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Sting nabs 6 alleged online child predators

Operation involved federal, state and local law enforcement; suspects include Midland man

By Brandon Mulder
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Six area residents were arrested in Midland last week as part of a two-day online sting operation to catch sexual predators lurking on the Internet.

Five law enforcement agencies teamed up to create a task force during the evening of July 16 and 17 and posted bait web postings posing as underage girls across several social media platforms, officials said.

"This investigation revolves around our investigators posing as young girls online and making posts online and responding to any inquiries that they get," Carey Matthews, regional commander for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said during a Tuesday morning press conference.

"Ultimately, as a result of the chats back and forth between these individuals, the individuals responded to a particular location to meet with what they thought was a young girl in order to engage in illegal activity."

Charged with a second-degree felony charge of online solicitation of a minor under 14 years were: Midlander Jay Brown, 23; Odessans Charlie Archuleta, 19, Michael Gonzalez, 26, and Jason Warden, 34; John Brock, 52, of Andrews; and Johnny Sawatzky, 23, of Seminole. The men were being held Tuesday at the Midland County jail on $100,000 bonds.

Brown

All but one have confessed to their criminal sexual intent, according to Midland County District Attorney Teresa Clingman.

The Texas Department of Public Safety led the operation, which included the Midland County District Attorney's Office, the Midland County Sheriff's Office, the Midland Fire Department and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations.

Please see **STING**/4A

COOL FOR THE SUMMER

When 96 degrees is a cool spell

Wednesday's high	96 degrees
Average high for July 21	95
Previous eight days	
July 13	100
July 14	101
July 15	99
July 16	100
July 17	100
July 18	101
July 19	100
July 20	101
Next six days	
Today	100
Thursday	101
Friday	100
Saturday	101
Sunday	101
Monday	100
Average high in May	83.7
Average high in June	91.7
Average high in July	95.2

Children at the First Baptist Church day camp keep cool with snow cones as the temperature approached 100 degrees Tuesday.

Photos by James Durbin | Reporter-Telegram

Odessa man dies in Highway 191 wreck

From staff reports

An Odessa man died early Tuesday in a single-vehicle accident on State Highway 191, according to a press release from the city.

Darin Deel, 19, was killed after being ejected from his SUV after it rolled near the intersection of Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788. He is the 20th person to die on roads in Midland County this year, according to Reporter-Telegram records. So far, there has been an average of one fatality every 10 days.

Midland police and fire departments were called out around 2:40 a.m. to 10700 Highway 191, where they found Deel had been ejected from his SUV, according to the release.

The investigation revealed that Deel was traveling westbound on Highway 191. As he approached FM 1788 he veered off the right side of the roadway and overcorrected to his left and then his right, causing his vehicle to roll multiple times.

He was not wearing a seat belt, according to the release.

Five people have lost their lives on Midland County roads since July 15 and six since the beginning of the month, according to Reporter-Telegram records:

■ A 61-year-old Midland man died Saturday at Front and Carver streets, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article, when his truck came to a stop on the tracks and was struck by the train. Alcohol is being investigated as a contributing factor, according to MPD.

Please see **FATALITY**/4A

Most fatalities in one month (since 2013)

October 2014	10
December 2014	8
May 2013	7
July 2015	6

Source: Reporter-Telegram records

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WTS Posted	$46.45	▼	$0.25
Natural Gas	$2.982	▲	$0.059
Gasoline	$2.545	–	$0.000

The big number
Ohio Gov. Kasich brings the
GOP field to 16
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Video shows how traffic stop escalated into confrontation

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD — A police dashboard video released Tuesday shows how a routine traffic stop escalated into a shouting confrontation between a Texas state trooper and a woman who was later found dead in her jail cell.

The video posted by the Texas Department of Public Safety on its website shows the trooper stopping Sandra Bland for failure to signal a lane change. After he hands her a ticket, the trooper remarks that Bland seemed irritated.

Bland replies that she is irritated because she had changed lanes to make way for the trooper's car

The conversation quickly turns hostile when the officer asks Bland to put out her cigarette and she insists that she can smoke in her own car. The trooper then orders Bland to get out of the car. She refuses, and he tells her she is under arrest.

Further refusals bring a threat from the trooper to drag her out of the vehicle. He then pulls what appears to be a weapon and says, "I will light you up."

When she finally steps out, the trooper orders her to the side of the road. There, the confrontation continues off-camera but is still audible as the two yell at each other and the officer puts her in handcuffs and waits for other troopers to arrive.

The operators of the jail where Bland died have acknowledged violating state rules on guard training and the monitoring of inmates.

The Waller County Jail, about 60 miles northwest of Houston, is under investigation in the death of Sandra Bland, a Chicago-area woman whose family disputes authorities' finding that she hanged herself with a plastic garbage bag in her cell.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards last week cited the jail for not providing documents proving that jailers in the past year had undergone training on interacting with inmates who are mentally disabled or potentially suicidal.

The citation also showed that jailers fell short by not observing inmates in person at least once every hour.

Associated Press

State and local officials gather for an inquiry looking into the death of Sandra Bland on Tuesday in Houston. Bland, a 28-year-old African American woman, was arrested July 10, after being stopped by a Department of Public Safety trooper for failing to signal a lane change. A DPS spokesman said she was arrested after becoming "uncooperative" and kicking the trooper. Three days later, she was found hanging from a ligature in her cell made from a plastic bag. Bland's family disputes authorities' finding that she hanged herself in a jail cell.

The sheriff's office said Friday in a statement that jailers checked on the 28-year-old Bland via intercom on one occasion rather than in person.

Commission Executive Director Brandon Wood has declined to say if the citation is related to Bland's death. But sheriff's officials mention her when explaining the violations, noting that they don't believe "either one of these deficiencies had any part in the death of Ms. Bland."

The Texas trooper who pulled Bland over for failing to signal a lane change said in an affidavit that after handcuffing her for becoming combative, she swung her elbows at him and kicked him in his right shin.

In the affidavit released Tuesday, trooper Brian Encinia said he then used force "to subdue Bland to the ground," and she continued to fight back. He arrested her for assault on a public servant.

Bland was taken to the jail on July 10 and found dead in her cell July 13.

Texas authorities said last week that the trooper violated procedures and the Department of Public Safety's courtesy policy during the traffic stop and was placed on administrative leave.

Encinia has been a trooper for just over a year.

A Texas Rangers investigation into Bland's death is being supervised by the FBI.

Although a medical examiner has ruled Bland's death a suicide, supporters insist she was upbeat and looking forward to a new job at Prairie View A&M University, where she graduated in 2009. Bland's family and clergy members have called for a Justice Department probe, and an independent autopsy has been ordered.

However, Bland posted a video to her Facebook page in March, saying she was suffering from "a little bit of depression as well as PTSD," or post-traumatic stress disorder. Family members have said nothing in her background suggested she was mentally troubled, and at least one friend said she was just venting after a bad day.

Her death comes after nearly a year of heightened national scrutiny of police and their dealings with black suspects who have been killed by officers.

The case has resonated on social media, with posts questioning the official account and featuring the hashtags #JusticeForSandy and #WhatHappenedToSandyBland. Others referred to #SandySpeaks, the hashtag Bland used in monologues she posted on Facebook in which she talked about police brutality and said she had a calling from God to speak out against racism and injustice.

Court records show Bland had several encounters with police in both Illinois and Texas over the past decade, including repeated traffic stops and two arrests for drunk driving, one of which was later dismissed.

She was also charged twice with possession of a small amount of marijuana. A 2009 case was dismissed, but she pleaded guilty last year to the other charge and was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

A decade earlier, in June 2004, Bland was charged with one count of retail theft of less than $150 in Elmhurst, Illinois. She pleaded guilty and was fined.

A video from the jail shows a period covering about 90 minutes with no activity in the hallway leading to Bland's cell. The video does not show the inside of her cell or even her cell door.

It then shows a deputy reacting to what she sees while looking in the cell, triggering a frenzy of activity. An EMT crew arrives with a wheeled stretcher. Deputies and medical personnel are seen coming and going, but a body isn't visible.

'Archie' cartoonist Tom Moore dies in native El Paso

Associated Press

EL PASO — Tom Moore, the "Archie" cartoonist who brought to life the escapades of a freckled-face, red-haired character, has died in Texas. He was 86.

Moore, who began drawing cartoons while in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, died early Monday morning while in hospice care in his hometown of El Paso, his son Lito Bujanda-Moore told The Associated Press on Tuesday. He said his father was diagnosed with throat cancer within the past week and chose not to undergo treatment.

Moore drew Archie Andrews and his friends on and off from 1953 until he retired in the late 1980s. Annual sales of the comic regularly surpassed half a million during the 1960s, according to the El Paso Times.

"I did one comic book a month," Moore told the newspaper in 1996. "I did everything. We always worked six months ahead. I'd be doing Christmas issues in June and beach stories with a foot of snow outside my window."

After the war, Moore used funding available through the GI Bill to attend a school in New York for cartoonists. He studied under "Tarzan" comic strip illustrator Burne Hogarth.

Soon after, Moore signed up with Archie Comics in New York. Bob Montana created "Archie" in 1941, and Moore took over in 1953.

But by 1961, Moore couldn't ignore the itch to be closer to the mountains of far western Texas, according to his son. He and his family moved from Long Island, New York, back to his native El Paso that year, and he later took a break from comics and worked in public relations.

"He always felt that his heart belonged at the foot of the Franklin Mountains," Moore's son, Lito Bujanda-Moore, told the newspaper.

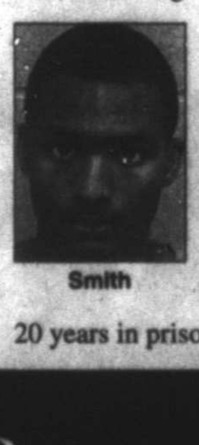
MPD: Man shoots flare gun from car window

From staff reports

A 19-year-old Midland man was arrested Friday night after allegedly shooting at another man with a flare gun.

Tredon B. Smith was being held Tuesday on a $100,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, according to court documents.

A man was standing in his yard in the 1100 block of East Oak Avenue and a black Nissan car drove by. The back right passenger window was rolled down, and a shot was fired in his direction, according to the arrest affidavit.



Smith

A vehicle matching the description was found in the vicinity. The four occupants said Smith shot the flare gun from the window, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second degree felony, Smith could face up to 20 years in prison.

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Graduates hug May 16, 2014, during Early College High School at Midland College's graduation ceremony on Friday at the Chaparral Center.

U.S. News & World Report recognizes ECHS@MC

From staff reports

Early College High School at Midland College — which graduated its third class in May — has received bronze-level distinction from U.S. News & World Report. The designation is based upon high performance on standardized tests, according to a press release from Midland ISD.

Ninety percent of the Class of 2015 received both a high school diploma and an associate degree from Midland College.

"Our students work extremely hard," said Renee Aldrin, ECHS@MC principal. "We have superstar teachers. This speaks highly of our faculty and staff and of the aspirations of our students."

ECHS@MC is a collaboration between Midland College and Midland ISD and focuses primarily on serving first-generation college students, those with a low socioeconomic status and/or those whose ethnicities are underrepresented at the college level.

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STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DENTON

Vandals deface Confederate monument

Authorities are searching for three people who they say defaced a Confederate monument in North Texas with the words, "This is racist."

Surveillance video provided Monday by the Denton County sheriff's office shows two figures scaling the monument to spray-paint the words in red before fleeing with a third person.

The monument in Denton is an archway over a path leading to a city park. It's topped by a statue of a soldier and includes the words, "Our Confederate soldiers."

Authorities believe the vandalism occurred late Sunday or early Monday. Workers have cleaned the monument but a red stain remains.

The Denton Record-Chronicle reported that the Denton County Office of History and Culture says damage could exceed $50,000.

AMARILLO

Heavy rains bring flooding to parts of West Texas

Heavy rains in West Texas have brought flooding to parts of the region, including Amarillo and El Paso.

Parts of major arteries through Amarillo were closed to motorists because of standing water and emergency crews responded to high-water rescues Monday evening and Tuesday morning. The National Weather Service had issued a flash flood warning for the city until 2 a.m. Tuesday.

Up to 3 inches of rain quickly fell on some areas.

The El Paso Times reported the National Weather Service had issued a flood advisory for El Paso after more than an inch of rain fell.

FAIRFIELD

Wrong-way driver, 2 others die in I-45 head-on collision

Three people have died on Interstate 45 in a head-on collision caused by a driver traveling the wrong way on the highway.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper James Colunga told WFAA-TV in Dallas that among those killed was the wrong-way driver, 78-year-old James Edward Warren of Richland.

Colunga said Warren was driving Monday in the southbound lanes south of Corsicana when his pickup struck an SUV carrying two adults and six children.

The driver of the SUV and a 14-year-old boy also died. The other six people in the SUV were flown to Dallas-area hospitals.

None of the children were wearing seat belts and one was thrown from the SUV.

It's not clear what led Warren to drive the wrong way, but Colunga said alcohol isn't likely a factor.

MCALLEN

South Texas officer accused of stealing drugs from a home

A criminal complaint unsealed this week accuses a South Texas police officer of stealing cocaine from a home in 2012 and then trying to cover up the theft by claiming he found the drugs in a car that he seized.

Hector "Jo Jo" Mendez faces a charge of possession with intent to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine, The Monitor newspaper in McAllen reported. Mendez is a 17-year veteran of the Mission Police Department who was assigned to a drug enforcement task force.

Mendez's defense attorney, Carlos Garcia, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he has reviewed the criminal complaint and that his client denies the allegations.

Mendez is accused of stealing the drugs in July 2012 — several months after he lost a primary for Hidalgo County Precinct 2 constable.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Storytime for preschool, 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers, barnesandnoble.com.
■ Brown Bag Lecture with Jim Leach, noon, Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.
■ Fun Fit Kids with the West Texas Food Bank, 2-4 p.m., Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Pools today

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

Support groups today

■ Bariatric Support Group, 11:30 a.m., ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa; 272-4333.
■ Overeaters Anonymous; noon, B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.
■ Midland Downtown Lions Club, noon to 1 p.m., 200 Plaza St.

Veterans meeting

A meeting on the veterans health care initiative is set for 6:30 p.m. today at the American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. Making a presentation will be Patrick Shipley, regional director of Tri-West Health Care Alliance.

For more information, call Teresa at 202-2995.

Tip-A-Cop for charity

Police officers and Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) members from Midland and Odessa will serve as wait staff at the annual Tip-A-Cop event 5-9 p.m. Thursday at Texas Roadhouse locations in Midland and Odessa. The tips the officers receive will be donated to Special Olympics Texas.

Contributions can be made via cash, check or credit card. For more information, contact Annette Castellano (acastellano@sotx.org) at 806-749-7000.

Sales tax holiday

The state's annual sales tax holiday is Aug. 7-9. During these three days, most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under $100 are exempt from sales tax, according to a press release from the State Comptroller's Office. For a list of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free, visit TexasTaxHoliday.org.

The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

Recycling container locations

■ Large 30-cubic yard open top containers:

■ Midland Citizens Collection Station — 4100 Smith Road, 685-7278 — has recycling containers for cardboard, aluminum, paper and No. 1 and No. 2 plastics.
■ Midland College (Chaparral Center) — 3200 N. Garfield Road — Cardboard, paper, aluminum and No. 1 and 2 plastics
■ Security Bank Ballpark west side — 5514 Champions Drive — Cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics
■ H-E-B — 3325 W. Wadley Ave. — No. 1 and 2 plastics and cardboard
■ Super Mercado — 2208 N. Big Spring St. — Cardboard

There are also 3-cubic yard containers at most of the local elementary schools where you can recycle cardboard, paper and aluminum.

All recyclables can be taken to Butts Recycling Monday through Saturday. Butts Recycling is located at 26 West Industrial Loop.

For more information call Keep Midland Beautiful at 688-7745 or visit KMB's website at keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

Large item pickup

For residential customers, the city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances at no additional charge. These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property. Do not place your item next to the dumpster; it needs to be behind your home, in the alley. These larger item collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division. Please call 432-685-7278 to schedule this service.

When it's open

■ **City Hall**
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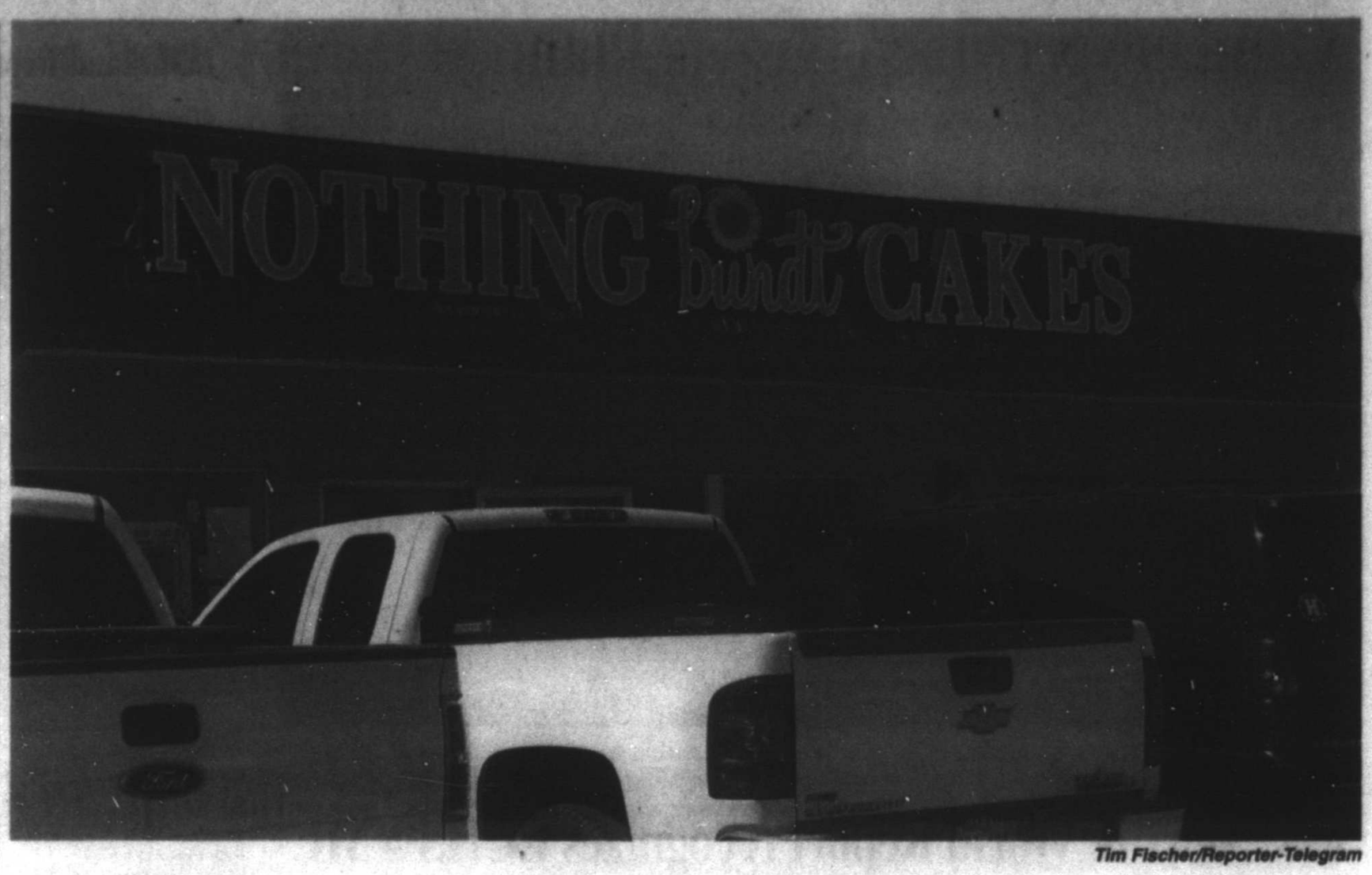

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Nothing Bundt Cakes is shown Tuesday. The Las Vegas-based business is opening a new location soon in the plaza at 3211 W. Wadley.

Nothing Bundt Cakes sets sights on Tall City

■ Las Vegas-based franchise offers several flavors, four sizes

By Rye Druzin
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A bundt cake franchise is coming to Midland in mid-August, bringing another specialty food craze business to the Tall City.

Las Vegas-based Nothing Bundt Cakes is coming to Midland after three years of work by local franchise owner Debra Holt. The storefront, located in the Imperial Shopping Center at the corner of Wadley Avenue and Midkiff Road, is set to have its soft opening in mid-August.

"They were a little skeptical about it because they weren't sure that we had the volumes to support that franchise," Holt said. "Just like with all the big franchises, Midland/Odessa sometimes misses out on some bigger franchises because they're afraid that we just don't have the volume."

Holt has worked as a paralegal, a school teacher and, most recently, as a pharmaceutical sales representative. She said she would bring her clients cakes from Nothing Bundt Cakes in Lubbock. Eventually, she thought, why not bring the whole store — which offers 10 flavors and four different sizes.

"I was determined. As I told them, they didn't know what they were missing out on," she said of the time she spent convincing the corporate office. "I felt 100 percent positive this franchise would be very well-received in the community and that there was a real need for it."

Holt believes specialty bakeries, which cater to a wide range of tastes, have plenty of market room in Midland.

"Due to (Midland's) size, we just don't have as much, and I think even during this economic boom and even when we see the price of oil go down and we shrink back down to our normal size, cake, eating and food is an everyday occasion. Dessert is a part of that," Holt said of the Midland market.

The franchise owner is also fortunate because, unlike other businesses that have struggled to fill positions, she has seen a steady stream of interested potential employees.

"I have had the good fortune of people literally coming out of the woodworks," she said.

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By the flavor

Nothing Bundt Cakes offers at least nine flavors, including:

■ Red velvet
■ Chocolate chocolate chip
■ Lemon
■ Marble
■ Pecan praline
■ Carrot
■ White white chocolate
■ Cinnamon swirl
■ White chocolate raspberry

State officials: Abbott's budget vetoes might be invalid

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Line-items vetoes made by Gov. Greg Abbott are being questioned by state budget officials, who said Tuesday that the new Republican governor appeared to cut spending in ways that are beyond his constitutional power.

The statements drew immediate rebuke from Abbott, who took fiery bureaucrat-bashing criticism that he normally reserves for the Obama administration and hurled it toward a nonpartisan agency in his own Capitol.

The disputed vetoes involve some of $233 million that Abbott carved from the state budget in June after the spending had been approved by the GOP-controlled Legislature. He cited fiscal conservatism in stripping dollars for water conservation grants, a mental health program and membership fees to an education group that Abbott said supports Common Core, the national set of academic standards that many conservatives detest.

The governor in Texas, like in many states, has line-item veto power to remove appropriations from a budget.

But Legislative Budget Board Director Ursula Parks said that Abbott went beyond that authority by eliminating legislative directives in budget riders — orders from lawmakers that have a price tag but are not new appropriations.

Making her argument, Parks sometimes turned Abbott's own words against him: She cited an opinion about state spending that Abbott made in 2010 while he was still the state's attorney general. She also pointed to Abbott calling for expanded line-item veto authority shortly after taking office, something the Legislature did not grant.

"The Proclamation seeks to go beyond what is authorized in the Texas Constitution, is in many respects unprecedented, and is contrary to both practice and expectation since adoption of the Texas Constitution in 1876," Parks wrote.

It was not immediately clear if the vetoes will stand, or who will make that determination.

Chris Bryan, a spokesman for the state comptroller, said they are still reviewing the matter and may request an opinion from Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, Abbott's successor.

Abbott spokesman John Wittman said the vetoes are valid.

"It is unfortunate that unelected bureaucrats at the LBB are more concerned with protecting their own turf than complying with the line-item veto authority conferred on the Governor by the Texas Constitution," Wittman said. "In their zeal to expand their power, the LBB's bureaucrats are actively working to interfere with the Governor's constitutional authority to limit government and cut unnecessary spending.

Report: Many factors led to deaths of 4 firefighters

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A federal report says several factors contributed to the deaths of four Houston firefighters battling a fire in 2013, including the building's construction and an inadequate sprinkler system.

Thirty-five-year-old Capt. Matthew Renaud, 41-year-old engineer operator Robert Bebee, 29-year-old firefighter Robert Garner and 24-year-old firefighter Anne Sullivan were killed in the fire at a Houston restaurant in May 2013.

The report released by the Centers for Disease Control's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health says other factors that contributed to their deaths included heavy winds, personnel accountability and communication problems.

The national institute's report comes after an internal Houston Fire Department inquiry and a report from the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office.

FATALITY

From 1A

■ A 50-year-old Odessa man walking on South County Road 1310 was hit by a pickup early Saturday morning. He died at the scene and the investigation is ongoing.

■ A 52-year-old Big Spring man died early Friday afternoon when his car was hit by a pickup at State Highway 349 and West County Road 60.

■ A 26-year-old Midland man died early morning of July 15 in a motorcycle wreck on Loop 250.

■ And a 26-year-old Kempner man died July 2 in a two-vehicle crash on State Highway 158.

With these six deaths, July 2015 so far ranks as the month with the fourth most fatalities in the past 2 1/2 years, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

The two 54-year-old passengers who were injured in the train-pickup crash remain hospitalized, according to city spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz. The female passenger was in critical condition and the male passenger was in serious but stable condition, Tuesday evening, she said.

Fatality count by month

2015	
January	1
February	3
March	1
April	5
May	0
June	4
July	6 (as of Tuesday)
2014	
January	5
February	3
March	4
April	3
May	3
June	2
July	3
August	2
September	0
October	10
November	1
December	8
2013	
January	5
February	3
March	5
April	3
May	7
June	2
July	4
August	3
September	2
October	3
November	1
December	4

STING

From 1A

"Once again, you see what happens when federal, state and local law enforcement agencies combine to work together. You always have positive results," said MCSO Chief Deputy Ed Krevit.

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Twenty individuals have been arrested and charged with enticement of a minor or solicitation of a minor in the Midland-Odessa area since November 2013, Matthews said. And over the last 12 years, the Department of Homeland Security has made more than 8,000 arrests worldwide combating these crimes.

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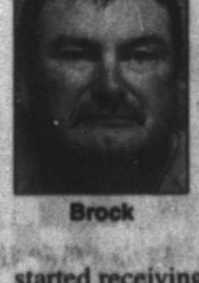

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Within an hour of posting the bait listings online, authorities received more than 40 emails from interested parties, Clingman said.

"We started receiving them and began conversations within 10 minutes of that post going up, and I think that's indicative, sadly, of the fact that there is a lot of inappropriate communication and interest in our minor children on the Internet," Clingman said in a phone interview.

Sawatzky

Upon engaging in online conversations, authorities allowed the alleged predators to steer the conversation to sexual matters. Authorities then directed each of the men to a location within the city of Midland and arrested them on site, she said.

"To Midland's credit, 50 percent of the ones that found out that the person they were talking to was underage immediately ended the conversation, usually by saying that it was dangerous for them to be on the Internet and they ought to get off the Internet," Clingman said.

A 2nd covert video targets Planned Parenthood on fetal parts

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Anti-abortion activists on Tuesday released a second undercover video aimed at discrediting Planned Parenthood's procedures for providing fetal tissue to researchers.

The video shows Dr. Mary Gatter, a Planned Parenthood medical director in Southern California, meeting with people posing as potential buyers of intact fetal specimens. Much of the conversation on the video deals with how much money the buyers should pay.

Federal law prohibits the commercial sale of fetal tissue, but allows not-for-profit donation of tissue if the women who underwent abortions give their consent. Planned Parenthood contends that the payments discussed in the new video, and a similar one released last week, pertain to reimbursement for the costs of procuring the tissue — which is legal.

Gatter said in the video, "We're not in it for the money," while also discussing whether a payment of $100 per specimen would be adequate.

In another portion of the video, she appears to suggest that abortion procedures could be modified in some cases to get more intact fetuses. Under federal law, there should be no alteration in the timing or method of an abortion done solely for the purpose of obtaining fetal tissue.

"Planned Parenthood's selling of the broken bodies of unborn children is inhumane and troubling no matter how any investigation concludes. And if Planned Parenthood's conduct does not violate the federal law prohibiting the sale of fetal tissue and organs, then the law must be changed."

Charmaine Yoest, president of Americans United for Life

Planned Parenthood spokesman Eric Ferrero said the source of the videos "is a group of extremists who have intimidated women and doctors for years in their agenda to ban abortion completely."

"What the video released today shows is a Planned Parenthood medical provider, who has dedicated her career to ensuring that women have access to the best health care, stating over and over again that she follows all laws and medical standards," Ferrero said. "The fact remains that there is nothing in these videos to suggest any violation of law or improper activity."

Following release of the first video on July 14, three congressional committees and top officials in several states said they would launch investigations of Planned Parenthood's handling of fetal tissue. Anti-abortion groups have expressed hope that Congress might cut off federal funding that goes to Planned Parenthood for family planning and other non-abortion services

Planned Parenthood, in a letter to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, depicted the videos as "a campaign of corporate espionage" being orchestrated by anti-abortion activist David Daleiden of the previously little-known Center for Medical Progress. The letter said Daleiden was involved in secretly recording Planned Parenthood staff and patients at least 65 times over the last eight years, potentially yielding thousands of hours of recordings.

Daleiden, in a statement Tuesday, said Planned Parenthood's denial of engaging in the sale of fetal parts is "a desperate lie."

Planned Parenthood has staunchly defended its role in procuring fetal tissue for researchers, saying it is important work that could help develop treatments for diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

Asked about the latest video, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nevada, told reporters that "human fetal tissue research has been very important."

"I see no indication that Planned Parenthood has violated federal law," Reid said.

Anti-abortion leaders, however, have questioned the very nature of the fetal-tissue research.

"Planned Parenthood's selling of the broken bodies of unborn children is inhumane and troubling no matter how any investigation concludes," said Charmaine Yoest, president of Americans United for Life. "And if Planned Parenthood's conduct does not violate the federal law prohibiting the sale of fetal tissue and organs, then the law must be changed."

18-year-old's video of gun-firing drone spurs investigation

Associated Press

CLINTON, Conn. — An 18-year-old Connecticut man may be in trouble with federal aviation officials after posting a video online that shows shots being fired from a drone that had been jury-rigged with a handgun.

The FAA said Tuesday it is investigating whether Austin Haughwout of Clinton violated its regulations, which prohibit the careless or reckless operation of a model aircraft.

Haughwout's father told WFSB-TV last week that his son created the drone with the help of a Central Connecticut State University professor. The 14-second video shows a four-propeller drone with a semiautomatic handgun strapped on top hovering as it fires four shots in a wooded area.

The FAA said it is working with Clinton police, who are also investigating. Haughwout did not immediately return telephone messages from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Haghwout made news last year when police charged a woman with assault after she confronted him about flying a drone at a state beach. Andrea Mears of Westbrook was sentenced to probation in July 2014. A video Haughwout posted showed Mears calling him a pervert, striking him and ripping his shirt.

Haughwout said he had been using the remote-controlled drone, called a quadcopter, to get footage of the landscape from about 50 feet above the beach when Mears confronted him.

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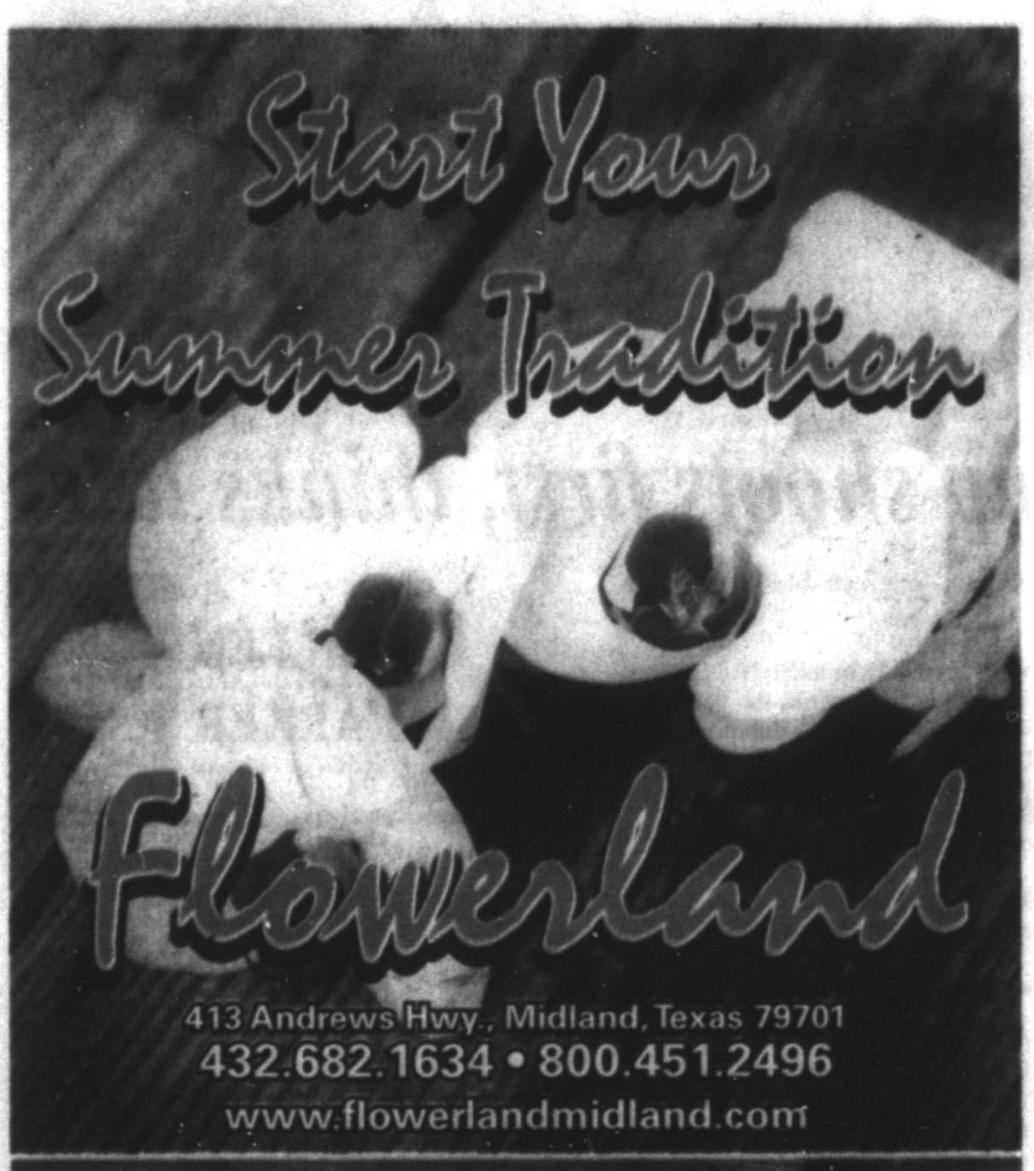

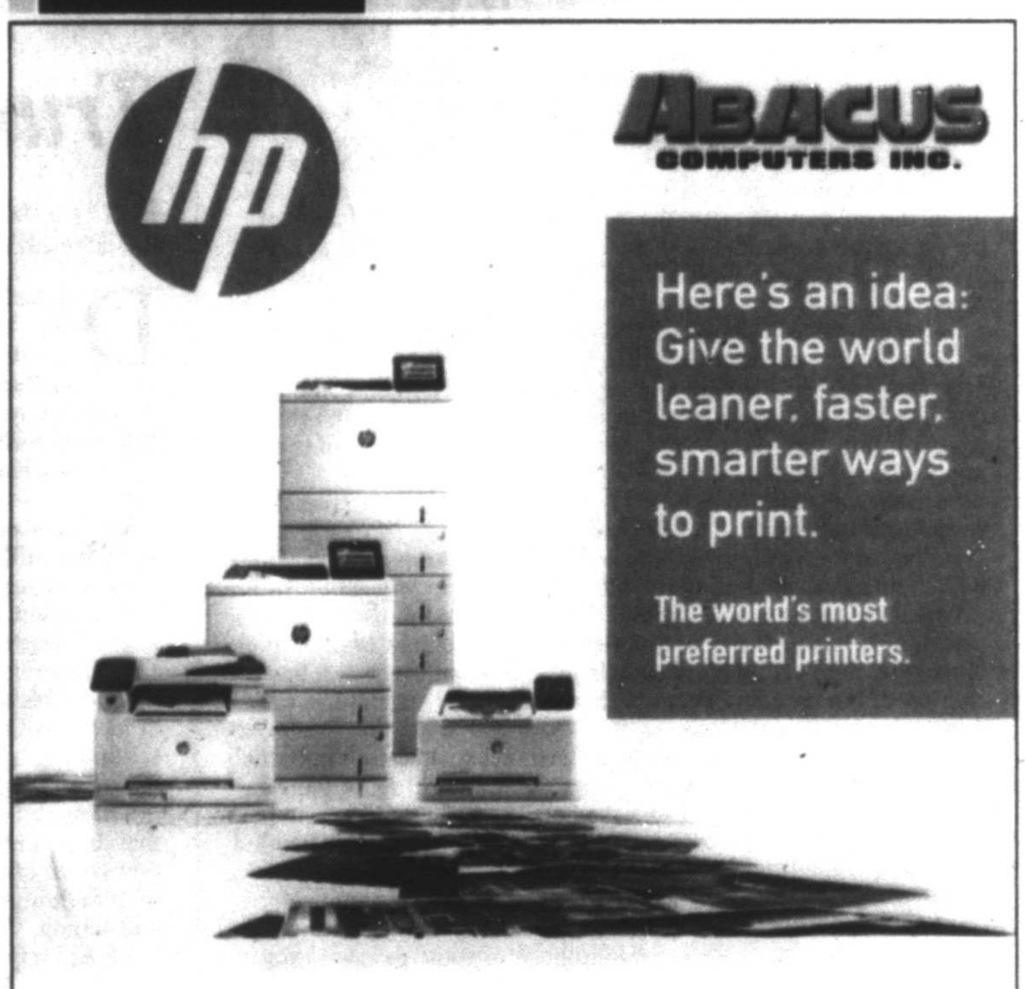

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Don't worry about Trump becoming president

■ Candidate's appeal taps into fundamental anger among a portion of the electorate

RUTH MARCUS

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Do not worry about Donald Trump becoming president. Worry, instead, about what his current — emphasis on current — stratospheric standing in the polls says about two things: the Republican Party and the other GOP candidates.

Granted, the latest Washington Post-ABC News poll has Trump at 24 percent among Republican and Republican-leaning voters. He was at 4 percent on May 31. The chart for the rest of the crowded field looks like a flat-line electrocardiogram.

Who are these Trump supporters? The Post poll indicates they are not the most ideologically extreme. Among those who identify themselves as very conservative, just 17 percent put Trump at the top of the heap; for them, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker trumps Trump, with 25 percent support.

Trump backers tend to be less well-educated: Among those with no college degree, 32 percent support Trump, compared to a mere 8 percent of those with a college education. They tend to be less affluent: Among those who make less than $50,000 a year, 31 percent back Trump.

They are younger: 28 percent of those between 18 and 49 chose Trump, compared with 20 percent of those older than 50. Surprisingly — disappointingly — there is little Trump gender gap: He won the support of 25 percent of men and 23 percent of women. Ladies, I expected better.

But here's why you don't have to worry about Trump becoming president. First, I predict the Post poll will turn out to be his high-water mark; it was mostly conducted before respondents knew of Trump's he's-no-war-hero slur against Arizona Sen. John McCain, and Trump support dropped sharply on the final night of polling, post-McCain remarks.

Second, the poll contains the seeds of Trump's demise. A whopping 62 percent of all those surveyed — and, tellingly, 31 percent of Republicans — said they would definitely not vote for him. (The comparable numbers for former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Hillary Clinton are in the low-40s.)

Moreover, 56 percent of all those surveyed, and 54 percent of Republicans, said Trump does not reflect the "core values" of the Republican Party. Even on his now-signature issue, illegal immigration, Trump is out of step; asked whether undocumented Mexican immigrants are mostly undesirable elements like criminals or honest people trying to get ahead, 74 percent of respondents, and 66 percent of Republicans, chose the latter.

Trump's appeal will, hopefully, be fleeting, but it feels different from the flavor-of-the-month parade of GOP front-runners — Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Rick Santorum — four years ago. His prominence cannot be attributed to simple celebrity and name-recognition.

More than any of those predecessors, it taps into a fundamental anger among a portion of the electorate. Trump is the un-Reagan — unsmiling, and unmoored to any ideology other than Trumpism — but his surly message matches the times.

Keith Koffler, editor of White House Dossier, a conservative website, captured this well for Politico Magazine. "Trump, who seems perpetually angry, is an expression of the angst of conservatives who believe the United States has gotten so deep into a mess that a little extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice," he wrote. "What they adore about Trump is that he is a pugilist who has emerged at a time when someone needs to start throwing punches."

Which helps explain why too many of Trump's competitors were so disappointingly tentative in taking him on — until his McCain comments made it safer to do so.

Consider: Trump questions President Obama's birthplace. He calls undocumented Mexican immigrants "rapists." At the very appearance where he went after McCain, Trump declined to say whether he believes that Obama loves America. But it took his McCain comments to unleash the firestorm. It is a test of the other GOP candidates' character how quickly and how sharply they respond to all of his provocations.

But the Post poll also helps explain the GOP reticence. In a two-way race between Clinton and Bush, she wins by 50-44 among registered voters. A Trump bid draws 20 percent of voters, increasing Clinton's lead to 46-30 over Bush.

For now, anyway. In the end, my confidence that Trump will fizzle comes from Trump himself.

"You can't con people, at least not for long," he wrote in "Trump: The Art of the Deal." "You can create excitement, you can do wonderful promotion and get all kinds of press, and you can throw in a little hyperbole. But if you don't deliver the goods, people will eventually catch on."

On that, at least, Trump is right.

OPINION EXTRA

President kneecaps Congress again

RICH LOWRY

King Features Syndicate

If only President Barack Obama were as hard-nosed and clever in undermining our adversaries as he is in kneecapping the U.S. Congress, the country's strategic position might be transformed.

The Iran deal went to the United Nations Security Council for approval Monday, months before Congress will vote on it, and got unanimous approval. The U.N. vote doesn't bind Congress, but it boxes it in and minimizes it — with malice aforethought.

Republicans and Democrats in Congress issued sharply worded statements about getting pre-empted by Turtle Bay, although the vast international machinery that has been set in motion won't be deflected by a few sharp words from people under the misapprehension that they occupy a coequal branch of the American government. What are congressional hearings and the U.S. domestic political debate compared with the "international community"?

Shortly after the U.N. vote, President Obama urged Congress to get with the program: "There is broad international consensus around this issue," he said, adding that his "assumption is that Congress will pay attention to that broad-based consensus." In other words, follow the lead of the United Nations on a matter of utmost importance to the national interest of the United States.

Secretary of State John Kerry issued his own warning over the weekend about the dangers of going our own way: "If Congress says 'no' to this deal, then there will be no restraints on Iran. There will be no sanctions left. Our friends in this effort will desert us."

And who's responsible for that? The Obama administration cut a deal eviscerating the international sanctions regime and got it blessed by the U.N., then turns around and tells Congress it has no alternative but to assent because there will be no meaningful sanctions regime left regardless.

The agreement is written to favor business with Iran. It grandfathers in all commercial deals cut after the initial lifting of the sanctions, even in the unlikely event they are reimposed. Plus, Iran isn't going to give back its windfall of tens of billions of dollars handed to it under the agreement.

Kerry over the weekend seemed offended by the notion that Congress should get to vote before everyone else locks the Iran agreement into place: "It is presumptuous of some people to say that France, Russia, China, Germany, Britain ought to do what the Congress tells them to do." This is admirably internationalist, but Kerry is supposed to be the secretary of state of the United States, not a representative of the interests and prerogatives of its allies and adversaries.

The New York Times reports that during the negotiations, Kerry actually pushed to delay a U.N. vote until Congress reviewed the deal. How sporting of him. It must have been vestigial loyalty to the Congress he served in for several decades. Predictably, the Iranians balked (they're not fools), and so did the Russians and the Europeans. Equally predictably, Kerry resorted to his solution to most every knotty negotiating problem — he caved.

Amazingly enough, the agreement with Iran doesn't mention the U.S. Congress or its review of the deal, but specifically cites the Iranian Parliament and its role in approving the so-called additional protocol of the nuclear nonproliferation treaty. At least someone is willing to stick up for Iran's (wholly fraudulent) legislative branch.

It is President Obama's curse that he doesn't have a legislature as compliant as that of Iran's supreme leader. The president clearly disdains Congress as a body that harbors several hundred Republicans and that can only complicate his grand legacy-defining initiatives. He didn't want Congress to have a say at all over the Iran deal, but accepted the Corker bill that requires a near-impossible two-thirds votes to block it.

The administration's message to opponents is that even that supermajority would be too little, too late. Submission is the only option.

Trump shoots first, thinks later

■ It is a dangerous, unelectable world that the Donald lives in

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Donald Trump can't help himself. Nor can we. The "worse" he gets, it seems, the better we like it. Watching Trump is so deliciously awful, we don't hang on every word. We hang on the edge of our seats waiting for the next word. Whatever will this man say next?

Trump's list of quotables is long, but two stand out.

First, it was the Mexicans who, Trump said, come here illegally to deal drugs and rape — "and some, I assume, are good people," he added, as one might pause to adjust a picture hanging slightly askew.

Then he went after Sen. John McCain. "He's a war hero because he was captured," Trump said. "I like people that weren't captured." His mind scrambling to catch up to his mouth, Trump added, "Perhaps he's a war hero."

Trump defenders who have written to me insist that these add-ons should inoculate him from the outrage of critics and the media. But running on second thoughts is like throwing a pie at someone and saying, "You look fabulous in meringue!"

We already know what Trump really thinks. That he gets away with it is the mystery — but not really. Nicely, pundits have suggested that he's tapping into people's anger and frustration. More to the point, he's saying what (some) people really think but don't express because their inhibitory neurons are functioning. Inhibition, far from the curse of nudists and comedians, is God's suggestion that we think first, speak later.

Otherwise, Trump is an iconoclast's iconoclast. To paraphrase H.L. Mencken, who was commenting on democracy, Trump gives people what they want and he gives it to them good and hard. He's a knee-capper who mocks his victims and walks away with the girl, a pigeon roosting on his head. (I just thought the image needed a flourish.)

"Everybody loves me," Trump said recently in an interview on CNN. When he made the McCain jibe during a speech, it sounded as if at least some of his audience laughed at the punch line. As for the comment about illegal Mexicans, the GOP base wonders what wasn't true.

Trump has something else going for him — a record of accomplishment beyond politics. Whereas other candidates apologize for their wealth, he brags that he's made bundles. Whereas others tout public service resumes, Trump touts buildings that are familiar to the public.

"Building a wall is easy, and it can be done inexpensively," he said of the Great Wall of America he promises to build along the Southern border. "It's not even a difficult project if you know what you're doing."

Trump, we are to infer, knows what he's doing. Whether this is true in the context of presidential politics isn't important, apparently. In a visual, sound-bite world, he acts and talks as if he does. Speaking in staccato bursts that aim for the gut, he reduces complex problems to simple fixes in plain language. People like that.

In a sense, he's a bit like Teddy Roosevelt, who, despite our retroactive admiration for him, would be viewed today as a strutting, cocky, loud-mouthed, bloodthirsty showoff — who knows how to do stuff. All Trump needs is a stocky steed for his presidential parade and a few animal trophies for the White House gallery.

This is fantasy, of course. *Everybody knows* that Trump isn't going to be the Republican presidential candidate. Still, it would be premature to dismiss him. The latest Washington Post-ABC News poll shows him at 24 percent, with Scott Walker at 13 percent and Jeb Bush at 12.

These results were largely collected before Trump's McCain remarks — the final day of polling showed a sharp dip in his ratings after the comments — but I predict that this, too, shall fail to thwart his ascendancy. Among other reasons, his targets thus far have been people viewed as problems among GOP hard-liners.

And, if Trump isn't really a Republican, most party members don't think McCain is either. Knowing this, Trump threw the Arizona senator under his own Straight Talk bus. But McCain *is* a hero — not only because he put his life on the line but because, despite years of torture, he declined an offer for early release rather than abandon his brothers. That's heroic.

Trump's political longevity depends on whether he can whip into submission his speak-first-think-later impulse. This would be best for the Republic, though terrible for journalism (and TV ratings) — and probably lethal to Trump's candidacy.

Which is why, for this, I would not bate my breath.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Ohio Gov. Kasich brings GOP field to 16

By Julie Carr Smyth
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Saying "big ideas change the world," Ohio Gov. John Kasich declared his candidacy for the Republican nomination Tuesday and pitched his well-rounded resume to voters who have a multitude of high achievers to size up.

Kasich, 63, launched his campaign at Ohio State University before a crowd of 2,000 at an event marking the entry of a strong-willed and sometimes abrasive governor in a nomination race now with 16 notable Republicans.

"I am here to ask you for your prayers, for your support, for your efforts because I have decided to run for president," Kasich said in a scattered 43-minute speech packed with family anecdotes, historical references and calls for national renewal.

A veteran congressman as well as governor, Kasich is telling voters he is the only GOP candidate with experience in three broad areas of political leadership — the federal budget, national security and state government. He also spent nearly a decade at Lehman Brothers.

"I have the experience and the testing," he said, "the testing which shapes you and prepares you for the most important job in the world, and I believe I know how to work and help restore this great United States."

As budget chairman in the House, he became an architect of a deal in 1997 that balanced the federal budget.

Now in his second term in swing-state Ohio, he's helped erase a budget deficit projected at nearly $8 billion when he entered office, boost Ohio's rainy-day fund to a historic high and seen private-sector employment rebound to its pre-recession level.

This, through budget cutting, privatization of parts of Ohio's government and other, often business-style innovations. "We didn't really have to slash things," Kasich said of the budget squeeze. "We just had to use a 21st century formula."

Former state Sen. Nina Turner, a Cleveland Democrat who's allied with Kasich on such efforts as community-police relations, said she voted against every one of what she said were "pass-the-buck budgets" by Kasich.

"We cannot be celebrating and dancing happily on the state level, meanwhile there are more school levies on the ballot and local governments have to look into the faces of their citizens and say, 'I either have to raise your taxes or I have to cut this service,'" she said.

Unions, which turned back an effort by Kasich and fellow Republicans to limit public workers' collective bargaining rights, say Kasich's successes have come at a cost to local governments and schools, and that new Ohio jobs lack the pay and benefits of the ones they replaced.

As a marching band kept up a spritely cadence before Kasich spoke, scores of demonstrators gathered across the street to protest his cuts to the budget and to school districts specifically, as well as his closing of centers for people with development disabilities.

"I'm here to make sure that the nation knows, as John Kasich announces his run for president, that he is not an advocate for anybody that is vulnerable," said Melissa Svigelj, 42, an educator from suburban Cleveland. "Unless you are part of the 1 percent, Kasich is not your friend."

Among his supporters, Margo Bishop, 77, of Gahanna, Ohio, said she values his candor.

"I just like his honesty," she said. "I think he's speaking out, and even if I don't agree all the time, but at least he's saying something."

Kasich embraces conservative ideals but bucks his party on occasion and disdains the Republican sport of bashing Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"There are some that will try to divide us. We see it all the time," he said Tuesday. "I don't pay attention to that nonsense."

His entry nearly rounds out an unusually diverse Republican lineup with two Hispanics, an African-American, one woman and several younger candidates alongside older white men. So many are running that it's unclear Kasich will qualify for the GOP's first debate in his home state in just two weeks, when only the top 10 candidates in national polling will be on stage.

Associated Press

Ohio Gov. John Kasich announces he is running for the 2016 Republican party's nomination for president during a campaign rally at Ohio State University on Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio. Kasich, a two-term governor and former congressman, has little name recognition in the crowded GOP field, but he is already airing television ads in New Hampshire where he is heading immediately after making his run official.

Invoking Iraq War, Obama brushes off Iran deal critics

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Brushing off his "chest-beating" critics, President Barack Obama accused opponents of the Iran nuclear deal Tuesday of being the same people who rushed the U.S. into an ill-fated war in Iraq. As he sought support for the deal from U.S. veterans, he said the deal's foes were merely popping off soundbites that accomplish nothing.

Obama assumed a confident yet combative tone at the Veterans of Foreign Wars' national convention in Pittsburgh, where he also said he was still not satisfied with the care being provided by Department of Veterans Affairs. He cast his decision to pursue diplomacy with Tehran as a move intended to avert the need to send U.S. troops into harm's way with an eventual military strike against Iran's nuclear program.

"The same politicians and pundits that are so quick to reject the possibility of a diplomatic solution to Iran's nuclear program are the same folks who were so quick to go to war in Iraq and said it would only take a few months," Obama said.

Obama's 2008 campaign for president centered largely around his opposition to the Iraq War, as he railed against the policies of President George W. Bush. By invoking the Iraq war in the context of the Iran deal, Obama offered a window into the parallels he sees in his efforts to use diplomacy with Iran to avoid getting the U.S. further embroiled in Mideast conflicts.

Yet even Obama has found that keeping the U.S. military out of conflict in Iraq and the violence-prone Mideast is easier said than done. Even as he seeks better relations with Iran, Obama is leading a coalition of countries engaged in a major campaign to rout the Islamic State group, which has exploited a vacuum of power in Iraq and Syria in the wake of the Iraq War and the ouster of Saddam Hussein. Last month, Obama ordered another 450 U.S. troops to Iraq to train Iraqi security forces, in another effort to reverse major advances by IS.

Obama told the audience of veterans — some from the Iraq War — there was "a lot of shaky information out there" about the Iran deal. The White House has been mounting a massive outreach campaign to try to win over skeptics and avert a congressional attempt to scuttle the deal. On Tuesday, the White House created a new Twitter account, @TheIranDeal, to make its case for the accord on social media.

At the VFW convention, the president also highlighted a federal rule he's finalizing on predatory lending and the military. Obama was seeking to make the case to the VFW that he's working to make things better for America's military families. The new rule, Obama said, would crack down on lenders who are "exploiting loopholes to trap our troops."

He also addressed persisting problems at the Department of Veterans Affairs, which has been under intense scrutiny for more than a year over long waitlists and other shortcomings in the VA health system. Last week, the VA said it is unable to count how many veterans died while waiting to sign up for health care, and said it may have to close some hospitals if Congress does not address a $2.5 billion shortfall.

Trump-GOP feud escalates after rival goes after him

By Meg Kinnard and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

BLUFFTON, S.C. — Donald Trump pushed back ever harder Tuesday against Republicans fed up with his provocations, disclosing one opponent's cell number in a fiery speech and lashing out at an influential newspaper as part of an in-your-face escalation of the feud.

Fellow GOP presidential contender Sen. Lindsey Graham called him a "jackass," only to see floods of Trump supporters jam his phone line after Trump read Graham's number to an audience.

Trump is now at odds with much of the Republican establishment after a series of incendiary comments, topped by his weekend mocking of Arizona Sen. John McCain's experience as a tortured prisoner of war in Vietnam.

Since then the real estate developer and reality TV host has intensified his criticism of McCain and his record on veterans issues in the Senate, even as politicians from both parties and veterans groups have rushed to McCain's defense.

In a speech to hundreds of supporters in Bluffton, South Carolina, on Tuesday, Trump kept on McCain, accusing him of being soft on illegal immigration.

"He's totally about open borders and all this stuff," Trump said.

McCain sparked Trump's temper last week when the senator said the businessman's inflammatory remarks about Mexican immigrants had brought out the "crazies." McCain said Tuesday he would no longer respond to Trump's comments.

Graham, a McCain friend and one of the 16 notable Republicans running for the presidential nomination, betrayed the growing exasperation and anger of many in the party when he appeared earlier on "CBS This Morning."

"Don't be a jackass," Graham said. "Run for president. But don't be the world's biggest jackass."

He said Trump had "crossed the line with the American people" and predicted this would be "the beginning of the end with Donald Trump."

Trump responded during his speech by calling Graham an "idiot" and a "lightweight." He then held up a piece of paper and read out the senator's cell-phone number to the capacity crowd of 540 people and the TV audience.

"Give it a shot," Trump encouraged. "He won't fix anything, but I think he'll talk to you."

Graham's voice mailbox was full Tuesday afternoon. Spokeswoman Brittany Brammell confirmed the number was his. Graham tweeted later: "Probably getting a new phone. iPhone or Android?"

Christian Ferry, Graham's campaign manager, said Trump "continues to show hourly that he is ill-prepared to be commander in chief."

Trump also ordered the American flags on his U.S. properties to be lowered, an act he said was to honor the five service members killed in last week's shooting in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The symbolism served, too, to underscore his claim that he has been a stronger supporter of veterans than McCain, despite the senator's central work in passing laws that overhauled the Department of Veterans Affairs and strengthened programs against suicide by service members.

Elsewhere in South Carolina on Tuesday, one of his rivals, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, walked a fine line on Trump, criticizing his fellow candidate's rhetoric on immigration and McCain but saying Trump's supporters are "good people" with "legitimate concerns."

"I respect the sentiments people feel when they hear Trump talk. The problem with Mr. Trump's language is that it's divisive, it's ugly, it's mean-spirited," Bush told a gathering of Republican women in Spartanburg. "We have to separate him from the people that have legitimate concerns about the country."

Another GOP rival, Rand Paul, said, "People have to decide what's more important in trying to fix the country — real solutions or bombast." The Kentucky senator predicted the GOP campaign will "get beyond the novelty of a reality TV star."

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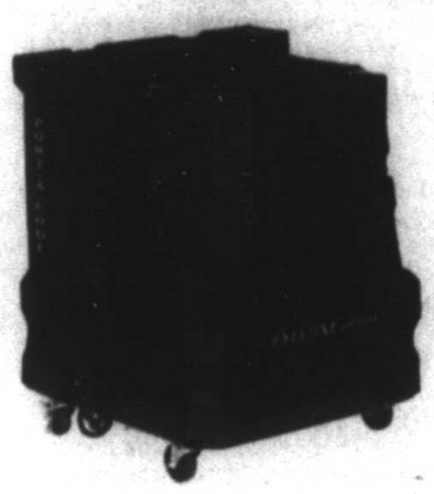

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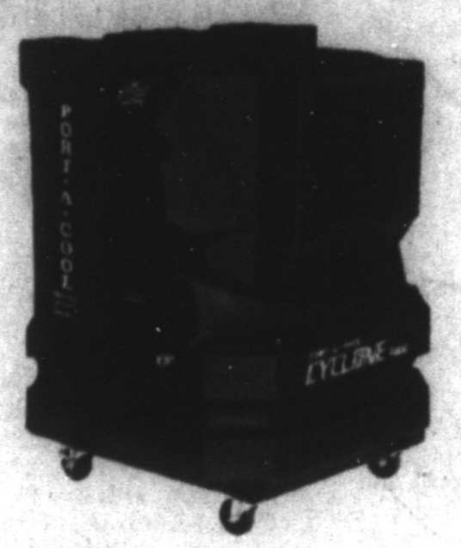

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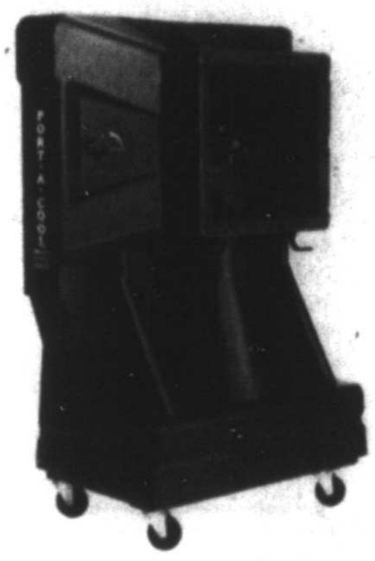

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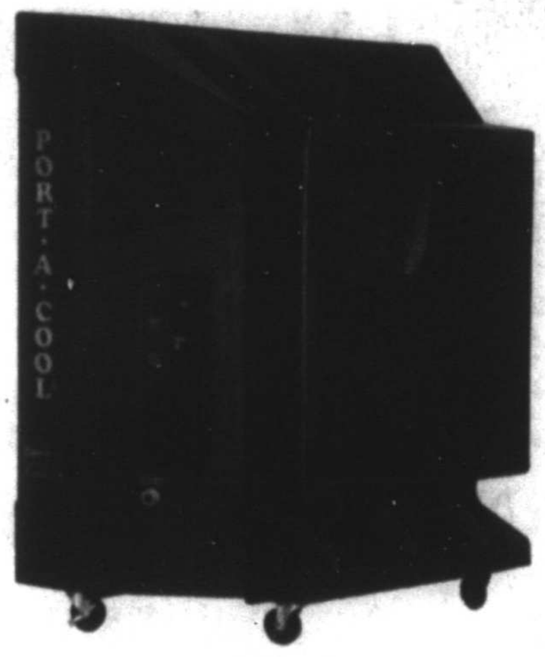

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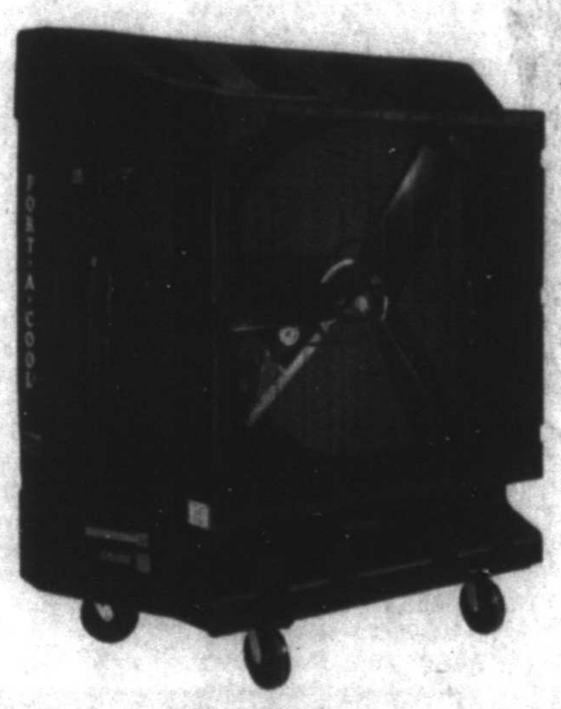

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Commission OKs 'first-of-a-kind' cholesterol drug

FDA to rule Friday on a drug similar to one approved in Europe

By Matthre Perrone
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Amgen on Tuesday received European approval for its first-of-a-kind cholesterol drug that lowers levels of the artery-clogging substance more than older drugs that have been prescribed for decades.

The highly-anticipated decision introduces a new option for patients at risk for heart disease. But questions remain about the drug's price — estimated by one analyst at about $3,750 per year outside the U.S. — and its ability to reduce heart attack and death in the long term.

The European Commission cleared Repatha for patients with dangerously high cholesterol levels, including those with inherited conditions that drive up levels of the wax-like substance. The injectable drug can also be used by patients who cannot control their cholesterol with older statin drugs, or cannot tolerate them due to side effects, the group said.

Repatha is the first in a new class of medications that lower bad cholesterol more than statins, which have been the standard treatment for over 20 years.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is scheduled to make a decision on a similar drug from Sanofi and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals this Friday. The FDA's target date for reviewing Amgen's drug is Aug. 27.

Both drugs lower low-density lipoprotein, or LDL, cholesterol more powerfully and in a different ways than currently available drugs. They block a substance called PCSK9, which interferes with the liver's ability to remove cholesterol from the blood. Adding the new drugs to older statins reduces LDL cholesterol by about 40 percent to 60 percent. Statins alone generally lower levels of bad cholesterol by about 25 to 35 percent.

But the prospect of introducing pricey, injectable drugs for one of the most common medical conditions in the world is drawing concerns from health insurers, providers and payers. Some analysts estimate the drugs could cost $10,000 or more per year in the U.S.

A spokeswoman for Thousand Oaks, California-based Amgen Inc. declined to offer specifics on pricing Tuesday.

"Our prices are managed with consideration to competition, the local pricing and reimbursement environment and patient-cost sharing obligation, which vary considerably by country," said Kristen Davis in a statement.

Deutsche Bank analyst Robyn Karnauskas said it will take time to establish Repatha's pricing in Europe, but she estimates the drug's price outside the U.S. will average about $3,750 per year.

She expects European sales of $26 million this year.

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NAVIGATING GENERATIONS

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Tal Cohen, from left, and his wife Giedre Cohen, 37, of Calabasas, Calif., and Carrie Richardson, 34, and Mary Salter, of Montgomery, Ala., chat during a break at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Washington on Saturday. For the first time, researchers brought together dozens of these families with the very rarest form of Alzheimer's, young and inherited — patients, patients-to-be and their healthy loved ones — from as far as Australia and Britain to meet face-to-face.

Families affected by early Alzheimer's seek better treatment

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alzheimer's has ravaged generations of Dean DeMoe's family — his grandmother, father, siblings — all in their 40s and 50s.

DeMoe himself inherited the culprit gene mutation and at 53, the North Dakota man volunteered for a drug study he hopes one day will end the family's burden.

International scientists gathering in Washington for a conference this week expressed cautious optimism that they might finally be on the right track to fight Alzheimer's, a disease that already affects more than 5 million people in the United States and is expected to more than double by 2050 as the population ages.

Families like DeMoe's with the very rarest form of Alzheimer's, young and inherited, hold crucial clues to fighting this brain-destroying disease in everyone.

Saturday, researchers for the first time brought together dozens of these families — patients, patients-to-be and their healthy loved ones — from as far as Australia and Britain to meet face to face. They shared advice about when their children should undergo gene testing to learn their own fate, and they got an unusual opportunity to grill government and drug company officials about why it's taking so long to find a good treatment.

"Finally, I got to talk to other people who are going through the same thing," said DeMoe, of Thompson, North Dakota, who with four other siblings inherited the family's bad gene. One sister was spared.

His wife, Deb, said he experiences early memory changes known as mild cognitive impairment, but DeMoe still holds a job with an oil company and said, "I don't dwell on it."

Families' first question: Why not try to fix the gene defect that causes this form of Alzheimer's instead of targeting its downstream effects? Why, asked others, can't desperate families get faster access to experimental drugs, as AIDS patients once did?

"It's time to ease our anguish," said Tal Cohen of Calabasas, California. At age 37, his wife, Giedre, already is in the mild-to-moderate stage of Alzheimer's.

He emerged hopeful that researchers are considering creative ways to speed that access. "We don't have any more time to wait and see," he said.

Alzheimer's usually strikes older adults, affecting about 1 in 9 people age 65 or over. Less than 1 percent of cases worldwide are the autosomal dominant form, caused by inheriting a gene with a particular mutation that triggers the disease well before the senior years. Children of an affected parent have a 50 percent chance of inheriting their family's bad gene. But if they do, they almost always get sick about the same time their parent did.

Many of these families are part of the Dominantly Inherited Alzheimer Network (DIAN) study that monitors the health of family gene carriers and their healthy relatives in several countries. Recently, it showed that silent changes in the brain can precede the first memory problems by 20 years.

Now, scientists think the best hope against Alzheimer's is to treat high-risk people long before symptoms appear, aiming to at least stall the disease if not prevent it.

On Sunday, researchers at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference reported possible new ways to predict who will get sick with the more common late-onset Alzheimer's — vital to testing such treatments — and a single test probably won't be enough, said Johns Hopkins University neuroscientist Marilyn Albert.

■ Tracking about 350 people starting in middle age, Albert's team found a combination of tests predicted development of mild cognitive impairment within five years. They include a spinal tap to measure toxic levels of Alzheimer's hallmark amyloid and tau proteins; MRI scans to detect shrinking brain regions; and two standard memory assessments. The combination isn't ready for doctors' offices but should help drug companies tell who to enroll in early-stage treatment studies, she said.

■ Scientists at VU University Medical Center in Amsterdam found another protein, named neurogranin, in spinal fluid. It might signal that connections called synapses are dying, making it harder for brain cells to communicate.

■ Researchers at the University of Alberta, Canada, are beginning to hunt a

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Study finds women with mild memory problem worsen faster

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Older women with mild memory impairment worsened about twice as fast as men, researchers reported Tuesday, part of an effort to unravel why women are especially hard-hit by Alzheimer's.

Nearly two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's are women.

At age 65, seemingly healthy women have about a 1 in 6 chance of developing Alzheimer's during the rest of their lives, compared with a 1 in 11 chance for men. Scientists once thought the disparity was just because women tend to live longer — but there's increasing agreement that something else makes women more vulnerable.

"Women are really at the epicenter of the Alzheimer's disease crisis," said Dr. Kristine Yaffe of the University of California, San Francisco. "We don't really understand what this is all about."

A series of studies presented Tuesday at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference uncovered signs of that vulnerability well before Alzheimer's symptoms hit.

First, Duke University researchers compared nearly 400 men and women with mild cognitive impairment, early memory changes that don't interfere with everyday activities but that mark an increased risk for developing Alzheimer's. They measured these people's cognitive abilities over an average of four years and as long as eight years for some participants.

The men's scores on an in-depth test of memory and thinking skills declined a point a year while the women's scores dropped by two points a year.

Age, education levels and even whether people carried the ApoE-4 gene that increases the risk of late-in-life Alzheimer's couldn't account for the difference, said Duke medical student Katherine Lin, who coauthored the study with Duke psychiatry professor Dr. P. Murali Doraiswamy. The study wasn't large or long enough to tell if women were more at risk for progressing to full dementia.

Nor could it explain why the women declined faster, but the researchers said larger Alzheimer's prevention studies should start analyzing gender differences for more clues. And two other studies presented Tuesday offered additional hints of differences in women's brains:

■ A sample of 1,000 participants in the large Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative compared PET scans to see how much of a sticky protein called beta-amyloid was building up in the brains of a variety of men and women, some healthy, some at risk and others with full-blown Alzheimer's. Amyloid plaques are a hallmark of Alzheimer's, and growing levels can help indicate who's at risk before symptoms ever appear.

"Overall, women have more amyloid than men," even among the cognitively normal group, said Dr. Michael Weiner of the University of California, San Francisco. The study couldn't explain why, although it didn't appear due to the risky ApoE-4 gene, which seemed to make a difference for men with Alzheimer's but not women.

■ Some seniors who undergo surgery while knocked out by general anesthesia suffer lasting cognitive problems

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Rhode Island capital mulls ban on smoking downtown

By Amy Anthony
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A new law being mulled in Providence would tell smokers to butt out.

Rhode Island's capital city is considering an ordinance that would prohibit smoking throughout the downtown, a ban that an advocacy group says is the most wide-reaching one it's seen.

The ban would improve the quality of life for residents and visitors, according to proponents, but some business owners are concerned it could actually drive away customers.

The proposed ban would apply to non-enclosed sidewalks and other pedestrian areas, including alleys, that are accessible to the public anywhere in downtown Providence. Smoking would only be allowed in private residences and vehicles. Smokers who break the law could be fined up to $250.

"I haven't heard of anything quite like that before," said Bronson Frick, associate director for Americans for Nonsmokers' Right, a national nonprofit organization.

Because secondhand smoke is such a nuisance, Frick said, many cities have taken steps to address it in some form, often by requiring smokers to stay a minimum distance away from business' doorsteps. But no city that Frick was aware of has a comprehensive ordinance like the one being proposed in Providence.

The city banned smoking indoors in businesses including bars and restaurants in 2005.

In February, Boulder, Colorado, expanded its existing smoking ban to include all outdoor recreation areas and parks as well as the city's business improvement district, an area in downtown covering several blocks.

Providence smoking ban would cover more area and prohibit smoking in all of downtown, an area that is defined by the city as about one square mile.

City Council President Luis Aponte said the ordinance was submitted at the request of several downtown property owners who've received complaints from tenants about smokers in front of businesses. Aponte is one of two sponsors of the legislation.

"Property owners were getting complaints from their tenants that as they entered the building they had to pass through this labyrinth of smoke," Aponte said.

Former Providence Mayor Joseph Paolino, who owns several buildings in downtown Providence, has taken credit for the proposal.

Paolino said ever since the city banned smoking in parks and in Kennedy Plaza, in the center of downtown Providence, smokers have been congregating in front of his nearby properties.

"Look how filthy the sidewalk is. Walk through there, you'll get the secondhand smoke," Paolino said.

The ban would also prevent people from loitering in front of his buildings, he said.

Though nobody on the council has opposed the ordinance, some business owners are concerned the ban would drive away customers who smoke.

"It could put me out of business," said Anthony Bottone, who owns the Olde Smoke Shoppe, a tobacco shop in the heart of downtown.

But Bottone is concerned about other businesses as well. Smokers who can't light up outside of bars and restaurants downtown might choose smoker-friendly neighborhoods instead, Bottone said.

For now, the city's law department is evaluating the ordinance, a spokesman for Mayor Jorge Elorza said.

Public hearings would be held in September, when the city council reconvenes.

Providers: Texas needs to extend Medicaid waivers

By Adam Russell
Tyler Morning Telegraph

TYLER — Local health care providers agree the state needs to extend Medicaid waivers to capture more federal money for East Texas hospitals and programs.

More than 50 stakeholders gathered last week for a Texas Health and Human Services Commission meeting for updates on the process and to make public comments about the Medicaid 1115 Transformation waiver, which is due to expire in 2016. The waiver lasts five years and will be shaped by input from health care providers, the public and state officials and agency leaders.

The Medicaid 1115 Transformation waiver wouldn't provide health coverage but it would cover hospitals' costs of caring for uninsured patients and support dozens of health care projects.

There seems to be wide agreement among local health care providers that the waiver should be extended.

The waivers deal with two funding pools — uncompensated care and Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment projects.

Uncompensated care includes losses hospitals and other providers face annually because they are legally required to care for any patient who enters their doors, regardless of the person's ability to pay.

The reform incentive projects are performance-based programs created to increase health care access, improve the quality of care and reduce health care costs. Providers are reimbursed only if they show projects with measurable successes in those areas.

The ACA was designed to provide Medicaid coverage to adults just above the poverty line, with incomes up to $16,000 for individuals and $33,000 for a family of four, and sliding scale premium subsidies for adults who lack affordable coverage through their jobs.

State leaders approved a five-year waiver but chose not to expand Medicaid in 2011.

State, local impact

Earlier this year, a Rice University group charged with evaluating Texas' health care system released a report titled "Code Red: The Critical Condition of Health in Texas" that examined the impact of uncompensated care.

The report found that choosing not to expand Medicaid, a key provision in the Affordable Care Act, cost the state $3.6 billion. It also is expected to deprive the state of about $66 billion in direct federal payments over 10 years, as well as an estimated $35 billion to $40 billion more in secondary benefits, such as jobs and better health for those who might gain health insurance coverage.

Meanwhile, the report said, about $32 billion in federal taxes would be paid by Texans and used to support Medicaid insurance expansion in other states over that time.

The state's annual waiver budget is about $6 billion, with the state receiving about $4 billion in federal matching funds and the other $2 billion from local taxpayers. For 2016 (the final year of the initial waiver), the state and federal government would split the cost of uncompensated care and reform incentive projects.

Some attendees called for the state to expand its Medicaid coverage to collect the state's full share of federal dollars.

Vik Verma, with Special Health Resources of Texas, helps uninsured and underinsured East Texans enroll in the federal health care exchange. He called the waiver a Band-Aid at best and supports Medicaid expansion because about half the people he sees are too poor to be covered as the program exists.

"It's very easy for politicians to make decisions but they don't have to tell these people, 'No,'" he said.

Anne Dunkelberg, associate director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities, said Texas has a chance to put a conservative stamp on Medicaid waivers by crafting a coverage solution that provides insurance for Texans and doesn't leave federal money on the table.

Without a waiver renewal the state would experience a $1 billion annual cut, or more, in funding. With the coverage plan, Texas would gain an estimated $5 billion to $10 billion in annual health care funding.

Smith County hospitals face losing $9 million to $12 million if the state does not adopt a waiver plan for its working poor, according to the center. The center estimates the 28-county northeast Texas region would lose $31 million to $43 million per year. Hospitals are legally required to care for any patient who enters their doors, regardless of their ability to pay, but it comes out as a loss for the hospitals at the end of the year.

Smith County hospitals already are losing money associated with caring for uninsured patients.

East Texas Medical Center estimated it lost $27 million in revenue last year at its base cost. Mother Frances Hospitals and Clinics estimated it lost more than $32.6 million.

Changing care

As the negotiations continue following the public comment period, Dunkelberg said there is hope for enough clamor for state leaders to maximize the federal match and increase reimbursements for providers and coverage for uninsured Texans.

Now that the Supreme Court has backed the Affordable Care Act, Dunkelberg said state leaders understand the need to produce a plan that meets the law's requirements on their terms.

"The leadership needs to be there and say they want to present a conservative plan for the benefit of all Texans," she said.

Daniel Deslatte, vice president of UT Health Northeast Planning and Public Policy, said East Texas health care providers face a stiffer challenge because the region's population is older, poorer, less educated and faces a greater risk of early death due to health problems than the state average. There is also a need for more access to mental health programs and professionals, he said.

UT Health Northeast coordinates and manages this region's provider activities.

Deslatte said the reform incentive projects are changing the way regional providers care for residents by addressing local health care concerns. There are more than 100 projects in the area with a value of more about $500 million, he said.

Projects run the gamut from designed intervention and crisis diversion programs for the mentally ill by the Andrews Center to a mobile asthma center, which visited 18 area campuses to educate and treat more than 4,000 asthmatic students in the hopes of averting emergencies.

"There is flexibility to address local needs," Deslatte said. "In its current form it has a lot of support."

State Rep. Matt Schaefer, R-Tyler, said the waiver has been the closest thing to local control within Medicaid. He said he likes connecting funding to outcomes and that Medicaid needs a major overhaul.

"Until that happens, we can hope the waiver lends to healthier people and cost containment," he said. "Because health care spending largely depends upon debt financing, which is at historic, unsustainable levels."

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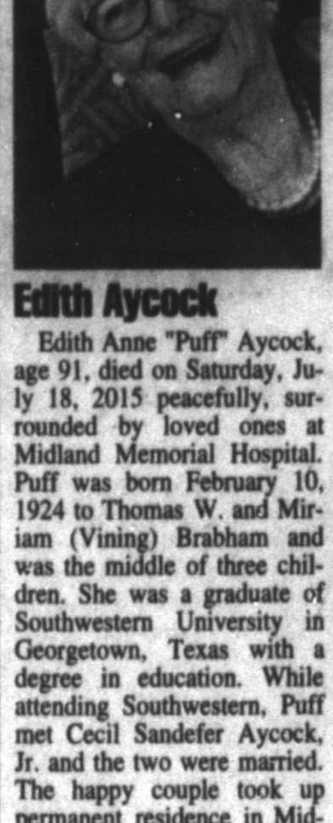

Edith Aycock

Edith Anne "Puff" Aycock, age 91, died on Saturday, July 18, 2015 peacefully, surrounded by loved ones at Midland Memorial Hospital. Puff was born February 10, 1924 to Thomas W. and Miriam (Vining) Brabham and was the middle of three children. She was a graduate of Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas with a degree in education. While attending Southwestern, Puff met Cecil Sandefer Aycock, Jr. and the two were married. The happy couple took up permanent residence in Midland in 1950 where they remained to raise their three children. Puff was an ardent advocate for individuals with disabilities. She actively participated in the MARC organization in Midland which exists to empower disabled individuals. For her service, Puff received the MARC Volunteer Trimble Service Appreciation award in 1987, the 1990 Showcase Award for Developmental Disability Community Services, and multiple other service appreciation certificates throughout the years.

Left to honor Puff and remember her love are Puff's sister, Patricia Brabham; her daughter Judith Anne Aycock. Her four grandchildren and their spouses; Ashley and Christopher Cannatti, Nicole and Howard Slobodin, Lindsey and Jared Sewell, and Nathan and Danna Ensign; six great grandchildren; Stephen Cannatti, Nathan, Jr. and Kyla Ensign, Jordan Sewell, Natalya and Henry Slobodin, as well as her nephew and nieces. Puff was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; her brother, Thomas M. Brabham; her son, Stephen Burney Aycock; her daughter, Terry Kim Ensign; and her grandson, Sgt. Brett Aaron Aycock. Puff will be remembered as a bright, shining light in the various communities and churches she was a member.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 3:00 pm at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 3011 Kansas Ave. Midland, TX with the Rev. Kathryn Boren officiating. The family will greet friends from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 22 at the Nalley-Pickle Welch Funeral Home in Midland, and again at the church prior to the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Puff's name to MARC at the website: *https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=092fad* or the mailing address: 2701 N A Street, Midland, TX 79705.

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

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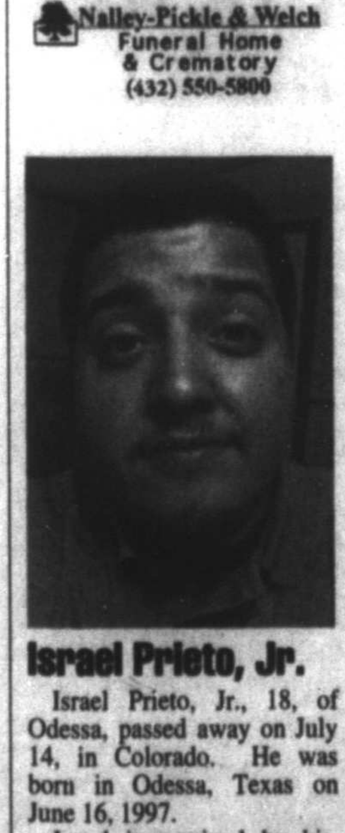

Israel Prieto, Jr.

Israel Prieto, Jr., 18, of Odessa, passed away on July 14, in Colorado. He was born in Odessa, Texas on June 16, 1997.

Israel is survived by his parents, Israel and Evelyn Prieto; brothers, Rafael and Cyrus; and sister, Maya Prieto; paternal grandparents, Juan and Teresa Prieto; and maternal grandparents, Trinidad and Eloisa Sauceda; as well as many aunts and uncles.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, July 23, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Friday, July 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, with Monsignor James Bridges officiating.

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

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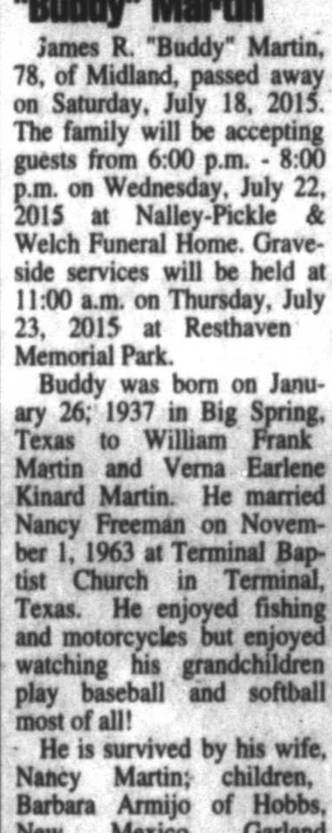

James R. "Buddy" Martin

James R. "Buddy" Martin, 78, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2015. The family will be accepting guests from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Buddy was born on January 26, 1937 in Big Spring, Texas to William Frank Martin and Verna Earlene Kinard Martin. He married Nancy Freeman on November 1, 1963 at Terminal Baptist Church in Terminal, Texas. He enjoyed fishing and motorcycles but enjoyed watching his grandchildren play baseball and softball most of all!

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Martin; children, Barbara Armijo of Hobbs, New Mexico, Garland "Butch" Martin of Midland, Texas, Melinda Hankins of Denton, Texas, and Heather Davis of Midland; and by 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his son, James R. "Jimmy" Martin, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jason Sharp, Sean Sharp, Jimmy Martin, and Chris Martin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the ALS Association, Gift Processing Center, PO Box 6051, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

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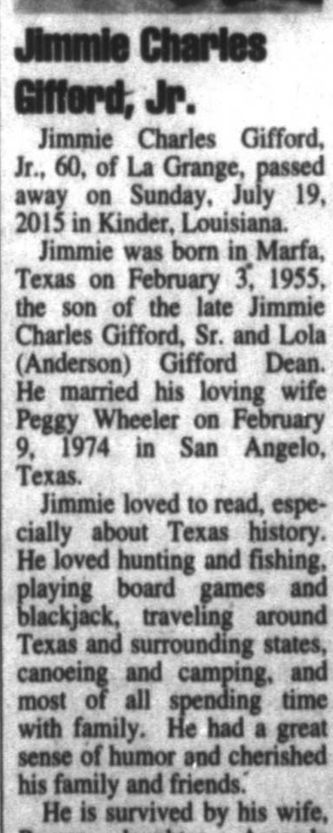

Jimmie Charles Gifford, Jr.

Jimmie Charles Gifford, Jr., 60, of La Grange, passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2015 in Kinder, Louisiana.

Jimmie was born in Marfa, Texas on February 3, 1955, the son of the late Jimmie Charles Gifford, Sr. and Lola (Anderson) Gifford Dean. He married his loving wife Peggy Wheeler on February 9, 1974 in San Angelo, Texas.

Jimmie loved to read, especially about Texas history. He loved hunting and fishing, playing board games and blackjack, traveling around Texas and surrounding states, canoeing and camping, and most of all spending time with family. He had a great sense of humor and cherished his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; daughter, Amanda Gifford McAleer and husband, Keith, of Leander; two sons, Jimmie Charles Gifford, III of Austin, and Shawn Gifford and fiancée, Breklyn Hall, of San Antonio; mother, Lola Gifford Dean of San Angelo; sister, Rebecca Kunkel and husband, Joe, of Greenwood; mother-in-law, June Wheeler of San Angelo; two grandchildren, Tadhg and Eamon McAleer; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jimmie Gifford, Sr.; father-in-law, James Wesley Wheeler; step father, Bill Dean; and two brothers, Arlin Gifford and David Gifford, Sr.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Koenig & Strickland Funeral Home in La Grange, Texas. Family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at Koenig & Strickland Funeral Home, 208 W. Pearl St., La Grange, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2015. Burial will follow at La Grange City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Dell Children's Medical Center Blood and Cancer Center, 1301 Barbara Jordan Blvd., Ste. 401, Austin, TX 78723 or Gardenia E. Janssen Animal Shelter, 240 Svoboda Lane, La Grange, TX 78945.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Koenig & Strickland Funeral Home, 208 W. Pearl, La Grange, Texas. Family and friends can view and sign the guestbook online at *www.lagrangefunerals.com*.

Jorge R. Herrera

Jorge R. Herrera, 63, of Angleton, and formerly of Midland, Texas, passed away on July 18, 2015. He was born in Veracruz, Ver., Mexico on August 9, 1951 to Emilio and Paula S. Herrera. Mr. Herrera was a servant of God for 50 years, pastoring in both Mexico and the United States. He served as Pastor of Iglesia Nueva Vision in Rosharon, Texas.

Jorge is survived by his wife, Paula G. Herrera; sons, Jorge Emilio Herrera and Jacob Herrera; daughter, Jennie Herrera; brother, Pablo S. Garcia; step-son, Christopher A. Taylor; mother, Paula S. Garcia; step-father, Pastor Artemio C. Garcia; brother, Carlos Herrera; 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Thursday, July 23, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Rosharon First Baptist Church in Rosharon, Texas with the funeral service to follow at 12:30 p.m. departing for Angleton Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

Online condolences may be sent at *www.palmsfuneralhome.com*

Arrangements conducted by Palms Funeral Home Angleton, Texas. 979-849-4343.

Death Notices

Daniel Calvin Barron

Daniel Calvin Barron, 36 of Midland, Texas passed away on Monday, July 20, 2015.

He is survived by his father, Calvin Arther Barron; mother, Cynthia Ann Hughes; brothers, Teija Barron and Gregory Beauchamp; sister; Elish Lopez.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707

Roland Aranda

Roland Aranda, 45, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Friday, July 17, 2015.

A rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 23, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

A funeral mass will be held 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 24, 2015 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parrish and Shrine in Midland, Texas.

Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa, Texas.

Survivors include wife, Diana; daughter, Leandra Rubio; parents, Raul Aranda and Marcella Aranda; and by two sisters.

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

Manuel Balce Ceneta /AP

Dean DeMoe, second from left, with his family, from left, daughter McKenna DeMoe, 19, wife, Deb Demoe, and daughter Lindsey Sarkilahti, 29, pose for a picture at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Washington on Saturday. Alzheimer's has ravaged generations of Dean DeMoe's family — his grandmother, father, siblings — all in their 40s and 50s. DeMoe, too, inherited the culprit gene mutation and at 53, the North Dakota man volunteers for a drug study he hopes one day will end the family's burden.

ALZHEIMER'S

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saliva test for earlier markers of cognitive decline.

But knowing who is destined for Alzheimer's and when it will strike makes rare families such as DeMoe's especially critical for research. A second DIAN study is now testing whether either of two experimental drugs might give those gene carriers more symptom-free years by fighting buildup of sticky amyloid in the brain. That study soon will expand to test additional drugs.

"The goal here really is to get drugs approved to help everyone," said Dr. Randall Bateman of Washington University in St. Louis, who oversees the DIAN drug study.

Dean DeMoe came to the meeting with his wife, healthy sister and two of his three children. He wishes researchers could have revealed if those drugs are working, but they won't know for several years.

Meanwhile, his two oldest children, in their 20s, had gene testing as part of health-tracking research but chose not to be told the results until they are older or protective drugs come along. His teenager thinks she will make the same choice.

DeMoe pins his hopes on the drug study. "It might not do good for me," he said, "but it's important for my family and for everyone."

How literal are expiration dates for vitamins?

After the "use by" date, do vitamins lose potency or become unsafe?

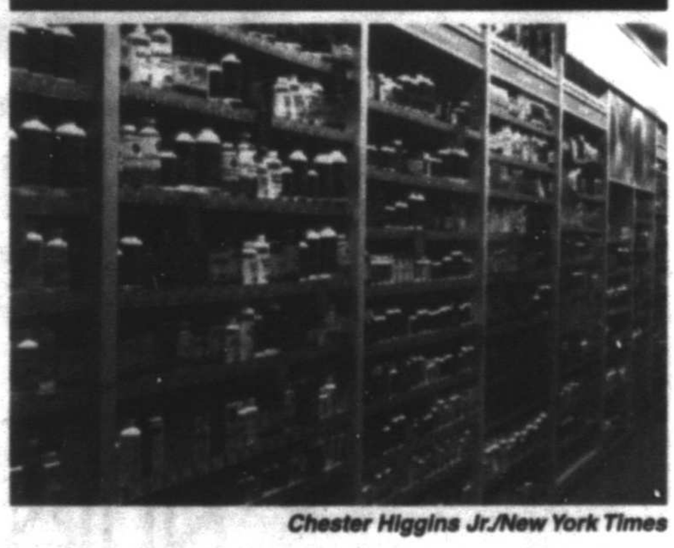
ASK WELL WITH ANAHED O'CONNER

N.Y. Times News Service

Vitamins and dietary supplements are not required to carry expiration dates on their labels. This is one area where supplements differ from prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications, which are subject to more stringent regulations.

If companies want to print a "use by" or "best by" date on their supplement labels, they can do so voluntarily. But they are then required to honor those claims, said Tod Cooperman, president of ConsumerLab.com, an independent testing company.

"If you see some type of expiration date," he said, "the manufacturer is legally required to have stability data demonstrating the product will still have 100 percent of its listed ingredients until that date."



Chester Higgins Jr./New York Times

Shelves full of vitamins at The Vitamin Shoppe in New York on Jan. 19, 2000. The vast majority of ingredients in supplements decompose gradually, which makes them less potent, but not necessarily unsafe.

The vast majority of ingredients in supplements decompose over time, which makes them less potent, but not necessarily unsafe — unless, for example, they happen to grow mold. Cooperman said that to account for the inevitable disintegration, many companies add more than the amounts of ingredients listed on the label, especially vitamins that decompose quickly, like B12 and C.

If stored away from heat, light and humidity, supplements generally last about two years after the date of manufacture before the concentrations fall below 100 percent of the amounts listed on the label. But the window is only about a year for probiotics, liquids and oils, which are more fragile.

"If a probiotic label suggests refrigeration, do so," Cooperman said. "Then return the bottle quickly back to the refrigerator before moisture gets in, as this will activate the organisms, causing them to briefly live and then die."

MEMORY

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afterward, often expressed to doctors as, "Grandma was never the same after that operation." Tuesday, researchers reported that here again, women are at higher risk of getting worse.

Dr. Katie Schenning of the Oregon Health & Science University tracked records of more than 500 participants in two long-term studies of cognitive aging, which included a battery of brain tests. About 180 participants underwent 331 procedures involving general anesthesia.

Over seven years, people who had undergone surgery with general anesthesia declined faster on measures of cognition, their ability to function and even brain shrinkage than people who hadn't had surgery. But women declined at a significantly faster rate than men, Schenning said.

"It is worth letting our older patients know that they should perhaps talk about this with their practitioner, that this is a possibility and consider whether or not they need to undergo procedures that are considered to be elective," she said.

Schenning didn't have amyloid measurements for these people; other studies have suggested that the people most at risk may have brewing cognitive problems already.

The anesthesia alone isn't the culprit, she cautioned. Indeed, animal research presented Tuesday showed that surgery in general can spur inflammation-causing molecules to cross into the brain and impair how nerve cells communicate.

Together, the studies show how much more research is needed into the Alzheimer's gender question, said UCSF's Yaffe, who wasn't involved in Tuesday's studies but was part of a recent Alzheimer's Association meeting to start determining those next steps.

"It's not just that women are living to be older. There's something else going on in terms of the biology, the environment, for women compared to men that may make them at greater risk, or if they have some symptoms, change the progression," Yaffe said.

CHOLESTEROL

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according to a research note.

Repatha and other PCSK9 drugs are expected to grow into blockbuster products, though prescribing may be limited at first by strict reimbursement.

Doctors are awaiting studies of whether Repatha and similar drugs actually result in fewer heart attacks and deaths in patients with high cholesterol. Preliminary analyses published earlier this year suggest patients taking the new drugs had half the risk of dying or suffering a heart problem compared to those receiving older drugs. But definitive results aren't expected until 2017 or later.

Global Data expects the entire class of PCSK9 drugs — including drugs from Sanofi and Pfizer — to generate sales of $17.8 billion by 2023.

Evercore ISI analyst Mark Schoenbaum noted the European Commission granted Repatha "a broad label," encompassing many patients with various forms of high cholesterol. However, he said in a research note that "today's decision has very little read across to the U.S."

Amgen shares slipped 38 cents to $163.96 in afternoon trading Tuesday. Its shares are up more than 37 percent over the past year.

Bristol-Myers says HIV drug gets FDA incentives

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bristol-Myers said Tuesday that federal regulators will help speed up development for one of its experimental HIV drugs.

The Food and Drug Administration designated the drug BMS-663068 as a breakthrough treatment, so Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. will get extra meetings with the FDA and earlier communication with scientists as it studies the drug. BMS-663068 is intended to be used with other antiretroviral drugs in adults who have already developed resistance to several other types of HIV treatments. Bristol-Myers is running late-stage clinical tests of the drug.

There are six classes of HIV drugs, according to the National Institutes of Health, and patients are typically treated with drugs from at least two different classes at any given time. After years of treatment patients sometimes develop resistance to those drugs, and if they develop resistance to several types of drugs, their doctors may not be able to assemble an effective treatment regimen.

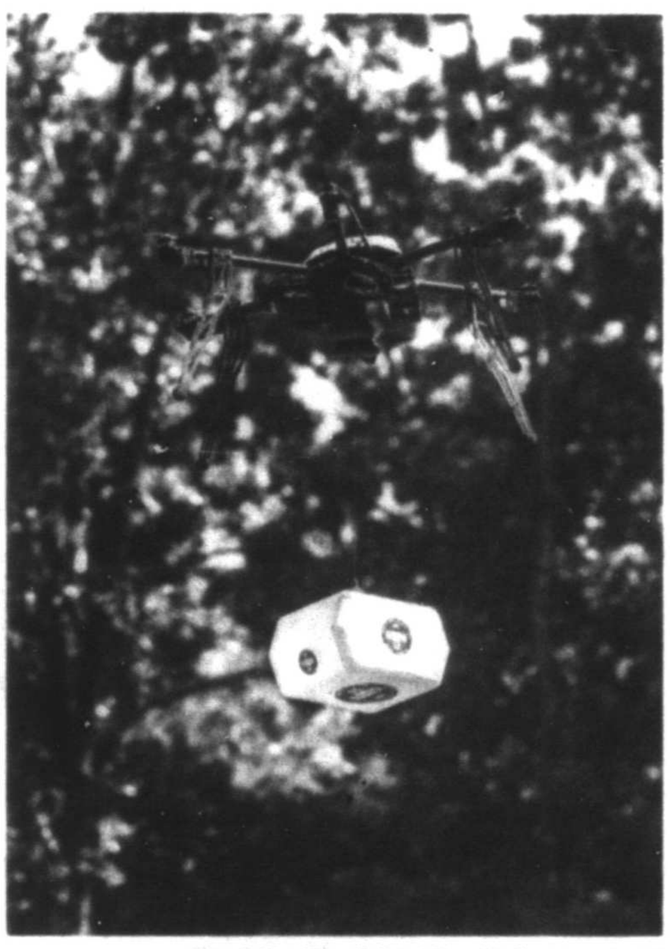
Bristol-Myers is studying BMS-663068 in patients who have two or fewer drug classes left available to them. The drug is designed to stick to HIV cells and stop them from binding to a type of white blood cell. The company says BMS-663068 doesn't fit into the six current classes of HIV therapy.

The company's shares dipped 80 cents to $69.17 in afternoon trading.

Bristol-Myers sells the HIV drugs Reyataz, one of its top products by revenue, and Evotaz, which was approved in January, and it is studying several other treatments for the disease. However it announced in June that it will end early-stage research in HIV as well as hepatitis B so it could focus on other fields, including drugs that stimulate the immune system to fight cancer.

That announcement came less than two years after Bristol-Myers said it would end broad-based drug discovery work in several other areas, including hepatitis C and diabetes, so it could focus on HIV and hepatitis B, cancer, and immune system disorders, as well as its biggest-sellers, like the schizophrenia and bipolar disorder drug Abilify, rheumatoid arthritis treatment Orencia, Reyataz, and leukemia drug Sprycel.

The Princeton, New Jersey-based company is scheduled to report its second-quarter results Thursday morning.



Tim C Cox/The Bristol Herald-Courier via AP

A Flirtey drone flies above the Wise County Fairgrounds while lowering a package of prescription medication at the RAM (Remote Area Medical) clinic in Wise County, Va., on Friday. Doctors, nurses and dentists are heading to the Wise County fairgrounds for an annual clinic to tend to medical and dental needs of southwest Virginia residents.

Doctors, dentists and drones to deliver medicines in Virginia

Associated Press

WISE, Va. — Two remote-controlled aircraft delivered medicines to a clinic in southwest Virginia on Friday in research flights offering a glimpse at the future of drone capabilities.

The pharmaceuticals and other medical supplies were ferried to the Wise County fairgrounds, where the international nonprofit Remote Area Medical has set up a clinic for the weekend. The clinic typically provides medical, dental and eye care to thousands in this coal mining region.

The aircraft were a fixed-wing NASA Langley Cirrus SR22, which flew from Tazewell County to the Lonesome Pine Airport in Wise, and a hexacopter, which completed the delivery in smaller batches from a staging area less than a mile from the clinic.

The Cirrus had a pilot on board for safety reasons but the flight was controlled from the ground, according to NASA.

The Federal Aviation Administration approved the flights Wednesday.

Ahead of the research flights, proponents of unmanned aircraft systems — the more formal name for drones — were banking on this sort of testing to give rise to a new high-tech industry for this rugged and remote area of Virginia. Coal mining, long the lifeblood of the southwestern part of the state, has been in steady decline.

Virginia politicians such as Gov. Terry McAuliffe hailed the tests as historic and a "Kitty Hawk moment," as U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner put it.

"These flights highlight the humanitarian possibilities of this technology, and I'm looking forward to additional successes that will position Virginia as a leader in this burgeoning field," Warner said.

The Mid-Atlantic Aviation Partnership at Virginia Tech oversaw the test flights.

"Moving this technology safely into the nation's skies has tremendous potential to help people and create new economic opportunities," Tech President Timothy D. Sands said.

Becoming a dad? Expect to gain 3 to 5 pounds, study suggests

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Many men gain a new sense of responsibility and purpose when they become fathers. A new study suggests they also gain 3 to 5 pounds.

The research wasn't designed to prove fatherhood causes weight gain and raises more questions than it answers. But one outside expert, while noting its limitations, said the research is provocative and should spark further study.

Doctors pay attention to the weight gain of mothers — both before and after pregnancy. But the waistline of dads? That's not on most doctors' radar, said Tom Wadden, director of the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Weight and Eating Disorders.

The study's lead author — Dr. Craig Garfield of Northwestern University — said he could only speculate about what's behind the extra pounds.

"For men who become fathers, their whole life changes," Garfield said. They might sleep less, exercise less, and experience more stress — all of which can lead to weight gain, he said.

It doesn't help that the food selection at home might gradually change to include more things like "making chocolate chip cookies with the kids," said Garfield. A dad himself, Garfield said his weakness is finishing his kids' leftover cheese pizza.

For their work, the researchers looked at results from another study, which tracked the health of adolescents over two decades. The researchers focused on teen boys and young men, comparing weight changes in the 3,400 who became dads and the 6,800 who didn't.

There was a difference.

After becoming a first-time dad, a typical 6-foot-tall man who lives with his child will gain an average of about 4 1/2 pounds, the study suggested. A same-sized man who does not live with his child can expect to gain nearly 3 1/2 pounds,

But a 6-foot man who does not have children typically loses about 1 1/2 pounds over the same time period, researchers found — after making statistical adjustments to iron out the potential influences of age, marriage, and other factors.

The study checked weights of the men at four times over the two decades. The researchers were not able to determine at what point in time dads put on the weight. Most of it could have gone on during the pregnancy, Wadden noted.

The study found men who lived with their children were a little heavier to begin with, on average, and ended up heavier than the absent fathers and the men who didn't have kids.

Nearly three-quarters of U.S. men are overweight or obese, according to government statistics.

The study was published online Tuesday by the American Journal of Men's Health.

Caregivers citing HIPAA code of silence often misinterpret law

PAULA SPAN
N.Y. Times News Service

How do people use, misuse or abuse HIPAA, the federal regulations protecting patients' confidential health information? Let us count the ways:

■ Last month, in a continuing care retirement community in Ithaca, New York, Helen Wyvill, 72, noticed that a friend hadn't shown up for their regular swim. She wasn't in her apartment, either.

Had she gone to a hospital? Could friends visit or call? Was anyone taking care of the dog?

Questions to the staff brought a familiar nonresponse: Nobody could provide any information because of HIPAA.

"The administration says they have to abide by the law, blah, blah," Wyvill said. "They won't even tell you if somebody has died."

■ Years ago, Patricia Gross, then 56, and a close friend had taken refuge in a cafe at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, where Gross' husband was dying of cancer. She was lamenting his inadequately treated pain and her own distress when a woman seated at a nearby table walked over.

"She told me how very improper it was to be discussing the details of a patient's treatment in public and that it was a HIPAA violation," Gross recalled.

■ In 2012, Ericka Gray repeatedly phoned the emergency room at York Hospital in York, Pennsylvania, where her 85-year-old mother had gone after days of back pain, to alert the staff to her medical history. "They refused to take the information, citing HIPAA," said Gray, who was in Chicago on a business trip.

"I'm not trying to get any information. I'm trying to give you information," Gray told them, adding that because her mother's memory was impaired, she couldn't supply the crucial facts, like medication allergies.

By the time Gray found a nurse willing to listen, hours later, her mother had already been prescribed a drug she was allergic to. Fortunately, the staff hadn't administered it yet.

Each scenario, attorneys say, involves a misinterpretation of the privacy rules created under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. "It's become an all-purpose excuse for things people don't want to talk about," said Carol Levine, director of the United Hospital Fund's Families and Health Care Project, which has published a HIPAA guide for family caregivers.

Intended to keep personal health information private, the law does not prohibit health care providers from sharing information with family, friends or caregivers unless the patient specifically objects. Even if he or she is not present or is incapacitated, providers may use "professional judgment" to disclose pertinent information to a relative or friend if it's "in the best interests of the individual."

HIPAA applies only to health care providers, health insurers, clearinghouses that manage and store health data, and their business associates. Yet when I last wrote about this topic, a California reader commented that she'd heard a minister explain that the names of ailing parishioners could no longer appear in the church bulletin because of HIPAA.

Wrong. Neither a church nor a distraught spouse is a "covered entity" under the law.

Last month, Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Calif., co-chairwoman of the Democratic Caucus Seniors Task Force, who has heard similar complaints from constituents, introduced legislation to clarify who can divulge what and under what circumstances. The proposed bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services, which last year issued new HIPAA "guidance," to make that statement part of its regulations and to create model training programs for providers and administrators, patients and families.

"A lot of times it's just misunderstanding what is and isn't allowed under HIPAA," Matsui said in an interview.

So, what is and isn't?

Family members can provide information, as Gray attempted to do. "How does keeping information confidential stop you from listening to someone?" said Eric Carlson, directing attorney for Justice in Aging, a legal advocacy group in California. "There's no HIPAA privacy consideration there."

An assisted living facility or nursing home can report a death. It can also give someone's general condition and location, assuming the patient remains within the facility. And if, as Wyvill suggested, residents ask administrators to keep a list of those who want their neighbors to know they've gone to a hospital, that's perfectly legal under HIPAA.

The law gives providers flexibility in disclosing information in the patient's interest, but it doesn't require them to. Clinton Mikel, chairman of an American Bar Association group on e-health and privacy, said that providers sometimes decided, "'We could, but we're not required to, and we think this situation is a mess, so we're going to exercise that option."

A caregiver's strongest defense, Mikel said, is to be the patient's personal representative — a health care proxy or guardian, or with power of attorney — or to have the patient authorize the release of information. In such cases, providers must comply.

HIPAA doesn't require patients to give consent in writing. They can verbally ask that a relative or friend receive information. Facilities may legally demand a signature on a form, nonetheless, and many do.

Staff members' fears of the consequences of an unintended HIPAA violation are probably overblown. Patients can complain to the Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights, which lately has intensified enforcement of many aspects of the privacy rules, Mikel said.

Still, the civil rights office "is not in the gotcha game," he said. The office generally tries to resolve complaints by fixing problems, not levying penalties.

"Do I see it going after a health care provider for disclosing something to a family member in good faith? I don't," Mikel said. An assisted living staff member or hospital aide isn't likely to lose her job.

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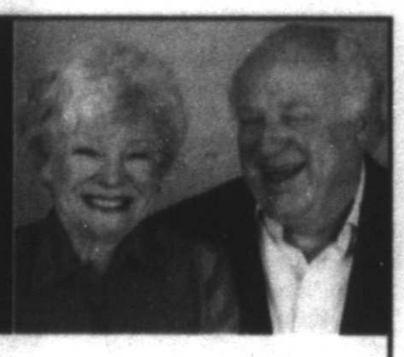

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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 100 Low: 74

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 101 Low: 73

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 100 Low: 75

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SUNDAY: Sunny High: 101 Low: 75

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Local forecast

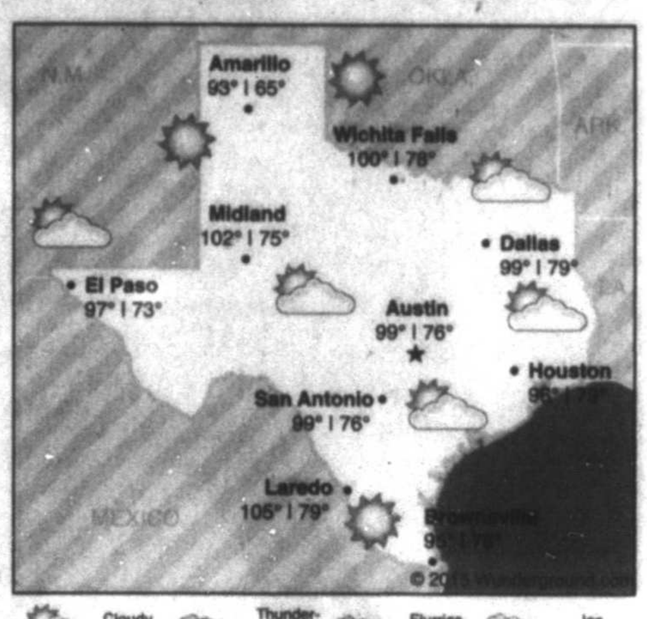
The National Weather Service has a lot of 100s in the upcoming forecast. Expect high and low temperatures above average for this time of year.

The record high for July 21 is 103 set in 1981. The record low is 60 set in 1970. On July 21 of last year, the high was 100 and the low was 77.

National forecast

Less humid air, which moved into the Midwest on Tuesday, will expand into the Northeast on Wednesday, bringing near- to slightly below-average temperatures for late July. High pressure is forecast to build slowly east into the weekend, providing several dry days to much of the Northeast. The air will still be warm enough to swim, but not as dangerous for strenuous activity as the past few days.

A front will stall from Oklahoma to the Carolinas. Areas near and south of this boundary will remain hot and humid, with locally drenching showers and thunderstorms. The exception will be much of Texas, where high pressure will provide intense July sunshine.



Precipitation

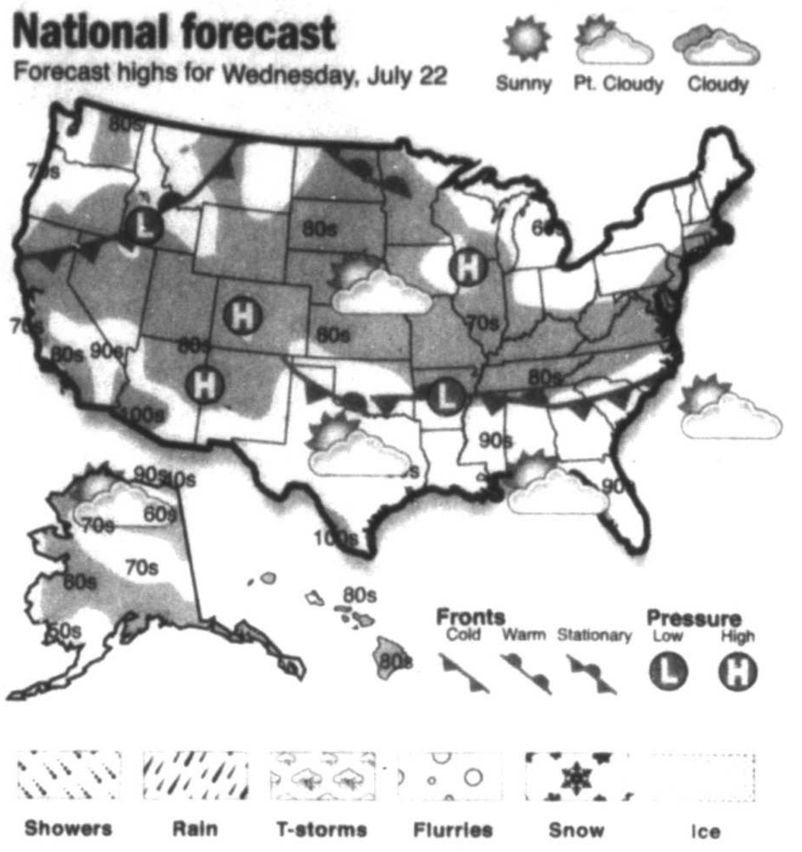
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.27 in.
Month total	0.52 in.
Year total	12.80 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.31 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	96
Low	73
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:58 a.m.
Sunset	8:52 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, July 22



Wife learns man was seeking more than exercise at the gym

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my husband for 10 years. We were married six months ago. Before the wedding, we had some breakups. During one of them, he dated another woman briefly. The encounter led to her becoming pregnant, and she gave birth to a boy who is now a year old. I learned about her and her pregnancy five months before our wedding, but we have been able to work through it with intense counseling.

Last week, I received a Facebook message from a woman who advised me that my husband had approached her at the gym and said he was single, so they went on a date. After our wedding, he stopped seeing her, but continued contacting her. She figured something was up, and found pictures of me and my husband on Facebook. When she told him she knew he was married, he stopped calling and texting. She said she knew him for only a week and didn't have sex with him.

When I confronted him, he said he had made a "mistake." He apologized and said it wouldn't happen again. He said he no longer sees her, but how can I ever trust him again? Please tell me what to do. — THE NEW MRS. IN KANSAS

DEAR NEW MRS.: After what happened, I don't blame you for distrusting your husband. He had every intention of starting a sexual relationship with the woman at the gym and would have if she hadn't researched him.

The man you married appears to have a serious character defect. It's up to you to decide if you are willing to tolerate another "lapse," should it occur. Some women are willing to stay married to a womanizer, but others don't want to put up with the pain. I can't decide that for you, but some sessions with a psychologist may help you make a well-thought-out decision.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a girl in my early teens. Recently, I attended a family gathering at my grandparents' home. While I was upstairs alone, my 14-year-old cousin "Jared" asked to see my boobs. When I told him no, he immediately made me promise not to tell anyone. I'm afraid of Jared now and I need help. What should I do? — FREAKED OUT IN INDIANA

DEAR FREAKED OUT: Some promises are supposed to be kept. Others can be dangerous. It is important to know the difference. What you should do is tell your mother what happened. Jared's parents need to be aware so they can talk with him about appropriate behavior because his wasn't, and he could land in serious trouble if he doesn't learn about boundaries.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, my mother divorced her second husband (not my father). It was ugly. She has been down in the dumps, and I'm doing my best to console her. She wants to get rid of his last name, which is understandable, but she wants to change it to MY married last name, so "we'll all have the same family name."

I think it's kind of sweet. My husband doesn't mind. A few family members think this is crazy. What say you, Abby? — LISA IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR LISA: Although it's unusual, if you and your husband have no objection, I think the other family members should stay out of it.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Good play or good luck?

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 6 2
♥ A K 9 7
♦ A K 8
♣ 10 7 3

WEST
♠ J 10 9 4
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ J 9 3
♣ 6 5

EAST
♠ K 7
♥ Q 4 2
♦ Q 10 7 4 2
♣ 8 4 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 8 5 3
♥ 8 6
♦ 6 5
♣ A K Q J 9

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣	Pass	6♣	All pass

*Fourth-suit forcing

Opening lead: Three of ♦

North had a difficult bidding decision at his third turn. He had five sure tricks in his own hand, but nothing about the auction suggested that his partner could provide another seven. Still, he couldn't bring himself to bid just three no-trump with his fine hand. The leap to slam was a gamble not really justified by his holding, but we appreciate his problem.

South had only 10 tricks to start with, so he had to assume the king of spades was with East to have any chance. That would give him eleven tricks and some chances for another — a 3-3 split in spades first on the list. Declarer won the opening diamond lead with the ace in dummy and immediately drew trumps. He cashed the ace and king of trumps in his hand and led the nine of trumps to dummy's 10. West discarding a diamond. This was followed with a low spade from dummy, and the king appearing from East was a pleasant sight.

East reverted to diamonds, won in dummy with the king. South ruffed a diamond at this point and something wonderful happened. West, who was down to 4-4 in the major suits, couldn't find a winning discard. West chose to part with a heart, allowing South to cash the ace-king of hearts and ruff a heart. This established the nine of hearts as a winner and declarer's 12th trick. Well done!

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 Wednesday, July 22, 2015:

This year you open up more to those who are involved in your day-to-day life. Though you can be very business-oriented, your domestic life takes a higher priority. You value your home life, and you display your caring through it. Some of you might remodel your home or decide to move. If you are single, you will entertain a lot. A party at your place could set the scene for meeting someone who adds a great deal of romance to your life. If you are attached, the two of you often go off together just to share the closeness you value. You are also likely to spend some money on an item that improves your communication. LIBRA helps you feel centered and appreciated.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might want to remain mellow, yet everyone else seems to keep popping up with surprises. A friend could become far more challenging and demanding than you had anticipated. Communicate what you want in an assertive but unemotional way. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Keep an even pace right now. You might get news that could cause you to falter, but ultimately it will allow you to head into new territory. Your understanding of a difficult situation involving a close associate suddenly will become much clearer. Tonight: Get enough sleep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You'll feel more playful and dynamic. You might want to try something new and totally different. Open up to different possibilities and remain easygoing. Be willing to renegotiate what you want if you're not satisfied with someone else's offer. Tonight: Time to have some fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You come from a place of security and understanding. Someone close to you might decide to challenge you. Before you know it, you could be in a power play that you don't want to be involved in. Pull back. Tonight: Let someone else worry about dinner plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You might wake up on the wrong side of the bed, but you'll regroup quickly. You seem to have a different perspective from that of others. Start asking questions. By the late afternoon, you could feel as if anything is possible. Tonight: Find out what everyone else is doing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You could say what you want, and you might mean it; however, your ability to bypass a problem will emerge with a more diplomatic response. There is a midpoint where others will be satisfied. Tonight: As you wish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your ability to get past a problem is remarkable to many people, but to you it is second nature. Avoid a controlling individual at all costs. You might be full of energy right now and want to duke it out with this person. Walk away if need be. Tonight: Try something different.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You might be more direct and open with someone than you have been. Understand that there is a change afoot. Know that you don't need to say anything. A non-reaction will trigger this person even more, as he or she might be losing control. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your effectiveness will be highlighted in a meeting. Others might challenge some of the details, but you'll come out on top regardless. You are likely to have an offer come your way that could be the source of a new friendship. Tonight: Relax to some great music with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You might be surprised by what goes on in the next few days. Try not to insist on having things go your way; instead, demonstrate a desire to be more open-minded. Tonight: Could be a late night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might wonder what is going on with a child or loved one. Detach some, and you probably will be able to gain a better understanding of the dynamics involved with this person's life. As a result, you will be able to relate on a deeper level. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Relate to others on an individual level. You'll gain a lot of vital information that could affect various areas of your life. Be more open, and you will get a positive response. Your intuition serves you well at the moment; listen to it. Tonight: Have a discussion over dinner.

BORN TODAY

Actor Danny Glover (1946), singer Don Henley (1947), game-show host Alex Trebek (1940)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Place for Lightning and Hurricanes
5 Confederate soldiers
10 "It's okay, I guess"
13 Sign
14 Screen dot
15 "Rumble in the Jungle" fighter
16 *It classifies ancient times based on metals
19 Ancient volume
20 Passports, licenses, etc.
21 "Egad!"
22 Itty bit
24 "Green Eggs and Ham" opening
26 Toward the back
30 Jamaican export
31 *Typical worker's break
36 Seals with pitch
37 Some drafts
38 Frightful cry
40 Fitting
41 Cone droppers
43 Where Georgia is
44 *Possible reason for marriage counseling
48 Fictional planet
49 Go downhill
50 "The Kiss" and "The Thinker"
53 Soup veggie
54 Many a miniseries
55 Spoil
57 Obedience school item
62 *Justification for eating food that's fallen on the ground
65 Genetic info carrier
66 Like Cheerios
67 "Paradise Lost" character
68 Hankering
69 With 70-Across, prized programming slot ... or a hint to the first two parts of the answers to starred clues
70 See 69-Across

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1 Military prep prog.
2 Texter's qualifier
3 Stereotypical sci-fi fan
4 Joint where kids are welcome?
5 A D will usually lower it: Abbr.
6 Unbending
7 Took a hatchet to
8 "You got that right!"
9 Wily
10 Trig or calc, to a Brit
11 Colleague of Antonin and Anthony
12 Call-home opener
17 Not needed
18 French river to the English Channel
23 "__ more bright ideas?"
25 Arctic divers
26 "__ girl!"
27 Cashless deals
28 Rich dessert
29 Newspaper figs.
32 On the lookout
33 Otherwise
34 Stacks like Tupperware
35 Unfreeze
39 Madeline of "Clue"
41 Seedless plant
42 Lefty's writing concern
43 __ Jordan
45 Give expression to
46 Stun
47 Willy Wonka creator Dahl
50 Prepare beans, Mexican-style
51 Weigh in
52 Backless sofa
53 Introduction
56 When Tony sings "Maria"
58 Q.E.D. word
59 BMW rival
60 Shut angrily
61 Iron-rich blood pigment
63 Bread, at times
64 Hershey-to-Scranton dir.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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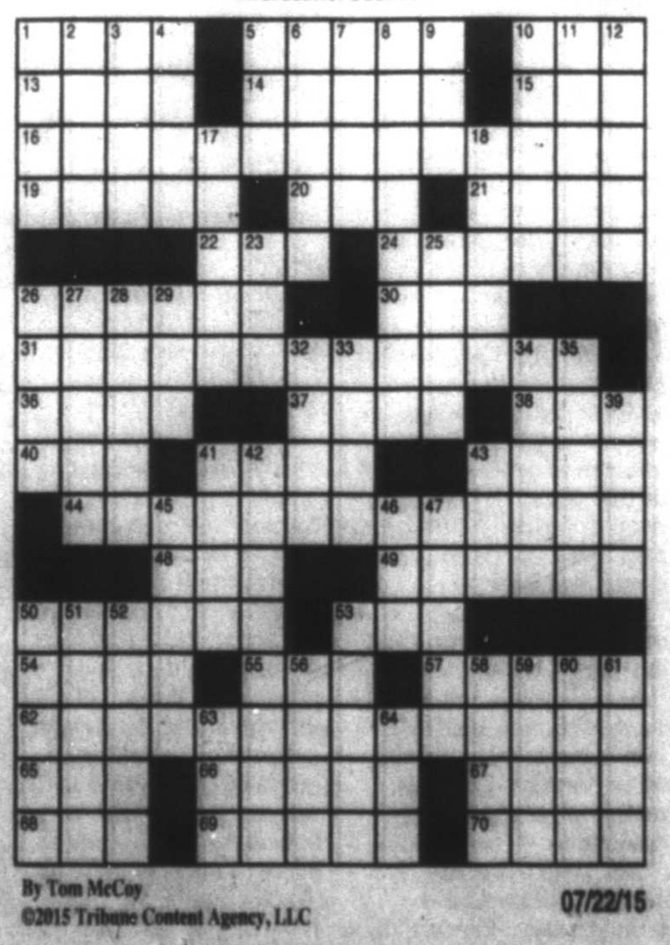

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Roslyn Duffy poses for a photo July 1 holding two photos of her late mother, Evelyn Nappa, at her home in Seattle. Duffy had to scramble to find a home willing to take Medicaid payments after her mother was evicted from a Seattle assisted-living facility. The stress and the change of surroundings strained her mother's health, Duffy said, and six weeks after moving, she was dead.

Families face tough decisions as cost of elder care soars

By Matthew Craft
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Doris Ranzman had followed the expert advice, planning ahead in case she wound up unable to care for herself one day. But when a nursing-home bill tops $14,000 a month, the best-laid plans get tossed aside.

Even with insurance and her Social Security check, Ranzman still had to come up with around $4,000 every month to cover her care in the Amsterdam Nursing Home in Manhattan. "An awful situation," said her daughter, Sharon Goldblum.

Like others faced with the stunning cost of elderly care in the U.S., Goldblum did the math and realized that her mother could easily outlive her savings. So she pulled her out of the home.

For the two-thirds of Americans over 65 who are expected to need some long-term care, the costs are increasingly beyond reach. The cost of staying in a nursing home has climbed at twice the rate of overall inflation over the last five years, according to the insurer Genworth Financial. One year in a private room now runs a median $91,000 a year, while one year of visits from home-health aides runs $45,760.

Goldblum estimates that she and her mother spent at least $300,000 over the last two years for care that insurance didn't cover.

"If you have any money, you're going to use all of that money," Goldblum said. "Just watch how fast it goes."

How do people manage the widening gap between their savings and the high cost of caring for the elderly? Medicare doesn't cover long-term stays, so a large swath of elderly people wind up on the government's health insurance program for the poor, Medicaid. For those solidly in the middle class, however, the answer isn't so simple. They have too much money to apply for Medicaid but not enough to cover the typical three years of care.

Some 60 percent of Americans nearing retirement — those between the ages of 55 and 64 — have retirement accounts, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute. The median balance is $104,000.

Combined with other savings and income, that amount might provide some retirees with all they need for decades. But everything changes when, for instance, an aging father struggling with dementia requires more help than his wife and children can manage. Plans that looked solid on paper are no match for their bills.

"Within the first year, most people are tapped out," said Joe Caldwell, director of long-term services at the National Council on Aging. "Middle-class families just aren't prepared for these costs."

Many who can afford it buy insurance to help pay for long-term care years in advance, when insurers are less likely to reject them. But even those with insurance, like Ranzman, come up short. Forced to improvise, they sell the house and lean on family. They move in with their adult children, or arrange for their children to move in with them.

Some can save money by switching to different facilities. On average, a shared room in a nursing home runs nearly $11,000 a year less than a private room, and a room in an adult-family home runs cheaper still.

Still, there's not a lot of room for creativity, said Liz Taylor, a self-employed geriatric care manager in Lopez Island, Washington. "The amount of care you need dictates the price," she said, "and there aren't that many ways around it."

Hiring an aide to spend the day with an elderly parent living at home is often the cheapest option, with aides paid $20 an hour in some parts of the country. But hiring them to work around the clock is often the most expensive, Taylor said. "Needing help to get out of bed to use the bathroom in the middle of the night means you need a nursing home," she said.

Greg Crist, a spokesman for the American Health Care Association, the country's largest trade group for nursing homes, said many of the same trends driving health care costs higher have pushed up nursing home bills. Americans are living longer though not always healthier, he said, so residents are more likely to arrive with chronic ailments that require more attention. Facilities have also expanded the range of services they offer.

"The cost is an element that may seem overwhelming at first," Crist said, "but when you consider all the services — 24 hours, seven-days-a-week care, with full room and board — it sheds some light on it."

Evicted

To Roslyn Duffy, it seemed that her mother, Evelyn Nappa, had everything she needed. After a stroke made it difficult to live alone, Nappa moved from Arizona to Seattle to be near her daughter and soon settled into The Stratford, an assisted-living facility, where she quickly made friends of fellow residents and the staff. "The care was great," Duffy said. "We loved that facility."

With the sale of the house in Arizona, Nappa's savings appeared sufficient to cover 10 years at The Stratford, enough to last until she reached 100. Duffy said that the home's directors told her not to worry about her mother running out of money and winding up on Medicaid, even though the government program pays just a portion of what many facilities charge. After all, many of the same homes that refuse to admit seniors on Medicaid will keep those who spend all their savings and wind up on the program. "'We will keep her here' — that's what they said," Duffy recalls. "But I didn't get that in writing."

A representative from the nursing home declined to comment.

As Nappa's dementia progressed, she needed more attention. That meant moving her from an independent unit that cost $3,000 a month, to a dementia unit that cost $6,000. Trips to the emergency room, hearing aids and other costs that Medicare didn't cover added up. Soon enough, the money that was supposed to last 10 years was gone in two.

Duffy enrolled her mother in Medicaid, confident that The Stratford's management would keep its promises.

Two months later, she received a letter saying her mother had 30 days to find a new home. Duffy protested, writing letters to the management and local newspapers, and succeeded in keeping her mother at the Stratford for two months until social workers helped line up an adult family home willing to take Medicaid payments.

But the stress and the change of surroundings strained her mother's health, Duffy said. Six weeks after moving, she was dead.

"She declined so quickly," Duffy said. "Being in familiar surroundings is hugely important for dementia patients. There's no doubt in my mind that the move hastened her death. It was devastating, just devastating."

New home

Ranzman's story has a happier ending. Her daughter pulled her out of the Amsterdam Nursing Home and rented a house in Smithtown, Long Island, with a patio and a backyard full of azaleas and trees. It was Ranzman's own space. She had round-the-clock aides, a large window and plenty of sunlight. Her daughter, Goldblum, noticed that Ranzman's memory improved quickly. Her mother seemed happier and more alert.

"It was less than half the cost of a nursing home and a million times nicer," Goldblum said. "She showed such improvement."

Goldblum paid $36,000 a year for the house and her mother's long-term care insurance paid the home-health aides. The move saved around $250,000 a year in expenses.

What's more important to Goldblum is that her mother seemed content when she died in April at age 86, lying in bed and surrounded by family. "It was a wonderful ending," she said.

Take baby steps to healthier eating before gluttony extravaganza

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Washington Post Writers Group

Happy midsummer! You have officially entered prime weight-gain season.

The back half of the calendar always means that the Fourth of July food extravaganzas have erased the memory of January's bikini-bod dreams. From here on, it's backyard barbecues and food festivals until we hit the Halloween-Thanksgiving-Christmas gluttony trifecta.

You'd better watch it. New research on sugar-sweetened beverages tells us that about 184,000 people worldwide die from overconsumption of sugary drinks annually.

Obviously a single can of non-diet soda won't kill anyone — but our inattention to its heavy impact on our health will. Inattention is basically at the root of our country's massive malnutrition and obesity epidemics.

Yet, with a few exceptions for rare metabolic diseases, the cure to obesity — and the related cardiovascular diseases, cancers and diabetes — is as exponentially hard as it is simple: Eat less unhealthy food.

This is about as easy as picking winning lottery numbers — we know it happens, but you couldn't do it on demand if your life depended on it.

At the start of the obesity epidemic, those interested in changing the country's poor eating habits believed that once Americans were made aware of surging levels of obesity and illness associated with eating unhealthy food — and made to understand what, exactly, unhealthy food is — they would curb their consumption.

That was but a first step.

In the last decade, Americans have been barraged with an unprecedented amount of information about what food is healthy and unhealthy, how to help regulate diets, and how to keep weight off.

Unfortunately, most of this information has been confusing or contradictory. The latest research upends the medical establishment's long-standing advice to eat right and get more exercise by noting that maintaining a healthy weight is almost exclusively about diet and only minimally about how much exercise you get.

The next wave of food advocacy must be focused on getting people to pay attention to what they eat.

Now that we have calorie-count labeling on most packaged foods, and will soon have them on most menus, we've got to get people to actually use the information.

This is no small task — calorie counts are generally based on a 2,000 calorie diet, which, to start, is a lot for most people who aren't very tall or active. We're talking about the kind of understanding that needs to be taught in school, probably in math *and* physical education classes as it requires understanding how many calories we use on a daily basis, and how much we can eat to maintain a healthy balance.

But this is a bummer to figure out. Another massive bummer: learning that your supposedly healthy fruit and yogurt smoothie is actually a big sugar bomb. Ouch.

Undertaking a whole-life commitment to maintaining a healthy weight while still enjoying food is a tough mountain to climb. But here are some baby steps.

1. Watch what you drink.

Have water or actual fruit (comes with built-in healthy fiber) instead of fruit juice. If you drink soda, pick diet instead of regular. They're both bad for you, but there's no worldwide epidemic of artificial sweetener poisoning. Better to skip the insulin spike at all costs.

2. Check your halos.

Imaginary halos give people a sense of nutritional goodness that leads to overdoing it. For instance, yogurt is a healthy option, unless you get the kind that's chock full of sugar and comes with cookie/candy toppings. Watermelon and other fruits are healthy, but don't overindulge because you're thinking that fruit is, basically, calorie-free (it's not).

And don't pat yourself on the back too much. New research from marketing professors Uma Karmarkar of Harvard University and Bryan Bollinger of Duke University has found that people who use ecofriendly nondisposable grocery sacks are likelier to buy organic items *and* give themselves permission to splurge on junk food at the supermarket.

3. Start with your pet.

Fat dogs and cats are so prevalent as social-media image subjects that researchers are now fearing the "normalization" of obesity in dogs, making owners believe that overweight dogs are healthy. They're not — our fur babies are experiencing their own obesity epidemic. Stop slipping Fido the extra treats and, if possible, get more exercise with your pets. Chances are you'll both feel a whole lot better.

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Former Sockers MF signs with English pro team

By Will Korn
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Former Sockers FC midfielder Andrew Fox's childhood dream has come true.

On Saturday, he officially joined the ranks of professional soccer after signing a contract with Peterborough United FC, an English League One club two levels below the English Premier League. With Peterborough, Fox will be playing just 40 miles northwest of his home in Cambridge, England.

"I'm really pleased," said Fox on a video released by Peterborough United FC. "When I signed on Saturday, it was a great feeling. I'm thrilled to be here."

Fox, 22, who played collegiately at St. Edward's University in Austin, was with the Sockers since their season opener on May 13. In late June, Fox, through connections between his father and Peterborough manager Dave Robertson, earned a two-week trial with the club.

Fox stood out and it was announced Monday on Twitter, through the Sockers FC account, that he had signed his contract with Peterborough.

Sockers head coach Matt Barnes said Fox is in a great situation after signing with Peterborough. "It's a very, very competitive level," Barnes said. "The players get paid a lot at that level. We're just thrilled for him. The fact that St. Ed's and us got him started off this summer, it looks great for our club. It's a great signing for St. Ed's University and great for he and his family. We're really excited for him."

During his trial with Peterborough, which included a few matches, Fox diversified his game by playing more left back for the club. In his nine matches with the Sockers, he tallied three goals and three assists as a dynamic, play-making midfielder.

Although he's new to a more demanding defensive position, Fox said that he's welcomed the position switch with his new team.

"I've definitely been enjoying left back," Fox said. "It is a new position to me. I used to play up higher, but I'm very willing to learn and I've enjoyed playing there. I think it's hopefully going to bring new aspects to my game. I'm very happy there at the moment."

Please see SOCKERS/4C

Sockers FC's Andrew Fox practices on June 19 at Grande Communications Stadium.

MRT file photo

Preparing for a big game

Associated Press

LEFT: Jamaica goalkeeper Ryan Thompson looks on during the second half of a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer quarterfinal match against Haiti, Saturday in Baltimore. RIGHT: United States midfielder Michael Bradley looks on during the first half of a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer quarterfinal match against Cuba, on Saturday in Baltimore.

Jamaica relishes underdog role against US

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Forward Michael Seaton says Jamaica advanced to the CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinals for the first time in 17 years because the Reggae Boyz enjoyed surprising the doubters.

With five-time champion United States waiting in tonight's semifinal, Jamaica coach Winfried Schaefer is playing up the underdog role once again.

"It feels like David versus Goliath," Schaefer said Tuesday. "But that's fine. We will try everything to hit the giant when it counts the most."

Mexico, which has six Gold Cup titles, will play Panama in Wednesday night's other semifinal.

U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann predicted a tight match against Jamaica. That's no surprise. Other than a 6-0 win over Cuba in the quarterfinals, the U.S. has had plenty of tough matches in the Gold Cup so far.

The semifinal at a sold-out Georgia Dome matches two German coaches who know each other well.

"Our paths have crossed many times," Klinsmann said.

"All the times we've met we've always had a good time with each other. He loves to joke around."

Jamaica beat Haiti 1-0 to reach its first semifinal since 1998.

"I think it was people doubting us and knowing the struggle a majority of us come from," Seaton said.

U.S. midfielder Michael Bradley said the team knows what it's up against.

"We certainly have the most respect for Jamaica," Bradley said. "We know it's going to be a difficult game. We think everybody on all four teams is sensing a big opportunity here."

Schaefer managed the win over Haiti without Vancouver forward Darren Mattocks and Dallas midfielder Je-Vaughn Watson, who were suspended for yellow card accumulation. The two will be back against the U.S. as Jamaica tries to reach its first final. It lost to Mexico in the 1993 and 1998 semifinals.

Schaefer, who previously coached Thailand and Cameroon, took over Jamaica's team in 2013.

Please see US/4C

Oklahoma looks to more Big 12 championships

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Bob Stoops is bringing back the kind of pass-happy offense to Oklahoma that he introduced to the Big 12.

The Sooners hope that will help them win some more conference championships after a two-year drought that is the longest in Stoops' 16 seasons.

"A lot gives me optimism, a 17-year background," Stoops said Tuesday, the second day of Big 12 media days. "We're just a year removed from being in the top 10 and winning the Sugar Bowl."

But the Sooners are coming off an 8-5 season capped by a 40-6 loss to Clemson in the Orange Bowl. They were 5-4 in Big 12 play, their most conference losses since going 3-5 in 1998, the year before Stoops arrived. They won the 2000 national championship in his second season.

"I look around the country. We're probably not the only team that's 8-5 or 7-6 and on and on and on. And I look at a track record of 12 of the last 15 years, we've had 10 or more wins," Stoops said. "I don't think anyone else has done that in the country with that kind of consistency, and that doesn't dissipate in a year."

Still, Oklahoma and Texas — which won the league's last national championship a decade ago — are now chasing TCU and Baylor, the Big 12 co-champs from a year ago with their big-play ways and picked 1-2 in the league's preseason poll this season.

Stoops hired offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley to bring back the Air Raid offense that the Sooners used primarily while winning eight Big 12 titles from 2000-12.

"I believe in the offense. It's what we started with," Stoops said. "We kind of made it popular when I hired Mike (Leach) from Kentucky from Hal Mumme, and then it spread."

Now the Sooners just have to determine who their starting quarterback will be: returning starter Trevor Knight or transfer Baker Mayfield, who sat out last season after running a similar offense at Texas Tech.

Baylor, which won the Big 12 title outright in 2013 and shared it last season even after beating the Horned Frogs, piled up 581 total yards per game last year — the second consecutive season the Bears led the NCAA and their fourth year in a row in the top two. They also had the nation's top-scoring offense the past two years, 48.2 points per game last season after 52.4 in 2013.

"We've kind of been on a mission, and our mission has been to create an

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Feds end prosecution of Barry Bonds without conviction

By Paul Elias
and Sudhin Thanawala
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — After a nearly decade-long steroids prosecution, Barry Bonds emerged victorious Tuesday when federal prosecutors dropped what was left of their criminal case against the career home runs leader.

The government's pursuit of Bonds ended quietly with a one-paragraph motion by the U.S. Department of Justice announcing Solicitor General Donald B. Verrilli Jr. will not ask the U.S. Supreme Court to review the appellate decision that overturned Bonds' obstruction of justice conviction.

Bonds

A jury found the former San Francisco Giants star guilty in 2011 for giving a meandering answer to a federal grand jury in 2003 when asked whether his personal trainer gave him anything that required a syringe for self-injection. An 11-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned that conviction in April, and the government had until Wednesday to file for a Supreme Court review.

The jury deadlocked on three counts accusing Bonds of making false statements when he denied receiving steroids or human growth hormone or any substance that required a syringe for self-injection from the trainer, Greg Anderson. The government dismissed those counts in August 2011, and the 9th Circuit barred a retrial on the obstruction charge, citing double jeopardy.

"The finality of today's decision gives me great peace," Bonds, who turns 51 on Friday, said in a statement. "As I have said before, this outcome is something I have long wished for. I am relieved, humbled and thankful for what this means for me and my family moving forward."

Major League Baseball had no immediate comment. The U.S. Attorney's office in San Francisco didn't immediately respond to a phone call seeking comment.

Bonds' legal victory is unlikely to win over critics who concluded he cheated by using performance-enhancing drugs, or help him with Hall of Fame voters.

In his third year on the Hall ballot in 2015, Bonds received 202 votes for 36.8 percent from the Baseball Writers' Association of America. A player must garner at least 75 percent of the vote to be elected.

But it brings to a close one of the most high-profile prosecutions to emerge from an investigation of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative that began in 2002 and saw the convictions of Olympic track gold medalist Marion Jones, elite sprint cyclist Tammy Thomas and former NFL defensive lineman Dana Stubblefield along with coaches, distributors, a trainer, a chemist and a lawyer.

"It seems that the government has finally come to their senses," BALCO founder Victor Conte, who was sentenced to four months in prison and four months of home confinement, said in a statement. "In my opinion they should have never brought charges against Barry Bonds and wasted tens of millions of taxpayer dollars. ... The Bonds case was simply a trophy-hunting expedition by these federal agents and prosecutors, and I believe they need to be held accountable for this waste of federal funds."

William Portanova, a former federal prosecuter now in private practice, disagreed, saying the prosecution acted as a deterrent despite the lack of a conviction. "There's no question that the world paid attention to this case, so win, lose or draw, any potential steroid abusers saw

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TUESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 9
Corpus Christi 7

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m

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Midland 16-9
Corpus Christi 12-13

Monday	Tuesday	Today	Thursday	Friday
Midland 9 Corpus Christi 5	Midland 9, Corpus Christi 7	Midland at Corpus Christi	San Antonio at Midland	San Antonio at Midland

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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV
CYCLING
Tour de France, Stage 17: Digne-les Bains to Pro Laup, 7 a.m., NBCSN
GOLF
European PGA: Omega European Masters, 1st Round, 4 a.m., GOLF
MLB
NY Mets at Washington, 11:30 a.m., MLB
Texas at Colorado, 2 p.m., FSSW
Baltimore at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., MLB
Boston at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT
MEN'S SOCCER
CONCACAF Gold Cup: USA vs Jamaica, 5 p.m., FS1/UniMas
ICC: Chelsea vs New York Red Bulls, 7 p.m., FOXSOC+/ESPNDEP
CONCACAF Gold Cup: Panama vs Mexico, 8 p.m., FS2/UniMas/UDN
Copa Libertadores: Tigres UANL vs SC Internacional, 8 p.m., FOXDEP
MOTORSPORTS
Camping World Truck Series: Eldora, Practice, 9:30 a.m., FS1
Camping World Truck Series: Eldora, Final Practice, 10:30 a.m., FS1
Camping World Truck Series: Eldora, Qualifying, 4 p.m., FS2
Camping World Truck Series: Eldora, Qualifying, 6 p.m., FS2
Camping World Truck Series: Eldora, Qualifying, 7 p.m., FS1/FS2
Camping World Truck Series: Eldora, 8 p.m., FS1
PAN AMERICAN GAMES
Boxing, Men's Basketball, Men's Volleyball, Taekwondo, Track & Field, Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball, 9 a.m., ESPNDEP
Boxing, Men's Basketball, Men's Volleyball, Taekwondo, Track & Field, Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Women's Volleyball, 11 p.m., LHN
TENNIS
ATP: Swedish Open, 9 a.m., TENNIS
ATP: Croatia Open Umag, 3 p.m., TENNIS
WNBA
New York at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

ON RADIO
MLB
Texas at Colorado, 2 p.m, KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., KCRS 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Activated OF-1B Daniel Nava from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Deven Marrero to Pawtucket (IL). Signed CF Andrew Benintendi, Tate Matheny, Jagger Rusconi and Nick Hamilton; RHPs Travis Lakins, Ben Taylor, Kevin Kelleher, Marc Brakeman, Daniel Zandona, Max Watt, Nick Duron, Trevor Kelley and Adam Lau; LHPs Logan Boyd, Logan Allen, Matt Kent, Bobby Poyner and Brad Stone; OFs Jerry Downs, Kyri Washington and Tyler Spoon; Cs Austin Rei and Andrew Novielli; 1B Tucker Tubbs; 2B Chad De La Guerra; 3B Mitchell Gunkelus and SS Yomar Valentin to minor league contracts.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Reinstated LHP Jason Vargas from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Yordano Ventura to Omaha (PCL)
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned OF Danny Dorn to Reno (PCL). Recalled RHP Dominic Leone from Mobile (SL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Activated OF Carl Crawford from the 60-day DL. Optioned RHP Brandon Beachy to Oklahoma City (PCL). Designated RHP Preston Guilmet for assignment.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Reinstated RHP Matt Garza from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Tyler Cravy to Colorado Springs (PCL). Signed SS Luis Avila, INF Bryan Connell, SS Aaron Familia, CF Jesus Lujano, SS Luis Marion, C Moises Perez and C Jose Sibrian to minor league contracts.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed RHP Chad Billingsley on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 19. Optioned RHP David Buchanan to Lehigh Valley (IL).
ST LOUIS CARDINALS — Purchased the contract of OF-1B Stephen Piscotty from Memphis (PCL). Optioned OF Tommy Pham to Memphis. Designated INF Ty Kelly for assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled RHP Joe Ross from Syracuse (IL). Optioned INF Wilmer Difo to Harrisburg (EL).
American Association
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed OF Dexter Kjerstad.
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Released RHP Jesus Colome.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed OF Kyle Richards.
LAREDO LEMURS — Signed C Ryan Ortiz.
Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released INF Cedric Vallieres.
OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed LHP Dan Meyer. Released RHP Jose Figueroa.
Frontier League
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed RHP Dan Tobik.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed RHP Rob Blanc. Released RHP Casey Cannon.
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Released RHP Edwin Carl.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed OF Joe Jensen.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Released C Shane Roseland.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed RHP Jacob Ezell.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
HOUSTON ROCKETS — Re-signed F K.J. McDaniels to a multiyear contract.
TORONTO RAPTORS — Signed F Ronald Roberts to a multiyear contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Released OT Wayne Hunter.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Waived DB Justin Cox.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with QB Marcus Mariota.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Named Mike Bavis and Doug Janik as assistant coaches for Springfield (AHL).
BUFFALO SABRES — Re-signed F Johan Larsson to a one-year contract.
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Renewed their affiliation with Fort Wayne (ECHL) with a two-year agreement.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Agreed to terms with RW Teemu Pulkkinen on a one-year contract.
American Hockey League
BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Named Garry Fleming coach and Jean-Francois Houle and Tony Borgford assistant coaches. Announced Edmonton (NHL) assistant general manager Bill Scott will serve as general manager.
ECHL
IDAHO STEELHEADS — Agreed to terms with F Rob Linsmayer.
READING ROYALS — Agreed to terms with F Justin Crandall and D Curtis Leonard.
SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Agreed to terms with D Brendan Ellis.
OLYMPIC SPORTS
U.S. Olympic Committee
USOC — Announced the addition of Robert Wood to the U.S. Olympic Committee's board of directors.
COLLEGE
NCAA — Announced Mark Hollis was named vice chair of the Division I men's basketball committee for the 2015-16 season and chair of the committee for the 2016-17 season.
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON — Named Jimmy Holton volunteer assistant baseball coach.
LOYOLA (MD.) — Named Trevor Quinn men's assistant basketball coach.
NEBRASKA — Announced women's sophomore basketball G Chandler Smith will transfer.
PURDUE — Announced men's basketball F Jacquil Taylor was granted a medical hardship waiver by the Big Ten, restoring his freshman season of eligibility.
SC AIKEN — Named Mark Vanderslice men's basketball coach.
SAINT AUGUSTINE'S — Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach Rachel Bullard.
SAN JOSE STATE — Promoted Liz Jernigan to senior associate athletics director/senior woman administrator.
SUSQUEHANNA — Announced the resignation of softball coach and athletics administrator Kathy Kroupa to accept a position as associate athletic director for internal operations and senior women's administrator at The Citadel.
TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY — Announced men's sophomore basketball G Orlando Mercurius has transferred South Florida. Announced the resignation of women's tennis coach Stephanie Vallejos to accept the same position at Louisiana-Lafayette.
UAB — Announced the reinstatement of rifle for the upcoming season, bowlingin 2016-17 and football in 2017.
UALR — Announced men's junior basketball F Thomas Brandama transferred from Angelo State.

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	10	5	.667	—
Chicago	11	6	.647	—
Washington	9	6	.600	1
Indiana	8	8	.500	2½
Connecticut	7	7	.500	2½
Atlanta	7	10	.412	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	12	3	.800	—
Phoenix	9	6	.600	3
Tulsa	10	8	.556	3½
San Antonio	5	12	.294	8
Seattle	5	12	.294	8
Los Angeles	2	12	.143	9½

Tuesday's Scores
San Antonio 80, Indiana 62
Washington 76, Tulsa 69
Chicago 97, Atlanta 92
New York at Seattle, late
Phoenix at Los Angeles, late
Today's Games
Connecticut at Minnesota, noon
New York at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C. United	10	7	5	35	24	20
Columbus	8	7	6	30	31	30
New York	8	6	5	29	29	23
Toronto FC	8	7	3	27	28	28
New England	7	9	6	27	27	33
Orlando City	6	8	6	24	23	26
Philadelphia	6	11	4	22	26	34
Montreal	6	8	3	21	24	27
New York City FC	5	9	6	21	24	28
Chicago	5	11	3	18	20	28

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	10	5	5	35	28	24
Los Angeles	9	6	7	34	36	25
Vancouver	10	8	3	33	34	21
Sporting Kansas City	9	6	6	33	28	18
Seattle	10	9	2	32	25	20
Portland	9	7	5	32	23	24
Real Salt Lake	6	7	8	26	21	26
San Jose	7	8	5	25	21	24
Houston	6	8	6	24	24	26
Colorado	5	6	9	24	18	19

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

Sunday's Scores
Columbus 3, Chicago 1
Friday's Game
Sporting Kansas City at Real Salt Lake, 11 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Toronto FC at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Montreal, 7 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Houston, 8 p.m.
Portland at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.

FISHING REPORT

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 79-86 degrees; 1.3 feet high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs. Sunfish and medium running shad pattern crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 78-87 degrees; 0.27 feet high. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.
COLORADO CITY: 17.75 feet low. No report available.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 80-88 degrees; 5.71 feet low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 81-89 degrees; 17.2 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.
NASWORTHY: No report available.

Big 12 gets tougher than NCAA on the full-contact practice limit

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — TCU defensive end James McFarland says defensive-minded coach Gary Patterson doesn't need players hammering each other in pads every day to keep up the intensity in practice.

"Matter of fact, he's had more of his intense moments when people had nothing but shorts and helmets on because he feels like since we're not hitting, you should do everything right," said the senior returning sacks leader for the Horned Frogs. "He doesn't have a different way of doing things if we have pads on or we don't have pads on."

McFarland mirrored what his coach said at media day Monday after the Big 12 announced that it was taking an NCAA rule limiting contact in practice a step further by allowing two tackling sessions per week, including a game.

The national rule allows for a total of three full-contact sessions, game included. The Big 12 will allow two practices for players held out of games.

Associated Press

TCU head football coach Gary Patterson responds to questions from reporters at Big 12 Conference Football Media Days Monday in Dallas.

Two full-contact workouts for the team are permissible in bye weeks.

Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said the change came from a discussion with athletic directors, who talked to their coaches before approving the more stringent rule.

Patterson said the tighter restrictions won't change the Frogs' approach because they've had just one practice during game weeks for years.

"There's a false sense of we just try to bang our kids around," said Patterson, whose physical coaching style has helped TCU lead the nation in defense five times since 2000. "I think all of us, we like keeping our jobs, and we want to keep our kids healthy. Fresh shoulders, fresh legs, means more physical players."

Patterson said most teams get the heavier work done in the spring before turning the focus more to preservation during the regular season. And Bowlsby said that's what administrators found as they considered the change, which was approved in the spring.

"I don't think that we're going to find that this is a disadvantage," Bowlsby said. "In fact, I think you may find that you have a healthier team in the second half of the season."

The NCAA defines full-contact workouts as taking players to the ground or full-speed blocking. Drills involving players wrapping up but not tackling are considered non-contact.

West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said he hasn't conducted consecutive full-pad workouts in "quite some time," and hasn't had two-a-day workouts in four years.

Clint Trickett, Holgorsen's quarterback last year, retired after revealing he had sustained five concussions over 14 months. He didn't play again after getting knocked out of a 26-20 loss to Kansas State on Nov. 20.

"The way the model is right now is something that I've supported and something that we've done at West Virginia since I got there," Holgorsen said.

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atmosphere of excellence, of championships," Bears coach Art Briles said. "We just maintained a fence around our program, and we haven't looked at anybody else."

The Bears have a new quarterback after the graduation of two-year starter Bryce Petty, though junior Seth Russell threw for 438 yards and five touchdowns in just one half in his only start last season. Baylor still returns eight offensive starters, including 1,000-yard receivers Corey Coleman and KD Cannon, along with nine defensive starters.

Baylor and TCU were both left out of the first major college football playoff last season when both lost only one regular-season game. Briles knows a sure way to avoid another snub.

"If we'd have gone 12-0, there's no doubt we're in there, and we're rolling," Briles said. "If we line up and win 12 games this year, we're going to be in the final four. I think you can put that in ink right now."

Oklahoma State is coming off a 7-6 season with one of the most inexperienced teams in the country, but coach Mike Gundy feels that Cowboys go into his 11th season with good young players and some depth.

Charlie Strong knows that his 6-7 debut with the Longhorns last season "is not good enough. It will never be good enough at the University of Texas." The Longhorns, who open the season Sept. 5 at Notre Dame, won three games in a row before a 48-10 loss to TCU in the regular-season finale and a 31-7 Texas Bowl loss to Arkansas.

Iowa State was the only Big 12 team that failed to win a conference game last season, though the Cyclones are picked in the media preseason poll to finish ahead of Kansas.

Peterson, Vikings agree to redo last 3 years of deal

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Adrian Peterson and the Minnesota Vikings agreed Tuesday to restructure the final three years of his contract, giving the six-time Pro Bowl running back $20 million in guaranteed money.

Peterson

The Vikings announced the agreement four days before players will report to training camp, clearing away any lingering haze that surrounded their relationship with Peterson. Initially disinterested in returning to the team following his reinstatement by the NFL, Peterson softened this spring and took part in several offseason practices with the Vikings last month.

Peterson and his lead agent, Ben Dogra, didn't appear to have any leverage in negotiations once Vikings general manager Rick Spielman stood firm in his intent to keep Peterson on the team rather than trade him. But despite the drama of the past several months, Peterson got the guaranteed money he sought, another sign of the organization's widespread appreciation of him.

In a statement distributed by the Vikings, Peterson said he was pleased by the team's good-faith effort. On Twitter, he posted simply, "Amen," next to an emoji of a pair of praying hands.

"I appreciate the Vikings for working together on this restructured contract, which provides additional security for me but also allows opportunities for me to further prove my value to the team and within the NFL," Peterson said in the statement. "It was important for me to continue my career in Minnesota, and I cannot wait to get on the field in front of Vikings fans again."

Peterson, out of action for all but one game last year because of the child abuse charge he faced involving his young son, came back from his personal conduct policy suspension with $45 million left on his existing contract. None of that money, however, was guaranteed.

According to a person with knowledge of the situation, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the confidential nature of the terms of the contract, Peterson will be guaranteed $20 million for signing the new deal. That's the $13 million he was previously scheduled to make this season, plus $7 million next year to cover him in case of injury. By next March, he can make another $5-million with a roster bonus. Peterson's salary cap hit will be a bit lower the next two seasons, but he can earn back more money with performance incentives.

Peterson will be the highest-paid running back in the league.

The revamped contract clearly is designed for him to be in Minnesota's backfield when US Bank Stadium opens in 2016.

"This agreement is a win for both Adrian and the Vikings and is a positive step toward Adrian finishing his career as a Minnesota Viking," Spielman said in a statement distributed by the team. "As we have consistently said, Adrian is a valuable part of the Vikings organization and we look forward to his return to the field."

This will essentially become a two-year deal plus a team option for the third season, when the Vikings would be off the hook if they were to decide he wasn't productive enough to keep at age 32. According to data on the NFL Players Association's website, Peterson will have a base salary of $17.75 million in 2017, which would be a raise of $1 million from the previous contract. Factoring in his $250,000 workout bonus, that's $18 million.

That also is a matter for another day. For now, the Vikings have their franchise player back in the fold after a tumultuous year away, yet another example of money resolving a conflict in this ultra-competitive league.

Peterson, who turned 30 in March, can let himself loose without worrying about getting hurt. He'll be aiming to help the Vikings improve upon their 7-9 record from last year and rise up the ranks of the NFL's career rushing leaders along the way.

"I feel like I'm blessed," Peterson said last month, when asked about his longevity at a demanding position that churns up some of the best. "I feel like just my mindset that I have, my work ethic, as well."

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Carter, Correa help Astros win over Red Sox

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

Astros 6
Red Sox 3

HOUSTON — Chris Carter hit a two-run homer and rookie Carlos Correa drove in two runs as the Houston Astros used a big fifth inning to roll to an 8-3 victory over Boston on Tuesday night, extending the Red Sox's losing streak to six games.

Rookie Vince Velasquez (1-1) allowed seven hits and three runs for his first career win in his seventh major league start. He was recalled from Double-A Corpus Christi on Tuesday.

The Astros trailed by two before a four-run fifth where they scored two runs on an error before Correa's ground-rule RBI double made it 4-3. An RBI single by Evan Gattis wrapped up the scoring in the fifth before Carter's shot to the bullpen in right-center field extended the lead to 7-3 in the sixth.

Boston starter Brian Johnson (0-1) allowed three hits and four runs with four walks in 4 1-3 innings in his major league debut. He was 8-6 with a 2.73 ERA in 16 starts at Triple-A Pawtucket.

Carter returned to the lineup after missing two games with a sprained right ankle. The designated hitter was in an 0-for-20 slump before a single in the fifth inning that was his first hit since July 3. He finished with two hits for the first multi-hit game since June 27 for the struggling slugger, who is hitting .190.

Johnson had retired eight straight before Carter and L.J. Hoes hit consecutive singles with no outs in the fifth. Jake Marisnick grounded into a forceout and then stole second base. The throw from catcher Ryan Hanigan bounced off his arm and into the outfield for an error to allow Carter and Marisnick to score and tie it at 3-3.

Altuve drew a walk to chase Johnson. He was replaced by Justin Masterson, who plunked Marwin Gonzalez in the leg. Correa's ground-rule double, which bounced into the stands down the right field line, scored Altuve to put Houston on top.

An infield single by Gattis allowed Gonzalez to score and push the lead to 5-3.

Correa, who has a career-long six-game hitting streak, put Houston up 1-0 with a sacrifice fly in the first.

Velasquez struck out the side in the second before running into trouble in the third. Alejandro De Aza singled and Hanigan doubled with no outs. Mookie Betts doubled to right field to score them both and give Boston a 2-1 lead.

A one-out single RBI by Xander Bogaerts pushed the lead to 3-1.

Gonzalez was hit by a pitch by Masterson again in the sixth inning and was replaced at first base by Jon Singleton to start the seventh inning.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 9, HOOKS 7
At Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi

TOP HITTERS: RockHounds shortstop Chad Pinder put on a hitting clinic by going 4-for-5 with a home run, a stolen base and two runs scored. ... Midland first baseman Rangel Ravelo reached base in four of five plate appearances as he collected three hits and a walk. ... RockHounds designated hitter Renato Nunez homered, doubled and had three RBI.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland's relief corps of Omar Duran, Seth Frankoff and Tucker Healy combined to throw 4 2/3 shutout innings of one-hit ball.

HIGHLIGHTS: The RockHounds scored eight runs off Texas League All-Star Game starting pitcher Chris Devenski. Nunez started the barrage of runs by walloping a three-run homer in the first inning. Midland added two runs in the fourth frame and three runs in the fifth. RockHounds centerfielder Chad Oberacker provided a sacrifice fly in both the fourth and fifth innings.

NOTES: Pinder extended his hitting streak to 15 games. ... Nunez homered for the second straight game. ... After losing Sunday's series opener, the RockHounds have won two straight versus the Hooks, the first-half champions of the South division.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Tim Atherton (5-3, 4.91). Corpus Christi — LHP Brian Holmes (3-4, 3.65).

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	13	12	.520	—
Tulsa	13	12	.520	—
Arkansas	12	13	.480	1
x-Northwest Arkansas	8	16	.333	4½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	16	9	.640	—
Frisco	15	9	.625	½
x-Corpus Christi	12	13	.480	4
San Antonio	10	15	.400	6

x-clinched first half

Tuesday's Scores
Midland 9, Corpus Christi 7
Northwest Arkansas 1, Tulsa 0
Frisco 4, San Antonio 1
Springfield 5, Arkansas 5

Today's Games
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 9, HOOKS 7

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Corpus	ab	r	h	bi
Oberacker cf	3	0	1	2	Phillips cf	5	0	1	1
Walsh 2b	3	2	1	0	Hernandez rf	4	1	1	0
Ravelo 1b	4	1	3	1	Moran 3b	5	2	2	2
Nunez dh	5	1	2	3	Reed 1b	3	1	1	0
Pinder ss	5	2	4	1	Kemmer dh	4	0	1	0
Olson rf	5	0	0	0	Mier ss	4	1	1	1
R. Healy 3b	5	1	1	1	Vasquez lf	5	1	1	0
Brugman lf	4	2	1	0	Gonzalez c	3	1	1	0
Maxwell c	4	0	1	1	Gregor ph	1	0	0	0
					Moon 2b	4	0	2	0
Totals	38	9	14	8	Totals	38	7	11	4

Midland	300	231	000	—9
Corpus Christi	213	100	000	—7

E—Olson (5). Walsh (9). Pinder (16). LOB—Midland 8, Corpus Christi 10. 2B—Brugman (17). R. Healy (18). Nunez (13). HR—Nunez (14). Pinder (9). Moran (3). SB— Pinder (6). Walsh (10). Moon (11). CS—Ravelo (1). SF—Oberacker 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Jensen	4 1	10	7	4	4	1
Duran W, 1-0	2 0	0	0	0	1	1
Frankoff	1 2	1	0	0	0	2
T. Healy S, 3	1 0	0	0	0	1	1
Corpus Christi						
Devenski L, 7-3	4 1	12	8	8	2	1
Cotton	1 2	1	1	1	1	1
Gudsun	1 0	0	0	0	1	3
Gustave	1 2	1	0	0	0	2

WP — Cotton. Balk — Duran.
T—3:08. A—5,202.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

MARINERS 11
TIGERS 9

DETROIT — Franklin Gutierrez's pinch-hit grand slam in the eighth inning lifted the Seattle Mariners to a wild 11-9 victory over the Detroit on Tuesday, pushing the Tigers one loss closer to a trade deadline that could have drastic consequences in Motown.

The Tigers had come back from a 5-1 deficit and led 8-6 when Neftali Feliz (1-3) allowed five runs in the eighth. Feliz, who was picked up by Detroit on July 11 after refusing a minor league assignment from Texas, allowed a run on a wild pitch before giving up Gutierrez's opposite-field drive. There was no activity in the Detroit bullpen as Seattle rallied.

Joe Beimel (1-1) got the win in relief, and Carson Smith got four outs for his eighth save.

Seattle's Nelson Cruz and Detroit's J.D. Martinez each hit long home runs to center field in the third.

Yoenis Cespedes and Nick Castellanos also homered for Detroit.

The Tigers entered the game facing a four-game deficit in the race for a wild card in the American League, leading to talk they might trade David Price, Cespedes and perhaps some other big-name players before the July 31 deadline.

Detroit's clubhouse was closed to the media for a while before the game. Manager Brad Ausmus wouldn't say what went on, but the Tigers are certainly aware of the urgency of their situation.

YANKEES 3
ORIOLES 2

NEW YORK — Brendan Ryan has kept his mustache long after all his teammates abandoned their good-luck growth. Perhaps it was the oft-injured infielder's way of feeling part of the Yankees while he spent so much time away from the ballclub.

Well, it could be time to shave: He found a new way to fit in.

Ryan hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the sixth inning, helping New York beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-2 Tuesday night in the opener of a series between AL East rivals.

"It's been very frustrating for me that I cannot prove my value," he said.

Alex Rodriguez had a sacrifice fly and Chase Headley an RBI double off Wei-Yin Chen (4-6) on the Taiwanese left-hander's 30th birthday. The Yankees moved 10 games over .500 (51-41) for the first time since Sept. 13, 2013.

Center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury made a running, over-the-shoulder catch with a runner on second in the seventh to preserve the win for Justin Wilson (3-0) in relief of Nathan Eovaldi. New York opened a five-game lead in the division over Baltimore, which fell to .500 at 46-46.

National League

BRAVES 4
DODGERS 3

ATLANTA — Chris Johnson drove in two runs, Alex Wood overcame control problems on a hot night and the Atlanta Braves beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-3 on Tuesday night.

The Braves, who had lost seven of nine overall, improved to 18-6 at home in games decided by two runs or fewer.

It was a tough evening for the NL West-leading Dodgers, who have lost consecutive games for the first time since June 22-23 at the Chicago Cubs.

Los Angeles starter Brett Anderson left the game in the third after irritating his left Achilles tendon. Then, former Dodger Juan Uribe drove in the go-ahead run in the fifth with a bloop single. Also, manager Don Mattingly, who tried unsuccessfully to have a tag play overturned three innings earlier, was ejected by home plate umpire James Hoye after a heated argument in the eighth.

Justin Turner, likely still disturbed that he hadn't drawn a walk, appeared to exchange words with Hoye as he jogged back to the dugout after grounding out. That prompted Mattingly to come out.

METS 7
NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON — Pinch-hitter Eric Campbell put New York ahead with his two-run single in the seventh inning, and a stagnant Mets lineup finally came through with several clutch hits to back Jacob deGrom in a 7-2 win over the Washington Nationals on Tuesday night.

Fresh off his dominant display in the All-Star Game a week ago, deGrom (10-6) allowed two runs and three hits over six innings in surpassing his win total from last season. He struck out eight without a walk to beat the division-rival Nationals for the first time in four tries.

The 2014 NL Rookie of the Year whiffed three American League batters on 10 pitches last Tuesday in Cincinnati.

After going 4 for 72 with runners in scoring position over their previous nine games, the Mets were 5 for 15 this time.

One of those hits was by Campbell, who was batting for deGrom when he knocked in Wilmer Flores and Kirk Nieuwenhuis to give New York a 3-2 lead.

Interleague

ROYALS 3
PIRATES 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jarrod Dyson hit a two-run single in the eighth inning to lead the Kansas City Royals to a 3-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday night.

Dyson scored later in the inning on Alcides Escobar's single to put the Royals up 3-0, and they won for the 11th time in 14 games.

Wade Davis (6-1) struck out Andrew McCutchen swinging to end the eighth with two Pirates on base to pick up the victory.

Greg Holland survived a shaky ninth, allowing a run on four hits and a walk, but struck out Gregory Polanco with the bases loaded for his 21st save in 24 opportunities.

Pirates starter Gerrit Cole (13-4), who leads the majors in victories, was charged with all three runs and five hits in 7 1/3 innings.

With one out in the eighth, Omar Infante reached on a fielding error charged to second baseman Neil Walker. Alex Rios' single moved Infante to third and Rios took second on the throw to third.

CARDINALS 8
WHITE SOX 5

CHICAGO — Matt Holliday hit his sixth career grand slam, powering Michael Wacha and the St. Louis Cardinals past the Chicago White Sox 8-5 on Tuesday night.

Holliday homered for the first time since May 12. He returned last Friday after missing 31 games because of a strained right quadriceps.

Holliday connected in the fourth inning for his fourth homer. Mark Reynolds added a solo shot in the fifth.

Wacha (11-3) gave up five runs in five innings. Trevor Rosenthal pitched the ninth for his 28th save in 30 chances.

Stephen Piscotty, St. Louis' top hitting prospect, made his major league debut playing left field. He had an infield single in four at-bats and struck out twice.

Yadier Molina drove in two runs and Matt Carpenter added an RBI for the Cardinals, swept by the White Sox in St. Louis three weeks ago.

Carlos Rodon (3-3) was tagged for seven hits in four innings as the Cardinals built a 7-0 lead. Chicago lost its third in a row.

BREWERS 8
INDIANS 1

MILWAUKEE — Matt Garza pitched six shutout innings in his return from the disabled list, Jean Segura hit a two-run homer for his first extra-base hit in more than six weeks, and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Cleveland Indians 8-1 Tuesday night.

Cleveland starter Danny Salazar (8-5) allowed only two hits through six innings but was hurt by both in losing his first start since the All-Star break.

Gerardo Parra hit Salazar's first pitch for the first of his two triples. Parra scored on a groundout, and Segura's home run in the second made it 3-0.

It was Segura's first extra-base hit since June 5, a span of 192 plate appearances. He had 38 singles in that time.

Garza (5-10) scattered six hits, walked two and struck out four. He held the Indians hitless in six at-bats with runners in scoring position.

RAYS 1
PHILLIES 0

PHILADELPHIA — Aaron Nola did almost everything right in his major league debut. Surprisingly, the opposing pitcher gave him trouble.

Nola gave up a home run to Rays starter Nathan Karns for what turned out to be the lone run in Tampa Bay's 1-0 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday night.

Nola (0-1) was impressive, surrendering one run and five hits with six strikeouts and one walk in six innings, but the Phillies managed just four hits while ending their four-game winning streak.

"He was poised, had good mound presence and didn't look scared," Phillies interim manager Pete Mackanin said. "Just couldn't muster any offense for him. He did everything right."

The 22-year-old right-hander was the seventh overall selection by the Phillies in the 2014 draft, making him the first Philadelphia player since Pat Combs in 1989 to appear in the big leagues a year after being drafted.

Bonds

From 1C

that there's a chance of getting tangled in the court system," he said.

The BALCO investigation also helped lead to the report by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, which called out many of baseball's top players, including Roger Clemens, for alleged steroids use. Clemens was acquitted in 2012 on all charges that he obstructed and lied to Congress in denying he used performance-enhancing drugs.

Bonds was charged four years after he testified before a grand jury after receiving a grant of immunity. Bonds didn't dispute that he took steroids, but testified to the grand jury that Anderson told him they were flaxseed oil and arthritic balm.

After a three-week trial, Bonds was convicted for his response to the question: "Did Greg ever give you anything that required a syringe to inject yourself with?"

"That's what keeps our friendship," Bonds replied. "I was a celebrity child, not just in baseball by my own instincts. I became a celebrity child with a famous father. I just don't get into other people's business because of my father's situation, you see."

A three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit unanimously upheld the conviction in 2013 but the larger group of judges ruled in April that there was insufficient evidence Bonds' answer was material to the federal investigation into sports doping.

After the 2011 conviction, U.S. District Judge Susan Illston sentenced Bonds to 30 days of home confinement, two years of probation, 250 hours of community service in youth-related activities and a $4,000 fine. Bonds served the home confinement before his conviction was overturned.

Bonds ended his career after the 2007 season with 762 homers, surpassing the record of 755 that Hank Aaron set from 1954-76. He has been more active with the Giants recently, serving as a hitting instructor at spring training, and Bonds still has the backing of Giants who played alongside him, such as two-time NL Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum.

"Thank you to all of you who have expressed your heartfelt wishes to me; for that, I am grateful," Bonds said.

Pan Am medical head says 8 positive tests so far

Associated Press

TORONTO — The head of the medical commission for the Pan Am Games says there have been eight positive doping tests so far, a figure he puts "in the average range" for what would be expected at the multi-sports event.

Dr. Eduardo De Rose, in an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday, said games officials would carry out 1,500 urine tests and 400 blood tests on 6,000 athletes before the event ends on Sunday.

"All the conditions here are ideal for the detection of doping in the games," De Rose said. "I would take this number as something acceptable. I would not say we are having too many, or too few. We are exactly in the average range."

De Rose praised the revised doping code published earlier this year by the World Anti-Doping Agency. It allows the targeting of specific banned substances — depending on the sport — and also targeting of specific athletes.

"The conditions we have now are almost ideal for doping control, and I would not expect too many situations where we are not getting the people we should get," he explained. "But as in anything in life, we are doing the best we can but we are not perfect."

De Rose said he had heard of some national delegations reporting a few additional positive tests, but he declined to comment on them.

De Rose, a Brazilian, praised Canada's national anti-doping agency — Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport — and a lab in Montreal doing the testing.

Under the new WADA code in effect from the start of the year, specific banned substances are being targeted, depending on the sport. Specific athletes are also being targeted if there is reason for suspicion.

"It's clear we have some high-risk sport, risk sport, low-risk and no- risk," De Rose said.

The Pan American Sports Organization has listed eight positive tests for banned substances.

Three baseball players have tested positive — Nelson Gomez of Puerto Rico. Mario Castillo of the Dominican Republic, and Javier Ortiz of Colombia.

MLB AT A GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	51	41	.554	—
Tampa Bay	48	48	.500	5
Toronto	47	47	.500	5
Baltimore	46	46	.500	5
Boston	42	52	.447	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	56	36	.609	—
Minnesota	50	43	.543	6
Detroit	46	47	.495	10½
Cleveland	44	48	.478	12
Chicago	42	49	.462	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	52	40	.565	—
Houston	52	43	.547	1½
Texas	43	49	.467	9
Oakland	43	51	.457	10
Seattle	43	51	.457	10

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	50	42	.543	—
New York	49	45	.521	2
Atlanta	45	49	.479	6
Miami	38	55	.409	12½
Philadelphia	33	63	.344	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	56	34	.634	—
Pittsburgh	54	39	.581	5
Chicago	48	42	.538	9
Cincinnati	41	49	.456	16½
Milwaukee	42	52	.447	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	53	42	.558	—
San Francisco	49	44	.527	3
San Diego	44	49	.473	8
Arizona	43	49	.473	8
Colorado	40	51	.440	11

Tuesday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y. Yankees 3, Baltimore 2
Seattle 11, Detroit 9
Houston 6, Boston 3
Texas at Colorado, late
Minnesota at L.A. Angels, late
Toronto at Oakland, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE
N.Y. Mets 7, Washington 2
Atlanta 4, L.A. Dodgers 3
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, late
Miami at Arizona, late
San Francisco at San Diego, late

INTERLEAGUE
Tampa Bay 1, Philadelphia 0
Milwaukee 8, Cleveland 1
Kansas City 3, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 8, Chicago White Sox 5

Texas box score

ASTROS 6, RED SOX 3

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Betts cf	4	1	1	2	Altuve 2b	3	2	2	1
Pedroia 2b	4	0	0	0	M.Gonzlz 1b	2	1	1	0
Bogarts ss	4	0	2	1	C.Ramos rf	1	0	0	0
Ortiz dh	4	0	0	0	Correa ss	3	0	1	2
H.Ramrz rf	4	0	1	0	Gattis lf	3	0	0	1
Sandoval 3b	4	0	0	0	Singltn 1b	1	0	0	0
B.Holt 1b	3	0	1	0	Valuen 3b	4	0	0	0
De Aza rf	3	1	2	0	Conger c	3	1	1	0
Hanigan c	3	1	1	0	Carter dh	3	2	2	2
Hoes rf-lf	4	0	1	0					
Mrnick cf	4	2	1	0					
Totals	33	3	8	3	Totals	31	8	9	6

Boston	003	000	000	—3
Houston	100	042	01x	—8

E—Hanigan (1). DP—Boston 1, Houston 2. LOB—Boston 3, Houston 6. 2B—Betts (23), Bogaerts (21), B.Holt (16), Hanigan (3), Correa (12), Conger (6). 3B—Marisnick (3). HR—Carter (16). SB—Altuve (27), Marisnick (12). SF—Correa.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
B.Johnson L,0-1	4 1-3	3	4	4	4	3
Masterson	1 2-3	4	3	3	0	2
Layne	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tazawa	1	1	2	1	1	0
Houston						
Velasquez W,1-1	6	7	3	3	0	7
W.Harris	1	1	0	0	0	0
Neshek	1	0	0	0	0	0
J.Fields	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Masterson (Ma.Gonzalez, Ma.Gonzalez). WP—Masterson.
T—3:01. A—28,913 (41,574).

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Baltimore (Gausman 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Montgomery 4-0) at Detroit (Ar. Sanchez 6-7), 6:08 p.m.
Boston (Miley 8-8) at Houston (McHugh 10-5), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Pelfrey 5-6) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 7-7), 9:05 p.m.
Toronto (Dickrson 1-0) at Oakland (Gray 10-4), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
L.A. Dodgers (Bolsinger 4-0) at Atlanta (Teheran 6-4), 11:10 a.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-4) at Cincinnati (Leake 7-6), 11:35 a.m., 1st game
N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 6-5) at Washington (Zimmermann 8-9), 11:35 a.m.
San Francisco (M.Cain 1-1) at San Diego (Shields 8-3), 2:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Beeler 0-0) at Cincinnati (Cingrani 0-3), 5:10 p.m., 2nd game
Miami (Fernández 2-0) at Arizona (Ray 3-4), 8:40 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 5-6) at Philadelphia (Morgan 1-2), 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Co.Anderson 2-1) at Milwaukee (Lohse 5-10), 1:10 p.m.
Texas (M.Perez 9-1) at Colorado (J.De La Rosa 6-4), 2:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Morton 6-3) at Kansas City (Volquez 8-5), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 7-5) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 5-6), 7:10 p.m.

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
YANKEES 3, ORIOLES 2

Baltimore	000	002	000	—2 7 0
New York	110	001	00x	—3 11 0

W-Chen. Tom.Hunter (7). Matusz (8) and Wieters; Eovaldi, Ju.Wilson (8), Betances (7), A.Miller (9) and B.McCann. W—Ju.Wilson 3-0. L—W.Chen 4-6. Sv—A.Miller (21).

MARINERS 11, TIGERS 2

Seattle	401	001	050	—11 4 2
Detroit	012	040	110	—9 9 0

T.Walker, D.Rollins (8), Wilhelmsen (9), Beimel (7), Rodney (8), Ca.Smith (9) and Zunino; Greene, B.Hardy (5), Alburquerque (6), Krol (7), B.Rondon (7), N.Feliz (8), A.Wilson (9) and Avila. W—Beimel 1-1. L—N.Feliz 1-3. Sv—Ca.Smith (8). HRs—Seattle, N.Cruz (22), Gutierrez (2). Detroit, J.Martinez (27), Cespedes (14), Castellanos (7).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
METS 7, NATIONALS 2

New York	000	100	204	—7 10 0
Washington	000	020	000	—2 5 2

deGrom, Mejia (7), Parnell (8), Familia (9) and Plawecki; J.Ross, Barrett (7), Rivera (7), Roark (9), de los Santos (9) and W.Ramos. W—deGrom 10-6. L—J.Ross 2-2. HRs—Washington, W.Ramos (9).

BRAVES 4, DODGERS 3

Los Angeles	110	010	000	—3 6 2
Atlanta	201	010	00x	—4 10 1

S.Anderson, Tass (3), Baez (5), Jo.Peralta (7), Howard (8) and A.Barnes; A.Wood, Proctor (7), Avilan (8), J.Johnson (9) and Lecrom. W—A.Wood 7-6. L—Tass 1-1. Sv—J.Johnson (8). HRs—Los Angeles, Ju.Turner (12), Puig (5).

INTERLEAGUE
RAYS 1, PHILLIES 0

Tampa Bay	001	000	000	—1 7 1
Philadelphia	000	000	000	—0 4 0

Karns, Geltz (6), Cedeno (8), McGee (7), Jepsen (8), Boxberger (9) and Rivera; Nola, L.Garcia (7), J.Gomez (8), D.Hernan (9) and Rupp. W—Karns 5-5. L—Nola 0-1. Sv—Boxberger (24). HRs—Tampa Bay, Karns (1).

BREWERS 8, INDIANS 1

Cleveland	000	000	100	—1 9 1
Milwaukee	120	000	41x	—8 9 0

Salazar, McAllister (7), R.Webb (7), Crockett (7), Marship (7), A.Adams (8) and Y.Gomes; Garza, Blazek (7), I.Smith (7), Colts (8), Knebel (9) and Lucroy. W—Garza 5-10. L—Salazar 8-5. HRs—Milwaukee, Segura (4).

CARDINALS 8, WHITE SOX 5

St. Louis	012	410	000	—8 11 2
Chicago	000	220	000	—5 8 0

Wacha, Maness (6), Tuivailala (7), Siegrist (7), Rosenthal (9) and Molina; Rodon, D.Webb (5), M.Albers (8), De.Jennings (9) and Soto. W—Wacha 11-3. L—Rodon 3-3. Sv—Rosenthal (28). HRs—St. Louis, Holliday (4), Reynolds (9). Chicago, Soto (6), Saladino (2).

ROYALS 3, PIRATES 1

Pittsburgh	000	000	001	—1 8 2
Kansas City	000	000	03x	—3 6 1

G.Cole, Caminero (8) and Stewart; J.Vargas, Blanton (2), Madson (6), K.Herrera (7), W.Davis (8), G.Holland (9) and S.Perez. W—W.Davis 6-1. L—G.Cole 13-4. Sv—G.Holland (21).

MONDAY'S LATE LINESCORES
ROCKIES 8, RANGERS 7

Texas	002	030	101	—7 10 0
Colorado	340	000	001	—8 10 2

N.Martinez, Bass (5), Patton (6), S.Freeman (7), Schoepps (8) and Telis; Rusin, Logan (7), Kahnle (7), Hawkins (8), Axford (9) and Hundley. W—Axford 2-2. L—Schoepps 3-1. HRs—Colorado, Tulowitzki (12).

ANGELS 7, RED SOX 3
Second Game

Boston	000	002	010	—3 6 0
Los Angeles	014	010	10x	—7 8 0

S.Wright, Layne (6), Ogando (7), Breslow (8) and Swihart; Heaney, Grilli (8), J.Smith (8) and C.Perez. W—Heaney 4-0. L—S.Wright 3-3. Sv—J.Smith (1). HRs—Boston, Ortiz (16). Los Angeles, Pujols 2 (29), Trout (28).

DIAMONDBACKS 3, MARLINS 1

Miami	000	000	100	—1 7 1
Arizona	002	001	00x	—3 8 0

Phelps, B.Hand (6), Cishek (7) and Realmuto; R.De La Rosa, O.Perez (8), Ziegler (8) and W.Castillo. W—R.De La Rosa 7-5. L—Phelps 4-6. Sv—Ziegler (15). HRs—Miami, Dietrich (4).

PADRES 4, GIANTS 2

San Francisco	001	010	000	—2 7 0
San Diego	002	011	00x	—4 10 1

T.Hudson, Y.Petit (5), Vogelsong (7) and Posey; Kennedy, Maurer (7), Benoit (8), Kimbrel (9) and Da.Norris. W—Kennedy 5-8. L—T.Hudson 5-8. Sv—Kimbrel (20). HRs—San Francisco, G.Blanco (3). San Diego, Kemp (10).

Former Chap Simmons, Hammon lead Spurs to SL title

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Becky Hammon already made history when she became the first female head coach in NBA summer league.

Leading the San Antonio Spurs to the Las Vegas Summer League championship just made the experience that much sweeter.

Hammon coached the Spurs to a 93-90 victory over the Phoenix Suns in the title game on Monday night.

"It was a grind," Hammon said. "They've been together for 17 days. They really started to jell the last two or three games. They listened and they played really hard for me. I just really appreciate their attentiveness and alertness. They were tired but they fought through."

The Spurs participated in both the Orlando and Las Vegas summer leagues, but Hammon served as the head coach only in the higher profile Vegas event.

The Spurs lost the opener to the New York Knicks, and then reeled off six straight victories.

Jonathon Simmons, who played for Midland College in 2009-10, scored 23 points and took home MVP honors for the championship game. Treveon Graham added 22 points for the Spurs.

"It's amazing. It was a humbling experience," Simmons told NBATV of playing for Hammon. "For all of us. I really love her and I've only known her a couple days. She's a real cool coach. She's a player coach. That's something we all like."

Last year the Spurs made Hammon the first female full-time assistant coach in league history. Earlier this summer they told her she would lead the team in Las Vegas.

"She's a firecracker, she takes no prisoners, she's got a great personality," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said during a visit to Minnesota in the regular season. "She knows her stuff. She's competitive."

The Spurs have worked hard not to make too much of their hiring of Hammon. Popovich has said time and again that she was hired because of her coaching acumen and not because the team was looking to help a woman break the glass ceiling.

"I don't know if her perspective is unique. It's women instead of men, but it's the same game," Popovich said. "Becky knows what to do on a pick-and-roll just as much as what Tony Parker knows. So I don't think it's unique at all."

The players gave Hammon a Gatorade bath during the celebration in the locker room, and the Spurs were the third team to win the Vegas Summer League tournament, following the Warriors in 2013 and Kings in 2014.

"You never know what your journey has in store," Hammon said, according to Sports Illustrated. "You just work hard and keep your nose to the grind. You do things the right way, you treat people the right way, and good things happen. ... I'm just thankful that (Popovich) trusted me with the guys in that locker room, and that those guys trusted me back."

Shark wrestler: 'I haven't got a scratch on me'

Associated Press

Mick Fanning sat up on a high stool, straight backed and good humored, recounting the story he will be telling for the rest of his days, about how he fought off a shark with his bare hands during a surfing competition in South Africa.

It sounds like the plot of a movie, but this three-time world champion is no fictional Crocodile Dundee-style Aussie. He's the real thing: his shark-wrestling exploits were broadcast live.

The 34-year-old Fanning arrived back in Australia on Tuesday and appeared at a news conference in Sydney before heading home to the Gold Coast, the burgeoning city surrounding Surfers Paradise beach.

"It was so close. I'm doing OK, though," he said. "I haven't got a scratch on me. Just more of an emotional, mental sort of trauma right now.

"To walk away from a shark attack with not a scratch on you — it is a miracle really."

Fanning was competing against fellow Aussie Julian Wilson in the final of the JBay Open, the World Surf League event at Jeffreys Bay on South Africa's east coast, when he was bumped off his board by a shark.

In video of the event posted on the World Surf League website, Fanning could be seen scanning the water before a big fin emerged behind him. He turned to deal with the shark, and then lost his board as a wave rolled in and he disappeared from view.

SOCKERS

From 1C

Robertson acknowledged Fox's experience in a winning atmosphere. He helped lead St. Edward's three consecutive Heartland Conference championships in his sophomore through senior seasons from 2012-14. He also was a major contributor to a strong Sockers club which is now bound for the Premier Development League playoffs on Friday.

"Andrew Fox comes with a good pedigree," Robertson said in the club's press release Monday. "He brings a bit of versatility and I am looking forward to working with him and developing him."

Barnes said that going forward, Fox has just as much potential as a left back as he had playing midfield.

"I think if he can perfect that role as outside back, he's got the pace, he's got the size, the strength, he's got a great work ethic, he's got a magic left foot — I don't see any reason at his age why he can't really latch on and continue to play at that level and climb higher," Barnes said.

Added Fox: "I've achieved one goal and now it's on to the next. The season will show how I get on and we'll see. But hopefully good things will come from it."

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US

From 1C

The U.S. has been led by Clint Dempsey, the Seattle Sounders star who had a hat trick in the win over Cuba.

Mexico is not at full strength. Forward Javier Hernandez is out with a collarbone injury. The good news from coach Miguel Herrera on Tuesday is Giovani Dos Santos said he is fully recovered from a leg injury.

"He's doing well," Herrera said. "For the first time today he told me he's 100 percent so we'll definitely consider him and take that into account in terms of the match tomorrow."

Panama beat Mexico 2-1 in the 2013 Gold Cup semifinals.

Is there motivation for revenge, even though Mexico beat Panama 1-0 in a friendly last year?

"I think yes it could be, given it's the same tournament," Herrera said.

Midfielder Jonathan Dos Santos said players were drained when their flight to Atlanta on Monday was delayed four hours.

Herrera fielded more questions on Tuesday about his team's 1-0 win over Costa Rica in the quarterfinals on Sunday night. The win came on Andres Guardado's penalty kick in the final minute of extra time after Roy Miller was called for a questionable foul on Oribe Peralta.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Black-ish	Black-ish	Black-ish	Black-ish	Modern Family	Modern Family	KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother		Criminal Minds "Rock Creek Park"		Extant "Cracking the Code" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) NCIS "So It Goes"	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Laverne & Shirley	Laverne & Shirley	Laverne & Shirley	Laverne & Shirley	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Haunted Husband"	★ Perry Mason:...
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Masterchef "Movers and Bakers" (N)		Home Free (P) (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mani Erfan	House Call	Update News	Dollars & Sense	Light of the Southwest				HaYesod	Mission: M25	Jean-Claude	Dr. William
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		America-Talent "Best of Auditions"		Last Comic "The Premiere" 100 of America's best and brightest comics perform. (SP) (N)				NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	Business (N)	Scully the World	Life on the Reef (N)		Nova "Why Planes Vanish"		Nova "Sunken Ship Rescue"		Charlie Rose (N)	Newsline	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX		340	575		165		(5:00) ★★ Metro		★★ The Watcher			(:45) ★ An American Werewolf in London				★★★ Mimic Mira Sorvino.	
HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	The Brink	★ The Maze Runner Dylan O'Brien.				True Detective		LastWeek	Bailers	Packed in a Trunk	
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(:15) ★ Let's Be Cops Jake Johnson.				★ Gone Girl ('14, Myst) Rosamund Pike, Ben Affleck.					Sex On//	★ Dallas Buyers Cl...	
HBO3		304	552	16	102		(5:00) ★ Disconnect		True Detective (N)		LastWeek	The Brink	Bailers	★★ Shallow Hal Gwyneth Paltrow.			Movie	
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(:10) ★ Wish I Was Here Zach Braff.				★★★ The Untouchables Kevin Costner.				StrikeBk	(:10) Strike Back	Movie	
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(:20) ★★ Waist Deep Tyrese Gibson.				★★ Turistas Josh Duhamel.		(:35) ★★ The Interpreter Nicole Kidman.				Movie	
PLEX				96			(5:30) ★ The Love Le...		★★★ Awakenings Robin Williams.				(:05) ★★★ Only You			(:40) ★★★★ The Dead		
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	Starring Adam West				★★★★ Walking Tall		Ray Donovan "Ding"		★★ Jackass Number Two		Movie	
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ Deep Rising		★★ Vampire Academy Zoey Deutch.				★ Afflicted Cliff Prowse.			★ Wolves ('14, Act) Lucas Till.		
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dyn. "G.I. Sil"	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dyn. (N)	Wahlburgers (N)	Donnie/-Jenny (N)	Lachey's Bar (N)	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
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BET		58	-		40		★ To Be Announced						Game	Frankie	Frankie	P.S. BET	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	76		41		H.Wives "Fall Circle"		Real Housewives		Flipping Out (N)		Million Listing SF (N)		Watch (N)	Flipping Out	Listing SF	
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Blue	Blue Collar	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Blue (N)	Blue (N)	Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Anthony "Paraguay"		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		Anthony "Paraguay"	
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ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	Pan American Games -- Toronto, Ont. (L)								NFL Live		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY		53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Mean Girls		Melissa	Daddy (N)	★★ 13 Going on 30 Jennifer Garner.				The 700 Club		★ Romy & Michele...	
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Diners...	Diners, Dr.	M. Diners	M. Diners	M. Diners	Diners (N)	Burgers	Top 5	Diners...	Diners...	M. Diners	M. Diners
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Big 12 (N)	The Game 365	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Colorado Rockies Site: Coors Field -- Denver, Colo.						Hall of Fame	Big 12 Showcase	WPT Poker Fallsview Classic	
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HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Kitchens	Kitchens	Buying & Selling (N)		H.Hunt	House	Property Brothers		Buying and Selling	
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Woodsmen (N)		(:05) Alone		American Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Terra's Family	Terra Little Family	Terra's Family	TerraFam "Work It!"	Terra's Family	Terra's Family	Terra's Family	Terra's-Family	Terra's Family	Terra's Family	Terra's Family	TerraFam "Work It!"
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				(5:30) NPGL Fitness		Cycling Tour de France Stage 17 Digne-les-Bains - Pra Loup						Motocross Highl. (N)		Cycling Tour de France	
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	WitchWay	Talia (N)	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Gafflgan	Impastor	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	★ Sharknado 2: The Second One				★ Sharknado 3: Oh Hell No! Tara Reid. (P)				(:05) ★ Sharknado 3: Oh Hell No! Tara Reid.			
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TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Keeper of t...		★★★ Gilda ('46, Susp) Rita Hayworth.				(:15) ★★★ Boom Town ('40, Adv) Clark Gable.				Movie	
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Avenida Brasil		Tierra de reyes		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Tierra de reyes	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	I Am Jazz "All About Jazz"		It's All Relative "Life After Scientology"		Relative (N)	Relative (N)	I Am Jazz (N)	I Am Jazz (N)	It's All Relative	It's All Relative	I Am Jazz	I Am Jazz
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Significant Others"		Castle "Under the Influence"		Castle "Death Gone Crazy"		Castle "Recoil"		CSI: NY "Identity Crisis"		CSI: NY "Food for Thought"	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	Gilligan	Gilligan	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Gafflgan	Impastor	The Exes	Queens	Queens	Queens
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Sky airs Froome data as Tour de France nears Alpine finale

By Jamey Keaten
Associated Press

SISTERON, France — The team of Tour de France leader Chris Froome bowed to pressure Tuesday and released data about his riding power, heart rate and pedaling rhythm, hoping to quell speculation about doping ahead of an increasingly likely victory in Paris.

On the Tour's second rest day, Team Sky presented the figures after comments on French TV raised questions about Froome's performance and incidents in which spectators have booed, spat upon and thrown urine on the rider and his teammates — behavior attributed in part to the unfounded speculation about his speed on the way to victory in Stage 10.

With a 3 minute, 10 second lead on his closest rival, and his mountain-climbing nearly unparalleled, Froome said he's in "a great place" as the three-week race resumes Wednesday with Stage 17's 161-kilometer (100-mile) jaunt over four climbs from Digne-les-Bains to an uphill finish at Pra Loup mountain resort.

It's the start of four grueling days in the Alps. The climax comes Saturday with an uphill finish at Alpe d'Huez, a day before a largely ceremonial ride for the race winner on the Champs-Elysees in Paris.

"The third week of the Tour is always unpredictable. You never know how anyone is going to respond," said American rider Tejay van Garderen, the BMC team leader who is third overall, 3:32 behind of Froome.

Van Garderen said the British race leader, who won the Tour in 2013 and has never tested positive for doping, has had to deal with "the aftermath" of doping cheats of the past.

"It was clear that he dealt with the heat and dealt with the (first) rest day better than other people did," Van Garderen said of Froome's Stage 10 victory. "I think it's very unfair for him to have to deal with all the scrutiny."

Froome, a Kenya-born Briton, said his team wants to address doubts about Sky's performances with the release of his rider data.

Sky performance analyst Tim Kerrison presented figures including Froome's power output, cadence and heart rate on the climb to the Stage 10 finish. The figures showed the rider's ability to generate vast amounts of power, hitting a top speed of 27.7 kph going uphill.

Kerrison said Froome produced 414 watts and a pedal cadence of 97 revolutions per minute on average on the climb. Froome's heart rate hit 174 beats per minute the highest rate that the team has tallied from him in any recent Grand Tour race and Kerrison called that a sign that Froome had arrived "very fresh" at the foot of that ascent.

Last week, France-2 ran a report quoting a doctor, Pierre Sallet, who it said works with statisticians for race organizer ASO, analyzing Tour riders' performances. ASO says that is only partly true: It says Sallet's team does give them data about the race itself, providing such details as where riders are on the road in relation to each other. But ASO says Sallet doesn't analyze rider's physiological data.

In the TV report, Sallet cited what he called "a reliable mathematical model" for his calculation that Froome had a maximum aerobic power of 500 watts on the climb, and could generate 7.04 watts per kilogram of body weight. By his count, Kerrison said Froome had produced 5.78 watts per kilogram on average on the climb.

"All athletes we've seen above 7 watts per kilo in the past were athletes who were caught in doping affairs," said Sallet, adding that Froome "must give us information about his physiological profile for his performance to become credible."

Sky's Kerrison said the "margin of error" was too great to allow for an accurate assessment of Froome's physiological profile from the Stage 10 climb results alone.

The TV report interspersed images of some former riders like Lance Armstrong, who was stripped of his seven Tour titles for doping.

"In particular what France-2 did, putting out that big headline '7 watts per kilo', a picture of Lance Armstrong, a picture of (Jan) Ullrich," Sky team manager Dave Brailsford said, "that was so wildly wrong on so many levels, that actually we just thought, 'We should just correct that, and give the concrete facts, and give the evidence, so hopefully that people can judge for themselves.'"

Tour de France standings
Rest Day Tuesday
(After 16 stages)

1. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, 64:47:16
2. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, 3:10 behind
3. Tejay Van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, 3:32
4. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movistar, 4:02
5. Alberto Contador, Spain, Tinkoff-Saxo, 4:23
6. Geraint Thomas, Britain, Sky, 5:32
7. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Lotto NL-Jumbo, 6:23
8. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Astana, 7:49
9. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Trek Factory Racing, 8:53
10. Warren Barguil, France, Giant-Alpecin, 11:03
11. Tony Gallopin, France, Lotto-Soudal 12:02
12. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 13:10
13. Mathias Frank, Switzerland, IAM Cycling, 14:23
14. Samuel Sanchez, Spain, BMC Racing, 15:18
15. Pierre Rolland, France, Europcar, 15:55
16. Jarlinson Pantano, Colombia, IAM Cycling, 17:04
17. Andrew Talansky, United States, Cannondale-Garmin, 23:15
18. Serge Pauwels, Belgium, MTN-Qhubeka, 24:18
19. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ, 31:54
20. Alexis Vuillermoz, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 36:29

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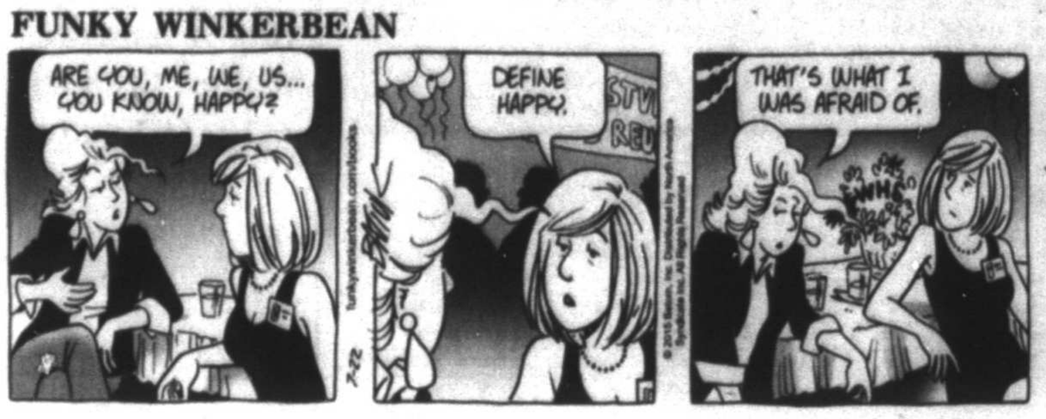

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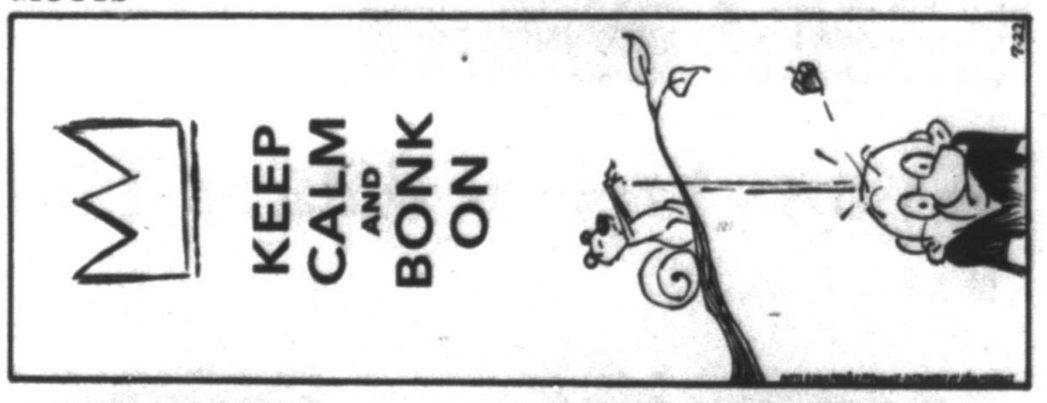

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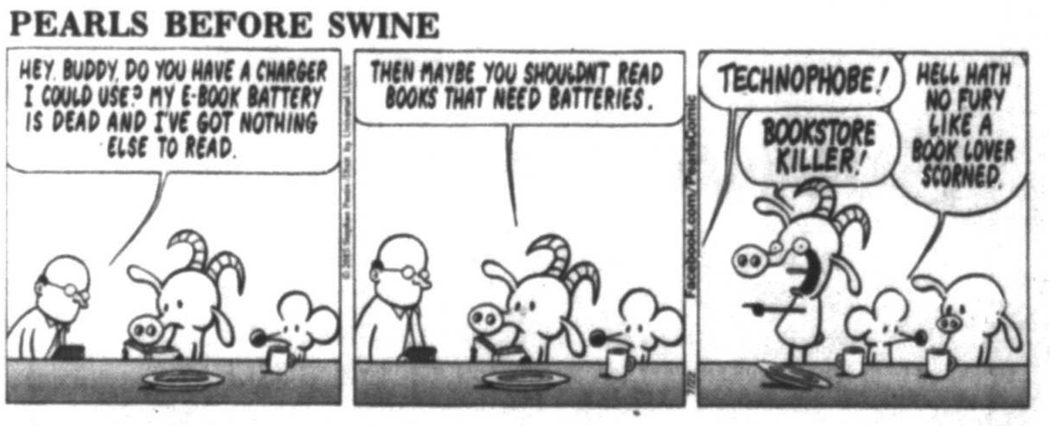

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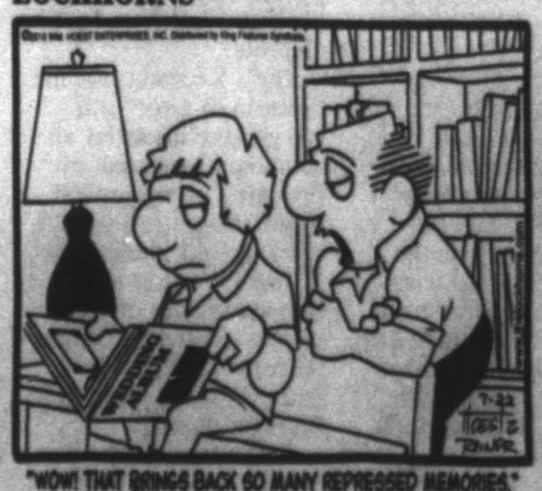

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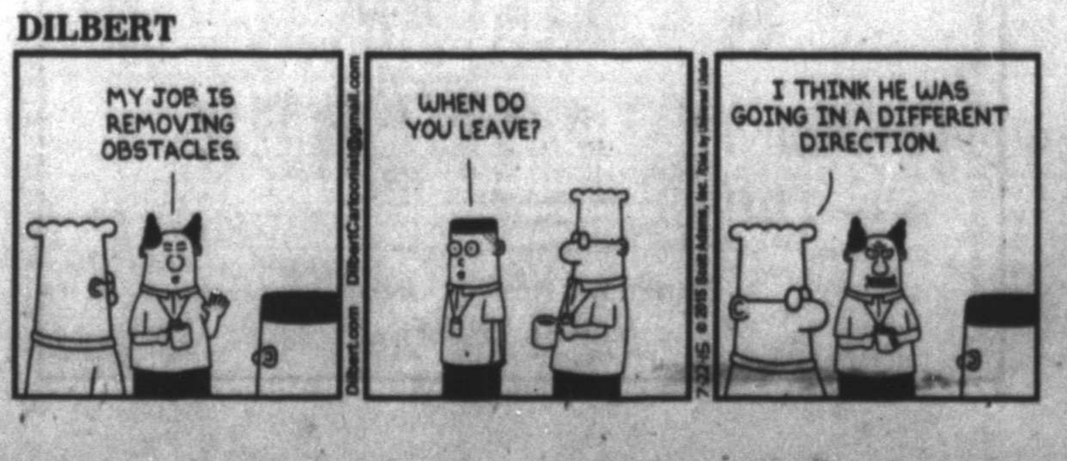

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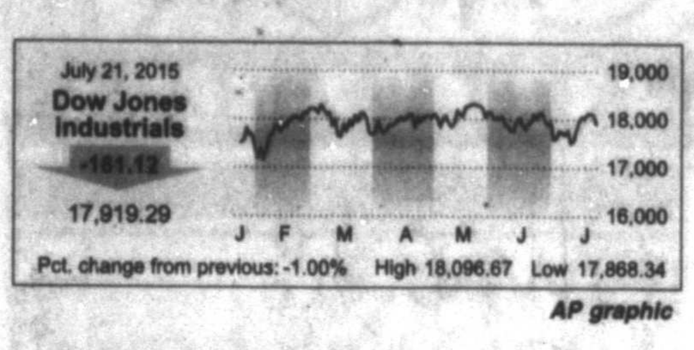

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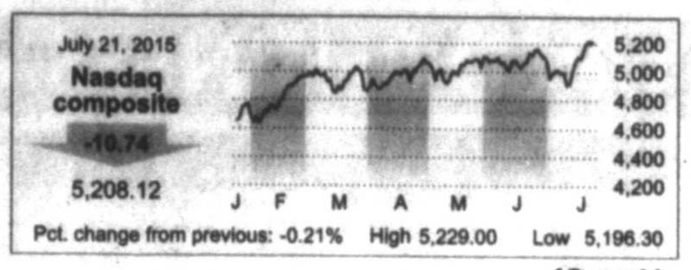

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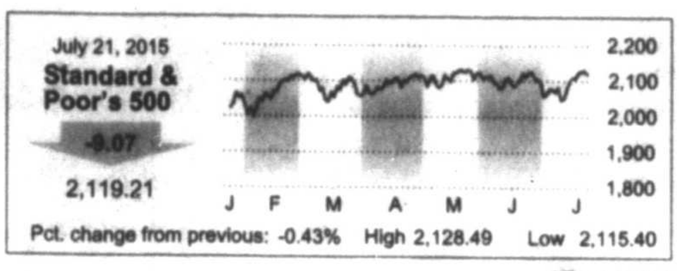

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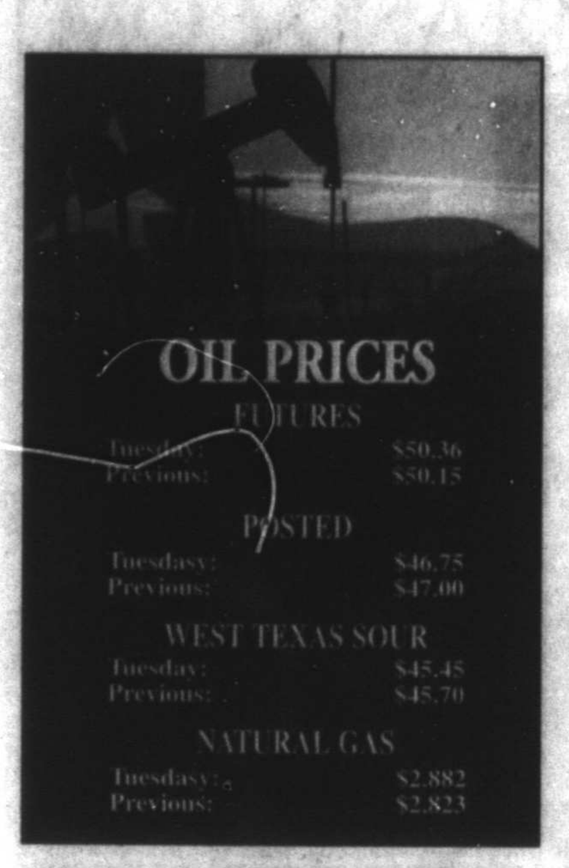

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MkfGold	701276	14.12	+.36
S&P500ETF	944432	211.75	-.84
BioAm	621464	18.08	-.04
DxGlBull	617475	3.77	+.17
LifeLock	477687	8.15	-7.91

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NatResPrs	2.85	+.49	+20.9
Frontline	2.99	+.26	+9.5
SunCokeE	12.48	+1.08	+9.5
SunCokeEn	16.06	+1.37	+9.3
Infosys s	17.06	+1.29	+8.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LifeLock	8.15	-7.91	-49.3
Lexmark	37.75	-9.57	-20.2
HeliosEn	9.40	-1.90	-16.8
AlliqTch	21.67	-3.40	-13.6
ZuoanF rs	2.11	-.27	-11.3

Diary

Advanced	1,250
Declined	1,868
Unchanged	125
Total issues	3,243
New Highs	78
New Lows	211
Volume	3,282,205,198

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	44103	2.24	+.07
SynthBkl	40805	3.41	+.24
CheniereEn	27853	68.01	+1.83
Globalstar	22850	2.34	...
NovaGld g	22673	2.88	+.20

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tofutti	4.59	+.44	+10.6
GoldResrc	2.18	+.18	+9.0
TrangPet	4.14	+.34	+8.9
SynthBkl	3.41	+.24	+7.8
NovaGld g	2.88	+.20	+7.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IDI rs	6.16	-5.26	-46.1
BIP Tin	28.23	-3.92	-12.2
Richmnt g	2.72	-.18	-6.2
EnFuel grs	4.07	-.26	-6.0
Espey	26.50	-1.27	-4.6

Diary

Advanced	176
Declined	199
Unchanged	37
Total issues	412
New Highs	...
New Lows	34
Volume	76,095,040

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	575668	130.75	-1.32
Intel	434531	28.72	-.38
eBay s	402284	28.60	+.03
Microsoft	403561	47.28	+.38
Facebook	378319	98.39	+.48

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Quotinet wt	5.05	+1.25	+32.9
xG Tech rs	2.12	+.49	+30.1
Caesars	8.02	+1.47	+22.4
Neogen	58.41	+9.97	+20.6
Thoratec	57.58	+8.77	+18.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CytRx	3.04	-.76	-20.0
UtdNtrF	52.05	-10.49	-16.8
YulongE n	4.69	-.87	-15.6
AppFolio n	14.81	-2.21	-13.0
MagellPt rs	2.57	-.34	-11.7

Diary

Advanced	1,112
Declined	1,628
Unchanged	181
Total issues	2,921
New Highs	97
New Lows	128
Volume	1,711,849,470

Murkowski: Strategic Petroleum Reserve is about country's energy security

By Jennifer Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

Congress should not use the nation's emergency oil stockpile as an ATM, with sales of the crude funding unrelated legislative priorities, Sen. Lisa Murkowski said after touring one of the Louisiana sites that makes up the United States' Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

"Any potential revenue raised through the rightsizing of the SPR should be used to improve our nation's energy security," Murkowski, R-Alaska, the head of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said in a statement. "Ensuring the operational effectiveness of the reserve should be our first priority."

Murkowski's comments come as House Republican leaders look to the sale of excess oil from the SPR as a potential source of funding for other initiatives. Earlier this month, the House of Representative voted for a health care research bill with a plan to help pay for it by selling 64 million barrels of oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for about $5.4 billion.

And lawmakers now looking to renew the federal Highway Trust Fund that pays for transportation projects are considering a $7 billion sale of SPR crude.

Murkowski, who toured the Bayou Choctaw SPR site near Baton Rouge, La., with Obama administration officials on Friday, isn't alone in thinking it's a bad idea.

Her Democratic counterpart on the energy committee, Sen. Maria Cantwell of Washington, also thinks the SPR's value comes as an energy security asset — not as a moneymaker.

"The SPR is currently our most important federal energy security asset," said Rosemarie Calabro Tully, a spokeswoman for Cantwell. "Rather than raiding the SPR, we must modernize it."

Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz has argued that the United States should rethink the size of the oil stockpile, the capacity to swiftly tap it and even how aggressively it should be used. But, he has warned against using the SPR for "anything other than the energy security and resilience issues for which it was intended." That's "a very slippery slope," he told energy executives and analysts at a conference last month.

The United States recently added two more stockpiles to the crude-focused Strategic Petroleum Reserve — one filled with heating oil and low-sulfur diesel and another with gasoline — but Moniz has said other regional reserves may be needed around the country.

The United States is obligated to maintain a reserve of crude oil or petroleum products equivalent to at least 90 days worth of net imports, as part of U.S. membership in the International Energy Agency.

A broad government analysis of U.S. energy infrastructure, released in April, suggested modernizing the strategic petroleum reserve, including relaxing the triggers for tapping it. The president can open the spigots when there is a "severe energy supply interruption" now, but that prevents taking anticipatory action before a supply disruption.

The government's quadrennial energy review also highlighted problems in swiftly delivering the emergency oil to the market as evidenced by a March 2014 test sale of 5 million barrels from the reserve.

That sale revealed that while the SPR actually can pump out roughly 4.4 million barrels of oil daily, there isn't enough pipeline capacity to keep up with it.

For instance, some pipelines expected to carry oil away from the salt domes now flow in different directions. And Moniz has floated the idea of building dedicated SPR facilities that would boost its distribution capacity, at a potential price tag of $1.5 billion to $2 billion.

Murkowski's visit to the SPR site Friday came against that backdrop, with both the Obama administration and lawmakers on Capitol Hill considering ways to modernize the reserve. Describing the SPR as " a vital national security asset," Murkowski said it's important to "ensure that it's capable of moving oil to where it's needed in case of supply disruptions."

Assistant Energy Secretary Christopher Smith was part of the group that gathered at the Bayou Choctaw site, which is home to about 73.6 million barrels of crude oil spread through five underground salt caverns in Louisiana.

FCC chairman reccomends OK of AT&T-DirecTV deal

By Tali Arbel
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The head of the Federal Communications Commission has recommended approving AT&T's $48.5 billion purchase of DirecTV. The deal would create the country's largest provider of cable or satellite TV.

The other four commissioners still have to vote on the proposal. The Department of Justice has approved the deal.

The company would have 26.4 million TV subscribers in the U.S., topping Comcast as well as a possible new giant, Charter, which wants to buy Time Warner Cable. It would also include AT&T's nationwide network of tens of millions of wireless customers, its Internet and landline phone services and DirecTV's millions of customers in Latin America.

Consolidation has swept the industry as people increasingly turn to the Internet for video and content costs rise for cable and satellite TV companies. A bigger AT&T would have more leverage in negotiations with big media companies over the price paid for popular channels.

Market ends day lower

Disappointing earnings from several big U.S. companies put investors in a selling mood Tuesday, giving the stock market its first broad decline in four days.

IBM and United Technologies were among the companies whose latest quarterly report cards fell short of Wall Street's expectations or included dimmer outlooks. Telecommunications stocks were among the biggest decliners.

Traders have been focusing on the health of Corporate America to get a read on how the global economy is doing, though it's still early days. Only about 12 percent of the companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index have reported earnings so far.

The Dow Jones industrial average slumped 181.12 points, or 1 percent, to 17,919.29. The S&P 500 index lost 9.07 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,119.21.

The Nasdaq composite slid 10.74 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,208.12. The tech-heavy index closed at a record high the previous two days.

Metals mixed at day's end

Precious and industrial metals futures ended mixed. Gold fell $3.30 to $1,103.50 an ounce, silver edged up two cents to $14.77 an ounce and copper edged down less than a penny to $2.48 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $42.85 Up 1.44

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $104.18 Up 1.53

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.32 Down 0.07

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $65.97 Up 1.14

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $8.52 Up 0.23

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.13 Up 0.03

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $20.06 Down 0.02

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $24.00 Up 0.11

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.65 Up 0.36

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.25 Down 0.29

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	31	34.57	-.33	+2.9
Abraxas	...	4	2.16	...	-26.5
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	14.26	-.02	+4.2
AMD	...	...	1.80	...	-32.6
Alcoa	.12	15	10.23	+.03	-35.2
AlonUSA	.60f	21	19.40	-.07	+53.1
Amgen	3.16	22	153.70	-.94	+2.8
Anadarko	1.00	...	73.37	+.75	+11.1
Annaly	1.20	...	9.77	-.04	-9.6
Apache	1.00	...	47.53	-1.09	-24.2
Apple Inc	2.08	16	130.75	-1.32	+18.5
ApldMatl	.40	17	17.83	+.06	-28.5
ATMOS	1.56	18	53.60	-.38	-3.9
AutoData	1.96	28	81.41	-.76	-2.4
BP PLC	2.40	43	38.73	-.02	+1.6
BabcOCInv	1.20	...	16.10	-.14	+1.3
BakrHu	.68	30	60.64	+1.18	+8.2
BioAm	.20	19	18.08	-.04	+1.1
B IPrivST	...	...	16.20	-.13	-48.6
BarrickG	.20	47	7.50	+.09	-30.2
BasicEnSv	...	...	6.25	+.16	-10.8
BerkHa A	...	...	172157	96.00	-684.00	-4.5
BlkHillsCp	1.62	14	40.74	-1.06	-23.2
BrMySq	1.40	51	66.87	-1.10	+16.7
BrownFA	1.25	38	111.47	-1.51	+27.0
BrownFB	1.25	32	101.90	-.30	+16.0
CVS Health	1.40	27	110.06	-.57	+14.3
Cameron	...	11	49.32	+.13	-1.3
Caterpillar	3.08f	13	82.22	-.03	-10.2
Celestic g	...	14	11.72	+.25	-.2
Cemex	.40f	...	8.85	-.16	-9.7
ChtryLink	2.16	22	29.72	-.78	-24.9
ChesEng	...	...	9.29	-.98	-52.5
Chevron	4.28	10	93.90	+.98	-16.3
Chicos	.31	35	15.50	-.14	-4.4
Cimarex	.64	...	103.16	+1.59	-2.7
Cisco	.84	16	27.84	-.19	+.5
Citigroup	.20	15	59.10	+.25	+9.2
ClayEng	...	37	42.86	+1.44	-32.8
CocaCola	1.32	26	41.19	-.19	-2.4
ColgPalm	1.52	29	66.94	-.48	-3.5
ConAgra	1.00	20	44.02	-.27	+21.3
ConchoRes	...	35	104.18	+1.53	+4.4
ConocoPhil	2.96f	14	56.49	-.08	-18.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Corning	.48	13	18.75	-.16	-18.2
CrackerB	4.40f	23	149.92	-.21	+6.5
CSVLgNGs	...	...	2.24	+.13	-43.7
CSVLgCrde	...	...	1.93	+.06	-60.5
CrosTim	2.02e	7	15.89	+.38	-8.3
DCP Mid	3.12	12	31.80	+.99	-30.0
DTE	2.92f	16	76.66	-.75	-11.2
Dataram	...	...	2.02	-.02	+18.8
DanburyPi	.25	2	4.14	-.09	-49.1
DevonE	.96	...	52.09	+.25	-14.9
DxGlBull	...	...	3.77	+.17	-66.2
Disney	1.32f	26	119.31	-.27	+26.7
DowChm	1.68	15	50.10	-.42	+9.8
eBay s	...	15	28.60	+.03	+22.6
EMC Cp	.46	20	24.93	-.05	-16.2
EOG Resrc	.97	15	77.33	-.80	-16.0
EmpDist	1.04	16	21.96	-.26	-26.2
Energen	.08	34	57.30	-.29	-10.1
EngyTsfr	4.00f	65	50.53	-.56	-22.3
EnPro	1.20	73	53.22	-.52	-15.2
EnPrdPt s	1.52f	21	28.10	-.35	-22.2
Ericsson	.39e	...	11.02	+.07	-8.9
Exelixis	...	...	5.05	+.17	+320.1
ExtranNt	.80	21	28.94	-.13	-11.2
ExxonMbl	2.92f	12	81.56	-.10	-11.7
Facebook	...	96	98.39	+.48	+26.1
FordM	.60	19	14.51	-.06	-6.4
FrptMcM	.20a	...	15.72	+.67	-32.7
FronierCm	.42	...	4.86	-.14	-27.1
GATX	1.52	11	52.99	+.16	-7.9
GeoMetRT	1.05e	...	9.24	...	-7.7
GAInv	3.55e	...	34.84	-.34	-.8
GenElec	.92	...	28.86	-.29	+6.3
GenMotors	1.44f	14	30.39	-.11	-12.9
Goldcrp g	.60	...	13.19	+.30	-28.8
GoPro	...	54	62.04	+1.24	-1.9
GtPlainEn	.56	16	24.83	-.46	-12.6
HalconRes	...	...	1.02	+.03	-42.7
Hallibrtn	.72	16	41.86	+1.14	+6.4
HewlettP	.70f	12	30.66	+.21	-23.6
IShGold	...	...	10.62	-.03	-7.2
IShBrazil	1.03e	...	31.29	+.15	-14.4
IShJapan	.13e	...	12.94	-.04	+15.1
IShChinaLC	.76e	...	42.75	+.16	+2.7

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iShEMkts	.84e	...	38.52	+.01	-2.0
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	65.27	-.19	+7.3
iShR2K	1.66e	...	124.49	-.59	+4.1
Infosys s	.71e	10	17.06	+1.29	-45.8
Intel	.96	12	28.72	-.38	-20.9
InterDig	.80	...	56.96	+.27	+7.7
IBM	5.20f	13	163.07	-10.15	+1.6
IsisUnbH	.41e	...	9.63	+.01	-16.5
JPMorgCh	1.76f	12	69.10	-.16	+11.1
JohnJn	3.00	18	100.34	-.03	-4.0
KimbClk	3.52	28	112.49	-.46	-2.6
KindMorg	1.96f	47	35.84	-.46	-15.3
Kinross g	...	...	1.71	+.05	-39.4
LegacyRes	1.40	...	8.52	+.23	-25.5
LifeLock	...	...	8.15	-7.91	-56.0
Lulaye	...	...	5.07	+.03	+11.4
MVJrGold	...	...	19.39	+.73	-19.0
MktVGold	.12e	...	14.12	+.36	-23.2
McDnld s	3.40	21	97.32	-.17	+3.9
Merck	1.80	15	58.67	-.33	+3.3
MeritMed	...	38	22.25	+.34	+28.4
MaxcoEn	...	...	3.13	+.03	-42.4
MicronT	...	6	18.88	-.01	-46.1
Microsoft	1.24	20	47.28	+.36	+1.8
MorgStan	.60	12	40.08	+.04	+3.3
Nabors	.24	8	12.27	+.04	-5.5
NetGrid	3.35e	...	66.18	-.87	-6.3
NOilVarco	1.84	8	43.43	+.30	-33.7
Netflix s	...	...	112.51	+1.96	+130.5
NewmtM	.10	16	18.74	+.56	-.8
NobleCorp	1.50	...	12.60	-.18	-22.6
NvMkMd	.75e	...	13.08	+.01	-4.4
NvPMI	.82e	...	13.00	+.05	-8.9
NavPI	.82e	...	13.11	+.02	-8.4
NSTFI3	.56e	...	13.84	-.02	-2.8
NTXQI	.88e	...	13.84	-.02	-5.7
OcciPet	3.00	18	70.22	-.04	-12.9
Oracle	.60	18	39.57	-.36	-12.0
PerTech	...	...	4.88	+.11	-20.7
PerkDrl	...	9	2.85	+.09	-7.2
PetMUTI	.40	18	16.09	+.39	+1.8
PayPal n	...	...	39.35	-1.12	+7.2
PennsylRE	.84	...	22.56	-.11	-3.8
Pmrian	.50e	9	7.35	+.10	-23.0
Petrobras	...	...	7.48	-.01	+2.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Pfizer	1.12	24	35.14	-.10	+12.8
PioNtrl	.06	25	123.58	-.98	-17.0
PlainsAAP	2.78f	18	40.37	+.24	-21.3
PwShs QQQ	1.50e	...	113.91	-.07	+10.3
Praxair	2.86	20	115.40	-1.31	-10.9
PrmEgy	...	...	55.04	+.43	-24.3
ProctGam	2.65	25	81.63	-.56	-10.4
Qualcom	1.92	16	65.14	+1.35	-12.4
RangeRs	.16	17	41.19	+.44	-22.9
RegionsFn	.24	14	10.41	+.21	-1.4
Rowan	.40	...	17.48	+.29	-25.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	57.03	+.35	-14.8
SpdrDJIA	3.67e	...	178.97	-1.72	+.6
S&P500ETF	4.03e	...	211.75	-.84	+3.0
SpdrOGEx	.71e	...	40.55	+.24	-15.3
SabrR	3.66e	9	35.28	+.93	-1.4
SanderFm	.88e	5	66.97	-.93	-20.3
SandRidge	...	...	.54	-.03	-70.6
Schlmbrg	2.00	23	84.30	+.78	-1.3
SeadrillLtd	...	3	9.06	+.20	-24.1
SigmaAld	.92	34	139.66	+.01	+1.7
SiriusXM	...	43	3.85	+.01	+9.9
Smucker	2.68f	30	107.38	-.69	+6.3
SPDR Fncl	.43e	...	25.39	-.03	+2.7
SunEdison	...	...	29.37	-2.29	+50.5
SunocoLog	1.68f	...	35.63	-.26	-14.7

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TelefEsp	1.03e	...	15.06	-.07	+6.0
Tesoro	1.70	14	98.83	-.76	+32.9
3M Co	4.10	21	155.76	-1.36	-5.2
Torchmark	.54	15	60.33	-.05	+11.4
Transocn	.60m	...	13.35	...	-27.2
TriContl	.80e	...	21.37	-.12	-.2
Twitter	...	...	36.63	+.82	+2.1
TylerTech	...	74	143.01	+.56	+30.7
USWV	1.28	22	42.48	-.24	+13.4
US OilFd	...	...	16.91	+.22	-16.9
UtdTech	2.56	15	102.71	-7.77	-10.7
Vale SA	.60e	...	5.55	+.14	-32.2
ValeroE	1.60	9	66.32	-.25	+34.0
VerizonCm	2.20	21	46.97	-1.13	+.4
VulcanM	.40	90	93.50	-.53	+42.2
WEC Engy	1.69	18	47.52	-.08	-9.9
WPX Engy	...	...	9.75	+.20	-16.2
WalgBoots	1.44f	32	95.66	+.01	+25.5
WellsFargo	1.50f	14	57.95	-.10	+5.7
WstnRefin	1.36	8	47.20	-.24	+24.9
WhitngPet	...	11	25.29	+.23	-23.4
WtmsCos	2.38f	99	54.70	-1.24	+21.7
XcelEngy	1.28	18	33.15	-.33	-7.7
Xerox	.28	14	10.59	-.32	-23.6
Yahoo	...	6	39.73	+.19	-21.3

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	17,919.29	-181.12	-1.00	+.54	+4.71
9,810.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,323.01	+60.74	+.74	-8.94	-1.57
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	567.54	-5.53	-.96	-8.16	+1.61
11,254.87	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	10,919.00	-50.49	-.46	+.74	-.88
5,231.94	4,116.60	Nasdaq Composite	5,208.12	-10.74	-.21	+9.97	+16.88
2,134.72	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,119.21	-9.07	-.43	+2.93	+6.84
1,551.28	1,268.45	S&P Midcap	1,496.43	-11.06	-.73	+3.03	+5.75
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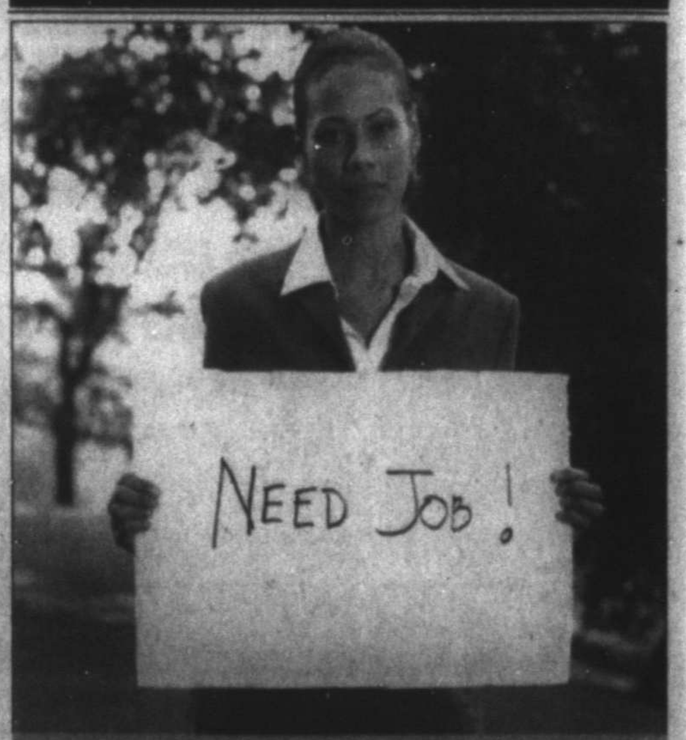

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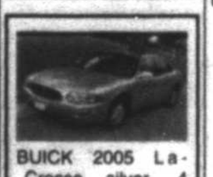

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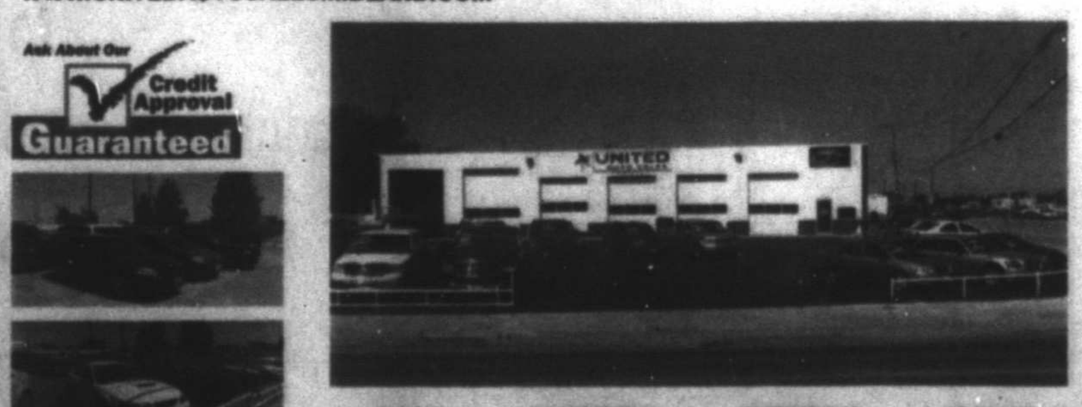

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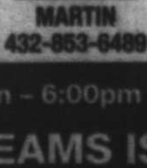

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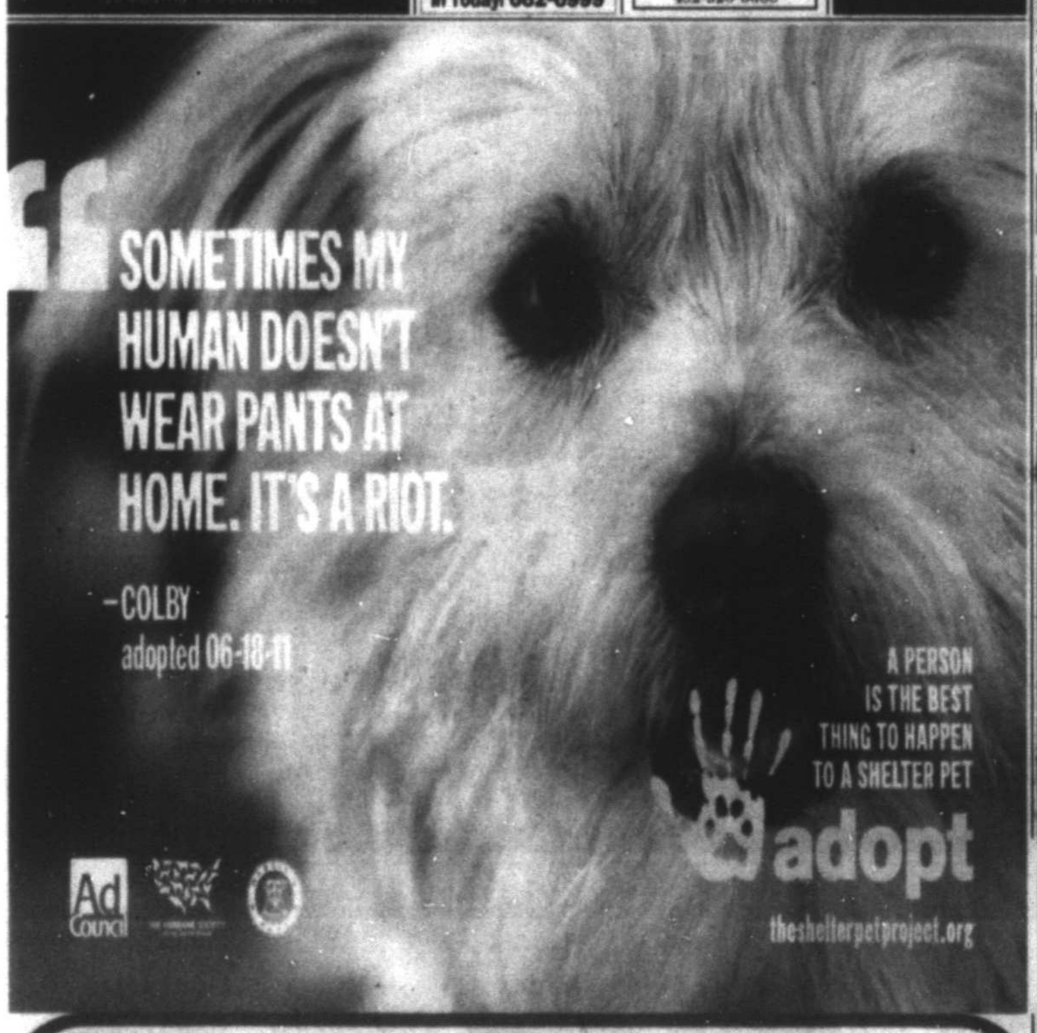

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