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Tony Romo and Dez Bryant planned to spend some time together during the break between offseason workouts and training camp. Logic says they're trying to make up for lost time after a lost season.

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REMEMBER INDEPENDENCE

Star-Spangled Salute to mark July 4 holiday

By Rich Lopez
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A daylong celebration will mark Independence Day in Midland this year. The Star-Spangled Salute begins this morning with the annual Children's Sidewalk Parade and will conclude with the grand finale of fireworks. The free event hosted by the Midland Chamber of Commerce will happen at Hogan Park.

Last year's event drew in more than 50,000 people, and organizers are expecting a similar turnout for this year.

For an event on a grand scale, plan your day accordingly. Here are some of the rules along with the schedule of Star-Spangled Salute events. For more information, including map of parade route, visit midlandtxchamber.com.

The rules

■ Not allowed: Coolers will not be allowed in the festival and outside alcoholic drinks are prohibited. All alcohol must be purchased and consumed within the fenced area. No pets. No smoking on the soccer fields. No large umbrellas, canopies or shade tents that can obstruct views.

■ Allowed: Lawn chairs and blankets are recommended for seating. A small umbrella is acceptable for shade.

Food and drink

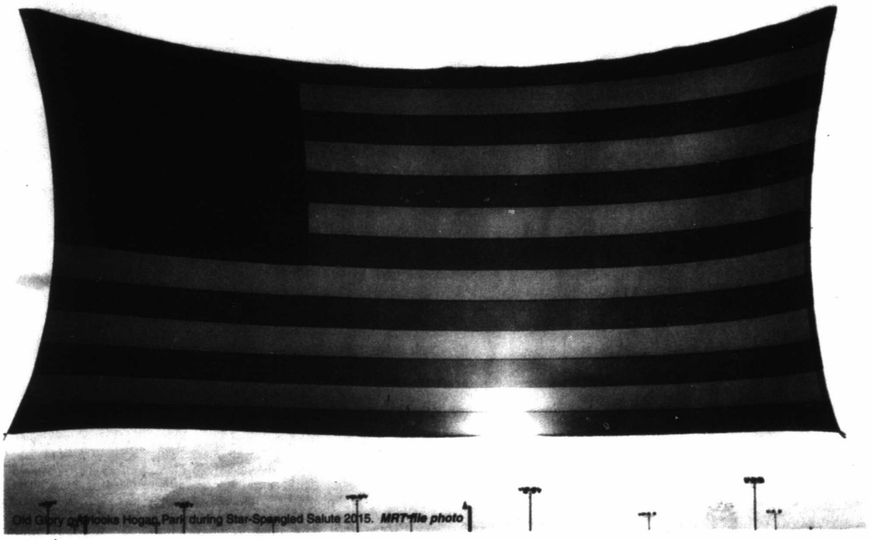
■ The food court with area trucks and vendors will be open from 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

■ The Beer Garden is scheduled to open at 7 p.m. Cash and credit cards accepted. Patrons will receive a wristband. Tickets are $5 each and redeemable for one item. Patrons can only redeem two tickets per purchase.

The schedule

■ 9 a.m. Food court opens a nd Children's Sidewalk Parade registration.

Please see SALUTE/4A



Old Glory overlooks Hogan Park during Star-Spangled Salute 2015. *MRT file photo*

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What is Independence Day

Independence Day is annually celebrated on July 4 and is often known as "the Fourth of July." It is the anniversary of the publication of the declaration of independence from Great Britain in 1776. Patriotic displays and family events are organized throughout the United States.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Today in Midland history

On July 4, 1929, the Petroleum Building, known at its completion as the Hogan Building, formally was opened. Grand opening festivities at the historic building featured an appearance by "the human fly," a man who scaled down the side of the downtown structure.

Source: Historian Jimmy Patterson

On July 4, 1985, An estimated 50,000 people flocked to downtown to participate in festivities marking the city's 100th anniversary. Centennial Parks was opened that day, and actor Tommy Lee Jones served as parade grand marshal. The day also featured a historic, 212-page edition of the Midland Reporter-Telegram — 172-pages were devoted to the city's history — that required 38 tons of newsprint to produce.

Things to do

Star-Spangled Salute will feature food vendors, the annual Children's Parade, the Fun Zone, live music, beer garden with a fireworks finale. 9 a.m.to 10 p.m. Monday at Hogan Park, 1201 E. Wadley Ave. fourthinmidland.com.

Midland Community Band Patriotic Concert will feature traditional music and a salute to the armed forces. 2 p.m. July 4 at the Wagner and Brown Auditorium at Midland College. Free.

Weather forecast

Today, expect conditions to be mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 105.

For tonight's fireworks display, it should be partly cloudy, with a low around 78.

July 4 weather history

■ **Average high:** 95
■ **Average low:** 70
■ **Warmest July 4:** 106 in 1983
■ **Days at or above 100:** 11 (last time in 2005)
■ **Coolest July 4:** 60 in 1972
■ **Most rainfall on July 4:** 0.86 of an inch

Source: National Weather Service

Today in history

Today is Monday, July 4, the 186th day of 2016. There are 180 days left in the year. This is Independence Day.

Today's highlight: On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted by delegates to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

On this date: In 1826, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence was adopted, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died. In 1939, Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees delivered his famous farewell speech in which he called himself "the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

Source: Associated Press

Which Wich collects decorated bags for service members

By Waseem Nabulsi
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Which Wich will conclude its seventh annual "Flag Your Bag" campaign today after collecting more than 50 customer-designed brown paper bags at its Midland store.

The campaign, which takes place in Which Wich locations around the nation, encourages customers to draw on the restaurant's paper brown bags with red and blue markers.

The restaurant, which fills the bags with snacks and personal letters from employees, sends these bags to American servicemen and women and veterans.

"It just shows that we support our troops and that we appreciate what they're doing for us," Which Wich Area Director Tom Granger said. "Every little thing you can do for them is a bonus."

The program began in 2010 as a way for Which Wich customers and employees to show their appreciation to both troops and veterans. Since then, the restaurant has collected more than 10,000 customer-designed bags, which they have sent to service members around the world.

The Midland location will deliver the bags that it collects this year closer to home.

"It's more of a local thing," Midland Which Wich Manager Chris McLester said. "Instead of sending it overseas, we send it to military bases, like the one in San Angelo."

In addition to the "Flag your Bag" campaign, Which Wich offers servicemen and women a 10 percent discount at any of their more than 300 locations nationwide.

Weather
Sunny
105/78
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Did you know?
A tweet from Donald Trump appeared **on a white supremacist site.**
It was quickly deleted after online outcry. Read more on Page 7A.

The big number
Michael Cimino on Saturday **died at 77.**
The Oscar-winning director is remembered on Page 2A.

Word of the Day: vociferous
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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'Deer Hunter,' 'Heaven's Gate' director Michael Cimino dies

By Andrew Dalton
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Michael Cimino, the Oscar-winning director whose film "The Deer Hunter" became one of the great triumphs of Hollywood's 1970s heyday and whose disastrous "Heaven's Gate" helped bring that era to a close, has died.

Cimino died Saturday at age 77, Los Angeles County acting coroner's Lt. B. Kim told The Associated Press. He said Cimino had been living in Beverly Hills but did not yet have further details on the circumstances of his death.

Eric Weissmann, a friend and former lawyer of Cimino's, said friends had been unable to reach Cimino by phone for the last few days and called the police, who found him dead in his bed. He said Cimino had not been ill that he had known of.

Cimino's masterpiece was 1978's "The Deer Hunter," the story of the Vietnam War's effect on a small steel-working town in Pennsylvania. The film won five Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director for Cimino. It helped lift the emerging-legend status of Robert De Niro and Meryl Streep. Christopher Walken also won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor.

"Our work together is something I will always remember. He will be missed," De Niro said in a statement Saturday.

Despite controversy over its portrayal of the North Vietnamese and use of the violent game Russian roulette, the film was praised by some critics as the best American movies since "The Godfather" six years earlier.

"With his visionary approach and attention to every detail, Michael Cimino is forever etched in the history of filmmaking," Paris Barclay, president of the Directors Guild of America said early Sunday. "In his most iconic work, the DGA and Academy Award-winning film 'The Deer Hunter,' Michael captured the horrors of war through a personalized lens — captivating a nation in the process."

Cimino's emerging career then took a U-turn with 1980's "Heaven's Gate," a Western starring Kris Kristofferson and Walken that was a critical and financial disaster.

The film became synonymous with over-budget and out-of-control productions, and a cautionary tale for giving artistic-minded directors too much power in the new Hollywood that had been defined by directors such as Francis Ford Coppola and Martin Scorsese.

Its initial budget of $11.5 million would balloon to $44 million after marketing. While those numbers are meager by today's standards, at the time they were enough to hasten the demise of United Artists, and of Cimino's career. Some say it helped bring down the director-driven renaissance that had fueled much of the great work of the 1970s, giving way to a business-and-blockbuster mentality that would dominate the decades that followed.

Steven Bach, a former executive vice president at United Artists, documented the production in the 1999 book "Final Cut: Art Money and Ego in the Making of Heaven's Gate."

Vincent Canby, the New York Times film critic not known for his harshness, said that the film was an "unqualified disaster" that "fails so completely that you might suspect Mr. Cimino sold his soul to the devil to obtain the success of 'The Deer Hunter,' and the devil has just come around to collect."

But Cimino always stood by the movie as an artistic accomplishment, or at least a project worth undertaking. The critical reputation for "Heaven's Gate" — praised by some as a misunderstood masterpiece — has been somewhat rehabilitated over the years, culminating in a 2012 restoration overseen by Cimino.

"I never second-guess myself," he told Vanity Fair in 2010. "You can't look back. I don't believe in defeat. Everybody has bumps, but as Count Basie said, 'It's not how you handle the hills, it's how you handle the valleys.'"

Obituaries

Bobby Aaron Norris

Bobby Aaron Norris was born on March 3, 1992 to Paula and David in Odessa, Texas.

We lived on a special street that had special neighbors. Aaron had a special friend when he was young and that was Kayla (Long) Hatley.

During his elementary years he played GMFL under coaches Paul Edwards and Bobby Kelley. He played "little dribblers" basketball with Coach Mike McNeely and made all-stars and went to the state tournament in East Texas with Coach Kerry Hatley.

You can still walk into the Greenwood field house and see him and his brother's picture on the wall for track athlete of the year in 2005 and 2009 respectively.

His track career would take him to the state track meet on the 4 x 200 with Josh, Zach and Jarret. The school record is held by these boys. He made Region 100 meter finals two years in a row plus region qualifier in long jump and 4 x 100 relay. So needless to say under Coach Alba Greenwood track had a good amount of success.

His senior year in football was memorable. I remember Coach Taylor telling us after the Brownfield game as he was walking back to the field after halftime with his assistant coach that it would sure help if we got a boost from a kickoff return. Sure enough Aaron took it all the way and we went on to win the game. He went on to get All-District in offense and defense.

Aaron was a finalist for the Lone Star Athlete of the year and was voted most athletic male at Greenwood in 2010. He was selected to play in the High School All-Star football game in Lubbock.

Aaron went on to Midland College and proudly we saw him walk the stage at Texas State.

We as a family had many memorable trips to Caribbean and Hawaii with our friends Kelly, Kevin, Kolten, Karah Northcutt, along with our trips to Yellowstone and Ruidoso.

Aaron loved spending time with his friends whether it was watching basketball or starting bonfires outback. He loved his friends. They loved Mom's breakfast and Dad's cinnamon toast.

He and his brother were avid hunters thanks to Uncle Dan. If you looked at his room you could get lost in the mounts and the bear rugs that cost Uncle Dan a pretty penny. They spent many a day walking Dan's lease and his land outside of Coahoma. He loved his Grenny and Peep-they would go fishing and would never miss a track meet or football game of Aaron's and Adam's.

Thanks to the Northcutt family he went on a "Walk to Emmaus". After his "walk" you could see a change. He said at the closing he wanted his friends to go.

Aaron never met a stranger-he had a great personality. Which I might add that was a little bit of Dad and a whole lot of Mom.

Aaron has a Romans 12:12 tattoo *12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*

We believe in *11 Corinthians 5:6-8.*

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7 For we live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Luke 23:42-43

42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!" 43 And Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."...

We believe our son went to heaven when his soul left and we believe with all our heart we will see him again---it is not goodbye but just see you later.

We were blessed to have him with us for 24 years.

Aaron is survived by parents, David and Paula; brother, David Adam wife Stacy and their daughters, Kelsie and McKenzie; sister, Jennifer Ann and children Lindsey, Jeremy, Katie and John Daniel; grandparent, Bobby Dodson; Uncle, Dan Dodson in Coahoma Texas; uncle Billy Jack and Aunt Jeannie Darden, Betty and Charles Parrish, James and Jean Bobo, Sunshine Bobo along with numerous cousins; aunt, Sherry Norris and husband, Pat and children Jay, Julie and Nikki along with their Dad, Jim Hudman and wife, Christi; uncle, Raymond Norris and wife, Debbie; great aunt, Helen Neil; special aunt, Sharon Dodson along with her child, Ronna and husband Andy, and children Starlee and Sunny; and special friend, Alexis Castillo from Sweetwater.

He is preceded in death by grandparents Dave and Artie Norris, (Grenny) Winnie Dodson, Ronnie Dodson, Aunt Nancy.

A Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at Nalley -Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, July 6 at 1:00 PM at Greenwood Baptist Church in Greenwood with burial to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Pallbearers will be Zach Long, Kater King, Trey Edwards, Mitch Spiser, Kolten Northcutt and Trevor Nolan. Honorary Pallbearers will be his many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Greenwood Baptist Church or a charity of choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

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Lucille Odell Semple

Lucille Odell Semple passed away on July 1, 2016. She was born in Caddo, Oklahoma, to Warren Daniel Odell and his wife Etta Cornelia Moran Odell, on June 10, 1915. Lucille was married to the late Charles Allen Semple.

Lucille and her husband had lived in Odessa, Midland, Houston, San Antonio, and Hobbs, New Mexico. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Midland. She had been a volunteer in the auxiliary at Trinity Towers for several years, and did volunteer work in the hospital auxiliary in Hobbs N.M. and Midland. Her hobbies included sewing, gardening, oil painting and reading.

She is survived by two sons, Charles O. Semple and wife Margaret of Midland and Robert W. Semple and wife Anne of Ft. Worth; and a daughter-in-law Pat Semple of Plano, Texas. Lucille Semple has five grandsons, Robert Semple, Chris Semple, and Hunter Semple of Ft. Worth, Charles (Chas) Semple of Austin, and Hal Semple of Midland. She leaves two granddaughters behind; Ann Hartline and Cheryl Rice of Plano. She has numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Harold, grandson Brian, and both her sisters, Wanda McCraw of San Antonio and Vi Sneed of Norman Oklahoma.

Her family will remember her for her devotion to them, her constant kindness and her delicious cooking. She will always be remembered and hold a place of honor in our hearts. Her influence will be felt always.

The family is grateful for Mary Semple who was her best friend and loving caregiver.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at Newnie Ellis Funeral Home from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Graveside services will be held Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Remembrances may be made to Manor Park Endowment Fund, attn: Development, 2208 N. Loop 250, Midland, 79707, or to Hospice of Midland at 911 W. Texas, Midland 79701 or to a charity of your choice.

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Death Notices

Tomasa S. Valdez

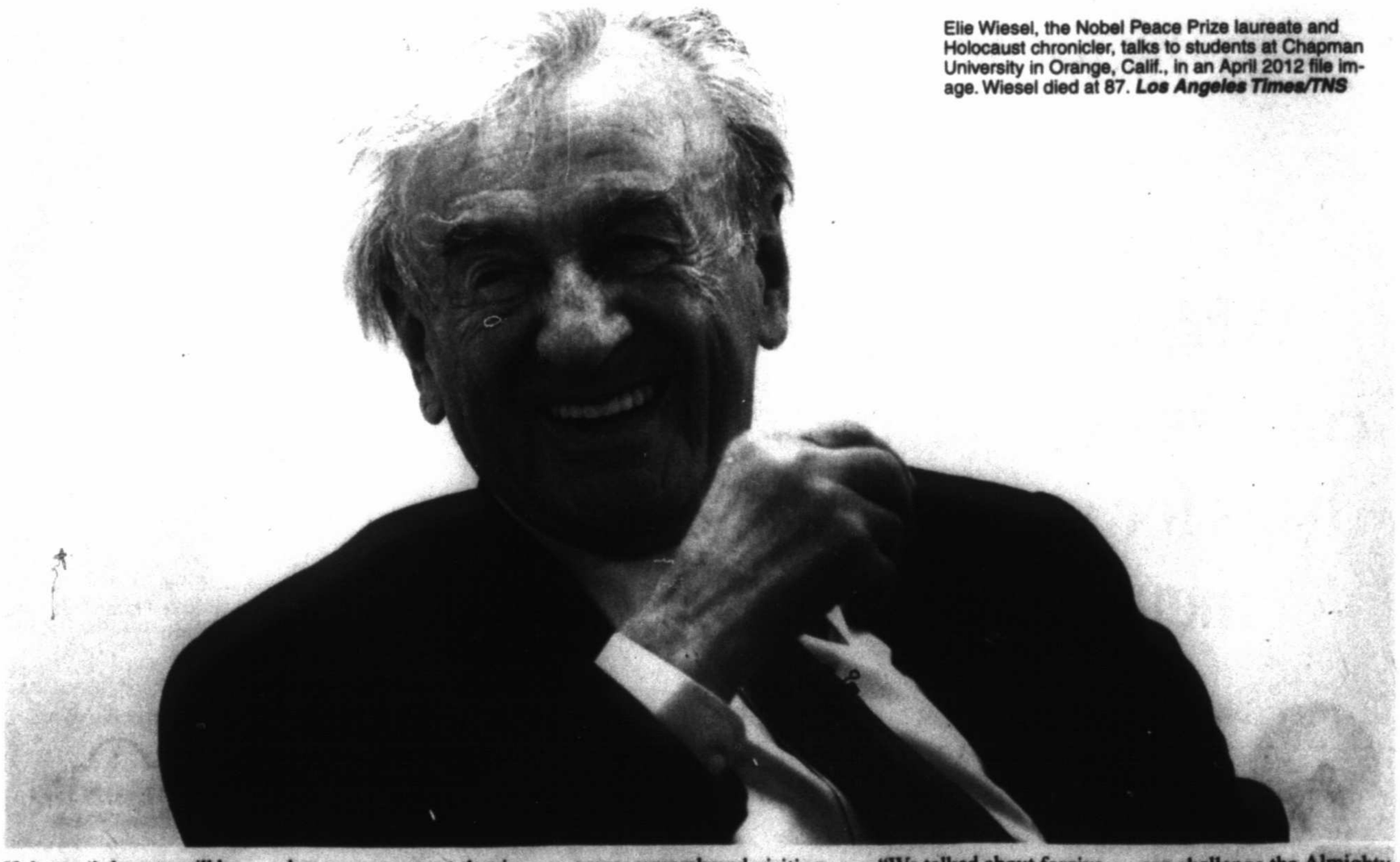
Tomasa Sigala Valdez, 82, of Midland, passed away Saturday, July 2, 2016.

Funeral service will be Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 2:00 pm at San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by two sons, Leopoldo Sigala and Jose Alfredo Valdez; six daughters, Socorro Tarango, Nena Ruiz, Mary Ornelas, Rosie Ramos, Vanje Ramos and Olga Valdez; one brother, two sisters, 26 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren.

Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel remembered at private service

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press



Elie Wiesel, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Holocaust chronicler, talks to students at Chapman University in Orange, Calif., in an April 2012 file image. Wiesel died at 87. *Los Angeles Times/TNS*

NEW YORK — Elie Wiesel was memorialized Sunday at a private service in Manhattan, as family and friends gathered and praised the endurance and eloquence of the Nobel Peace Prize winner and mourned him as one of the last firsthand witnesses to the Nazis' atrocities.

"This is really the double tragedy of it, not only the loss of someone who was so rare and unusual but the fact that those ranks are thinning out," Rabbi Perry Berkowitz, president of the American Jewish Heritage Organization and a former assistant to Wiesel, said before the service at Fifth Avenue Synagogue. "At the same time anti-Semitism, Holocaust revisionism keeps rising. The fear is that when there are no more survivors left, will the world learn the lesson because those voices will be silenced."

Millions first learned about the Holocaust through Wiesel, who began publishing in the 1950s, a time when memories of the Nazis' atrocities were raw and repressed. He shared the story of his internment at Auschwitz as a teenager through his classic memoir "Night," one of the most widely read and discussed books of the 20th century.

The Holocaust happened more than 70 years ago and few authors from that time remain. Another Nobel laureate and Holocaust survivor, Hungary's Imre Kertesz, died earlier this year. Like Wiesel, he was 87.

While Berkowitz and others worry that the Holocaust's lessons will be forgotten, some note that Wiesel himself worked to make memories endure. Abraham Foxman, former national director of the Anti-Defamation League, said before the service that Wiesel had written dozens of books. Sara Bloomfield, director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., credited Wiesel with making organizations like hers possible.

"'Night' really put Elie Wiesel's personal memories into our personal consciousness and it ended up spawning a global remembrance movement that is very vital today," she told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

"He carried a message universally, he carried the Jewish pain, the message of Jewish tragedy to the world but he took it way beyond," Foxman said. "He stood up for the people in Rwanda, he stood up for the Yugoslavians, he stood up for the Cambodians," said Foxman, who has known Wiesel for decades.

On Sunday, mourners shared personal memories. Ronald Lauder, president of the World Jewish Congress, remembered visiting Auschwitz with Wiesel in the 1980s and was struck that Wiesel's response was not one of hate, but of "great sadness."

"And he said to me what I think was one of the most important statements: 'The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference, it was indifference that brought anti-Semitism to Germany and it was indifference that brought the Holocaust,'" Lauder explained.

Foxman said that in recent months he and Wiesel would reminisce, in Yiddish, and talk philosophy.

"We talked about forgiveness, we talked about God. He was struggling with it," Foxman said. "Well now he's a little closer. Now he can challenge the Almighty much closer and maybe he'll get some answers, which he asked, but never got the answers to."

In Loving Memory of
John Stephen Guyton
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loved and remembered every day.

Katherine & Your Family

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vociferous
[voh-sif-er-uh s]
adjective
1. crying out noisily; clamorous.
2. characterized by or uttered with vociferation: *a vociferous manner of expression.*

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Riot police launch tear gas toward activists in downtown Albuquerque, N.M., following a 10-hour protest against the police shooting of James Boyd, a homeless camper, March 30, 2014. Albuquerque police struggled to adequately investigate use-of-force cases amid a mostly failed review system for holding officers accountable, while the department's SWAT units showed improvement in de-escalating standoffs and other high-stress situations, a court-appointed monitor's report said Friday. **BELOW:** Demonstrators gather in front of Albuquerque police headquarters Jan. 14, 2015, to protest a police shooting that left a suspect dead.

Report: Albuquerque police failed in use-of-force reviews

By Mary Hudetz
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Albuquerque police struggled to adequately investigate use-of-force cases amid a mostly failed review system for holding officers accountable, while the department's SWAT units showed improvement in de-escalating standoffs and other high-stress situations, a court-appointed monitor's report said Friday.

The report filed in federal court by monitor James Ginger described a police department still falling short with supervisor oversight and use-of-force policies, despite an overall commitment to reform.

Ginger is tasked with tracking reforms mandated in a settlement agreement between Albuquerque police and the U.S. Justice Department, which found a culture of excessive force among the police department ranks after a monthslong investigation that ended in 2014.

The Albuquerque Police Department also faced public scrutiny for a high rate of shootings by police between 2010 and 2014.

"Across the board, the monitoring team has found that the components in APD's system for overseeing (and holding officers accountable for) the use of force, for the most part, has failed," the report said. "Mistakes or misconduct led to reporting failures, delayed investigations, and the loss of potential evidence, including key statements."

Ginger, who the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Mexico describes as an expert on police reform, took particular issue with a case in which an officer reportedly kneed a suspected car thief in the head in October. The officer's supervisor delayed filing a report on the case, which monitors said raised serious concerns about a "superficial chain of command" for reviews.

The 352-page report from Ginger's team is its third for the Albuquerque Police Department. It reviews the department's reform efforts between December and March.

Past reports pointed to struggles with writing policies aimed at guiding officer training for crisis intervention and the use of force. Those policies have since been finalized and approved by Ginger.

Ginger said the policy for the Albuquerque Police Department's tactical teams — including the SWAT unit — is one of the strongest within the department, with officers training regularly on how to de-escalate crisis situations with the least amount of physical force necessary. The result has been fewer deaths and injuries in incidences involving the units, Ginger said.

"I think history shows that, when he raises a concern, the department's response is to address it, and that's what the community can expect," said Jessica Hernandez, the city attorney for Albuquerque.

Since the reporting period, all police department supervisors have been trained on a new policy for conducting use-of-force investigations, city officials said. The deadline for training all officers against those policies was June.

"It's really important to remember and make clear that he's reporting on how investigations were being done before any of the training was in place," Hernandez said.

Texas town won't release chase policy after cop, boy killed

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Almost three weeks after a small-town Texas officer and an 11-year-old boy died in a crash during a chase, the officer's department won't release its policy on high-speed pursuits.

Officials in Patton Village wouldn't share the department's policy with the Houston Chronicle, nor would several other small departments near Houston.

Sgt. Stacey Baumgartner was chasing a man on June 19 who was allegedly urinating in public. Baumgartner's vehicle was hit entering an intersection by an SUV carrying a family of seven. Authorities say a boy in the SUV was killed.

According to the Chronicle, 1,102 people have been killed in high-speed police chases in Texas since 1979. Nearly half of those people were not people accused of breaking the law, the newspaper reported.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Friday faulted Baumgartner for disregarding a red light at the intersection and not slowing down.

But officials in Patton Village, about 35 miles northeast of downtown Houston, have declined to release the department's pursuit policy. Police Chief Leon Varot said he would not "discuss this at this point," and Mayor Leah Tarrant would only say that the department has a written policy and that Baumgartner was "totally compliant" with it.

Experts say police should carefully decide whether a suspect is dangerous enough to require a high-speed chase.

"If you're going to die in the line of duty, the odds are it's going to be in a traffic accident," said David Marcaurele, the chief deputy of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, which covers part of suburban Houston. "Pursuits are just very dangerous things."

Marcaurele said Fort Bend's policy discourages officers from chasing suspects on low-level traffic violations and requires supervisors to direct any pursuits. But he also declined to release the written policy.

The Houston Police Department did release its policy. The policy requires a supervisor to command officer actions in a chase; instructs a dispatcher to send a police helicopter if one is available; and forbids pursuing officers from driving down the wrong side of a freeway, bumping a vehicle to force it off the road, or shooting a gun to try to disable the vehicle.

Geoffrey Alpert, a law enforcement trainer at the University of South Carolina, said refusing to release chase policies is "counterproductive."

"We have not seen any agency that has an increase in chases when they publish their policies," Alpert said in an email.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Musicians perform during the Star Spangled Salute on July 4, 2015, at Hogan Park. *MRT file photo*

Everyone should read Declaration of Independence

The signing of the Declaration of Independence informed the king of England that as of this date, July 4, 1776 we shall become known as the United States of America and we shall no longer be subject to any of your laws.

I am a World War II veteran, and at age 92, my memory is not as good as it used to be. However, I can remember one of my older brothers for most every Fourth of July providing me with some firecrackers, which I used as "dynamite." I would place it in a hole I had made in a dirt embankment that sloped down to street level, also of dirt, in front of where we lived at 300 S. Big Spring St. here in Midland. Then, boom! The dirt would fly in all directions and I would have to dig another hole. What fun I had till I ran out of firecrackers. I would guess my age at that time about 7 or 8.

I was the last born of 10 children and I do not recall my Papa, my Mama or any of my siblings (two girls and eight boys) educating me on what I was taking part in celebrating. Independence Day, as John Wayne would say, not hardly. I begin going to school at age 6, so I could have been in the third grade and I do not recall being taught in school. I must have learned what the Fourth of July was all about when on my first job selling the MRT on the streets of Midland at age 11.

It would behoove everyone to read the Declaration of Independence, for without that declaration we would not have a Constitution, no America and no flag to wave or to pledge allegiance.

My challenge: read it and then email me (ww2vet@grandecom.net) and tell me in your own words your thoughts about the sentence: "That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the constant of the governed." Then I will give you mine in return. Thank you.

—Thomas Flournoy

Try veggie burgers, soy dogs for July 4 barbecue

What ever happened to the good old days when our worst worries on the Fourth of July were traffic jams and wayward fireworks?

A well-warranted worry, according to the Department of Agriculture's Meat & Poultry Hotline, is food poisoning by nasty E. coli and salmonella bugs hiding in hot dogs and hamburgers at millions of backyard barbecues. The hotline's advice is to grill them longer and hotter. Of course, they avoid mentioning that the high-temperature grilling that kills the bugs also happens to form cancer-causing compounds.

Fortunately, some forward-thinking U.S. food manufacturers have solved these issues by creating an amazing assortment of healthy and delicious veggie burgers and soy dogs. No nasty pathogens or cancer-causing compounds in these tasty plant-based foods. They don't even carry cholesterol, saturated fats, antibiotics or pesticides. And, they are conveniently waiting for us at almost every supermarket.

This Fourth of July offers a great opportunity to declare our independence from the meat industry and to share wholesome veggie burgers and soy dogs with our family and friends.

— Matt Rooks

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- 7 p.m. Fun Zone opens and will feature bounce houses, face painting, video games trailer and more. The Fun Zone will also have a new Teen Lounge. No alcohol allowed in the Fun Zone. All activities and games are free.
- 7:30 p.m. Live music pre-show.
- 8:25 p.m. Live music concert.
- 10 p.m. Fireworks display expected to run 20 minutes.

Tips

- Download the free Midland 4th app on iTunes or GooglePlay for detailed information to keep with you while at the event.
- With temperatures expected to top out at 100 degrees, stay hydrated and load up on sunscreen.

Other July 4 entertainment

- Concert by bluegrass-Christian music duo Hilary and Kate, 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.
- Patriotic concert by the Midland Community Band, 2 p.m. at Allison Fine Art Building's Wagner and Brown Auditorium at Midland College.

Dad says 2 gators involved in Disney attack that killed son

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — The father of a toddler killed by an alligator at Disney last month told rescue officials two alligators were involved in the attack, according to emails from the Reedy Creek Fire Department.

Matt Graves said he was attacked by a second alligator as he tried to reach his 2-year-old son after the boy was pulled into the water outside Disney's upscale Grand Floridian Resort.

Capt. Tom Wellons described his interaction with the Nebraska father in emails to his supervisors obtained by The Orlando Sentinel. Wellons said Graves initially refused to leave the area as rescuers searched for little Lane Graves even though the father needed stitches and antibiotics from gator bite marks. Wellons said he eventually persuaded Graves to get medical treatment, promising he could return afterward.

"This incredibly sweet couple insisted on showing us pictures of their happy son. (The) mom kept referring to him as her 'happy boy,'" Wellons wrote in the emails.

On the way to the hospital, Graves shared "the horror that he experienced" as his son was being pulled into the water and "how another gator attacked him as he fought for his son," according to the email to supervisors.

The emails were forwarded to Orange County officials to alert them there may be a second gator. The boy's body was discovered intact about 15 yards from the shore, six feet underwater.

Signs posted in the area advised against swimming but did not warn of alligators. In the days after the attack Walt Disney posted signs warning of alligators in the area.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officials have said they're "confident" they caught the alligator that killed the boy.

Agency records listed 15 alligators caught on Disney property from the beginning of this year through May. It didn't include the six trapped since the June 14 attack.

Walt Disney World recently erected "No fishing" signs on several properties. Fishing at Disney World is now limited to excursions. Netting was also added to the rope fences that were installed after the attack and hotel beaches are now being staffed by employees and closing at night, except during fireworks.

Disney has beaches at eight hotels and at the Fort Wilderness campground.

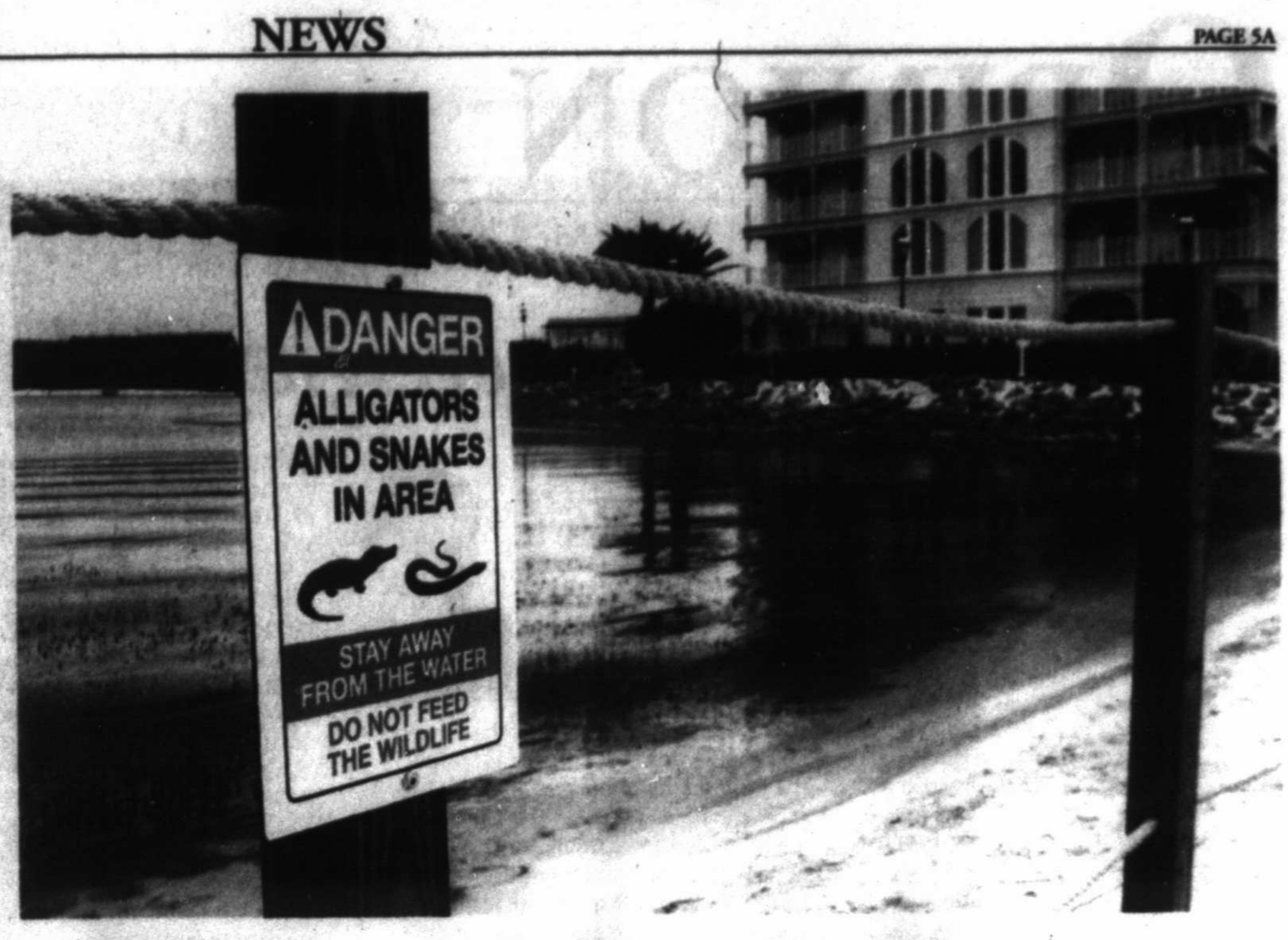

PHOTO: In this June 17 photo released by Walt Disney World Resort, a new sign is seen posted on a beach outside a hotel at a Walt Disney World resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

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OPINION

Belief in popular sovereignty links 'Amexit,' Brexit

■ Vote to withdraw from European Union is reminder that threat to self-government never truly lessens

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Two hundred and forty years before Brexit, there was Amexit, also known as the American Revolution.

In terms of historical consequence, the Brexit vote and the American Revolution don't occupy the same universes, but they are connected by a belief in popular sovereignty and a refusal to be governed by a remote authority with only an attenuated mechanism — if that — for representation.

In Brexit, the British people decided that their Parliament should trump the governing machinery of the EU, and in our Revolution we decided that our Colonial assemblies should trump the governing machinery of the British Empire. Both acts exhibited a punctiliousness about government by consent that struck critics as unreasonable and even dangerous.

The Revolution fed off popular passions that shocked and embarrassed some Colonial elites who were more cautious about separating from Britain, in an echo of the elite reaction to Brexit. John Adams pushed back against the "sneers and snubbs" directed at "the multitude, the million, the populace, the vulgar, the mob, the herd and the rabble, as the great always delight to call them." (I'm in the debt of the magisterial new book "Toward Democracy," for this and other quotes.)

If the pro-Brexit forces seem overly touchy about British sovereignty, consider the sensitivity of the architects of the American Revolution. They believed that if government merely has the leeway to rule arbitrarily, it is already tyrannical. It is necessary, Adams warned, to "nip the shoots of arbitrary power in the bud."

The Founders sought to protect the bedrock principle that the people, again in the words of Adams, are "the Source of all Authority and Original of all Power." Alexander Hamilton wrote that "the only distinction between slavery and freedom" is whether man is governed either "by the will of another," or "by the laws to which he has given his consent."

By this standard, the case against the British Parliament was highly intuitive: Members of Parliament didn't live in the Colonies, and the colonists didn't elect them. If the arguments were often complex — could Parliament impose "external" taxes, but not "internal" ones? — the crux of the matter wasn't. Benjamin Franklin wrote as early as 1768 that either "parliament has the right to make all laws for us," or "it has the power to make no laws for us."

When it came, the American Revolution was a very British affair. Its supporters cited British writers like John Locke and Algernon Sidney, long-standing liberties under the informal British constitution and their own rights as Englishmen. "Perhaps there was never a people," Samuel Adams wrote, "who discovered themselves more strongly attached to their natural and constitutional rights and liberties than the British Colonists on this American Continent."

History didn't come full circle, but it did look over its shoulder when a leading advocate of Brexit, the Tory politician Michael Gove, cited the American Revolution as inspiration for Britain's separation from the EU.

Of course, the circumstances are vastly different. The EU didn't suspend the British Parliament. It isn't sending a fearsome fleet across the Channel to crush all resistance and to hunt down Nigel Farage, leader of the U.K. Independence Party, and have him hanged (although some EU officials might harbor this fantasy). Britain obviously didn't become a newly independent nation upon the passage of Brexit.

But the Brexit vote is a reminder that the threat to self-government never truly abates; it just takes different (and more or less benign or noxious) forms. This is why self-government always needs to be jealously and zealously guarded — something our forefathers understood and acted upon.

Levi Preston, a captain at the Battle of Concord, explained decades later why he had fought: "What we meant in going for those redcoats was this: We had always governed ourselves, and we always meant to. They didn't mean we should." It's a sentiment as relevant now as it was more than 200 years ago — and will always remain so as long as men yearn to be free.

GUEST VIEW

Unite or die: US' journey toward justice continues

Houston Chronicle

Whether Beyoncé or Ben Franklin, the American journey toward justice continues.

"When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent wor- f the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Martin Luther King Jr. spoke those words from the Lincoln Memorial during his March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, and they've been repeated many times since. But the great civil rights leader probably never expected his speech to serve as the introduction to a hip-hop performance. Nevertheless, the words echoed from the speakers of Los Angeles's Microsoft Theater during last month's BET Awards ceremony as an introduction to a performance of "Freedom" by Kendrick Lamar and Houston's own Beyoncé Knowles Carter.

A call to justice may seem out of place at an awards show, but Beyonce and Lamar both took the stage to sing about that very topic.

More than 50 years have passed since King called a nation to answer for its promises, and for too many Americans that check has come back marked insufficient funds. But with every passing year the dream continues and the fight never dies.

Or, as Beyoncé sings in her call for freedom, "I'ma keep running / Cause a winner don't quit on themselves."

This idea of winning has been thrown around a lot during the presidential campaign, as if history were littered with first-place trophies and easily demarcated finished lines that let people know when they can finally rest. The real sign of a winner is in the continuing quest to improve ourselves and build, as President Lincoln said, a more perfect union.

That struggle continues today as we confront the challenges of a global economy that's left far too many behind. It continues as we confront the reality of a criminal justice system built from the reconstruction blueprint of slavery. It continues as we embrace the tapestry of a diverse nation and remember that the qualities that unite us far outshine the qualities that divide us. After all, that's our nation's original motto: E Pluribus Unum. Out of many, one.

The history of the United States is a continuing journey toward this ever-present goal, and the eternal ideals that motivated the Founding Fathers to draft the Declaration of Independence remain a guiding light visible to anyone willing to look.

We will all rest and relax during this Independence Day weekend, but there is work to be done and it will require a united front of the American people to make it happen. Benjamin Franklin once presented this challenge to his fellow colonists in the form of a segmented snake with the caption: Join, or die.

Or, as Beyoncé put it: Let's get in formation.

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Hunger never takes a holiday

■ Summer is difficult time for food-insecure people, orgainzations that distribute food

ESTHER CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

Though summer tends to deliver a few opportunities to put our feet up and take it easy, hunger never takes a holiday.

But while many of us serve up juicy hamburgers and barrels of potato salad as a prelude to fireworks displays, more than 48 million Americans won't be getting enough to eat.

That's because summertime is particularly difficult for both people who live with food insecurity and the organizations that help them access free food, according to Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger-relief organization.

Not only are children who are on summer break missing the breakfasts and lunches they would have gotten at school, but parents, who often are subject to the fluctuations of weather for work, struggle to pay for expanded child care and extra food.

Simultaneously, the nation's food banks scramble to staff pantries and events when individuals and groups of volunteers, such as the Scouts and school-based community service organizations, are off on vacation. And food pantries are not immune to the whims of weather.

"Food banks in Arizona and New Mexico just don't do summer feeding because there aren't enough volunteers, there isn't enough food, and not enough money to get food out to the remote rural areas scattered throughout counties," said Ross Fraser, director of media relations for Feeding America. "And I repeatedly hear that in states with drought conditions, fewer crops are being planted, which means less donated fresh fruits and vegetables and more farmworkers who aren't working enough to sustain themselves. Then the farmworkers end up turning to food banks in greater numbers just to get by."

In some places, the need is so great that food banks resort to unconventional ways to get food to the people who need it the most.

For instance, in Las Vegas, an ice-cream-style truck will be delivering 300,000 meals to a variety of locations this summer, serving about 126,000 food-insecure kids in the area. Similarly, Vermont has a "Veggie Van Gogh," starry-night motif truck that delivers produce to housing projects, schools and clinics.

Dayton, Ohio, does massive food distributions monthly in arena parking lots that serve thousands of families at a time. So does Fort Smith, Arkansas, with its summertime "Antioch in the Park" event, which distributes food to approximately 1,700 individuals over the course of just three hours.

The Arkansas event is organized by Antioch Consolidated Association for Youth and Family Inc., led by Executive Director Charlotte Tidwell, who told me that the need is so great, and the large donations so plentiful, that it's become necessary to hold events in the park just so there is enough space to accommodate the huge number of volunteers, pallets of food — and the people arriving to stock up.

"We hold the event in the most low-income area of our community and the area that is most accessible since there is no public transportation (in Fort Smith)," Tidwell told me.

But the park has its own challenges. "Arkansas is very, very hot; it's like the sun only shines on Fort Smith. We've been out on days where it's 100 degrees, and it's a real challenge. Not only does the food need to be protected to stay safe, but the elderly come out and stand in the heat for it; people come out with their little children; veterans and other people with disabilities come out and wait in the heat for hours just to get some food," Tidwell said.

"We have to have paramedics, nurses and emergency responders standing by. We have bilingual volunteers going up and down the long, snaking lines of thousands of people handing out cold water and distributing snacks for the kids. And we have volunteers to help those with disabilities transport their food."

Such is the challenge of feeding communities that are in dire need — communities where those seeking food assistance are likelier than not to be working poor. Research indicates that underemployment is the biggest predictor of food insecurity among people living in the United States — more than half (54 percent) of Feeding America's client households reported at least one employed person at some point in the past year.

Tidwell says that what local food banks need most is cash donations, because they get plenty of food but need funds to help distribute it to the neediest.

Every dollar counts. If you have a few to spare, consider feeding hungry fellow Americans your act of patriotism this weekend.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

End in sight for FBI probe into Clinton's email server?

By Eric Tucker and Ken Thomas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton's interview with the FBI may signal that the Justice Department is nearing the end of its yearlong probe of her use of a private email server while secretary of state, a controversy that has hung over her White House bid.

"I've been eager to do it, and I was pleased to have the opportunity to assist the department in bringing its review to a conclusion," Clinton said in describing the FBI session to NBC's "Meet the Press" for an interview that aired Sunday. She agreed that the tone of meeting with investigators had been civil and business-like.

Clinton said she had no knowledge of any timeline for the review and would not comment on whether she was given an indication that charges would not be filed.

The presumptive presidential nominee for the Democratic Party gave a voluntary interview for 3 1/2 hours Saturday at FBI headquarters in Washington, her campaign announced. Spokespeople for the FBI and the Justice Department declined to comment.

The interview, which had been expected to take place before the Democratic National Convention on July 25, did not suggest that Clinton or anyone else is likely to face prosecution. If the former senator and secretary of state and her aides are exonerated, it might help brush aside a major distraction that has made many voters question her trustworthiness.

Donald Trump, the Republican Party's presumptive nominee, has repeatedly said the email issue undermines Clinton's fitness for office and suggested she will receive leniency from a Democratic administration. Following reports of Clinton's FBI interview, Trump tweeted: "It is impossible for the FBI not to recommend criminal charges against Hillary Clinton. What she did was wrong!"

While she was Obama's secretary of state, Clinton exclusively used a private email server for her government and personal emails, rather than the State Department's email system. The Associated Press revealed the existence of the server in March 2015.

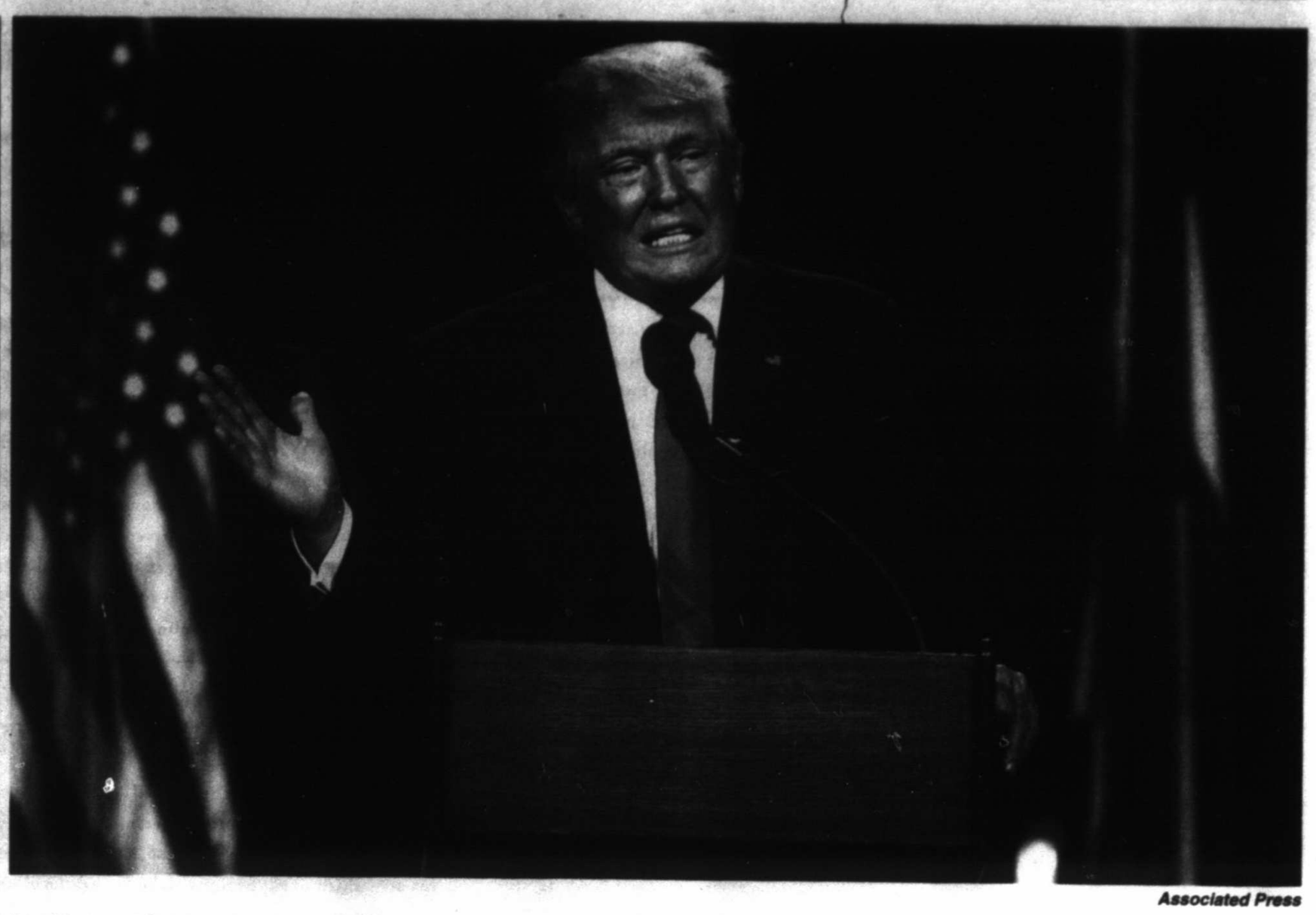
Clinton has said relying on a private server was a mistake but that other secretaries of state had also used a personal email address.

The FBI is investigating the potential mishandling of sensitive information. The matter was referred last summer by the inspectors general for the State Department and intelligence community following the discovery of emails that were later determined to contain classified material.

Clinton sat down with the FBI just days after her husband, former President Bill Clinton, had an impromptu meeting with Attorney General Loretta Lynch while at a Phoenix airport in separate planes. That Clinton would approach Lynch while her Justice Department was investigating his wife's actions, and that Lynch would speak to him, opened a new angle of criticism about the Clintons' judgment and sense of entitlement.

Lynch, while maintaining that their discussion on Monday purely personal and didn't touch on the email server, said Friday she regretted meeting with the former president. Bill Clinton joined her in saying he would not do it again, either, in light of the impression it gave. He had nominated Lynch as U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York in 1999.

Asked about the ongoing investigation, Lynch said Friday that she intended to accept the findings and recommendations of career prosecutors who have spent months on the case.



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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during the opening session of the Western Conservative Summit on Friday in Denver. The summit, which brings together Republicans from across the West, runs through Sunday.

Trump statements, slow start put pivotal Southwest at risk

By Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

DENVER — Once a swing state in presidential elections, Colorado has teetered on the brink of becoming solidly Democratic. Donald Trump may have pushed it over the edge.

Trump's disparaging words about Mexicans, negative comments about women and weak campaign organization have punctuated the state's shift from a nip-and-tuck battleground to one that's Democrat-friendly. For the first time in more than 20 years, there are now more registered Democrats in the state than Republicans.

"Trump is turning off as many key voter groups as we have in this state," said former state Republican Party Chairman Dick Wadhams. "I would have to believe Trump's having trouble."

And it's not just Colorado. Trump's inflammatory rhetoric and weak campaign structure could ensure that perennially competitive Nevada and New Mexico are out of reach, as well.

That matters for Trump. He can't win the 270 electoral votes needed to capture the presidency without capturing some states that favored Barack Obama in the last two elections.

The three Southwestern states — which have a combined 21 electoral votes — might have offered some hope. All backed Republican George W. Bush 12 years ago.

But Trump isn't making as much of a push for those states as is his likely Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton. He made his first campaign appearance in Colorado just Friday, speaking at the Western Conservative Summit in Denver.

Clinton made her fifth trip on Wednesday, proposing college-loan deferment for graduates who start businesses. It was a tactical move aimed at swaying young voters, many of whom flocked to Sen. Bernie Sanders, who beat Clinton soundly in March's Colorado caucuses.

"Hillary has some ground to make up," said Craig Hughes, who ran Democratic President Barack Obama's winning 2012 Colorado campaign. "But compared to Trump, Hillary is in a far, far better place."

In Colorado, Clinton's campaign is spending $2.4 million on television advertising this month through Election Day, while a group that supports Clinton, Priorities USA, is spending $13.6 million, according to Kantar Media's campaign advertising tracker. In Nevada, Clinton is spending $2 million and Priorities USA is spending $10.4 million.

Neither Trump nor any super PACs supporting him have reserved advertising time in the two states. Super PACs are organizations that can spend unlimited funds on a candidate, but can't coordinate with the campaign.

The National Rifle Association's political arm is making small ad buys — $155,000 in Colorado and $98,000 in Nevada — to attack Clinton's handling of the attacks on diplomatic compounds in Libya while she was secretary of state.

Clinton has had staff in Nevada for more than a year, ahead of the state's early caucuses, and in Colorado for almost a year. Trump has a Colorado state campaign director and a Southwest regional director in Nevada.

If Colorado is a stretch for Trump, Nevada and New Mexico may be out of reach with their larger Hispanic populations and wider Democratic edge. The number of Hispanic voters has boomed in Nevada, more than doubling as a percentage of the state's voters since 1980, to an estimated 22 percent this year. In New Mexico, nearly half the population is Hispanic.

Trump has alienated Hispanics with his call to build a wall on the Mexican border, his plans to deport the roughly 11 million immigrants who are in the United States illegally and by characterizing some Mexican immigrants as drug smugglers and rapists.

Still, Nevada Republican strategist Ryan Erwin says Trump could salve the wounds were he to make the effort himself.

"As that population changes, it's harder for a Republican presidential candidate that isn't here all the time," said Erwin, 2012 GOP nominee Mitt Romney's Nevada director.

But Trump is relying on the Republican National Committee for staffing, as he is in all competitive states, said Trump's Colorado director, Patrick Davis.

"There's only so much one presidential candidate can do," Davis said. "You've got to use all of the means of communication to get it done."

Trump's statements, late organizational start and Clinton's statewide organization have her Colorado director Emmy Ruiz cautiously optimistic.

"I think the odds are in our favor. But I don't think that they are strong odds. I also don't think they are high enough for us to sit back," Ruiz said.

Part of Clinton's tail wind: Democrats in April nosed ahead of Republicans in voter registration for the first time since 1994. Since 2012, Democratic voter registration in Colorado has grown 7.5 percent, compared to 5 percent for Republicans.

In Nevada, registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than 70,000, a gap that Democrats and Republicans say could top 120,000 by Election Day. It's a small but significant chunk of the state's 1.5 million voters.

"Unless and until Republicans can match the kind of funding Democrats have put into their voter registration here, Republicans are going to fall behind," said Erwin, the Republican strategist.

Last week, 18-year-old Kevin Garcia knocked on doors in 100-plus degree heat, registering Las Vegas residents to vote. He then attended a Clinton campaign calling session at a pizza restaurant.

Garcia, whose family emigrated from Mexico, was among about a dozen callers sipping cold Pepsis and using cellphones to call Nevadans. His goal was to make 100 calls that night — some in Spanish.

He said he supports Clinton because of her support for allowing people in the United States illegally to stay under certain circumstances. And because of Trump's rhetoric.

"And my whole family is naturalized," he said. "We're all citizens."

Trump's star tweet appeared on a white supremacist site

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump's tweet that featured Hillary Clinton and a six-pointed star atop a pile of money has also appeared on a white supremacist website.

Trump's account on Saturday tweeted the so-called "meme" — then deleted it and replaced it substituting a circle for the star symbol that resembles the Jewish Star of David. The change came after a social media uproar about the star tweet's potentially anti-Semitic implications.

The meme first appears to have hit the Internet on June 15, when it was posted by the Twitter user @FishBoneHead1. The account, which described itself as belonging to a comedian, regularly tweeted out anti-Clinton and right-leaning messages and images.

The image also appeared on June 22, on /pol/, an active neo-Nazi Internet message board that features many anti-Semitic posts.

It remains unclear where Trump's campaign obtained the image. A spokeswoman for the campaign did not immediately respond to questions about the original tweet or who was responsible for sending it out. Trump's twitter account remained silent on the issue Sunday.

The @FishBoneHead1 account was deleted amid the uproar on Sunday afternoon. The person who operated the feed did not respond to a request for comment before it was deleted. The post itself was deleted from the /pol/ message board, but its existence was confirmed by The Associated Press through an internet search engine that combs internet archives.

The image's appearance on /pol/ and @FishBoneHead1's twitter feed was first reported by the website mic.com.

Trump, who is running for president as a Republican, has repeatedly said that he would remain a staunch defender of Israel and last week shot down a question from a town hall attendee who questioned the U.S.'s defense of the Jewish state. His daughter, Ivanka, converted to Judaism and is raising her children Jewish.

Trump has been criticized in the past for repeatedly re-tweeting posts from white supremacists' accounts and failing to immediately denounce the support of former Ku Klux Klan grand wizard David Duke. Trump has a loyal following on white supremacist message boards and has been endorsed by several prominent white nationalist leaders who have credited him for invigorating their cause. Among them are William Johnson, chair of the American Freedom Party, which ran pro-Trump robo-calls during the GOP primary.

Trump's former campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, dismissed the controversy in an interview with CNN Sunday, accusing the media of trying to create something out of nothing.

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

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"I've lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: That God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We've been assured in the sacred writings that unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel." ★ Benjamin Franklin

PRESIDENTS

"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor." ★ George Washington

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." ★ John Adams

"Before any man can be considered as a member of civil society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe." ★ James Madison

"And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever." ★ Thomas Jefferson

"Is it not that in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?" ★ John Quincy Adams

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

"The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts." ★ John Jay: First Chief Justice

"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." ★ John Jay: First Chief Justice

"Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is Divine. ... Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants. Indeed, these two sciences run into each other." ★ James Wilson: Original Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court

"One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is a part of the Common Law. ... There never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as lying at its foundations. ... I verily believe Christianity necessary to the support of civil society." ★ Joseph Story: U.S. Supreme Court Justice

SUPREME COURT RULINGS

"There is no dissonance in these [legal] declarations. ... These are not individual sayings, declarations of private persons: they are organic [legal, governmental] utterances; they speak the voice of the entire people. ... These, and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation." ★ Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S., 1892 (Unanimous Decision Declaring America a Christian Nation)

Significantly, the U.S. Supreme Court cited dozens of court rulings and legal documents as precedents to arrive at this ruling; but in 1962, when the Supreme Court struck down voluntary prayer in schools, it did so without using any such precedent.

"Why may not the Bible, and especially the New Testament, without note or comment, be read and taught as a divine revelation in [schools] – its general precepts expounded, its evidences explained and its glorious principles of morality inculcated? ... Where can the purest principles of morality be learned so clearly or so perfectly as from the New Testament?" ★ Vidal v. Girard's Executors, 1844 (Unanimous Decision Commending and Encouraging the Use of the Bible in Government-Run Schools)

CONGRESS

"We are a Christian people ...not because the law demands it, not to gain exclusive benefits or to avoid legal disabilities, but from choice and education; and in a land thus universally Christian, what is to be expected, what desired, but that we shall pay due regard to Christianity?" ★ Senate Judiciary Committee Report, January 19, 1853

"At the time of the adoption of the Constitution and the amendments, the universal sentiment was that Christianity should be encouraged. ... In this age there can be no substitute for Christianity. ... That was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants." ★ House Judiciary Committee Report, March 27, 1854

EDUCATION

"Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let every one seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of Him (Proverbs 2, 3). Every one shall so exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day that he shall be ready to give such an account of his proficiency therein." ★ Harvard 1636 Student Guidelines

"All the scholars are required to live a religious and blameless life according to the rules of God's Word, diligently reading the Holy Scriptures, that fountain of Divine light and truth, and constantly attending all the duties of religion." ★ Yale 1787 Student Guidelines

FOREIGN OPINION

"The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other." ★ Alexis de Tocqueville: French observer of America in 1831, author of Democracy in America

"There is no country in which the people are so religious as in the United States. ... The great number of religious societies existing in the United States is truly surprising: there are some of them for everything; for instance, societies to distribute the Bible; to distribute tracts; to encourage religious journals; to convert, civilize, educate...to take care of their widows and orphans; to preach, extend, purify, preserve, reform the faith; to build chapels, endow congregations, support seminaries...to establish Sunday schools...to prevent drunkenness, etc." ★ Achille Murat: French observer of America in 1832

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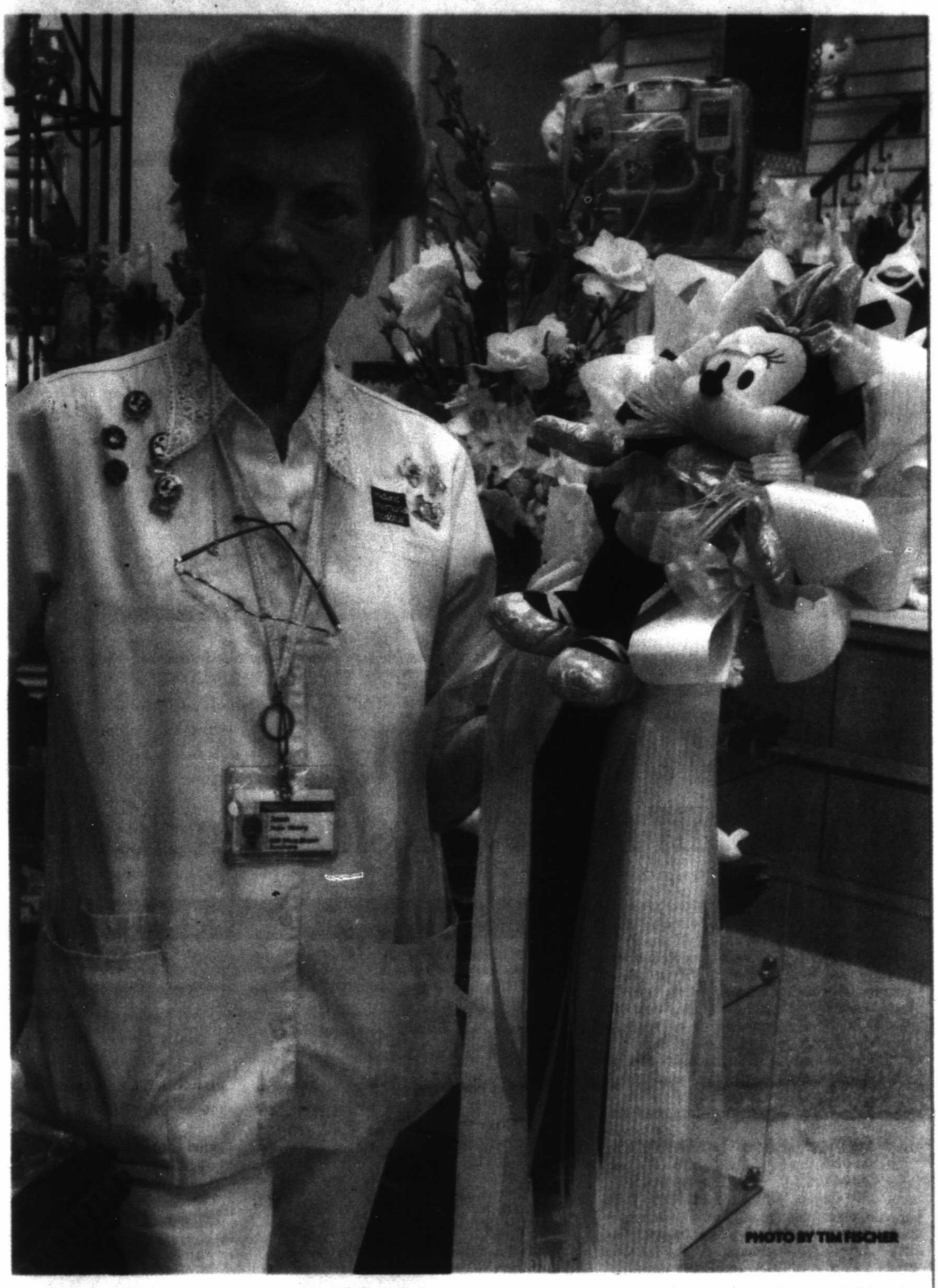

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JOAN HENRY

MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY VOLUNTEER

How did you become involved with the Midland Memorial Hospital auxiliary? I first got involved with auxiliary work while we were living in Lafayette, Louisiana, when I volunteered at Lafayette General. When we moved to Midland, a friend I had kept up with from my Michigan State days was living here and encouraged me to join the auxiliary. So after my boys started school in fall 1969, I joined the auxiliary and have been volunteering all those years. In 1980, the president asked me to handle the buying for the gift shop, and I have done that since, traveling to market twice a year to purchase items. I have volunteered more than 50,000 hours since I joined the MMH auxiliary. I served 25 years on the state board for hospital auxiliaries. It's an educational system for auxiliaries throughout the state.

What does volunteering with the Midland Memorial Hosptial auxiliary entail? I am scheduled to work every Monday, but when merchandise comes in, sometimes I'm here every day. I primarily work in the gift shop, stocking and pricing merdhandise, and I do a lot of the design work on our arrangements and making the baby bows. Other duties auxiliarians complete for the hospital includes taking patients to their rooms, to treatments, acting as an intermediary between the doctor and patient in the third-floor waiting room and bringing in therapy dogs on Tuesdays. We also have a junior auxiliarians program for youth age 15 and up, and we are mentors to them.

Why have you remained a MMH volunteer for decades? I've continued to do it because I love it. I'm a people person, and I just enjoy helping people and fundraising for the hospital — they always need money for one thing or another. Volunteering has been a godsend. It gives you a purpose in life after you've retired. It's a reason to get up and get busy and be useful to somebody. I've met lots of friends through the auxiliary. If an individual is looking for something in their life for an upbeat and encouraging mental attitude, try auxiliary work.

How long has Midland been your home and why have you stayed? I was born and raised on a farm in Michigan and attended Michigan State University. Work took my late husband, a geologist, to Corpus Christi in 1950, where we lived for a few years, and my daughter and first son were born. The oil business then took us to Houston, back to Corpus Christi, New Orleans and then Lafayette, Louisiana, for 12 years, where my second son was born. In 1969, my husband's company, UNOCAL, transferred us out here, and he worked as the manager of the area. We decided to stay when we retired, and though he passed away 18 years ago, I've decided to stay. I have three wonderful children — a daughter in Edmond, Oklahoma, son in Dallas and a son in The Woodlands.

"MRS. HENRY IS A VITAL PART OF THE MMH AUXILIARY"

Joan Henry currently serves as one of the buyers for Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She joined the auxiliary in 1969. She has worked more than 50,000 hours of time as a volunteer for the hospital. During her time, she has served twice as president, in addition to parliamentarian and gift shop buyer. She has also help organize and train junior volunteers. She has been a member for 47 years.

Mrs. Henry has been a guiding force in the selection of items in the gift shop, which produces revenue for special projects. The auxiliary purchases equipment for Midland Memorial Hospital with the profits from the store, and other fundraising projects.

During this fiscal year, the auxiliary has been able to create and build a new information desk for the hospital and partner with the Midland Memorial Hospital Foundation to purchase new high-tech mattresses for 48 ICU beds. The total for these two projects is $522,800, not to mention the other 46 years she has worked as a volunteer. Over the years, the grand total the auxiliary has donated to the hospital is a bit over $4 million. That is just equipment. If you count the hours times $12 an hour, which is the value the American Hospital Association puts in volunteering, the total is over $22 million. That is a tremendous gift for one organization to give a community hospital. Mrs. Henry is a vital part of the MMH Auxiliary. Her hours alone total $600,000.

It is not often that one person can have such a positive influence on one organization for 47 years. Mrs. Henry is an exceptional person, whose personal touches and energy have helped create great health care in her community. Midland is very lucky to have citizens who give back to their community. Mrs. Henry is among an elite group. She blesses us each day with her warm smile, energy and generous heart.

Kim Modisett, *Midland Memorial Hospital auxiliary coordinator*

"IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT JOAN HENRY'S HELP"

For more than 30 years, I've watched Joan Henry as gift shop buyer work tirelessly and with a passion to make sure the MMH Gift Shop is fully stocked by going to market in Dallas and/or Atlanta twice a year. She also made sure inventory was completed in a timely fashion.

She receives the merchandise, uncrates the cartons, makes sure all ordered are received and then prices the items and places them into the shop. The rest is stored where she makes beautiful flower arrangements and baby bows to be sold in the gift shop.

An auxilian is required to work one four-hour shift a week. Joanie works three or four days a week. Our main source of income comes from the gift shop and is the reason that we have been able to give over $4 million to MMH in projects of equipment since our inception in 1950.

"It takes a village," as the old saying goes, but I know it would not have been without Joan Henry's help!!

Anne Kleine, *MMH executive board member, Ways and Means and Projects chairman, past president and member of the MMH board of governors*

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James and Jennifer Florence, of Petersburg, Va., stand over a steam grate as flags fly at half staff at the Washington Monument in honor of former President Gerald Ford who died the previous day, in Washington. Presidents, senators and war heroes traditionally have been honored by lowering the American flag, but the honor has been extended to entertainers and sports heroes, as well.

POWERFUL SYMBOL

Lowering flag to half-staff might be losing significance

By Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nearly every day, somewhere in the country, the Stars and Stripes were lowered to half-staff last year in one of the most significant official gestures of mourning and respect, an Associated Press analysis found.

The centuries-old practice can be a visible, public answer to extraordinary loss, as when more than four dozen people were killed last month at a gay nightclub in Florida. But as the nation marks Independence Day today, flag buffs have noted that the honor has been extended more widely over time, including to celebrities and police dogs. And some have questioned whether the country has lowered the bar on the lowering of the flag.

"It can be a very powerful symbol, but it can also be overdone to the point that it loses its significance," said John Hartvigsen, president of the North American Vexillological Association, a flag aficionados' group. "You can't spell everything out about this in rules and regulations, because it has so much to do with emotion."

The U.S. Flag Code allows presidents and governors to lower flags for officials, military members and certain occasions, though some states have their own broader policies. And even as some states have moved to tighten their rules, others faced criticism for withholding the tribute.

The AP's analysis of proclamations from 50 state governors and the federal government found the Stars and Stripes were lowered at least someplace in the country on 328 days during 2015.

Eight states had orders lowering the U.S. flag in effect over more than 30 days; Massachusetts led all others, keeping the flag at half-staff for over a quarter of the year, including on the Fourth of July.

Among the hundreds honored were victims of extremist attacks, fallen soldiers, long-serving politicians and such celebrities as baseball legend Yogi Berra.

Those honored last year alone with a half-staff U.S. flag include five Georgia Southern University nursing students killed in a car wreck and a Downey, California, police officer shot in his car in a police parking lot in an alleged robbery attempt. Flags were lowered for a Missouri state official who was running for governor when he killed himself after a radio ad mocked his appearance, and for an Oklahoma state road worker who died helping to fill a sinkhole. One honoree was a police dog shot in Ohio.

Who gets honored, and when, can be controversial. Recent years saw tension over lowering flags nationwide for former South African President Nelson Mandela and in New Jersey for the singer Whitney Houston .

Seeing half-staff flags on July Fourth last year jarred Amherst, Massachusetts, resident Larry Kelley, who felt the tribute — part of a 13-day honor for a state senator — "sends the wrong message" on the nation's birthday.

"It just seemed to me to take away from the whole idea of lowering the flag," said Kelley, adding that he'd have felt differently if the state were mourning a line-of-duty death or major public trauma. He initially didn't even realize what the occasion was, until a reader of his local-issues blog filled him in.

Concerned that lowering flags frequently muted the impact, Kentucky decided in 2008 to recognize fallen local military members only on their burial days. Colorado established rules a few years ago spelling out what categories of people are honored statewide, including military members, state officials and police and firefighters who die on duty.

"It's such an honor and a recognition for people, you never want to say no. But you can't always say yes," said Kathy Green, a spokeswoman for Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper. "So we had to set some parameters."

But setting limits can be thorny.

Even denying flag honors to a convicted felon didn't fly in Rhode Island. Democratic Gov. Gina Raimondo initially declined to lower flags this year for longtime former Providence Mayor Buddy Cianci, a Republican-turned-independent who'd been convicted of corruption. Amid an outcry from Cianci fans, Raimondo changed her mind "out of respect for the office he held for 20 years."

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, a Republican, took heat for not lowering flags after three local Marines were killed in a March 2015 helicopter crash during training off Florida. State policy reserved the honor for those killed in combat, but after veterans' groups complained, Snyder reversed course.

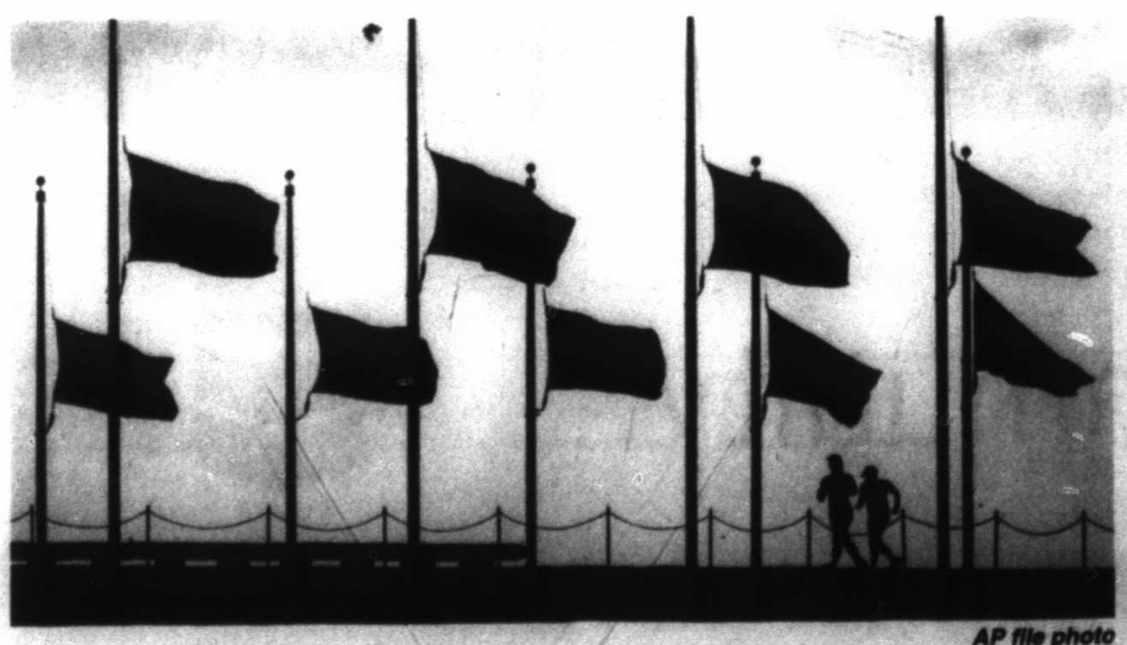
To Wayne Luznicky, a Vietnam War veteran who leads the Marine Corps League's Grand Rapids detachment, the episode encapsulated muddled impulses about who gets honored and who doesn't.

"Where are the priorities?" he asked.

Looking at the uneven landscape, the Pittsburgh-based National Flag Foundation plans to craft half-staff guidelines to circulate to governors.

Still, even experts say flag etiquette is, to some extent, a personal code.

"The way you honor the flag," Hartvigsen said, "is the way you live as a citizen."



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Flags fly at half-staff around the Washington Monument at daybreak in Washington, by order of President Obama, the day after more than four dozen people were killed in the Orlando, Fla., nightclub shootings.

Some examples of half-staff tributes

NEW YORK — Nearly 90 percent of days last year, one or more states were flying the American flag at half-staff to memorialize the deaths of military members, public officials, police, first responders, prominent citizens and victims of mass killings and disasters.

Here are some of the honorees the Associated Press found in analyzing information from all 50 states and the federal government:

Famous names

Epigrammatic baseball great Yogi Berra, known as much for his quips as his Hall of Fame career with the New York Yankees, was recognized in New Jersey, where Republican Gov. Chris Christie lowered flags for a resident he described as a "national treasure," as well as a World War II veteran. Christie has been notably open to extending flag honors to famous people who aren't public servants, including E Street Band saxophonist Clarence Clemons in 2011 and singer Whitney Houston in 2012. Some critics noted Houston's drug use; Christie said it shouldn't outweigh the New Jersey native's impact on culture.

Former U.S. Sen. and actor Fred Thompson, a Republican whose roles in American public life spanned from real-life Senate counsel at the Watergate hearings to fictional district attorney on NBC's "Law & Order," was honored in his home state of Tennessee. Civil rights leader Julian Bond, who led the NAACP for a decade, was honored in Georgia , where he had been a state representative and state senator.

Gov. Greg Abbott lowered flags on what the Republican proclaimed Chris Kyle Day , in honor of Navy SEAL and "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle, considered the deadliest sniper in U.S. military history. The Odessa native was killed at a Texas shooting range in 2013.

Firsts and lasts

Some flag orders recognized firsts, such as former Utah Gov. Olene Walker , a Republican educator and so far the only woman and only Ph.D. to hold the state's highest office. New Mexico honoree Bahe Ketchum , on the other hand, was among the last about 20 members of a distinguished group: the hundreds of Navajo code talkers who played a vital role in World War II by transmitting radio messages in a code based on their native language, which flummoxed the Japanese.

Lengthy lowering

When Democratic former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick lowered flags until the late Sen. Edward Brooke's funeral, Patrick might not have thought they would be at half-staff for 65 days — so long that Patrick's Republican successor, Gov. Charlie Baker, decided to issue an order reminding people to raise them once Brooke was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Brooke, a Republican, was the first black person elected to the Senate by popular vote, rather than by a Reconstruction-era state legislature.

New Yorkers saw flags at half-staff for 30 days for former Gov. Mario Cuomo, one of the state's best-known leaders and the father of current Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat.

Terror and tragedy

While President Barack Obama ordered flags lowered nationwide after such attacks as the terror strikes in Parisand San Bernardino , California, governors also recognized victims of mass killings and casualties including the shootings of nine black Charleston, South Carolina, churchgoers in what authorities say was a racially motivated massacre; the deaths of 33 mariners when the freighter El Faro sank off the Bahamas in a hurricane; and an assault by radicals on a luxury hotel in Bamako, Mali, in which an aid worker from New Jersey was among the 19 people killed. The Charleston shootings also led to a different kind of flag lowering: the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the South Carolina Statehouse.

Some veterans and conservatives excoriated Obama for not immediately ordering flags to half-staff after five military members were killed at a Tennessee recruiting center in July. The Democrat issued the order five days later, after more than a dozen governors did.

Fallen in the line of duty

Many half-staff orders reflected the dangerous work and poignant deaths of police, first responders and members of the military.

Oklahoma honored the first American soldier to die in combat against Islamic State militants in Iraq; Master Sgt. Joshua Wheeler helped free approximately 70 Iraqi prisoners from captivity in an October raid. Several other states lowered flags for veterans whose remains were identified only recently after their deaths in action as far back as World War II. One, Cpl. Lee Brown of Oregon, was killed just seven days after being deployed in the Korean War, at age 17.

Delton Daniels also was in his first week in his position, as a sheriff's deputy in South Carolina's Marlboro County, when he was killed in an on-duty car crash. Dennis Rodeman, a Lansing, Michigan, firefighter, was run down in a street while collecting donations. Police said the motorist told them he was angry the charity drive was tying up traffic.

One honoree's story later had a startling twist. When Illinois lowered flags for Charles Joseph Gliniewicz, a police lieutenant in the Chicago exurb of Fox Lake, authorities believed he'd been killed after pursuing three suspicious men into a swamp. But two months later, investigators concluded he killed himself because he had embezzled from a youth program and feared being found out.

Honoring a police dog

Ohio Gov. John Kasich ordered flags to half-staff in memory of a fallen member of the Toledo police force — Falko, a German shepherd shot by a homicide suspect he was trying to apprehend.

Some people aren't comfortable with lowering flags for dogs, and the issue sparked a brief squabble last year between the mayor and police chief of New Martinsville, West Virginia (the honor was ultimately given to a police dog that died there). Proponents say animals known as K9 officers deserve an officer's recognition.

Flags have even been lowered for a pet: Former Maine Gov. Percival Baxter's Irish setter, Garry, in 1923. Answering critics, the Republican governor called it "a tribute well deserved but long deferred" for man's best friend.

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Whopper of a legend is behind famed hot dog contest

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nathan's Famous might be in the hot dog business, but for decades they've been peddling a whopper.

Showmen behind Nathan's annual Fourth of July hot dog eating contest have long claimed the tradition began in 1916 as a showdown between patriotic immigrants on the Coney Island boardwalk.

That would make today's contest a centennial, except for an inconvenient truth: The contest and its backstory were invented in the 1970s by PR men trying to get more attention for Nathan's, which had just become a publicly traded company.

"Our objective was to take a photograph and get it in the New York newspaper," said Wayne Norbitz, who served as president of Nathan's for 26 years and still sits on the board of directors.

Norbitz is careful to say that the company's source for the 1916 story is "legend has it." He says the first contest actually happened in 1972, and the early chowdowns were all small, sparsely attended affairs.

"We'd honestly wait for a couple of fat guys to walk by and ask them if they wanted to be in a hot dog contest," he says.

The legend of the hot dog contest conveniently dates to 1916, the same year Polish immigrant Nathan Handwerker opened his Coney Island hot dog stand using a $300 loan from two friends.

AP file photo

Five-time reigning champion Joey Chestnut competes in the Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating World Championship, Wednesday, July 4, 2012, at Coney Island, in the Brooklyn borough of New York. Chestnut went on to scarf down 68 hot dogs to win his sixth consecutive Fourth of July hot dog eating contest at Coney Island.

As the story goes, an Irish immigrant named James Mullen had been walking in Coney Island when he challenged a group of recent immigrants to prove who was the most American. Of course, they decided to settle it by eating hot dogs. It was a tale repeated over the years in stories by numerous news organizations, including The Associated Press.

Mortimer Matz, one of the contest's hype men, unapologetically admitted to The New York Times in 2010 that "in Coney Island pitchman style, we made it up."

The winner of that first contest in 1972 was able to shove 14 hot dogs and buns down in 12 minutes.

It remained on a small scale until the 1980s, when competitive eaters from Japan began joining the contest, growing it quickly into a full-fledged competition with weigh-ins and elaborate introductions similar to those of a heavyweight championship fight.

Joey "Jaws" Chestnut set the world record in 2013 when he polished off 69 dogs in 10 minutes. His run of eight straight victories ended last year when he lost the Mustard Yellow International Belt in an upset.

He will compete to regain the title this year before a huge crowd. Millions more will watch on ESPN.

Organizers held their annual weigh-in for the contest Friday in Brooklyn. The event featured a stare-down between Chestnut and the defending men's champion, Matt "The Megatoad" Stonie, as well as between defending women's champion Miki Sudo and three-time champion Sonya "The Black Widow" Thomas.

"It's so popular that in certain parts of the U.S. and certain parts of the world, people know Nathan's because of the contest," Norbitz says. "The first thing they'll say many times is 'Nathan's, that's the hot dog eating contest.'"

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Years of work, study are ahead at Alamo

By Scott Huddleston
San Antonio Express-News

The lead expert in development of a long-term Alamo master plan called the mission and battle site one of the most complex historic locales in the world, one that will require years of study and fundraising to implement a first-rate overhaul.

George Skarmeas, design director with Preservation Design Partnership of Philadelphia, said a careful, ponderous examination of the Alamo area, through documentation and archaeological work, will guide a project that could have construction starting in 2021 and a "soft opening" in 2024.

"We need to understand what is under our feet," Skarmeas told City Council members Wednesday, describing the area as "a place where two continents came together."

A "dream team" of experts will begin a "systematic archaeological study" of the area next week to pinpoint the location of exterior portions of the 1836 battle compound, as well as acequias — carefully engineered, river-fed water canals — that had served the compound since its 1700s mission era.

The archaeological work, to begin Tuesday, will help identify original structural limits of the compound defended during a 13-day siege for Texas independence, and how the site's landscape has changed over time, with portions buried under possibly several feet of dirt over the years as San Antonio has grown around it. Ground-penetrating radar and digs "in targeted locations" will be used, Skarmeas said.

"This is one of the most complicated sites in the world. And in that complication lies all kinds of opportunities," said Gene Powell, a board member of the nonprofit Alamo Endowment, which is working with the city and Texas General Land Office to develop the master plan, set for completion and adoption in about a year.

A new website, ReimagineTheAlamo.org, has been launched to provide updates on the plan.

Archaeologists will provide daily morning briefings for Alamo visitors on their work, which will result in periodic lane closures on Alamo and Houston streets adjacent to Alamo Plaza. Those briefings will be posted online through social media, Powell said.

Along with Philadelphia-based PDP, the local firm of Fisher Heck Architects and Grupo de Diseño Urbano of Mexico City also are working to expand the Alamo experience beyond the state-owned 4.2-acre complex.

The plan is likely to include a vision for a modern visitor center, and recommendations on public art, pedestrian access and other area upgrades to reduce noise and improve the reverence and historical authenticity.

Skarmeas said it also needs to establish an entry point for visitors and proper flow of pedestrian movement. The Alamo's mission church is one of the world's most sacred structures, "and I have to cross three lanes of traffic to get there" from the San Antonio River to the west, he said.

The design team will have to perform "open heart surgery" to reveal layers of history, Skarmeas said, from the daily life of indigenous mission inhabitants and the storied 1836 siege and battle to use as a U.S. Army depot and commercial development around the city-owned plaza.

"The site will give us the right answers," Skarmeas said.

In the end, once improvements are in place, visitors "will leave better people, having learned something very meaningful," he added.

Aside from about $42 million already committed by the city and state for Alamo improvements, the endowment has said it may privately try to raise hundreds of millions more for projects identified in the plan.

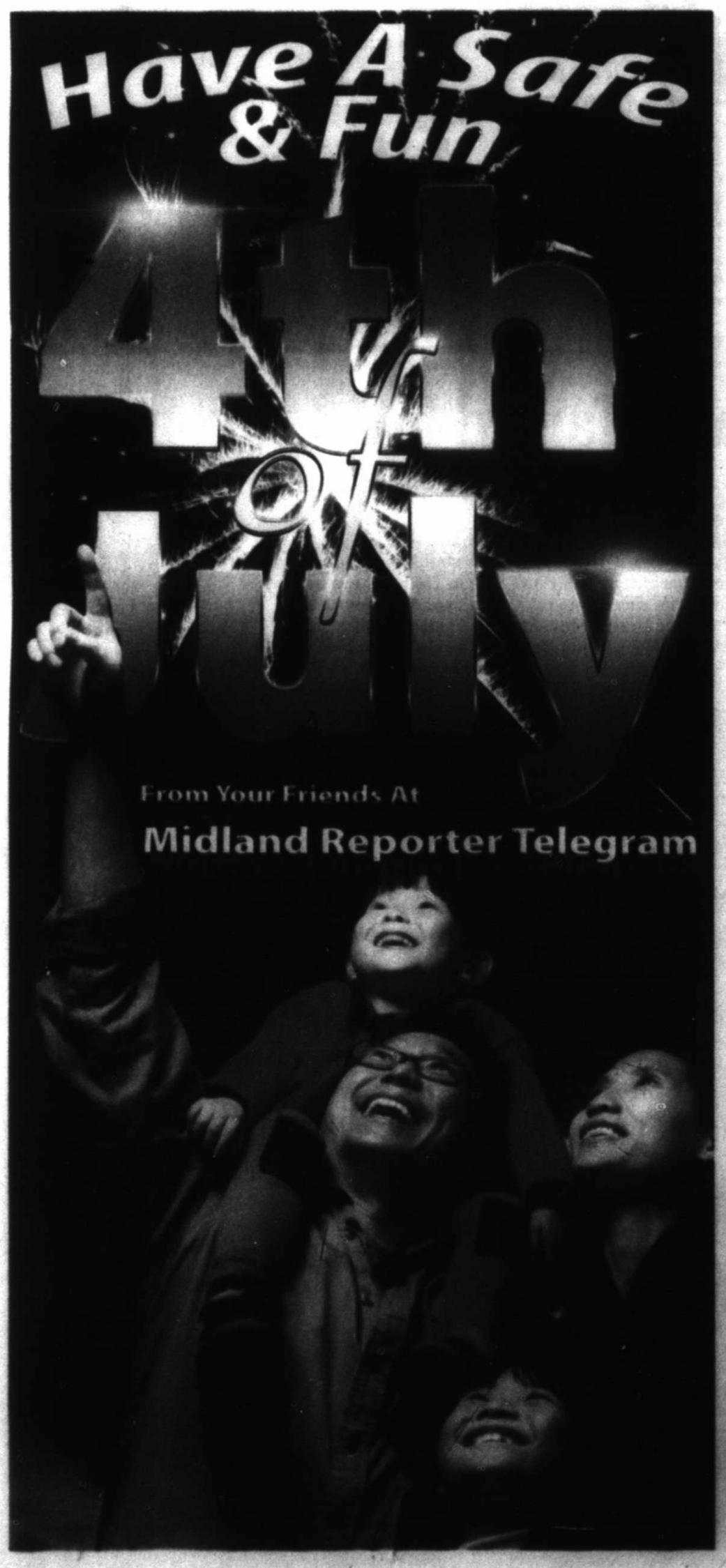
The first installment in a series of "public engagement sessions" is set for 6 p.m. Aug. 2, at a location to be announced, the endowment said in a release.

Skarmeas' presentation was followed by applause during the council work session — a rare reaction, Mayor Ivy Taylor noted.

"We know we're at the beginning of a long and exciting journey," said Taylor, who serves with Land Commissioner George P. Bush on an executive committee in the master plan process.

AP file photo

Dan Phillips, a member of the San Antonio Living History Association, patrols the Alamo during a pre-dawn memorial ceremony to remember the 1836 Battle of the Alamo and those who fell on both sides in San Antonio. The lead expert in the development of a long-term master plan for the Alamo says a first-rate overhaul will require years of study and fundraising. The San Antonio Express-News reports that George Skarmeas of Preservation Design Partnership of Philadelphia says a careful examination of the area, through documentation and archaeological work, will guide the project. He says construction could start in 2021 with a "soft opening" possible in 2024.



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Thomas Castagna, center, of Garden State Fireworks, works to ready the pyrotechnics planned for the National Mall today.

Italian family helps light up Washington on Fourth of July

By Tara Bahrampour
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sometimes, Chris Santore believes, more is more.

That will be his approach tonight, when he plans to pack more than 5,000 fireworks into 17 1/2 minutes for the Fourth of July celebration on the National Mall. So much bang in such a small window of time means a more-intense experience for the throngs of spectators watching explosions 1,500 feet up in the sky.

"The finale is just blow-your-hair-back," Santore said. The display will "scream 'July Fourth in Washington, D.C.' And I think that's an appropriate tone to set."

On Thursday, his crew worked among neat double rows of black canisters lined up like soldiers on either side of the Reflecting Pool, between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. A paper-wrapped ball of explosives needed to be placed into each high-density polyethylene container and then fitted with an "electric match" made of insulated copper wire, which was then connected to one of 29 circuit boards. The canisters, ranging from three to 10 inches in diameter, were then covered with aluminum foil, to protect them from stray sparks, and black plastic, to protect them from moisture.

Now they were ready to go, and there was no need to uncover them — you could put plywood on top, and they would shoot right through it. (But do not try that at home, Santore warned.)

Tonight (or Tuesday, if the show gets rained out), Santore will be at the Lincoln Memorial, overseeing the computer that will follow a sequence he orchestrated in advance, choreographed to music he chose from a selection that the National Parks Service provided.

All he has to do is push a button.

That's a long way from the simple, manually ignited road-flare-type fireworks that his great-grandfather Augustine Santore learned to set off as a young man in Italy. In the 1860s, he apprenticed with the master fireworker to King Victor Emmanuel II of Italy; three decades later, he moved to New Jersey and opened his own factory, now called Garden State Fireworks. (Apparently, this was a thing: Three of the largest fireworks companies in the United States today were started by Italians in the 1800s.)

Augustine's descendants continued the tradition, providing pyrotechnic displays at events across North America, including the Statue of Liberty centennial celebration, the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta, and the Super Bowl — and, since 2013, the Fourth of July celebration on the Mall. Chris Santore's father, aunt, uncle, cousins and brothers all work in the business, and his children are starting to apprentice.

Along the way, they have won international competitions and befriended other fireworks luminaries around the globe.

"There's good camaraderie among pyrotechnicians, and everyone has our own unique approach," said Santore, 42. The Germans like strobes; the Spanish like rockets. "It's like food — think of it that way. You've got different recipes for international cuisines. ... When we show up with our 100-pound multi-break shells, they shake their heads: 'These crazy Italians, why are they bringing 100-pound fireworks all the way to Spain?'"

The fireworks traveled last week from Millington, New Jersey, on a 53-foot tractor-trailer, a 24-foot truck and two 16-foot trucks. Installing them on the Mall is a more delicate procedure than it would be at, say, a fairground. "You're dealing with national treasures here, and protecting (tree) root systems," Santore said. For those reasons, only smaller trucks were used to bring the materials on site.

Selecting songs and choreographing a display to match them is an integral part of the process. "The music is really the foundation, so you really need the right tones and tempos," Santore said. "I like to open strong and then build some highs and lows, peaks and valleys," reflecting the ebb and flow of the explosions.

"If all the music was fast and all the fireworks were fast," he said, "you could really tune out the music."

This year's mix, which will be easiest to hear near the Washington Monument, includes patriotic music, rock, pop and 1970s classics. There will also be a Prince song to honor the star, who recently died, and the Beatles' "Birthday" — a special nod to the Parks Service, which turns 100 this year.

Even in the computer age, fireworks manufacturing involves a good amount of physical labor. The color component, known as a "star," is made similarly to how a snowball is formed. The technicians put a small item — such as a piece of pasta — into a color composition powder and roll it around until it grows into a large ball.

Along with the mix of chrysanthemum, peony, crossette and salute firework effects spraying across the night sky, Santore's favorite is the gold-flitter streamer, a Garden State invention that produces a shooting-star effect with a glittering tail.

The area around the Reflecting Pool was closed off this week to everyone but the ducks, who swam around looking a little confused as to why things were so quiet, and Santore's team, which includes three high school technology teachers who do this work on their off time.

"My father was a schoolteacher, too, and he taught the other Santore brother," said one of them, Brian Megaro, who wore a cowboy hat to keep off the sun. "I said, 'Dad, can I go backstage and see what they do?'"

Now Megaro is the second pyrotechnician in command, a job that brings him some respect among his students. "Everybody loves to see stuff blowing up."

Everett Seemann, 57, a bearlike man with shaggy gray hair, has been working for the company for 34 years. "I do all the mixing of the high-power explosives," he said. He was a baker before he became a pyrochemist. "It's the same thing: You have to measure everything right."

Unlike with cake ingredients, though, he said, "if you do the wrong thing, you're history."

Seemann said he kind of likes the danger: "You live on the edge every day." And he likes the end result: "You see the fireworks go up, and you say, 'Wow, I made most of that.'"

LISA FALKENBERG
Houston Chronicle

The road out of Seguin, and the freedom of mistakes and U-turns

For a small-town girl, the Fourth of July still means a trek up I-10 to Seguin, where we'll celebrate freedom with dad's killer brisket, mom's homemade ice cream and a down-home parade during which the sprawling lawn chair crowds stand up so often — for every flag, every veteran's group — that it can feel like a Catholic Mass.

The kids wave flags. They watch a long-legged man dressed as Uncle Sam ride a unicycle like he's done every year since I can remember. They swoon at the beauty queens and stare in wonder at the hydraulic stunts of low-riders. It's a good time. Maybe why Yahoo! Style named it one of the best small-town parades in America last year.

As I get older, I cherish these trips home, the time with family, the gluttonous caloric intake, the travels down familiar roads with ever-changing eyes.

Recently, I gave a speech to a room full of businesswomen at the Junior League in which I recounted my first trip down that road that took me out of Seguin on my own, and out of my comfort zone.

I wasn't quite as bold as Hal Ketchum describes in the song "Small Town Saturday Night": "They go ninety miles an hour to the city limits sign. Put the pedal to the metal 'fore they change their mind."

The speech was supposed to be about risk-taking. I had to explain that me speaking about risk-taking is a bit like Paula Deen opining on the South Beach Diet.

Some of you may think I'm gutsy now, because I write about controversial topics that earn me hate mail and the online affection of trolls. But the truth is they had to drag me kicking and screaming into writing this column. I'm OK once I'm on the road. But sometimes, I'm hesitant to embark.

Earlier this year, speaking to a group of journalism students at my old high school, one asked me how I ever got out of that little town. I pointed toward the nearest highway, I-10: "That's how." But it wasn't quite as easy as that.

In high school, I used to compete in academic University Interscholastic League competitions, mainly journalism-related. Early Saturday mornings, I'd board a bus to some town in our region and try to write a better headline or editorial or news story than anybody else. Yes, I was a nerd.

One Saturday, though, I missed the bus. The meet was scheduled for a school in South San Antonio, about 45 miles away. I was desperate to go. And the thought crossed my mind: "Well, I'm 16, I have a car, I could drive."

Then the voice of my mother blared from the cautionary intercom in my brain. "Danger! Danger! You'll end up in ... LAREDO!"

My mother rarely drove out of Seguin herself. She still doesn't. With a truck driver husband, I guess she never really had to. But she would often impart wisdom about the perils of traveling on highways.

One of her favorites was that, if you made the slightest mistake, wrong turn, wrong exit, wrong lane change ... you'd end up in LARRRREDDO.

At that point, I'd never been to Laredo. I didn't know what was there. I'm sorry if you, dear reader, are from Laredo. I just knew it must be a frightful place if my mother was so concerned about us ending up there.

I had no clue how to get to San Antonio. This was in the mid-'90s. No GPS. We didn't have internet. At that point, I didn't even have a cellphone.

But I knew someone — the mother of my high school sweetheart. She was a newfangled sort of woman.

Maybe you'd call her a feminist. She went to college. She was working on her master's degree. She engaged in risky, liberated behaviors such as frequently breaching the city limits of Seguin, Texas, in a moving vehicle.

She could tell me how to get there!

I drove to her house, and she happily gave me directions, along with an encouraging pep talk, and instructions to call her collect from a pay phone if I had any problems.

I got on the road in my four-door Ford Taurus. I was feeling brave. I was feeling proud. I was so full of myself, apparently, that I missed the exit.

"Oh God!" I thought. "I'm doomed. Finished. I'll never see my family again. I'll end up in ... Laredo!"

Then I remembered the pay phone. I pulled over and called collect. I told my friend's mom what happened.

"It's fine," she said. "Just turn around."

I was speechless.

I felt like a paradigm hadn't just shifted, it had steamrolled me into a nice flat pancake on the gas-station pavement.

"Turn around?" I asked.

Until that moment, it had never occurred to me that if I made a mistake on a highway, I could just turn around. I could fix it. I

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100 years later, France marks American's July 4 sacrifice

By Raf Casert
Associated Press

BELLOY-EN-SANTERRE, France — In the end, Alan Seeger's bones could no longer be distinguished from those of his Foreign Legion comrades who had fallen alongside him in one of the most brutal battles of World War I.

United across nations, it was the glorious death that he craved.

Seeger — an American poet, romantic and soldier — died on that most American of days, July 4th, a century ago Monday. Barely 28, he was already fighting for a global, common cause that bound dozens of countries together at a time when the United States was still a bystander, reluctant to get involved in a faraway war in Europe.

His premonition, "I have a Rendezvous with Death," was to become his most beloved poem, and the volunteer was happy to give his life for France and its grand ideals of "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity." Half a century later, it was a favorite poem of U.S. President John Kennedy.

Seeger was last seen by his Egyptian friend Rif Baer charging the German enemy, a tiny part of the massive Battle of the Somme, where more than 1 million people were killed, wounded or remained missing in 4 1/2 months of fighting in 1916.

"His head erect, and pride in his eye, I saw him running forward, with bayonet fixed. Soon he disappeared," Baer described the final scene — and the myth of Seeger emerged.

As a belated summer comes to northern France, peonies bloom over Ossuary No. 1 in nearby Lihons where he is believed to lie, forgotten by most but still cherished by some. In the village where he fell, a gnarly apple tree planted in dedication to his sacrifice furtively tries to produce fruit from the few branches it still has. The mayor plans to graft the tree, to make sure Seeger's memory survives.

The Belloy village square is named after him and the village's World War I memorial even has him — in the Gallic "Alain Seeger" —chiseled in stone.

"For France, Alan Seeger is first and foremost the symbol of commitment — commitment right up to death," said local historian Marcel Queyrat.

In his diary, Seeger wrote "I never took arms out of any hatred against Germany or the Germans, but purely out of love for France."

To his mother he wrote "there should really be no neutrals in a conflict like this, where there is not a people whose interests are not involved." This, combined with his French military flair for "elan" — the forward thrust in battle — makes Seeger a standout a century later when Europeans are questioning their unity.

From the start of World War I, Seeger wanted to get the United States involved in the allied cause. Once it did, in 1917, it set the scene for the "American century" of predominance in the world.

His centennial now offers a stark contrast. During this year's U.S. presidential campaign, opponents of Republican candidate Donald Trump accuse him of turning back to isolation, his "America First" slogan stoking such fears.

Seeger could not understand those who stood to the side in World War I, hardly the anti-war message that his folk-singing nephew Pete Seeger would later spread during the Vietnam War years.

"Playing a part in the life of nations, he is taking part in the largest movement his planet allows him," Alan Seeger wrote in his diary.

Born into a wealthy family that built its fortune on Mexican sugar refining, and with a gift for languages, he went to study at Harvard. His life changed for good when he started hanging out with classmate John Reed, who went on to become the eyewitness writer of the 1917 Russian Communist revolution with "Ten Days that Shook the World."

After Harvard, it was on to New York and the Bohemian lifestyle of Greenwich Village. Soon Seeger was crossing the Atlantic to Paris and the Rive Gauche — the Left Bank. He arrived there in 1912, giving him two years to fall in love with the City of Lights and all things French, enough to decide to defend the nation when war came.

"An artist is not only an artist, he is also a man of action which, for me, is absolutely essential," said Pierre-Emmanuel Taittinger, president of the famed family Champagne house. "Seeger shows the way."

Taittinger has been smitten with Seeger's dash. At his Chateau de la Marquetterie amid the Champagne vineyards, he even has a special room with poetry and photos of Seeger, amid other World War I memorabilia. Seeger was smitten just as much with Champagne, writing of a night when he and other soldiers "in our candle-lit loft we uncorked bottles of bubbling champagne ... and clinking our tin army cups."

Early on, there was much fighting around Reims, Champagne's main city, and the destruction of the Cathedral by the Germans was considered such a sacrilege that it turned many across the world against Kaiser Wilhelm II. Those were the lands amid rusty vines that soldier Seeger roamed early on — often behind the lines while his soul yearned for action.

"And what a curious anomaly," he wrote to his mother. "On this slope the grape pickers are singing merrily at their work, on the other the batteries are roaming. Boom! Boom!"

Even though France was in his heart, home kept tugging at it too. He "fairly danced for joy" being granted a July 4th leave in Paris in 1915, but the war malaise had already spread to the capital, where Seeger saw many women in mourning. It was to be his last full Independence Day.

With an uncanny sense of fate, he felt battle was near in June 1916. "We will go directly into action, magnificently, unexpectedly, and probably victoriously, in some dashing charge, even if it be only of local importance," he wrote.

That is exactly what happened at Belloy-en-Santerre.

"I have a rendezvous with Death — At some disputed barricade," the poem said.

Today, Seeger will be remembered again.

Boston's July Fourth fete faces uncertainty

By Philip Marcelo
Associated Press

BOSTON — This Fourth of July, the cannons will roar and the fireworks will burst in brilliant colors as a world class orchestra drives home the climactic finale of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," as they have for decades over Boston's Charles River.

Pop stars Nick Jonas and Demi Lovato and country group Little Big Town will entertain the 500,000 expected to attend and the millions more across the country watching live on CBS.

But the future of the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular — one of the nation's signature Independence Day celebrations — is uncertain.

Businessman and philanthropist David Mugar is stepping down as founder and executive director of the celebration after 43 years and it's not clear who's going to fill the sponsorship and leadership void.

Longtime sponsor and Boston-based insurance giant Liberty Mutual decided not to renew its contract last year.

And Mugar, whose family founded the Star Market grocery chain in the Boston area, couldn't secure another financial backer. So he's covering the over $2 million production cost for this year's event from his personal wealth.

Mugar, 77, said he wants to devote more time to his other ventures.

"I'm disappointed but I'm not discouraged," he said earlier this week, as he oversaw preparations on Boston's waterfront esplanade. "I don't know why it's the case that no one has come forward yet. We're a perfect product. There's no controversy around it."

To be sure, others are contributing to this year's production.

The Boston Pops orchestra donates its performance. Security costs largely fall on the state and city. And CBS is footing the bill for the telecast, including the performers' fees.

But Boston's struggles to find a primary sponsor reflects a common challenge facing Independence Day celebrations across the country. Other events are also dealing with rising insurance costs and depleted city and state coffers.

In neighboring Connecticut, for example, the state's largest Independence Day celebration, Riverfest, was cancelled this year after the host cities of Hartford and East Hartford said they couldn't justify their roughly $100,000 share of the costs in the face of budget problems being felt across the state.

AP file photo

Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart, center, pauses with Aerosmith's lead singer Steven Tyler, left, and guitarist Joe Perry, right, in this file photo taken July 3, 2006, during rehearsal for the Fourth of July performance at the Hatch Shell in Boston. The future of the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular — one of the nation's signature Independence Day celebrations — is uncertain. David Mugar is stepping down as founder and executive director of the celebration after 43 years and it's not clear who's going to fill the sponsorship and leadership void.

Smaller towns and cities around the United States have had to cut fireworks' shows each year, some even turning to crowdfunding donations to keep it going.

Ian Cross, who teaches marketing at Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts, suggests companies are weighing the marketing potential of sponsoring a one-off event like a fireworks show and finding the costs outweigh the benefits.

"New marketing is about efficient use of money targeted at a carefully selected audience," he said. "But who is the firework audience? Everyone and no one. Maybe it's so general that it's difficult to target a specific business opportunity."

Boston residents relaxing along the esplanade earlier last week said they're a little concerned and surprised at the uncertainty surrounding the event's future.

"I think it would be really bad if it didn't happen," said Brian Harrington, 48. "It's so important for the city and the country. It's just a joyous occasion."

Resident Fatima Green said she was optimistic it will all work out before next year.

"The problem is that everyone is looking for something in return. They're not looking to do it from the same generosity that he's had," the 31-year old said, referring to Mugar. "This is about celebrating the independence we fought so hard to get. We got to keep it that way."

As for Mugar, he's open to helping as an adviser going forward but says he's trying to enjoy his last ride at the helm.

"It's nostalgic, of course. It's been a long run and I've met some wonderful people. But I agree with the Bill Belichick philosophy," Mugar said, referring to the New England Patriots' famously tight-lipped coach. "We've got a 2016 show to put on and we'll start working on 2017 afterward. Right now, we're all focused on 2016."

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This Fourth, I'll celebrate the history and promise of this country, the veterans I know and love, and the ones I'll never know but whose sacrifice I'll never forget.

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Dustin Johnson rallies at Firestone for 2nd straight win

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Dustin Johnson returned from celebrating his U.S. Open victory by taking down the world's No. 1 player to win another World Golf Championship.

Johnson didn't miss a beat from Oakmont to Firestone, powering and putting his way to a 4-under 66 on Sunday to win the Bridgestone Invitational for his second straight victory, making him the player to beat heading into the British Open in two weeks.

"This golf course is playing so tough, it's not like I need to go out and shoot 63," Johnson said. "You just try to hit it in the fairway and get to get it on the green and try to make some putts. I knew if I shot 4 or 5 under I'd have a chance."

Jason Day, poised for his first victory in his adopted home state of Ohio, helped make it easy for Johnson.

Day had a one-shot lead when he missed a 4-foot par putt on the 15th hole, and then collapsed with a series of bad shots and bad choices.

He tried to play it safe off the tee on the 655-yard 16th hole and hooked a 3-wood into the trees.

He blasted through the branches and through the fairway, getting a good break when a young fan picked up his ball, allowing Day to drop it from behind a tree.

Then, he tried to squeeze a shot from 200 yards around the pond.

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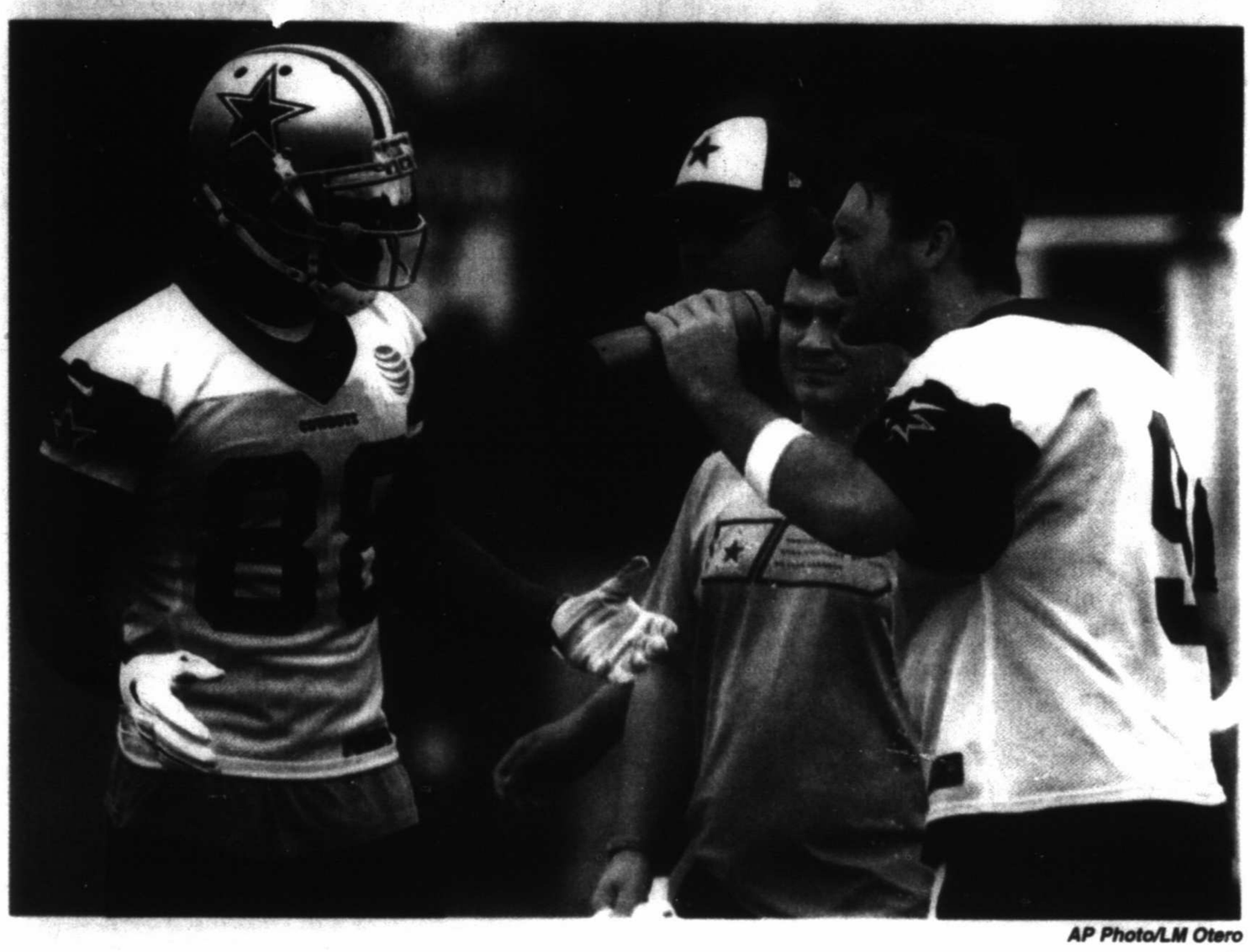
AP Photo/Tony Dejak

Dustin Johnson acknowledges fans after putting on the 18th hole during the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club on Sunday in Akron, Ohio. Johnson won the tournament.

Not worried about lost time



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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) sprays water on his face as teammate wide receiver Dez Bryant (88) speaks to him during the NFL team's minicamp at Valley Ranch on June 14 in Irving.

Romo, Bryant: No timing lost as Cowboys camp approaches

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Tony Romo and Dez Bryant planned to spend some time together throwing and catching during the break between offseason workouts and training camp.

Now that it's been four years since the last offseason together for the Dallas quarterback and his top receiver, logic says they're trying to make up for lost time after a lost season marked by major injuries to both.

Romo says otherwise.

"Timing and everything is going to be fine," Romo said on the final day of minicamp in mid-June. "It's just a matter of him feeling comfortable with the nuances of the game that really separate someone like Dez from others."

The 36-year-old Romo just enjoyed his first full offseason since 2012, talking confidently about being another year removed from a series of back issues — despite missing 12 games last year with a twice-broken left collarbone that was the biggest reason the Cowboys slid from first to worst in the NFC East.

But Bryant missed all the significant offseason work for the second straight year since his 2014 All-Pro season that helped Dallas to the division title and its first playoff victory since 2009.

Last year, he was out because he wanted a long-term contract instead of the one-year deal that came with the franchise tag. This year, the Cowboys took a cautious approach with the right foot that Bryant broke in the 2015 opener, ultimately sidelining him seven games and leading to a pair of surgeries, along with career lows in catches, yards and touchdowns.

As he watched an offseason practice alongside a few reporters last month, Bryant was asked if he expected to be at full speed for the opening of camp July 30 in Oxnard, California. With a nod toward associate athletic trainer Britt Brown, he essentially said it was out of his hands.

A few days later, though, he dismissed the same question with a curt "of course" while surrounded by reporters at his locker.

"Can't wait. But I have to be patient," said Bryant, who got his big contract at five years and $70 million just before camp last year. "As soon as training camp comes, you're going to see the big smile running on the field, ready to go. Get to do what I love. Can't wait."

Romo missed the offseason in 2013 because he was just a few weeks removed from back surgery. He was limited again a year later after another surgery when he injured his back late in the season against Washington. Then no Bryant in 2015, and a limited Bryant this year.

"The hard part is having the defensive back right in front of your face and dealing some of those other little things," Romo said about Bryant. "But he's played the game long enough that it won't take him much time. We just need him healthy. And when he's healthy, that stuff comes very fast."

Offensive coordinator Scott Linehan tends to take the optimistic view of such absences. When Romo was mostly on the sideline in the spring of Linehan's first year with Dallas in 2014, the former St. Louis coach spoke of valuable time for then-backup Brandon Weeden and others.

With Bryant mostly watching this spring, Linehan liked to speak of No. 2 receiver Terrance Williams, diminutive slot specialist Cole Beasley, and others. Plus, Linehan sees a difference between what amounted to a holdout from Bryant last year and the presence this year of someone eager to regain his All-Pro form.

"Dez has been here from the get-go, working extremely hard in the classroom," Linehan said. "He's in there front and center of every meeting. He wasn't able to do that last year. So there's a lot of benefits we're getting out of him while he's working with the trainers to get himself physically ready to go."

Don't be surprised if the Cowboys are cautious with Bryant at camp. Last year, he injured a hamstring just a few days in after he had been away from the team for months.

Dallas also has a history of protecting its biggest offensive stars before the regular season. The best example was Emmitt Smith, the all-time NFL rushing leader who would get precious few repetitions in camp and preseason games during the 1990s. The question is whether quarterbacks need more time with their receivers.

"I do think with quarterbacks and receivers, working together is important," coach Jason Garrett said. "They work together a lot of different ways. Throwing routes on air, throwing one on ones, seven on seven, and then ultimately in some team drills. Those progressions are important for those guys to get comfortable with each other."

Ultimately, though, Garrett echoed Romo. Health matters most with Bryant, whose broken foot ended a run of three straight seasons with at least 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns, capped by an NFL-high 16 scores in 2014. And Bryant says not to worry about his timing with Romo.

"I just think it's something me and Tony established a long time ago," Bryant said. "It's something that can't fade because that's something that we had. We truly commit ourselves to being on the same page. It's all about tuning it and going to work."

Williams gets 300th Slam win at Wimbledon

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

LONDON — Serena Williams has won so many Grand Slam matches that she's lost count.

Then again, as she noted Sunday, it's her losses that get a lot more attention nowadays.

Looking much more ready for Week 2 at Wimbledon than she did in her previous outing, Williams joined Martina Navratilova as the only women with 300 victories at major tournaments in the Open era by overwhelming Annika Beck 6-3, 6-0 in 51 minutes to get to the fourth round.

"Every time I step out on the court, if I don't win, it's major national news," Williams said a day after her counterpart in the men's draw, No. 1 and defending champion Novak Djokovic, was ousted. "But if I do win, it's just like a small tag in the corner."

Pushed to three sets her last time out, Williams was about as dominant as can be against her 43rd-ranked German opponent. Nearly perfect, even.

Williams won the last 17 points she served. She won 24 of the last 28 points overall. She accumulated 25 winners to two for Beck.

Afterward, the six-time Wimbledon champion was asked whether she knew she had reached a milestone by getting her 300th Grand Slam match win, breaking a tie with Chris Evert for second place behind Navratilova's total of 306.

"No. Was it? Cool. Oh, nice," the 34-year-old American said with a laugh. "I had no idea. That's awesome, right? That's good, right?"

She's now 300-42, an .877 winning percentage, and will go for No. 301 right away: All 16 men's and women's fourth-round matches are scheduled for Monday, when Williams faces two-time major champion Svetlana Kuznetsova.

Yes, thanks to sun on Sunday, the tournament is all caught up after persistent rain left a backlog of matches. This was only the fourth time since The Championships, as they're called around these parts, began 139 years ago that matches were played on the middle Sunday.

On the other three occasions — 1991, 1997, 2004 — fans lined up overnight to buy tickets that normally are so difficult, and expensive, to come by, creating a loud festival of flag-waving, face-painted folks thrilled to be on-site for once. This time, seats could only be purchased online, and there was a far-less-vibrant vibe than in the past on what was known as "People's Sunday."

"I thought it would feel really different," Williams said, asked to compare this day with an average one at the grass-court Grand Slam, "but it didn't feel really different."

If anything, this middle Sunday was oddly subdued. Silent, even. Arenas were filled with rows and rows of unclaimed green chairs. Spectators applauded politely, if at all. Walkways around the grounds were easy to traverse.

"Strange feeling, a little bit," said No. 7 Richard Gasquet, who helped give France four men in the round of 16 at Wimbledon for the first time since 1929, "because ... I don't see many people around."

His next opponent is another member of that rare quartet, No. 12 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who erased a two-set deficit, then saved a match point, en route to edging No. 18 John

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Cycling
Tour de France, Stage 3: Granville to Angers, 7 a.m., NBCSN
Major League Baseball
Milwaukee at Washington, 10 a.m., MLB
Texas at Boston, 12:30 p.m., FSSW
Seattle at Houston, 1 p.m., ROOT
LA Angels at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m., MLB
Colorado at San Francisco, 3 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Detroit at Cleveland, 6 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Baltimore at LA Dodgers, 8 p.m., MLB
NBA Summer League
Dallas vs. Orlando White, Noon, NBAtv
Orlando Blue vs. Detroit, 2 p.m., NBAtv
Charlotte vs. Oklahoma City, 4 p.m., NBAtv
Boston vs. Philadelphia, 6 p.m., NBAtv
San Antonio vs. Utah, 8 p.m., NBAtv
Olympic Trials
Track & Field: Men's Pole Vault, Men's Javelin Throw, Women's 800m, Men's 800m, 6 p.m., NBCSN
Tennis
Wimbledon, 6 a.m., ESPN2
Wimbledon, 7 a.m., ESPN, ESPN2

RADIO
Major League Baseball
Texas at Boston, 12:30 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
Texas League Baseball
Midland at Arkansas, 5:30 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended Toronto DH/1B Edwin Encarnacion one game for making contact with Umpire Vic Carapazza during Friday's game.

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Tyler Wilson to Norfolk (IL). Selected the contract of LHP Ariel Miranda from Norfolk. Transferred LHP Brian Duensing to the 60-day DL, retroactive to June 20.
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned RHP Pat Light to Pawtucket (IL). Assigned SSIllie Miller outright to Pawtucket. Selected the contract of RHP Sean O'Sullivan from Pawtucket. Agreed to terms with RHPs Shaun Anderson and Matthew Gorst on minor league contracts and assigned them to Lowell (NYP).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned LHP Shawn Morimando to Columbus (IL). Reinstated OF Abraham Almonte from the restricted list. Transferred OF Michael Brantley to the 60-day DL.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with LHP Erik Davis on a minor league contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Designated RHP Kevin Jepsen for assignment. Recalled 2B Eddie Rosario from Rochester (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed RHP Conor Mullee on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Recalled RHP Chad Green from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed C Josh Phegley on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Recalled INF/OF Matt McBride from Nashville (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned RHP Luke Jackson to Frisco (TL). Selected the contract of LHP Michael Roth from Round Rock (PCL). Transferred RHP Colby Lewis to the 60-day DL.

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed RHP Zack Greinke on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday, and SS Nick Ahmed on paternity leave. Reinstated OF Rickie Weeks Jr. from the bereavement list. Recalled RHP Enrique Burgos from Reno (PCL). Agreed to terms with RHP Ryan Atkinson on a minor league contract.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent 3B Gordon Beckham to Carolina (Carolina) for a rehab assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Maikel Cleto on a minor league contract.
CHICAGO CUBS — Placed OF Chris Coghlan on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Jeimer Candelario from Iowa (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with RHP Joel Kuhnel on a minor league contract.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHP Brock Stewart to Oklahoma City (PCL). Assigned RHPs Yaisel Sierra and Layne Somsen outright to Oklahoma City. Released LHP Ian Thomas. Reinstated RHP Brandon McCarthy from the 60-day DL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned OF Kean Broxton to Colorado Springs (PCL). Selected the contract of INF Will Middlebrooks from Colorado Springs. Transferred LHP Chris Capuano from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Designated RHP Rob Scahill for assignment. Claimed C Eric Fryer off waivers from St. Louis.
ST LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with 2B J.R. Davis, Cs Carlos Soto and Joyser Garcia; SSs Franklin Soto and Yowelly Rosario; OFs Victor Garcia, Carlos Soler, Diomedes Del Rio, Luis Montano and Alexander Samuel; and RHPs Johan Oviedo, Rodard Avelino, Allinson Benitez and Emmanuel Solano on minor league contracts.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned INF/OF Alexi Amarista to El Paso (PCL). Reinstated RHP Andrew Cashner from the 15-day DL. Agreed to terms with RHP Wen-Hao Chang on a minor league contract.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Sent RHP Matt Cain to the AZL Giants and 2B Kelby Tomlinson to San Jose (Cal) for rehab assignments.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Assigned OF Juan Duran outright to Pensacola (SL). Reinstated RHP Stephen Strasburg from the 15-day DL.

International League
SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE — Released OF Nick Swisher. American Association
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed INF Dustin Geiger
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed OF Joe Moroney.
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Released INF Cle Arett.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Released RHP Lance Spongberg.

Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released RHP Luis Pardo.
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed OF Devin Harris.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed RHP Tyler Stirewalt. Released RHP Max Schonfeld.

Frontier League
LAKE ERIE CRABBERS — Released RHP Evan Raynor.
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed SS John Holland. Sent OF Griff Gordon to Schaumburg to complete an earlier trade.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Signed F Ben Simmons and G Timothe Luwawu-Cabarrot.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Agreed to terms with D Nate Guenin on a one-year contract.
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Agreed to terms with D Matt Tennyson on a one-year, two-way contract.
DALLAS STARS — Signed RW Adam Cracknell to a one-year contract.
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Signed F Vincent Trocheck to a six-year contract.
WINNIPEG JETS — Agreed to terms with F Patrik Laine on a three-year, entry-level contract.

ECHL
BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Announced Edmonton (WHL) signed RW Taylor Beck to a one-year contract.
READING ROYALS — Agreed to terms with D Mike Marcou.

COLLEGE
LOYOLA OF CHICAGO — Fired women's basketball coach Sheryl Swoopes.

LITTLE LEAGUE BRACKETS

9-9-10 Year Old Sectional Tournament at Western Little League Fields, Lubbock
Saturday, July 2
Game 1: Lubbock Western 14, Greenwood 4
Game 2: Childress 12, New Home 2
Sunday, July 3
Game 3: Midland Northern 6, Childress 4
Loser's bracket
Game 4: New Home 14, Greenwood 12
Monday, July 4
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 5: Lubbock Western vs. Midland Northern, 10 a.m., Field 1
Loser's bracket second round
Game 6: Childress vs. New Home, 7 p.m., Noon, Field 1
Tuesday, July 5
Loser's bracket final
Game 7: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1
Wednesday, July 6
Championship
Game 8: Game 5 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1
Thursday, July 7
If necessary game
Game 9: Game 8 winner vs. Game 8 loser, TBA

9-10-11 Year Old Sectional Tournament at Wayne Rickelson Field at Western Little League Field, Lubbock
Saturday, July 2
Game 1: Midland Northern 13, Pecos 3
Sunday, July 3
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 2: Midland Northern 11, Lubbock Western 6
Monday, July 4
Loser's bracket
Game 3: Pecos vs. Lubbock Western, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, July 5
Championship
Game 4: Midland Northern vs. Game 3 winner, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, July 6
If necessary game
Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 4 loser, TBA

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3. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movistar, same time.
4. Daniel Martin, Ireland, Etixx-QuickStep, same time.
5. Michael Matthews, Australia, Orica-BikeExchange, same time.
6. Wilco Kelderman, Netherlands, LottoNL-Jumbo, same time.
7. Tony Gallopin, France, Lotto Soudal, same time.
8. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, BMC Racing, same time.
9. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Trek-Segafredo, same time.
10. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, same time.
11. Simon Gerrans, Australia, Orica-BikeExchange, same time.
12. Pierre Rolland, France, Cannondale, same time.
13. Adam Yates, Britain, Orica-BikeExchange, same time.
14. Warren Barguil, France, Giant-Alpecin, same time.
15. Joaquim Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, same time.
16. Fabio Aru, Italy, Astana, same time.
17. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, same time.
18. Rui Costa, Portugal, Lampre-Merida, same time.
19. Tejay Van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, same time.

Also
24. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.
25. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Astana, 11 seconds behind.
30. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ, same time.

Overall Standings (After two stages)
1. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Tinkoff, 8:34:42.
2. Julian Alaphilippe, France, Etixx-QuickStep, :08.
3. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movistar, :10.
4. Warren Barguil, France, Giant-Alpecin, :14.
5. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, same time.
6. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, BMC Racing, same time.
7. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, same time.
8. Romain Kreuziger, Czech Republic, Tinkoff, same time.
9. Simon Gerrans, Australia, Orica-BikeExchange, same time.
10. Daniel Martin, Ireland, Etixx-QuickStep, same time.
11. Fabio Aru, Italy, Astana, same time.
12. Pierre Rolland, France, Cannondale, same time.
13. Tony Gallopin, France, Lotto Soudal, same time.
14. Tom Dumoulin, Netherlands, Giant-Alpecin, same time.
15. Wilco Kelderman, Netherlands, LottoNL-Jumbo, same time.
16. Jurgen Van den Broeck, Belgium, Katusha, same time.
17. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.
18. Tejay Van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, same time.
19. Michael Matthews, Australia, Orica-BikeExchange, same time.
20. Rui Costa, Portugal, Lampre-Merida, same time.

Also
26. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, same time.
28. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Astana, :25.
31. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ, same time.

Tom Reel/San Antonio Express-News

Manu Ginobili gets Kevin Durant trailing the play as the Spurs host the Thunder in Game 1 of second round NBA playoff action April 30 at the AT&T Center. Ginobili said Sunday on his blog that he is coming back for a 15th season in the NBA.

Manu Ginobili says he will be back for 15th NBA season

Associated Press

BAHIA BLANCA, Argentina — Manu Ginobili says he is coming back for a 15th season in the NBA.

Ginobili made the announcement on his personal blog Sunday. He turns 39 this month and declared himself a free agent last month after declining a player option for 2016-17 with the San Antonio Spurs.

Ginobili didn't say Sunday if he would be back in San Antonio, though it has been widely presumed that if he continued playing, he would stay with the Spurs. He did say that he would have more news to share soon.

"The most important news to tell you is I am determined to continue playing in the NBA," Ginobili wrote in his native Spanish.

He has spent all of his time in the NBA with San Antonio, where it's still unclear if Tim Duncan will return for what would be a 20th season. Ginobili averaged 9.6 points this past season, shooting 39 percent from 3-point range.

He missed 12 games in February and March while recovering from surgery after getting kneed in the groin area.

"I had a great time during the season and except for the 'small' February incident was healthy at all times," Ginobili wrote. "I definitely want to continue enjoying the basketball a little more."

Ginobili is also expected to play in the Rio Olympics for Argentina next month. He has appeared in major international competition with his country for nearly two decades, and was part of Argentina's gold-medal-winning team at the Athens Games in 2004.

Ginobili said the team's training is intensifying as the Olympics approach, and that has meant less time for him with family and friends.

"Hard combination for this little body," Ginobili wrote, "but beneficial for the head."

Ginobili, Duncan and Tony Parker have combined to play together in 126 playoff wins and 575 regular-season victories for San Antonio — both of which are NBA records for any trio on one team.

In 923 games for the Spurs, Ginobili has averaged 14 points. He was part of San Antonio's title teams in 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2014.

PRO GOLF SCORES

Open de France Leading Scores
By The Associated Press
Sunday
At Le Golf National
Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France
Purse: $3.8 million
Yardage: 7,246; Par: 71
Final

Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand	67-70-68-68	–273
Francesco Molinari, Italy	68-71-72-66	–277
Rory McIlroy, N. Ireland	71-66-70-71	–278
Rafa Cabrera Bello, Spain	73-69-70-67	–279
Brandon Stone, South Africa	69-68-73-70	–280
Andy Sullivan, England	69-70-71-70	–280
Martin Kaymer, Germany	74-68-68-70	–280
Alex Noren, Sweden	72-68-70-71	–281
Callum Shinkwin, England	71-72-71-68	–282
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	69-70-71-72	–282
Chris Wood, England	70-73-72-68	–283
Richard Sterne, South Africa	76-69-70-68	–283
Matthew Southgate, England	70-70-72-71	–283
Lee Westwood, England	74-70-67-72	–283
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	67-71-70-75	–283
Ricardo Gouveia, Portugal	73-71-71-69	–284
Julien Quesne, France	70-73-71-70	–284
Thomas Pieters, Belgium	67-72-74-71	–284
Johan Carlsson, Sweden	71-70-72-71	–284
M. Decottignies-Laton, France	68-73-72-71	–284
Anders Hansen, Denmark	70-68-74-72	–284
Also		
Jeunghun W., South Korea	71-66-70-78	–285
Daniel Im, United States	72-71-73-70	–286
Padraig Harrington, Ireland	73-70-77-67	–287
Scott Hend, Australia	73-69-79-72	–293
Troy Merritt, United States	70-75-69-80	–294
Victor Dubuisson, France	71-73-82-75	–301

LPGA Portland Classic
Sunday
At Columbia Edgewater CC
Portland, Ore.
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,476; Par: 72
a-amateur
Final

B. M. Henderson, $195,000	65-68-70-71	–274
Stacy Lewis, $120,982	72-70-67-69	–278
Suzann Pettersen, $87,750	69-64-74-72	–279
Austin Ernst, $61,259	72-66-69-73	–280
Marlejo Uribe, $61,259	67-67-71-75	–280
Christina Kim, $36,094	75-66-74-66	–281
Lee-Anne Pace, $36,094	69-72-72-68	–281
Cheyenne Woods, $36,094	71-69-69-72	–281
Lee Lopez, $36,094	71-68-69-73	–281
Sakura Yokomine, $24,945	71-70-72-69	–282
Vicky Hurst, $24,945	70-71-70-71	–282
Carlota Ciganda, $24,945	68-71-70-73	–282
In-Kyung Kim, $18,852	74-71-69-69	–283
Mo Martin, $18,852	71-69-73-70	–283
Anna Nordqvist, $18,852	70-73-69-71	–283
Pernilla Lindberg, $18,852	70-68-74-71	–283
Karine Icher, $18,852	71-69-71-72	–283
Catriona Matthew, $18,852	73-71-66-73	–283
Gaby Lopez, $14,437	70-72-73-68	–283
Sarah Jane Smith, $14,437	69-74-71-70	–284
Brittany Altomare, $14,437	72-70-72-70	–284
Chella Choi, $14,437	70-71-71-72	–284
Kelly W Shon, $14,437	74-66-72-72	–284
Ayako Uehara, $14,437	68-74-69-73	–284
Annie Park, $11,076	71-72-75-67	–285
Megan Khang, $11,076	70-74-72-69	–285
Candie Kung, $11,076	71-71-73-70	–285
P.K. Kongkraphan, $11,076	70-72-73-70	–285
Amy Anderson, $11,076	72-71-70-72	–285
Kris Tamulis, $11,076	72-70-71-72	–285
Daniela Iacobelli, $11,076	68-72-73-72	–285
Angela Stanford, $11,076	67-71-72-75	–285
Morgan Pressel, $7,997	72-71-76-67	–286
Jane Rah, $7,997	73-69-75-69	–286
Giulia Sergas, $7,997	73-69-73-71	–286
Giulia Molinaro, $7,997	72-70-73-71	–286
Briana Meo, $7,997	69-72-74-71	–286
Celine Herbin, $7,997	74-69-70-74	–287
Christel Boeljon, $7,997	70-71-70-75	–286
Brianna Do, $7,997	72-68-70-76	–286
Polly Quinn, $5,993	71-72-75-69	–287
Jacqui Concolino, $5,993	73-72-72-70	–287
Paula Reto, $5,993	71-74-71-71	–287
Becky Morgan, $5,993	72-72-72-71	–287
Lee Ferrenti, $5,993	72-72-71-72	–287
Karrie Webb, $5,993	72-71-71-73	–287
Dani Holmqvist, $4,934	71-71-75-71	–288
Kim Kaufman, $4,934	71-73-70-74	–288
Mariah Stackhouse, $4,934	75-68-71-74	–288
Casey Grice, $4,934	73-67-73-75	–288
Mina Harigae, $4,371	73-72-71-73	–289
Min Lee, $4,371	73-71-72-73	–289
Demi Runda, $4,371	67-75-73-74	–289
Alena Sharp, $3,651	72-73-73-72	–290
Jiayi Zhou, $3,651	69-74-75-72	–290
Al Miyazato, $3,651	76-69-71-74	–290
Alejandra Llaneza, $3,651	72-71-72-75	–290
Julieta Granada, $3,651	71-72-73-75	–291
Mika Miyazato, $3,651	74-70-70-76	–290
Wei-Ling Hsu, $3,651	70-71-73-76	–290
Jaye Marie Green, $3,651	68-72-73-77	–290
Lindy Duncan, $3,079	72-72-76-71	–291
Marissa L Steen, $3,079	75-70-74-72	–291
Yani Tseng, $3,079	70-75-74-72	–291
Alison Lee, $3,079	76-68-70-77	–291
Amelia Lewis, $2,881	74-69-73-76	–292
Katie Burnett, $2,881	72-70-74-76	–292
P Thammanatts, $2,781	70-69-73-81	–293
Ji Young Oh, $2,715	74-71-73-76	–294
B. Nghiabuphon, $2,649	72-72-78-73	–295
a-Naomi Eun Young Ko	76-69-78-73	–296

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From 1C

It came up short and rode the collar of the bank into the water, leading to double bogey.

Day didn't hit a green in regulation over the final six holes, closed with a bogey and shot 72 to tie for third.

"Disappointed, but I've got to try and focus on what I did great this week, move on, and try and get better for the next one," Day said.

Scott Piercy was a runner-up to Johnson for the second straight time.

He narrowly missed birdie chances, and the birdie putt he made on the 18th gave him a 70 and allowed him to finish alone in second.

Johnson, who finished at 6-under 274, moved to a career-best No. 2 in the world by a fraction over Jordan Spieth.

Spieth closed with a 67 and tied for third with Matt Kuchar (66), Kevin Chappell (67) and Day.

Johnson, who won his third World Golf Championship, did his part. He showed plenty of rust the opening two days, coming off a week in The Bahamas when he celebrated his 32nd birthday and his first major championship.

He hit his stride on the weekend with a 66-66 finish.

Johnson was three shots behind when he rolled in a 15-foot birdie putt on the 13th hole, and followed with a wedge into 8 feet for birdie on the next hole.

Right when Day was getting into big trouble on the 16th, Johnson blasted a 9-iron out of the thick rough on the 17th to 15 feet and rolled in the birdie putt to take command.

Johnson now has 11 career victories in his nine years on the PGA Tour.

"I feel great," he said. "I feel like my game is where it has been all year. I just haven't been putting quite as well as I'd like. The last couple of weeks, I just putted a little better."

He made it sound so simple, even as the back nine became so complicated.

Johnson ran into trouble himself on the 18th hole when he pulled his tee shot into the rough and clipped a branch on his punch shot, dropping into deeper rough. Instead of trying to play over a bunker, he pitched to the far collar of the green and lagged his putt to make sure he made nothing worse than bogey.

Unlike his U.S. Open victory, at least he knew the score.

WGC Bridgestone Invitational Scores
By The Associated Press
Sunday
At Firestone Country Club (South)
Akron, Ohio
Purse: $9.5 million
Yardage: 7,400; Par: 70
Final

Dustin Johnson (550), $1,820,000	69-73-66-66	–274
Scott Piercy (315), $1,018,000	69-69-67-70	–275
Jordan Spieth (140), $449,250	68-71-71-67	–277
Matt Kuchar (140), $449,250	69-72-70-66	–277
Kevin Chappell (140), $449,250	71-70-69-67	–277
Jason Day (140), $449,250	67-69-69-72	–277
William McGirt (89), $233,333	64-74-70-70	–278
Charl Schwartzel (89), $233,333	72-69-67-70	–278
David Lingmerth (89), $233,333	70-67-69-72	–278
Zach Johnson (71), $167,750	72-74-69-65	–280
Rickie Fowler (71), $167,750	69-73-72-67	–280
Adam Scott (71), $167,750	71-68-73-68	–280
Brandon Grace (71), $167,750	69-72-71-68	–280
Bubba Watson (61), $129,000	72-69-70-70	–281
Emiliano Grillo (61), $129,000	67-71-71-72	–281
Paul Casey (54), $105,200	70-72-72-68	–282
Matt Jones (54), $105,200	74-70-68-69	–282
Kevin Kisner (54), $105,200	69-70-72-71	–282
Jimmy Walker (54), $105,200	67-73-71-71	–282
Brian Stuard (54), $105,200	71-69-67-75	–282
Chris Kirk (48), $91,000	75-69-73-66	–283
George Coetzee (0), $91,000	71-72-71-69	–283
Louis Oosthuizen (48), $91,000	71-79-67-66	–283
Young-han Song (0), $91,000	70-70-72-71	–283
Brandt Snedeker (48), $91,000	70-72-70-71	–283
K.T. Kim (0), $91,000	74-67-70-72	–283
J.B. Holmes (42), $80,667	73-73-71-67	–284
Phil Mickelson (42), $80,667	73-70-73-68	–284
Harris English (42), $80,667	69-73-74-68	–284
Jim Herman (42), $80,667	73-70-70-71	–284
Kevin Na (42), $80,667	75-68-71-70	–284
Anirban Lahiri (37), $76,000	71-69-71-73	–284
Charley Hoffman (37), $76,000	68-73-72-71	–284
Justin Thomas (37), $76,000	70-69-70-76	–285
Shane Lowry (35), $73,500	76-72-70-68	–286
Billy Hurley III (35), $73,500	69-75-69-73	–286
Hideki Matsuyama (29), $66,500	69-74-69-74	–286
Bill Haas (32), $71,000	74-72-71-70	–287
Marcus Fraser (0), $71,000	73-73-69-72	–287
James Hahn (30), $69,000	75-72-72-68	–287
Hideki Matsuyama (29), $66,500	70-79-73-67	–289
Andrew Johnston (0), $66,500	70-76-72-69	–289
Soren Kjeldsen (0), $66,500	72-70-70-77	–289
Jim Furyk (28), $66,500	74-72-70-73	–289
Nathan Holman (0), $63,000	77-73-71-69	–290
Fabian Gomez (24), $63,000	74-73-72-71	–290
Justin Rose (24), $63,000	69-76-73-72	–290
Michio Matsumura (0), $60,500	79-74-70-69	–292
Byeong Hun An (0), $60,500	76-71-71-74	–292
Jason Dufner (20), $59,000	71-76-72-74	–293
Patrick Reed (19), $58,000	74-75-69-76	–294
Kisendi Aphibarnrat (0), $57,000	70-75-77-72	–295
Russell Knox (17), $56,000	74-75-75-72	–296
Marc Leishman (16), $55,000	78-72-75-77	–300
Danny Lee (15), $54,000	79-71-79-74	–301
Yusaku Tsukada (0), $53,000	79-78-73-75	–304
Steven Bowditch (13), $52,000	83-73-80-74	–308

'HOUNDS REPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TRAVELERS 1, ROCKHOUNDS 0
At Dickey-Stephens Park, North Little Rock, Arkansas

TOP HITTER: Travelers second baseman Andrew Daniel went 2-for-3 with a double during an evening when both teams combined for only five hits.

TOP PITCHERS: Arkansas starter Alex Blackford fired five shutout innings of hitless ball. Blackford worked around four walks and struck out three, while improving his record to 4-4. ... Travelers reliever Austin Adams notched his third save after striking out two during a perfect ninth. ... RockHounds starter Corey Walter spun four scoreless innings of three-hit ball. Walter struck out four and walked none en route to a no-decision. ... Midland reliever Sam Bragg took a tough luck loss despite allowing no earned runs, one hit and no walks over four innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Travelers scored the game's only run in the bottom of the fifth. Bo Way led off the frame with single, stole second base and advanced to third base on throwing error by Midland catcher Beau Taylor on the base stealing attempt. With one out, Arkansas shortstop Anthony Phillips laid down a sacrifice bunt to score Way from third base.

NOTES: The Travelers snapped the RockHounds' four-game winning streak. ... Franklin Barreto tripled off Jose Molina in the sixth inning, accounting for Midland's lone hit. Barreto also walked to reach base safely twice in four plate appearances. ... Midland first baseman Josh Rodriguez drew a pair of walks. ... Arkansas did not record one walk all game versus RockHounds pitching.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland – RHP Raul Alcantara (5-5, 4.72 ERA); Arkansas – RHP Tyler Carpenter (4-3, 3.43).

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Dodgers)	5	3	.625	--
Springfield (Cardinals)	4	4	.500	1/2
Arkansas (Angels)	4	5	.444	2
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	4	5	.444	2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland (Athletics)	7	2	.778	--
Corpus Christi (Astros)	5	4	.556	1/2
Frisco (Rangers)	5	4	.556	1/2
San Antonio (Padres)	5	4	.556	1/2

Thursday's Games
San Antonio 2, Springfield 1, 11 innings
Arkansas 1, Midland 0
Frisco at Northwest Arkansas, late
Tulsa at Corpus Christi, late

Today's Games
Springfield at San Antonio, 6:05 p.m.
Midland at Arkansas, 9:30 p.m.
Frisco at Northwest Arkansas, 7:35 p.m.
Tulsa at Corpus Christi, 8:05 p.m.

TRAVELERS 1, ROCKHOUNDS 0

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi
Barreto 2b	3	0	1	0	Allday cf	4	0	0	0
Sportman cf	4	0	0	0	Adams rf	3	0	0	0
Ross dh	4	0	0	0	Daniel 2b	3	0	2	0
Marincov rf	4	0	0	0	Aguilera 1b	3	0	1	0
Chapman 3b	2	0	0	0	Henry dh	3	0	0	0
Taylor c	3	0	0	0	McGee c	3	0	0	0
Rodriguez 1b	3	0	0	0	Way lf	3	1	1	0
Munoz ss	1	0	0	0	Rosa 3b	3	0	0	0
Vertigan lf	2	0	0	0	Phillips ss	2	0	0	1
Totals	26	0	1	0	Totals	27	1	4	1

Midland ..... 000000 000 —0
Arkansas ..... 000010 00x —1

E – Taylor (6). DP – Arkansas 1. LOB – Arkansas 4, Midland 3. 2B – Daniel (13). 3B – Barreto (2). SB – Barreto (18), Way (11). S – Phillips.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Walter	4.0	3	0	0	0	4
Bragg L, 2-2	4.0	1	1	0	0	2
Arkansas						
Blackford W, 4-4	5.0	0	0	0	4	3
Molina	2.0	1	0	0	0	3
Roenicke	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
Adams S, 3	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

WP – Blackford.
T – 2:23. A – 3,083.

Jerry Holt/Minneapolis Star Tribune/TNS

Minnesota Twins starting pitcher Kyle Gibson (44) throws during the first inning Sunday at Target Field in Minneapolis.

Kyle Gibson leads Twins over the Rangers and Cole Hamels 5-4

By Andres Ybarra
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — After a disappointing bullpen session, Kyle Gibson watched Shin-Soo Choo drive his second pitch into the left-center seats.

"This could be a long one today,'" Gibson remembered telling catcher Kurt Suzuki.

Gibson recovered and pitched into the seventh inning Sunday in the last-place Minnesota Twins' 5-4 win over Cole Hamels and the first-place Texas Rangers.

Gibson (2-5) won his second-straight start and came within one out of completing seven innings in consecutive outings for the first time this year.

Brian Dozier drove in two runs and scored a pair, and Gibson outshined Hamels (9-2), who allowed five runs and 10 hits while walking three in four-plus innings.

Hamels had won a Rangers record nine consecutive road decisions.

Gibson gave up four runs — two earned — and five hits in 6 2/3 innings with six strikeouts.

Choo drove in three runs. He led off a game with a home run for the third time this year, a drive into the left-center seats. Gibson then retired eight straight batters, a stretch he repeated later in the game.

"Baseball's a humbling game," Gibson said. "Right when you think you get where you need to be, something's going to happen. But I'm still always working, always trying to get better in the bullpen and work on things in between starts."

Dozier hit a two-run triple in the third and scored on Robbie Grossman's single for a 3-1 lead. Elvis Andrus singled in a run in the fifth, but the Twins opened a 5-2 lead in the bottom half when Max Kepler singled in a run and Eddie Rosario hit into a run-scoring forceout against Tony Barnette.

Choo hit a two-run double in the seventh off Ryan Pressly.

Kintzler pitched around Robinson Chirinos' two-out double in the ninth for his fourth save in as many chances, retiring Choo on a game-ending groundout.

Hinch ejected as Houston falls to White Sox 4-1

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Collin McHugh struggled with command, manager A.J. Hinch was ejected and the Houston Astros lost their first series since June 10-12 on Sunday.

McHugh allowed five hits and two runs while walking four with nine strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings before Hinch was ejected after arguing about pitches inside to Evan Gattis in a 4-1 loss to the Chicago White Sox.

Jose Quintana pitched seven solid innings to get his first win in almost two months, and Jose Abreu had two hits and an RBI to lead the White Sox to the victory which allowed them to take the series 2-1 and snap Houston's five-game series winning streak.

Things got testy late in this one after Chris Devenski plunked Abreu in the left shoulder with two outs in the seventh inning. Abreu remained at the plate and stared at Devenski until an umpire escorted him to first base.

With two outs in the bottom of the inning Quintana threw behind Evan Gattis twice to earn a warning from home plate umpire Ryan Blakney. Hinch immediately dashed out of the dugout after the second one and got in Blakney's face repeatedly yelling: "he threw behind him," and pointing behind Gattis. He was soon tossed and things settled down after that.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

BLUE JAYS 17
INDIANS 1

TORONTO — Troy Tulowitzki had three hits on his bobblehead day, including a three-run homer, Russell Martin homered and drove in five runs and the Toronto Blue Jays routed the Cleveland Indians 17-1 Sunday.

Toronto scored its most runs since beating Tampa Bay 17-11 on Aug. 7, 2010, and the Blue Jays matched their season high with 18 hits.

Cleveland lost its second straight following a franchise-record 14-game winning streak. Catcher Chris Gimenez pitched two innings for the Indians, becoming the third position player to take the mound this series. Toronto used infielders Ryan Goins and Darwin Barney in Friday's 19-inning loss.

National League

METS 14, CUBS 3

NEW YORK — Jon Lester and the Chicago Cubs got wiped out again by the New York Mets.

Wilmer Flores went 6 for 6 with two of New York's five home runs, and the Mets romped to another four-game sweep of the Cubs by battering Lester in a 14-3 blowout Sunday.

After sweeping four games against Chicago in the NL Championship Series last October, the Mets outscored the Cubs 32-11 in winning their first four matchups this year. Chicago took all seven regular-season meetings in 2015.

CARDINALS 9, BREWERS 8

ST. LOUIS — The Cardinals' season reached the halfway point with their 81st game Sunday. Finally, after four series sweeps on the road, they completed one at home.

It took 6 hours, 3 minutes from the scheduled 1:15 start time to the finish, but the Cardinals wrapped up a three-game dusting of the Milwaukee Brewers. They desperately held on for a 9-8 win that was delayed an 1 hour, 20 minutes in starting and 55 minutes more in the seventh inning when hard rain resumed.

Interleague

PHILLIES 7
ROYALS 2

PHILADELPHIA — Cameron Rupp hit a three-run homer. Vince Velasquez threw six effective innings and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Kansas City Royals 7-2 Sunday.

Cody Asche and Maikel Franco also went deep to help the Phillies win two of three against the defending World Series champions.

Velasquez (7-2) allowed two runs and five hits, striking out seven in his second start since returning from the disabled list. It appeared Velasquez was hurt in the first inning when manager Pete Mackanin and a trainer visited the mound after he threw just five pitches. But Velasquez stayed in, his velocity increased and he threw 96 pitches.

PIRATES 6, ATHLETICS 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Adam Frazier tripled in the tying run with one out in the sixth, then scored on an infield single to lift the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 6-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Sunday.

David Friese hit a two-run homer and Gregory Polanco added two RBIs as the Pirates completed the three-game sweep in their first visit to the Oakland Coliseum since 2010.

Francisco Liriano (5-8) pitched five innings to win for the first time since May 24. The lefty had lost five straight games before beating the A's to help extend Pittsburgh's winning streak to four.

Pirates manager Clint Hurdle was ejected in the bottom of the sixth for arguing balls and strikes.

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Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	47	34	.580	--
Boston	44	37	.543	3
Toronto	45	39	.536	3½
New York	40	41	.494	7
Tampa Bay	33	48	.407	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	49	32	.605	--
Detroit	44	38	.537	5½
Kansas City	43	38	.531	6
Chicago	42	40	.512	7½
Minnesota	27	54	.333	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	52	31	.627	--
Seattle	43	39	.524	8½
Houston	43	39	.524	8½
Oakland	35	47	.427	16½
Los Angeles	33	49	.402	18½

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	48	32	.600	--
New York	41	37	.526	6
Miami	41	37	.526	6
Philadelphia	35	45	.438	13
Atlanta	26	52	.333	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	51	27	.654	--
St. Louis	40	38	.513	11
Pittsburgh	36	41	.481	13½
Milwaukee	35	43	.449	16
Cincinnati	29	51	.363	23

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	49	31	.613	--
Los Angeles	44	37	.543	5½
Colorado	37	41	.474	11
Arizona	36	45	.444	13½
San Diego	33	46	.418	15½

Scores & schedule

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Sunday's Scores

Toronto 17, Cleveland 1
Detroit 5, Tampa Bay 1
Chicago White Sox 4, Houston 1
Minnesota 5, Texas 4
Boston 10, Los Angeles 5
Seattle 9, Baltimore 4
Philadelphia 7, Kansas 2
Pittsburgh 6, Oakland 3
New York 6, San Diego 3

Today's Games

L.A. Angels (Tropeano 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Moore 4-5), 12:10 p.m.
Texas (Martinez 1-1) at Boston (Porcello 9-2), 12:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 5-5) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 3-9), 1:10 p.m.
Oakland (Graveman 3-6) at Minnesota (Nolasco 3-6), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (Miley 6-4) at Houston (McCullers 3-2), 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Vólquez 7-7) at Toronto (Sanchez 8-1), 6:07 p.m.
Detroit (Norris 1-0) at Cleveland (Salazar 10-3), 6:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Gallardo 3-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Urias 1-2), 8:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Sunday's Scores

Philadelphia 7, Kansas City 2
Pittsburgh 6, Oakland 3
New York 6, San Diego 3
New York 14, Chicago Cubs 3
Washington 12, Cincinnati 1
St. Louis 9, Milwaukee 8
Los Angeles 4, Colorado 1
San Francisco 5, Arizona 4
Miami 5, Atlanta 2

Today's Games

Milwaukee (Guerra 5-1) at Washington (Scherzer 9-5), 10:05 a.m.
Pittsburgh (Niese 6-6) at St. Louis (Martinez 7-5), 1:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reed 0-2) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 6-6), 1:20 p.m.
Atlanta (De La Cruz 0-1) at Philadelphia (Eickhoff 5-9), 3:05 p.m.
Colorado (Anderson 0-2) at San Francisco (Peavy 4-7), 3:05 p.m.
Miami (Koehler 6-7) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 4-10), 3:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Gallardo 3-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Urias 1-2), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Perdomo 2-3) at Arizona (Bradley 3-3), 8:10 p.m.

Texas Boxes

TWINS 5, RANGERS 4

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	5	1	2	3	E.Nunez ss	5	0	1	0
Desmond cf	3	0	0	0	Mauer 1b	5	0	0	0
Mazara lf	4	0	1	0	Sano 3b	2	2	1	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	0	Dozier 2b	3	2	1	2
Fielder dh	4	0	1	0	Grossman dh	4	0	2	1
Odor 2b	4	1	1	0	Kepler rf	3	0	1	1
Andrus ss	4	1	1	1	K.Suzuki c	4	0	2	0
Profar 1b	3	1	0	0	E.Rario lf	4	0	1	1
B.Wilson c	2	0	0	0	Da.Srtin cf	4	1	2	0
Mreland ph	0	0	0	0					
Chirinos ph-c	1	0	1	0					
Rua pr	0	0	0	0					
Totals	34	4	8	4	Totals	34	5	11	5

Texas ..... 100 010 200 —4
Minnesota ..... 002 020 00x —5

E—Sano (4), Odor (9). DP—Minnesota 2. LOB—Texas 6, Minnesota 9. 2B—Choo (4), Odor (16), Chirinos (3), E.Rosario (5), 3B—Dozier (3). HR—Choo (8). SB—E.Nunez (19), Da.Santana (11).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hamels L, 9-2	4	10	5	5	3	3
Barnette	2	0	0	0	0	1
Bush	1	0	0	0	1	2
Diekman	1	1	0	0	0	1
Minnesota						
Gibson W,2-5	62-3	5	4	2	2	6
Pressly H,5	1-3	1	0	0	1	0
Abad H,5	1	1	0	0	0	1
Kintzler S,4-4	1	1	0	0	0	0

Hamels pitched to 4 batters in the 5th
T—3:04. A—26,942 (39,021).

WHITE SOX 4, ASTROS 1

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
T.Anderson ss	5	1	2	0	Springer rf	3	1	1	1
Eaton rf	5	0	1	1	Ma.Gnzlz 3b	4	0	1	0
Abreu 1b	4	0	2	1	Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0
T.Frazier 3b	5	0	1	0	Correa ss	4	0	0	0
Avila dh	2	0	1	0	C.Gomez cf	3	0	0	0
Sladino pr-dh	1	1	0	0	A.Reed 1b	4	0	0	0
Lawrie 2b	4	1	1	1	Gattis dh	2	0	0	0
D.Nivno c	4	0	1	1	Mrsnick rf	2	0	0	0
Av.Grca lf	3	0	0	0	Villanueva ph	1	0	0	0
Shuck cf	3	1	0	0	Col.Rdrn lf	0	0	0	0
					J.Castro c	3	0	1	0
Totals	36	4	9	4	Totals	30	1	3	1

Chicago ..... 002 000 020 —4
Houston ..... 100 000 000 —1

LOB—Chicago 10, Houston 5. 2B—Ti.Anderson (8), Abreu (19), J.Castro (10). HR—Springer (18). SB—Saladino (4).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Quintana W,6-8	7	2	1	1	2	4
Jones H,18	1	0	0	0	0	2
Robertson S,23-25	1	1	0	0	1	2
Houston						
McHugh L,5-6	5 2-3	5	2	2	4	9
Devenski	1 1-3	3	2	2	0	0
Gregerson	1	0	0	0	0	2
Harris	1	1	0	0	0	1

Devenski pitched to 3 batters in the 8th
HBP—by Devenski (Abreu).
T—2:58. A—30,379 (42,060).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 17, INDIANS 1

Cleveland ..... 000 000 100 —1 5 2
Toronto ..... 300 208 04x —17 18 0

Kluber, Chamberlain (4), Gonzalesny (6), Hunter (6), Gimenez (7) and Gomes; Happ, Storen (8), Loup (9) and R.Martin. Those. W—Happ 11-3. L—Kluber 8-8. HRs—Toronto, Martin (7), Smoak (9), Tulowitzki (14).

TIGERS 5, RAYS 1

Detroit ..... 301 010 000 —5 8 0
Tampa Bay ..... 000 010 000 —1 6 0

Pelfrey, Rondon (7), Greene (8), Ryan (9) and J.McCann; Archer, Andriese (6), Cedeno (8), Ferguhar (8) and Casali. W—Rondon 2-0. L—Andriese 6-2. HRs—Detroit, Kinsler (16).

RED SOX 10, ANGELS 5

Los Angeles ..... 000 003 200 —5 10 1
Boston ..... 000 070 30x —10 16 0

Shoemaker, J.Alvarez (5), J.Ramirez (5); Bedrosian (6), J.Smith (7), Street (8) and Bandy; O'Sullivan, M.Barnes (6), Tazawa (7), Uehara (8), Layne (9) and Leon. W—O'Sullivan 2-0. L—Shoemaker 3-9.

MARINERS 9, ORIOLES 4

Baltimore ..... 000 300 100 —4 12 1
Seattle ..... 004 200 30x —9 10 1

Jimenez, Miranda (5), Brach (7), Britton (8) and C.Joseph; Iwakuma, E.Diaz (7), Benoit (8), Nuno (9) and Iannetta. W—Iwakuma 8-6. L—Jimenez 5-8. HRs—Baltimore, Trumbo (24). Seattle, Smith (10).

INTERLEAGUE
PHILLIES 7, ROYALS 2

Kansas City ..... 000 020 000 —2 7 0
Philadelphia ..... 301 010 02x —7 11 0

Ventura, Gee (3), Flynn (6) and Butera; Velasquez, E.Ramos (7), Nieto (8), J.Gomez (9) and Rupp. W—Velasquez 7-2. L—Ventura 6-6. HRs—Kansas City, Gordon (6). Philadelphia, Franco (14), Asche (3), Rupp (8).

PIRATES 6, ATHLETICS 3

Pittsburgh ..... 000 022 020 —6 11 0
Oakland ..... 030 010 000 —3 10 0

Liriano, Schugel (8), Feliz (7), Watson (8), Melancon (9) and Kratz; Mengden, Rzepczynski (6), Hendriks (6), F.Rodriguez (8), Coulombe (9) and McBride. Wogt. W—Liriano 5-8. L—Mengden 1-4. Sv—Melancon (24). HRs—Pittsburgh, Freese (8).

YANKEES 6, PADRES 3

New York ..... 010 100 013 —6 10 0
San Diego ..... 010 000 002 —3 8 1

C.Green, Betances (7), A.Miller (8), Swarzak (9), Chapman (9) and B.McCann; Cashner, Villanueva (7), Quackenbush (9), Dominguez (9) and Norris. W—C.Green 1-1. L—Cashner 3-6. Sv—Chapman (16). HRs—New York, Gregorius (9), Teixeira 2 (7). San Diego, Solarte (5), Dickerson (2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
METS 14, CUBS 3

Chicago ..... 100 000 002 —3 11 0
New York ..... 170 130 21x —14 12 1

Lester, Patton (2), Jo.Peralta (6), Montero (7) and Ross. Contreras; Syndergaard, Bastardo (8), Verrett (9) and Rivera. W—Syndergaard 9-3. L—Lester 9-4. HRs—Chicago, Contreras (4). New York, Rivera (3), Granderson (14), Flores 2 (5), Johnson (3).

NATIONALS 12, REDS 1

Cincinnati ..... 000 000 010 —1 3 0
Washington ..... 010 431 21x —12 15 0

Jo.Lamb, Sampson (5), J.Diaz (8) and R.Cabrera; Strasburg, Treinen (7), Belisle (8), O.Perez (9) and W.Ramos. W—Strasburg 11-0. L—Jo.Lamb 1-5. HRs—Washington, Ramos (13), Rendon (8), Drew (7), Harper (17), Espinosa 2 (18).

CARDINALS 9, BREWERS 8

Milwaukee ..... 000 300 204 —8 16 1
St. Louis ..... 100 134 10x —9 11 0

C.Anderson, J.Barnes (5), Blazek (6), Boyer (6), Marinez (7), Jeffress (8) and Lucroy; Wacha, Lyons (6), Rosenthal (7), Bowman (7), Broxton (8), Tuiletiele (9), Oh (9) and Molina. W—Wacha 5-7. L—C.Anderson 4-9. Sv—Oh (2). HRs—St. Louis, Piscotty (10), Diaz (11).

DODGERS 4, ROCKIES 1

Colorado ..... 000 000 100 —1 4 0
Los Angeles ..... 000 000 10x —4 7 0

Gray, Qualls (7), Logan (7), Motte (8) and Hundley; McCarthy, Liberatore (6), Flen (7), Blanton (8), Jansen (9) and Grandal. W—McCarthy 1-0. L—Gray 5-4. Sv—Jansen (24). HRs—Colorado, Descalso (2). Los Angeles, Thompson (13), Grandal (8).

GIANTS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 4 (11 INNINGS)

San Francisco ..... 002 200 000 01 —5 91
Arizona ..... 010 001 020 00 —4 90

A.Suarez, Kontos (7), Gearrin (8), Strickland (9), Osich (10), Casilla (11) and Brown; Ray, Chafin (7), Barrett (7), Hudson (8), Ziegler (9), Clippard (10), Burgos (11) and Gosewisch. W—Osich 1-1. L—Burgos 0-1. Sv—Casilla (19). HRs—Arizona, Lamb (19), Goldschmidt (15).

MARLINS 5, BRAVES 2

Miami ..... 000 020 111 —5 13 1
Atlanta ..... 000 000 002 —2 5 0

Conley, Phelps (7), Rodney (8), A.Ramos (9) and Realmuto; Wisler, Kind (7), Withrow (7), Jenkins (8) and Flowers. W—Conley 5-5. L—Wisler 3-8. HRs—Miami, Realmuto (5)

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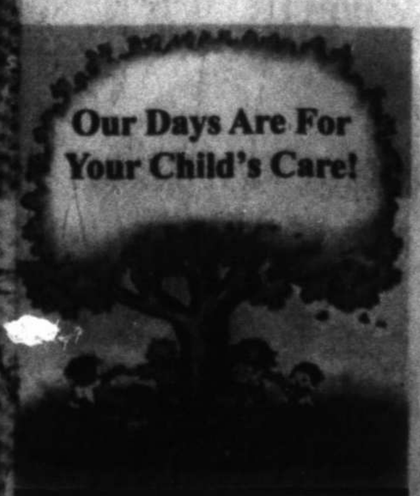

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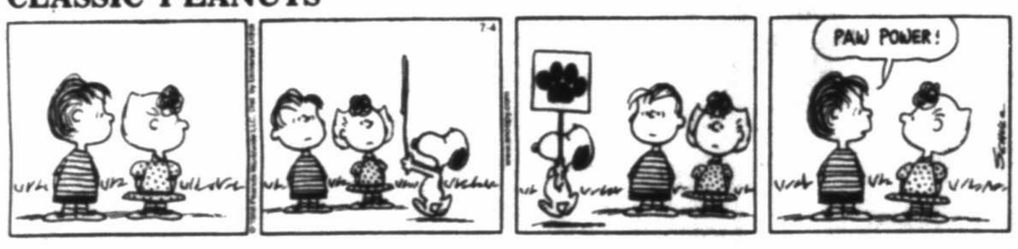

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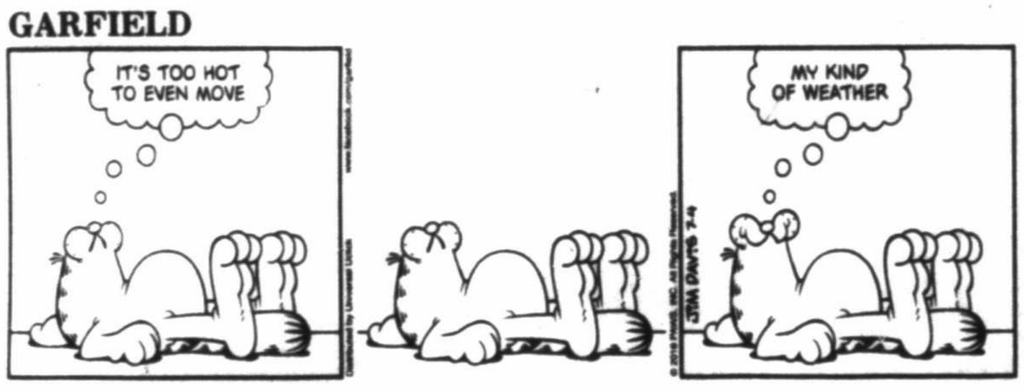

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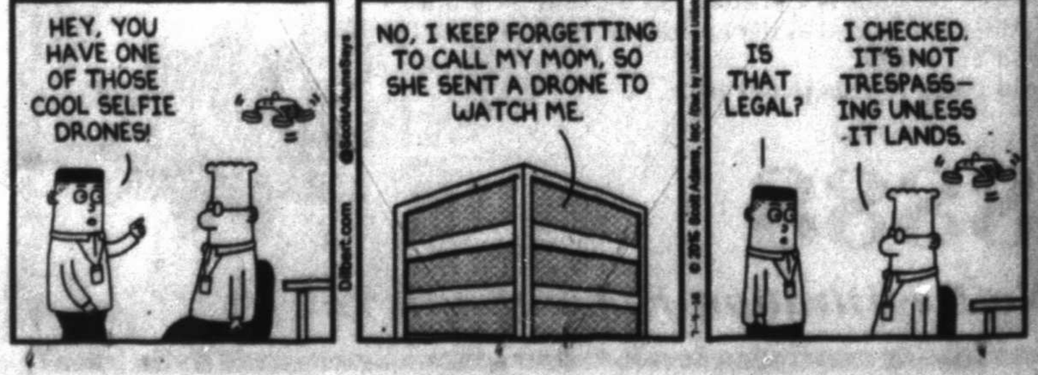

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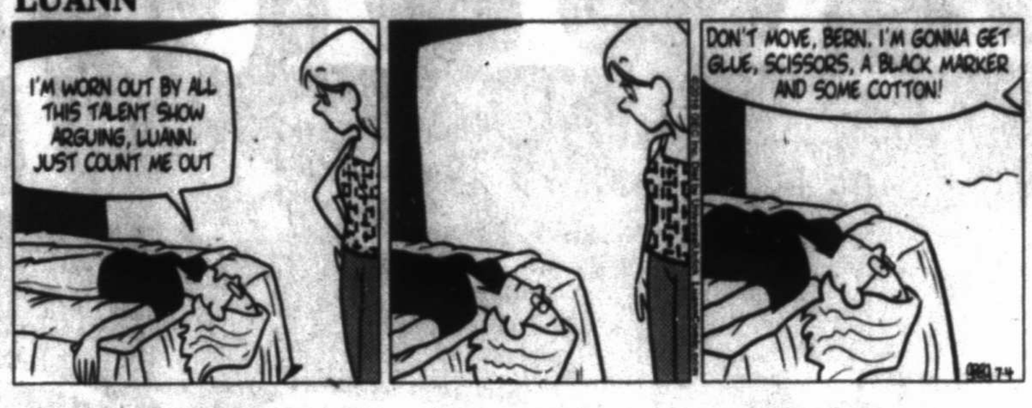

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Local forecast

There is a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms Friday and Saturday, according to the National Weather Service. Forecasted highs are in the triple digits through Thursday.

The record high for July 3 is 106 set in 2005, 1994 and 1983. The record low is 61 set in 1942. On July 3 of last year, the high was 89 and the low was 70

Weather brief

WYOMING

Repairs underway near Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River

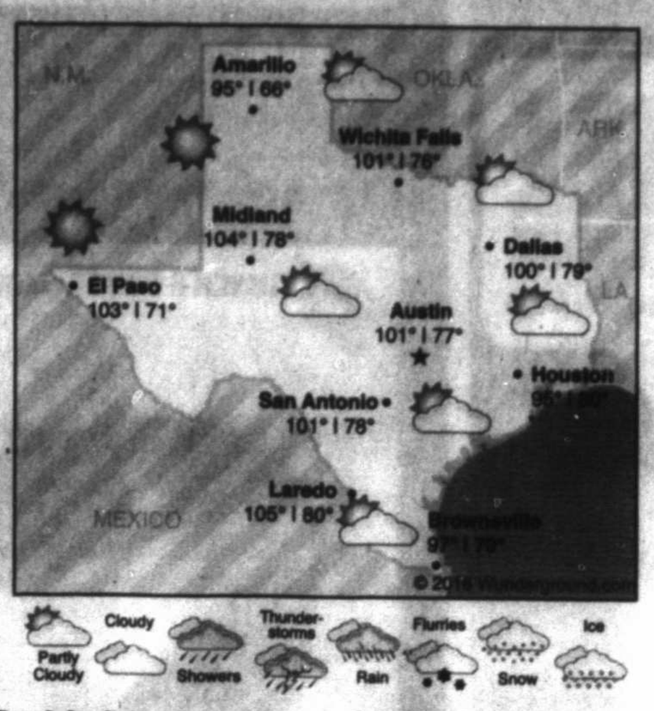
CASPER — Trails, overlooks and parking lots near the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River are getting about $9.1 million in improvements and repairs.

The Casper Star-Tribune reported the projects were partially spurred by fatal falls.

An 8-year-old California girl died about two years after an 18-year-old park employee fell to her death in 2012.

Work will take about four years.

The Yellowstone Park Foundation is funding the work with private donations and money from federal fees.



Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	6.90 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.24 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	105
Low	77
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:48 a.m.
Sunset	8:58 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, July 4

Friends admit 'living it up' isn't all it's cracked up to be

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I'm sick when I read about girls in great relationships who feel like they are trapped and they need to live life. They throw away a great relationship with someone who loves them. How is dumping someone who loves you "living"?

I met my husband in high school, and we went to parties, nightclubs and traveled — always together. We had each other's backs and pushed each other to achieve what we wanted. And the best part was, I had my best friend with me during all of my greatest life moments.

Now, after 23 years of marriage, I hear stories from my women friends who dumped their guys to live it up and now wish they never had. They ALL said: "Guess what you get with a one-night stand? You get left with disappointment because the guy doesn't know what you like in bed or gives you an STD." And while they were "living life," the boyfriend they loved and wish they had back found someone else.

So, all of you out there who think you're not living life: It's not because of the guy you're with. It's YOU holding yourself back. Try life with your partner and see what happens before you throw it all away for a one-night stand you'll most likely regret. — LIVING LIFE IN WISCONSIN

DEAR LIVING LIFE: When a young woman writes to me saying she feels trapped and wants to live life, what it indicates to me is that the person either isn't getting what she needs from her boyfriend or that she's not mature enough to settle down.

Mature individuals realize that compromise is necessary in successful relationships, but these young women appear to prefer to gamble on all or nothing. I'm sharing your wisdom with them, but I'm not at all certain they will appreciate it.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have a good marriage and two well-behaved kids who are good students and active in our community. Our 8-year-old son is very much the rule follower in school and outside activities but cheats when playing board or card games with me or his sister at home.

When I catch him doing it, I end the game and tell him I won't play with him if he's going to cheat. My wife believes the cheating is "just for fun" and that I'm being too hard on him. I say the lesson I'm teaching him is that cheating is wrong.

We agree we are fortunate this happens only at home, but I'm concerned that if it is left unchecked, it will be regarded as permissible and it will escalate to become a problem in other circumstances. What do you think? Should I let up? — VIRGINIA DAD

DEAR DAD: No, stick to your guns. And the next time you catch your son cheating, impress upon him that if others catch him at it, they not only won't want to play games with him, but also may not want to be friends with him.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Happy Fourth of July, everyone. Celebrate safely! Love, Abby

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A Q 8 4 ♡ 10 9 5 ◇ A K 10 8 6 ♣ 8

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass

What call would you make?

A — It's time to show your heart support. In support of hearts, this hand is worth about 16 points. Bid three hearts.

Q 2 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 7 6 5 3 ♡ K Q ◇ Q J 2 ♣ K 7 4 2

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♡	Pass	2♡	Pass
Pass	?		

What call would you make?

A — This is a close decision, as almost half of your values are located in the opponents' suit. Still, it doesn't pay to sell out at the two level when they have a fit. Double.

Q 3 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K J ♡ A Q 10 3 ◇ Q 5 3 ♣ K 10 6

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1◇	Pass	1♡	?

What call would you make?

A — We loved this hand when we picked it up, but there isn't much future in it now. It is still worth a bid, however. Bid one no-trump.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 8 7 6 4 3 ♡ A 10 8 6 5 2 ◇ J ♣ Void

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — Keep bidding hearts until partner picks one of your suits and hope for the best. Bid two hearts.

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, July 4, 2016:

This year you break past self-imposed restrictions. You see how you sometimes stop yourself from getting what you want. Charisma becomes your middle name. Be careful, though, as you could be unusually narcissistic as well. Make a point of listening to others more often. If you are single, your charm will make you even more appealing to potential suitors. If you are attached, your attentiveness will make all the difference in how smoothly your relationship runs. Try to be more involved in your sweetie's life. A fellow CANCER might be even moodier than you are!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might feel unusually patriotic this Fourth of July. You'll look at your loved ones and realize how important they are to you. You also will recognize the importance of this country in your day-to-day life. Tonight: Count on your graciousness to come through in a big way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You are likely to feel as if you have to be very diplomatic in your interactions with others. Your feelings will emerge when dealing with a stubborn friend at a distance. You often wish you could get this person to fall in line. Enjoy the festivities. Tonight: Hang out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You often try to please people more than they recognize. You could go to extremes to make sure everyone's July Fourth is up to snuff. A loved one might be extremely dominating. Don't let this person's demanding ways get the best of you! Tonight: Curb a need to be possessive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your personality melts barriers, and you might be surprised by what is shared as a result. A close loved one could be unusually manipulative, causing a problem between you. Decide if you want to let go of dealing with this behavior right now. Tonight: Just be yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Now is an appropriate time to say little and step back some. For some of you, you could be working through a problem on a deep level, whereas others could be extremely emotional. Understand what it is you want from a particular friend. Tonight: Play it low-key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Conversations among friends will make you smile. Meanwhile, you could be putting someone on a pedestal and might not be seeing him or her realistically. If you become a bit more observant, you'll see this person as he or she really is. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Defer to others, even though you know exactly how you want today's plans to go. No one can have his or her way all the time. Share more, but refuse to get into a contested situation with someone. Follow your sixth sense, and you will land well. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You seem to be busy with last-minute errands or helping guests feel more in a celebratory mood. You like to help others enjoy themselves, and you have an opportunity to do that right now. You might decide to organize a softball game. Tonight: Slow down a little.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might be more willing to let someone else steal the stage right now. This person needs and likes to be dominant. You sometimes have difficulty allowing others to steal your thunder. Your instincts will come through in guiding you. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Defer to a loved one. Allow this person to decide your plans or put the finishing touches on what has already been decided. Refuse to make demands that barely can be met. If you find that you feel the need to be in control, try controlling your mood! Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You are likely to decide that you would like to do something totally different. What is stopping you? Others could be so involved in your plans that you might feel as if you have little choice but to invite them to join you. Tonight: Go along with the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your imagination manages to fill in the blanks with a child or loved one. Be sure that you are being realistic and not creating fantasies that can't be fulfilled. Try to be more anchored. Listen to a trusted friend and what he or she has to share. Tonight: Fun and games.

BORN TODAY

Actress Gloria Stuart (1910), singer/songwriter Bill Withers (1938), former U.S. President Calvin Coolidge (1872)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Son of God, in a Bach cantata
5 Sacred wading bird of ancient Egypt
9 English class topic
14 Novelist Hunter
15 Outstanding credit
16 __ Valley, Calif.: 1960 Winter Olympics site
17 Pre-exam review session
20 Prepare to propose
21 Figure skating leap
22 Satisfied sounds
23 Tel __, Israel
25 Use an acetylene torch on
27 Multinational military alliance
33 PIN requester
34 In a bit
35 Words before "Happy New Year!"
37 Explore eBay
39 Vintage roadster
41 Pop singer Diamond
42 Medal of Honor recipients
45 State firmly
48 Delta rival: Abbr.
49 Reporter's trustworthy contact
52 "What have I gotten myself __?"
53 Bring in from the fields
54 Cries from successful solvers
57 Flu symptom
59 Sounds of thunder
63 Coin-operated kiddie ride
66 Spin docs
67 "If all __ fails ..."
68 Out of the wind
69 Shabby
70 Puts into words
71 Where boats tie up

DOWN

1 Soda __: fountain worker
2 Tied, as a score
3 Out of danger
4 Hard to believe
5 Checkpoint requirements: Abbr.
6 Conduct, in report card comments
7 Curly-horned goat
8 Sprinkled widely
9 GI show gp.
10 Detachment of fighter jets
11 Subtle glow
12 Nasty cut
13 Fleecy farm females
18 "Don't Be Cruel" singer
19 Chin indentation
24 Simpson trial judge
26 Weather map "L"
27 Tens and twenties
28 "None of the above" choice
29 Love, in Rome
30 NBA great Shaquille
31 __ d'Alene, Idaho
32 Room-filling computer unveiled in 1946
36 Magazine you can read forward and backward?
38 Like shiny shoes
40 Flipped during frying, as eggs
43 Austrian "a"
44 The devil
46 Tampa-to-Palm Beach dir.
47 Pest control target
50 Unidentified flying radar blips
51 Transfer, as computer data
54 Bandstand boosters
55 "Present!"
56 Summit
58 Golden St. campus
60 Folksy Guthrie
61 Tiny time meas.
62 Search for
64 Vague quantity
65 "__ Misérables"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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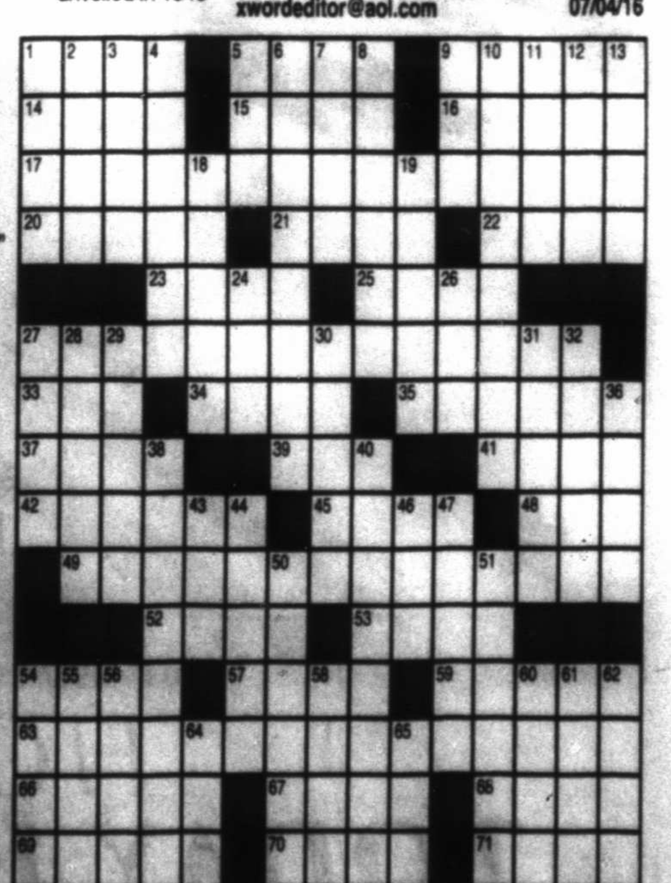

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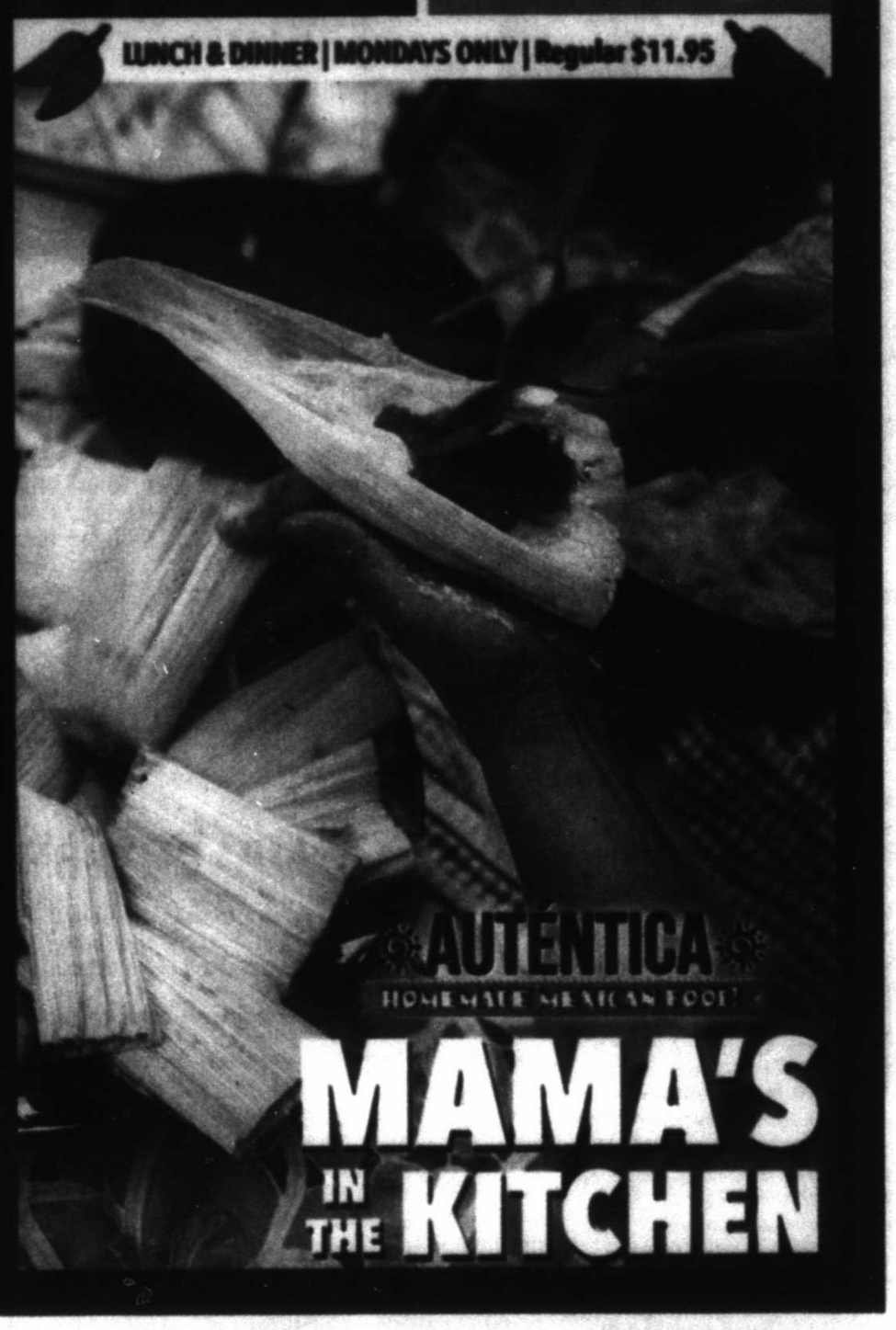

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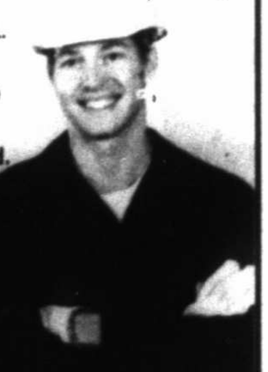

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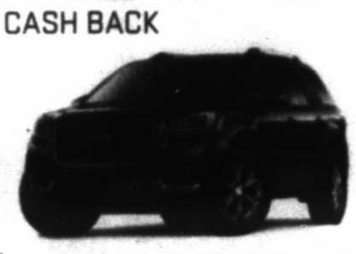

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23.83 AC. SEASONAL CREEK, MESQUITE,CEDAR COVER, DEER, HOGS, TURKEY, QUAIL, DOVE. NEAR LAKE E.V. SPENCE. $4,105 DOWN, $679/MO.

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• East County
*11,155 ac. K. of Snyder, 4 houses, pens/roping arena, 800 ft. mtn., creek, lakes, Whitetail deer, mule deer and Quail $795/ac
*4,212 ac. Maverick Creek, canyons, whitetail and mule deer and quail $625/ac
*1,771 ac. windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great whitetail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail $850
• Nolan County
*646 ac. over 1 mile creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak, **SOLD** $3,550/ac
*165 ac. Pecan Creek, New Living/Shop, 200 acres cleared for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill $4,425/ac
• Howard County
*942 ac. canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some military traffic $750/ac
*130 ac. big canyon, blinds/feeders, oaks, cedar/mesquites, great deer, turkey, jav **SOLD** $890/ac
• Mitchell County
*135 ac. Colorado Springs **SOLD** deer and whitetail, hogs, varmints, metal storage $1,150/ac

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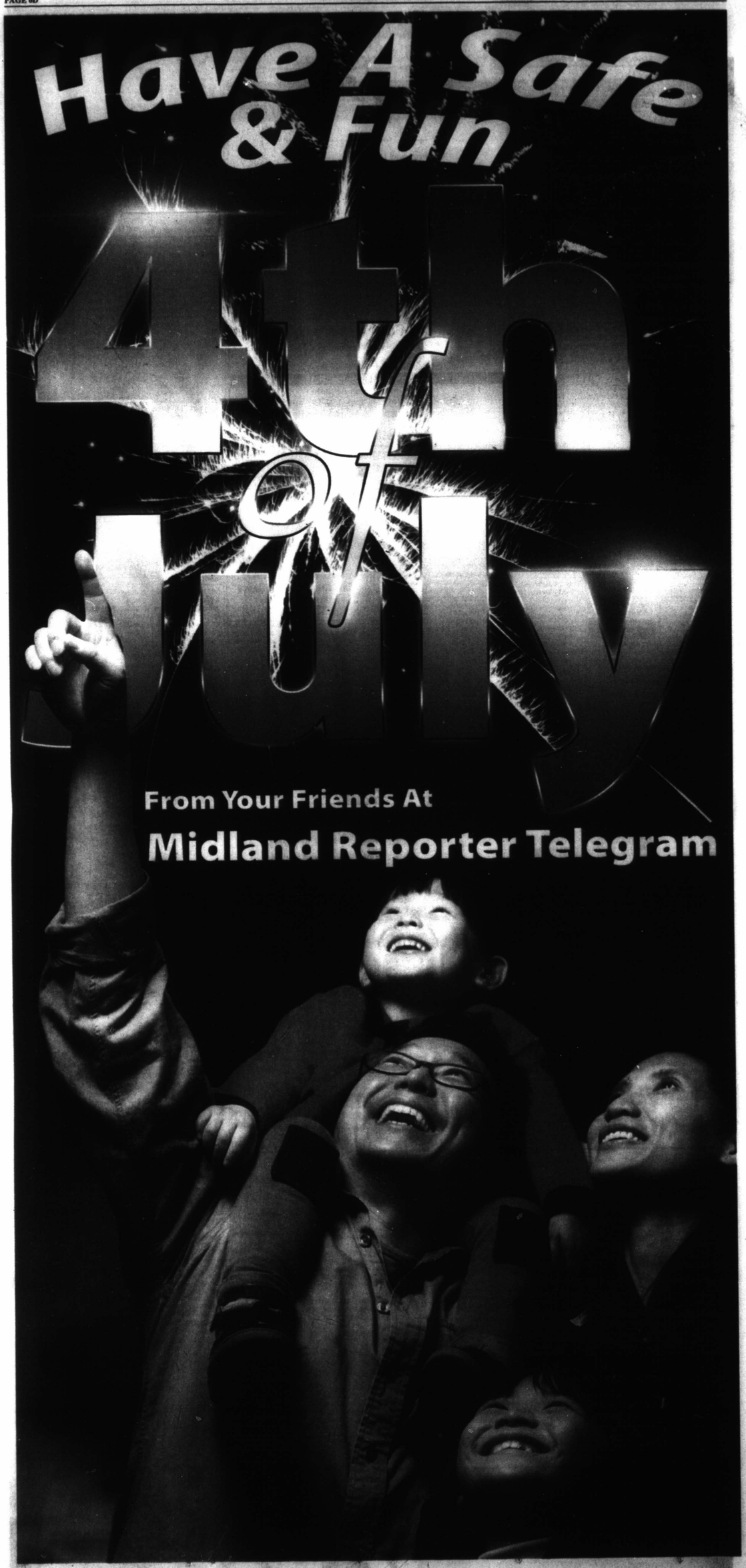
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