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The EPA has announced new regulations with the intent of slashing carbon emissions. Gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott has vowed to fight the new regulations.

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MPD: Pedestrian killed while crossing Loop 250

Traffic victim's death marks 19th fatality this year on roads in Midland County

By Tyler White
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A male pedestrian died Monday morning after being struck by two vehicles while crossing Loop 250, according to a police officer at the scene.

Midland police and emergency personnel responded about 6 a.m. to the eastbound lanes of Loop 250 near the Midland Drive exit.

The pedestrian, whose identity has not yet been confirmed, was crossing north on Loop 250 when a red pickup hit the man.

That driver stopped and remained at the scene, but the victim was then struck by a dark-colored pickup that did not stop. Police officers are looking for that pickup, according to an officer at the scene.

The officer said the pedestrian was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries.

During the investigation the eastbound lanes between Wadley Avenue and Midland Drive were closed for several hours.

Anyone with information regarding the dark-colored pickup is asked to contact MPD at 685-7108.

This fatality marks the 19th death this year on roads in Midland County, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

The most recent fatality inside Midland County occurred May 27 when a 46-year-old Midland man died after colliding with a

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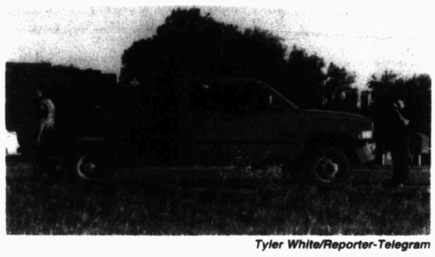
Fatalities by month

January: 5
February: 3
March: 4
April: 3
May: 3
June: 1 (so far)



Tyler White/Reporter-Telegram

Emergency personnel respond after a pedestrian was killed while attempting to cross Loop 250 Monday morning.

Heat wave on the way

NWS: Stay hydrated during this week's hot weather

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Midlanders should expect sizzling temperatures this week as a heat wave moves over much of West Texas.

The National Weather Service issued a heat advisory through Wednesday for areas near El Paso, where triple-digit temperatures will likely break records.

Local meteorologist Brian Curran said Midland's temperatures won't set any records but asked Midlanders to take the heat wave seriously.

"It's still going to be hot," he said.

Today's temperatures will reach a high of between 97 to 99 degrees, said Curran, noting the record for June 3 stands at 111 degrees, set in 1998.

Monday's 100-degree temperature was 8 degrees lower than the record, also set in 1998, according to weather service records. The average temperature for June 2 is 92 degrees.

Wednesday's forecast calls for a high of 102 degrees, with records showing last year's 109-degree temperatures setting the record for that date.

"It's not that unusual to have conditions like this this time of

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Draidyn Gage, 2, stays cool in the shade as he plays with bubbles Monday afternoon.

Hitting 100

High Monday: 100
Average high for June 2: 92
Record high for June 2: 108 in 1998

Later than normal first 100
For only the third time since 2000, Midland recorded its first 100-degree day of the year in the month of June. The mean date for hitting 100 since 2000 is May 16. The latest date to hit 100 was June 18, 2007.

June is hottest of the hot
Think the dog days begin later in the summer? Think again. June is when temperatures push out of control.

- Of the 16 warmest days recorded in Midland, 13 have happened in June.
- Of the nine 110-degree days, seven took place in June.
- The three warmest days in Midland's recorded history took place during a three-day stretch from June 26-28 in 1994.

More 100s to come
The National Weather Service has 100-degree days in the forecast between Wednesday and Saturday.

Restaurants ask customers to keep guns out, don't implement ban

By Cale Ottens
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Sonic Drive-In and Chili's Grill & Bar, national food chains with Midland locations, recently asked gun owners to refrain from bringing weapons inside their establishments.

The companies both said in written statements they want to provide a comfortable atmosphere for patrons, yet the statements fell short of creating an outright ban.

"We're asking that customers refrain from bringing guns onto our patios or into our indoor dining areas," the statement from Sonic Corp. said. "With respect to the storage of guns in vehicles, we ask that our customers continue to honor local laws."

Chili's parent company, Dallas-based Brinker International Inc., released a similar statement.

"We kindly ask that guests refrain from openly carrying firearms into our restaurants and we will continue to follow state and local laws on this issue," the Brinker statement said.

Local managers from both eateries declined to comment further.

The statements were released in response to recent demonstrations by members of the gun-rights group Open Carry Texas. The activists were bearing assault weapons and rifles inside San Antonio locations.

"Recent open carry events at our restaurants and others have prompted passionate and diverse feedback," the Brinker statement said.

Open Carry Texas, on its Facebook page, said it made a mistake by not calling the restaurants before hosting the demonstrations. But the organization later

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Weather
Sunny
97/73
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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$102.47	▼ $0.24
WTI Posted	$99.00	▼ $0.25
WTS Posted	$91.00	▲ $0.95
Natural Gas	$4.612	▲ $0.070
Gasoline	$3.503	▼ $0.013

The big number
In a cervical cancer experiment,
2 out of 9 women
had their tumors disappear entirely. Page 8A.

Today in West Texas Living
Apartment dwellers cook steak dinner without grill. 1B

Coming Wednesday
See a recap of graduation season.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Movie camp: "Despicable Me 2," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleum-museum.org.

■ Storytime 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ "Arthur's World" children's exhibit at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570 5935.

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group meets noon, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP , call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans, first, third and fifth Tuesdays at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m., Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ Parent Quest, for parents of special-needs children, meets 6-8 p.m., First Christian Church. For more information, contact Malissa Roach, SHARE program coordinator, at 349-1069.

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members, 520-4343.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St., 685-7486.

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

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club, 6:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave., 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.

May weather report

Temperature
Average high: 87.4
Average low: 60.2
Average temperature: 73.8
Typical average for May: 73.6
Warmest day: 99 (May 5 and 20)
Lowest low: 43 (May 14)

Precipitation
Rainfall in May: 2.26 inches
Average rainfall in May: 1.74 inches
Days of rainfall: three
Most rain in one day: 1.83 inches (May 25)

Source: National Weather Service

Book signing

Dr. Ben Carson is to be signing copies of his book, "One Nation: What We Can All Do to Save America's Future," 4 p.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N.

Carson, recently retired as the director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital, is a Washington Times columnist and Fox News contributor. He is a former member of the President's Council on Bioethics and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Watering Schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

Source: City of Midland

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-4-9
Pick 3 day: 1-0-1
Pick 3 evening: 2-1-1
Pick 3 night: 7-0-4
Daily 4 morning: 8-5-5-6
Daily 4 day: 4-9-6-1
Daily 4 evening: 7-6-7-4
Daily 4 night: 7-5-5-3
Cash Five: 13-16-17-29-35
Texas Two Step: 17-26-32-35 BB: 4
All or Nothing morning: 2-4-5-6-8-9-13-15-18-19-23-24
All or Nothing day: 2-4-5-10-11-12-13-15-16-19-21-22
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-5-6-8-9-12-14-19-21-22-24
All or Nothing night: 2-4-7-9-10-13-14-15-18-20-21-23

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, June 3, the 154th day of 2014. There are 211 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1888, the poem "Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, was first published in the San Francisco Daily Examiner.

In 1965, astronaut Edward White became the first American to "walk" in space during the flight of Gemini 4.

In 1983, Gordon Kahl, a militant tax protester wanted in the slayings of two U.S. marshals in North Dakota, was killed in a gun battle with law-enforcement officials near Smithville, Arkansas.

One year ago: A sharply divided Supreme Court cleared the way for police to take a DNA swab from anyone they arrest for a serious crime.

Hillcrest School to host annual 'Beach Ball Blast' fundraiser

By Tessa Duvall
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Courtesy photo

Sharel Sims is retiring on June 11 after Hillcrest School's Beach Ball Blast fundraiser.

For all of Hillcrest School's 21 years, Sharel Sims, dean of students, has been right there.

That's 330 students, four locations, 14 graduations, 60 graduates, three accreditation visits and 71 fundraisers, according to Betty Starnes, Hillcrest founder and executive director.

"Through thick and thin, she has been a strong supporter of the school, and first and foremost a champion of children," Starnes said of Sims. "She's been both a disciplinarian and a fun machine."

Sims, who has been with Hillcrest since its founding in 1993, is retiring on June 11 after 35 years in education. She's moving to Arizona to be with her family, but not before this school year's tasks are completed, including one more fundraiser.

Hillcrest will host its Beach Ball Blast benefit 7 p.m.- midnight Thursday at the school, 2800 N. "A" St. The event will feature two live bands, dinner, live and silent auctions, a cigar bar and games.

The 2013 bash netted more than $150,000 to support the school's operating costs, programming and scholarships, Starnes said.

Paige Sumner, Hillcrest director of philanthropy, said money raised at last year's event, in combination with grants and an endowment, allowed the school to award 14 scholarships, which are worth up to 50 percent of a student's total tuition.

"We were able to give out more money last year than we ever have, and that was such a gift to everyone involved, including us, because we never want financial barriers to keep children from getting the education they need in the environment they need it," Sumner said.

Staying for the event is "closure," Sims said.

"I just couldn't leave — not at all — without completing this year and having everything ready for somebody else to come in and at least have a good concept of what the program is about," she said.

Starnes said Sims staying is representative of her "total commitment and love of this school.

"She's definitely put this school first, and she has for 21 years," Starnes said.

When Starnes set out to create a school where children with learning challenges could feel nurtured and learn at their own pace, she said Sims was on board immediately.

"When I decided to do this, she said, 'I'll be right there,'" Starnes said.

Sims said she and Starnes had worked together at another school, and that she felt "very inspired" by Starnes' vision for Hillcrest.

"I really wanted to be a part of that program," she said. "I felt like this was my niche. This is where I wanted to be."

After more than two decades of working together, Starnes said she and Sims have worked "beautifully" as a team.

"It's almost as if our brains have become one," Starnes said. "Because I can say, 'Sharel' and she'll say, 'I know.' Or, 'What are we…' 'I don't know.' It's crazy how we have just melded philosophically and educationally."

Sims said she couldn't chose just one favorite memory from Hillcrest, but she has always enjoyed the school's camping program, which she said began around 2000. The high school students have a retreat at a camp, which gets them active and thinking creatively, she said.

It's difficult to leave the school after so many years, Sims said, but she looks forward to spending time with her grandchildren.

"It went by so fast," she said, reflecting on her career. "It's like it went by in a heartbeat because it's always moving, evolving, and it's such a big rush. It doesn't seem like it's been that long at all."

Beach Ball Blast fast facts

What: Beach Ball Blast party, including live music from 158 Breakdown and GTOs, dinner, live and silent auctions, a raffle, dancing, beach beverages, a cigar bar and games
When: 7 p.m. to midnight Thursday
Where: Hillcrest School, 2800 N. "A" St.
Benefits: Hillcrest School, a non-profit school for students with learning differences. Money raised supports the school's operating expenses, programming, curriculum and scholarships
Cost: General admission is $150 per person, and sponsorship ranges from $500 to $5,000
RSVP: Call Paige Sumner at Hillcrest School, 570-7444

Doctors lean more left, donations show

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Once strongly aligned with the GOP, American physicians are leaning more left, an analysis of campaign contributions over two decades shows.

The first rigorous look at donor doctors also finds they've become increasingly generous, with political contributions surging to almost $200 million in recent years.

An increase in female doctors — who more often than men donated to Democrats — and a decline in physicians working on their own or in small practices occurred during study years. Those changes likely contributed, but reasons for the political shift are unclear, said study co-author David Rothman, a social medicine professor at Columbia University's medical school.

"We've got to stop thinking of physicians as a group as 'solidly Republican.' They are polarized, almost equally divided between Republicans and Democrats," Rothman said.

The study focused on donations of $200 or more to presidential and congressional candidates or political organizations from 1991 through 2012. At the beginning, almost 3 percent of U.S. doctors made contributions, rising to almost 10 percent by the end of the study.

Doctor donations to Republican candidates peaked in the mid-1990s, when almost 75 percent of all MD contributions went to the GOP. Those donations mostly declined after that, to about 50 percent in 2011-12. The exception was in 2009-10 during emergence of the Affordable Care Act, when Republican donations briefly increased.

Donations from non-physicians also increased and tilted more Democratic during the study, but the authors say the MD findings are remarkable for two reasons: they defy the historical image of doctors as a conservative, right-leaning bunch, and political contributions from doctors increased at a greater rate than among the general public.

HEAT WAVE

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year across the Permian Basin," Curran said.

Of the 16 warmest days recorded in Midland, 13 have happened this month, including seven of the nine 110-degree days, according to records.

With four 100-degree days in the forecast between today and Sunday, Curran asked Midlanders to be careful and made the following recommendations:

■ Drink plenty of water, take breaks

With feelings of thirst already indicating mild to moderate dehydration, Curran said to drink plenty of water throughout the day and to avoid sugary drinks, colas, caffeine and alcohol.

"It's not uncommon if you're working to lose one gallon of water an hour if you're really exerting yourself outside," he said. "Stay hydrated — even if you're not thirsty."

For Midlanders working outside on rigs and construction projects, Curran recommends taking breaks in shaded areas.

■ Wear light-colored clothing and sunscreen

With the forecast calling for clear skies this week, Curran advises Midlanders to wear light, loose-fitting clothing and sunscreen with an SPF greater than 50.

"A person's risk of skin cancer doubles if he or she had more than five sunburns at any age," he said.

■ Don't leave kids, pets in cars

Monday's high broke triple digits, which Curran said can easily cause temperatures of 120 to 130 degrees inside closed vehicles.

"Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle," he said, noting nearly 100 Texas kids have died since 1998 because of vehicular heatstroke. "These deaths are completely avoidable.

That's because heatstroke — which causes body temperatures of more than 104 degrees and symptoms such as sweating, nausea, vomiting and flushed skin — happens faster in children.

"If you see a child inside an unattended vehicle, call 9-1-1," he said. "Minutes count."

Record highs

June 2: 108, set in 1998
June 3: 111, set in 1998
June 4: 109, set 2013
June 5: 109, set in 2010
June: 5: 107, set in 1990

Source: National Weather Service

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

New digital music store to cater to theater fans

The digital age virtually wiped out specialty theater record stores, where show-tune lovers could happily browse aisles bursting with cast albums and sheet music. Now some entrepreneurs are hoping to bring back such an experience.

Monday marks the launch of BwayTunes.com, which promises to become the Internet's most comprehensive catalog of digital musical theater music.

The website will have Broadway-related songs, albums and compilations on sale, as well as better ways to search for music, a personal locker to hold all downloads, a player to listen, access to AccuRadio curated Broadway-dedicated radio channels, links to sheet music and several blogs.

The new, ad-supported site is the brainchild of theater marketing professional Jim Russek and Erik Hartog, a Wall Street strategist.

HEALTHBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MMH earns energy efficiency award

The Texas Association of Healthcare Facilities Management recently named Midland Memorial Hospital winner of an energy efficiency competition for large hospitals.

Texas Energy Roundup competitors saved an estimated $1.7 million worth of energy and 20 million gallons of water during last year's competition after improving operational practices, upgrading equipment and changing behavior.

Using the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Portfolio Manager, the hospital collected energy use data in 2011 to develop a benchmark.

"We needed to find out where we were compared to everyone else," said MMH Director of Facilities Antonio Suárez, noting the hospital initially scored low — only eight out of 100.

The hospital hired a consultant to determine ways to improve energy efficiency and invested in equipment upgrades that would provide an eight-year return, Suárez said. Last year the hospital scored a 24.

"We saw a 300 percent improvement," he said.

MMH's goal is to earn the federal government's Energy Star rating — a score of 75. Only 16 hospitals of 360 in Texas currently have the rating, Suárez said.

But it will take time and money, he said, noting the hospital determined it would take $3.5 million worth of infrastructure changes to achieve $1 million a year in savings.

"When you think about the margins the hospital makes in health care, it's not much," Suárez said. "$1 million to the bottom line equates to a lot of revenue the hospital would have produced otherwise."

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Lisa Barnes, 45, of Midland was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Jasmin L. Barrientos, 18, of Midland was charged Sunday with violation of probation.

Gabriel A. Jastal, 25, of Midland was charged Sunday with assault on a family or household member with a previous conviction.

Jose G. Munoz, 38, of Midland was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Anthony R. Sanchez, 25, of Midland was charged Sunday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

GUNS

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said it still feels welcome at each establishment.

"Many of those same franchise owners and managers have reached out to us and said we are still welcome with our guns at their stores," the Facebook page said. "However, out of respect for the corporate request, we have still asked our members not to take their long arms with them."

Sonic and Chili's are not alone. Chipotle Mexican Grill released a similar statement last month, and Jack In The Box, Starbucks and Wendy's have also recently asked patrons to leave their guns outside their establishments.

Jersey Mike's Subs in Odessa, however, is taking the opposite stance.

A sign welcoming concealed handgun licensed holders is posted outside each of the sandwich shop's two entrances.

Mario Betancourt, the restaurant's franchisee and area director, said he respects other businesses that decide to prohibit guns but he will not implement that policy in his stores.

"I feel safer in places where honest citizens are carrying handguns," Betancourt said. "If guys walked in there with their AR-15s on their shoulder, I might say something about that."

Midlander Mark LaCroix has boycotted Midland Park Mall ever since it posted signs banning guns earlier this year, but he said he applauds the statements made by Sonic and Chili's.

"While I respect what the Open Carry folks are trying to do, I believe that it is unfortunately playing out that it is detrimental to those of us who are trying to fight for CHL rights in more places in Texas," LaCroix said.

Sonic and Chili's took "a balanced" approach, he said, meaning neither store implemented an overall ban of guns while they still addressed potential issues with carrying riffles into restaurants.

LaCroix said he would likely be uncomfortable sitting next to another person bearing an assault rifle while he was trying to eat with his wife and two kids.

"I have a hard time finding a place to put my hat when I go to Chili's. I don't know how they're finding a place for those," he said, laughing.

Until the companies ban guns completely, LaCroix said he will continue eating at each establishment.

"I went to Sonic yesterday," he said. "If an establishment doesn't have the sign posted legally, per the laws of the state of Texas, in my estimation, I am still welcome there and I'm still going to go there."

FATALITY

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tractor-trailer on East Loop 250 near Interstate 20.

Monday's incident was the second fatality involving a pedestrian. On Feb. 10, a Midland man was walking west across "A" Street near Texas Avenue when he was hit by the driver of a car heading south.

MPD officer Aaron Smith said that while crossing the loop on foot is not prohibited by law, it is a dangerous situation for pedestrians.

"You have vehicle traveling at highway speeds and they get to you a lot faster than you think they will," Smith said.

Smith also said that a vehicle moving at those speeds takes longer to come to a stop and avoid a collision, and vehicles coming to abrupt stops can create hazards for vehicles traveling behind them.

Texas attorney general plans to fight new EPA rule

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — A federal mandate to slash carbon emissions nationwide could result in another lengthy legal battle in Texas after the front-runner to become the state's next governor said Monday he will fight the effort.

Greg Abbott, the Texas attorney general and Republican nominee for governor, said requirements to cut emissions by 39 percent in Texas would further a federal agenda that has threatened to cut jobs in a booming state energy industry.

The comments put into question how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would force Texas to comply with its new standards if Abbott wins the gubernatorial election in November. The EPA is relying heavily on governors to help develop an emission-cutting strategy within three years but can create its own plan for states that refuse.

Abbott, who has repeatedly sued the EPA as Texas' longtime top prosecutor, appears ready to follow that route if necessary.

"Previous EPA regulations have threatened to eliminate Texas jobs and stifle energy production, an industry at the very core of our state's economy," Abbott said. "Yet the Obama administration is doubling down on their job-killing agenda with this latest proposal."

Under the federal plan unveiled Monday, Texas must meet the carbon emissions goal by 2030 in a move that could further reduce the state's reliance on coal power plants and force the state to develop more alternative energy sources. The EPA's broader plan calls for a 30 percent nationwide reduction.

State officials say they will need to evaluate the effects on consumers and the state's ability to meet demand. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Public Utility Commission and the Railroad Commission of Texas are reviewing the proposal and will provide comments to the EPA.

Texas environmental officials say they are concerned the EPA is using the Clean Air Act and not congressional action to regulate carbon emissions. The TCEQ said in a statement it wanted to balance environmental protection "with a regulatory environment that is fair and predictable."

The EPA outlined several options for states to comply with its Monday announcement, including making power plants more efficient, reducing reliance on coal and investing in more renewable, low-carbon energy sources.

Texas and the EPA have a contentious history.

Earlier this year, the state ended a long legal battle with the federal agency when the EPA gave the state oversight of greenhouse gases permitting. The EPA had taken over the state's greenhouse gas permitting program after Texas refused to comply with new regulations designed to decrease air pollution that is believed to contribute to climate change.

Texas, the biggest emitter of greenhouse gases and industrial pollution in the nation, was the only state that refused to comply, arguing among other things that the regulations would be too costly for businesses. Texas also leads the country in carbon dioxide emissions, pushing out 223 million metric tons in 2012, or 1,298 pounds of the pollutant per megawatt hour. The EPA wants the state to reduce that to 791 pounds per megawatt hour.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which manages the flow of electric power to 23 million Texas customers — representing 85 percent of the state's electric load — said it is evaluating how the proposed regulations may affect generating plants in its region.

"We will work with stakeholders and regulators to identify potential impacts and explore options to maintain electric grid reliability in the future," it said in a statement.

Al Armendariz, a former EPA regional director who was involved in some of the legal fights with the state and now works with the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, said that closing the state's five most polluting plants would eliminate 25 percent of the state's emissions. Closing the top 12 most polluting coal plants would cut 50 percent, he said.

He noted that Texas also leads the nation in wind energy.

"We have to control carbon pollution or we're going to leave a Texas to our grandchildren that looks very different from the one we inherited from our parents," he said.

AP file photo

This 2013 photo shows a Luminant Mining Co. coal mine working in Tatum. Texas has to cut its carbon emission by 39 percent by 2030 under new federal requirements. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced Monday the state has at least three years to develop a plan to reach the reductions.

EPA proposes deep carbon cuts for Texas power plants

By Matthew Tresaugue
Houston Chronicle

Texas must reduce heat-trapping pollution from power plants by 39 percent by 2030 under one of the strongest actions taken by the federal government to combat climate change.

In a sweeping proposal unveiled Monday, the Obama administration set state-by-state targets for cutting releases of carbon dioxide, with the goal of achieving a reduction of 30 percent nationwide from 2005 levels.

The 645-page rule, set to be finalized next year, is a centerpiece of President Barack Obama's climate agenda and could lead to the shuttering of hundreds of coal-fired power plants, the nation's largest source of carbon pollution.

The new regulation would provide states broad flexibility in meeting the president's goals. But the Environmental Protection Agency-written proposal was sharply criticized by top officials in Texas and other states that count on coal as part of their energy supply.

Gov. Rick Perry said the regulations represent the Obama administration's "most direct assault yet" on energy providers and could drive up electricity bills, threaten reliability and lead to job losses. Greg Abbott, the Texas attorney general and Republican nominee to succeed Perry, sounded willing to fight the rule in the court while accusing the president of "doubling down" on a "job-killing agenda."

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy dismissed such concerns, saying the plan is a reasonable way to confront a problem that is touching every corner of the nation, with prolonged drought, more severe heat waves and dying forests, among other symptoms of a warming planet.

"This is not just about disappearing polar bears or melting ice caps," she said at a news conference in Washington, D.C. "This is about protecting our health and our homes. This is about protecting local economies and jobs."

McCarthy said coal would remain one of the nation's leading sources of electricity, providing about 30 percent of projected capacity. But the new rule would encourage states and utilities to modernize plants, improve efficiency and generate more power from sources cleaner than coal, such as natural gas and wind.

Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co., a Houston investment bank, told clients that the increasing use of natural gas already has reduced carbon emissions about 10 percent from 2005 levels, putting the nation ahead of the pace needed to meet the overall target.

But Scott Segal, a lawyer with the firm Bracewell & Giuliani, which represents coal companies, said the most cost-effective cuts in carbon emissions are likely the ones already achieved since 2005.

"What is left on the road to 2030 is increasingly more expensive and less tested alternatives," he said.

The targets vary by state, with those relying the most on coal being allowed to emit more carbon dioxide per megawatt-hour than others. Senior EPA officials said the goals reflect what each state can reasonably achieve by 2030 through greater energy efficiency and use of renewables, among other strategies.

West Virginia, which generates almost all of its energy supply from coal, will be required to reduce carbon pollution by 20 percent. By comparison, Washington state, which relies on hydroelectric power, will be asked to make a 72-percent cut in part because its only coal-fired power plant is already set to retire.

With its 20 coal plants, Texas pumps far more carbon dioxide into the air than any other state, but its energy mix is already moving closer to Obama's goals. Last year, nearly two-thirds of its electricity came from sources other than coal, primarily wind and natural gas.

The EPA plan calls for Texas to reduce the rate of carbon emissions from 1,298 pounds per megawatt hour in 2012 to 791 pounds per megawatt hour by 2030. Environmentalists said the state could achieve the goal by phasing out a few of its dirtiest coal plants, many of which are more than 30 years old.

"There's no state in a better position," said Cyrus Reed, conservation director for the Sierra Club in Texas. "We are national leaders in producing clean, low-cost wind power, and every month we see clean energy powering more and more of our economy."

Under the rule, states would develop their own plans for reducing carbon emissions by June 2016, with a later deadline for those that decide to work together.

The rule also allows states to look beyond each power plant for emissions reductions — a departure from previous EPA rules that have been more like blunt instruments. The different approach reflects the reality that it's all but impossible to meet the overall targets solely with upgraded equipment.

To meet the federal goals, states could create trading programs in which companies could buy and sell pollution credits to comply with tightening limits for carbon emissions — a politically unpopular idea that died in Congress four years ago. States also could impose taxes on climate-altering pollution from power plants, EPA officials said.

"This is not like other power plant rules we've seen in recent years," said Sue Tierney, the assistant secretary for policy in the Energy Department under President Bill Clinton. "It endorses and invites economically efficient options from the states."

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Planning & Zoning sends message to council about lot size

By Joseph Basco
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The Planning and Zoning Commission, asked to make a judgment call on the zoning request for a subdivision expansion with small sized lots, sent a message to City Council members who are opposed to such developments.

The commission unanimously approved the zoning for an expansion of Heritage Oaks, a subdivision in northwest Midland by local developer Mark Payne. The expansion, south of Briarwood Avenue and west of Crowley Boulevard, will contain 15-foot front yard setbacks and 1F3 sized lots, meaning they adhere to a minimum lot size of 5,500 square feet. About 40 percent to 50 percent of the lots will be 60- to 65-feet wide and the rest will be between 75- and 80-feet wide, Payne told commissioners.

City planning staff said they either recommend or don't recommend an item to the commission when they give a briefing. But for Heritage Oaks' zone change, planning staff said it would have to be a "judgment matter" made by the commission and City Council.

"We've been getting a lot of subdivisions lately that have small lots," said Jim Compton, the city's planning division manager. "And we are being directed by the City Council to discourage lots at this size and to work toward neighborhoods with more balanced-sized lots."

Other lot sizes the council would like to see mixed in with 1F3 lots are 1F2 lots and 1F1 lots, which are 7,000 square feet and 9,000 square feet, respectively.

At-Large Councilman Scott Dufford has previously said the council is trying to "put the brakes" on dense subdivisions with small lots. Mayor Jerry Morales previously said the council wants quality neighborhoods for the future, which might mean building larger homes.

Once the public hearing opened, Payne immediately came to the podium to defend his development. Regarding the smaller front yard, he cited the drought and said there will be more back yard space; regarding the 1F3 lot sizes, he said existing streets in the subdivision are meant for lots of that size.

He estimated the home prices to be in the $270,000 to $450,000 range.

"The housing market is still way behind," Payne said. "There's still a couple of years more before we start seeing what might be a balance."

When it came to making a motion for approval, commissioner Jay Norris said subdivisions with small lot sizes have already been approved on Big Spring Street north of Loop 250, adding that Payne's project can't be compared to those. Commissioner Jane Wolf, who seconded the motion for approval, said she wanted to send a message to the council that commissioners, engineering consultants, developers and council members should meet and talk about lot sizes and associated concerns.

"I think the commission's decision will send a message to City Council," Compton said. "We're anxious to hear what their decision will be."

Also at Monday's meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved:

■ A final plat for the first phase of D.R. Horton's Legacy subdivision in west Midland.

Legacy phase one will consist of 119 lots in an area south of Deauville Boulevard and west of what will become Avalon Drive, neighboring Betenbough Homes' Legends Park subdivision.

The first phase will be built in an area that has oil wells in the north and south. Kevin Crosby, a city planner, said the southern well site will become a public park once the well is complete.

■ The final plat of the Commons at Northpark phase two.

The 32,000-square-foot development will be a mirror image of phase one, featuring a strip in the rear and two stand-alone buildings in the front.

The commons at Northpark is a shopping center on Loop 250 between Midkiff Road and Garfield Street that features restaurants and clothing retailers new to the Midland market. Phase one opened in late 2012.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man arrested on aggravated sexual assault charge

A Midland man told police that he did not think a woman running naked from his home was a "sufficient enough no" after he engaged in sexual intercourse with her, according to court documents.

Click

Gary Don Click, 50, was arrested Saturday on a first-degree felony charge of aggravated sexual assault and is being held on a $250,000 bond.

Midland police responded at about 4:30 a.m. Saturday at a convenience store in the 5400 block of Thomason Drive.

The alleged victim told officers that she had been raped and she was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital to undergo a sexual assault exam.

The woman said she had met up with Click for dinner. When they went back to his house, Click became angry with her and then engaged in several forms of sexual intercourse. During the assault, the woman ran naked out of his residence and then he dragged her back in.

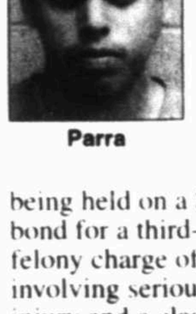
The sexual assault exam found skin tearing indicative of sexual assault, as well as drag marks on the woman's toes and knees, according to the arrest affidavit.

An officer interviewed Click, who confirmed that he did drag the woman back into his residence and further engaged in sexual activity with the woman, but claimed that she never told him no. He also said that he did not feel that her running away from him naked in public was a "sufficient enough no."

If convicted, Click faces five to 99 years in prison.

MPD: Man inhales air duster, injures passenger in crash

A Lewisville man was arrested Friday after a passenger in his pickup was injured in a crash that occurred after he inhaled air duster, according to court documents.


Parra

Eduardo Jose Parra, 17, was being held on a $10,500 bond for a third-degree felony charge of accident involving serious bodily injury and a class B misdemeanor charge of possession or use of an inhalant with volatile chemicals. He posted bond and was released on Saturday.

A Midland police officer responded to a crash with injuries at about 4 p.m. Friday in the 800 block of West Taylor Avenue.

The officer observed a white pickup that had crashed into the back of another pickup. A passenger in the white pickup told the officer that he believed his arm was broken.

He told the officer that the driver, Parra, was "huffing" air duster from a can while driving and crashed into the parked pickup because of the inhalant, according to the arrest affidavit.

The officer found the can at the crash site and learned that Parra had fled the scene on foot, according to the affidavit.

Another officer found Parra in the 1400 block of South Johnston Street. Parra had an injury to his chin and the inside of his mouth. He was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital for treatment before being arrested.

If convicted, Parra faces up to 10 years in prison for the felony.

MPD: Pickup driver purposely hit other vehicles

A Midland man was arrested Thursday after he purposely ran into other vehicles with his pickup, according to court documents.

Christopher L. Woodruff, 36, is being held on a $100,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A Midland police officer responded to a hit-and-run accident at about 10 a.m. Thursday at the intersection of Midland Drive and Andrews Highway.

Woodruff

A man said he was behind a red pickup at the stop light. When the light turned green and the pickup did not move, the driver honked at the pickup and eventually changed lanes to pass the pickup. As he proceeded down Andrews Highway, the red pickup pulled up beside him. The pickup driver then swerved over into the other man's lane, hitting his vehicle.

The officer then responded to the 1200 block of Midland Drive, where the red pickup was involved in a separate crash.

The driver involved in the second crash said the pickup driver, identified as Woodruff, swerved over into the center turn lane and darted over to hit her truck on purpose, according to the arrest affidavit.

Woodruff's pickup had signs of damage based on the drivers' statements, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Woodruff faces up to 20 years in prison.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAN MARCOS

E-cigarettes part of San Marcos public smoking ban

A Central Texas city's ban on smoking in most public places includes e-cigarettes.

The San Marcos City Council last October approved a no-smoking ordinance that began in January on city property.

The ordinance, as defined Monday on the San Marcos city website, includes e-cigarettes and other inhaled vapor devices.

The measure bars smoking in enclosed areas of public places and workplaces, outside within 10 feet of entrances and windows and on city-owned or -rented property. Properties wishing to build outdoor smoking areas had until Sunday to obtain and post permits.

FORT WORTH

School trustee apologizes for 'Muslim' comment

A North Texas school board member has apologized for making disparaging remarks about a recently elected Muslim city council member.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that Keller school district board member Jo Lynn Haussmann had posted comments on Facebook criticizing turnout in recent local elections and saying "YOU NOW HAVE A 'MUSLIM' on the City Council!!! What A SHAME!!!!!"

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OPINION

'Don't do stupid (stuff)' isn't a foreign policy

■ The president's doctrine is about justifying himself

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After 5 1/2 years, President Obama finally has a foreign policy doctrine all his own, which White House aides summarize as: "Don't do stupid sh -- ."

FDR had his Four Freedoms. Harry Truman would stand against the further expansion of communism in Europe. Ronald Reagan would attempt to roll back communism by providing assistance to freedom fighters. Jimmy Carter would use military force, if necessary, to defend American interests in the Persian Gulf. George W. Bush would support the growth of Democratic movements and institutions as an antidote to radicalism.

Obama doesn't do "stupid sh -- ."

Like any good foreign policy doctrine, it has a number of corollaries. "Don't do stupid sh -- ." except calling for Syria's Bashar al-Assad to step down, then doing almost nothing to make it happen — encouraging the creation of a chaotic terrorist haven at the heart of the Middle East. Except drawing a red line against the use of chemical weapons, then rewarding Assad with engagement and legitimacy when he actually used them. Except launching a war for regime change in Libya and then failing to do postwar reconstruction, leading to the creation of another terrorist haven. Except for failing, after a pathetic attempt, to conclude a Status of Forces Agreement with the Iraqi government that might have helped stabilize a key country in a key region. Except for needlessly alienating our Canadian ally by refusing to approve the Keystone XL pipeline for political reasons. Except for initially poisoning our relations with Israel by demanding a settlement freeze. Except for surging troops to Afghanistan while announcing a drawdown date that has encouraged the resistance and patience of the enemy.

The Obama Doctrine has the virtue of simplicity but it defies the rhetorician's art. "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we don't do stupid sh -- ." It is hard to carve the sophomoric and insipid into marble, or to inspire a nation with shrunken ambitions.

The natural result of this foreign policy theory is a speech such as the one Obama recently delivered at West Point. The president does not inspire. He does not persuade. He justifies himself. The world he depicts is a choice between foolhardy extremes. The proper response is not primarily an assertion of American values or the defense of American interests; it is a trust in Obama's own balancing judgment. America will not, as some people hope, invade and occupy every country on earth to impose our imperial will. And we will not, as others urge, enter nuclear bunkers and live as mole people. We will instead act with reason and moderation, employing force only with universal agreement, while morally posturing about Syrian refugees and kidnapped Nigerian girls.

America will lead the global war against straw men; on all other matters, let's not get carried away. It is a message that a foreign policy seminar of academic realists might have hooahed. It was an odd choice for delivery to newly minted Army officers serving in a military currently at war: Put none but the risk-averse on guard tonight.

This purely negative doctrine — America will not assume "every problem has a military solution" or "rush into military adventures" or attack people "to avoid looking weak" — is, above all, a method of political self-justification through the caricaturing of critics. The president's argument can be summarized: Those who think I'm weak want war. If you accept the premise, Obama is beyond criticism. This approach is also a rhetorical distraction from other, more positive but failed foreign policy enterprises. Obama, for understandable reasons, does not want to talk about the "new beginning" in the Middle East, or the "reset" with Russia, or the "pivot" to Asia (as China exposes its emptiness).

The West Point argument, in a narrow political way, works for the president. It also exposes the unctuousness of Obama's strongest foreign policy supporters. A doctrine of risk aversion can only be justified by minimizing the seriousness of global challenges and miniaturizing the role of presidential leadership. Was serial risk-aversion effective in the Syrian crisis? Will it effectively deter Russian adventurism? Will it be sufficient in dealing with the rise of China?

And this is the Obama Doctrine's most serious problem: Its vapidity is evident to leaders around the world, who are even less inclined to trust or fear the United States when determining their own actions. Which is where the doctrine hits the fan.

OUR VIEW

How long will tax money be used to pick winners downtown?

When it comes to downtown, the city of Midland is open for business. We have seen it repeatedly, but this past weekend, we were reminded of the costs the city of Midland is willing to pay to change downtown as we know it.

In Sunday's edition, Business reporter Cale Ottens offered a list of public assistance provided to Wall Street Lofts developers. For the parking garage there was around $5 million, a figure that was previously reported.

What had not been reported before was the $1.2 million in waived fees, TIRZ donated land, incentives provided and overhead costs shared. Ottens wrote that the Midland Development Corp.'s contract with developers says "such parking garage improvements shall be revised so that the costs of such construction shall not exceed $5,000,000 ($5 million), unless MDC, in its sole discretion, agrees to increase the construction budget for the Parking Garage Property to an amount that includes the additional costs of construction over $5,000,000." So, $6.2 million may not be a final number.

As was the case with Energy Related Properties — developers of Energy Towers at City Center — we don't begrudge developers for getting anything and everything they can. They are looking after their bottom line.

And we can't wait to see what the Lofts and Energy Towers mean for downtown. That type of investment has to bring a return all Midlanders can enjoy, right?

Our question today is: How far are we willing to go for downtown development? We read comments from a Lofts' developer that another project could require more city incentives to make the project viable.

Some people have said these projects are in the name of downtown revitalization. In our view, when valuations downtown are the highest they have ever been, revitalization isn't a legitimate concern.

Others say projects like this take the burden off homeowners. In our view, the tax increment reinvestment zone (TIRZ) set in place more than a decade ago put a cap on how much relief those homeowners will see. Instead, these extra funds go into a TIRZ fund, which, thanks to the Energy Towers project, will not be discontinued anytime soon. The residential property owner will just have to wait to be relieved of that burden.

There is the argument — repeated this weekend by a city official — that the money for incentives is just sales tax. This argument makes it sound as if sales tax collected doesn't have the value of property taxes. This is failed thinking. Just because sales tax money doesn't always come from Midlanders doesn't mean it shouldn't be used for our greatest needs.

We hope that moving forward the city will rethink its downtown development strategies. Stop building multi-million-dollar parking garages that will not be on the tax rolls. Be specific about when the TIRZ will end so we know when those millions of dollars will go to taxing entities and not kept in a downtown funding source. Be clear that it's time homeowners should no longer be burdened with that shortfall. Send a message that these quality-of-life projects would be better served in all parts of Midland (not just downtown), and let the private sector determine the winners and losers.

Lastly, we need community leaders to specifically address what is in the best interest of a growing community when it comes to sales tax revenue. We believe there is a responsibility to use sales tax money to deal with the community's growth.

What we know now is that if the city continues to offer these development packages, developers will come.

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Prisoner swap may prove to be a mistake

■ Deal to bring home Sgt. Bergdahl could be a bargain with the devil

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Euphoria over the Taliban's release of Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl was quickly tempered by media reports that Bergdahl had abandoned his post and that his father made comments opposing the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bergdahl's father tweeted, "I am still working to free all Guantanamo prisoners. God will repay for the death of every Afghan child."

Does that include those children killed while being used as human shields by the Taliban? Where is Bergdahl's concern for women who die from "honor killings" and for girls who are denied an education?

The up-front cost of this "prisoner exchange" is the release of five terrorists from the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay. Future costs could be much higher. Not to mention the fact that news of the controversial exchange knocked reports on the VA fiasco right off the front pages. Was this partly the administration's intent?

Official U.S. policy has been "we don't negotiate with terrorists." Except when we do. Sgt. Bergdahl, America's only prisoner of war, was reportedly in failing health after more than five years in captivity and negotiations to secure his release were urgent and laborious, but freeing five dangerous men to secure the release of one soldier could very well put this country in increased danger. What should we have done? It depends upon the outcome one is seeking. If rescuing one man is paramount, then any price is worth it. But if that rescue leads to the deaths of others, as is likely, then the price is too high.

In a joint statement following President Obama's announcement of the terrorists' release, House Armed Services Committee Chairman Howard P. McKeon, R-Calif., and Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., the ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, spoke of "... consequences for the rest of our forces and all Americans. Our terrorist adversaries now have a strong incentive to capture Americans."

The five terrorists include two senior militant commanders alleged to have been implicated in murdering thousands of Shiites in Afghanistan. The five have been shipped to Qatar. President Obama says the Qatari government has assured him they will be subjected to security restrictions and won't be a threat to the U.S. How does he know this? Even in a "moderate" Muslim state like Qatar, Islamic blood is thicker than the "water" of infidels.

The prisoner release is another in a growing list of executive actions that bypass Congress, which has imposed strict statutory restrictions on moving detainees out of Gitmo. These include a determination by the secretary of defense that any transfers are in America's national security interests; that procedures are in place to substantially mitigate any future threats by the terrorists and most importantly, that Congress receives notification 30 days before any planned release. Congress received no such notice. Once again, President Obama has circumvented the law.

The track record of previous terrorist prisoners released from Gitmo is not a reason for confidence. According to a recent U.S. intelligence report, 603 prisoners have been freed from Guantanamo; 100 of them are confirmed to have returned to terrorism, and another 74 former inmates are suspected of returning to terrorism.

Wayne Simmons, a former CIA operative, told Foxnews.com what he observed during several visits to Gitmo: "These guys come in wounded, they take care of their wounds. No limbs? We give them brand new prostheses. Turn them loose, guy goes home, picks up arms and uses that leg to help kill us."

Brigadier General Jay Hood, who once ran Gitmo, confirmed this scenario in testimony before a House panel in 2005. About a detainee named Abdullah Mehsud, Gen. Hood said, "He came to us without one leg ... we fitted him with a prosthetic leg before he left while in U.S. custody." The cost was reported to be between $50,000 and $75,000. After his release, Pakistani officials say he directed an attack in Pakistan that killed 31 people. Two months later he blew himself up to avoid capture.

Radical Islamists are serious about killing in pursuit of their extreme objectives. Releasing their soldiers can only embolden them to take more Americans hostage. The deal for Sgt. Bergdahl may well turn out to have been a bargain with the devil.

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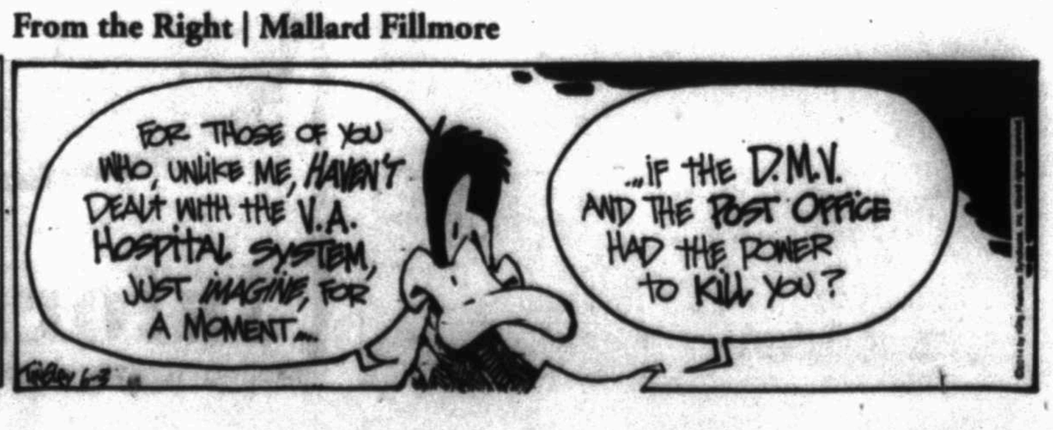


Justices reject reporter's bid to protect source

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

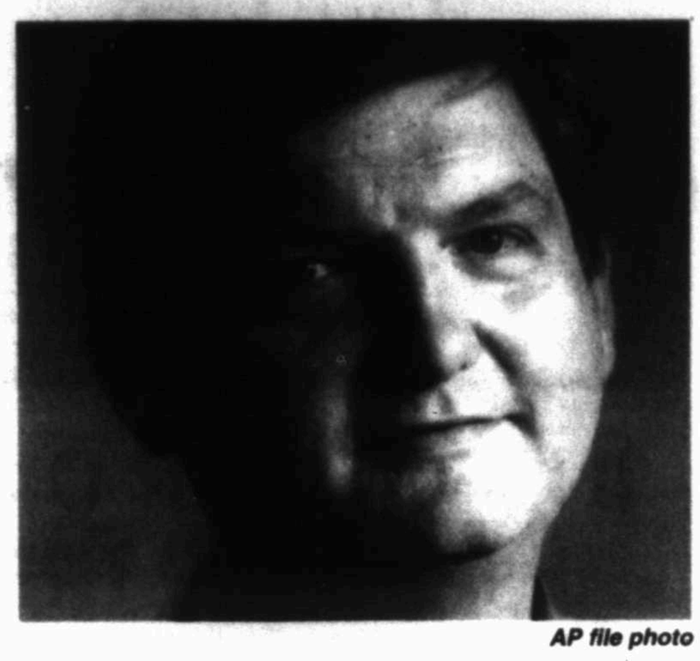
WASHINGTON — A reporter who has been ordered to divulge the identity of the source of classified information lost his bid Monday to get the Supreme Court to clarify whether journalists have a right to protect their confidential sources.

Without comment, the justices rejected an appeal from New York Times reporter James Risen to revisit the court's 42-year-old ruling that has raised questions about journalists' ability to shield from public view the names of people who tell them government secrets.

Risen detailed a botched CIA effort during the Clinton administration to thwart Iran's nuclear ambitions. His reporting is at the center of criminal charges against former CIA officer Jeffrey Sterling of disclosing government secrets.

Federal prosecutors want to force Risen to testify about his sources at Sterling's trial, but Attorney General Eric Holder has suggested that the Justice Department could find a way to defuse the situation and not subject Risen to time in jail should he refuse to testify as ordered.

Notes from a meeting with journalists last week taken by Associated Press General Counsel Karen Kaiser show that Holder said, "as long as I'm the attorney general, no reporter who is doing his or her job will go to jail. As long as I'm attorney general, someone who is doing their job will not get prosecuted." Department officials later added that Holder wasn't referring to any specific case.



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This undated photo released by Columbia University shows New York Times reporter James Risen in New York. Risen, who has been ordered to testify at the trial of a former CIA officer accused of disclosing classified information lost his bid Monday to get the Supreme Court to clarify whether journalists have a right to protect their confidential sources.

Risen argued that he has a right to protect his sources' identities, either under the Constitution or rules governing criminal trials. The federal appeals court in Richmond, Virginia, had rejected Risen's bid to avoid being forced to testify.

His Supreme Court appeal came amid a debate over where to draw the line between national security and press freedoms. The Obama administration has been more aggressive than its predecessors in pursuing leaks of government secrets, including reviewing journalists' phone and email records and seeking to compel reporters to testify. The Associated Press was the target of one such records effort.

Joel Kurtzberg, an attorney for Risen, said Monday that prosecutors must now decide whether they will force the issue.

"The ball is now in the government's court. It can elect to proceed in the Sterling trial without Jim's testimony if it wants to. If they insist on his testimony and Jim refuses to testify, the court will need to have a hearing to determine if Jim is in contempt and, if so, what the consequence of that will be," Kurtzberg said.

"We are considering the next steps in this case," Justice Department spokesman Brian Fallon said after the court's action.

Disclosures of subpoenas for the records and testimony prompted Congress to revive a proposal for a national media shield law, similar to laws in place in most states, which would afford a measure of protection to reporters and news media organizations from being required to reveal the identities of confidential sources. But it would not grant an absolute privilege to journalists.

The last time the Supreme Court weighed in on reporters and confidential sources was in 1972, when the court held 5-4 in Branzburg v. Hayes that that nothing in the First Amendment protects reporters from being called to testify before grand juries.

But one of the justices in that majority, Lewis Powell, wrote a concurring opinion suggesting that maybe the court's holding was not as absolute as it sounded. Powell said courts would consider the competing claims of prosecutors and journalists case by case, and called judges to strike "a proper balance between freedom of the press and the obligation of all citizens to give relevant testimony with respect to criminal conduct."

The Richmond appeals court majority relied on the 1972 decision to side with prosecutors against Risen. It ruled 2-1 last year that Risen could be ordered to testify because he "can provide the only first-hand account of the commission of a most serious crime indicted by the grand jury — the illegal disclosure of classified, national security information by one who was entrusted by our government to protect national security, but who is charged with having endangered it instead."

The dissenting judge also invoked Powell's opinion to conclude that the case is "about as clear as mud."

Earlier, a judge had said Risen could be questioned about the accuracy of his journalism but could not be forced to divulge any confidential sources.

Risen has refused to speak with government attorneys about his sources, and he didn't testify before the federal grand jury that indicted Sterling in 2010 on charges of unauthorized retention and communication of national defense information, unauthorized conveyance of government property, mail fraud and obstruction of justice.

Justices: Treaty can't be invoked in assault case

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A unanimous Supreme Court ruled Monday that prosecutors may not rely on an international chemical weapons treaty to convict a woman who attacked her husband's mistress.

The justices threw out the conviction of Carol Anne Bond of Lansdale, Pa., who was prosecuted under a 1999 law based on the chemical weapons treaty. Bond served a six-year prison term after being convicted of using toxic chemicals that caused a thumb burn on a friend who had become her husband's lover.

The intent of the chemical weapons treaty was to prevent a repeat of the use of mustard gas in World War I or toxic weapons in the Iraq-Iran war in the early 1980s, not "an amateur attempt by a jilted wife to injure her husband's lover," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote for the court.

Roberts contrasted John Singer Sargent's massive painting, "Gassed," with its depictions of men who have been blinded by mustard gas, with Bond's actions. "There are no life-sized paintings of Bond's rival washing her thumb," he said.

Pennsylvania laws are sufficient to deal with threats posed by a woman in a love triangle, he said.

"In sum, the global need to prevent chemical warfare does not require the Federal Government to reach into the kitchen cupboard, or to treat a local assault with a chemical irritant as the deployment of a chemical weapon," Roberts said.

Doctors use immune therapy against cervical cancer

By Marilynn Marchione
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Two years ago, Arrica Wallace was riddled with tumors from widely spread cervical cancer that the strongest chemotherapy and radiation could not beat back. Today, the Kansas mother shows no signs of the disease, and it was her own immune system that made it go away.

The experimental approach that helped her is one of the newest frontiers in the rapidly advancing field of cancer immunotherapy, which boosts the body's natural ways of attacking tumors.

At a conference in Chicago on Monday, doctors also reported extending gains recently made with immune therapies against leukemia and the skin cancer melanoma to bladder, lung and other tumor types.

The cervical cancer experiment was the first time an immune therapy has worked so dramatically against a cancer caused by a virus — HPV. In a pilot study by the National Cancer Institute, the tumors of two out of nine women completely disappeared and those women remain cancer-free more than a year later. That's far better than any other treatment has achieved in such cases.

Doctors are trying it now against throat, anal and other cancers caused by HPV, the human papillomavirus, and think it holds promise for cancers caused by other viruses, too.

This is "very, very exciting," said Dr. Don Dizon of Massachusetts General Hospital, a women's cancer specialist who didn't have a role in the study.

Wallace lives in Manhattan, Kansas, west of Topeka, and was 35 when her cervical cancer was discovered. It spread widely, and one tumor was so large it blocked half of her windpipe. Doctors said she had less than a year to live, but with sons 8 and 12, "I couldn't give up," she said.

She enrolled in the study, and researchers removed one of her tumors, isolated special immune system cells that were attacking it, multiplied them in the lab and gave billions of them back to her in a one-time infusion. They also gave her drugs to boost her immune response — "like Gatorade for the cells," she said.

"It's been 22 months since treatment and 17 months of completely clean scans" showing no sign of cancer, Wallace said.

The second woman to have a complete response has been cancer-free for 15 months so far, said one study leader, Dr. Christian Hinrichs of the Bethesda, Maryland-based cancer institute.

"There's no way to know" if the results will be permanent, he said.

A third woman had tumor shrinkage that lasted three months. The other six women did not respond to treatment and researchers are attempting to determine why.

Doctors are trying the treatment on several dozen more women with advanced cervical cancer and it could someday be offered at many cancer centers the way bone marrow and stem cell transplants are now.

Many private companies are pursuing other treatments that are given like drugs aimed at the immune system.

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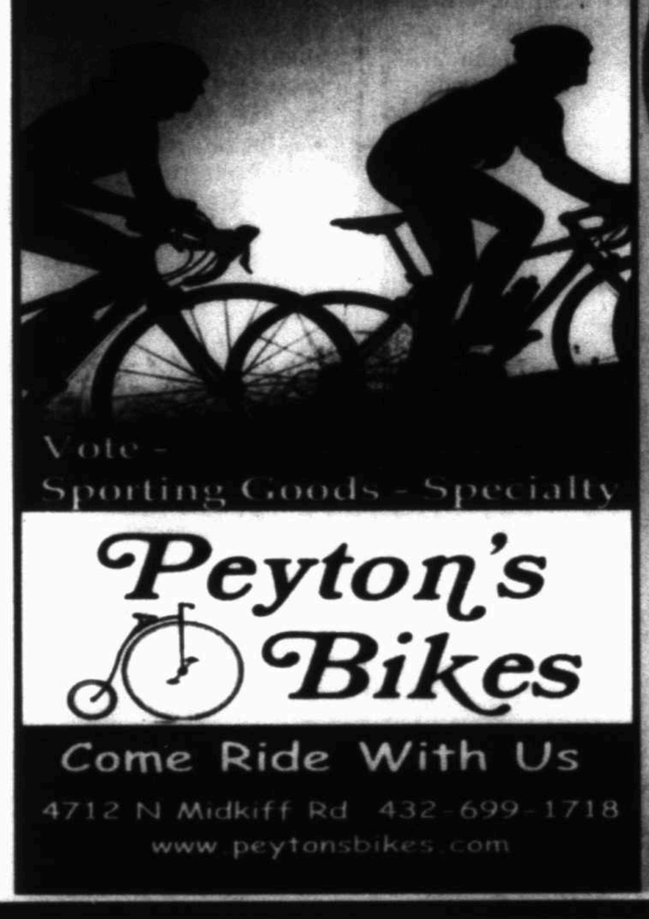
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Midlander creates handmade cards, craft projects with quilling

■ Beth Clark recently won first-place ribbon in quilling competition at national conferenc

By Megan Lea Buck
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Beth Clark puts on her glasses as she sits down at a makeshift craft desk in a bedroom of her Midland home. She picks up a long strip of dark brown paper, tears the ends and threads it into a needle. Twisting the handle on her needle, she winds up the paper into a tight coil, then releases it into a circle-form template, watching it slowly loosen. She picks up the circle and pinches one end and then the other, making a marquee shape, before she carefully dabs glue onto the open end of the paper. This tiny paper shape will work itself into the elaborate design of a hand-made card, gift-tag or ornament one day, but for now, Clark sets it aside on her workspace.

The paper craft Clark has been practicing for about 1 1/2 years is called quilling, or paper filagree. It likely dates back to the 13th century when manuscript edges were curled around feather quills and used to decorate religious artifacts, according to the North American Quillers Guild.

Now quillers use the craft to embellish cards, gift tags and boxes, create framed art and make three-dimensional objects such as ornaments and keepsakes.

Clark began quilling after she found a kit for a project at a craft store.

"I was a scrapbooker originally and I was in Hobby Lobby looking for something — anything really — to inspire me in scrapbooking and I came across this little snowflake kit and I thought, 'Well, this is interesting,'" she said.

She bought the kit and a quilling needle, and went home to begin the project. More than a year later, Clark still has the

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Courtesy photo

Beth Clark displays some of the quilling projects she's made.

COLOR DASH 5K

Runners participate in Color Dash 5K run Saturday morning at Scharbauer Sports Complex. The race benefited The Life Center.

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KNIFE FORK

This week's columnist is James Cannon.
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Apartment dwellers cook impressive steak dinner without grill

If you're like many new Midlanders flocking to the city with the lowest unemployment rate in the nation, you probably live in an apartment. With apartment life comes economies of scale and storage space issues. It also means adhering to a different set of rules than those living in a single-family unit — most notably the limitations on owning and operating a grill.

Most complexes have rules about using open flames on covered patios, multi-floored units and sometimes at all. Because of the onerous restrictions, the modern chef must be innovative. Burgers, pork loins, chickens and sausages are the easy enough to cook without a grill, but a steak, that is a different issue.

It's hard to replicate the perfection of a grilled steak without actually using a grill. But if you use a large cast iron skillet, with the right seasonings and the proper temperatures, you not only can cook a steak to perfection but make it even better than if you were to use a gas or charcoal grill — think Ruth's Chris style cuisine.

After months of honing my cast iron skillet skills, I recently hosted a dinner party and served steak au poivre, twice baked mashed potatoes and steamed broccoli.

Potatoes

Bake potatoes on 400 for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and make several knife indentations across the potato. Place the potatoes back in the oven and cook for about another 30 minutes.

Remove the top of each of each of the potatoes. Do not discard. Scoop out the majority of the potato material into a bowl. Add milk, butter, salt, pepper and garlic (if desired). Some people prefer sour cream over milk, but essentially make mashed potatoes however you prefer.

Once the potatoes are mashed and mixed scoop back into the potato skin and top with bacon and shallots. Place potato lids on top of mixture and bake for 15 minutes.

Remove and discard the lids. Top with cheese and serve.

Broccoli

Rinse broccoli and cut into bite-size pieces. Place into a metal colander.

Add a couple cups of water to a large pot and bring to a boil. Place colander inside the the pot and cover with a lid.

Let steam until desired tenderness.

Serve with butter if desired.

Onions and Mushrooms

Cut onions into 1/2-inch thick slices. Dice mushrooms into bite-size pieces.

Place a skillet on medium-high heat. Add butter, garlic, fresh rosemary, fresh oregano and fresh thyme. Place onions and mushrooms in the skillet and saute until tender.

Add Worcestershire sauce and several

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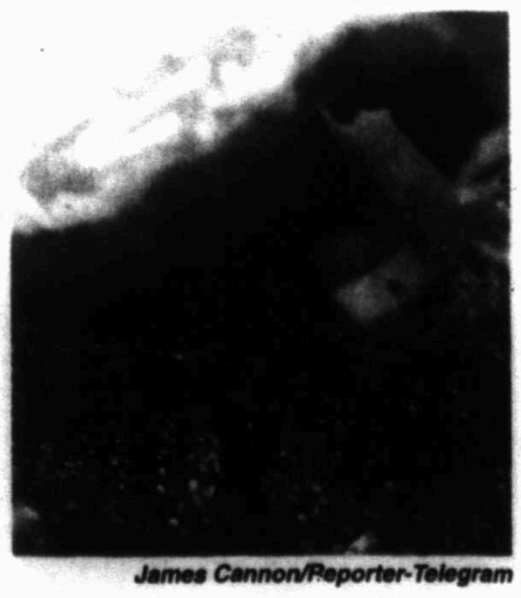

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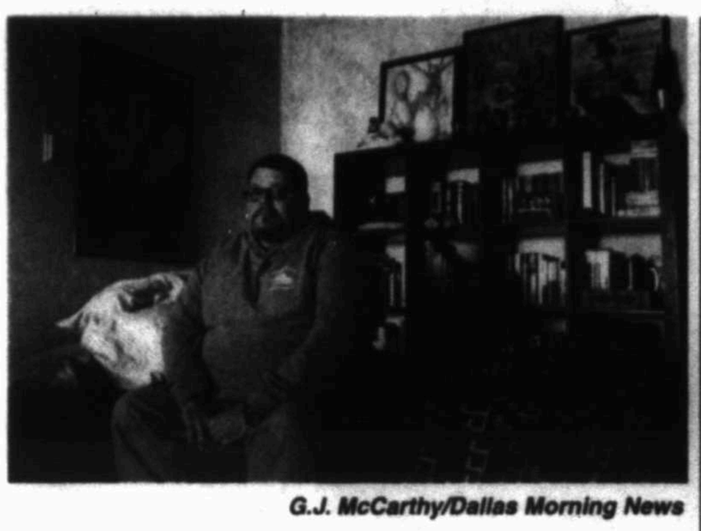
Steak au Poivre, twice baked mashed potatoes and steamed broccoli.



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Andrew Berko has been sleeping on a bed in the living room of his sister's north Dallas apartment for the last month. Berko, 44, found himself homeless earlier this year after a car wreck and the loss of a job. A veteran of the U.S. Navy who was honorably discharged, Berko is unable to keep his soon-to-be service dog, Samantha, at the apartment.

Soldiers, veterans pets no longer disposable

By Marc Ramirez
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — When a car crash sidelined Andrew Berko, he'd suddenly lost the linchpin holding his life together.

With his vehicle gone, the disabled Navy vet before long had lost his job as a hardware technician, then much of his savings and finally his home. With nowhere to go, he and Samantha, his beloved 5-year-old pit bull, left Pennsylvania and came to Dallas to live with Berko's sister.

Unfortunately, his sister's apartment lease terms didn't allow for dogs. That's when Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet, a nonprofit based near Waco, came to the rescue.

The 9-year-old agency has a nationwide network of homes willing to foster dogs for military veterans and service members, as well as a budding sanctuary in Gatesville — just west of Waco — for those times when a foster family can't be found.

"I'm truly blessed," Berko, 44, told The Dallas Morning News. "If I couldn't have gotten her here with me, I'd probably be living somewhere under a bridge. That dog has helped me through a lot emotionally. I've been through a lot, and my dog has been with me."

Samantha is now with Kay and Mike Smith, a Denton couple with a history of dog care and involvement with dog rescue groups. The Smiths picked Samantha up about a month ago from the boarding facility where Guardian Angels had temporarily placed her and took her home to meet their three other dogs — including two other pit bulls.

"Samantha just fit right in like a piece of a puzzle," Kay Smith said. "We just have a place in our hearts for pitties."

Since launching in 2005, Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet has found foster homes for more than 600 animals. More than two dozen pets are living with foster families across the U.S., two of them in Texas.

As a teen, agency CEO and founder Linda Spurlin-Dominik accompanied her dad, a World War II Army vet, on his VA hospital visits. As soon as she turned 21, she joined the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and became a lifelong volunteer. In 2005, she was living in Hot Springs, Arkansas, when she heard about an Ohio soldier anxiously seeking someone to care for his dog.

"He didn't have anybody to care for his pet," she said. "He was down to having to surrender it."

Spurlin-Dominik offered to take in the dog, but at the last minute someone in the soldier's hometown of Toledo stepped up. Still, she knew others had to be facing similar situations and started researching.

She found accounts of hundreds of dogs euthanized when their owners, deployed abroad, were unable to find them proper homes.

That's how Guardian Angels for Soldier's Pet was born, aiming to create a network of foster homes. Then Spurlin-Dominik thought: What if we can't find a home when we need one?

That led to the notion of a sanctuary that could temporarily house the dogs. When she couldn't nail down a property in Arkansas, an associate in Texas suggested a site near Fort Hood, where many of Guardian Angels' clients were based.

The organization now has nearly 15 acres in Gatesville. It hopes to eventually add a number of features that include a recreational park space for vets and their families and gardens honoring fallen soldiers, public servants and service dogs. All together they hope to raise $500,000 for the project.

Its latest endeavor is a facility to train dogs as companion animals for vets dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder, which Spurlin-Dominik hopes to open by year's end.

"We wanted to come up with different ways of honoring and supporting military veterans in more ways than just their animals, though that's still our primary goal," she said.

Finding foster homes for displaced pets is still Guardian Angels' driving mission.

Guardian Angels aims to match pets with the right environment, depending on the animal's age and what it's used to. About 2,000 willing foster homes are registered throughout the U.S.

Foster families keep the owners updated on their pet's welfare, texting or posting photos or creating Facebook fan pages that soldiers often continue when they return.

"Our fosters are very good," Spurlin-Dominik said. "They're doing more than just taking care of a dog. They're building relationships. Each becomes part of the other's family."

One California family has fostered nine pets in seven years. "In between, they'll play grandma or grandpa for a dog they've fostered in the past," she said.

Spurlin-Dominik fosters dogs when she can, including two stints as foster mom for a pair of dogs belonging to Nancy Emma, an Army chief nurse deployed to Afghanistan.

"She saved my life twice," said Emma, of San Antonio. "It would have killed me to put them in the pound — that's where I got them from, never mind having to put them back. I wouldn't have known what happened to them."

With fewer soldiers being deployed overseas these days, Guardian Angels has shifted its focus to veterans like Berko, unable to care for their pets because of medical issues, PTSD, substance-abuse rehabilitation or homelessness.

As a pup, Samantha had touched her paw to the cage when Berko found her at a New Jersey animal shelter. "It was almost like she was communicating with me, like, 'I just want to play,'" he said.

Samantha's been with him ever since. Even as the divorcee started to lose everything around him, she was the one thing he never wanted to lose. "Basically, that's my kid," he said.

"I'm happy there's someone who can look after my dog," Berko said. "I hope she remembers me. They say it's not always good to visit them in the foster home because they get confused."

In the meantime, the Smiths send him photos of Samantha and talk regularly by phone.

"They let me know how everything is," Berko said. "It's very important for me, being that Sam's an important part of my life."

Obituaries

Bessie Mae Jolly

On May 31, 2014, at 92 years of age, Bessie Mae Jolly, our beloved Mom, Granny, passed into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Bessie is preceded in death by her mother and father, Annie and Edd Bullard; her husband, Grady Jolly; her two sisters, Bertha Coldiron and Susie Bullard; and one granddaughter, Misty Falgout.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her son, Nolan Cass and daughter in law, Sue; her daughter, Carolyn Vannoy and son in law, Irvin; her grandchildren, Suzie King and her husband Wesley, Candy Garcia and her husband Martin, Elaina Hamm and her husband Clay, Sheila Collier and Brian Davis; 13 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren.

We want to appreciation to Home Hospice, with a very special thank you to her nurses, Melissa, Shari, Lori, Cortney and Tom, for the excellent and loving care they gave to Mom in her last days.

At Mom's request, there will be no funeral, only a private gathering of her family.

Memorials may be sent to Home Hospice, 200 W. Illinois Suite 190, Midland, Texas 79701.

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Louise Morrow Lang

Louise Morrow Lang passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born on March 23, 1925 in Sherman, Texas, to Costa D. Morrow and Gladys Millar Morrow. Louise was the middle child of three children who grew up in Sherman. She was educated in Sherman public schools and graduated from Sherman High School in 1942.

She attended Austin College in Sherman where she met her future husband, Garland H. Lang, Jr. She graduated from Texas State College for Women (now Texas Women's University) in 1945.

She married Dr.(Lt.) Garland H. Lang of Kerrville, Texas on June 8, 1945 at Central Presbyterian Church in Sherman. They moved to Charleston, South Carolina, where Garland had his medical internship and Louise taught school. They moved to Houston while he continued his residency and then to Big Spring, Texas, for one year before settling in Midland in 1952.

In 1972, they moved to Hunt, Texas to enjoy their family place, Lang Lodge, on the Guadalupe River for four years before returning to Midland in 1976.

Louise lovingly dedicated herself to her family, church, and community. She was a wonderful homemaker who used her gift of hospitality to serve others.

She and Garland were charter members of Westminster Presbyterian Church (later Trinity) in 1953 where she served as a Deacon, president of Women of the Church, and taught children's Sunday school for 20 years. She served in many leadership positions of the Presbyterian Women and Church Women United, including president.

In 1976, she and Garland became active members of First Presbyterian, where she was an Elder and president of Women of the Church. Some of her community activities were serving as President of the Midland County Medical Society, member of Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Junior League of Midland, the Rake and Spade Garden Club, and Colonel Theunis Dey Chapter of the DAR. She supported her children in their many activities and schools. Her family is blessed by her Christian faith, devotion, and her legacy of love.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Garland H. Lang, Jr., great granddaughter, Abigail Leak, and brother-in-law, Bill Stephens.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Alice Stephens of Wichita, Kansas; her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Philip Morrow(Elizabeth) of Dallas, Texas; and her four children and their families, Margaret Lang Williams(Tom) of Dallas, Texas, Jennie Lang House(Lee) of Midland, Texas, Garland H. Lang, III, (Karen) of Midland, Texas, and Gregory Morrow Lang of Murray, Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Russell Williams(Felicity) of San Antonio, Texas, Stuart Williams(Leah) of Dallas, Texas, Caroline Williams of Dallas, Texas, Brian House of Midland, Texas, Caitlin Leak(Zane) of Midland, Texas, Kimberly and Elizabeth Sanberg of Golden Valley, Minnesota, and Garrett Lang of Midland, Texas; great grandsons, William Sanberg and Jaxon Leak; and by many nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be on Friday, June 6, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas, Midland, with family visitation at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, on Thursday, June 5, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas, Midland, Texas 79701; Midland Memorial Hospital Foundation, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas 79701; Schreiner University, Kerrville, Texas, Garland Lang scholarship; or the charity of your choice.

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Alfred Davis

Alfred Davis, 78, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, May 31, 2014. There are no services scheduled at this time.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Davis; and five children, Mark Wasser, Gail Jett, John Davis, Cynthia Johnson, and Peggy Foreman.

Haley Brianne Kemp

Haley Brianne Kemp, of Midland, Texas passed away Saturday May 31, 2014.

Services for Haley will be Thursday June 5, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, Midland, Texas. A visitation will be Wednesday June 4, 2014, at Ellis Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lynn Thomas Holder

Lynn Thomas Holder, 79, passed away on Friday, May 30, 2014. Visitation will be all day Monday, June 2, 2014, with the family present from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at Belvedere Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Bette Holder; daughter, Lynda Long; Five step children, Dale Holder, Dean Holder, Deborah Le-Penn, Peggy Kesterson, and Michael Kesterson.

Michael Melton

Michael Melton, 53, of Seminole, Texas passed away Sunday, June 1, 2014.

Mr. Melton is survived by, wife, Kimberly Melton; 2 sons, Daniel Melton and Bradley Melton; 2 daughters, Annette Melton and one estranged daughter; parents, Frankie and Carol Melton; 3 brothers; 2 sisters.

Ronald Dee Stacy

Ronald Dee Stacy, 71, of Big Spring passed away Friday, May 30, 2014.

Mr. Stacy's family will receive friends and family Tuesday, June 3, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Services for Mr. Stacy will be Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He is survived by his loving wife, Geneva; one brother; three daughters, Angi Stacy Scheffers, Jenifer Roberts, and Jolene McNutt; and two sons, Dwayne Stacy and Roy Dale McNutt.

Courtesy photo

This project by Beth Clark recently won a first place blue ribbon at a North American Quilling Guild competition.

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snowflake. She keeps it as a reminder of how much she's learned and how much her technique has improved since she started quilling.

"Obviously, I did it all wrong because it's not supposed to be that big or that flimsy, but then the more I researched and I looked online and I started reading, then I began to kind of get it right at that point," she said.

Clark recently spent two days in New Orleans at the North American Quillers Guild annual conference where her framed masquerade-style mask won first place in the intermediate category. She worked every evening for about a month on the mask and another framed scroll-work piece she entered into the competition.

"When I saw the first-place ribbon on my mask, I was just in tears because there are a lot of women who have been quilling so much longer than me," she said.

This was the second conference Clark has attended. Last year she traveled to South Bend, Indiana, to meet other quillers from around the nation and the world.

The first day of the conference is spent in breakout sessions taught by guild members and the second day includes a public viewing time and awards ceremony.

Clark most enjoys meeting other people who enjoy the craft and learning from their tips and techniques.

"There's no right or wrong way to quill," she said. "It's very unique and very individual and you can get so many different ideas from other quillers just about how they hold their hand or how they glue."

Clark doesn't know anyone else in Midland who quills, but she would love to meet others interested in learning the craft.

Supplies are inexpensive compared to other hobbies such as scrapbooking — bags of pre-cut paper run $1.12 for 80 strips. Other necessities include a needle and glue. Because craft stores carry only limited supplies, Clark buys everything for her quilling projects online and gets inspiration from books and magazines dedicated to the craft.

With a full-time job as a revenue accountant for Great Western Drilling and a part-time gig teaching classes at the YMCA during her lunch hour, Clark doesn't have too much extra time to devote to her hobby. She usually sits down to quill in the evenings. Whether she's working on projects for competition or finding ways to personalize gifts for friends and family, Clark is passionate about her craft.

"If my eyes and my hands hold up I'll quill the rest of my life," she said. "You just feel so accomplished and when you give a card you know that it's your work."

Longtime Dallas Cowboys executive Hardy to retire

By Jeff Mosier
The Dallas Morning News

ARLINGTON — When George Strait wraps up his farewell tour here Saturday, the country music superstar won't leave the stage alone.

The Dallas Morning News reported another Texas legend — also a Cowboy — will ease into retirement after decades as an entertainment industry icon.

Bruce Hardy, a Dallas Cowboys executive and longtime Texas Stadium general manager, is stepping down after 30 years and more than 1,200 games and events.

The 67-year-old turned Texas Stadium into a concert venue for music's biggest stars and also helped make it an attainable dream for a generation of high school football players. A friend of Strait's since the early 1990s, Hardy decided the Cowboy Rides Away tour at AT&T Stadium was the perfect moment for him to also ride away from his backstage corner of team history.

"I'm the luckiest guy in the world," Hardy said, not once but countless times. "I've had the greatest life of all: entertainment and what I've done with young people."

A little unsteady because of multiple sclerosis, Hardy will leave AT&T Stadium this summer with a career full of memories and stories that could be mistaken for scenes from a movie script or excerpts from a Rolling Stone article.

There's a late night with Axl Rose, New Year's Eve with Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson, hugs from Taylor Swift, a stage collapse, a fire, as well as moments that seem at home in a Disney-produced inspirational sports movie.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Hardy's sharp wit, creativity and resourcefulness made him an important part of the team. And his Rolodex and relationships were so deep, Jones said, that top entertainers were attracted as much to Hardy as to the team's stadium in Irving.

"His fingerprints are all over the success we've had," Jones said.

Garth Brooks, who sold out three record-setting shows at Texas Stadium in 1993, counts Hardy as one of his dearest friends.

"He disarms you with his honesty," Brooks said. "From Day One, I don't have to figure him out. This guy is just honest and loves people."

Hardy was hired by the Cowboys in 1984, but his history with the franchise dates to its beginnings.

He grew up in Highland Park playing with the children of Bedford Wynne, who was part of the Cowboys' first ownership team. In those days, the teenage Hardy hung around the Wynnes and often gave them rides.

That turned into a job chauffeuring Pat Summerall and Chris Schenkel when they came to town to broadcast Cowboys games. Hardy is certain he didn't even have a driver's license, but no one bothered to ask.

That was just fun and games for Hardy. It would take another couple of decades before the Cowboys were a living rather than a sideline.

He briefly attended Lon Morris College in East Texas before returning home following his father's death.

Putting his marketing skills to work, Hardy started in the screen printing business and eventually co-founded Image Builders. The firm landed major corporate contracts with American Airlines, Trailways bus line, the Dallas Mavericks and others.

Hardy and business partner Holly Boggess also created T-shirts capturing the zeitgeist of the late 1970s and early '80s.

When Gov. Bill Clements announced that men should wear short sleeves and no tie during the summer, the partners designed a "Texas Dress Shirt" T-shirt with a collar and tie printed on it. They produced "Killer Bees" shirts memorializing the Democratic state senators who fled the Capitol in 1979 to bust a legislative quorum.

After years of chasing corporate contracts, Hardy said, he was just "worn out." The 37-year-old left the screen printing business without plans for what to do next.

That changed suddenly when attorney Jim Francis, who lived nearby, pulled up to his curb one day in the spring of 1984.

"Every morning at 7 o'clock, he'd come down my street," Hardy said. "We'd almost hit each other, religiously, for seven years."

Francis eventually noticed Hardy's schedule had changed and guessed he "might not be doing much." The lawyer, who represented Dallas oilman H.R. "Bum" Bright, told Hardy that he might have a job possibility.

A few days later, the news was official. Bright was part of a group that had just bought the Cowboys, and Hardy landed a Texas Stadium marketing job.

"They told me to fix it, and I looked at it like it was mine," Hardy said about the stadium, which was losing money.

The new owners decided to construct 120 suites at Texas Stadium and put Hardy in charge of selling them. The stadium was one of the most famous in the NFL, but it had fallen behind in amenities.

"I knew he was hungry; he was a hard worker; he had a great personality," Francis said. "You size people up, and you make a decision based on instincts."

Hardy helped design the suites and sold more than $20 million worth in the first year.

In searching for other revenue sources, Hardy was determined to turn Texas Stadium into a concert venue despite its reputation for not being musician-friendly.

Louis Messina was then a music promoter known for the now-legendary Texxas Jam festivals at the Cotton Bowl, the Cowboys' original home. But he had long wanted to follow the team to Irving and make that his home base for stadium shows.

After his hiring, Hardy and Messina met for lunch.

Hardy and Messina brought Madonna's "Who's That Girl" tour to Texas Stadium in 1987. That started a business relationship and friendship that continues today.

The biggest performers made stops in Irving. There was George Michael, Guns N' Roses, Metallica, Strait and 'N Sync. And the performers, from Swift to U2, kept coming to Arlington when AT&T Stadium opened.

"Not many people like him (Hardy) come around that often," Messina said. "He's always been a business partner, but he's also my friend."

As Hardy was getting established, Bright decided to get out of the football business after only a few years. The new buyers came in with more oil money, this time from Arkansas.

Francis, who was involved in negotiating the sale of the Cowboys, urged the Jones family to keep Hardy.

"I made a point to Jerry that the success of the stadium operations was contingent on Bruce," Francis said. "I said: 'Bruce won't let you down. He's a crown jewel for you there.'"

Ramon Espinosa/AP

People take photographs next to the bronze statue of the late Beatle John Lennon in Havana on Dec. 8, 2013. When a statue of the late Beatles frontman was inaugurated in a leafy Havana park 13 years ago, souvenir-seekers kept stealing the iconic circular spectacles that adorned it. When officials tried to glue them on, vandals simply broke them off. The solution: Juan Gonzalez, not seen, the guardian of John Lennon's glasses, who has spent nearly all his days at the park for the last 13 years. He places the glasses gently on the crooner's nose when tourists show up to snap pictures, then tucks them away in his pocket when they leave. Despite his age, 96, Gonzalez says he's not ready to quit this one-man mission to help preserve the memory of one of music's all-time greats: Imagine.

Cuba remains an island frozen in time

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

When I graduated from Baylor I hitchhiked around the U.S. I went to Washington and Oregon, then down to San Francisco and Los Angeles, up to New York, down to Florida and over to Havana, Havana? Sure. Back then, people thought nothing about getting on Q airlines and flying over to Cuba for dinner or a short vacation. It was like going to Mexico in those days, when you could cross borders with just a driver's license.

I returned to Cuba in early May of this year with the Texas Jewish Historical Society. It was a humanitarian mission approved by the U.S. Treasury Department, one of only a couple of ways Americans can enter the country legally. All 40 of us who made the trip carried 10 pounds of toiletries and other items that were listed on an official document. When we presented the items to people in three synagogues and a Jewish Center, they were grateful to receive them. Cuba once had a vibrant Jewish community. One of the first monuments to the holocaust is in Havana.

When Castro assumed power in 1959 and took over business and private property, most of the Jews in Cuba fled the country. Many of them went to Miami. The Cuban Jewish leaders told us about life in their island nation. The average salary is $15-$30 a month. Residents are given two pounds of meat a month. If they go to a hospital they have to provide their own bedding and food.

Cuba is difficult to explain. Even educated people in responsible positions will tell you that. The curator of a fine arts museum said, "Don't try to figure out this country. It's impossible." She was dealing with a broken air conditioner and was afraid she was going to have to take all the valuable paintings off the walls and store them in a place with air conditioning. She created a sculpture of old broken electronic and computer equipment and titled it "Intervention." It pretty well describes the country. Cuba needs a good "paint up, fix up" decade. Some buildings are crumbling. Fountains and elevators are broken. There are few toilet seats.

Still, Obispo Street is flourishing with crowds of tourists visiting bars and restaurants. Residents of Canada and Europe flock to Cuba because of its natural beauty and cheap prices. I talked to one man from Canada who said he was on his 30th trip to the island. People stroll on the wide sidewalk along the ocean, known as the malecon. Cars from the 1950s, which someone called an art treasure on wheels, serve as cabs, excursion vehicles and are handed down with care from generation to generation. Cuban people generally seem happy and are well-dressed. Music from congo and bongo drums, maracas, guitars and instruments made from gourds is heard in every place where food is served.

Castro didn't allow Beatles music in his country, but young Cubans played it in their homes on bootlegged cassettes. The Beatles had so many fans in Cuba that when John Lennon was killed they had a life-size statue of him erected in a park. A few years later they started having Beatles celebrations. You can guess who showed up: Fidel himself. That's Cuba.

Tumbleweed Smith likes to drive around Texas, hear stories, write newspaper columns and produce radio programs. Contact him at tumbleweedsmith.com.

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splashes of wine. Turn the burner down to low to simmer.

Steak au Poivre

Coat one side of the steak in olive oil. On the other side, season with peppercorn and garlic. Lightly drizzle Worcestershire sauce. (Note: The peppercorn should be thick. When cooked it will produce a crust.)

Place large cast iron skillet in oven on broil at 500 for at least 15 minutes. After sufficiently heated, immediately place skillet on a burner that has been on high for at least 5 minutes. Immediately place steak, olive oil side down, on pan. Cook for 1 minute on each side.

Flip again and place in the oven. Flip again after one minute.

Let rest at least five minutes before serving.

Note: Do yourself and your neighbors a favor ... open your doors and windows and disable your smoke alarm.

Joel Osteen gets his own SiriusXM channel

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Texas pastor Joel Osteen is getting his own channel on SiriusXM satellite radio, which will air his sermon at Yankee Stadium this Saturday live nationally.

Osteen, who preaches to 40,000 people each week at Houston's Lakewood megachurch, already shows his messages on the Trinity religious TV network and other television stations across the country. The new SiriusXM channel will feature live call-in shows hosted by Osteen and his wife, fellow Lakewood pastor Victoria Osteen, along with rebroadcasts of Osteen's past sermons.

"It's another way to get our message out," Osteen said.

He said SiriusXM approached him about five years ago with the idea but the time wasn't right.

"Five years ago we were still growing," said Osteen, who studied television and radio at Oral Roberts University. "I didn't think we could put the time and energy into it that we can now. We're much more established and have a bigger library. It feels really right now."

He said he's considering Tuesday mornings as the best time for his call-in show. SiriusXM, which has 25.8 million subscribers worldwide, said Monday it will announce later when Osteen's new channel will begin operation. Saturday's broadcast of "America's Night of Hope" at Yankee Stadium won't be shown on television until later.

Scott Greenstein, president of SiriusXM, said people who aren't inclined to watch one of Osteen's television broadcasts may like the opportunity to check him out on their car radio. He said he was attracted to Osteen because he's a charismatic figure with a wide following and a back catalog of material for programming.

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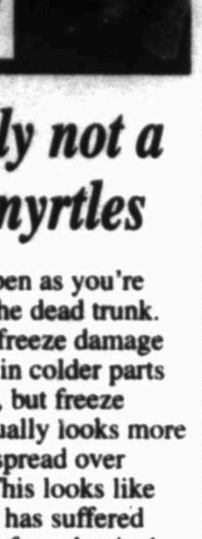

Neil Sperry's "Plant Talk Texas" and "Texas Lawn and Garden Hour" can be heard on radio stations across the state. Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Merging trunks likely not a problem for crape myrtles

Dear Neil: I have a large crape myrtle that provides the only shade to my small backyard. It has two trunks, and they are now becoming one trunk as they grow together. Is that anything I need to worry about?

Answer: Probably not, if they are growing straight and side by side. It's when one might wrap around the other or significantly cut into the center of the adjacent trunk that you could have problems.

Dear Neil: My Easter lilies have always been late to bloom. They were planted from a funeral years ago. This year they were hurt by the late freezes, and when they did bloom, they were orange instead of white. Is that drought, freeze damage or what?

Answer: It's neither drought nor freeze damage. Neither of those would lead to a color change. Honestly, it's extremely rare for Easter lilies to survive more than a couple of growing seasons in the Texas climate. We all want to plant them into our gardens, thinking they will establish and bloom every year. They may bloom weakly the first year (always several weeks later than Easter), but they usually give up because of the Texas climate. I would strongly suspect you have another type of lily or daylily that is growing in that same space.

Dear Neil: I can't figure out what happened to my Texas mountain laurel. It is 6 years old, and I've tried to train it to be a small tree. This spring, however, a big portion of it turned brown. Should I prune it or wait to see if it will come back?

Answer: You should be able to tell by now if the affected branches are going to leaf out again. You may discover what caused this to happen as you're removing the dead trunk. There was freeze damage this winter in colder parts of the state, but freeze damage usually looks more uniformly spread over the plant. This looks like a plant that has suffered some type of mechanical injury and the subsequent loss of broken stem tissue. I wish I could be more definitive.

Dear Neil: I have lost a couple of trees recently. When they were cut down, we found populations of fire ants. Do they kill trees?

Asnwer: Fire ants do not kill trees, but they will certainly move into moist, decaying tissues to build their nests. As difficult it is for me to say it, fire ants were just innocent bystanders in this case, just hangin' out.

Dear Neil: What would cause centipede grass to be pale yellow with spotty growth? We planted it two years ago to replace some that died away with the last drought. The new grass looks like it hasn't rooted. We have an irrigation system, and I know it hasn't gotten too dry. What options do we have?

Answer: That is really hard to tell. I'm assuming it's in full sun (or at least eight bright hours). If not, that would be a big issue. I would suggest digging a piece of the declining (not dead) grass up, to see if you can determine what's going on in the root system. Without a photo or more to go on, I just can't get a lot closer.

Dear Neil: What native grass would hold the soil best over 100 acres of rural property?

Answer: Common Bermuda grass. Your county Extension office would have lots more information.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Trees with seasonal interest are always a bonus in the landscape. Golden rain tree (Koelreuteria paniculata) has beautiful blooms, good-looking leaves, attractive seedpods and fall color.

Golden rain tree is a small to medium size, deciduous shade tree that is in full bloom right now. It reaches about 25-30 feet tall and 20-25 feet wide. The compound leaves come out in the spring with a pinkish tinge, but then turn dark green through the growing season until fall when they turn yellow. Trees bloom with a showy, bright yellow bloom in late spring which give way to very ornamental seed pods in summer. The seed pods are found in clusters and they look like hanging paper Chinese lanterns. They are light green early on, but then turn brown as the summer progresses.

The tree gets its name from the blooms falling at about the same time, creating a blanket of yellow blooms underneath the canopy.

Golden rain tree is a tough tree enduring difficult sites and drought once it is established. There are very few pests that bother it, but there is one insect — the red shoulder bug — that is attracted to its seedpods. The insect looks like and is related to the box elder bug. It doesn't harm the tree or people, but it can be a nuisance because it tries to overwinter in your home and out buildings. And there are generally many of them. This tree may serve you best planted away from your home or patio.

Add visual re-leaf to your landscape with trees that have many seasons of visual interest, such as the golden rain tree.

Debbie Frost is a local horticulturist specializing in regionally appropriate horticulture. She can be reached at garden.frost@gmail.com

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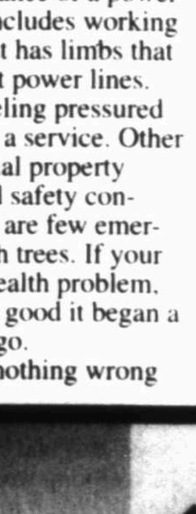
Golden rain trees have beautiful blooms, good-looking leaves, attractive seedpods and fall color.

Do homework before hiring tree care specialist

JEFF FLOYD



Jeff Floyd is a horticulturist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Email him at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

With hundreds of trees in decline on the Llano Estacado, homeowners may want to consider how to choose a tree care provider. Tree care providers, known as arborists, offer a highly specialized service that requires years of experience to perfect. While some states and municipalities have laws governing who can perform tree care services, Texas does not. Anyone in Texas can call himself or herself an arborist.

Trees are usually the largest and most valuable plants in the home landscape. Trees can become a safety hazard if not cared for properly. Large dead, diseased and damaged limbs hanging from the canopy of a tree can break free and injure people or damage property. Improperly pruned or treated trees may expose the homeowner to a lawsuit.

There are a few things you may want to ask if a tree care provider knocks on your door and offers their services. Ask for a list of references and do not be afraid to call those references. You may be surprised — pleasantly or not — by what you learn. When you call a reference, you should expect to hear the arboricultural service was performed in a clean, efficient and safe workman-like manner.

Ask the service provider for credentials. The international Society of Arboriculture (ISA), based in Champaign, Ill., is one of the largest professional service organizations in the landscape industry. ISA certified arborists must meet professional standards to receive their credentials. There is a difference between being a member of ISA and being certified. Anyone can become a member of ISA while only those who pass an exam and maintain their professional education can qualify for certification.

Ask for proof of insurance. After having worked in the arboricultural services for years, I was always surprised to learn how many uninsured people worked with tons of falling wood every day. A properly insured arborist will likely be happy to provide proof of insurance.

If the arborist is going to apply chemicals, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) requires arborists to have agricultural chemical applicator training and certification. Chemical applicator insurance coverage must meet the current TDA minimum requirements.

Ask the arborist if he or she has the proper equipment and are qualified to perform the work proposed. The ISA provides more than one type of certification. Municipal specialists, tree climbers and line clearance workers are just a few of the certifications ISA provides. Additionally, Texas health and safety code does not permit untrained tree workers to operate within the potential contact distance of a power line. This includes working in a tree that has limbs that may contact power lines.

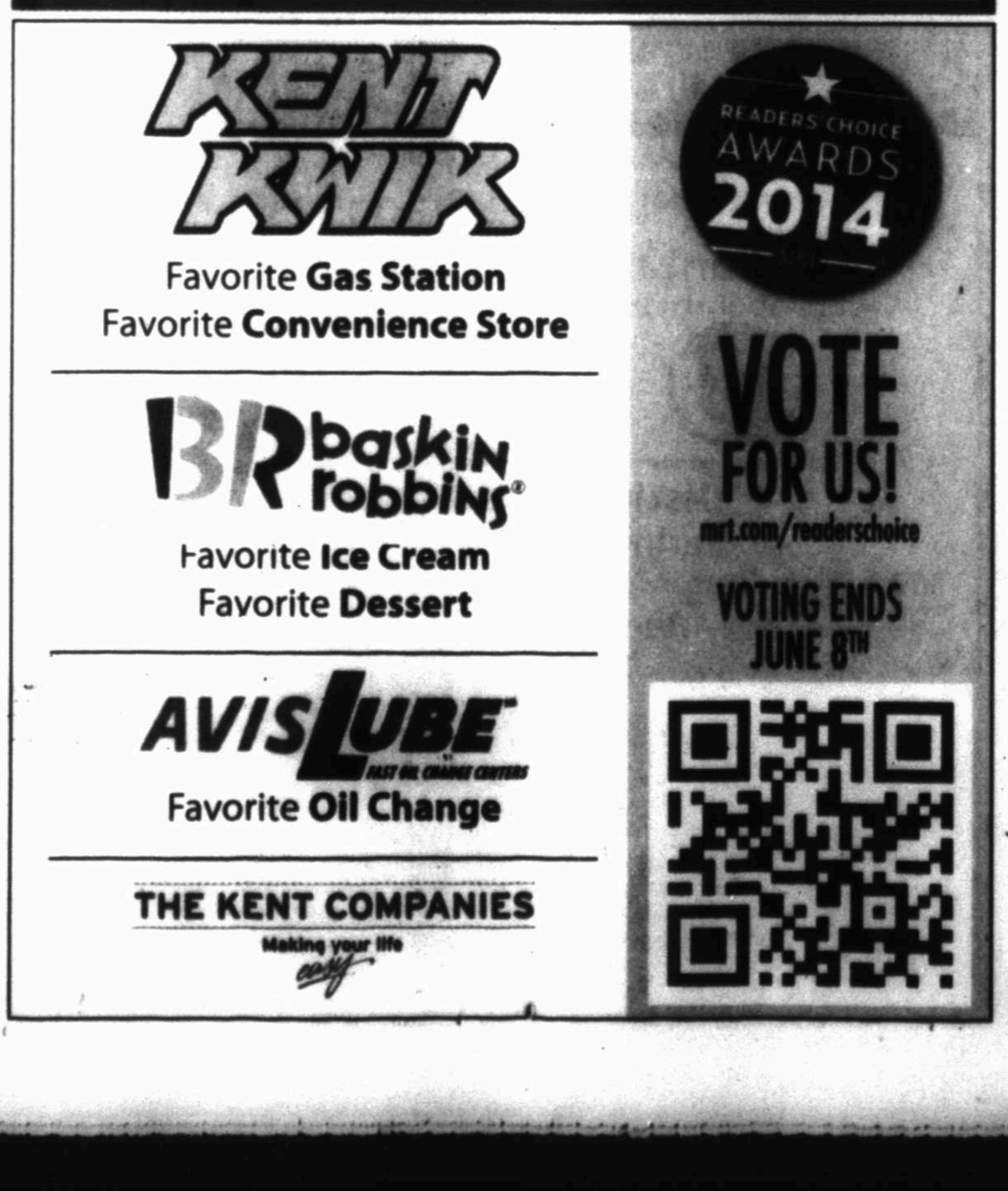
Avoid feeling pressured to purchase a service. Other than potential property damage and safety concerns, there are few emergencies with trees. If your tree has a health problem, chances are good it began a long time ago.

There is nothing wrong with an arborist knocking on your door while he or she is working in your neighborhood; in fact this is a good business practice. On the other hand, under our economic circumstances, reputable tree service providers generally do not pursue business by randomly knocking on doors.

PECAN NUT CASEBEARER UPDATE

A recent report from an Extension Pecan Committee member indicated a casebearer trap on one of his trees reached a peak adult capture of seven moths on May 12. Inspect pecan nutlets and treat if more than 10 percent are infested with eggs. If you are scouting for this harmful pecan pest and would like to report your results, please contact the Midland County Extension office at 686-4700.

What are you going to do with your garden harvest this year? The Texas A&M Extension Service will be hosting a free vegetable seminar 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday at 1010 E. 8th St. in Odessa. The theme for the seminar will be "What To Do with Your Harvest." To register, call 498-4071 or drop me an email at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.



TODAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Mostly sunny	SUNDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 97 Low: 73	High: 101 Low: 75	High: 101 Low: 74	High: 103 Low: 75	High: 102 Low: 75	High: 91 Low: 69

Local forecast

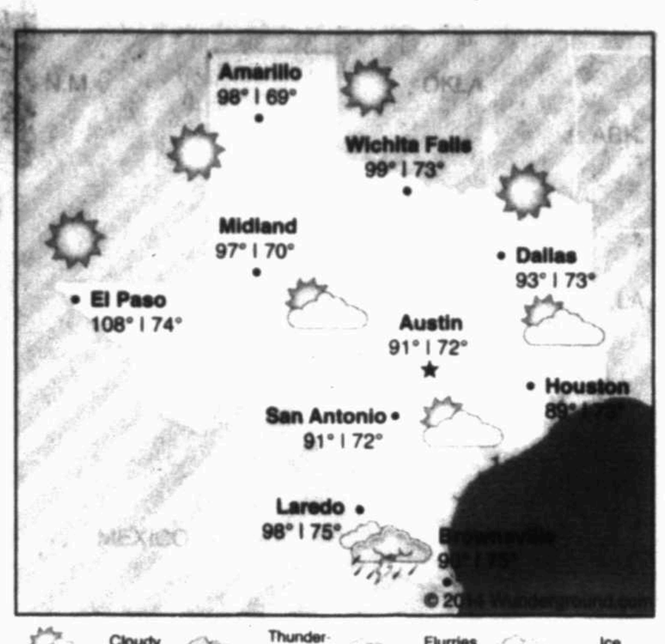
Expect sunny skies today with a high around 97 and southeast winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 73.

The high on Monday reached 100, while the low dropped to 73. The record high for June 2 is 108 set in 1998. The record low is 48 set in 1970.

Weather why

Q: We've had some very sunny days lately. Has there ever been a day when there were no clouds at all over the United States?

A: The short answer is probably no, but no one really knows for sure, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Modern weather records only go back about 100 years, so if there were cloudless days in the U.S. before then, it would not have been recorded. "This very question has been asked before," he said. "The National Center for Atmospheric Research has some of the top weather people in the world, and their best guess is that it's probably impossible for the entire U.S. to have a cloudless day. Modern satellite images have been in use since the early 1970s and they provide us with the best overall pictures of the U.S., but the best answer appears to be a 'no.'"



Precipitation

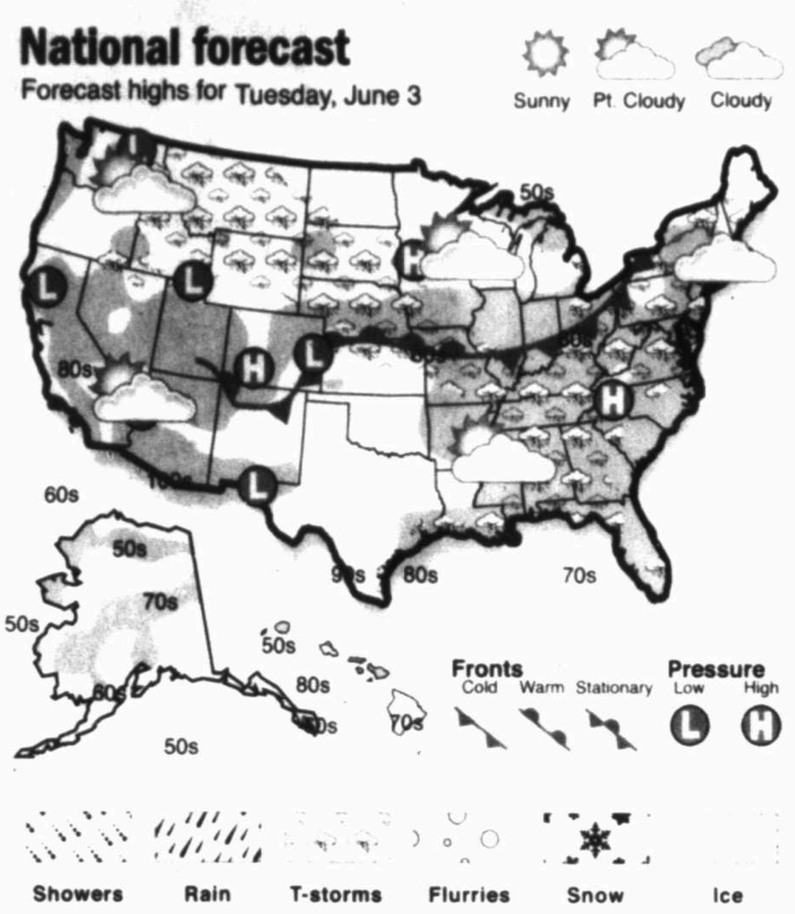
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	3.16 in.
Normal total (year to date)	4.40 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	100
Low	73
Normal high	92
Normal low	65
Sunrise	6:43 a.m.
Sunset	8:51 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, June 3



Think twice before confronting drivers in handiccapped spots

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 suffered a serious accident at work and have endured numerous surgeries, with another on the horizon. Because the injuries are in the cervical and lumbar areas, they are not visible.

Last week, I parked my car in a handicapped spot in the supermarket parking lot. Having a proper tag on my license plate, I didn't think twice about it. As I entered the store, a woman who had parked nearby started shouting at me, saying I shouldn't have parked where I did. I indicated she should read my plate, to which she then replied that I was "phony" for taking advantage of the system. I imagine she thought this because I was walking unaided that day.

Abby, please inform your readers that not all injuries are visible and not to assume that someone is taking advantage because he or she doesn't meet your expectations of how a disabled person "should" appear. — HURTING IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HURTING: Gladly. This subject has appeared in my column before. You are correct that not all disabilities are visible. One that comes to mind would be a heart problem that prevents a patient from walking long distances. Another would be multiple sclerosis.

Readers, if you are concerned that someone is gaming the system, rather than confront the person, write down the license number of the car with the handicap plate and inform the Department of Motor Vehicles. If you are correct, the authorities will be interested in that information. And if you are not, you won't have caused someone who already has problems additional distress.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Gilbert" for more than 30 years. We have always managed to resolve our differences in a relatively short time, but this time I'm not too sure.

Our son was married last weekend, and because we're of Celtic heritage, I chose to wear a beautiful dress from Ireland. Because it has short sleeves I brought a shawl to keep warm. When I asked my husband why he never said I looked nice, he replied he didn't know whether I looked nice because he "couldn't see me under that damned blanket!"

I was stunned. I wore the shawl only when I was near the door because it was cold there. I danced with him and several others many times and didn't have it on then. I must have told Gil at least 20 times how handsome he looked, and so did everyone else. The shawl may have been a little big on me because I am only 5 feet tall and weigh 95 pounds. But I didn't think I looked hideous.

I'm hurt over his remark, and we haven't really spoken for several days. What can I do to get past this awful feeling that we're going in opposite directions? — OFFENDED IN THE EAST

DEAR OFFENDED: A good beginning would be to ask your husband why he made such a mean-spirited remark. He owes you an apology for his tactlessness. If he really hadn't thought you were dressed appropriately for your son's wedding, he should have mentioned it BEFORE you left the house so you could change if you wished. Slamming you afterward wasn't helpful, and your hurt feelings are understandable. But unless you have other reasons for worrying that you might be headed "in opposite directions," don't let this be blown out of proportion.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Another LOL

East-West vulnerable. North deals.

	NORTH ♠ A K 6 5 ♥ 2 ♦ K 8 6 5 3 ♣ A 7 4	
WEST ♠ Q 10 8 ♥ A J 9 5 ♦ 9 2 ♣ Q J 10 8		EAST ♠ 4 ♥ K 10 6 3 ♦ Q J 10 4 ♣ K 9 6 2
	SOUTH ♠ J 9 7 3 2 ♥ Q 8 7 4 ♦ A 7 ♣ 5 3	

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

South's raise to game was aggressive, but his fifth trump and key honor in partner's suit gave him courage. The contract would be easy enough if the trumps split 2-2, but a good declarer will never rely on that, if he can help it.

Declarer won the ace of clubs at trick one and cashed the ace of trumps. Not wanting to lose control of the hand, he abandoned trumps for the moment and set about establishing dummy's diamonds. South cashed the ace and king of diamonds and led a third round of the suit. Instead of ruffing, however, he made the loser-on-loser play of discarding his remaining club.

Declarer ruffed the club continuation and gave up a heart. The defense persisted in clubs, declarer ruffing again. Next came a trump to dummy's king and a diamond ruff with the jack of spades, declarer's last trump. West could take his trump queen whenever he wished, but that would be the last trick for the defense. Four spades, bid and made!

Note that had South ruffed the third round of diamonds, West would have over-ruffed and led a club to East's king to obtain a second diamond ruff. The defense would then cash a heart for the setting trick. The loser-on-loser play cost nothing and it severed a vital line of communication between the defenders.

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 Tuesday, June 3, 2014:

This year you often see what others don't. They have no way of understanding what they cannot grasp. Explanations will need to be made, and you are the person for the job. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone from midsummer on. This person could light up your life. You also might find yourself in a predicament where you have two suitors to choose between. If you are attached, your emotional bond becomes much stronger after spring. Others might think you are newlyweds by the way you act. You will enter one of the more romantic periods in your life. LEO always has the capacity to make you smile.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You could choose to let a problem hold you back, or you might choose to bypass it. You initially won't know what is best for you. Make an adjustment to your schedule, and you will be drawn to the idea that allows you the greatest self-expression. Tonight: Let the party go on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You know how to deal with people effectively, yet when it comes to a roommate you hit a whole slew of problems. Be more forthright in how you handle a problem. Understand that there is likely to be a reaction, no matter what path you might choose. Tonight: Make nice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might be very tired and want to try something different. Your ability to manage and solve a problem will come to the attention of several people. They will be quite impressed by your ability to respond even when you're worn out. Tonight: Allow the conversation to continue.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might see a financial situation developing that makes you quite uncomfortable and insecure. Get advice from someone you trust who is in the know. Don't act until you feel sure of yourself. For now, stay on the alert. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might feel as if you are on a roll, yet you still hit your share of obstacles. Your ability to move past a restriction will delight the others involved. A general sense of well-being allows more give-and-take. Don't let a family member rain on your parade. Tonight: As you like it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Be an observer. This action will allow greater give-and-take in the near future. You might be trying to assess the integrity of someone you deal with on a daily level. Understand that you have no way of determining what the end results could be. Tonight: Say little for now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might be more in touch with what a group of friends wants than you are with what you need. Pull back some, and allow others to respond. Though you might not always be delighted by what you hear, you could be quite content at this juncture. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might be too focused on the conclusion of a problem. Loosen up, and drop the uptight exterior. You will be delighted by how others respond to a more relaxed you. On some level, you also could be uncomfortable with this new change. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Detach, and tension will melt away. You could have difficulty seeing a matter the same way someone else sees it. You can't seem to understand this person's logic. Accept it anyway, and his or her response easily could change. Tonight: Meet friends at a new spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter during a talk with a trusted confidant. Hopefully this person has a totally different perspective to offer. You might decide to open up to even more people in order to make an educated choice. Tonight: In the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You'll see an associate try to negotiate his or her way through a problem. You might gain a better sense of what this person's priorities are. You could feel as if you are finally gaining a new perspective of this person. Be open to a conversation. Tonight: Just do not be alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You'll read into a situation much more than others will. You understand people's motivations. Don't allow someone's criticisms get to you. Be willing to reveal more of your values in a conversation. Tonight: Take a walk.

BORN TODAY

Poet Allen Ginsberg (1926), actor Tony Curtis (1925), politician Jefferson Davis (1808)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 A Swiss Army knife has many of them
5 Halley's
10 Crow calls
14 Peel in a cocktail
15 Stylish
16 Nueve preceder
17 "Please let me get my beauty rest"
20 Half of a 45
21 Title for a superior
22 Loosens, as restrictions
23 Place for a massage
25 Hymn finale
27 Kitchen amts.
30 "Too much noise"
36 Need to remit
37 Shopping aid
38 "My __ Amour": Stevie Wonder hit
39 __ toast
41 Warning that often precedes 17-, 30- 49- and 65-Across
43 Remove from the board
44 Bistro, e.g.
46 Ages and ages
48 Joe and Rose Kennedy's youngest
49 "No one can know"
51 Exceedingly
52 Burn a lot ... or slightly
53 Pink or purple
55 Wyoming neighbor
58 Altar agreement
61 Make a case
65 "Junior needs his nap time"
68 Fashion designer Marc
69 "Super!"
70 U.S. native
71 Like the ground after a campfire
72 Climbing rope material
73 Bard's instrument

DOWN

1 Israeli guns
2 Truck stop rig
3 Storefront sign abbr.
4 Emotional strain
5 Long-running TV crime drama
6 Possesses
7 O. Henry's "The Gift of the __"
8 Lure into a crime
9 Ref's decision
10 Lettuce-washing aid
11 Poker "bullets"
12 Sledding shout
13 Soaks (up)
18 Run off at the mouth
19 Does a slow burn
24 Wanted poster initials
26 Audio jack label
27 Mansa of "The Wrestler"
28 Workout output
29 Trapper's goods
31 "This can't wait" hosp. areas
32 Bygone anesthetic
33 Speak with pomp
34 More sage
35 Down-and-out
37 Where models stand by models
40 Plastic shovel, for one
42 Soil chopper
45 Supporting vote
47 Ultimate degree
50 "Holy moly!"
51 Spoken
54 Seven-member Mideast fed
55 Overhead exclamation point, in comics
56 HMO staffers
57 Egyptian royal cross
59 Business agreement
60 "Beetle Bailey" bulldog
62 Like wild boar meat
63 Over, in Germany
64 Bronte's Jane
66 Cape NNW of Cod
67 Deane

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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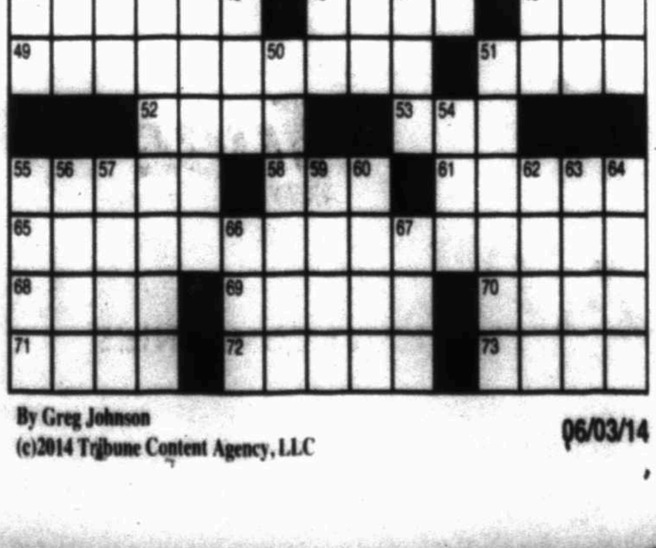

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SOUNDBITE

Reviews of recent release

MARIAH CAREY
"Me. I Am Mariah ...The Elusive Chanteuse"

That's some identifier Mariah offers as her new album's title. We'd expect nothing less from pop-soul's reigning drama queen, the only diva who could sit next to Nicki Minaj and shine brighter.

Carey toys here with the legerdemain of nostalgia, the iconic songcraft of her past. That's a relief, since her last albums have been as pompous sonically (too many rote synths) as they have been lyrically (fine, that's her mien).

"Cry" then feels like "Vision of Love," an ascending, piano-led ballad with a similar heartiness in its vocal. Bringing along '90s rappers (Nas) and composers (George Michael) aids Carey's vintage vibe handsomely. Mariah's got a lot of reminiscing to do. Going too far backward is unnecessary considering that "Faded" sounds like she has found a loopy balance between the quavering Carey upping the wattage on her sequencers and the high-wire theatrical singer of yore. A few more great melodies, and Elusive would have been less elusive.

Ultimately, it's the new memories that Mariah makes on the stripped-to-the-bone, mid-tempo R&B of "#Beautiful" with Latin-rapper Miguel that should be Carey's direction home.

A.D. Amorosi
Philadelphia Inquirer

CLEAR PLASTIC MASKS
"Being There"

Nashville's burgeoning rock n' roll music scene just got even better with the release of Clear Plastic Masks' "Being There."

The greasy, '70s rock-addled quartet got together in Brooklyn, New York, and came to Nashville Tennessee, to record. They never left, signing with Kings of Leon label Serpents & Snakes Records and helping round out a music scene that's gotten a lot of attention in recent years.

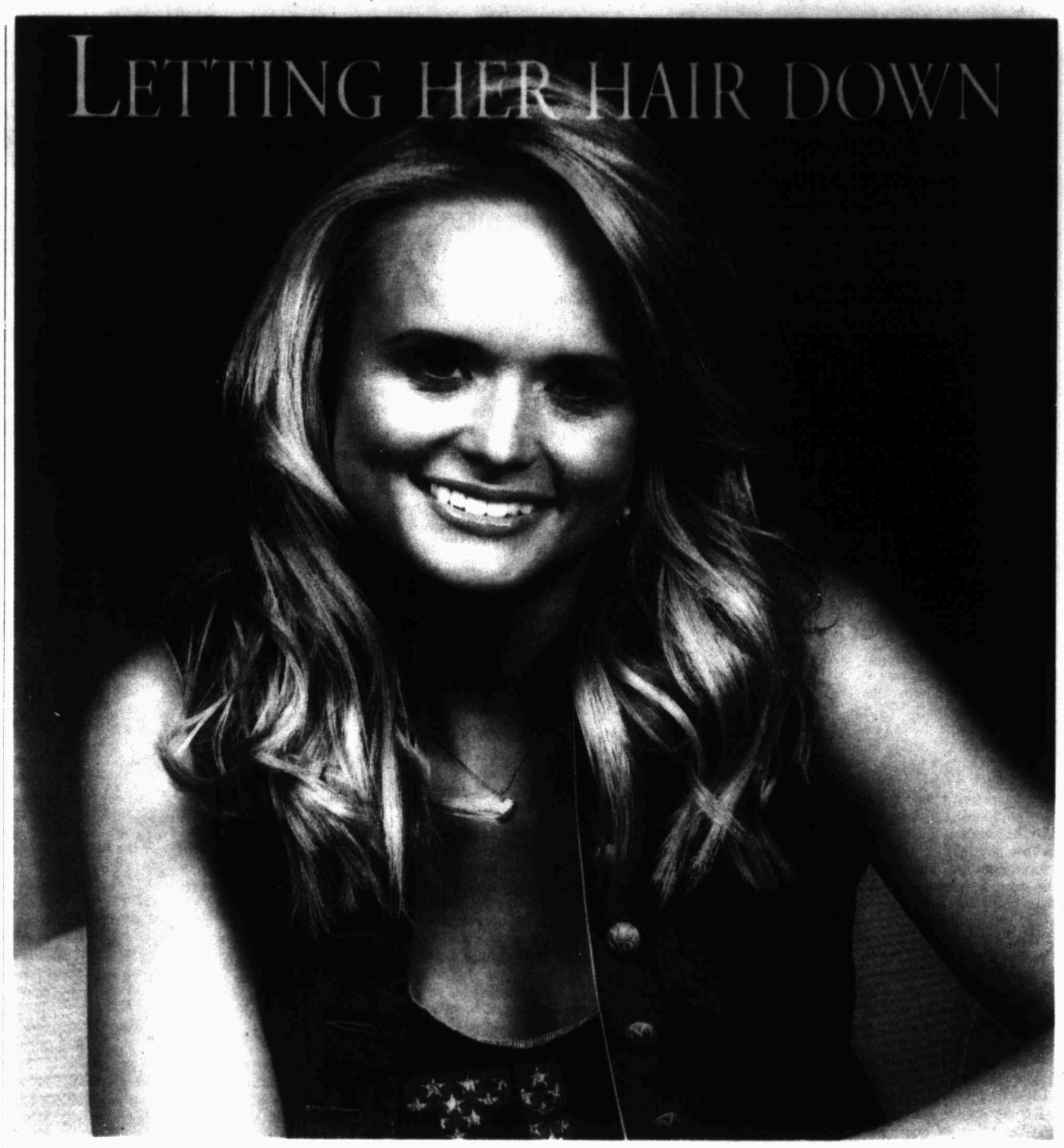
"Being There" was produced by Alabama Shakes producer Andrija Tokic, and the album shares a lot of the hallmarks that helped make the Shakes a surprise breakout.

First, there's charismatic lead singer Andrew Katz, who like the Shakes' Brittany Howard, has a commanding stage presence, an interesting voice and an off-kilter point of view and songwriting sense that can appeal to many different listeners. And like the Shakes, Katz's backing band shares a powerful chemistry that's unusual in a group just on the scene.

The band has two modes, lounge and loud. Katz has a tendency to lean back and croon from time to time, sitting at the keyboard with a twinkling grin.

The songs shake with power and promise — and might just open the door for another Nashville band.

Chris Talbott/AP



Miranda Lambert examines life at 30 on new album

By Chris Talbott
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Miranda Lambert has learned something about human nature since becoming one of country music's most identifiable stars.

"People are very, very mean," she said of the tabloids that have made sport of her life, her looks and her marriage since her husband, Blake Shelton, joined NBC's musical competition "The Voice" as a celebrity coach.

Lambert's wild ride over the last two years is all over her ambitious, sprawling new album, "Platinum." The 30-year-old lays bare her life in many ways on songs that examine the darker aspects of celebrity, and she shows the tabloids have been getting everything wrong.

"There are people who literally, their only job is to make other people miserable, and that's a terrible way to live your life," said Lambert, the top nominee at Wednesday's CMT Music Awards (7 p.m. CDT). She also has a starring spot at the CMA Music Festival in Nashville, which begins Thursday.

Lambert's multifaceted musical reaction to the gossip press helps make "Platinum," out today, her most diverse album yet. It heads in many directions musically, from the rock 'n' roll of "Priscilla," "Girls" and "Little Red Wagon" to the singer-songwriter self-reflection of "Bathroom Sink" and "Hard Staying Sober."

"Priscilla" takes on the tabloids directly. In the song, Lambert identifies with Priscilla Presley and the troubles she must have experienced in her life with Elvis. The song resulted from a catch-up session between Lambert and songwriter Natalie Hemby as Lambert gathered material for "Platinum."

"When I get to write with her I think she just lets her hair down," Hemby said. "She doesn't have to be Miranda. I've known her before she was big and famous ... and I asked how she was doing. She said, 'According to the press I'm pregnant or I'm fat or I'm getting divorced.' It just went on and on and I just kind of laughed and said, 'Well, then you must be really successful.'"

Lambert said she's learning to live with all the attention. Her new trim look is a result of getting control of her emotions, she said, and not some darker reason. She simply no longer turns to corn dogs for solace when she reads an upsetting headline.

Tabloids aren't the only topic on "Platinum." There is plenty of joy and sass, just as there is in her life. She shows a beau the door in traditional country style on "All That's Left," featuring The Time Jumpers; examines her love of flea markets and her hatred of getting older on songs with titles that can't be reprinted; and teams up with Carrie Underwood for the powerhouse anthem "Somethin' Bad."

In the end, the album is as overstuffed as her life.

"Loretta Lynn said you've got to live a life in order to sing about it," Lambert said. "That's what I'm doing. The good, the bad and the ugly is on this record. It's who I am."

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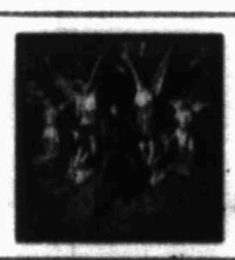
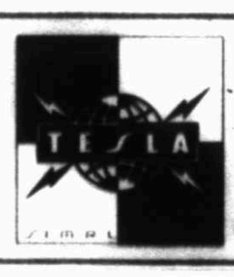


Jack White 'Lazaretto'



Tesla 'Simplicity'

Christie Hynde 'Stockholm'

First Aid Kit 'Stay Gold'

Hollyoak 'Blood For Blood'

LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

JUNE

3 **Goodtimers** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
4 **The Peculiar Pretzelmen, Gators in the Sawgrass** @ Blue Max
4 **Ulrich Ellison and Tribe** @ Shack in the Back
5 **Hellbilly Homicide** @ Blue Max
5 **Dina & Divo** @ Cafe At Alldredge Gardens
5 **Sweetwater Rain** @ Lone Star Bar
6 **Erick y Grupo Massore, Tropicalisimo Apache, Tropa Estrella, La Chuzma** @ Mex-Tex Family Fiesta
6 **Next 2 the Tracks** @ Riley's
6 **Goodtimers** @ Music City Mall
6 **Fusion** @ The Roadhouse
6 **White Ghost Shivers** @ Noel Heritage Park
6 **Kyle Park** @ Graham Central Station
6 **Emily Herring and Farm to Market Road** @ Blue Max
6 **No Dry County, The O's** @ Lone Star Bar
6 **The Quebe Sisters Band** @ ArtiZen
6 **Shane Rogers Band** @ The Detour
6 **Austin English Band** @ Redneck's
6-7 **The Electric Cowboys** @ The Bar
6-7 **Who'z Drivin** @ Your Place
7 **Las Fenix** @ Mex-Tex Family Fiesta
7 **Antique Scream** @ Blue Max
7 **Marley Prase** @ Redneck's
8 **Unsweet T's** @ Museum of the Southwest
8 **The Harmaleighs** @ Riley's
8 **The Chop Tops** @ Blue Max
8 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Music City Mall
10 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club.
10 **Pinata Protest, Guetto Justice** @ Blue Max
11 **Chelsea Grin** @ Club Patron
11 **Thieves Of SunRise** @ Lone Star Bar
12 **Nashwood Chuck Chitwood** @ Cafe At Alldredge Gardens
12 **Dirty River Boys** @ Rockin Rodeo
12 **Troy Murph** @ Lone Star Bar
12 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club
13 **Lonestar Dingleberries** @ The Detour
13 **The Geezerz** @ Noel Heritage Park
13 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
13 **Calibre 50, Banda Carnival, Principez, Quimica Norteno** @ La Hacienda
13 West Texas Tejano Blowout with **Tejano Highway 281, Conjunto Romo** @ Star of Texas Ranch
13 **The Shane Rogers Band** @ Lone Star Bar
13-14 **The Unsweet T's** @ Your Place
13-14 **Lenorah** @ The Bar
13-14 **The Ramblers** @ Your Place
14 West Texas Tejano Blowout with **Jimmy Gonzales y Mazz, Jay Perez, Grupo Solido, Elida Reyda y Avante, Estrella, La Sombra, Albert Zamora, Anjelica** @ Star of Texas Ranch
14 **Mark Powell & Lariat** @ Lone Star Bar
15 **HateFX** @ Blue Max
15 West Texas Tejano Blowout with **Signo, Big Circo, Fito Olivares, Los Hermanos Farias, Shelly Lares, Grupo Ondo, Retano, Rival, Thoze Guyz** @ Star of Texas Ranch
15 **Bent** @ Museum of the Southwest
17 **Sawyer Family** @ Blue Max
17 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
18 **John Fogerty** @ Chaparral Center
19 **Gary Seay** @ Cafe At Alldredge Gardens
19 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
20 **Watery Graves** @ The Detour
20 **Jason Boland & The Stragglers** @ Graham Centrl Station
20 **Mark McKinney, Kolton Moore & The Clever Few** @ Lone Star Bar
20 **Brave Combo** @ Noel Heritage Park
20 **Brand New Oprse** @ Globe Theater
20 **Pageantry** @ Basin Burger House
20-21 **Freeride** @ The Bar
20-21 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Your Place
21 **Jack Ingram, Eli Young Band** @ Security State Ballpark
21 **Jay Straham Band, Callahan Divide** @ Lone

LUBBOCK

JUNE

11 **Secrets, The Wild Life** @ Jake's
14 **Paul McCartney** @ United Spirit Arena
28 **Too $hort, E-40** @ Jake's

JUNE

15 **Chevelle** @ Lone Star Events Center

NEW MEXICO

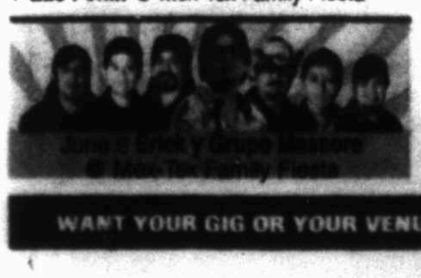
JUNE

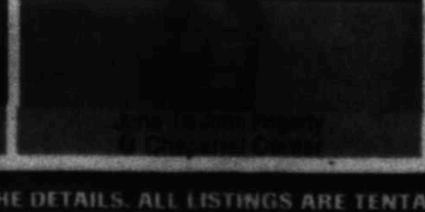
20 **Jerrod Niemann** @ Inn Of The Mountain Gods
21 **Voz De Mando** @ Inn Of The Mountain Gods

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

JUNE

4 **My Life With The Thrill Kill Kult** @ Trees
7 **.38 Special** @ Lone Star Park At Grand Prairie
7 **George Strait, Jason Aldean, Kenny Chesney, Eric Church, Sheryl Crow, Vince Gill, Faith Hill, Miranda Lambert, Alan Jackson, Martina McBride, Lee Ann Womack** @ AT&T Stadium





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RockHounds starting pitchers having solid outings

By Len Hayward
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The Midland RockHounds' starting pitchers have been "eating" up some innings over the last two weeks.

Only once during the most recent 12-game stretch, both on the road and at home, have the RockHounds used more than two relief pitchers in a game, and in only two of those games has a starter pitched less than five innings.

Beginning with Andrew Werner's eight innings on May 21 in a 5-2 loss to the Cardinals, the RockHounds, who begin a four-game series against Corpus Christi at 6:30 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark, have had a starter go at least seven innings in six of those 12 games.

Not all of those solid starts have led to victories as the RockHounds lost four games when the starter went at least seven innings.

Nate Long won both of his starts over the last two weeks and Shawn Haviland is 1-1 in his last two games and pitched 15 2/3 innings. Long is 5-1 this season with a 3.00 earned run average, and has been one of the RockHounds most consistent starters this season.

TRYING TO STAY IN THE RACE

The RockHounds embarked on last week's road trip to Springfield and Tulsa with an opportunity to close the gap on Frisco in the race for the Texas League South Division first-half title.

But after a 2-4 road trip to those two cities, the RockHounds are now in a dogfight just to stay in second. Midland began the six-game road trip three back of Frisco and solidly in second place in the division.

Midland is now 4 1/2 games behind Frisco and tied for second with Corpus Christi and San Antonio.

The Missions have gotten hot of late and won seven of their last 10, while both Midland and Corpus Christi have below .500 records over their last 10 games.

The RockHounds have 14 games

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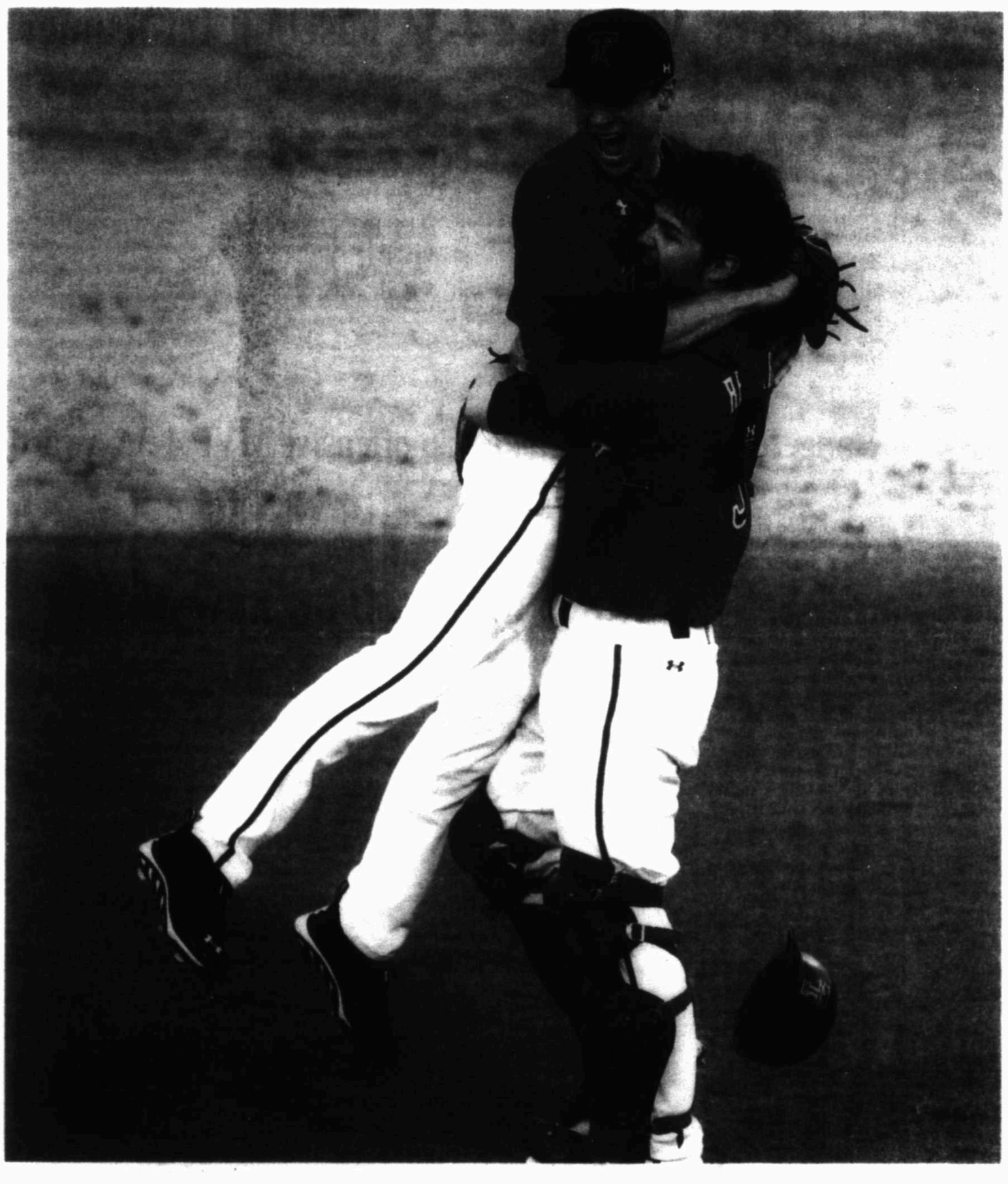
James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland pitcher Nate Long throws during an April 3 game against the Arkansas Travelers at Security Bank Ballpark.

Regional champs



Lynne Sladky/AP

Texas Tech starting pitcher Cameron Smith, left, jumps into the arms of catcher Hunter Redman, right, a Midland Christian grad, after the Red Raiders defeated Miami on Monday in Coral Gables, Florida. Texas Tech advances to the Super Regionals.

Smith leads Texas Tech into super regional

Associated Press

Red Raiders	**1-4**
Hurricanes	2-0

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Cameron Smith tossed a three-hitter to send Texas Tech to the NCAA super regionals for the first time in school history with a 4-0 win over Miami on Monday.

Zach Davis hit a pinch-hit two-run single in the ninth after the Red Raiders broke through with two runs in the seventh.

Texas Tech (43-19) will face College of Charleston (44-17), the Gainesville Regional winner, in a best-of-three series.

Miami, the ACC regular season champs, forced a final game by beating Texas Tech 2-1 in 10 innings earlier in the day in the completion of a suspended game, but were unable to break through against Smith (8-2), who struck out three and walked five.

Cooper Hammond (5-2) took the loss for Miami.

Longhorns advance past rival Texas A&M

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

HOUSTON — When roughly half of Reckling Park and the entire Texas dugout erupted in delight, an ecstatic Longhorns starter Chad Hollingsworth turned and fired his glove toward a wave of teammates rushing his way.

Hollingsworth's happy toss of the leather into the grass proved his most unbalanced pitch of Monday night — because his previous 128 had absolutely kept an old archrival off-balanced over nine innings.

UT, behind Hollingsworth's brilliant two-hitter, defeated Texas A&M, 4-1, in the NCAA tournament before a stadium-record 6,825 fans, in shoving the Longhorns into a super regional against fellow No. 2 seed Houston. The Cougars upset top-seeded LSU in a Baton Rouge regional, and who will play host to the super regional will be announced Tuesday morning.

"Give Texas credit, they played better than we did," A&M coach Rob Childress said. "And it all started and ended on the mound with Chad Hollingsworth."

Hollingsworth, a sophomore from Waco Robinson High, said he text-messaged his coach on Sunday night with one simple and straightforward request:

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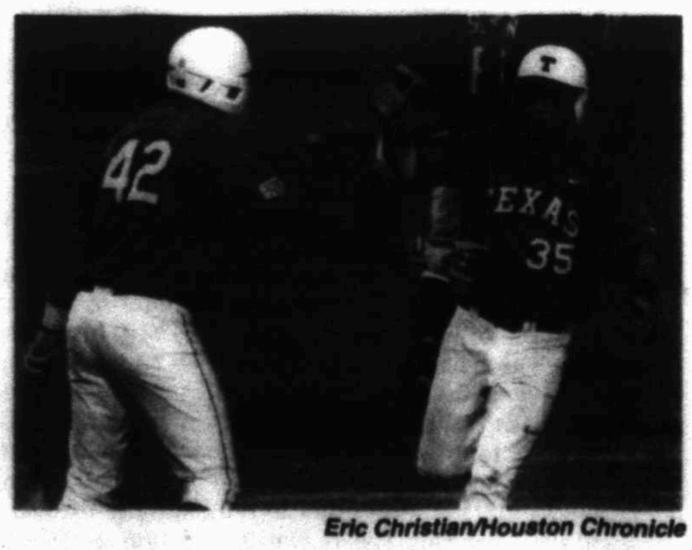


Eric Christian/Houston Chronicle

Texas' Madison Carter, right, celebrates his run scored with Kacy Clemens during the seventh inning Monday against Texas A&M at Reckling Park in Houston.

Cowboys looking at many options without Lee

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Justin Durant was as sick as anyone to see Sean Lee go down with a torn knee ligament in the first offseason practice for the Dallas Cowboys.

To suggest the injury gives Durant an opportunity to be the starting middle linebacker sort of turns the eight-year veteran's stomach.

"It hurt me seriously to my core," Durant said of the left ACL injury that is likely to keep Lee out in 2014. "I just look at it as my trying to step up and fill some big shoes."

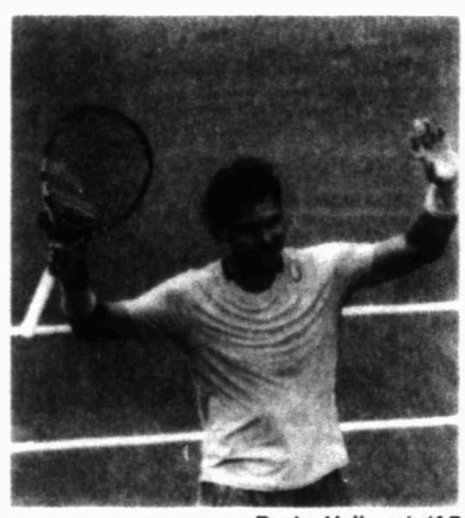
Durant isn't the only option under consideration by the Cowboys, who still haven't specified Lee's injury or said how long they expect him to be sidelined.

Fourth-round pick Anthony Hitchens wasn't far behind Durant for the start of the second week of offseason practice Monday, the same day Hitchens signed his rookie contract. And second-year player DeVonte Holloman worked off to the side, nursing a sore hamstring. If one of those three isn't at the center of the Dallas defense in the season opener against San Francisco in about three months, it will probably be someone off the streets.

The Cowboys aren't in a hurry to decide.

"I don't have timetables," linebackers coach Matt Eberflus said. "I really don't. Like I said, just working with who's on the grass."

Durant and Holloman started the last three games of 2013 after Lee was sidelined by a neck injury.



Darko Vojinovic/AP

Rafael Nadal waves after defeating Dusan Lajovic during their fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament in Paris.

Nadal wins again to reach French Open quarters

By Chris Lehourites
Associated Press

PARIS — For the first time in his career, Rafael Nadal will make a fifth straight appearance in the French Open quarterfinals.

Nadal won a record 32nd straight match at Roland Garros on Monday, beating Dusan Lajovic of Serbia 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 to improve on his own record by one.

Nadal is an eight-time French Open champion with a 63-1 record on the red clay in Paris. His only loss came in

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HOUNDSWATCH

SUNDAY'S SCORE
Tulsa 4, Midland 2

TODAY'S GAME
Corpus Christ at Midland, 6:30 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark

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Tulsa 7, Midland 1	Tulsa 4, Midland 2	Corpus Christi at Midland	Corpus Christi at Midland	Corpus Christi at Midland

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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
World Series, finals, game 2, Florida vs. Alabama, 7 p.m., ESPN
MLB
Regional coverage, Oakland at N.Y. Yankees or Boston at Cleveland, 6 p.m., MLB Network
Baltimore at Texas, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Dodgers, 9 p.m., WGN
SOCCER
Men's national teams, exhibition, Mexico vs. Bosnia-Herzegovina, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2
TENNIS
French Open, men's and women's quarterfinals (same-day tape), Noon, ESPN2
WNBA
Los Angeles at Atlanta, 6 p.m., ESPN2

LOCAL SPORTS

JACKS TRADE FIRST OVERALL PICK

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes announced on Monday that they have traded the first overall pick in today's North American Hockey League draft to the Janesville Jets for defenseman Jesse Junttila along with two other picks.

Junttila has committed to play hockey at NCAA Division I Northern Michigan University and played last season in Janesville. Before that he played with the Kalamazoo Jr. K-Wings. Junttila is 19 years old.

The Jacks will also receive a first-round pick (fifth overall) and a third-round pick in the trade.

It's the third trade the Jacks have made in the last two weeks as they now have two picks in the first five of today's draft. The draft will begin at 1 p.m.

MARCOM ACES AT HOGAN

Mike Marcom recorded his first hole-in-one on No. 13 of the Quail Course at Hogan Park Golf Course. Marcom used an 8-iron.

Witnesses were Becca Marcom, J.J. Jackson and Bill Morgan.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Selected the contract of LHP Johan Santana from Norfolk (IL) and placed him on the 15-day DL.

BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled SS Stephen Drew and OF Daniel Nava from Pawtucket (IL). Placed 1B-OF Mike Carp on the 15-day DL retroactive to June 1.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Reinstated 1B Jose Abreu from the 15-day DL.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Recalled LHP Nick Hagadone from AAA Columbus (IL). Optioned RHP Mark Lowe to Columbus.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Claimed RHP Blake Wood off waivers from Cleveland and assigned him to Omaha (PCL). Transferred RHP Luke Hochevar to the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Wilking Rodriguez from Omaha. Optioned RHP Louis Coleman to Omaha. Designated LHP Justin Marks for assignment.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned RHP Jarrett Grube to Salt Lake (PCL).

TEXAS RANGERS — Named Rick Down hitting coach and Salomon Manriquez coach for Spokane (NWL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned RHP Bobby Korecky to Buffalo (IL).

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed OF A.J. Pollock on the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of OF David Peralta from Mobile (SL). Transferred LHP Matt Reynolds to the 60-day DL.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with 1B Jon Singleton on a five-year contract. Assigned 1B Marc Krauss to Oklahoma City (PCL).

NEW YORK METS — Recalled OF Matt den Dekker from Las Vegas (PCL). Placed OF Juan Lagares on the 15-day DL.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Designated LHP Jeremy Horst for assignment.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned RHP Wirfin Obispo to Indianapolis (IL). Sent RHP Stolmy Pimentel to Bradenton (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Agreed to terms with 1B Cody Overbeck on a minor league contract.

American Association

AMARILLO SOX — Released LHP Kevin Rogers.

GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS — Sold the contract of RHP Caesar Lopez to Atlanta (NL).

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released RHP Luis Sanz.

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released LHP Ryan Bollinger.

Atlantic League

SUGAR LAND SKEETERS — Acquired OF Brian Barton from Southern Maryland for future considerations.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Sent 1B Nick Schwaner to Kansas City (AA) to complete a previous trade and for a player to be named.

FRONTIER GREYS — Released RHP Pat Lowery.

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Released OF C.J. Epperson and OF Tre-Von Johnson.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined New York president Phil Jackson $25,000 for a tampering violation involving Oklahoma City G Derek Fisher.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed C Macky MacPherson.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed CB Al Louis-Jean to a three-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DB Aaron Berry.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed LB Anthony Hitchens.

DENVER BRONCOS — Signed WR Cody Latimer, C Matt Paradis and LB Corey Nelson.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed DE Kalonji Kashama and WR Cody Wilson. Released DE Kourtnei Brown and DT Vaughn Martin.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Claimed CB Julian Posey off waivers from Cleveland. Waived CB Kip Edwards.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed QB Jimmy Garoppolo.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Waived G Mike Golic Jr. and LB Hadley Spencer.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Released S Will Hill.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed S Calvin Pryor to a four-year contract.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released RB Kevin Smith and WR Jordan Brescacin. Signed DL Ed Prince and WR Brett Carter.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed RW Max Gortz to a three-year, entry-level contract and G Carter Hutton to a two-year contract.

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended St. John's D Will O'Neill one game for receiving a match penalty for cross checking in a May 31 game at Wilkes-Barre Scranton.

SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Named Eric Lapointe executive vice president and alternate governor and Sarah Pompea team president and governor.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

MONTREAL IMPACT — Traded D Fuffy Danso to Portland for a 2015 second-round draft pick.

NEW YORK CITY FC — Signed F David Villa to a three-year contract.

COLLEGE

CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION — Named Adrian Ferguson associate commissioner of media relations.

LAS VEGAS BOWL — Named John Saccenti executive director.

BINGHAMTON — Named Mike Leflar women's associate basketball coach, Torey Northup-Jones women's assistant basketball coach. Retained Leah Truncale as a women's assistant basketball coach.

EAST CAROLINA — Announced the contract of baseball coach Billy Godwin will not be renewed. Named Matthew Siachetka assistant strength and conditioning coach.

EMORY & HENRY — Named Josh Bullock strength and conditioning coach.

FLAGLER — Announced the retirement of women's tennis coach Walter Shinn.

JACKSONVILLE — Named Dr. Donnie Horner chief athletics officer.

SHENANDOAH — Promoted Melissa Kraft to women's head basketball coach.

STANFORD — Announced the resignation of softball coach John Rittman.

WAGNER — Named Brian Tracz director of strength & conditioning.

WINTHROP — Named Brian Kloman men's assistant basketball coach.

PRO GOLF LEADERS

PGA Tour FedExCup Leaders
Through June 1

Rank Player	Points	YTD Money
1. Jimmy Walker	2,239	$4,722,075
2. Bubba Watson	2,048	$4,978,679
3. Matt Kuchar	1,625	$3,566,602
4. Dustin Johnson	1,505	$3,696,475
5. Jordan Spieth	1,441	$3,369,464
6. Chris Kirk	1,429	$2,784,093
7. Patrick Reed	1,364	$3,038,426
8. Harris English	1,327	$2,606,972
9. Brendon Todd	1,237	$2,477,223
10. Kevin Na	1,214	$2,404,226
11. Jim Furyk	1,165	$2,919,936
12. Adam Scott	1,148	$2,521,450
13. Zach Johnson	1,138	$2,303,003
14. Hideki Matsuyama	1,125	$2,283,868
15. John Senden	1,080	$2,163,404
16. Matt Every	1,051	$2,102,826
17. Ryan Moore	1,043	$2,311,218
18. Webb Simpson	1,001	$2,118,756
19. Kevin Stadler	975	$1,969,998
20. Graham DeLaet	954	$2,071,196
21. Gary Woodland	940	$2,043,013
22. Charles Howell III	916	$1,738,229
23. Martin Kaymer	909	$2,318,602
24. Ryan Palmer	897	$1,769,371
25. Will MacKenzie	880	$1,782,250
26. Matt Jones	874	$1,759,235
27. Keegan Bradley	868	$1,710,280
28. Seung-Yul Noh	854	$1,703,173
29. Brian Stuard	853	$1,653,919
30. J.B. Holmes	845	$1,877,040
31. Charley Hoffman	817	$1,467,956
32. Bill Haas	814	$1,455,768
33. Sergio Garcia	802	$2,047,867
34. Jason Day	799	$2,035,780
35. Russell Knox	793	$1,247,924
36. Rory McIlroy	786	$1,890,140
37. Russell Henley	786	$1,635,328
38. Jason Dufner	774	$1,583,066
39. Daniel Summerhays	739	$1,242,899
40. Luke Donald	688	$1,325,800
41. Ryo Ishikawa	680	$1,266,138
42. Justin Rose	675	$1,696,179
43. Steven Bowditch	673	$1,356,069
44. Chris Stroud	671	$1,336,482
45. Marc Leishman	663	$1,305,042
46. Pat Perez	661	$1,277,550
47. Brian Harman	658	$1,159,394
48. Chesson Hadley	649	$1,237,706
49. Jason Bohn	643	$1,280,214
50. Scott Brown	641	$1,133,907
51. Freddie Jacobson	637	$1,214,384
52. Jason Kokrak	632	$1,071,033
53. Rickie Fowler	615	$1,514,610
54. Cameron Tringale	614	$1,035,114
55. Graeme McDowell	605	$1,358,530
56. Robert Garrigus	597	$956,092
57. Scott Stallings	585	$1,228,834
58. George McNeill	584	$1,135,703
59. David Hearn	565	$984,069
60. K.J. Choi	561	$1,037,259
61. Hunter Mahan	552	$1,014,390
62. Jeff Overton	539	$1,010,374
63. Rory Sabbatini	534	$985,677

LPGA Money Leaders
Through June 1

	Trn	Money
1. Stacy Lewis	12	$1,102,756
2. Michelle Wie	11	$821,994
3. Anna Nordqvist	11	$736,464
4. Lexi Thompson	11	$651,360
5. Karrie Webb	10	$620,872
6. Lydia Ko	11	$559,486
7. Inbee Park	10	$519,510
8. Jessica Korda	11	$485,632
9. Azahara Munoz	13	$483,152
10. Lizette Salas	11	$470,615
11. Paula Creamer	12	$445,988
12. Chella Choi	13	$417,994
13. Jenny Shin	12	$348,863
14. Cristie Kerr	10	$333,714
15. Angela Stanford	11	$307,731
16. So Yeon Ryu	10	$279,140
17. Gerina Piller	12	$277,260
18. Na Yeon Choi	11	$254,621
19. Shanshan Feng	8	$253,235
20. Catriona Matthew	10	$247,899
21. Christina Kim	9	$245,331
22. Se Ri Pak	11	$237,938
23. Meena Lee	12	$230,052
24. Pornanong Phatlum	12	$219,043
25. Julieta Granada	12	$209,175
26. Eun-Hee Ji	12	$205,344
27. Suzann Pettersen	9	$202,910
28. Morgan Pressel	12	$199,681
29. Karine Icher	11	$195,777
30. Amy Yang	9	$178,631
31. Yani Tseng	11	$172,464
32. Jennifer Johnson	11	$163,186
33. Sandra Gal	11	$158,613
34. Hee Young Park	13	$148,994
35. Haru Nomura	11	$147,553
36. Mirim Lee	9	$146,452
37. Haeji Kang	11	$146,050
38. Brittany Lang	12	$136,832
39. Sarah Jane Smith	10	$131,771
40. Mina Harigae	12	$128,986
41. Line Vedel	9	$125,966
42. Jodi Ewart Shadoff	11	$125,487
43. Mi Hyang Lee	11	$124,490
44. P.K. Kongkraphan	12	$117,288
45. Caroline Masson	13	$115,681
46. Dori Carter	9	$104,110
47. Thidapa Suwannapura	12	$102,007
48. Katherine Kirk	13	$100,693
49. Brittany Lincicome	12	$93,912
50. Christel Boeljon	9	$91,972

Sheppard, several others earn 2-5A honors

From staff reports

Lee senior shortstop Ciara Sheppard was named the District 2-5A Defensive Most Valuable Player, and a total of seven other players from Lee and Midland High earned first team honors on this year's all-district team.

Sheppard, who will play softball at Angelo State next year, was a four-year starter for the Lady Rebels at second base and then shortstop for the last three years.

Midland High, which finished second in District 2-5A this season, had five players earn first-team honors on this year's all-district team. Courtney Warren, who has signed to play at Henderson State University, was a first-team catcher, and senior Stefani Baeza was a first-team pitcher.

Junior Brittany Baggett and sophomore Brooke Ryan were first-team outfielders, and junior Shelby Neatherlin was a first-team utility player.

For Lee, senior Kylee Olivas was a first-team pitcher, and senior Gaby Hernandez was a first-team infielder.

Lubbock Coronado senior pitcher Monique Garcia was the district's Most Valuable Player, and Lady Mustangs coach J.J. Johnson was the Coach of the Year.

Odessa High's Lindsey Wagner was the district's Offensive MVP, and San Angelo Central freshman Marisa Cruz was the Newcomer of the Year.

Hernandez

Baggett

Ryan

Sheppard

Olivas

Baeza

Warren

Neatherlin

2-5A ALL-DISTRICT SOFTBALL TEAM

District MVP: Monique Garcia, Sr., Lubbock Coronado.

Offensive MVP: Lindsey Wagner, Jr., Odessa High.

Defensive MVP: Ciara Sheppard, Sr., Lee.

Newcomer of the Year: Marisa Cruz, Fr., San Angelo Central.

Coach of the Year: J.J. Johnson, Lubbock Coronado.

FIRST TEAM

Pitchers: Kylee Olivas, Sr., Lee; Kristen Dees, Sr., Odessa High; **Stefani Baeza, Sr., Midland High.**

Catchers: Teagan Kirk, Sr., Lubbock Coronado; **Courtney Warren, Sr., Midland High.**

Infield: Kaitlyn Dawson, So., Lubbock Coronado; Quin Fortner, Jr., Lubbock Coronado; Jasmine Alvarez, So., Odessa High; Clarissa Martinez, Fr., Permian; **Gaby Hernandez, Sr., Lee;** Eliah Davila, Sr., Abilene High.

Outfield: Janie Campos, Sr., Odessa High; **Brittany Baggett, Jr., Midland High; Brooke Ryan, So., Midland High;** Lindsey Chastain, Sr., Permian; Abby Alvarez, Sr., Lubbock Coronado; Courtney Barnhill, So., Lubbock Coronado.

Utility: Shelby Neatherlin, Jr., Midland High; Allie Calderon, Jr., Lubbock Coronado.

SECOND TEAM

Pitchers: Elizabeth Craig, Jr., Permian; **Darby O'Grady, So., Lee.**

Catchers: Tristan Castillo, Jr., Odessa High; Kali Holcomb, Jr., Permian; **Destiny Reyes, Sr., Lee.**

Infield: Aubree Elliot, Jr., Midland High; Sydney Betcher, Jr., Midland High; Hailey Burden, Sr., Abilene Cooper; Milleana Minjarez, Sr., Permian; Tiana Love, Fr., San Angelo Central; Shelly Picasso, Sr., San Angelo Central; **Rosie Marquez, Jr., Lee.**

Outfield: Hope Deanda, Jr., Odessa High; **Leandra Lopez, Sr., Midland High;** Miranda Martinez, Fr., Permian; **Emily Nunez, So., Lee, Kirsten Jones, Sr., Lee;** Kaitlyn McGuiness, So., Abilene High.

Utility: Elva Castillo, Fr., Odessa High; Rylee Taylor, So., Permian.

HONORABLE MENTION

Lee: Cidney Martin, Jr.; Lindsey Greenlee, So

Rangers' Vizcaino a 4-3A baseball 1st-teamer

From staff reports

Greenwood's Javier Vizcaino was the only Ranger on this year's 4-3A All-District baseball team.

Vizcaino was an outfielder for the Rangers this season.

Big Spring had five players earn first-team honors as Adam Franco, Haegan Rodriguez, Brett Brorman, Hunter Hill and Anthony Godwin all received nods.

Vizcaino

Sweetwater's Greg Aiken was the district's Most Valuable Player, and the Mustangs' Tyler Beasley was the Newcomer of the Year.

Abilene Wylie's Lane Bourland was the Offensive Player of the Year, and the Bulldogs' Blake Frampton was named the district's Defensive Player of the Year.

4-3A ALL-DISTRICT BASEBALL TEAM

MVP: Greg Aiken, Sweetwater

Offensive Player of the Year: Lane Bourland, Wylie

Defensive Player of the Year: Blake Frampton, Wylie

Newcomer of the Year: Tyler Beasley, Sweetwater

FIRST TEAM

Abilene Wylie: Mac Mueller, John Paul Tople, Cooper Hedge, Jaxon Bounds, Payton Stokes and Spencer Reyes

Sweetwater: J.P. Poe, Hayden Reeves, James Clift, Dylan Bennett, Kaleb Hoover, Stephen May

Big Spring: Adam Franco, Haegan Rodriguez, Brett Brorman, Hunter Hill, Anthony Godwin

Snyder: Logan Tate, Christian Fletcher, Skillet Rinehart

Monahans: Luis Carrasco, Justin Tavarez, Korbin Layton

Greenwood: Javier Vizcaino

SECOND TEAM

Abilene Wylie: Jason Frederick, Zach Smith, Matt Lovelace

Snyder: Kutter Derryberry, Taylor Mundres, Brantley Stephens

Big Spring: Matthew Yanez, Gary Watkins

Monahans: Brandon Navarro, Neeko Arredondo, Gavin Stroh, Bryan Venegas, Quentin Jones, Lafteric Harpe

Greenwood: Victor Urias, Zach Redwine, Jordon Holmes

HONORABLE MENTION

Greenwood: Cole Dickey, J.P. Contreras

Rangerettes' Maddox takes Co-offensive MVP 4-3A award

From staff reports

Greenwood junior pitcher Kassie Maddox earned Co-Offensive Most Valuable Player honors on the 4-3A All-District softball team, and three other Greenwood players were honored on the first team.

Maddox was the Rangerette's primary pitcher and was also one of the team's top hitters. Maddox shared the honor with Snyder junior Lindzi Clemmer.

Greenwood senior Shawnda Price was named a first-team infielder, while seniors Kambree Ebenstein and Airielle Urias were first-team outfielders.

Snyder's Adrianna Hernandez was the district's Most Valuable Player, and Synder's Taylor Hinojos and Monahans' Ally Leal shared the Defensive MVP honors. Abilene Wylie's London Weilert was the Newcomer of the Year, and Kaylee Rowe was the Utility Player of the Year.

Maddox

Price

Ebenstein

Urias

4-3A ALL-DISTRICT SOFTBALL TEAM

District MVP: Adrianna Hernandez, Sr., Snyder.

Co-Offensive MVPs: Lindzi Clemmer, Jr., Snyder; **Kassie Maddox, Jr., Greenwood.**

Co-Defensive MVPs: Taylor Hinojos, Jr., Snyder; Ally Leal, Sr., Monahans.

Newcomer of the Year: London Weilert, Jr., Abilene Wylie.

Utility Player of the Year: Kaylee Rowe, Jr., Abilene Wylie.

Coach of the Year: Kristin Williams, Snyder.

FIRST TEAM

Pitchers: Olyvia Hamilton, Sr., Abilene Wylie.

Catchers: Makenley Lunsford, Sr., Abilene Wylie.

Infield: Priscilla Guzman, Jr., Snyder; Alexis Proulx, Jr., Snyder; Valerie Goodblanket, Sr., Big Spring; Emily Fitzhugh, Sr., Abilene Wylie; **Shawnda Price, Sr., Greenwood;** Nadia Gonzales, Jr., Snyder.

Outfield: Nikki Salazar, Sr., Monahans; Haily Slade, So., Monahans; **Kambree Ebenstein, Sr., Greenwood;** Rachel Myers, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Shadye Millican, So., Snyder; Bailey Garcia, So., Snyder; **Airielle Urias, Sr., Greenwood.**

SECOND TEAM

Pitchers: Adriana Flores, Sr., Monahans.

Catchers: Priscilla Acosta, Jr., Greenwood.

Infield: Sydni Oliva, Jr., Big Spring; Mercedes Ruiz, Jr., Big Spring; Morgan Mason, Jr., Abilene Wylie; Kimi Bailey, Jr., Monahans; **Jaden Shoulz, Jr., Greenwood; Bereniz Baeza, Sr., Greenwood.**

Outfield: Paty Azuaje, Sr., Monahans; Tristen Anderson, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Bailey Goodenough, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Maegan Leatherwood, Sr., Snyder; Jaci Aguilar, Fr., Big Spring; Makenzie Roberts, So., Big Spring; Abby Garcia, So., Sweetwater.

HONORABLE MENTION

Mia Oliva, Sr., Big Spring; Macy Goodenough, So., Abilene Wylie; Baily Slade, Sr., Monahans; Jesse Webber, Sr., Greenwood; Gabby Sanchez, Sr., Snyder; Cierra Knox, Jr., Sweetwater.

HSPAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

UIL STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
Wednesday's Games
Dell Diamond, Round Rock
Class A Semifinals
Douglass (31-1) vs. Dawson (18-10), 9 a.m.
Anson (24-5) vs. Flatonia (22-60, Noon
Class 2A Semifinals
Idalou (32-5) vs. Troy (29-9), 4 p.m.
East Bernard (25-5) vs. Sunnyvale (28-7) 7 p.m.
Disch Falk Field, Austin
Class 3A Semifinals
Argyle (31-9) vs. Sinton (25-9), 1 p.m.
College Station (33-6) vs. Lubbock Cooper (20-18), 4 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Dell Diamond, Round Rock
Class A Final, 9 a.m.
Class 2A Final, Noon
Class 4A Semifinals
Richmond George Ranch (33-7) vs. Victoria East (29-9), 4 p.m.
Hallsville (34-4) vs. Aledo (32-6), 7 p.m.
Disch Falk Field, Austin
Class 3A Final, 6:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Dell Diamond, Round Rock
Class 5A Semifinals
Pearland (37-5) vs. Flower Mound (32-12) Noon
San Antonio Reagan (33-6) vs. Humble Atascocita (31-8), 3 p.m.
Class 4A Final, 7 p.m.
Saturday's Game
Class 5A Final, 11:30 a.m.

QB Jim Kelly's presence resonates at charity event

By John Wawrow
Associated Press

BATAVIA, N.Y. — Dan Marino left his Dolphins' colors behind in exchange for a Buffalo Bills' blue T-shirt with the words "Kelly Tough" printed on the front.

Anything for a dear friend.

"Everybody loves Jim. I love him too, man," Marino said Monday, before the start of Jim Kelly's annual charitable golf tournament. "I just can't wait for him to get better and get back out here with us."

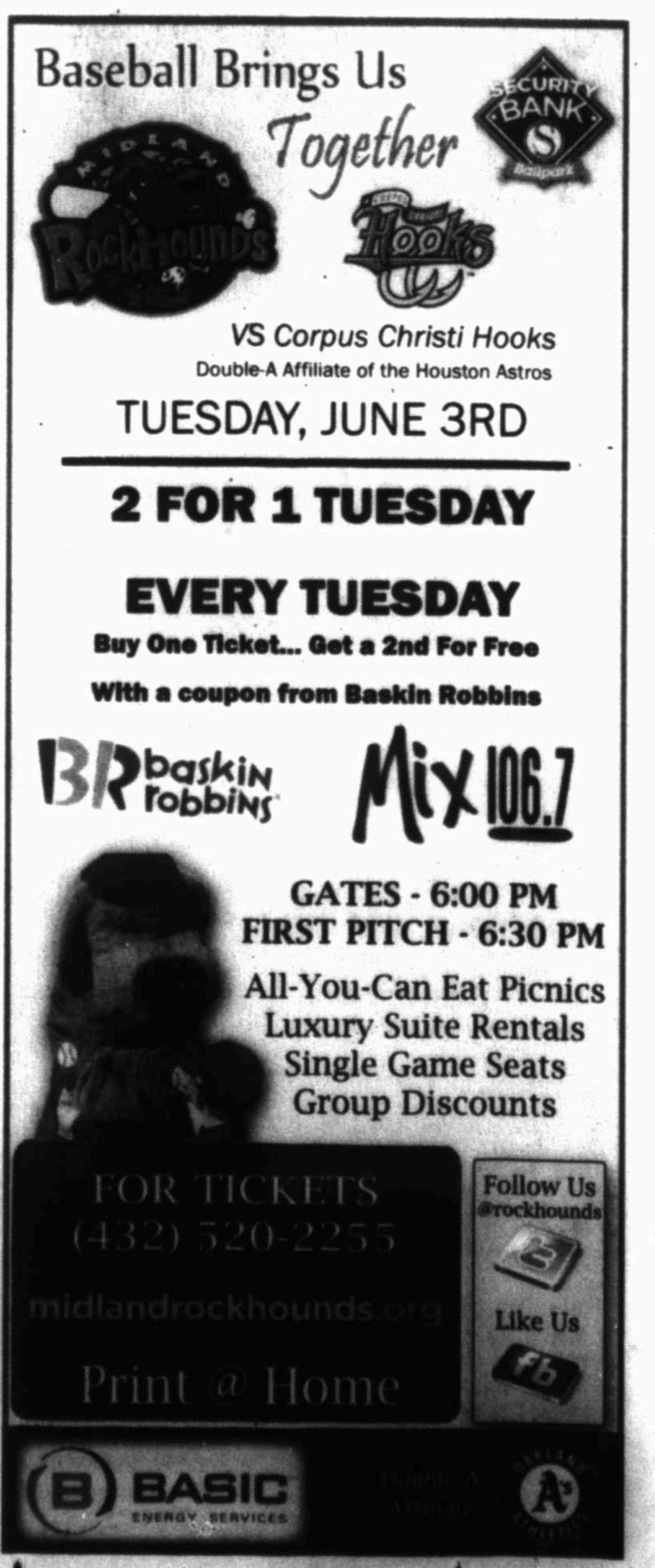
Marino, the former Dolphins star quarterback and Kelly's longtime rival, was on hand in what was one of the largest turnouts of the tournament's 28-year history. The only one missing was Kelly, himself.

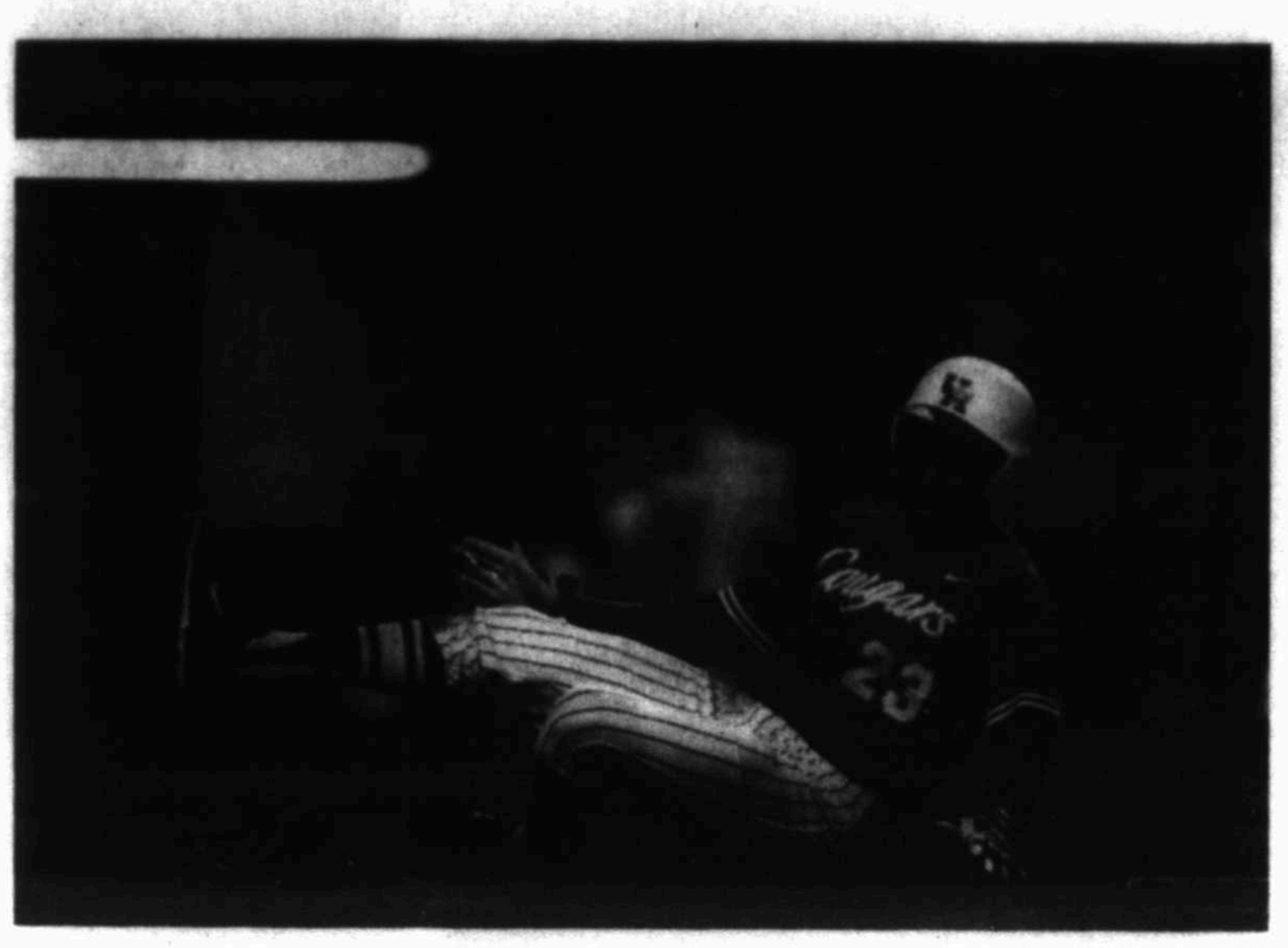
Too weak to attend, the Bills' Hall of Fame quarterback is recovering in a hospital in Buffalo less than a week after completing radiation and chemotherapy sessions to treat sinus cancer, which spread from his jaw.

Though absent, Kelly's presence resonated on the golf course about a half-hour outside of Buffalo.

"He's here in spirit," said former Bills general manager Bill Polian, who joined Marino in visiting Kelly on Sunday. "And everybody is here to not only aid his charity endeavors, but to show their support for him and our affection for him."

Bills Hall of Fame running back Thurman Thomas had to stop in mid-sentence to choke back his emotions. Thomas was nearly overwhelmed while attempting to assess the impact Kelly has made beyond football, through his Kelly for Kids Foundation, which has distributed more than $5 million to charities across the region.





Gerald Herbert/AP

Houston's Ashford Fulmer scores on a two-run RBI single by Michael Pyeatt in the third inning Monday in a game against LSU in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Houston knocks out LSU in NCAA regionals

By David Folse II
Associated Press

Cougars	**12**
Tigers	2

BATON ROUGE, La. — Connor Hollis had a two-run double to highlight a seven-run third inning and Houston defeated LSU 12-2 to win the NCAA's Baton Rouge regional on Monday.

The Cougars (48-16) advance to take on Texas in the super regionals. The host is to be determined.

Hollis greeted LSU reliever Brady Domangue with a two-run double to make it 5-2 and Ashford Fulmer followed with an RBI single to make it 6-2. After Domangue intentionally walked Kyle Survance, Michael Pyeatt followed with a two-run single make it 8-2. A sacrifice fly by Ratcliff capped the inning.

LSU (46-16-1) jumped out to 2-0 in the first on Sean McMullen's two-run single.

Jared Robinson (5-1) worked 6 1-3 inning of relief for Houston. Parker Bugg (2-2) allowed four runs in 2.1 innings for LSU.

LONGHORNS

From 1C

"Give me the ball."

"And he backed up what he said he was going to do," UT coach Augie Garrido said of Hollingsworth's unabashed confidence.

The right-hander Hollingsworth (3-0) hadn't earned a start all season, but the Longhorns staff had been depleted by three previous games on successive days in the regional, and the loss of ace Dillon Peters prior to the NCAA tournament with an elbow injury.

"I knew there were other guys capable of throwing that could give us a quality start," Hollingsworth said, "but I felt in my heart I could go out there and get it done."

The Aggies (36-36), in working their way through the losers bracket of the regional, had forced a deciding title game with a 3-2 victory over UT on Sunday night. Then, unheralded A&M starter Tyler Stubblefield appeared much as Hollingsworth, in steadfastly working his way through the Longhorns lineup.

While UT (41-19) and A&M don't play anymore as league foes – A&M split the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference two years ago – they played three times this season starting on Friday, an 8-1 Longhorns triumph to get the regional rolling.

On Monday, both teams scored a run in the first – and that would be all for A&M, as the Longhorns added a lone score in the fourth on an A&M fielding error, and added two cushioning runs in the seventh on the strength of a C.J. Hinojosa double and a sacrifice fly by Collin Shaw.

The winner of the super regional advances to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. UT, with six national titles in its storied annals, hadn't made the NCAA tournament the past two seasons, after visiting the CWS (along with A&M) in 2011.

"This team has been different right from the get-go," said Garrido, who's won two national titles (2002 and '05) with the Longhorns. "The players have been committed to doing things right, and they've kept their word about that."

ROCKHOUNDS

From 1C

remaining in the first half, and will play six games against Frisco over the next two weeks to end the first half. The first half will end on June 16 when the RockHounds take on the RoughRiders at Security Bank Ballpark.

Frisco, though, had a game canceled in its recent series against Tulsa and has only played 55 instead of 56.

It remains to be seen whether that one game could make a difference in the pennant race.

PITCHING MATCHUPS

Here's a quick glance at this week's pitching matchups for the RockHounds against the Hooks.

Today: Midland RHP Drew Granier (2-2, 3.79 ERA) vs. Corpus Christi LHP Tommy Shirley (5-2, 1.54 ERA)

Wednesday: Midland RHP Shawn Haviland (2-4, 3.78 ERA) vs. Corpus Christi LHP David Rollins (0-1, 2.84 ERA)

Thursday: Midland RHP Nate Long (5-1, 3.00 ERA) vs. Corpus Christi RHP Brady Rodgers (1-7, 4.20 ERA)

Friday: Midland RHP Chris Jensen (2-5, 4.72 ERA) vs. Corpus Christi RHP Michael Hauschild (1-0, 2.05 ERA)

Texas League
First half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	30	25	.545	—
Arkansas	27	28	.491	3
Springfield	26	30	.464	4 1/2
NW Arkansas	19	36	.345	11

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco	33	22	.600	—
Corpus Christi	29	27	.518	4 1/2
Midland	29	27	.518	4 1/2
San Antonio	29	27	.518	4 1/2

Sunday's Scores
Tulsa 4, Midland 2
San Antonio 5, Arkansas 0
Northwest Arkansas 2, Corpus Christi 1
Springfield 3, Frisco 2
Monday's Scores
No games scheduled
Today's Games
Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

'HOUNDS BITES

Max Muncy has reached base in 19 straight games and is hitting .344 in that same stretch. He is currently fifth in the Texas League in hitting at .304 and has a .424 on-base percentage. ... RockHounds outfielder/first baseman Josh Whitaker is second in the Texas League in batting average entering this week's home stand. Whitaker is hitting .325 and is tied for the league lead in RBI with 36. Whitaker is tied in that category with Corpus Christi's Preston Tucker. ... Today the RockHounds will be offering two tickets for the price of one. Fans can go by any area Baskin Robbins to pick up a voucher that can be exchanged today. On Friday, the first 1,000 kids ages 14-and-under will receive a RockHounds jersey.

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MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

INDIANS 3
RED SOX 2

CLEVELAND — Justin Masterson found the strike zone after a rocky start and pitched seven scoreless innings as the Cleveland Indians ended Boston's seven-game winning streak.

Masterson (3-4) walked four in the first three innings, but settled in and won for the first time in five starts. He allowed just three singles and struck out a season-high 10.

MARINERS 10
YANKEES 2

NEW YORK — Kyle Seager homered, tripled twice and doubled, leading Felix Hernandez and the Seattle Mariners past the New York Yankees.

Hernandez (8-1) tied a career high by winning his fifth straight start.

National League

METS 11
PHILLIES 2

PHILADELPHIA — Wilmer Flores hit a grand slam and drove in a career-high six runs, Bartolo Colon threw seven-plus sharp innings and the New York Mets beat the Philadelphia Phillies 11-2 Monday night in a makeup from an April rainout.

After playing 39 innings in the three previous games, the teams finally didn't go extras. The Mets took four of five from the Phillies and are 9-1 in Citizens Bank Park, dating to last season.

Interleague

ROYALS 6
CARDINALS 0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Danny Duffy worked six innings of one-hit ball and Alex Gordon homered to start a three-run seventh for Kansas City in a victory over suddenly punchless St. Louis.

The Royals had just two singles off Shelby Miller (6-5) in a scoreless game before they opened the seventh with four straight hits. Gordon's fifth homer ended a 15-inning scoreless drought and Mike Moustakas capped the rally with a two-run double.

MARLINS 3
RAYS 1

MIAMI — Randy Wolf pitched six innings for his first victory since 2012, and Miami handed Tampa Bay its seventh consecutive loss.

The 37-year-old Wolf (1-1), making a comeback from the second Tommy John surgery of his career, allowed three hits and one run. He struck out seven, walked one and won for the first time since he pitched Baltimore past Tampa Bay on Sept. 13, 2012.

BREWERS 6
TWINS 2

MILWAUKEE — Matt Garza took a shutout into the seventh inning and Mark Reynolds hit a two-run homer, sending Milwaukee past Minnesota.

Garza (3-4) scattered six hits over 6 1-3 scoreless innings against the team that brought him to the big leagues in 2006. The right-hander, signed to a $50 million, four-year deal as a free agent in the offseason, struck out eight and walked two for his first win since May 5.

MLB STANDINGS, BOX AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	34	24	.586	—
New York	29	27	.518	4
Baltimore	28	27	.509	4 1/2
Boston	27	30	.474	6 1/2
Tampa Bay	23	35	.397	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	31	22	.585	—
Chicago	29	29	.500	4 1/2
Cleveland	28	30	.483	5 1/2
Kansas City	27	30	.474	6
Minnesota	26	29	.473	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	35	22	.614	—
Los Angeles	30	26	.536	4 1/2
Seattle	29	28	.509	6
Texas	29	28	.509	6
Houston	24	34	.414	11 1/2

Monday's Scores
Cleveland 3, Boston 2
Seattle 10, N.Y. Yankees 2
Miami 3, Tampa Bay 1
Milwaukee 6, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 6, St. Louis 0
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
Boston (Peavy 1-2) at Cleveland (House 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Kazmir 6-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hutchison 4-3) at Detroit (A.Sanchez 2-2), 6:08 p.m.
Seattle (E.Ramirez 1-4) at Atlanta (Floyd 0-2), 6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 3-2) at Miami (H.Alvarez 2-3), 6:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Shields 6-3) at St. Louis (J.Garcia 1-0), 6:15 p.m.
Baltimore (U.Jimenez 2-6) at Texas (J.Saunders 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 6-4) at Houston (McHugh 3-3), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Deduno 1-3) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 3-3), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Noesi 0-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Haren 5-3), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	31	25	.554	—
Miami	29	28	.509	2 1/2
New York	28	29	.491	3 1/2
Washington	27	28	.491	3 1/2
Philadelphia	24	31	.436	6 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	35	23	.603	—
St. Louis	30	28	.517	[illegible]
Cincinnati	26	29	.473	[illegible]
Pittsburgh	26	30	.464	[illegible]
Chicago	20	34	.370	[illegible]

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	37	20	.649	—
Los Angeles	30	28	.517	[illegible]
Colorado	28	28	.500	[illegible]
San Diego	26	31	.456	[illegible]
Arizona	23	36	.390	[illegible]

Monday's Scores
N.Y. Mets 11, Philadelphia 2
Miami 3, Tampa Bay 1
Milwaukee 6, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 6, St. Louis 0
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Dodgers, late
Pittsburgh at San Diego, late

Today's Games
Philadelphia (Buchanan 1-1) at Washington (Zimmermann 3-2), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 4-3) at Cincinnati (Bailey 5-3), 6:10 p.m.
Seattle (E.Ramirez 1-4) at Atlanta (Floyd 0-2), 6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 3-2) at Miami (H.Alvarez 2-3), 6:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Shields 6-3) at St. Louis (J.Garcia 1-0), 6:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Z.Wheeler 2-5) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Deduno 1-3) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 3-3), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (C.Anderson 3-0) at Colorado (J.De La Rosa 6-3), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Noesi 0-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Haren 5-3), 9:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cole 5-3) at San Diego (Hahn [illegible]), 9:10 p.m.

MONDAY'S AL WEST BOX
MARINERS 10, YANKEES 2

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
JJones cf	4	0	0	0	Gardnr lf	4	0	0	0
MSndrs rf	5	1	2	3	Jeter ss	4	0	0	0
Cano 2b	3	1	1	0	Ellsury cf	4	[illegible]	2	0
Smoak 1b	5	1	1	0	McCnn c	4	1	1	0
Seager 3b	5	3	4	3	Solarte 3b	4	1	2	0
Zunino c	4	1	2	1	ASorin dh	4	0	0	0
Ackley dh	3	1	1	1	ISuzuki rf	4	[illegible]	1	2
EnChvz lf	3	1	[illegible]	0	BRorts 2b	3	0	1	0
BMiller ss	4	1	1	2	KJhnsn 1b	3	0	2	0
Totals	36	10	12	10	Totals	34	2	9	2

Seattle	010	100	404	—10
New York	000	200	000	—2

DP—Seattle 1. LOB—Seattle 5, New York 5. 2B—Seager [illegible], Zunino (8), Solarte (12). 3B—Seager [illegible]. HR—M.Saunders (4), Seager (9). [illegible] Ackley (2). S—J.Jones, En.Chavez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
F.Hernandez W,8-1	[illegible]	8	2	2	0	8
Furbush	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	0	0	1
Beimel	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	0	[illegible]
New York						
Phelps	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	3	4
Thornton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	0	[illegible]
Aceves	2	5	4	4	0	[illegible]

Phelps pitched to 4 batters in the 7th.
HBP—by Phelps (Zunino).
T—2:54. A—41,539 (49,642).

AMERICAN LEAGUE
INDIANS 3, RED SOX 2

Boston	000	000	020	—2 5 0
Cleveland	201	000	00x	—3 8 0

Lackey and Pierzynski; Masterson, Shaw (8), Rzepczynski (8), Allen (9) and Y.Gomes. W—Masterson 3-4. L—Lackey 6-4. Sv—Allen (4). HRs—Boston, Bogaerts (4).

INTERLEAGUE
MARLINS 3, RAYS 1

Tampa Bay	000	010	000	—1 6 1
Miami	300	000	00x	—3 5 0

Cobb, Boxberger (7), McGee (8) and Solis; Molina. Wolf, Hatcher (7), M.Dunn (8), A.Ramos [illegible], Cishek (9) and Mathis. W—Wolf 1-1. L—Cobb [illegible]. Sv—Cishek (12).

BREWERS 6, TWINS 2

Minnesota	000	000	011	—2 12 2
Milwaukee	000	220	11x	—6 9 0

Gibson, Swarzak (7), Duensing (8) and K.Suzuki. Garza, W.Smith (7), Kintzler (8), Wooten (8), Duke (9) and Lucroy. W—Garza 3-4. L—Gibson 4-5. HRs—Milwaukee, Mar.Reynolds (13), Lucroy (3).

ROYALS 6, CARDINALS 0

Kansas City	000	000	330	—6 9 0
St. Louis	000	000	000	—0 3 2

Duffy, K.Herrera (7), W.Davis (8), Crow (9) and S.Perez; S.Miller, Choate (8), Motte (8), S.Freeman (9) and Y.Molina. W—Duffy 3-5. L—S.Miller 6-5. HRs—Kansas City, A.Gordon (5).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
METS 11, PHILLIES 2

New York	010	004	006	—11 10 0
Philadelphia	000	001	010	—2 7 1

Colon, Eveland (8), Familia (8), C.Torres (9) and d'Arnaud; R.Hernandez, Hollands (6), C.Jimenez (8), Diekman (9), Aumont (9) and Ruiz. W—Colon 5-5. L—R.Hernandez 2-3. HRs—New York, Flores (1).

REGIONAL GLANCE

NCAA Division I Baseball Regionals Glance
Double Elimination; x-if necessary

At Davenport Field
Charlottesville, Va.
Friday, May 30
Virginia 10, Bucknell 1
Arkansas 3, Liberty 2
Saturday, May 31
Bucknell 5, Liberty 2, Liberty eliminated
Virginia 3, Arkansas 0
Sunday, June 1
Arkansas 10, Bucknell 0, Bucknell eliminated
Virginia 9, Arkansas 2, Virginia advances

At Carolina Stadium
Columbia, S.C.
Friday, May 30
Maryland 4, Old Dominion 3
South Carolina 5, Campbell 2
Saturday, May 31
Campbell 4, Old Dominion 1, 12 innings, ODU eliminated
Maryland 4, South Carolina 3
Sunday, June 1
South Carolina 9, Campbell 0, Campbell eliminated
Maryland 10, South Carolina 1, Maryland advances

At Alfred A. McKethan Stadium
Gainesville, Fla.
Friday, May 30
Long Beach State 6, North Carolina 1
College of Charleston 3, Florida 2
Saturday, May 31
North Carolina 5, Florida 2, Florida eliminated
College of Charleston 6, Long Beach State 3
Sunday, June 1
Long Beach State 5, North Carolina 4, 6 innings, susp., rain
Monday
Long Beach State 12, North Carolina 5, UNC eliminated
College of Charleston 4, Long Beach State 2, CofC advances

At A-Rod Park at Mark Light Field
Coral Gables, Fla.
Friday, May 30
Texas Tech 3, Columbia 2
Miami 1, Bethune-Cookman 0
Saturday, May 31
Bethune-Cookman 6, Columbia 5, Columbia eliminated
Texas Tech 3, Miami 0
Sunday, June 1
Miami 10, Bethune-Cookman 0, B-CC eliminated
Texas Tech 1, Miami 0, 7 innings, susp., rain
Monday
Miami 2, Texas Tech 1, 10 innings
Texas Tech 4, Miami 0, TTU advances

At Dick Howser Stadium
Tallahassee, Fla.
Friday, May 30
Kennesaw State 1, Alabama 0
Georgia Southern 7, Florida State 0
Saturday, May 31
Alabama 6, Florida State 5, FSU eliminated
Kennesaw State 13, Georgia Southern 5, 11 innings
Sunday, June 1
Alabama 6, Georgia Southern 0, GSU eliminated
Alabama 4, Kennesaw State 1
Monday, June 2
Kennesaw State 4, Alabama 2, KSU advances

At Jim Patterson Stadium
Louisville, Ky.
Friday, May 30
Kansas 10, Kentucky 6
Louisville 5, Kent State 0
Saturday, May 31
Kentucky 4, Kent State 2, KSU eliminated
Louisville 6, Kansas 3
Sunday, June 1
Kentucky 8, Kansas 6, Kansas eliminated
Louisville 4, Kentucky 1, Louisville advances

At Bart Kaufman Field
Bloomington, Ind.
Friday, May 30
Stanford 8, Indiana State 1
Indiana 10, Youngstown State 2
Saturday, May 31
Youngstown State 5, Indiana State 2, ISU eliminated
Indiana 4, Stanford 2
Sunday, June 1
Stanford 12, Youngstown State 4, YSU eliminated
Stanford 10, Indiana 7
Monday
Stanford 5, Indiana 4, Stanford advances

At Hawkins Field
Nashville, Tenn.
Friday, May 30
Oregon 16, Clemson 1
Vanderbilt 11, Xavier 0
Saturday, May 31
Xavier 6, Clemson 4, Clemson eliminated
Vanderbilt 7, Oregon 2
Sunday, June 1
Oregon 11, Xavier 8, 10 innings, Xavier eliminated
Vanderbilt 3, Oregon 2, Vanderbilt advances

At Swayze Field
Oxford, Miss.
Saturday, May 31
Washington 8, Georgia Tech 0
Mississippi 12, Jacksonville State 2
Sunday, June 1
Georgia Tech 4, Jacksonville State 2, JSU eliminated
Mississippi 2, Washington 1
Washington 4, Georgia Tech 2, Georgia Tech eliminated
Monday, June 2
Mississippi 3, Washington 2, 10 innings, Mississippi advances

At Alex Box Stadium
Baton Rouge, La.
Friday, May 30
LSU 8, Southeastern Louisiana 4
Houston 3, Bryant 2, 10 innings
Saturday, May 31
Southeastern Louisiana 2, Bryant 1, 10 innings, Bryant eliminated
LSU 5, Houston 1
Sunday, June 1
Houston 9, Southeastern Louisiana 5, SE Louisiana eliminated
Houston 5, LSU 4, 11 innings
Monday
Houston 12, LSU 2, Houston advances

At M.L. "Tigue" Moore Field
Lafayette, La.
Friday, May 30
Mississippi State 5, San Diego State 2
Jackson State 1, Louisiana-Lafayette 0
Saturday, May 31
Louisiana-Lafayette 9, San Diego State 2, SDSU eliminated
Mississippi State 3, Jackson State 1
Sunday, June 1
Louisiana-Lafayette 11, Jackson State 1, JSU eliminated
Louisiana-Lafayette 14, Mississippi State 3
Monday
Louisiana-Lafayette 5, Mississippi State 3, Louisiana-Lafayette advances

At Allie P. Reynolds Stadium
Stillwater, Okla.
Friday, May 30
Cal State Fullerton 5, Nebraska 1
Oklahoma State 8, Binghamton 0
Saturday, May 31
Nebraska 8, Binghamton 6, Binghamton eliminated
Oklahoma State 13, Cal State Fullerton 7
Sunday, June 1
Cal State Fullerton 4, Nebraska 3, Nebraska eliminated
Oklahoma State 6, Cal State Fullerton 4, OSU advances

At Charlie and Marie Lupton Stadium
Fort Worth
Friday, May 30
Sam Houston State 2, Dallas Baptist 1
TCU 2, Siena 1, 11 innings
Saturday, May 31
Siena 9, Dallas Baptist 8, 10 innings, DBU eliminated
TCU 3, Sam Houston State 2, 22 innings
Sunday, June 1
Sam Houston State 9, Siena 2, Siena eliminate
TCU 6, Sam Houston State 1, TCU advances

At Reckling Park
Houston
Friday, May 30
Texas 8, Texas A&M 1
Rice 7, George Mason 2
Saturday, May 31
Texas A&M 7, George Mason 3, GMU eliminated
Texas 3, Rice 2, 11 innings
Sunday, June 1
Texas A&M 9, Rice 8, 10 innings, Rice eliminated
Texas A&M 3, Texas 2
Monday
Texas 4, Texas A&M 1, Texas advances

At Goss Stadium at Coleman Field
Corvallis, Ore.
Friday, May 30
UC Irvine 10, UNLV 3
Oregon State 2, North Dakota State 1
Saturday, May 31
UNLV 2, North Dakota State 1, NDSU eliminated
UC Irvine 14, Oregon State 2
Sunday, June 1
Oregon State 6, UNLV 1, UNLV eliminated
Oregon State 4, UC Irvine 0
Monday
UC Irvine (37-23) vs. Oregon State (45-13), late

At Baggett Stadium
San Luis Obispo, Calif.
Friday, May 30
Pepperdine 3, Arizona State 2
Cal Poly 4, Sacramento State 2
Saturday
Sacramento State 5, Arizona State 4, ASU eliminated
Pepperdine 2, Cal Poly 1
Sunday, June 1
Cal Poly 6, Sacramento State 5, Sacramento State eliminated
Pepperdine 10, Cal Poly 6, Pepperdine advances

Steve Cannon/AP

Kennesaw State's players celebrate their win over Alabama on Monday in Tallahassee, Florida.

Florida beats Alabama in Game 1

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Hannah Rogers threw a four-hitter to help Florida defeat Alabama 5-0 in Game 1 of the best-of-three national championship series Monday night.

Rogers had a perfect game through four innings and a one-hitter going into the bottom of the seventh in the matchup of Southeastern Conference rivals.

Florida (54-12) now is just one win from its first national title after runner-up finishes in 2009 and 2011. Game 2 will be played Tuesday night.

Jackie Traina got the loss for Alabama (53-12). She gave up five runs in 6 1-3 innings after having allowed just one earned run in her first three games during the World Series.

The Crimson Tide hadn't been shut out since Feb. 16.

Aubree Munro got the Gators going with a solo homer to left-center in the third inning. It was her third of the season.

In the top of the fifth, Florida got it going with two outs. Leadoff hitter Kelsey Stewart had a bunt single, then Kirsti Merritt doubled to left center to score Stewart. Stephanie Tofft singled to score Merritt and push Florida's lead to 3-0.

Alabama's Kaila Hunt broke up Rogers' perfect game with a single in the bottom of the fifth, but the Crimson Tide couldn't score after getting a runner to second.

Florida got two insurance runs in the top of the seventh. A sacrifice fly by Tofft scored Stewart, then Lauren Haeger's RBI double scored Merritt.

CWS SOFTBALL GLANCE

At ASA Hall of Fame Stadium
Oklahoma City
Double Elimination; x-if necessary
Thursday, May 29
Florida 11, Baylor 0, 5 innings
Oregon 3, Florida State 0
Kentucky 4, Louisiana-Lafayette 1
Alabama 6, Oklahoma 2
Friday, May 30
Florida 4, Oregon 0
Alabama 2, Kentucky 0
Saturday, May 31
Baylor 7, Florida State 2, FSU eliminated
Oklahoma 3, Louisiana-Lafayette 1, ULL eliminated
Baylor 8, Kentucky 7, 8 innings, UK eliminated
Oregon 4, Oklahoma 2, OU eliminated
Sunday, June 1
Florida 6, Baylor 3, Baylor eliminated
Alabama 2, Oregon 0, Oregon eliminated
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
Monday: Florida 5, Alabama 0, Florida leads series 1-0
Today: Florida (54-12) vs. Alabama (53-12), 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 4: Florida vs. Alabama, 7 p.m.

Rangers get 1 more practice in before flight to LA

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

NHL Finals

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Wednesday, June 4: NY Rangers at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 7: NY Rangers at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 9: Los Angeles at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 11: Los Angeles at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
x-Friday, June 13: NY Rangers at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.
x-Monday, June 16: Los Angeles at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 18: NY Rangers at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — Henrik Lundqvist had his game-day face on at practice.

He still smiled and answered all the questions thrown at him Monday about the Los Angeles Kings — the New York Rangers' long-awaited opponent in the Stanley Cup finals.

"Exciting. Long flight," the star goalie said Monday before he and his teammates headed to California for New York's first appearance in the finals since winning the title in 1994. "East Coast-West Coast. I'll look forward to this matchup."

If there wasn't already enough pressure on Lundqvist to lead his team to the championship, he is now part of the hype machine heading into Game 1 on Wednesday.

Headlines are screaming: "King Henrik vs. the Kings."

"Clever," he said with a slight laugh.

The Rangers have been waiting since Thursday to find out if they would face the 2012 Stanley Cup-winning Kings or the defending champion Chicago Blackhawks in the finals.

They took two days off before returning to practice on Sunday. Most of the players said they watched at least part of Los Angeles' third road Game 7 win of this playoff year that night.

So practice on Monday had a bit more focus for the Rangers as they knew exactly who was standing in their way next.

"Any team you play at this time of year is a good hockey team, especially a team that has kind of been around the playoffs and the Stanley Cup finals a couple of times in the last few years," forward Derek Stepan said. "This is a very good hockey club. We have a tough challenge in front of us."

The Kings returned to Los Angeles after their 5-4 come-from-behind overtime win at Chicago and took Monday off. They have played a record 21 playoff games before the finals — one more than the Rangers, who eliminated the Montreal Canadiens in six games during the Eastern Conference finals.

Before this year, no team that played seven games in each of the first two rounds had reached the finals. Now, both clubs have done it. The Kings taking it a step further with a trio of seven-game series.

Selfies can't fix attendance woes

JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

Molly Riley/AP

Jimmie Johnson drives during A Sprint Cup race Sunday at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Delaware.

CONCORD, N.C. — Kyle Larson lingered near his car waiting for the race to begin at Dover International Speedway when British television presenter Cherry Healey joined him on the concrete. Kneeling next to a rear tire, Healey snapped a selfie with NASCAR's newest star.

Selfies are all the rage in every age group, and in NASCAR, where fans can rub elbows with their favorite driver minutes before the start of the race, the ability to snap a shot with the stars is just another perk in the fan-friendly sport.

A snapshot of attendance shows a wider problem that social media can't fix.

Dover had swaths of empty seats on Sunday, continuing the trend of declining attendance at the Delaware race track that primarily serves Baltimore, Philadelphia, Richmond, Virginia, and Washington. Longtime observers said the crowd was the smallest in years, something CEO Denis McGlynn seemed to hint was coming in the pre-race driver meeting.

McGlynn told the drivers that fans simply can't afford to attend races at Dover, and warned "you're going to see some holes in the grandstands."

McGlynn and his staff are targeting a younger audience, trying to build a new generation of race fans, and offered kids 14 and under a $10 ticket on Sunday. In an effort to appeal to those kids, who love Facebook and Instagram and Twitter and Snapchat, McGlynn urged drivers to take a moment and pose for selfies with the new fans. Autographs mean little to anyone but collectors and the guy trying to make a buck, so the selfie goes a long way.

Far enough to fix attendance woes?

Hardly.

It still costs roughly $65 to get in the gate at Dover, and all those kids targeted with the $10 seats can't get them without the purchase of an adult ticket, too. Throw in parking, food and drink — even if you bring your own — and it's a big spend.

At least half of Dover's targeted audience could have attended the race at Richmond in April. A huge portion of the fans can go to Pocono Raceway in Pennsylvania this Sunday. And the luckiest fans at Pocono can skip the drivers and aim for selfies with the grand marshals, actors Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum.

NASCAR desperately wants to appeal to East Coast fans, but it's a bloated market. There are too many entertainment options already, and NASCAR is cramming in four Sprint Cup races from April 26 through Aug. 3 in one region.

Some will argue attendance doesn't matter because the tracks don't need attendance revenue like they did years ago. All tracks receive a cut of the television package, and the deal that begins next year is worth $8.2 billion, so there's plenty of wealth to trickle down to every facility.

"It's a media-based revenue now, that's a fact," said McGlynn. "But I'm not sure that's a desire for us. We still want those people in the grandstands."

Dover seats 113,000. Maybe it will hit that number this year if it combines attendance from Sunday's race with its September race.

Empty seats are ugly. They look bad for the race track, bad to the sponsors and are bad for the health of NASCAR, regardless of the TV deal.

Could tracks fill the seats by lowering ticket prices? Probably. But hotel prices remain an issue in many markets, and the lodging costs are simply too high for fans even if the tickets are free.

So, aside from giving each driver a daily selfie minimum to meet, what's the solution?

There's only one answer: blowing up the schedule.

Iowa Speedway desperately wants a Sprint Cup race and seems to have the fan base to deserve consideration, but it can't get on the 38-race schedule. Las Vegas Motor Speedway wants a second date, but can't have one unless track owner Bruton Smith is willing to move a race at one of his other tracks.

This isn't pick-on-Dover day, but when a track is struggling to fill half the grandstands, it shouldn't get two races a year. Atlanta is a big market and a storied race track, but when attendance dwindled, it lost one of its two races.

There's no logic at all in having Dover and Pocono back-to-back unless the marketing priority is the RV crowd that has the free time to travel to consecutive events.

NASCAR wants every race to matter, for every win to be a huge event. But there's a winner every week and if you missed it this Sunday, you can catch it next Sunday or the one after that.

Selfies can't fix this. Something far more drastic has to be done.

Heat locking in on Finals and Spurs, not what summer brings

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

NBA Finals

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Thursday, June 5: Miami at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 8: Miami at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 10: San Antonio at Miami, 8 p.m.
Thursday, June 12: San Antonio at Miami, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 15: Miami at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, June 17: San Antonio at Miami, 8 p.m.
x-Friday, June 20: Miami at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

MIAMI — For the Miami Heat, it's all about June.

July can wait.

Four years ago, when LeBron James uttered that now-infamous phrase — "not two, not three, not four, not five ..." — about how many championships he hoped to win with the Heat, it was almost immediately turned into a punch line. It rings prophetic in some ways now, with the Heat back in the NBA Finals for a fourth consecutive season.

How the Heat fare against in their NBA Finals rematch with the San Antonio Spurs might dictate what happens in July, when James, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade can become free agents if they choose. A looming offseason of decisions has been a taboo subject for the Heat "Big 3" this season, and Wade insisted Monday that Miami's stars have not said a word to each other about what may or may not happen.

"I'm not lying," Wade said.

Still, as long as Miami keeps winning, it seems logical the "Big 3" will stay together.

"I want to come back. That's OK to say, I think," Bosh said Monday after the Heat finished their first workout in preparation for the NBA Finals, which begin Thursday in San Antonio. "I can't speak for anything else and I don't want to take away from the subject at hand, but I like it here. It's Miami. Enough said. People are dying to get here."

Regardless of the outcome of this Heat-Spurs series, there will be changes to the Heat, which is an annual rite for just about every team. James, Wade and Bosh can all opt out of their current deals. Shane Battier is retiring. Ray Allen may think about doing the same, while Mario Chalmers, James Jones and Rashard Lewis are notable free-agents-in-waiting.

It's not just the "Big 3" who aren't thinking too far ahead, yet.

Allen said no one in the room is looking past anything but this series — especially with the Spurs' Tim Duncan saying San Antonio will get it done this year after falling short against the Heat last season. But as James noted, both teams have their own motivation.

"That's the great thing about having veterans," Allen said. "Nobody worries about what's not here yet."

Winning a third straight title could make some of those stay-or-go decisions pretty simple. And Wade believes Miami's legacy has been secured.

"Whenever it's all said and done, the legacy of this team, it's going to be a great team," Wade said. "It's going to go down in history as an unbelievable team not only in South Florida but in NBA history."

Given that, it's easy to see why so much attention gets paid to how long this team can stay together.

Bosh, Wade and James all made it very clear in September that they were not going to let the summer of 2014 turn into the circus that the summer of 2010 was, when all three became free agents and decided to bring their talents together.

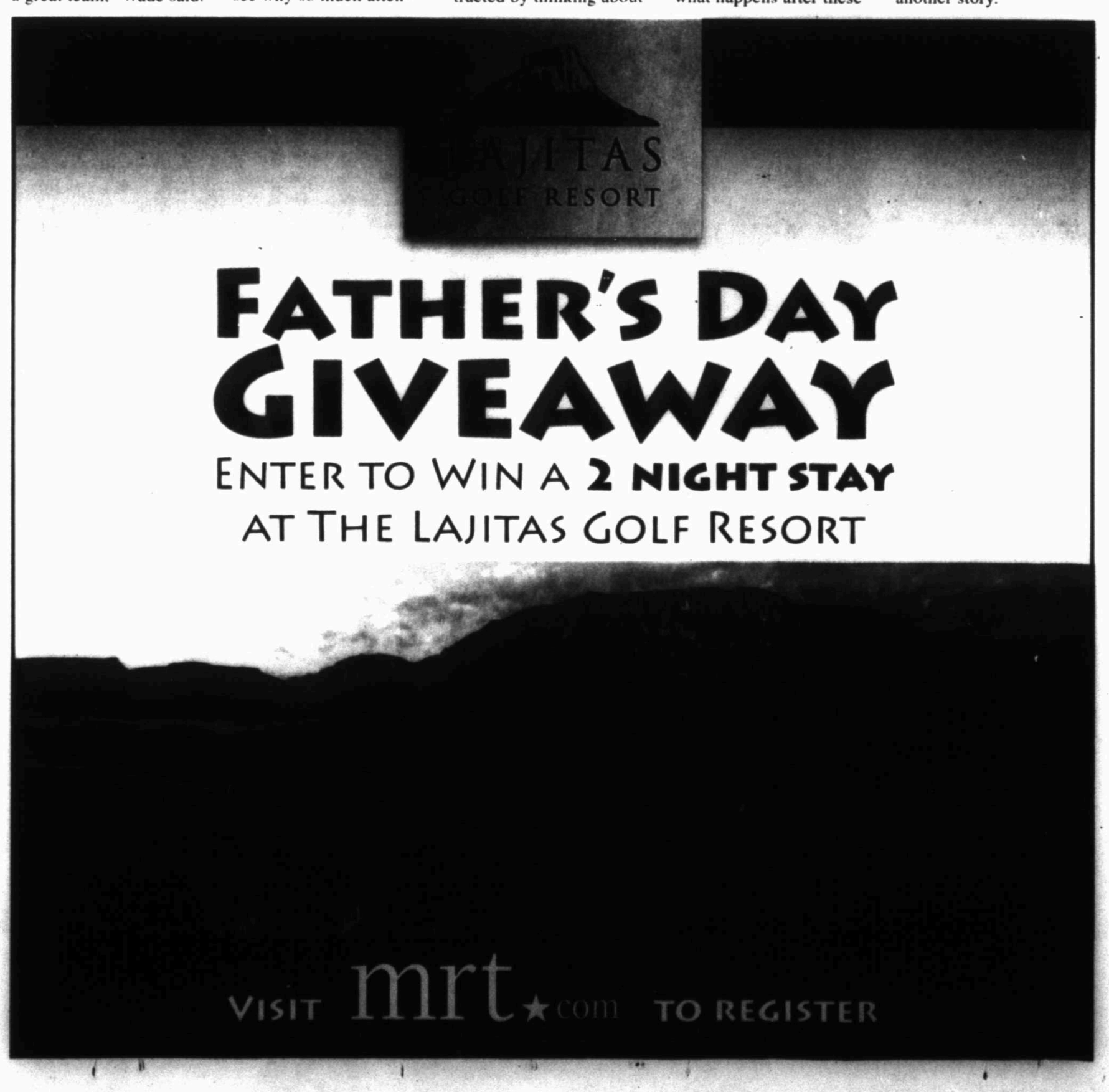
Entering the season, James said that his teammates "understand where I stand" regarding the future. And on Monday, James said he wasn't going to let himself be distracted by thinking about what impact the result of these NBA Finals will have on the legacy the Heat have created over the last four seasons.

"No, because I live in the moment," James said. "It's almost the same with my individual accomplishments. I never really understand them. The only time I'll be able to appreciate it is when I'm done playing the game. I'm in the moment. I don't even think about it."

Bosh was the last player off the practice floor Monday. And when the conversation turned to what happens after these finals, he was reluctant, he said, to think about anything beyond Game 1 on Thursday night.

"It's difficult enough concentrating on trying to get back to this point, let alone trying to win it," Bosh said. "We've done that before. All of us made a lot of mistakes in 2010, which is going to happen because that was our first time being in it. But now, not only are we vets in the league, with playoff experience, we know what to expect."

What decisions to expect this summer, that's another story.



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	G	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	EM: Weight Loss "Kathie and Josh" A mother and son looking to change their lives. (N)				Celebrity Wife Swap (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Homesick"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Unwritten Rule"		Person of Interest "The Crossing"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Late
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Gilligan's Island	Happy Days	Hogan's Heroes	Welcome Kotter	Honey-mooners	Honey-mooners	Twilight Zone	P. Mason "The Case of the Isarina's Tiara"		Dragnet
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Riot "Tom Green and Andy Dick" (N)		I Wanna Marry Harry (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Joe McGee	HaYesod	Update News	BAS Presents	Light of the Southwest				Exploring With the Scholars		Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		America's Got Talent "Audition" The auditions continue around the country. (N)				The Night Shift "Second Chances" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Late Night
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Celtic Thunder "Voyage" Varying styles of Celtic and Irish music are showcased.				Il Volo A performance by the Italian tenor trio Il Volo.			Art & Create	BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	De Que Te Quiero Te Quiero				Lo Que La Vida Me Robo		Que Pobres Tan Ricos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Una familia con suerte	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	Bones "Fire in the Ice"		Bones		My News	Million..	30 Rock	Sunny	Access H.	Insider
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) For Love or...		★★★ The Secret of My Success				★★★ Tin Men ('87, Com/Dra) Richard Dreyfuss.					Movie
HBO	300	68	14	14		★★ Red 2 ('13, Act) Bruce Willis.				Game of Thrones		Silicon	Veep	Game of Thrones		24/7	Veep
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:30) The Bourne Legacy			FaceOff	24/7	LastWeek	Bill Maher		2014 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:10) The Way ...		Big Love		Silicon	Veep	★★★ The 40-Year-Old Virgin				★ Disconnect	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★★ Die Another Day Pierce Brosnan.				(:20) ★★ Blue Streak Martin Lawrence.				Banshee "The Rave"		Topless	Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:40) Nothing to ...		(:20) Taken 2 ('12, Act) Liam Neeson.				★★ Magic Mike			(:50) The Watch Ben Stiller.		
PLEX			96			(5:00) Back to the ...		★★ Raise Your Voice			(:50) ★★ Crazy/ Beautiful Kirsten Dunst.				(:35) ★★ AntiTrust		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Nurse J.	Califor.	★★ Diary of a Mad Black Woman				Penny Dreadful		Nurse J.	Califor.	Penny Dreadful	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(4:55) Find Me Gu...		★★ Lawless ('12, Cri) Tom Hardy.				★★ Fatal Instinct			(:40) Assault on Wall Street		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Movie	★★★ 300 ('06, Epic) Lena Headey, Gerard Butler.					Freaksho	Freaksho	Small To	Freaksho	Freaksho	Small To
BET	58	26		40		★ I Can Do Bad All by Myself ('09, Com/Dra) Tyler Perry.						★★ Obsessed Beyoncé Knowles.				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		The Real Housewives		Kandi's Wedding		Real Housewives (N)		People's Couch (N)		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Profit "Mr. Green Tea"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Car	Car
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Report (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Deadliest Catch (N)		Siberian Cut (N)		(:10) Deadliest Catch		(:10) Siberian Cut	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Jessie	Frenemies Bella Thorne.			(:40) GoodL	(:05) Austin	A.N.T.	Dog Blog	Jessie	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SprtC	Inside (N)	NCAA Softball Division I Tournament (L)					SportsCenter			SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	WNBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Atlanta (L)				Inside	FIFA Soccer International Friendly B-H/Mex. (L)				Olbermann		Tonight
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Miss Congeniality Sandra Bullock.				★★ 17 Again ('09, Com/Dra) Zac Efron.				The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	LHSAA Champ	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Baltimore Orioles at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park - Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Ultimate Insider	WPT Poker Five Diamond Classic	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Movie	★★★ Iron Man 2 ('10, Act) Robert Downey Jr..					Fargo "The Heap" (N)		Fargo		Fargo	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	HouseH	House (N)	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Top Gear (N)		Mountain Men "Winter's Wrath"				Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Celebrity Wife Swap		True Tori (N)		Little Women: LA (N)		True Tori		Little Women "Little Women, Big Drama"		True Tori	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				Saltwater	Saltwater	Shark Hunters		Shark Hunters		Shark Hunters		Shark Hunters		Shark Hunters	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Thunder.	Hathaway	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Movie	★★ Ninja Assassin ('09, Act) Kim Ki Duk, Sung Kang.					★★ Godzilla ('98, Sci-Fi) Hank Azaria, Matthew Broderick.					
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	ST:TNG	Wheaton	Heroes of Cosplay		Heroes Cosplay (N)		Wheaton	Wheaton	Heroes of Cosplay		Wheaton	Wheaton
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Red Dot"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Holmes (N)	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) Don't Make...		★★★★ 2001: A Space Odyssey Keir Dullea.					(:45) ★★★★ Alien ('79, Sci-Fi) Sigourney Weaver.				
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		La impostora		En otra piel		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	En otra piel	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count "A Toast to Love"		19 Kids & Count	TBA	Little C. (N)	The Little Couple	19 Kids & Count	TBA	The Little Couple	The Little Couple
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "The Fifth Bullet"		Rizzoli & Isles "Killer in High Heels"		Rizzoli "Dance With the Devil"		Rizzoli "Somebody's Watching Me"		The Mentalist "Ball of Fire"		Cold Justice "Small Town Suicide?"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Persona"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Playing House (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Playing House	Playing House
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Los Angeles Dodgers Site: Dodger Stadium -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)					

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FRENCH OPEN RESULTS

Monday
At Stade Roland Garros
Paris
Purse: $34.12 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Fourth Round

David Ferrer (5), Spain, def. Kevin Anderson (19), South Africa, 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1.

Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.

Gael Monfils (23), France, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-0, 6-2, 7-5.

Andy Murray (7), Britain, def. Fernando Verdasco (24), Spain, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6 (3).

Women
Fourth Round

Andrea Petkovic (28), Germany, def. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, 1-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Sara Errani (10), Italy, def. Jelena Jankovic (6), Serbia, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Simona Halep (4), Romania, def. Sloane Stephens (15), United States, 6-4, 6-3.

Svetlana Kuznetsova (27), Russia, def. Lucie Safarova (23), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles
Men
Quarterfinals

Marin Draganja, Croatia, and Florin Mergea, Romania, def. Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Nenad Zimonjic (3), Serbia, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 7-6 (5).

Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez (12), Spain, def. Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, 6-4, 6-2.

Women
Third Round

Ashleigh Barty and Casey Dellacqua (7), Australia, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Flavia Pennetta (12), Italy, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, and Arantxa Parra Santonja (16), Spain, def. Julie Coin and Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-2, 6-3.

Garbine Muguruza and Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, and Karin Knapp, Italy, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (4), Slovenia, def. Kaia Kanepi, Estonia, and Alexandra Panova, Russia, 6-3, 6-1.

Mixed
Quarterfinals

Timea Babos, Hungary, and Eric Butorac, United States, def. Alize Cornet and Jonathan Eysseric, France, 6-4, 6-3.

Junior Singles
Boys
First Round

Petros Chrysochos, Cyprus, def. Theo Fournerie, France, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Lee Duckhee (10), South Korea, def. Corentin Moutet, France, 6-1, 6-3.

Andrey Rublev (4), Russia, def. Bogdan Ionut Apostol, Romania, 5-7, 6-1, 7-5.

Omar Jasika, Australia, def. Thomas Brechemier, France, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Martin Blasko, Slovakia, def. Ken Onishi, Japan, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Nino Serdarusic (15), Croatia, def. Nicolas Alvarez, Peru, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Henrik Wiersholm, United States, def. Joao Menezes, Brazil, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Marcelo Zormann (14), Brazil, def. Djurabeck Karimov, Uzbekistan, 6-1, 6-2.

Second Round

Hong Seong-chan, South Korea, def. Jumpei Yamasaki (13), Japan, 6-2, 2-6, 6-0.

Johan Sebastien Tatlot (9), France, def. Francisco Bahamonde, Argentina, 6-4, 6-4.

Naoki Nakagawa (8), Japan, def. Chung Yunseong, South Korea, 7-6 (3), 6-0.

Orlando Luz (2), Brazil, def. Taylor Harry Fritz, United States, 6-4, 6-0.

Jan Choinski, Germany, def. Francis Tiafoe (1), United States, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Quentin Halys (5), France, def. Noah Rubin, United States, 6-3, 6-3.

Lucas Miedler, Austria, def. Kamil Majchrzak (12), Poland, 6-2, 6-1.

Daniil Medvedev (16), Russia, def. Jan Zielinski, Poland, 6-3, 6-4.

Girls
First Round

Fanny Stollar, Hungary, def. Sandra Samir (15), Egypt, 6-2, 6-3.

Katie Boulter, Britain, def. Raveena Kingsley, United States, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Iryna Shymanovich (16), Belarus, def. Viktoria Kuzmova, Slovakia, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Ivana Jorovic (1), Serbia, def. Jaqueline Adina Cristian, Romania, 6-2, 6-2.

Victoria Muntean, France, def. Domenica Gonzalez, Ecuador, 6-4, 7-5.

Julia Grabher, Austria, def. Helen Ploskina, Ukraine, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Francoise Abanda (10), Canada, def. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

Aliona Bolsova (4), Spain, def. Anastasiya Komardina, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.

Second Round

Margot Yerolymos, France, def. Katarina Jokic, Serbia, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Rebecca Sramkova, Slovakia, def. Jil Belen Teichmann (5), Switzerland, 6-3, 6-1.

Catherine Cartan Bellis (2), United States, def. Emmanuelle Salas, France, 6-1, 6-3.

Marketa Vondrousova, Czech Republic, def. Jana Fett, Croatia, 6-3, 6-2.

Kristina Schmiedlova (11), Slovakia, def. Luisa Stefani, Brazil, 1-6, 7-6 (9), 8-6.

Natalia Vikhlyantseva, Russia, def. Simona Heinova, Czech Republic, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Junior Doubles
Boys
First Round

Boris Pokotilov, Russia, and Nino Serdarusic, Croatia, def. Peter Bertran, Dominican Republic, and Djurabeck Karimov, Uzbekistan, 6-4, 6-4.

Pedro Martinez Portero and Jaume Antoni Munar (8), Spain, def. Daniel Appelgren, Sweden, and Zheng Wei Qiang, China, 6-4, 6-2.

Stefan Kozlov, United States, and Andrey Rublev (1), Russia, def. Maxime Janvier and Alexandre Muller, France, 6-4, 6-1.

Francisco Bahamonde, Argentina, and Jan Choinski, Germany, def. Geoffrey Blancaneaux and Thomas Brechemier, France, 6-3, 6-4.

Orlando Luz and Joao Menezes (5), Brazil, def. Ryotaro Matsumura and Ken Onishi, Japan, 6-4, 6-2.

Petros Chrysochos, Cyprus, and Juan Jose Rosas, Peru, def. Petar Conkic, Serbia, and Hubert Hurkacz, Poland, 2-6, 6-3, 10-4.

Martin Blasko and Alex Molcan, Slovakia, def. Chung Yunseong and Oh Chan-yeong, South Korea, 3-6, 7-6 (6), 10-8.

Bogdan Ionut Apostol and Nicolae Frunza, Romania, def. Michael Mmoh and Francis Tiafoe (2), United States, 6-4, 7-5.

Girls
First Round

Ioana Ducu and Ioana Loredana Rosca, Romania, def. Sofia Kenin and Kaitlyn McCarthy, United States, 4-6, 6-4, 10-5.

Priscilla Hon, Australia, and Jil Belen Teichmann (2), Switzerland, def. Sandra Samir, Egypt, and Isabelle Wallace, Britain, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Naiktha Bains, Australia, and Tornado Alicia Black (4), United States, def. Lucie Wargnier and Margot Yerolymos, France, 6-2, 6-3.

Katarina Jokic, Serbia, and Helen Ploskina, Ukraine, def. Maria Fernanda Herazo, Colombia, and Leticia Garcia Vidal, Brazil, 6-4, 2-6, 10-8.

Tereza Mihalikova and Rebecca Sramkova, Slovakia, def. Anna Kalinskaya and Evgeniya Levashova, Russia, 6-1, 3-6, 11-9.

Anna Bondar and Fanny Stollar (6), Hungary, def. Alice Rame and Vinciane Remy, France, 6-4, 6-4.

Sun Ziyue and You Xiao Di (5), China, def. Estelle Cascino, France, and Domenica Gonzalez, Ecuador, 6-3, 6-3.

Elena Gabriela Ruse, Romania, and Iryna Shymanovich, Belarus, def. Usue Maitane Arconada, United States, and Kamonwan Buayam, Thailand, 6-3, 6-3.

Catherine Cartan Bellis, United States, and Marketa Vondrousova (1), Czech Republic, def. Viktoria Kuzmova and Kristina Schmiedlova, Slovakia, 6-1, 6-2.

Paula Badosa and Aliona Bolsova, Spain, def. Julia Grabher, Austria, and Natalia Vikhlyantseva, Russia, 6-2, 6-4.

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the fourth round in 2009, when he was a four-time defending champion for the first time.

Another upset never seemed possible this time, despite complaints of pain in his back that slowed his serves in the previous round.

"I don't want to talk too much about this thing today," Nadal said of his injury. "I have important match to come. Today I won a match in good shape. We'll see what's going on in the future."

Playing on Court Philippe Chatrier, Nadal's favorite court in the world, the top-seeded Spaniard controlled the match from the start. He then won 17 straight points to open the second set, taking a 4-0 lead before finally sending a backhand wide to make it 15-15 in the fifth game.

Later in that set, Lajovic held three break points at 0-40, but Nadal saved them all and held. It wasn't until late in the third, with the match far out of reach, that Lajovic did manage a break — the only game he won in the final set.

"I played with no mistakes and having the control with the backhand, with the forehand from the baseline," Nadal said. "Sure, you never know what's better, but in theory, the theory says that it's better win like this than win longer matches."

Nadal has won 13 major titles, and is the only man to win eight at one of the four Grand Slam tournaments. With another championship at Roland Garros this year, he would become the first man to win five straight French Open titles.

And he's looking rather unbeatable.

The Spaniard, who turns 28 on Tuesday, has lost only 23 games through four rounds, only four more than he lost in reaching the quarterfinals in 2012.

Nadal will next face fifth-seeded David Ferrer, the man he beat in last year's French Open final. Ferrer defeated 19th-seeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1.

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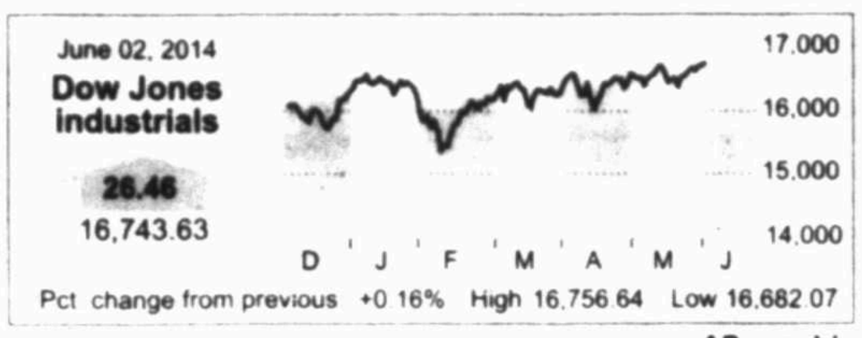

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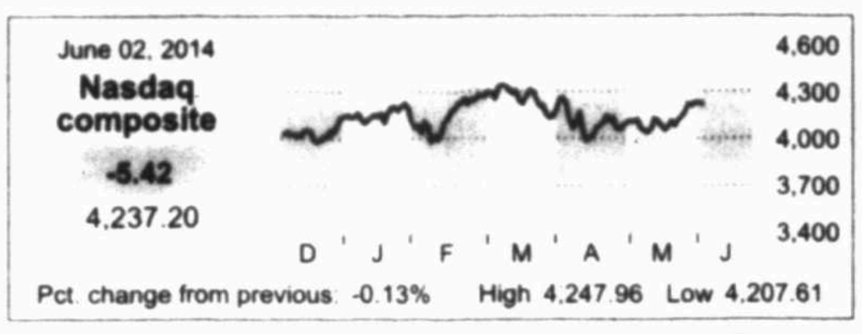

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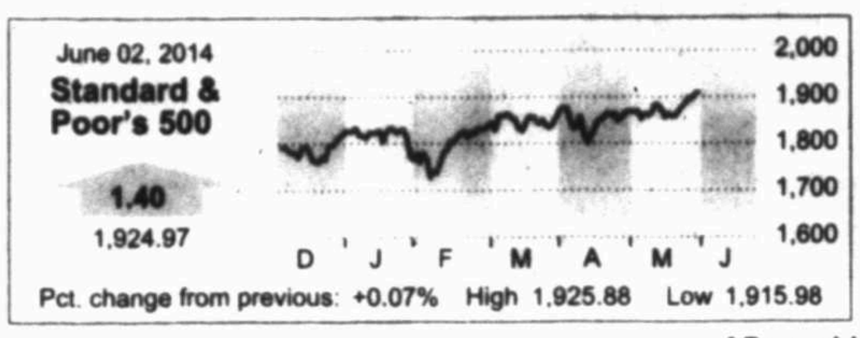

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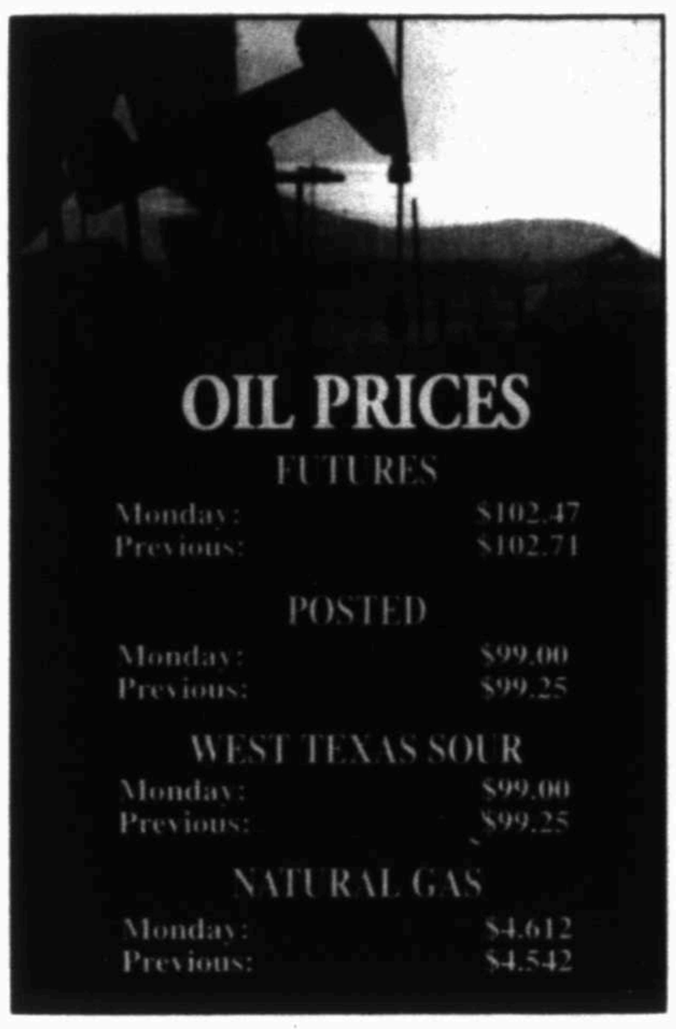

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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	556407	192.90	+.22
BkofAm	450381	15.26	+.12
iShJapan	400795	11.72	+.14
iShR2K	373722	112.25	-.61
iShEMkts	297455	42.68	+.13

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Lentuo	3.82	+1.12	+41.5
GtPlns pfD	114.25	+24.99	+28.0
Coupons n	30.17	+4.35	+16.8
ProtLife	58.51	+6.21	+11.9
BS IBM96	29.52	+2.91	+10.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PumaBiotc	57.06	-19.37	-25.3
Mastec	32.06	-3.94	-10.9
DoralFn rs	3.56	-.37	-9.4
Textura n	19.13	-1.80	-8.6
WeisMk	43.44	-3.93	-8.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,477
Declined	1,610
Unchanged	130
Total issues	3,217
New Highs	233
New Lows	26
Volume	2,460,988,871

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ChenereEn	62654	68.50	+.39
ImmunoCll	42953	1.15	.19
Globalstar	38526	3.52	+.06
InovioPhm	28459	2.14	.11
UraniumEn	23672	1.63	.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SupDrill n	5.25	+.55	+11.7
IssuerDir	10.99	+.84	+8.3
IGI Labs	5.66	+.39	+7.4
SbdCp	2884.69	+189.84	+7.0
SwedLC22	12.50	+.60	+5.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PacBkrM g	4.23	-.89	-17.4
Reeds	4.29	-.45	-9.5
LiqTech	2.28	-.21	-8.4
Contango	39.79	-3.20	-7.4
Compx	10.70	-.85	-7.4

DIARY

Advanced	147
Declined	247
Unchanged	29
Total issues	423
New Highs	18
New Lows	3
Volume	84,332,999

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ARCapH n	411456	10.91	+.96
Facebook	356219	63.08	-.22
Groupon	338004	5.50	-.38
SiriusXM	316389	3.28	
Broadcom	301555	34.84	+2.97

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GigaTr h	2.90	+1.69	+139.7
AppGnTc n	19.74	+6.04	+44.1
Thervnc wi	28.00	+7.07	+33.8
AlderBio n	12.26	+1.52	+14.2
ADDvtgT h	3.00	+.37	+14.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BebeStrs	3.39	-.68	-16.7
Aastrom rs	4.37	-.66	-13.5
FedNatHld	20.83	-2.61	-11.1
Neonode	3.14	-.39	-11.0
HimaxTch	5.94	-.69	-10.4

DIARY

Advanced	995
Declined	1,616
Unchanged	130
Total issues	2,741
New Highs	78
New Lows	28
Volume	1,559,979,931

Natural gas industry looks like a winner in new carbon plan

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Natural gas is poised to be one of the biggest winners of the Obama administration's new plan to slash carbon dioxide emissions, accelerating the electric sector's move away from coal toward the cleaner-burning power source.

Despite a modest climb in coal use for electric generation in 2013, it already has fallen out of favor in the power sector, as utilities increasingly turn to natural gas for its cheaper, lower-emission profile.

The Environmental Protection Agency's proposed standards — requiring states to pare carbon dioxide emissions 30 percent over 2005 levels by 2030 — are likely to hasten that switch.

But natural-gas industry executives weren't eager to crow about their victory Monday.

Instead of showering effusive praise on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal, industry leaders talked up the agency's decision to give states broad "flexibility" to meet the proposed mandates, an approach that ensures continued coal-to-gas switching is one of the options.

American Gas Association President Dave McCurdy stressed the importance of carbon standards that allow "efficient and affordable applications of clean natural gas."

Marty Durbin, president of America's Natural Gas Alliance, a group of producers looking to build demand for the fossil fuel, stressed it is "already providing significant economic and environmental benefits."

Flexible rules can preserve that dynamic, Durbin said.

"The rules should be flexible and fair," Durbin said, "and we believe they should recognize the ability of natural gas to play an increasing role in the delivery of reliable, safe and clean power."

States would have wide latitude deciding how to meet the EPA's proposed carbon dioxide emission cuts, with options including greater efficiency along transmission lines and among electric consumers as well as adopting more renewable power sources, such as wind and solar.

While boosting efficiency may be the cheapest, quickest option in the short run, some states and utilities will seek to retire older coal-fired plants or add gas to existing facilities.

Power plants using natural gas generate about half as much carbon dioxide as coal-fired generation, on average.

Just increasing the use of existing U.S. power plants that run on natural gas could help move states toward their individual goals, said Derek Furstenwerth, senior director of Environmental Services for Calpine Corp., a Houston-based power company.

"By simply increasing utilization of these facilities sooner rather than later, meaningful greenhouse gas emissions reductions may be achieved ... while ensuring electric reliability," Furstenwerth said.

Natural-gas production in the U.S. has surged as energy companies combine hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling to unlock the fossil fuel from dense underground rock formations, often as a byproduct of more highly prized oil.

Any increased power sector demand for natural gas could keep that activity going, said Marvin Odum, president of Shell Oil Co.

"While we are still evaluating the proposed rule, it's clear the increased use of natural gas in the existing power sector could create the opportunity for the U.S. to further capitalize on abundant North American natural gas supplies furthering an energy renaissance that continues to create jobs and a meaningful reduction of greenhouse gas emissions," Odum said in a statement.

Even without the proposed EPA rule, electric sector demand for gas was expected to climb, based on current market trends and a separate environmental regulation aimed at curbing mercury pollution that goes into effect next year.

There are varying estimates of how much coal-fired power would be retired or replaced as a result of the proposed EPA standards and other changes — and natural gas won't replace it entirely.

If all of the coal generation were to be replaced with natural gas, it could push up demand for the fossil fuel by 6 billion to 13 billion cubic feet per day, according to FBR Capital Markets & Co. That prediction is in line with other analyses.

A rough calculation by America's Natural Gas Alliance, conducted before EPA unveiled its plan, dovetails with FBR's forecast. Under AN-GA's estimates, the proposed carbon limits, the mercury rule and existing trends combined would help propel electric sector's daily gas demand up by 3 to 10 billion cubic feet per day over existing levels (around 22 bcf/day).

But not everyone is convinced.

Ross Eisenberg, vice president of energy and resources policy at the National Association of Manufacturers, which opposes the proposed carbon rule, said that natural gas' gains could be short lived.

"There's opportunity for gas in the short term," he said. "But in the long term, any major reductions here will hurt coal and natural gas."

Some in the oil and gas industry also have warned that the EPA's carbon-cutting plans — including a previously proposed rule aimed at new power plants — set dangerous precedents that could, eventually, be applied against their products.

Even ANGA took that position earlier this year, when it filed comments with the EPA saying the new plant proposal effectively locked in carbon capture and sequestration technology it said was not ready for prime time.

Oil falls

The price of oil fell slightly Monday and closed at a two-week low.

Benchmark U.S. oil for July delivery fell 24 cents to $102.47 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Last week, the price of oil fell by 1.6 percent.

U.S. drivers are hoping to see a decline in gasoline prices. At $3.67, the average price of a gallon of gas is the highest its been since early May. AAA says prices are likely to drop in June but then move higher following the Fourth of July. The auto club predicts gas will average between $3.55 and $3.70 a gallon this summer.

Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, slipped 58 cents to $108.83 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Oil traders are focused on U.S. jobs data set to be released later in the week that could boost expectations for higher demand. A sharp drop in U.S. gasoline supplies in last week's report from the Energy Information Administration also pointed to rising fuel consumption.

In other energy futures trading on Nymex:

- Wholesale gasoline fell 2 cents to $2.95 a gallon.
- Natural gas rose 7 cents to $4.61 per 1,000 cubic feet.
- Heating oil fell 1 cent to $2.88 a gallon.

Gold falls

Gold for August delivery fell $2 to $1,244 an ounce, while silver for July rose six cents to $18.74 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $120.22 Down 4.37

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $131.19 Down 0.61

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $26.06 Down 0.17

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $76.11 Up 0.63

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.16 Down 0.24

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.85 Down 0.09

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $29.98 Down 0.06

Parsley Energy LLC (PE)
Closing Price $24.32 Up 0.55

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $19.51 Up 0.15

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.44	-.03	+.8
Abraxas	...	37	4.84	-.18	+48.4
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.56	+.04	+3.7
AMD		79	3.97	-.03	+2.6
AlcatelLuc	.18e		3.91	-.10	-11.1
Alcoa	.12	45	13.83	+.22	+30.1
AlonUSA	.24		14.51	-.44	-12.3
AlphaNRs			3.24	-.14	-54.6
Ambev n	.22e		7.09	+.05	-3.5
AmAirl n			41.22	+1.06	+63.2
ARCapH n	.68		10.91	+.96	+3.4
ARltCapPr	1.00		12.37	-.04	-3.7
Amgen	2.44	19	116.45	+.46	+2.1
Anadarko	1.08f	...	102.51	-.35	+29.2
Apache	1.00	21	92.64	-.58	+7.8
Apple Inc	13.16f	15	628.65	-4.35	+12.1
ApldMatl	.40	29	20.52	+.33	+16.1
AriadP			6.94	+.48	+1.8
ATMOS	1.48	18	50.57	+.47	+11.3
AutoData	1.92	27	79.38	-.30	-1.8
BP PLC	2.28	12	50.58	+.13	+4.1
BabsCCInv	1.20		15.15	+.04	+1.5
BakrHu	.68f	26	70.60	+.08	+27.8
BkofAm	.04	20	15.26	+.12	-2.0
B iPVix rs			33.38	-.14	-21.6
BasicEnSv			25.85	-1.35	+63.8
BerkHa A	...	16	191748.00	-252.00	+7.8
BlkHillsCp	1.56	24	57.38	-.29	+9.3
BrMySq	1.44	28	49.09	-.65	-7.6
Broadcom	.48	48	34.84	+2.97	+17.5
BrcdeCm	.14	17	9.31	+.19	+5.0
BrownFA	1.16	34	92.17	+1.13	+24.9
BrownFB	1.16	32	93.59	+1.21	+23.8
CVS Care	1.10	20	78.30	-.02	+9.4
Cameron		22	63.94	-.01	+7.4
Caterpillar	2.40	18	103.76	+1.53	+14.3
Celestic g	...	17	11.75	-.10	+13.0
CntryLink	2.16	...	37.62	-.05	+18.1
ChesEng	.35	24	29.31	+.59	+8.0
Chevron	4.28f	12	122.21	-.58	-2.2
Chicos	.30	20	15.20	+.04	-19.3
Cimarex	.64	25	130.06	+.93	+24.0
Cisco	.76f	17	24.78	+.16	+11.3
Citigroup	.04	11	47.76	+.19	-8.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ClayEng	...	52	120.22	-4.37	+46.7
CocaCola	1.22f	22	40.86	-.05	-1.1
ColgPalm	1.44f	29	68.21	-.19	+4.6
Comcast	.90	19	52.56	+.36	+1.1
ConAgra	1.00	17	32.13	-.17	-4.7
ConchoRes	...	44	131.19	-.61	+21.5
ConocoPhil	2.76	13	79.48	-.46	+12.5
CrackerB	4.00f	19	100.57	+.02	-8.6
CrosTim	2.71e	14	35.55	+.32	+20.9
DCP Mid	2.98f	40	54.43	+.72	+8.1
DTE	2.62	18	76.18	+.06	+1.7
Dataram h			2.65	...	+1.9
Dawson	.32	38	26.06	-.17	-22.9
DeltaAir	.36f	3	40.77	+.86	+48.4
DevonE	.96f	18	73.69	-.21	+19.1
DrxSCBear	...	...	16.71	+.25	-1.5
Disney	.86f	22	84.27	+.26	+10.3
DowChm	1.48	14	52.51	+.39	+18.3
EOG Res s	.50	24	105.38	-.42	+25.6
EmpDist	1.02	14	23.81	-.20	+4.9
Energen	.60	36	85.92	+.54	+21.4
EngyTsfr	3.74f	...	56.59	+.27	-1.2
EnPro	...	67	72.86	-.53	+26.4
EntPrPt	2.84f	27	75.76	+.94	+14.3
Ericsson	.46e	...	12.26	-.19	+.2
ExterranH	.60	27	42.46	+.72	+24.2
ExxonMbl	2.76f	11	99.94	-.59	-1.2
Facebook	...	83	63.08	-.22	+15.4
FordM	.50	10	16.44	...	+6.5
ForestOil	...	20	2.38	-.08	-34.1
FrontierCm	.40	48	5.72	-.07	+23.0
GATX	1.32	17	66.78	+.93	+28.0
GabMultT	.88	...	10.74	+.09	-13.5
GAInv	2.10e	...	35.73	-.01	+1.5
GenElec	.88	20	26.83	+.04	-4.3
GenMotors	1.20	14	34.86	+.28	-14.7
GigaTr h	...	...	2.90	+1.69	+214.2
GtPlainEn	.92	16	25.39	-.06	+4.7
Groupon	...	...	5.50	-.38	-53.3
HalconRes	...	...	6.10	-.14	+58.0
Hallibrtn	.60	22	65.01	+.52	+28.1
HewlettP	.64	12	33.43	-.07	+19.5
HimaxTch	.25e	30	5.94	-.69	-59.6
iShBrazil	1.44e	...	46.00	-.49	+3.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShJapan	.13e		11.72	+.14	-3.5
iShChinaLC	1.02e		37.12	+.27	-3.3
iShEMkts	.86e		42.68	+.13	+2.1
iSh20 yrT	3.40e		112.96	-1.14	+10.9
iS Eafe	1.70e		69.55	+.14	+3.7
iShR2K	1.45e		112.25	-.61	-2.7
IntegrysE	2.72	18	57.60	-.39	+5.9
Intel	.90	15	27.26	-.06	+5.0
InterDig	.40	32	37.41	-.58	+26.9
JPMorgCh	1.60f	14	55.35	-.22	-4.7
JohnJn	2.80f	19	102.17	+.71	+11.6
JnprNtwk		27	24.50	+.04	+8.6
KimbClk	3.36	20	112.08	-.27	+7.3
KindME	5.52f	28	76.48	+.43	-5.2
KindMM	5.52t	46	72.58	+.51	-4.1
LegacyRes	2.38f		29.16	-.24	+3.6
Lubys	...	...	5.00	-.03	-35.2
MannKd			9.03	+.13	+73.7
MktVGold	.19e		22.29	-.21	+5.5
McDnlds	3.24	19	102.03	+.60	+5.2
Merck	1.76	38	57.93	+.07	+15.7
MeritMed	...	32	14.00	-.03	-11.1
MexcoEn	...	69	6.85	-.09	-.7
MicronT	...	12	28.66	+.07	+31.8
Microsoft	1.12	15	40.79	-.15	+9.0
NPS Phm	...	...	32.60	+1.47	+7.4
Nabors	.16	56	26.16	-.07	+54.0
NatGrid	3.48e	...	74.85	+.12	+14.6
NOilVarco	1.84f	13	74.19	+.41	+3.5
NewLead rs	...	...	.95	-.44	-99.9
NokiaCp	.51e	...	8.10	-.03	-.1
NOW Inc n	...	...	35.50	+3.15	+16.8
NvMAd	.80a	...	13.48	-.09	+10.9
NvPMI	.86	...	13.67	-.09	+10.5
NuvPI	.86	...	13.61	-.09	+10.4
NSTFI3	.63a	...	13.86	-.01	+7.8
NTXQI	.70a	...	14.24	-.04	+10.8
OcciPet	2.88	14	99.76	+.07	+4.9
Oracle	.48	18	41.97	-.05	+9.7
ParTech	...	...	4.28	-.01	-21.5
ParkDrl	...	23	6.33	-.14	-22.1
PattUTI	.40	29	32.88	-.21	+29.9
Penney	...	...	8.66	-.31	-5.1
PennaRE	.80	...	18.08	+.13	-4.7
Prmian	1.04e	14	13.96	+.02	+8.6

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Petrobras	.46e	...	13.85	-.25	+.5
Pfizer	1.04	16	29.71	+.08	-3.0
PioNtrl	.08	...	209.28	-.88	+13.7
PlainsAAP	2.52f	24	57.19	+.72	+10.5
PwShs QQQ	1.30e	...	91.22	-.09	+3.7
Praxair	2.60	23	134.03	+1.79	+3.1
PrmEgy	...	15	59.00	...	+16.8
ProctGam	2.57f	21	80.36	-.43	-1.3
RangeRs	.16	68	92.70	-.25	+10.0
RegionsFn	.20f	14	10.34	+.15	+4.6
RiteAid	...	38	8.30	-.06	+64.0
Rowan	.40	16	31.15	+.19	-11.9
RoyDShllA	3.76f	10	78.72	+.12	+10.5
SpdrDJIA	3.56e	...	167.20	+.27	+1.0
S&P500ETF	3.48e	...	192.90	+.22	+4.4
SabnR	3.93e	15	57.28	+.50	+13.3
SanderFm	.80	11	95.65	+3.14	+32.2
SandRdge	...	...	6.61	-.06	+8.9
Sapient	...	27	16.18	-.27	-6.8
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SigmaAld	.92	24	99.06	+.53	+5.4
SiriusXM	...	55	3.28	...	-6.0
Smucker	2.32	19	102.47	-.13	-1.1
Sprint n	...	...	9.71	+.16	-9.7
SPDR Fncl	.34e	...	22.35	+.06	+2.2

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Staples	.48	13	11.17	-.08	-29.7
SunocoLog	2.78f	33	91.96	-.04	+21.8
Symantec	.60	17	21.86	-.13	-7.3
TelefEsp	.47e	...	16.66	-.07	+2.0
Tesoro	1.00	18	56.08	-.12	-4.1
3M Co	3.42	21	142.32	-.23	+1.5
Torchmark	.76f	14	81.55	+.62	+4.4
TriContl	.65e	...	20.77	+.03	+4.0
Twitter n	...	...	31.75	-.69	-50.1
TylerTech	...	64	78.00	-.13	-23.6
UBWV	1.28	17	30.60	+.30	-2.7
Vale SA	.84e	...	12.84	+.09	-15.8
ValeroE	1.00	10	56.51	+.46	+12.1
VangEmg	1.20e	...	42.42	+.21	+3.1
VerizonCm	2.12	11	50.05	+.09	+1.9
VulcanM	.20	59	61.27	+.30	+3.1
Walgrn	1.26	25	72.01	+.10	+25.4
WellsFargo	1.40f	13	51.09	+.31	+12.5
WstnRefin	1.04	18	41.40	+.38	-2.4
WhitingPet	...	16	71.99	+.14	+16.4
WmsCos	1.70f	57	46.91	-.05	+21.6
XcelEngy	1.20	16	30.67	-.09	+9.8
Xerox	.25	13	12.41	+.06	+2.0
Yahoo	...	29	34.87	+.22	-13.8
Zynga	...	...	3.39	-.06	-10.8

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16,735.51	14,551.27	Dow Jones Industrials	16,743.63	+26.46	+.16	+1.01	+9.77
8,113.49	5,952.18	Dow Jones Transportation	8,148.37	+43.80	+.54	+10.10	+29.58
558.29	462.66	Dow Jones Utilities	545.44	+.48	+.09	+11.18	+13.00
11,334.65	8,814.76	NYSE Composite	10,772.00	+15.68	+.15	+3.57	+15.12
2,729.42	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,711.28	-16.01	-.59	+11.75	+13.76
4,371.71	3,294.95	Nasdaq Composite	4,237.20	-5.42	-.13	+1.45	+22.27
1,924.03	1,560.33	S&P 500	1,924.97	+1.40	+.07	+4.14	+17.35
20,353.95	16,442.14	Wilshire 5000	20,361.03	+12.68	+.06	+3.32	+17.74
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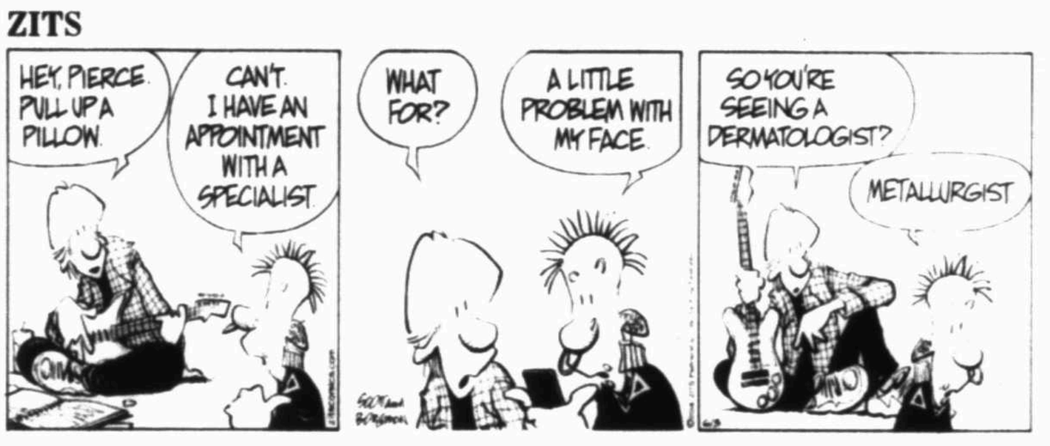

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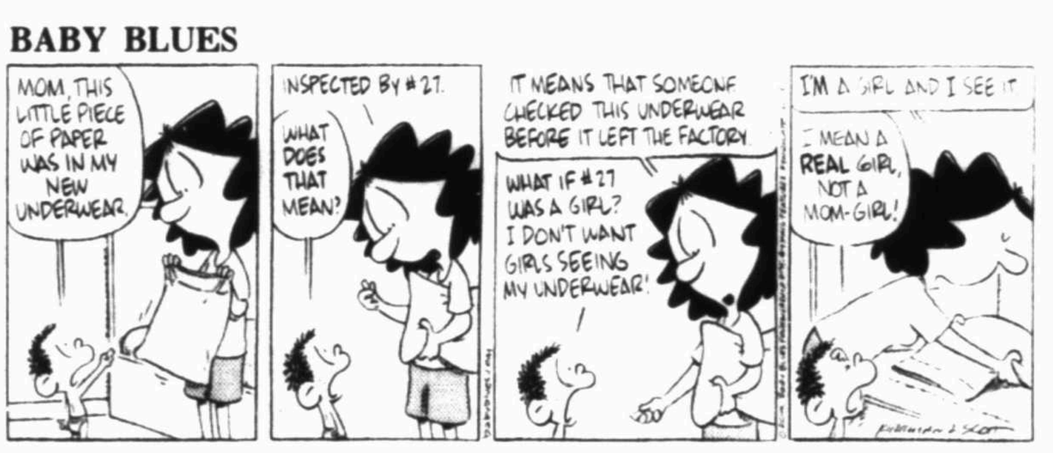

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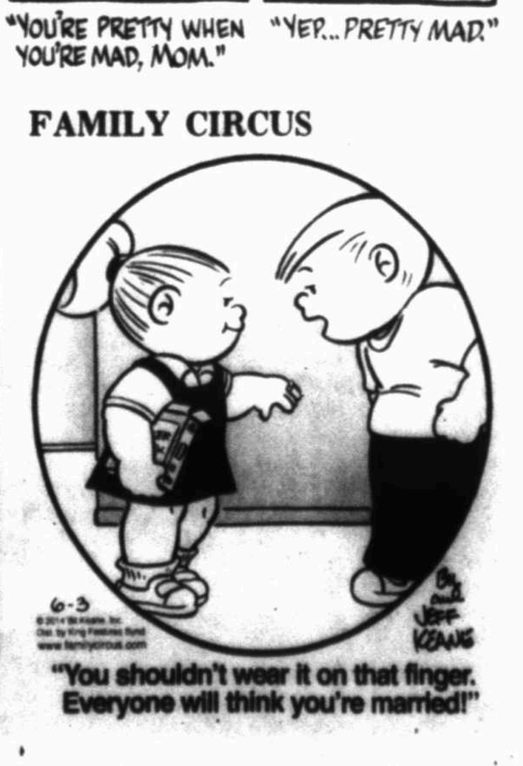

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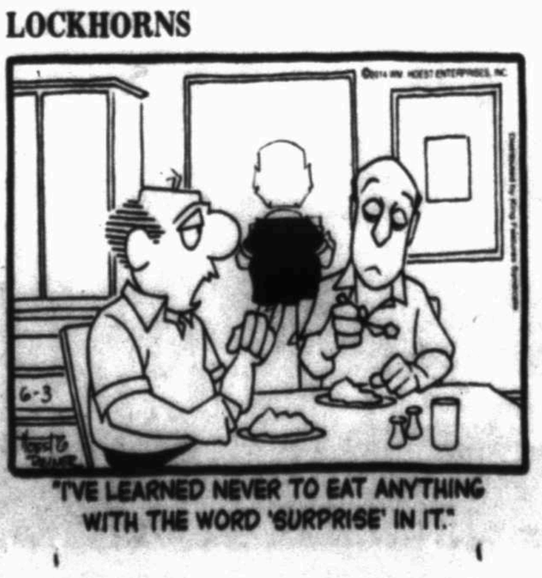

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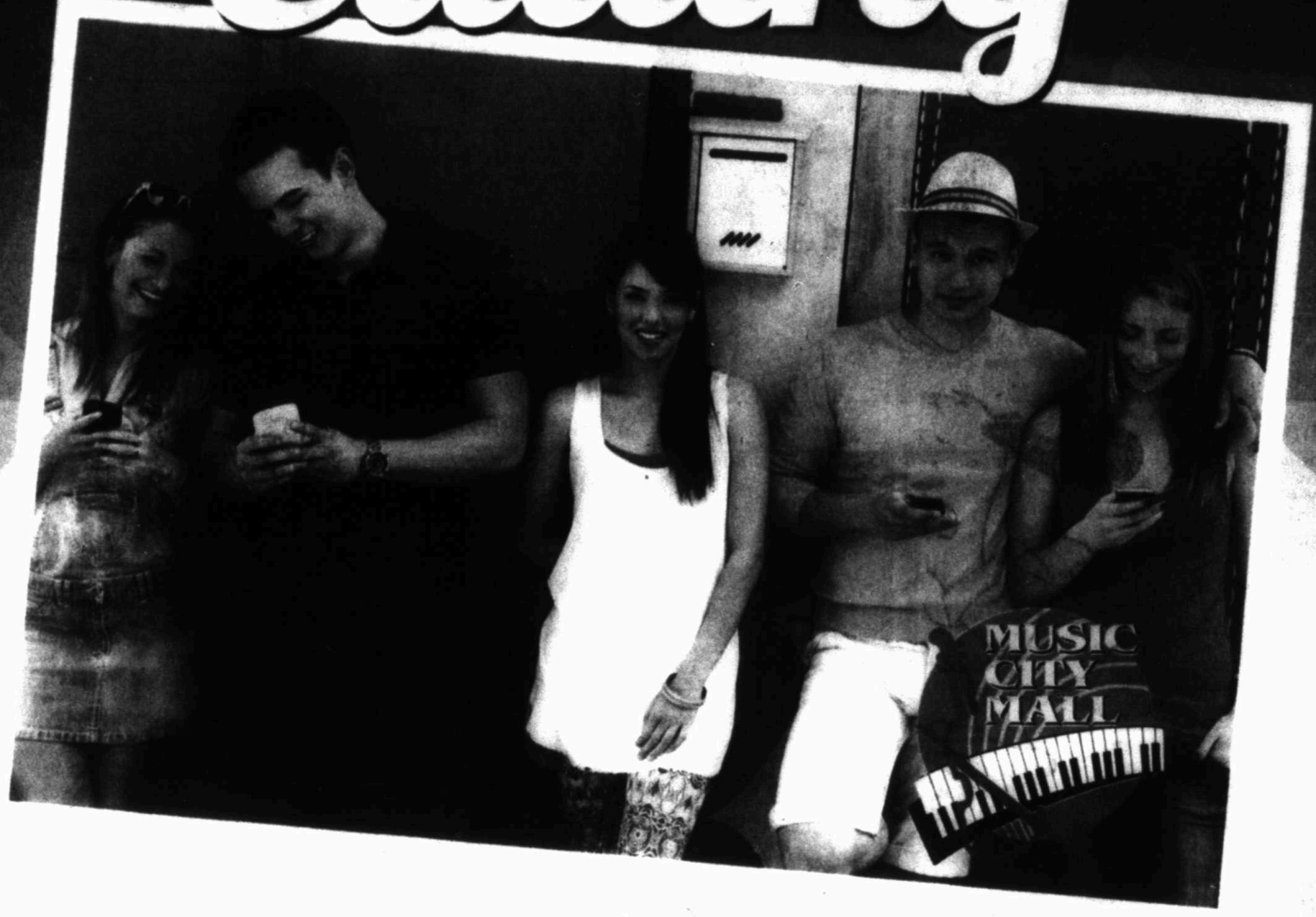

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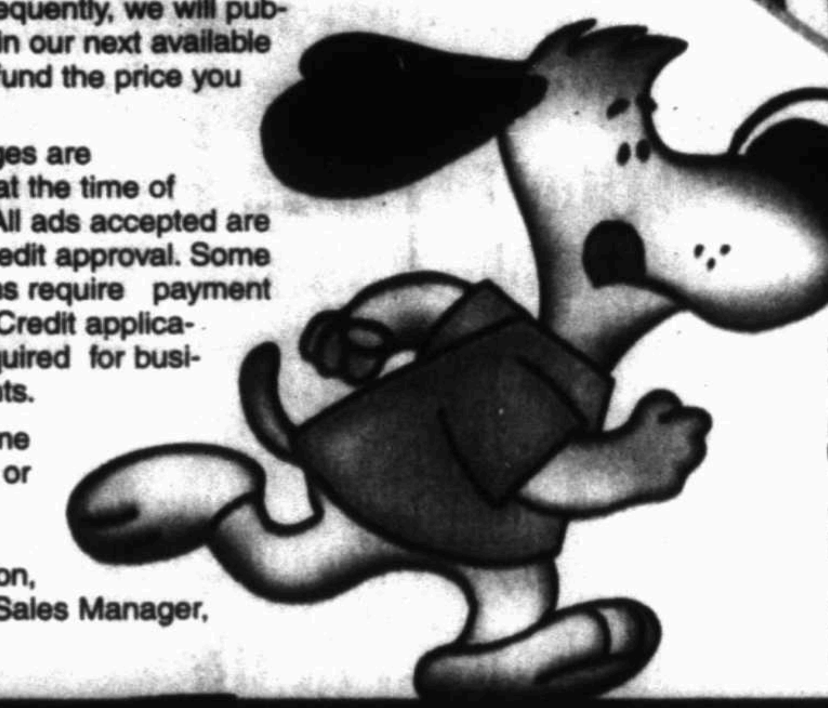

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The Open Season is scheduled to begin on June 2, 2014 and end on July 1, 2014. All bids must be submitted to Alpha by 5:00 pm, Central Standard Time, on or before July 1, 2014. Certain additional information regarding the Pipeline and the Open Season can be found at www.frontierenergyllc.com. All requests for Open Season documents, presentation of bids, and other correspondence should be directed to:

Mindy Stephens
Vice President of Supply and Marketing
(918) 388-8403
mstephens@frontierenergyllc.com

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DODGE 2012 RAM 2500 SLT CREW CAB 4X4 TURBO DIESEL 57,800 MILES $35,391 Call 817-894-3530

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FORD 2010 F250 4X4 Crew Cab Lariat, white/gold, 6.4L diesel, leather interior, power heated seats, keyless entry, trailer tow pkg, ranch hand grill guard, headache rack w/ bed rails, rhino lined bed, video system, 57,000 miles, etc. Call 432-694-1100

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 19, 2014
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 23, 2014
Rule38 Case No 7C-0289047
Status/Permit No 783836
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 7, Bk. 1, GC&SF RR CO Survey, A-224, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 17.4 miles NW direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jun 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE C
Lease/Unit Well No. :	20H
Lease/Unit Acres :	606.2
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	271.0

Lease Lines :	1728.0 F E off lease L,	50.0 F S off lease L
Survey Lines :	50.0 F SOUTH L,	1728.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 100.0 F NORTH L
1726.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 6 Block: 1 Abstract: 769
Survey: GC&SF RR CO/ SANSOM, M JR
Lease Lines : 100.0 F SOUTH L
1639.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L
1639.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, LAURA WALLACE, at (972) 969-1742.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 7, Bk. 1, GC&SF RR CO Survey, A-224, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 17.4 miles NW direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jun 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE C
Lease/Unit Well No. :	19H
Lease/Unit Acres :	606.2
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	131.0

Lease Lines :	50.0 F S off lease L,	1758.0 F E off lease L
Survey Lines :	1758.0 F EAST L,	50.0 F SOUTH L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 100.0 F NORTH L
1467.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 6 Block: 1 Abstract: 769
Survey: GC&SF RR CO/ SANSOM, M JR
Lease Lines : 100.0 F SOUTH L
1467.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L
1467.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, LAURA WALLACE, at (972) 969-1742.

mrt★com/jobs

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Admin Assistant
Oilfield rental and service company has immediate opening for a Full-Time Administrative Assistant in their Midland, Texas office. This individual must have 2+ years of experience. We are looking for an individual that must be able to multitask, who is very organized, is a team player, and has a positive attitude that can handle working in a very fast paced office environment. Company offers competitive salary and full benefit package including health, dental and vision insurance and 401K.

Job Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Perform data entry
- Maintain accurate job information and files
- Process incoming and outgoing paperwork
- Audit field paperwork
- Track inventory

Please email resume to jcmm229@gmail.com

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Residential Construction Job Superintendent
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION JOB SUPERINTENDENT needed for firm building 30 homes annually. Experience required. Benefits provided. Salary DOE. Email resume to linda@kahlerhomes.com

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Rep
West Texas Insurance Exchange FT
1000 Maple Ave
Odessa, TX 79761
West Texas Insurance Exchange is now hiring in Insurance CRSs. Must be proficient with MS Office, have good typing and phone skills, and be neat in appearance. Licensed by the Texas Board of Insurance is a plus. Training and licensing may be provided for a strong candidate looking for a long term career opportunity. West Texas Insurance Exchange offers excellent benefits including medical insurance, paid time off, and 401K. Salary depends on experience. Please email resumes to westexin@wtie.net

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Assistant Coach
Part-Time afternoon assistant coach. Must have a gymnastics or diving background. Apply in person: COM Aquatics, 3003 North A Street, Corner of Wadley and A. No phone calls.

CHILD CARE WORKER
Mrs. Irene's Child Care FT/PT
Need Full and Part-time Child Care Workers.
Will train. Starting wages $10-$11/ hour.
Paid holidays and vacation. Call 432-520-8888.

Speech Therapist/Pathologist
Special Ed 87-20 FT
SPEECH THERAPIST/PATHOLOGIST. MASTER'S DEGREE AND TEA CERTIFICATE. APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED BY THE 87-20 SPECIAL EDUCATION S.S.A., BIG SPRING, TEXAS. CONTACT KAREN FULTON, DIRECTOR, PO BOX 2135, BIG SPRING, TX 79720 (432)267-6013 OR (432)213-1125

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Data Entry Clerk
Catalyst Oilfield Services
Requirements: Excellent data entry skills, knowledge of Microsoft applications (Word, Excel, Outlook). Must be able to handle high volume paperwork flow in a fast-paced workplace. Pay rate based on skills & experience. Send all inquires & resumes to justin.disney@catalystoilfield.com

PIPEYARD FOREMAN
United Casing, Inc.
Requirements: Knowledge of oilfield casing & tubing. 3-5 years experience. Must be able to work extended hours (weekends on-call) and handle high volume (trucks, production lines, inventory) in a fast paced environment. Knowledge of Microsoft applications (Word, Excel, Outlook). Must be able to schedule all yard functions: trucks, employees, thread lines, etc. Pay rate based on skills and experience. Send all inquiries and resumes to **bquigley@unitedcasing.com** or bring to **3610 E. Highway 158, Midland**
Qualified Applicants Only

HEALTHCARE

Available Positions
Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705
Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking qualified Nursing staff to fill the following Positions:
- 2 Charge Nurses 6am-2pm & 10pm-6am
- CNA 10pm-6am & weekends

$1,000 Sign on BONUS Apply in person

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- Activities Director- prefer certified, salary DOE

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Medical Assistant
Medical office hiring certified MA for medical billing and/or nursing must be bilingual, will train. Fax resume to 432-682-6200

MIDLAND SURGICAL ASSOCIATES, P.A.
is seeking **experienced** candidates for the following positions to complement our team. All candidates must be able to work independently and possess excellent communication and patient skills.

Part Time/PRN RN's and LVN's

Medical Records Clerk

Billing and Collections Specialist

Benefit package includes PTO, Health, Life and AFLAC insurance coverages, and 401-K
Office Hours M-F 8:30-5:30
Send resume to: 432-697-7089 or call 432-697-1061 for more information.

Private Duty Caregivers & CNA's
St. Joseph's Home Health Inc. FT
St. Joseph's Home Health Inc is currently hiring English and Spanish speaking Private Duty Caregivers & CNA's in Midland, TX. Please contact Melissa or Yesenia Gonzalez 432-684-5858

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Director
McCamey County Hospital District is seeking a Human Resources Director. Bachelor's degree in Human Resources or Business preferred. Minimum two years of college required. Candidates must be able to deal with the technical expertise in all key functional HR areas, including policy development, talent acquisition, team building, benefits management, workers' compensation, Employee Health and HR compliance management. We are looking for candidates who are approachable and have strong relationship building skills. Ideal candidates must demonstrate the ability to foster an atmosphere of respect and cooperation. They must have strong computer skills. Candidates must be able to pass background checks. This is a key strategic position with responsibility for all Human Resources functions. This position is an integral member of the hospital's leadership team. Any questions contact Jaime Ramirez 432-652-8626 extension 218. Applications may be completed online at mccameyhospitaldistrict.org. Resumes may be emailed to jgulihur@mchdtx.net. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, June 3, 2014.

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Golf Course Maintenance
GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE LABOR NEEDED Pay DOE Ranchland Hills Golf Club Call Eric Johnson 432-214-7990

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

SCSS
NOW HIRING!!
Security officers: $11.50 to $13.00 an hour

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Contact Chris Holderman 432-258-8655

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram
HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person
Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram
HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person
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MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Property Manager/Leasing Agent
Currently seeking full time property manager and leasing agent for local apartment community. Experience preferred. Please email resumes to humanresources@fimcrealty.com or fax to (806) 358-2170

OTHER JOBS

CUSTOMER SERVICE REP
Branch office in Midland now looking for 12 Customer Service reps to join our growing company. If you possess a will to earn more Call Mr. Stone at 432-684-4119 or 432-332-8920 for an interview today.

Daycare Staff
Need full and part time daycare staff in Greenwood area. 432-682-1147

Resident Monitor & Cooks - Full Time, Part Time, & Relief
Dismas Charities is hiring for full-time, part-time & relief staff for the positions of **Resident Monitor** & **Cooks** (part-time, up to 25hrs/wk $9.64/hr + $3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at: **24 W. Industrial Loop**

Technician Helper
Murphy's Restaurant Repair hiring Technician Helper. Will train. Apply at 2707 W Industrial

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Assistant Managers, Crew leaders, General help
Schlotzsky's Deli is looking for hard working individuals. We are currently hiring Assistant managers, Crew leaders, General help & Bakers. Fun, grease free environment. Apply today at 1109 Andrews Hwy. or 5211 W. Wadley or Contact Robert @ 432-230-1218

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DOMINO'S PIZZA is now hiring Delivery Drivers! We are looking for Awesome Team Members that want to earn cash daily! Delivery drivers earn a great hourly wage while taking home their tips and delivery reimbursement daily! Do you like cash in your pocket? Have a vehicle with insurance? Have a decent motor vehicle record and background? Well this is the job for you! Not sure yet?

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RETAIL JOBS

Pharmacy Technicians/Customer Service
Walgreens Drug Store
Now seeking Certified Pharmacy Technicians and Customer Service Associates. Benefits available including Medical, Dental & 401K. Apply in person: 215 Andrews Hwy or email: walgreens.com/careers.

Retail Manager
Wally's Party Factory is looking for a fun, energetic assistant retail manager. At least one year of retail management experience is required. Must love parties, Halloween, and helping customers. Email resume to HRGroup@erwindistributing.com

SALES JOBS

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Warehouse/Local Delivery Driver
BenMark Supply Co. is looking to hire full time **warehouse/local delivery driver** positions in our Midland and Odessa stores. Industrial, Waterworks, Oilfield, and Irrigation. We offer health insurance, 401K, and paid vacation. Fax resumes to **432-682-4110** or email to donblake@benmarksupply.com

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Oilfield Lab Technician
Oilfield lab technician needed to perform routine fracturing fluid testing. Maintain equipment in good working order for accurate and safe use. High school diploma or equivalent. Some chemistry and familiarity with fracturing fluids preferred. Hourly position. Email resumes to tanhee.galindo@catalystoilfield.com

SKILLED LABOR

DIESEL & EQUIPMENT MECHANIC
Job duties to include but no limited to: Maintenance and repairs for trucks, trailers, and heavy equipment. Must have own tools. Salary DOE. Benefits include: Uniforms, health insurance and 401k.
Apply in person: **K.D.M. HOT OIL SERVICE, INC. 2400 FM 715 Midland, Texas 79706**

Electrician Apprentice
Immediate opening for an Electrician Apprentice. Sign-on bonus
Plesae call again I didn't get messages before 432-697-4439

Heavy Equipment Diesel Mechanic
Big D Construction FT
4501 E. Hwy 80, Midland, TX.
Must have own tools. Good driving record & Drug screen required.
Call Rhett Vestal 432-813-6069 to schedule an appointment.

HVAC Tech & Install Helper
HVAC Tech needed 2 years experience & Install Helper experience helpful but not required. Please apply in person @ 1521 S Marshall, Midland TX, M-F 9am-3pm. One Way Heating & A/C 432-682-1929

Machine Shop Supervisor
Monahans - New Shop seeking supervisor to assist with start up and perform machinist duties. 3-5 Years prior experience including supervisory required. Submit resume with salary requirements to lisa.breese@gracofish.com or by fax 214-618-5305 EOE

PRESSMAN
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Roustabout Worker
NOW ACCEPTING Resumes for Roustabout Worker @ Natural Gas Processing Plant NW of Stanton, TX. Excellent salary, paid vacation, medical insurance, and 401k. Please send resume to 2873 FM 829, Stanton, TX. 79782 of fax 432-458-3423, or email dsatterfield@wtgbenedum.com

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Trim Carpenters
Confidential FT
Trim Carpenters. Experience preferred. Please call 432-425-5523 or 432-682-9010.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Driver
Class A CDL Driver Needed!!!! Great work environment. Qualified Class A CDL driver, must have at least 1 year experience, able to pass pre-employment drug test and good work history. Please contact Tommy Neatherlin at 432-528-3695 for information.

CDL Drivers
BUCKEYE INC
CDL DRIVERS WANTED EXCELLENT PAY FLEXIBLE HOURS BENEFITS SEMI-ANNUAL SAFETY BONUSES CONTACT: BERNARDO OR BOBBY (432)-682-7422

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1894 for interview or online @ www.rockwaterenergy.com

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Delivery Driver
Must have clean driving record, must pass pre-employment drug screen. Apply in person at Permian Bit Service, Inc. 4212 SCR 1300 in Odessa. No phone calls please.

DRIVERS AND SPOOLERS
JW Enterprise is looking for **Drivers and Spoolers** with Class A CDL. Must have a good driving record. Competitive Wages and a great place to work. On the job training for spooling. Contact 432-664-3408 or 432-458-3675 for more information. Serious applicants only.

DRIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
Regional Ice Manufacturer Seeking FULL-TIME Route Delivery Drivers for the Midland, TX. area. Home Every Night. Class A or B CDL Required. Pre-Employment Drug Screen and Clean Driving Record a Must. Able to lift minimum a of 50 lbs. Pays an excellent hourly wage and commission. Full Benefits Package Available. Call 1-800-321-5558 or apply online at arcticglacier.com

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Supplement your income by delivering newspapers for a few hours in the early mornings between 12:00am - 6:00am. The Midland Reporter-Telegram is currently seeking individuals who are interested in delivering newspapers in the residential areas in and around the City of Midland. If interested, MUST have a reliable vehicle, proof of automobile insurance in your name, a valid driver's license, must understand that this is a 7 day a week delivery commitment as an Independent Contractor.

THE PROFIT FOR THESE ROUTES IS ABOUT $650-$1,000 a month, depending on the size of the route. *This is a perfect way to generate the extra money you need.*

If interested in starting a newspaper route:
Please CALL CATHY at 432-687-9002 or stop by
The Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Rolloff Truck Driver
Rolloff truck driver, Class B CDL required. Starting pay $16.50. Call 432-634-0999 for interview

SHUTTLE DRIVER
GK's Shuttle Service FT
Shuttle Driver needed. Neat appereance & good attitude. Must have clean driving record and background check. By appointment **432-218-8707**

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Stride Transport needs Vacuum Truck drivers. Run legal, 70 hours a week, 24 hour on call, 2 years recent tractor trailer experience required. Tanker endorsement required. Insurance and 401K benefits package. Vacation, sick and noliday pay. Excellent pay. Call Ken at 432-557-6094

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General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
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MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD
SUNDAYS ONLY
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Free Stuff

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KING SIZE Sleep Number Bed, Excellent Condition, Selling due to moving, $1500.00 (paid $5500.00), please call 361-649-9898 for more information

LAZY BOY brown leather chair & ottoman (new) 5 months old in perfect condition. $475.00. 432-689-3913

QUEEN SIZE Sleep Number bad $400. Call 432-694-7632

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NEW 3 wheel Mantis bike for sale, includes cover & lock. $500. 432-695-4731

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Miscellaneous for Sale

SPACE AT Resthaven Memorial Park, Garden of Tranquility 82-4. $195.00 transfer fee. $2,000. 432-266-2414

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Pets

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Fax It... 682-6999

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Pets

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Pets

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2004 Yukon XL SLT, 142K miles, good condition with new tires. $8,200 432-664-6712

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LINCOLN 2006 Navigator Limited edition. Electric leather seats, bucket front & back, navigation system, DVD player, 6 disc CD player, electric folding 3rd seats, 6 speed transmission, adjustable foot pedals, sunroof, electric mirrors & automatic running boards. $11,500 432-296-0870

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HONDA 2011 Fury $9750, burnt orange, less than 500 miles, garage kept, immaculate condition. Call 432-559-5639

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2013 HEARTLAND Silverado By Bighorn This 41' trailer Features 2 br, 1 1/2 bath Sleeps up to 10 Washer/Dryer connection, 1 15000 BTU A/C, 1 14000 BTU A/C. Electric fireplace, 1 bedroom has 4 bunks or queen size. Also has 32" flat screen TV. Outside kitchen with refrig. $49,000 Call 432-352-6240

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Recreational Vehicles

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Multiple, brief, snack-sized portions of exercise may control blood sugar better than a single, continuous workout, according to new research that adds to a growing body of evidence about the wisdom of spreading exercise throughout the day.

For some time, scientists have been intrigued by the idea that breaking up exercise into repeated, short sessions might be as beneficial as longer workouts, and most related experiments to date have been encouraging. In a 2012 study of people with symptoms of hypertension, for instance, volunteers controlled their blood pressure better through the day if they completed three 10-minute walks rather than one 30-minute stroll.

But little research in this area had been directed at people with blood sugar problems. So, for the new study, published this month in Diabetologia, scientists in New Zealand recruited nine adult men and women with medically confirmed insulin resistance, a common precursor of Type 2 diabetes. The scientists checked their volunteers' general health, aerobic capacity and blood sugar responses to food.

As would be expected, the volunteers developed severely elevated blood sugar after they ate, an unhealthy condition that continued for hours.

The researchers then asked their participants to exercise in the lab on three separate occasions. During one session, the men and women walked on a treadmill at a moderate pace for 30 minutes, finishing half an hour before dinner. Their blood sugar levels were tracked that day and into the next.

On the other occasions, the volunteers broke their workouts into three, bite-size portions, which the researchers helpfully termed "exercise snacks," undertaken shortly before breakfast, lunch and dinner. In one case, these snacks consisted of high-intensity intervals, with the volunteers walking as fast as they could manage for one minute on a treadmill, powering down to a gentle stroll for an additional minute, and repeating that sequence six times, for a total of 12 minutes.

In the final session, the volunteers again completed three walking intervals, but these were interspersed with a minute of high-intensity, upper-body resistance training using stretch bands. The volunteers would walk for a minute, rest, hurry from the treadmill to the bands, perform as many pulling and wood-chopping types of exercises as possible in a minute, rest, then rush back to the treadmill to complete another walking interval. The total exercise time, again, was 12 minutes, and the sessions were repeated before each meal.

The results were striking. Physical activity of any kind is, of course, known to lower and regulate blood sugar levels, because contracting muscles draw sugar from the bloodstream to fuel their efforts. And that finding was reaffirmed here. After the 30-minute walk, the participants' post-dinner blood sugar levels were lower than they had been in the baseline testing. But only with the two snacking-style workouts were those effects visible throughout the day, not just after dinner, and they lingered, with volunteers' blood sugar remaining lower than during the baseline testing for about 24 hours after a day of exercise snacking.

The message for those hoping to keep their blood sugar under control is that brief bouts of exercise several times during the day are likely to be more effective than a single session, said James D. Cotter, a professor at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand, who, with his doctoral student Monique Francois, primarily conducted the research. It seems to help, too, if the exercise morsels are taxing. "High-intensity exercise shows a more potent effect" on blood sugar than more-moderate exertion, Cotter said.

Of course, few people have a treadmill handy to allow for frequent quick bursts of exercise. But, Cotter said, such equipment is not necessary. Any activity that rapidly raises your heart rate and leaves you panting and sweaty for 60 seconds can substitute for treadmill intervals, he said.

"For some people, simply walking anywhere will provide ample stimulus, whereas fitter individuals might need to go up one or even a few flights of stairs or up a slope, or jog somewhere. Jogging on the spot would be just as good," he said.

The key is to exert yourself to the point that the exercise feels like about a nine or so on a scale of one to 10, he said. (Check with your doctor first before beginning any new exercise program, of course.) Maintain that level of exertion for a minute; slow down for a minute; and repeat several times. Complete several of these exercise hors d'oeuvres during the day.

Exercise snacking may not be the ideal way to achieve all health goals, however, Cotter said. For example, "whether it is optimal for controlling fat mass," he said, "is still unclear despite much research."

It could be months before damage from Heartbleed bug is known

Dear PropellerHeads: I heard in the news about some sort of "bleeding heart" virus that's going to steal all my credit cards. What should I do?

A: Once in a great while something so stupendously terrible happens in the world of technology that even mainstream outlets like CNN and the New York Times have to cover it.

Then PropellerHeads like me laugh at the vague, dumbed-down, not-even-technically-correct "layperson" descriptions of some complicated technology spouted by clueless reporters.

Of course, then I read another article on some unrelated topic and assume they know what they're talking about. Search the web for Gell-Mann Amnesia — why do we do that?

Anyway, forget everything you know about the Heartbleed Bug and let's start over.

First, you may have noticed on bank websites and Amazon checkout pages that your browser displays a padlock icon in the address bar. This is how it tells you that the web server on the other end has SSL software installed.

SSL, or Secure Sockets Layer, is a protocol (set of rules) that describes how browsers and servers should communicate in order to keep your personal data safe. They do this by encrypting, or — if you'll indulge a little tech speak — "super-magically scramblin' up" your data, so that if someone were to intercept your Miley Cyrus fan site password, they wouldn't be able to read it.

SSL is not a product itself — it's just a set of rules that programs can implement. One such program is called OpenSSL, and because it's been around for years (and is free), many sites use it to power their secure pages. "Many" as in, say, half a million or so. Security researchers guess that over 66 percent of publicly-accessible websites are using web server software that relies on OpenSSL for security.

In early April, two security experts independently found a bug in OpenSSL that was later named "the Heartbleed bug." You can read the technical details at heartbleed.com. In case you missed what you just read: this bug was so big that it set up its own website to brag about all the destruction it was going to cause. I mean, even hurricanes and earthquakes don't register their own domain names. This bug is not messing around.

OpenSSL has a "heart beat" feature, which is common in servers. Browsers and other programs can send it a message every few seconds asking, "Are you there?" If it is, it sends a signal back. In this case, the browser says, "If you're still there, send me back the 5-letter word house," and OpenSSL says, "house."

But the word "house" is read out of the computer's memory, and — here's the key issue — OpenSSL does not check to see if the number of letters requested matches the word length. Ask it to send you back the 300-letter word house, and instead of catching the error, the software writes back with the message "house," followed by the next 295 letters that happened to be stored in the computer's memory at the time.

What gets stored in web server memory? Credit card numbers, email contents, account passwords — all kinds of good stuff. Even worse, the secret encryption keys (think really long passwords) that the server uses to secure the data in the first place might be in memory then too. So, not only could someone steal your password, but she could steal enough information about the server to steal your password again in the future — even after you change it.

Someone has already used the bug to steal taxpayer ID numbers from the Canadian counterpart to the IRS, Bloomberg News reported that the National Security Agency has used the bug for months to access server data, but the NSA denies this. Since the flaw had been in place for two years, it could take months before we realize the extent of the damage.

But you need not worry, provided you've never used Facebook, Pinterest, Google, Yahoo, Flickr, Netflix, Youtube, Dropbox, or Healthcare.gov (they can't catch a break!).

If there's any good news here — and, really, there is no good news here — it's that the guys who wrote OpenSSL are finally getting funded for their work, to prevent future repeats. The other "winner," if that's the word, is a technology called Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS), which guarantees that any captured encryption keys cannot be used to go back and read old data encrypted with those keys retroactively. You'll see it become more popular in the coming years.

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