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SIGHTS OF SUMMER

Although June is almost over, it has been a very busy summer in Midland with plenty to see and do. See photos from the Eli Young Band, Texas Gypsies and the Sunday Summer Lawn concerts.

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Traffic lights being considered at I-20, Midkiff

County to talk with city of Midland, TxDOT for solutions to improve dangerous intersection

By Joseph Basco
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County commissioners began discussing feasible solutions to improve the heavily trafficked and dangerous Interstate 20, the likeliest being traffic lights at the intersections of Midkiff Road and the Interstate 20 service roads.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Luis Sanchez proposed the project during Commissioners Court on Monday. He said traffic builds up at the intersections because of the lack of exits off the highway between Midkiff Road and Loop 250.

And when a vehicle reaches the Midkiff Road intersections, the driver has to stop and wait for the Midkiff Road traffic to turn onto the service road, as that traffic has no stop signs.

"They're stopped at Midkiff and they've been waiting too long," Sanchez said. "They'll actually stop in the middle of the road, let three or four cars pass to stop the traffic, and then they go. So it's becoming a big safety issue."

The Midkiff Road and I-20 overpass was the scene of one fatal accident in 2013. An Arizona man died after the pickup he drove southbound on the Midkiff Road overpass veered into northbound traffic and hit a sedan.

Sanchez said if drivers avoid the traffic build up on the service roads leading to Midkiff Road, they then go into southern county roads and try to find their way back onto Midkiff Road. He added that some of the vehicles are industrial types that wear out the residential county roads.

Sanchez proposed other ideas, such as creating exit ramps between Midkiff Road and Midland Drive on I-20 and converting the Midkiff Road and I-20 service road intersection into an over or underpass, but costs for either options are in the millions. The proposed traffic lights are estimated to cost $1 million, which includes a study and the lights installation.

"The indication I had from TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) is, yes lights are warranted, as does County Road 1130 and Farm-to-Market Road 307 and County Road 1090 and FM 307 but they don't have any money," Precinct 2 Commissioner Robin Donnelly said. "It's great if the county were to drop its (road) construction projects and we might be able to do lights at these areas."

Because the intersections are within the city limits, the county will be meeting with TxDOT and the city of Midland to come up with a solution, Donnelly said.

"That (Midkiff Road) is one of the major north-south routes, the only other one besides Cotton Flat Road and State Highway 349," Donnelly said. "So you're concentrating your traffic there, and as it comes off the interstate, it all backs up."

In other county news

Midland County Public Library is in the process working with the Museum of the Southwest to secure a Spring 2015 exhibit from Australia.

The Permian Monsters exhibit, from Australian traveling exhibition company Gondwana Studios, will have life-sized

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Boom in building things

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Construction takes place at the Betenbough Homes subdivision located on Champions Drive near the sports complex on Friday.

Housing market boasts strong start in summer sales

■ Statewide, most homes purchased between May and August

By Cale Ottens
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Summertime in Midland is known for its heat. But this year is on track to be the hottest season since 2008, regardless of how high the temperatures may reach.

The real estate industry is on pace to be at its strongest level in Midland since the national housing bubble burst about six years ago.

Historically, homebuyers are most active statewide between May and August, according to statistics from the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

The Tall City's market is no different.

Within the last five years, between 37 percent and 42 percent of every home sale for the entire year was finalized between May and August, even though those hot months account for only a quarter of the calendar.

Last month, 173 homes were sold in Midland, about 9.5 percent more than the number sold in May 2013, according to the most recent figures from the Real Estate Center.

Additionally, 754 home sales have been completed in Midland within the first five months of 2014. The sales volume is now at its highest level since 2008, when 787 homes were sold during the same period that year.

Dan Hatfield, chairman of the Texas Association of Realtors, said last month he expects this summer to be one of the most competitive housing markets the state has ever seen.

"Both homebuyers and sellers should be prepared for multiple offers on a home at or above listing price, which will also add to the steady increase of home prices," Hatfield said in a written statement.

Midland home values grew about 4.2 percent year-over-year last month. The median price in May — $240,400 — is at the highest level since January, when the Tall City boasted the largest median price in Texas at $251,500.

Home values in Midland are now the fourth-highest across the Lone Star State and the largest in West Texas.

The median home price in Odessa — $180,000 — was the second highest in West Texas last month but still falls well below the value in Midland.

Statewide, the median value last month was $187,400, a level Midland exceeds by more than 28 percent. The highest prices were found in Collin County, near Dallas. There, the median value was $260,600.

The supply of homes for sale also grew

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DMV prepares for sticker shock of losing inspection tag

By Dug Begley
Houston Chronicle

In less than nine months Texas windshields are going to start looking different, and Department of Motor Vehicles officials are gearing up to avoid a sticky situation when car owners transition from having two state-required tags to one.

Changes coming to the registration and inspection programs for Texas vehicles will eliminate the second green sticker vehicle owners must display.

As of March 2015, vehicles registered in Texas will no longer need separate vehicle inspection and registration stickers. State lawmakers last year mixed the inspection sticker, citing the potential to reduce fraudulent tags.

Inspections are not going away, however. The change is simply issuing the two stickers separately, Texas DMV director Whitney Brewster told a state senate committee on Monday. Now to re-up registration, a driver must submit their car for inspection not more than 90 days before they renew.

To smooth out the transition to one sticker, someone will be able to register their car in 2015 provided their registration is valid at the time they renew. For example, if someone's registration expires in May and their inspection tag expires in June, they will not have to get their car tested until prior to renewing in May 2016.

If someone's inspection sticker expires in May but their registration is up in June, they will have to get an inspection.

"This is a big impact on customers," Brewster told state senators, citing the need for an aggressive public awareness campaign.

For the state, subtracting a sticker is expected to save about $2.1 million, Brewster said, mostly the result of streamlined paperwork and eliminating the need to buy two stickers.

Even with advanced notice, however, lawmakers said they expect some irate calls.

"We'll be right in session and I bet we get a lot of complaints," said Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, chair of the Senate Transportation Committee.

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Gasoline	$3.550 ▼	$0.022

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City: Protect your families, properties from mosquitoes

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City officials are reminding Midlanders to control mosquitos this summer by draining standing water and wearing repellent to prevent bites.

A severe thunderstorm dropped between 1 to 2 inches of rain on parts of Midland last week. But city health manager Sal Garcia said most of that water has already evaporated.

"It's been so dry and hot, the ground soaks it up good," said Garcia, noting it takes at least a week of steady rain for larvae to develop into mosquitos.

Still, the city asked residents earlier this month to empty any bowls, old tires, flower pots or toys that collect water to help control the mosquito population.

Residents should also wear repellent containing DEET or long sleeves or pants at dusk or dawn, according to a city press release. The American Mosquito Control Association, which is sponsoring Mosquito Awareness Week until June 28, said people should read repellent directions carefully.

City crews typically fog for mosquitoes in the morning and put larvicide pellets in standing water. But residents can call the health department at 681-7613 to make a complaint, which Garcia said slightly picked up after last week's rains.

"We work each complaint that comes into the health department," he said.

Garcia didn't report any cases of the West Nile — which develops three to 14 days after someone is bitten by an infected mosquito — in humans so far this year.

Last year, one person in Midland County tested positive for West Nile fever and another four for the West Nile neuroinvasive disease, according to the state health department. One Midland County resident died from West Nile in 2012.

Kathy Parker, zoonosis control specialist for the Texas Department of Health, previously said there's no way to forecast a West Nile season's severity but cases typically start by the end of July.

Helpful tips

Local spraying

■ Call Midland's health department at 681-7613 to request vector control, or "fogging," in your neighborhood.

Remember the three De

■ Drain: Mosquitos need water to breed, so drain standing water around your property. Dispose of any tires, drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers, clear roof gutters, clean pet dishes regularly, repair outdoor leaky faucets and change bird bath water at least once a week.

■ Dress: Wear light-colored and loose-fitting clothing because most mosquito species are attracted to dark clothing. Wear long sleeves and pants when practical.

■ Defend: Choose a mosquito repellent that's registered by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Source: American Mosquito Control Association

Reduce your risk

■ Use an approved insect repellent every time you go outside. Approved repellents are those that contain DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Follow the instructions on the label.

■ Regularly drain standing water, including water that collects in empty cans, tires, buckets, clogged rain gutters and saucers under potted plants. Mosquitoes breed in stagnant water.

■ Wear long sleeves and pants at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

■ Use air conditioning or make sure there are screens on all doors and windows to keep mosquitoes from entering the home.

Source: Texas Department of State Health Services fact sheet

More on West Nile Virus

West Nile quick facts

■ West Nile Virus symptoms usually develop between three and 14 days after someone is bitten by an infected mosquito.

■ Serious symptoms occur 1 in 150 of those infected with the virus. Symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis.

■ Mild symptoms occur in up to 20 percent of those infected. Symptoms include fever, headache and body aches, nausea, vomiting and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back.

■ Approximately 80 percent of those infected will not show any symptoms.

■ The average age of the virus cases is 57 1/2, and the ages of those infected range from 20 months to 93.8. The average age of those infected by the West Nile Fever is 47.4, with the ages ranging from 8.5 to 88.3 years old.

Source: Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, Texas Department of State Health Services and previous Reporter-Telegram articles

US memo justifying drone killings is released

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The secret U.S. government memo outlining the justification for the use of drones to kill American terror suspects abroad was released by court order Monday, yielding the most detailed, inside look yet at the legal underpinnings of the Obama administration's program of "targeted killings."

The 41-page memo — whose contents had previously been summarized and released piecemeal — was heavily redacted for national security reasons, with several entire pages and other passages whited out.

But it argues among other things that a targeted killing of a U.S. citizen is permissible under a 2001 law passed by Congress soon after 9/11. That law empowered the president to use force against organizations that planned and committed the attacks.

"The release of the memo will allow the public to better assess the lawfulness of the government's targeted killing policy and the implications of that policy," said Jameel Jaffer, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney who argued for release of the memo. "Despite the release of this memo, the public still knows scandalously little about who the government is killing and why."

He said the memo contains the first formal acknowledgment by the government that the CIA is involved in the program.

The July 2010 memo was written by a Justice Department official who is now a federal appeals court judge. It was released after a yearlong legal battle by The New York Times and the ACLU.

The memo specifically provided the legal justification for the September 2011 killing in Yemen of Anwar Al-Awlaki, an al-Qaida leader and one-time cleric at a Virginia mosque who had been born in the United States, and another U.S. citizen, Samir Khan, who edited al-Qaida's Internet magazine. An October 2011 strike also killed Abdulrahman al-Awlaki, al-Awlaki's teenage son and also a U.S. citizen.

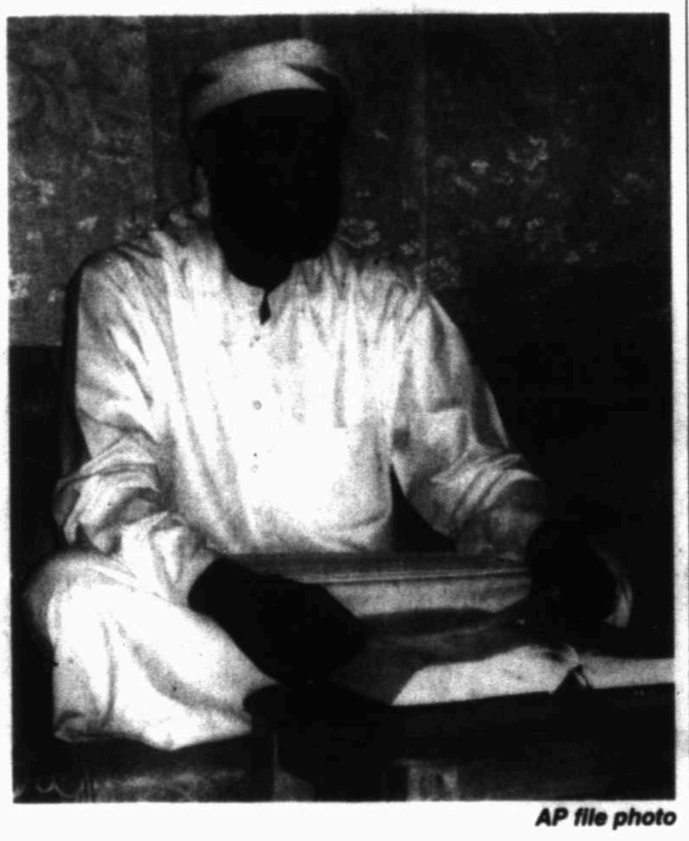
Al-Awlaki had been involved in an abortive attack against the U.S. and was planning other attacks from his base in Yemen, the memo said. It said the authority to use lethal force abroad may apply in certain circumstances to a U.S. citizen who is part of the forces of an enemy organization.

The memo said the Defense Department operation was being carried out against someone who was within the core of individuals against whom Congress had authorized the use of "necessary and appropriate" force.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York released the memo after the Times and the ACLU sued for any documents in which Justice Department lawyers had discussed the highly classified "targeted killing" program.

The appeals court ordered the memo disclosed after noting that President Barack Obama and other senior government officials had commented publicly on the subject.

David E. McCraw, vice president and assistant general counsel for the Times, called the memo "a critical addition to the public debate over targeted killings and should fuel a richer discussion of the legal and security issues that are at the heart of that debate."



AP file photo

This 2008 file photo shows Imam Anwar al-Awlaki in Yemen. A federal appeals court released a previously secret memo that provided legal justification for using drones to kill Americans suspected of terrorism overseas on Monday. The memo pertained specifically to the September 2011 drone-strike killing in Yemen of Al-Awlaki, an al-Qaida leader who had been born in the United States.

SUPREME COURT

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Court raises bar for securities class action cases

The Supreme Court on Monday made it tougher for investors to join together to sue corporations for securities fraud, a decision that could curb the number of multimillion-dollar legal settlements companies pay out each year.

But the unanimous ruling was only a modest step. It stopped short of tossing out a quarter-century-old legal theory that might have ended securities class action lawsuits altogether. Only three of the nine justices said they would have gone that far.

Writing for the court, Chief Justice John Roberts said companies should have a chance in the early stages of a lawsuit to show that any alleged fraud was not responsible for a drop in the company's stock price.

The change could make it more expensive and time consuming for plaintiffs at the early stages of litigation. That gives corporations a better chance to mount a defense and could discourage lawyers from bringing weaker securities cases.

The ruling is a partial victory for Halliburton Co., which is trying to block a class-action lawsuit claiming the energy services company inflated its stock price. A group of investors claims they lost money when Halliburton's stock price dropped after revelations the company misrepresented revenues, understated its liability in asbestos litigation and overstated the benefits of a merger.

Halliburton attorney Aaron Streett said he was pleased "that the Supreme Court restored a measure of rationality and balance to securities class actions." The case now goes back to the lower courts, where Halliburton will have another chance to block the investors from joining together as a class.

The decision is a minor win for business groups that complain the growth of such class actions is a drain on corporate profits and a windfall for plaintiff lawyers. Investor groups say the lawsuits help deter corporate fraud and abuse.

But the justices rejected Halliburton's broader request to overturn the court's 1988 decision in Basic v. Levinson, a case that sparked a surge in securities class-action lawsuits against publicly traded companies and has led to an estimated $73 billion in settlements since 1997.

Under Basic's "fraud on the market" theory, shareholders who claim fraud don't need to show they actually relied on specific false statements. The theory presumes a company's false statements inflated its stock price.

WASHINGTON

Justices rap EPA, but uphold global warming rules

The Supreme Court largely left intact Monday the Obama administration's only existing program to limit power plant and factory emissions of the gases blamed for global warming. But a divided court also rebuked environmental regulators for taking too much authority into their own hands without congressional approval.

The justices said in a 5-4 vote along ideological lines that the Environmental Protection Agency cannot apply a permitting provision of the Clean Air Act to new and expanded power plants, refineries and factories solely because they emit greenhouse gases.

The decision underscores the limits of using the Clean Air Act to deal with greenhouse gases and the administration's inability to get climate change legislation through Congress.

"The Supreme Court put EPA on a leash but not in a noose," said Michael Gerrard, director of Columbia University's Center for Climate Change Law.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Johnny R. Bladders, 34, of Midland was charged Sunday with theft and violation of parole.

Mike Belman Jr., 47, of El Dorado was charged Sunday with theft.

Sherry L. Garmon, 41, of San Angelo was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Ruben D. Lee, 51, of Midland was charged Sunday with assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing.

Raymond Losoya, 27, of Midland was charged Sunday with evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction.

Ignacio I. Marin, 28, of Fabens was charged Sunday with possession of a prohibited substance or item in a corrections facility.

Brian S. Perez, 38, of Midland was charged Sunday with assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing.

Brian S. Perez, 38, of Midland was charged Sunday with obstruction of retaliation.

Kimanthi L. Qualls, 39, of Midland was charged Sunday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

HOUSING

From 1A

in Midland last month. The Real Estate Center reported 550 listings on the market in May, a 45 percent year-over-year increase.

September 2012 was the last month local homebuyers had so many options to choose from. There were 551 houses, townhouses and condominiums on the market that month, according to the statistics.

Midland's housing market had a 3.6-month inventory of homes in both April and May this year. That supply level, however, still indicates a seller's market, based off the Real Estate Center's estimate that a 6.5-month supply represents a balanced market.

By the numbers

Highest May home values statewide:

1. Collin County — $260,600
2. Fort Bend County — $258,100
3. Austin — $244,300
4. Midland — $240,400
5. Montgomery County — $232,500

May home values around West Texas

Midland — $240,400
Odessa — $180,000
El Paso — $143,000
San Angelo — $140,800
Abilene — $130,000

Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

From 1A

dinosaur models and informational displays at both the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch and the Museum of the Southwest.

Library Director John Trischitti said both spaces have reached their square-footage capacities for exhibits, so they are working together to bring a large exhibit to Midland.

"It's a hands-on but still a very museum-quality type of exhibit that we'll bring to the Midland community," Trischitti said.

US plans child migrant processing center in Texas

By Christopher Sherman
Associated Press

McALLEN — The U.S. government plans to turn an empty 55,000-square foot warehouse in South Texas into a processing facility for unaccompanied children who have entered the country illegally, according to construction permits obtained by The Associated Press through a public records request Monday.

The permits reveal plans for four fence-enclosed pods inside a corrugated steel warehouse in McAllen that could eventually accommodate about 1,000 children. The Department of Homeland Security did not immediately respond to a request for comment Monday.

More than 52,000 unaccompanied minors have been arrested since October after entering the United States illegally, a 99 percent increase over the same period a year earlier. About three-quarters of those children have been arrested in the Rio Grande Valley in South Texas.

U.S. law requires that the children be processed and transferred to custody of the Health and Human Services Department within 72 hours of their arrest. The wave of children has overwhelmed Border Patrol stations in South Texas that are ill-equipped to house children for an extended period of time, so Homeland Security has been flying planeloads of children to Arizona for processing at a facility in Nogales before sending them to shelters around the country.

The new processing facility would be less than a mile from the Rio Grande Valley's busiest Border Patrol station. Floor plans show rows of cells with unsecured doors on either side of open "interaction/play" areas. Boys and girls would be separated and portable toilets would be installed.

"Minors will be staged here until processing is completed and then they (will be) moved to a different location," according to a fire protection engineering analysis submitted by the U.S. General Services Administration.

That agency, which provides buildings for government operations, signed a one-year lease for the property.

The documents do not indicate when renovations would be complete. City attorney Kevin Pagan said McAllen had expedited the permitting process.

Most of the children are from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. Many are fleeing widespread gang violence, and some are looking to reunite with parents already in the United States.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson wrote an open letter to Central American parents warning them of the dangers of such a journey and emphasizing that the children could be deported. "The criminal smuggling networks that you pay to deliver your child to the United States have no regard for his or her safety and well-being — to them, your child is a commodity to be exchanged for a payment," the letter said.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Davis wants state of emergency declared on border

Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Wendy Davis is asking Gov. Rick Perry to declare a state of emergency along Texas' border with Mexico amid a surge of unaccompanied minors pouring into the U.S.

In a letter, the Fort Worth state senator says doing so will alleviate pressure on local communities and federal authorities.

She visited the border Monday for a firsthand look at the "crisis."

Davis also wants Perry to convene a special legislative session to increase funding to city and county officials and charities.

Some conservatives have sought a special session too, but want to focus on border security.

Davis said Perry should push for federal reimbursement of Texas' immigration-related costs.

A Perry spokesman responded that Davis should send her letter on to Washington and her "political ally" President Barack Obama.

GRANBURY

Storms destroy homes, bring flooding to Texas

The Red Cross says nearly two-dozen North Texas homes have been damaged or destroyed by storms that brought heavy rains and flooding to the region.

Red Cross officials said Monday that nine homes in Hood County were rendered uninhabitable by flooding that began Sunday. They say an assessment of the area is not complete so additional damaged homes may be found.

About 16,000 homes and businesses lost power at the height of the storms, which dumped more than 7 inches of rain in Granbury and lingered in Dallas and Fort Worth on Monday.

Electric utility Oncor reported more than 8,000 outages in the DFW area. Other outages ranged north to Wichita Falls and south to Waco, which received more than 4 inches of rain Sunday.

HOUSTON

US mayors unanimously pass climate change ideas

A bipartisan group of mayors from across the country unanimously approved a resolution Monday that calls on cities to use natural solutions to fight the effects of climate change.

Attendees of the U.S. Conference of Mayors voted in Dallas on the resolution that encourages cities to use nature to "protect freshwater supplies, defend the nation's coastlines, maintain a healthy tree and green space cover and protect air quality," sometimes by partnering with non-profit organizations.

The resolution was backed by Democratic mayors from GOP-dominated states — Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Houston Mayor Annise Parker and Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton.

It passed easily even though Republicans and Democrats remain deeply divided over how to deal with climate change. Although science shows human industrial activity is contributing to global warming, some conservatives remain skeptical.

"What's so significant is that there was a unanimous vote on an issue that can be so divisive," said Laura Huffman, director of The Nature Conservancy in Texas. "When you peel away the high-level arguments and deal with the ground-level issues everyone just rolls up their sleeves and gets to work."

Mayors are looking for alternatives to traditional infrastructure projects that will be cost-effective and provide residents with amenities.

For example, Huffman said, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter is combining traditional pipes with open spaces as he revamps the city's storm water collection system. These open spaces collect water much like pipes do, while providing residents with additional parks.

"We're seeing that all over the country," Huffman said.

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MCSO: Man pointed gun at coworkers after being sent home from work

A Midland man was arrested Friday for pointing a gun at two coworkers after being sent home from work, according to court documents.

Montez-Cruz

Santos Montez-Cruz, 42, was being held Monday on a $150,000 bond for two second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Midland County deputies responded to a disturbance at about 1:40 a.m. Friday to the 5200 block of East Loop 250 North.

Investigators learned that Montez-Cruz was upset that he had been sent home from work after receiving two reprimands. He then pulled out a handgun from his boot and pointed it at two coworkers. One of the men captured video on his cellphone of the incident and provided that to the deputies. The video showed Montez-Cruz pointing the gun at them and racking a round into the chamber, according to the arrest affidavit.

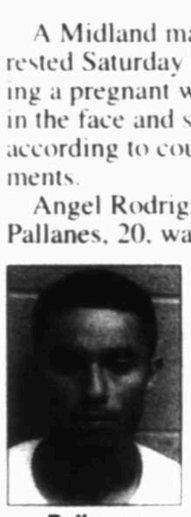
Deputies apprehended Montez-Cruz and recovered the gun.

If convicted, Montez-Cruz faces up to 20 years in prison for each felony.

MCSO: Man punches pregnant woman in stomach, face

A Midland man was arrested Saturday for punching a pregnant woman in the face and stomach, according to court documents.

Angel Rodriguez Pallanes, 20, was being held Monday on a $17,500 bond for a state jail felony charge of endangering a child with criminal negligence and a class A misdemeanor charge of assault-family violence causing bodily injury.


Pallanes

A Midland County deputies responded to a disturbance at about 8:42 a.m. Saturday in the 6300 block of South County Road 1169.

They made contact with Pallanes, who said a woman broke into his home and started assaulting him and the altercation moved outside the residence.

The woman told officers that she was outside the residence and Pallanes punched her several times in the face and stomach. The woman is seven months pregnant, according to the arrest affidavit. The woman was taken to the hospital to check her injuries, and Pallanes was taken into custody.

If convicted, Pallanes faces up to two years in prison for the felony and up to one year for the misdemeanor.

MPD: Woman arrested for choking, assaulting family members

A Midland woman was arrested Friday for choking a woman and hitting her with a cutting board after assaulting a male family member, according to court documents.

Angela Martinez, 49, was being held Monday on a $27,500 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing and a class A misdemeanor charge of assault-family violence causing bodily injury.

Martinez

Midland police officers responded to a disturbance at about 10:22 a.m. Friday in the 1800 block of West Michigan Avenue.

The alleged victim said Martinez had attacked her father by throwing water on him and punching him. She said she tried to intervene in the altercation and Martinez started choking her, according to the arrest affidavit. The woman pushed Martinez off her, and Martinez then picked up a cutting board from the kitchen sink and hit the woman in the arm.

If convicted, Martinez faces up to 10 years in prison for the felony charge and up to one year for the misdemeanor charge.

MPD: 2 suspects wanted in 3 weekend robberies

The Midland Police Department is seeking the public's help in identifying two robbery suspects who robbed three local businesses in as many days, according to the city's public information officer.

The two male suspects first robbed the Walgreen's located at 215 Andrews Highway early Friday. One of the subjects aimed a long-barreled firearm at the clerk and demanded the money out of the register. When the money was retrieved, both subjects ran out of the store. Both suspects were wearing blue bandanas to cover their faces, said Sara Higgins, city PIO.

The suspects also robbed two area 7-Eleven convenience stores on Sunday morning. At the first location — 4310 Neely Ave. — one suspect aimed a gun at the clerk that was described as a silver, large-barrel handgun with a wood grip. One suspect was wearing blue jeans, a black shirt, a blue bandana around his neck and a white baseball cap. The other was wearing brown overalls, a blue bandana around his neck and a white baseball cap. The suspects were seen getting into a dark-colored vehicle.

Higgins said the second robbery from Sunday took place at the 7-Eleven convenience store at 4324 Andrews Highway, where a suspect aimed the gun at the clerk and demanded the money from the register.

One suspect is described as a thin, bald Hispanic male with brown eyes standing between 5 feet 5 inches and 5 feet 6 inches, with a tattoo on the right side of his neck with possible piercings on both eyebrows. He was said to be wearing a white shirt and blue jeans in the Friday robbery and a black shirt with blue jeans, tan boots, a white baseball cap, and a dark bandana around his neck on Sunday.

The other suspect is described as a thin Hispanic male standing at about 5 feet 10 inches, with a black faded haircut and brown eyes. He was also said to have a tattoo on the right side of his neck with possible piercings on both eyebrows. He was said to be wearing a black button-up shirt and black Dickies-style pants in the Friday robbery and a tan-colored Dickies outfit with tan-colored boots, a white baseball cap and a dark-colored bandana around his neck on Sunday.

Midland Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward up to $1,000 to anyone with information on the suspects that leads to their arrest. Call Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS or 1-800-7LOCKUP or send a secure tip online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or by texting TIP 247 and sending the message to 274637.

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Things to do

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

■ Movie camp: "Monsters University," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

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

■ "Switch to a Smarter Energy Future" brown bag lunch and lecture, 11:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

■ Little Chefs Cooking Class, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. midlandtexas.gov.

City pool hours today

Doug Russell Pool, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon-7 p.m.

Washington Pool, 1601 E. Indiana, noon-9 p.m. Tuesday. Family swim is 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Admission cost: Entry fee is $2; kids under 2 are free. For more information, call 685-7356.

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.

■ 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.

■ 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.

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Today in history

Today is Tuesday, June 24, the 175th day of 2014. There are 190 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On June 24, 1964, AT&T inaugurated commercial "Picturephone" service between New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C., as Lady Bird Johnson, wife of the president, called Dr. Elizabeth A. Wood of Bell Laboratones in New York. (Requiring the use of video booths, with a 3-minute call from Washington to New York costing $16, and a $27 charge for a 3-minute call between New York and Chicago, Picturephone never caught on.)

On this date:

In 1939, the Southeast Asian country Siam changed its name to Thailand. (It went back to being Siam in 1945, then became Thailand once again in 1949.)

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger — carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride — coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1993, David Gelernter, a Yale University computer scientist, was seriously injured by a mail bomb sent from the Unabomber, Theodore Kaczynski.

Politicians tour base with immigrant kids

By Christopher Sherman and Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A surge of immigrant children pouring into Texas and across the southwest U.S. border brought Republican and Democratic leaders Monday to federal facilities across the state where tens of thousands of unaccompanied minors are being held in temporary shelters.

At Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz and Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott emerged from a tour calling the situation a "humanitarian crisis" — the same way President Barack Obama has described more than 52,000 children who've entered the country illegally in recent months.

But Cruz and Abbott, the favorite to become Texas governor next year, immediately pivoted to blast the Obama administration on border security and policies they say lead immigrants to believe they can stay in the country long-term if they survive a perilous journey from Central America to the U.S.

"We're dealing with a human-made crisis," Abbott said. "The challenges these children are going through are unprecedented. It's unacceptable to have children housed in facilities like this."

Cruz and Abbott say they were told stories of children being ordered by human traffickers to cut off fingers and ears of other kids as a way of extorting money.

As they briefed reporters, some of the children played soccer and could be heard laughing in a small yard outside an Air Force dormitory on the other side of high barbed-wire fence.

After visiting a Border Patrol facility in South Texas on Monday, Gov. Rick Perry said that the number of immigrants being detained has created an "untenable situation."

"The border with Mexico is not secure," Perry said at a Department of Public Safety regional headquarters in Weslaco. "This is an absolute humanitarian catastrophe waiting to happen."

Perry repeated his call for the federal government to secure the border and said current policy had exacerbated the problem by giving immigrants from Central America the impression that if they can just get across the Rio Grande they'll be allowed to go anywhere they want in the U.S.

Perry's visit came after he took the rare step last week of authorizing an extra $1.3 million a week in funding for state troopers to ramp up security on the Texas side of the border.

The state now could spend up to an extra $35 million in border security by year's end but won't disclose where the money will go or how it will be spent, citing operational security and trooper safety.

Also on Monday, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis toured a Border Patrol facility in McAllen.

Davis, Abbott's opponent in November, sent Perry a letter asking him to declare a state of emergency along Texas' border with Mexico to "assist overwhelmed local communities." She also wants Perry to convene a special legislative session to increase funding to city and county officials, first-responders and charities.

Some conservatives have sought a special session too, but want to focus on securing the border. Perry's office quickly dismissed Davis' requests.

"If Senator Davis truly agrees with Governor Perry that it is the federal government's responsibility to secure the border, she should forward a copy of her letter to her friend and political ally in Washington, President Obama," Perry spokesman Travis Considine said.

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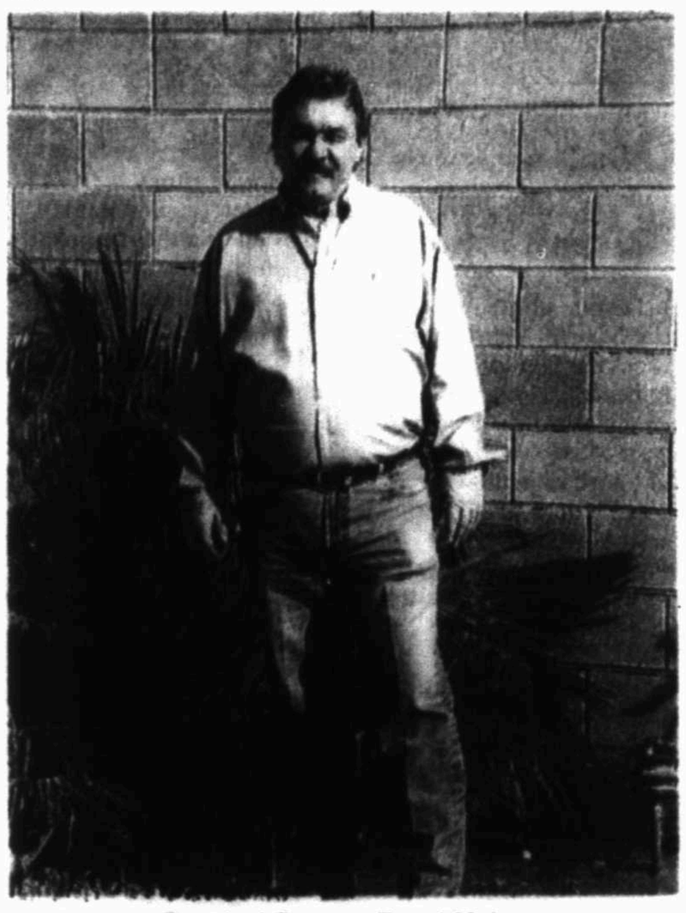

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For years now, one side of the immigration debate — the side of billionaires, professional bipartisans, and all the great and good — has argued that an amnesty of some kind for illegal immigrants isn't just a sensible policy choice but a crushingly obvious one: self-evidently wise, morally farseeing and a win for almost everyone, from corporations to labor unions to Republican politicians to the immigrants themselves.

Nested inside that debate has been a smaller one, over the Dream Act, a measure opening a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants who arrived as minors. If comprehensive reform has been cast as a no-brainer, the Dream Act has been portrayed as a test of basic moral fitness: To oppose welcoming these young men and women is to oppose all that's decent, humanitarian and just.

Now we're getting a lesson in why reality is never quite so black and white. Over the last two years, a crisis has developed on our Southern border: a children's migration of increasing scale, in which thousands of unaccompanied minors from Central America have made the dangerous journey to the U.S.-Mexico border, many apparently motivated by the belief that some sort of legal status awaits them.

The numbers are striking, and so is the timing. Before the current surge, the Border Patrol was apprehending about 20,000 unaccompanied children trying to cross the border every year. That number doubled across 2012 and 2013, as President Barack Obama was halting deportations of illegal immigrants who had arrived as minors, and it is projected to more than triple in the current fiscal year.

Our system is ill equipped to handle the influx. The Border Patrol is neglecting other law enforcement duties, and the bureaucracy and courts are struggling to care for the children and process their cases.

The young migrants are not, obviously, deeply familiar with the ins and outs of U.S. politics; they're following rumors spread by smugglers, for the most part. But the rumors exist for a reason: They're fueled by a sense that "if you want to get into the U.S., now is the time," a scholar of Latin America told The Washington Post. And the Obama White House has conceded that a "misperception of U.S. immigration policy" is playing a role — one significant enough to dispatch Vice President Joe Biden to Central America to clarify that we are not actually opening our borders to any minor who reaches them.

Yes, the young migrants are not simply deceived. True, they are not currently eligible for Obama's deportation halt, which is confined to children who arrived before June 2007. But their overwhelming numbers, and the fact that they come from so far away, will make the White House's plans for stepped-up deportation difficult to swiftly carry out. Many of them have been menaced by gang violence in their home countries, which allows them to apply for asylum and hope to eventually win it. Others have already been released with only a court summons, and may simply decide to remain and try to stay out of law enforcement's way.

And if they do, they will have a good chance of eventually receiving the amnesty that smugglers have promised them. If an immigration reform eventually passes under a President Hillary Clinton, today's young border-crossers will no longer be new arrivals: They'll have been here for several years, they'll be sympathetic figures embedded in communities, and there will be strong, understandable pressure to allow them onto any path to citizenship.

And even if they aren't deemed eligible — well, they can look at America's political landscape and reasonably assume that if they remain in the shadows, eventually another push to regularize their status will come along.

Their journey northward, then, is a case study in how the mere promise of an amnesty can — through entirely rational incentives — worsen some of the humanitarian problems that reformers claim they want to solve. And it raises the question of how, exactly, supporters of amnesty would resolve this kind of problem.

One answer, consistent and sincere, is that the child migration really shows we need an open border — one that does away with the problems of asylum hearings and deportations, eliminates the need for dangerous journeys across deserts and mountains, and just lets the kids' relatives save up for a plane ticket. Come one, come all.

But this is not the answer that Obama or the congressional architects of an immigration bill would offer. Instead, the official promise is always that we'll get amnesty and a system of enforcement that will deter and deport and police employers more effectively — so that major crises don't recur, future migration happens mostly through legal channels, and this comprehensive reform can be the last.

But if this is actually the goal, then why not first prove that a more effective enforcement system can actually be built, and only then codify an offer of legal status?

Because when that offer seems to be forthcoming, if you haven't built it, they will come.

OUR VIEW

Don't hold back from telling TxDOT what Midland needs

The Texas Department of Transportation wants to know what Midland's long-term needs are.

The agency is hosting public meetings to develop Texas Transportation Plan 2040, a priority list for decades to come. The public is welcome to make written comments by Sept. 1.

In our view, it would be foolish not to take up TxDOT on this. There are real needs here and across the Permian Basin and West Texas. At the end of the day, we can't afford for state leaders not to know what's on our list of priorities.

We appreciate the work being done by local leaders and state representatives to bring more transportation dollars to our area. The expansion of state highways 349 and 158 is proof that when our community speaks, people listen. We want more voices to be heard.

At the March Midland City Council retreat, a comprehensive plan showed $1.593 billion was needed for updates to the roads, water, sewer, drainage, fire station and parks plans. The roads alone would cost $1.02 billion. That is a staggering cost, but we shouldn't expect a cent if we don't let Austin know what we need here.

"The more information we have, the better off we are in addressing the challenges," a TxDOT spokesperson said last week.

How about finishing Loop 250 from Lamesa Road and going east?

How about improvements to Loop 250, its access roads, entrances and exits, especially on Midland's west side?

What about widening Rankin Highway (State Highway 349)?

Is there any chance TxDOT can help with an east-west thoroughfare from Loop 250 (near Business 20) into downtown?

Can we expect some improvement to Farm-to-Market Road 1788, which runs past Midland International Airport? Nine people died on 1788 inside Midland County in 2013.

There is more on the wish list, and TxDOT will tell anyone who will listen that there are not enough funds to cover all the projects needed around Texas. If Texans are lucky, maybe half of the $15 billion will be budgeted.

Will Midland get its fair share? We don't know. But if the city's comprehensive plan is any indication, we will need to speak loudly to get as much as possible.

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HILLARY CLINTON SAYS THE FAMILY WAS 'FLAT BROKE' UPON LEAVING THE WHITE HOUSE.

People can't understand Hillary

■ You just don't get what it is like to make six-figures and ride in jets; she does

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

We haven't learned much new about Hillary Clinton on her book tour except that she mistakes herself for a version of Norma Rae.

First, during an interview in her well-appointed Washington, D.C., home with ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer, she said she and Bill left the White House "dead broke," although they always made better potential subjects for "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" than "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men."

Next, in an interview with The Guardian, she seemed to suggest that she and Bill aren't among the "truly well off," and said that no one could possibly resent their wealth since they earned it "through dint of hard work."

And so they did — the hard work of building political careers for themselves, and then, when the time came, profiting massively off them. As Hillary put it in her walk-back of the "dead broke" remark, she and Bill had different "phases" in their lives. One phase involved climbing into the White House and incurring stupendous legal bills in fending off various scandals. The other has involved getting showered with money.

Most people can't understand the nature of the hard work with which the Clintons are constantly building their fortune.

They don't know what it's like to write a calculatedly tedious book for an almost $14 million advance.

They don't know what it's like to get up every morning and take a private jet to an event where adoring fans line up for a book-signing (only one copy per person, and no posed photographs, please).

They don't know what it's like to run from speech to speech, collecting as much as $200,000 per gig.

They don't know what it's like to be married to a man who earns $700,000 for one speech in Nigeria.

They don't know what it's like to have a daughter who gets paid $600,000 by NBC News for a not particularly taxing job.

They don't know what it's like to be so connected that even your hangers-on can get rich.

This is the life of labor the Clintons have chosen, and if it is arduous, it has its rewards. Between 2000 and 2008, the couple made roughly $110 million in income. They own two homes, one valued at $5 million in Washington, and another valued at $1.8 million in New York state. Last summer, they rented an $11 million mansion in the Hamptons. Such is their wealth that they are using complicated tax maneuvers to limit their exposure to the estate tax.

No one will necessarily hold this bonanza against Hillary, unless she minimizes it in a tone-deaf attempt to make herself out as an average working gal, as she has during the past couple of weeks. The country has a long history of successful wealthy Democratic politicians (FDR, JFK), but a more recent example of an unsuccessful wealthy Democratic politician (John Kerry), who suffered from the perception that he was an out-of-touch elitist.

Hillary's expressed cluelessness about how truly well off she is, and why, risks putting her in the Kerry category. As Daniel Drezner of The Washington Post points out, her attitude surely reflects class divisions within the top 1 percent. If you hang out with celebrities and billionaires long enough, you will feel positively middle class even as you pull down millions of dollars per year.

Her cash windfall also will make the Democratic war on inequality at least a little more awkward, although she's no different than other Democratic scourges of inequality who almost always sop up as much money as possible as soon as they're out of government. For liberals, to paraphrase an old Ronald Reagan quip, fair reward for hard work and talent is when you get rich; a crisis in income inequality is when someone else does.

But Hillary would know nothing about these gradations within the upper stratosphere of wealth. She's working too hard just to make ends meet.

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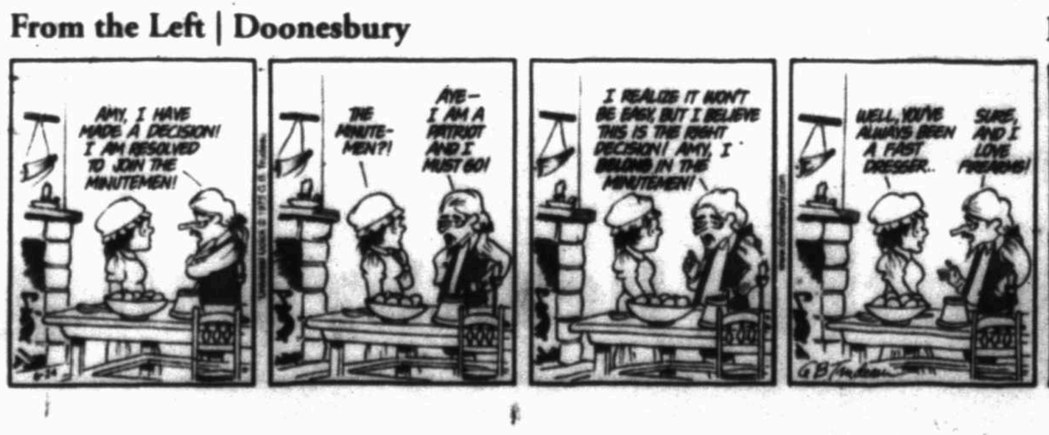

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Associated Press

Mourners chant slogans against the al-Qaida breakaway group Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant after they bury 15 bodies in the village of Taza Khormato in the northern oil-rich city of Kirkuk, Iraq, on Monday. On Sunday Sunni militants in control of Besher, a small northern town, handed over to authorities in the northern oil city of Kirkuk the decomposing bodies of 15 Shiites, according to the city's deputy police chief Maj. Gen. Torhan Abdul-Rahman Youssef. Residents of Besher said the Shiites were hung from street lights and a water tank for days but the circumstances of their deaths were not immediately known.

Iraq at risk again: How did we get here so fast?

By Connie Cass
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's crumbling so quickly: Just 2½ years after American troops came home, Iraq is back in crisis.

And chaos in Iraq, a diverse nation that stands as a buffer zone between the mostly Sunni Mideast and mostly Shiite Iran, is troubling around the world.

There were plenty of warnings, of course.

A look at how we got here:

WHEN DID THE TROUBLE START?

The answer depends: How far back do you want to go?

A.D. 632: The centuries-old split between the Shia and Sunni denominations dates to the death of the Prophet Muhammad and a dispute over who should succeed him as leader of the Muslims. Sunnis are the largest branch of Islam. But Shiites outnumber them in Iraq and make up the overwhelming majority of neighboring Iran.

1916: The uneasy borders dividing the Middle East were set during World War I, when the French and English divvied up the lands of the defeated Ottoman Empire with little regard for religious or ethnic differences. Through wars and upheaval, the national borders they drew have pretty much held, largely by the force of autocratic rulers.

2003: A U.S.-led coalition invaded Iraq and deposed Saddam Hussein, and mayhem broke out. Saddam had ruthlessly held the nation together for more than two decades, favoring his fellow Sunnis while wiping out multitudes of Shiites and Kurds. Americans, flush with the fervor that followed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, hoped to replace him with a friendly democracy. They met waves of bombings, massacres and kidnappings in sectarian fighting that peaked in 2006 and 2007, when additional U.S. troops began arriving and helped to temporarily tamp down the violence.

2011: A return to factional warfare has been feared ever since U.S. troops pulled out after nearly nine years in Iraq. Americans urged Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to craft a government that would share power between Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds and heal the national wounds. It didn't work out. Sunnis complain they are excluded, imprisoned and abused by al-Maliki's Shiite-dominated government. Kurds have focused on building up their oil-rich autonomous enclave in northern Iraq.

2013: The situation in Iraq began deteriorating rapidly. Sunni protesters took to the streets, al-Qaida-inspired militants stepped up their attacks, and fighting from Syria's civil war spilled over the border into Iraq.

WHO ARE THOSE GUYS?

The alarming dispatches from Iraq often feature a jumble of letters new to many American ears: ISIL, or sometimes ISIS. ISIL stands for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, a Sunni insurgent group.

Its previous name is more familiar: al-Qaida in Iraq.

The group emerged during the Iraq War as a major player in the Shiite vs. Sunni violence that threatened to rip Iraq apart along sectarian lines. The U.S. State Department classified al-Qaida in Iraq as a terrorist organization in 2004.

The Sunni group famously blew up one of Shiite Islam's holiest shrines, the golden domed al-Askari mosque in Samarra, in 2006. It uses beheadings and videotaped executions to enhance its reputation for brutality.

Leaders of the core of al-Qaida objected to the group's attacks on fellow Muslims in Iraq, worrying that would hurt the larger cause of jihad against the West.

The Islamic State aggressively moved into Syria in 2013, two years into that country's uprising. The group changed its name, clashed with other rebel factions and eventually had a falling out with the main al-Qaida organization, which formally disavowed it in February.

Their name is sometimes translated from Arabic as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. That understates the relatively small group's outsized ambition.

It wants to create an Islamic state ruled by Shariah law in Iraq and in "the Levant," a region stretching from southern Turkey into Egypt, encompassing not only Syria but also Jordan and Israel. The group's extremist brand of Shariah orders women to stay inside their homes, bans music and punishes thieves by cutting off their hands.

WHAT'S THE SYRIAN CONNECTION?

As the U.S. was winding down operations in Iraq in 2011, the Arab Spring protests were underway.

Uprisings forced out the rulers of Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Yemen. In Syria, President Bashar Assad's deadly crackdown on demonstrators sparked a civil war, with no end in sight.

It's a rebellion that reverberates strongly among Iraq's Sunnis: The Syrian rebels are mostly Sunnis, fighting a repressive government dominated by Alawites, an offshoot of Shiite Islam.

The bloodshed in Syria revitalized the flagging Islamic State.

The extremist group joined the fight and began gathering new recruits from among the foreigners pouring in to battle Assad. It set up operations in Syria that serve as a base for the Iraq campaign. It took over a swath of Iraqi and Syrian borderland and turned it into a seedbed for the Islamic State's vision of a caliphate under strict Islamic law.

American intelligence officials worry that this fiefdom could be used to train jihadis with Western passports to attack the United States.

The United States also wants Assad out of Syria. But it is limiting assistance to Syrian rebels to avoid helping extremists such as the Islamic State.

The group's land grabs, brutality and extreme religious rules alienated even some of its would-be allies on the ground. Heavy fighting for the past six months between the Islamic State and other insurgents has weakened the Syrian opposition.

IS BAGHDAD ON THE BRINK?

The Islamic State's bold and bloody sweep through northern and western Iraq this year belies its relatively small numbers — probably fewer than 10,000 fighters, according to U.S. intelligence estimates.

How could a force that size take Fallujah, site of the biggest battle of the Iraq War, and capture Mosul, the second-largest city in Iraq?

■ For one thing, it's the home team. Many residents of the Sunni heartland prefer the insurgents to al-Maliki's government. That might change later if the group begins to enforce its Taliban-style version of Islamic law.

■ The Iraqi army is awash in corruption, desertion and battered morale. Many Sunni and Kurd soldiers and police feel little loyalty to Baghdad; they balk at fighting and killing their own people. When Islamic State fighters moved into Mosul, a security force of some 75,000 troops and police collapsed and scattered.

■ The Islamic State also appears to be getting help from Sunni tribes and elements of Saddam's old Baath Party. The insurgents rolled into Saddam's hometown of Tikrit without opposition.

The real fear is that their campaign will spark a wider Sunni uprising, incite retaliation by Shiite militias and start a full-out religious war that could spread across the Middle East.

WHERE DOES IRAN COME IN?

Maybe on the American side, for a change.

The list of complaints between the United States and Iran is long and grievous: The U.S. accused Iran of aiding Shiite militias that killed American troops during the Iraq War. It says Iran sponsors global terrorists and poses a potential nuclear threat to Israel.

The two nations stand opposed on Syria, where Iran is propping up Assad.

Yet when it comes to Iraq, their interests align, at least in the short term. Both Iran and the U.S. want stability in Iraq; they share a common foe in the Islamic State.

There's also grim history behind Iran's alliance with a Shiite-controlled Iraq.

When Saddam and Sunnis ran Iraq, they invaded Iran and started an eight-year war that cost a million lives. Back then, the United States supported Saddam over Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who held Americans hostage and called the U.S. the "Great Satan."

Today, mostly Shiite Iran badly wants an ally instead of an enemy across the border in Iraq.

But Iran already is helping Iraq strengthen its military and Shiite militias to battle the militant Sunni onslaught.

Across the Middle East, that could look like another omen of a spreading religious war.

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Foul ball injury prompts selfless act from stranger

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A swollen eye isn't the souvenir any young boy hopes to bring home from a baseball game, let alone one caused by the mythical foul ball he hoped to catch. Were he to wrangle the ball in, it could become a battle scar, the price paid for conquering such an unwieldy beast. For Nicolas Pettit, 9, however, that wasn't what his evening had in store.

While the boy came so close to catching the foul ball at last Wednesday's RockHounds game, his glove just a few inches off of its mark cost him the ball. While he ended up with a total of three balls to make up for it — one from an EMT and one from an outfielder — it was the kindness of another young boy that caused the evening to take a turn from bad experience into something amazing.

"I had just bought my 2-year-old and my 9-year-old some of the gloves from the souvenir shop," said Nicolas' father, Bradley Pettit. "We had just sat down and showed them how to put them on their hands (when) there was a foul ball that that was hit."

Nicolas, Pettit's oldest son, outstretched his new glove into the air where the ball had become obscured by the cloudy sky.

"He could kind of see it, but he didn't really know how to stop it or anything," said Bradley Pettit. "It clipped the tip of his glove and just crashed right into his eye. He was kind of freaking out, thinking he's bleeding and (he was) just kind of scared."

The ball, redirected into the row behind them, was picked up by a man who — much to the displeasure of those around him — decided to keep it for himself.

"I guess he thought it was more important to hold on to the ball than give it to the freaking-out kid whose face it crashed off of," said Pettit. "(Our section) just kind of gave the cold shoulder to him."

A section away, a man and his son watched as a little boy stuck his hand up, reaching for the foul ball, and the people jumped up, hoping they may be

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Nicolas Pettit stands with mascot Rocky at a recent Rock-Hounds game. The 9-year-old Midlander was hit in the face with a foul ball at the game.

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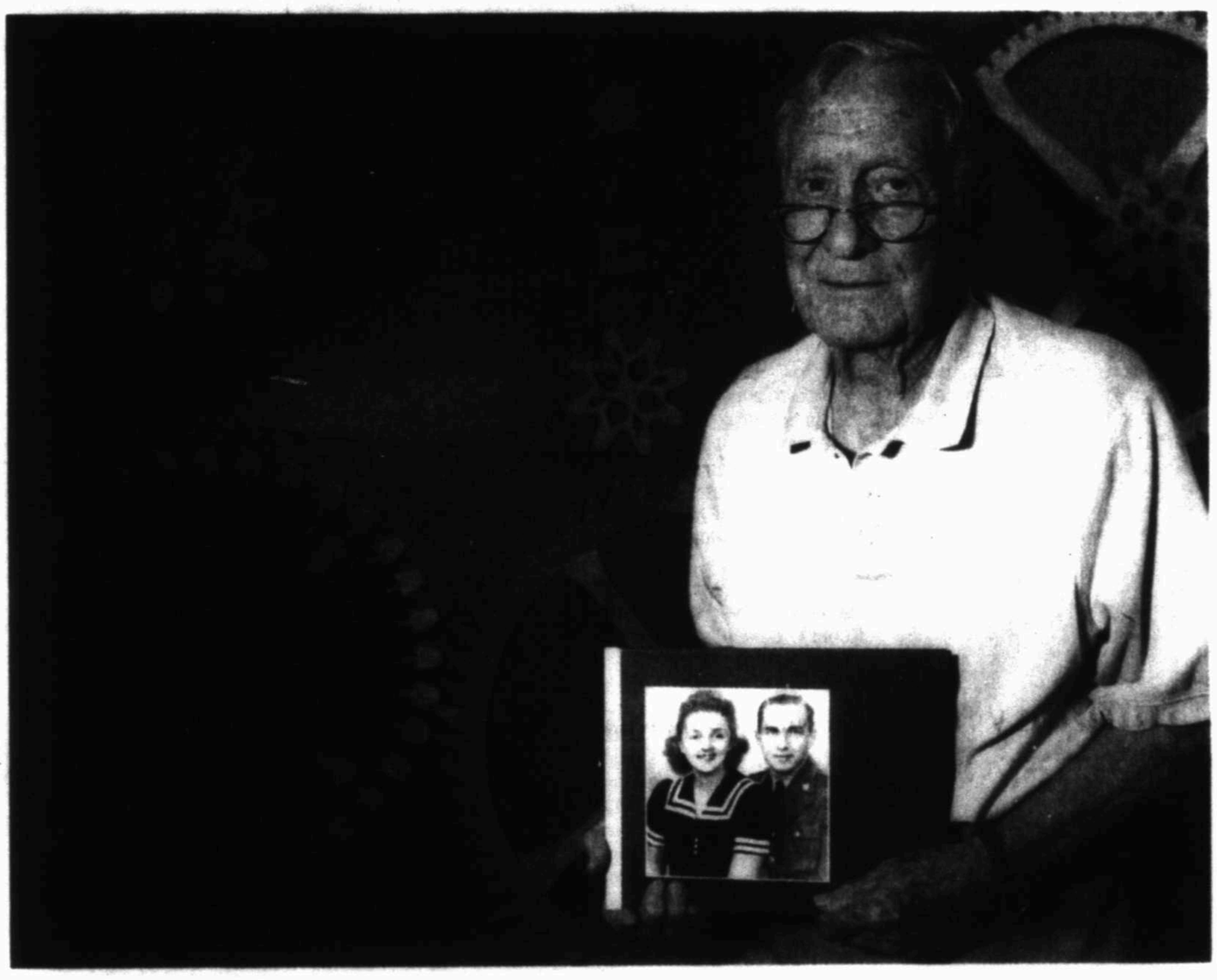

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John Crosby, a World War II veteran, poses with some handmade clock gears he built while holding a photo album depicting his late wife, Mary, on Thursday at his home.

Midlander vows service to others

ED TODD'S PROFILES

John Crosby is an earnest soul, grateful for the "grace of life" in his 95 years, especially the loveliness of his beloved Mary, for the tears of joy and sorrow, for God's mercy, for the span of his multifaceted life, for his service to others, for his enlivening humor and spirit.

"You do today what you have to do and don't worry about what's going to happen," Crosby said.

His concern is not for tomorrow, which in his daily diligence will take care of itself.

"I may not see tomorrow's sun," he said. But for today, his prayer is to carry out "those things that are necessary, that are edifying, helping someone along God's way."

For Midland's and West Texas's Crosby, "Life is service to others. That's what you are supposed to do."

And so he does by his works, in his goodwill, in his uplifting spirit and in the tone of the principles set forth in the Boy Scout oath that he took at age 12 to "do my best" and to do "my duty to God and my country." His daily pledge is "to help other people at all times."

His good works thrive even while he endures the grief of his wife's death at age 90 earlier this year. He sentimentally thrives on their brief courtship and their 72-year forever-faithful marriage beginning in Austin in April 1941 at the pronouncement of her University of Texas Bible professor.

Coping with the death of his wife, Mary, was hard and still is a "total disaster for me," Crosby said. "I miss her so much," though he is assured that God mercifully "called her home."

Today, as he has done for the past 25 years, Crosby volunteers at Midland Memorial Hospital and its Allison Cancer Center, and so far has logged 12,500 volunteer hours. His wife shared his passion in caring for others.

When their lives first came together in 1941, "she was 17 and such a sweet gal." He was 22 and then assigned to Brownwood's Camp Bowie and obliged to serve in the military beginning at age 17 with the Texas National Guard and definitely when World War II enveloped America. The Texas National Guard became the Army's legendary battle-weary 36th Infantry Division in Europe.

Crosby, a United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) photographer and warrant officer with Signal Corps training, was assigned to the San Angelo Army Air Field (Concho Field) bombardier school where he designed an adaptor for the bombsight that resulted in greater bombardier accuracy on practice bombing missions over West Texas.

After the war, the Crosby family settled in San Angelo and then, in 1957, moved to Midland.

However, before that, before the war, Crosby had earned the Eagle Scout rank, reported for the Austin American newspaper, played center for the Austin High School and the St. Edward's University football teams and worked as a photographer, armed with the 4-by-5 Graflex Speed Graphic camera, for Lyndon Baines Johnson, who in the mid-1930s was director of the New Deal's National Youth Administration under President Franklin Roosevelt.

"I was quite happy to work for him (Johnson)," said Crosby, whose work included fashioning a book of photographs for Eleanor Roosevelt, hailed as the "First Lady of the World" for her stance on social justice.

In Midland, John and Mary Crosby headed up The Southwestern Company, an industrial photographic and graphic arts business.

Together, they developed a thriving Midland vineyard and were instrumental in organizing and building the Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association. The TWGGA annually celebrates Crosby, a wine connoisseur and viticulturist, by awarding the TWGGA John E. Crosby Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award to vineyard-keepers and/or winemakers.

Serving as Scoutmaster in San Angelo and then in Midland, Crosby in Midland headed up the Scout-conducted Old Glory flag-retirement (by fire) ceremony for 10 years.

For years following World War II, the athletic Crosby was a high-school and collegiate football referee. He recalled refereeing a Sul Ross State University (Sul Ross State Teachers College) game in which Dan Blocker was a star player. In following years, Blocker was featured in the role of Hoss Cartwright in the popular 1959-73 television Western series "Bonanza."

"He was a tackle, and I was a referee," Crosby said of the 300-pound, 6-foot-4 Blocker who was enrolled as a drama student in the Alpine college. "And he came through that line and blocked me down," causing Crosby to "swallow the chew of tobacco. And I got sick, sicker than a horse, threw up all over everything," Crosby said. He got up, recovered. "I had to finish the game," which would have been in the late 1940s.

Crosby tarries not, has much to do, as he wishes, with church, family and friends and may re-consider finishing out the wooden (pine and oak) wheel train for his lofty giant clock with wheels up to almost four feet in diameter. He has more work to do on a model of the Alamo fronting a wine cellar.

"I'll never finish it," Crosby said of the clock now in carefully-displayed pieces in his wood-working shop. Who knows? Perhaps he will.

"I've been around a long time," he said. Surely more time and life are awaiting him this day and in the tomorrows, day-by-day, always being today.

Meanwhile, Crosby has pledged to build on his legacy: "Just do the best I can for anybody that needs help."

KNIFE & FORK

This week's columnist is Megan Lea Buck.
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Summer comfort food focuses on fresh produce

Summer cooking — and eating — has always included a bounty of fresh fruits and vegetables for my family. Some of my fondest memories from childhood and adolescence include watermelon and cantaloupes carved and eaten dock side with toes dangling in the cold lake water.

After an afternoon of swimming and snacking on fresh fruit there was nothing like heading inside to a enjoy a meal centered around fresh, seasonal produce — much of which had been purchased at farmers markets, gifted by neighbors or even picked from local farms.

These summer comfort foods are dishes I remember my grandmothers making. I don't know the original sources of the recipes, but I'm grateful my grandmothers passed them along so my family can enjoy them too — even if their recipe cards call for items like "oleo" and list ingredients without any measurements.

Grandma's black-eyed peas

I'm always shocked when I meet people who don't like black-eyed peas (in Texas). Often, after a little prying, I learn it is because they've only eaten the canned variety. If you fall into this sad category of people, go to your local farmers market this summer and buy some fresh black-eyed peas. Sometimes you can find them already shelled. If not, shell them — that means remove the peas from the green-bean-like hull — and cook them. Then tell me you don't like black-eyed peas!

Shelled peas, well-washed
Salt pork, ham or bacon
Water
Salt and pepper

Cook peas in a Dutch oven with enough water to cover peas by about 2 inches. Add a touch of salt pork, or ham or bacon, along with salt and pepper. Slow boil all day or until peas are tender. Check water level occasionally throughout the day.

Grandma's Okra Gumbo

I use 2-3 slices of bacon and cook until okra is tender.

Fresh okra
onion
margarine
bacon
1-2 cans stewed tomatoes
salt and pepper

Wash okra well. Cut off ends and slice into pieces about 1/4-inch wide. Chop onion and sauté in margarine until soft. In same skillet, cook the bacon. Add okra and tomatoes to onions and bacon. Add water (to cover veggies by 1-2 inches) and slow boil until done. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Anne's squash casserole

This dish is a perfect — as in delicious, not low-fat or low-calorie — way to use yellow summer squash. It also often makes an appearance in Thanksgiving and Christmas spreads in our family.

4 pounds small yellow squash
2 Tablespoons butter
2 green peppers, chopped
2 onions, chopped
1 pound yellow cheese (Velveeta)
dash cayenne pepper or sprinkle of Tabasco
salt and pepper

Cook squash in a little water until tender. Drain. Mash with potato masher. Sauté onion and pepper in butter. Slice cheese into small chunks. Mix squash, onion and pepper and cheese. Season with salt and pepper and cayenne or Tabasco. Bake in a casserole dish for 30 minutes at 350.

Mom's Broccoli Cornbread

She used to make this recipe as directed but now she usually includes a can of corn (drained) and a small can of chopped green chiles in place of the broccoli. It's

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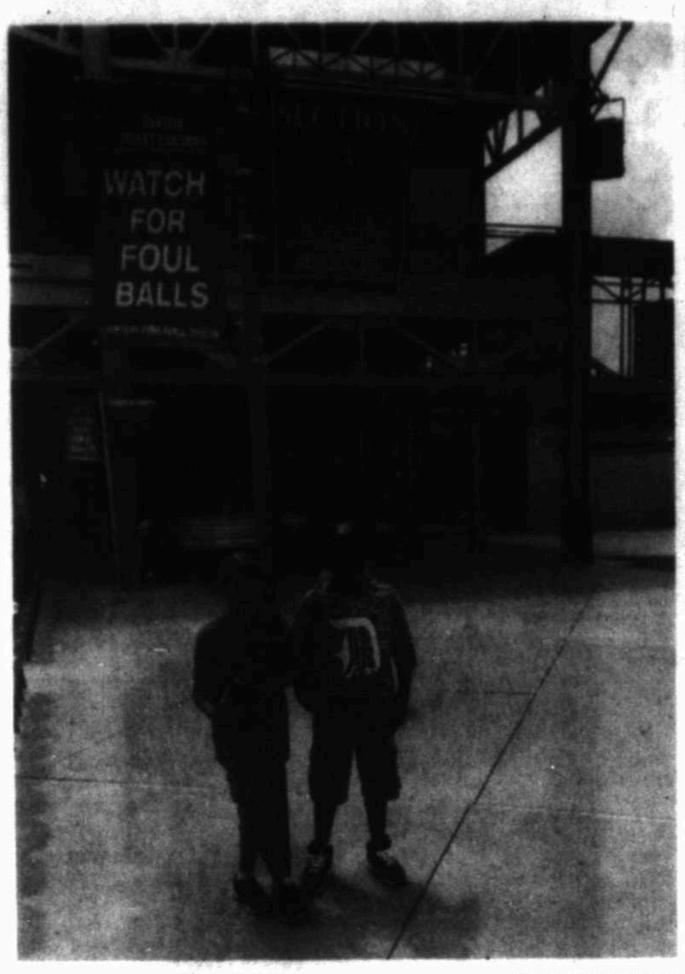

Courtesy photo

Nicolas Pettit and A.D. Navarro Jr. stand together at Security Bank Ballpark. Pettit was hit by a foul ball at a RockHounds game. Navarro saw the ball hit Pettit and decided to use his own money to buy the boy a souvenir baseball.

Selfless

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lucky enough to snag the incoming souvenir.

"We ended up seeing that the ball was deflected and it had hit the boy's head and bounced on," said A.D. Navarro. "We thought he was going to be seriously injured."

The emergency medical technician on duty rushed over to Nicolas to make sure he was alright. Trying to cheer him up, the EMT asked Nicolas if he had at least gotten to keep the foul ball only to be answered quickly by the jeering crowd, "No!" as they continued to cast their frustration on the man who had kept it.

Before leaving to fill out paperwork, the EMT asked if there was anything he could do to make it better. "If you could bring him a ball, that would probably make everything a little better," said Pettit.

While Nicolas was getting checked out by the EMT, Navarro's 10-year-old son A.D. Jr. had already made up his mind he wanted to do something for the boy who he had just seen get hit by the foul ball.

"It was just something he went and did on his own," said Navarro. "He had his own wallet that night, his own money. I had him at work with me earlier in the week. I gave him $20 for picking up trash around the fence line. He took the initiative to go and spend his money."

Earlier in the game, A.D. Jr. caught a foul ball himself while up in the concession area getting a snow cone. As the ball went bouncing across the cement, A.D. Jr. used his ball cap to scoop up the unexpected surprise. It was his first ball.

After seeing Nicolas' unfortunate encounter with the foul ball, A.D. Jr.'s first instinct was to pass along his prize to the boy who hadn't been quite as lucky.

"Right away, he wanted to do that because I guess the excitement that he got from catching the ball, he wanted that kid to feel the same thing, being that he had gotten hurt trying," said Navarro. "It almost chokes you up to think that he would do something like that out of the kindness of his heart."

While he considered it for a moment, A.D. Jr. ultimately decided to purchase Nicolas a ball of his own from the souvenir shop.

When A.D. Jr. returned from the souvenir shop, he asked his dad walk down with him to the other boy's section. After introducing themselves, "little A.D. gave the ball to (Nicolas) and all the fans around us were clapping and were pretty excited about the whole ordeal," said Navarro. The boys hugged, visited for a moment and took a photograph together before parting ways.

"I think (Nicolas) was pretty thankful for that, it made him feel better," said Pettit. "It was pretty interesting that that kid was able to do the right thing and get it done before anybody else made it right."

A.D. Jr.'s selfless act of kindness changed what had become a frustrating situation for a worried father into a moment and an experience that would not easily be forgotten, said Pettit.

"It made me feel proud that he would want to do that," said Navarro. "The day and age we live in now-a-days, it's good to show that there are still good people in this world. Those are the values we're trying to instill in our kids for the next generation. Little A.D. said he would have done that for anybody."

The two boys have been invited to throw the first pitch at this Friday's RockHounds game.

Knife & Fork

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just personal preference. I recently made it with just corn and no chiles so it wouldn't be too spicy for my 3-year-old.

10-ounce box frozen chopped broccoli
2 sticks butter
4 eggs
1 cup small curd cottage cheese
2 boxes cornbread mix (Jiffy)

Microwave broccoli and butter for 5 minutes. Let cool. Mix eggs and cottage cheese. Add cornbread mix and butter and broccoli mixture. Combine. Pour into 9x14-inch casserole dish. Bake at 350 about 40 minutes or until top is brown and an inserted knife comes out clean.

Comedian Steve Rossi dies

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Steve Rossi, one half of the prolific comedy duo Allen & Rossi, which became a favorite of "The Ed Sullivan Show" and other TV variety shows, died Sunday at age 82.

His friend of 40 years, Michael Flores told The Associated Press on Sunday that he visited the pal who introduced him to the likes of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin in hospice care in Las Vegas on Friday, and he was weak from cancer of the esophagus that had spread but wasn't in any pain.

"I met every major entertainer in the country through Stevie, and I'm going to miss him," said Flores, who was manager of the Silver Nugget casino when Rossi was producing burlesque shows at another property, meeting through a hotel owner.

The Las Vegas Sun originally reported Rossi's death Sunday.

Rossi and Marty Allen appeared regularly on "The Tonight Show With Johnny Carson" and "The Merv Griffin Show."

Obituaries

Norvan E. Bourland

A cryptside service for Norvan E. Bourland, 91, of Rockwall will be Wednesday, June 25th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Memorial Park 5401 West Northwest Highway Dallas, Texas, 75225.

Mr. Bourland passed away Saturday in Rockwall. He was born August 27, 1922, to Jimmie Robert and Auda Vowell Bourland in Nocona, Texas. He graduated Texas A&M University class of 1943, and in that same year married his wife Beverly Elizabeth Frailey Bourland.

He was a navigator on a B-24 in the European Theatre during WWII. Later he was stationed in Alaska during the Korean War. He was a petroleum engineer for Mobil Oil Corp. and retired in 1984.

He spent the next decade traveling the world with his wife. He also volunteered with the Commemorative Air Force in Midland, Texas for over 10 years.

Survivors include wife, Beverly Bourland - Rockwall, Texas; brother, Clint D. Bourland; daughter, Page A. Bourland - Dallas, Texas; son, Scott - D. Bourland - Richardson, Texas; grandchildren, Jennifer King and her husband David, Scott D. Bourland II and his wife Katie; and four great grandchildren.

Visitation is scheduled Tuesday from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ollie Williams Bond

On June 20, 2014, surrounded by her family, Ollie Bond took her well earned rest in the arms of her Savior.

Ollie was born to Sam and Adella Williams on July 27, 1923, in Franklin, Texas.

Later, she met and married E.J. Johnson in Bremond, Texas. To this union, one daughter, Willie Rene Johnson Cooper was born. The family moved to Midland, Texas.

Later, Ollie married Ennis Cole, SR. The couple had one son, Ennis "Lee" Cole, Jr. After an extended stay in San Jose, California, Ollie moved back to Midland where she resided until the time of her death. Ollie was the proprietor of two local businesses; City Café and Big Mama's Daycare.

She is survived by her daughter, Willie Rene Cooper, son-in-law Pete Cooper; seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and loved ones. She also leaves her long time caregiver, Susanne Sullivan to cherish her memory.

Ollie was preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Adella Williams; her son Ennis "Lee" Cole, Jr.; three sisters and five brothers.

A viewing will be held today from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family will be receiving friends tonight from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. also at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral service is set for Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

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

Patricia Lucille Hightower

Patricia Lucille Hightower, 82, born in Nogales, Arizona on January 30, 1932, and passed away on June 20, 2014 in Midland, Texas.

Lucille attended Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio, Texas and then went on to attend Austin College in Sherman, Texas.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Louis Muehlhause and Ava Lucile McElroy; her brother, Walter L. Muehlhause, Jr.; her sisters, Mary Yates and Louise Brock; her son, Jeff Hightower; her son-in-law, Robin Barnett; and her grandson, Will Barnett.

Lucille is survived by her son, Jim Hightower and his wife Cheryl of Midland, Texas; her daughter, Julie Barnett; her grandsons, Max Hightower, Rob Barnett, and Matt Barnett; and her granddaughters, Mallory Hightower, and Marci Hightower and her husband Gyu-yoon Bang.

Lucille grew up in San Antonio, Texas and lived most of her adult life in Midland, Texas. She was a homemaker, a secretary at Midland College, and a charter member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed bridge and time with family and friends. Lucille was always organized, considerate and thoughtful; she lived her life with love and care for all.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Manor Park, or charity of your choice.

A visitation will be held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home.

Online condolence may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com.*

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

A light from our household is gone. A voice we loved is stilled. A place is sacred in our hearts that never can be filled.

Patricia Pittman Inman
born: January 21, 1922
passed away: June 21, 2014

Private services will be held at the family home in Hunt, Texas.

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

Christine Posl Thames

God sent his Angels to bring another Angel home on Sunday, June 22, 2014. Christine Posl Thames was born on June 24, 1938, to Johann and Aloisia Posl in Schwarzaid, Czechoslovakia, and was raised in Germany from the age of four Years old when the war forced them out of Czechoslovakia.

Christine had two children, Roland Frisch and Thomas Thames. In 1966 she met the love of her life, Robert Thames and planned to marry, but decided to wait until he returned from Vietnam. They were married December 23, 1969, in Germany. After being Stationed in numerous places (Fort Knox, Fort Belvoir, Fort Bliss and Bryant/College Station) they then moved to Midland, Texas in 1986, where he retired as Command Sergeant Major Robert Thames.

Christine received several Awards from the Department of the Army for her Community Services for the Military. Christine loved to take care of family and friends; she was an awesome cook and was very talented in arts and crafts. She loved playing Bingo and an occasional ride to Hobbs, New Mexico for the day!

Christine also loved planting and tending to her flowers, with red roses being her favorite. Christine traveled to many places such as Spain, Italy, France, Austria, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein. Christine also traveled to all States in the United States of America except for Eleven States: Christine was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Christine is preceded in death by her parents, Johann and Aloisia Posl; her son, Thomas Thames; her sister, Angelika Konig; and her brother, Heinz Posl (all of Germany).

Christine is survived by her husband, Robert Thames of Midland, Texas; son, Roland Frisch (Elke); Grandchildren, Dominique, Miriam, and Phillipp; her sister, Helen Sollner (Erich); three nieces, Angie Streit (Klaus), Rita Lill (Klaus) and son Markus, Patricia Geiger (Reinhard) and daughter Nicole; sister in law, Erika Posl and Daughter Sandra all of Germany.

Pallbearers are Johnny Thames, Ricky Thames, Dwain Thames, Mark Thames, Lee Edward Adams, and Drew Childers. Honorary pallbearers are Eddie Grant, Joey Thames, Bob Thames Jr., and Jerry Thames.

The family would also like to thank Home Hospice for Their support and care in Christine's final days.

Rosary will be held Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel 2508 N. Big Spring St., Midland, Texas, 79705 with visitation following from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be Thursday June 26, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home with graveside services following.

Death Notices

Christene Waddill

Christene Waddill, 88, passed away on June 20, 2014, in Midland, Texas.

Christene is survived by her husband, Forrest Waddill; sisters, Patty Anderson and Dorothy McQuerry; son, Dale E. Riggs; daughters, Connie E. Flewellyn and Anita Y. Starritt; two stepdaughters, Sharon Sanchez and Lisa Ledbetter.

A visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Graveside services will be at Resthaven Cemetery on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

Jo Ann "GG" Martin

Jo Ann "GG" Martin, 81, passed away on June 22, 2014, in Plano, Texas.

GG is survived by her daughter, Kim Martin Corbitt; daughter, Robbie Martin O'Donnell; daughter, Laura Martin Phelps.

She is also survived by her brother, Jerry Don Stockton; and Sister Linda McMillan.

Services are pending Ellis Funeral Home.

Maria Hernandez

Maria Hernandez, 29, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, June 22, 2014.

She is survived by her daughter, Delilah Hernandez; her parents, Marisela Salazar and Juan Saenz; three brothers; one sister.

A Prayer Service will be held Tuesday June 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral Service is set for Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. at Centro Familiar Cristiano Vida. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Rodney Duane Mayo

Rodney Duane Mayo, age 55, of Midland, died on June 21, 2014, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his mother, Patsy Carter; daughters, Missy Mayo, Melinda Campos, Valynn Horsburgh, Dana Mayo, and Carissa Mayo; one brother, Randy Mayo; sisters, Phylana Beshires, Rebecca White, and Pamela Moore.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

Ship needed to make new artificial reef off coast

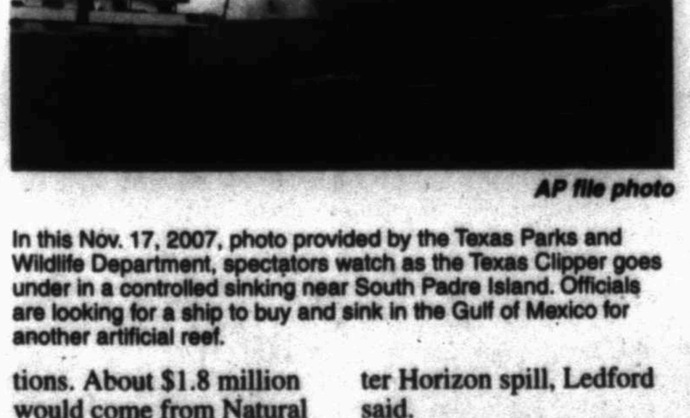
Associated Press

GALVESTON — Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are looking for a ship to buy and sink in the Gulf of Mexico for another artificial reef.

The ship must be steel, 300 to 500 feet long and have interesting or complicated structures on deck, the Galveston County Daily News reported Sunday.

The proposed 40-acre site is an estimated 60 miles off Galveston in about 140 feet of water, according to Chris Ledford, a reef specialist with the department.

The nearly $4 million project is funded through oil and gas company donations. About $1.8 million would come from Natural Resource Damage Assessment Funds awarded as a result of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon spill, Ledford said.



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In this Nov. 17, 2007, photo provided by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, spectators watch as the Texas Clipper goes under in a controlled sinking near South Padre Island. Officials are looking for a ship to buy and sink in the Gulf of Mexico for another artificial reef.

Large steel ships work best to provide sturdy surfaces to which marine life can attach.

"And they make really cool dive sites," Ledford said.

The plan has its initial permits and clearances with a timeline of about two years before the reef could be established, he said. Within the next few months, the department will seek bids from companies that will find a ship and sink it.

Once the department secures a vessel, it will be stripped down to bare metal. Hazardous materials, such as fuel and oil, will be removed in accordance with federal standards. Anything that floats will also be removed, along with wiring and electronics.

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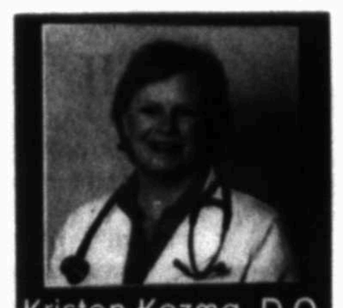

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	Ch.	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Extreme Weight Loss "Bruce" A football coach works to lose half his body weight. (N)			Celebrity Wife Swap (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Bulletproof"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Fish Out of Water"		Person of Interest "Aletheia"	CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Late (N)
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Gilligan's Island	Happy Days	Hogan's Heroes	Welcome Kotter	Honeymooners	Honeymooners	Twilight Zone	P. Mason "The Case of the Crimson Kiss"	Dragnet
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Mindy Project	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-Talent "Audition" The audition process continues around the country. (N)				The Night Shift "Storm Watch" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Jimmy Fallon		(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour	The March			American Experience "Freedom Summer" (N)			Charlie Rose (N)		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.	Republica Mundialista
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	Bones		Bones		My News	Million..	30 Rock	Sunny	Access H.	Insider
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65			165	(3:00) The Three ...	★★★ Alive ('93, Dra) Ethan Hawke.				(:10) ★★ AntiTrust Ryan Philippe.					Eight Million W...
	HBO	300	68	14	14		Bill Maher	★★ The Conjuring Patrick Wilson.				Real Sports		True Blood			The Normal Heart
	HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(:15) Fast and Furious 6 ('13, Act) Vin Diesel.				LastWeek	Bill Maher		The Case Against 8 (2014, Documentary)			
	HBO5	304	70	16	102		(3:05) Admission	Big Love			★★ Prometheus ('12, Adv) Noomi Rapace.				(:15) ★★★ The 40-Year-Old Virgin		
	MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(:15) ★★ The Hangover Part III				★★★ Pitch Perfect Anna Kendrick.			Banshee	(:50) Sin City Diaries		Topless
	MAX2	382	72	18	122		(4:10) The Hobbit:...	★★ War of the Worlds Tom Cruise.				★★ Now You See Me Jesse Eisenberg.					The World's End
	PLEX			96			(5:20) The Philad...	Three Can Play That Game			(:35) The Man in the Moon				(:20) ★★ Poltergeist III Tom Skerritt.		
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie	Nurse J.	Califor.	Scary MoVie Ashley Tisdale.		Penny Dreadful		Nurse J.	Califor.	Penny Dreadful	
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	L.Cooke	Your Sister's Sister Emily Blunt.			★★★★ People Like Us Chris Pine.				Jay & Silent Bob Strike Back	Movie	
CABLE	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)	Big Smo	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Movie	★★★ National Lampoon's Vacation				★★ Meet the Fockers ('04, Com) Robert De Niro.					Freaksho	Freaksho
	BET	58	26		40		★★ Barbershop ('02, Com) Ice Cube.					★★ Are We There Yet? ('05, Com) Ice Cube.					Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO	65	63		41		The Real Housewives	Kandi's Wedding			Real Housewives (N)		People's Couch (N)		Watch (N)	Real Housewives		Wedding
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	Coca-Cola		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Rich (N)	Rich	Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
	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)		Deadliest Catch		(:05) Siberian Cut	
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	I Didn't	Jessie	Cloudy With a Chance of...		Liv/Mad	(:05) Phineas & Ferb			Mickey	Austin	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	World Cup Tonight (L)		NCAA Baseball Division I Tournament Site: TD Ameritrade Park (L)						SportsCenter			
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	30Shorts	30Shorts	ESPN FC "World Cup Encore"			Baseball Tonight (L)			Olbermann (L)		Olbermann	
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Liar "Whirly Girlie"		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Chasing Life (N)		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Chasing Life	
	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 (N)		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Longhorns Preview	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Preview	Aggies Preview	Insider (N)
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	Movie	★★★ Safe House ('12, Act) Denzel Washington.				Tyrant "Pilot" (P) (N)			(:20) Tyrant "Pilot"			(:40) Tyrant
	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)		The Hunt "One Shot"		Top Gear		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Little Women: LA "The Ex-Factor"		Dance Moms "Abby's Top Ten Dances"		Studio Rescue "Abby to the Rescue" (N)		Little Women: LA "Movin' On Up" (N)		Little Women: LA "Movin' On Up"		Dance Moms "Abby's Top Ten Dances"	
	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				2014 NHL Awards Show (L)				Tour de France (N)		AMA Motocross Thunder Valley National				AMA Motocross	
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Webheads	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(5:00) ★★★ Iron Man Robert Downey Jr...				I Am Steve McQueen				★★★ Bullitt ('68, Cri) Robert Duvall, Steve McQueen.			
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ Resident Evil: Extinction				Wheaton	Wheaton	Heroes Cosplay (N)		Wheaton	Wheaton	Heroes of Cosplay	
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Raincoats"	Seinf. "The Raincoats"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Sullivan&son (N)	Sullivan&son (N)	Conan (N)		The Office	Conan
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) Corvette Su...	★★ Thunder in the City				(:45) ★★ Another Man's Poison				★★★ Sanders of the River		
	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	Here Comes Honey Boo Boo		Kate Eight "Update with the Eight" (N)		Cake Boss "Empire State of Mind" (N)		To Be Announced		Cake Boss "Empire State of Mind"		To Be Announced	
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "After the Storm"		Rizzoli & Isles "...Goodbye" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "...Goodbye" (N)		Perception "Painless" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "...Goodbye"		Perception "Painless"	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Griffith	(:25) King of Queens		Queens	Queens	Hot In	Jennifer	Queens	(:50) Ray
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Manhattan Vigil"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Girl Dishonored"		Royal P "A Bridge Not Quite Far Enough" (N)		Covert Affairs "Shady Lane" (SP) (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Royal Pains "A Bridge Not Quite Far Enough"	
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		★★★ Demolition Man ('93, Sci-Fi) Wesley Snipes, Sylvester Stallone.				Salem "The House of Pain"		Salem "The House of Pain"		Parks and Rec	Parks/Rec "Lucky"

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Hudspeth County newspaper writer known for his memory

Tumbleweed Smith

Big Spring storyteller

Tom Neely lives west of Sierra Blanca and writes a weekly column for the Hudspeth County Herald. Some of his material is world class, and I've used some of it in speeches. He writes about things in his neighborhood that have happened to him and his friends. Most everything he writes is from his memory. He'll check some of his facts occasionally, but most of the time his memory is correct. "Everyone in my family talks about my memory," said Tom. "They'll say, 'I don't remember. Ask Tom.' I can just pull it up."

Tom has had a varied and interesting life. He had a career as a bailiff and translator for El Paso courts. He grew up on the family farm down near the Rio Grande and attended a small school there. "I was in that little grade school just before World War II. The cavalry from Fort Bliss in El Paso used to come on maneuvers around the old school house. They'd bring their horses and everything.

"Well, someone came up with this new-fangled idea to drop supplies out of an airplane by parachute. The commander of the troops down there told my dad, who was county judge, what they were gonna do. So on the appointed day, they brought all of us kids out of the school and we got up on the point of a hill. In a little while, here came an airplane. The fuselage was painted blue and the wings were orange. They made about 20 passes around by where we were. We got to watch every parachute drop. They dropped everything from eggs to firewood in those parachutes. So we got to witness the very first experimental parachute drop of supplies that was ever done by the United States Army.

"When I got ready to write about that, I went into the New York Times archives and found an article about it. And sure enough, my memory was right," he said.

Tom worked as a farmer and grocery store owner before he started helping with the courts. He is busier than ever. He's a lay preacher, works with two food pantries and is chairman of the Hudspeth County Historical Society. He plays Santa Claus to every school child in the county. Tom's Santa beard is real. He starts growing it in July. This year he gets to wear his new Santa suit for the first time.

Tom has written about Boracho Station, a tiny place nearby. "Two main lines join together here at Sierra Blanca. The southern route comes from San Antonio and Houston and the northern route comes from Fort Worth and Dallas. And from here on out to the West Coast it's just one track. We get lots of train traffic here. When those two lines were being built to the west, the Texas and Pacific was coming from Fort Worth and the Southern Pacific was coming from San Antonio. Somehow there was a deal that whoever got here first got the right of way on out to the West Coast. The T&P was getting a little ahead, so one night people from Southern Pacific loaded up a wagon full of whiskey and gave it to the T&P workers, who got drunk and couldn't work for two or three days. The SP got ahead. Boracho means drunk in Spanish."

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NEIL SPERRY

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Plastic bottle irrigation won't harm plants

Dear Neil: I was told I could dig a hole near one of my plants. Then I could punch small holes in the bottom and lower sides of a 2-liter bottle, put it down in the hole and fill it periodically with water to keep my plants hydrated. Is there anything about the plastic in the bottle that would hurt my plants?

Answer: Not at all. You could actually accomplish the same thing just by setting the bottom on top of the soil. That way the moisture would drain out quickly and be spread uniformly across the soil surface. Milk jugs have larger bottoms, so they actually might be better. Or you could just use conventional drip irrigation lines. They're tidier and quicker.

Dear Neil: My father has a peach tree that's 20 years old. It flowers, but the peaches never get bigger than an inch and a quarter. Last year the immature peaches fell off. It has been the pattern for at least five years. What might the cause have been?

Answer: Peach fruit need to be thinned manually when they're about marble-sized. Leave enough that they are 6 or 7 inches apart on the branches. That allows them to develop to full size. Also, it's not uncommon for peaches to abort fruit, whether because of poor pollination, late freezes, wind and hail or a sudden turn toward hot weather.

Dear Neil: I've attached photos of my David Austin Sister Elizabeth rose. The same thing happened to two others last year in the same bed. I replanted with more of the same roses this year, and so far they seem to be doing fine. I don't believe it was a weedkiller, but I'm wondering how they could go from just starting to turn brown to dead within a week. I have a soaker hose beneath mulch. Could there be too much mulch?

Answer: If the soaker hose is functioning properly, and if it's beneath the mulch, there's not much way you could have too much mulch. I see in one of your photos that other plants nearby are doing just fine, while the rose plant is dying. Do check the soaker hose, to be sure it's putting out the proper amount of water. I wonder if cotton root rot could be involved. That's a soil-borne fungus, but it's prevalent only in alkaline soils, and most of us put enough organic matter into our soils that it isn't present. Still, roses are highly susceptible. Unfortunately, that's about all I have to suggest.

Dear Neil: The photo attached shows a trouble spot in my St. Augustine. Three years ago, the grass in that area was thick and green. I've treated for grub worms and other pest problems, and nothing has worked. I water frequently early in the morning, so the area is not allowed to dry out. I had my soil tested by Texas A&M last year, and I applied all the minerals that were suggested. How can I get the grass back to being healthy and vigorous?

Answer: In my 40 years of this column and radio talk shows, this has always been my No. 1 question. You have done a great job of listing all the things people think might have caused their grass to die out. But, as almost everyone does (Me included for a year or two way back when!), you neglected the most obvious one. Over those three years, your trees have grown larger and their shade has become denser. Look at the shadow patterns on your grass in the photo. Even St. Augustine needs 4 to 6 hours of direct sunlight in summer, and when it doesn't get it, it starts to die away just as your grass is doing. New sod has yet another disadvantage, because not only is it trying to get itself established, but it also has lost much of its root system as it was being dug. You'll either have to remove some lower branches from your trees to get more sunlight to the grass, or you'll have to switch over to a shade-tolerant groundcover. I went the latter route beginning 15 years ago, and I'm really glad I did. Sure, I don't have turfgrass, but it's allowed me to develop an attractive and functional landscape.

Dear Neil: We have Texas mountain laurels that are probably around 18 feet tall. Our gutters are somewhere in the 12-foot range, and the mountain laurels clog them up with leaves and debris. Can I trim them back to stay below the gutters? (They are basically bare in their bottom 6 feet.)

Answer: Probably not. Hopefully they're out away from the house by several feet, and if they are, you might invest in a type of gutter guard that allows leaves and other litter to wash off the roof and fall to the ground. I don't think you're going to like the look of whacked-back mountain laurels. Plus, they'll just regrow.

Dear Neil: Our Satsuma is 7 years old, and it has never borne fruit. This year, it set fruit, but they turned black and dropped off when they were about the size of peppercorns. Should we get another tree?

Answer: It sounds like it might have aborted its fruit, because of poor pollination. You must have bees working the tree while it's in full bloom. Late frosts could also have been responsible. Either way, I don't hear any call for replacing the tree.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

If you garden, you are going to encounter worms. It seems like every plant has some kind of immature form of a moth or butterfly that's feeding on it. Some do minor damage while others can do major damage.

There are horn worms, sophora worms, bag worms, army worms, tomato pin worms, bud worms and the long list goes on. Some are easy to control, while others can be a bugger.

The first three species listed are easily controlled by hand picking. These guys are large enough to see and if the plants are small enough to reach, control is simple and highly effective.

Horn worms and tobacco horn worms are those large, colorful worms with a menacing looking thorn on their tail end. They feed mostly on tomato plants, but can also be found on peppers, eggplant and potato. They generally don't kill plants and they are easy to find, especially in early morning when they feed on top of the plants. Control them using the "pick and squish" method.

Sophora worms, or genista worms, are most commonly found on Texas mountain laurel but can also attack crape myrtle and honey suckle. There are multiple generations of this pesky worm so keep an eye out for it. The P&S method works great, but if you have too many plants or they are too large, other measures may need to be deployed.

Bagworms are fascinating worms in that the females live in spindle shaped bags that hang from evergreen trees and shrubs like organic earrings. These are actually difficult to see because they blend with their surroundings by attaching bits and pieces of twigs, leaves and silk to their bags. Young ones look like a little bit of bird poop. Older ones hang from leaves, stems and other plant parts. Bag worms can be picked off plants if they are within reach. If an infestation isn't recognized, and it can be difficult, they can actually kill a large tree. Use recommended pesticides if you are unable to reach the bags.

There seems to be a worm for every plant. Don't despair if you can't use pick and squish all worm invasions. High pressure sprays of water and pruning can also be used. Where chemical control is warranted, there are safe, softer products, like Bacillus thuringiensis or Spinosad.

Get re-leaf from damaging worms by being on the look out. A little bit of P&S early on can ward off a serious problem later.

Courtesy photo

Typical damage from worms is seen on Texas mountain laurel this time of year and throughout the growing season. Larvae can be found on the newest growth, which is tender and attractive for hungry worms.

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Search for grubs, prevent damage during summer

JEFF FLOYD

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After mating through June, July and even early August, the female grub burrows into the soil a couple of inches and lays her eggs. Then she surfaces to feed and mate again. This continues until she has laid as many as 40 eggs.

June and July are good months to search for grubs in the soil. Unlike many of us, they love the heat. If you've had grub problems before, search in those same locations this year. Female grubs have the interesting habit of returning to the site where they grew up. There's no place like home, I suppose. They move in with the express goal of sleeping and eating all summer long. And to think I believed only teenagers did that.

Contrary to what you may have heard, the females don't necessarily lay their eggs in lighted areas of the lawn. This rumor may have started because the males are attracted to lights in the evening. Female grubs lay their eggs where they want to. So turning the outdoor lights off in the summer will do little to prevent infestations.

About a week to two after the eggs are laid, they begin to hatch and feed on plant roots just beneath the soil. The small grubs feast on fine plant roots. The loss of roots means plants slowly become unable to take up water and minerals, which eventually leads to above ground symptoms of grub damage.

To scout for the larvae, dig into the soil of the suspect area about 6 inches deep and 1 foot by 1 foot wide. Yes, you're going to need to get a little dirty, but it will be worth it. If you find more than five grubs in this sample area then there is a large enough population to warrant control measures.

It is best to exercise your control options before grubs begin their final molt. Digestion of even a small amount of the unique insect growth regulator halofenozide, found in Mach II and many other products, causes the grubs to molt too early and die quickly. If you wait until late summer you may miss your chance with this insecticide. Once they have molted for the final time, their feeding will slow as they tunnel deeper into the soil to rest during winter. Halofenozide must be eaten by grubs to be effective.

Another way to wipe out grubs is to shock their nervous system. Look for insecticides with the active ingredient imidacloprid mimic nicotine. Yes, it's the same nicotine found in cigarettes. Imidicloprid is found, for example, in products marketed with the trade name Merit. Imidicloprid interferes with the normal function of their nerves, usually killing them within 48 hours. Imidicloprid works as both a contact and systemic insecticide, so it is effective if they ingest or crawl through it.

To learn more about lawn-damaging pests, contact the Midland County Extension Service at 686-4700 or email me at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

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Yesterday's Answer: WALRUS; FORGET

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TODAY: Partly sunny — High: 92 Low: 73

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 91 Low: 72

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 95 Low: 72

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 101 Low: 73

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 99 Low: 75

SUNDAY: Sunny — High: 100 Low: 75

Local forecast

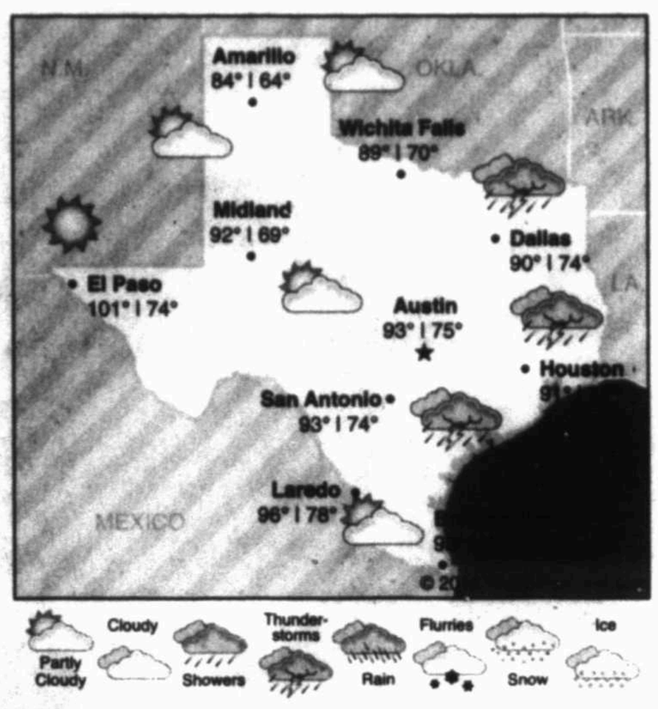
There is a 20 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms today and a 10 percent chance tonight.

The high on Monday reached 87, while the low dropped to 71. The record high for June 23 is 102 set in 1953, 1972 and 1990. The record low is 60 set in 1989.

Weather why

Q: Some bolts of lightning seem very faint, while others brighten up the entire sky. How powerful is lightning?

A: Most people aren't aware of the incredible energy and power of lightning, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "It's true that some bolts of lightning are much stronger than others," he said. "At any given moment, there are about 1,200 thunderstorms occurring all over the Earth, and it's estimated that each second, there are about 100 lightning flashes somewhere. A typical lightning bolt contains about 250,000 kilowatt-hours of energy and instantly heats up the air around it to over 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The total energy released during the lifetime of a strong thunderstorm can exceed the energy released during an atomic explosion."



Precipitation

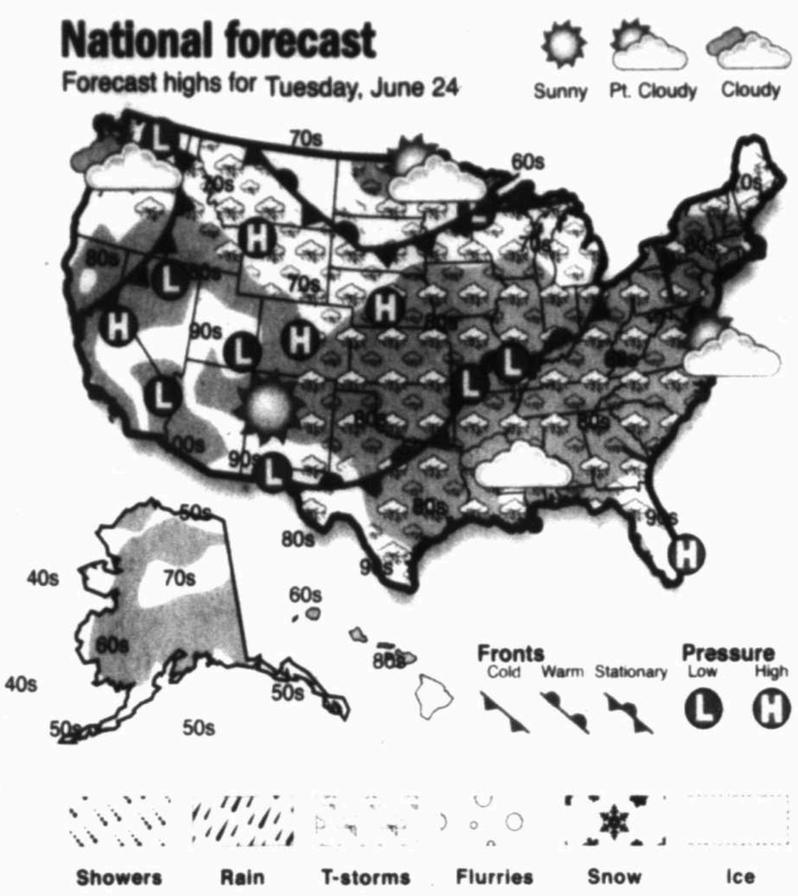
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.37 in.
Year total	3.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	5.66 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	87
Low	71
Normal high	94
Normal low	69
Sunrise	6:44 a.m.
Sunset	8:58 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, June 24



Bored and lonely teen should find hobby to fill her time

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: My 19-year-old sister died two years ago from an overdose. I'm 13. We were very close when we were little, but during the four years before she passed away, my parents didn't want us around each other for fear of her rubbing off on me, and she wasn't home half the time anyway. A year earlier she went to rehab, and I remember talking with her about how she was clean for good and then ...

It's just so lonely! All my friends have sisters and brothers and I don't, and I'm bored all the time. My parents work a lot, so I'm home alone at least three times a week, and although I've got friends and sports, I'm just really alone.

It's awkward going out to dinner or going on vacation because my parents just want to sit and relax, and I want to go out and do things, but it's embarrassing going everywhere with your parents. I miss having her around. — ALONE IN OHIO

DEAR ALONE: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your sister. You are still grieving, which is why you say you feel alone. However, if you think about it, because of her addiction, she has been out of your life for longer than two years. It may be that what you're really mourning is the relationship you MIGHT have had.

You say you have friends. If you listen to them talk, you may find that they, too, sometimes feel alone even if they have siblings. Many teenagers have told me this. Because you're bored when you're not with your friends or participating in sports, consider finding a hobby that will fill your time when your parents are working, or do some volunteering if they agree.

You might also consider adopting a pet from a shelter to keep you company. Of course, pets require feeding, training, affection and exercise, but in return they offer unconditional love and companionship. If it would be all right with your parents, it might be a solution for you.

DEAR ABBY: I met a guy online. We have been dating for some time now. We have a wonderful connection and have our dates on Skype. The problem is, we have never met in person.

Every time we plan on meeting, he shuts up for a time, isn't reachable, then suddenly reappears and makes excuses, asking me to forgive him and plan another meeting. Should I still believe this will happen anytime soon? — LEFT HANGING IN NAIROBI

DEAR LEFT HANGING: I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad tidings, but something smells fishy here. "Catfishy." From where I sit, it appears your wonderful connection may be only your connection to the Internet. A person who does this repeatedly may not be who he has represented himself to be. Do not count on him for ANYthing.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Shaping up

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
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♥ 2
♦ 7
♣ A 9 8 6 4 3 2

WEST
♠ 9 7 2
♥ K 9 7 5
♦ K Q J 8 2
♣ Q

EAST
♠ 5
♥ J 10 8 6
♦ 10 9 4 3
♣ K J 10 7

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 6 4
♥ A Q 4 3
♦ A 6 5
♣ 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2	4♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: King of

Raising partner's opening one-bid in a major suit directly to game shows a specific hand type, and this meaning is not affected by an overcall. The typical hand contains five-card trump support with a side ace, a side singleton and not much else. Some variation is acceptable, but never less than four-card support. The North hand is quite reasonable for this bid.

South's slam bid was only slightly aggressive. Unless partner's singleton was an unlikely club, slam should have good play. Declarer won the opening diamond lead in hand and tested the trumps by laying down the ace. Providing trumps split no worse than 3-1, he was in good shape. He crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs and ruffed a club with the king of trumps. Next came a low trump over to dummy's jack, followed by another club ruffed with the queen.

The poor split in clubs did not trouble declarer at all. He led his remaining trump to dummy's 10, drawing the last trump, and conceded a club to East before claiming his contract. Six spades bid and made!

Waiting for the right hand-type before making certain descriptive bids is an important part of a bridge player's discipline. The whole idea is to put partner in a position to make a good decision, which is exactly what happened here.

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 24, 2014:

This year you keep many of your thoughts and ideas to yourself. Sometimes testing them out on a dear friend draws positive results, so keep that in mind. If you are single, be careful and get to know each potential sweetie well; you might be attracting emotionally unavailable people. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from weekends away together, old-fashioned dates and other special moments. GEMINI is a little too flaky for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Don't be too busy to stop and have a chat with a friend you rarely see. You might be taken aback by what this person shares with you. Continue to express your bottom line and what does not feel right. Others will listen. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Be careful with any form of indulgence. This type of behavior might be fine sometimes; however, it is important to choose the occasions carefully. Someone close to you will share a special bit of information. Tonight: A caring gesture might mean everything to someone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You exude a compassionate attitude that attracts quite a few people. Be cautious, as someone around you might not have the best intentions. Read between the lines, even if you think you know this person well. Tonight: Act as if the world is your oyster.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You have a lot to consider. At this moment in time, you might be keeping your opinions to yourself. You know what you need to do. The question is whether you will follow through. Be careful about people you meet today and in the next few weeks. Tonight: Opt for a quiet day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Handle a hassle before it becomes a major problem. Someone involved could be very controlling and difficult. It is important to know what you want from this situation. A meeting could resolve the problem. Tonight: A lot of last-minute invitations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might want to address a problem much differently. You'll have certain demands that must be met, like having a discussion with a close friend. You are extremely creative, and you'll come up with an amazing solution. Others still might not like your idea. Tonight: Up late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ A situation on the personal front could hold you back from achieving a certain goal. Investigate the alternatives involved with this matter and see if a quicker solution can be implemented. You must detach in order to find the right answer. Tonight: Watch a movie.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your ability to read between the lines will be more important than you recognize. You might discover that what a friend leaves out could be more important than what he or she says. One-on-one relating allows the quickest progress. Tonight: Speak with a friend directly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might want to listen to a well-meaning friend. This person is not overcritical, and he or she looks at you with understanding. A discussion about a loved one will be well received, so schedule a time to have a discussion with that loved one. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Sometimes people pull away from you when you become too controlling or difficult. You might wonder what the best way to handle a situation like this is. It wouldn't be a bad idea for you to take a step back and observe more. Tonight: Put in extra effort with whatever you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You have a great sense of adventure, and it will come out when dealing with a loved one. Once the fun begins, it could be close to impossible to stop. You might need to let go of a comment that hurt your feelings, as it was not intentional. Tonight: Be both naughty and nice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ A situation involving your personal life will make you smile. You could be delighting in the whimsical nature of a child or loved one. A friend might seem to need more control than in the recent past. Tonight: Happiest at home.

BORN TODAY

Musician Mick Fleetwood (1947), The Walt Disney Company co-founder Roy O. Disney (1893), actress Nancy Allen (1950)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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60 Clouds (up)
61 Accomplishment
62 Calc. prerequisite
63 Fish delicacy

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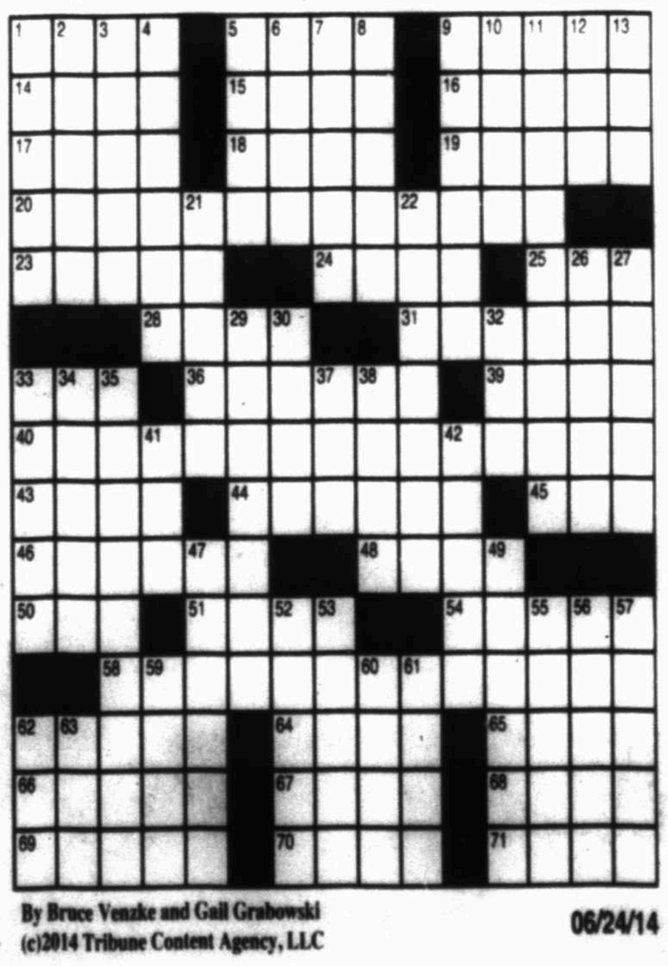

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SOUNDBITE

Reviews of recent release

PHISH
"Fuego"

For a band that made its name on being able to interact with one another while playing live, Phish has had a hard time translating that collaborative interplay in the studio.

They succeed on "Fuego," the Vermont quartet's first studio release in five years. It's a fun, spirited, rocking record that has a cohesiveness largely lacking on Phish releases in recent years.

It actually sounds like they're having fun — together.

On the nine-minute title track and opener "Fuego," band members trade lead vocals and harmonize on a driving tune with Phish at its musical best, even though the lyrics are largely nonsensical.

"Sing Monica" and "Devotion to a Dream" bounce along with the catchiest of Phish songs. "Wombat" is a weird stinker in most respects, but so what? It sounds like they were having a blast recording it, especially the references to "Barney Miller" and its little-remembered spin-off "Fish," named after the character played by Abe Vigoda.

The most intriguing song on the 10-track set, "The Line," joins the pantheon of rock tunes about dramatic moments in sports history. It focuses on the story of University of Memphis basketball player Darius Washington, Jr. as he steps to the line to take three free throws to decide the 2005 Conference USA tournament.

It's quirky and rocks at the same time. But that's Phish. That's "Fuego."

Scott Bauer/AP

SAM SMITH
"In the Lonely Hour"

Sam Smith is going to be a superstar.

The 22-year-old Brit's voice is just too special to be denied — bluesy one minute, soulful the next, moving effortlessly from fluttering falsetto to commanding pop — on his debut, "In the Lonely Hour." The question is what kind.

See, Smith initially made his splash on a pair of dance hits — Naughty Boy's "La La La" and Disclosure's "Latch" — and many were expecting more of the same on his debu. However, aside from the opener, "Money on My Mind," the dance beats are scarce. Instead, Smith serves up an emotional, ballad-heavy pop album that will make him an even bigger star.

Yes, he could win the "Next Adele Sweepstakes." "Leave Your Lover" packs the same emotional wallop as Adele's simpler ballads, while "I'm Not the Only One" picks up the tempo and the mood slightly. On the spare "Not in That Way," driven by a single guitar and his soaring vocals, Smith's ache over his unrequited love is wrenching.

It's going to be the source of much debate whether the move to the mainstream is better for Smith artistically.

Smith clearly has some choices to make, but as good as he is, it's hard to think there will be a wrong one.

Glenn Gamboa/Newsday

Meet Courtney Barnett, rock's reluctant gardener

By Chris Riemenschneider
Minneapolis Star Tribune

It sounds like a bad dream or a great bit of creative writing, but the physical breakdown described in Courtney Barnett's "Avant Gardener" came out of real life — and pretty much happened the way she so colorfully describes it in the song that has made her a darling of the indie-rock world.

"My hands are shaky / My knees are weak," the Melbourne, Australia, native drolly sings over a bed of hazy slide guitar about a gardening job gone awry. "I'm breathing but I'm wheezing / Feel like I'm emphysema-ing / My throat feels like a funnel / Filled with Weet-Bix and kerosene."

Asked about the incident two weeks via Skype from Barcelona — a sign of the globe-trotting year she's enjoying — the 26-year-old former bartender was quick to defend her horticulture skills.

"I sort of grew up in the bush, so I'd definitely spent a lot of time working outside like," she said Barnett, talking in the same sort of free-flowing manner in which she sings. "It was really hot and I might've had some kind of allergic reaction. I spent the night in the hospital but everything was OK in the end."

With a short laugh, she added, "I still garden when I can, yeah, but with great caution."

Of course, the gardening is on hold now that Barnett's career is in full bloom and she's in the middle of a U.S. tour.

This spring, she finally quit her bartending job for good, made a splash at the Coachella festival and toured as Billy Bragg's opener ("A super nice guy, and a total inspiration," she said). With "Avant Gardener" already in heavy rotation on NPR-affiliated stations, her two debut mini-albums were released stateside as one album in May, "The Double EP: A Sea of Split Peas," via Mom + Pop Records (see: Metric, Sleigh Bells).

Despite solid reviews pointing to a cohesive debut, Barnett said she still sees her EPs as two distinct collections.

"I wrote and recorded the first one in my bedroom and then just showed it to friends to help me get it out," she said. "The second one came after we did a little bit of touring, and then we got a nice little bit of grant money from the government to spend on recording."

That's right: The Australian government helped fund the debut recording of one of its newest music stars. "Americans are always surprised when they hear that," she said.

Barnett finished what will be her proper full-length debut with her band just last month before returning to tour mode. They're playing a couple of the new tunes at shows, including one she described as "sort of Beatles meets You Am I" (the latter a great, unsung '90s Australian rock band). She said simply of the new record, "It's another year full of ideas, with hopefully a step up musically."

"A Sea of Split Peas" is still fresh on fans' playlist, though. It ranges stylistically from slow-grooving Velvet Underground-style rockers such as "Don't Apply Compression Gently" to the pretty, lazy-day ballad "Anonymous Club" to the punkier blaster "History Racer," but Barnett's unique singing and lyrical style is up front and left-of-center through it all.

One of her best-loved traits has been her seemingly stream-of-conscious songwriting, but she said her songs usually only start out as off-the-cuff.

"It's really more of an exercise to start off writing them that way, but most of the time they turn out to be complete rubbish," she conceded. "I take the time to refine them later."

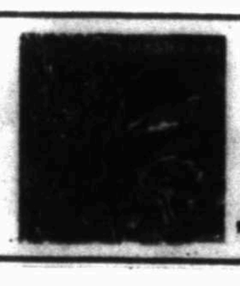
As with "Avant Gardener," though, the songs on her EPs mostly came straight out of her daily life, including the romantic adventures in "History Eraser" and even the sweet musical discovery in the closing track "Ode to Odetta." She got turned on to the late folk singer one day on the job while watching a Bob Dylan documentary.

"There was no one in the pub, so I closed up shop for 10 minutes and went down the street to this great record store to get one of her records," she recalled. "I listened to it all day and was just blown away."

Along the same lines, the reference to Uma Thurman's adrenaline-shot scene from "Pulp Fiction" popped up in the lyrics to "Avant Gardener" as a byproduct of her job, she said: "It's just one of those movies you always wind up watching after you get off late from the bar and are pretty drunk, but you don't want to go to bed."

You can't say bartending hindered her songwriting, but as Barnett pointed out, "There's plenty else in my life going on now that I can probably pull from."

Today's releases



Mastodon 'Once More 'Round the Sun'

Phish 'Fuego'

deadmau5 'While (1<2)'

Blackcover & Jantsen 'Do It Again'

Ginger Baker 'Why'

LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

JUNE

24 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
24 **Gypsyhawk** @ Blue Max
24 **Dark Rooms** @ Basin Burger House
25 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
26 **Mickey Gilley, Johnny Lee** @ Wagner Noel
26 **Aaron Watson** @ Rockin Rodeo
26 **Rattlehead, Redeemed Chaos** @ Blue Max
27 **Too $hort, E-40, Kinnfolkk, Quarter Bird, LG Mack, Cool Nutz** @ Club Patron
27 **Bobby Champion** @ The Detour
27 **Reckless Kelly** @ Fantastic Fourth Festival in downtown Big Spring
27 **Mike Leonard, Chris Lee** @ Music City Mall
27 **Brian Milson** @ Lone Star Bar
27 **Kick Tree** @ Redneck's
27 **Aaron Einhouse** @ Basin Burger House
27 **Chute Nine** @ The Bar
27 **Chris "Moondawg" Hall, Brigitte London, PeeWee Moore and the Awful Dreadful Shakes** @ Blue Max
27 **Eddie Irving & the Classic Swing Band** @ Noel Heritage Park
27 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
27 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
27 **3 OG - Three Old Guys** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
27-28 **Blue Midnight & Friends** @ Your Place
28 Bar Jam with **Electric Gypsies, Chute Nine, CPR Band, Sonic Moonshine** @ The Bar
28 **All Stars, Richard Acuña, Mike Leonard, Ty Miller, Samuel Zachary, Martha Elliot** @ Music City Mall
28 **Mark McKinney, Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys** @ Downtown Big Spring Fantastic Fourth
28 **Gary Gorence** @ Cigar Frog's
28 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Hot Shots
28 **Young Earnest, Jay P. Young, Phio aka P-Funk, Nate Pimpin** @ Bob's Billiards & Brews
29 **Josh Tatum** @ Museum of the Southwest
29 **Padlock, Tucker Binkley** @ Music City Mall
29 **Forget About Tomorrow, Moving Forward, Rulers of the Night** @ Kegler's Lounge

JULY

1 **Jason Kane & The Hard Luck Rebels** @ Blue Max
2 **Brutally Frank and the Itch** @ Blue Max
3 **Jason Boland & The Stragglers, Jonny Burke** @ Graham's
3 **Southbound 35** @ Lone Star Bar
3 **Brian Milson** @ Rockin Rodeo
4 **Loudfinger** @ The Detour
4 **Cory Morrow** @ Downtown Odessa 4th of July
4 **Texas Cadillac Jack Band** @ Lone Star Bar
4-5 **Chrome Molly** @ Your Place
4-5 **Grindstone** @ The Bar
5 **Noel Olivas** @ Lone Star Bar
10 **Phillip Hermans** @ Lone Star Bar
10 **Everclear, Spacehog** @ La Hacienda
10 **Brant Travis Rockin Piano Man** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
11 **Shane Rogers Band** @ The Detour
11 **Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys** @ Lone Star Bar
11 **TJ Broscoff** @ Redneck's
11 **Rum Rebellion, Black Irish Texas** @ Blue Max
11 **Aaron Watson** @ Graham Central Station
11 **Jumping Giants** @ Noel Heritage Park
11-12 **Crashing Pink Flamingos** @ Your Place
11-12 **Noel Olivas** @ The Bar
12 **The Greencards, Uncle Lucius, Wild Child, Doug Moreland, John Edward Baumann** @ KD's
13 **Rory Payne** @ Museum of the Southwest
13 **Next 2 the Tracks** @ Riley's
13 **Tantric, Kingshifter, Killer and Rear Naked Choke** @ Blue Max
17 **Zach Walther** @ Rockin Rodeo
17 **The Rustybrothers** @ Lone Star Bar
17 **Genie Patterson** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden

LUBBOCK

JUNE

28 **Too $hort, E-40** @ Jake's

JULY

15 **Chevelle** @ Lone Star Events Center

NEW MEXICO

JULY

19 **Skillet** @ Inn Of The Mountain Gods
20 **Easton Corbin** @ Inn Of The Mountain Gods
26 **Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra** @ IOMG

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

JUNE

25 **Goo Goo Dolls, Daughtry, Plain White T's** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
25 **The Yardbirds** @ Granada Theater
26 **Steve Wariner** @ House Of Blues
28 **The Fray, Barcelona, Oh Honey** @ Verizon Theatre
29 **Jell Weddings** @ Rubber Gloves Rehearsal Studios

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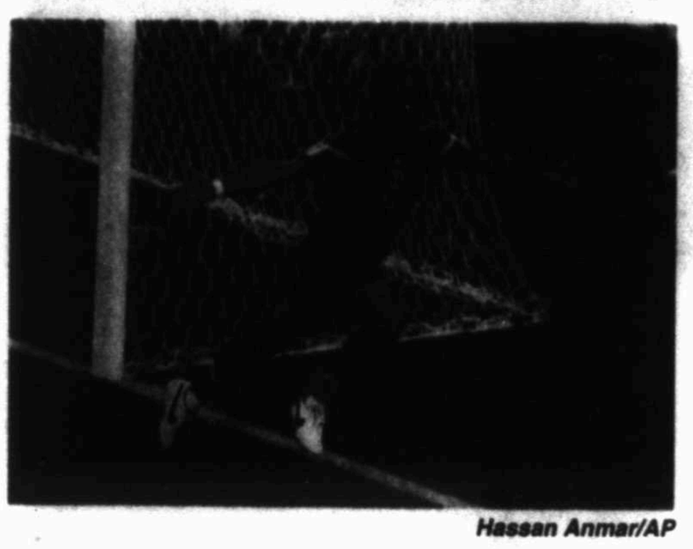
Mexico advances after dominant win over Croatia



Hassan Ammar/AP

Mexico's Javier Hernandez celebrates scoring his side's 3rd goal during a Group A World Cup match against Croatia on Monday at the Arena Pernambuco in Recife, Brazil.

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

RECIFE, Brazil — Mexico surged into the World Cup's knockout stage for a sixth straight time Monday with a 3-1 win over Croatia.

Rafael Marquez, Andres Guardado and Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez scored in a 10-minute span in the second half, dooming a talented Croatia side to elimination from the group stage.

The Croats had to win to advance and held the bulk of possession, but had trouble seriously threatening goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa, who kept out all efforts until an 87th-minute consolation goal from Ivan Perisic.

Mexico entered the game needing only a draw, and looked dangerous in attack, but was kept out until the three-goal burst. The result gave Mexico a second-place finish behind Brazil in Group A and set up a second-round meeting with Group B winner the Netherlands.

Mexico	3
Croatia	1

"We overcame the first hurdle. We're happy," Mexico coach Miguel Herrera said, adding that the team would dine with their families in Recife later Monday night. "We're going to celebrate tonight but tomorrow we have to start thinking of our match with the Netherlands."

Marquez struck first, beating Croatia defender Vedran Corluka to head home Hector Herrera's corner kick in the 72nd minute. Three minutes later, Guardado found the net with a hard, left-footed, one-time shot after a cross from Oribe Peralta.

Then in the 82nd, Hernandez, the popular Manchester United striker who has been a second-half substitute in all three of Mexico's matches, scored with a header after Herrera's corner had glanced off the head of Marquez.

"Mexico was equal in the first half. We tried to (attack) and left spaces in the second half," Croatia defender Danijel Pranjic said. "They scored on set plays and Marquez killed us."

Croatia, which changed to a more offensive formation after midfielder Mateo Kovacic replaced Sime Vr-

Please see **MEXICO**/4C

No one-trick 'Hound

All-Star Muncy showing versatility

By Len Hayward
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Max Muncy was pretty much a jack-of-all trades while at Keller High School.

Muncy played first base, second base, third base, and even some outfield for the Indians during his time at the north Tarrant County high school.

But when he went to Baylor, Muncy became a first baseman and stayed there through his career with the Bears.

"I played first because that's where there was a spot in the lineup," Muncy said.

And a first baseman is what the Oakland A's drafted him as in the fifth round of the 2012 Major League Baseball Draft.

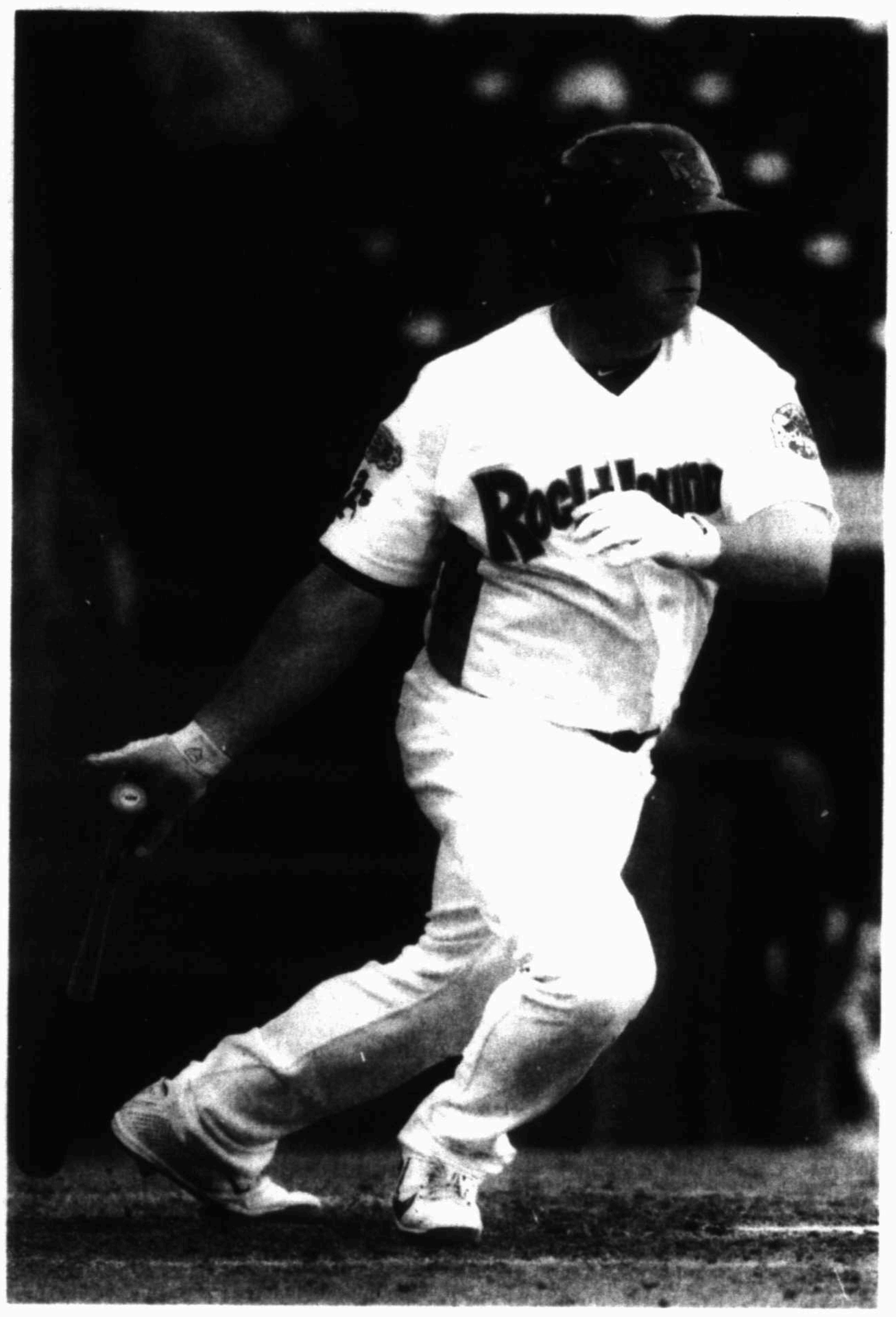
Muncy's spot in the Midland RockHounds' lineup this season has been pretty solid as he's hit anywhere from third to fifth in the lineup, and at the break is hitting .277 with 31 RBI.

But where he's playing each day has not been as solid. During spring training, Muncy found out

Please see **MUNCY**/4A

The game

TEXAS LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME
NORTH VS. SOUTH
When: 7:15 p.m. today
Where: Dickey-Stephens Park, North Little Rock, Arkansas



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland's Max Muncy puts the ball in play in a July 30, 2013 game against Frisco at Security Bank Ballpark. Muncy is one of five Texas League All-Stars for the RockHounds.

Which RockHounds are playing in the Texas League All-Star Game

Whitaker

Coleman

Muncy

Long

Frankoff

Sang Tan/AP

Venus Williams plays a return to Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor during a first-round match Monday at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London.

3 years later, Venus Williams wins Wimbledon match

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

LONDON — As she left Court 2 at the All England Club after a victory, Venus Williams found her hitting partner and handed him her racket bag. Then, while holding a tiny red purse in her right hand, she reached out for a celebratory fist bump.

Hard to believe that Williams, a five-time champion at Wimbledon, had not won a singles match at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament since 2011.

The 30th-seeded American grabbed the final five games to power through the third set and beat 56th-ranked Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor of Spain 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 Monday.

"Of course, obviously, it feels good to win," Williams said. "I mean, it feels good to play well against an opponent who is playing well and advance to the next round. That always helps."

Now 34, and slowed by an energy-sapping autoimmune disease, Williams lost in the first or second round at eight of the past nine Grand Slam tournaments.

At Wimbledon, in particular, everything used to come so easily for her: She earned the singles trophy in 2000, 2001, 2005, 2007 and 2008.

Please see **WIMBLEDON**/5C

Duncan back for Spurs

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

Tim Duncan could have easily gone out on top, with his fifth NBA championship trophy under his arm and his health intact just a few months after his 38th birthday.

Duncan

There's just no way. Duncan is having too much fun with his San Antonio Spurs coaches and teammates, and he's playing too well to call it quits now.

Duncan has decided to exercise the option on his contract for 2014-15 and will return next season, a person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press on Monday. The person requested anonymity because an official announcement has not been made.

As the Spurs beat the two-time defending champion Miami Heat in the NBA Finals earlier this month, Duncan was asked several times about his future, as he has been for the last five or six years. He was noncommittal, saying he would take some time after the season ended to mull his decision.

But after Game 5, most of the Spurs said they expected the group to return and now Duncan has reached his decision, which was first reported by Yahoo! Sports. He will make about $10.3 million next season in the final year of a two-year agreement that was drawn up specifically to allow the

Please see **DUNCAN**/2C

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Little Leaguers in action

Northern's Chase Shores reaches for the throw but is too late to make the tag as North Ector's Garrett Watkins safely steals second during a 9-to-10-year-old Little League District 3 Tournament game at Beal Park. The tournaments will continue today and go through the end of the week.

HOUNDSWATCH

SUNDAY'S SCORE
Midland 2, San Antonio 1.

TODAY'S GAME
Texas League All-Star game, 7:15 p.m., Dickey Stephens Park, North Little Rock, Arkansas

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Saturday	Sunday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Midland 3, San Antonio 1, 11 innings	Midland 2, San Antonio 1	Texas League All-Star game	NW Arkansas at Midland	NW Arkansas at Midland

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
COLLEGE BASEBALL
World Series, finals, Game 2, Virginia vs. Vanderbilt, 7 p.m., ESPN
GOLF
PGA of America, Professional National Championship, third round, 2:30 p.m., TGC
MLB
Regional coverage, Detroit at Texas or L.A. Dodgers at Kansas City, 7 p.m., MLB Network
NHL
Awards Show, 6 p.m., NBC Sports Network
SOCCER
FIFA, World Cup, Group D, Italy vs. Uruguay, at 10:30 a.m., ESPN
FIFA, World Cup, Group D, Costa Rica vs. England, 10:30 a.m., ESPN2
FIFA, World Cup, Group C, Japan vs. Colombia, 2:30 p.m., ESPN
ESPN2 — FIFA, World Cup, Group C, Greece vs. Ivory Coast, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2
TENNIS
Wimbledon, first round, 6 a.m., ESPN
Wimbledon, first round, 10:30 a.m., ESPNEWS
Wimbledon, first round, 1 p.m., ESPN2

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
Little League All-Star Tournaments

LOCAL SPORTS

LANCASTER, WADE HELP TEAM TEXAS AT TOURNEY

NORMAN, Okla. — Midland High baseball players Austen Wade and Jackson Lancaster helped Team Texas to a 5-2 record at the Heartland Classic baseball tournament this past week.

Team Texas won pool play with a 5-1 record and then lost to Maryland, 4-1, in the final on Saturday.

Wade, who has signed to play at TCU, was 6-for-15 during the tournament at the plate.

Lancaster pitched in two games at the tournament. He started one game giving up four runs on six hits in five innings. Then in Saturday's championship game, he came on in relief with the bases loaded, throwing five pitches and recording three outs. His three outs were a strikeout and two fly outs to third base.

MCCUBBIN TAKES 6TH AT T-O JUNIOR

WICHITA FALLS — Midland High grad and future Midland College golfer Lucas McCubbin finished sixth in last week's Texas-Oklahoma Junior Golf Tournament at Wichita Falls Country Club.

McCubbin rebounded from a first-round 79 to shoot 71 in the second round, which tied for low round of that day, and then finished with a pair of 73s in the third and fourth rounds to solidify his spot. McCubbin shot 296 for the tournament and finished alone in sixth place.

Mason Overstreet, of Laverne, Oklahoma, won the tournament with a four-round total of 292, and four players tied for second at 294.

GREENWOOD'S PATE EARNS ALL-STATE HONOR

Greenwood junior Ryan Pate was named to the first team on the Class 3A girls all-state team by High School Golf Scoreboard.

Pate finished second at Region I-3A Tournament in Lubbock in April, and then shot an 83-88—171 at the state tournament later in the month.

Also, Andrews had four players on the first team as Hailey Burgen, Kalli Jennings and Sarah Black earned nods. Big Spring's Kelsie Guinn was on the second team, and Andrews' Elizabeth Wallinder received honorable mention.

On the boys side, Andrews' Casey Fowler, Erik Wallinder and G.K. Morrison were named to the first team, and Bracston Parker was honorable mention.

2014 ONE PERSON SCRAMBLE

at Ranchland Hills Golf Club
Sunday's final results

Flight 1 — 1: Braxton Brin 61-64—125. 2 Forrest Eckenburg 66-61—127.
Flight 2 — 1: Daryl Smith 63-64—127. 2 Phil Bledsoe 68-65—133.
Flight 3 — 1: Elton Smith 67-66—133. 2 Richard Meeks 70-65—135.
Flight 4 — 1: Daniel Espinosa 66-68—134. 2 Shawn Curlee 69-66—135.
Flight 5 — 1: David B. Freeman 73-71—144. 2 Billy Rumbaugh 76-70—146.
Flight 6 — 1: Matt Gushee 73-72—145. 2 Stephanie Holmes 88-81—169.

TRANSACTIONS

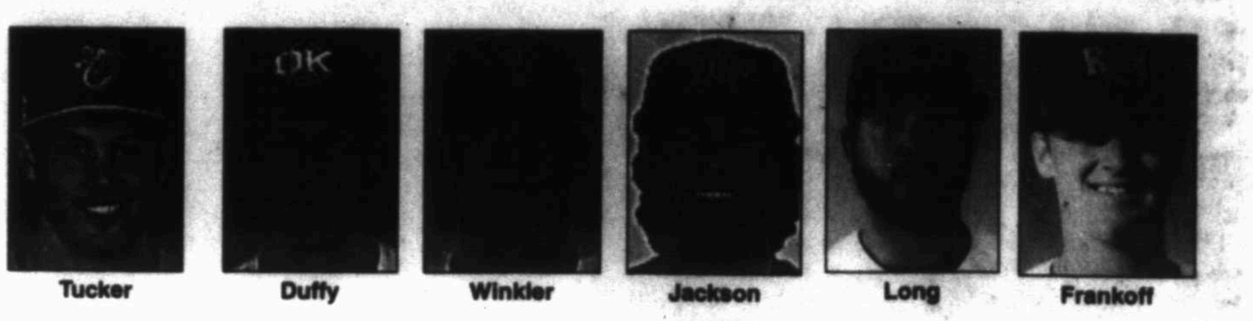
BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Assigned RHP Edgmer Escalona outright to Norfolk (IL). Agreed to terms with LHP Randy Wolf on a minor league contract. Sent 3B Michael Almanzar to Frederick (Carolina) for a rehab assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS — Transferred RHP Luke Putkonen to the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of LHP Pat McCoy from Toledo (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Signed OF Alex Jackson.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled OF Anthony Gose and OF Kevin Pillar from Buffalo (IL). Placed INF Brett Lawrie on the 15-day DL. Optioned C Erik Kratz to Buffalo.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Assigned SS Argenis Diaz outright to Reno (PC).
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned LHP Tsuyoshi Wada to Iowa (PCL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned RHP Wilton Lopez to Colorado Springs (PCL). Recalled RHP Rob Scahill from Colorado Springs. Selected the contract of C Jackson Williams from Colorado Springs. Placed C Michael McKenry on the bereavement list.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHP Ethan Martin to Lehigh Valley (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Sent 2B Neil Walker to Bradenton (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed LHP Jaime Garcia and RHP Michael Wacha on the 15-day DL. Garcia retroactive to June 21 and Wacha to June 18. Recalled RHP Eric Fornataro and INF Pete Kozma from Memphis (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Selected the contract of RHP Odrisamer Despaigne from El Paso (PCL). Placed RHP Andrew Cashner on the 15-day DL. Transferred RHP Casey Kelly from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Sent OF Bryce Harper and C Wilson Ramos to Potomac (Carolina) for rehab assignments.
American Association
AMARILLO SOX — Signed RHP Cephas Howard.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released INF Colt Loehrs.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Traded INF Jose Cuevas to Trois-Rivieres for a player to be named.
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released INF Guillaume Jubin and C Alexandre Beland.
Frontier League
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Released OF Tyler Gregg.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed INF Josh Miller. Released INF Denver Chaisa.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Released RHP Hayden Shirley.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DENVER NUGGETS — Announced F Darrell Arthur and G Nate Robinson exercised their contract options for the 2014-15 season.
Women's National Basketball Association
NEW YORK LIBERTY — Signed F Chantle Houston.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed TE Jeron Mastrud and S Adrian Wilson to one-year contracts.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Named Charles Bailey, Bobby DePaul, Mike Hagen, Ron Hill and James Kirkland senior personnel associates and Scott Alajo player personnel associate. Promoted Sam DeLuca and Harrison Richter to player personnel associate and Colton Chapple to BLESTO scout.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DL Dominique Easley and OL Chris Martin.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed QB Mike Reilly to a contract extension through the 2016 season.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed LB Kyle Norris.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Named Trent Yawney assistant coach. Extended the contracts of senior vice president of hockey operations David McNab and director of player personnel Rick Paterson. Promoted director of professional scouting Dave Basseggio to assistant to the general manager.
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Signed D Andrei Markov to a three-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Acquired F R.J. Umberger and a 2015 fourth-round draft pick from Columbus for LW Scott Hartnell.
PHOENIX COYOTES — Announced they will be known as the Arizona Coyotes, effective June 27.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Named Willie Desjardins coach.
ECHL
STOCKTON THUNDER — Signed F Tyler Maxwell.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
PORTLAND TIMBERS — Exercised the purchase option on F Fanendo Adi from FC Copenhagen and signed him to a multiyear contract as a designated player.
North American Soccer League
NEW YORK COSMOS — Signed M David Diosa to a contract extension.
COLLEGE
BIG 12 CONFERENCE — Named Zach Gourley and Mark Jacek communications assistants, Jason Angoy digital assistant and Jeffrey Smith compliance assistant for the 2014-15 academic year.
BRIDGEPORT — Named Gary Mullin women's volleyball coach.
BRIDGEWATER (VA.) — Named Kim McCall softball coach.
BROWN — Named Grant Achilles baseball coach.
CINCINNATI — Signed men's basketball coach Mick Cronin to a seven-year contract through the 2020-21 season.
ERSKINE — Named Hal Thompson men's tennis coach.
MOUNT OLIVE — Named Mandy Sansbury softball coach.
POST (CONN.) — Named Michael Mannetti athletic director.
RICE — Named Tanner Gardner senior associate athletic director/chief revenue officer.
WENTWORTH — Announced the resignation of men's hockey coach R.J. Tolan to take the same position at Endicott.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

June 27
At St. Charles, Mo. (ESPN2), Ivan Redkach vs. Vitali Tajbert, 10, lightweights.
At Las Vegas (SHO), Dominic Wade vs. Nick Brinson, 10, middleweights; Errol Spence vs. Ronald Cruz, 10, welterweights; Marcus Browne vs. Yusaf Mack, 10, light heavyweights.
June 28
At Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, Argenis Lopez vs. Darleys Perez, 12, for the interim WBA World lightweight title; Carlos Zambrano vs. Daniel Ramirez, 10, for the WBA Fedelatin featherweight title.
At CenturyLink Center, Omaha, Neb. (HBO), Terence Crawford vs. Yuriorkis Gamboa, 12, for Crawford's WBO lightweight title; Matt Korobov vs. Jose Uzcategui, 10, middleweights.
At Hidalgo, Mexico, Oswaldo Novoa vs. Alcides Martinez, 12, for Novoa's WBC minimumweight title.
July 2
At Foxwoods Resort, Mashantucket, Conn. (ESPN2), Michael Perenos vs. Mark Davis, 12, super featherweights; Billy Dib vs. Alberto Garza, 10, junior lightweights.

MRT'S TEXAS LEAGUE ALL-FIRST HALF TEAM

Telis Hernandez Yarbrough Rua Adames Whitaker Ramsey



Tucker Duffy Winkler Jackson Long Frankoff

C
Tomas Telis
Frisco
.309, 2 HR, 28 RBI
Telis has been among the league leaders in hitting all season and has been just as solid behind the plate for the South Division first half champs. Telis' .309 average is third in the Texas League at the break, and other than Springfield's Cody Stanley, he is the only catcher in the top 10 in hitting in the league.

1B
Brian Hernandez
Arkansas
.314, 4 HR, 31 RBI
Hernandez isn't among the Angels' top 10 prospects this season, but he might be after the first half he's had for the Travelers. Hernandez is second in the league in hitting, and he's played both third and first base this season.

2B
Alex Yarbrough
Arkansas
.285, 3 HR, 44 RBI
Yarbrough, who is the No. 9 prospect in the Angels organization, has been one of the better-hitting infielders in the Texas League and has been just as steady at second base. His 44 RBI at the break leads the league, and he has six errors in 75 games played so far this season.

3B
Ryan Rua
Frisco
.300, 10 HR, 38 RBI
Rua is one of the league's more dangerous hitters in a lineup that leads the Texas League in hitting (.265) at the All-Star break. Rua is tied for fifth in the league with his 38 RBI and is seventh with his .300 average. He's also one of five players in the league with double-digit home runs this season.

SS
Christian Adames
Tulsa
.291, 2 HR, 32 RBI
Adames was one of the better-hitting middle infielders in the league during the first half, and his 69 hits in 64 games at the break has him in the top 10 in that category. He does have 11 errors this season but has also only struck out 34 times in 237 at-bats.

OF
Josh Whitaker
Midland
.323, 9 HR, 42 RBI
Whitaker's eye injury did little to put a damper on what was an outstanding first half for the Midland slugger. Even being out for nearly a week, he still has the league's top average by nine points and is in the top three in RBI this season. Whitaker is also slugging an astonishing .903 with 102 total bases in 50 games.

OF
James Ramsey
Springfield
.307, 12 HR, 31 RBI
Ramsey is rated as the No. 8 prospect in the Cardinals organization by Baseball America and has lived up to that billing this season. Ramsey's .307 average is fourth in the league and his 12 home runs is second only behind former Corpus Christi Hook Preston Tucker.

OF
Preston Tucker
Corpus Christi
.276, 17 HR, 43 RBI
Tucker was promoted to Oklahoma City on June 12 and for good reason. Even though he's been gone for nearly two weeks, Tucker's mark of 17 home runs still leads the Texas League, and his 43 RBI stayed atop that category just until this week.

DH
Matt Duffy
Corpus Christi
.302, 6 HR, 35 RBI
Like Tucker, Duffy made his way to Oklahoma City in early June, but he didn't leave the Texas League without making some noise. Duffy hit .302 during his 49 games with six home runs and 35 RBI, and that number still ranks him in the top 15 in that category.

SP
Daniel Winkler
Tulsa
5-2, 1.41 ERA
Winkler, along with the promoted Billy Butler, were part of a stellar Drillers pitching staff during the first half. Winkler leads the Texas League in ERA, and also has 71 strikeouts in 70 innings and only 17 walks. Plus, he's allowed 11 earned runs in that same time.

SP
Luke Jackson
Frisco
8-2, 3.02 ERA
Jackson, who is the No. 8 prospect in the Rangers organization, has been solid through much of this first half. Along with his 3.02 ERA as a starter, he's also had 83 strikeouts in 83 1/3 innings and given up five home runs.

SP
Nate Long
Midland
7-3, 3.45 ERA
Long has been the picture of consistency for the RockHounds this season after he made the move to a full-time starter early in the season. Long, who is 2-0 as a reliever, is 5-3 as a starter for the RockHounds with 53 strikeouts in 70 innings pitched.

RP
Seth Frankoff
Midland
2-2, 2.48 ERA, 15 saves
Of all the categories for this year's team, this one was the toughest to choose, but Frankoff gets the nod. Frankoff has given up 10 runs in 32 2/3 innings and has 15 saves in 27 appearances this season. Plus of the three top saves leaders (San Antonio's Johnny Barbato and Tulsa's Scott Oberg) in the league, Frankoff leads all three with 45 strikeouts.

Compiled by Len Hayward

MUNCY

From 1C

that the A's wanted him to play some third base, along with playing first.

It's a move that was certainly a surprise to Muncy but also one that he's fully embraced.

"All my pro years had been playing first," said Muncy, who will start at first base for the South Division All-Stars in tonight's Texas League All-Star Game in North Little Rock, Arkansas. "It's a different glove, different position and the ball is coming at you different. It was tough at first but (playing third) came back naturally pretty quick, and thankfully it did."

Muncy, who was born in Midland, is one of five RockHounds that are on the South Division roster for tonight's All-Star Game. Josh Whitaker will start in the outfield, Dusty Coleman will start at shortstop, while Seth Frankoff and Nate Long are on the roster as pitchers.

Muncy, 23, has started 32 of the 58 games he's played for the Rock-Hounds at first this season. The other 26 have been split evenly between third base and designated hitter.

Texas League
Second half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	3	3	.500	—
NW Arkansas	3	3	.500	—
Springfield	3	3	.500	—
x-Tulsa	3	3	.500	—

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	4	1	.800	—
San Antonio	3	3	.500	1 1/2
x-Frisco	2	3	.400	2
Corpus Christi	2	4	.333	2 1/2

x-clinched first half

Monday's Scores
No games scheduled
Today's Games
South at North, 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.

Muncy said he played some third in the Arizona Fall League last year, but he thought it might have been just to get him a few more plate appearances.

While the 6-foot, 205-pound Muncy said his transition has been tough, those who have watched him play the position this season have been pleased with how well he's adapted to playing the two positions.

"With him being an athlete, and a good athlete, the transition has been rather smooth," Midland manager Aaron Nieckula said. "I know Brett Boone, our roving coordinator, has been impressed with the way he's played third base. It's absolutely new for him, and with more repetition and more experience, he's only going to get better."

The hardest part may be the preparation for Muncy. He still has to field ground balls, but at third he will face more balls that are sharply hit than at first, and he also has to make the throw across the diamond more when playing third.

Plus, he also has to know the intricacies of covering each base such as being prepared for a runner to steal third, but with each day, Nieckula said he's learning those.

"You've got to turn two a little different, and you've got to position yourself different on a cut-off and a relay," Nieckula said. "But in terms of fielding the baseball, the fundamentals are pretty much the same."

Muncy said it doesn't matter where he plays, he just wants to be on the field every day, and if he has to learn two different positions its one more way to get to the next level.

"If you are playing first a couple of days in a row, you can't really take ground balls at third, and when you are playing third you can't take ground balls at first. It does add a little difficulty to it," Muncy said. "It just adds a little versatility, and makes you a little more valuable if you can play more than one position and you are not stuck somewhere."

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DUNCAN

From 1C

Spurs the financial flexibility to surround Duncan with top-shelf talent.

"He feels a responsibility to his teammates," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said after the team won the championship. He enjoys them. He wants to hang around as long as he can while he's useful and while he's having an impact on the game. He takes care of his body. He works out all summer long with a variety of different things, boxing, swimming. He's very careful about what he puts in his body, so he does everything he can to maintain a level of play.

"At some point," Popovich added, "that will stop."

But not this year.

When Duncan looked around at the Spurs, he saw every reason to come back and try to do just about the only thing the Spurs haven't done during his 17 years there — win back-to-back titles.

In Popovich he has perhaps the best coach in the game, one who has established a culture of teamwork, success and stability that is unparalleled in the league. In Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, he has two trusted teammates who have been by his side for years, have sacrificed money, fame and statistics right along with him to build the Spurs organization into the envy of the NBA.

And in Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard, Duncan has a young, fresh-faced star on the rise to carry more of the load as the Big Three get older.

"With the front office putting the teams together that we've had and us playing smaller roles and our roles changing over the years, and us happy to accept the roles that we're in, I feel we can do it until we feel we don't want to do it anymore," Duncan said two weeks ago.

Perhaps as important as anything, Duncan is still one of the best big men in the league. He was named first team All-NBA in 2012-13 as he helped the Spurs to the finals, where they lost to the Heat in a heart-breaking seven-game series.

This season, Duncan averaged 15.1 points, 9.7 rebounds and 1.9 blocks in just 29.2 minutes per game, playing in a system expertly devised by Popovich to limit the wear and tear on his body. He shot almost 57 percent in the finals and dismantled Heat star Chris Bosh, who grew up with a Duncan poster on his bedroom wall.

"We've been on our last run for the last five or six years from how everyone wants to put it," Duncan said. "We show up every year, and we try to put together the best teams and the best runs possible because what people say doesn't matter to us.

"As I said, as long as we feel we're being effective, we're going to stay out here and we're going to play. We feel like we can be effective, and we have been."

US soccer star Hope Solo enters not guilty plea

By Donna Gordon Blankinship
Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — U.S. women's soccer team goalkeeper Hope Solo has entered a not guilty plea following her domestic violence arrest at her sister's home in suburban Seattle.

Solo appeared in court Monday and was released without bail. She was ordered not to have contact with the alleged victims and to not drink alcohol.

Authorities say Solo was intoxicated early Saturday when she was accused of assaulting her sister and 17-year-old nephew. But her lawyer, Todd Maybrown, said she was a victim in the altercation.

Justices rebuff NJ's effort on sports betting

By Wayne Perry
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The Supreme Court on Monday left in place a ban on sports gambling in New Jersey, rebuffing an attempt to bring betting on professional and college sporting events to Atlantic City casinos and the state's racetracks.

The justices did not comment in letting stand lower court rulings that struck down New Jersey's sports betting law because it conflicts with a federal law that allows state-sanctioned sports gambling only in Nevada and three other states.

The state's appeal was led by Gov. Chris Christie. It argued that New Jersey was trying to limit illegal sports wagering and capture some of that money for the state treasury. New Jersey says an estimated $500 billion is bet illegally on sporting events each year.

Asked for his reaction at a charity softball game at Yankee Stadium in which he was participating, Christie said the appeal was always a long-shot.

"So you know, that's the way it goes," he said. "Nothing more I can say. They said 'no' so we have to move on."

But the New Jersey lawmaker who wrote the betting legislation introduced a new bill Monday that would repeal all laws prohibiting sports betting. Sen. Raymond Lesniak said he hoped the U.S. Justice Department wouldn't challenge it, which he said would be consistent with its stance in other areas.

"Aren't they selling marijuana in Colorado and Washington?" he asked. "Isn't that against federal law?"

Voters in New Jersey overwhelmingly endorsed legal sports betting in a nonbinding referendum in 2011. State lawmakers soon enacted a law to allow for betting at tracks and in casinos. Bets wouldn't have been taken on games involving New Jersey colleges or college games played in the state.

But those actions ran up against the 1992 Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, enacted by Congress to restrict betting on sports to a few states. Nevada has allowed betting on sports for more than 60 years, and Delaware, Montana and Oregon have at times permitted more limited betting. New Jersey missed a deadline in the law that would have allowed sports betting in Atlantic City.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association, the major professional leagues in baseball, basketball, football and hockey, sued to block the New Jersey law from taking effect, saying betting would harm the integrity of their games. President Barack Obama's administration also joined in the legal fight, opposing New Jersey.

A trial judge ruled against the state and his ruling was upheld by a divided panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia.

The appeals court said it was not judging the wisdom or desirability of allowing sports wagering.

"New Jersey's sports wagering law conflicts with PASPA and, under our Constitution, must yield," the court said.

The dissenting judge said Congress exceeded its authority when it passed the federal sports betting law.

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American League

BLUE JAYS 8 YANKEES 3

TORONTO — Adam Lind hit a three-run home run in his return to the starting lineup, rookie Marcus Stroman won for the first time in three starts and the Toronto Blue Jays beat New York 8-3 on Monday night, handing the Yankees their third straight loss.

Lind drove in four runs and Dioner Navarro had two RBI for Toronto. The AL East-leading Blue Jays scored as many runs in this game against New York as they managed over three games while being swept at Yankee Stadium last week.

Stroman (4-2) allowed one run and three hits in a career-high eight innings. He walked one and matched a career high with seven strikeouts.

New York rookie Chase Whitley (3-1) saw his three-start winning streak snapped, allowing season highs of 11 hits and eight runs over 3 1/3 innings.

ORIOLES 6 WHITE SOX 4

BALTIMORE — Chris Davis hit a pinch-hit, three-run homer in the ninth inning to lift Baltimore past Chicago.

Davis was excluded from the starting lineup after batting just .130 in his previous 14 starts. Called upon by manager Buck Showalter with runners on first and second and one out in the ninth, Davis launched a 3-2 pitch from Ronald Belisario (3-4) into the seats in right field.

Davis, who led the majors in home runs and RBIs last year, started the game in the dugout with a .216 batting average and 78 strikeouts in 218 at-bats.

Adam Jones and Caleb Joseph also homered for the Orioles, who trailed 4-2 in the eighth before rallying to hand the White Sox their fifth straight defeat.

Brad Brach (1-0) pitched two hitless innings for Baltimore.

National League

MARLINS 4 PHILLIES 0

PHILADELPHIA — Casey McGehee hit a two-run double and Nathan Eovaldi pitched six-hit ball into the seventh inning to lead Miami.

Eovaldi (5-3) went 6 1-3 innings and got 12 of his 19 outs on flyballs. The right-hander hadn't won since May 26 and gave up 11 runs in his previous two starts.

Phillies starter Roberto Hernandez (3-6) allowed two runs and three hits, striking out six in six innings. Hernandez lined a single to right in the third inning for his first career hit after going 0 for 40.

NATIONALS 3 BREWERS 0

MILWAUKEE — Gio Gonzalez combined with three relievers to hold Milwaukee's potent lineup to three hits, and Adam LaRoche hit a three-run homer to help the Washington Nationals beat the Brewers 3-0 on Monday night.

Gonzalez (4-4) walked four and struck out five in six innings. It was the left-hander's second start following a monthlong stint on the disabled list for left shoulder inflammation.

He outdueled Matt Garza (4-5), who struck out seven in seven innings but allowed LaRoche's homer to straightaway center in the third.

Tyler Clippard struck out the side in the ninth for his first save.

Brewers cleanup hitter Carlos Gomez went 0 for 4, snapping a 35-game streak of reaching base and a career-best 18-game hitting streak.

REDS 6 CUBS 1

CHICAGO — Devin Mesoraco hit a grand slam with two outs in Cincinnati's five-run ninth inning, leading the Reds to a 6-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Monday night.

Mesoraco went deep for the fourth straight game, driving a 1-0 pitch from Hector Rondon (1-2) into the basket in left-center for his 13th homer. It was Mesoraco's second grand slam of the season and No. 3 of his career.

Billy Hamilton had a tie-breaking RBI single earlier in the inning as Cincinnati won for the sixth time in seven games to move above .500 for the first time this season at 38-37. The winning sequence started when Chris Heisey reached on a pinch-hit single with two outs and no one on base, snapping an 0-for-16 rut.

It was the first homer allowed by Rondon since last Aug. 3.

Interleague

PIRATES 8 RAYS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Pedro Alvarez hit a three-run homer to back the pitching of Edinson Volquez as Pittsburgh beat Tampa Bay.

Andrew McCutchen went 3 for 5, drove in two runs and stole two bases for the Pirates in a homecoming of sorts for the 2013 NL MVP, who grew up in nearby Fort Meade and had never played before at Tropicana Field. He also scored twice in Pittsburgh's first appearance in St. Petersburg since 2003.

Alvarez went deep off Alex Cobb (2-6) during a four-run fourth inning that also featured the first of McCutchen's two RBI singles.

Volquez (5-6) allowed five hits in a season-high eight innings.

James Loney drove in Tampa Bay's only run with a two-out, first-inning single.

ROYALS 5 DODGERS 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jeremy Guthrie pitched into the eighth inning, Jarrod Dyson drove in two runs off Zack Greinke and Kansas City ended a four-game losing streak.

Guthrie (5-6) allowed two runs and seven hits while winning his third straight start. He was buoyed by an offense that had only scored eight runs total during its recent slide.

Dyson, the Royals' No. 9 hitter, went 3 for 3 and stole two bases. Salvador Perez hit a solo home run, and Lorenzo Cain and Alcides Escobar — two of the players acquired by the Royals in the trade that sent Greinke to Milwaukee in December 2010 — drove in a run apiece.

Greg Holland served up a homer to Adrian Gonzalez in the ninth before earning his 22nd save.

Greinke (9-4) gave up a season-high five runs and 11 hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Colin E. Braley/AP

Kansas City's Salvador Perez rounds the bases after hitting a home run as Los Angeles Dodgers second baseman Dee Gordon (9) looks on in the second inning Monday at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri.

The curse of the NBA big man always affects drafts

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

MIAMI — Greg Oden has had years to think about the plight of his knees, and still has no good answers.

The No. 1 pick in the 2007 NBA draft is a poster child for big man bad luck, an epidemic that's been sweeping the league for years. The latest victim seems to be Joel Embiid, a 7-footer expected to be the No. 1 pick in Thursday's draft before a recently suffered stress fracture in his right foot almost certainly robbed the former Kansas star of that chance.

"My body did what it wanted," Oden said. "It didn't do what I wanted."

Oden a few weeks ago recalled the frustration of his situation. But he and Embiid are hardly alone. For every huge success story like the ones from Shaquille O'Neal, David Robinson, Tim Duncan and Hakeem Olajuwon, there's been the cautionary tales of Sam Bowie, Pervis Ellison, Michael Olowokandi, Kwame Brown and Oden.

Big men, big risks and often, big problems.

NBA teams remain undeterred. That's good news for Embiid — after all, despite Oden's litany of problems, he's currently on an NBA roster.

Still, Embiid might lose some big money Thursday.

If he was the No. 1 pick, he would have been guaranteed about $14.4 million for his first three years in the NBA. If he slides to just No. 10, his rookie-deal salary for those first three years would be about $8.1 million less.

"Joel will be unable to participate in any additional workouts, and will not attend the draft in New York," agent Arn Tellem said.

Embiid already had some health questions, mostly regarding a balky back that affected him toward the end of his final college season with Kansas. Now he's had foot surgery and could be out for up to six months, likely ending his rookie season before it starts.

That doesn't make Embiid unique.

His situation could turn out to be similar to what former Kentucky star Nerlens Noel faced this past season. Noel was recovering from a torn knee ligament, an injury that ended his college career and quite probably cost him a chance to be the No. 1 pick. Despite the injury, he was still drafted No. 6 by New Orleans and traded to the Philadelphia 76ers.

And with the Philadelphia currently holding seven picks in this draft, it's easy to wonder if the 76ers would consider grabbing Embiid and giving him a year to recover in the same manner that they did with Noel.

"I feel for him," Noel told reporters in Kentucky after Embiid's injury was announced. "He's had all that pressure and all that expectation. He's just got to stay positive and keep working on himself ... do what he can do, because everything else is out of his control."

There's no shortage of big men who have buckled under the weight of big expectations.

Ellison was the No. 1 pick in 1989, got injured as a rookie and basically had only one great season as a pro. Kent Benson, the No. 1 pick in 1977, averaged 9.1 points per game in his career. Hasheem Thabeet was the No. 2 pick in 2009; he's averaged 2.2 points per game since. Olowokandi was an enormous bust at No. 1, slogging through an injury-plagued career and never averaging more than 12.3 points in a season.

And Michael Jordan will forever be tied to perhaps the two biggest big-man draft blunders: He was picked one spot after Sam Bowie went at No. 2 to Portland in 1984, and Jordan wound up taking Brown first overall in 2001. For as much as Bowie's career was derailed by injuries — and for as much as he was a punch line for years — he still scored 1,529 more NBA points than Brown did, despite playing 96 fewer games.

NBA draft order

Thursday
At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.
First Round

1. Cleveland
2. Milwaukee
3. Philadelphia
4. Orlando
5. Utah
6. Boston
7. L.A. Lakers
8. Sacramento
9. Charlotte (from Detroit)
10. Philadelphia (from New Orleans)
11. Denver
12. Orlando (from New York via Denver)
13. Minnesota
14. Phoenix
15. Atlanta
16. Chicago (from Charlotte)
17. Boston (from Brooklyn)
18. Phoenix (from Washington)
19. Chicago
20. Toronto
21. Oklahoma City (from Dallas via Houston and L.A. Lakers)
22. Memphis
23. Utah (from Golden State)
24. Charlotte (from Portland)
25. Houston
26. Miami
27. Phoenix (from Indiana)
28. L.A. Clippers
29. Oklahoma City
30. San Antonio

Second Round

31. Milwaukee
32. Philadelphia
33. Cleveland (from Orlando)
34. Dallas (from Boston)
35. Utah
36. Milwaukee (from L.A. Lakers via Minnesota and Phoenix)
37. Toronto (from Sacramento)
38. Detroit
39. Philadelphia (from Cleveland)
40. Minnesota (from New Orleans)
41. Denver
42. Houston (from New York)
43. Atlanta
44. Minnesota
45. Charlotte
46. Washington
47. Philadelphia (from Brooklyn via Dallas and Boston)
48. Milwaukee (from Toronto via Phoenix)
49. Chicago
50. Phoenix
51. Dallas
52. Philadelphia (from Memphis via Cleveland)
53. Minnesota (from Golden State)
54. Philadelphia (from Houston via Milwaukee)
55. Miami
56. Denver (from Portland)
57. Indiana
58. San Antonio (from L.A. Clippers via New Orleans)
59. Toronto (from Oklahoma City via New York)
60. San Antonio

MLB STANDINGS AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	43	35	.551	—
Baltimore	40	35	.533	1 1/2
New York	39	36	.520	2 1/2
Boston	35	41	.461	7
Tampa Bay	31	47	.397	12
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	40	32	.556	—
Kansas City	40	36	.526	2
Cleveland	37	39	.487	5
Minnesota	36	38	.486	5
Chicago	35	42	.455	7 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	47	29	.618	—
Los Angeles	41	33	.554	5
Seattle	40	36	.526	7
Texas	35	40	.467	11 1/2
Houston	33	44	.429	14 1/2

Monday's Scores
Baltimore 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 3
Pittsburgh 8, Tampa Bay 1
Kansas City 5, L.A. Dodgers 3
Boston at Seattle, late

Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 3-7) at Baltimore (Mc.Gonzalez 4-4), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 3-4) at Toronto (Buehrle 10-4), 6:07 p.m.
Oakland (Kazmir 9-2) at N.Y. Mets (Colon 7-5), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Archer 4-4), 6:10 p.m.
Detroit (Smyly 3-6) at Texas (Lewis 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Harang 5-6) at Houston (Feldman 3-4), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 7-2) at Kansas City (Duffy 4-6), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Masterson 4-5) at Arizona (Miley 3-6), 8:40 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 6-5) at L. A. Angels (C.Wilson 7-6), 9:05 p.m.
Boston (Peavy 1-5) at Seattle (E.Ramirez 1-4), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	40	35	.533	—
Atlanta	38	37	.507	2
Miami	38	38	.500	2 1/2
New York	35	41	.461	5 1/2
Philadelphia	34	41	.453	6
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	47	31	.603	—
St. Louis	42	35	.545	4 1/2
Cincinnati	38	37	.507	7 1/2
Pittsburgh	38	38	.500	8
Chicago	31	43	.419	14
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	45	30	.600	—
Los Angeles	42	36	.538	4 1/2
Colorado	34	42	.447	11 1/2
San Diego	32	44	.421	13 1/2
Arizona	32	47	.405	15

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Washington (Zimmermann 5-4) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 5-4), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (S.Miller 7-6) at Colorado (J.De La Rosa 6-6), 7:40 p.m.
Cleveland (Masterson 4-5) at Arizona (Miley 3-6), 8:40 p.m.
San Diego (Hahn 2-1) at San Francisco (Hudson 7-3), 9:15 p.m.

MONDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE

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New York ..... 000 100 002 —3 6 0
Toronto ..... 160 100 00x —8 13 0
Whitley, Huff (4), Kelley (8) and McCann; Cervelli, Stroman, Jenkins (9), Loup (9) and D.Navarro. W—Stroman 4-2. L—Whitley 3-1. HRs—New York, Teixeira (13). Toronto, Lind (4).

INTERLEAGUE
PIRATES 8, RAYS 1
Pittsburgh ..... 204 000 011 —8 10 0
Tampa Bay ..... 100 000 000 —1 6 1
Volquez, J.Gomez (9) and R.Martin; Cobb, C.Ramos (6), Yates (8) and Hanigan. W—Volquez 5-6. L—Cobb 2-6. HRs—Pittsburgh, P.Alvarez (12).

ROYALS 5, DODGERS 3
Los Angeles ..... 000 000 021 —3 8 0
Kansas City ..... 020 012 00x —5 11 0
Greinke, J.Wright (6), C.Perez (8) and A.Ellis; Guthrie, W.Davis (8), G.Holland (9) and S.Perez. W—Guthrie 5-6. L—Greinke 9-4. Sv—G.Holland (22). HRs—Los Angeles, Ad.Gonzalez (13). Kansas City, S.Perez (9).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
MARLINS 4, PHILLIES 0
Miami ..... 200 000 002 —4 7 0
Philadelphia ..... 000 000 000 —0 6 2
Eovaldi, M.Dunn (7); A.Ramos (7), Gregg (8), Hatcher (9) and Saltalamacchia; R.Hernandez, Hollands (7), De Fratus (8), Bastardo (9), Giles (9) and Ruiz. W—Eovaldi 5-3. L—R.Hernandez 3-6.

REDS 6, CUBS 1
Cincinnati ..... 100 000 005 —6 8 0
Chicago ..... 000 001 000 —1 5 1
Simon, Broxton (8), Ondrusek (9) and Mesoraco; Samardzija, Schlitter (7), Strop (8), H.Rondon (9), Russell (9) and Castillo. W—Broxton 3-0. L—H.Rondon 1-2. HRs—Cincinnati, Mesoraco (13). Chicago, Rizzo (16).

NATIONALS 3, BREWERS 0
Washington ..... 003 000 000 —3 7 0
Milwaukee ..... 000 000 000 —0 3 0
G.Gonzalez, Barrett (7), Storen (8), Clippard (9) and Lobaton; Garza, Fiers (8), Gorzelanny (9) and Lucroy. W—G.Gonzalez 4-4. L—Garza 4-5. Sv—Clippard (1). HRs—Washington, LaRoche (9).

CARDINALS 8, ROCKIES 0
St. Louis ..... 003 110 300 —8 6 0
Colorado ..... 000 000 000 —0 3 0
Lynn, Choate (9), Motte (9) and Y.Molina; Chacin, F.Morales (7), Belisle (9) and Rosario. W—Lynn 8-5. L—Chacin 1-6. HRs—St. Louis, Ma.Adams 2 (8).

Vandy beats Virginia in Game 1 of CWS finals

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Vanderbilt capitalized on Virginia starter Nathan Kirby's sudden loss of control to score nine runs in the third inning, then held off the Cavaliers to win 9-8 in Game 1 of the College World Series finals Monday night.

The Commodores (50-20) can win their first national championship in a men's sport with a win Tuesday night.

Tyler Campbell continued his improbable breakout for the Commodores, doubling twice in the third inning. His second double came off reliever Whit Mayberry with the bases loaded to put Vanderbilt up 9-2.

But Virginia (52-15) chipped away, scoring three runs in the third, two in the fifth and another in the eighth to make it a one-run game.

CWS Glance

At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha
Omaha, Neb.
Double Elimination
Saturday, June 14
UC Irvine 3, Texas 1
Vanderbilt 5, Louisville 3
Sunday, June 15
TCU 3, Texas Tech 2
Virginia 2, Mississippi 1
Monday, June 16
Texas 4, Louisville 1, Louisville eliminated
Vanderbilt 6, UC Irvine 4
Tuesday, June 17
Mississippi 2, Texas Tech 1, Texas Tech eliminated
Virginia 3, TCU 2, 15 innings
Wednesday, June 18
Texas 1, UC Irvine 0, UC Irvine eliminated
Thursday, June 19
Mississippi 8, TCU 4, TCU eliminated
Friday, June 20
Texas 4, Vanderbilt 0
Virginia 0, Mississippi 0, top 2nd, susp., lightning
Saturday, June 21
Virginia 4, Mississippi 1, Mississippi eliminated
Vanderbilt 4, Texas 3, 10 innings, Texas eliminated
Championship Series
(Best-of-3; if necessary)
Monday: Vanderbilt 9, Virginia 8, Vanderbilt leads series 1-0
Today: Virginia (52-15) vs. Vanderbilt (50-20), 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 25: Virginia vs. Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.

Instead of breather, US contemplates math

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Instead of taking a breather, the U.S. created a World Cup math puzzle for its fans back in America.

Just 30 seconds from clinching advancement with a game to spare, the U.S. conceded a stoppage-time goal that left it with a 2-2 draw against Portugal on Sunday. With four points, the Americans may need at least a tie from their Group G finale against three-time champion Germany to advance to the knockout stage.

"Now we have no choice but to regroup, get ourselves ready for another big game on Thursday," midfielder Michael Bradley said.

Germany leads the group with four points after routing Portugal, 4-0, and tying Ghana, 2-2. The U.S., which opened with a 2-1 victory over Ghana, also has four points and trails on goal difference. Ghana and Portugal have one point each.

The U.S. would advance to the knockout stage in consecutive World Cups for the first time with a win or a tie against the Germans, or a draw between Ghana and Portugal in a match played simultaneously. If there's a winner in the other game, the Americans also could advance with four points on a tiebreaker: goal difference, followed by total goals, head-to-head points, head-to-head goal difference and head-to-head goals. If a tie still isn't resolved, there would be a drawing of lots.

"Had we been down 2-1 and we came back, we'd be flying high right now," goalkeeper Tim Howard said. "It's the Group of Death. Most people counted us out. So, it's no problem. We're going to the last game with a chance."

The U.S. arrived back at its base hotel in Sao Paulo at about 5 a.m. on Monday after a four-hour flight from the match in the steamy Amazon rainforest capital of Manaus. The starters were given the day off, and the reserves trained in the late afternoon at Sao Paulo Futebol Clube.

After today's training session, the team makes the three-hour-plus flight to the northeast beach city of Recife. While the Americans have just three days off between matches, Germany has four.

"There's a lot of things you can't control. That's a quirk of the schedule," U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati said. "It's a quirk of the schedule that we've got more travel than anybody else in the first round, but we had less than everyone else in the first round in South Africa. So those things balance out."

The Group G winner likely will play Algeria, Russia or South Korea, whichever finishes second in Group H. The second-place team in Group G probably will face Group H leader Belgium, which is 2-0.

U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann did not talk to reporters Monday but spoke with the USSF in an interview for its website.

"We want to beat Germany. We want to be first in our group, so we're not thinking about a tie," he said.

Klinsmann starred for West Germany's team that won the 1990 World Cup and coached Germany to third place in 2006. Joachim Loew, Germany's current coach, was Klinsmann's assistant eight years ago.

Because both nations would advance in the event of a draw, some thought back to the 1982 World Cup in Spain, where West Germany needed a one- or two-goal win over Austria to assure both nations of advancement and eliminate Algeria. Horst Hrubesch scored for the West Germans 10 minutes in, and players spent much of the rest of the evening passing to their teammates without threatening the opposing goal. West Germany won 1-0, and ever since FIFA has scheduled group finales for simultaneous kickoffs.

"You're talking about a game that is decades away that is only part of the Germany history and not the United States," Klinsmann said. "The United States is known to give everything they have in every single game. ... We have that fighting spirit. We have that energy and that determination to do well in every single game."

Brazil beats Cameroon, reaches 2nd round

Brazil 4
Cameroon 1

By Tales Azzoni
Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil — Neymar lived up to the weighty expectations of the World Cup host nation Monday, setting Brazil on course to clinch its place in the knockout stage with two precision first-half goals in a 4-1 rout of Cameroon.

Fred and Fernandinho added second-half goals to ensure top spot in Group A for Brazil, which will face South American rival Chile in the second round.

More important than the widely expected victory, though, was a performance that restored the confidence of fans after two disappointing matches.

"It was our best match," Neymar said. "Not only because of the result but also because of how we played. We pressured our opponent just like we wanted. We deserved this result — everyone in the team deserves credit for what we did today."

Neymar scored on either side of midfielder Joel Matip's goal for Cameroon in the 26th minute.

He opened the scoring off a low cross by midfielder Luiz Gustavo in the 17th, deftly side-footing the ball home from close range, then restored the lead with a low right-foot strike from the top of the penalty area in the 35th after a pass by left back Marcelo.

"I have the responsibility to go out there and help my teammates," Neymar said. "We all did well today and got the result that we needed."

Fred found the net in the 49th and the substitute Fernandinho struck in the 84th.

"I liked how the team played," Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said. "There were some highs and lows, but in general we improved a little bit more. We are progressing match after match and that's important."

Dolores Ochoa/AP

Brazil's Marcelo, right, challenges for the ball with Cameroon's Vincent Aboubakar during a Group A World Cup match Monday at the Estadio Nacional in Brasilia, Brazil.

Brazil finished Group A with seven points after a 0-0 draw with Mexico and two wins. It ended with the same points as Mexico, but had a better goal difference. The Mexicans eliminated Croatia with a 3-1 win in Recife.

"We knew we had to do better today," Brazil striker Hulk said. "We had to play better and we did."

Playing in its 100th World Cup match, Brazil needed at least a draw to advance. Elimination in the group stage would have been unthinkable for the five-time world champions playing at home. The only team to play in all 20 World Cups, Brazil has advanced to the second round in every tournament since 1970.

Boosted by a crowd of nearly 69,112 at the Estadio Nacional in the nation's capital, Brazil began the match pressuring Cameroon and created many scoring chances early. But the African team eventually picked up the pace and was able to keep the hosts from threatening too much.

Despite playing without Samuel Eto'o because of a lingering right knee injury, Cameroon had a few good chances, even when the match was level in the first half.

"The first half was not so bad, but we need to focus for 90 minutes, and this is not the first time that this happened," Cameroon coach Volker Finke said. "Some goals were not needed, three times we had the control of the ball and we lost it."

It was Neymar who got on the board first, neatly finding the net after Gustavo stole the ball on the left flank and sent a low cross into the area.

Cameroon equalized after a nice run by Allan Nyom ended with Matip's goal, but Neymar again showed he is carrying the hopes of the entire nation, running toward the area and then moving to his right in front of a couple of defenders before firing a low shot into the net.

The 22-year-old Barcelona striker had already been decisive in the 3-1 opening win over Croatia, when he also scored twice while Brazil was struggling.

Brazil improved in the second half and Fred, who had been loudly criticized for his lackluster performances, got his first goal of the tournament with a header from close range after a cross by defender David Luiz from the left.

Fernandinho, who replaced Paulinho in the second half, poked in from short range after good leadup work from Oscar and Fred.

Cameroon, which hasn't advanced to the second round since becoming the first African nation to reach the World Cup quarterfinals in 1990, likely saw Eto'o playing in his final World Cup. The 33-year-old striker, in his fourth World Cup, is the team's all-time leading scorer.

BRAZIL BEAT

Dutch win sets off Amsterdam party

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — The streets of central Amsterdam were abandoned and nearly silent during the first 69 minutes of the Netherlands' game against Chile on Monday.

Fans huddled around television sets at home and in cafes. Around 20,000 people, nearly all in orange, watched on giant screens in Amsterdam's Museum Square.

But a deafening roar echoed around the city when Leroy Fer scored the first goal, and horns and cheering continued through the rest of the 2-0 victory that clinched first place in Group B. After that, partygoers spilled out onto streets and canals, some shouting, others dancing.

An estimated half of the country's 17 million population watched the match, and that percentage is expected to increase as the team progresses further.

SOCCER & FAITH

SAO PAULO — Hours before Brazil's match Monday, several men set up on either side of enormous Avenida Paulista to pass out their booklets.

"Vitoria 2014," written in 13 languages, reminds everyone their Christian beliefs are not about football victories at all.

The pamphlet quoted Bible verses and referenced the Olympics in ancient Greece.

CATCHING ATTENTION

FORTALEZA, Brazil — On Brazil's waterfront, getting people's attention at the World Cup is hard work.

Fans visiting Fortaleza have to work their way past cotton candy sellers, nearly life-sized cut-out figures of soccer stars, inline skaters, outdoor projectors set up by evangelical Christian groups, even children's parties on rolling trains with dancers dressed as Spider-Men and Peppa Pig.

MEXICO

From 1C

saljko in the 58th minute, didn't score until it was too late, with Perisic sliding a shot past Ochoa after being set up by a neat backheel pass from Ivan Rakitic.

"It's a moot point whether we should have kept it nil-nil until the last 10 minutes and then go all out on the attack," Croatia coach Niko Kovac said. "We decided to attack earlier, but it wasn't successful."

It was the first goal Mexico has conceded in the World Cup, but "El Tri" hardly seemed to mind when the final whistle sounded and a lively, heavily Mexican crowd in Arena Pernambuco erupted.

Sergei Grits/Ap

Mexico's Andres Guardado scores his side's second goal during a Group A World Cup match against Croatia at the Arena Pernambuco in Recife, Brazil.

"Today we felt as if we were playing at home in Mexico," coach Miguel Herrera said.

Mexico appeared to be laboring through a downspell before this World Cup. It struggled just to qualify out of CONCACAF and fired three coaches in a year's time before Miguel Herrera took over and ultimately rescued Mexico's hopes by soundly beating New Zealand in a last-chance qualifier.

In the hours leading up to the match, Miguel Herrera, known as a coach of the people for the way he engages fans on social media and at times in public, implored the Mexico faithful to "stay together" and sing the national anthem "like never before."

Mexican fans, whose green jerseys distinguished them as the overwhelming majority in the crowd, did not disappoint, belting out a thunderous rendition.

WORLD CUP ROUNDUP

NETHERLANDS 2
CHILE 0

SAO PAULO — Leroy Fer scored a minute after coming on as a substitute to help give the Netherlands a 2-0 victory over Chile on Monday and top Group B at the World Cup with three consecutive wins.

Fer had only just replaced Wesley Sneijder when he rose almost unmarked in the Chile penalty area to put the Dutch ahead with a powerful 77th-minute header. Another substitute, Memphis Depay, then finished off a counterattack in injury time to double the lead.

Both teams had already advanced to the second round, but Chile's first loss of the tournament consigned it to second place in Group B.

The Dutch now travel to Fortaleza to play the Group A runner-up in the round of 16. Chile faces the Group A winner.

SPAIN 3
AUSTRALIA 0

CURITIBA, Brazil — Defending champion Spain salvaged some World Cup pride on Monday with a convincing 3-0 victory over Australia in its last match at the tournament.

After losing their previous matches in Group B to the Netherlands and Chile, both teams took to Arena da Baixada knowing they could not advance to the second round.

David Villa put Spain ahead in the 36th minute with his record 59th goal, guiding Juanfran Torres' pass into the net with the inside of his right foot.

Fernando Torres doubled the lead in the 69th as he steered the ball home following an incisive pass from Andres Iniesta.

Juan Mata added the third from close range in the 82nd after a pass from Cesc Fabregas.

WORLD CUP GLANCE

FIRST ROUND

GROUP A

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Brazil	2	0	1	7	2	7
x-Mexico	2	0	1	4	1	7
Croatia	1	2	0	6	6	3
Cameroon	0	3	0	1	9	0

x-advanced to second round

Thursday, June 12
At Sao Paulo
Brazil 3, Croatia 1

Friday, June 13
At Natal, Brazil
Mexico 1, Cameroon 0

Tuesday, June 17
At Fortaleza, Brazil
Brazil 0, Mexico 0

Wednesday, June 18
At Manaus, Brazil
Croatia 4, Cameroon 0

Monday, June 23
At Brasilia, Brazil
Brazil 4, Cameroon 1

At Recife, Brazil
Mexico 3, Croatia 1

GROUP B

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Netherlands	3	0	0	10	3	9
x-Chile	2	1	0	5	3	6
Spain	1	2	0	4	7	3
Australia	0	3	0	3	9	0

x-advanced to second round

Friday, June 13
At Salvador, Brazil
Netherlands 5, Spain 1

At Cuiaba, Brazil
Chile 3, Australia 1

Wednesday, June 18
At Porto Alegre, Brazil
Netherlands 3, Australia 2

At Rio de Janeiro
Chile 2, Spain 0

Monday
At Curitiba, Brazil
Spain 3, Australia 0

At Sao Paulo
Netherlands 2, Chile 0

GROUP C

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Colombia	2	0	0	5	1	6
Ivory Coast	1	1	0	3	3	3
Japan	0	1	1	1	2	1
Greece	0	1	1	0	3	1

x-advanced to second round

Saturday, June 14
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Colombia 3, Greece 0

At Recife, Brazil
Ivory Coast 2, Japan 1

Thursday, June 19
At Brasilia, Brazil
Colombia 2, Ivory Coast 1

At Natal, Brazil
Greece 0, Japan 0

Today
At Cuiaba, Brazil
Colombia vs. Japan, 3 p.m.

At Fortaleza, Brazil
Greece vs. Ivory Coast, 3 p.m.

GROUP D

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Costa Rica	2	0	0	4	1	6
Italy	1	1	0	2	2	3
Uruguay	1	1	0	3	4	3
England	0	2	0	2	4	0

x-advanced to second round

Saturday, June 14
At Fortaleza, Brazil
Costa Rica 3, Uruguay 1

At Manaus, Brazil
Italy 2, England 1

Thursday, June 19
At Sao Paulo
Uruguay 2, England 1

Friday, June 20
At Recife, Brazil
Costa Rica 1, Italy 0

Today
At Natal, Brazil
Uruguay vs. Italy, 11 a.m.

At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Costa Rica vs. England, 11 a.m.

GROUP E

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
France	2	0	0	8	2	6
Ecuador	1	1	0	3	3	3
Switzerland	1	1	0	4	6	3
Honduras	0	2	0	1	5	0

Sunday, June 15
At Brasilia, Brazil
Switzerland 2, Ecuador 1

At Porto Alegre, Brazil
France 3, Honduras 0

Friday, June 20
At Salvador, Brazil
France 5, Switzerland 2

At Curitiba, Brazil
Ecuador 2, Honduras 1

Wednesday

At Manaus, Brazil
Switzerland vs. Honduras, 3 p.m.

At Rio de Janeiro
Ecuador vs. France, 3 p.m.

GROUP F

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Argentina	2	0	0	3	1	6
Nigeria	1	0	1	1	0	4
Iran	0	1	1	0	1	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	0	2	0	1	3	0

x-advanced to second round

Sunday, June 15
At Rio de Janeiro
Argentina 2, Bosnia-Herzegovina 1

Monday, June 16
At Curitiba, Brazil
Iran 0, Nigeria 0

Saturday, June 21
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Argentina 1, Iran 0

At Cuiaba, Brazil
Nigeria 1, Bosnia-Herzegovina 0

Wednesday
At Porto Alegre, Brazil
Argentina vs. Nigeria, Noon

At Salvador, Brazil
Bosnia-Herzegovina vs. Iran, Noon

GROUP G

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	1	0	1	6	2	4
United States	1	0	1	4	3	4
Ghana	0	1	1	3	4	1
Portugal	0	1	1	2	6	1

Monday, June 16
At Salvador, Brazil
Germany 4, Portugal 0

At Natal, Brazil
United States 2, Ghana 1

Saturday, June 21
At Fortaleza, Brazil
Germany 2, Ghana 2

Sunday, June 22
At Manaus, Brazil
Portugal 2, United States 2

Thursday
At Recife, Brazil
Germany vs. United States, 11 a.m.

At Brasilia, Brazil
Portugal vs. Ghana, 11 c.m.

GROUP H

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-Belgium	2	0	0	3	1	6
Algeria	1	1	0	5	4	3
Russia	0	1	1	1	2	1
South Korea	0	1	1	3	5	1

x-advanced to second round

Tuesday, June 17
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Belgium 2, Algeria 1

At Cuiaba, Brazil
Russia 1, South Korea 1

Sunday, June 22
At Rio de Janeiro
Belgium 1, Russia 0

At Porto Alegre, Brazil
Algeria 4, South Korea 2

Thursday
At Sao Paulo
Belgium vs. South Korea, 3 p.m.

At Curitiba, Brazil
Algeria vs. Russia, 3 p.m.

SECOND ROUND

Saturday
Game 49
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Brazil vs. Chile, 11 a.m.

Game 50
At Rio de Janeiro
Group C winner vs. Group D second place, 3 p.m.

Sunday
Game 51
At Fortaleza, Brazil
Netherlands vs. Mexico, 11 a.m.

Game 52
At Recife, Brazil
Group D winner vs. Group C second place, 3 p.m.

Monday, June 30
Game 53
At Brasilia, Brazil
Group E winner vs. Group F second place, 11 a.m.

Game 54
At Porto Alegre, Brazil
Group G winner vs. Group H second place, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, July 1
Game 55
At Sao Paulo
Group F winner vs. Group E second place, 11 a.m.

Game 56
At Salvador, Brazil
Group H winner vs. Group G second place, 3 p.m.

WIMBLEDON

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Results
Monday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Purse: $42.5 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round

Tomas Berdych (8), Czech Republic, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.
Marinko Matosevic, Australia, def. Fernando Verdasco (18), Spain, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Gilles Simon, France, def. Konstantin Kravchuk, Russia, 6-2, 7-6 (4), 7-5.
Blaz Rola, Slovenia, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.
Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.
Ernests Gulbis (12), Latvia, def. Jurgen Zopp, Estonia, 7-6 (7), 7-5, 7-6 (10).
Mikhail Youzhny (17), Russia, def. James Ward, Britain, 6-2, 7-6 (2), 6-1.
Jimmy Wang, Taiwan, def. Alejandro Gonzalez, Colombia, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.
Andy Murray (3), Britain, def. David Goffin, Belgium, 6-1, 6-4, 7-5.
Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Filippo Volandri, Italy, 7-6 (1), 6-2, 6-4.
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Daniel Cox, Britain, 6-2, 7-6 (3), 6-7 (6), 6-3.
Bernard Tomic, Australia, def. Evgeny Donskoy, Russia, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.
Kevin Anderson (20), South Africa, def. Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.
Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. Andreas Seppi (25), Italy, 6-3, 2-6, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, def. Dustin Brown, Germany, 6-4, 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (4).
Grigor Dimitrov (11), Bulgaria, def. Ryan Harrison, United States, 7-6 (1), 6-3, 6-2.
Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Vasek Pospisil (31), Canada, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.
David Ferrer (7), Spain, def. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, 6-0, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-1.
Roberto Bautista Agut (27), Spain, def. Steve Johnson, United States, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 7-5.
Tim Puetz, Germany, def. Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.
Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.
Luke Saville, Australia, def. Dominic Thiem, Austria, 7-5, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
Andreas Haider-Maurer, Austria, def. Kyle Edmund, Britain, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, 6-0, 6-1, 6-4.
Marin Cilic (26), Croatia, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 6-4, 6-7 (2), 6-2, 6-1.
Jan Hernych, Czech Republic, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.
Alexandr Dolgopolov (21), Ukraine, def. Samuel Groth, Australia, 7-5, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (5).
Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, def. Daniel Evans, Britain, 6-1, 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (5).
Fabio Fognini (16), Italy, def. Alex Kuznetsov, United States, 2-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-1, 9-7.
Benjamin Becker, Germany, def. Donald Young, United States, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (14), France, leads Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 6-1, 3-6, 3-6, 6-2, 5-4, susp. rain.
Sam Querrey, United States, leads Bradley Klahn, United States, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-1, 6-5, susp. rain.

Women
First Round

Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Sam Stosur (17), Australia, 6-3, 6-4.
Peng Shuai, China, def. Johanna Konta, Britain, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
Maria Kirilenko, Russia, def. Sloane Stephens (18), United States, 6-2, 7-6 (8).
Ekaterina Makarova (22), Russia, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.
Elena Vesnina (32), Russia, def. Patricia Mayr-Achleitner, Austria, 6-0, 6-4.
Ana Konjuh, Croatia, def. Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.
Polona Hercog, Slovenia, def. Paula Ormaechea, Argentina, 6-4, 6-4.
Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Misaki Doi, Japan, def. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, 6-4, 6-1.
Victoria Azarenka (8), Belarus, def. Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, 6-3, 7-5.
Yvonne Meusburger, Austria, def. Venia King, United States, 7-5, 6-3.
Laurenn Davis, United States, def. Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, 6-1, 6-2.
Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 7-6 (2), 6-0.
Lucie Safarova (23), Czech Republic, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3).
Kurumi Nara, Japan, def. Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, 6-4, 6-4.
Li Na (2), China, def. Paula Kania, Poland, 7-5, 6-2.
Venus Williams (30), United States, def. Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor, Spain, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.
Mona Barthel, Germany, def. Romina Oprandi, Switzerland, 7-5, 6-0.
Naomi Broady, Britain, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, 2-6, 7-6 (7), 6-0.
Flavia Pennetta (12), Italy, def. Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-3.
Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, def. Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, 6-3, 7-6 (6).
Tereza Smitlova, Czech Republic, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-3.
Alison Van Uytvanck, Belgium, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, 6-4, 6-3.
Petra Kvitova (6), Czech Republic, def. Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-0.
Casey Dellacqua, Australia, def. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, def. Garbine Muguruza (27), Spain, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.
Dominika Cibulkova (10), Slovakia, def. Aleksandra Wozniak, Canada, 6-1, 6-2.
Caroline Wozniacki (16), Denmark, leads Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-3, 2-0 (30-30), susp. rain.
Sara Errani (14), Italy, vs. Caroline Garcia, France, 6-2, 6-7 (3), susp. rain.
Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, leads Varvara Lepchenko, United States, 7-6 (6), 0-2, susp. rain.
Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, leads Andreea Mitu, Romania, 4-2, susp. rain.
Michelle Larcher de Brito, Portugal, leads Svetlana Kuznetsova (28), Russia, 2-1 (15-30), susp. rain.

Show Court Schedules
Tuesday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Play begins on Centre Court and No. 1 Court 7 a.m.; all other courts at 5:30 a.m.

Centre Court

Julia Glushko, Israel, vs. Sabine Lisicki (19), Germany.
Martin Klizan, Slovakia, vs. Rafael Nadal (2), Spain.
Serena Williams (1), United States, vs. Anna Tatishvili, United States.

No. 1 Court

Jurgen Melzer, Austria, vs. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (14), France, comp. of susp. match.
Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, vs. Roger Federer (4), Switzerland.
Samantha Murray, Britain, vs. Maria Sharapova (5), Russia.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, vs. Eugenie Bouchard (13), Canada.

No. 2 Court

Stan Wawrinka (5), Switzerland, vs. Joao Sousa, Portugal.
Andreea Mitu, Romania, vs. Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, comp. of susp. match.
Milos Raonic (8), Canada, vs. Matthew Ebden, Australia.
Angelique Kerber (9), Germany, vs. Urszula Radwanska, Poland.
Kaia Kanepi, Estonia, vs. Jelena Jankovic (7), Serbia.

No. 3 Court

Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, vs. Michal Przysiezny, Poland.
Heather Watson, Britain, vs. Ajla Tomljanovic, Croatia.
Daniel Smethurst, Britain, vs. John Isner (9), United States.
Zhang Shuai, China, vs. Carla Suarez Navarro (15), Spain.

Hasek, Modano, Forsberg, Blake headed for Hall

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

LM Otero/AP

Former Dallas Star Mike Modano smiles as he answers reporters questions during a media availability Monday in Dallas. Modano, Dominik Hasek, Peter Forsberg and Rob Blake are headed into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Dominik Hasek, Mike Modano, Peter Forsberg and Rob Blake started playing hockey in four different countries as kids.

They will enter the Hockey Hall of Fame together.

"This tells me that our game is growing, our game is growing worldwide," John Davidson, chairman of the Hockey Hall of Fame selection committee, said Monday. "When we have a class like this coming into the hall, I think that says a lot about our game and how worldwide it is."

The four players will be inducted Nov. 17 in Toronto along with former referee Bill McCreary and the late Pat Burns, who will be enshrined posthumously as a coach in the builder category.

Hasek, who was known as "the Dominator," won the Vezina Trophy as the NHL's top goaltender six times, tying Bill Durnan's total and trailing Jacques Plante's record by one. He won two Hart Trophies as league MVP in 1997 and 1998 with the Buffalo Sabres, becoming the first to win the award from his position since Plante did it in 1962.

Hasek also helped the Czech Republic win gold at the 1998 Olympics — the first with NHL players — several years after he almost left the world's top league.

"I was thinking about going back to Europe because I was in the minors, playing for the Indianapolis Ice," Hasek recalled, referring to the Chicago Blackhawks' affiliate. "But I got a chance to play in 1992 and it was the best thing that could happen for me because in Buffalo, I got a chance to play."

The Sabres traded him to Detroit nearly a decade later and he helped the Detroit Red Wings host the Stanley Cup in 2002. Hasek becomes the seventh player from that team to be elected to the Hall of Fame as a player and it was led by Hall of Fame coach Scotty Bowman. Hasek was a backup in 2008 when Detroit won another championship.

Modano ended his career with his home-state Red Wings after leaving Michigan to play in Canada at the age of 15, a move that seemed to pay off. He finished with records for American-born players — 561 goals and 1,374 points — and helped the Dallas Stars win the Cup in 1999 against the Hasek-led Sabres. Modano was drafted No. 1 overall in 1988 by the Minnesota North Stars after playing juniors with the Prince Albert Raiders in the Western Hockey League.

"It was a tough decision to leave Detroit, to leave home," he recalled. "I thought Canada was the best place to go for competition."

Canada was home for Blake, who was born in Simcoe, Ontario. He helped his country win it all at the Olympics in 2002, earning a place in the Triple Gold Club that includes only players with a Cup, Olympic and world gold medals. Blake won an NHL title with the Colorado Avalanche in 2001 after winning one Norris Trophy as the league's top defenseman in 1998 while playing for the Los Angeles Kings.

Forsberg, a smooth-skating, slick-shooting Swede, is also in the Triple Gold Club. He won two championships in Colorado and helped Sweden win gold at the 2006 Olympics. Philadelphia drafted Forsberg with the No. 6 overall pick in 1991 and traded him to Quebec a year later in a trade for Eric Lindros, and he played one season for the Nordiques before the franchise moved to Colorado. He had a great career, but it was stunted by several injuries.

Burns, who coached the New Jersey Devils to the 2003 Stanley Cup title, died of cancer at 58 in 2010. The police officer-turned-hockey coach won the Adams Trophy as the NHL's top coach with three teams: Toronto, Montreal and Boston.

"It's a very emotional day for the Burns family, I can tell you that, and I think it's a great day," said his wife, Lynn.

McCreary was an official for nearly 2,000 games, including 282 playoff games, from 1984 until he worked his last game on April 2, 2011. He also was an official in the 1998 and 2002 Olympic finals.

Brendan Shanahan, Chris Chelios, Scott Niedermayer, Geraldine Heaney and the late Fred Shero were inducted last year. Among eligible players who have not been picked for induction are Lindros, the 1995 NHL MVP and six-time All-Star, and Mark Recchi, a seven-time All-Star who won three Cups with three teams.

WIMBLEDON

From 1C

"Everybody's seen how she can play on grass," said Williams' hitting partner, David Witt. "Every time on the court, you're not going to play your best, but the key is that she pulled through it today. Here at Wimbledon, just being here, I think she feels comfortable, and it's her time to shine."

After a fourth-round exit at Wimbledon in 2011, Williams lost her opening match — which happened to come on Court 2 — in 2012. She then missed the tournament for the first time as a professional in 2013, citing a back injury.

"For me, it was best not to come because I couldn't really serve. You can't really play tennis if you can't really serve," she said, thinking back to a year ago. "It was in my best interest not to come here. It was pretty clear that I needed to stay home."

But on Monday, she smacked serves at up to 113 mph (182 kph) — not as fast as she would clock at the height of her powers, but effective enough for 11 aces. That was part of an overall 41-21 edge in winners against Torro-Flor.

Next up for Williams is 41st-ranked Kurumi Nara of Japan, who owns a total of two career Wimbledon match wins. Williams has 72, two behind Steffi Graf for third-most in the Open era.

All of that success can help now.

"It is muscle memory. If she can get past the first few rounds, that's when she'll start feeling comfortable. Second round, you expect to play better," Witt said. "And third round, that's when she can start to be dangerous."

During an on-court interview Monday, Williams confirmed she will play doubles at Wimbledon with younger sister Serena, who also has five singles titles at the All England Club. They've teamed to win five doubles championships at Wimbledon, too.

"I'd love to add to the totals," Venus said. "You've got to stay hungry."

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To fax your information, send to 570-7850.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players
For: Ages 5 & up
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0098 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 689-6080

Statisticians for RockHounds games needed
What: A major baseball statistics company is looking for scorekeepers for RockHounds game this season.
For more info: Email mlb.scorers@yahoo.com

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Chaps Basketball Camps
When: For grades Kindergarten-8th grade, 10 a.m.-noon, July 7-10; Offensive skills camp for grades Kindergarten-12th grade, 10 a.m.-noon, July 28-31
Cost: $150 per camper each week
For more info: Contact Jordan Dreiling at 685-4577, jdreiling@midland.edu or go to www.midland.edu/chapsbasketballcamp

Lady Chaps Varsity Team Camp
When: July 14-18
For more info: Go to ww.midland.edu/varsityteamcamp

Lady Chaps Basketball Camps
When: July 17-19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., FUNdamentals Camp; Shooting Camp, 4-6 p.m.
For: Grades 3-12, FUNdamentals Camp; Shooting Camp for grades 7-12
Cost: $60
For more info: Call coach Ron Jones at 685-4581 or rjones@midland.edu or Ginger Gadlf at 685-6469 or ggadlf@midland.edu; Also go to www.midland.edu/ladychapsbasketballcamp

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade; community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245 Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free. YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Midland College girls basketball camps
Where: Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Session I: Fundamental Camp
When: July 17-19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
For: Grades 3-12
Session II: Shooting Camp
When: July 17-19, 4-6 p.m.
Cost: $60 (includes camp T-shirt)
For more info or to register: Go to www.gochaps.com/women_s basketball/girls basketball_camps.php

2014 MHS Strength and Conditioning Camp
When: Monday, June 9-Thursday, July 17 (Note: June 30-July 4 is a vacation week)
Cost: $75 for 5 weeks of workouts and instruction
Times: 9th-12th grades, 6-9:30 a.m.; 7th-8th grades, 10-11:30 a.m.
For more info: Contact Craig Yenzer at 689-1195 or 689-1193

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Almos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatix.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrill Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orrom at 631-2395

2014 Building Football Camp
When: July 28-31
Times: 4th-6th grades, 8-10 am.; 7th-8th grades, 9-11 a.m.; 9th grade, 10 a.m-Noon; Registration is 30 minutes prior to first day's camp
Where: Memorial Stadium
For: Incoming 4th through 9th graders
Cost: $40
For more info: Contact Craig Yenzer at 689-1195 or 689-1193

Golf

Hogan Park Junior Golf Summer Program
When: Session I: June 16-20; Session II: July 7-11; Session III: July 21-25
For: Boys and girls ages 9-17
Times: Check in: 9:30 a.m. first Monday. Clinic 10-11 a.m.
Cost: $100 per session
For more info: Call Hogan Park Golf Shop at 685-7360 or pro@hoganparkgolf.com

Hogan Park Pee Wee
When: Session I: June 16-18; Session II: July 7-9; Session III: July 21-23
For: Boys and girls ages 4-8
Times: Check in: 8 a.m. first Monday. Clinic goes form 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Cost: $70 per session
For more info: Contact Hogan Park Golf Shop at 685-7360 or pro@hoganparkgolf.com

Big Spring Country Club Parent-Child Format: 2-person scramble
When: 9 a.m. July 26; 1 p.m. July 27
Entry fee: $100 per team in the Open Division and $50 in the Trophy Division plus golf cart (private carts are welcome)
For more info or to sign up call: 432-267-5354

Hockey

Jackalopes Amateur Hockey Association
Where: MCM Ice Rink, Odessa
Hockey 101/Skills & Drills
When: Tuesday nights through July 29
Cost: $15
For: 13-under, 7-8 p.m.; 14-and-up, 8-9 p.m.
Power Skating
When: Saturdays through July 26th
Cost: $15
For: 13-under, 9-10:15 a.m.; 14-under, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
Penalty Box Camp
When: Aug. 4-8
When: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-Noon
For more info: Call Donnie Margette at 661-3453

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-9472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic/athletic scholarships
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at 241-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free-$1 play Texas Hold'em. Player tournaments
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up
When/where: 7 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at The Detour. Players must be signed in by 6:45 p.m. each night
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokerleague.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday, 2-4 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down, $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred 770-7061 or Sam 349-3055

Rugby

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7747

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-6088

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month; first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Third Sunday from 1 p.m. Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m. Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Claays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available: at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 521-4100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyoflastpitch@gmail.com

USA Softball Jr. Men's National Fastpitch Team looking for players
For: Boys players born between 1997 and 1998
Note: No softball experience is needed
For more info: Tim Lyon, USA Jr. Men's National Team coach, 801-244-7477 or Dave Parker, West Texas Mens Fastpitch Association, 634-6474 or wyoflastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards in freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month includes cardio training
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team; tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faber 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faber 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faber 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 10-adult
For more information: Call Leaf Faber 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Youth Clinics
What: Tennis clinics for beginners to advanced players ranging from preschoolers to high school seniors. Ages 3-5: balloon tennis; ages 6-8: Quick Start red ball; ages 9-10: Quick Start orange and green ball; ages 11-18: junior development all levels of adult programs
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtennischampions.com and click on Programs & Events, or call 620-8186

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4505 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.; and 9-15 years of age: Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-4340

Midland Tennis Club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: Adults $65; youth $30; families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

MTC Tennis Tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
When: July 12-13; Aug. 9-10; Aug. 23-24; Sept. 20-21; Oct. 11; Nov. 8-9
For more info: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Track & Field

Midland Crusaders Track Club Summer Program
When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays, May 19-Aug. 2
Where: Lee High School Track, 3500 Neely
For: Boys and girls ages 7-19 years old
For more info: Contact Tony Goyang at 694-2424 or 349-1125

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

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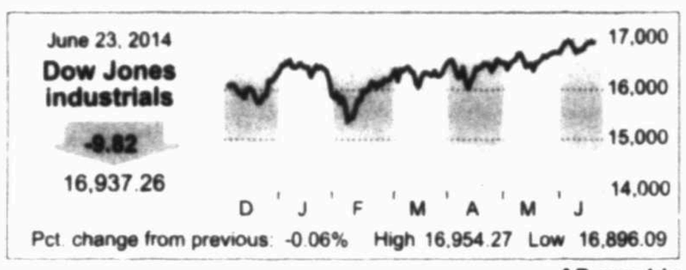
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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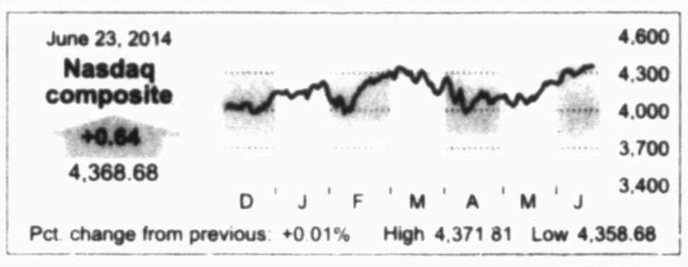

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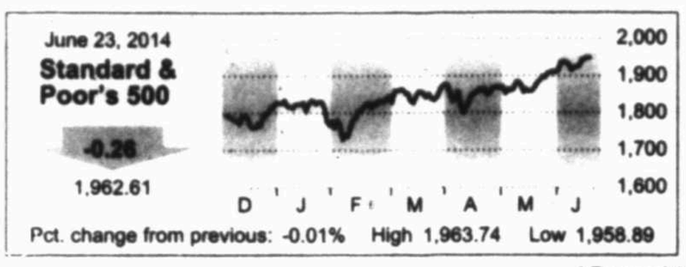

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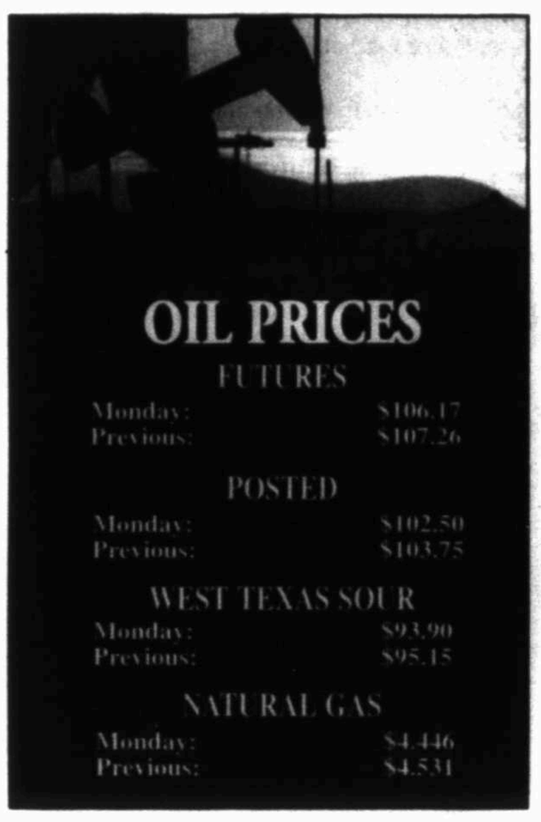

AP file photo

In this April 21, 2005 file photo, a model poses by a Honda's CR-V at Auto Shanghai 2005 exhibition in Shanghai, China. Honda, Mazda and Nissan are recalling millions of vehicles globally for defective air bags manufactured by supplier Takata Corp. that could possibly explode. No accidents have been reported related to recalls Monday.

Automakers impacted in air bag recall

Associated Press

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Monday that automakers who use air bags made by Japanese supplier Takata will recall vehicles sold in states with hot, humid weather. Automakers will repair the vehicles for free, and in most cases replace both the driver's side and passenger side air bag inflators, which can rupture. All of the automakers except Honda are limiting the recalls to Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, on the advice of Takata.

The following automakers and vehicles will be included in the recall, according to letters sent to NHTSA by the various automakers:

BMW: BMW 2001-2005 3 Series sedan, 2001-2006 3 Series coupe, 2001-2005 3 Series sports wagon and 2001-2006 3 Series convertible. BMW says it has not yet determined how many vehicles are affected. It will begin notifying owners in August.

CHRYSLER: Chrysler is still determining which vehicles are affected.

FORD: Ford expects to recall 58,669 vehicles, including the 2005-2007 Mustang, 2005-2007 GT and 2004 Ranger pickup truck. Ford said it is still working on a schedule to notify owners.

HONDA: Honda will recall vehicles in Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands as well as Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas. The company hasn't yet determined the number of vehicles but believes it is more than 1 million. Honda will replace the driver's side air bag inflator in the 2001-2007 Accord (four-cylinder engine), 2001-2002 Accord (V6), 2001-2005 Civic, 2002-2006 CR-V, 2003-2011 Element, 2002-2004 Odyssey, 2002-2007 Pilot, 2006 Ridgeline, 2003-2006 Acura MDX and 2002-2003 Acura TL/CL. The company will replace passenger side air bag inflators in the 2003-2005 Accord, Civic, CR-V, Element, Odyssey, Pilot; the 2003-2005 Acura MDX and the 2005 Acura RL.

MAZDA: Mazda expects to recall 34,600 vehicles, including the 2003-2007 Mazda6, 2004-2008 RX-8, 2006-2007 Mazdaspeed6 and 2004 MPV. Mazda is still working on a schedule to notify owners.

NISSAN: Nissan said it is still determining which vehicles are affected.

TOYOTA: Toyota has twice recalled vehicles for problems with Takata air bags. The company says it will recall certain 2003-2005 Corolla, Matrix, Sequoia, Tundra, Lexus LC and Pontiac Vibe cars not covered in the previous recalls, to repair their passenger-side air bag inflators. It has not yet set a schedule for notifying owners.

Source: NHTSA

Oil falls

The price of oil fell Monday as traders waited to see if an insurgency in Iraq would affect the country's oil production and exports.

In a blitz through Iraq's western desert over the weekend, insurgents captured four towns and three border crossings on the country's frontiers with Jordan and Syria, greatly expanding territory under their control in the country's north. The bulk of Iraq's oil production and export operations are in the south.

Benchmark U.S. crude for August delivery dropped 66 cents to $106.17 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 69 cents to $114.12 a barrel in London.

In other energy futures trading on the Nymex:

- Wholesale gasoline slipped 2 cents to $3.11 a gallon.
- Natural gas dropped 9 cents to $4.45 per 1,000 cubic feet.
- Heating oil fell 2 cents to $3.03 a gallon.

Gold rises

Gold for August rose $1.80 to $1,318.40 an ounce, and silver for July slipped 3 cents to $20.92 an ounce.

Platinum for July dropped 70 cents to $1,456.60 an ounce, while palladium for September rose 45 cents to $822.65 an ounce.

Copper for July delivery rose 3 cents to settle at $3.15 a pound.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	574979	15.64	-.19
S&P500ETF	531398	195.88	.06
AMD	491486	4.01	.09
GenElec	308781	26.68	.29
MktVGold	272668	26.27	-.45

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MS CrOld31	69.52	+23.92	+52.5
NordAOff n	18.76	+2.21	+13.4
IntegrysE	68.35	+7.40	+12.1
Voxeljet n	17.50	+1.66	+10.5
ThomCrk g	2.94	+.26	+9.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Mentor	12.68	-1.91	-13.1
DmRsBW	5.70	-.63	-10.0
AltisResid	25.96	-2.55	-8.9
CSVLgNGs	23.49	-1.68	-6.7
OksilvRes	2.76	-.19	-6.4

Diary

Advanced	1,513
Declined	1,569
Unchanged	141
Total issues	3,223
New Highs	257
New Lows	18
Volume	2,666,621,423

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
VantageDrl	62200	1.96	-.03
Globalstar	57216	4.20	-.11
AlldNevG	34535	3.73	.04
Augusta g	27053	3.16	-.18
NwGold g	23754	6.56	-.11

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AgileTher n	10.33	+2.68	+35.0
Trnsgno rs	3.89	+.79	+25.5
NwstBkc wt	4.70	+.75	+19.0
OhrPharm	11.40	+1.65	+16.9
Burcon g	3.83	+.54	+16.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AltsrcAst	819.90	-279.12	-25.4
ActiniumP	8.84	-.99	-10.1
Pedevco rs	2.27	-.17	-7.0
Versar	3.38	-.21	-5.9
InspireMD	3.09	-.16	-4.9

Diary

Advanced	209
Declined	191
Unchanged	31
Total issues	431
New Highs	14
New Lows	1
Volume	11,055,323

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	439664	31.26	-.59
Apple Inc s	427317	90.83	.08
BlackBerry	362750	10.12	-.31
Facebook	341553	65.37	-.87
SiriusXM	270108	3.43	-.04

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Trnsgno rs	3.89	+.79	+25.5
NwstBkc wt	4.70	+.75	+19.0
OhrPharm	11.40	+1.65	+16.9
Burcon g	3.83	+.54	+16.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Interphase	4.97	-.82	-14.2
CalluaBio	13.19	-2.06	-13.5
MerusLb g	2.29	-.30	-11.6
MecoLane	4.29	-.55	-11.4
AgosPh n	44.02	-5.48	-11.1

Diary

Advanced	1,146
Declined	1,497
Unchanged	134
Total issues	2,777
New Highs	107
New Lows	22
Volume	1,663,643,093

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $134.57 Down 2.09

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $143.20 Down 0.06

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $30.00 Down 0.08

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $91.41 Up 1.62

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $31.40 Up 0.53

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $9.73 Down 0.32

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $32.82 Down 0.43

Parsley Energy (PE)
Closing Price $22.69 Down 0.54

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $32.88 Up 0.84

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $17.41 Down 0.52

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.39		+.7
Abraxas	...	45	5.91	+.33	+81.2
Achillion			7.77	.36	+134.1
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.74	-.04	+5.1
AMD		80	4.01	.09	+3.6
AlcatelLuc	18e		3.66	-.09	-16.8
AlonUSA	24		14.46	.34	-12.6
AmAirl n			44.36	.19	+75.7
AmApparel			.67	.02	-45.4
ARltCapPr	1.00		12.55	-.04	-2.3
Amgen	**2.44**	**19**	**119.13**	**-1.84**	**+4.4**
Anadarko	**1.08f**	...	**111.10**	**-.45**	**+40.1**
Apache	**1.00**	**24**	**101.60**	**+.91**	**+18.2**
Apple Inc s	1.88f	15	90.83	.08	+13.3
ApldMatl	**.40**	**32**	**22.90**	**+.15**	**+29.5**
ATMOS	**1.48**	**19**	**52.44**	**-.23**	**+15.5**
AutoData	1.92	26	79.22	-.23	-2.0
BP PLC	**2.28**	**8**	**53.07**	**+.29**	**+9.2**
BabsCCInv	1.20		15.20	-.06	+1.8
BakrHu	.68f	27	73.69	-.94	+33.4
BkofAm	.04	21	15.64	+.19	+.4
B iPVix rs			28.83	-.73	-32.2
BasicEnSv			27.66	-.10	+75.3
BerkHa A	...	**161890**	**00-600.00**		**+6.7**
BlkHillsCp	**1.56**	**25**	**60.07**	**-.21**	**+14.4**
BlackBerry			10.12	+.31	+36.0
BrMySq	**1.44**	**28**	**48.00**	**+.21**	**-0.7**
BrownFA	**1.16**	**34**	**93.50**	**-1.67**	**+26.7**
BrownFB	**1.16**	**31**	**96.34**	**-1.07**	**+26.2**
CVS Care	1.10	19	76.32	-.47	+6.6
Cameron		24	67.75	+.15	+13.8
Caterpillar	2.80f	19	108.78	-.60	+19.8
Celestic g	...	19	12.79	+.26	+23.0
CntryLink	2.16	...	36.73	+.03	+15.3
ChesEng	.35	26	31.30	+.41	+15.3
Chevron	**4.28f**	**13**	**132.98**	**+.84**	**+6.5**
Chicos	.30	22	16.40	-.03	-13.0
Cimarex	.64	27	142.10	+.79	+35.4
Cisco	.76	17	24.70	-.13	+11.0
Citigroup	.04	11	48.06	+.72	-7.8
ClayEng	**...**	**59**	**134.57**	**-2.09**	**+64.2**
Coach	1.35	10	34.02	-.71	-39.4
CocaCola	**1.22f**	**22**	**41.73**	**+.04**	**+1.0**
ColgPalm	**1.44**	**29**	**67.83**	**-.55**	**+4.0**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**15**	**28.83**	**+.02**	**-14.5**
ConchoRes	...	**48**	**143.20**	**-.06**	**+32.6**
ConocoPhil	**2.76**	**14**	**86.10**	**+.74**	**+21.9**
ContinhC			.40	+.06	-77.7
CrackerB	4.00f	19	99.31	+.18	-9.8
CSVInvNG			3.06	+.21	-65.4
CrosTim	**2.71e**	**13**	**34.63**	**-.58**	**+17.8**
DCP Mid	2.98f	42	57.24	+1.01	+13.7
DTE	2.76f	18	77.47	-.16	+16.7
Dataram h			2.66	-.01	+2.3
Dawson	**.32**	**43**	**30.00**	**-.08**	**-11.3**
DeltaAir	.36f	3	39.07	-.50	+42.2
DevonE	**.96**	**19**	**78.87**	**-.08**	**+27.5**
DnkSCBear			14.30	+.10	-15.7
Disney	**.86f**	**21**	**82.76**	**-.06**	**+8.3**
DowChm	**1.48**	**14**	**52.89**	**+.42**	**+19.1**
eBay			49.39	+.05	-10.0
EMC Cp	.46f	21	26.38	+.04	+4.9
EOG Res s	**.50**	**27**	**117.41**	**-.57**	**+39.9**
EmpDist	**1.02**	**15**	**24.93**	**-.29**	**+9.9**
Energen	.60	38	90.07	-.01	+27.3
EngyTsfr	3.74f		57.13	+.33	-.2
EnPro	**...**	**68**	**74.59**	**-.42**	**+29.4**
EntPrPt	2.84f	27	76.28	+.87	+15.1
Ericsson	.46e		12.49	+.18	+2.0
ExternanH	**.60**	**29**	**45.22**	**+.39**	**+32.2**
ExxonMbl	**2.76f**	**11**	**104.38**	**+.55**	**+3.1**
Facebook		86	65.37	+.87	+19.6
FordM	.50	11	16.88	+.21	+9.4
ForestOil	...	19	2.31	+.01	-36.0
FMCG	1.25a	13	36.04	+1.18	-4.5
GATX	**1.32**	**17**	**64.96**	**-.21**	**+24.5**
GabMultT	**.88**	**...**	**9.90**	**+.02**	**-20.2**
GAInv	**2.10e**	**...**	**36.87**	**-.11**	**+4.7**
GenElec	**.88**	**20**	**26.68**	**-.29**	**-4.8**
GenMotors	1.20	19	36.67	+.45	-10.3
GlPlainEn	**.92**	**16**	**25.96**	**-.13**	**+7.1**
Groupon	...	...	6.49	+.34	-44.8
HalconRes	...	...	6.98	-.01	+60.8
Halliburtn	**.60**	**24**	**70.37**	**+.13**	**+38.7**
HercOffsh	...	...	4.05	-.31	-37.9
iShBrazil	1.44e	...	49.50	-.06	+10.8
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.09	-.10	-.4
iShChinaLC	1.02e	...	37.36	-.47	-2.6
iShEMkts	.86e		43.47	-.09	+4.0
iS Eafe	1.70e		70.36	-.19	+4.9
iShR2K	1.45e		118.02	-.23	+2.3
IntegrysE	2.72	21	68.35	+7.40	+25.6
Intel	**.90**	**16**	**30.23**	**+.03**	**+16.5**
InterDig	.80f	41	47.07	-.46	+59.6
ItauUnibH	.51r		14.96	+.03	+21.4
JPMorgCh	1.60f	15	58.19	+.64	+.2
JohnJn	**2.80f**	**20**	**104.75**	**-.52**	**+14.4**
KimbClk	**3.36**	**20**	**111.91**	**-.75**	**+7.1**
KindME	5.52f	30	80.88	+.63	+.3
KindMM	5.52f	49	77.10	+.61	+1.9
LegacyRes	2.38f		31.40	+.53	+11.5
LuBys	...	...	**5.04**	**+.04**	**-34.7**
MktVGold	.19e		26.27	+.45	+24.3
McDnlds	3.24	18	101.91	-.01	+5.0
Medtrnic	1.22f	21	64.14	+.28	+11.8
Merck	1.76	39	58.50	-.42	+16.9
MeritMed	...	**32**	**14.14**	**-.16**	**-10.2**
MexcoEn		97	9.73	-.32	+41.0
MicronT		13	31.26	-.59	+43.7
MicrosSys		31	67.98	+2.21	+18.5
Microsoft	1.12	16	41.99	+.31	+12.2
Nabors	.16	60	28.00	-.48	+64.8
NatGrid	**3.48e**	**...**	**74.35**	**+.35**	**+13.8**
NOilVarco	1.84f	14	80.37	+.79	+12.1
NokiaCp	.51e		7.89	+.14	-2.7
NvMAd	**.50e**	**...**	**13.38**	**+.03**	**+10.0**
NvPMI	**.86**	**...**	**13.51**	**+.06**	**+9.2**
NuvPI	**.86**	**...**	**13.50**	**+.03**	**+9.5**
NSTFtl	**.63e**	**...**	**13.94**	**+.05**	**+9.0**
NTXQI	**.70e**	**...**	**14.32**	**+.02**	**+11.4**
Nvidia	.34	22	18.71	-.22	+16.8
OcciPet	**2.88**	**14**	**105.19**	**+1.19**	**+10.6**
Oracle	.48	17	41.10	+.28	+7.4
PLX Tch	...	34	6.48	+.54	-1.5
Pandora	...	...	28.20	+.95	+6.0
ParTech	**...**	**...**	**4.12**	**...**	**-24.4**
ParkDrl	**...**	**25**	**5.88**	**-.09**	**-15.4**
ParkerVsn	...	...	1.85	-3.16	-59.3
PattUTI	**.40**	**30**	**34.88**	**-.33**	**+36.8**
Penney	...	...	8.69	-.31	-5.0
PennaRE	**.80**	**...**	**18.27**	**-.17**	**-3.7**
Prmian	1.06e	15	14.79	+.03	+15.0
Petrobras	.46e	...	15.63	-.13	+13.4
Pfizer	**1.04**	**16**	**29.45**	**-.33**	**-3.9**
PioNtrl	.06		232.77	+.47	+26.5
PlainsAAP	**2.52t**	**25**	**58.54**	**+.48**	**+13.1**
PlugPower h			4.80		+209.7
PwShs QQQ	1.30e		92.79	+.02	+5.5
Praxair	**2.60**	**22**	**131.86**	**-.25**	**+1.4**
PrmEgy	**...**	**15**	**60.00**	**-3.68**	**+18.8**
ProctGam	**2.57f**	**21**	**79.52**	**-.41**	**-2.3**
RangeRs	.16	64	88.02	+.06	+4.4
RegionsFn	.20f	14	10.71	-.06	+8.3
RiteAid		42	7.08	-.06	+39.9
Rowan	.40	17	32.55	-.10	-7.9
RoyDShllA	3.76f	11	82.75	+.40	+16.1
SpdrDJIA	3.58e		168.91	-.17	+2.1
S&P500ETF	3.58e		195.88	-.06	+6.1
SabnR	4.11e	16	62.40	-.62	+23.4
SanderFm	**.80**	**11**	**93.41**	**-3.25**	**+28.1**
SandRidge	**...**	**...**	**7.26**	**-.08**	**+19.8**
Sapient	**...**	**28**	**16.63**	**-.06**	**-4.2**
Schlmbrg	1.60	20	108.90	+.07	+20.9
SigmaAld	**.92**	**25**	**101.71**	**+.55**	**+8.2**
SiriusXM	...	57	3.43	+.04	-1.9
Smucker	2.32	20	106.71	+.25	+3.0
SPDR Fncl	.35e	...	22.88	+.05	+4.7
SP Util	1.47e	...	43.32	-.15	+14.1
SunEdison		...	22.21	-.17	+70.2
SunocoL s	1.39f	33	46.01	+.16	+21.9
TelefEsp	**.47e**	**...**	**17.37**	**-.03**	**+6.3**
Tesoro	1.00	19	62.19	+.74	+6.3
3M Co	3.42	21	144.09	-1.07	+2.7
Torchmark	**.76f**	**14**	**62.22**	**-.06**	**+5.2**
TrContl	**.59e**	**...**	**20.92**	**-.04**	**+4.7**
21stCFoxA	.25	21	34.34	-.20	-2.4
Twitter n	...	...	39.52	+.28	-37.9
TylerTech	**...**	**74**	**80.70**	**+.80**	**-12.2**
UBWV	**1.28**	**18**	**31.88**	**-.48**	**+1.4**
US Bancrp	.98f	15	43.82	+.06	+8.5
Vale SA	.84e	...	13.16	+.30	-13.7
ValeroE	1.00	10	57.31	-.05	+13.7
VangEmg	1.20e	...	43.41	-.20	+5.5
VerizonCm	2.12	11	49.73	+.34	+1.2
VulcanM	**.20**	**60**	**85.00**	**-.34**	**+8.4**
Walgrn	**1.26**	**26**	**73.73**	**-.81**	**+28.4**
WellsFargo	1.40f	13	52.98	+.09	+16.7
WstnRefin	1.04	18	41.72	...	-1.6
WhitingPet	...	18	81.67	+.15	+32.0
WmsCos	1.70f	71	58.86	+1.20	+52.6
XcelEngy	**1.20**	**16**	**31.44**	**-.15**	**+12.5**
Xerox	**.25**	**13**	**12.82**	**+.17**	**+2.9**
Yahoo	...	28	33.64	-.41	-16.8
Zynga h	...	...	3.12	+.08	-17.9

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
16,978.02	14,551.27	Dow Jones Industrials	16,937.26	-9.82	-.06	+2.18	+15.54
8,256.79	5,952.18	Dow Jones Transportation	8,162.31	-42.80	-.52	+10.29	+36.25
570.70	462.86	Dow Jones Utilities	565.44	-1.02	-.18	+15.26	+20.08
11,334.65	8,814.76	NYSE Composite	11,014.08	-4.03	-.04	+5.90	+23.86
2,822.90	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,759.02	-21.71	-.77	+18.37	+27.09
4,372.18	3,294.95	Nasdaq Composite	4,368.68	+.64	+.01	+4.60	+31.56
1,963.91	1,560.33	S&P 500	1,962.61	-.26	-.01	+6.18	+24.76
20,838.74	16,442.14	Wilshire 5000	20,837.52	+2.76	+.01	+5.74	+25.82
1,212.82	942.79	Russell 2000	1,184.95	-3.48	-.29	+1.83	+24.59

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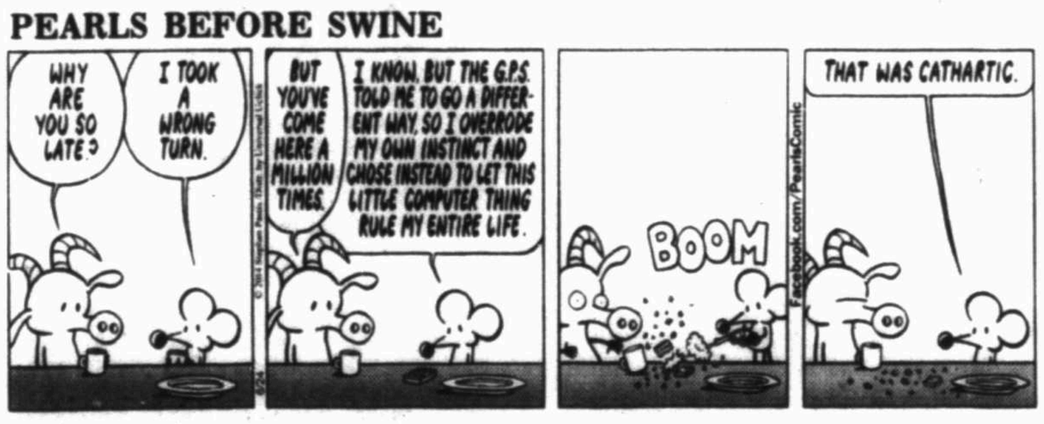

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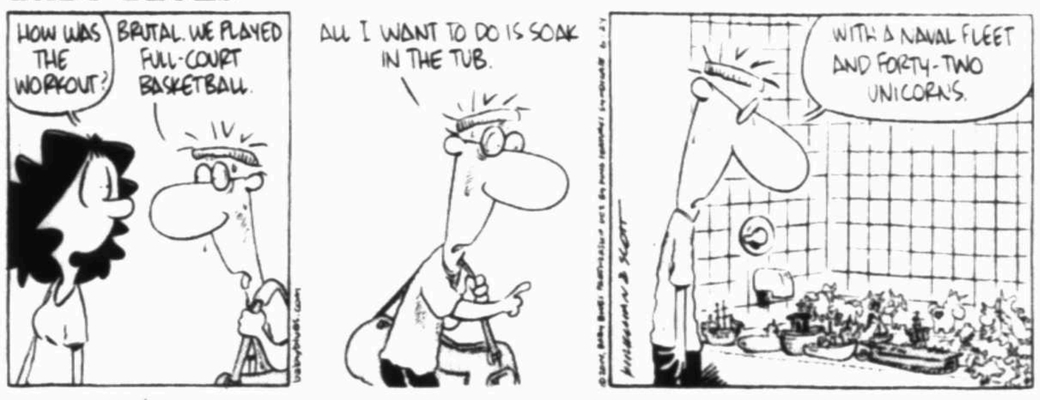

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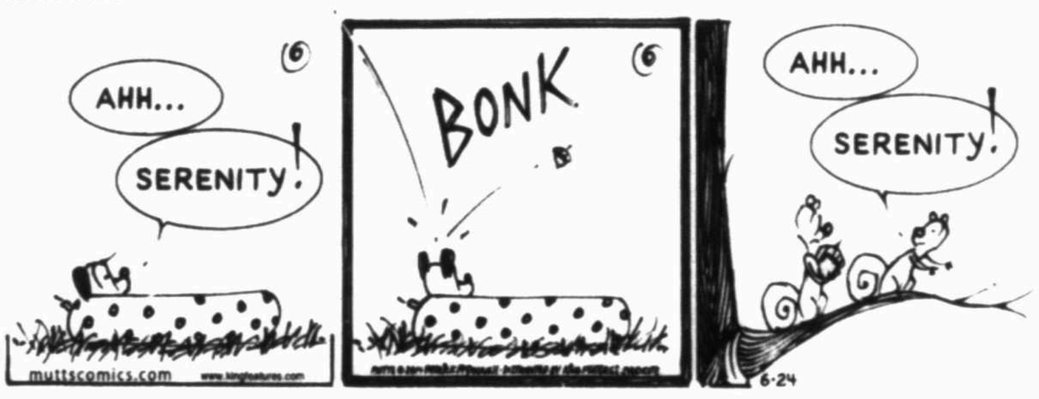

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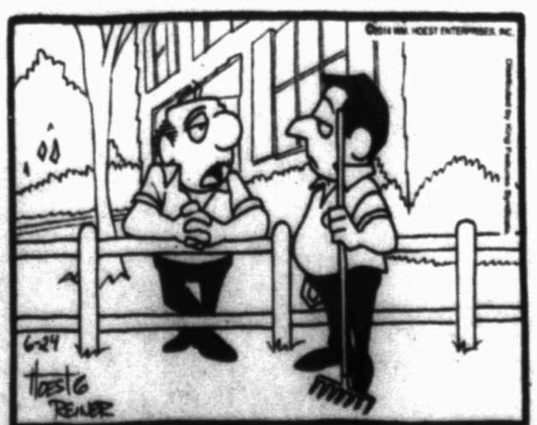

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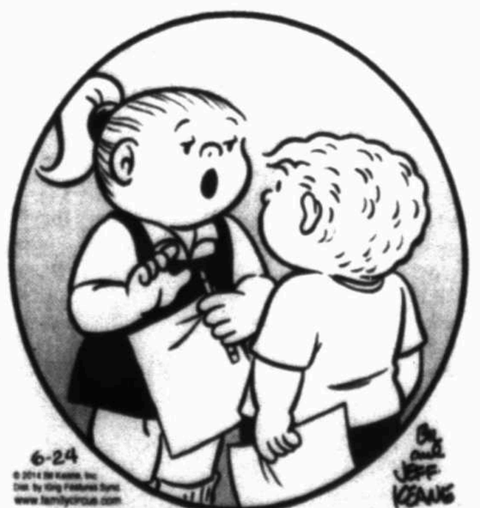

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Brent A. Morgan**
Attorney at Law
1902 WEST ILLINOIS
MIDLAND, TX 79701

DATED the 23rd day of June, 2014.

/s/ Brent A. Morgan
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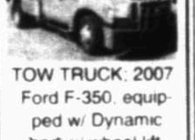

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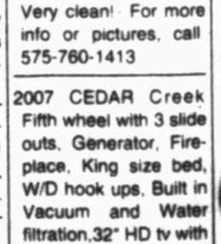
2001 NEWMAR Dutch Star. Class A Diesel Motorhome. $54,500 OBO. M-3883. 38.5 long, FRL Cha, 300 HP Cat, camera, 87K miles.



2007 Chevy Sil 2500 HD Diesel Duramax. $24,500 OBO. 39K miles. Automatic, clean title, 4D, 2WD. Very clean! For more info or pictures, call 575-760-1413

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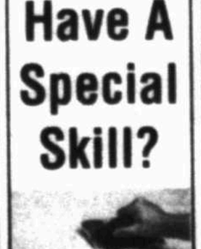

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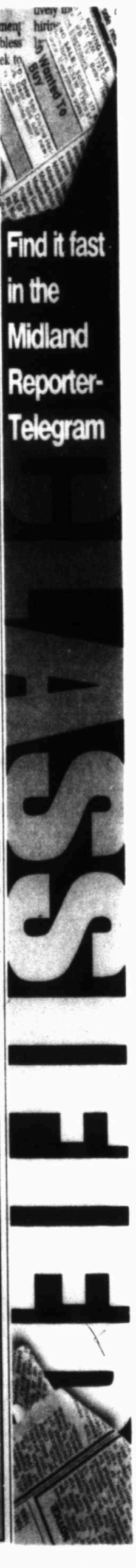

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The Hillander School
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has an opening for an experienced Electrician. Competitive pay based on experience, plus benefits. Must have valid Drivers License & pass pre-employment drug screen. May apply in person at 95 W 2nd Street, Big Lake, TX or Send resumes to: PO Box 444, Big Lake, Tx 76932.

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 lifting 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@thearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

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

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting 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.

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Grease Unit Operator

Two years in the pressure control or wireline industries is a plus. Must be away from home multiple days at a time. Must have valid driver's license and CDL Permit required. Class A preferred. We offer $2,500 to $4,000 per month, eligible for discretionary job bonuses of up to $450 per day, competitive health benefits, paid time off and tuition reimbursement. Qualified applicants please send your resume or apply to **emily.lyon@quadtwocapital.com** or call **Emily Lyon at 918-392-9278**

LAND CLERK POSITION

West Texas Gas, Inc. has an opening for LAND CLERK. Clerical and computer skills required; Land records and research skills helpful. Salary DOE, paid vacation, medical insurance, and 401k. E-mail resume to employment@westtexasgas.com or mail to 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701.

Oilfield Positions

Oilfield Supply Store FT
Midland, TX

Hiring all position. Outside/Inside Sales, Hose Tech. Shop hands, Drivers. send resumes to cbelcourt@relianceindustrial.com

REGIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGER-PERMIAN BASIN

Frontier Energy Services, LLC, a Tulsa-based full service midstream company is looking for a highly-skilled Regional Operations Manager for its crude oil gathering, storage and transportation operations in the Permian Basin.

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE:
10 years of relevant experience with crude oil systems, including a minimum of 5 years of hands-on Supervisory/ Management experience.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS POSITION INCLUDE:
Seeking a candidate with strong verbal communication skills. This position will require extensive knowledge of all aspects of crude oil operations including: safety, operations, maintenance, regulatory, customer relations and more. Applicant will need to be a self starter and be able to actively participate during the engineering, procurement and construction portion of the project, lead the startup team and transition to manage the ongoing field operation. Will participate in the hiring of the initial key staff, then review and approve ongoing personnel requirements.

BENEFITS FOR THIS POSITION INCLUDE:
The company offers an excellent benefits, compensation and bonus package. Benefit package includes vacation, medical, dental, vision, life, 401(k) and a company assigned vehicle. This position will be based in Carlsbad, NM and will report directly to the VP of Operations in the Corporate Office located in Tulsa, OK.

If you feel you possess the necessary qualifications, please send your resume to:

hr@frontierenergyllc.com

Or Fax to HR Department at (918) 388-8437

www.frontierenergyllc.com

SAFETY MANAGER

WTG Gas Processing has a position open for a Safety Manager having 5-7 years' experience in gas processing industry safety and/or Fleet management systems for DOT Hwy. Regulations. Should be familiar with HSE standards and regulations for general industry and transportation. Mail resume to HS&E Dept., 211 North Colorado, Midland, TX 79701 or e-mail to employment@westtexasgas.com.

Service Personnel

Apollo Perforators
Service Personnel, 24hr call, 40+ hours per week. Experience a plus, willing to train. Pay DOE. Benefits include guaranteed base, insurance, 401K, vacation, scheduled days off. Must have clean background check and driving record. Must pass initial drug screen and random tests. Apply 8-5 M-F at 12818 West I-20 East. No phone calls

HEALTHCARE

Available Positions

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705
Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking qualified Dietary Aide & Cook salary DOE
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Bilingual LVN for Su Casa Home Health

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BILLING / INSURANCE CLERK

Needed for busy Urology office. Job duties include collections from patients & insurance companies verifying eligibility & benefits for patients & pre-certification of procedures & completing FMLA forms. The successful candidate will have a high school degree. Some college is preferred, computer knowledge, good analytical skills, the ability to multi-task, affinity for detail & excellent communication skills. Some knowledge of CPT codes, ICD-9 codes & experience in medical billing is preferred. Resumes will be accepted at: **2706 West Cuthbert, Bldg. C, Midland, Tx 79701**

Dental Receptionist and Assistant

Immediate Hiring for a DENTAL RECEPTIONIST and a DENTAL ASSISTANT. We are looking for enthusiastic, energetic, motivated, ORGANIZED, detail oriented, multitasking, analytical problem-solvers. You must have solid computer skills. Experience preferred, but would be willing to train the right team players. E-mail resume: office@midlandendo.com or call (432) 214-3501

Front Office/Medical Billing Clerk

Busy Medical Practice needs a Front Office/Medical Billing Clerk. Experience with electronic medical records required. Part or full time. Send resumes to P-106 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

Marketer for Su Casa Home Health

We are growing again! In need of full time home health **Marketer**. Full benefits package. Call **432-520-2556** or apply online at **www.sucasahomehealth.com.**

OPTOMETRIC TECH

Luke Eye Associates FT

Front office, reception, & pre-screening. Experience helpful, but not required. Bilingual a plus. Send resume to: **luke_eye@hotmail.com.**

Private Duty Caregivers & CNAs

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 Jesus or Yesenia Gonzalez 432-684-5858 or stop by 30 Village Circle, Midland, TX.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Front Desk Agent

$15.00/HOUR We need qualified Front Desk Agents for our full-service hotel in Midland, Texas. Front Desk experience is a PLUS. Attention to detail. Mature in character. Able to take direction well. Great customer service skills. Must possess strong computer skills. Call 604-306-0730 to schedule an interview

Hiring All Positions

For our New **Holiday Inn Express** I-20, Midland, TX: **Assistant General Manager, Front Desk Manager, Front Desk Agents, Executive Housekeeping Manager, Night Auditors, Housekeeping, Houseman, Breakfast Host/Hostess, Maintenance.** Please E-Mail resumes to careers@insigniamgmt.com, FAX resumes to 432.699.0979 or stop by 4410 N. Midkiff RD Suite D-212 to pick up application.

Immediate Openings

Plaza Inn Midland has immediate openings for:
• Front Desk Attendants, Must pass drug test.
Please apply in person to Midland Plaza Inn 4108 N. Big Spring St., Midland, TX. 79705

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Golf Course Maintenance

GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE LABOR NEEDED Pay DOE Ranchland Hills Golf Club Call Eric Johnson 432-214-7990

Maintenance

Need apartment maintenance person in Big Spring area. Plumbing, AC and make-readys a must. Some electrical helpful. References required. Send resume to 1425 E 6th Street, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call 432-263-6319

Maintenance

Now hiring **Maintenance** position for **SpringHill Suites**, Midland, TX. Please apply in person: **5716 Desuville BLVD Midland, TX.**

MAINTENANCE

Villa Chateau Apartments Full time Maintenance needed. Must have own tools. Drug screen/Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

Security Guard

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OTHER JOBS

Available Positions
The YMCA of Midland is currently seeking a part time Youth Sports Coordinator. Starting pay $10- $13/ hour. Also hiring Referees. For more information call Cynthia Cordova at 682-2551 or ccordova@midlandymca.org.

Children's Program Director
Children's Program Director needed for established, fully staffed weekday program. Fulltime. Benefits. Must have experience, organizational skills, and knowledge of state regulations. Please send resumes Box P118 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

Cleaning Help
Cleaning Service now hiring for **CLEANING HELP**. Monday-Friday. **Please call 432-520-3707.**

Custodian
Established Protestant church seeking fulltime Church Custodian. Routine building maintenance and custodial duties. People and service oriented qualities a must. Flexible hours. Some weekends. Benefits. Please send resumes to Box 119 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

Now Accepting Applications for Maids & Janitors
Perfect jobs for extra income! Hours are 5:30pm-8:30pm, Monday thru Friday. Apply in person at **1307 N Big Spring.**

PARTY CHIEF & INSTRUMENT MAN
Topographic Land Surveyors is looking for experienced Party Chief & Instrument Man. Party Chief candidates need to be able to supervise a field crew in the oil & gas industry. GPS experience is required. Salary DOE. Interested candidates please send your resumes along with references and salary requirements to jr.bessie@topographic.com

SENIOR DRAFTSMAN
Topographic Land Surveyors has a position available in the drafting department. Candidates must have experience with AutoCAD, basic computer skills and managing work flow of a drafting team. Prefer someone with a college background but is not required. Salary DOE. Interested candidates please send your resumes along with references and salary requirements to jr.bessie@topographic.com

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Cashier and Counter Help
Now hiring full & part time help. Cashier and counter help. Competitive wages. Apply in person at Michael's Charcoal Grill. 723 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas

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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 clean driving? Well this is the job for you! Not sure yet?

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with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply. We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you! Available now on down to any of our Midland/Odessa locations and apply at any time!
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EOE
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Multiple Positions
Basin Burger House **FT/PT**
Now hiring for All Positions. **Waitstaff, Buser, Baker and Assistant Managers**. Join our team! Apply in person after 2 pm at 607 N Colorado, Downtown Midland

WAITSTAFF, BUSSERS AND DISHWASHERS
The Racquet Club is seeking candidates for **Waitstaff, Bussers and Dishwashers**. Flexible hours, excellent working environment, and competitive pay. We offer 401K, paid vacation, and health insurance. Apply in person: **3009 Racquet Club Dr**. No phone calls please.

SALES JOBS

HOURLY KEY HOLDER
Westlake ACE Hardware has immediate opening for an **Hourly Key Holder** in Midland, TX. The **Hourly Key Holder** will have the responsibilities of opening/closing store in the absence of a manager. This includes compliance with security procedures, such as arming and disarming security systems, supervising cash functions, customer service and merchandising. Westlake ACE Hardware provides benefits, competitive hourly rate + bonus, and a generous employee discount. Hourly pay for this position is $15.00. If you are interested, please apply in person at **Westlake ACE, 1004 Andrews Highway, Midland TX**

Sales Associates
Wood's Boots in Midland is adding to our team. We are looking for talented **Sales Associates**. Stop in today and pick up an application at 4803 Andrews Hwy. Midland

Sales/ Manager
West Texas Backyards needing Sales/ Manager to sell Rainbow Play Systems for a fast growing company. Call 432-699-1507 or email resume to sales@rainbowofsanangelo.com

STORE MANAGERS and CASHIERS
Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

WAREHOUSE NEEDED!
Apply in person at: Sims Plastics 2700 W. Front Midland, TX 79701

SKILLED LABOR

Field & Shop Mechanics
Basin Engine & Pump
Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Must be experienced working on centrifugal & positive displacement pumps. Uniforms provided. Benefits package includes vacation, health insurance and retirement match savings. Salary depends on experience. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to shawn@basinengine.com. Applications can be filled out at 1914 S. County Rd. 1083, Midland, TX.

Heavy Equipment Mechanic
Permian Tractor Sales seeking **Experienced Heavy Equipment Mechanic**. Must furnish own tools. Vacation, Insurance, 401K, Uniforms. Competitive pay. Apply in person **210 E 67th Odessa, TX. 432-367-8626.**

HVAC Duct Installers
TMI Mechanical **FT**
HVAC Duct Installers and **Experienced Helpers** needed for work on local job. Top pay depending on experience. 100% employer paid medical, paid vacations and holidays. Call **432-686-0002** for interview

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NEEDED: hard working, eager to learn Laborers, Well Attendants, and Pumpers. Long term potential. 832-435-9124/281-996-1689

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

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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SKILLED LABOR

Maintenance
Hilliard Companies has an opening for maintenance personnel. Person should be knowledgeable in all areas of general commercial building, residential, automobile and other common maintenance. Minimum of 5 years experience required. Please send resume to: careers@mmbo.com or call 432-683-9100 for more information.

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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Tessco
Shop Hand, Warehouse, Journeyman Electrician, Electrician Apprentices and Lineman. Apply in person at 2202 Hwy 137, Stanton, TX or call for more info 432-756-2201

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Driver
Horizon Transportation **FT**
Now hiring Class A CDL Drivers, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Please call 432-699-4468

CDL Drivers and Non CDL Drivers
B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **CDL Drivers and Non CDL Drivers**. Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Health Insurance provided. Please come by **2823 S. Rankin Hwy**

CDL Drivers
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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

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 arctinglacier.com

Driver/Warehouse
Confidential **FT**
Midland, TX 79711
Local delivery CDL Truck Driver/Warehouse helper needed. Apply in person at:11524 County Rd 128 West, Midland, 79711

TROY VINES INC. IS HIRING FOR:
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Miscellaneous for Sale

4 SCHLITTERBAHN tickets: Family Food & Fun Pack w/ free parking. Either 2 adults/2 kids or 2 adults/2 seniors. Good for Galveston, New Braunfels & South Padre. Paid $185, asking $160 OBO. 432-218-7244

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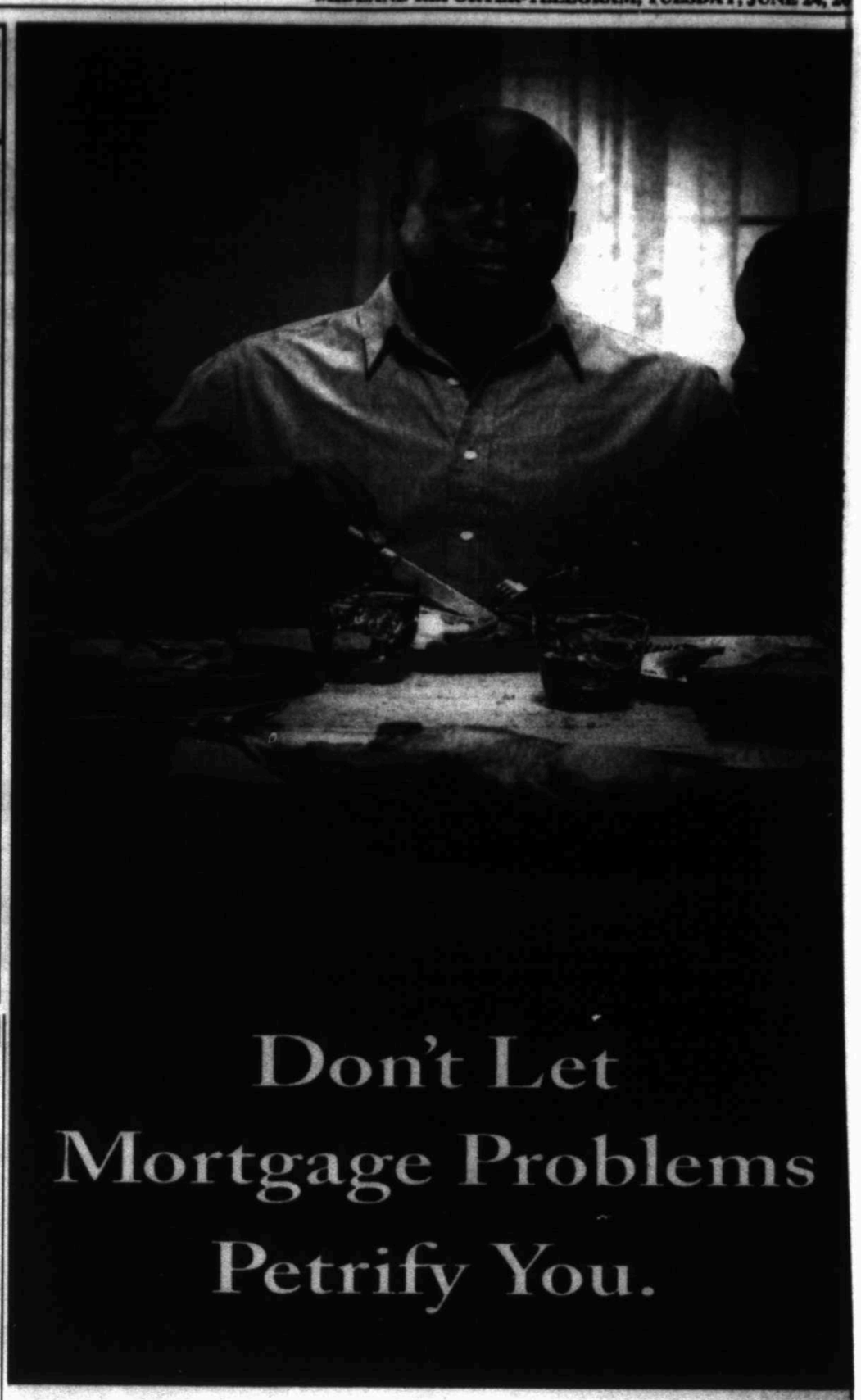

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Growing number of surgeons using Google Glass

By Anahad O'Connor
N.Y. Times News Service

DURHAM, N.C. — Before scrubbing in on a recent Tuesday morning, Dr. Selene Parekh, an orthopedic surgeon here at Duke Medical Center, slipped on a pair of sleek, black glasses — Google Glass, the wearable computer with a built-in camera and monitor.

He gave the Internet-connected glasses a voice-command to start recording and turned to the middle-aged motorcycle crash victim on the operating table. He chiseled through bone, repaired a broken metatarsal and drilled a metal plate into the patient's foot.

Parekh has been using Glass since last year, when Google began selling test versions of its device to thousands of hand-picked "explorers" for $1,500. He uses it to record and archive all of his surgeries at Duke, and soon he will use it to stream live feeds of his operations to hospitals in India as a way to train and educate orthopedic surgeons there.

"In India, foot and ankle surgery is about 40 years behind where we are in the U.S.," he said. "So to be able to use Glass to broadcast this and have orthopedic surgeons around the world watch and learn from expert surgeons in the U.S. would be tremendous."

At Duke and other hospitals, a growing number of surgeons are using Google Glass to stream their operations online, float medical images in their field of view and hold video consultations with colleagues as they operate.

Software developers, too, have created programs that transform the Glass projector into a medical dashboard that displays patient vital signs, urgent lab results and surgical checklists.

"I'm sure we're going to use this in medicine," said Dr. Oliver J. Muensterer, a pediatric surgeon who recently published the first peer-reviewed study on the use of Glass in clinical medicine. "Not the current version, but a version in the future that is specially made for health care with all the privacy, hardware and software issues worked out."

For his study, published in The International Journal of Surgery, Muensterer wore the device daily for four weeks at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center in New York. He found that filming rapidly drains the battery and that the camera — which is mounted straight ahead — does not point directly at what he is looking at when he is hunched over a patient with his eyes tilted downward.

He also had to keep the device disconnected from the Internet most of the time to prevent patient data and images from being automatically uploaded to the cloud. "Once it's on the cloud, you don't know who has access to it," Muensterer said.

Google has yet to announce a release date for Glass, and the company declined to comment on how many of its testers were doctors or affiliated with hospitals. But "demand is high," said Nate Gross, a co-founder of Rock Health, a medical technology incubator. "I probably get asked every few days by another doctor who wants to somehow incorporate Glass into their practice."

And already, outside hospitals, privacy concerns have led some bars and restaurants to ban the devices. Legislators have proposed restrictions on the use of Google Glass while driving, citing concerns about distraction. Doctors, too, are raising similar concerns.

The Glass projector is slightly above the user's right eye, allowing doctors to see medical information without turning away from patients. But the display can also be used to see email and surf the web, potentially allowing doctors to take multitasking to dangerous new levels, said Dr. Peter J. Papadakos at the University of Rochester Medical Center, who has published articles on electronic distractions in medicine.

"Being able to see your laparoscopic images when you're operating face to face instead of looking across the room at a projection screen is just mind-bogglingly fantastic," he said. "But the downside is you don't want that same surgeon interacting with social media while he's operating."

Indeed, similar technology has not always had the smoothest results. Studies have found, for example, that navigational displays can help surgeons find tumors, but they can also induce a form of tunnel vision, or perceptual blindness, that makes them more likely to miss unrelated lesions or problems in surrounding tissue. And in aviation, pilots who wear head-mounted displays that show crucial flight information can lose sight of what is happening outside their windshields, said Dr. Caroline G.L. Cao, who studies image-guided surgery at Wright State University.

"Pilots can get so focused on aligning the icons that help them land the plane," she said, "that they miss another plane that is crossing the runway."

One doctor who does not allow the device in his practice, Dr. Matthew S. Katz, the medical director of radiation oncology at Lowell General Hospital in Massachusetts, said that security and distractions were primary concerns. A doctor wearing Glass could accidentally stream confidential medical information online, he said, and patients might not feel comfortable with their doctors' wearing cameras on their faces.

Until Glass has been better studied in health care and equipped with safeguards, Katz said, doctors should be forced to check their wearable computers at the clinic door.

"From an ethical standpoint, the bar is higher for use in a medical setting," said Katz, who is also an outside adviser for the Mayo Clinic Center for Social Media. "As a doctor, I have to make sure that what I'm doing is safe and secure for my patients — 'First, do no harm.' Until I am, I don't want it in my practice."

Bakul Patel, the senior policy adviser at the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Devices, said the agency would regulate only those Glass software programs that function as medical devices, the same approach it takes on health applications on hand-held devices.

"The glasses have been on our radar and we're excited about it," Patel said.

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So what does that have to do with YouTube (www.youtube.com)? YouTube was purchased by Google in October of 2006. Not because of those hilarious 'Fail' videos that are all the rage, but because of their built-in user base. For years the products were only loosely aligned, but a big change came around in November of 2003 when Google started requiring that YouTube users not only have a standard ID across all Google products, but also had to sign up for their struggling social network, Google+ (plus.google.com). The online backlash was swift and furious, so much so that Google took the very rare step of backing down on one of their latest "innovations."

Google has been pushing hard to tie in Google+ to any of their other products for the same reason those products were created — information gathering. Their main competitor, Facebook (www.facebook.com) has been atop the social networking world for years and has turned the status updates, shared links, pictures and even gaming tendencies into mega bucks with focused advertising on their users' pages. Google badly wants in on this game. Unfortunately for them, Google+ has had underwhelming user adoption since its roll-out.

Rather than concede defeat, Google has attempted to force users to adopt their social networking site, which has resulted in a lot of barren pages with little activity on them. Is it an inferior product? That's a hard argument to make for either side, because while there are similarities between Google+ and Facebook, both have done a lot to try and give some very unique offerings to its users.

Is resistance really futile? For many users, it may very well be. The annoyance of regularly and repeatedly getting asked to link accounts, standardize usernames across products, and sneaky terms & conditions means that many users may relent. I for one, welcome our new Google overlords.

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