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County to enhance employee health care plan

Benefits to include vision at request of employees, while changes will come to dental coverage

By Cassie Burton
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Starting as early as October, Midland County employees will encounter changes to their health care coverage. One change arose from popular demand.

Next calendar year will mark the first time that county workers will have the option of enrolling in a vision plan that includes contracted optometrists. That part of the plan is completely voluntary and funded entirely by employees.

The county consulted its employee benefits administrator service Boon-Chapman to offer such a plan because many asked for it, according to Stacey R. Minton, its Houston operations director.

Minton proposed the changes at a recent Commissioners' Court meeting. Commissioners approved several changes to county workers' medical and dental coverage on Tuesday.

"We were asked to look at vision plans because it was a popular request (from employees)," Minton said. "We chose the 'Cadillac' of plans. The main difference from the other option is the variety of providers."

County health insurance currently covers only a routine eye exam and necessary eye operations, largely because all employees have a $1,500 wellness benefit included in their plan that could pay for vision needs. The new plan is full-feature, meaning it includes coverage for eye exams, lenses benefit and contact lenses every year and new frames every other year.

At least 35 percent of eligible county employees — or 210 of the 600 — must enroll in the vision plan for it to be offered.

Midland County Judge Mike Bradford said that participation is not expected to be a problem because of how many people have requested vision coverage in the past.

Bradford also said that the county could not pay into the vision plan but will continue to pay full medical and dental coverage for every eligible employee.

For the county's fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 and ends Sept. 30, 2016, the county will increase the monthly contribution it pays into its self-funded health care plan. The monthly contribution will increase from $750 to $825 per employee, or $9,900 a year, Bradford said.

"As long as it's affordable, we will do everything we can to keep our plan private," he said. "A study of the federal plan under Obamacare reveals that they have worse coverage and higher costs, and it's not beneficial to our employees. We work very hard at crafting our plan so it stays private. That's where Boon-Chapman comes in. They're on top of health (regulations)."

Changes to the medical and dental insurance plans are made annually during summer to allow the county enough time to educate employees before a new calendar year, which is when the plans' coverage restarts.

Changes in the dental plan

Another major change will start sooner than the new calendar year.

Beginning in October, the Midland County dental plan will add a Dental-Guard Preferred Select PPO network, which provides access to contracted dentists who will offer discounts to patients with no balance billing, according to information provided by the county.

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GROUNDED AT AIRPORT

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Midland International Airport photographed August 13, 2013. Former Airport employees who are laid off tend to leave their company vehicles in the lots, effectively abandoning them.

Vehicles are abandoned in airport lots

Airport director: Laid-off employees leave company vehicles behind

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Officials at Midland International Airport have a problem: company-owned vehicles abandoned by employees who have been laid off.

"If they get laid off, they drive their company truck out to the airport, fly out and never come back. And then the company realizes that it's here," said Justine Ruff, director of airports during the airport's last board meeting.

It's an issue that has happened "dozens" of times over the past one or two years, according to city officials, and authorities began taking note of the issue during the downturn of the economy.

Airport parking authority issued a $1,100 parking bill in April for a company vehicle that had been in the parking lot since September.

"For some people, they're planning to come back to that vehicle; for others they might leave the vehicle for someone else to come pick it up," city spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz said Friday. "We don't know exactly why, but sometimes they just never return. And then we'll get a call from the company, which has tracked down the last place their employee was."

A majority of these cases are vehicles that have been left for a number of weeks or months, which — at up to $80 a week — amount to hefty fees.

Though the issue may irritate drivers in search of an open spot, the issue doesn't have a negative effect on the airport's bottom line and can become guaranteed revenue for the Airport Fund, Bustilloz said.

"A lot of these do happen in our covered parking lot, which is our most popular parking lot, and that's usually full every day anyway. So it could be kicking somebody out of that area if it's full, but we're still getting revenue that we would have had otherwise," she said.

Paved with dollars

The airport's parking revenue reached a record high in June. Nearly $347,000 was collected in parking fees that were placed in the airport's enterprise fund. This is an increase of about 40 percent since June 2014. But in June of this year, passenger numbers were down by 4.6 percent compared to June a year ago.

"So for enplanements to be down, and our parking revenue to be so high up, it doesn't make any sense unless everyone drives their own car to the airport now, and families of four are not traveling together," Ruff said. "It doesn't make any sense."

Some of the discrepancy can be attributed to recent completion of additional parking lots and the slight increase in parking rates in October. Yet the difference is not enough to account for the spike in June's revenue, officials said.

Littlefield facility will house sex offenders

■ Attorneys oppose location of civil commitment program

By Mike Ward and Anita Hassan
Houston Chronicle

AUSTIN — A looming crisis over where to house Texas' most violent sex predators appeared solved Friday as officials announced they have contracted to house them at a long-vacant lockup in remote West Texas.

Marsha McLane, director of the Texas Civil Commitment Office, said Florida-based Correct Care Recovery Solutions will house about 190 offenders at the privately owned Billy Clayton Detention Center in Littlefield, about 150 miles north of Midland, starting Sept. 1.

The company currently operates a mental health facility in Montgomery County that also houses some state and local prisoners.

State officials had spent more than a year looking for a place to house the offenders after halfway houses in Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth and El Paso demanded that the state relocate them by Aug. 31, to free up space for other parolees.

All of the men have completed their prison sentences for sex crimes but continue to be held in the state's civil commitment program because they have been deemed to be a continuing danger to society.

Fort Worth attorney and former prosecutor Christy Jack, who chairs the agency's governing board, said the contract "marks the beginning of a new chapter for the Texas civil commitment program," a program that has faced controversy and intense scrutiny in the last two years amid criminal investigations and critical audits that confirmed wrongdoing and mismanagement.

Despite its designation as an outpatient treatment program, no one has been released from the civil commitment program since it began in 1999, although one man was given a provisional release in January. Of the more than 350 men ordered into the civil commitment program, nearly half have been sent back to prison for violations of program rules, raising questions about the constitutionality of

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John H. Gibbons, Clinton science adviser, dies at 86

By William J. Broad
N.Y. Times News Service

John H. Gibbons, a physicist who argued for more efficient cars, a ban on nuclear tests and global cooperation in space while serving as a longtime science adviser to Congress and President Bill Clinton, died on July 18 at a retirement home in Crozet, Virginia. He was 86.

The cause was complications of a stroke, his daughter Dr. Virginia Gibbons Barber said.

Gibbons had few peers in his long career as a public scientist, moving from an early interest in astrophysics to promoting wide applications of science for public understanding and social progress. From 1979 to 1993, he directed the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, where his teams of researchers produced reports on acid rain, Alzheimer's disease, missile defense and other issues.

He became Clinton's science adviser in 1993 and served until 1998 — a time of upheaval for the federal science establishment as Cold War certainties gave way to new challenges and opportunities.

Gibbons helped turn an American plan for an orbiting space station into a global endeavor that included the Russians, creating a cosmic venue where former adversaries would work together. Today, the International Space Station has hosted hundreds of astronauts from more than a dozen countries.

He also worked to end the testing of nuclear arms, which for decades had fueled an increasingly deadly arms race. In 1996, Clinton signed, and the United Nations endorsed, the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty as a way to halt the development of new warheads.

Though wielding much influence in federal corridors, Gibbons came across as a country gentleman, wise and charming. Soon after his appointment as Clinton's science adviser, Scientific American ran a profile of him entitled "The Nicest Guy in Washington."

His gifts included simple speech. "Science is still the wellspring of new options," he told The New York Times in 2003. "How else are we going to face the issues of the 21st century on things like the environment, health, security, food and energy?"

John Howard Gibbons was born in Harrisonburg, Virginia, on Jan. 15, 1929. His father was a business manager for Madison College, the forerunner of James Madison University, and his older brother, William Conrad Gibbons, was a historian of the Vietnam War. He died in July.

John Gibbons graduated from Randolph-Macon College in 1949 and received a doctorate in physics from Duke University in 1954. From 1954 to 1969 he worked at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, studying how stars produce the heavy elements found throughout the universe.

He turned to environmental issues in 1969, studying energy at Oak Ridge. In 1973, as the nation suffered its first big energy crisis, he was appointed the first director of the federal Office of Energy Conservation.

After a stint at the University of Tennessee, he returned to Washington to direct the Office of Technology Assessment. Though billed as bipartisan and lauded for its detailed studies, including cost-benefit analyses, it was abolished in 1995 by the new Republican majority in Congress.

As Clinton's science adviser, Gibbons helped promote the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles, a cooperative research program between the federal government and major automakers that led to the development of hybrid vehicles.

After leaving the government, he worked with Population Action International, the Virginia Commission on Climate Change and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Besides his daughter, Gibbons is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Hobart Gibbons; another daughter, Mary Meyer; and eight grandchildren. His daughter Diana C. Gibbons died last year.

Late in life, Gibbons worried that the public was losing faith in science. "The bloom has been coming off the rose since 'Silent Spring,'" he said in 2003, referring to Rachel Carson's seminal 1962 book on the ravages of DDT. "People thought of science as a cornucopia of goodies. Now they have to choose between good and bad."

The urgent need, he added, is to reestablish science as an important means of resolving social ills.

"I hope rationality will triumph," he said. "But you can't count on it."

Robin Phillips, director who revitalized Canada's Stratford Festival, dies at 75

By Bruce Weber
N.Y. Times News Service

Robin Phillips, a British theater director who helped rejuvenate Canada's best-known theater, the Stratford Festival, as artistic director from 1975 to 1980, died July 25 in Woodstock, Ontario. He was 75.

The cause was complications after a fall, Joe Mandel, his longtime partner, said.

Phillips took over the Stratford Festival at a time when it held a reputation as a first-rate classical theater but also as a bit of a fusty one, lacking in adventurous spirit. He was not yet 35, and his appointment caused controversy — why not a Canadian for what many thought of as Canada's national theater? — which his tenure did little to attenuate.

No one disputed that Phillips revitalized the place, however, adding productions to beef up the schedule and accelerate the work pace and creating a separate company of young actors (called, appropriately, the Young Company), which mounted its own productions.

"Mr. Phillips is a thin, high-strung young man who works up to 18 hours a day and has been through ulcers, a heart attack and other symptoms of a man burning himself up at all his various ends," the critic Richard Eder wrote in The New York Times in 1977. "He has brought excitement, controversy, exacting standards, brilliance and sometimes wrongheadedness to the festival."

His productions at Stratford — founded in 1952, it has also been known as the Stratford Shakespearean Festival and the Stratford Shakespeare Festival — were known for their attention to detail, clean and elegant stage tableaus featuring gorgeous costumes and new technology (it was early in the video age), precision acting and a loyalty to the text.

He brought in stars like Maggie Smith (in "As You Like It") and Peter Ustinov (as King Lear), and in his first season he directed a widely admired "Measure for Measure" with Brian Bedford, a newcomer to the festival who became one of its regular players.

Phillips and Bedford collaborated on many productions, including "As You Like It," "The Winter's Tale" and Chekhov's "Uncle Vanya."

"Robin was a brilliant artistic director who raised the standards of acting and physical production at the Stratford Festival," the current artistic director, Antoni Cimolino, said in a statement.

Phillips was born on Feb. 28, 1940, in Haslemere, which most sources place in Surrey, in southern England, southwest of London, though Mandel said his birthplace was in a neighboring county, West Sussex. His father, Jim, was a gardener on the estate of the actors Stewart Granger and Elspeth March, and his mother, Ellen, was a cook and housekeeper there.

Robin left school at 15 and moved to London, where he worked for a costumer and a wig maker. He attended the Bristol Old Vic Theater School, where he trained as an actor, director and designer and made his professional acting debut in 1959.

In 1962, he joined the inaugural company of the Chichester Festival Theater — Laurence Olivier was the artistic director — and in 1965 he became an assistant director with the Royal Shakespeare Company. In 1970, in London, he directed Ronald Millar's drama "Abelard and Heloise," about the tragic 12th-century lovers, with Keith Michell and Diana Rigg. The production later appeared briefly at the Brooks Atkinson Theater in New York, about which the Times critic Clive Barnes reported, "As a matter of record, I suppose Miss Rigg and Mr. Michell are the first major stars to appear naked on Broadway."

Phillips was one of five directors — the others were Woody Allen, Sarah Caldwell, Liviu Ciulei and Ellis Rabb — who were hired in the late 1970s by Richmond D. Crinkley, then the executive director of Lincoln Center's Vivian Beaumont Theater, which was dark, to revive Lincoln Center's theater program. But the "directorate," as it was called, dissolved after one lackluster season.

After leaving Stratford, Phillips directed many productions in Canada, Britain and the United States. They included the 1997 Broadway production of the musical "Jekyll & Hyde," whose overheated passions generated a cult following that kept the show running for nearly four years and more than 1,500 performances.

Phillips met Mandel, a hotel manager and restaurateur who was originally from New Zealand, in London in the 1960s, and they reconnected as a couple in 1971, Mandel said. Phillips is also survived by a sister, Hilary Weatherburn.

Obituaries

Fay Cheatham Metz Stockton

Fay Cheatham Metz Stockton, 75, of Midland, Texas passed away on Thursday, July 30, 2015. The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Monday, August 3, 2015 from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Funeral services will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 2:00pm. Additional services will be held in Hobbs, New Mexico with a visitation from 5:00pm-7:00pm on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at Chapel of Hope Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 10:00am at Prairie Haven Cemetery Chapel.

Fay grew up in Lewisburg, TN. After graduating from Marshall County High School, she moved to Odessa, TX where she acquired a business degree. She then married Jim Metz in Hobbs, NM, where they raised their daughter, Kim Metz Sheldon. After the passing of Jimmy, she married Roy (Grizz) Stockton. In 1998, Fay and Roy moved to Midland to be near her daughter and her granddaughters.

Fay was an incredible woman, loving wife, and the best mother to her daughter, Kim Sheldon and her son, Scott Brian. She adored her granddaughters, Katie Warden and Melissa Sheldon. She was blessed with a beautiful great-granddaughter, Briley Slater. Even though she only had four short months with her, they were the best.

Fay worked for New Mexico Electric Service Company for seventeen years. She was an active member of the Hobbs Moose Lodge and served as Senior Regent. After her retirement with New Mexico Electric, she became the "Lyric Lady" for KPER radio station, where she loved being a local celebrity. After moving to Midland, Fay worked at Reliable Life Insurance Company. Fay, well known as Mimi, had a unique sense of humor. She was a character of her own. Her quick and dry sense of humor kept people laughing. Mimi always enjoyed being around her family and friends. Her bubbly personality kept people rolling. She was a true Southern Belle, quite the avid Texas Hold'em player, and enjoyed passing the time with cross-stitching. She was also a member of First Christian Church of Midland, TX.

Fay is survived by her husband, Roy Dan Stockton; daughter, Kim Metz Sheldon; granddaughters, Katie Warden and Melissa Sheldon; great-granddaughter, Briley Slater; brother, Kelly Cheatham- all residing in Midland, TX; sisters and brother-in-law; Charlene Garing, Rex Stockton, Zenna Cox, and Nelda Howl; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Elizabeth Cheatham of Hobbs; husband, Jimmy E. Metz of Hobbs; son, Scott Brian; and sister, Annette Harris of Seminole.

Fay will be terribly missed, she was definitely one of a kind.

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

Arrangements are also under the direction of Chapel of Hope Funeral Home of Hobbs, New Mexico. Online condolences may be made at *chapelofhopefunerals.com.*

Jerry Berrigan, a Catholic peace activist, dies at 95

By Daniel E. Slotnik
N.Y. Times News Service

Jerry Berrigan, a Catholic peace activist who, like his better known brothers Philip and Daniel, was arrested frequently for protesting the Vietnam War and other conflicts, died on July 26, at his home in Syracuse, New York. He was 95.

His death was confirmed by his daughter Carla Berrigan Pittarelli.

Berrigan was a quieter counterpart to his brothers, the former Josephite priest Philip and the Jesuit priest and author Daniel. The two of them became international antiwar figures after they participated in the burning of Selective Service draft records in Catonsville, Maryland, on May 17, 1968. The trial of the Catonsville Nine, as they were known, helped galvanize protesters across the country.

Though he was not among the Catonsville Nine, Jerry Berrigan joined his brothers in other protests, against nuclear proliferation, both wars in Iraq and other causes. He, Daniel and 58 others were arrested in 1973 for disrupting a White House tour by kneeling in prayer on the last day of U.S. bombing in Cambodia, and he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor for pouring blood on the floor of the Pentagon in 1979.

He was arrested so many times he lost count. His most recent arrest occurred on Good Friday in 2011 at Hancock Field Air National Guard Base near Syracuse for protesting drone strikes.

Jerome Charles Berrigan was born on Dec. 20, 1919, in Ely, Minnesota. He was one of six sons of Thomas, a railroad engineer and union organizer, and Frida.

He went to a Catholic high school in Syracuse, and enlisted in the U.S. Army after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

After his service in the military, he spent years studying for the priesthood in the Josephite order at St. Joseph's Seminary, but decided to leave. "I wasn't holy enough," he told The Post-Standard in an article published last month.

After earning a degree in philosophy and theology from the seminary, he began graduate studies in English at Le Moyne and Canisius Colleges.

He married the former Carol Rizzo in 1955 and pursued a doctorate at Syracuse University. In addition to his wife and daughter, he is survived by the last Berrigan brother, Daniel; two sons, Philip and Jerome Jr.; another daughter, Maria Berrigan, and five grandchildren.

British singer and TV host Cilla Black dies at 72

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON — Big-voiced British singer Cilla Black, a product of Beatles-era Liverpool who became a national treasure over a 50-year music and television career, has died. She was 72.

Spanish police said Sunday that the singer died Saturday at her home in Estepona, southern Spain. Black's spokesman, Nick Fiveash, confirmed her death and said details would be released after a coroner's report was completed.

Former Beatle Paul McCartney said news of Black's death came as a shock. "She had a fine distinctive voice and was always a bit of a laugh. It was a privilege to know and love her," McCartney said in a statement.

Ringo Starr tweeted: "She was a good friend we will all miss her."

Black was born Priscilla White in Liverpool, northwest England, in 1943. As a teenager she sang part-time and worked in the cloakroom of the Cavern Club, where her musical talent was spotted by rising local stars The Beatles.

Signed by the Fab Four's manager, Brian Epstein, she had a string of hits starting in 1964 with "Anyone Who Had a Heart," written by Burt Bacharach and Hal David, and "You're My World." Both went to No. 1 in Britain, and the latter also charted in the U.S.

She also had success with the Bacharach-David theme tune for the 1966 film "Alfie," and recorded several Beatles songs, including "The Long and Winding Road."

By the late '60s she was famous enough to be known by her first name alone, and hosted a BBC variety show, "Cilla."

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BROOKELAND

16-year-old killed in ATV crash in Southeast Texas

A 16-year-old girl has died after she lost control of an all-terrain vehicle in Southeast Texas and it flipped over.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said Stevie Ray Hergert of Nederland was pronounced dead at the scene following the crash at about 3 a.m. Saturday in Newton County, about 10 miles northwest of Brookeland. The crash happened at the intersection of two roads.

Authorities said the girl was ejected and suffered head fatal head injuries.

The crash is still under investigation.

PEARLAND

Officials: Teen arrested after patrol car set afire

Authorities said a 16-year-old Mexican national torched a patrol car and then led deputies on a chase through two Southeast Texas counties before being arrested.

The Brazoria County Sheriff's Office said that after a constable's patrol car was set ablaze Saturday in a parking lot, deputies approached the teen, who was in a pickup. He pointed a rifle at them and sped away.

During a pursuit, the teen struck a motorcycle officer escorting a funeral. The officer was not injured. The chase ended in Pearland after he lost control of the truck.

Charges against the teen include arson, aggravated assault on a public servant and evading arrest. He told deputies he crossed illegally into the U.S. and was upset about the treatment in the U.S. of his fellow countrymen.

DALLAS

City, Uber disagree on license of driver accused of rape

City of Dallas and Uber representatives disagree on whether a driver for the ride-sharing service accused of sexually assaulting a passenger was licensed to drive for the company in the city.

The Dallas Morning News reported that Uber spokeswoman Jennifer Mullin said the company has a license on file for 56-year-old Talal Ali Chammout, who police accuse of sexually assaulting a woman July 25 in her home after dropping her off.

But Dallas city spokeswoman Sana Syed said Chammout had not applied to be an Uber driver in the city and had not been vetted.

Uber requires all drivers pass checks that include county, federal and multistate records. Dallas also requires drivers to pass another background check to get a permit.

Chammout remained in jail Sunday on $100,000 bond.

SAN ANGELO

San Angelo skateboarder fatally struck by driver

San Angelo police are searching for a hit-and-run driver after a skateboarder was fatally struck.

Police said 21-year-old Joe Carlos Lopez of San Angelo was struck and killed early Sunday morning.

Police were dispatched to the scene at 2:30 a.m. after getting a report of an unconscious person in the roadway. Officers spoke with a passer-by who had seen the skateboard in the road and the body nearby.

Lopez was pronounced dead at the scene.

Evidence at the scene suggests the suspect vehicle may be a pickup or sport utility vehicle with damage to the headlight area.

GOP doesn't rush to defend indicted Texas attorney general

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — New Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton prepared Sunday to become the latest powerful state official booked on felony charges, but unlike when Rick Perry smiled for his mug shot last year, Republicans are not rushing to Paxton's defense.

A day after news broke that a grand jury indicted Paxton on felony securities fraud charges, Gov. Greg Abbott, who was Texas attorney general for 12 years, remained silent. So was GOP presidential candidate and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, who was stingy with campaign endorsements in 2014 but praised Paxton, a like-minded tea party favorite.

Other Texas GOP leaders also kept to themselves about Paxton, who is expected to turn himself in Monday near his home in suburban Dallas. Paxton attorney Joe Kendall said in a brief statement late Saturday that they would honor a judge's instructions to not publicly comment.

It's a sharp contrast to how conservatives rallied around Perry last year when a grand jury in liberal-leaning Austin handed up a two-count indictment against Texas' longest-serving governor over a 2013 veto. A judge earlier this month tossed out one of the indictments, leaving only an abuse of power charge.

The cases against Paxton and Perry widely differ, including the fact that Paxton's was investigated by the Texas Rangers.

"The Texas Rangers aren't politically motivated in investigating the crimes they're investigating," said David Owens, a former Texas prosecutor who's now a criminal defense attorney. "If you've got the Texas Rangers bringing forth this case, it's serious."

Barely seven months after becoming Texas' top law enforcement officer, Paxton faces accusations that he mislead investors in a McKinney-based tech startup before taking office, special prosecutor Kent Schaffer told the New York Times.

Schaffer did not return messages seeking comment Sunday. He and a co-special prosecutor, Brian Wice, only hinted at the indictment over the weekend in a broader statement, saying they are committed to ensuring that anyone accused of a crime is guaranteed a presumption of innocence and a fair trial.

The most serious of the allegations is that Paxton encouraged investment in Servergy Inc., which is now under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Associated Press reported last month the connections between the startup and Paxton, who listed himself as a shareholder and whose name is among search terms that Servergy attorneys used to satisfy a federal subpoena.

In the middle of last year's heated Republican primary, Paxton admitted to violating state securities law for not disclosing to regulators that he was receiving commissions for referring law clients to a financial planner. He paid a $1,000 fine and aides said it was administrative oversight and that the criminal investigation was a political hit job.

But fellow Republicans haven't been so publicly dismissive, especially now that Schaffer has said an indictment will be unsealed Monday in Collin County.

Abbott spokesman John Wittman declined comment Sunday about Paxton, as did representatives for both Cruz and U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, who is also a former Texas attorney general.

Although indictments against attorneys general are not common, Paxton has company both in Texas and around the U.S.

In 1983, Texas Democrat Jim Mattox was indicted on charges of commercial bribery shortly after his election and was later acquitted. More recently, a Pennsylvania grand jury in January recommended that state Attorney General Kathleen Kane face charges over allegations that she engaged in a cover-up and lied about her role in a grand jury leak to a newspaper. Kane, who took office in 2013, has not been charged and has consistently denied that she broke any laws.

No indications of potential gang violence at 75th Sturgis

By James Nord
Associated Press

STURGIS, S.D. — Never-before-seen crowds are expected to ride into the craggy, evergreen-dotted Black Hills of western South Dakota this week, all headed to the 75th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

The rally is famous for bawdy behavior, with police busting hundreds each year for drunken driving and drugs, but authorities and bikers alike say there's no indication there will be violence like that seen this spring among outlaw clubs in Waco, where a shootout left nine people dead and twice as many injured.

Several law enforcement agencies with a presence at Sturgis said they haven't received intelligence from officials nationwide that outlaw motorcycle gangs are planning violence as an extension of the Waco shootings. And a former Hells Angels chapter leader said it's likely the gangs will work to stay low key because of the attention on the Texas incident.

"There's a lot of information out about Waco, (but) not a lot of information that any of it's going to spill over into Sturgis," said Dan Satterlee, an assistant director at the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation. "But, like all our operations ... not just related to outlaw motorcycle gangs, we are heavily invested with personnel and resources in this Sturgis rally."

The rally officially kicks off Monday, capping years of planning among state and local agencies for the landmark event, which reportedly began as a race that attracted a handful of people in the late 1930s.

Attendance guesses for this year's rally exceed 1 million people — a huge jump from the estimated 442,000 people who flooded the town of roughly 6,900 last year. But Sturgis police Chief Jim Bush said he hasn't changed his security and policing plan much since 1995.

Gangs will likely try to avoid violence at Sturgis this year because of the public attention Waco received, said Pat Matter, who was president of the Minneapolis chapter of the Hells Angels until he went to prison in 2003.

Nine people were killed and 18 injured in the May 17 shootout involving bikers and police at a restaurant that authorities say arose from an apparent confrontation between the Cossacks and Bandidos.

"With everything that's going on in Waco and just all the stuff with the clubs, for their own preservation, they're going to want to try to keep this mellowed out and not have a problem ...

"(Sturgis) wasn't the typical place we was going to solve our problems at," Matter said.

Law enforcement would likely know about planned violence at Sturgis because biker gangs frequently have members "on the hook" to police who provide information, according to Steve Cook, executive director of the Midwest Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association.

Biker gang violence can be localized and spurred by turf wars, but it's also unpredictable, state DCI Director Bryan Gortmaker and other law enforcement officials said. In 2006, two men affiliated with the Hells Angels shot and wounded five people connected to the Outlaws Motorcycle Club in Custer State Park, about 70 miles from the rally. In 1990, a Sons of Silence gang member shot an Outlaws member in a bar brawl in Sturgis and two Sons of Silence members were stabbed.

On a recent morning, Randy White and JR Miller sat in lawn chairs under a tarp at the Sturgis Swap Meet, where there's an open view of the street. They said bikers typically get pulled over for small infractions — "Tail lights, loud pipes," Miller explained.

"Most people are just up here to have fun and get away from their jobs for a week," White said. "If you're looking for trouble, I guess you can find trouble, but I think it's going to be minimal."

Just weeks after Waco, roughly 300,000 people attended New Hampshire's Laconia Motorcycle Week. Authorities also had no specific indication from intelligence reports that there would be spillover violence, and the rally was quiet, Laconia police Chief Chris Adams said.

Bill Moelter, a Sturgis lifer, said he loves the rally because it's a chance to meet new people and have old friends visit. Perched on a Yamaha Virago in his driveway, the 43-year-old said he anticipates there will be routine violence, but he said police will be able to stamp it out quickly.

"We haven't locked our doors in 10 years," Moelter said.

Ducey to ask feds to OK co-pays, other Medicaid changes

By Bob Christie
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey plans to ask the federal government to approve major changes to the state's Medicaid insurance plan that are designed to encourage recipients to work, better utilize services and possibly cut state costs.

The plan would apply only to able-bodied adults, about a quarter of the state's 1.7 million Medicaid recipients, and won't affect children, the elderly or disabled.

Those people — essentially all of those who gained coverage under former Gov. Jan Brewer's Medicaid expansion plan plus parents who don't have small children — would be charged co-pays for some services and required to pay 2 percent of their income into a health savings account. That account could only be tapped for non-covered services like eyeglasses or dental work if they meet at least one "wellness incentive" and participate in a work search program or attend school if they're unemployed. Co-pays would be capped at 3 percent of income per year.

The Ducey administration plans to formally announce the proposal Monday and will hold a series of public meetings to take comments before a waiver request is submitted to the government in late September. Ducey health care policy adviser Christina Corieri briefed The Associated Press in advance of the announcement.

She said the plan is designed to encourage people to take better care of themselves and could lead to lower state costs, although savings estimates haven't been calculated. The state currently spends $1.2 billion annually from the general fund on Medicaid, and the federal government provides an additional $7.2 billion.

"You want people to get healthier to improve their life and also to be able to get them to a point where they can go back to work," Corieri said. "It's also important for the taxpayer. The same way it would be for any business, the healthier your people are, the less amount you have in costs."

The health saving accounts are designed to revert to the patient once they leave the Medicaid program to help them initially cover premiums and deductible and co-pay costs in the private insurance market. The idea is to encourage people to get better jobs with higher wages, even if they lose their free Medicaid insurance.

"You're really putting up this invisible wall right now by saying I'm going to go from paying zero dollars to saying 'my goodness I'm going to have 3 percent of my income in (premiums) and then I'm going to have co-pays and deductibles,'" Corieri said. "That is a huge disincentive to take that extra step to take that promotion at work."

The "strategic co-pays" in the plan will only be charged on services that are considered a poor use of the system, like unneeded emergency room visits, missed medical appointments or seeing a specialist without a referral. The wellness incentives, common in many employer-provided health plans, could include smoking cessation programs, annual checkups or other markers set individually or by private Medicaid plan providers.

Other Republican-led states that have expanded their Medicaid programs have received waivers for some of the things Arizona wants to implement. But they did so as part of agreements to expand Medicaid to people earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level that is part of the Affordable Care Act.

Arizona has already expanded its program without seeking additional waivers, so it is unclear whether all or some of the proposals would be approved. Most of the people targeted by the Ducey plan are in the expansion population or are childless adults or parents who aren't caregivers and earn less than 100 percent of the federal poverty limit.

A single person who earns just below the 138 percent Medicaid cutoff, about $16,000 a year, would pay about $26 a month into their health savings account.

The state also wants to be able to check eligibility twice a year instead of once as a way to limit fraud, waste or abuse.

If approved, the changes would go into effect in October 2016.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

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City Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Texting while driving public hearing
6 p.m.
MLK Jr. Community Center

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Midland Parkinson Support Group, 6:30 p.m., HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-6640.
■ for miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.
■ for post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.
■ Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club, 6 p.m., Murray's Deli, 687-2588, midlandwalkabout.org.
■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

Pools hours today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon to 7 p.m.
■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., closed.

Book vouchers

Midland College will be awarding $100 book vouchers to 30 full-time students who register for the fall semester by Friday. All students who register by this date will be eligible for the drawing, according to a press release from the college. Staff at the college's Welcome Center — at the Scharbauer Student Center — are available to provide one-on-one assistance with the application process and finaocial aid/scholarships.

The Welcome Center and the MC Advising Office are open 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and 7:30 a.m.- 7 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, visit www.midland.edu/enroll

Job fair

Experience Works hosts a job fair for workers 55 and older 9 a.m.-noon Mondays at Midland Workforce Solutions, 3600 N. Garfield St., Technology Center Room138. The agency focuses on people who desire to learn new skills.

For more information, call toll free 855-307-1171, or email liz_cox@experienceworks.org.

Correction

Revere Beach is in Massachusetts, not California. A column by Erin Stone in Sunday's edition had the wrong state because of an editing mistake.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

What's on the radio

News talk
■ KCRS (AM 550)
6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Verlei
9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local news reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
Web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com

■ KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
6-10 a.m. Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon, Herman Cain
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
Web: http://www.kwel.com

Sport talk
■ KMND (AM 1510)
6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

Other options
■ Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7), KLVW (FM 90.5)
NPR: KOCV (FM 91.3)

How to submit

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How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital is offering a nurse triage program "88-NURSE."

The program is designed to help people determine whether or not their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 88-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room... or just staying home.

Today in history

■ In 1863, the first thoroughbred horse races took place at the Saratoga Race Course in Saratoga Springs, New York.

FACILITY

From 1A

the way the 16-year-old program has been operated.

Reacting to a year-long series of stories in the Houston Chronicle about mismanagement and issues about the legality of the program, the Texas Legislature last spring adopted a reform plan that establishes new treatment regimen that will allow offenders to advance from confinement to closely supervised freedom in their communities.

Punitive location?

While state officials applauded Friday's announcement as a step forward in correcting past problems, attorneys who represent some offenders in the program said the Littlefield site is too remote to ensure credible treatment.

"To select a location like this appears to be punitive and anti-therapeutic," said Nancy Bunin, a Houston attorney who represents several men in the program. "Why on earth would you select a site that will remove them from their jobs, from their medical care, from their other treatment — where there is none of that. Their access to counsel will be limited. It's outrageous."

Nicolas Hughes, a Harris County assistant public defender, said the remote location "will remove the patients from all those positive influences" such as closeness to family and employment opportunities that are supposed to be an integral part of treatment to help them reintegrate into society.

Bunin noted that because most of the offenders in the program are indigent, they are represented by a handful of attorneys who volunteer their time, mostly in the Houston area. The remote location of Littlefield "seems to be orchestrated to deny indigent men adequate legal representation," she said.

State officials denied that, saying the West Texas facility was the only option.

McLane said the state will pay $128.70 per day per offender at the new site, a price that will drop to just under $100 if the population grows to more than 250, as is expected in the coming years.

About a dozen men already in the program may be allowed to go home under close supervision rather than to the new facility because they have successfully completed the current treatment regimen, McLane said. She said those men will have to have signed a legal waiver agreeing to be part of the program under the new state law.

Officials said the private lockup, built by Littlefield officials in 1999, when private jails were a growth industry in Texas, was the only finalist for the contract. Two other bidders did not qualify for final review, they said.

Empty for six years

The $11 million lockup has been vacant at least six years, after Idaho prison officials withdrew convicts it had housed there following a suicide. Local officials unsuccessfully had tried to find new prisoners for the center named for a former Texas House speaker, at one point seeking contracts with Texas, California, even federal immigration authorities.

Meanwhile, state officials last year began searching for a centralized site where all the civil-commitment offenders could be housed. More than 100 sites had been considered and rejected since McLane took over as head of the troubled agency, and Littlefield at one point was rejected as too remote.

A former state youth prison in Beaumont has been the preferred location of state officials as late, but Jefferson County officials said they would fight any effort by the state to take the facility back. County officials have approved plans to lease it for $1 a month for a private charter school, even though the state continues to pay millions of dollars each year in bond debt on the facility.

McLane said the Friday selection of the Littlefield site will allow her agency to quickly move to implement new treatment programs that will stabilize operations, and allow her to make changes designed to resolve continuing legal and operational issues that have plagued the agency for several years.

Under the new treatment programs approved in the reform law, officials have predicted that offenders in the civil-commitment program could graduate to supervised release within three to five years.

Littlefield City Manager Mike Arismendez said Friday's announcement was good news for the community. The town is on the hook for $820,000 a year in bond payments on the empty prison, 13 percent of its budget.

He said locals are aware that the men who will be housed there are convicted sex offenders and are OK with that because "this will be a secure, confined treatment facility."

No public outcry

To underscore the point, Arismendez said that several hundred residents showed up at a public hearing last year on the possibility of using the lockup to house immigrants who had entered the country illegally.

A subsequent public hearing to discuss using the facility to house sex offenders drew only about 20 people.

"There will be an economic benefit to our city from this, and people realize that," Arismendez said. "It will mean 85 to 90 jobs, higher median income jobs for therapists and case workers and psychologists. This is great news."

Police ID suspect in killing of officer; manhunt underway

By Adrian Sainz
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Tennessee police officials on Sunday identified a suspect in the fatal shooting of a Memphis police officer, and an intense search for the man is underway.

Tremaine Wilbourn, 29, faces a first-degree murder charge in the death of Officer Sean Bolton, 33, on Saturday night, Memphis Police Director Toney Armstrong said at a news conference.

Armstrong said Wilbourn was a passenger in a 2002 Mercedes Benz that was parked illegally in a southeast Memphis neighborhood on Saturday night. Armstrong said Bolton saw the car and shined his squad car's spotlight on the vehicle.

Bolton then got out of his car and walked toward the Mercedes, Armstrong said. Wilbourn got out of the Mercedes, confronted Bolton, and they got into a physical struggle, Armstrong said.

Wilbourn then took out a gun and fired it, striking Bolton multiple times, Armstrong said. The officer died at a hospital.

Wilbourn and the driver then ran away, Armstrong said. The driver later turned himself in to police, and police described him as a person of interest in the case before he was released without being charged.

Armstrong said Bolton interrupted a drug deal in progress. Officers found about 1.7 grams of marijuana inside the car, which likely would have just resulted in a misdemeanor citation and a fine for Wilbourn, Armstrong said.

"He's a coward," Armstrong said of Wilbourn. "You gunned down, you murdered a police officer, for less than 2 grams of marijuana. You literally destroyed a family."

Armstrong says the U.S. Marshal's office has offered to help in the search of Wilbourn, whom he says is armed and dangerous. He said Wilbourn is on supervised release after serving a federal sentence for robbery of a banking institution.

Earlier Sunday, police officers wearing protective vests descended on an apartment complex in southeast Memphis, about three miles from the scene of the shooting. An armored truck and a mobile command center were among the police vehicles there.

Officers could be seen going in and out of a sliding door and onto a balcony on the second floor of the two-story building.

Bolton is the third Memphis officer to be fatally shot in slightly more than four years. Officer Tim Warren was killed while responding to a shooting at a downtown Memphis hotel in July 2011. In December 2012, Officer Martoiya Lang was killed while serving a warrant.

Memphis Mayor A.C. Wharton Jr. said Bolton's death "speaks volumes about the inherent danger of police work" and asked others to "pray for the family and pray for our city." During past police shootings, both Wharton and Armstrong have said too many violent criminals are out on the street and have easy access to guns.

"The men and women in blue have certain rules of engagement that they have to follow, but at any given minute in a 24-hour day they're dealing with folks who have no rules of engagement," Wharton said.

Bolton was a former U.S. Marine and served a tour of duty in Iraq, police said. He joined the department in 2010.

Jason Mendoza, a minister at Woodland Presbyterian Church, said Bolton served as the best man at the wedding of his brother, Brian Bolton, this summer. Church member Pam Haley said Bolton's father died about a month ago. Brian is a member of the church.

During the church's morning service, Mendoza asked worshippers to pray for the Bolton family.

"Lord, lift up Brian and his family," said Mendoza.

State agency pushed upstate mining plan, documents reveal

By Susanne Craig
N.Y. Times News Service

ALBANY — In 2013, New York voters were asked to consider an unusual constitutional amendment that could allow a private company, NYCO Minerals, to clear the middle of a forest in the Adirondack Mountains and create an open pit for mining.

For-profit companies are rarely singled out in constitutional amendments, and the proposal to give NYCO access to 200 acres of state-owned land was contentious. But the company had an important ally.

Well before voters considered the referendum, officials with the state Department of Environmental Conservation worked to convince both lawmakers and environmental groups to support the bill that paved the way for the amendment. The proposal, the agency argued, had a strong upside for the government and North Country: It would save roughly 150 well-paying jobs in upstate New York, a region Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo has long looked to turn around.

Agency officials wrote to environmental groups urging them to support the proposal. They worked with the resolution's sponsors in the Legislature to develop the bill's language. And they asked lawmakers to lobby their colleagues to allow the measure onto the ballot.

And when NYCO complained to state environment officials that the proposed wording on the ballot cast the company in an unfavorable light, the officials responded: They told the company that they, too, had concerns and were "doing what we can on this." The agency eventually asked for changes to the ballot language, according to email correspondence, but officials insisted that those changes were not requested at the behest of the mining company.

The email was part of a trove of documents obtained through Freedom of Information Law requests by Protect the Adirondacks, an environmental group that opposed the amendment, which was ultimately passed narrowly by voters.

Protect the Adirondacks plans to file a complaint with the state attorney general and others, seeking an audit or investigation into whether the government's advocacy violated New York's Constitution, which mandates that state funds "shall not be given or loaned to or in aid of any private corporation or association, or private undertaking."

The conservation department said it did nothing improper. Marc Gerstman, the department's acting commissioner, said government agencies routinely lobby the Legislature on issues they determine are in the state's interest, and NYCO's proposal to mine state land easily met that standard. NYCO, according to the agreement, is not only required to eventually return the 200-acre parcel to the state, but it is also required to give additional land it owns in the Adirondacks to the state.

COVERAGE

From 1A

More than 90 dentists are a part of the network chosen by Midland County, many with more than one location.

The rates for an employee's children, spouse or family (depending on the plan) will increase slightly for dental, because of an increase in usage, as well as the implementation of the dental PPO network. The increase ranges from $1.75 more per month to $5.50, according to information provided by the county.

Employees filing individually will continue to have their medical and dental insurance paid in full by Midland County.

Sleep disorder

The County Commissioners' Court also voted to increase the maximum amount that those receiving care for a sleep disorder can receive from $3,000 to $5,000, and also voted to enact an annual renewable minimum of $250.

Covered employees and their families now have an extra $2,000 in benefits to go toward sleep disorder-related expenses (such as supplies or repairs for machines). Should their needs exceed that cost, they can now also receive $250 a year.

Nicotine users

Employees who are nicotine users and refuse an annual health risk assessment must take a tobacco cessation course or their premiums will significantly increase, Minton said. The county will continue to pay travel costs for the tobacco-cessation programs because of its success rate, she said.

"We've had people before who show up who don't want to actually quit smoking but they come because they don't want to pay the higher premium," Minton said. "Then by the program's end, they actually do quit and a year or two years later, they've still quit. They switched their views entirely. So it's very beneficial and an important program."

The county will continue to pay prescriptions that help people to quit using tobacco, but only for two years. Minton does not anticipate it impacting many employees because people usually quit the prescription drugs because of the side effects and do not try to use those drugs again.

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Disney experts rebut anti-Semitic allegations

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Walt Disney was a complex figure, both celebrated and condemned, but allegations that he was a rabid anti-Semite are unproven, Disney experts said.

Talking to TV critics Sunday about PBS' "American Experience" September documentary on Disney, composer Richard Sherman (Disney's "Mary Poppins," "The Jungle Book") dismissed such lingering criticism outright.

It's "absolutely preposterous to call him anti-Semitic," said Sherman, the son of Jewish immigrants. He and his brother Robert, his writing partner, were treated like sons by Disney, he said.

Historian and social critic Neal Gabler, author of "An Empire of Their Own: How the Jews Invented Hollywood," said he exhaustively researched Disney for the 2006 book "Walt Disney: The Triumph of the American Imagination."

"I saw no evidence other than the casual anti-Semitism that" was common to non-Jews during Disney's 20th-century era, Gabler said.

Sarah Colt, producer and director of the four-hour film airing Sept. 14 and 15, said a documentary she made about Henry Ford, who she described as a "virulent anti-Semite," gave significant attention to his views.

But there wasn't any evidence that Disney held such attitudes, she said, although the label has been attached to the man who launched a still-expanding film, TV and theme park empire on the back of the Mickey Mouse cartoon character.

"Everyone was terrified" of Disney as a boss, Gabler said, calling him a stern taskmaster who demanded adherence to his creative visions. More than panelist said that Disney didn't hesitate in firing workers he thought were falling short, labeling them "deadwood."

Sherman, who began working for Disney in 1960, said he never feared him and believed the entertainment titan may have relaxed and mellowed by that point after decades of achievement.

But others said that Disney was driven to the end, and that on his deathbed in 1966 he was filling in his brother, Roy, on his plans for the Epcot theme park at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida.

Disney treated his employees like family, one panelist said, while another dismissed his kindness as a cynical ploy to get the most out of his workforce.

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

W. VIRGINIA

Police: Officer fatally shoots suspect who fired at him

NITRO — Police said an officer fatally shot a man in a Charleston, West Virginia, suburb after the man fired a gun at him.

Nitro Police Chief Brian Oxley told media outlets that the officer was responding to a domestic violence complaint when the shooting occurred Saturday night.

Oxley said the man left the scene and went to a boat ramp before the officer arrived. The officer then went to the boat ramp and saw the man standing beside his vehicle.

The police chief said the officer got out of his cruiser and was walking toward the suspect when the man shot at him. The officer returned fire.

The officer wasn't injured. Police haven't identified the man or the officer.

Nitro is located about 14 miles northwest of Charleston.

CHICAGO

Lollapalooza resumes after storm evacuation

Organizers of Lollapalooza said they are reopening the music festival after the threat of a storm prompted them to evacuate attendees.

Organizers said Sunday afternoon in a news release they were shutting down the music festival Sunday afternoon for "a short period" and directed those in attendance to underground shelter sites along Michigan Avenue.

A second release said gates would reopen at 3:30 p.m. and the music would resume at 4 p.m.

The festival started Friday and ends Sunday evening.

The National Weather Service had issued severe thunderstorm warnings in areas west and north of the city, but the storms passed quickly.

CALIFORNIA

Limousine, 2 other vehicles crash near LA; 11 people injured

SANTA CLARITA — Five people are in critical condition after a crash involving a limousine and two other cars in Southern California.

Deputies with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said initial information indicates the limo ran a red light. The crash happened shortly after 8 p.m. Saturday in Santa Clarita, about 35 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

Eleven people in total were injured in the crash, including both drivers and passengers.

They were transported to four area hospitals. No information on their identities or ages was immediately available.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas Brooks said the limo was registered to a private party.

MICHIGAN

Skunk saved by Detroit-area police officer, sans spray

ROCHESTER — A hungry skunk whose head was stuck in a yogurt container has a hero: a suburban Detroit police officer.

Rochester Officer Merlin Taylor's encounter Sunday was recorded from his police car. The video shows Taylor putting on a rubber glove and cautiously approaching the skunk, which was running in circles.

Taylor removed the yogurt container and ran when it appeared the skunk might spray.

Overdoses suspected in deaths of women at music festival

By Richard Winton
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Two young women died of suspected drug overdoses after collapsing at the HARD Summer music festival at the Fairplex in Pomona, authorities said Sunday.

Both women — one 18 years old, one 19 — were found unresponsive at the festival Saturday evening, according to the Los Angeles County coroner's office. It was unclear whether the women were connected in any way.

The 18-year-old was transported to San Dimas Community Hospital, where she was pronounced dead shortly after 6 p.m., authorities said. The 19-year-old was transported to Pomona Valley Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead about 8:40 p.m.

The identities of both women were withheld pending notification of family members, authorities said. Autopsies are scheduled to determine the exact causes of death.

With noon-day temperatures already in the mid-80s, many of the concertgoers who flocked into the Fairplex on Sunday said they were unaware of the two deaths.

"It is unfortunate that this kind of tragedy happens. People get carried away," said Oscar Mendez, 19. "People try to fit in and they don't know their limits."

Mendez said drugs are part of the music festival scene but that "anytime someone dies it is a shock."

Ernesto Lopez, 23, said the heat and crowded conditions combined with drugs and alcohol can take a physical toll.

"Some people can't handle it," he said. "You have to look out for people. In heat, some people pass out. With all those bodies, the heat and, whatever else, it hurts."

About 65,000 people were expected to attend each day of the two-day festival, which was to end Sunday and was to include performances by such electronic-music acts such as the Chemical Brothers and Jack U. That eclipses last year's total of 80,000 for the fest, which was held at Whittier Narrows.

The new numbers make HARD Summer the biggest music festival of its kind in Los Angeles County. By comparison, FYF attracted about 80,000 to its two-day event at Exposition Park in Los Angeles last year. Coachella remains the biggest Southern California music festival, with about 100,000 visitors per day for six days.

The deaths come amid growing scrutiny of drug use at these types of music events and whether officials should be doing more to prevent it.

In June, a 24-year-old San Francisco man and University of California, Irvine graduate died while attending the Electric Daisy Carnival rave in Las Vegas. Authorities said he ingested a fatal dose of the drug Ecstasy.

A Los Angeles Times investigation published in 2013 found that at least 14 people who attended raves sponsored by two concert organizers had died of overdoses or other drug-related incidents since 2006. Since the investigation was published, five more have died in drug-related incidents.

Health and law enforcement officials have warned that raves bring substantial drug risks, particularly involving Ecstasy, which is closely tied to the culture of raves — marathon dance parties featuring electronic music. There's a common misconception that Ecstasy, an illicitly made hallucinogen in pill form, is safe to take.

Ecstasy can cause body temperatures as high as 108 degrees — so high that the body's organs are destroyed. Multi-organ system failure can begin, which can cause a seizure, coma and death.

When raves were held at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and Sports Arena, drug overdoses rose so much that local emergency rooms were overwhelmed with severely ill rave attendees, and emergency room doctors urged that raves end there.

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'Mission: Impossible' climbs to No. 1, 'Vacation' is a bust

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The stakes may be high for Ethan Hunt and his team in "Mission: Impossible: Rogue Nation," but it was hardly impossible for the Tom Cruise pic to conquer the box office.

The fifth installment in the nearly 20-year-old film series has earned $56 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Opening weekend audiences were 62 percent male and 81 percent over the age of 25.

It's the second-highest opening for a "Mission" film since "Mission Impossible II" took in $57.8 million over Memorial Day weekend in 2000. Rentrak's Senior Media Analyst Paul Dergarabedian said Cruise is to credit for making these films one of the longest-running viable franchises on the market.

"He created a new Tom Cruise in the minds of audiences. He came off as very approachable, funny, he did the lip synching with Jimmy Fallon. This is the playbook on how a star — who is also a producer on the movie — gets the word out about his movie," he said. "He's a marketing machine."

The Paramount and Skydance Productions film from writer-director Christopher McQuarrie cost a reported $150 million to produce and should have no problem making up its budget, especially with overseas earnings.

Besides generating some of the best reviews in the series, "Rogue Nation" was bumped up on the release schedule from Christmas to summer somewhat last minute — even though they were still shooting the movie well into the spring.

Megan Colligan, Paramount's president of worldwide distribution and marketing, said that made advance marketing a challenge.

"We had to be precise in what we were doing and take some chances and live a little outside the box. We knew how good the movie was," she said.

The film also did not appear to suffer from any Cruise backlash as a result of Alex Gibney's Scientology documentary "Going Clear," which came out earlier this year.

"The average moviegoer just cares about the movie," said Dergarabedian. "They're not thinking about that other stuff."

Meanwhile, Warner Bros.' "Vacation," went a bit off track. The $30 million film earned $14.9 million over the weekend and $21.2 million since opening Wednesday. Starring Ed Helms and Christina Applegate, the R-rated film was imagined as a continuation of the 1983 road trip comedy "National Lampoon's Vacation" when a now grown Rusty Griswold (Helms) takes his family to Wally World.

Critics were not kind to the raunchy comedy from first-time directors John Frances Daley and Jonathan Goldstein, and audiences as a whole didn't seem too thrilled either. According to exit polls, audiences gave the film a not-promising B CinemaScore.

"While we have a B overall CinemaScore, the younger the audience, the higher the score," Warner Bros.' domestic distribution Executive Vice President Jeff Goldstein said.

Also, Goldstein noted that interest piqued over the weekend. The film built momentum and actually slightly outperformed what its modest Wednesday and Thursday earnings had predicted for the weekend.

Dergarabedian said that "Vacation" started out slow partially because "Mission: Impossible" dominated the conversation, but it has the potential to gain traction.

"That was a tough opening," he said. "We'll see how it does in the coming weeks."

Holdovers "Ant-Man," "Minions," and "Pixels," rounded out the top five. While the year-to-date box office is still up 8.3 percent, it will be down significantly for this weekend from last year when "Guardians of the Galaxy" opened to a stunning $94.3 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1.Mission: Impossible: Rogue Nation," $56 million ($65 million international).

2."Vacation," $14.9 million.

3."Ant-Man," $12.6 million ($20 million international).

4."Minions," $12.2 million ($39.1 million international).

5."Pixels," $10.4 million ($19.8 million international).

6."Trainwreck," $9.7 million ($9 million international).

7."Southpaw," $7.5 million ($3 million international).

8."Paper Towns," $4.6 million ($6 million international).

9."Inside Out," $4.5 million ($17.8 million international).

10."Jurassic World," $3.8 million ($4.4 million international).

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to Rentrak.

1."Mission: Impossible: Rogue Nation," $65 million.

2."Minions," $39.1 million.

3."Monster Hunt," $27 million.

4."Ant-Man," $20 million.

5."Pixels," $19.8 million.

6."Inside Out," $17.8 million.

7."The Assassination," $12.7 million.

8."Dynasty Woman: Yang Gui Fei," $9 million.

9."Wild City," $8.5 million.

10."Jian Bing Man (Pancake Man)," $7.7 million.

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A GOP led by Trump will fail and deserve it

■ Trump doesn't really have a magic wand to solve the country's problems

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

At this point in the 2016 presidential campaign, the noble, elusive stag of political rhetoric is pretty much road kill.

This judgment is unfair to a few candidates — Rick Perry, Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio come to mind — delivering thoughtful speeches. But in portions of the Republican field, the normal limits of civility have been crossed and recrossed in the relentless search for viral attention. Mike Huckabee compared the sitting president to a Nazi prison camp guard. Ted Cruz accused the Senate majority leader of being a liar. Donald Trump, well, opens his mouth. His opponents are invariably "clowns" and "stupid" and physically ugly. He mocks a war hero and reveals the cellphone number of another candidate.

In the current practice of populism, spontaneous expressions of anger and outrage are considered the most authentic form of communication. Apologies are for wimps. "Doubling down" is the trademarked motto of the 2016 campaign.

American elections have never been a stroll in the park. But attempting to put Trump's hot mess of abuse, pettiness, egotism and bombast in any historical context is difficult. Imagine Abraham Lincoln making fun of Stephen Douglas' height (he was 5-feet-4) and handing out his opponent's private telegraph address.

Trump's success is clarifying about the nature of the populism we are seeing. If he leads the revolt, it has little to do with constitutionalism or limited government. Trump is a recent heretic on nearly every issue important to conservatives, from taxes (raise them on the rich) to immigration (Mitt Romney was too harsh) to health care (more liberal than President Obama). Before ambition revised his views, Trump was far to the left of, say, Jeb Bush, or even Jon Huntsman. So Trump's candidacy can't primarily be about ideological purification.

Trump's appeal is pure style. His emptiness makes him a perfect vehicle for rage. He is angry about everything that makes you angry — because that is why he chose his views. He is a megaphone of resentment against elites and foreigners who are ruining our country, taking our jobs, raping our women or eating our lunch. And he promises to fix it all.

"I don't care what his actual positions are," says supporter Mark Cuban, owner of the Dallas Mavericks. "I don't care if he says the wrong thing. He says what's on his mind. He gives honest answers rather than prepared answers."

This is the cult of spontaneity taken to its logical conclusion. In choosing a president, policy positions are held to be irrelevant. Only authenticity matters. And Trump, who has changed his entire political worldview to capture the political moment, represents the brand of authenticity. Whatever his opinions, he delivers a very genuine *Blank You*.

The Trump candidacy has revealed a huge attitudinal division in American life. Some of us have found it appalling that he should gain any traction in presidential politics. It seems as if World Wrestling Entertainment has conducted a hostile takeover of CNN.

But there are plenty of people I know who have a totally different reaction. They are puzzled by my complacency. The ruling elites stood by as Obama transformed America. The Republican Party's feckless leaders could have won the funding showdown. They could have overturned Obamacare. In Trump, we have someone who scares and humiliates the elite, exactly as they deserve.

I'm not sure how a divide this deep can be bridged. But here is what I know:

I know that incivility is immoral and dangerous to democracy. People of faith in particular are called to speak and act on the assumption of shared human dignity. This does not rule out vigorous disagreement, but it forbids the cultivation of contempt and the issuing of threats.

I know that Trump is encouraging political fantasies. He is not preparing people for difficult choices, on, say, entitlements; he is assuring them that our problems could be easily solved if elites were not so corrupt. And he is wrong. Our problems are not easy.

And I know that the success of Trump would be the downfall of the GOP. Any party captured by rage and resentment will fail, and deserve it. Republicans should stand for responsible reform, not reckless populism.

During the Revolutionary War, according to historian Ron Chernow, George Washington had two officers review all of his speeches and much of his correspondence to make sure he avoided hasty language and off-the-cuff enthusiasm. The distance from Washington to Trump is not merely change but descent.

OUR VIEW

Republicans' debate will be interesting, even if not informative

The Republicans' road to 2016 gets started this week.

The first debate, conducted by Fox News, will allow the alleged top 10 GOP candidates to face off for party supremacy.

We are not sure whether to be excited about this political battle royal or be dreading that we will still have six full months until the Iowa caucuses. Do we really need six months of this before the first vote is cast? Probably not.

We don't expect to get much from this Republican debate. With 10 candidates up on stage, substance will take a back seat to style.

For the record, we don't have a problem with limiting the number of candidates. Sadly, our electorate has neither the patience nor appetite for a 16-candidate debate. Ten candidates will challenge many a viewer from using the remote.

Oh sure, Donald Trump will not take long to go on the attack and channel his inner deporter-in-chief. Jeb Bush likely will play it safe and continue his general election strategy. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker will spend the night trying to remind us why we liked him in the first place. And Ted Cruz likely will double down on his scorched-earth approach where no Republican is safe.

A few of us will be watching to see if Rick Perry — if he makes the cut — freezes up should there be another three federal departments worth eliminating.

Having said that, we offer this for our readers, many of whom would like to see a Republican win back the White House in 2016. Watch the debate with one objective: to pick the candidate who can win a general election.

Pick the candidate who — when push comes to shove — can and will win states like Ohio, Florida, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Virginia. And when you pick that person (even if it is a John Kasich, Marco Rubio or Walker), ask yourself if he or she is different from your pick to carry Midland or Texas (like a Cruz, Ben Carson or Trump). There is a difference. Conservatism, as Texans know it, likely will take a back seat to being electable on a national platform. It will be that way in the primary and certainly in the general election.

As far as elections go, we will not reverse our decision not to endorse. But that doesn't mean that along the way we won't offer our opinion about topics facing Republicans and Democrats.

And it starts this week as Republicans begin the process with a debate unlike any many of us have ever seen. Will it be music to our ears or nails on the chalkboard? We can only hope for the former while anticipating the latter.

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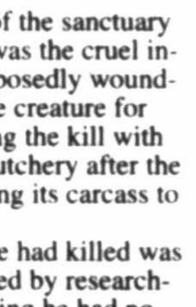
Killing Cecil brings questions

■ It runs the gamut from aren't there bigger issues in the world to aren't there better hobbies than big-game hunters



RICH LOWRY
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"Until the lion tells his side of the story, the tale of the hunt will always glorify the hunter."
— African proverb

On the ledger of global outrages, the killing of Cecil the lion outside of a Zimbabwe national park should barely register.

What is the fate of one big cat compared with the civil wars and human-rights abuses that fill the headlines — or should fill the headlines — every day? Even in Zimbabwe alone, where grotesque misgovernance is the rule, the death of one lion should hardly be a blip.

And yet the animal's shooting by a Minnesota dentist, Walter Palmer, has evoked a fierce reaction. Some of it is hysterical and insipid. Palmer shouldn't be personally ruined, let alone brought up on war-crimes charges, as some seem to suggest. The outpouring over this particular cat is, in part, based on the childish anthropomorphism of his having a name, Cecil, after Cecil Rhodes, the British imperialist and founder of Rhodesia, subsequently Zimbabwe.

Nonetheless, at the core of the outrage is a natural and healthy revulsion at the wanton destruction of an animal of great majesty. Perhaps the greatest majesty.

Lions have been the subject of wonder and awe since the beginning of time, a symbol of power and nobility. They feature in cave paintings and in royal iconography. The Book of Proverbs refers to the "lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any." C.S. Lewis made the lion the messianic figure in his classic story "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." The stateliness of the New York City Public Library is made unmistakable by its two famous marble lions presiding over Fifth Avenue.

The regal self-possession of the lion stands in stark contrast to the tawdriness of Walter Palmer's hunt. There was the money-grubbing -- he reportedly paid about $50,000 for the privilege of killing one of the beasts. There was the unseemly baiting of the animal — allegedly with an animal carcass tied to a car to lure it out of the sanctuary of Hwange National Park. There was the cruel incompetence of his method — supposedly wounding it with a bow, then tracking the creature for another 40 hours before completing the kill with a gun. And there was the casual butchery after the fact -- beheading the cat and leaving its carcass to vultures and other scavengers.

When it emerged that the lion he had killed was Cecil, a popular fixture long tracked by researchers, Palmer issued a statement saying he had no idea that the lion he "took" (although he won't be giving it back) was a local favorite. As if it would be OK to wound and hunt down over two days some pitifully unpopular and anonymous lion, for nothing more than the sport and glory of it, such as they are.

Trophy hunters like Palmer have a passion for killing polar bears and the like. There is no accounting for taste, but surely there are other engrossing hobbies that don't involve shooting the planet's most stunning creatures. How about stamp collecting? If that's not thrilling enough, there's always mountain climbing, BASE jumping or tightrope walking.

Anti-poaching laws, which might have been broken in this case, should be as tightly enforced as possible, and the act of killing a glorious beast for a photo with his carcass and a stuffed head on the wall as a conversation piece back home should be considered the shameful waste that it is.

None of this is to say that lions in particular should be sentimentalized. They are man-eaters whose social life is Hobbesian in the extreme. They also are a wonder of nature whose numbers are dwindling. We can disagree about the exact parameters of our obligations to the animal kingdom, but surely going out of our way to slay a creature like Cecil the lion should be out of bounds.

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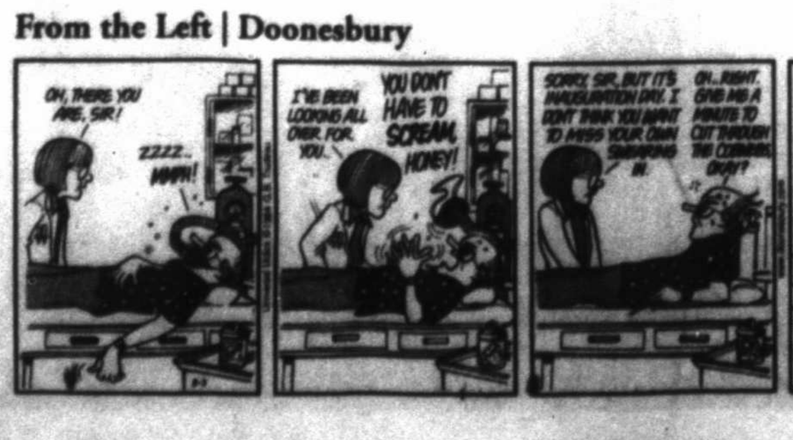

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POLITICS BRIEFS

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WASHINGTON

Trump fires adviser after racially charged Facebook posts

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has fired a campaign aide after racially charged Facebook posts surfaced on the aide's account.

The Trump campaign said longtime aide Sam Nunberg was fired.

The website Business Insider reported the posts Friday. They included a racist slur to describe the Rev. Al Sharpton's daughter and references to President Barack Obama as a "Socialist Marxist Islamo Fascist Nazi Appeaser" and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee as "Huckahick."

Nunberg told the website he was shocked and didn't recall writing the messages

Nunberg has spent years working for Trump's organization and has been fired before, in 2014 when Buzzfeed published an unflattering profile of Trump.

Trump's lawyer apologized recently for making what he called an "inarticulate" comment about spousal rape to the Daily Beast.

CHICAGO

Rauner signs bill requiring airport breast-feeding rooms

Breastfeeding at Chicago's two major airports and others in Illinois will soon be easier under a new law endorsed by Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Rauner on Sunday signed legislation requiring large airports such as O'Hare and Midway International to have lactation rooms by 2017. Smaller airports in the state will have to add the private rooms when building new terminals or renovating existing ones.

The weekend bill signing follows a Chicago City Council committee vote Friday on a similar proposal. The city's aviation commissioner has previously said O'Hare plans to install three lactation rooms by the end of the year. O'Hare and Midway each currently have one lactation room.

U.S. Rep. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois is pushing federal legislation to require large and medium airports nationwide to provide lactation rooms.

WASHINGTON

Obama gets early start on 54th birthday celebration

President Barack Obama got a head start on turning a year older.

Obama turns 54 on Tuesday.

In what's become a birthday tradition, the president started celebrating on Saturday by taking a trio of friends from his Hawaii childhood for a golf outing at Andrews Air Force Base.

Afterward, the group headed to the secluded Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains for the night.

The White House said the other members of Obama's foursome are his longtime friends Mike Ramos, Bobby Titcomb and Greg Orme. Several White House aides were also seen dressed for a round of golf.

Obama returned to the White House on Sunday afternoon.

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Koch warns conservatives must demand smaller gov't

By Julie Bykowicz
Associated Press

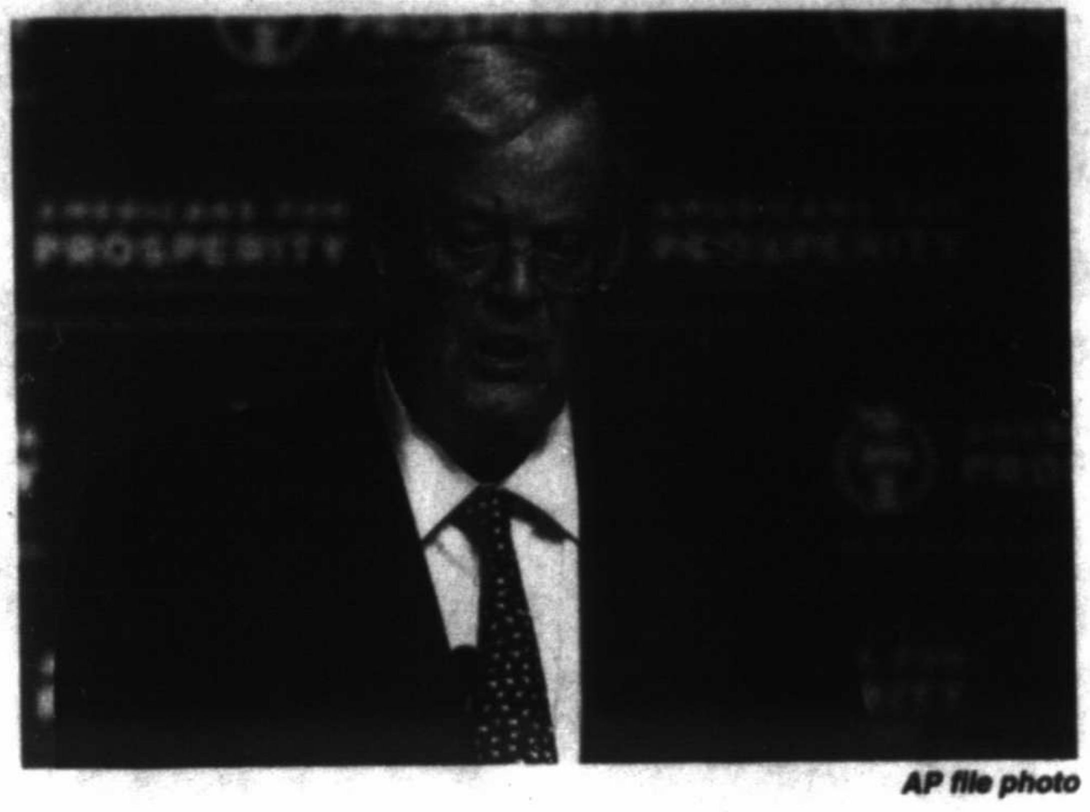
DANA POINT, Calif. — Billionaire industrialist Charles Koch warned that America is "done for" if the conservative donors and politicians he gathered at a retreat this weekend don't rally others to their cause of demanding a smaller, less-intrusive government.

"History demonstrates that when the American people get motivated by an issue of justice, that they believe is just, extraordinary things can be accomplished," he said on Sunday, going on to reference the American Revolution, abolition of slavery and women's and civil rights movements. "We, too, are seeking to right injustices that are holding our country back."

Listening intently inside a tightly guarded luxury resort in Southern California were 450 business leaders — many among them top political contributors — and the elected officials who receive that largesse. They've been strategizing with officials at the education, policy and activist groups that Koch and his brother David have spent years building up and funding.

That network has a budget of $889 million through the end of 2016 — and much of it will be directed at electing a Republican to the White House.

As such, five GOP contenders are speaking to the donor group.



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In this Aug. 30, 2013 photo, David Koch speaks in Orlando, Fla. Republican presidential candidates Carly Fiorina and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker are to speak at gathering hosted by the conservative political donors Charles and David Koch.

answering questions. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, responding to a question about why celebrity businessman Donald Trump is surging in GOP presidential polls, echoed Koch's sentiments that the country is at a crossroads.

"Americans instinctively understand that we have reached another one of those pivotal moments in our history where what's at stake is not what party is in charge but our identity as a nation and as a people," Rubio said. "And they want to see candidates that are passionate about that and will do something about it."

Trump wasn't as generous in his assessment of Rubio and the others who came to the Koch retreat, writing on Twitter: "I wish good luck to all of the Republican candidates that traveled to California to beg for money etc. from the Koch Brothers. Puppets?"

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz are due to speak Sunday evening. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and former technology executive Carly Fiorina took questions on Saturday.

Walker heaped praise on the donor crowd and said their patriotism reminded him of what he saw at tea party rallies, who may not have the net worth but who are also "fighting for their country.

"I wish the whole world could see what goes on here," Walker said of the donor conference.

The Koch donor conferences, held twice a year, are insular affairs.

Only those who have donated $100,000 or more to Koch-backed groups are invited. Yet even those deep-pocketed donors must check their mobile phones at the doors of some strategy sessions.

For the first time, a small number of reporters were invited to hear the 2016 candidates and attend some other forums. As a condition of attending, reporters were not permitted to identify any of the donors in attendxxxance.

Most of the Koch-backed entities are nonprofits that do not have to disclose their donors. The two most politically active groups are American for Prosperity, which deploys activists to knock on doors and discuss issues important to the Kochs, and Freedom Partners, which has a super PAC that can spend directly on elections.

Although leaders for those two groups say they aren't endorsing anyone in the GOP primary, donors at the retreat have the ability to write million-dollar checks to boost a candidate's chances.

Biden for president? Allies mulling Clinton challenge

By Julie Pace and Josh Lederman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Joe Biden's associates have resumed discussions about a 2016 presidential run after largely shelving such deliberations while his son was sick and dying earlier this year. But Biden has yet to tell his staff whether he will run or personally ask them to do any planning for a potential campaign, according to several people close to the vice president.

Recent conversations between Biden's associates and Democratic donors and operatives have led to speculation that Biden will challenge front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton for the party's nomination, and individuals close to Biden have started looking into the options that might be available to him if he were to run, such as potential staff in Iowa and the filing deadlines for entering the Democratic field.

But the people close to the vice president say his launching a White House run remains uncertain. Biden is expected to make a final decision as soon as early September, according to those familiar with his plans.

The people close to Biden spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the deliberations publicly.

The renewed focus on Biden comes amid some signs of weakness for Clinton, including declines in her favorability ratings among voters in recent polling. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who is challenging Clinton for the Democratic nomination, has been attracting large crowds with his liberal economic message, evidence of a hunger within the party for an alternative to Clinton's candidacy.

Biden's entry could reshape the dynamics of the Democratic primary, giving the party another option that might appeal to a wide swath of voters. Yet Clinton remains enormously popular among Democrats. She has amassed a large staff of seasoned operatives and raised nearly $50 million for her campaign.

"I've known Joe Biden for many years and I'm very fond of Joe," Sanders said on Sunday in an interview on ABC's "This Week." "But I think the American people ... want to go beyond conventional establishment politics."

There are few signs, meanwhile, that Biden is taking solid steps toward launching a campaign. He has had little interaction with a "draft Biden" group pushing him to run, and has yet to look for office space in early voting states or raise money for a potential bid.

Kendra Barkoff, the vice president's press secretary, said Biden was spending his time working on President Barack Obama's agenda, not on planning his own potential presidential campaign.

Biden's son, Beau, died of brain cancer in May. The younger Biden's death prompted an outpouring of support for the vice president, who also lost a daughter and his first wife in a car accident in 1972.

Since Beau Biden's death, his father has surrounded himself with longtime confidants and former aides for comfort and emotional support. But these allies were also involved with Biden's two previous presidential campaigns. Former Delaware Sen. Ted Kaufman, who has advised Biden for most of his political career, and Mike Donilon, a friend and longtime political aide, have both been given offices in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building steps from the vice president's West Wing office.

In recent weeks, a bevy of longtime donors, supporters and former staffers have reached out to the vice president and his staff to offer their condolences, as well as to say they'd be on board if he chooses to run.

The intense speculation around a potential Biden run grew even louder this past week when Fox News reported that Biden chief of staff Steve Ricchetti had met for breakfast with Louis Susman, a prominent Democratic donor and former U.S. ambassador to the United Kingdom. But individuals familiar with the meeting said Susman and Ricchetti are longtime friends and that Susman initiated the meeting.

New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd also reported Saturday that Beau Biden had, before his death, urged his father to run.

GOP hopefuls prep for first 2016 debate, and Donald Trump

By Lisa Lerer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential candidates dismissed the dominance of Donald Trump in early primary polling, scrambling to position themselves days before their first debate.

While candidates and their teams have spent hours privately strategizing how best to tackle the billionaire businessman in Thursday's debate, they publicly discounted the idea of Trump's rise even as a new poll showed the billionaire businessman continuing a summer surge.

"Anybody can do well for a month in this business, especially if you have talent and you have personality, and Donald does," New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Trump, meanwhile, tried to lower expectations for his first debate appearance, which will test his ability to present himself as a serious contender for the White House. "I'd like to discuss the issues. I'm not looking to take anybody out or be nasty to anybody," he said in an interview on NBC's "Meet The Press." "You have to counterpunch. But I'm not looking to start anything."

"These politicians — I always say, they're all talk, no action. They debate all the time," he said in an interview on ABC's "This Week." "I don't debate." He also spoke by phone on CBS' "Face the Nation."

A new NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll released on Sunday showed Trump as the first choice of 19 percent of GOP primary voters, followed by Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker at 15 percent and Florida Gov. Jeb Bush at 14 percent.

Fox News, host of the Aug. 6 debate, intends to allow onstage only the 10 candidates who fare best in polling averages from the five most recent national public opinion surveys as of Tuesday evening. Candidates who do not qualify for the debate will be invited to participate in a forum to be aired on the afternoon of the debate.

Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum said the Republican party shouldn't overlook support in early voting states like Iowa and New Hampshire in favor of national numbers. Santorum, who won a number of primary contests in 2012, now ranks at around 1 percent in most polls.

"National polls mean nothing," he said, in an interview on ABC's "This Week." "Come February when it matters, not August, but come February, you know we'll be there."

Republican National Chairman Reince Priebus defended the process developed by his party, saying holding nearly two dozen debates during the 2012 primary hurt their chances in the general election.

"The reality is — and it might be a little harsh, but you can't necessarily treat someone that's polling at 18 or 20 percent the same as someone that's polling at a half a percent or 1 percent," he said on ABC.

Anticipating Trump's debate strategy has become a constant conversation for campaign aides who worry the other candidates' messages will be lost in a flood of rhetoric and provocative attacks.

Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry signaled he'll focus on questioning Trump's Republican credentials, if he makes it onto the debate stage. Trump previously backed a single-payer health care system and abortion rights, in addition to praising President Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton in public remarks.

"When you look back at the positions that he has held, it is not in concert with conservatism," Perry said in an interview on Fox News Sunday. "I'm going to stand up for conservatism."

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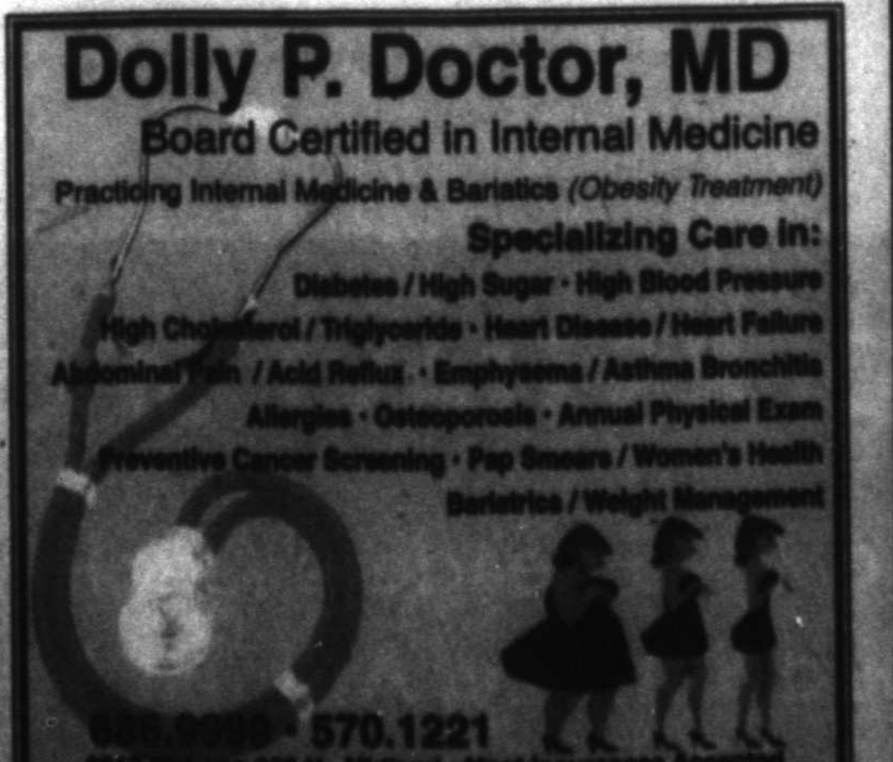


READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2015 MRT BRONZE

Sneak Preview

BEST CHARITABLE EVENT

Furr Ball

Readers' voted and Furr Ball, a fundraising evening of dining, dance and auctions to benefit homeless cats and dogs, earned the Bronze Award for Best Charitable Event.

"We would like to say, 'Thank you, Midland' for voting us one of the top nonprofit events," said Karen Orozco, who co-chairs the annual event with Kelly White.

Furr Ball is sponsored by the Midland Humane Coalition, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, that seeks foster homes and permanent adoption homes for abandoned and surrendered cats and dogs in Midland.

By the end of May 2015, the coalition had saved the lives of 4,000 pets over a four year period. "Because of efforts like ours, the number of euthanizations are declining every year" Orozco said.

Furr Ball supports the operational expenses of the Midland Humane Coalition's enhanced adoption center at PetSmart, 4206W. Loop 250, to include veterinary services. Animals are spayed and neutered prior to adoption and have been vaccinated and microchipped.

Orozco said. "When we place the animals, we want them to be as healthy as can be when they go to their new homes."

The goal is to place a healthy, well-socialized cat or dog in its new forever home after it has been abandoned or surrendered to city of Midland Animal Control.

"We are trying to stop euthanasia of adoptable dogs and cats," Orozco said.

Along with the fabulous staff, there is a strong support of volunteers who help at the enhanced adoption center at PetSmart from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

The coalition is governed by a volunteer board and paid executive director. More foster homes are always needed to help dogs and cats adjust to normal domestic life. Fosters are particularly valuable in learning about the animal's needs that will determine how well the animal will settle in with an adoptive family, Orozco said.

The upcoming Furr Ball is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Petroleum Club. The honorary chairwoman for the event is Lissa Noel Wagner of Midland and special guest is Anita Swift of Orange County, California, the granddaughter of John Wayne. The fundraising goal is $150,000.

Tickets are available online at www.midlandhumane.org and by invitation. Individual tickets are $200 with multiple John Wayne-themed sponsorships available. Sponsorships may be obtained at the Alamo level, $7,500; the Rio Bravo level, $5,000; the True Grit level, $3,000; and Quiet Man level, $1,500.

This year's theme is "Under the West Texas Sky" and features Jerry Dugan and West-Wind of Odessa. The veteran country-style band has opened for stars such as Brad Paisley, Clay Walker and Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers.

Cliff Voake of John Wayne "Live" will appear in a tribute to The Duke for an experience of the spirit and character an American icon. Guests will be able to throw some luck towards casino games that are being hosted by Elite Casino Events, a Dallas based company.

Dress is casual with denim and diamonds welcome.

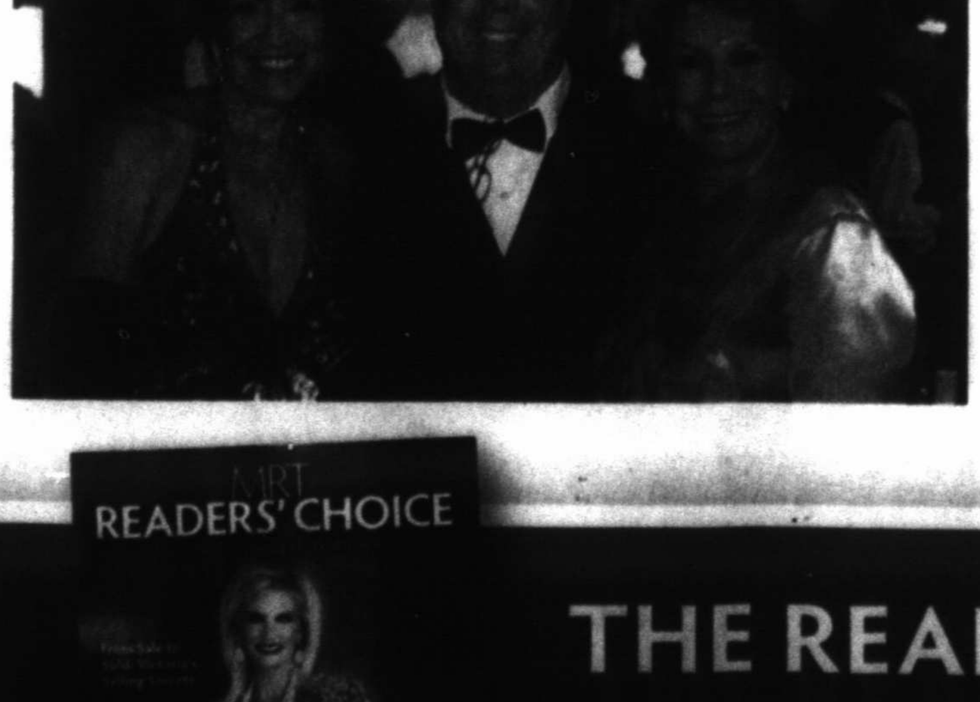
"The food's going to be fantastic," Orozco said. "Fried quail, mini chicken fried steak, prime rib, taco bar and avocado with shrimp ceviche."

A variety of desserts and a coffee cognac bar will be served after the delicious meal. Valet parking will be provided for guests' convenience and an open bar for their enjoyment.

A live and silent auction will provide guests with an opportunity to bid on an eclectic collection of goods and services.

And what about the pets? Yes, they, too, will attend the fifth Furr Ball - for a short time.

"We normally have dogs outside at a meet-and-greet with bandanas that say, "I'm Adoptable," Orozco said.



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CAROL KULLMAN

VOLUNTEER FOR THE ARTS

What have you gained through your volunteer experiences?
Through the years of volunteering, I have met lots of wonderful people, enjoyed countless numbers of art events and felt very much appreciated. The years of satisfaction I have received from each event I have worked on has been very rewarding. I have found that when people work together toward the same goal, the impact on an organization is tremendous. One of my first volunteer efforts, about 20 years ago, was with the Arts Assembly of Midland (now known as Arts Council of Midland). This volunteerism has come around full circle as my most recent volunteer efforts have been with the Arts Council of Midland. I always feel a sense of accomplishment after volunteering with an ACM event. In fact, I was recently asked to serve, again, on the ACM Board of Directors, which I proudly accepted.

Why is it important for you to volunteer with arts organizations?
I enjoy the people and being able to view so many pieces and types of art. The arts are often lacking funds. As a volunteer, I can help with special projects and it does not affect their operating budget in a negative way. This is one of my ways of giving back to the community.

For someone else looking to make a difference but doesn't know how, what would you recommend?
If you are passionate about something, find an organization you are able to relate with and consider being a member or donate your time and talent as a volunteer. A person will be surprised by the difference they can make with just a few volunteer hours.

How long has Midland been your home and why have you stayed?
I've been in Midland about 36 years. As an employee of an oil and gas company, Apache Corp., I am thankful for my job and the short commute each day. My husband also works in the oil and gas industry, so Midland is ideal for us. Wonderful people, great opportunities and big skies – I love it here.

"CAROL HAS A GIVING HEART"

Carol Kullman seeks nothing for herself, certainly not recognition for the amazing things she does for our community. Instead, Carol quietly assists groups with her many talents as a fundraiser and on a variety of annual programs and projects for lucky organizations. Carol's service includes Arts Council of Midland, chair for committees too numerous to list, and as board secretary and president; Unitarian Universalist Church as a member, committee chair and as board chair and secretary; Altrusa Club as president and committee chair; Museum of the Southwest as board president and numerous committee and chair positions; and she even calls "Banana Bingo" at local nursing homes for the benefit of their residents. Carol has a giving heart; she gives of her time, talents and resources to all organizations she commits to. She and her husband, John, are always where they commit to be, doing the things that sometimes aren't readily apparent but make events and happenings better because of her attention to detail. Carol can be found painting a mural or chairing an organization's fundraising event, and her best talent may be as a chairperson of an organization's silent auction. I always tell local organizations if they are having a silent auction, Carol is better than anyone else in Midland at organizing one, designing it and marketing it to the public. She is always asking, "How can we make this more enticing?" "How do we make this different and something people will want to support?" "Why would someone want to attend this event/program/performance?" Carol Kullman is an unsung hero in Midland. She quietly gives of all her assets for the betterment of our community, while helping causes that are important to her.

Daniel H. Holeva, *Arts Council of Midland executive director*

"SHE HAS A QUIET CONFIDENCE"

Carol Kullman is the quintessential employee, volunteer and above all, friend. My high school friend's mother and she worked together for many years at a local oil company. Having known her since then, she has shown me that she is capable of anything. She is someone who draws you in, a person you automatically want to know. Through our friendship, she has proven time and time again to be loyal, hard-working and dedicated. Upon moving back to the area after college, our paths would soon meet again, many times. Carol and I share a love for the arts. She chaired admissions for Arts Council of Midland's Celebration of the Arts for a faithful number of years and I was lucky enough to be one of her volunteers. She was the one who persuaded me to eventually chair the event with these simple words, "Ready for a project?" She instilled in me self-assurance and confidence. As a fellow volunteer, it has been my pleasure to watch Carol work. She has a quiet confidence, often working alone to complete a task. Her work is impeccable, she pays great attention to detail and the results are flawless. Every organization that is lucky enough to have her as a volunteer benefits greatly. She continues to give every day in amazing ways to our community.

Karmen Hendrix Bryant, *community volunteer*

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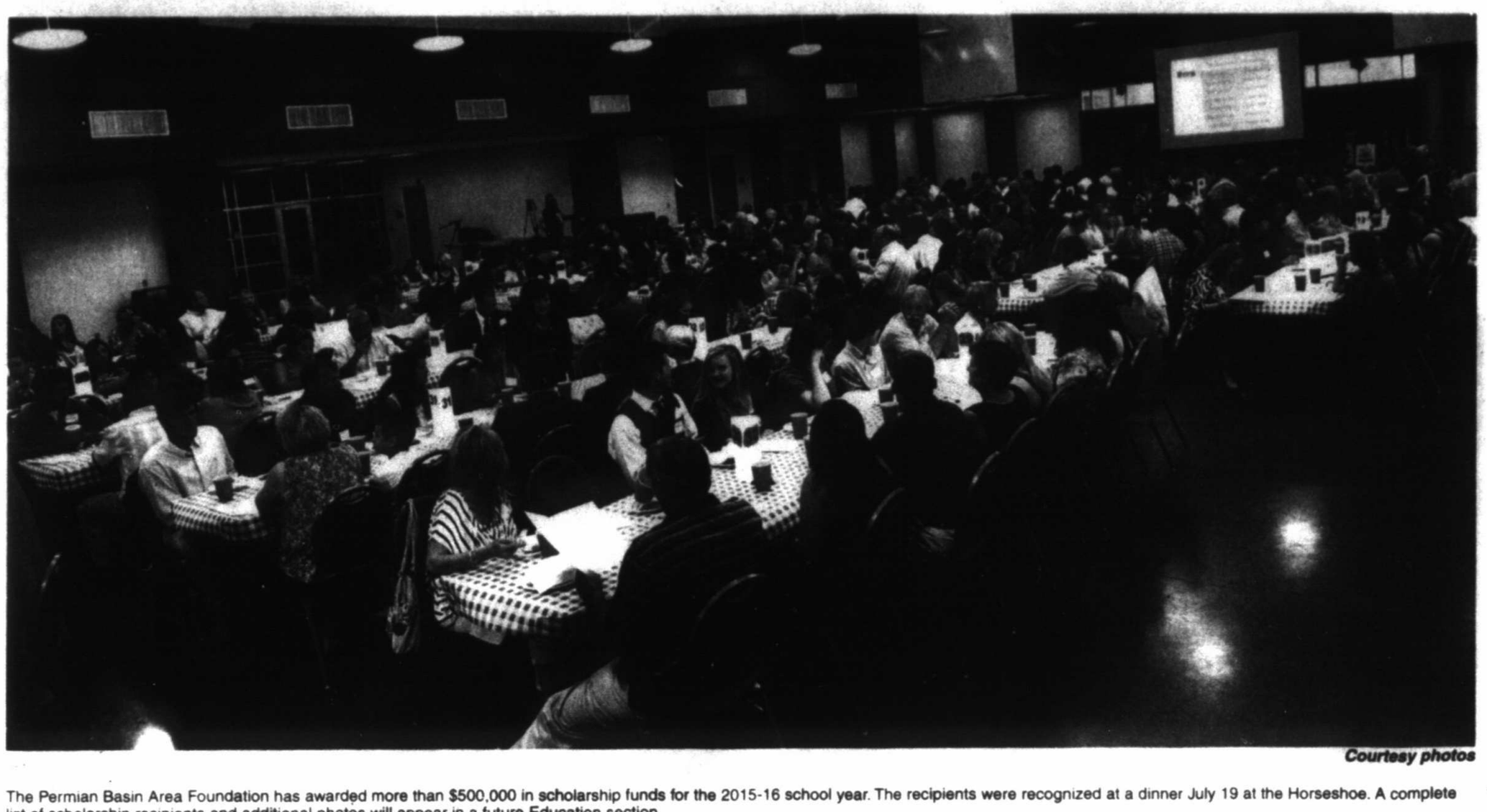


Courtesy photos

The Permian Basin Area Foundation has awarded more than $500,000 in scholarship funds for the 2015-16 school year. The recipients were recognized at a dinner July 19 at the Horseshoe. A complete list of scholarship recipients and additional photos will appear in a future Education section.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS DINNER

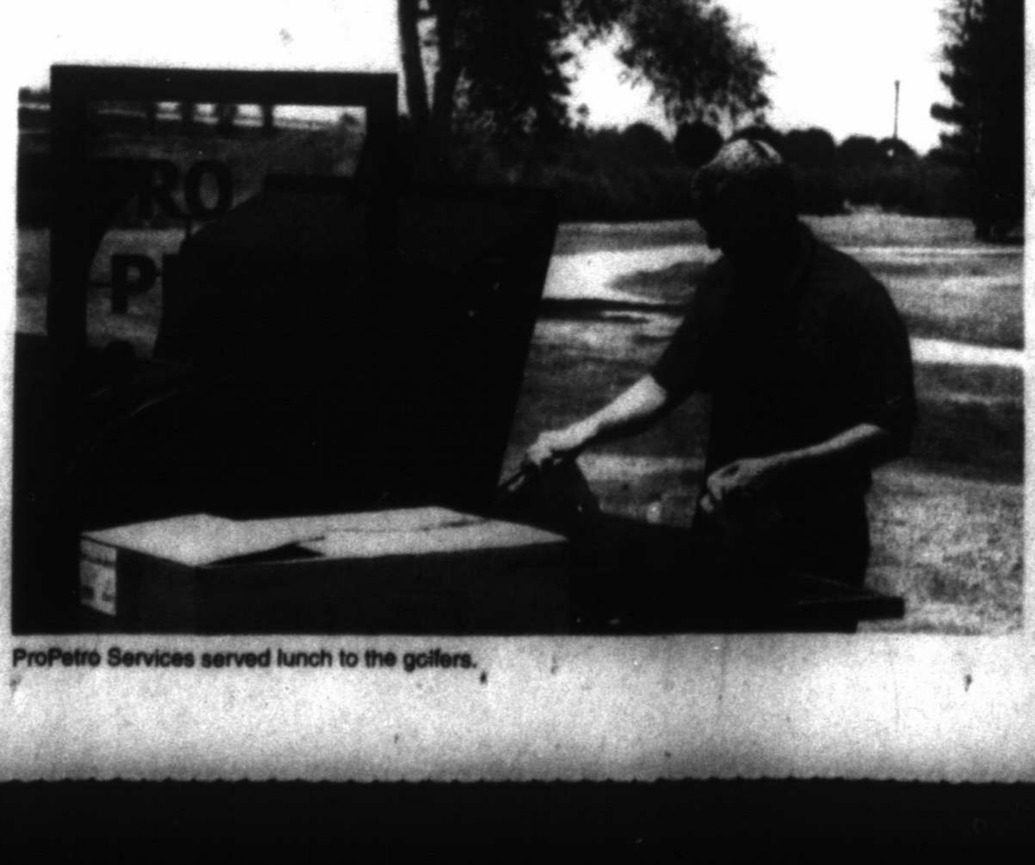
Among those who attended the dinner were, left side of the table from foreground, Lynn Bryant, Terry Richey and Angela Joiner; and right side of the table from foreground, Marion Bryant, Gloria Lambert and LaDoyce Lambert.

Jimmy Stallings speaks with Marie Hall

YPM Connections Golf Classic

The Young Professionals of Midland hosted the seventh annual YPM Connections Golf Classic on July 25 at Hogan Park Golf Course. Partial proceeds benefited the Bush Tennis Center/Chris Davidson Opportunity Park. More than 70 golfers helped YPM raise $4,500 for the new Chris Davidson Opportunity Park. Sponsors included Campbell Securities, CrownQuest and ProPetro Services Inc.

Roger Kienast, YPM vice chairman, and Karissa Kienast, YPM chairman, present check to and Steve Davidson, Chris Davidson Opportunity Park campaign chairman.



ProPetro Services served lunch to the golfers.

Some of the golfers pose for a photo.

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	C	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Bachelor in Paradise 2/2 hpm Aug 2 (N)		After Paradise (P) (N)		The Whispers "Broken Child" (P) (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	2 Broke Girls	The Odd Couple	Scorpion "Rogue Element"		NCIS: Los Angeles "The Grey Man"		CBS 7 News	(:35) Scorpion "Revenge"		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason		McCloud
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	So You Think You Can Perform + Elimination" (N)		Dance "Top 16		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Dr. William	Dr. R.Booker	Update News	Day of Discovery	Light of the Southwest				House Call	Mani Erfan	Rocks/Manuscripts	Y.Salamanca
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		American Ninja War top contestants return for the finals course. (N)		"Orlando Finals" The		Running Wild "Ed Helms" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Business (N)	WealthTrack	Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Toronto"		Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Baltimore"		POV "Beats of the Antonov" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La sombra del pasado		Amores con trampa		Lo imperdonable		Yo no creo en los hombres		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	SVU "Limitations"		SVU "Disrobed"		Studio 7	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H.
FLIX	340	575			165	(5:00) ★★ Phoenix		★★ Sneakers (92, Act) Robert Redford.				(:05) ★ Desert Saints			(:35) ★ Silent Night, Deadly N...		
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:35) ★ Get on Up Chadwick Boseman.				Toe Tag Parole (N)			True Detective		TheBrink	(:05) Ballers	Movie
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Ballers	LastWeek	True Detective (N)		TheBrink	(:35)	★★ Shallow Hal Gwyneth Paltrow.			★★★ Lone Survivor		
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:10) ★ Dolphin Tale 2 Morgan Freeman.				★ Let's Be Cops Jake Johnson.			1stLook	★ Bessie ('15, Docu-Drama) Bryan Greenberg.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:45) ★ The Last Ca...		Strike Back		★★★ Bad Words			★★ Disturbia Shia LaBeouf.		(:15) Strike Back		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:15) ★★ 300: Rise of an Empire				★★ Torque Ice Cube.			Sex Games: Cancun		(:55) ★ Scary Movie..		
PLEX				96		(5:00) ★ Tea With M...		★★★ A Family Thing Robert Duvall.				(:55) ★★ Milk Money		(:45) ★★ Desolation Canyon.			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:40) ★ Snowpiercer		Ray Donovan		Masters of Sex		Ray Donovan		Masters of Sex		★ Alone in the Dark	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:50) ★ World Trad...		★★★ Begin Again Keira Knightley.				★ Song One Anne Hathaway.			★ Greetings From Tim Buckley		
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Blood Red/ Deadly Moves"		The First 48 "Bad Love"		The First 48		The First 48 "Missing"		The First 48		The First 48 "Bad Love"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★★★ The Godfather II ('74, Dra) Robert De Niro, Al Pacino.						Making the Mob (N)		Making "End Game"		★ The Godfather	
BET	58	-		40		(4:30) ★ Welcome Home, Rosc...		★★ Life ('99, Com) Martin Lawrence, Eddie Murphy.							Desean	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Orange County (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Odd Mom	Odd Mom	Watch (N)	Real Housewives		Odd Mom
CNBC	46	52		39	72	America's Gun		Shark Tank		Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	American Greed	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws (N)		Rat Rods "Fruit Rod"		Cuban Chrome (N)		Rat Rods "Fruit Rod"		Cuban Chrome	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Jessie	KC Under	★ To Be Announced			(:40) Austin	Liv/Mad	Dog Blog	I Didn't	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates Site: PNC Park (L)						Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	CFL Football Toronto Argonauts at Hamilton Tiger-Cats (L)						NFL Live		E:60 Reports		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Hocus Pocus		The Fosters (N)		Chasing Life (N)		Becoming Us (N)		The 700 Club		★ Another Cinder...	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Diners...	Diners, Dr.	Cake "Lego" (N)		Fried (N)	FoodFnds	Diners, Drive-Ins (N)		Diners...	Diners...	Fried	FoodFnds
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Sport-sDay (N)	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	CowboysC /Training	UCI Cycling Tour of Utah	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) ★ Mission: I...		★★ Identity Thief ('13, Com) Jason Bateman.					★★ Identity Thief ('13, Com) Jason Bateman.				
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Waltons "The Kinfolk"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Love It or List It		TinyHous	TinyHous	TinyHous	TinyHous	H.Hunt	House (N)	House	House	TinyHous	TinyHous
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn (N)	(:05) Forged Fire (N)		(:05) Leepu, Pitbull		Pawn S.	Pawn S
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	★★ 27 Dresses (2008, Comedy) James Marsden, Malin Akerman, Katherine Heigl.				Devious Maids "Whiplash" (N)		UnREAL "Future" (SF) (N)		UnREAL "Future"		Devious Maids "Whiplash"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				F.Sports	F.Sports	Hunter	Deer TV	Big Red (N)		F.Sports	Premier L	Blazers	EPL Preview (N)		Blazers
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	100 Things	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	FreshP.	FreshP.
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail	Jail
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★★ The Cabin in the Woods						★ I Still Know What You Did Last Summer		(:05) ★ Joy Ride 3: Road Kill Ken Kirzinger			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Movie"	Seinf. "The Robbery"	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	American Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan (N)		The Office	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ A Star Is Born		★★ Father Takes a Wife				★★★ Gold Diggers of 1935		(:15) ★★★★ Stage Door			
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Avenida Brasil		Bajo el mismo cielo				Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Bajo el mismo cielo	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Help! I'm Turning Into a Giant		My Giant Life "A Family of Giants"		My Giant Life "The Tallest Girl in Texas"		My Giant Life		My Giant Life "A Family of Giants"		My Giant Life "The Tallest Girl in Texas"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Deep Cover"		Major Crimes "Hostage of Fortune"		Major Crimes "Wish You Were Here"		Murder in the First "Bruja Blanca" (N)		Major Crimes "Wish You Were Here"		Murder in the First "Bruja Blanca"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Gilligan	Gilligan	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Pop Life"		WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) WWE Tough Enough		(:10) Mr. Robot	
WGN	19	85				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	★★★ Casino Royale (2006, Action) Judi Dench, Eva Green, Daniel Craig.			

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Edith Hardy, from left, Joan Lucas, and Gene Hardy.

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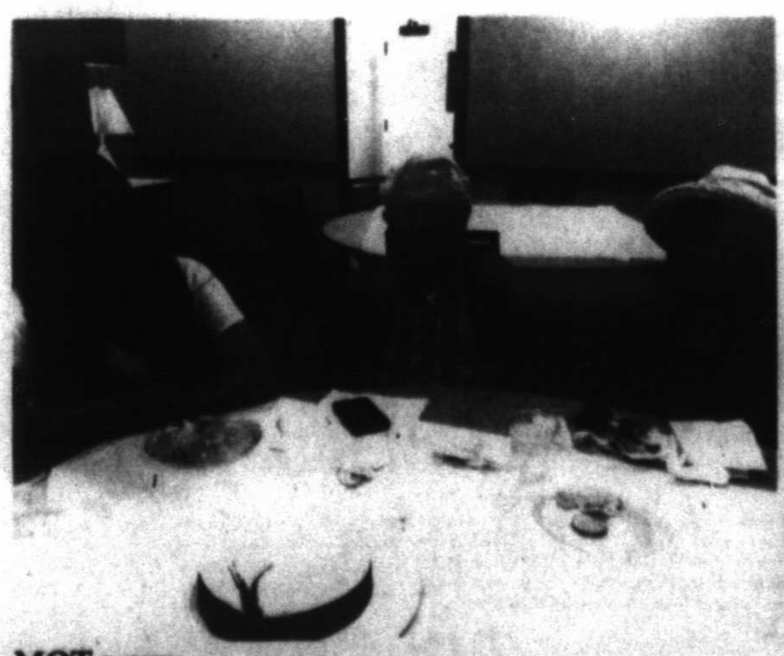
Carol Symonette, left, and Mary Garay



MOT PARTY

BeaLea Sommerville, from left, Dr. Gould and Connie di Massi.

MOT PARTY

Younger opera fans.

MOT PARTY

The Midland Opera Theater hosted the second of its summer DVD parties on July 14 in the Community Room of the Midland Shared Spaces building.

Attendees enjoyed Rossini's comic opera, "The Count Ory" (aka "The Man Nun"). The opera, written in 1828 and set in 1200 during the Crusades, was performed by the Metropolitan Opera.

Sharon Humphreys announced plans for "Standing Ovation: The Homecoming," which will feature professional opera stars who grew up in West Texas. The concert is Aug. 29 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

Refreshments were served before the show.

Among those seen at the event were **Beth Mitchell, BeaLea Somerville, Carol Symonette, Mae Dawson, Mary and Bill Garay, Edith and Gene Hardy** and **Sandy and Bill Robinson**.

WEDDING CELEBRATION

Friends and family gathered on July 18 to celebrate the recent wedding of Jane Summers, a former special education teacher in the Fort Worth ISD, and longtime Midlander Paul Brown.

The celebration was planned by Brown's siblings, Carolyn Hobby of Midland, Father Warren Brown of San Antonio and Melanie Young of Dallas.

Father Brown celebrated Mass with Msgr. Larry Droll in the chapel of St. Ann's Catholic Church, during which the couple's deceased parents, Rhea and Louis Jasorinski and Mary Frances and Warren Brown, were remembered.

A reception and luncheon, prepared

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BROWN WEDDING

Jane and Paul Brown, from left, and Doug and Louann Kalich

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by Brown's siblings and nephew, Mitchell Young, followed Mass.

Seventy guests attended. Out-of-town guests were Fran and Doug Shamburger of Granbury, the groom's next-door neighbors in the 1970s, and sisters Debbie Grant and Nancy Ward of Crowley, friends of the bride.

Looking out at the crowd, Brown saw representatives from all phases of his life: growing up on Leddy Drive with the Fiddlers and Shamburgers; Pat Rasavage and Sarah Hellinghausen from St. Ann's School; Lance Smith, Brenda and Travis Stice from Lee High School; co-workers at Chevron; fellow Aggies, Midland Community Band members and players from the Summer Mummers.

The couple were married June 27 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Burleson. Following the wedding, they took a short trip to Fredericksburg and plan on a longer honeymoon in the fall.

POP-UP TOASTERS ANNIVERSARY

Members of the Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club celebrated the club's 55th anniversary on July 19 with a party at the home of Carol Chandler.

The club received a 55th anniversary certificate from district director Tracy Thomason of Lubbock.

Following dinner catered by Dickey's Barbecue Pit, Scott Long, who has the designation of Distinguished Toastmaster, presented a humorous and informative club history.

BRIDGE RESULTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Permian Bridge Club

July 20

Flo Curry-Marlene Blumentritt, Helen South-Dorothy Brenneman, Belle Harris-Kay Arrell-Kay Sewell-Ann Servatius, Marilyn Higgins-Gloria Jackson, Dorothy Baird-Frances Levin

July 21

Brenda Brauner-Higgins, Ann Parish-Brenneman, Jean Pistole-Gloria Crites, Ricki Perry-Tommie Strack, Jeanne Lantz-Lori Julian, Patti Heard-Arrell

July 22

South-Brenneman-Curry-Blumentritt, Higgins-Servatius, Parish-Harris, Richard Stein-Nancy Ward, Lonnie Yee-Marty Massie

July 23

Sewell-Servatius, Georgia Temple-Higgins, Dorothy Baird-Stein, Les Neal-John Seymour

July 24

Bob Bacon-Heard, Jean Pistole-Strack, Blumentritt-Curry, K.C .Evans-Perry, Judy Duke Miller-Janet Stoltz, Bonnie Hubbard-Frances Mills

July 26

Charlie Grimes-Irene Oppenheim, Brenneman-South, Bob Baker-Evans, Curry-Bacon, Pistole-Strack, Blumentritt-Heard, Harris-Servatius

He has been a member of the club since 1980.

Besides Thomason, other dignitaries present were Divison F director Bobby Kimbro of Lovington, New Mexico, and Area 63 director Pamela Emmons-Beasley of Hobbs, New Mexico.

The club meets weekly at the First Presbyterian Church. Mark Edgar is the president.

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Greenwood confident with its QB situation

Gardner

Hanna

By Oscar LeRoy
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Some coaches may consider it to be a problem, but Greenwood football coach Shad Hanna said it's a good problem to have as his team begins practicing for the upcoming 2015 season.

Hanna and the Rangers are going to have two quarterbacks to choose from.

Juniors Ben Brockman and Josh Reyes are the two quarterbacks vying to replace graduated senior Zach Redwine as the Rangers starting quarterback.

Both spent the majority of last year on junior varsity and each got a taste of varsity. Reyes was the starting quarterback on the JV team for the most of the season, while Brockman battled an injury for most of the year.

Hanna said it is conceivable that both will see time at quarterback as each brings a different skill to the position. Reyes is more of an athlete who can make things happen with his feet while Brockman is more of the passer that fits into the Rangers' spread offense.

"They both played 7-on-7 during the summer and they're both ready," said Hanna, who's entering his sixth year with the Rangers. "During two-a-days, we're going to go through the very basics of the offense and make sure we don't leave any stone unturned. We want to make sure they understand everything from the ground up. That way they feel very comfortable with what they're learning and they understand the offense before we start to get going pretty fast."

Hanna said that everyone from the players, to the coaches, to the parents are excited about the upcoming season. Greenwood is coming off a 5-6 season in which it made the playoffs and has six starters returning on each side of the ball. Also, Hanna said unlike the previous years, his coaching staff remained almost intact from last year as he only needs to find a defensive ends coach to fill out the staff.

"The coaching staff is farther along as far as being ready," Hanna said. "The last few days it's like 'OK what do we do now' because we don't have a bunch a new coaches. We don't have to teach things to them. We've been able to break things down, watch a lot of film, talk about changing practices a little bit and tweaking what we do."

Hanna added that he already sees chemistry developing among the players.

"We don't have a clash of classes and we don't have a clash of personalities," he said. "We have a lot of guys who get along. It doesn't matter if they're seniors or juniors. There was a lot of positive energy when we were playing 7-on-7. I think the team will gel fast. I think it's going to be a great year."

Please see GREENWOOD/2C

Coming back to win it

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Taylor Scribner tees off during the Star Electric Men's City Championship on Saturday at Hogan Park Golf Course.

McHugh captures Men's City Championship

By Christopher Hadorn
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A former club pro, Jay McHugh had always been a fixture in the local golf community but never had the opportunity to play in the Star Electric Midland Men's City Championship until this weekend.

McHugh

With his wife Courtnee out of town, McHugh was able to get out of the house and hit the links.

McHugh took advantage of the situation by shooting a 69-65—134 to claim the Star Electric Midland Men's City Championship title at Hogan Park Golf Course on Sunday. McHugh, 36, birdied holes No. 17 and 18 on the Quail Course to finish the tournament with a flurry and win by two strokes in the Championship Flight.

McHugh's 65 was the low score during Sunday's second round.

"She was like, 'you're going to go play in a golf tournament!' type deal," McHugh said. "You know how you get it from the wife. It was fun, it was fun. I told her 'you need to go out of town more often if I win a tournament.'"

Prior to his birdies to close out his round, McHugh faced adversity on holes No. 15 and 16. On hole 15, McHugh hit the ball into a bush in the rough following his tee shot, but was able to save par with about a 30-foot putt.

McHugh bogeyed No. 16 just after finding out he was tied for the lead.

"I got a little nervous, which I hadn't been in this situation in a long time," McHugh said of his bogey on 16. "I hadn't played competitive golf like this in a long time. But I come back, on the next tee ball on 17, I calmed myself down. I said look, 'just calm down, hit your shot. You've been hitting it all day long.' I hit it on the fairway, I hit it on the green and I made a putt finally."

McHugh made five birdies and two eagles on holes No. 5 and 14 to come back from five strokes down entering Sunday's final round. McHugh said that he thought he needed to shoot a 62 on Sunday to win.

Taylor Scribner and Casey Adams finished in a two-way tie for second place after shooting a two-round total of 136.

Scribner, who birdied hole No. 18 to end the day on a high note, said the tournament intensified towards the final holes.

"That's the fun thing about this tournament," said Scribner, who made four birdies and eagled No. 14 on Sunday. "When it gets down to the last few groups up on that course, everybody kind of gathers around the greens and tees and you kind of hear whispers of people. I kind of had an idea of what I had to do with about three holes left to play."

Lucas McCubbin, who led by two strokes after shooting a 65 on Saturday, finished in a tie for fourth after a registering a 2-over 72 in the final round.

Notes: Ronnie Jumper defeated Steve Whiteside in a playoff hole to capture the Classic Flight title, a side competition of the 45-and-older golfers in the championship flight. Jumper and Whiteside each shot 143 to finish in a tie for 12th. ... The Star Electric Midland

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MISD squads eager to begin practices

By Will Korn
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Practice begins today for both the Midland High and Lee volleyball teams and both programs are eager to get preparations for the 2015 season underway.

Midland High, which is coming off of a 30-8 season and a trip to the playoffs in 2014, will be looking to maintain its success from last season.

Lopez

Rhoads

Coach Amanda Lopez said she's particularly anxious to work with a talented and experienced group of seniors she has coming back in 2015. Eight seniors are returning from last year's squad.

"I'm really excited for the season," Lopez said. "This is the largest senior class I've had since I've been a coach. This group of seniors is really close and they've been playing together for a while. I'm just really excited to see what this group is going to do."

Lopez added that she feels as though most of her roster is set going into today's first practice. That's a testament to that standout senior class.

"Right now, I've got 11 players and I feel really confident that that's our team," Lopez said. "I don't anticipate having to move too many people around."

But Lopez understands that while experience is indeed a strong suit in her program, success is never guaranteed even after a memorable season.

"You never know when you get 11 to 12 girls out there who never know what to expect," she said. "Being such a large group, I hope everyone knows their roles and helps each other."

Meanwhile, Lee, which will be trying to bounce back from a 17-22 season in 2014, figures to have quite a few position battles during its practices.

Coach Daphne Rhoads said she has plenty of talent spread fairly evenly across all four classes. And she, like Lopez, also has eight seniors coming back. But Rhoads added that the competition for locking down varsity spots at practice will still be intense.

"We had a lot of turnout from our summer program," Rhoads said. "There were 28 freshman at camp. It's going to be tough. I'm excited to get a look at our returners and how they react to the younger girls stepping up and filling holes."

And as practice is set to begin, Rhoads is optimistic that she can piece together a very competitive team this season. A strong work ethic and a desire to improve is already in place with the Lady Rebels.

"Our strength is hard work," Rhoads said. "The girls work hard no matter what. We need to continue to build on mental toughness, keep trudging forward."

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Matt Kenseth stretches his fuel and steals a win at Pocono

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Joey Logano was the first leader to fade, his tank empty with three laps left.

Martin Truex Jr. struck E with two laps to go.

Kyle Busch knew his Toyota was about out, too, his shot at a fourth straight win tapped out on the last lap.

One by one, fuel woes cost the contenders. But the pain at the pump for drivers pushing toward the finish line was the break Matt Kenseth needed to coast past them all in the final thrilling laps Sunday to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Pocono Raceway.

The 400-mile race came down to fuel and which cars had it.

"I couldn't catch them anyway but I just wanted to get as close as I could in case they ran out," Kenseth said.

Once they ran out, Kenseth not only had enough left in the tank to win, he pulled off a celebratory burnout.

Kenseth's win continued the sensational summer run for Joe Gibbs Racing, making it five wins in the last six races.

Busch had won three straight Cup races and four of five, swept the Xfinity and Cup races last weekend at Indianapolis and won the Truck Series event Saturday at Pocono. Busch remained outside the top 30 in points, the second marker he needs to hit to qualify for the Chase.

Auto racing results

Be sure to check out results from the various events that took place Sunday.

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NYBC 12U Championship, Noon, CBSSN
CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Toronto at Hamilton, 6 p.m., ESPN2
CYCLING
Tour de Pologne, Stage 2: Czestochowa to Dabrowa Gornicza, 10:30 a.m., beIN/beIN2
Tour of Utah, Stage 1: Logan, 2 p.m., FS1
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
Adidas Nation, 3rd Place Game, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Adidas Nation, Championship, 8 p.m., ESPNU
MLB
Minnesota at Toronto, Noon, MLB
Chic. Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP
Houston at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW/ROOT
SOFTBALL
Dallas at USSSA, 6 p.m., CBSSN
TENNIS
ATP/WTA: Citi Open, Day 1, 1 p.m., TENNIS
ON RADIO
MLB
Houston at Texas, 7 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with LHP Sean Bierman on a minor league contract.
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed RHP Rick Porcello on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Thursday.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned RHP Vincent Velasquez to Corpus Christi (TL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed LHP Tommy Milone on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Transferred RHP Ryan Pressly to the 60-day DL.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed RHP Diego Moreno on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Branden Pinder from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned RHP R.J. Alvarez to Nashville (PCL). Designated LHP Eric O'Flaherty for assignment. Recalled RHP Aaron Brooks from Nashville. Sent RHP Taylor Thompson to Nashville for a rehab assignment.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed OF Steven Souza Jr. on the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Matt Moore to Durham (IL). Recalled OF Mikie Mahtook from Durham.
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed RHP Tanner Scheppers on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Phil Klein from Round Rock (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Chris Smith and SS Ronald Concepcion on minor league contracts.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Designated RHP Yoervis Medina and C Taylor Teagarden for assignment. Recalled LHP Clayton Richard from Iowa (PCL). Sent C Miguel Montero to Tennessee (SL) for a rehab assignment.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHP Yimi Garcia to Oklahoma City (PCL).
MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned C Tomas Telis to New Orleans (PCL). Recalled LHPs Adam Conley and Chris Reed from New Orleans.
NEW YORK METS — Recalled OF Michael Conforto from Las Vegas (PCL). Placed OF Kirk Nieuwenhuis on the 15-day DL. Agreed to terms with RHP Tim Stauffer on a minor league contract. Sent RHP Erik Goeddel to St. Lucie (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent 2B Chase Utley to Lehigh Valley (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
American Association
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released RHP Evan Englebrook.
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released LHP Andy Roberts. Signed INF Alex Hernandez.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed INF Brent Peterson.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Released LHP Mike Watt.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed RHP Eddie Medina.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed RHP Edwin Carl. Released RHP Coby Cowgill.
Can-Am League
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed LHP Nicholas May.
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed RHP John Lujan.
TROIS RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed INF Joel Carranza.
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed RHP Christian Cox.
FRONTIER GREYS — Sold the contract of RHP Brett Shankin to Arizona (NL).
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed C Jordan Savinon.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed RHP Jon Costa.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived-injured LB Justin Jackson. Activated DE Jeremy Mincey from the reserve/did not report list.
DETROIT LIONS — Traded CB Mohammed Seisay to Seattle for an undisclosed 2016 draft pick.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Placed LB Robert Mathis and G Donald Thomas on the PUP list.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed WR Derrick Johnson and DE Brad Bars.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed WR Jarrod West.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released DT Tony McDaniel. Signed LB Bobby Wagner to a four-year contract extension.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
MINNESOTA WILD — Agreed to terms with C Erik Haula on a two-year contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Agreed to terms with G Jonathan Bernier on a two-year contract.

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New England	8	9	7	31	32	36
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Montreal	8	8	3	27	28	29
Orlando City	7	9	6	27	31	33
New York City FC	6	10	6	24	31	34
Chicago	6	11	4	22	24	30
Philadelphia	6	13	4	22	29	40

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	12	8	3	39	30	22
FC Dallas	11	6	5	38	32	27
Los Angeles	10	7	7	37	39	29
Kansas City	9	4	7	34	30	21
Portland	9	8	6	33	24	28
Seattle	10	11	2	32	25	24
Real Salt Lake	7	8	8	29	27	33
Houston	7	8	7	28	28	27
San Jose	7	9	5	26	22	27
Colorado	5	7	9	24	19	22

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San Jose 0, Portland 0, tie
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Chicago at Portland, 10 p.m.
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Philadelphia at Orlando City, 6:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Montreal, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Houston, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Pharoah Phestival as Triple Crown winner cruises in Haskell Invitational

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press

OCEANPORT, N.J. — A slight nudge was all it took for American Pharoah to seize control of the Haskell Invitational. And when Victor Espinoza asked, the majestic colt delivered an encore performance in his first race since winning the Triple Crown.

"This horse, he just keeps bringing it," trainer Bob Baffert said. "He's just a great horse."

With a record crowd of 60,983 cheering him on Sunday at Monmouth Park, American Pharoah came out of the final turn with a clear lead and cruised to a 2 1/4-length victory while Espinoza barely moved a muscle.

"He ran like a champ," Espinoza said.

After winning the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes to become the 12th Triple Crown winner, and first in 37 years, American Pharoah's return was greatly anticipated. Fifty-seven days after the Belmont, the 3-year-old son of Pioneerof the Nile looked better than ever in his eighth consecutive victory.

"That was nerve-racking," Baffert said after his eighth win in the Haskell, five more than any other trainer. "I was getting pretty nervous."

Sent off at odds of 1-10, American Pharoah became the shortest price winner in Haskell history, returning $2.20 for a $2 win bet. He paid $2.10 to place and $2.10 to show.

Keen Ice rallied for second at 18-1 odds, followed by Upstart, Competitive Edge, Top Clearance, Dontbetwithbruno and Mr. Jordan. The winning time for the 1 1/8-mile race was 1:47.95 — 95th hundreds of a second off the Haskell record.

American Pharoah's next start is now the biggest question in racing. There's no answer yet, but options include the Travers at Saratoga on Aug. 29, the Pennsylvania Derby on Sept. 19, and the Awesome Again at Santa Anita on Sept. 26.

"No clue," owner Ahmed Zayat said when asked about his colt's next race. "We're going to enjoy this moment."

If all goes according to plan, American Pharoah will run his final race in the $5 million Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland in Lexington, Kentucky, on Oct. 31. And then, he's headed down the road to the breeding shed at Coolmore's Ashford Stud.

A few minutes after rocker Bruce Springsteen's "Born to Run" blared over the speakers as the horses walked onto the track, American Pharoah broke well from post No. 4. But it was Competitive Edge who took the lead. Espinoza kept his horse in second until the far turn. And then, American Pharoah took off and was all alone in the stretch.

The final margin was deceptive because Espinoza never asked American Pharoah to run any harder than necessary.

"It was pretty easy," Espinoza said. "For me the key was just coming out of there running. I knew that other horse would want to take the lead so I sat back just a little bit. I never like to go head and head with another horse so I sat back maybe half a length behind. He did everything by himself. It was pretty easy, pretty impressive."

CHAMPIONSHIP

From 1C

Men's City Championship will return to three days in 2016 as one round will be held on Hogan Park's Roadrunner Course.

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Star Electric Midland Men's City Championship
At Hogan Park Golf Course, Quail Course (par-70)

Sunday's final results
Championship Flight
1. Jay McHugh 69-65—134; 2. (tie) Casey Adams 67-69—136, Taylor Scribner 67-69—136; 4. (tie) Lucas McCubbin 65-72—137, Ciro Baeza 67-70—137; 6. (tie) Ben Clark 68-70—138, Chandler Smith 72-66—138; 8. Jason Hewitt 67-72—139; 9. Jarrett Owens 73-68—141; 10. (tie) Mike Connally 68-74—142, Zarek Crowder 67-75—142; 12. (tie) Scott Rundell 70-73—143, Randall Henry 73-70—143, Will Gilchriest 73-70—143, Steve Whiteside 70-73—143, Ronnie Jumper 73-70—143, Eddie Hatch 70-73—143, Frank Soto 70-73—143; 19. (tie) Doug Aylor 71-73—144, Bobby Whiteside 74-70—144, Jim Nash 70-74—144, Ryan Fioretti 73-71—144; 23. (tie) J.B. Luttrell 74-72—146, Jon Peterson 71-75—146, Brian Scherer 71-75—146; 26. (tie) Trenton Irwin 68-81—149, Robert House 71-78—149, John Castillo 76-73—149; 29. Hunter Hendrix 70-81—151; 30. (tie) Brett Douglas 75-77—152, Brian Swisher 75-77—152; 32. Bryan Word 71-82—153; 33. (tie) Kelly Kinzer 74-80—154, Braxton Dunaway 75-79—154; 35. Mundo Munoz 81-79—160; 36. Cade Smith 81-80—161

Classic Flight
1. Ronnie Jumper 73-70—143 (won playoff); 2. Steve Whiteside 70-73—143; 3. (tie) Doug Aylor 71-73—144, Jimmy Nash 70-74—144; 5. John Castillo 76-73—149; 6. Daylon Barton 74-76—150; 7. Matt Manulik 80-79—159

President's Flight
1. Daylan Barton 74—76—150; 2. (tie) Eric Clodfelter 79-72—151, Jerod Padgett 78-73—151; 4. (tie) Casey McBride 75-78—153, Ruston Hicks 78-75—153; 6. (tie) Brian Grebeck 84-70—154, Lance Wood 72-82—154; 8. Dave Ripplinger 76-82—158; 9. (tie) Matt Manulik 80-79—159, Cory Pickett 78-81—159; 11. Press Gill 80-80—160; 12. (tie) Jimmy Lupardus 81-80—161, Zack Gallegos 82-79—161; 14. Michael Svoboda 82-83—165

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Second Flight
1. Chris Murry 81-78—159; 2. Bryan Becker 81-82—163; 3. Daniel Mitchell 79-85—164; 4. (tie) Dirk Parks 85-80—165, David Alvarez 86-79—165; 6. Doug Gressett 83-87—170; 7. Bob Rogers 84-88—172; 8. Travis White 88-85—173; 9. (tie) Sean Grebeck 88-87—175, Danny Sartain 82-93—175; 11. Richard Simpson 96-90—186; 12. Bobby Jobe 95-93—188

Third Flight
1. Dennis Rambo 83-91—174; 2. Daniel Arguello 88-89—177; 3. Vernon Brown 91-88—179; 4. Jesse Reyes 82-98—180; 5. Pat Erdwurm 88-94—182; 6. Lonnie Lasater 94-92—186; 7. Jimmy Estrada 91-99—190; 8. Joseph Jensen 97-107—204; 9. Bret Rogers 101-106—207

GREENWOOD

From 1C

NEW COACHES IN AREA: Around the area there will be four new coaches with Coahoma, Rankin, Grady and Garden City going through changes in the offseason.

Probably the biggest surprise is Trey Gardner stepping down at Coahoma after five years with the Bulldogs. Fred Dietz takes over after being an assistant coach at Andrews.

Gardner made the difficult decision step away from coaching in late May because of health issues in his family. Gardner will remain at Coahoma High School as assistant principal.

"It was something I struggled with, and it's something I had talked about with (Superintendent Amy Jacobs) about it being a possibility," said Gardner, who led his team to a 6-5 record and a playoff appearance last season. "It was not an easy decision. It does make it easier that I will remain at the school as an assistant principal. I just felt it was something I needed to do."

When asked if he's going to miss coaching, Gardner replied, "When we get to Friday nights, I'll let you know."

Other new coaches to the area will be former Red Devil assistant Pat Potts being promoted to head coach at Rankin, Jeff Jones leaving Marfa to take over at Garden City, and Chris Short who came from Eden to be not only the head football coach but head boys basketball coach at Grady.

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'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

HOOKS 9, ROCKHOUNDS 4 at Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Colin Moran led Corpus Christi by going 2-for-4 with a double, home run and three RBI. ... Jack Mayfield added a 2-run home run and also drove in three runs for the Hooks. ... Ryon Healy was 2-for-4 with a home run and three RBI for the RockHounds.

TOP PITCHER: Brian Holmes went 5 2/3 innings and allowed four runs (three earned) on eight hits with one walks and five strikeouts to earn the win.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland took a 4-3 lead in the fourth thanks to Healy's three-run home run. ... Midland starter Parker Frazier gave the lead right back when the Hooks scored a pair in the fifth. ... Corpus added two more runs in the seventh and two more in the eighth.

NOTES: The Hooks and RockHounds ended with a split of the four-game series. ... The Hooks stole four bases and did not get caught once. ... The RockHounds welcome Frisco for a three-game series beginning at 6:30 p.m. today.

TL standings

Second Half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	20	16	.556	—
Springfield	19	18	.514	1½
Tulsa	16	20	.444	4
x-Northwest Arkansas	14	22	.389	6

South Division

Team	W.	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	24	13	.649	—
x-Corpus Christi	20	17	.541	4
Frisco	17	19	.472	6½
San Antonio	16	21	.432	8

x-clinched first half

Sunday's Scores

Corpus Christi 9, Midland 4
San Antonio 5, Frisco 4
Northwest Arkansas 9, Springfield 4
Tulsa at Arkansas, late

Today's Games

Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Arkansas at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Jake Sanchez (8-7, 5.02 ERA). Frisco — LHP Chad Bell (3-11, 2.35).

HOOKS 9, ROCKHOUNDS 4

Corpus	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Vasquez lf	6	1	1	0	Brugman cf	4	1	1	0
Hernandez cf	5	1	2	0	Pinder ss	4	0	2	0
Moran 3b	4	2	2	3	Ravelo dh	5	0	2	0
Reed dh	4	0	0	0	Nunez 1b	4	0	0	0
Keemer rf	4	2	1	0	Olson rf	4	1	2	1
Mayfield 2b	4	1	1	3	Whitaker lf	4	1	1	0
Gregor 1b	4	1	1	1	RHealy 3b	4	1	2	3
Pena c	4	1	1	0	Kirkland 2b	4	0	0	0
Moon ss	3	0	1	1	Rickles c	4	0	2	0
Totals	38	9	10	8	Totals	37	4	11	4

Corpus Christi 001 220 220 —9
Midland 001 300 000 —4

E — Mayfield (2), Moon (1), Kirkland (11), Healy (10). DP — Corpus Christi 3, Midland 1. LOB — Corpus Christi 10, Midland 8. 2B — Hernandez (9), Moran (20), Gregor (20), Olson (26). 3B — Kemmer (2). HR — Mayfield (4), Moran (4), Healy (8). SB — Pena (1), Hernandez (24), Kemmer (24), Moon (13). SF — Mayfield.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Corpus Christi						
Holmes W, 5-5	5.2	8	4	3	1	5
Minaya	2.1	1	0	0	1	2
Gustave	1.0	2	0	0	0	0
Midland						
Frazier L, 3-1	5.0	6	5	3	4	
Hall	2.0	2	2	2	2	3
Joseph	2.0	2	2	2	1	0

T — 2:49. A — 2,834

MLBTEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RANGERS 2 GIANTS 1

ARLINGTON — Texas Rangers left-hander Martin Perez followed a nightmarish performance in which he failed to get an out in the second inning with a dream outing in which he nearly shut out the world champion San Francisco Giants.

Perez (1-2) allowed only two hits in 8 1-3 innings Sunday to beat the Giants 2-1.

Last Tuesday against the New York Yankees, he left after the first eight batters in the second inning reached base. He was charged with eight runs in a 21-5 loss.

"When I got the timing of the game, I got the quick outs and I got out of the game," Perez said. "I want to continue to do that and just be ready for my next start."

Perez credited his sinker, changeup and "my big rest" from having thrown only 45 pitches against the Yankees. He retired the first 14 batters Sunday, threw just 80 pitches and missed the strike zone infrequently through the first five innings.

Perez got 16 groundball outs to five fly outs plus six strikeouts with no walks.

"He was able to get these guys to swing and hit the ball on the ground," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said.

Josh Hamilton's two-run homer in the sixth inning was enough for Texas to take the rubber game of the three-game series. The Giants scored in the ninth when Buster Posey singled to center off right-hander Sam Dyson, but Dyson got Hunter Pence to ground a 2-0 pitch into a game-ending double play to record his first career save.

The Giants went into the game leading the majors with 199 runs scored with two outs.

"It definitely felt like it was going to happen again," said Pence, who played collegiately a short drive from Globe Life Park at Texas-Arlington. "I definitely don't feel great about my at-bat, grounding into a double play with a 2-0 count, but you've also got to give some credit to Dyson."

This was Perez's fourth start in his return from Tommy John surgery in May 2014. He hadn't previously worked more than six innings.

Two of Hamilton's five homers this season, which began in late May after being reacquired from the Los Angeles Angels in late April, have come in the last four games. Sunday's shot came on a curve left high in the strike zone by Mike Leake (9-6), who was making his first start with the Giants after being acquired from Cincinnati last Thursday.

"I think it was the first (curve) I'd seen," Hamilton said.

ASTROS 4 DIAMONDBACKS 1

HOUSTON — The last year has been a complete turnaround for Collin McHugh.

McHugh kept that turnaround from his first major league season going Sunday.

The right-hander threw seven solid innings, and Carlos Gomez delivered a two-run, go-ahead single as the Houston Astros beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 4-1.

Dating to Aug. 1, 2014, McHugh is 20-5 with a 3.47 ERA. He was 4-17 before then, including an 0-8 record with an 8.94 ERA in stints with the Mets and Rockies from 2012-13.

"It's hard to really put into words what it came from, what my first calendar year looked like in major league baseball versus this one," McHugh said. "It has been a blessing to play on a good team like this, a good group of guys, and the organization putting faith in me the way they have to put me out there every five days."

Evan Gattis added a solo home run in the fifth to give Houston the three-run lead.

McHugh (13-5) won his fourth straight start, giving up one run and eight hits with six strikeouts.

"I think I threw a couple changeups, but for the most part, my breaking stuff was all there when I needed them," McHugh said. "We had a good game plan, and we executed it pretty well."

McHugh, who is tied for the AL lead in wins with teammate Dallas Keuchel, has allowed two runs or less in three of his last four starts.

"At one point I looked up there and he had like 15 or 16 balls of like 75 or 80 pitches," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "That's incredible strike-throwing. A lot of people talk about McHugh and his breaking ball, his cutter, his changeup — he had some finish fastballs today in some really big at-bats where he reared back, had a little extra carry on his fastball and got strikeouts. Those are difficult things to do."

Pat Neshek threw a perfect eighth, and Luke Gregerson pitched the ninth for his 22nd save.

Jose Altuve and Jason Castro both had two hits for the Astros, who own an AL-best 38-18 record at home.

Gomez, who was acquired Thursday in a trade with Milwaukee, gave Houston a 3-1 lead with a two-out, two-run single in the fourth. Houston had loaded the bases on a walk to Chris Carter, a single by Castro and Altuve was hit by pitch.

"My confidence is really good," Gomez said. "I have been hitting with scoring position really well, and I walked up with an idea of 'I got this.' Finally, I put a good swing and hit it the opposite way."

MLB AT A GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	59	45	.567	—
Baltimore	53	51	.510	6
Toronto	54	52	.509	6
Tampa Bay	52	54	.491	8
Boston	47	59	.443	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	62	42	.596	—
Minnesota	54	50	.519	8
Detroit	51	54	.486	11½
Chicago	50	53	.485	11½
Cleveland	48	56	.462	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	60	46	.566	—
Los Angeles	55	49	.529	4
Texas	51	53	.490	8
Seattle	48	58	.453	12
Oakland	47	59	.443	13

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	54	49	.524	—
New York	55	50	.524	—
Atlanta	47	58	.448	8
Miami	43	62	.410	12
Philadelphia	41	65	.387	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	67	38	.638	—
Pittsburgh	61	43	.587	5½
Chicago	57	47	.548	9½
Cincinnati	47	56	.456	19
Milwaukee	44	62	.415	23½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	60	45	.571	—
San Francisco	57	47	.548	2½
San Diego	51	54	.486	9
Arizona	50	53	.485	9
Colorado	44	59	.427	15

Sunday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto 5, Kansas City 2
Detroit 6, Baltimore 1
Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3
N.Y. Yankees 12, Chicago White Sox 3
Seattle 4, Minnesota 1, 11 innings
Oakland 2, Cleveland 1, 10 innings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 0
Miami 5, San Diego 2
Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 2
Chicago Cubs 4, Milwaukee 3
St. Louis 3, Colorado 2
N.Y. Mets 5, Washington 2

INTERLEAGUE

Houston 4, Arizona 1
Texas 2, San Francisco 1
L.A. Dodgers 5, L.A. Angels 3, 10 innings

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Minnesota (E.Santana 2-1) at Toronto (Price 9-4), 12:07 p.m.
Houston (McCullers 5-3) at Texas (Lewis 11-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Karns 6-5) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 6-9), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (T.Wilson 1-1) at Oakland (Chavez 5-10), 9:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 6-11) at L.A. Angels (Richards 10-6), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona (Godley 2-0) at Washington (Fister 4-6), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lester 6-8) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 7-6), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 9-10) at Miami (Koehler 8-7), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (M.Cain 2-2) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 3-3), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (T.Ross 7-8) at Milwaukee (W.Peralta 2-5), 7:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE

Seattle (F.Hernandez 12-6) at Colorado (E.Butler 3-7), 7:40 p.m.

Texas box scores

RANGERS 2, GIANTS 1

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Pagan cf	4	1	1	0	Odor 2b	4	0	1	0
Aoki lf	3	0	0	0	Choo rf	3	0	1	0
MDuffy 3b	4	0	1	0	Fielder dh	4	0	1	0
Posey c	4	0	1	1	Beltre 3b	3	0	1	0
Pence dh	4	0	0	0	Morlnd 1b	3	1	1	0
Belt 1b	3	0	0	0	JHmltn lf	4	1	1	2
Maxwll rf	3	0	1	0	Andrus ss	3	0	0	0
BCrwfr ss	3	0	0	0	LMartn cf	3	0	1	0
Adrianz 2b	3	0	0	0	Gimenz c	3	0	1	0
Totals	31	1	4	1	Totals	30	2	8	2

San Francisco 000 000 001—1
Texas 000 002 00x—2

E—Odor (12). DP—San Francisco 2, Texas 1. LOB—San Francisco 4, Texas 7. 2B—Pagan (14), Beltre (17), Gimenez (1). HR—J.Hamilton (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
Leake L,9-6	6 1-3	8	2	2	2	5
Lopez	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Romo	1	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
M.Perez W,1-2	8 1-3	2	1	1	0	6
Diekman	0	0	0	0	1	0
S.Dyson S,1-1	2-3	2	0	0	0	0

Diekman pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.
T—2:19. A—22,234 (48,114).

ASTROS 4, DIAMONDBACKS 1

Arizona	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Inciart cf	4	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	4	0	2	0
Tomas rf	4	0	0	0	CGomz cf	4	0	1	2
Gldsch dh	4	0	0	0	Correa ss	3	0	1	0
DPerlt lf	4	0	1	0	Gattis lf	4	1	1	1
WCastll c	4	1	2	0	ClRsms lf	0	0	0	0
JaLam 1b	4	0	2	1	Lowrie 3b	4	1	1	0
A.Hill 3b	4	0	1	0	MGnzlz 1b	2	0	0	0
Pnngtn 2b	3	0	1	0	Carter dh	1	1	0	1
Ahmed ss	4	0	2	0	JCastro c	4	1	2	0
Mrsnck rf	4	0	0	0					
Totals	35	1	9	1	Totals	30	4	8	4

Arizona 010 000 000—1
Houston 010 210 00x—4

LOB—Arizona 8, Houston 9. 2B—W.Castillo (11), Ja.Lamb 2 (9), A.Hill (10), Pennington (3), Lowrie (5), J.Castro (13). HR—Gattis (17). SB—Altuve (28), C.Gomez (1). S—Ma.Gonzalez. SF—Carter.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
Ray L,3-6	5	7	4	4	3	5
Chafin	1	1	0	0	0	2
D.Hernandez	1	0	0	0	1	2
O.Perez	1	0	0	0	0	2
Houston						
McHugh W,13-5	7	8	1	1	1	6
Neshek	1	0	0	0	0	2
Gregerson S,22-25	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Ray (Altuve).
T—2:54. A—33,871 (41,574).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 5, ROYALS 2

Kansas City 000 000 020 —2 4 0
Toronto 000 200 12x —5 7 0

Volquez, F.Morales (7), Madson (7), K.Herrera (8), Hochevar (8) and S.Perez; Dickey, Aa.Sanchez (8), Osuna (8) and Ru.Martin. W—Dickey 6-10. L—Volquez 10-6. Sv—Osuna (7). HRs—Kansas City, Zobrist (9). Toronto, Colabello (10).

RAYS 4, RED SOX 3

Tampa Bay 100 100 020 —4 9 0
Boston 201 000 000 —3 8 0

Odorizzi, Cedeno (7), Geltz (7), McGee (8), Boxberger (9) and Rivera, Casali; Miley, Ross Jr. (7), Tazawa (8), Uehara (9) and Hanigan. W—Geltz 2-4. L—Tazawa 2-4. Sv—Boxberger (26). HRs—Tampa Bay, Guyer (5).

TIGERS 6, ORIOLES 1

Detroit 300 030 000 —6 9 0
Baltimore 000 100 000 —1 4 1

Da.Norris, B.Rondon (8), A.Wilson (9) and J.McCann; U.Jimenez, J.Rondon (5), Matusz (9) and Wieters. W—Da.Norris 2-1. L—U.Jimenez 8-7. HRs—Detroit, J.Martinez (29). Baltimore, C.Davis (26).

YANKEES 12, WHITE SOX 3

New York 100 530 300—12 11 1
Chicago 000 001 200 —3 9 1

Nova, Shreve (7), Pinder (7), A.Miller (9) and B.McCann, J.Murphy; Samardzija, Carroll (5) and Soto. W—Nova 4-3. L—Samardzija 8-6. HRs—New York, Ellsbury (4), Teixeira (29). Chicago, Al.Ramirez (7), Soto (8).

MARINERS 4, TWINS 1

Seattle 000 000 00103 —4 9 0
Minnesota 000 000 00100 —1 4 0

Iwakuma, Ca.Smith (9), Rodney (10), Wilhelmsen (11) and Sucre, Zunino; Pelfrey, Perkins (9), May (10), Jepsen (11), Duensing (11), Fien (11) and K.Suzuki. W—Rodney 4-4. L—Jepsen 2-6. Sv—Wilhelmsen (2). HRs—Seattle, N.Cruz (29). Minnesota, Dozier (23).

ATHLETICS 2, INDIANS 1

Cleveland 100 000 000 0 —1 6 0
Oakland 000 010 000 1 —2 7 0

Bauer, McAllister (7), B.Shaw (9), Allen (10) and R.Perez; Gray, Otero (8), Abad (8), Mujica (9), Fe.Rodriguez (10) and Phegley, Vogt. W—Fe.Rodriguez 2-1. L—Allen 1-3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PIRATES 3, REDS 0

Pittsburgh 002 100 000 —3 3 0
Cincinnati 000 000 000 —0 6 1

Morton, Watson (8), Melancon (9), Soria (9) and Cervelli; Sampson, Villarreal (6), Ju.Diaz (9) and Barnhart. W—Morton 7-4. L—Sampson 0-1. Sv—Soria (1). HRs—Pittsburgh, N.Walker (10).

MARLINS 5, PADRES 2

San Diego 000 000 002 —2 7 0
Miami 200 000 003 —5 7 1

Shields, Quackenbush (7), Rzepczynski (8), Maurer (9) and De.Norris; Fernandez, B.Morris (7), Capps (8), Dunn (8), A.Ramos (9) and Mathis. W—A.Ramos 1-3. L—Maurer 7-4. HRs—San Diego, Amarista (3). Miami, Hechavarria (5).

BRAVES 6, PHILLIES 2

Atlanta 000 040 200 —6 11 0
Philadelphia 010 010 000 —2 10 0

Teheran, McKirahan (8), Vizcaino (9) and Lavarnway; Morgan, De Fratus (6), J.Gomez (7), Lu.Garcia (9) and Rupp. W—Teheran 7-6. L—Morgan 2-3. HRs—Atlanta, J.Peterson (4).

CUBS 4, BREWERS 3

Chicago 110 110 000 —4 9 1
Milwaukee 010 000 002 —3 8 0

Richard, J.Russell (7), Strop (8), H.Rondon (9) and Schwarber; Lohse, Thornburg (5), Cotts (7), Jeffress (8), Fr.Rodriguez (9) and Lucroy. W—Richard 2-0. L—Lohse 5-13. Sv—H.Rondon (16). HRs—Chicago, A.Russell (7).

CARDINALS 3, ROCKIES 2

Colorado 000 002 000 —2 5 0
St. Louis 000 020 001 —3 9 0

Flande, J.Miller (6), Betancourt (7), Oberg (8) and Hundley; Jai.Garcia, Cishek (6), Siegrist (7), Broxton (8), Rosenthal (9) and T.Cruz, Molina. W—Rosenthal 2-2. L—Oberg 2-2. HRs—St. Louis, Grichuk (12).

METS 5, NATIONALS 2

Washington 100 001 000 —2 8 0
New York 005 000 00x —5 8 0

Zimmermann, Rivero (7) and Lobaton; Syndergaard, Clippard (9) and Plawecki. W—Syndergaard 6-5. L—Zimmermann 8-7. Sv—Clippard (1). HRs—Washington, Rendon (1), Y.Escobar (6). New York, Granderson (17), Dan.Murphy (7), Duda (21).

INTERLEAGUE

DODGERS 5, ANGELS 3

Los Angeles (A) 000 001 011 0 —3 8 0
Los Angeles (N) 002 000 010 2 —5 9 1

Cor.Rasmus, C.Ramos (4), J.Alvarez (5), Salas (7), J.Smith (8), Gott (9), Rucinski (10) and Iannetta; Latos, Nicasio (7), Ji.Johnson (8), Howell (9), Baez (9) and Grandal. W—Baez 4-2. L—Rucinski 0-2. HRs—Los Angeles (A), Calhoun (14). Los Angeles (N), H.Kendrick (9), Ethier 2 (12).

Merritt shoots 67 to win Quicken Loans National

By Hank Kurz Jr.
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Va. — Troy Merritt walked to the final tee with a three-shot lead and slapped hands with fans on both sides of the ropes, knowing he had all but wrapped up his first PGA Tour title and wanting to show his appreciation for the fans cheering him on.

Not a bad turnaround for a player who had missed five cuts in a row coming into the Quicken Loans National.

Merritt shot a 4-under 67 on Sunday and finished his first career victory in 96 starts with a flourish, rolling in a 34-foot putt for birdie on the 72nd hole. After the putt fell, the 29-year-old former Boise State player raised his hands, looked toward the crowd and shrugged his shoulders.

"It's amazing how you can dream of winning a golf tournament your entire life and you've got it scripted and when it happens, you're not thinking," he said. "You don't remember what your name is. You're just reacting. That's all it was."

The victory came a day after Merritt soared to the lead with a tournament-record 61 at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, and his closing 67 matched the best of the day on another sweltering afternoon. He finished at 18-under 266, also an event record, and became the 10th first-time winner on the PGA Tour this season.

"It was really nice coming down that final fairway with a two-shot lead," he said. "Not feeling very much stress, just trying to make as good of a golf swing as I could and, as you saw, it was nice to have only one putt."

Rickie Fowler, who started the day one shot off the lead, also made a birdie on the final hole to claim second place at 15 under, and David Lingmerth was third, but both had up-and-down rounds. Fowler shot a 69 that featured seven birdies and five bogeys, and Lingmerth's 69 included five birdies and three bogeys.

Fowler waited and gave Merritt a hug after his final putt dropped.

"He went out there and earned it today," Fowler said. "He played some great golf. ... The score that he put up being in the lead and what he did yesterday, to back it up with a solid round of golf — it's what you've got to do to win."

Merritt, who appeared to be walking in place as he set up for each shot, alternately tapping his feet to get them in exactly the right position, said he made a slight change in the way he addressed the ball early in the week, and then a putting change made Saturday were critical to his victory.

His composure helped, too, as he lost the lead only briefly on the final day and stumbled just once, with a three-putt bogey at the par-4 12th, the most difficult hole on the course. He made five birdies.

"That's why I'm here. We found two little fixes," Merrill said.

For much of the day, the tournament seemed destined to become a duel between Merritt and Bill Haas, who had six birdies in his first 10 holes and got to 17 under, tied with Merritt and three clear of the rest of the field. But Haas made four bogeys and a double bogey in the final seven holes, leaving Merritt in position to win it by just making pars.

GOLF SCORES

PGA

Sunday
At Robert Trent Jones Golf Club
Gainesville, Va.
Purse: $6.7 million
Yardage: 7,385; Par: 71
Final

Troy Merritt (500), $1,206,000 70-68-61-67—266
Rickie Fowler (300), $723,600 67-65-68-69—269
Lingmerth (190), $455,600 68-65-68-69—270
Jason Bohn (100), $242,875 67-67-67-71—272
Bill Haas (100), $242,875 67-71-64-70—272
Danny Lee (100), $242,875 67-67-69-69—272
Carl Pettersson (100), $242,875 70-68-64-70—272
Justin Rose (100), $242,875 66-71-65-70—272
Justin Thomas (100), $242,875 66-71-68-67—272
Ryo Ishikawa (75), $180,900 63-68-71-71—273
Chad Campbell (63), $147,400 68-70-69-67—274
Howell III (63), $147,400 67-67-67-73—274
Whee Kim (63), $147,400 68-66-67-73—274
Wheatcroft (63), $147,400 65-73-68-68—274
Brian Davis (55), $113,900 70-70-66-69—275
Greg Owen (55), $113,900 66-68-73-68—275
Ollie Schniederjans, $113,900 66-69-68-72—275
Kevin Chappell (52), $93,800 64-68-67-77—276
Jason Kokrak (52), $93,800 71-68-67-70—276
Tiger Woods (52), $93,800 68-66-74-68—276
Hudson Swafford (46), $61,193 68-72-67-70—277
Jimmy Walker (46), $61,193 71-63-73-70—277
Will Wilcox (46), $61,193 68-71-70-68—277
Brice Garnett (46), $61,193 69-65-72-71—277
Adam Hadwin (46), $61,193 67-70-69-71—277
Pat Perez (46), $61,193 67-67-72-71—277
John Peterson (46), $61,193 67-70-68-72—277
Andres Romero (46), $61,193 69-69-67-72—277
Cameron Tringale (46), $61,193 68-69-67-73—277
Jonas Blixt (37), $38,116 66-74-69-69—278
Ken Duke (37), $38,116 73-67-70-68—278
Jim Herman (37), $38,116 68-71-71-68—278
John Huh (37), $38,116 70-67-71-70—278
Carlos Ortiz (37), $38,116 71-69-72-66—278
K.J. Choi (37), $38,116 69-68-71-70—278
George McNeill (37), $38,116 71-68-69-70—278
Brendan Steele (37), $38,116 70-68-66-74—278
Vaughn Taylor (37), $38,116 70-70-64-74—278
Tony Finau (29), $26,130 71-67-69-72—279
James Hahn (29), $26,130 71-67-70-71—279
Tom Hoge (29), $26,130 69-70-70-70—279
Colt Knost (29), $26,130 71-67-68-73—279
Russell Knox (29), $26,130 69-67-71-72—279
Bryce Molder (29), $26,130 69-69-72-69—279
Mark Wilson (29), $26,130 69-68-71-71—279
Aaron Baddeley (23), $18,224 69-68-72-71—280
Ernie Els (23), $18,224 64-74-68-74—280
Harris English (23), $18,224 70-67-72-71—280
Retief Goosen (23), $18,224 63-73-71-73—280
Billy Hurley III (23), $18,224 70-70-72-68—280
Kyle Reifers (23), $18,224 71-67-70-72—280
Fdez-Castano (16), $15,467 66-71-69-75—281
Justin Leonard (16), $15,467 64-72-70-75—281
S.J. Park (16), $15,467 68-72-72-69—281
Randolph (16), $15,467 69-68-70-74—281
Vijay Singh (16), $15,467 69-70-70-72—281
Nick Taylor (16), $15,467 68-69-72-72—281
Shawn Stefani (16), $15,467 71-67-68-75—281
de Jonge (12), $14,807 69-70-73-70—282
Michael Putnam (12), $14,807 71-66-75-70—282
Jonathan Byrd (10), $14,539 68-72-72-71—283
John Merrick (10), $14,539 72-68-69-74—283
Ricky Barnes (7), $14,137 69-68-69-78—284
J.J. Henry (7), $14,137 70-69-68-77—284
William McGirt (7), $14,137 69-69-75-71—284
Jeff Overton (7), $14,137 65-73-74-72—284
Steven Bowditch (3), $13,668 68-68-67-83—286
Mark Hubbard (3), $13,668 65-74-71-76—286
Patrick Rodgers, $13,668 66-72-73-75—286
Chesson Hadley (1), $13,400 69-71-74-73—287
Erik Compton (1), $13,266 70-69-72-77—288
Arjun Atwal (1), $13,065 66-71-76-76—289
Max Homa (1), $13,065 72-68-72-77—289
Thompson (1), $12,864 70-69-79-74—292
Seung-Yul Noh (1), $12,730 68-72-76-77—293

European Pga

Sunday
At Murcar Links Golf Club
Aberdeen, Scotland
Purse: $1.01 million
Yardage: 6,409; Par: 70
Semifinals

Robert Karlsson, Sweden, def. David Howell, England, 20 holes.
Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand, def. Marc Warren, Scotland, 3 and 2.

Championship

Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand, def. Robert Karlsson, Sweden, 1 up.

Third Place

David Howell, England, def. Marc Warren, Scotland, 1 up.

LPGA

Sunday
At Turnberry Resort (Ailsa Course)
Turnberry, Scotland
Purse: $3 million
Yardage: 6,410; Par: 72
Final
a-amateur

Inbee Park 69-73-69-65—276
Jin Young Ko 68-71-69-71—279
So Yeon Ryu 67-72-73-68—280
Lydia Ko 66-73-72-69—280
Suzann Pettersen 68-69-72-72—281
Teresa Lu 68-71-69-74—282
Anna Nordqvist 69-72-73-69—283
Mika Miyazato 68-72-70-73—283
Amy Boulden 71-74-68-71—284
Melissa Reid 73-70-69-72—284
Minjee Lee 69-72-70-73—284
Maria McBride 79-66-69-72—286
a-Luna Sobron 70-77-71-69—287
Cristie Kerr 66-77-73-71—287
Hyo Joo Kim 65-78-73-71—287
Yani Tseng 72-72-72-71—287
Mi Hyang Lee 70-75-74-69—288
Hannah Burke 74-72-71-71—288
Stacy Lewis 70-75-72-71—288
Lexi Thompson 71-75-70-72—288
Nanna Koerstz Madsen 70-78-76-65—289
Jung-Min Lee 70-75-76-68—289
Angela Stanford 69-78-73-69—289
Lee-Anne Pace 75-73-74-68—290
Shanshan Feng 71-74-76-69—290
Sun Young Yoo 71-73-74-72—290
Nicole Broch Larsen 69-74-70-77—290
Caroline Hedwall 73-74-75-69—291
Maria Balikoeva 73-73-75-70—291
Jenny Shin 71-74-76-70—291
Charley Hull 73-73-77-69—292
Ha Na Jang 71-75-77-69—292
In Gee Chun 72-76-71-73—292
Christina Kim 71-72-75-74—292
Jane Park 72-74-72-74—292
Gerina Piller 70-79-76-68—293
Sandra Gal 74-74-76-69—293
Marina Alex 73-74-76-70—293
Sakura Yokomine 72-77-73-71—293
Amy Yang 69-76-74-74—293
Marianne Skarpnord 71-74-73-75—293
Candie Kung 72-75-70-76—293
Lizette Salas 72-76-77-69—294
Gwladys Nocera 70-75-74-76—295
Florentyna Parker 68-77-74-76—295
Julieta Granada 70-74-71-80—295
Q Baek 67-82-75-72—296
Jennifer Song 71-74-76-75—296
Katie Burnett 68-81-71-76—296
Brittany Lincicome 75-74-77-71—297
Catriona Matthew 71-77-77-72—297
Azahara Munoz 68-78-79-72—297
Chella Choi 72-77-75-73—297
Holly Clyburn 76-73-75-73—297
Misuzu Narita 69-75-76-77—297
Austin Ernst 75-74-77-72—298
Jaye Marie Green 72-74-78-74—298
Danielle Kang 70-79-73-76—298
Stacey Keating 71-76-73-78—298
Alison Walshe 70-74-72-82—298
Brooke M. Henderson 73-75-79-72—299
Tiffany Joh 72-75-77-75—299
Na Yeon Choi 72-75-76-76—299
Xi Yu Lin 72-76-74-77—299
Kelly W Shon 70-76-74-79—299
Alena Sharp 72-77-77-74—300
Ashleigh Simon 72-77-76-75—300
Ssu-Chia Cheng 72-77-71-80—300
Mina Harigae 72-76-80-73—301
Wei-Ling Hsu 74-74-77-76—301
Carly Booth 72-77-79-74—302
a-Su-Hyun Oh 77-72-79-74—302
Nina Holleder 72-77-76-77—302

Champions Tour

Sunday
At TPC Twin Cities
Blaine, Minn.
Purse: $1.75 million
Yardage: 7,114; Par: 72
Final

Kenny Perry (263), $262,500 69-61-68—198
Bernhard Langer (128), $128,042 68-67-67—202
Kevin Sutherland (128), $128,042 69-65-68—202
Scott Dunlap (128), $128,042 67-67-68—202
Marco Dawson (83), $83,125 68-67-68—203
Tom Lehman (70), $70,000 64-71-69—204
Stephen Ames (49), $49,000 72-65-68—205
Mike Goodes (49), $49,000 69-68-68—205
Paul Goydos (49), $49,000 72-65-68—205
P.H. Horgan III (49), $49,000 67-69-69—205
Greg Kraft (49), $49,000 69-69-67—205
Kirk Triplett (49), $49,000 68-68-69—205
Tommy Armour III, $32,375 71-66-69—206
Frank Esposito, $32,375 71-66-69—206
Corey Pavin, $32,375 70-68-68—206
Wes Short Jr., $32,375 70-68-68—206
Billy Andrade, $23,917 69-69-69—207
Guy Boros, $23,917 74-64-69—207
Lee Janzen, $23,917 75-66-66—207
Scott McCarron, $23,917 72-65-70—207
Scott Hoch, $23,917 68-68-71—207
Esteban Toledo, $23,917 69-67-71—207
Olin Browne, $17,938 70-73-65—208
David Frost, $17,938 70-70-68—208
John Huston, $17,938 69-68-71—208
Jeff Sluman, $17,938 68-70-70—208
Bart Bryant, $13,606 72-69-68—209
Brad Bryant, $13,606 70-69-70—209
Mark Calcavecchia, $13,606 71-70-68—209
Fred Funk, $13,606 72-69-68—209
Steve Pate, $13,606 71-69-69—209
Gene Sauers, $13,606 70-70-69—209
Hal Sutton, $13,606 69-71-69—209
Ian Woosnam, $13,606 72-68-69—209
Steve Elkington, $10,500 71-66-73—210
Larry Nelson, $10,500 74-66-70—210
Willie Wood, $10,500 70-70-70—210
Don Berry, $8,925 72-67-72—211
Mark Brooks, $8,925 72-70-69—211
John Cook, $8,925 71-66-74—211
Rod Spittle, $8,925 70-72-69—211
Duffy Waldorf, $8,925 70-70-71—211
Jay Don Blake, $6,825 72-68-72—212
Jose Coceres, $6,825 74-66-72—212
Gary Hallberg, $6,825 70-71-71—212
Steve Lowery, $6,825 72-66-74—212
Tom Pernice Jr., $6,825 73-67-72—212
Joey Sindelar, $6,825 73-69-70—212
Jerry Smith, $6,825 74-68-70—212
Roger Chapman, $4,638 71-71-71—213
Jeff Coston, $4,638 69-69-75—213
Joe Durant, $4,638 69-70-74—213

AUTO RACING GLANCE

NASCAR Sprint Cup

Sunday
At Pocono Raceway
Long Pond, Pa.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (7) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 160 laps, 119.2 rating, 47 points, $233,601.
2. (9) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 160, 104.6, 43, $205,166.
3. (10) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 160, 92.8, 42, $181,686.
4. (15) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 160, 88.6, 40, $134,375.
5. (25) Greg Biffle, Ford, 160, 91, 40, $139,908.
6. (12) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 160, 104.8, 38, $144,851.
7. (22) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 160, 80.6, 37, $125,323.
8. (19) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 160, 87.8, 36, $124,073.
9. (5) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 160, 83.5, 35, $116,279.
10. (8) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 160, 98.3, 34, $87,915.
11. (18) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 160, 83.5, 33, $94,440.
12. (27) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 160, 99.5, 33, $112,908.
13. (4) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 160, 91.2, 31, $120,611.
14. (29) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 160, 67.2, 0, $82,250.
15. (17) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 160, 76.8, 29, $111,541.
16. (20) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 160, 77.6, 29, $89,125.
17. (24) David Ragan, Toyota, 160, 78.8, 28, $107,539.
18. (21) Aric Almirola, Ford, 160, 68, 26, $116,956.
19. (13) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 160, 104.4, 26, $106,015.
20. (3) Joey Logano, Ford, 160, 128.7, 26, $128,853.
21. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 159, 97.7, 24, $146,211.
22. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 159, 98.6, 23, $93,645.
23. (14) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 159, 69.5, 21, $110,670.
24. (31) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 159, 62.2, 20, $102,528.
25. (28) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 159, 56.3, 19, $92,200.
26. (39) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 159, 53, 18, $77,895.
27. (33) Cole Whitt, Ford, 159, 48.7, 17, $88,853.
28. (26) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 159, 62.8, 16, $92,092.
29. (36) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 159, 44.3, 15, $75,895.
30. (35) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 159, 45.3, 0, $75,745.
31. (32) Brett Moffitt, Ford, 158, 49.1, 13, $74,095.
32. (40) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 158, 36.8, 0, $73,920.
33. (37) David Gilliland, Ford, 158, 40, 11, $81,720.
34. (41) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 157, 32.8, 10, $73,520.
35. (38) Jeb Burton, Toyota, 157, 37.5, 9, $73,370.
36. (43) Timmy Hill, Ford, 156, 30.3, 0, $73,120.
37. (6) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 150, 93.5, 8, $90,931.
38. (42) Alex Kennedy, Chevrolet, 126, 30.8, 6, $68,102.
39. (30) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 123, 37.1, 5, $90,375.
40. (23) Trevor Bayne, Ford, overheating, 91, 45.8, 4, $104,605.
41. (34) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, accident, 27, 29.7, 3, $64,030.
42. (2) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, engine, 20, 48.8, 3, $104,855.
43. (16) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, accident, 3, 23.7, 1, $66,530.

Indy Car

Sunday
At Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
Lexington, Ohio
Lap length: 2.258 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)
All cars Dallara chassis

1. (13) Graham Rahal, Honda, 90.
2. (14) Justin Wilson, Honda, 90.
3. (15) Simon Pagenaud, Chevrolet, 90.
4. (1) Scott Dixon, Chevrolet, 90.
5. (8) Tony Kanaan, Chevrolet, 90.
6. (24) Tristan Vautier, Honda, 90.
7. (7) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Honda, 90.
8. (11) Jack Hawksworth, Honda, 90.
9. (23) Carlos Munoz, Honda, 90.
10. (12) Marco Andretti, Honda, 90.
11. (10) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 90.
12. (21) Gabby Chaves, Honda, 90.
13. (5) Josef Newgarden, Chevrolet, 90.
14. (2) Will Power, Chevrolet, 90.
15. (4) Helio Castroneves, Chevrolet, 90.
16. (17) James Jakes, Honda, 90.
17. (3) Sebastien Bourdais, Chevrolet, 90.
18. (20) Ryan Briscoe, Honda, 90.
19. (18) Stefano Coletti, Chevrolet, 90.
20. (22) Rodolfo Gonzalez, Honda, 90.
21. (9) Luca Filippi, Chevrolet, 89, off course.
22. (19) Sage Karam, Chevrolet, 89.
23. (6) Charlie Kimball, Chevrolet, 87.
24. (16) Takuma Sato, Honda, 60, contact.

NASCAR Camping World Truck

Saturday
At Pocono Raceway
Long Pond, Pa.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 69 laps, 0 points, $41,542.
2. (7) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 69, 0, $26,768.
3. (6) Tyler Reddick, Ford, 69, 41, $27,203.
4. (16) Cameron Hayley, Toyota, 69, 40, $21,817.
5. (5) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 69, 0, $16,613.
6. (17) Johnny Sauter, Toyota, 69, 39, $16,279.
7. (12) Timothy Peters, Toyota, 69, 37, $15,725.
8. (14) Matt Tifft, Toyota, 69, 36, $15,475.
9. (15) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 69, 35, $15,420.
10. (1) Erik Jones, Toyota, 69, 35, $18,587.
11. (8) Ben Kennedy, Toyota, 69, 33, $15,281.
12. (11) Mason Mingus, Chevrolet, 69, 32, $15,141.
13. (9) John Hunter Nemechek, Chevrolet, 69, 31, $15,058.
14. (13) Spencer Gallagher, Chevrolet, 69, 31, $15,003.
15. (20) Tyler Young, Chevrolet, 69, 29, $15,284.
16. (18) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 69, 28, $14,953.
17. (10) John Wes Townley, Chevrolet, 68, 27, $14,843.
18. (21) Jordan Anderson, Chevrolet, 67, 26, $14,503.
19. (32) Kyle Martel, Chevrolet, 67, 25, $14,393.
20. (25) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, 67, 24, $12,587.
21. (23) Todd Peck, Chevrolet, 66, 23, $11,921.
22. (30) Norm Benning, Chevrolet, 63, 22, $14,080.
23. (19) Travis Kvapil, Chevrolet, 56, 21, $13,949.
24. (31) Ray Black Jr., Chevrolet, accident, 52, 20, $12,816.
25. (26) Wendell Chavous, Chevrolet, accident, 51, 19, $12,727.
26. (24) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Chevrolet, 49, 18, $11,533.
27. (29) Korbin Forrister, Chevrolet, accident, 24, 17, $11,505.
28. (3) Matt Crafton, Toyota, accident, 13, 16, $12,258.
29. (22) B.J. McLeod, Chevrolet, overheating, 12, 15, $11,229.
30. (4) Brad Keselowski, Ford, accident, 5, 0, $10,729.
31. (28) Justin Jennings, Chevrolet, vibration, 3, 13, $9,229.
32. (27) Caleb Roark, Chevrolet, suspension, 3, 12, $8,229.

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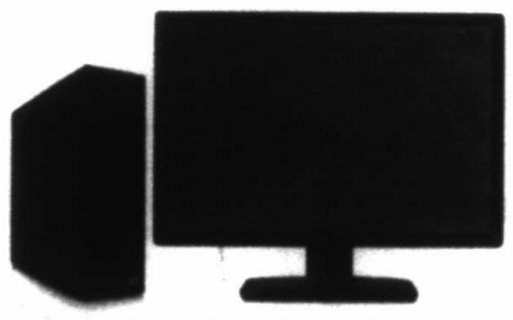

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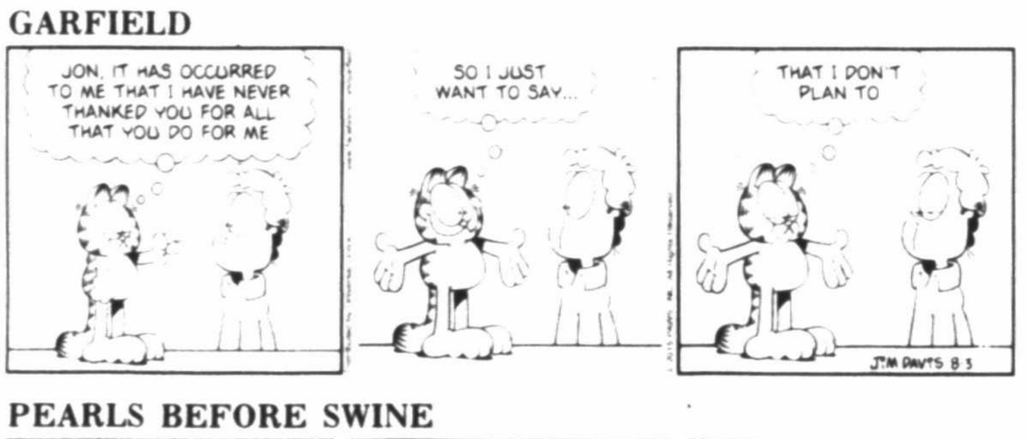

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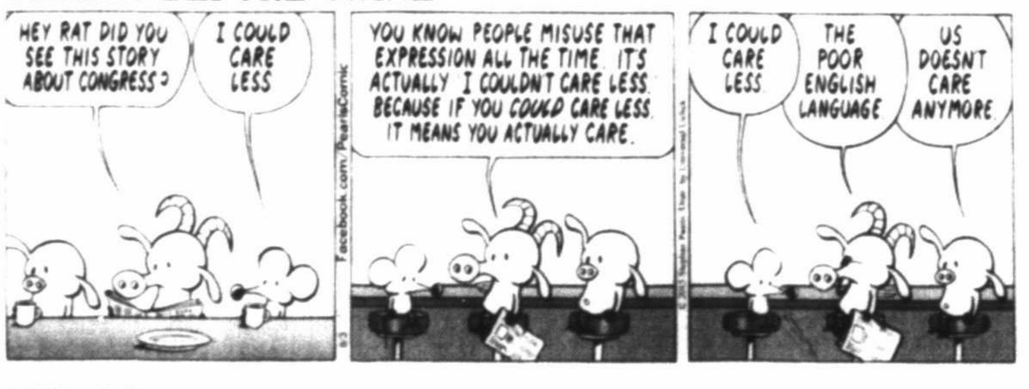

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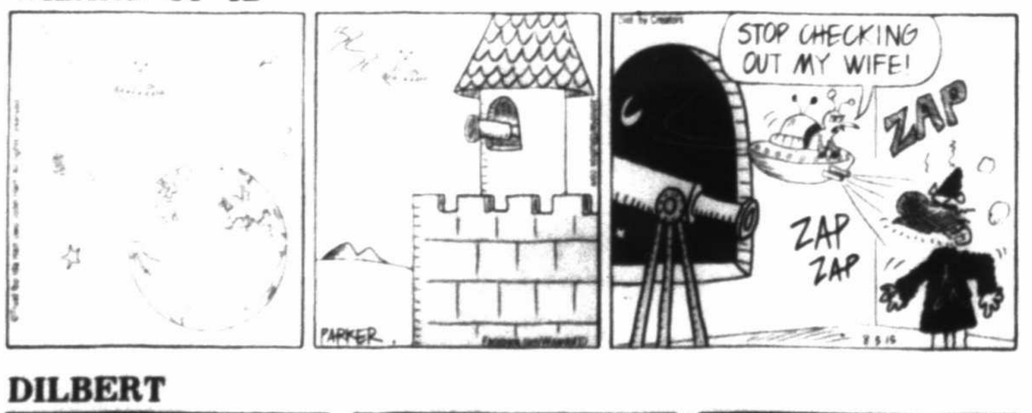

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ZITS

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CLOSE TO HOME

"Well, I'll be. Looks like you've got a snake bite, Medusa."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I ASKED MRS. WILSON IF SHE USED TO BE A MODEL... AND LOOK WHAT SHE GAVE ME!"

LOCKHORNS

"GIVE ME THE BAD CHOLESTEROL FIRST."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"It was there, Mommy, in the mirror! Right between Daddy and me — A REAL GHOST!"

TODAY: Mostly sunny	TUESDAY: Partly sunny	WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny
High: 99 Low: 76	High: 101 Low: 75	High: 102 Low: 77	High: 102 Low: 78	High: 101 Low: 76	High: 100 Low: 75

Local forecast

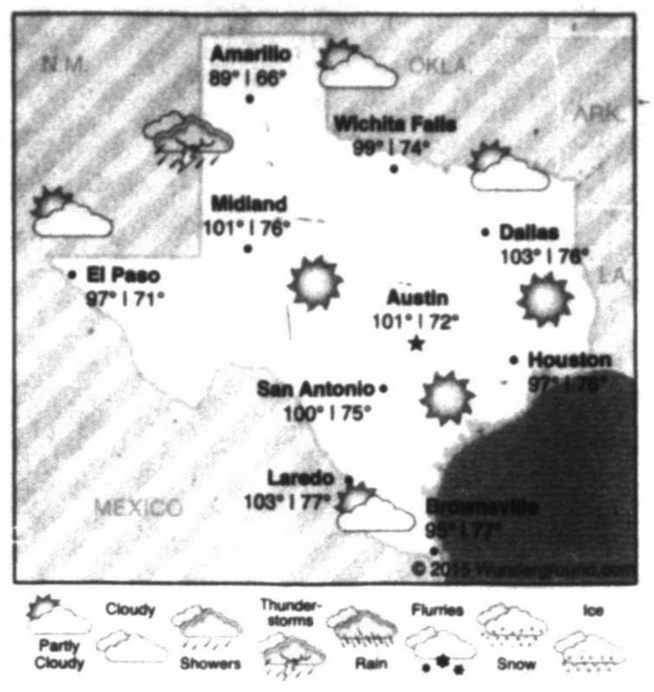
There's a 20 to 30 percent chance of showers early today and Tuesday morning and tonight and Tuesday night, according to the National Weather Service. The high temperatures this week will hit triple digits, while the lows will be in the high 70s.

The high on Sunday reached 99, while the low was 72. The record high for Aug. 2 is 106 set in 2012, 1944 and 1936. The record low is 61 set in 1973, 1971 and 1936. On Aug. 2 of last year, the high was 87 and the low was 70.

National forecast

Humidity will rise today as moisture flows into the Northeast from the south. Above average temperatures, combined with the humidity and a passing cold front, will bring a risk of strong storms from Burlington, Vermont, to Pittsburgh. The biggest threats with these storms will be flash flooding and damaging wind gusts.

The same front will stall across the Ohio Valley to the Plains, providing some lift for isolated, but not severe, thunderstorms. Across the Great Lakes and upper Midwest, cooler and less humid air from Canada will stream in behind the front.



Precipitation

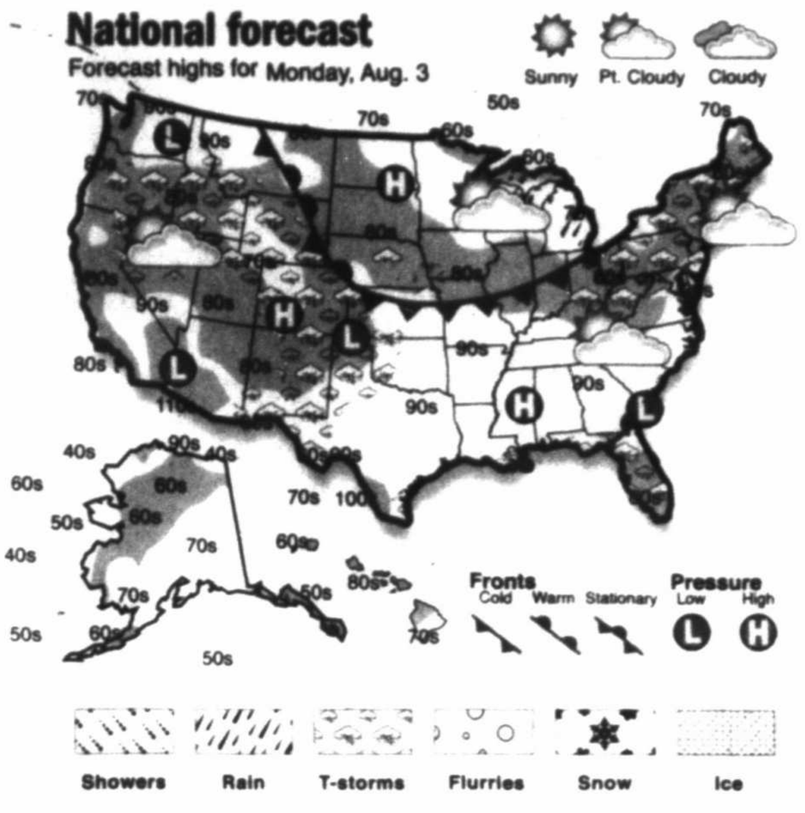
Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	13.00 in.
Normal total (year to date)	8.00 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	99
Low	72
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	7:05 a.m.
Sunset	8:44 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Aug. 3



Lesbian mom's son hesitates to accept new kids as siblings

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 am a 22-year-old male and my brother, "Brian," is 14. When I was 9, our parents split up. After a year, Mom realized she was a lesbian. She is married now to a younger woman, and they are starting a family through in vitro fertilization. Mom's wife is carrying twins — a boy and a girl.

When I first heard about their plans to conceive, I was devastated. After a few months, Mom and I were able to reconnect and talk about it. I'm happy they're happy, but I'm still uncomfortable with the situation. When the children are born, I am unsure how I will be known. Mom says Brian and I will have "a sister and a brother."

Brian is excited that he will no longer be the youngest. But at my age, as a business owner and in a serious relationship, I prefer to consider Brian my sibling, not the twins. I will love the babies because they are connected to me, but I'm leaning toward being called their uncle or cousin because the twins will not be my blood relations.

I guess I'm "old school," and with all the changes I've experienced in my life I'm not sure I want all of a sudden to say I have new siblings. Is this OK? — FINDING MY WAY IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR FINDING: I don't think you have to announce anything when your mother's children are born. As long as your relationship with them is a loving one, I don't think the "label" matters.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Patrick," and I have been dating for a year and a half. He's an incredibly sweet guy who treats me right. My family loves him and his family loves me. I can't see myself being with anyone else.

The problem is, he's very stubborn about certain things — like his health. It's a constant battle to get him to go to the doctor or dentist. I worry about him sometimes when he is ill. When he insists he doesn't want to see a doctor, it makes me feel like he doesn't care about making sure he's healthy enough to spend the rest of his life with me.

Patrick is my first serious boyfriend, so I'm not sure if this is just a "guy thing" or if it's just HIS problem. Am I wrong to be upset that he cares so little about his health, or should I let him be? — PROACTIVE IN LOUISIANA

DEAR PROACTIVE: You appear to be wrongly attributing your boyfriend's reluctance to see a doctor or dentist to a personal rejection. It may be a "guy thing" — or there may be other reasons for it. Have you asked him if he even has a health care provider he could contact, whether he has insurance to cover it, or whether he is afraid of doctors? Some people are — and the same goes for dentists.

It's important that you know what you're dealing with. Until you understand the reason for his resistance, you won't be able to help him resolve the problem.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

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

♠ A J ♡ A K 6 ◇ K 4 3 2 ♣ Q J 4 3

Right-hand opponent opens two spades, weak. What call would you make?

A — You have a spade stopper and acceptable values for a two no-trump overcall, but a no-trump overcall is usually wrong when short in their suit. Double, instead, for takeout.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 7 ♡ A K 10 8 2 ◇ Q 2 ♣ A Q 9 3

As dealer, what call would you make?

A — Some good players would open two no-trump with this semi-balanced hand worth about 20 points. We think that's a poor idea when your suits can be bid easily. Open one heart, planning to rebid three clubs.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 8 6 ♡ 6 ◇ A Q 10 9 7 3 2 ♣ K 7 2

As dealer, what call would you make?

A — It's true that you would open three diamonds without the king of clubs, but there is nothing wrong with having a maximum for a change. Open three diamonds.

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

♠ K 7 3 ♡ A 10 5 2 ◇ K J 2 ♣ Q 3 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♡	Pass

What call would you make?

A — Partner's bid is "new minor forcing," asking about your major suits. Bid two hearts. Should partner show no interest in hearts, bid spades at your next turn.

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, Aug. 3, 2015:

This year you become much more verbal, but others often don't get the gist of what you're saying. Learn to clarify your ideas in terms that suit the person to whom you are speaking. You will relate best on a one-on-one level. Travel, education and/or a foreigner could play a significant role in your year. If you are single, you are likely to attract someone from a very different background from yours. If you are attached, you might be surprised by how much the relationship flourishes. PISCES loves romance as much as you do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You could feel out of sorts until later today. You would be well-advised to play it low-key. Swap ideas, but be sure not to push anyone too hard. Use this time to brainstorm or to do something for you. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Zero in on an important matter. You might not be able to convince a key person of the rightness of your ideas just yet, but trust that you will, given some time. You have the gift of patience; you will need it here. Tonight: Make it early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Assume responsibility when someone else refuses to. An element of fatigue runs through your day. You might not be able to engage others in a conversation as you would like to. Use caution with spending. Tonight: Catch up on news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your mind pushes past certain boundaries, and you'll be able to detach. As a result, you will see matters in a new light. Be willing to let go of self-imposed restrictions. Indulge yourself a little more. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You will be part of a one-on-one conversation. A family member might be hesitant to get feedback. Open the door to a meeting of the minds. You'll be in the mood for a change of pace later in the day. Tonight: Listen to some great music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ No matter what you do, you need to listen to your instincts. Follow through on a personal matter that could affect you financially. An associate might push you hard. Understand your limits. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Tap into your enthusiasm and high energy. Understand that someone could be jealous and acting out. Let it go; don't even consider pursuing a conversation. This person might not be in tune with his or her feelings. Tonight: Frolic into the night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your mind keeps coming up with unusual and creative ideas. With the help of a trusted friend, decipher what will succeed. Focus on an important relationship. Know that you are not in control. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You could be in a position where you will need to deal with stress on a personal level. You might come to the conclusion that there is no other solution than just letting it go. Tonight: Your imagination proves to be a wonderful tool.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You have a way of intuitively knowing what to do next. You could feel as though someone doesn't appreciate or understand the seriousness of a personal matter. Lighten up and note the issue here. Tonight: Happily head home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Deal with a money matter without causing yourself a problem. A boss could be extremely difficult, as he or she might want to have a situation handled a certain way. Be smart, and go along with this person's ideas. Tonight: Return calls.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Today, you'll have an edge over others. How you see a situation could change radically because of a conversation and an interaction. Be aware of your influence, but don't run someone over just to get your way. Tonight: Your treat.

BORN TODAY

Football player Tom Brady (1977), businesswoman Martha Stewart (1941), actor Martin Sheen (1940)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Receives
5 Slide downhill on runners
9 Long stories
14 Water color
15 Frankfurt mister
16 Chat room troublemaker
17 Thanksgiving, casually
19 "Humble" home
20 River through Rome
21 Actress/activist who was Ossie Davis' life partner
23 "Give me __!" start of a Hoosier cheer
24 Becomes slippery, as a road
28 Dirty dishes site
29 Negative aspect
30 Hot chili pepper
32 Parisian summer
33 Wood choppers
35 When repeated, a former breath freshener
36 Hard luck case
38 Crooked craps cube
42 "My bad"
45 __ Nineties
46 Nepalese staple
50 Tres menos dos
51 Finds
55 Doze briefly
56 Alpha follower
58 In the best shape
59 Part of TGIF: Abbr.
60 Anonymous man
62 Storage auction buys
64 Argentine icon played by Madonna
65 "Where Are You!" toon pooch
69 Roman agriculture goddess
70 Quattro automaker
71 Texting button
72 Garbage
73 Film holder
74 Other than that

DOWN

1 1997 Hawke/Thurman sci-fi movie
2 Semiannual astronomical event
3 Many a windmill
4 Sushi bar cupful
5 Hardly outgoing
6 Was in first place
7 Stretch of history
8 Practice session
9 Wild guess
10 Fast food chain known for its roast beef
11 Halloween treats
12 Like firm spaghetti
13 More smooth
18 Guitarist Clapton
22 "Star Trek: Enterprise" network
25 Bambino's home
26 Watched with suspicion
27 Mali neighbor
31 Yale student
34 Digital camera type, for short
37 Poet's "above"
39 Popeye's Olive
40 See socially
41 Salon colorings
42 Topic
43 Bogey, vis-à-vis par
44 Nest egg named for a Del. senator
47 Nonbeliever, to some
48 Moving day stack
49 Show in a television series
52 "Look what I found!"
53 Shaw's "__ and Cleopatra"
54 Ticket part you keep
57 Feeds the kitty
61 Smidge, as of salt
63 Org. at 11 Wall St.
66 Actor's aid
67 Poetic tribute
68 It may be crude

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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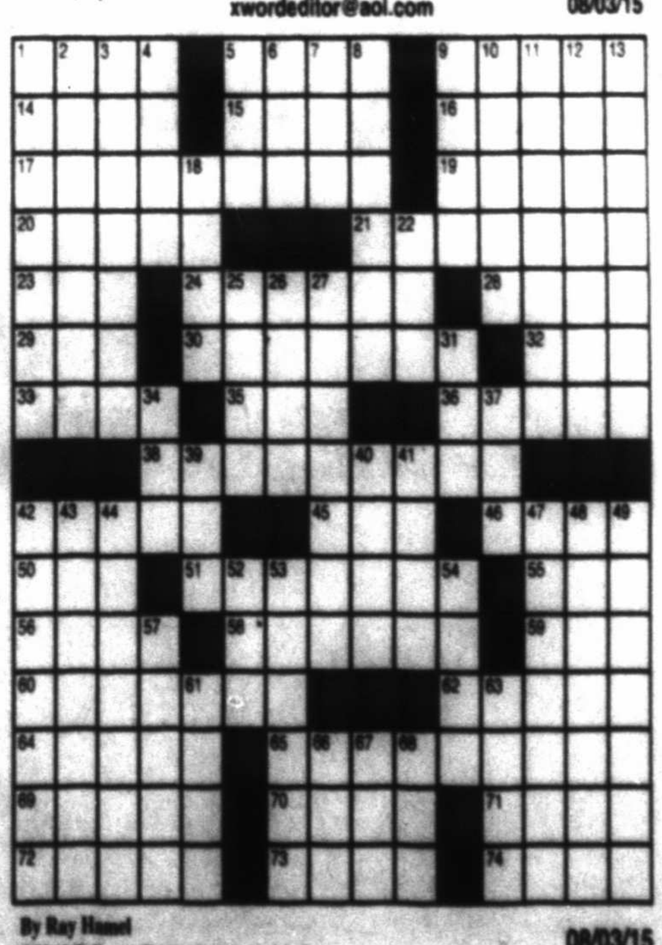

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3. At your place of worship	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. At work	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. At restaurants/eating areas	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. At concerts/movies/lectures	☐	☐	☐	☐
7. At club/social meetings	☐	☐	☐	☐
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3		5						6
	6						8	

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

3	8	5	1	9	7	4	6	2
9	7	6	3	2	4	8	5	1
2	1	4	8	5	6	9	7	3
6	4	1	9	7	3	5	2	8
8	5	2	4	6	1	3	9	7
7	3	9	5	8	2	1	4	6
5	2	8	7	3	9	6	1	4
4	6	3	2	1	5	7	8	9
1	9	7	6	4	8	2	3	5

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