot in a competitive round.

And it came in his first PGA Tour victory, a two-stroke win Sunday over Mike Weir.

Todd saved par at the 185-yard 13th hole after knocking the ball to 7 feet, part of a bogey-free 4-under 66. He finished at 14-under 266.

It was the 77th career PGA Tour event for Todd, who twice in the past five years had to go back to back to the Web.com Tour to regain full playing privileges. He earned $1,242,000, a PGA Tour exemption through the 2015-16 season and a spot next year in the Masters.

"I'm excited about the relief like I finally have a chance to play the PGA Tour for multiple years," Todd said. "No. 1, going to Augusta for the Masters is a dream come true."

Todd, who took the lead for good with birdies at Nos. 9 and 10, is the fifth former University of Georgia player to win on the PGA Tour this season. He joined Masters champion Bubba Watson, Harris English, Russell Henley and Chris Kirk. Todd also is the eighth first-time winner this season.

Weir, the 2003 Masters champion who won the last of his eight PGA Tour titles in 2007, finished with a 67. Charles Howell III and Marc Leishman tied for third at 10 under.

After Todd hit his tee shot at the

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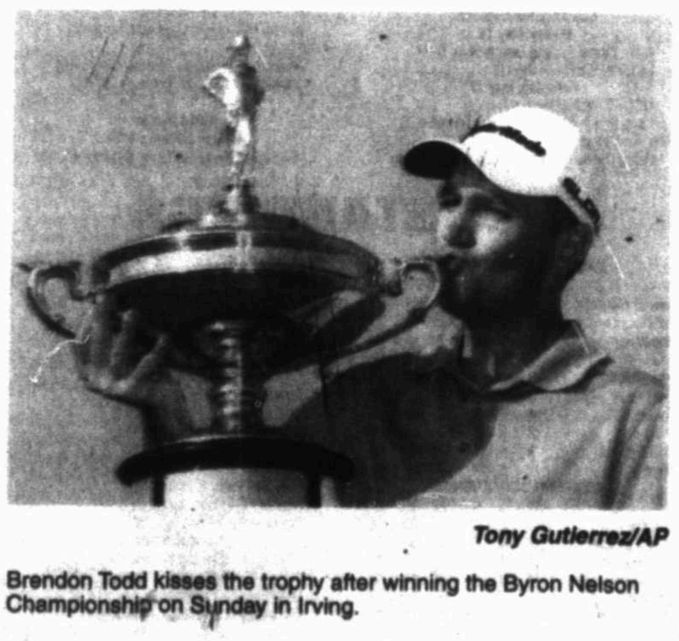

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Brendon Todd kisses the trophy after winning the Byron Nelson Championship on Sunday in Irving.

HOUNDSWATCH

SUNDAY'S SCORE
Midland 8, Corpus Christi 2

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:10 p.m., Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi

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RECORDS
Midland 25-18, Corpus Christi 22-21

Saturday	Sunday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Corpus Christi 5, Midland 4	Midland 8, Corpus Christi 2	Midland at Corpus Christi	Springfield at Midland	Springfield at Midland

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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
MLB
Detroit at Cleveland, 6 p.m., ESPN
NBA
Playoffs, conference finals, Game 1, Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m., TNT
NHL
Playoffs, conference finals, Game 2, NY Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m., NBC Sports Network

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Evan Meek to Norfolk (IL). Agreed to terms with RHP Heath Bell on a minor league contract.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed 1B Jose Abreu on the 15-day DL. Reinstated OF Adam Eaton from Charlotte (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Activated RHP Anibal Sanchez from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Justin Miller to Toledo (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Sent 3B David Freese to Salt Lake (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned RHP Michael Tonkin to Rochester (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Recalled RHP Jose Ramirez from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL) as 26th Man.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Sent 1B Daric Barton outright to Sacramento (PCL). Optioned LHP Joe Savery to Sacramento. Claimed LHP Jeff Francis off waivers from Cincinnati. Transferred INF Jake Elmore to the 60-day DL.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed OF Desmond Jennings on the bereavement list. Recalled OF Kevin Kiermaier from Durham (IL). Agreed to terms with INF Jayson Nix on a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned RHP Miles Mikolas to Round Rock (PCL). Recalled OF Daniel Robertson to Round Rock.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned RHP Neil Wagner to Buffalo (IL). Reinstated C Dioner Navarro from the bereavement list.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned C Tucker Barnhart to Louisville (IL). Reinstated LHP Tony Cingrani from the 15-day DL.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned C Michael McKenry to Colorado Springs (PCL). Reinstated C Wilin Rosario from the 15-day DL. Sent OF Michael Cuddyer to Colorado Springs (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
MIAMI MARLINS — Assigned RHP Henry Rodriguez to New Orleans (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHP Ethan Martin to Lehigh Valley (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Recalled RHP Brandon Cumpton from Indianapolis (IL) as 26th Man.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned RHP Jorge Rondon to Memphis (PCL). Reinstated LHP Jaime Garcia from the 15-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Placed LHP Gio Gonzalez on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Ryan Mattheus from Syracuse (IL). Sent RHP Ross Ohlendorf to Syracuse (IL) for a rehab assignment.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Acquired C Jan Vazquez from Camden for a player to be named. Released C Brian Peacock.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed CB Ricardo Allen and LBs Prince Shembo, Marquis Spruill, Yawin Smallwood and Tyler Starr.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Named Aaron Glenn assistant defensive backs coach.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed CB Demetri Goodson.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed WR Brandin Cooks.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

NCAA Division I Softball Glance
Regionals
Double Elimination
x-if necessary

Seattle Regional
Thursday, May 15
BYU 7, Northwestern 2
Washington 8, Iona 0
Friday, May 16
Washington 9, BYU 0
Northwestern 14, Iona 4, Iona eliminated
Northwestern 8, BYU 3, BYU eliminated
Saturday, May 17
Washington 9, Northwestern 0, Washington advances

Eugene (Ore.) Regional
Friday, May 16
Wisconsin 1, Albany (NY) 0
Oregon 12, Utah Valley 1
Saturday, May 17
Oregon 6, Wisconsin 1
Albany (NY) 4, Utah Valley 3, Utah Valley eliminated
Wisconsin 8, Albany (NY) 4, Albany eliminated
Sunday
Oregon 6, Wisconsin 0, Oregon advances

Minneapolis Regional
Friday, May 16
North Dakota State 5, Auburn 2
Minnesota 10, Green Bay 1
Saturday, May 17
Minnesota 4, North Dakota State 1, 10 innings
Auburn 9, Green Bay 1, Green Bay eliminated
Auburn 1, North Dakota State 0, N.D. State eliminated
Sunday
Minnesota 4, Auburn 3, 8 innings
Minnesota 8, Auburn 6, Minnesota advances

Tempe (Ariz.) Regional
Friday, May 16
Michigan 8, San Diego State 7, 9 innings
Arizona State 8, Dartmouth 0
Saturday, May 17
Arizona State 4, Michigan 1
San Diego State 8, Dartmouth 0, Dartmouth eliminated
Michigan 9, San Diego State 1, SDSU eliminated
Sunday
Michigan 4, Arizona State 3
Michigan 5, Arizona State 4, Michigan advances

Tallahassee (Fla.) Regional
Friday, May 16
South Florida 6, South Carolina 0
Florida State 6, Fordham 1
Saturday, May 17
Florida State 2, South Florida 0, 11 innings
South Carolina 5, Fordham 4, Fordham eliminated
South Florida 3, South Carolina 2, South Carolina eliminated
Sunday
Florida State 2, South Florida 1, Florida State advances

Gainesville (Fla.) Regional
Friday, May 16
Stetson 6, UCF 4
Florida 8, Florida A&M 0
Saturday, May 17
Florida 14, Stetson 0
UCF 2, Florida A&M 1, FAMU eliminated
UCF 6, Stetson 4, Stetson eliminated
Sunday
Florida 7, UCF 0, Florida advances

Waco Regional
Friday, May 16
Tulsa 2, Houston 1
Baylor 6, Northwestern State 1
Saturday, May 17
Houston 7, Northwestern State 6, Northwestern St. eliminated
Tulsa 10, Houston 6, Houston eliminated
Sunday
Tulsa 1, Baylor 0, 11 innings
Baylor 3, Tulsa 1

Athens (Ga.) Regional
Friday, May 16
N.C. State 4, UAB 0
Georgia 9, Chattanooga 0
Saturday, May 17
N.C. State 5, Georgia 4
UAB 9, Chattanooga 2, Chattanooga eliminated
Georgia 3, UAB 0, UAB eliminated
Sunday
Georgia 9, N.C. State 1
Game 7: N.C. State (36-17) vs. Georgia (48-13), late

Los Angeles Regional
Friday, May 16
Notre Dame 8, Long Beach State 0
UCLA 8, Southern Utah 0
Saturday, May 17
UCLA 7, Notre Dame 0
Long Beach State (9, Southern Utah 6, S. Utah eliminated
Notre Dame 10, Long Beach State 1, Long Beach St. eliminated
Sunday, May 18
UCLA 1, Notre Dame 0, UCLA advances

Lexington (Ky.) Regional
Friday, May 16
James Madison 6, DePaul 1
Kentucky 2, Ohio 0
Saturday, May 17
Kentucky 2, James Madison 1
DePaul 5, Ohio 1, Ohio eliminated
DePaul 4, James Madison 3, JMU eliminated
Sunday
DePaul 2, Kentucky 1, 10 innings
Kentucky 10, DePaul 1, 5 innings, Kentucky advances

Tucson (Ariz.) Regional
Friday, May 16
LSU 13, Louisville 9
Arizona 9, Boston University 6
Saturday, May 17
Arizona 9, LSU 8
Boston University 8, Louisville 3, Louisville eliminated
LSU 8, Boston University 3, Boston U. eliminated
Sunday
LSU 5, Arizona 1
Arizona 13, LSU 5, 5 innings, Arizona advances

Lafayette (La.) Regional
Friday, May 16
Texas 1, Mississippi State 0
Louisiana-Lafayette 7, Texas Southern 4
Saturday, May 17
Louisiana-Lafayette 3, Texas 2
Mississippi State 5, Texas Southern 3, TSU eliminated
Texas 4, Mississippi State 3, Mississippi St. eliminated
Sunday, May 18
Louisiana-Lafayette 10, Texas 1, ULL advances

Norman (Okla.) Regional
Friday, May 16
Texas A&M 7, Hofstra 6
Oklahoma 14, Bryant 4
Saturday, May 17
Oklahoma 9, Texas A&M 8
Hofstra 10, Bryant 6, Bryant eliminated
Texas A&M 7, Hofstra 0, Hofstra eliminated
Sunday
Oklahoma 11, Texas A&M 6, Oklahoma advances

Knoxville (Tenn.) Regional
Friday, May 16
Virginia Tech 4, Lipscomb 3
Tennessee 12, Charleston Southern 3
Saturday, May 17
Tennessee 12, Virginia Tech 0
Lipscomb 4, Charleston Southern 2, Charleston Southern eliminated
Lipscomb 12, Virginia Tech 3, Virginia Tech eliminated
Sunday
Tennessee 2, Lipscomb 0, Tennessee advances

Columbia (Mo.) Regional
Friday, May 16
Kansas 3, Nebraska 1
Missouri 6, Bradley 5
Saturday, May 17
Missouri 6, Kansas 3
Nebraska 9, Bradley 0, Bradley eliminated
Nebraska 2, Kansas 1, Kansas eliminated
Sunday
Nebraska 11, Missouri 4
Nebraska 8, Missouri 1, Nebraska advances

Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Regional
Friday, May 16
South Carolina Upstate 5, South Alabama 3
Alabama 13, SIU Edwardsville 3
Saturday, May 17
Alabama 7, South Carolina Upstate 1
South Alabama 5, SIU Edwardsville 1, SIUE eliminated
South Alabama 5, South Carolina Upstate 0, SC Upstate eliminated
Sunday
Alabama 3, South Alabama 0, Alabama advances

Super Regionals
May 22-25
Oregon (52-7-1) vs. Minnesota (45-9)
Michigan (46-13) vs. Florida State (53-6)
Florida (48-11) vs. Washington (36-13)
Baylor (45-14) vs. Athens champion
UCLA (51-6) vs. Kentucky (47-16)
Arizona (44-15) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (47-8-1)
Oklahoma (48-10) vs. Tennessee (45-10)
Nebraska (44-16) vs. Alabama (47-11)

World Series
May 29-June 4
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MLS STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New England	6	3	2	20	19	13
Sporting Kansas City	5	4	2	17	16	10
Houston	5	5	2	17	16	19
D.C.	4	3	3	15	14	12
New York	3	4	5	14	18	19
Columbus	3	4	4	13	13	14
Toronto FC	4	4	0	12	9	9
Chicago	2	2	6	12	19	19
Philadelphia	2	6	5	11	15	20
Montreal	1	5	4	7	6	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	8	3	1	25	23	19
Real Salt Lake	6	0	5	23	23	13
FC Dallas	5	5	2	17	21	20
Vancouver	4	2	4	16	16	12
Colorado	4	4	3	15	12	14
San Jose	2	4	4	10	10	12
Chivas USA	2	5	4	10	13	20
Portland	1	3	7	10	16	19
Los Angeles	2	3	3	9	8	7

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Scores
Toronto FC 2, New York 0
New England 5, Philadelphia 3
D.C. United 1, Montreal 1, tie
Houston 1, Los Angeles 0
FC Dallas 1, Chivas USA 1, tie
Real Salt Lake 2, Colorado 1
Seattle FC 1, San Jose 0
Portland 3, Columbus 3, tie
Sunday's Score
Chicago 2, Sporting Kansas City 1
Wednesday's Games
Houston at D.C. United, 6 p.m.
FC Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Matthes' grand slam keys 'Hounds' win

From staff reports

CORPUS CHRISTI — Kent Matthes' grand slam keyed a seven-run eighth inning as the Midland RockHounds beat the Corpus Christi Hooks, 8-2, on Sunday afternoon at Whataburger Field.

The RockHounds (25-18) were down, 2-1, entering the eighth as the Hooks plated single runs in the second and sixth innings.

Midland, though, took the lead in the eighth when Anthony Aliotti and Josh Whitaker slapped back-to-back RBI singles to give the RockHounds a 3-2 lead. One batter later, Matthes hit the grand slam off Jorge De Leon, who had just entered the game, for a 7-2 RockHounds lead.

Matthes

Miles Head ended the scoring with a solo home run to left. Head finished the day 2-for-4 with the one RBI, and the grand slam was Matthes' only hit of the day.

Ryan Doolittle earned the victory for Midland, pitching two scoreless innings with four strikeouts. He improved to 2-2 this season.

The two teams will complete their four-game series at 7:10 p.m., today at Whataburger Field.

ROCKHOUNDS 8, HOOKS 2

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	CChristi	ab	r	h	bi
Crumbliss 2b	5	1	1	0	Sclafani dh	4	0	1	0
Coleman ss	5	0	0	0	Fontana 2b	3	0	1	0
Aliotti 1b	4	1	1	1	Aplin cf	4	0	2	0
Whitaker rf	4	1	1	1	Duffy 3b	3	0	0	0
Matthes lf	4	1	1	4	Tucker rf	3	1	1	1
Marte dh	3	1	1	0	Heras lf	3	0	0	0
Head 3b	4	1	2	1	Cokinos ph	1	0	0	0
Oberacker cf	4	1	2	1	Garcia c	4	0	1	0
Forsythe c	1	0	0	0	Mier ss	4	0	1	0
Burns pr	0	1	0	0	Nash 1b	4	1	1	1
Taylor c	1	0	0	0					
Totals	35	8	9	8	Totals	33	2	8	2

Midland .... 000 010 070—8
Corpus Christi .... 010 001 000—2

DP — Midland 2. LOB — Midland 3, Corpus Christi 7. 2B — Oberacks (7), Garcia (6). HR — Matthes (4), Head (5), Tucker (9), Nash (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Long	6.0	5	2	2	2	5
Doolittle W, 2-2	2.0	1	0	0	0	4
Galley	1.0	2	0	0	0	0
Corpus Christi						
Hauschild	7.0	3	1	1	1	8
Ballews L, 2-1	4	5	5	1	1	
De Leon	1.2	2	2	2	0	0

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RockHounds	8
Hooks	2

Texas League
First half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	23	20	.535	—
Arkansas	21	21	.500	1 1/2
Springfield	19	24	.442	4
NW Arkansas	16	26	.381	6 1/2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco	26	17	.605	—
Midland	25	18	.581	1
Corpus Christi	22	21	.512	4
San Antonio	19	24	.442	7

Sunday's Scores
Midland 8, Corpus Christi 2
Tulsa 6, Northwest Arkansas 5
San Antonio 9, Frisco 5
Arkansas 9, Springfield 3
Today's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Tulsa, 11:05 a.m.
Frisco at San Antonio, 11:05 a.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:10 p.m.
Arkansas at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.

LOCALGOLF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Golfers play during the Green Tree Gusher on Saturday at Green Tree Country Club.

2014 GREENTREE GUSHER
Friday-Sunday
Green Tree Country Club
Sunday's Final Round Results
Championship Flight

1. Bobby Whiteside-Shawn Mowles-Will Christensen-KT Livingston 128-132-201—461; 2. Robert Booth-Bobby Gee-Shawn Savage-Shane Savage 131-129-204—464; 3. (tie) Dr. Mike Connally-Joe Frazier-Mark Terry-Scott Petersen 130-138-203—471; Jim Nash-Dan Pender-Daniel Pender-David Pender 132-138-201—471; 5. Andy Price-Doyce Haney-Terence Begnel-Matt Phillips 129-135-210—474; 6. Tyson Cornwell-Stuart Beall-Shane Workman-Ryan Rainer 137-138-204—479; 7. Troy Martin Jr.-Lee Prucka-Mike Gaddy-Brian Swiniarski 139-138-206—483; 8. (tie) Todd Griffin-Boyd Finch-Mike Athey-Omar Sanchez 134-142-209—485; Bob Weidner-Rick Houston-Michael Copelani-Fritz Phillips 134-140-211—485; 10. Darren Waters-Landon Waters-Jimmy Payton-Cory Hall 136-142-210—488; 11. Wes Hughes-Byron Harris-Joe Espy-Trey Perkins-140-139-214—493; 12. Jeff Carter-Trae Porter-Danny Mack-Nick Reed 136-146-218—500; 13. Jay Isaacs-Ken Burgess-Scott Dufford-Tom Hill 138-145-220—503; 14. Mark Pruitt-Gary Joho-Brian Swisher-Marcus Lopez 137-144-224—505

President's Flight

1. Nick Maschas-Ramon Reyes-Blake Parks-Wayne Rogers 130-134-206—470; 2. Chris Rasnick-Matt Glover-Nathan Foreman-Thad Reese 132-147-213—489; 3. (tie) Mark Varner-Tim Hodgens-Randy Pittman-Jayson Lester 138-145-210—493; Gary Jones-Ron Harpe-Dave Holloway-Jay McHugh 134-142-217—493; Kelly Grunewald-Joe Fleming-Kyle Lewis-George Mitchell 134-146-213—493

First Flight

1. Don Robinson-Bill Burford-Joe Sitzman-Miles Klepper 129-152-209—490; 2. Jason Edwards-Mark Rice-Ryan Davis-Bobby Duncan 139-147-209—495; 3. Michael Cowley-Doug Noah-Jeff Thomas-Josh Pierce 137-146-219—502; 4. Byron Courts-Tate Kale-Michael Baum-Darren Segiem 140-147-216—503; 5. Gilbert Zarate-Don Tally-Don Davis-Maurice Martinez 143-150-214—507

Second Flight

1. Scott Rundell-Sal Quiroz-Willie Mesa-Shawn Reeves 132-130-213—475; 2. Mike Abbott-Bill Reinert-David Chapple-Mason Varner 132-139-210—481; 3. (tie) Terry Ives-Dale Lay-Jaron Gaines-Sam Fowler 135-145-209—489; Rick Yadon-Joey Fields-Randy Watson-Jimmy Bryant 140-138-211—489; 5. (tie) Robert House-Aaron Erdwurm-Lance Creswell-Ben Griffin 139-142-209—490; Keith Conner-Jerry Graves-Casey Conner-Trey Womack 141-139-210—490

Third Flight

1. Greg Pitts-David Pitts-Alex Bles-Clayton Luttrell 131-143-214—488; 2. Greg Maes-Jerry Cavitt-Jack Armstrong-Gary Dunkerson 136-147-221—504; 3. Tony Reeves-Dennis Snyder-Bill Haggery-Bill Gully 141-144-222—507; 4. Randy Silva-Jared Haner-Mundy Hernandez-Bobby Hess 138-144-226—508; 5. Josh Harrison-Miles Walker-Tim Smith-Jim Harrison 130-147-233—510

Fourth Flight

1. Duane Robertson-Les Opperman-Charlie Green-Jimmy Lindsey 141-157-212—510; 2. Kevin Dixon-Butch Willis-Larry Clawson-Brad Boen 143-150-220—513; 3. Carl Milam-Jacob Hooper-Steve Goree-Hal Brockett 146-146-223—515; 4. (tie) John Qualls-Gene Shumate-Oren Albright III-Steve Hibbison 144-150-225—519; Gerald Hertel-Tom McIlvain-William Collins-Eddie Hatch 143-153-223—519

HSPAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BASEBALL
CLASS 5A
*** if necessary**
Regional Quarterfinals

Southlake Carroll (W4, 28-4) vs. San Angelo Central (R2, 24-7), Concordia University, Austin
Game 1: Carroll 3, Central 2; Game 2: Carroll 6, Central 4, Carroll win series 2-0.
Flower Mound (R5, 26-10) vs. Mansfield (W7, 28-5), Quik Trip Park, Grand Prairie
Game 1: Flower Mound 10, Manasfield 0. Game 2: Flower Mound 15, Mansfield 3, Flower Mound wins series 2-0.
Midland High (W2, 24-9) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (F2, 23-8), Hunter Field, Abilene
Game 1: Midland High 4, Tascosa 2; Game 2: Midland High 2, Tascosa 1, Midland High wins series 2-0.
Lewisville Hebron (F5, 23-14) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (W5, 28-7)
Game 1: Marcus 11, Hebron 5; Game 2 Marcus 2, Hebron 1, Marcus wins series 2-0.

Regional Semifinals

Southlake Carroll (W4, 30-4) vs. Flower Mound (R5, 26-10), TBA
Midland High (W2, 26-9) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (W5, 30-7), Concordia University, Austin
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2

CLASS 3A
*** if necessary**
Regional Quarterfinals

Andrews (T2, 12-18) vs. Lubbock Cooper (R2, 15-17)
Game 1: Lubbock Cooper 10, Andrews 4; Game 2: Lubbock Cooper 6, Andrews 5, Lubbock Cooper wins series 2-0.
Liberty Hill (W8, 26-5) vs. Stephenville (W7, 21-9)
Game 1: Liberty Hill 4, Stephenville 3; Game 2: Liberty Hill 11, Stephenville 1, Liberty Hill wins series 2-0.
Presidio (R3, 19-8) vs. Perryton (W1, 20-9), Moffett Field, Snyder
Game 1: Perryton 6, Presidio 5; Game 2: Perryton 4, Presidio 3, Perryton wins series 2-0.
Alvarado (R7, 18-5) vs. Iowa Park (W5, 27-3), Bowie HS
Game 1: Iowa Park 3, Alvarado 0; Game 2: Iowa Park 2, Alvarado 1, Iowa Park wins series 2-0

Regional Semifinals

Lubbock Cooper (R2, 17-17) vs. Liberty Hill (W8, 28-5), Hunter Field, Abilene
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Perryton (W1, 22-9) vs. Iowa Park (W5, 29-3), TBA

CLASS 2A
*** if necessary**
Regional Quarterfinals

Littlefield (T2, 12-14) vs. Idalou (W3, 25-3)
Game 1: Idalou 13, Littlefield 0; Game 2 Idalou 5, Littlefield 1, Idalou wins series 2-0
Holliday (W8, 26-2) vs. Eastland (W7, 25-2), Graham HS
Game 1: Holliday 14, Eastland 1; Game 2: Holliday 10, Eastland 0, Holliday wins series 2-0.
Childress (R3, 21-6) vs. Bushland (W1, 23-2)
Game 1: Bushland 19, Childress 3; Game 2: Bushland 2, Childress 0, Bushland wins series 2-0.
Wall (W6, 25-1) 5, Bangs 1

Regional Semifinals

Idalou (W3, 27-3) vs. Holliday (W8, 28-2), TBA
Bushland (W1, 25-2) vs. Wall (W6, 25-1), Lubbock Cooper HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2

SOFTBALL
CLASS 5A
*** if necessary**
Regional Semifinals

Richland (W4, 30-9) vs. Mansfield Timberview (W7, 27-6)
Game 1: Timberview 8, Richland 2; Game 2: Timberview 3, Richland 1, Timberview wins series 2-0.
Lubbock Coronado (W2, 35-3) vs. Flower Mound (W5, 29-6), ACU's Wells Field, Abilene
Game 1: Coronado 5, Flower Mound 1; Game 2: Flower Mound 1, Coronado 0; *Game 3: Coronado 2, Flower Mound 1, Coronado wins series 2-0.

Regional Final

Mansfield Timberview (W7, 29-6) vs. Lubbock Coronado (W2, 37-4), TBA

CLASS 3A
*** if necessary**
Regional Semifinals

Snyder (W4) vs. Liberty Hill (W8), Eastland HS
Game 1: Snyder 2, Liberty Hill 0; Game 2: Liberty Hill 7, Snyder 5; Game 3: Snyder 7, Liberty Hill 2, Snyder wins series 2-1
Pampa (W1, 31-6) vs. Lampasas (T8), Bowie HS
Game 1: Lampasas 8, Pampa 0; Game 2: Pampa 10, Lampasas 0; Game 3: Pampa 9, Lampasas 3. Pampa wins series 2-1

Regional Final

Snyder (W4) vs. Pampa (W1, 33-7), TBA

CLASS 2A
*** if necessary**
Regional Semifinals

Colorado City (W4) vs. Hawley (W7, 31-0), San Angelo Central HS
Game 1: Hawley 2, Colorado City 1; Game 2: Hawley 10, Colorado City 0, Hawley wins series 2-0.
Bushland (W1) vs. Bangs (W6), Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls
Game 1: Bangs 10, Bushland 9, 8 innings; Game 2: Bangs 9, Bushland 8, Bangs wins series 2-0.

Regional Final

Hawley (W7, 33-0) vs. Bangs (W6), TBA

LITTLELEAGUE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland Junior Baseball Association
Little League City Championships
NATIONAL LEAGUE
All games at Beal Park
Monday, May 12

Game 1: Mid City Rangers 17, Tower Rangers 5
Game 2: Mid City Brewers 26, Tower Rockies 1
Game 3: Eastern Yankees 14, Northern Marlins 6
Game 4: Northern Cardinals 21, Mid City Giants 0
Game 5: Northern Mets 13, Eastern Rangers 1

Tuesday, May 13
Winners's Bracket

Game 6: Mid City Orioles 7, Mid City Rangers 0
Game 7: Mid City Brewers def. Tower Yankees
Game 8: Northern Mets 17, Northern Braves 7
Game 9: Northern Cardinals 6, Eastern Yankees 0

Loser's Bracket

Game 10: Northern Marlins 13, Mid City Giants 3

Wednesday, May 14
Loser's Bracket

Game 11: Mid City Rangers 8, Eastern Rangers 2
Game 12: Northern Braves 11, Tower Rangers 1
Game 13: Eastern Yankees 11, Tower Rockies 1
Game 14: Tower Yankees 7, Northern Marlins 6

Thursday, May 15
Winner's Bracket
Semifinals

Game 15: Mid City Orioles 17, Mid City Brewers 0
Game 16: Northern Mets 5, Northern Cardinals 4

Loser's Bracket

Game 17: Tower Yankees 15, Mid City Rangers 12
Game 18: Northern Braves 7, Eastern Yankees 6

Friday, May 16

Loser's Bracket Elimination Games
Game 19: Northern Cardinals def. Tower Yankees
Game 20: Northern Braves 11, Mid City Brewers 1

Today
Winner's Bracket Final

Game 21: Mid City Orioles vs. Northern Mets, 7 p.m. Field 1

Loser's Bracket Elimination Game

Game 22: Northern Cardinals vs. Northern Braves, 7 p.m., Field 2

Tuesday, May 20
Elimination Game

Game 23: Game 21 loser vs. Game 22 winer, 7 p.m., Field 1

Wednesday, May 21
Championship

Game 24: Game 21 winner vs. Game 23 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1

Thursday, May 21
Championship (If necessary)

Game 25: If Game 23 winner beats Game 21 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Pool A: Northern 1, Tower 2, Mid City 4, Mid City 5
Pool B: Tower 1, Mid City 2, Northern 3, Northern 4
Pool C: Mid City 1, Eastern 2, Tower 3, Tower 4
Pool D: Eastern 1, Northern 2, Mid City 3

Today
Beal Park

Mid City Rangers 10, Northern Yankees 8
Tower Astros 11, Mid City Pirates 9

Mid City Park

Mid City Red Sox 13, Tower Cubs 3
Northern Astros 14, Eastern 1 0

Tuesday, May 13
Beal Park

Tower Dodgers 8, Northern Rangers 5
Northern Red Sox 11, Mid City Giants 4

Mid City Park

Eastern 2 7, Tower Mets 6

Wednesday, May 14
Mid City Park

Mid City Tigers 14, Eastern 1 8

Thursday, May 15
Beal Park

Mid City Rangers 12, Tower Astros 5
Northern Rangers 11, Mid City Giants 7

Mid City Park

Eastern 2 13, Tower Cubs 7
Mid City Red Sox 16, Tower Mets 0

Friday, May 16
Beal Park

Tower Dodgers def. Northern Red Sox
Northern Yankees def. Mid City Pirates

Mid City Park

Northern Astros def. Mid City Tigers

Today
Beal Park
Quarterfinals

Mid City Tigers vs. Mid City Rangers, 6 p.m., Field 3
Eastern Red Sox vs. Northern Astros, 8 p.m., Field 3
Northern Yankees vs. Tower Dodgers, 6 p.m., Field 4
Northern Red Sox vs. Mid City Red Sox, 8 p.m., Field 4

Tuesday, May 20
Semifinals

Teams TBA, 7 p.m., Field 3
Teams TBA, 7 p.m., Field 4

Thursday, May 22
Championship

Semifinal winners, 7 p.m., Field 4

3-time F1 champion Jack Brabham dies at 88

By Dennis Passa
Associated Press

BRISBANE, Australia — Jack Brabham, the three-time Formula One champion who famously pushed his car to the finish line to claim his first season title, died Monday at his Gold Coast home. He was 88.

The Australian driver — known as Sir Jack in racing paddocks around the world after he was knighted in 1979 — won world titles in 1959 and 1960 and became the only F1 driver to win a world championship in a car of his own construction — the rear-engined BT19 — which he drove to the title in 1966.

The following year the Brabham team won its second successive world championship when New Zealander Denny Hulme drove the BT20 to victory. Brabham won his final Grand Prix race in South Africa in 1970 before retiring from F1 at the age of 44.

Brabham continued to compete at different venues after his F1 retirement and his three sons, Geoff, Gary and David also had professional racing careers.

"It's a very sad day for all of us," Brabham's youngest son, David, said in a statement. "He lived an incredible life, achieving more than anyone would ever dream of and he will continue to live on through the astounding legacy he leaves behind."

The family said Brabham was a brilliant engineer, and technological innovations developed by the Brabham team helped to shape F1.

In March 2009, David Brabham helped celebrate a 50-year anniversary for his father. Sebring International Raceway in Florida was the venue where Jack Brabham wrapped up his first Formula 1 championship on Dec. 12, 1959, pushing his Cooper-Climax T51 across the finish line for a fourth-place finish.

"I was leading the race right up to the last 500 yards and the car ran out of petrol," Brabham said in an interview with The Associated Press at his home on the Gold Coast, Queensland state, in 2009. "I coasted to about 50 yards away and I pushed the car over the line. If I would have received any assistance I would have been disqualified. I managed to finish fourth, which was enough to win the championship."

Dominguez, Astros power past White Sox

Astros 8
White Sox 2

By Jordan Godwin
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Matt Dominguez provided a big boost to the Houston Astros on Sunday.

Dominguez homered twice and had four RBI, helping the Astros to defeat the Chicago White Sox 8-2.

Dominguez hit his sixth and seventh homers of the season off White Sox lefty John Danks (3-4) in the third and fifth innings.

The first was hit to deep left-center on a full count that followed a double by Dexter Fowler. The second was hit to the left-field Crawford Boxes, also with Fowler on base, putting the Astros up 8-1.

"He's a guy that can turn around anybody's fastball," Astros manager Bo Porter said of Dominguez. "He's got power to all fields."

Backed by early run support, Astros right-hander Brad Peacock (1-4) earned his first win of the season, allowing two runs and five hits and four walks, while striking out five in 6 2-3 innings.

The Astros scored two runs or fewer in six of Peacock's previous nine outings entering Sunday.

Since Peacock became a starter on April 20, the offense provided 13 runs of support in his previous five starts.

"Our hitters came out swinging," Peacock said. "It's a big confidence builder for them and a big confidence builder for us."

The Astros have won four of their past five games, while the White Sox have lost six of eight. After taking two of three from the Rangers and White Sox, Houston has won back-to-back series for the first time since last August.

The Astros improved to 12-3 when hitting two or more home runs. They are 1-17 when they fail to hit a homer.

After a Chris Carter homer in the second inning gave the Astros an early lead, Jonathan Villar sparked a rally with a two-RBI single that scored Jesus Guzman and L.J. Hoes. Guzman advanced to second on a throwing error by left fielder Alejandro De Aza then stole third and scored when catcher Adrian Nieto's attempt to throw him out skipped into the outfield.

The Astros had 10 hits in the game and have had at least nine hits in eight straight games, the club's longest such streak since 2008.

"They were swinging it good," White Sox manager Robin Ventura said. "Any time you get the ball up, especially in this ballpark, you're going to create a lot of problems."

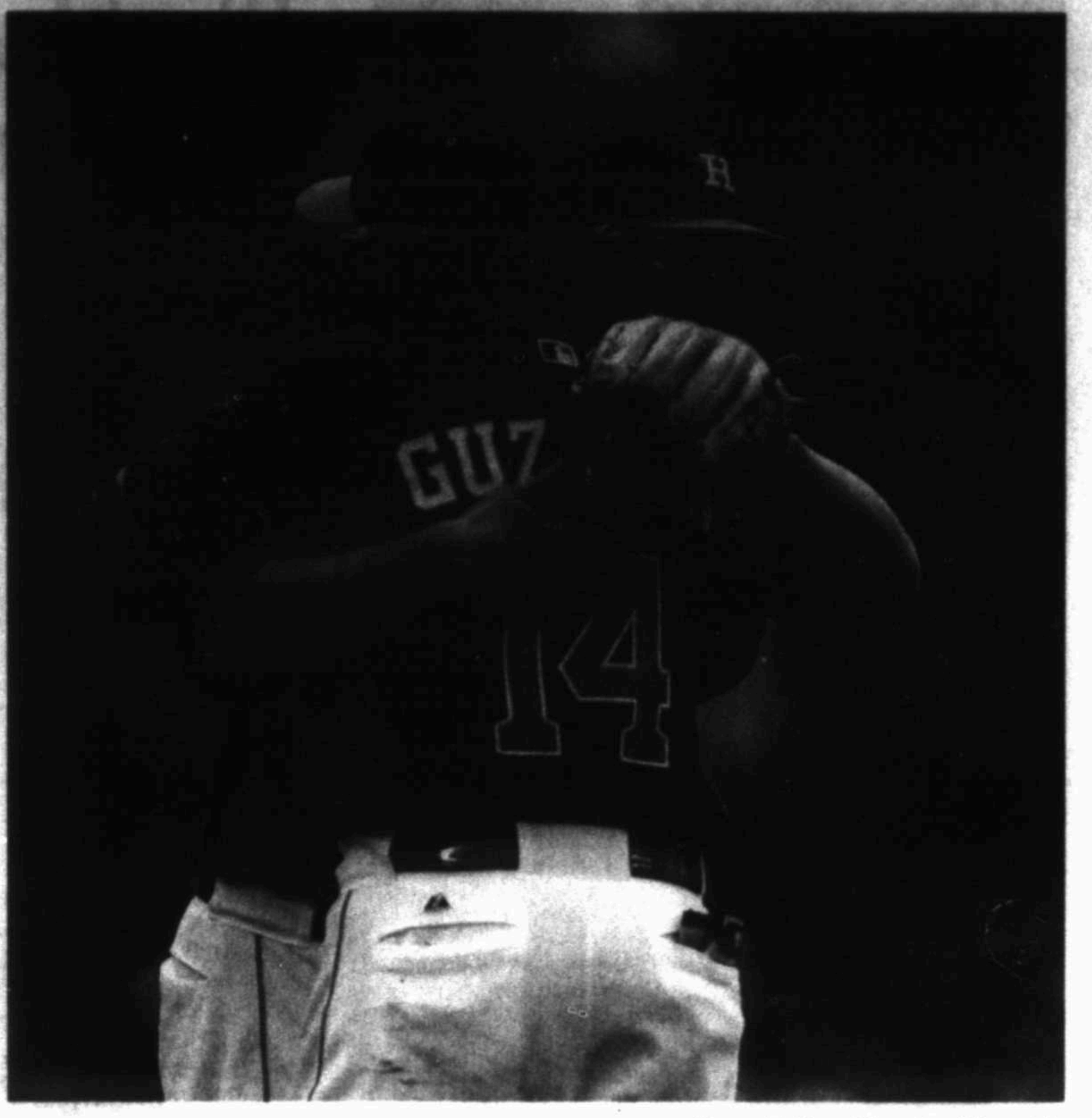
Villar later left the game in the seventh inning with a right hand injury, but Porter said the injury was not serious.

The White Sox were playing without first baseman Jose Abreu, who was placed on the 15-day disabled list Sunday with ankle tendinitis.

"Everything gets frustrating, especially when you have games like this," Ventura said of Chicago's two errors. "It just needs to be cleaned up."

Danks allowed eight runs — seven earned — and 10 hits and three walks while striking out seven in 4 2/3 innings. He allowed at least one homer for his fourth consecutive start and fell to 1-3 in that stretch after allowing just one homer through five starts in April, when he was 2-1.

"I did a terrible job of keeping the ball in the ballpark," Danks said.



Mayra Beltran/Houston Chronicle

Houston's Jesus Guzman (14) embraces Matt Dominguez as they celebrate their 8-2 win over Chicago on Sunday at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ANGELS 6 RAYS 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Albert Pujols hit a pair of solo homers against David Price, and Matt Shoemaker took a shutout into the seventh inning to lead the Los Angeles Angels over the Tampa Bay Rays 6-2 Sunday.

Pujols drove an 0-2 pitch over the center-field fence in the first inning. The three-time NL MVP increased the Angels' advantage to 6-2 in the seventh with his 12th homer this season and the 504th of his career, tying Eddie Murray for 25th place.

Price became the 319th pitcher Pujols has homered off during the regular season.

Shoemaker (2-1) was charged with a run and two hits in six-plus innings. He struck out six, five days after earning his first major league win with a 4-3 victory at Philadelphia.

Price (4-4) gave up six runs — five earned — and 11 hits in 6 2-3 innings with seven strikeouts and no walks. Kevin Kiermaier hit his first big league homer for the Rays.

ROYALS 8 ORIOLES 6

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Alex Gordon went 4 for 4 with a pair of three-run homers and a career-high six RBI as Kansas City beat Baltimore.

Gordon connected off Ubaldo Jimenez (2-5) with two outs in the fifth inning. Gordon, who led the Royals with 20 home runs last year, had gone 134 at-bats without one.

He homered again in his next at-bat, a three-run shot off left-hander Troy Patton in the seventh after Eric Hosmer walked and Billy Butler doubled for his third hit.

Adam Jones hit a three-run homer off Royals reliever Aaron Crow in the ninth. It was the first runs Crow allowed in 20 relief appearances and 17 innings.

Greg Holland got two outs for his 12th save.

ATHLETICS 13 INDIANS 3

CLEVELAND — Yoenis Cespedes drove in a career-high five runs, Brandon Moss had three RBI and Oakland completed a three-game sweep with a win over slumping Cleveland.

The Athletics, who have won nine of 10, outscored the Indians 30-6 in the series.

TIGERS 6 RED SOX 2

BOSTON — Victor Martinez hit a two-run homer, Torii Hunter added a solo shot and the streaking Detroit Tigers won their 11th straight road game to complete a three-game sweep of the Boston Red Sox with a 6-2 victory Sunday night.

It was the fifth consecutive win and 15th in 18 games for the Tigers, who have the majors' best record at 27-12.

MARINERS 6 TWINS 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Felix Hernandez pitched eight strong innings and Robinson Cano had four hits in Seattle's victory over Minnesota.

Hernandez (5-1) continued his recent domination of the Twins, giving up two runs and seven hits while striking out five and walking one. In his past four starts against Minnesota, Hernandez has pitched 34 innings and allowed three earned runs with 30 strikeouts.

National League

BRAVES 6 CARDINALS 5

ST. LOUIS — Ryan Doumit scored on a wild pitch and the Atlanta Braves got two runs in the ninth inning to rally past the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday.

Freddie Freeman started a ninth-inning rally with a leadoff single off St. Louis closer Trevor Rosenthal (0-2).

GIANTS 4 MARLINS 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Pablo Sandoval homered for the first time in more than a month, Ryan Vogelsong won for just the second time in nine starts, and San Francisco salvaged a split of the four-game series.

Buster Posey returned from a day off to hit a sacrifice fly, while Tyler Colvin and Brandon Hicks each hit RBI singles in a stretch of four straight base hits with two outs in the first against Jacob Turner.

CUBS 4 BREWERS 2

CHICAGO — Travis Wood pitched two-hit ball for seven innings and Chicago got home runs from Welington Castillo and Mike Olt.

Wood (4-4) allowed two runs and struck out seven for the Cubs, who took two of three from the NL Central leaders to win a series for the second time this season. The left-hander walked three, all in the first inning.

ROCKIES 8 PADRES 6, 10 INNINGS

DENVER — Justin Morneau hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning and Colorado turned the third triple play in team history in its win over San Diego.

After Carlos Gonzalez singled earlier in the inning, Morneau lined a 3-2 fastball from Dale Thayer (2-2) to straightaway center. He was mobbed at home by his teammates.

DIAMONDBACKS 5 DODGERS 3

PHOENIX — Cody Ross hit his first home run of the year, Eric Chavez went deep for the second consecutive day and Arizona won a home series for the first time this season.

After setting a team record for runs Saturday night in an 18-5 rout, the Diamondbacks broke a 3-all tie with Chavez's soaring, two-run shot off Dan Haren (5-2) in the fifth inning.

PHILLIES 8 REDS 3

PHILADELPHIA — Cody Asche, Jimmy Rollins, Wil Nieves and Marlon Byrd all homered to power Philadelphia's victory.

Cliff Lee (4-4) struck out three in 6 2-3 innings for his first home victory of the season.

NATIONALS 6 METS 3

WASHINGTON — Wilson Ramos drove in four runs and Ian Desmond homered to help Jordan Zimmermann earn his first win in three starts for Washington.

Desmond's solo shot tied the score in the second inning and Ramos' two-run double in the third put the Nationals ahead for good. The catcher drove in two more with a bases-loaded single in the fifth off starter Zack Wheeler (1-4), staking Washington to a 5-1 lead.

Interleague

1ST GAME YANKEES 4, PIRATES 3
2ND GAME PIRATES 5, YANKEES 3

NEW YORK — Josh Harrison homered in the seventh inning to make up for a baserunning blunder and made a diving catch in left field that helped preserve Pittsburgh's first win in the Bronx since the 1960 World Series.

Mark Teixeira had a two-run single and Brett Gardner added an RBI double as New York won the opener of the first single-admission twinbill at Yankee Stadium since 2004.

RANGERS

From 1C

The Rangers were in position to add to the lead Moreland gave them in the seventh when Toronto manager John Gibbons got the Blue Jays out of the jam with a challenge after three previous visits with umpires ended without a video review.

Michael Choice lined out to Francisco, who tagged third base with his glove as Robinson Chirinos was diving back to the bag. Dale Scott called Chirinos safe, but a review lasting nearly 3 minutes overturned it and gave Toronto an inning-ending double play.

Gibbons' move ended up not mattering much when Shin-Soo Choo and Adrian Beltre had run-scoring hits in the eighth.

Moreland hit his second homer of the season after Rios just beat Francisco's throw for an error on one of the plays Gibbons considered challenging. Toronto had a season-high four errors.

Texas rookie right-hander Nick Martinez left with a 2-1 lead after five innings but lost the chance for his first big league win on Encarnacion's ninth homer, a shot to left field off Aaron Poreda in the sixth.

Poreda (2-0) ended up getting the win after a scoreless seventh, and closer Joakim Soria pitched a shaky but scoreless ninth in a non-save situation on his 30th birthday.

Francisco's home run into the upper deck in right field was among four hits allowed by Martinez in a solid outing that should give him a chance to stay in the rotation with four Texas starters on the disabled list. He had never pitched above Double-A before this year.

"Each time he takes the ball it's an experience for him," Washington said. "He knew where we were today and he did a good job just getting us through as many pitches as he could handle."

Dickey allowed three hits and four runs in falling to 12-12 against the team that drafted him and gave him his first shot in the majors 13 years ago.

Jim Cowsert/AP

Texas relief pitcher Aaron Poreda delivers a pitch to the Toronto Blue Jays during the seventh inning Sunday in Arlington

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS
American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	23	20	.535	—
Baltimore	22	20	.524	1/2
Toronto	23	22	.511	1
Boston	20	23	.465	3
Tampa Bay	19	26	.422	5
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Detroit	27	12	.692	—
Kansas City	22	21	.512	7
Minnesota	21	21	.500	7 1/2
Chicago	21	24	.467	9
Cleveland	19	25	.432	10 1/2
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oakland	28	16	.636	—
Los Angeles	24	19	.558	3 1/2
Seattle	21	22	.488	6 1/2
Texas	21	23	.477	7
Houston	16	28	.364	12

Sunday's Scores
Oakland 13, Cleveland 3
N.Y. Yankees 4, Pittsburgh 3, 1st game
Kansas City 8, Baltimore 6
Houston 8, Chicago White Sox 2
Seattle 6, Minnesota 2
Texas 6, Toronto 2
L.A. Angels 6, Tampa Bay 2
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Yankees 3, 2nd game
Detroit 6, Boston 2

Today's Games
Detroit (Smyly 2-2) at Cleveland (Kluber 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Carroll 1-3) at Kansas City (Vargas 4-1), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 4-2) at L.A. Angels (Richards 4-0), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	23	19	.548	—
Washington	23	20	.535	1/2
Miami	23	22	.511	1 1/2
New York	20	23	.465	3 1/2
Philadelphia	19	22	.463	3 1/2
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Milwaukee	27	17	.614	—
St. Louis	23	21	.523	4
Cincinnati	19	23	.452	7
Pittsburgh	18	25	.419	8 1/2
Chicago	15	27	.357	11
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Francisco	28	17	.622	—
Colorado	25	20	.556	3
Los Angeles	23	22	.511	5
San Diego	21	24	.467	7
Arizona	18	28	.391	10 1/2

Sunday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees 4, Pittsburgh 3, 1st game
Philadelphia 8, Cincinnati 3
Washington 6, N.Y. Mets 3
Atlanta 6, St. Louis 5
Chicago Cubs 4, Milwaukee 2
San Francisco 4, Miami 1
Arizona 5, L.A. Dodgers 3
Colorado 8, San Diego 6, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Yankees 3, 2nd game

Today's Games
Cincinnati (Leake 2-3) at Washington (Strasburg 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (W.Peralta 4-2) at Atlanta (Minor 1-2), 6:10 p.m.

SUNDAY'S AL WEST BOXES
RANGERS 6, BLUE JAYS 2

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Reyes ss	5	0	2	0	Choice lf	4	0	0	0
MeCarr lf	4	0	1	0	Andrus ss	4	1	1	0
Bautist rf	3	0	0	0	Choo dh	3	2	2	1
Lind 1b	4	0	1	0	ABeltre 3b	3	1	1	1
Encrnc dh	3	1	1	1	Rios rf	4	1	1	2
JFrncs 3b	4	1	2	1	Morlnd 1b	4	1	2	2
Lawrie 2b	4	0	0	0	Chirins c	3	0	0	0
Thole c	4	0	1	0	LMartn cf	4	0	0	0
Gose cf	1	0	0	0	Sardins 2b	3	0	0	0
Pillar ph-cf	1	0	0	0					
DNavrr ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	34	2	8	2	Totals	32	6	7	6

Toronto .... 000 101 000—2
Texas .... 000 200 22x—6

E—Reyes (3), J.Francisco 2 (4), Lawrie (2). DP—Toronto 2. LOB—Toronto 8, Texas 6. 2B—Reyes (11), Lind (7), Choo (8), Moreland (7). 3B—Rios (4). HR—Encarnacion (9), J.Francisco (8), Moreland (2). CS—Gose (1). S—Sardinas.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Dickey L,4-4	6 1-3	3	4	3	3	3
McGowan	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Redmond	1-3	3	2	2	0	0
Cecil	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Texas						
N.Martinez	5	4	1	1	3	3
Poreda W,2-0	2	2	1	1	0	2
Sh.Tolleson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Soria	1	2	0	0	0	1

T—2:52. A—43,671 (48,114).

ASTROS 8, WHITE SOX 2

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Eaton cf	4	0	1	0	Altuve 2b	5	0	1	0
GBckh 2b	3	0	0	0	Springr rf	3	0	1	0
Semien 2b	1	0	0	0	Fowler cf	3	2	1	0
Gillaspi 3b	4	0	1	0	MDmn 3b	4	2	2	4
Viciedo rf	4	0	0	0	Carter dh	4	1	1	1
A Dunn dh	4	0	0	0	Guzmn 1b	2	1	[illegible]	0
Konerk 1b	4	0	0	0	Hoes lf	4	1	1	0
AlRmrz ss	1	2	0	0	Corprn c	3	0	0	0
LeGarc ss	1	0	1	0	Villar ss	2	1	2	2
De Aza lf	2	0	0	0	MGnzlz ph-ss	2	0	0	0
Nieto c	3	0	3	2					
Totals	31	2	6	2	Totals	32	8	10	7

Chicago .... 001 000 100—2
Houston .... 042 020 00x—8

E—De Aza (2), Nieto (1). DP—Chicago 2, Houston 2. LOB—Chicago 6, Houston 5. 2B—Nieto (3), Fowler (6), Hoes (3). HR—M.Dominguez 2 (7), Carter (6). SB—Altuve (15), Villar (11).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Joh Danks L,3-4	4 2-3	10	8	7	3	7
D.Webb	1 1-3	0	0	0	1	1
S.Downs	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lindstrom	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Peacock W,1-4	6 2-3	5	2	2	4	5
Fields	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	3
Williams	1	1	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Joh.Danks (Corporan). WP—D.Webb, Lindstrom.
T—2:46. A—21,532 (42,060).

MARINERS 6, TWINS 2

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
J.Jones cf	4	1	1	0	Dozier 2b	4	0	1	0
MSndrs rf	4	1	2	2	Mauer 1b	4	0	0	0
Cano 2b	5	2	4	1	Plouffe dh	4	0	2	2
Hart dh	1	0	0	0	Parmel rf	4	0	0	0
Romer pr-dh	2	1	0	0	KSuzuk c	4	0	0	0
Smoak 1b	4	0	1	1	Kubel lf	4	0	2	0
Seager 3b	5	0	1	1	EEscor 3b	4	0	1	0
Ackley lf	4	1	1	0	A.Hicks cf	2	1	1	0
Zunino c	3	0	1	0	DSantn ss	3	1	1	0
BMiller ss	2	0	0	0					
Totals	34	6	11	5	Totals	33	2	8	2

Seattle .... 000 121 101—6
Minnesota .... 002 000 000—2

DP—Seattle 2, Minnesota 1. LOB—Seattle 9, Minnesota 5. 2B—M.Saunders (4), Cano (10), Smoak (11). 3B—M.Saunders (2). SB—J.Jones (2), Hart (2). S—Romero, B.Miller. SF—M.Saunders.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
F.Hernandez W,5-1	8	7	2	2	1	5
Rodney	1	1	0	0	0	1
Minnesota						
Nolasco L,2-4	5	6	3	3	3	3
Swarzak	1-3	1	1	1	2	0
Thielbar	1 2-3	2	1	1	0	2
Tonkin	1	1	0	0	0	1
Guerrier	1	1	1	1	0	0

WP—F.Hernandez 2, Nolasco, Guerrier.
T—3:02. A—32,511 (39,021).

ATHLETICS 13, INDIANS 3

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	2	1	0	0	Bourn cf	3	1	1	1
Gentry ph-cf	1	0	0	0	Aviles ss	4	0	0	0
Lowrie ss	1	0	0	0	Brantly lf	3	1	2	2
Punto ss	5	2	2	0	Raburn dh	3	0	0	0
Dnldsn 3b	2	4	1	1	DvMrp rf	5	0	3	0
Moss lf	3	4	3	3	Swisher 1b	5	0	0	0
Cespds dh	5	0	2	5	CSantn c	4	0	0	0
Jaso c	5	1	1	2	Chsnhll 3b	3	0	2	0
Reddck rf	4	0	2	2	JRmrz 2b	4	1	0	0
Callasp 1b-2b	5	0	0	0					
Sogard 2b	4	1	1	0					
Blanks 1b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	38	13	12	13	Totals	34	3	8	3

Oakland .... 010 242 130—13
Cleveland .... 100 011 000—3

E—Swisher (6), Chisenhall (4). DP—Oakland 1, Cleveland 3. LOB—Oakland 7, Cleveland 12. 2B—Punto (4), Moss 2 (10), Cespedes 2 (13), Jaso (5), Reddick (2), Chisenhall (10). 3B—Moss (2). HR—Bourn (1), Brantley (8). SB—Dav.Murphy (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
J.Chavez W,4-1	5	6	2	2	3	6
Ji.Johnson	2-3	0	1	1	3	0
Abad	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Savery	2	2	0	0	1	0
Cleveland						
Masterson L,2-3	4 1-3	7	7	7	5	1
Outman	1 1-3	2	2	1	2	2
Atchison	1 1-3	1	1	0	0	0
Allen	0	2	3	3	2	0
Crockett	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Axford	2-3	0	0	0	0	2

Allen pitched to 4 batters in the 8th.
HBP—by Ji.Johnson (Chisenhall). PB—C.Santana.
T—3:21. A—14,872 (42,487).

ANGELS 6, RAYS 2

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
DeJess dh	4	0	2	0	Cowgill rf	4	0	0	1
Myers rf	3	0	0	0	Trout cf	4	1	1	0
Joyce lf	3	0	1	0	Pujols dh	4	2	3	2
Longori 3b	4	0	0	0	HKndrc 2b	4	0	1	1
Loney 1b	3	1	1	0	Cron 1b	3	0	0	0
YEscor ss	4	0	0	0	ENavrr 1b	1	0	1	0
Kiermr cf	4	1	1	2	Aybar ss	4	1	1	0
CFigur 2b	3	0	0	0	Iannett c	4	1	2	0
Guyer ph	1	0	0	0	Green lf	4	1	3	1
JMolin c	3	0	0	0	LJimnz 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	5	2	Totals	35	6	12	5

Tampa Bay .... 000 000 200—2
Los Angeles .... 101 300 10x—6

E—Longoria (3). LOB—Tampa Bay 6, Los Angeles 6. 2B—DeJesus (9), E.Navarro (4). HR—Kiermaier (1), Pujols 2 (12). CS—Green (2). S—L.Jimenez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Price L,4-4	6 2-3	11	6	5	0	[illegible]
Boxberger	1 1-3	1	0	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Los Angeles						
Shoemaker W,2-1	6	2	1	1	3	6
Morin	1	1	1	1	0	0
J.Smith	1	1	0	0	0	2
Frieri	1	1	0	0	0	2

Shoemaker pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
T—2:59. A—36,655 (45,483).

SUNDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE

ROYALS 8, ORIOLES 6
Baltimore .... 003 000 003—6 12 0
Kansas City .... 100 130 30x—8 11 0
U.Jimenez, Brach (6), Patton (7), R.Webb (8) and Clevenger; Shields, K.Herrera (8), Crow (9), G.Holland (9) and S.Perez. W—Shields 6-3. L—U.Jimenez 2-5. Sv—G.Holland (12). HRs—Baltimore, A.Jones (6). Kansas City, A.Gordon 2 (3).

TIGERS 6, RED SOX 2
Detroit .... 003 011 100—6 15 2
Boston .... 010 010 000—2 6 0
A.Sanchez, Ray (6), E.Reed (6), Alburquerque (7), Krol (8), Chamberlain (9) and Avila; Peavy, Tazawa (7), A.Miller (8), Badenhop (9), Breslow (9) and Pierzynski. W—A.Sanchez 1-2. L—Peavy 1-2. HRs—Detroit, V.Martinez (10), Tor.Hunter (5).

INTERLEAGUE
FIRST GAME
YANKEES 4, PIRATES 3
Pittsburgh .... 100 020 000—3 6 1
New York .... 310 000 00x—4 6 0
Morton, Ju.Wilson (8) and T.Sanchez; Kuroda, Daley (7), Thornton (7), Warren (8), Dav.Robertson (8) and McCann. W—Kuroda 3-3. L—Morton 0-6. Sv—Dav.Robertson (8). HRs—Pittsburgh, N.Walker (9), T.Sanchez (2).

SECOND GAME
PIRATES 5, YANKEES 3
Pittsburgh .... 010 002 101—5 8 2
New York .... 020 001 000—3 10 2
Cole, Morris (7), Watson (7), Melancon (9) and C.Stewart; Nuno, Aceves (7), Thornton (8), Claiborne (9) and J.Murphy. W—Cole 4-3. L—Aceves 0-2. Sv—Melancon (6). HRs—Pittsburgh, S.Marte (4), J.Harrison (2). New York, Solarte (5).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILLIES 8, REDS 3
Cincinnati .... 200 000 010—3 10 0
Philadelphia .... 200 011 40x—8 9 1
Cingrani, M.Parra (7), Broxton (8) and Mesoraco; Cl.Lee, M.Adams (7), Bastardo (9) and Nieves. W—Cl.Lee 4-4. L—Cingrani 2-3. HRs—Philadelphia, Rollins (5), Nieves (1), Byrd (5), Asche (4).

NATIONALS 6, METS 3
New York .... 010 002 000—3 8 2
Washington .... 012 020 01x—6 7 0
Z.Wheeler, Familia (7), Matsuzaka (8) and Centeno; Zimmermann, Storen (7), Clippard (8), R.Soriano (9) and W.Ramos. W—Zimmermann 3-1. L—Z.Wheeler 1-4. Sv—R.Soriano (10). HRs—Washington, Desmond (7).

BRAVES 6, CARDINALS 5
Atlanta .... 100 102 002—6 7 0
St. Louis .... 030 010 100—5 11 0
Floyd, A.Wood (6), D.Carpenter (7), Kimbrel (9) and Laird; Gattis, J.Garcia, Siegrist (8), Neshek (8), Rosenthal (9), C.Martinez (9) and Y.Molina. W—D.Carpenter 3-0. L—Rosenthal 0-2. Sv—Kimbrel (11). HRs—Atlanta, F.Freeman (8), J.Upton (10).

CUBS 4, BREWERS 2
Milwaukee .... 000 020 000—2 3 0
Chicago .... 021 100 00x—4 8 0
Estrada, Kintzler (6), Thornburg (7), Wooten (8) and Lucroy; T.Wood, Schlitter (8), H.Rondon (9) and Castillo. W—T.Wood 4-4. L—Estrada 3-2. Sv—H.Rondon (5). HRs—Milwaukee, R.Weeks (2). Chicago, Castillo (5), Olt (9).

GIANTS 4, MARLINS 1
Miami .... 000 000 010—1 9 0
San Francisco .... 300 010 00x—4 7 1
Ja.Turner, Capps (7), Hand (8) and Mathis; Vogelsong, Affeldt (8), Casilla (8), Romo (9) and Posey. W—Vogelsong 2-2. L—Ja.Turner 0-2. Sv—Romo (15). HRs—San Francisco, Sandoval (3).

ROCKIES 8, PADRES 6
San Diego .... 100 201 002 0—6 11 0
Colorado .... 004 010 100 2—8 13 0
Roach, Stauffer (4), A.Torres (7), Benoit (9), Thayer (10) and Rivera; Nicasio, Brothers (7), Ottavino (8), Hawkins (9), Masset (10) and Rosario. W—Masset 1-0. L—Thayer 2-2. HRs—San Diego, S.Smith (5), Rivera (3), E.Cabrera (2). Colorado, Dickerson (5), Tulowitzki (13), Morneau (9).

DIAMONDBACKS 5, DODGERS 3
Los Angeles .... 102 000 000—3 7 1
Arizona .... 011 120 00x—5 11 1
Haren, League (7) and Butera; Collmenter, O.Perez (6), E.Marshall (7), Ziegler (8), A.Reed (9) and M.Montero. W—Collmenter 2-2. L—Haren 5-2. Sv—A.Reed (12). HRs—Los Angeles, H.Ramirez (6), Ad.Gonzalez (10). Arizona, C.Ross (1), E.Chavez (3).

Pacers pull away from Heat to take 1-0 lead

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

Pacers.....107
Heat.....96
Indiana leads series, 1-0

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana is done talking about home-court advantage.

The top-seeded Pacers are ready to use it against the two-time defending champs.

They took the first step Sunday, when Paul George finished with 24 points and seven assists, David West added 19 points and seven rebounds, and suddenly surging Indiana led wire-to-wire in a 107-96 victory over the Miami Heat in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"This is just a fun matchup," George said. "It's one that we've been waiting for all year."

For the first time in this year's playoffs, the Pacers won a series opener. And for the first time in their last three playoff battles against the Heat, the Pacers won Game 1.

Game 2 is Tuesday night. The home team has won all five games in this season's fiercest and most competitive rivalry, though none was more impressive or important than this one.

All five Indiana starters and backup C.J. Watson scored in double figures, helping Indiana produce its highest point total of the playoffs.

The Pacers limited the Heat to just four offensive rebounds and 6-of-23 shooting from beyond the arc. LeBron James went 1 of 5 on 3s and shot just two free throws, and Miami fell so far behind so fast, it never even had a chance to tie the score.

Sure, opening this best-of-seven series at Bankers Life Fieldhouse helped. The hometown crowd that sometimes serenaded the Pacers with boos during the first two rounds spent most of the first half on its feet, chanted "De-fense" every time it looked as if the Heat might come back and finished the game with its customary chant of "Beat The Heat!"

But the biggest difference was on the court.

Indiana shared the ball, limited its turnovers, maintained its poise and got contributions from everyone in a game it had to win. Roy Hibbert finished with 19 points and nine rebounds, Lance Stephenson had 17 points and eight assists, and George Hill added 15 points as the Pacers looked more like the team that was so dominant over the first half of the season, rather than the one struggled o mightily in the second half.

The challengers in this matchup insist they know it's only a start.

"There's nothing to celebrate. It's not like we won a championship. It's one game," Hill said. "Yes, it was good, but if we come out and lay an egg on Tuesday, this game doesn't mean anything."

The toughest part for the Heat will be figuring out what went wrong.

Coach Erik Spoelstra used Shane Battier in the starting lineup, then replaced him with Udonis Haslem after the Pacers took a 55-45 halftime lead. It made no difference.

James, who had 25 points, 10 rebounds and five assists, and Dwyane Wade, who had 27 points on 12-of-18 shooting, desperately tried to rally the Heat but got little help. Chris Bosh had nine points and two rebounds. Ray Allen finished with 12 points.

While Bosh thought the primary problem was Miami's inability to get stops, James wasn't as sure.

"The game's still so fresh. It's too hard to just say, 'Well, we need to do this better in Game 2,'" James said after the Heat lost for just the second time in 10 playoff games. "We need to evaluate our mistakes and things we did in Game 1 first before I can say what we need to bring to Game 2."

Clearly, the Pacers weren't the same team that spent most of the last three months answering questions about their second-half swoon.

Indiana swarmed the glass, exploited its size advantage, knocked down six of its first seven 3-pointers and forced the Heat into playing catch-up.

When the Heat cut a 10-point, first-quarter deficit to 41-37 midway through the second quarter, Stephenson scored four points in a 5-0 run to make it 46-37. When James trimmed it to 50-45 with back-to-back baskets late in the quarter, the Pacers ended the half with five straight points to make it 55-45.

Hibbert and West then combined eight of Indiana's first 14 points to open the second half, pushing the lead to 69-52.

James and Wade rallied the Heat within 83-74 early in the fourth, but the Pacers opened it up again to 102-84 with 4:11 to go.

Now comes the hard part — doing it all over again Tuesday night.

"We've been complacent many times. We just can't get complacent," George said. "We've got to stay humbled off this win and come in with the same mind-set that we have to get another one."

Darron Cummings/AP

Indiana's David West dunks over Miami's LeBron James during the first half of Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals Sunday, in Indianapolis.

Crawford leads Blackhawks past Kings in Game 1

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press

Blackhawks.....3
Kings.....1
Chicago leads series, 1-0

CHICAGO — Corey Crawford made 25 saves, Jonathan Toews had a big goal in the third period and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Los Angeles Kings 3-1 in Game 1 of the Western Conference final Sunday.

Brandon Saad added a goal and an assist for defending Stanley Cup champion Chicago, which remained perfect in seven home playoff games this year. Duncan Keith had a tiebreaking score in the third period.

Playing just two days after a Game 7 victory over Anaheim, the Kings got a second-period score from Tyler Toffoli and outshot the Blackhawks 26-20 in the opener of a rematch from last year's Western Conference final. But Crawford made a couple of solid stops in another terrific performance.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night.

With the Blackhawks clinging to a 2-1 lead in the third, Toews got loose on a 3-on-1 break and one-timed Johnny Oduya's pass right by Jonathan Quick for his sixth playoff goal at 16:10.

Quick made 17 saves after he played a key role in Los Angeles' rally from a 3-2 deficit in the series against the Ducks. The Kings also battled back from a 3-0 deficit against San Jose in the first round.

Toews' 26th career playoff goal came after he had one waved off in a confusing stretch in the second period.

It looked as if Chicago had a 2-0 lead when Toews' rush to the net resulted in the puck going off the skate of Kings defenseman Slava Voynov and into the goal. But it was waved off after a conference by the officials, prompting a round of boos from the crowd of 21,832 and a waving, yelling display from Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville.

According to the NHL, the original call of good goal was changed because the officials decided Toews made incidental contact with Quick before the puck crossed the goal line. The league said the ruling was not reviewable, so the call on the ice remained in place.

The sequence seemed to wake up the Kings while deflating the Blackhawks. Los Angeles got its first goal about a minute later, with Tanner Pearson making a terrific pass to the middle to Toffoli for his fourth of the playoffs at 4:35.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Montreal 4, Boston 3
Thursday, May 1: Montreal 4, Boston 3, 2OT
Saturday, May 3: Boston 5, Montreal 3
Tuesday, May 6: Montreal 4, Boston 2
Thursday, May 8: Boston 1, Montreal 0, OT
Saturday, May 10: Boston 4, Montreal 2
Monday, May 12: Montreal 4, Boston 0
Wednesday, May 14: Monreal 3, Boston 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, Pittsburgh 3
Friday, May 2: N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT
Sunday, May 4: Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 0
Monday, May 5: Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Rangers 0
Wednesday, May 7: Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Friday, May 9: N.Y. Rangers 5, Pittsburgh 1
Sunday, May 11: N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 1
Tuesday, May 13: N.Y. Rangers 2, Pittsburgh 1
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago 4, Minnesota 2
Friday, May 2: Chicago 5, Minnesota 2
Sunday, May 4: Chicago 4, Minnesota 1
Tuesday, May 6: Minnesota 4, Chicago 0
Friday, May 9: Minnesota 4, Chicago 2
Sunday, May 11: Chicago 2, Minnesota 1
Tuesday, May 13: Chicago 2, Minnesota 1, OT
Los Angeles 4, Anaheim 3
Saturday, May 3: Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 2, OT
Monday, May 5: Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 1
Thursday, May 8: Anaheim 3, Los Angeles 2
Saturday, May 10: Anaheim 2, Los Angeles 0
Monday, May 12: Anaheim 4, Los Angeles 3
Wednesday, May 14: Los Angeles 2, Anaheim 1
Friday, May 16: Los Angeles 6, Anaheim 2
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. Rangers 1, Montreal 0
Saturday, May 17: N.Y. Rangers 7, Montreal 2
Today: N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 22: Montreal at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 25: Montreal at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, May 27: NY Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 29: Montreal at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 31: NY Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago 1, Los Angeles 0
Sunday: Chicago 3, Los Angeles 1
Wednesday, May 21: Los Angeles at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 24: Chicago at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 26: Chicago at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 28: Los Angeles at Chicago, 7 p.m.
x-Friday, May 30: Chicago at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 1: Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Spurs

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finished with the league's best record. They did it with consistency and teamwork that has continued in the playoffs. San Antonio is shooting 49 percent from the field as a team in the postseason, with no player averaging 20 points.

Oklahoma City counters with dynamic individual play from a pair of 25-year-olds. Durant is averaging 31.4 points and 9.5 rebounds in the playoffs. Russell Westbrook is averaging 26.6 points, 8.4 assists and 8.0 rebounds in postseason play.

Westbrook, in particular, has San Antonio's attention. While Durant's play has been typical, Westbrook has improved significantly as a floor general during the playoffs.

"He's an incredible talent having a great playoff run," Duncan said. "Some incredible numbers. Just an impressive athlete when you try to stay in front of him. His confidence is there."

The Thunder will be without Serge Ibaka, who led the league in blocked shots. The mobile, athletic forward injured his left calf in Game 6 of the conference semifinal against the Los Angeles Clippers.

"It's hard, but we're going to move on," Thunder center Kendrick Perkins said. "We're a very prideful organization and team. We're going to move on."

Here are five things to watch in the series:

THUNDER DOMINANCE: Oklahoma City won all four regular-season meetings with San Antonio this season, so the Spurs will take nothing for granted, even with Ibaka out.

"You never get overconfident in that situation, especially against a team that we haven't beat this year," Ginobili said. "We know how talented they are. They can really score in bunches. Very athletic, strong, play good defense. So, no, we're not going to get overconfident for sure."

IBAKA'S REPLACEMENT: Oklahoma City rookie Steven Adams is the most likely to see a spike in minutes. Veteran Nick Collison will play more, too. The Thunder could go with a smaller lineup at times and play Durant as a power forward. Coach Scott Brooks still wouldn't say Sunday who would start in Ibaka's place.

PARKER'S HAMSTRING: San Antonio was likely to have significant help on Westbrook anyway, but Parker's strained left hamstring could be a major problem against Westbrook and Reggie Jackson, two of the most athletic point guards in the league. Parker said Sunday that the hamstring was still tight, but he plans to play. Jackson said the Thunder will test Parker early.

LEONARD vs. DURANT: Brooks said Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard is an All-Star in the making. The Spurs feel Leonard is the best equipped player in the league to bother Durant because of his length and energy.

"As good as anybody can do it," Ginobili said. "We are lucky to have him. Nobody can guard him (Durant) 1-on-1. That's been proven — he's the MVP — but you can put him in some trouble, and then the team has to respond."

SPURS' OTHER GUYS: One thing that makes the Spurs dangerous is their depth. Though Parker, Duncan and Ginobili are the best-known players, Leonard, Marco Belinelli, Danny Green, Boris Diaw, Tiago Splitter and Patty Mills all play their roles well and are capable of being difference makers in the right situation. Oklahoma City will need to prevent the other guys from having breakout nights.

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Oklahoma City forward Kevin Durant (35) and San Antonio forward Tim Duncan, right, vie for control of the ball in front of Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard (2) during the first quarter of an April 3 game in Oklahoma City.

Chrome

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Other states allow nasal strips while racing, and even some jockeys wear them.

"It's something nonmedical that can be beneficial to a workout or a race," California-based trainer Doug O'Neill said by phone. "If you think your horse could use some help with their nostrils, you do it."

Two years ago, O'Neill trained I'll Have Another to victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness with the colt wearing a nasal strip. New York officials told O'Neill that his horse couldn't wear one in the Belmont. The issue became moot when I'll Have Another was scratched the day before the race because of a leg injury.

"I can't imagine them being that ignorant that they would do that again," O'Neill said. "New York has gotten a lot better with common sense. It seems like a more rational place now."

NYRA has several new officials since 2012, including Martin Panza, the former racing secretary at now-closed Betfair Hollywood Park in California who now oversees racing operations at Belmont, Saratoga and Aqueduct.

Sherman said California Chrome came out of Saturday's Preakness in good shape, emptying his feed tub after the race.

The colt playfully nibbled on his leather shank outside the barn as his two front legs were washed off Sunday. A worker removed a poultice from each lower front leg, which had been applied under bandages as a precaution to protect the colt's tendons.

The nasal strip could prove insignificant, as did California Chrome's cough that had no impact on his Preakness run. The colt has a small blister in his throat that caused him to cough last week, triggering rumors that he wouldn't run at Pimlico.

Sherman thinks California Chrome will win the Triple Crown, something no horse has done since Affirmed in 1978.

"I have a good feeling about it. I'm really confident," he said. "They better have their running shoes on. I don't care how many fresh shooters they have. He's the real McCoy."

If California Chrome competes, the Belmont Stakes is shaping up as a possible 11-horse race, including two newcomers to the Triple Crown trail: Commissioner, sixth in the Arkansas Derby; and Tonalist, the Peter Pan Stakes winner.

Other probables include the second- through fifth-place finishers in the Kentucky Derby: Commanding Curve, Danza, Wicked Strong and Samraat. Intense Holiday, 12th in the Derby, is on the list.

Three Preakness runners could return: Ride On Curlin (second), Social Inclusion (third) and Kid Cruz (eighth).

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE AND BOX

GLANCE
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Miami 4, Brooklyn 1
Tuesday, May 6: Miami 107, Brooklyn 86
Thursday, May 8: Miami 94, Brooklyn 82
Saturday, May 10: Brooklyn 104, Miami 90
Monday, May 12: Miami 102, Brooklyn 96
Wednesday, May 14: Miami 98, Brooklyn 94
Indiana 4, Washington 2
Monday, May 5: Washington 102, Indiana 96
Wednesday, May 7: Indiana 86, Washington 82
Friday, May 9: Indiana 85, Washington 63
Sunday, May 11: Indiana 95, Washington 82
Tuesday, May 13: Washington 108, Indiana 79
Thursday, May 15: Indiana 93, Washington 80
WESTERN CONFERENCE
San Antonio 4, Portland 1
Tuesday, May 6: San Antonio 116, Portland 92
Thursday, May 8: San Antonio 114, Portland 97
Saturday, May 10: San Antonio 118, Portland 103
Monday, May 12: Portland 103, San Antonio 92
Wednesday, May 14: San Antonio 104, Portland 82
Oklahoma City 4, L.A. Clippers 2
Monday, May 5: L.A. Clippers 122, Oklahoma City 105
Wednesday, May 7: Oklahoma City 112, L.A. Clippers 101
Friday, May 9: Oklahoma City 118, L.A. Clippers 112
Sunday, May 11: L.A. Clippers 101, Oklahoma City 99
Tuesday, May 13: Oklahoma City 105, L.A. Clippers 104
Thursday, May 15: Oklahoma City 104, L.A. Clippers 98
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Indiana 1, Miami 0
Sunday: Indiana 107, Miami 96
Tuesday, May 20: Miami at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 24: Indiana at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, May 26: Indiana at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 28: Miami at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday, May 30: Indiana at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 1: Miami at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Oklahoma City vs. San Antonio
Today: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 25: San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 27: San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 29: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 31: San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7:30 p.m.
x-Monday, June 2: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOX
PACERS 107, HEAT 96
MIAMI (96): James 11-18 2-2 25, Battier 1-1 0-0 3, Bosh 4-12 1-2 9, Chalmers 2-6 1-2 6, Wade 12-18 2-3 27, R.Allen 4-8 2-2 12, Anderson 6-7 2-2 14, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Cole 0-3 0-0 0, Haslem 0-1 0-2 0, Douglas 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-78 10-15 96.
INDIANA (107): George 7-13 7-8 24, West 8-11 3-4 19, Hibbert 5-13 9-13 19, G.Hill 3-9 6-6 15, Stephenson 8-12 0-0 17, Scola 1-3 0-0 2, Butler 0-1 0-0 0, Watson 3-4 4-6 11, Mahinmi 0-1 0-0 0, L.Allen 0-0 0-0 0, Copeland 0-1 0-0 0, S.Hill 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-68 29-37 107.
Miami 24 21 25 26 — 96
Indiana 30 25 28 24 — 107
3-Point Goals—Miami 6-23 (R.Allen 2-6, Battier 1-4, Wade 1-1, Chalmers 1-4, James 1-5, Cole 0-1, Bosh 0-5); Indiana 8-19 (George 3-6, G.Hill 3-7, Watson 1-2, Stephenson 1-2, Butler 0-1, Copeland 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 39 (James 10), Indiana 46 (Hibbert 9). Assists—Miami 23 (James, Chalmers 5), Indiana 23 (Stephenson 8). Total Fouls—Miami 26, Indiana 15. Technicals—Miami defensive three second, Flagrant Fouls—Chalmers. A—18,165 (18,165).

Djokovic, Serena Williams take Italian Open titles

By Andrew Dampf
Associated Press

ROME — Novak Djokovic extended his recent dominance over Rafael Nadal by rallying for a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory Sunday to win the Italian Open for the third time — then dedicated the title to his flood-hit native Serbia.

Having also been beaten in Monte Carlo and Barcelona recently, it marked the first time in a decade that the top-ranked Nadal has lost more than two matches on clay in the same year.

In the women's final, Serena Williams kept the crowd from being a factor in a 6-3, 6-0 victory over 10th-seeded home favorite Sara Errani to win her third Rome title.

Errani was bidding to become the first Italian to win the tournament in nearly 30 years but the top-ranked Williams quickly took control in both sets and Errani appeared slowed by a left thigh problem.

Djokovic carved a heart on the clay with his racket to celebrate his title.

"This heart on the court is for you," he told the fans in Italian during the victory celebration. "It's also a special dedication to my country, which is suffering a lot right now. My heart is with them."

Authorities say 25 people have died in the Balkans because of the worst flooding in a century after three months' worth of rain fell on the region in three days this week. Tens of thousands of homes were left without electricity or drinking water.

The second-ranked Djokovic has now won four straight matches against Nadal — the previous three in straight sets — and takes the psychological edge into the French Open, which starts next weekend.

Roland Garros is the only Grand Slam that Djokovic has yet to win, with his best result a runner-up finish in 2012. Nadal has won the French Open eight times.

Djokovic's other Rome titles came in 2008 and 2011.

Midway through the final set, Djokovic earned a decisive break as Nadal made several uncharacteristic errors, and then broke again to close it out.

In the final game, Djokovic blasted a backhand cross-court return winner right by Nadal, before a backhand from the Spaniard sailed long on the second match point.

Djokovic, who sat out last week's Madrid Open due to a right wrist injury, hit 46 winners to Nadal's 15, while the unforced errors column was nearly even with Djokovic committing 30 and Nadal 27.

Djokovic's serve was also a factor. He hit six aces while Nadal had none.

Nadal was pushed to three sets in four out of his five matches here.

"It was a difficult week," the Spaniard said. "Too many hours on the court."

Earlier, Errani left the court for an injury timeout while trailing 5-3 in the opening set and came back with her thigh bandaged. On the final point before she left the court, Errani pulled up and let a shot from Williams pass by her without even attempting to get to it.

"I'm sorry. You were unbelievable all week," Errani told fans during the victory ceremony, as she brushed back tears. "I tried to do my best and stayed on the court only for you."

Williams' other Rome titles came in 2002 and last year — and she went on to win the French Open on both occasions.

"I'm also sorry for Sara today," Williams told the crowd in Italian. "She really played great all week."

A left thigh problem prompted Williams to withdraw before her quarterfinal match at the Madrid Open last week but now she appears back on track for the French.

"I'm not 100 percent but I'm just kind of going on adrenaline," Williams said.

Organizers attempted to whip up patriotic fervor by having the Italian anthem sung before the players walked out onto the court, and fans continuously chanted "Sara, Sara" to try and encourage Errani in an atmosphere that more resembled a Davis Cup or Fed Cup setting.

But Williams jumped out to a 3-0 lead and while Errani had a few chances to get back into the first set, Williams overpowered the Italian with her serve — she had seven aces to Errani's none — and overall attacking game.

Still, Errani could console herself by becoming the first Italian finalist in the tournament since Raffaella Reggi took the 1985 title in Taranto.

The last Italian man to win was Adriano Panatta back in 1976.

When former Italian player Lea Pericoli asked Errani during the trophy presentation if she was "disappointed" with her showing, the crowd responded with boos and whistles. Pericoli then acknowledged that Errani's appearance in the final was an accomplishment by itself.

It was the 60th title of Williams' career, and a large portion of those trophies have come in recent years for the 32-year-old American.

Martina Navratilova holds the record with 167 titles and Williams needs seven more to match Billie Jean King for sixth place on the all-time list.

"I'm like a fine wine, I guess — at least my tennis is," Williams said. "My game gets better with age."

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Carpenter wins Indy 500 pole for 2nd straight year

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

Tom Strattman/AP

Ed Carpenter waves after winning the pole for the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

INDIANAPOLIS — Local driver Ed Carpenter has made himself at home on the Indianapolis 500 pole.

The last of nine qualifiers to take the track, Carpenter bumped James Hinchcliffe from the top spot, posting a four-lap average of 231.067 mph to win the 500 pole for the second straight year.

"I felt that it was harder," Carpenter said. "It was just a different position because when I made my run last year, we didn't really have anything to lose. This year, being the last guy to go out, I think there was a little bit of pressure to not mess it up."

He didn't mess it up, not at all.

Carpenter's No. 20 Chevrolet was the car to beat all weekend, and the hometown favorite showed no signs of rust in his first IndyCar Series race of the season. He owns Ed Carpenter Racing and decided in November to run only on ovals, where he excels. He turned his car over to Mike Conway on road and street courses, and skipped the first four races of the season.

He knew he had the pole secured when he nailed the final two corners on the last lap.

"I could really just kind of enjoy it knowing that we were going to be on the pole for the second year," he said.

Hinchcliffe will start second after sustaining a concussion last weekend in the Grand Prix of Indianapolis. Will Power will join them on the front row.

Three-time Indy 500 champion Helio Castroneves was fourth followed by Simon Pagenaud and Marco Andretti. Carlos Munoz, Josef Newgarden and J.R. Hildebrand will be on the third row.

Carpenter, the stepson of former speedway executive Tony George, was 10th in last year's Indy 500. He is 11th driver to earn consecutive 500 poles and the first since Castroneves in 2009-10.

"It's all about the race," the 33-year-old Carpenter said. "Hopefully, we can close the deal this year."

As a single-car team last year, Carpenter was unable to get help on data and much-needed setup information. He didn't want a repeat this May, so he hired Hildebrand to drive a second car at Indy for Ed Carpenter Racing. Hildebrand nearly won the Indy 500 as a rookie in 2011, but he crashed exiting the final turn and was passed for the win by the late Dan Wheldon.

"I wish we could have got him up on the front row with us, but the shootout's tough," Carpenter said. "The conditions were hard today, but having him go first today also helped me because we were able to make an adjustment."

Hornish Jr. wins Nationwide race in Iowa

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press

NEWTON, Iowa — Sam Hornish Jr. went from nearly winning the NASCAR Nationwide Series season title to losing his ride.

Hornish reminded everyone Sunday that a lack of sponsorship funding is the only reason he's not pushing for the champion again.

Hornish Jr., who finished second in the Nationwide Series in 2013, beat pole-winner Ryan Blaney off a restart with 21 laps to go and hung on to win at Iowa Speedway.

Blaney was second, followed by Regan Smith, Chase Elliott and Elliott Sadler in the first standalone event of the season.

Hornish, piloting the No. 54 car usually driven by Kyle Busch, led 167 of 250 laps to win in second start of the year for Joe Gibbs Racing.

"I got a lot of crap from people on Twitter wanting to know why I don't have a full-time ride. But I'd rather be part-time in this car than full-time in a lot of others," Hornish said.

GOLF ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LPGA

KINGSMILL CHAMPIONSHIP: At Williamsburg, Virginia., Lizette Salas won the Kingsmill Championship for her first LPGA Tour title, finishing with even-par 71 for a four-stroke victory.

The 24-year-old former Southern California player was never really challenged in the final round on the River Course. She started the day with a three-shot lead and doubled it with birdies on the par-5 third and par-3 fifth. A bogey 5 on No. 8 was her only hiccup — and only her third bogey in four rounds — until she three-putted the par-3 17th.

She finished at 13-under 271 and earned $195,000.

Yani Tseng, seeking her first victory since 2012, got within three with three birdies in a four-hole stretch on the back nine, but she finished with two pars and a double bogey for a 69.

Tseng tied for second with Kraft Nabisco winner Lexi Thompson and Sarah Jane Smith. Thompson had a 69, and Smith shot 66 — the best round of the day.

Champions

REGIONS TRADITION: At Birmingham, Alabama., Kenny Perry won his third Champions Tour major in the past year with a one-stroke victory over Mark Calcavecchia in the Regions Tradition.

Perry closed with an even-par 72 at Shoal Creek to finish at 7-under 281, while other contenders had up-and-down days and John Cook lost the lead with a double hit.

Calcavecchia finished with a 70. Two-time winner Tom Lehman closed with a 67 to tie Jay Haas at 5 under. Haas closed with a 71. Cook's closing 72 put him three strokes back.

Perry got his sixth victory and became the second player to win in three consecutive Champions Tour major starts, joining Gary Player, who did it in 1987-88. Perry won the Senior Players Championship and U.S. Senior Open in consecutive tour starts last year, then skipped the Senior British Open.

Cook's double bogey on a double hit on No. 14 cost him the lead.

PGA European

SPANISH OPEN: At Girona, Spain, Miguel Angel Jimenez won the Spanish Open to extend his record as the oldest European Tour champion, winning with a par on the third hole of a playoff.

Jimenez won at 50 years, 133 days. He closed with a 1-over 73 to match Belgium's Thomas Pieters and Australia's Richard Green at 4-under 284. Green had a 72, and Pieters shot 75.

Also the Hong Kong Open winner in December, Jimenez has 21 European Tour titles. He finished fourth in the Masters last month and won the Greater Gwinnett Championship the following week in his Champions Tour debut.

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BMW CHARITY PRO-AM: At Greer, South Carolina, Max Homa won the BMW Charity Pro-Am for his first Web.Com Tour title, closing with an 8-under 63 at Thornblade Club for a one-stroke victory over Jonathan Randolph.

Homa, the NCAA individual medalist last year for California, finished at 20-under 266 in the three-course event and earned $117,000 to jump from 64th to ninth on the money list with $142,155.

He turned professional last year after the helping the United States win the Walker Cup.

Randolph also finished with a 63.

NELSON

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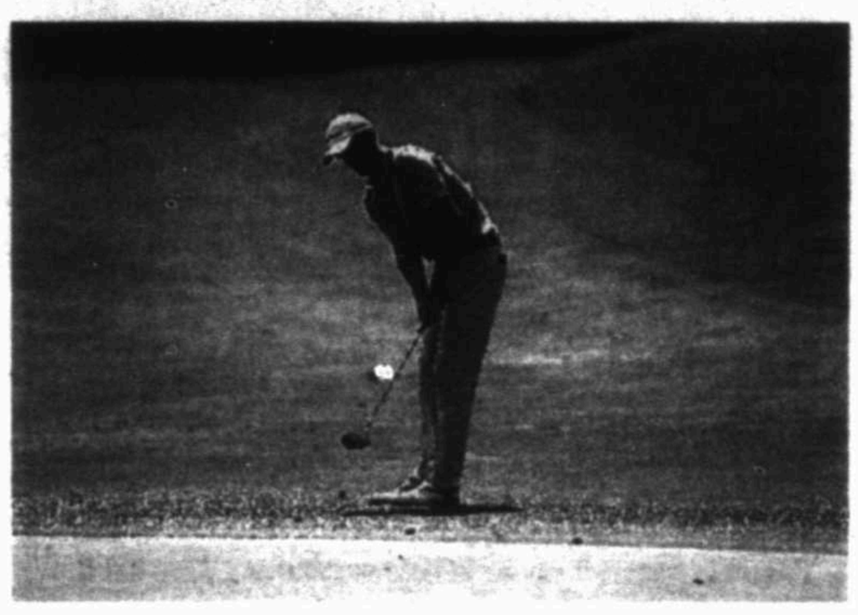

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Brendon Todd putts on the 12th green during the final round of the Byron Nelson Championship on Sunday in Irving.

195-yard second into a greenside bunker, his shot from the sand landed on the green and rolled in for a birdie. When he knocked in a 14-foot birdie putt at the 181-yard fifth, he tied Weir — who made a bogey on No. 6 — for the lead at 12 under.

Weir had his best tournament since finishing second behind Dustin Johnson at Pebble Beach in 2009. The 44-year-old Canadian left-hander hadn't had a top-25 finish since 2010, the same year he suffered a partial ligament tear in his right elbow before a stretch when he missed 17 cuts in a row — including all 14 tournaments he started in 2012.

"Best golf I played in a long time. I was happy with the way I played," Weir said. "I was definitely determined to try to win today, but I can feel good about the way I handled things out there."

Howell shot a 67 with a three-putt bogey on the final hole, while Leishman had three bogeys in a five-hole stretch on the back nine for a 68.

Weir had birdies on four of the first five holes. He was 13 under and ahead of Todd by two strokes when his tee shot at No. 5 settled 1 1/2 feet from the cup. That came after Weir blindly hit out of a fairway bunker to 3 feet at No. 4.

But Weir missed the fairway and green for a bogey at the 431-yard sixth hole. At the same time Todd, who played the last 31 holes at TPC Four Seasons without a bogey, was tapping in at the fifth.

Todd rolled in a 17-foot par-saver at No. 17, keeping a two-stroke lead going to the final hole. He needed only 99 putts in the four rounds.

"It was a dream week for me on the golf course," Todd said. "Felt like I absolutely scored my pants off. It was just a short game display. I have a great short game, and even I'll say it was special this week."

Boo Weekley (68) was 9 under to tie for fifth with James Hahn (70). Weekley is the defending champion at Colonial, about 30 miles away and the next tournament.

Louis Oosthuizen, the 2010 British Open in the final group with Todd, had already slipped four strokes back at the turn before bogeys at Nos. 10-11. The 2010 British Open champion shot 74, 10 strokes worse than Saturday, to tie for 11th at 6 under.

Martin Kaymer won The Players Championship last weekend and opened at the Nelson with consecutive 67s. But he shot 71 Saturday before a bogey-birdie-bogey start Sunday on way to a 72 and tied for 29th at 3 under.

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(Start position in parentheses)

1. (11) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 90 laps, 120.3 rating, 0 points, $1,035,734.
2. (3) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 90, 123.9, 0, $240,716.
3. (8) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 90, 88.3, 0, $140,716.
4. (6) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 90, 92.4, 0, $110,686.
5. (1) Carl Edwards, Ford, 90, 99.1, 0, $105,686.
6. (5) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 90, 85.1, 0, $99,686.
7. (9) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 90, 67.8, 0, $93,536.
8. (16) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 90, 71.6, 0, $92,536.
9. (22) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 90, 54.1, 0, $91,536.
10. (13) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 90, 73.3, 0, $90,536.
11. (18) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 90, 57.8, 0, $89,511.
12. (15) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 90, 41, 0, $88,511.
13. (20) David Ragan, Ford, 90, 36.4, 0, $87,511.
14. (7) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 90, 95.3, 0, $87,011.
15. (19) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 90, 32.4, 0, $86,411.
16. (21) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, accident, 77, 44, 0, $86,136.
17. (4) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, accident, 60, 87.1, 0, $86,011.
18. (12) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, accident, 60, 37.6, 0, $85,911.
19. (14) Greg Biffle, Ford, accident, 60, 36.4, 0, $85,811.
20. (17) A.J. Allmendinger, Chevrolet, accident, 30, 41.5, 0, $85,711.
21. (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, accident, 25, 90.6, 0, $84,973.
22. (10) Joey Logano, Ford, accident, 25, 50.7, 0, $78,181.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 100.517 mph.

Time of Race: 1 hour, 20 minutes, 35 seconds.

Margin of Victory: 0.696 seconds.

Caution Flags: 7 for 12 laps.

Lead Changes: 9 among 6 drivers.

Lap Leaders: C.Edwards 1-9; Ky.Busch 10-20; D.Hamlin 21-25; C.Edwards 26-34; K.Kahne 35-40; J.McMurray 41-46; K.Kahne 47-60; J.McMurray 61-75; K.Harvick 76-80; J.McMurray 81-90.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): J.McMurray, 3 times for 31 laps; K.Kahne, 2 times for 20 laps; C.Edwards, 2 times for 18 laps; Ky.Busch, 1 time for 11 laps; K.Harvick, 1 time for 5 laps; D.Hamlin, 1 time for 5 laps.

Wins: K.Harvick, 2; J.Logano, 2; Ku.Busch, 1; Ky.Busch, 1; D.Earnhardt Jr., 1; C.Edwards, 1; J.Gordon, 1; D.Hamlin, 1; Bra.Keselowski, 1.

Top 12 in Points: 1. J.Gordon, 394; 2. M.Kenseth, 379; 3. Ky.Busch, 373; 4. D.Earnhardt Jr., 368; 5. C.Edwards, 367; 6. J.Logano, 346; 7. J.Johnson, 340; 8. R.Newman, 332; 9. G.Biffle, 328; 10. B.Vickers, 327; 11. Bra.Keselowski, 326; 12. D.Hamlin, 318.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula

A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.

The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

IndyCar

Indianapolis 500 Lineup
After Sunday qualifying; race May 25
At Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Indianapolis
Lap length: 2.5 miles
All cars Dallara chassis

1. (20) Ed Carpenter, Chevy, 2:35.7992, 231.067 mph.
2. (27) James Hinchcliffe, Honda, 2:35.9528, 230.839.
3. (12) Will Power, Chevy, 2:36.0488, 230.697.
4. (3) Helio Castroneves, Chevy, 2:36.0812, 230.649.
5. (77) Simon Pagenaud, Honda, 2:36.1049, 230.614.
6. (25) Marco Andretti, Honda, 2:36.1526, 230.544.
7. (34) Carlos Munoz, Honda, 2:36.4224, 230.146.
8. (67) Josef Newgarden, Honda, 2:36.5946, 229.893.
9. (21) JR Hildebrand, Chevy, 2:37.3938, 228.726.
10. (2) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevy, 2:35.8396, 231.007.
11. (9) Scott Dixon, Chevy, 2:35.8930, 230.928.
12. (26) Kurt Busch, Honda, 2:35.9913, 230.782.
13. (98) Jack Hawksworth, Honda, 2:36.1779, 230.506.
14. (19) Justin Wilson, Honda, 2:36.3480, 230.256.
15. (7) Mikhail Aleshin, Honda, 2:36.4881, 230.049.
16. (10) Tony Kanaan, Chevy, 2:36.5750, 229.922.
17. (11) Sebastien Bourdais, Chevy, 2:36.6259, 229.847.
18. (16) Oriol Servia, Honda, 2:36.6905, 229.752.
19. (28) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Honda, 2:36.7132, 229.719.
20. (15) Graham Rahal, Honda, 2:36.7756, 229.628.
21. (18) Carlos Huertas, Honda, 2:37.0328, 229.251.
22. (63) Pippa Mann, Honda, 2:37.0521, 229.223.
23. (14) Takuma Sato, Honda, 2:37.0671, 229.201.
24. (68) Alex Tagliani, Honda, 2:37.1038, 229.148.
25. (6) Townsend Bell, Chevy, 2:37.1990, 229.009.
26. (83) Charlie Kimball, Chevy, 2:37.2376, 228.953.
27. (5) Jacques Villeneuve, Honda, 2:37.2400, 228.949.
28. (33) James Davison, Chevy, 2:37.2977, 228.865.
29. (41) Martin Plowman, Honda, 2:37.3333, 228.814.
30. (8) Ryan Briscoe, Chevy, 2:37.4028, 228.713.
31. (22) Sage Karam, Chevy, 2:37.5931, 228.436.
32. (17) Sebastian Saavedra, Chevy, 2:37.8335, 228.088.
33. (91) Buddy Lazier, Chevy, 2:37.9501, 227.920.

Nationwide

Get to Know Newton 250 Results
Sunday
At Iowa Speedway
Newton, Iowa
Lap length: .875 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (2) Sam Hornish Jr., Toyota, 250 laps, 148 rating, 48 points, $80,700.
2. (1) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 250, 132, 0, $64,200.
3. (4) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 250, 109.4, 41, $49,800.
4. (6) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 250, 116.3, 40, $38,475.
5. (8) Elliott Sadler, Toyota, 250, 107.9, 39, $32,975.
6. (7) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 250, 109.6, 38, $29,275.
7. (3) Michael McDowell, Toyota, 250, 109.7, 0, $27,935.
8. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 250, 93.7, 36, $26,895.
9. (16) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 250, 96.9, 35, $27,875.
10. (9) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 250, 89.4, 34, $26,150.
11. (5) Dylan Kwasniewski, Chevrolet, 250, 96.9, 33, $24,300.
12. (10) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 250, 83.9, 32, $23,750.
13. (11) Chris Buescher, Ford, 250, 87.3, 31, $23,225.
14. (12) Chase Pistone, Chevrolet, 250, 76.4, 0, $22,700.
15. (17) Austin Theriault, Chevrolet, 250, 83.8, 29, $22,825.
16. (15) Ryan Reed, Ford, 250, 73.9, 28, $22,225.
17. (18) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 250, 72.4, 27, $21,800.
18. (24) J.J. Yeley, Dodge, 250, 69.4, 26, $21,550.
19. (14) James Buescher, Toyota, 249, 74, 25, $21,325.
20. (23) Ryan Gifford, Ford, 248, 62.6, 24, $15,800.
21. (22) Dakoda Armstrong, Ford, 248, 63.6, 23, $20,975.
22. (28) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 246, 61.6, 22, $20,845.
23. (25) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 245, 56.4, 21, $20,695.
24. (32) Eric McClure, Toyota, 245, 42.1, 20, $20,545.
25. (30) Matt DiBenedetto, Chevrolet, 245, 51.1, 19, $20,570.
26. (27) Hal Martin, Toyota, 243, 42.7, 18, $20,645.
27. (29) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 242, 46.3, 17, $20,170.
28. (35) Carl Long, Dodge, brakes, 235, 41.8, 16, $20,020.
29. (20) Chad Boat, Chevrolet, transmission, 227, 57.9, 15, $13,895.
30. (21) Cale Conley, Chevrolet, 224, 47.1, 0, $14,070.
31. (19) Mike Bliss, Toyota, accident, 220, 68.2, 13, $19,615.
32. (38) Caleb Roark, Chevrolet, vibration, 175, 30.9, 0, $19,505.
33. (37) Carlos Contreras, Chevrolet, engine, 138, 34.5, 11, $13,390.
34. (36) Tim Schendel, Chevrolet, vibration, 131, 33.7, 10, $19,280.
35. (31) Tanner Berryhill, Dodge, clutch, 80, 49.3, 9, $13,167.
36. (34) Tommy Joe Martins, Ford, ignition, 63, 39.7, 8, $12,125.
37. (33) Derrike Cope, Chevrolet, brakes, 44, 32.6, 7, $12,015.
38. (40) Mike Harmon, Dodge, electrical, 8, 33, 6, $11,936.
39. (26) Jeff Green, Toyota, vibration, 3, 32.4, 5, $11,745.
40. (39) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, ignition, 3, 30.8, 4, $11,630.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 105.450 mph.

Time of Race: 2 hours, 4 minutes, 28 seconds.

Margin of Victory: 0.796 seconds.

Caution Flags: 5 for 31 laps.

Lead Changes: 9 among 3 drivers.

Lap Leaders: S.Hornish Jr. 1-45; R.Blaney 46; S.Hornish Jr. 47-89; R.Blaney 90-149; S.Hornish Jr. 150-206; R.Blaney 207-215; M.McDowell 216-218; R.Blaney 219-228; S.Hornish Jr. 229-250.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): S.Hornish Jr., 4 times for 167 laps; R.Blaney, 4 times for 80 laps; M.McDowell, 1 time for 3 laps.

Top 10 in Points: 1. C.Elliott, 379; 2. E.Sadler, 377; 3. R.Smith, 377; 4. T.Dillon, 344; 5. T.Bayne, 343; 6. B.Scott, 315; 7. B.Gaughan, 282; 8. J.Buescher, 269; 9. C.Buescher, 260; 10. L.Cassill, 258.

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GOLF SCORES

PGA

Byron Nelson Scores
Sunday
At TPC Four Seasons Resort
Irving, Texas
Purse: $6.9 million
Yardage: 7,166; Par: 70
(a-amateur)
Final

Brendon Todd (500), $1,242,000 66—266
Mike Weir (300), $745,200 67—268
Charles Howell III (163), $400,200 67—270
Marc Leishman (163), $400,200 68—270
James Hahn (105), $262,200 70—271
Boo Weekley (105), $262,200 68—271
Graham DeLaet (83), $207,863 70—272
Dustin Johnson (83), $207,863 66—272
Matt Kuchar (83), $207,863 68—272
Gary Woodland (83), $207,863 71—272
Charlie Beljan (62), $146,280 67—274
Louis Oosthuizen (62), $146,280 74—274
Charl Schwartzel (62), $146,280 67—274
John Senden (62), $146,280 66—274
Shawn Stefani (62), $146,280 67—274
Paul Casey (53), $100,050 68—275
Morgan Hoffmann (53), $100,050 73—275
John Huh (53), $100,050 71—275
Billy Hurley III (53), $100,050 68—275
Kevin Kisner (53), $100,050 66—275
Tyrone Van Aswegen (53), $100,050 68—275
Greg Chalmers (46), $64,055 73—276
Padraig Harrington (46), $64,055 74—276
Tim Herron (46), $64,055 68—276
Ryan Palmer (46), $64,055 70—276
Andres Romero (46), $64,055 70—276
Tim Wilkinson (46), $64,055 68—276
a-Scottie Scheffler, $0 68—276
Brendon de Jonge (39), $43,944 69—277
Brice Garnett (39), $43,944 70—277
Brian Harman (39), $43,944 65—277
Charlie Wi (39), $43,944 71—277
Aaron Baddeley (39), $43,944 72—277
Keegan Bradley (39), $43,944 71—277
Robert Garrigus (39), $43,944 71—277
Martin Kaymer (39), $43,944 72—277
Robert Allenby (31), $30,403 67—278
Ben Crane (31), $30,403 67—278
Peter Hanson (31), $30,403 71—278
Jordan Spieth (31), $30,403 68—278
Scott Gardiner (31), $30,403 72—278
Retief Goosen (31), $30,403 72—278
Vijay Singh (31), $30,403 73—278
Jimmy Walker (31), $30,403 71—278
Carl Pettersson (25), $22,770 72—279
Michael Putnam (25), $22,770 68—279
Rory Sabbatini (25), $22,770 70—279
Kris Blanks (19), $17,327 71—280
Chad Campbell (19), $17,327 69—280
Jason Dufner (19), $17,327 71—280
Bryce Molder (19), $17,327 68—280
Sean O'Hair (19), $17,327 68—280
David Toms (19), $17,327 69—280
Jason Allred, $17,327 72—280
Ricky Barnes (19), $17,327 72—280
Lee Williams (19), $17,327 74—280
Ken Duke (14), $15,663 70—281
Brian Gay (14), $15,663 71—281
Angel Cabrera (10), $15,180 74—282
Brian Davis (10), $15,180 71—282
Martin Flores (10), $15,180 72—282
Brad Fritsch (10), $15,180 70—282
J.J. Henry (10), $15,180 73—282
James Driscoll (6), $14,559 76—283
Jamie Lovemark (6), $14,559 72—283
Rod Pampling (6), $14,559 72—283
Chris Thompson, $14,559 73—283
Jim Renner (3), $14,145 73—284
Josh Teater (3), $14,145 76—284
Luke Guthrie (1), $13,938 73—285
Patrick Cantlay (1), $13,731 76—286
Alex Prugh (1), $13,731 76—286
Jim Herman (1), $13,524 76—288
Steve Marino (1), $13,386 79—289

Made cut; did not finish

Daniel Chopra (1), $13,110 70-68-75—213
Kevin Foley (1), $13,110 70-71-72—213
Ryo Ishikawa (1), $13,110 73-68-72—213
Alex Cejka (1), $12,696 67-70-77—214
Jhonattan Vegas (1), $12,696 70-71-73—214
Will Wilcox (1), $12,696 72-68-74—214
Mark Anderson (1), $12,282 73-68-74—215
Eric Axley (1), $12,282 68-73-74—215
Johnson Wagner (1), $12,282 73-68-74—215
Kyle Stanley (1), $12,006 74-66-76—216

Champions

Regions Tradition Scores
Sunday
At Shoal Creek
Shoal Creek, Ala.
Purse: $2.2 million
Yardage: 7,231; Par: 72
Final

Kenny Perry (660), $330,000 72—281
Mark Calcavecchia (388), $193,600 70—282
Jay Haas (262), $131,267 71—283
Tom Lehman (262), $131,267 67—283
Olin Browne (262), $131,267 71—283
John Cook (158), $79,200 72—284
Rocco Mediate (158), $79,200 70—284
Tom Watson (158), $79,200 67—284
Michael Allen (98), $49,343 69—285
Marco Dawson (98), $49,343 70—285
Joe Durant (98), $49,343 69—285
Bernhard Langer (98), $49,343 71—285
Jeff Sluman (98), $49,343 71—285
Steve Elkington (98), $49,343 73—285
John Inman (98), $49,343 75—285
Fred Funk (0), $33,044 70—286
Jeff Hart (0), $33,044 70—286
Colin Montgomerie (0), $33,044 73—286
Corey Pavin (0), $33,044 71—286
Tom Pernice Jr. (0), $33,044 74—286
Jeff Maggert (0), $27,060 75—287
Chien Soon Lu (0), $25,520 72—288
Roger Chapman (0), $23,650 68—289
Steve Pate (0), $23,650 71—289
David Frost (0), $20,064 76—290
Mike Goodes (0), $20,064 75—290
Gene Sauers (0), $20,064 70—290
Wes Short, Jr. (0), $20,064 74—290
Willie Wood (0), $20,064 72—290
Peter Senior (0), $17,380 67—291
Mike Reid (0), $15,510 71—292
Loren Roberts (0), $15,510 71—292
Rod Spittle (0), $15,510 73—292
Esteban Toledo (0), $15,510 72—292
Doug Garwood (0), $13,200 68—293
Sandy Lyle (0), $13,200 69—293
Mark O'Meara (0), $13,200 75—293
Tommy Armour III (0), $11,880 71—294
Bobby Clampett (0), $11,880 72—294
Mark Brooks (0), $10,780 71—295
Bill Glasson (0), $10,780 76—295
John Riegger (0), $10,780 74—295
Tom Byrum (0), $9,460 74—296
Gil Morgan (0), $9,460 75—296
Ian Woosnam (0), $9,460 74—296
Peter Jacobsen (0), $7,260 69—297
Mark McNulty (0), $7,260 79—297
Larry Mize (0), $7,260 72—297
Jerry Pate (0), $7,260 70—297
Nick Price (0), $7,260 79—297
Scott Simpson (0), $7,260 76—297
Duffy Waldorf (0), $7,260 74—297
Brian Henninger (0), $5,060 71—298
Tom Purtzer (0), $5,060 74—298
Jim Rutledge (0), $5,060 73—298
Joey Sindelar (0), $5,060 71—298
Hal Sutton (0), $5,060 76—298
Mark Wiebe (0), $4,400 77—299
Scott Dunlap (0), $3,740 76—300
Dan Forsman (0), $3,740 75—300
Gary Hallberg (0), $3,740 72—300
Tom Kite (0), $3,740 76—300
Lee Rinker (0), $3,740 77—300
Brad Faxon (0), $2,860 75—301
Bruce Fleisher (0), $2,860 77—301
Bob Gilder (0), $2,860 77—301
Joe Daley (0), $2,156 74—302
Morris Hatalsky (0), $2,156 75—302
Larry Nelson (0), $2,156 71—302
Bob Tway (0), $2,156 73—302
Wayne Levi (0), $1,804 81—303
Rick Fehr (0), $1,606 77—305
Hale Irwin (0), $1,606 75—305
Steve Lowery (0), $1,408 81—306
Jim Thorpe (0), $1,408 75—306
Anders Forsbrand (0), $1,276 73—307
Bobby Wadkins (0), $1,188 83—309
Jim Gallagher Jr. (0), $1,100 82—310

LPGA

Kingsmill Championship Scores
Sunday
At Kingsmill Resort, River Course
Williamsburg, Virginia
Purse: 1.3 million
Yardage: 6,347; Par: 71
Final

Lizette Salas, $195,000 71—271
Sarah Jane Smith, $90,642 66—275
Lexi Thompson, $90,642 69—275
Yani Tseng, $90,642 69—275
So Yeon Ryu, $48,832 69—276
Lydia Ko, $48,832 71—276
Thidapa Suwannapura, $36,786 69—277
Mina Harigae, $27,997 68—278
Sandra Gal, $27,997 69—278
Azahara Munoz, $27,997 70—278
Pornanong Phatlum, $27,997 72—278
Mi Hyang Lee, $19,641 66—279
Jennifer Johnson, $19,641 67—279
Suzann Pettersen, $19,641 69—279
Brittany Lang, $19,641 70—279
Alejandra Llaneza, $19,641 71—279
Stacy Lewis, $19,641 74—279
Chie Arimura, $15,001 67—280
Joanna Klatten, $15,001 69—280
Charley Hull, $15,001 70—280
Austin Ernst, $15,001 73—280
Katherine Kirk, $15,001 75—280
Sarah Kemp, $12,219 68—281
Gerina Piller, $12,219 69—281
Paz Echeverria, $12,219 70—281
Anna Nordqvist, $12,219 70—281
Mariajo Uribe, $12,219 70—281
Ilhee Lee, $12,219 71—281
Jane Park, $9,270 67—282
Danielle Kang, $9,270 71—282
Angela Stanford, $9,270 71—282
Cristie Kerr, $9,270 72—282
Jenny Shin, $9,270 72—282
Christina Kim, $9,270 73—282
Jennifer Rosales, $9,270 73—282
Hee Young Park, $9,270 79—282
Jessica Korda, $7,211 69—283
Jane Rah, $7,211 71—283
Kris Tamulis, $7,211 72—283
Carlota Ciganda, $7,211 73—283
Anya Alvarez, $6,120 68—284
Chella Choi, $6,120 70—284
Giulia Molinaro, $6,120 70—284
Stacey Keating, $6,120 71—284
Brittany Lincicome, $5,143 71—285
Dori Carter, $5,143 72—285
Katie Futcher, $5,143 73—285
Candie Kung, $5,143 73—285
Eun-Hee Ji, $5,143 75—285
Mo Martin, $4,297 71—286
Alison Walshe, $4,297 72—286
Pat Hurst, $4,297 73—286
Lisa McCloskey, $4,297 73—286
Ai Miyazato, $4,297 74—286
Karrie Webb, $3,906 75—287
Sydnee Michaels, $3,581 69—288
Kathleen Ekey, $3,581 73—288
Lee-Anne Pace, $3,581 73—288
Becky Morgan, $3,581 74—288
Louise Friberg, $3,223 72—289
Alena Sharp, $3,223 75—289
Lorie Kane, $3,027 74—290
Jimin Kang, $3,027 74—290
Morgan Pressel, $3,027 74—290
Ryann O'Toole, $3,027 76—290
Nicole Jeray, $2,832 75—291
Sandra Changkija, $2,832 76—291
Kristy McPherson, $2,702 73—292
Amy Yang, $2,702 74—292
Lindsey Wright, $2,572 74—293
Silvia Cavalleri, $2,572 76—293
Seon Hwa Lee, $2,572 78—293
Perrine Delacour, $2,506 76—294
Maude-Aimee Leblanc, $2,474 76—295
Belen Mozo, $2,444 78—296
Cindy LaCrosse, $2,413 81—309

TODAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny	THURSDAY: Partly sunny	FRIDAY: Partly sunny	SATURDAY: Partly sunny
High: 99 Low: 69	High: 94 Low: 67	High: 90 Low: 68	High: 88 Low: 68	High: 88 Low: 68	High: 85 Low: 67

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 99 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 66 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

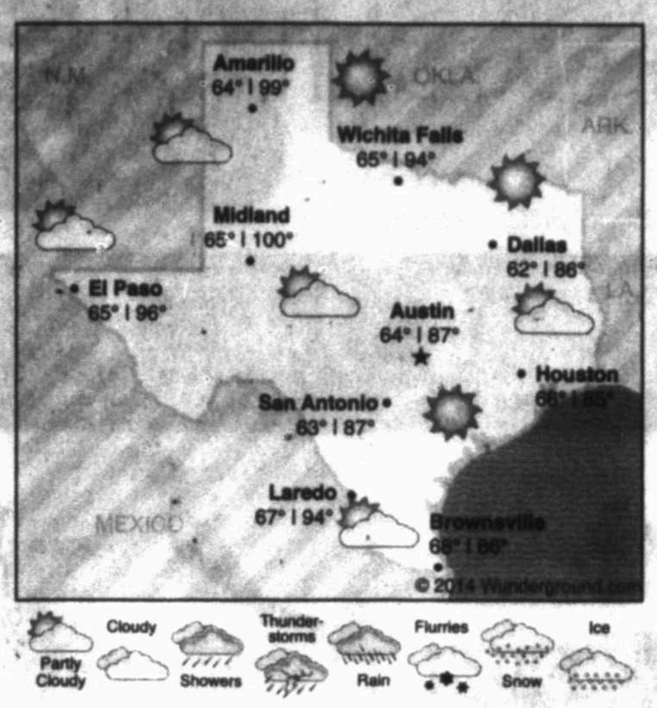
Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 94 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 67 and south winds around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 90 and a low around 68. There is a 20 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m.

The high on Sunday reached 91, while the low dropped to 61. The record high for May 18 is 105 set in 2003. The record low is 45 set in 1969 and 1986.

National forecast

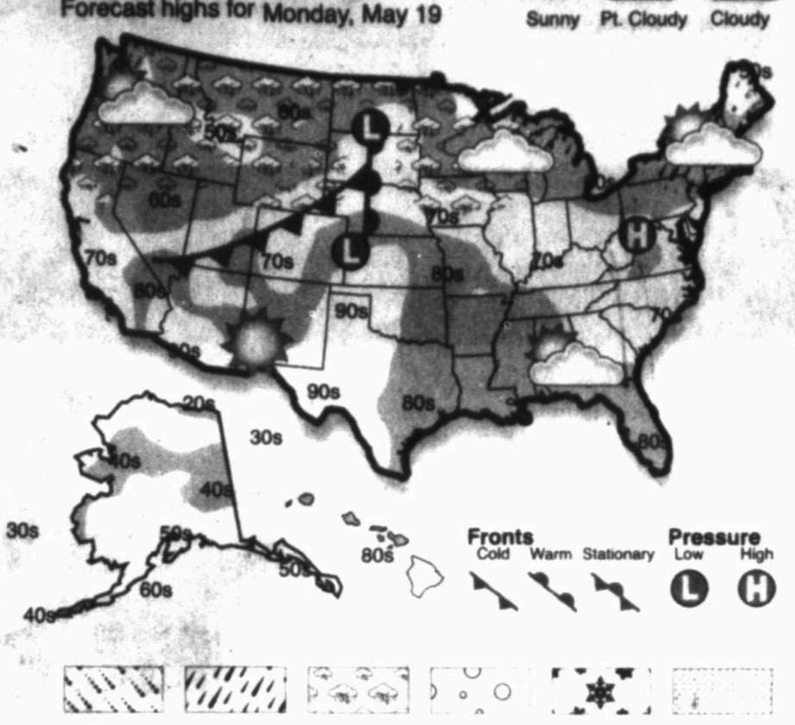
A storm system spinning offshore will cause spotty showers to once again dampen parts of the Northeast today.



Precipitation		Sunday's temperatures	
Saturday	0.00 in.	High	91
Sunday	0.00 in.	Low	61
Month total	0.42 in.	Normal high	88
Year total	1.32 in.	Normal low	60
Normal total (year to date)	3.34 in.	Sunrise	6:49 a.m.
		Sunset	8:42 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, May 19



Husband thinks less is more when wife budgets for clothes

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DEAR ABBY: I have been working hard to advance in my health care career so I can give my family a decent life. I have worked my way up from poverty, paying my own way, earning my degree through the military and sheer determination.

I have reached a point where I would like to enjoy life a little more, but my husband thinks I am being "materialistic." We fight often over my wardrobe spending.

I believe the clothes I wear, mostly nice skirt suits and heels, are part of my job and image. I believe it has helped me to get ahead. I don't buy overly expensive items, but they aren't cheap. I wear the things I buy for years and have a $200-a-month budget for what I may need, even though I don't always spend it.

I think I have earned the right to shop a little, which will ultimately lead to bigger and better things for my family, so why does my husband make me feel so guilty? — CLOTHES MAKE THE WOMAN

DEAR C.M.T.W.: Not knowing your husband, it's difficult to say, but I'll throw out a few ideas. Could he be insecure or intimidated by your professional image? Could he be jealous on some level? In what kind of environment was he raised? Was his mother's "uniform" a housedress?

If you are earning good money and your family is being provided for, then you are certainly entitled to spend some of it on yourself. And you shouldn't have to apologize for it.

DEAR ABBY: I am getting married in October, and my fiance, "Brad," and I are having trouble seeing eye-to-eye on the name change issue.

Brad's family is originally from the North, and my family is from the South. He and his family are convinced that I should drop my maiden name, keep my middle name, and take his name as my new last name.

However, the women in MY family have always kept our maiden names, added their new husband's last name to theirs and dropped their middle names.

This is about the only thing Brad and I can't seem to agree on. What can I do when my mother says one thing and my sweetie says another? With your years of experience, I hope you can steer me in the right direction. — BRAD'S BRIDE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR BRIDE: It's YOUR name. So do what you are most comfortable doing, because it's the name you will have to carry 'til the day you die (or divorce).

DEAR ABBY: I am under a lot of stress, but the woman I am with doesn't know it. I am 17, and I have been sleeping with my 38-year-old aunty. She's married and has three children. She's my mum's sister. We've slept together seven times and we can't stop doing it. I think I'm in love with her.

I know this is wrong. I need advice. Please help. — LOVE-SICK TEEN IN THE U.K.

DEAR LOVESICK: Being "in love" shouldn't cause stress; it should relieve it. You know what you are doing is wrong, and YOU must be the adult and end this relationship. If you don't, it will bring heartache and turmoil to you and the rest of the family. By having an adulterous and incestuous affair with you — her nephew and a minor — your aunt is behaving like a sexual predator.

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 Monday, May 19, 2014:

This year you will be more in touch with your feelings. You will be an effective communicator, and you'll also be more expressive when you feel upset or angry. If you are single, potential suitors might notice how you switch back and forth between being conservative and being quirky. You need to relate to someone who is not judgmental. Come summertime, you could meet Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you are more likely to take up a new hobby together. Your mutual interest will help you both open up more. AQUARIUS can be as stubborn as you are, but your views are very different.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your calmness will transform quickly into strong action. A partner seems to be a bit difficult at the moment. You might be unusually irritable in the evening as well. Know that this, too, will pass. Tonight: Be careful, as you could be accident-prone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Take a leap of faith, and be willing to take risks in order to get past a situation. You could be sorry that you decided to act a certain way with an associate or a loved one. Put in the extra effort that could help this person to relax and ease up. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might be more interested in what someone else has to say about what seems like a never-ending, difficult work or personal situation. Your creativity is likely to emerge when dealing with someone at a distance. Tonight: Aren't we feeling frisky?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Zero in on what is important. Your creativity could be stunted by someone else's gesture and/or idea. Help this person add the flourishing touches on his or her concept. You might be driven by your need to get things accomplished. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ What you are thinking is more logical than you might realize. Be willing to take a stand. You might want to start interacting with a friend who demonstrates a similar interest. A discussion will become very lively, except around a family member. Tonight: Return calls.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Expenses could go overboard at the drop of a hat. You might regret letting your impulsiveness take the lead. A partner or friend understands much more than you think he or she does. You might not be communicating as well as you think you are. Tonight: Pace yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You are full of energy and dynamic ideas. Deal with one person at a time. A partner finally might be a lot more easygoing than he or she has been in a while. Be careful — a disagreement still could arise. Resist being combative; instead, go for a brief walk. Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Know when to back down in order to get the best possible results from a situation. The less said, the better off you'll be. You could feel awkward with others, and perhaps also with an associate. Try not to let your frustration get the best of you. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Don't stand on ceremony, just pick up the phone and start a conversation. You might be delighted by how happy the other party is to hear from you. Several people might challenge you in a meeting, but make it your pleasure to be responsive. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might want to indulge a boss. Your high energy and distinctive ideas will come out, no matter who runs into you. You'll want to be aware of the costs of your actions. Someone could become angrier than he or she has been in a while. Tonight: Off to the gym.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You tend to flourish, no matter what you're doing. Do research, or call someone you consider an expert. Get as much feedback as possible. Push to get a better grasp of a situation, and know that you will make the right decision. Tonight: Happiest among crowds.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You might need to be more detached and not personalize a situation so much. Read between the lines when you speak with a friend. You could be waffling about what you are seeing. Don't allow others to add fuel to any fires that might be smoldering. Tonight: Togetherness works.

BORN TODAY

Musician Pete Townsend (1945), human-rights activist Malcolm X (1925), philanthropist John Hopkins (1795)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Void ♡ A K 9 6 4 ◇ Q J 7 ♣ A J 5 4 2
The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	Pass	2♠	?

What call would you make?
A — It is dangerous to bid, vulnerable at the three-level, but it is also dangerous to pass. Bid three hearts, with as much confidence as you can muster.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A Q 9 8 7 5 2 ♡ K ◇ A J 4 ♣ Q 7
The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass

What call would you make?
A — It's tempting to bid four spades, but honors in short suits are not as valuable as honors in long suits. Their value depends on what they complement in partner's hand. Bid three spades.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 10 8 ♡ A ◇ A K J 10 9 7 6 ♣ 7 5
The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Dbl	1♡	2♣

What call would you make?
A — The opponents are being most annoying. Try to shut them out with a power re-bid. Jump to three diamonds.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 3 ♡ Q 10 3 ◇ A 10 5 2 ♣ A K Q 5 3
The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	?	

What call would you make?
A — Slam prospects are waning, but they are not dead yet. Should partner show a fifth heart or belated club support, slam may still be there. Give him a chance to show one of those holdings — bid three diamonds.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Omega's opposite
6 Hundred Acre Wood bear
10 "And another thing ..."
14 Fable conclusion
15 With 16-Across, money to buy a car
16 See 15-Across
17 Oust
18 Glasgow native
19 Checkers or chess, e.g.
20 Local area
23 Rapper Dr. __
24 B'way full-house sign
25 One of the back forty
26 Hangover cure, so they say
31 Mail dely. compartment
34 Vegetable oil-based spread
35 Fed. property overseer
36 Vogue shelfmate
37 Madagascar tree dweller
39 Fourth of __
40 Greek "T"
41 Junky car
42 Tippy boat
43 Way things are legally viewed
47 Shoulder muscle, for short
48 Small songbird
49 Sheep sound
52 Valedictorian
56 Poli-sci subj.
57 Eight, on a sundial
58 Hard thing to break
59 Tony Award relative
60 Util. supply
61 Throw off one's trail
62 Type option for emphasis
63 Cincinnati team
64 Less likely to be a bargain on eBay

DOWN

1 Change, as a constitution
2 Romantic partner
3 Five dollars a pound, e.g.
4 Access illegally, as a database
5 Jazz combo instrument
6 Church leader
7 "That hurt!"
8 Native Nebraskan
9 Serious trouble
10 '90s veep
11 Weapon with ammo
12 __ Club: Costco rival
13 Number of gods in a monotheistic faith
21 "Thank God" day: Abbr.
22 Cuatro times dos
26 Clod chopper
27 Get-up-and-go
28 Ailment with a "season"
29 Norwegian capital
30 "What's Going On" singer Marvin
31 Sampras of tennis
32 Moisturizer brand
33 Duke University athlete
37 Like doggy bag contents
38 Have a bite
39 Knockout punch target
41 Place for cargo
42 Buster Posey's position
44 On a chair
45 Moral standards
46 Stretch the truth
49 Kiddie lit elephant
50 Comment meant only for the audience
51 Daisylike flower
52 Vagrant
53 Use an emery board on
54 Even, as a score
55 Etna output
56 Lump

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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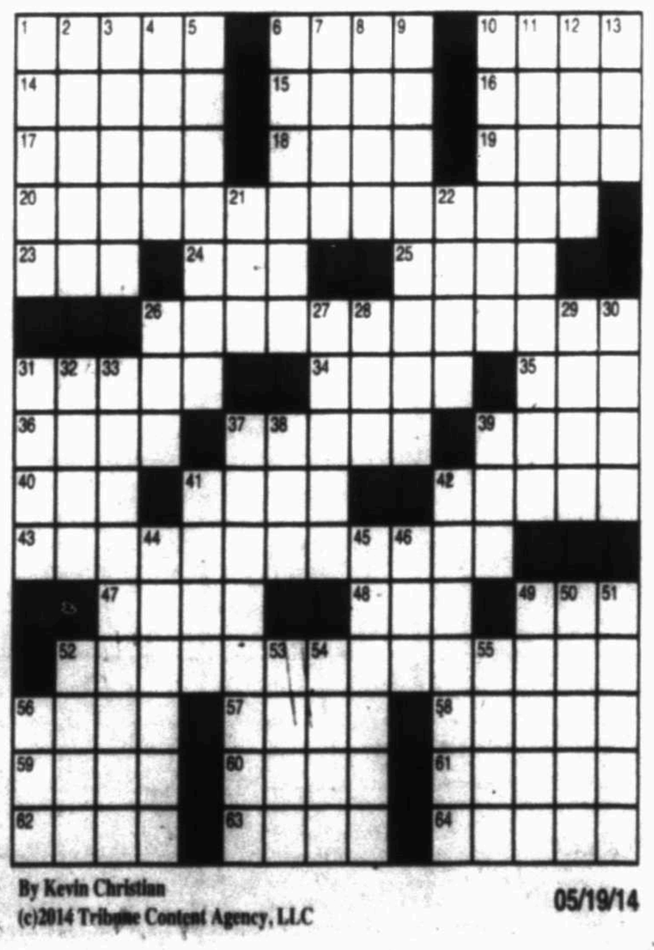

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FOR SALE by owner in STANTON - 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2469 sq ft custom home on 2 lots. Built in 2012. 1001 N St Mary. $299,999. Call 432-634-9281

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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Billing/Accounting Clerk

Full Time Billing and Accounting for a local transportation office. Must have good oral/written communications skills, dependable, organized and office etiquette. Computer skills a must: MS Excel, MS Word, A/P and A/R in Quickbooks. Competitive Salary. Email resume to midessatransportation@aol.com

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Accounting Clerk

Oil company is currently seeking a full-time experienced Accounting Clerk. Duties include , invoicing, handling hourly timesheets, managing expense reports, and other general office duties. Must have 3+ years of job related experience preferably in oil industry. Strong computer skills required including Excel, Word, and Outlook. Must be able to work independently and in a fast paced environment. All resumes should be submitted via email to agaudet@proosllc.com.

Secretarial Assistant

Needed energetic, Secretarial Assistant for fast paced office. Send resume to: PO Box 923, Midland, Tx 79702.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Caregiver

Animal Krackers **FT/PT**

Patient and driven employees needed to care for children. Flexible hours and good pay. Part-time or Full-time, experience preferred. Needs to be available from 8:00 am-5:30 pm. Please call Amee Janna at **432-687-4000**.

CHILD CARE WORKER

Mrs. Irene's Child Care **FT/PT**

Need Full and Part-time Child Care Workers.
Will train. Starting wages $10-$11/ hour.
Paid holidays and vacation. Call 432-520-8888.

Teachers

First Presbyterian Child Development Center seeks part time Teachers for the 2014-2015 school year starting in September Call 432-683-0851.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

D & L Well Service, Inc.

Now hiring for the following position:

PULLING UNIT OPERATOR
Wanted in Fort Stockton
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- Completion experience
- Well Maintenance Experience

Good Pay - Guaranteed Salary

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Help Wanted

Need **experienced Equipment Operator** with CDL for Oilfield Construction for a Big Spring family owned oil company. Competitive pay & benefits. Send resume to **PO Box 1870, Big Spring, Tx 79721** or call **432-813-7376**.

Multiple Positions

Nolan H. Brunson/SLS is looking for experienced **Pushers, Drivers, Swampers,** and **Office Manager** for its Midland yard. We offer top competitive wages, health/vision/dental insurance, 401 K plan, paid holidays and vacations. Please apply in person **@ 2306 N. FM 1788**.

Oilfield Supply Store Branch Manager Position

HSC, a growing oilfield supply and service company with more than 20 locations nationwide, is looking for an energetic, professional leader to manage our Odessa, Texas Supply Store. The focus of this position is to improve the performance of this facility and to ensure customer satisfaction. Achieving these objectives requires managing the following areas: branch operations, business development and sales, human resources, inventory, purchasing, customer care, logistics, and administration.

Experience:
- Minimum 5 years customer focused retail/distribution operations experience and 3 years in a management capacity
- Knowledge of oil and gas industry workover and drilling rigs a definite plus
- Computer aptitude and proficiency in Microsoft Office, with Activant P-21 experience a plus
- Ability to multi-task in a fast paced environment

Great opportunity with a competitive compensation and benefits package awaits the right candidate! Please email resume to **rmeans@howard-supply.com** or fax to **(432) 362-3118**. See our web site at www.howard-supply.com for more information about our great company.

PUMPER / GAUGER / OPERATOR

ISLAND OPERATING COMPANY is seeking a **gauger/operator** to operate oil and gas wells and facilities in Midland, Texas area. Only experienced production operators need apply. 10/4 rotation with callouts sometimes required. Candidates must also have a clean driving record. **Island** is an equal opportunity employer, we offer great benefits and pay. All interested parties should contact Recruiting Dept. **337-233-9594** for more information on this position.

HEALTHCARE

Caregiver

Caregiver needed ASAP, weekend shifts, 7am- 7pm. Honest & reliable. Only serious inquires. Call 432-466-5055 or 432-213-2470.

Dental Office - Dental Assistant

Elite restorative and cosmetic practice seeks skilled dental chairside assistant for full or part time employment. Experience is required. Must demonstrate knowledge of computer charting and digital x-rays. Non smoker preferred. Great pay, benefits and a 4 1/2 hour work week. Send resume to M-5 c/o Midland Reporter telegram, 201 E Illinois, Midland, Tx. 79701

MIDLAND SURGICAL ASSOCIATES, P.A.

is seeking **experienced** candidates for the following positions to complement our team. All candidates must be able to work independently and possess excellent communication and patient skills.

Part Time/PRN RN's and LVN's

Medical Records Clerk

Billing and Collections Specialist

Benefit package includes PTO, Health, Life and AFLAC insurance coverages, and 401-K
Office Hours M-F 8:30-5:30
Send resume to: 432-697-7089 or call 432-697-1061 for more information.

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Assistant District Manager

The Plainview Herald has an immediate opening for an Assistant District Manager – this is an entry –level part-time position, competitive compensation/benefits package – flexible work schedule, must be available to work at night and /or weekends during our production/delivery window.

This position will include the distribution and delivery of Home Delivery and Single Copy newspapers. The successful candidate may also receive work assignments within many areas of the distribution function, which may include route delivery, transportation, customer service, and redelivery operations. This position works part of the time in an office or distribution center environment and the majority of the time within the assigned newspaper district area.

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HEALTHCARE

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- **Staff Nurses (RN/LVN**

For more information Call: Tynisa: 432-686-7449 Claudia: 432-686-7535.

Personal Care Attendants

Seeking caring and dependable people to work in the homes of elderly and disabled clients. Will assist with preparing meals, shopping, personal care, errands, light housekeeping and other assigned duties. We offer flexible day, evening, and weekend shifts. Must be at least 18 years of age with a clean criminal background. MUST have reliable transportation. No certifications or prior experience required. **CNAs needed in Midland. 40 hours in one home-** .Fax resume to referencing Ad # 14641 to (432) 332-1640. For an application, call: (432) 332-4025. Apply online at: www.girling.com. Or apply in person at: 619 North Grant, Ste. 110, Odessa, Texas 79791. E.O.E M/F/D/V

GIRLING HEALTH CARE

ReceptionistAssistant

Thomas Campagna, DMD **FT**

We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, **Dental Receptionist** full time position, to join our team, at Midland's premier dental practice. Bi Lingual required. Please email: **info@smilemidland.com**.
fax: **(432) 520-0720** or bring resume to: **3722 N. Loop 250, Midland, TX**

RN/DON/Alternate Administrator

Martin County Home Health is proud to announce the addition of Martin County Hospice! RN/DON/Alternate Administrator needed for our Martin County Home Health. MCHH&H is looking for new RN Case Manager and Marketer! Monday through Friday 8:30 to 5:00 with some call. Excellent benefits with competitive pay and mileage. Needed a Part-Time Chaplin and Social Worker. Send resume to: Paula Dority at pdority@martinch.org or fax resume to 432-607-3265. Volunteers are needed too!

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE

Villa Chateau Apartments Full time Maintenance needed. Must have own tools. Drug screen/Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

SCSS

NOW HIRING!!

Security officers: $11.50 to $13.00 an hour
Security Supervisor: $13.50 to $15.00 an hour
Janitorial staff: $9.50 to $11.00 an hour

Contact Colton Walsh at 903-603-0743 or coltonwalsh776@yahoo.com

OTHER JOBS

BE A PART OF OUR TEAM-INVENTORY TAKERS

If you are looking for a new challenge, we want you to join our TEAM of **Inventory Takers**. $9/hr, no experience neccessary, paid training, 10-key exp. a plus, and year-round PT employment. You must have access to reliable transporation and communication. Be available to work anytime, nights and weekends or days. If you are ready to take on the challenge, apply today! **RGISINV.COM** Job **#357. RGIS** EOE

CHILD CARE PROVIDER

Now hiring Child Care Provider. 3220 W. Illinois, Midland.

Cleaning Positions

Part time cleaning positions available in the evenings, work 3 to 4 hours nightly. Apply in person at **2311 Elizabeth Avenue**.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REP

Now that I have your attention, are you tired of where you're at? Call Mr. Stone at **432-332-8920** for an interview!

Direct Care Staff

Job Description
We are seeking energetic; youth oriented persons for part time/full time employment as a direct care staff working directly with children who have been removed from their families due to abuse or neglect. Children range in age from 0-17. This person should be at least 21 years of age, degreed and non-degreeded people are applicable. Competitive pay.
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Please contact Kaecye Bedell by email only at kaecyeb@highsky.org.

Drywall & Acoustical Journeymen & Laborers

Need experienced Drywall and Acoustical Journeymen and Laborers. Competitive wages paid. Must be able to pass background check and drug test. Call 432-683-1618 to schedule an appointment.

Inside Sales Person & Door Shop Assembler

Inside sales person with building material experience, also **person for door shop assembly**. Must have experience with power tools and nail guns. Need person for work in lumber yard with valid drivers license. Able to drive standard shift. Call **432-683-4761** or stop by **1701 West Industrial**.

Resident Monitor & Cooks - Full Time, Part Time, & Relief

Dismas Charities is hiring for full-time, part-time & relief staff for the positions of **Resident Monitor & Cooks** (part-time, up to 25hrs/wk $9.64/hr + $3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at: **24 W. Industrial Loop.**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Seeking full time position with an insurance agency in Midland, TX. Must have experience in commercial property and casualty insurance. License preferred but not required. 432.683.4619

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Call the Classified Dept. 682-6222 to place ad

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Marketing Assistant

Computer skills required for creating brochures, photos of properties, good communications skills, professional appearance. Self motivation is critical. Smoke free environment. Please send resume & contact information to P-116 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701

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Kitchen Staff/Bussers

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Inside Sales/Delivery Driver

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Sales Positions & Service Writer

WE ARE GROWING:Roberts Truck Center, International Dealers on I-20 at airport exit, is currently hiring for the following positions: Outside Parts Sales Route, Parts Counter Sales, Parts Delivery Driver and Service Writer. Please apply at: 10101 W. I-20, Midland, Tx. Roberts Truck Center, LLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Warehouse/Local Delivery Driver

BenMark Supply Co. is looking to hire full time **warehouse/local delivery driver** positions in our Midland and Odessa stores. Industrial, Waterworks, Oilfield, and Irrigation. We offer health insurance, 401K, and paid vacation. Fax resumes to **432-682-4110** or email to jodisprinkle@benmarksupply.com

SKILLED LABOR

CDL Drivers

Trinity Pallets **FT**

Wanted CDL Drivers for local and short hauls. Home everyday. Family oriented business. Drug test and references checked. Trinity Pallets. Call Steve 432-349-5822

Full Time Maintenance

Must have knowledge of heavy machinery, forklifts, 18 wheeler trucks, air compressors, welding and some electrical background. If interested please call Amos at 806-518-8218 or Finus at 806-773-2520 for more information.

Heavy Equipment Diesel Mechanic

Big D Construction **FT**
4501 E. Hwy 80 **Apply in Person**
Midland, TX **w/ Rhett Vestal**

Must have own tools. Good driving record & Drug screen required.

Licensed Commercial Plumber

TMI Mechanical currently hiring **Licensed Commercial Plumbers** for local jobsites. We offer top pay (**up to $28/hr DOE and we will pay additional for medical gas endorsements**). Paid medical, paid vacations and holidays. Must have good driving record. **Please call 432-686-0002** for interview

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Mechanic Needed in Midland. Transport tank trailer experience required. Also, good driving record and valid drivers license. Pay DOE. Phone 970-216-0360

PRESSMAN

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
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c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com

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CMC Business Systems, Inc., a Canon copier dealership, is seeking an entry level service technician. Candidate must have basic electrical and mechanical troubleshooting skills, basic computer knowledge and good customer service skills. Willing to train right candidate. Fax resume to Business Manager at (432) 563-9397 or email to rbaker@cmcbsi.com

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Natural Gas Service Group **FT**

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Driver

Horizon Transportation **FT**

Now hiring Class A CDL Drivers, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Please call 432-699-4468

DRIVERS AND SPOOLERS

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Class A CDL Truck Drivers
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Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Stallion Oilfield Services is hiring Class A CDL Truck Drivers and Service Techs. For the Hobbs, NM location. Must possess a valid driver's licenee, clean driving record and background. Stallion offers excellent training, competitive wages and full benefits. To apply call (432) 687-4455 or go to www.stallionoilfield.com.

DRIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
Regional Ice Manufacturer Seeking FULL-TIME Route Delivery Drivers for the Midland, TX. area. Home Every Night. Class A or B CDL Required. Pre-Employment Drug Screen and Clean Driving Record a Must. Able to lift minimum a of 50 lbs. Pays an excellent hourly wage and commission. Full Benefits Package Available. Call 1-800-321-5058 or apply online at arcticglacier.com

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Hot Shot Drivers wanted in the Midland area. Class A CDL, and drug screen required. Call 800-572-6338 or apply at Texas Work Force Commission for more information.

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Hydrostatic Test Unit Operators
Permian Hydrotest, LLC. Now hiring experienced Hydrostatic Test Unit Operators. Must have high pressure pumping experience and be able to pass DOT, MVR and drug test. Tubing testing and/or pump truck experience a plus. Must be able to effectively communicate in English. You will earn top wages and performance/safety bonuses. Benefits include: paid health insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays and furnished uniforms. Apply in person at 2324 FM 715, Midland Texas 79706, fax resumes to 423-620-0035 or email resumes to: timgreer@socind.net. No phone calls please.

TROY VINES INC. IS HIRING FOR:
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SOC Industries LLC Now hiring experienced drivers/operators. Must have at least 6 months experience and be able to pass DOT, MVR and drug test. Must be able to effectively communicate in English. You will earn top wages and performance/safety bonuses. Benefits include: paid health insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays and furnished uniforms. Apply in person at 2324 FM 715, Midland Texas 79706, fax resumes to 423-620-0035 or email resumes to: timgreer@socind.net. No phone calls please.

Vacuum Truck Drivers
Stride Transport needs Vacuum Truck drivers. Run legal, 70 hours a week. 24 hour on call. 2 years recent tractor trailer experience required. Tanker endorsement required. Insurance and 401K benefits package. Vacation, sick and holiday pay. Excellent pay. Call Ken at 432-557-6094

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Safety Manager
Natural Gas Service Group FT
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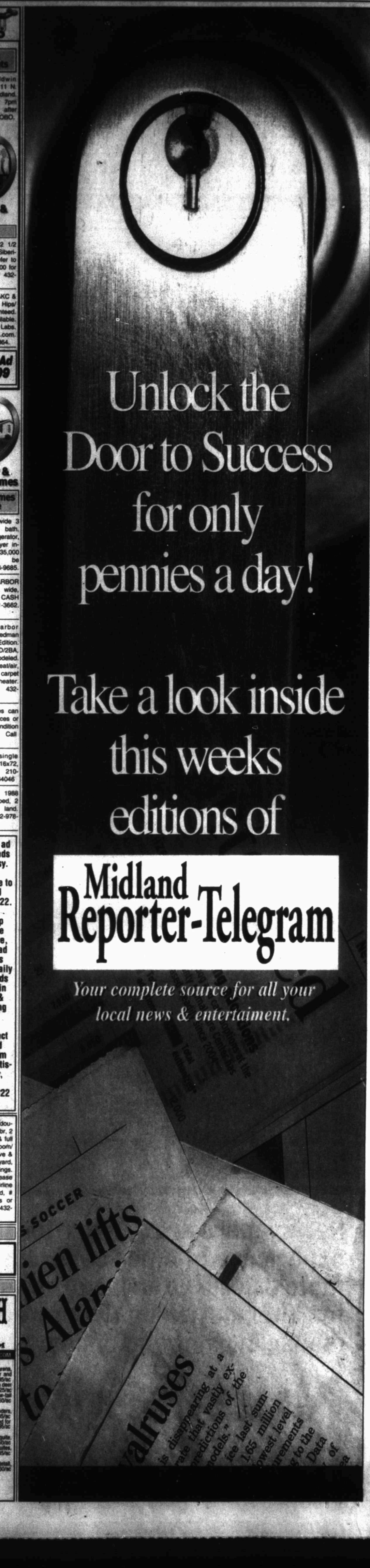

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