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MCAD to collect county's property taxes

Tax collector-assessor: Consolidation 'win-win for the taxpayer'

By Joseph Basco
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Midland County and the Midland Central Appraisal District are in talks to fold the county's property tax collections into the district, which if completed will consolidate all collections into one place.

County commissioners on Monday approved the contract, which entails the county paying MCAD $31,000 more than it already does, now that the county will be paying for both appraisal and collection services. Collections are expected to be MCAD's duty by Oct. 1.

For MCAD, handling property tax collections for the county — which also handled Greenwood Independent School District and Midland County Utility District collections — city of Midland, Midland Independent School District, Midland College and Midland County Hospital District means taxpayers won't need to go to the Midland County Tax Office and MCAD to handle matters.

As an example of how inefficient the current system is, MCAD Chief Appraiser Jerry Bundick explained a scenario in which a taxpayer with a homestead exemption problem would have to visit MCAD first, then drive to the county tax office to get the problem solved on the county's end. Another example is if a taxpayer goes to the county tax office about a property valuation concern and is told to go to the MCAD instead.

"Now, we can do it all in one location, which makes it convenient for the taxpayers, totally in every regard," Bundick said.

For the county's tax office, the consolidation allows staff to focus on motor vehicle matters such as registrations and title transfers, which may lead to decreased waiting times at the office.

"With the growth of Midland, we've seen a growth in the motor vehicle line," county Tax Assessor and Collector Karen Hood said. "A lot of times, we have the line

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GOLD STAR FAMILY HONOR

Courtesy Wallace Craig

Midlander Sylvia Macias, second from left, was among the Gold Star family members recognized during the Midland RockHounds game Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark. Macias is the mother of Spc. Robert Arsiaga, who was killed in Iaq in 2004. Also attending in honor of Macias and Arsiaga were Sgt. Maj. Fred Gay, right, and his wife, Sgt. Maj. Joyce Gay, second from right. Fred Gay is with the same unit at Fort Hood as Arsiaga was.

Expert: Don't expect flood of condensate exports

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Secret government rulings that cracked the door for exports of a slightly distilled ultra-light oil will not open the floodgates for that condensate to flow overseas, a top trade lawyer said Monday.

"We're not going to see an avalanche of condensate exports," said Jacob Dweck, a partner with the Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan law firm, after a presentation at the Energy Information Administration's annual summit in the nation's capital.

The Bureau of Industry and Security rulings issued to Pioneer Natural Resources and Enterprise Products Partners confirmed that once the companies stabilized condensate flowing from Eagle Ford wells and ran it through distillation towers, the result is a petroleum product not barred by decades-old restrictions on exporting raw crude.

But those highly technical government declarations are private, making it difficult for potential industry copycats to follow suit.

"It's fair to say that these rulings are limited to the facts presented in the rulings," Dweck told reporters on the sidelines of the EIA conference. "The rulings requested classification of a particular product using a certain type of feedstock, running it through a certain type of distillation technology and having a certain type of yield."

Would-be exporters could try selling their own lightly distilled condensate overseas without obtaining similar classification rulings from BIS, but the documents are viewed as providing vital assurance they are on solid legal footing. Other companies are believed to be seeking similar classification rulings from the agency.

The two existing orders hinge on companies' use of condensate distillation facilities to break the incoming condensate into separate and distinct streams. Because condensate is an ultra-light oil — approaching gas in its density — just a little bit of distillation can transform it into fundamentally different products. The same generally cannot be said of higher-density, traditional crudes, which require more processing to become gasoline, diesel, jet fuel and other products.

Although Dweck declined to discuss details of the ruling Enterprise received in late March, he stressed that the processed condensate resulting from the company's distillation technique is "markedly different" the original, raw condensate.

To qualify as a petroleum product, there need to be "significant changes in volume as well as hydrocarbon configuration between the input (feedstock) and output products, as well as the potential uses of output products," Dweck said.

John Auers, executive vice president of Turner, Mason & Co., noted an array of distillation technologies could be used for the condensate increasingly flowing out of wells in Texas' Eagle Ford Shale.

In some cases, the condensate is so light that it is more like a naturally occurring gasoline than the heavy crude that many American refineries are geared toward processing.

The United States' growing flow of condensate and light, sweet crude means the country is approaching a "day of reckoning" when it produces more of the high-quality oil than its refiners can process, Auers said.

Refiners generally insist that they can adapt to handle surging volumes of domestic light crudes.

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GISD board sets date for trustee election

By Tessa Duvall
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The Greenwood ISD board on Monday set the dates for its trustee election and the meeting to adopt a budget and tax rate.

The election will is set for Nov. 4. The seats held by four trustees — Troy Keel, John Ellis, Jeff Somers and Josh Kidd — will be up for election.

Key dates

- Nov. 4 - Greenwood ISD board of trustees election.
- Aug. 27 - GISD will adopt a budget and tax rate.

Kidd said he plans to seek re-election, and Ellis, board vice president, said he hasn't decided yet, but will likely run again. Somers and Keel, who is the board's secretary, were not in attendance at the Monday evening meeting.

GISD will adopt a budget and tax rate at the Aug. 27 meeting.

In other GISD board news

- Trustees will vote on the salary schedule for the 2014-15 school year at the Aug. 11 meeting. Superintendent Ariel Elliott said the schedule includes a 3 percent salary increase.
- Trustees voted on the school board meeting schedule for the upcoming school year. The board will continue to meet on the second Monday of each month for its regularly scheduled meetings, with the exceptions of October, December and March, when it will meet on the third Monday because of school breaks.
- Elliott updated trustees on district construction projects, including new water pipelines and a reverse osmosis treatment center, which is on schedule.

Elliott also said he hopes to break ground on the new James R. Brooks Middle School in September. The school is set to open for the 2016-17 school year.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

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

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

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

■ "Galactic Golf," through Sept. 21 at the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum. museumtw.org.

City pool hours today

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

Washington Pool, 1601 E. Indiana, 1-7 p.m. Sunday, noon-9 p.m. Family swim is 7-9 p.m.

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

Support groups, club meetings today

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

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group meets noon, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 2108. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Mid-kiff Camp No. 1441, 7 p.m., Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex; Tom Owens, tmowens44@juno.com or 697-6955.

■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

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

■ National Active & Retired Federal Employees meet 6 p.m., Midland College. For information, call 634-7826.

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

June airport numbers

Enplanements
(People boarding an airplane)
June 2014: 48,796
June 2013: 46,547
Percent difference: 4.8
Year to date: 384,146 (4.0 percent increase from 2012-13)
June 2012: 46,712
June 2011: 42,963
June 2010: 40,979
June 2009: 39,618

Total passengers
June 2014: 97,774
June 2013: 91,179
Percent difference: 4.4
Year to date: 762,985 (4.2 percent increase from 2012-13)

Fuel sales (in gallons)
June 2014: 699,263
June 2013: 673,872
Percent difference: 3.8
Year to date: 5,826,430 (11.9 percent increase from 2012-13)
June 2012: 612,414
June 2011: 505,182
June 2010: 518,361
June 2009: 430,860

Parking revenues
June 2014: $244,144
June 2013: $216,415
Percent difference: 12.8
Year to date: $1,906,690 (8.9 percent increase from 2012-13)
June 2012: $200,034
June 2011: $184,459
June 2010 : $168,019
June 2009: $158,815

Source: City of Midland

Clinic to move

Midland Community Healthcare Services, which operates the Women's Clinic at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, will be moving to the third floor of the main campus effective Aug. 8. The clinic offers low-cost women's health and prenatal services.

MCHS is an independent, non-profit organization operating three clinics in the Midland area and is the area's only federally qualified health care center, according to a press release.

For more information, call 570-0238, email administration@midlandchs.org or visit www.midlandchs.org.

Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 1-7-9
Pick 3 evening: 5-9-9
Pick 3 night: 4-9-9
Daily 4 morning: 5-8-2-3
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Daily 4 evening: 7-9-1-4
Daily 4 night: 5-4-8-4
Cash Five: 2-20-24-31-32
Texas Two Step: 6-8-11-29 BB: 9
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All or Nothing day: 1-2-4-6-13-14-15-16-17-19-20-22
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-3-8-10-11-12-13-16-17-22-24
All or Nothing night: 5-6-7-9-11-12-14-16-19-20-21-23

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going out the door."

In February, when Hood was campaigning for tax assessor and collector, she proposed the property tax consolidation as a means to improve customer relations.

Tax office staff currently handling property tax collection duties may join the motor vehicle staff if they choose to keep working for the office, Hood told commissioners. She plans to include more motor vehicle help windows to accommodate the long lines and piles of mail-in registration renewals and title transfers.

Though collections will solely be the power of MCAD, the tax rates will still be dictated by the entities, Bundick said. MCAD will still handle property valuation inquiries.

"So overall, it's going to be a win-win for the taxpayer," Hood said in reference to the consolidation.

FY 2015 budget

Also on Monday, commissioners began discussions of the county's fiscal year 2015 budget, previewing the plans to outsource some Road and Bridge department jobs and increase salaries for county employees.

Because of eight vacant positions in its Road and Bridge department, the county will be seeking to outsource several of its duties including road seal coating and paving. Some duties such as sign installation will still remain in house.

Road and Bridge staff will not be cut as a result of the outsourcing and the funds allocated for paying the private companies will be in addition to what is normally budgeted for the department, County Judge Mike Bradford said.

As for employees in all county departments, elected and non-elected, they may receive a salary increase for the upcoming fiscal year. The county did not have an exact salary increase percentage to be released to the public on Monday, but Bradford said after the meeting the increases will be "appropriate for the environment" that Midlanders are in.

This current fiscal year, elected officials received a 6 percent increase and non-elected officials received $3,000 extra with their salaries.

Rather than inadequate staffing numbers, Bradford believes the problem the county is encountering is a high turnover rate. To use the Road and Bridge department as an example, Bradford said staff will quit and work for a transport company hired by an oil company once they receive a commercial driver's license.

"We will never be able to pay what the oil field pays," Bradford said. "But we're trying to address a better pay scale for those that stay in the county family."

The commissioners did not release any preliminary tax rate or budget estimates. Commissioners plan to vote on the FY 15 tax rate and budget on Sept. 8.

County FY 15 tax rate and budget calendar

■ Aug. 4-Proposed budget filed in the County Clerk's office

■ Aug. 21-First public hearing on tax rate if deemed necessary.

■ Aug. 25-Commissioners' Court in which elected officials and department heads comment on budget.

■ Aug. 28-Second public hearing on tax rate if deemed necessary.

■ Sept. 8-Commissioners. Court, including public hearing on budget.

■ Sept. 30-Adopted budget filed.

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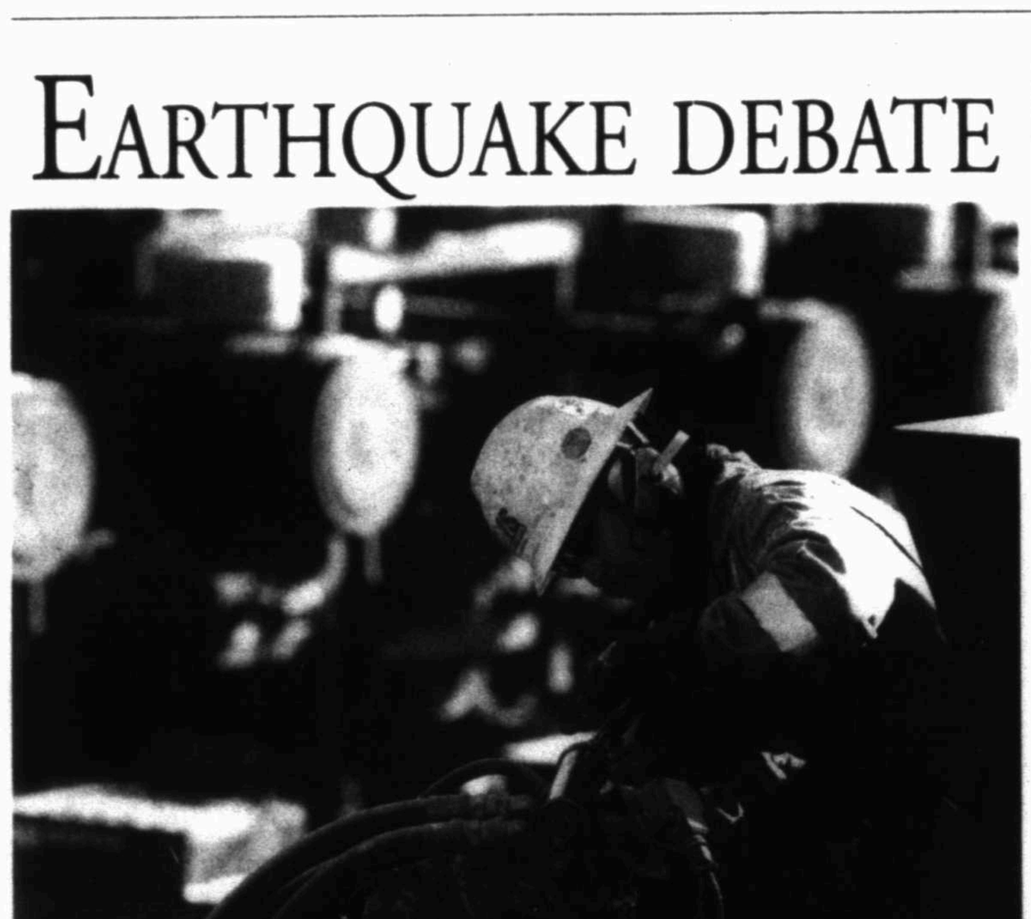

AP file photo

A worker oils a pump during a hydraulic fracturing operation May 14 at an Encana Corp. well pad near Mead, Colorado. States where hydraulic fracturing is taking place have seen a surge in earthquake activity, raising suspicions that the unconventional drilling method could be to blame, especially the wells where the industry disposes of its wastewater.

Is there a link between injection wells and quakes?

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — States where hydraulic fracturing is taking place have seen a surge in earthquake activity, raising suspicions that the unconventional drilling method could be to blame, especially the wells where the industry disposes of its wastewater.

Fracturing generates vast amounts of wastewater, far more than traditional drilling methods. The water is pumped into injection wells, which send the waste thousands of feet underground. No one knows for certain exactly what happens to the liquids after that. Scientists wonder whether they could trigger quakes by increasing underground pressures and lubricating faults.

Oklahoma has recorded nearly 250 small-to-medium earthquakes since January, according to statistics kept by the U.S. Geological Survey. That's close to half of all the magnitude 3 or higher earthquakes recorded this year in the continental United States.

A study published earlier this month in the journal Science suggests that just four wells injecting massive amounts of drilling wastewater into the ground are probably shaking up much of the state, accounting for one out of every five quakes from the eastern border of Colorado to the Atlantic coast.

Another concern is whether injection well operators could be pumping either too much water into the ground or pumping it at exceedingly high pressures.

Most of the quakes in areas where injection wells are clustered are too weak to cause serious damage or endanger lives. Yet they've led some states, including Ohio, Oklahoma and California, to introduce new rules compelling drillers to measure the volumes and pressures of their injection wells as well as to monitor seismicity during fracturing operations.

Here are some answers to key questions about the phenomenon:

How many earthquakes have there been near wastewater injection areas?

Researchers are still debating the appropriate parameters for measuring the link between injection wells and earthquakes, including at what distances injections can possibly stimulate quakes. Previously seismologists had linked injection wells to earthquakes occurring within 3 miles of injection sites, but a new study tracks earthquakes as far as 20 miles away from wells.

How damaging have they been?

No injuries or deaths have been reported, but there has been varying degrees of property damage. Most of the quakes are big enough to be felt but too small to do damage like classic California or Japanese quakes. In Azle, which has endured hundreds of small earthquakes since fracking and injection well activity began, residents have reported sinkholes, cracks in the walls of homes and air and water quality concerns. Two structures collapsed during Oklahoma's 5.7-magnitude earthquake in 2011.

What does the most recent research say about the link between the two?

Studies on the swarms of temblors in central Oklahoma, Ohio and North Texas have found probable links between injection wells and earthquakes, with the caveat that a dearth of information on conditions underground before the injections began makes it difficult to unequivocally link them to quakes. However, studies more than 50 years old have linked injection wells to tremors in Colorado.

How has the oil and gas industry responded to these studies?

Wastewater injection disposal does risk inducing earthquakes, said Dana Bohan with Energy In Depth, a research and education arm of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, a Washington-based group that represents thousands of oil and natural gas producers. However, Bohan said, very few events have been documented over the decades in which the disposal wells have been in operation.

Haven't small quakes been seen as possible precursors to larger quakes?

Large quakes follow small quakes about 1 percent of the time, according to Stephen Horton, research scientist at Center for Earthquake Research and Information at the University of Memphis. However, when earthquakes are induced by wastewater injection, large quakes typically do follow smaller ones, depending on the quantity of water injected into the subsurface, Horton said.

Danielle Sumy, a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Southern California and a former USGS visiting scientist, was the lead researcher on a study published in March that said a magnitude-5.0 quake in Oklahoma induced by nearby wastewater injection early on Nov. 6, 2011, set off subtle pressure changes that triggered earthquakes along the fault, almost like dominoes, before finding relief in the 5.7 temblor later that day.

Feds: Texas voting maps deliberately discriminated

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The U.S. Justice Department told judges Monday that Texas lawmakers carefully crafted electoral maps marginalizing minority voters despite the state's exploding Hispanic population in a deliberate effort to racially discriminate and protect conservative incumbents.

Attorneys for Texas countered that the Legislature did the best it could, given that it had to devise maps partisan enough to pass the Republican majority, while dismissing suggestions of intentional discrimination.

The case, which opened before a three-judge federal court panel in San Antonio, concerns electoral districts drawn in 2011 for U.S. House elections, as well as voting maps for the Texas state House. It could also have national implications, because the Justice Department has joined and is arguing that the Voting Rights Act should still apply to Texas despite a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling weakening many of its key portions.

Last year, the high court found that Texas and 14 other states with a history of voting discrimination no longer need permission from Washington under the Voting Rights Act before changing the way elections are held. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder has since vowed to preserve voter safeguards after the ruling, and the Justice Department is now using the San Antonio trial to argue that Texas still needs federal approval under a lesser-known portion of the act.

"The state of Texas, as it has in redistricting cycles since 1970, adopted maps that discriminated against its citizens," Bryan Sells, an attorney for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, said during opening statements.

The trial is expected to last a week, though no decision is expected for months afterward. The ruling won't change elections in Texas because federal judges have already thrown out the original 2011 voting maps and drawn new ones with more districts that lean Democratic.

What's at issue is whether Republicans drew the original maps with the intent to discriminate. If so, Texas could be required to continue seeking federal preclearance under Section 3 of the Voting Rights Act. That section has rarely been employed because the same effect was formerly achieved through the better-known part of the law that is now eliminated.

"No one in the Texas Legislature discriminated on the basis of race," Patrick Sweeten, an assistant Texas attorney general, said during his opening.

Marc Veasey, a Democratic state representative in 2011 who is now a member of Congress from Fort Worth, testified that even before the maps were drawn, Republicans on the Texas House redistricting committee held public hearings in parts of the state where they knew many minorities would be unlikely to attend.

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But Auers stressed that those changes come at a cost. The most expensive of them all — replacing U.S. refineries' heavy crude processing capacity with systems for light oil — would require discounts of about $8 to $10 per barrel, he said.

Joanne Shore, chief industry analyst for the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, warned that broad changes to the United States' 39-year-old ban on most oil exports — without easing limits on using foreign tankers to transport crude — could undercut domestic refiners. Some European refiners could pay less for American crude than refiners in the Northeast that are required to use U.S.-built and -crewed tankers, she said.

The crude export debate dominated the first day of the EIA's annual conference — a demonstration of its growing significance as policymakers and producers struggle to accommodate surging U.S. oil and gas production that was not foreseen a decade ago.

2 dead in wrong-way wreck near Lubbock

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Two people have been killed and another critically injured in a head-on collision after one vehicle went the wrong way on a West Texas highway.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Bryan Witt said 62-year-old Patricia Mendez of Anton and her 8-year-old granddaughter were dead at the scene Monday along U.S. 84 about 25 miles northeast of Lubbock.

Witt said 51-year-old Jeffrey Howard of Wolfforth was driving an SUV west in the roadway's eastbound lanes when the head-on collision occurred. Witt said 911 calls to police resulted in an officer trying to catch up to the wrong-way driver. The accident occurred before the officer could intervene.

Witt said Howard was taken to a Lubbock hospital in critical condition. His condition was later upgraded to satisfactory.

The accident investigation is ongoing.

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Man found guilty, sentenced for stealing 61 head of cattle

From staff reports

A Midland man will serve jail and probation time after being sentenced for stealing 61 head of cattle, according to the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

Lovelace

District Court Judge Elizabeth Leonard sentenced 35-year-old William Thurman Lovelace to 10 years of probation, 120 days confinement in the Midland County jail and ordered him to pay $32,653.79 of restitution for the theft.

Lovelace had been charged with theft between $20,000 and $100,000, a third-degree felony.

A jury took about two hours to find Lovelace guilty after hearing evidence last week. The jury sentenced him to a maximum prison term of 10 years, as well as imposing a $5,000 fine. However, the jury then recommended that the prison sentence be suspended, said Teresa Clingman, Midland County district attorney.

The evidence showed that Lovelace stole 61 head of cattle — 60 calves and one cow — while he and his wife worked for Shenandoah Bar M. Ranch in 2011 and 2012 in Midland County. Ranch owner Troy Martin reported the missing cattle to James Bond, a special ranger with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Clingman said.

Bond learned from several witnesses and the owner of the Big Spring Livestock Auction that Lovelace had illegally sold the cattle belonging to Martin. The defendant had sold the cattle — valued at $32,653.79 — on three different dates at the Big Spring auction without Martin's permission, Clingman said.

Lovelace had fled to New Mexico and had been wanted since May 2012. He was arrested Jan. 22, 2013, in Big Horn, Montana, before being released on a personal recognizance bond to return to Midland.

3 cases of Hantavirus confirmed in Panhandle, Lubbock area

From staff reports

State health officials are asking Texans to be careful around rat and mice nests after confirming two more cases of Hantavirus this month.

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported a total of three cases so far this year, one in the Texas Panhandle and two in the South Plains area.

Texas had one case last year, and no cases were reported from 2009 to 2012, according to the state. One-third of the cases reported to the state health department since 1993 have resulted in the death.

Infected rats and mice shed the virus in their urine, droppings and saliva, which contaminate dust and nesting materials that humans breathe in.

Health officials recommend sealing openings to homes and workplaces while removing food sources and piles of items that attract rats and mice.

If nests are found, the area should be ventilated for at least 30 minutes and then dampened using a 1-to-10 bleach-water mixture twice, according to the state. Goggles and masks are recommended.

Hantavirus symptoms include fatigue, fever and muscle aches followed by headaches, chills, diarrhea, abdominal pain, coughing and shortness of breath.

Man charged with manslaughter nearly 7 years after deadly crash

By Tyler White
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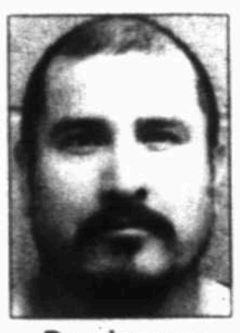
A 42-year-old man was charged earlier this month in connection with the death of a man in a 2007 crash in Midland County.



Dominguez

Jose D. Dominguez, 42, was arrested on warrants for a second-degree felony charge of intoxication manslaughter with a vehicle and a state jail felony charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram. His bond was set at $31,000.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said Dominguez, who has Mexican citizenship and an Oklahoma address, was arrested by Oklahoma City police on July 1 and brought back to Midland via professional transport company on July 4. He bonded out on July 7.

A grand jury indictment filed on Aug. 6, 2009, states that Dominguez operated a motor vehicle while intoxicated on Nov. 11, 2007, and caused the death of Oliverio Martinez Bernal. The indictment states that Bernal was a passenger in Dominguez's vehicle when it rolled over.

Painter said the drug possession warrant was issued in September 2010 as part of a bond forfeiture.

The indictment did not include additional details on Bernal and the circumstances surrounding the fatal crash.

If convicted, Dominguez faces up to 20 years in prison for the second-degree felony and up to two years for the state jail felony.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Alexander R. Arballo, 19, of Midland was charged Sunday with burglary of a building.

Pete Ballez Jr., 20, of Midland was charged Sunday with assault on a public servant.

Eric Ulysses Dawson, 33, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, was charged Sunday with assault on a public servant.

Randall G. Graham II, 28, of San Antonio was charged Sunday with two counts of assault on a public servant.

Julio C. Joel-Rivas, 31, of Rosenberg was charged Sunday with fraudulent use or possession of identification information.

Deborah A. Lamas, 51, of Midland was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and possession of a controlled substance between 28 grams and 200 grams.

Kervin C. Lewis, 54, of Midland was charged Sunday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Tabatha A. Martinez, 20, of Midland was charged Sunday with hindering the apprehension or prosecution of a known felon.

James C. Pennington, 50, of Midland, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Mario Villegas Jr., 21, of Mesquite, New Mexico, was charged Sunday with manufacturing, selling, installing or using a criminal instrument.

Kerry A. Whitley, 54, of Midland was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Painter: 3 inmates assault 4 jailers

By Tyler White
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Ballez

Dawson

Graham

Three Midland County jail inmates face additional felony charges after assaulting four jailers during a Sunday night altercation, according to Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter.

Pete Ballez Jr., 20, of Midland; Eric Ulysses Dawson, 33, of Bellefontaine, Ohio; and Randall G. Graham II, 28, of San Antonio, were charged Sunday with assault on a public servant, a third-degree felony. Graham faces two counts.

Painter said that the inmates were in a cell block of the Midland County jail at about 10 p.m. when two guards instructed them to return to their cells. The men refused and assaulted the two guards. Two other jailers who responded also were assaulted, the sheriff said.

Painter said offense reports will be filed in order to pursue additional charges against the three inmates.

Ballez has been in Midland County jail since November after being arrested on a first-degree murder charge in connection with the shooting death of 20-year-old Cameron Massey, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office website.

Dawson was arrested April 22 on a first-degree felony charge of aggravated kidnapping and a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Graham was arrested March 6 on third-degree felony charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a prohibited weapon. He also was charged with misdemeanor marijuana possession, according to the website.

If convicted, the men face up to 10 years in prison on each of the third-degree felony assault charges.

Midland man pleads guilty to cocaine possession, assault on public servant

From staff reports

A 31-year-old Midland man arrested last year for possessing cocaine in his underpants pleaded guilty Monday to four felony offenses.

Booth

Marcus D. Booth will serve a 25-year prison sentence for possessing cocaine, tampering with physical evidence and assaulting a public servant, according to a Midland County District Attorney's Office press release.

As Booth stepped out of his vehicle during a routine traffic stop in March of last year, he dropped a folded dollar bill containing traces of powder cocaine, according to his arrest affidavit.

Booth also discarded powder cocaine in the back of a patrol car and two balls of the substance after being told to lie down, the affidavit states.

During booking at the Midland County Central Detention Center, the affidavit shows jailers found more power cocaine and a digital scale in Booth's underpants.

Less than two weeks later, Booth was charged with assault after grabbing the wrist of a jail officer and pulling him toward a cell, according to a second affidavit.

Booth assumed a fighting stance and said, "I dare you to touch me, come on," the affidavit states.

Midland County Judge Robin Darr accepted guilty pleas for all four offenses, and the range of punishment was enhanced because of two previous felony convictions, according to the press release.

Funerals set for family killed in shooting

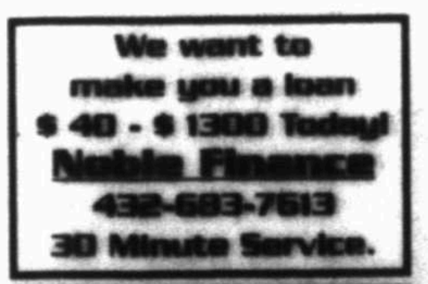
Associated Press

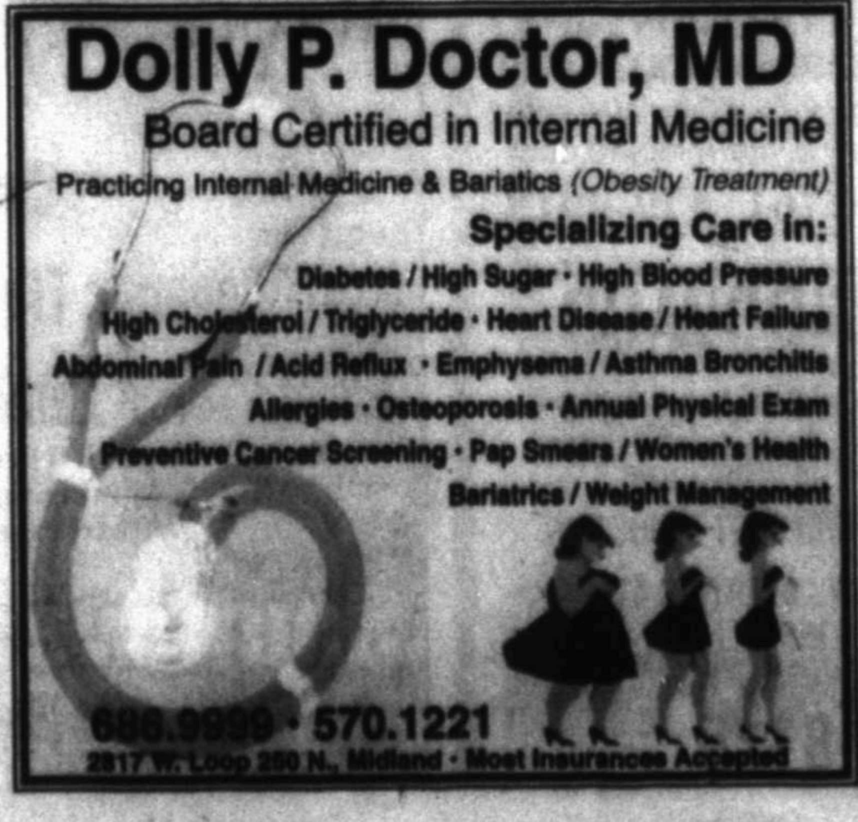
HOUSTON — Funeral arrangements have been set for the six members of a family who were fatally shot in their suburban Houston home last week.

The funerals for Stephen and Katie Stay and four of their children, ranging in age from 4 to 14, will be held Wednesday at a chapel in Houston of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The family was a member of the Mormon church. A top church official was expected to speak at the funeral service, according to a church news release.

The couple's 15-year-old daughter, Cassidy Stay, survived by playing dead after she was shot.





Bill would speed removals of Central American kids

By Erica Werner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two Texas lawmakers announced legislation Monday to speed removals of tens of thousands of Central American kids from the U.S.-Mexico border, as Washington searched for a solution to the growing crisis.

The bill by Sen. John Cornyn, a Republican, and Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Democrat, would allow U.S. Border Patrol agents to turn many of the kids around quickly at the border. Under current law, the youths stay here while awaiting an eventual hearing in the backlogged immigration court system, something that can keep them in this country for years.

Of more than 57,000 unaccompanied minors who've arrived at the border since October, only 1,254 had been returned home as of the end of June, according to a law enforcement official who spoke anonymously to discuss confidential data.

"The border region in Texas has been overwhelmed over the past few months by a deluge of undocumented immigrants from Central America," Cuellar said in a statement. "Today's legislation strengthens current law protecting unaccompanied children and responds to the crisis."

The bill comes as the White House is trying to get Congress to sign off on a $3.7 billion emergency spending request to deal with the situation at the border by adding more immigration judges and detention facilities, among other steps.

Republicans have made clear they won't agree to such spending without policy changes along the lines of what Cornyn and Cuellar are seeking, and the White House has indicated support for some such changes. But immigrant advocacy groups and key Senate Democrats are opposed, making it unclear if a deal can be struck in the three weeks that remain before Congress leaves Washington for its annual August recess.

Administration officials were to travel to Capitol Hill on Wednesday to brief senators on the situation, and House members were to hear from lawmakers who traveled to Central America over the weekend as part of a working group convened by Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus, which strongly opposes legal changes to return kids more quickly to dangerous and unstable situations, announced a meeting with President Barack Obama over the crisis.

Meanwhile U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement announced that the first flight returning Central American families back home landed in Honduras Monday with 40 people on board who'd been held in a new detention facility in Artesia, New Mexico.

The Cornyn-Cuellar bill would amend a 2008 law passed to address victims of sex trafficking. That legislation guaranteed protections to unaccompanied youths arriving here from "noncontiguous" countries — anywhere except Mexico or Canada. The existing law requires such youths to be turned over to the custody of the Health and Human Services Department within 72 hours, and from there they are generally placed with family members or others while awaiting a long-distant court hearing they may never attend.

The Cornyn-Cuellar bill would allow Central American kids to be treated the same as Mexican youths, who can be sent back over the border quickly unless they are able to persuade Border Patrol agents that they have a fear of return, meriting further screening.

White House and Obama administration officials have said they support this change, but in face of objections from allies in the immigrant advocacy community they have yet to propose it officially.

Spokesman Josh Earnest said the White House welcomes "constructive engagement from Republicans" but will wait to see the actual legislation.

The bill also aims to speed the court process for those who do enter it.

40 Central American immigrants deported

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — About 40 Central American immigrants detained briefly in New Mexico were deported Monday, officials confirmed.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said the immigrants were placed on a plane in Roswell and flown to Honduras, but the agency did not say when they arrived. The adults and their children previously were housed at a temporary detention center in Artesia, the agency said.

More immigrants being held in Artesia will be sent back to Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador soon, as part of an effort to quickly remove immigrants who were part of a recent surge along the U.S.-Mexico border, authorities said.

"As President Obama, the vice president and (Homeland Security) Secretary (Jeh) Johnson have said, our border is not open to illegal migration, and we will send recent illegal migrants back," ICE spokeswoman Gillian Christensen said.

The deported immigrants are part of the nearly 82,000 migrants from Central America who have already been returned this fiscal year, she said.

Last month, the Obama administration announced plans to convert the Artesia facility into one of several temporary sites being established to deal with the influx of women and children fleeing gang violence and poverty in Central America. The three barracks at the Artesia site can hold up to nearly 700 people as they await deportation or seek asylum.

Currently, about 400 are being detained at the facility, officials said.

Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl returns to regular Army duty

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Army has given Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl a desk job, ending the formal phase of his transition from Taliban prisoner to not-quite-ordinary soldier, and setting the stage for Army investigators to question the Idaho native about his disappearance that led to five years in captivity.

In a brief statement Monday, the Army said Bergdahl has been assigned to U.S. Army North at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston in Texas.

Bergdahl has been decompressing and recuperating from the effects of captivity since his arrival there from a military base in Germany. Since he was handed over to U.S. special forces in Afghanistan on May 31, he has been debriefed for any possible intelligence he might have gleaned in his time with the Taliban. Otherwise, he has been gently coaxed back into a normal routine and a normal life, both physically and psychologically.

Bergdahl's case is one of the most extraordinary of recent times — for the length of his captivity, for his apparent decision to abandon his unit during a combat deployment, and for the controversy triggered by the circumstances of his release May 31.

It's not clear when Bergdahl will face investigators on the disappearance probe, whose findings will help determine whether the 28-year-old is prosecuted for desertion or faces any other disciplinary action. The probe is headed by Maj. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl, deputy commanding general of 1st Corps at Joint Base Lewis McChord in Washington state.

Numerous other questions are lingering, including whether Bergdahl will collect the estimated $300,000 in back pay he has accumulated over the past five years.

Bergdahl walked away from his unit after expressing misgivings about the U.S. military's role — as well as his own — in Afghanistan. He was captured by Taliban members and held by members of the Haqqani network, an insurgent group tied to the Taliban.

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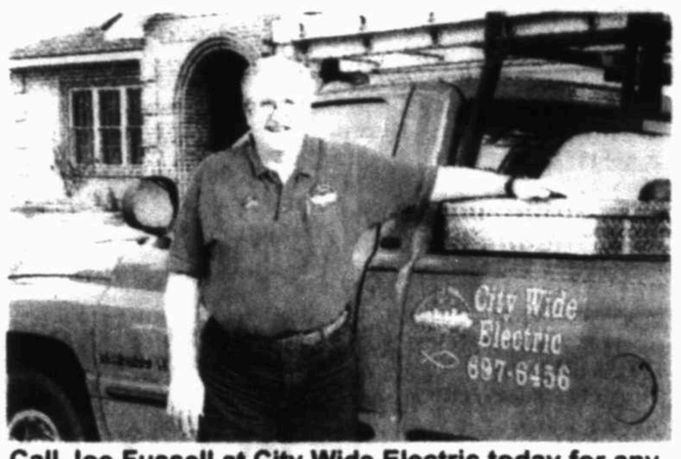

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The Raven MPV; mower, ATV, generator in one

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While adding the Raven, Carl is still offering his regular line of Country Clipper mowers, which have been very popular this year. "The rain has helped yards green back up, and people are needing a great riding mower to keep up," Carl says.

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By Michael Melson
Melson and Associates

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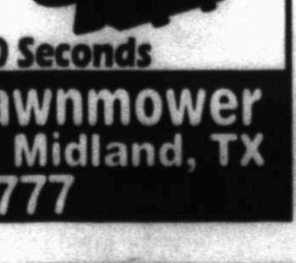
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States corrupt residents for fun and profit

■ Why not legalize gambling and pot since adults can make up their own minds about these vices, which raise a lot of money

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

Two of the larger social trends of our time — the growth of payday gambling and the legalization of marijuana — have two things in common: They are justified as the expansion of personal liberty and they serve the interests of an expanding government.

The ideological alliance behind these changes is among the strangest in American politics. Libertarians seek to lift governmental restraints on consensual acts. State governments seek sources of revenue without the political inconvenience of requesting broad tax increases. Both find common ground in encouraging and exploiting the weaknesses and addictions of citizens. (And business interests and their lobbyists, of course, find new ways to profit from reliable vices.)

The financial appeal is forthright. Maryland did not legalize gambling in order to expand the realm of personal autonomy. It collects a 61 percent tax on slot machine revenues. Colorado expects about $114 million in taxes and fees during its first year of marijuana legalization. "If Colorado is able to rake in substantial amounts of tax revenue," according to one news account, "legalization advocates' pitches to legislatures in Oregon, Massachusetts and Alaska become that much easier."

Consider the perspective of a state legislator. Your state has incurred a variety of unfunded obligations. Voting to raise taxes might cost your job. Legalizing gambling or pot, in contrast, will bring in new revenues and perhaps new campaign donations. And some people will call it the advance of freedom!

This is a tribute to a hardy weed -- in this case, the hardy weed of government, which can grow in any political environment. If you are a progressive who wants universal health coverage, government expands. If you are a libertarian who wants people to be able to waste their money at casinos, or smoke and ingest whatever they damn well please, government expands as well.

But this particular enlargement depends on minimizing and dismissing the consequences for individuals and communities.

Gambling is merely entertainment — though modern slot machines are really sophisticated computer programs designed to elicit Pavlovian responses until victims "play to extinction." An estimated 40 percent to 60 percent of slot revenues come from problem gamblers. And casinos are often sited to attract working-class people.

Pot is harmless — though we really have little information on the health and cultural effects of the widespread legal distribution of modern, potent methods of consuming THC (the chemical name). We do know that the substance is addictive in about one of nine cases (more like one in six when use starts in the teens); that it can make structural changes in portions of the brain controlling emotion and motivation; and that regular use undermines memory, attention span, problem-solving skills and the ability to complete complex tasks. What possible use could these attributes be in a modern economy?

There is also little doubt that an expanded legal market in pot also expands the illegal market for reselling (or giving) to children and teens. And the product — especially Colorado's ingestible pot lollipops and gummy bears — is particularly suitable. The social message of normalization, of banalization, is intended — and received by young people. The first $40 million of Colorado's pot revenues is slated for public school construction. What were once "drug-free school zones" are becoming drug-funded schools. Will there be a celebratory plaque in seventh-grade classrooms: "Brought to you by the potheads of the Centennial State"?

Parents no longer expect much help from government in reinforcing the cultural and moral norms necessary to the raising of responsible, successful children. But now some states are profiting from actively undermining those norms. Apparently, only consenting adults matter. Libertarian utopias are always childless.

For the strongest ideological advocates of this approach, the outcomes are largely irrelevant. It ultimately doesn't matter if teen drug use increases by X percent, or gambling addiction rises Y percent. Ending "consensual crimes" is a matter of principle — not just on pot and slots but on heroin and meth. The idea of a political community upholding standards, in order to help other institutions (such as families) pass healthy cultural norms between generations, is anathema.

But libertarians are now, paradoxically, providing ideological air cover for irresponsible government. State officials just want the money, however it is blessed, without requesting it through the normal democratic process. Rather than building social competence and capital, politicians increasingly benefit when citizens are addicted, exploited, impoverished and stoned. And that deserves contempt, not applause.

GUEST VIEWS

Cellphones provide the records of our lives

San Antonio Express-News

Last month's unanimous Supreme Court decision in a case involving cellphones and illegal search and seizure offers hope for the kind of recalibrations necessary in this high-tech age.

Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the court, drew the only possible conclusions from warrantless police searches of cellphones after arrests. The court rejected these as even more invasive than warrantless searches of homes.

Cellphones, Roberts wrote, "could just as easily be called cameras, video players, Rolodexes, calendars, tape recorders, libraries, diaries, albums, televisions, maps or newspapers."

Nearly every American who can has one. They are filled with "a digital record of nearly every aspect of our lives — from the mundane to the intimate."

Roberts acknowledged this ruling could make law enforcement's job more difficult. We believe only marginally so.

After an arrest, officers' ability to search suspects had been thought to be necessary to protect them from weapons and to prevent destruction of evidence. But searching cellphones after arrest doesn't substantively address either of these concerns. What these — now illegal — searches do is help the police build cases against the accused.

In Texas, police interests last year thwarted an amendment to a bill that would have required police to get a judge's approval before compelling cellphone carriers to provide data on whom you've been calling and when. The final bill — approved — did not require such approval. This court ruling calls into question the rejection of that amendment. If police are required to get warrants before getting that call information by directly searching the cellphone, it stands to reason that a warrant is necessary to get providers to give the same type of information.

The law enforcement resistance is easy to understand. It's one more step for police. But we don't view this as a particularly high bar.

Search warrant requests are almost routinely approved in Bexar County, 1,257 in 2011 and 1,258 in 2012, according to the county District Clerk's office.

Chalk up a win for privacy and against illegal search and seizure.

Cruz's no vote on Castro a symbol of today's gridlock

San Antonio Express-News

Imagine this scenario: Freshly inaugurated President Ted Cruz's nominee to be secretary for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is confirmed in the Senate on a 71-26 vote.

U.S. Sen. Julián Castro, D-Texas, is among those voting "no." He says, "We need a HUD secretary who will strengthen our government's hand in housing, not simply further the president's agenda."

Cruz, sitting in the Oval Office, would be thinking, "The president should be free to appoint folks to his Cabinet in sync with his policy preferences. We had an election on this, and I won."

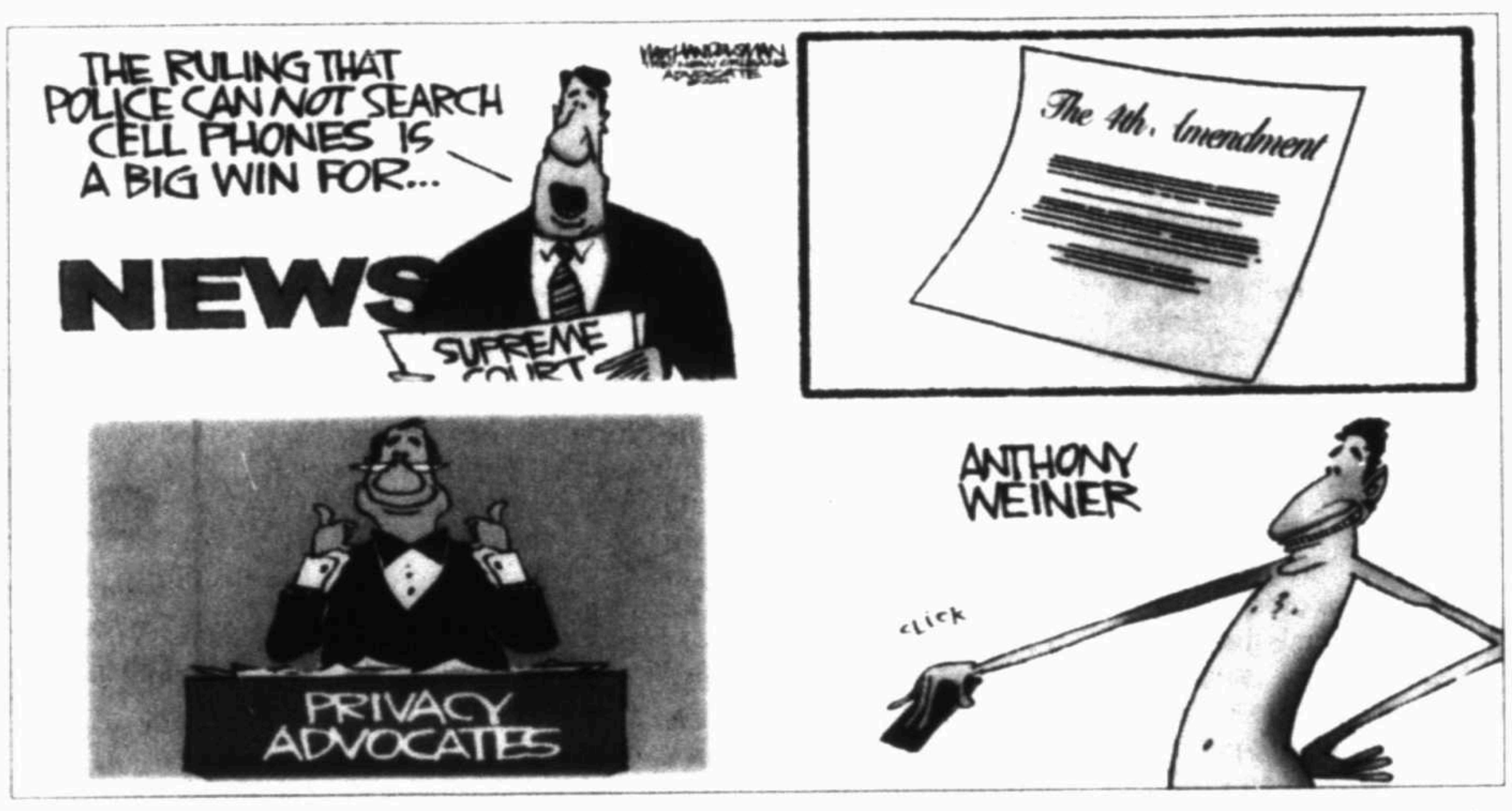
That fictional Cruz in that fanciful scenario would be right. And Texans would be right to scratch their heads over the real Cruz's "no" vote on Castro's confirmation to be HUD Secretary.

Cruz explained, "We need a HUD secretary who will help wind down our government's heavy hand in housing, not simply further the president's regulatory agenda."

It's uncertain that Cruz understands the Senate shouldn't confirm only those nominees the president's opposition would have picked.

Texas' other GOP senator, John Cornyn, supported Castro. Though he presumably disagrees with the new secretary on policy, he knew Castro and the president deserved the confirmation.

Congress is in gridlock. Cruz's purely partisan "no" vote was inconsequential, yet it represents the latest glimpse at why this gridlock is the norm.



Obamacare fails to fail

■ Health reform is going well; just don't expect to hear about it

PAUL KRUGMAN
New York Times News Service

How many Americans know how health reform is going? For that matter, how many people in the news media are following the positive developments?

I suspect that the answer to the first question is "Not many," while the answer to the second is "Possibly even fewer," for reasons I'll get to later. And if I'm right, it's a remarkable thing — an immense policy success is improving the lives of millions of Americans, but it's largely slipping under the radar.

How is that possible? Think relentless negativity without accountability. The Affordable Care Act has faced nonstop attacks from partisans and right-wing media, with mainstream news also tending to harp on the act's troubles. Many of the attacks have involved predictions of disaster, none of which have come true. But absence of disaster doesn't make a compelling headline, and the people who falsely predicted doom just keep coming back with dire new warnings.

Consider, in particular, the impact of Obamacare on the number of Americans without health insurance. The initial debacle of the federal website produced much glee on the right and many negative reports from the mainstream press as well; at the beginning of 2014, many reports confidently asserted that first-year enrollments would fall far short of White House projections.

Then came the remarkable late surge in enrollment. Did the pessimists face tough questions about why they got it so wrong? Of course not. Instead, the same people just came out with a mix of conspiracy theories and new predictions of doom. The administration was "cooking the books," said Sen. John Barrasso of Wyoming; people who signed up wouldn't actually pay their premiums, declared an array of "experts"; more people were losing insurance than gaining it, declared Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas.

But the great majority of those who signed up did indeed pay up, and we now have multiple independent surveys — from Gallup, the Urban Institute and the Commonwealth Fund — all showing a sharp reduction in the number of uninsured Americans since last fall.

I've been seeing some claims on the right that the dramatic reduction in the number of uninsured was caused by economic recovery, not health reform (so now conservatives are praising the Obama economy?). But that's pretty lame, and also demonstrably wrong.

For one thing, the decline is too sharp to be explained by what is at best a modest improvement in the employment picture. For another, that Urban Institute survey shows a striking difference between the experience in states that expanded Medicaid — which are also, in general, states that have done their best to make health care reform work — and those that refused to let the federal government cover their poor. Sure enough, the decline in uninsured residents has been three times as large in Medicaid-expansion states as in Medicaid-expansion rejecters. It's not the economy; it's the policy, stupid.

What about the cost? Last year there were many claims about "rate shock" from soaring insurance premiums. But last month the Department of Health and Human Services reported that among those receiving federal subsidies — the great majority of those signing up — the average net premium was only $82 a month.

Yes, there are losers from Obamacare. If you're young, healthy, and affluent enough that you don't qualify for a subsidy (and don't get insurance from your employer), your premium probably did rise. And if you're rich enough to pay the extra taxes that finance those subsidies, you have taken a financial hit. But it's telling that even reform's opponents aren't trying to highlight these stories. Instead, they keep looking for older, sicker, middle-class victims, and keep failing to find them.

Oh, and according to Commonwealth, the overwhelming majority of the newly insured, including 74 percent of Republicans, are satisfied with their coverage.

You might ask why, if health reform is going so well, it continues to poll badly. It's crucial, I'd argue, to realize that Obamacare, by design, by and large doesn't affect Americans who already have good insurance. As a result, many peoples' views are shaped by the mainly negative coverage in the news media. Still, the latest tracking survey from the Kaiser Family Foundation shows that a rising number of Americans are hearing about reform from family and friends, which means that they're starting to hear from the program's beneficiaries.

And as I suggested earlier, people in the media — especially elite pundits — may be the last to hear the good news, simply because they're in a socioeconomic bracket in which people generally have good coverage.

For the less fortunate, however, the Affordable Care Act has already made a big positive difference. The usual suspects will keep crying failure, but the truth is that health reform is — gasp! — working.

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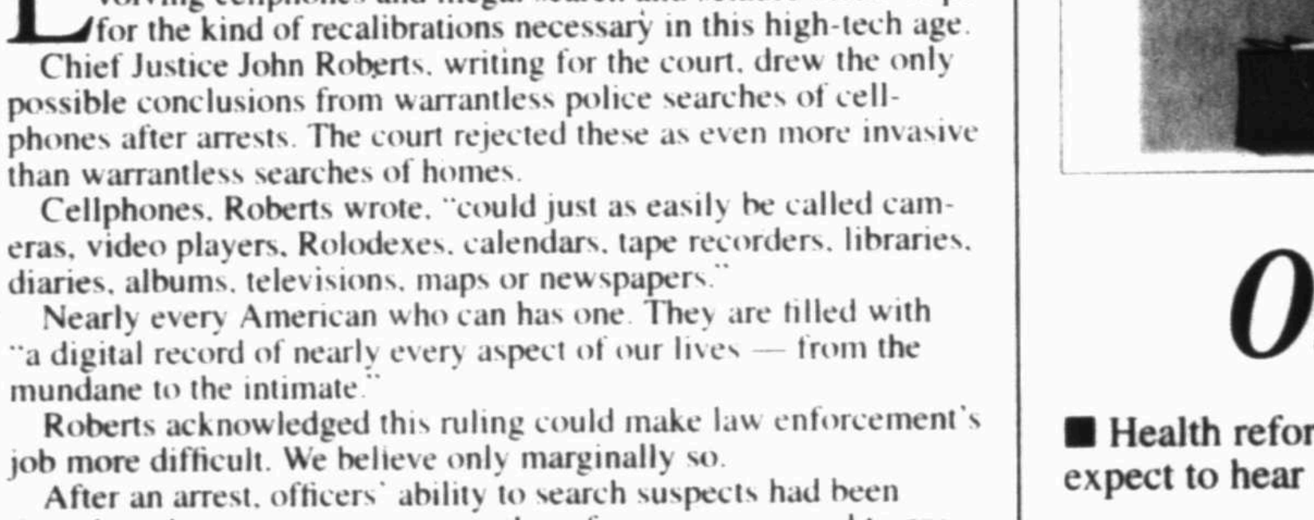

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Facing deadline, US and Iran press nuclear talks

Associated Press

VIENNA — The top U.S. and Iranian diplomats searched Monday for a breakthrough in nuclear talks, their efforts complicated by crises across the Middle East and beyond that have Washington and Tehran aligned in some places but often opposed.

The state of U.S.-Iranian relations was adding a new wrinkle to the long negotiation aimed at curbing the Islamic republic's uranium and plutonium programs.

While the two sides are arguably fighting proxy wars in Israel, Gaza and Syria, they're talking cooperation in Iraq and Afghanistan. And, perhaps in a first, the nuclear matter is battling for full attention.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif spoke for about two hours around midday Monday, the second day of talks in Vienna. They gathered again in the afternoon, hoping to make progress before Sunday's initial deadline for a comprehensive nuclear agreement. An extension of the deadline is possible, though there are opponents of that idea on both sides.

"We are in the middle of talks about nuclear proliferation and reining in Iran's program," Kerry told U.S. Embassy staff in Vienna during a break in the conversations. "It is a really tough negotiation."

But other matters were being discussed, too, including Afghanistan, where Kerry visited before Vienna to broker a power-sharing agreement between rival presidential candidates and a full audit of their contested election.

As the two diplomats sat down Sunday, Zarif called Kerry's Afghan mediation "extremely important" for the Afghan people and echoed the need "to ensure the national unity of Afghanistan and prevent its breakup."

"We agree," Kerry said. "And it's good to begin with an agreement."

But even as the U.S. and Iran have recently found increasing areas for cooperation, such as stemming a flow of Sunni extremists into Iraq, they remain diametrically opposed elsewhere.

The U.S-Iranian regional divide was underscored Monday as the Israeli military downed a drone launched by Gaza militants — the first such unmanned aircraft encountered since the start of the Jewish state's offensive last week.

Iran is Hamas' primary benefactor and the presumed source of its newfound drone capacity. Washington provides billions in aid each year to Israel.

The State Department didn't say if Kerry and Zarif broached the escalating Israeli-Palestinian violence or the civil war in neighboring Syria, where the U.S. is providing political and military support to moderate rebels fighting President Bashar Assad's Iranian-backed government.

But one change appeared clear in this week's talks. Unlike in years past, where U.S.-Iranian interaction appeared largely limited to nuclear matters, the two countries' interests now crisscross at multiple levels, and their discussions are broader.

Nevertheless, American officials said Kerry was focused on tackling the many differences between the U.S. and Iran on nuclear matters. His goal is to gauge "Iran's willingness to make the critical choices it needs to make," according to a senior State Department official.

The official wasn't authorized to be quoted by name and demanded anonymity.

Monday's talks came a day after Kerry and the foreign ministers of Britain, France and Germany failed to reach a breakthrough with Iran on uranium enrichment and other issues standing in the way of a deal that would curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for the end of nuclear-related sanctions on Tehran. Each official cited significant gaps.

Iran says it needs to expand enrichment to make reactor fuel and insists it does not want atomic arms. But the U.S. and others fear Tehran could steer the activity toward manufacturing the core of nuclear missiles. Washington is leading the insistence on deep enrichment cuts.

Under a six-month interim agreement that went into effect in January, world powers and Iran have until Sunday to conclude a final deal. The goal for the West is a long-term agreement setting clear limits on Iranian activity and locking in place an international monitoring regime to ensure that the Islamic republic cannot develop nuclear weapons.

The interim arrangement also offers the option of an additional six-month period for negotiations, an extension that appears increasingly likely. Officials have suggested they may agree on a shorter window, however.

In Washington, White House spokesman Josh Earnest wouldn't say whether President Barack Obama had authorized Kerry to extend the deadline if necessary.

"To its credit, Iran has defied the expectations of some," Earnest said, by fulfilling some of the steps it agreed to take. But he said on other key issues Iran hasn't yet made the decisions needed to prove the world its intentions are peaceful. "That's ultimately where the gaps remain," he said.

For the U.S. and Iran, an extension makes sense in multiple ways. With so much at stake, and the potential for U.S.-Iranian cooperation in other areas being explored, neither side wants to terminate the nuclear talks. Such a course could put Tehran back on a path toward isolation and even set the stage for U.S. military action if Iran proceeded again toward nuclear weapons capacity.

Even if their interests in continuing nuclear talks align, both face difficult internal pressures against a deal — or an extension for that matter.

Iranian hardliners oppose almost any concession by President Hassan Rouhani's government. In the U.S., some lawmakers have threatened to scuttle any emerging agreement if it would allow Iran to maintain some enrichment capacity.

A letter being circulated in Congress by Sens. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., emphasizes that a lessening of U.S. sanctions should be conditional on the nuclear agreement making tough demands on Iran.

These would include international inspections lasting for a minimum of two decades and full disclosure by Iran of any military aspects of its nuclear program.

AP file photo

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., speaks June 14 in Washington. An unusually personal war of words over foreign policy has begun between Paul and Gov. Rick Perry.

Perry, Paul launch foreign policy war of words

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two leading Republicans have begun an unusually personal war of words over foreign policy, highlighting a broader divide within the GOP over international affairs in one of the first public clashes of the Republican Party's presidential primary process.

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul on Monday lashed out at his Republican colleague Texas Gov. Rick Perry's weekend charge that Paul's "isolationist" views are dangerous. Paul, a tea party favorite, responded by taking a swipe at Perry's fashion accessories in an article published in Politico Magazine entitled, "Rick Perry is dead wrong."

"Apparently his new glasses haven't altered his perception of the world, or allowed him to see it any more clearly," wrote Paul.

Paul continued: "With 60,000 foreign children streaming across the Texas border, I am surprised Governor Perry has apparently still found time to mischaracterize and attack my foreign policy."

Both men are seriously considering running for president in 2016, but the Republican-on-Republican attack is rare so soon before the GOP primary process begins. While Paul has already begun to hire staff in early voting states like Iowa and New Hampshire, presidential candidates aren't likely to begin campaigning in earnest until next year.

With conflicts escalating across the globe, foreign policy is poised to become a key issue in the race — especially as the GOP begins to embrace a libertarian shift on national security and foreign affairs.

Paul has emerged as a leading voice among conservative activists who favor a dramatically smaller U.S. footprint on the international stage. Perry and others, including Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, support a more aggressive leadership role for the United States, despite polls suggesting that voters have grown war-weary after prolonged military action in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The intra-party split caught the attention of former Vice President Dick Cheney, who offered a warning on Monday for people who might be tired of war or "don't want to be bothered."

"There is a growing, emerging threat to the United States," he said at a Washington event hosted by Politico. "And in terms of trying to deal with it on a global basis, we're the only ones who can lead that effort. Nobody else can, nobody else will."

Appearing at the same event, Liz Cheney addressed Paul's views directly: "I've got some big concerns about the extent to which Sen. Paul seems to think we can be safe if we just come home and try to build a fortress America. That's clearly not going to work."

Paul, meanwhile, has spent much of the last year working to distinguish his views from those of his father, 2012 presidential candidate Ron Paul, who delighted libertarians by calling for the closure of U.S. military bases around the world. The younger Paul does not consider himself an isolationist, but opposes sending any more troops to Iraq.

"If refusing to send Americans to die for a country that refuses to defend itself makes one an 'isolationist,' then perhaps it's time we finally retire that pejorative," he wrote. "Today, the overwhelming majority of Americans don't want to send U.S. soldiers back into Iraq. Is Perry calling the entire country 'isolationist' too?"

Perry declined to respond directly on Monday, offering only a general statement through a spokesman.

"This is no time to turn from the internationalist traditions of Eisenhower and Reagan," said Perry spokesman Travis Considine. "Taking the wrong path would mean passing along a world even more dangerous and less secure than the one we live in today."

As 2016 looms, Christie skirts hot-button issues

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who bills himself as a say-what-I-think straight-talker, has been unusually silent recently on some hot-button national issues.

While other top Republicans have been quick to weigh in, Christie has side-stepped questions on the Hobby Lobby Supreme Court ruling, immigration reform and Israel. Some suggest he's being careful — and letting others in the prospective GOP field for the 2016 presidential nomination get into early brawls.

New Jersey's Republican governor has repeatedly declined to offer his opinion on the Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby decision, which will allow some companies to opt out of paying for employees' contraception under President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Asked the day after the decision whether the court decided correctly, Christie shrugged, "Who knows?"

"Why would I give an opinion on whether they're right or wrong?" he added during an appearance on CNBC. "In the end of the day, they did what they did."

A week later, Christie was again pressed, this time on the decision's local impact.

"It's just not something I'm all that concerned about," he told reporters.

It's not the only fiery issue the blunt-talking Christie has skirted in recent weeks, even as other high-profile Republicans mulling runs for the White House have eagerly weighed in. Rand Paul and Rick Perry, for example, brawled over foreign policy as the newly demure Christie toured Tennessee over the weekend, and on Thursday heads to politically important Iowa, as part of his duties heading the Republican Governors Association.

In Nashville, Tennessee, Christie gave strong but general, opinions on such matters as immigration and Washington gridlock. But asked for specifics, he offered equally terse refusals to elaborate.

On foreign policy, Christie said Obama should "be speaking firmly and forcefully on behalf of Israel" and condemning Hamas "in the strongest terms and with actions." But asked whether those actions should include the military, Christie punted: "I'm not going to give opinions on that, I'm not the president."

In June, Christie mocked a reporter in San Francisco for asking him to discuss his position on immigration after House Majority Leader Eric Cantor's unexpected loss to a candidate who'd made the issue the focus of his campaign.

"I'm sure you'd love me to do that, and in fact, what I want to do in a flower warehouse, I want to give you a very complex answer behind a set of microphones on a contentious issue that's driving a debate all across the country. No, thank you," he replied.

Mike DuHaime, Christie's top political adviser, who also managed former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani's presidential bid, said that Christie has been "completely unafraid to take on tough, controversial issues."

He pointed to Christie's decisions to cut education funding his first year in office, delay pension contributions in this year's budget and veto legislation that would have reduced gun magazine capacity, despite pleas from parents of the victims of the Sandy Hook school shooting.

"I would say it's a mischaracterization to cherry pick a couple of times where he basically says, 'Look, that's not something I have to deal with. I haven't thought about it, so I'm moving on,'" he said.

While Christie's camp insists he's as outspoken as ever, some observers see the dodges as part of a larger strategy by the governor to avoid weighing in on divisive national issues, especially with key constituencies like women and Latinos, as he mulls how to position himself in the crowded Republican primary field.

As failed candidates from blue states like former Giuliani and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney quickly learned, if he runs, Christie will have to balance courting voters who lean far to the right of those he's used to while remaining competitive in the general election.

"To a great extent, he's avoiding addressing things he doesn't think he has to in the context of, we presume at the moment, him gearing up to run for president," said David Redlawsk, the director of the Rutgers Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling, who has been following Christie for years.

Christie, who has been trying to move past ongoing investigations into lane closures near the busy George Washington Bridge last year that appear to have been politically motivated, "has to be really careful about not ticking off the Republican primary voters, who are very conservative, certainly much more conservative than New Jersey voters," Redlawsk added. "So he's got to tread a really careful line."

Chip Felkel, a longtime South Carolina Republican operative who worked on former President George W. Bush's two campaigns, said it was wise for Christie to take his time and avoid weighing in on issues that could come back to bite him.

"The roadside is littered with would-be candidates who stuck their foot in their mouth on issues that they regretted or not thinking through politically, ideologically or strategically how something they might weigh in on today would affect them," he said.

Like others, veteran New Hampshire strategist Michael Dennehy, who is already aligned with Texas Gov. Rick Perry, said he was surprised by Christie's silence, especially considering his national role as chair of the RGA.

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DALLAS

Ex-President George W. Bush has 2nd knee surgery

Former President George W. Bush has had his left knee partially replaced — seven weeks after having the same procedure on his right knee.

Bush spokesman Freddy Ford said the procedure on Bush's left knee took place Saturday at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

Ford said the ex-president and his wife Laura were on their way back to Dallas on Monday morning.

Fort said this operation and the one May 24 were both outpatient procedures performed by the same doctor.

Ford said Bush is "looking forward to getting back on his mountain bike in a few weeks."

Bush, who recently turned 68, is known as a fitness enthusiast.

AUSTIN

Court revives suit over Confederate flag license plate dispute

A federal appeals court has revived a lawsuit that had been filed against officials who had rejected a group's petition for a customized Texas license plate featuring the Confederate battle flag.

The Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans sued in 2011 after the state Department of Motor Vehicles Board rejected its application for a specialty license plate. The lawsuit was dismissed in 2013.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled Monday the Texas board violated the group's First Amendment rights by rejecting the license plate request.

The case was sent back to an Austin federal court.

The group said its design honors the memory of Confederate soldiers and represents Southern heritage, but the board concluded it would offend many residents.

VIRGINIA

Man claims kingdom so daughter can be princess

ABINGDON — A Virginia man says he has claimed a kingdom in Africa so his daughter can be a princess.

Jeremiah Heaton told the Bristol Herald Courier that he recently trekked to a small, mountainous region between Egypt and Sudan called Bir Tawil. No country claims the land.

Heaton said he planted a flag designed by his children there so that he could become a king — and more importantly, so his 7-year-old daughter Emily could be a princess. They named the area the Kingdom of North Sudan.

Shelia Carapico, a professor of political science and international studies at the University of Richmond, said Heaton would not have political control over the land without legal recognition from neighboring countries, the United Nations or other groups.

MASSACHUSETTS

Store accepts a 25-year-old gift certificate

WORCESTER — A Massachusetts pop culture store has honored a 25-year-old gift certificate.

Sierra Wales, assistant manager at That's Entertainment in Worcester, said a longtime customer recently brought in the $10 gift certificate bought in 1989.

She told The Republican newspaper that the gift certificate had been sitting in a drawer for years. The customer had been meaning to bring it in for some time and finally remembered over the Fourth of July weekend.

She noted that the gift certificate was older than most employees and had actually been bought at the store's old location.

The customer used it to buy a graphic novel.

The 34-year-old business sells comic books, graphic novels, toys, sports memorabilia, music and other pop culture items.

CALIFORNIA

Orange Tillamook cheese vans stolen

MANTECA — Police in Central California are searching for three bright orange Tillamook cheese vans that were stolen over the weekend.

Manteca police said the restored Volkswagen minibuses, worth $100,000 each, vanished early Saturday from a hotel parking lot. They were secured in a trailer pulled by a Ford F-350 that was also painted orange. Police said it appears that somebody drove off with the entire rig.

The Manteca Bulletin reported that the truck and trailer were found torched 50 miles east in the foothill community of Jamestown. The minibuses are still missing.

Police said the minivans had stopped in Manteca on a tour promoting the Tillamook County Creamery Association's dairy products.

NEW YORK

Man's long-lost class ring turns up in Greece

More than 40 years after a New York man last saw his high school class ring, the love token his wife had until their wedding night popped up on a Greek island.

How it got to Naxos after it disappeared with his bride's purse at their wedding reception is a mystery. But earlier this month, the ring arrived by mail on Staten Island.

"It doesn't fit me anymore," said Stan Ostapiak, a retired police officer. "But my wife will put it back on her key chain, so we can go steady again."

AP file photo

A Walgreens retail store in Boston is shown on June 14. Walgreen Co. — which bills itself as "America's premier pharmacy" — is among many companies considering combining operations with foreign businesses to trim their tax bills. These deals, called inversions, have raised concerns among some U.S. lawmakers over the potential for lost tax revenue.

US companies look overseas for tax bill relief

By Tom Murphy
Associated Press

A growing number of U.S. companies are looking to trim their tax bills by combining operations with foreign businesses in a trend that may eventually cost the federal government billions of dollars in revenue.

Generic drugmaker Mylan Inc. said Monday it will become part of a new company organized in the Netherlands in a $5.3 billion deal to acquire some of Abbott Laboratories' generic-drugs business. The deal is expected to lower Mylan's tax rate to about 20 percent to 21 percent in the first full year and to the high teens after that.

The Canonsburg, Pennsylvania-company's deal follows a path explored by several other U.S. drugmakers in recent months. AbbVie Inc. has entered talks with Shire Plc. over a roughly $53.68 billion deal that would lead to a lower tax rate and a company organized on the British island of Jersey.

But drugmakers aren't the only companies looking overseas for better tax deals.

Last month, U.S. medical device maker Medtronic Inc. said that it had agreed to buy Ireland-based competitor Covidien for $42.9 billion in cash and stock. The combined company would have executive offices in Ireland, which has a 12.5 percent corporate income tax rate. And drugstore chain Walgreen Co. — which bills itself as "America's premier pharmacy" — also is considering a similar move with Swiss health and beauty retailer Alliance Boots.

These tax-lowering overseas deals, which are called inversions, have raised concerns among some U.S. lawmakers over the potential for lost tax revenue. But business experts say U.S. companies that find the right deal have to consider inversions due to the heavy tax burden they face back home.

At 35 percent, the United States offers the highest corporate income tax rate in the industrialized world. By contrast, the European Union has an average tax rate of 21 percent, said Donald Goldman, a professor at Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business.

In addition to the higher rate, the United States also taxes the income companies earn overseas once they bring it back home. The tax is the difference between the rate the company paid where it earned the income and the U.S. rate.

"We tax income wherever it is earned around the world once you bring it back home, and almost nobody else does that," Goldman said.

In addition to lowering a company's tax rate, inversions also can help a company reduce its U.S. tax liability through a process known as earnings stripping. Essentially, the U.S. business takes on debt to fund a dividend for its foreign operations and deducts interest payments on that debt.

Tax lawyer Bret Wells said companies consider an inversion only if they can put together a good deal that will help grow their business. The inversion is really a secondary benefit but also a way for corporations to "vote with their feet."

"When I can see that the other guy, my competitor, can reduce their tax bill, I want to look like them," said Wells, an assistant law professor at the University of Houston.

Inversions can happen if a U.S. company combines with a foreign business and shareholders of the foreign entity own at least 20 percent of the newly merged business. Legally, the foreign company might acquire the U.S. business or the two would create a new entity overseas. But the U.S. company often maintains both its corporate headquarters and control of the company.

President Barack Obama has proposed raising the threshold for inversions on foreign entity ownership to 50 percent, with the goal of making them less attractive.

But Wells, the tax lawyer, says more comprehensive tax reform is needed.

In the meantime, experts say companies will continue to consider inversions.

Walgreen Co. is among those considering it now. The drugstore chain acquired a 45 percent stake in the Swiss health and beauty retailer Alliance Boots in 2012, and it has an option to buy the rest of the company next year. Walgreen executives have told analysts that they will consider a host of variables like what the deal may do for the company's tax rate before they discuss their decision later this summer.

A Walgreen inversion may have a deeper impact than the drug and medical device makers that have already forged ahead because the drugstore chain's business centers on dealing directly with consumers.

The company will have to guard against any customer backlash, "since consumers have many choices when it comes to purchasing pharmaceutical and convenience goods," said Vishnu Lekraj, an analyst who covers the industry for Morningstar.

Wells, though, doubts that an inversion will trigger much consumer unhappiness.

"I think that the concern that the customer is going to have is the quality of what they're buying and the experience that they're going to have at the store," he said. "Inversion doesn't have anything to do with that."

YMCA to host triathlon for kids

■ Staff members hope to make the mini triathlon a bi-annual event.

By Steve Kuhlmann
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The Midland YMCA will host the Kid's Half Pint Triathlon beginning at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Registration ends 30 minutes before the event.

The mini triathlon is open to children ages 4 to 12 .

"We wanted to provide something for children that was fun and would get them in the mindset of exercising and (also) to kind of tag along with what adults are doing with triathlons or 5Ks, but geared more toward a child's level," said Leaf Faller, aquatic program director at the Midland YMCA.

The triathlon will begin with a 25-yard swim in the YMCA's pool, after which participants will hop out of the pool and put on their shoes.

The next leg of the event features a run around the building to the gymnasium where they will re-enter the building. Finally, participants will finish the triathlon by riding on a tricycle two laps around an indoor track.

When all of the participants have completed the event, an awards ceremony will be held to recognize the children who participated.

"We'll announce their names and present them with a shirt and a medal," said Faller.

To ensure that each child can be monitored, the event will be organized from youngest to oldest with "no more than four children" starting at a time in the pool, she said.

Faller said that life jackets will be provided for those children who may have concerns about swimming the full 25-yard length of the pool without assistance.

The hope is the triathlon can become a bi-annual event at the

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MRT file photo

The YMCA is hosting a mini triathlon for children ages 4-12 this weekend. Participants will complete a 25-yard swim, run around the building and finish with two laps around an indoor track on a tricycle.

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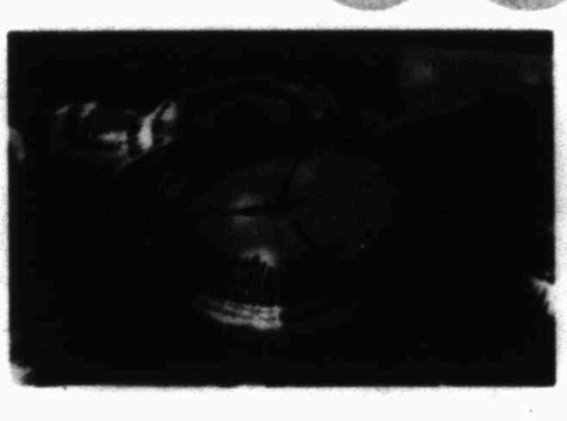

Bike MS Bike Blender team set up shop at the Downtown Farmers Market on Saturday to raise money for the Bike MS Cactus & Crude event.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland man cycles for daughter in annual ride benefitting National MS Society

By Steve Kuhlmann
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This weekend the Bike MS: Cactus & Crude bike ride, presented by Apache, will celebrate its 25th year as cyclists pedal from Midland to Post. For some, the ride is a chance to challenge themselves while supporting a good cause, but for others — like Midlander Marcus Parham — the ride is much more personal.

This year, Parham will be participating for the fifth time in the two-day fundraising ride benefiting education, programs, services and research for multiple sclerosis. When he began, Parham did not have personal connection, just an interest in cycling.

"It started out (with) just riding my bike around town for exercise, and a guy from work who had (ridden) in it before was talking to me about it and we decided to sign up," said Parham. "After I signed up that year, while we were training for it, in about a three-week period my daughter, Emma, lost her vision to optic neuritis. She went from perfect to legally blind in three weeks."

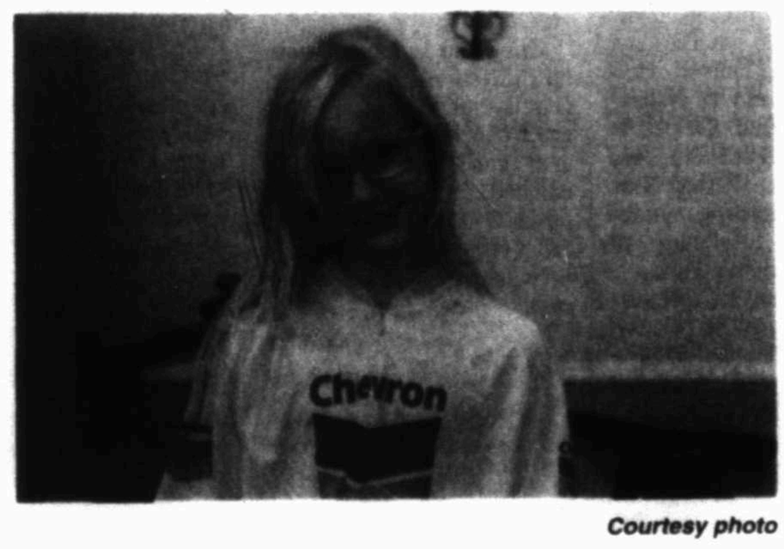
The Parham family was frantic, shuttling young Emma from doctor to doctor as they tried to figure out what was wrong. While her vision eventually returned, it was nearly a year before doctors officially diagnosed her with MS.

"I think back to the first year, I didn't have a connection, I was riding to ride for exercise," said Parham. "There's nothing wrong with that, and it was a good cause, but I think it means so much to everybody riding when they know who's personally affected by it."

Following his daughter's diagnosis, Parham began to invest himself more heavily in the bike ride, sharing his testimony and recruiting coworkers at Chevron to come out and participate as well.

"The first year we rode in it, there were seven or eight of us and last year there were 23, so every year it has been growing," said Parham, who said the increasing number of young professionals in the area has helped his efforts to recruit. "We have an influx of younger engineers coming in and they're always looking for some kind of activity. It's really been neat to watch."

Parham is proud of the support his employer gives when it comes to charitable donations. Under a program called Humankind, the corporation "matches financial contributions made by U.S. employees and retirees to nonprofits." Each year, Chevron will match "funds of up to $10,000" for employees and "up to $3,000" for retirees.



Courtesy photo

Emma Parham, 11, was diagnosed with MS after her father, Marcus Parham, started riding in the Bike MS: Cactus & Crude fundraiser.

Parham isn't stopping at co-workers however, this year, the bike ride is set to become a family event.

"My 16-year-old son and my wife are going to try to ride this year. This will be their first year," said Parham. "We hope to continue as a family."

For Emma — now 11 years old — the ride has become a time when she gets to act like a celebrity.

"She doesn't quite understand it, but she eats it up, she just loves that we're out there doing this for her and she'll go out there with the other people living with MS beforehand, and she'll sign the towels and all that that people wear. She just loves it."

For Parham, it is particularly moving to see that money raised from the bike ride goes not only toward research, but also has a direct effect on those living with the disease.

"Every spring break they have a camp for children living with MS, and that is sponsored through the National MS Society, so rides like this are funding those kind of activities," he said. "It is just an awesome camp."

The camp — called The June Rushe Hamra Camp for All — is located in Burton and was built particularly for children with special needs and disabilities.

"Just going down there and seeing that, and realizing that the funding from this is not only about research, but also touching the lives of people living with MS today (is amazing)," said Parham.

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KNIFE & FORK

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Jell-O goes beyond memories from childhood

I never used to be a big fan of Jell-O. I think it goes back to when I was 6. I had to have a tonsillectomy, and my dad and the doctor told me that after the surgery I could have all the ice cream I wanted. But when it came time for bowls of frozen goodness, I was served strawberry Jell-O instead. The hospital supposedly ran out of ice cream.

As an adult I realize gelatin is not so bad, especially on the two or three days leading up to a colonoscopy when a bland diet is recommended. And a bowl of Jell-O hits the spot on a hot summer day or to accompany a spicy meal.

Until a recent family get-together, I didn't realize Jell-O has been upgraded from the typical strawberry, lime, lemon and orange flavors. For a different twist on the dessert that was invented in 1897, try watermelon, island pineapple, apricot or margarita (yes, margarita). My sister served pineapple Jell-O with pineapple chunks and was anticipating making apricot Jell-O gelled with pieces of fresh apricot.

Pineapple Gelatin

2 3-ounce packages of pineapple Jell-O
1 20-ounce can pineapple chunks in juice (not syrup)
Frozen whipped topping (such as Cool Whip)

Drain the pineapple, and reserve the juice. Make Jell-O according to package directions, except substitute pineapple juice for cold water. If necessary, add cold water to make 2 cups.

Refrigerate gelatin until it begins to gel, about 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Add pineapple chunks to gelatin and refrigerate until completely gelled.

Serve with whipped topping.

My husband loves lime Jello-O and Cool Whip. But instead of a little whipped topping with his gelatin, Pat eats a little Jell-O with his Cool Whip. The last time I made it for him, I got the the idea — probably not original — of combining a defrosted 8-ounce container of Lite Cool Whip with the Jell-O before it gels.

This dessert works best if the gelatin begins to gel slightly before stirring in the topping.

Here are other Jell-O recipes to try.

Cranberry Jell-O Salad

From allrecipes.com

2 cups fresh cranberries
1 (15 ounce) can mandarin oranges, drained and chopped
1 cup pecans
1 (15 ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained
2 (3 ounce) packages cranberry-flavored gelatin mix (such as Jell-O)
3/4 cup white sugar
1 cup boiling water
1 cup cold water

Place cranberries, mandarin oranges and pecans into a food processor and pulse several times to chop; process mixture until finely ground, about 30 seconds. Transfer mixture into a large bowl.

Mix pineapple, gelatin, sugar, boiling water and cold water together in a separate bowl until gelatin and sugar have dissolved. Pour gelatin mixture into cranberry mixture and stir. Pour into a gelatin mold and refrigerate 8

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Obituaries

Bobbie Helen Stamps

Bobbie Helen Stamps of Midland has quietly gone to be with her Savior on Sunday July 13, 2014.

She was born in Carrizo Springs, Texas to Herbert and Minnie Turner on February 28, 1936.

She played many sports in high school and lettered in basketball for three years and went to state two years. She was also captain of the volleyball team.

Bobbie went on to become a hairstylist for 40 years and owned her own salon for 16 years. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women for 10 years and was District Director for District 8 from 1981-1982.

After she retired, she enjoyed going to the Senior Center to play 42 with the members where she became the activities leader and instructor of the 42 department. She was a wonderful volunteer in many things all of her life with anything anyone ever asked of her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, a brother, two husbands, Buford Chesney and Willie Stamps, and her wonderful loving son, Jim Doherty.

She is survived by her brother, Gene Turner of the Dallas area; a daughter, Sheree King and her husband Mike of Houston; her son, Dennis Doherty and his wife Terrie of Woodstock, Georgia; three grandchildren, five great grandchildren, one great great-grandchild, many cousins, nieces, nephews and her wonderful close friend Bob Hughes.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Midland for their support and care of our mother during her final days. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Midland, Hospice Midland PO Box 2621 Midland, Texas, 79702.

Visitation will be held Wednesday July 16, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel Thursday July 17, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

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Donald Dee Futrell

Donald Dee Futrell was born June 14, 1929 in Glen Cove, Texas (Coleman County), along with his twin sister Dorothy, to Fronie and Will Futrell. He left this earth on July 13, 2014. He attended and graduated from Centennial High School in 1948 where he lettered in basketball all four years. Don joined and was baptized in the White Chapel Baptist Church in 1943 in Coleman. He later attended Cotton Flat Baptist Church in Midland.

In November 1950 he enlisted in the US Army at the suggestion of Uncle Sam and served in the Coleman Barracks near Manheim, Germany. 2nd Armor Division Headquarters Company of Combat Command A. While there he attended radio operator and repair school.

Upon discharge he moved to Midland and worked for Fitzgerald Weather Mart as an air conditioning tech until he went into business with his brother Bill in 1957 for 15 years. During this time, he married Edwina Camp and to that union three children were born - Patricia, Carolyn, and Gary. He later married Hisako Satterfield and to this union a daughter Clara was joined. He was self-employed in Midland for 50 years.

Over the years he was involved in the American Legion and was Commander of Post 19 in 1963 when he was asked to form a Texas State Guard Company in this area. The company performed so well that the group headquarters was moved here. He later served as group commander and resigned in the rank of Colonel.

Don was preceded in death by his brother Harold, a son Gary and a grandson Chase Quine. He is survived by his wife Hisako; daughters, Patricia, Carolyn, and Clara; grandsons, Jake Quine, Scott Futrell, Shawn Scott and Koleton Wingo; granddaughters, Paige Futrell, Kristin Quine, Kaitlin Wingo, and Hope Scott; three great grandsons and one great granddaughter; his brothers, Bill and DK of Abilene; sister, Dorothy of Phoenix; and several nieces and nephews.

He loved his family and his three faithful dog companions. He will be missed by all of us but we are thankful he is no longer suffering. Thanks to all who have prayed for us as we traveled this journey the last couple of months.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Tuesday, July 15, 2014. Funeral services will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 with Pastor Rick Holeman officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Cotton Flat Baptist Church, 6409 S State Highway 349, Midland, Texas 79706.

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

Donny Lee Roberts

Donny Lee Roberts passed July 9, 2014 of natural causes. He was born October 20, 1975 to parents Jim Roberts and Patricia Avery Duke in Alpine, Texas. He grew up in Marathon, Texas, living on a ranch loving outdoors. Donny moved to Midland, Texas where he graduated from Midland High in 1994. He attended Midland College and Sul Ross State University.

Donny is survived by his mother, Patricia Avery Duke of Midland, Texas; father, Jim Roberts and step-mother Stephanie Roberts of Marathon, Texas; his children, Timothy Don Roberts of Marathon, Texas, Bobbie Marie Roberts and Mary-Anna Elizabeth Roberts, both of Alpine, Texas, Madison LaCrosse of Capitan, New Mexico and James Kennedy of Odessa, Texas; Godparents, Dale and Robbie Burns of Alpine, Texas; brothers: John Clinton Roberts of Marathon, Texas and William Clayton Roberts of Midland, Texas; and by his cousin who he considered a brother, Bobby Duncan of Ruidoso, New Mexico.

He is also survived by his nephew, Zane Roberts of Marathon, Texas; nieces, Angelina Hope Roberts of Ballinger, Texas and Aubrey Nicole Roberts of Cisco, Texas; and his grandparents, Durwood and La Verne Avery of Marathon, Texas; numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

The most powerful cherishing memory of Donny is, when he saw a person in need, he would stop and help, even give "the shirt off his back." Donny loved operating heavy equipment and cooking for family and friends. He was last employed as a Chef at the Courtyard Kaua'i Coconut Beach Marriott Resort in Kauai. Donny's hobby was building unique tools with his own hand-made wooden handles.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Marathon Post Cemetery in Marathon, Texas. Lunch will be served immediately following the service at the Marathon Community Hall, located next to the Marathon Fire Station.

Pallbearers for the service will be Mike Johnson, Ruben Ortega, John Skinner, Thomas Skinner, Misha Vogel, and Justin Avery.

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

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Patricia McGill Harris

Patricia McGill Harris passed away peacefully at home in the early morning hours of July 14, 2014, following a courageous, four-year struggle with cancer, her husband George at her side every step of the way.

Pat was born to Samuel Aaron McGill and Clara Fern Phillips in Odessa, Texas, on April 22, 1951. She grew up in Odessa, McCamey, and Andrews, attended Andrews High School, and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Midland in 1969.

Pat began her career in Chicago at Michigan Chemical Company, where her son Bryan was born in 1970. She returned to her West Texas roots in 1972 and worked for Service Title Company and the City of Midland, then Marathon Oil Company for sixteen years and Estoril Oil Company. It was at Marathon that Pat met and fell in love with a young Aggie engineer, George Harris, a 1974 graduate of Texas Military Institute in San Antonio, Texas. They were married in Hawaii on April 4, 1988.

Pat and George could always be found at Texas A&M football games in the fall, tailgating in the alumni parking lot. Pat had a great appreciation for Aggie history and traditions, and education in general. Her endless hours of reading, writing, typing reports and lending her expertise and tireless support on special projects helped assure high school and college diplomas for numerous family members and friends.

Pat was a member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church, and her daily life was the best Christian example to all. She was extraordinarily compassionate and a wonderful storyteller. She had a tremendous love for animals, birds and dogs especially, and was extremely devoted to her family. Pat was like a second mother to her nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly. Some of her greatest joys in life were working with her son Bryan in the family business and helping raise his daughters- her precious granddaughters- Brittney and Kristin. She was blessed in 2011 with a great grandson, Miles Mancha.

Pat and George traveled extensively, to San Antonio to visit family, Chicago to rescue greyhounds, Martha's Vineyard, Kona Village in Hawaii, ski trips throughout the West, cruises in the Caribbean-always with family members in tow. Pat's sense of adventure was contagious.

Pat is predeceased by her parents and sister, Leigh Anne "Queenie" McGill, and niece, Georgina Patrice Gates.

Pat is survived by her loving husband, George; son, Bryan Richardson; granddaughter Brittney Cook Mancha and her fiancé Troy Burleson; granddaughter Kristin Richardson; and great grandson Miles Mancha, all of Midland; by her sister, Cindy McGill Reeves and her children, Charissa and Wes Reeves and his wife Breanne; and her brother Sam McGill and his wife Becca, also all of Midland; by her sister-in-law and wonderful caregiver, Stephanie Harris Wilson of La Vernia; and niece Kimberly Gates of Austin; by sister-in-law Melanie Vavrek and her husband Jerry of Midland; nephew Adam Vavrek of Boston and nephew Zachary Vavrek and his wife Cara of Alexandria, Virginia; by sister-in-law, Susan Clements Negley of San Antonio, nephew William Negley and his wife Kelly of Washington, DC, nephew Jamie Negley of Austin, and niece Suzanne Negley of Austin; and by brother-in-law Jamie Clements and his wife Diana of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and her nieces Ashley Clements of Boston, Madison Brecevich and her husband Antonio of Dublin, Ireland, Austen Clements of New York City, Noe Clements of Paris, France, and Carolina Clements of Austin, Texas.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 17, from 6:00 p.m.to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. The burial will take place on Friday, July 18, at 9:30 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at Ellis Funeral Home, with a reception afterwards.

Flowers may be sent to Ellis Funeral Home or memorial donations may be given to Regap of Illinois, 4107 East Third Road, Mendota, IL 61342. Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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Veda Pearl (Oglesby) Davis

Veda Pearl (Oglesby) Davis, 82, of Poteau, Oklahoma, passed away Saturday, July 12, 2014, in Poteau. Veda was born November 22, 1931 in Hontubby, Oklahoma to Jim and Offie (McKinney) Oglesby. She was an LPN. Veda was of the Baptist faith. Veda was a member of the Texas Association of Nurses, The Rebekahs.

She was married to Boyce Dean Davis of Hontubby in Fresno, California in 1947. They settled in Midland, Texas in 1951 working and raising their family in Midland. Veda worked at Midland Memorial Hospital and managed a large apartment complex and also a local retail store.

Her joys were her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great, great-grandchild. Holidays were her favorite times of the year and were always a big production and decorations were grand!

Her homemade desserts, turkey and dressing, chicken and dumplings were some of her favorites. The name "MOMO" will be remembered by not only her family, but also by those who knew her and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Lanny D. Davis; granddaughter, Shawna Graham; and by all of her siblings.

Survivors include her children, Sandra (Davis) and J.D. Hanson of Midland, Texas, Allen Davis and Teresa (Davis) and Lucky Graham of Poteau, Oklahoma; 10 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; other relatives, loved ones and friends.

Services will be 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2014 in Evans Chapel of Memories, Poteau, Oklahoma, with Stephanie Davis-Reed officiating. Interment will follow in Oakland Cemetery, Poteau.

Pallbearers will be Jose Chavez, Derek Chavez, Jace Morris, Billy Potter, Tyler Collier and Brian Davis.

Honorary pallbearers will be Mason Crenshaw and Fernando Gutierrez.

The family will be at the funeral home on Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. to visit with relatives and friends.

You may leave an online message at *evansandmillerfuneralhomes.com*.

The family has chosen to entrust the care of the services to Evans & Miller Funeral Home, Poteau, Oklahoma.

Death Notices

Bertha "Tinnie" Mae Pitchford

Bertha Pitchford, 80, passed from this life on Saturday July 12, 2014.

Those left to cherish her memory include her two sons, Austin Cook and and Glenn Pitchford; a daughter, Pamela Halsey; and by two brothers.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at Grace Temple Baptist Church in Kermit, Texas. Interment will follow at Kermit Cemetery.

Clarence Earl Kenley, Jr., "Ken"

Clarence Earl Kenley, Jr., "Ken", 53, of Odessa, died on July 11, 2014.

He is survived by his son, Bryan Kenley; and by a sister.

Lori Ann Sanchez

Lori Ann Sanchez, 46, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2014. She is survived by her husband, Jasper McKee Jr; sons, Christopher Lee Mendez and Marcus Anthony Sanchez; her daughter, Stephaine Jo Sanchez; two brothers and one sister.

An evening service will be held Wed, July 16th at 6:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral service is set for Thurs, July 17th at 10:00 a.m. at Lee Street Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Aging elephant at Dallas Zoo needs lots of attention, pills

By Anna Kuchment
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Early one morning, Mama the elephant embarks on a medical routine many seniors would find familiar, if daunting.

First, she pops some pills — 144, in her case, for conditions such as joint stiffness and fluid retention. They come stashed inside two dozen peanut butter sandwiches piled inside two gray buckets. At a keeper's prompting, Mama tosses her head back, curls up her trunk and opens her mouth so the keeper can toss in the sandwiches one by one.

Next, it's time for some blood tests, a bath, a foot exam, a massage with the elephant version of Bengay and a weight check. All week, a team of experts monitors Mama's activity level, appetite, stool consistency, sleep habits and scores of other attributes listed in a medical chart that fills a bright red binder.

Such are the travails of a geriatric elephant. At 44, Mama has surpassed the 38-year average life expectancy for a female African elephant in captivity. She is the Dallas Zoo's oldest pachyderm and presides over a herd of five aging elephants whom zoo officials have dubbed "The Golden Girls."

"In the last three decades, animal care has improved by leaps and bounds to the point where animals are living longer," said Martha Fischer, a noted elephant specialist and curator at the St. Louis Zoo.

As a result, keepers and veterinarians have gained valuable experience in how to care for older animals.

Harry Peachey, elephant manager at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, said zoo veterinarians are in constant contact about best practices.

They also consult journals, such as Zoo Biology, which have outlined normal blood work for elephants and regularly publish case reports on various conditions, said Jan Raines, associate veterinarian at the Dallas Zoo.

Raines consults journals and speaks with colleagues but also uses trial and error to figure out what works best for Mama. "Every elephant is different," she told The Dallas Morning News. "What works best for one may not always work for another."

The Golden Girls' advancing age has turned a corner of the Dallas Zoo's Giants of the Savanna habitat into a sort of assisted living facility. The four other elephants — Jenny, Congo, Kamba and Gypsy — range in age from 32 to 37. But they don't take medicine and don't require the same level of specialized care as Mama.

Mama can't bend her right rear leg, the result of an injury she sustained before she arrived at the Dallas Zoo in 2010. The injury prevents her from lying down. So zoo staff designed special "furniture" — partially buried or hanging logs, mounds of sand — that allows her to rest or even sleep standing up.

"She'll rest her tusks in a sand pile or on a tree trunk or stump," said Karen Gibson, the Dallas Zoo's elephant curator.

One of Mama's favorite pieces is an enormous tree trunk chained diagonally to the inside of a barn behind the Savanna habitat. The barn houses the elephants for an hour or two each morning while zoo staff clean the habitat and put out fresh food and "browse" — loose tree branches that elephants strip for leaves and bark.

Gibson said Mama often sits on the beam and leans against the iron bars of the enclosure.

Outside of stiff joints and mandatory medical tests, Mama presents her caretakers with many challenges human patients would not.

For one thing, Dallas Zoo caretakers are not allowed to be in the same enclosure as an elephant, for the safety of the keepers and to reduce stress on the animals.

So Mama had to be trained to present different parts of her body to keepers through the bars of her enclosure inside the barn, where her morning medical checkups and procedures take place.

Even a simple blood draw involves multiple steps and staffers.

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	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Time Scanners "Petra" (N)		History Detectives (N)		Frontline "Separate and Unequal" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
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PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) China Strike...		Team America: World Police (:40) ★★ Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back						★★★ Clerks Brian O'Halloran.			
	HBO	300	68	14	14		Bill Maher		The Leftovers		Fast and Furious 6 ('13, Act) Vin Diesel.				(:15) The Leftovers		(:15) True Blood	
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	HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:00) ★★★ Snitch		Big Love		★★ Moonrise Kingdom		Making		★★ Taken 2 Liam Neeson.		Movie	
	MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) The Hango...		★★★ Blade ('98, Act) Wesley Snipes.				★★ Ender's Game Asa Butterfield.				(:55) Lolita From	
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	PLEX			96			(5:25) The Secret ...		★★★ Elf Will Ferrell.				(:40) ★★ Transylvania 6-5000		(:20) ★ Spill ('96, Act) Brian Bosworth.			
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:25) Legally Blon...		Masters "Parallax"		Ray Donovan				Masters "Parallax"		Ray Donovan	★ Requiem for a D.
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) A Low Do...		The Warrior's Way				(:40) ★★★ Dark Skies Keri Russell.				★★ Stake Land Connor Paolo.	
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	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) Shooter		★★★ Men in Black Will Smith.				Walking Dead (N)		The Walking Dead		Men in Black	
	BET	58	26		40		106&P		★★ Crazy Sexy Cool: The TLC Story Rochelle Aytes.				Apollo Live (N)		Apollo Live		Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO	65	63		41		The Real Housewives		Housewives NJ		Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives		Watch (N)	Housewives NJ		Wives
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	Restaurant Startup		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Restaurant Start (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Report (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Deadliest Catch (N)		Naked and Afraid		D. Catch "Shut-Out"		(:05) Naked	
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	Jessie	Liv/Mad	Girl	Judy Moody & the Not Bummer Summ...				Liv/Mad	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) Sportscenter (L)		Arm Wrest	Arm Wrest	Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Sportscenter (L)		Sportscenter	AllStar
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	ESPY JV Award		WNBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Indiana (L)				WNBA Basketball Washington vs Phoenix (L)				Olber	Olber
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Liar "Miss Me X 100"		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Chasing Life (N)		Liar "Run, Ali, Run"		The 700 Club		Chasing Life	
	FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Insider (N)	Words Jim Nill	Oklah-omaFoot	Football Preview	H.S. Softball UIL Tournament SA Final Deer Park vs. The Woodlands				Sooners Football	Aggies Preview	Poker Tour "Premier League Special"	
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol ('11, Act) Tom Cruise.						Tyrant (N)		Tyrant		The Bridge "Yankee"	
	HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
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	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	WitchWay	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(4:30) The Rundown		★★★ Bad Boys ('95, Act) Martin Lawrence, Téa Leoni, Will Smith.						★★★ The Rundown Dwayne Johnson.			
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(4:30) Pirates of the Caribbean: At Wor...				Wheaton	Wheaton	★★★ The Bourne Ultimatum ('07, Act) Julia Stiles.					Wheaton
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Sullivan& son (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan Michael Sheen, Joe Manganiello (N)		Sullivan and Son	Conan
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) ★★★ Kismet		★★★ The Black Swan				★★ The Spanish Main		(:15) ★★★ Sinbad the Sailor			
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Reina de Corazones		En otra piel				El señor de los cielos	Al rojo	(:35) Titular	En otra piel
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Buddy's Bakery Rescue		Cake Boss: Next Great Baker		Cake Boss "Buddy's Winter BBQ" (N)		Bakery Rescue "Pastry is Art" (N)		Next Great Baker "Buddy's Winter BBQ"		Buddy's Bakery Rescue "Pastry is Art"	
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Law and Murder"		Rizzoli & Isles "Doomsday"		Rizzoli & Isles "The Best Laid Plans" (N)		Perception "Eternity" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "The Best Laid Plans"		(:05) Perception "Eternity"	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Hot In	Jennifer	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Prodigy"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Theater Tricks"		Royal P "Everybody Loves Ray, Man" (N)		Covert Affairs "Silence Kit" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Royal P "Everybody Loves Ray, Man"	
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Salem "All Fall Down"		Salem "All Fall Down"		MP	Parks and Rec

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Woman plays classical piano in oil field tent city

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Big Spring storyteller

Ann Houser taught private piano lessons in Big Spring. She was a tyrant. She thought all of her students would one day become concert pianists and be popular the world over. She was well-known throughout the state. When famous piano duo Ferrante and Teicher came to Big Spring for a concert, they ended up at Ann's house and played until the wee hours for a few invited guests.

My wife, Susan, took lessons from Ann. "I was not her best student," she said. "She and my mom were friends and they both expected more from me. I felt I was under pressure all the time to play better. Once at a recital I got to play a duet with a friend of mine who was an exceptional piano player. Ann Houser complimented me on my playing. It was such a special moment I'll always remember it. Once when my parents were out of town I spent the night at Ann's house and learned she was a real human being, not just a demanding teacher."

Ann's daughter, Susan Houser Brinegar, is a musician and has made appearances in Europe. She is also an artist whose paintings are on display in homes, galleries and museums around the country. Brinegar lives in Phoenix now and enjoys telling stories about her mother, who at one time lived in a tent in the oil patch near Forsan.

"My dad wanted her to have a little more upbeat life than just sitting in a tent. So he put a wooden floor in the tent and had glass beads hanging down to separate the rooms. He bought cheap Persian-like rugs to put down and he bought her a piano. So she spent her days and evenings playing the piano. Dad would sometimes work the night shift. So she would play all night and then fix breakfast for him the next morning and they would go to sleep.

"Once while Dad was working, Mom was playing some Chopin at about 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning. She heard a car drive up and she wondered why is Ed — my father — getting home early from the oil field. So she went to the door and walking up was this man. His wife was sitting in the car.

"He told my mom, 'We are totally lost. We're in the middle of an oil field and we don't know how to get out of it. And I could not believe it when I heard Chopin's music coming from a tent in the middle of an oil field. Was that you?'

"My mom replied that it was indeed she who was playing the piano. The man commented on how beautiful it was. My mom thanked him and told the man, 'My husband will help you out of the oil field but he won't be home until morning. Would you like to come in?'

"So they went inside, she fixed them coffee and she played for them the rest of the night. When morning came, she fixed breakfast for them when Dad came home and they left, saying they would always remember Texas because of hearing Chopin in an oil field."

Tumbleweed Smith writes about things Texan. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

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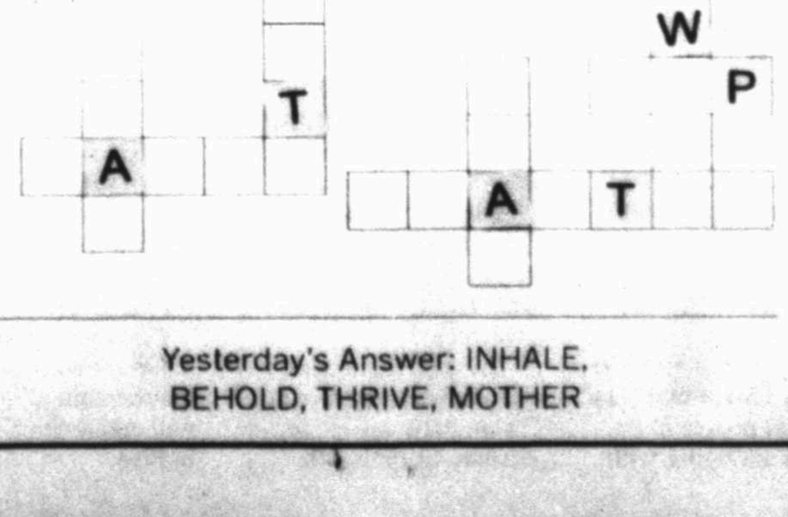

Yesterday's Answer: INHALE, BEHOLD, THRIVE, MOTHER

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YMCA

From 1B

YMCA, Faller said.

Children who participate will need to wear a bathing suit, and tennis shoes.

There is a registration fee of $15 for YMCA members and $25 for non-members.

To register before the event, parents may visit the YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St., or call 682-2551 for more information.

Herbicide can kill dollarweed without hurting live oaks

NEIL SPERRY

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

Dear Neil: Is there a weedkiller that will eliminate dollarweed in my lawn without hurting my live oak trees? I've had trouble with some weedkillers causing the trees to lose their top leaves.

Answer: Talk to your local independent retail garden center about products containing only 2,4-D. That herbicide will eliminate dollarweed, and it is not active in the soil. You'll still want to avoid spraying on windy days. You may want to include one drop of a liquid dishwashing detergent or horticultural surfactant to keep the spray from beading up and rolling off the waxy leaves. As heavily rooted as dollarweed becomes, you may have to treat more than one time (always while it's growing actively).

Dear Neil: I have large, fleshy mushrooms in my St. Augustine lawn. I've been removing them by hand, but it has become quite tedious. What else can I do to get rid of them?

Answer: They won't stay around very long. They're living off the decaying organic matter, so other than shading, they really don't harm the lawn. You might try dusting a small area of them with sulfur. It is a good natural fungicide, although it can burn good plants' foliage, so be precise in how you apply it. Keep it out of your eyes as well. You could also use a garden rake turned upside-down to comb through the area and remove the mushrooms.

Dear Neil: I have a vine that sounds like smilax vines. Do they have pink flowers? The leaves look like mimosas. I keep mowing it off, but it keeps coming back.

Answer: It sounds to me like you have sensitive briar, Mimosa pudica. (Our shade tree mimosas are botanically Albizzia julibrissin.) The same broadleafed weedkiller product I mentioned elsewhere will eliminate it. Read and follow label directions carefully for the best results.

Dear Neil: We have a 70-year-old live oak tree that has begun putting up hundreds of saplings. Some seem to have come from acorns, but others are rooted tightly to the soil. They may have come from the mother tree's root systems. How can we kill them without hurting the tree? It has ruined an Asian jasmine groundcover bed.

Answer: I'm thinking you're not going to like my answer very much. A small percentage of live oaks have the genetic propensity to send up sprouts from their main roots. Because they are still tethered to the mother tree, there is absolutely nothing you can apply that will kill them without harming the tree. I have had that issue with a live oak in my own yard, and I currently have the same problem with one of my tree-form yaupon hollies. I use a sharpshooter spade when the soil is moist, and I angle it into the ground an inch or two away from the sprout. In doing so, I sever the sprout several inches below the soil line. It's a boring hobby, but once you get them cut out, fewer regrow and the process gets a lot easier the next time. I am really sorry I don't have a better answer. It's one of the most common questions I get about live oaks.

Dear Neil: What is causing this leaf drop in one of my pecan trees? All the others look fine.

Answer: I have lived with a forest of pecan trees for 37 years, and this doesn't look like any problem I have seen on my own trees. The small, just-developing spots toward the end of the leaflet look as if the issue might be fungal, but the large brown blotches look more like some type of leaf scorch, herbicide damage or other odd problem. I would watch the new growth the tree puts out the balance of the growing season. If you see this problem showing up time after time, send a sample to the Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Texas A&M. There will be a charge for running the culture on your plant sample. That's why I'm suggesting you watch it for a couple more weeks. Send several good samples if you do decide to let them look at the problem. Ship them from the post office, and send them to arrive within one or two days so they don't linger in hot trucks and mailboxes. Put them in a plastic bag, but do not add any moisture to them.

Dear Neil: We have property in the Hill Country. The cedar trees are looking very stressed, with brown needles throughout. Are the ones that are most brown capable of recovering if we get rain?

Answer: We lost many cedars in Texas in the extreme drought of 2011. This year also has prospects of being very bad, and because the plants were already weakened three years ago, we may lose more. Only time will tell.

Dear Neil: What would cause a confederate jasmine on a trellis suddenly to lose all of its leaves? It happened in a matter of days, and now they're all over the ground. Is this a disease?

Answer: I'm going to do my best possible job of answering you, and my thoughts will be based on growing this plant and its sister, Asian jasmine for many decades. I have never seen an insect or disease bother either one. Drought, yes. Cold, yes. But that's about it. I wonder if this might be latent freeze damage. Both confederate (where it grows) and Asian jasmine took real hits this past winter. Drought would be my only other guess.

Birds, bees, brooms can pollinate plants

JEFF FLOYD

Jeff Floyd is with Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

It's no surprise birds and bees are used by parents to simplify discussions about courtship. The extraordinary, yet observable, activities of these plant-pollenating agents provide an easy explanation that practically anyone can understand. The expression is versatile. Bold parents can use the same metaphor to move into more technical descriptions if they feel up to the task.

For our discussion we'll just stick to plant pollination. As a rule, a pollenating agent is anything that contributes to fertilization in plants. Pollinating agents generally fall into two broad categories. They are either biological organisms or not. Birds, bees, gravity, wind and even brooms can serve as pollinating agents.

Often, flowering plants — that is to say most plants — have both male (stamen) and female (stigma) parts on the same flower. Many have male and female parts on separate flowers but on the same plant. Others have either male or female flowers but not both on the same plant. The variety and combinations of male and female plant parts would make life on earth virtually impossible without the aid of pollinating agents.

For plants to be fertilized, pollen from the stamen must find its way to the stigma. Pollination is almost always accidental. As birds and bees forage, pollen is accidentally relocated from one flower to the next. Cross-pollination from one plant to another of the same species is a natural means of ensuring strong offspring through genetic variety.

Flower location and timing are important factors in successful pollination. For example, one fussy plant in my garden this year has been the pumpkin. Ordinarily, pumpkins produce mostly male flowers followed by female flowers a little later in the season. However, stressed pumpkins may never produce female flowers.

Not all pollination is accidental. Assuming I'll eventually spot a female flower on the pumpkin plant, I can attempt to manually pollinate it by gently touching the tip of a stamen from one of the male flowers to its stigma. I don't pluck male flowers until I see that the pollen has matured. I know the pollen is mature when I can carefully rub the top of the stamen and see a few pollen grains stick to my finger. When I cautiously brush the stamen onto the stigma, I'm acting as a pollinating agent.

My wife seems a little less concerned with gently employing her efforts in the garden. She's convinced that "spanking" the innocent tomato plants in early spring causes them to be more productive. Spare the rod, spoil the salsa! Her goal is to imitate the effect of a strong wind, which would dislodge pollen grains from the stamens so they may drop onto the stigmas. In this case, she and her broom are pollinating agents.

What she doesn't know is her broom is also an anti-pollinating agent. I once spied two cats pollinating in the garden. I chased them away with her broom. I'm not sure I can call the broom a non-biological pollenating agent since one of us is always on the other end of it. However, there is no doubt that the broom's influence on pollination is never accidental.

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If you really want success in the garden, register to attend the EarthKind composting class Saturday hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife and the Permian Basin Master Gardeners. There is no charge for the class and every registered family will walk away with one free compost bin and thermometer. The class will begin at 9 a.m. at the Compost Garden, 814 W. 42nd St. next door to the Odessa Time Machine. The class will break for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and reconvene at the Ector County Extension office, 1010 E. Eighth street in Odessa, at 1 p.m. to conclude around 4 p.m. Come learn about composting, worms and West Texas soils. Seating is very limited so call early. Contact the Midland County Extension Office at 686-4700 or email me at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

LIVE IN THE BASIN

TallTownes second annual Backyard BBQ brought bands to KD's Bar-B-Q on Saturday. This year's lineup included Uncle Lucius, Hello Wheels, The Greencards, Butch Hancock, John Edward Baumann and Craig Elliott. Looking for live music? See Live Wire on page 6B.

Photos by Tyler White

Courtesy photo

Marcus Parham and Jared Ivanhoe are part of the Chevron team that participated in last year's Bike MS: Cactus & Crude bike ride.

RIDE

From 1B

Getting to know others in the Permian Basin community living with MS has also been a special part of his experience with the bike ride, said Parham.

"Every year before the ride they have a meet and greet with people in this area that are living with MS," he said. "Really getting to know them and make that connection of why you're doing it is awesome. And some of those folks even show up at the ride if they're able. That connection is just awesome."

The first 75.1 miles of the ride will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday at the Apache Corp. North Financial Building. According to a press release, cyclists will mark the end of the first day in Big Spring with an "overnight celebration at the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf."

Day two will begin at 7 a.m. Sunday, and after the remaining 75.2 miles will end at the City Park in Post.

Registration for the ride is $25 until the day of the race, with a required commitment to a minimum fundraising pledge of $250.

To donate, register for the ride or volunteer for the event, visit www.bikemstexas.org.

KNIFE & FORK

From 1B

hours or overnight before serving.

Raspberry Angel Cake

www.kraftrecipes.com

3 cups boiling water
2 packages (3 ounces each) Jell-O Raspberry Flavor Gelatin
1 package (12 ounces) frozen red raspberries (Do not thaw.)
1 package (7.5 ounces) round prepared angel food cake, cut into 21 thin slices
1 cup thawed Cool Whip Whipped Topping

Add boiling water to gelatin mixes in medium bowl; stir 2 minuntes until completely dissolved. Add berries; stir until thawed. Pour into 9-inch round pan sprayed with cooking spray.

Arrange cake slices in concentric circles over gelatin, with slices overlapping as necessary to completely cover gelatin.

Refrigerate 3 hours or until gelatin is firm. Unmold onto plate; top with Cool Whip

Luscious Slush Punch

From allrecipes.com

1/2 cups white sugar
6 cups water
2 (3 ounce) packages strawberry flavored Jell-O mix
1 (46 fluid ounce) can pineapple juice
2/3 cup lemon juice
1 quart orange juice
2 (2 liter) bottles lemon-lime flavored carbonated beverage

Bring the sugar, water and strawberry flavored gelatin to a boil in a large saucepan; boil for 3 minutes. Stir in the pineapple juice, lemon juice and orange juice. Divide mixture into 2 separate containers and freeze.

Combine the contents of 1 container with 1 bottle of the lemon-lime flavored carbonated beverage in a punch bowl; stir until slushy. Repeat with remaining portions as needed.

Lemon Glazed Cake

From allrecipes.com

1 (18.25 ounce) package lemon cake mix
1 (3 ounce) package lemon flavored Jell-O mix
3/4 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup water
4 eggs
1/3 cup lemon juice
2 cups confectioners' sugar
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1 tablespoon water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9x13-inch pan.

In a large bowl, stir together cake mix and gelatin mix. Make a well in the center and pour in oil, 1/2 cup water and eggs. Beat on low speed until blended. Scrape bowl, and beat 4 minutes on medium speed. Pour batter into prepared pan.

Bake in the preheated oven for 40 to 45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Allow to cool.

To make the glaze: In a medium bowl, combine lemon juice and confectioners' sugar. Beat in the melted butter and 1 tablespoon water. Poke holes in the top of the cake and pour glaze over.

TODAY: Partly sunny High: 90 Low: 74

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 96 Low: 72

THURSDAY: Partly sunny High: 85 Low: 68

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 89 Low: 72

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 98 Low: 74

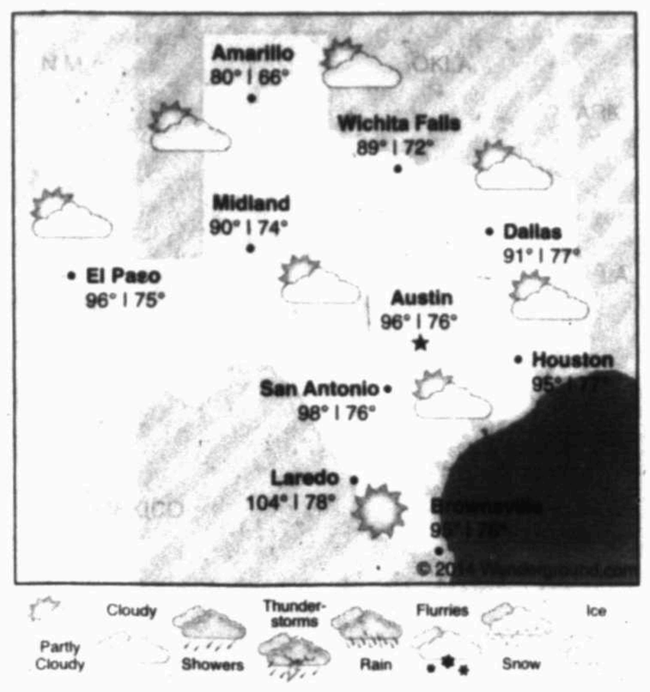
SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 100 Low: 75

Local forecast

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 90 and east winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 74 and east winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming south after midnight. There is a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 96, south winds around 10 mph and a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Expect mostly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 72 and a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms.

The high on Monday reached 98, while the low dropped to 70. The record high for July 14 is 107 set in 1933. The record low is 50 set in 1936.



National forecast

The risk of flooding downpours and severe storms will extend east across the South and northward today along much of the Atlantic Seaboard. While not every place will be hit by severe weather or flooding, there is the potential for travel disruptions.

Precipitation

Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	trace
Year total	3.64 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.89 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	98
Low	70
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:53 a.m.
Sunset	8:56 p.m.

Son who idolizes dad must eventually be told his crime

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I am a mother of four. My oldest son, "Jeff," is from a previous marriage. My ex was convicted of child molestation, involving his daughter from a previous relationship.

Jeff is now 11. He has had very few unsupervised visitations with his dad over the last few years and is always talking about how great a guy he is. I have tried to explain that his father has done "inappropriate things" that got him in trouble with the law, which is why he can't have contact with his sister.

Instead of trusting my judgment for having moved several states away, Jeff always tells me about how he wants to go live with his dad when he's 18. Being "Big Bad Mama" is no fun. The once-a-year gifts from his father trump any nice things my husband or I provide for Jeff. How can I explain to my son that I am only looking out for his best interests, and that he will never live with his dad? — BIG BAD MAMA IN GEORGIA

DEAR MAMA: I don't know how mature your son is, but most 11-year-old boys idolize their fathers. Jeff has his father on a pedestal because he sees him only rarely, and has no concept of what the reality of living with him would be.

At some point your son will need to know EXACTLY what his father did that got him into trouble — without your glossing over it using the vague description of "inappropriate behavior." When that conversation happens, he should already understand the concept of boundaries and what taking advantage of a child really means.

If I were in your position, I would consult a licensed psychotherapist or social worker for input before trying to explain this to Jeff, because the news is going to be shocking. However, if your son still wants to live with his birth father when he's 18, I don't think there is anything you can do to prevent it.

DEAR ABBY: I raised my children to stay with me when we were in a store. They didn't touch things displayed on the shelves because the items were not theirs and we weren't going to purchase them. We didn't have cellphones when my children grew up. However, even now I never remove mine from my purse while I'm in a store.

Is there a nice way to tell other shoppers to put their phones away and pay attention to their children while shopping, and suggest that it might not be safe for their kids to run through the aisles or roll canned goods down them? I am not sure about their children's safety, but I'm positive it isn't safe for me when their children are acting this way. — MEME IN THE WEST

DEAR MEME: No, I don't think there is. You appear to be part of a generation that had the time (or took the time) to teach these things to their kids.

I agree that children should be taught to respect the property of others and to ask before touching it. I also agree that leaving items in an aisle could be dangerous to shoppers whose attention may be fixed on the store shelves instead of the floor.

But because so many parents today seem to have "forgotten" to convey these important lessons, then caveat emptor — but in this case, let the shopper beware.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, July 15, 2014:

This year you open up to different possibilities that you previously have said "no" to. Your imagination and creativity team up with a strong will and extra endurance. The results could be spectacular. Increased income is a strong likelihood. If you are single, you could meet someone very unique and intriguing. You will want to have a relationship with this person, but it might not be long term. If you are attached, the two of you seem to accept each other completely. As a result, your relationship becomes even more caring. Your mutual goals remain significant. PISCES knows you well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You have a lot going on, and you'll want to use your ingenuity to resolve an issue. Reach out to an older relative you typically look up to, as he or she could be changing his or her views. This might explain why this person seems unstable. Tonight: Get as much sleep as you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want, and don't allow a changeable situation to throw you off. A conversation you'll have could be quite informative, especially if you can stay open-minded. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You could be more wound-up about a money matter than you realize. Someone more knowledgeable than you could offer various ideas. Know what is happening with the people you deal with; it can help you understand where they are coming from. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might be coming from a place of doubt. If you detach, you will gain a lot of information. Your imagination could take you in a new direction as well. Brainstorm with friends who know a lot more about the topic in question than you do. Tonight: Surf the Web.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You will gain a lot more information if you pull back and say little. Others also will open up more as a result. You could be shocked by what someone reveals. Tonight: Have a long-overdue conversation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Others will give you powerful feedback; they also want your opinion. Hopefully, you are in the mood for a brainstorming session. A friend seems to speak freely without thinking carefully through his or her statements. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might be put off by an appointment or meeting that you wish you could cancel. A family member or domestic issue could throw you off your game. Be careful with a money matter, particularly if you feel as though your finances are tight. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Speak your mind, but be as diplomatic as possible. Read between the lines in a conversation that could really affect you. You need to confirm certain concepts that you might have, as well as your vision of the whole matter. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Remain sensitive not only to your financial situation, but to others' as well. Be direct in how you deal with others. You could have a sense of a new beginning regarding an emotional issue. Be aware of your limitations. Tonight: Happiest at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You draw others in, but they might not be as easy to deal with as you would like. You could be changing your thinking and how you handle your life. Try to express the new you more in conversations, as others seem not to acknowledge the change. Tonight: All smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might not want to share everything that you are observing, as it seems to be easier that way. You'll make an impression on someone, but he or she might be reluctant to respond. Give yourself and others some space. Deal with a money matter. Tonight: Play it low-key.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your intuitive sense works well with a child or new love interest. You don't need to overthink; instead, you need to act when you feel the timing is right. Make a point to follow your intuition as well as your perceptions. Tonight: Let your imagination call the shots.

BORN TODAY

Painter Rembrandt (1606), author Iris Murdoch (1919), Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850)

Because of a technical issue Sunday, Monday's crossword did not run. Below is that crossword in addition to today's puzzle.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Makes wet
6 Second half of a record
11 "Alley __"
14 Praise mightily
15 Former "American Idol" judge Abdul
16 Depot: Abbr.
17 One-over-par score
18 Fun runs, often
20 Miffed state
21 The "I" in MIT: Abbr.
22 Target rival
23 1989 French Open winner Michael
25 Illinois city symbolizing mainstream America
26 Mobile phone system that introduced SMS texting
29 In the know
30 Dinghy pair
31 Spanish sun
34 1492 ship
35 Spot for a bracelet
37 Smokes, for short
38 "__ be an honor!"
39 Literature Nobelist Bellow
40 World-renowned
41 Film that requires special eyewear
44 Arrive on horseback
47 Of the ear
48 Suggestion box suggestions
49 Comfy and cozy
51 Tibetan priest
54 Youth organization with a clover emblem
56 Put on the tube
57 Inc. kin
58 Wear away slowly
59 Triangular river formation
60 Language ending
61 Knight mare?
62 Laundromat appliance

DOWN

1 Belles at balls
2 Nerve cell transmitter
3 Potter's stick?
4 Superabundance
5 Messy digs
6 Dish cleaner
7 Fleming and McKellen
8 Song for two
9 Yellowstone Park grazer
10 Carnival pitchmen
11 Tinseltown trophy
12 Cheri of "SNL"
13 Linguini or fettuccine
19 Wild way to run
21 Roadside shelter
24 __ of Reason
25 Seaside city
26 Twerp
27 Picturesque fabric
28 "Who __ that masked man?"
29 "Wheel of Fortune" buy
31 Likewise
32 S-shaped molding
33 It made Leary bleary
35 Hypothetical time irregularity
36 Be contrite about
37 Cleveland NBA player
39 Tells to be quiet
40 Part of FWIW
41 Scotch tape target
42 Did some finger painting
43 Coffee holder
44 Hunting weapon
45 Objects of devotion
46 "Little __ Coupe": Beach Boys hit
49 Gin fizz fruit
50 Naked
52 Apportion, with "out"
53 Hebrew winter month
55 Old PC monitor
56 Toss into the mix

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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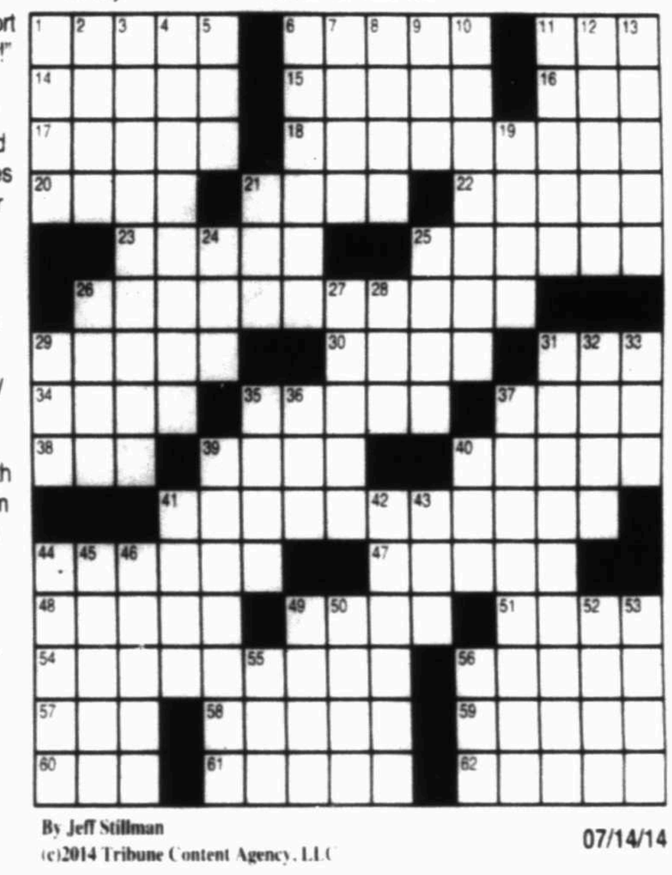

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ACROSS

1 Unwanted email
5 "Star Trek" genre
10 Con job
14 Actress Jessica
15 Falcon's weapon
16 It's filled and folded
17 Store where Yogi shops?
19 Mediterranean volcano
20 Resin used in varnish
21 Visual aids
22 It's folded and filled
24 Some Alaska natives
26 Funny Chen
27 Hangout for Mickey?
29 Bygone airline letters
32 Small piece of gossip
35 Abbr. on a business card
36 Big name
37 French love
38 Degree for many a prof
39 At the ready
40 See 26-Down
41 Poor grade
42 Braininess
43 Sound booster
44 Language that Porky studies?
46 Precincts
48 Bureaucratic tangle
52 Trying to avoid detection
54 Works on the road
55 Afternoon party
56 Track figures
57 Corn for Bugs?
60 __ Decor: home fashion mag
61 Be useful to
62 Party wheel
63 Understands
64 Choreographer Cunningham
65 Something to settle up

DOWN

1 Luxurious fur
2 Answers in court
3 Startling way to be taken
4 Scuff or scratch
5 Sign on a moping teen's door
6 Loving touch
7 Varieties
8 One opposed
9 All together
10 Take the wheel
11 Trash in Sylvester's room?
12 Complexion woe
13 Castle security
18 Personal record
23 __ school
25 Suffuse, as with color
26 With 40-Across, place to see views
28 Lucy's sidekick
30 Target of Dr. Scholl's Freeze Away
31 Partner of letters
32 Spanish hors d'oeuvre
33 Muslim leader
34 Ping-Pong tool for Goofy?
36 Lean one way or another
38 Places to hang hats
39 Surrounded by
41 How-to book feature
42 More than just clean.
44 Farm enclosure
45 Middle East language
47 Goes up
49 Video game pioneer
50 Problem for Pauline
51 Prop for a painter
52 Goes after weeds
53 Like some chatter
54 Lift up the slope
58 "__ Mana"
59 Outward flow

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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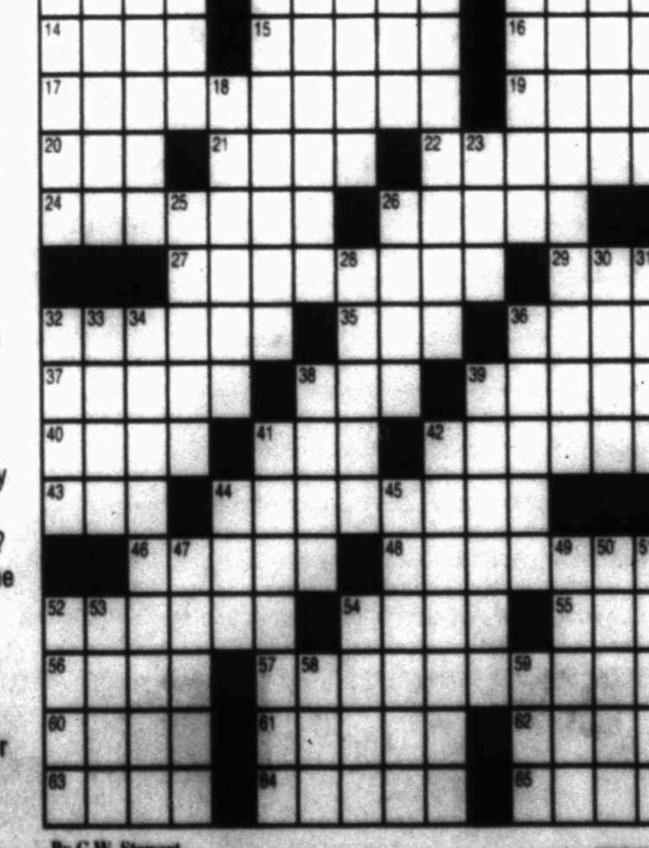

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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

MAXI PRIEST
"Easy to Love"

There's no time like summertime when it comes to releasing a collection of smooth reggae songs full of fire and soul, and Maxi Priest has just done that with the eagerly awaited "Easy to Love."

Almost a decade since his last studio album, the timing of this drop is perfect and will delight fans across the globe. With the help of talented producers, writers and fellow musicians, including Sly Dunbar, Robbie Shakespeare, Earl "Chinna" Smith, Steven "Lenky" Marsden, Colin "Bulby" York, Clive Hunt and the legendary Beres Hammond, it's clear this effort has the quality needed to bust the charts.

Sitting head and shoulders above the rest, title track "Easy to Love" is first-class lovers rock with its silky rhythm and Priest's buttery vocal we've come to know so well. Sitting in prime position at the top of the record, listeners will have no choice but to let this one take over as they get comfortable.

Priest keeps the fire burning on the affectionate love songs that follow. "Loving You is Easy" is a lightweight cut with an irresistible melody and "Without a Woman," featuring Hammond, is a romantic keepsake with overpowering lyrics filled with meaning.

Despite the 10-year wait for this record, it's evident that Priest's talent comes in abundance. "Easy to Love" will not disappoint.

Bianca Roach/AP

MORRISSEY
"World Peace is None of Your Business"

Rue the day when Morrissey runs out of gripes. Throughout his 37-year career, he's transformed torment and disdain into a memorable body of work with both the Smiths and as a solo artist.

The 55-year old crooner has always approached romance and anything else that gets in his craw with stark reality. This time, on his 10th album, he's decided to exorcise more of his political demons.

The title track goes after irresponsible world leaders and the actual people who vote them into power. He takes on bullfighting, human cruelty and bad relationships. And it's more than the clever lyrics that make this collection work. It's also the musicality. The serious themes are nicely contrasted with an ironically up-tempo flavor. There's bounciness to these tunes, including perfectly placed flourishes from flamenco guitar.

As for the rest of the album, Morrissey attacks the modern idea of masculinity while showing his most vulnerable qualities on "I'm Not a Man" and goes slightly romantic on "Kiss Me a Lot." And "Kick the Bride Down the Aisle" sounds like something left off the "Kill Bill" soundtrack, right down to the theme.

Morrissey clearly shows he has not shed any of his trademark wit or dissension, and while not the best album he's ever recorded — it's a pretty strong collection.

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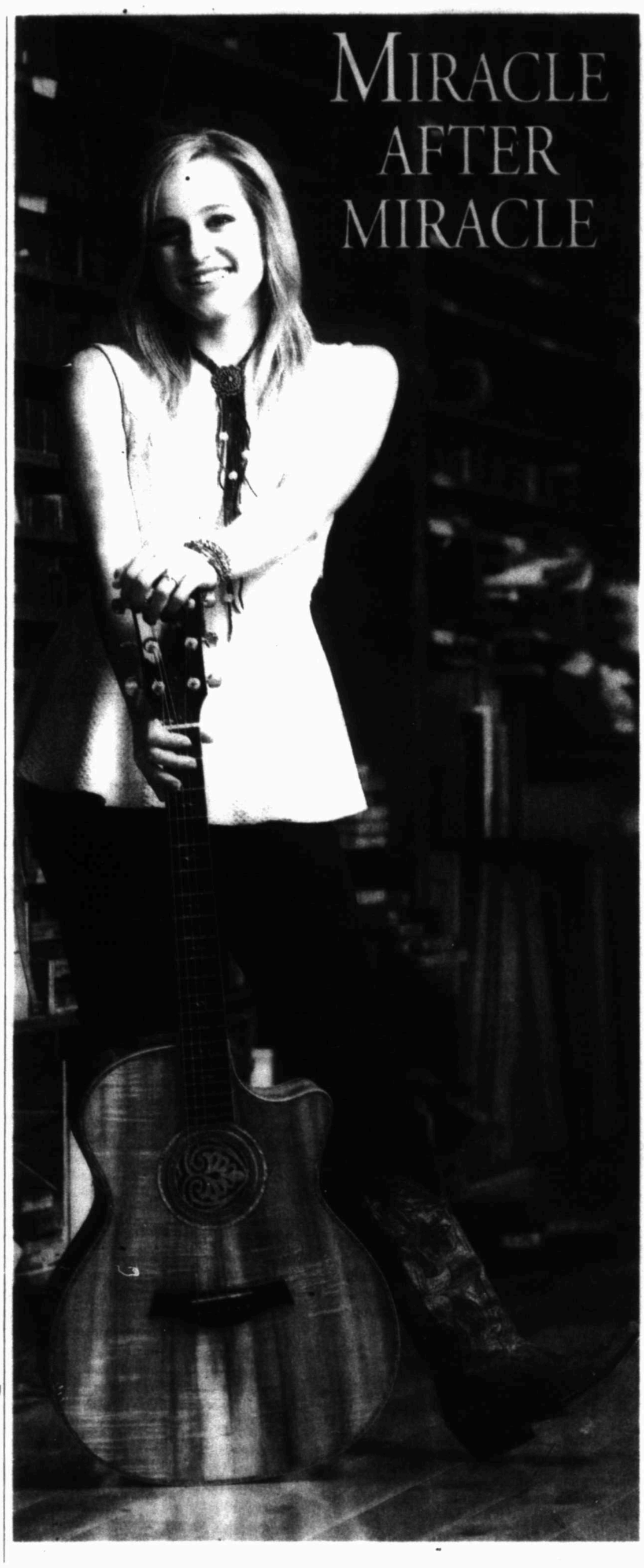


Country music newcomer duets with legends on debut album

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press

NEW YORK — What does it take to get country legends like Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton and Merle Haggard on the same album? A 19-year-old newcomer named Mary Sarah.

Sarah's debut album, "Bridges," features duets with their original performers including Parton and Nelson on their well-known country songs. It also includes one of Ray Price's final recordings before he died last year.

Sarah was able to pull off the dream list of collaborators after meeting country singer-songwriter Freddy Powers, a close friend of Nelson and Haggard. Sarah, a Texas native, had performed throughout the Texas Opry circuit for years, mostly in Galveston and around Houston. She originally planned to record an album of covers from top Texas-based country singers.

"We took it to a couple people in Nashville and they said, 'I don't think you're thinking big enough,'" said Sarah, who released the album independently July 8. "The idea wasn't to have a legends project. ... What it turned into is really crazy and mind-blowing."

Sarah eventually moved to Nashville, where she met Parton's producer, who introduced her to the country diva. Other big names started rolling in.

"It was miracle after miracle that these artists did this on a handshake," she said.

"Bridges" also features Vince Gill, Tanya Tucker, Ronnie Milsap and Lynn Anderson. The big-voiced teen had been recording the album for two years, and she had kept the project "on the down low."

"We didn't tell many people and I think now that it's coming out, people are like, 'What? When did this happen?'" she said.

Sarah will reach even further territory when she opens for Haggard on his tour starting Aug. 20 in Starkville, Mississippi.

The singer, whose voice echoes Carrie Underwood, was able to hone her craft when she toured at age 12 with Kidz Bop, the brand behind the compilation albums featuring young adults rerecording popular songs. Sarah said she discovered music was her calling while on that tour.

"When I started singing, the whole crowd started singing along with me and it was a magical moment because it sounded like a choir of angels," she said.

Another boost came when Joe Bonsall of The Oak Ridge Boys tweeted about Sarah after watching her YouTube videos and invited her to one of the group's concerts. Backstage, he asked her to perform an a cappella version of Connie Francis' "Where the Boys Are," which appears on her new album with its co-writer Neil Sedaka. The Oak Ridge Boys, who had contacted Sarah before she recorded "Bridges," also appear on the album.

Sarah, who now lives in Franklin, Tennessee, said her follow-up album will be original songs. The blond beauty decided not to put her face on the cover of "Bridges," which instead features the names of her collaborators.

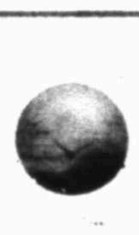
"This project isn't just about me. It's about the legends and bringing this to a newer generation," she said. "I didn't wanna put my face on there. I didn't wanna do anything cheesy."

Sarah said she's a big fan of country contemporaries like Underwood, Kacey Musgraves and Miranda Lambert, as well as Katy Perry and other pop stars. She hopes people her age will discover traditional country music by listening to her album.

"I had friends all the time in high school tell me, 'Who is that? Who is Merle Haggard? Who is Willie Nelson?'" recalled Sarah, who graduated last year. "And I'm sitting there like, 'Oh my gosh, these people are legends and you don't even know who they are.'"

Today's releases

"Weird Al" Yankovic 'Mandatory Fun'



Jason Mraz 'Yes!'

Rise Against 'The Black Market'

Morrissey 'World Peace is None of Your Business'

Suicide Silence 'You Can't Stop Me'

LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

JULY

15 **Kyle Wilson** @ Blue Max
15 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
16 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
16 **Flagship Romance** @ Shack in the Back
16 **Bass Line Blues** @ Blue Max
16 **Wade Bowen, Randy Rogers** @ Graham Cental Station
17 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club, VFW, Odessa
17 **Zach Walther** @ Rockin Rodeo
17 **The Rustybrothers** @ Lone Star Bar
17 **Genie Patterson** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
17 **Jason Eady** @ Basin Burger House
18 **Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone, Gary Puckett and the Union Gap** @ Wagner Noel
18 **Quebe Sisters Band** @ Noel Heritage Park
18 **Chad Sullins and the Last Call Coalition, Dan Patterson and The Dying Lights** @ Lone Star Bar
18 **Broke Down Lowriders** @ The Detour
18 **Mildred Rubio, Chris Lee** @ Music City Mall
18-19 **The Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
18-19 **Bobby Champion and the New Revolution Band** @ Your Place
19 **Mark McKinney, Mike Hernandez** @ Lone Star Bar
19 **The Crooks** @ Basin Burger House
19 **AJ Castillo, Chingo Bling** @ Horseshoe
19 **The Rogues** @ Wagner Noel
19 **Richard Acuna, Ty Miller, Mateo Rivas, Martha Elliott** @ Music City Mall
20 **JazzBird** @ Museum of the Southwest
20 **Emily King, Tucker Binkley** @ Music City Mall
21 **Lighthouses, Comrades** @ Kegler's Lounge
22 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
23 **The O's** @ Basin Burger House
24 **Origin, Embrace the Machine, Adipocére Band, Decrepit Birth, Nightmare Canvas, Negative Offset** @ VFW
24 **JB and the Moonshine Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
24 **Cory Yeager** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
24 **Josh Wilson** @ Lawndale Park
24 **Randell King Band** @ Lone Star Bar
25 **Southbound 35** @ The Detour
25 **Chris Lee** @ Music City Mall
25 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
25 **Rock Island Rollers, Annika Chambers, Ted Drozdowski's Scissormen, Ghost Town Blues Band** @ Tall City Blues Fest
25 **Insufficient Funds** @ Noel Heritage Park
25 **Zane Williams** @ Lone Star Bar
25-26 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Your Place
25-26 **MoneyShot Band** @ The Bar
26 **Johnny Long, The Blues Doctors, featuring Adam Gussow, Tas Cru, Ruben V., John Carl Escue, Gregg Wright, Jim Suhler, Mississippi Blues Child, Mr. Sipp, Ana Popovic, Too Slim & the Taildraggers** @ Tall City Blue Fest
26 **Callahan Divide** @ Redneck's
26 **J.B. Beverley, Rory Kelly's Triple Threat** @ Blue Max
26 **Micky and the Motorcars** @ Ranchland Hills Golf Club
26 **All Stars, Mike Leonard, Sameula Zachary, Martha Elliott** @ Music City Mall
27 **Cory Yeager Band** @ Museum of the Southwest
27 **Elysium** @ Blue Max
27 **Goodtimers, Mateo Rivas, Martha Elliott** @ Music City Mall
28 **Dusty Creek** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
29 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club, VFW, Odessa
30 **Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers featuring Edie Brickell** @ Wagner Noel
30 **The Blind Pets, Purple** @ Blue Max
31 **Nashwood - Chuck Chitwood** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
31 **The Heroine, Antique Scream, Ese** @ Blue Max
31 **Curtis Grimes** @ Rockin Rodeo

LUBBOCK

JULY

15 **Chevelle** @ Lone Star Events Center

AUGUST

15 **Black Label Society, Wovenwar, Kyng** @ Lone Star Events Center

NEW MEXICO

JULY

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

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

JULY

15 **Tesla, American Dog** @ House of Blues
16 **Mötley Crüe, Alice Cooper, The Raskins** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
17 **10,000 Maniacs** @ The Kessler Theater
17 **Big Smo, Phil Hamilton** @ Rockin Rodeo
17 **Lady Gaga, Crayon Pop** @ American Airlines Center

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Weddle wins Women's City qualifying tourney

By Chris Hummer
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Danica Weddle earned medalist honors for the qualifying round of the Midland Women's City Championship on Monday, shooting an even-par 70 on the Quail Course at Hogan Park. Weddle finished five shots ahead of both Rebecca Reed and Lacy Gasser, who tied for second.

The win in qualifying earns Weddle the No. 2 seed in the championship flight of the tournament. She will face Alexis Adkisson in the first round of the match-play event today at Ranchland Hills.

Asked about what worked well during her round, Weddle, who graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler in December, responded simply, "everything."

"I had a couple of bad shots from not practicing as much, but everything came back together," Weddle said.

Weddle, a three-time champion of the event, is in a much different place than when she last won the tournament in 2012. She now works full time as a civil engineer and doesn't have quite as much time for golf, but she's thrilled to be back out on the course and playing.

Actually, when she received her job offer, the first request she made was to have this week off so she could compete.

"I said, 'I want this week off, for sure. I don't care about any other week. I need this one'," Weddle recalled.

Weddle said she putted and drove the ball well and rounded in to form quickly, a big part of which is the return of her competitive streak.

"I get out there and I'm like "Oh, yea! Go!" Weddle said. "I still have the competitive side in me that I want to win and play good."

The victory in the qualifying puts Weddle on the opposite side of the bracket from defending champion, and fellow three-time tournament winner, Christian Curnutte. The pair battled for the title in 2013, with Curnutte rallying late on the back nine for the win.

Weddle said renewing the rivalry isn't at the forefront of her mind; she

Please see **WEDDLE**/2C

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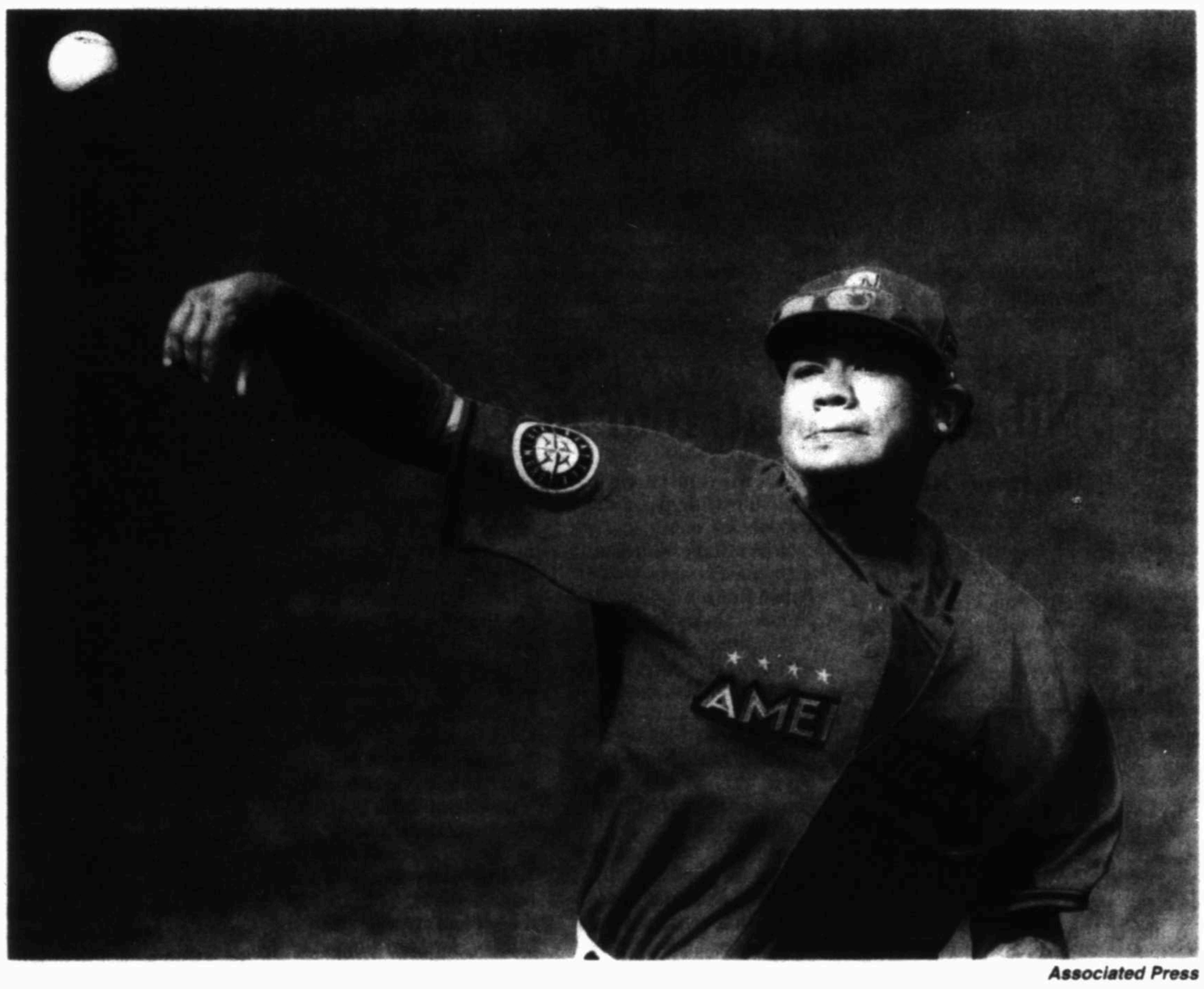
Danica Weddle follows her shot in 2013 during play at Green Tree Country Club in the Women's City Championship.

Star-studded night



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American League starting pitcher Felix Hernandez throws in the outfield during batting practice for the MLB All-Star game, on Monday in Minneapolis.

All-Stars congregate as pitchers dominate

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Mike Matheny had quite the choice for the National League's All-Star starter.

There was his own Adam Wainwright, the St. Louis Cardinals ace with a 12-4 record and a 1.83 ERA.

And there was the Los Angeles Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw, 11-2 with a 1.78 ERA and fresh off a 41-inning scoreless streak that ended last week.

He chose Wainwright, who will start Tuesday night at Target Field against the Seattle Mariners' Felix Hernandez.

"It's going to be great catching them," said Milwaukee's Jonathan Lucroy, the NL starter behind the plate. "A lot more fun than facing them."

When baseball's elite met at Citi Field last year, NL batters managed just three hits in a 3-0 loss. A year earlier in Kansas City, the AL had just six hits in an 8-0 defeat.

Never before had consecutive All-Star games ended in shutouts.

"Guys are throwing harder. Guys have more pitches," said Philadelphia second baseman Chase Utley, making his sixth All-Star appearance and first since 2010.

The big league batting average is at a 42-year low. Strikeouts are at an all-time high.

Wainwright and Kershaw are on track to become the first pair of qualifying pitchers in one league with a sub-2.00 ERA since the Mets' Dwight Gooden and the Cardinals' John Tudor in 1985 — the last time Minnesota hosted the All-Stars.

"Aside from having the ability to win two World Series with the St. Louis Cardinals, I think this has to be one of the highlights of my baseball career to this point," Wainwright said. "One of the coolest things I can say I did is to start a big league All-Star game."

Kershaw understood Matheny's decision.

"If I'm him, I'm probably going to pick Adam, too. It's his guy and he had the best half," Kershaw said.

Hernandez, the first Venezuela pitcher to start for the All-Stars, also has sterling credentials: an 11-2 record

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Associated Press

National League starting pitcher Adam Wainwright, of the St. Louis Cardinals, throws in the outfield during batting practice for the MLB All-Star game on Monday in Minneapolis.

Mickelson confident — at least about links golf

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

HOYLAKE, England — Phil Mickelson rolled long putts across the practice green in front of the Royal Liverpool clubhouse, some of them going in, most of them the right distance. He chirped to the caddie of Brandt Snedeker about their money game, a Mickelson tradition at the majors.

Lefty was in good spirits Monday at the British Open, except for having to return the claret jug.

Even that allowed him to reflect on a year of keeping golf's oldest trophy, and the confidence he finally has when he plays links golf.

"It's a different feeling for me coming over here now having won this tournament," Mickelson said. "The way I felt was, 'Am I ever going to break through and play well on links golf and win an Open Championship?' Now I know that I can. I know that I've done it, and it takes a lot of pressure off me."

Confidence in links golf? Yes.

In his game? That takes a little more work.

Not even Mickelson would have imagined when he left Muirfield last summer that he would not have won another tournament anywhere in the world. This is the longest he has gone without winning in five years.

And except for the Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship in January, where he was runner-up, Mickelson hasn't been particularly close.

He has missed three cuts. He withdrew twice after narrowly making the cut because of injuries in San Diego and San Antonio. At the Masters, where he is a three-time champion, Mickelson missed the cut for the first time in 17 years. His lone top 10 on the PGA Tour was last August at The Barclays, a tie for sixth when he closed with a 65.

So why the smile?

"Normally, I would be discourage or frustrated, but I'm just not," Mickelson said. "I feel like I've had some good breakthroughs in some areas. I haven't had the results. I know I haven't played well. But the parts feel a lot better than the whole right now. And I don't know when it will all click together. I don't know if it will be this week. I don't know if it will be in three weeks or a month or what, but it should be soon."

He's running out of time.

Mickelson is No. 12 in the Ryder Cup standings. He has qualified for every team since 1995 — two years after

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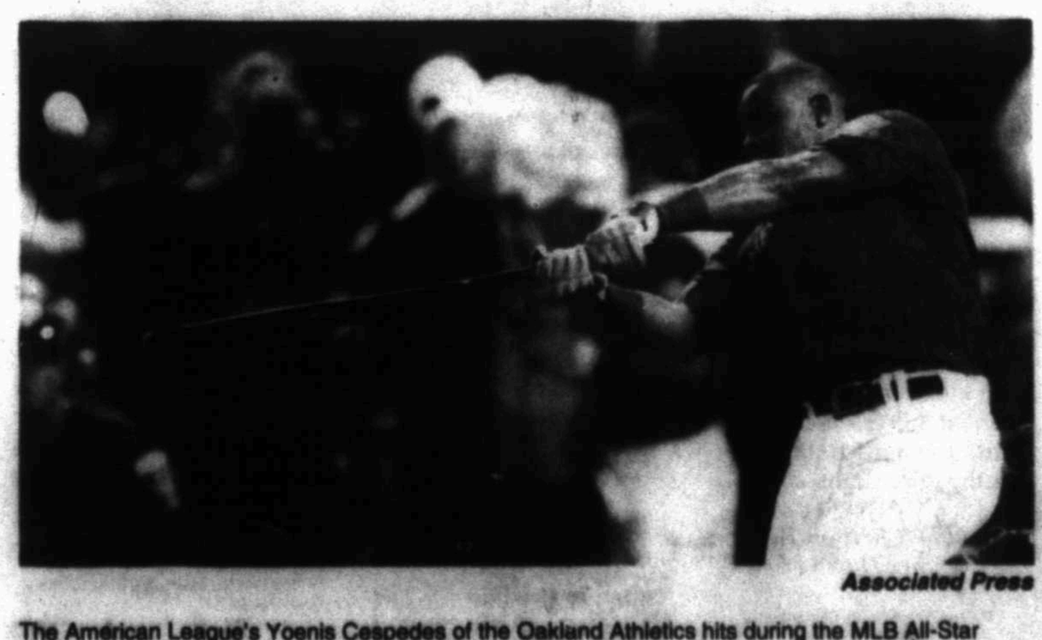
Cespedes wins, beating Frazier in HR derby



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The American League's Yoenis Cespedes of the Oakland Athletics hits during the MLB All-Star Home Run Derby on Monday in Minneapolis.

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Oakland's Yoenis Cespedes became the first repeat winner of the All-Star home run derby in 15 years, powering his way past Cincinnati's Todd Frazier by a whopping 9-1 in the final round Monday night.

Ken Griffey Jr. took the title in 1998 and 1999.

With a serious, determined look on his face the whole time, Cespedes finished with 28 homers. That was four fewer than last year, when he beat Washington's Bryce Harper 9-8 in the final round.

Cespedes saved his best for last, a 452-foot blast to the third deck above left field that officially measured as the longest of the night.

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Phil Mickelson plays a shot on the 2nd during a practice round at Royal Liverpool Golf Club before the start of the British Open Golf Championship, in Hoylake, England, on Monday. The 2014 Open Championship starts on Thursday.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

'HOUNDS WATCH

MONDAY'S SCORE
Midland 14, Corpus Christi 2

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Corpus Christi, Whataburger Ballpark

RADIO/INTERNET
www.milb.com
KCRS (550 AM)

RECORDS
Midland 15-8, Corpus Christi 13-11

Sunday	Monday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Corpus Christi 14, Midland 1	Midland 14, Corpus Christi 2	Midland at Corpus Christi	Midland at Corpus Christi	Midland at Corpus Christi

WHAT'S ON TV

MLB
All-Star Game, at Minneapolis, 6:30 p.m., FOX
WNBA
Los Angeles at Indiana, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Washington at Phoenix, 9 p.m., ESPN2

LOCAL SPORTS

LITTLE LEAGUE FUNDRAISER SET FOR TODAY

The two Midland Little League teams going to tournaments this week will be holding a joint fundraiser at the Northern Little League Fields at Butler Park today.

The event is called "Root for the home team" and the teams will be selling root beer floats to raise money for their trips.

The Midland Mid City Intermediate All-Stars (12-13 year olds) will compete in the Southwest Regional tournament, beginning Friday in Grand Junction, Colo.

The Northern Majors (11-12 year olds) will compete in the Texas West State Tournament, beginning Thursday at McAllister Park in San Antonio.

GEREND ACES AT HOGAN PARK

Pete Gerend recorded a hole-in-one on No. 10 on the Quail Course at Hogan Park Golf Course on Saturday.

Gerend used a 6-wood and it was his first ace.

Witnesses were Paul Molnar and Scott Tamburg.

PB LADIES GOLF ASSOCATION PLAY DAY

Results of the Permian Basin Ladies Golf Association Playday at Big Spring Country Club on Thursday

First Flight

Gross: 1. Barbara Hester, Ranchland Hills GC, 67; 2. Judy Hilliard, Green Tree CC, 71

Net: 1. Connie Fowler, Comanche Trail GC, 61; 2. Carol Ramsey, Ratliff Ranch GC, 70

Low putts: Sarah Lands, Ranchland Hills GC, 29

Second Flight

Gross: 1. Marty Farris, Ranchland Hills GC, 69; 2. JoAnn Hillger, Comanche Trail GC, 71

Net: 1. Charlsie Van Liew, Hogan Park GC, 68; 2. Lorraine Wilson, Ratliff Ranch GC, 70

Low putts: Cathy Scott, Ratliff Ranch GC, 29

Third Flight

Gross: 1. Emily Goodfellow, Midland CC, 69; 2. Sandra Waggoner, Big Spring CC, 70

Net: 1. Trish Gabbard, Comanche GC, 68; 2. Stacie Barr, Big Spring CC, 70

Low putts: Sharon Brown, Odessa CC, 30

TRANSACTIONS

ATHLETICS

COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT — Reduced the 18-month doping bans for Jamaican sprinters Asafa Powell and Sherone Simpson to six months.

BASEBALL
American League

HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned RHP David Martinez to Oklahoma City (PCL).

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Recalled RHP Trevor Cahill from Reno (PCL). Optioned RHP Mike Bolsinger to Reno.

MIAMI MARLINS — Sent RHP A.J. Ramos to Jacksonville (SL) for a rehab assignment.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

NBA — Named Eric Hutcherson senior vice president, human resources.

CHICAGO BULLS — Traded F Greg Smith to the Dallas Mavericks for the right to F Tadija Dragicevic. Traded F Anthony Randolph, cash considerations and two future second-round draft picks for the rights to F Milovan Rakovic.

DETROIT PISTONS — Signed G Jodie Meeks to a multiyear contract.

MIAMI HEAT — Signed F Josh McRoberts and G Mario Chalmers.

FOOTBALL
Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DB Alonzo Lawrence to the practice roster.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Added WR Taveon Rogers and QB Mason Mills to the practice roster. Released RB Will Ford.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Agreed to terms with RW Justin Shugg on a one-year, two-way contract.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Named Kevin Dineen assistant coach.

DALLAS STARS — Signed D Julius Honka to a three-year entry-level contract.

American Hockey League

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Re-signed D Brennan Evans to a one-year contract.

COLLEGE

ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE — Promoted Drew Dickerson to assistant commissioner and Caitlin Bonner to director of advanced media.

APPALACHIAN STATE — Named Bryan Bender director of men's basketball operations.

BARUCH — Named Viktoriya Mikhelzon and Tracy Dimaculangan women's assistant cross country coaches.

DETROIT — Named Chris Kolon men's lacrosse coach.

GEORGIA — Dismissed F Brandon Morris from the men's basketball team following his arrest on a marijuana charge.

HOUSTON BAPTIST — Named Jordan Jeffers men's and women's assistant golf coach.

MARSHALL — Signed football coach Doc Holliday to a two-year contract extension through the 2017 season.

POST (CONN.) — Announced the resignation of baseball coach AJ McNamara. Promoted associate head baseball coach Ray Ricker to head coach.

RADFORD — Named Riley Butler men's assistant soccer coach.

ROWAN — Named Dustin Dimit men's cross country and track & field coach, and Derick Adamson women's cross country and track and field coach.

SAINT ANSELM — Named Phil Rowe associate director of athletics.

SMU — Announced basketball G Emmanuel Mudiay will pursue professional basketball opportunities overseas instead of playing for SMU.

UTEP — Named Sara Plourde softball pitching coach.

MLS STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C.	9	5	4	31	26	19
Sporting Kansas City	8	5	5	29	25	16
Toronto FC	7	5	3	24	23	20
New England	7	8	2	23	23	24
New York	5	5	8	23	30	27
Columbus	4	6	8	20	20	23
Philadelphia	4	8	7	19	29	33
Chicago	3	4	10	19	25	27
Houston	5	11	3	18	20	38
Montreal	3	9	5	14	17	29
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Seattle	11	4	2	35	33	24
Real Salt Lake	7	4	7	28	27	24
Colorado	7	5	6	27	27	22
FC Dallas	7	7	5	26	30	29
Vancouver	6	4	7	25	27	25
Los Angeles	6	3	6	24	20	13
Chivas USA	6	7	5	23	20	27
Portland	4	5	9	21	30	30
San Jose	4	8	4	16	16	18

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

Saturday's Scores
Philadelphia 3, Colorado 3, tie
Toronto FC 4, Houston 2
New York 4, Columbus 1
Sporting Kansas City 2, Montreal 1
Chicago 1, New England 0
Chivas USA 3, Vancouver 1
Los Angeles 1, Real Salt Lake 0

Sunday's Score
Portland at Seattle FC, late

Wednesday's Games
New York at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Toronto FC, 7 p.m.
New England at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	15	5	750	—
Indiana	10	11	476	5½
Washington	9	12	429	6½
Connecticut	9	13	409	7
Chicago	8	13	381	7½
New York	7	13	350	8
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Phoenix	16	3	842	—
Minnesota	16	6	727	1½
San Antonio	11	11	500	6½
Los Angeles	9	11	450	7½
Seattle	9	14	391	9
Tulsa	7	14	333	10

Sunday's Scores
Los Angeles 90, Connecticut 64
Minnesota 77, Seattle 60
Phoenix 90, San Antonio 61
Atlanta 81, Chicago 79, OT

Today's Games
Connecticut at Seattle, 2 p.m.
Los Angeles at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

CFL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	1	2	0	2	84	94
Montreal	1	2	0	2	65	72
Ottawa	0	2	0	0	39	63
Hamilton	0	2	0	0	34	59
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Winnipeg	3	0	0	6	115	82
Edmonton	3	0	0	6	82	55
Calgary	2	0	0	4	63	23
B.C	1	2	0	2	55	64
Saskatchewan	1	2	0	2	59	84

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

Saturday's Scores
Calgary 34, Tornnto 15
B.C. 26, Saskatchewan 13

Thursday's Game
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 75-83 degrees; 16.33 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters, shallow running crankbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are good on live minnows and jigs over brush piles. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 75-83 degrees; 18.72 feet low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.

COLORADO CITY: 20.98 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 74-82 degrees; 14.51 feet low. Black bass are fair on Zara Spooks, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 75-84 degrees; 26.68 feet low. Black bass are good on shakyheads, jigs, Texas rigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs over deep cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 75-83 degrees; 22.70 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Carolina rigs, Texas rigs, jigs and chatterbaits. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 76-84 degrees; 37.98 feet low. Black bass are good on Yellow Magics, Texas rigs, jigs and medium swimbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs shallow.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 74-81 degrees; 15.15 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, Carolina rigs, Texas rigs and D22s. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on Humdingers. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 75-82 degrees; 25.89 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on flukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 74-82 degrees; 31.78 feet low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water stained; 81-85 degrees; 41.57 feet low. Black bass are good on topwaters, and on watermelon seed and green pumpkin soft plastics in 18-20 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on trotlines and juglines baited with live perch. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and juglines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

BRAUNIG: Water stained. Black bass are fair on crankbaits and dark soft plastic worms near the dam. Striped bass are fair on liver and shad off points near the pier. Redfish are good down rigging near the jetty and dam. Channel and blue catfish are very good on cut bait and cheesebait near the hot water discharge.

CALAVERAS: Water stained. Black bass are fair on chartreuse Rat-L-Traps and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on chicken livers and shad along the shoreline. Redfish are fair down rigging silver and gold spoons along the crappie wall and the dam in 10-20 feet. Channel catfish are good on cheesebait, and shad near the railroad trestle.

Muncy hits grand slam to beat Hooks

RockHounds	14
Hooks	2

From staff reports

CORPUS CHRISTI — The Midland RockHounds hit four home runs, including a grand slam from Max Muncy as the RockHounds rolled to a 14-2 victory against the Corpus Christi Hooks on Monday night at Whataburger Field.

Marte

Muncy

Muncy, the red-hot Jefry Marte, Billy Burns and Blake Forsythe each hit home runs in the romp as the RockHounds had 18 hits.

Burns' homer was his first of the season and came in the game's first at-bat. Burns was one hit shy of hitting for the cycle as he also had a single and double, and was 3-for-4 with the home run, a RBI, scored three runs and had two walks.

Marte had a two-run home run in the first inning as well as he his shot came in a three-run opening inning. Muncy's grand slam came in the fourth and helped the RockHounds open up an 8-0 lead. Marte was 4-for-6 on the day with three RBI, and Muncy was 3-for-4 with five RBI. D'Arby Myers and Kent Matthes also had multiple hits in the victory.

Midland (15-8) added a pair of runs in the seventh as Forsythe hit a two-run home run, his fourth of the year. Midland plated a single run in the eighth and three more in the ninth for the victory.

Chris Jensen earned the win for the RockHounds, pitching seven innings and allowing one run on six hits with two walks and no strikeouts.

David Rollins took the loss for the Hooks as he gave up eight earned runs in four innings and eight hits.

Midland is now 2 1/2 games ahead of Frisco and Corpus Christi in the Texas League South Division standings.

The two teams will continue their four-game series at 7:10 p.m. today at Whataburger Field.

MARTE EARNS TL HONOR: Midland RockHounds third baseman Jefry Marte was named the Texas League Player of the week for last week.

Marte hit .520 in six games, including going 5-for-5 on July 9 in a 10-6 win over the San Antonio Missions.

Marte is hitting ..263 this season with seven home runs and 40 RBI.

TL standings

Second Half

North Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas	12	12	.500	—
Arkansas	11	12	.478	½
x-Tulsa	10	14	.417	2
Springfield	9	14	.391	2½
South Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Midland	15	8	.652	—
x-Frisco	12	10	.545	2½
Corpus Christi	13	11	.542	2½
San Antonio	11	12	.478	4

x-clinched first half

Monday's Scores
Tulsa 6, Northwest Arkansas 4
Frisco at San Antonio, late
Midland 14, Corpus Christi 2
Springfield at Arkansas, ppd., rain

Today's Games
Frisco at San Antonio, 11:05 a.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 5:10 p.m., 1st game
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:10 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 7:30 p.m., 2nd game

ROCKHOUNDS 14, HOOKS 2

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	CChristi	ab	r	h	bi
Burns cf	4	3	3	1	Kemp 2b	3	1	1	0
Myers lf	6	2	3	0	Sosa lf	4	0	1	0
Muncy 1b	4	3	3	5	DeShields cf	3	0	0	0
Marte 3b	6	1	4	3	Meyer 3b	4	0	0	1
Matthes rf	6	1	2	0	Aplin rf	3	1	2	0
Barfield dh	6	0	1	1	Nash 1b	4	0	0	0
Coleman ss	4	1	0	1	Perdomo ss	3	0	1	0
Nakajima 2b	4	2	1	1	Garcia c	4	0	1	0
Forsythe c	5	1	1	2	Cokinos dh	4	0	2	1
Totals	45	14	18	14	Totals	32	2	8	2

Midland 310 400 213 —14
Corpus Christi 000 010 010 —2

E — Marte (19), Perdomo (3), Meyer (10). DP — Midland 3, Corpus Christi 1. LOB — Midland 12, Corpus Christi 7. 2B — Nakajima (4), Burns (19), Matthes (13), Kemp (4). HR — Burns (1), Marte (8), Muncy (4), Forsythe (4). SF — Coleman.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Jensen W, 7-7	7.0	6	1	1	2	0
Walden	1.0	2	1	1	1	1
Flores	1.0	0	0	0	1	0
Corpus Christi						
Rollins L, 2-4	4.0	8	8	7	3	1
Alaniz	2.2	4	2	2	2	2
Ballew	2.1	6	4	4	2	1

WP — Walden, Alaniz, Ballew 2.
T — 3:07. A — 7,556.

Fan still in jail after running on field during RockHounds-Hooks game

By Alexandria Rodriguez
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI — A 35-year-old man ran onto Whataburger Field on Sunday after a Corpus Christi Hooks batter was hit in the leg by a pitch thrown by a Midland RockHounds' pitcher, police said.

Nickolas Swope, who appeared to be intoxicated, ran out of the stands and toward the RockHounds pitcher with his fist up. Another player pushed the man down while several other players surrounded him until he was escorted off the field, according to a police news release.

Corpus Christi police working during the game arrested Swope on suspicion of public intoxication, threatening assault, and criminal trespass, all misdemeanors, said Senior Officer Marc Harrod.

As of Monday morning, Swope remained in Nueces County Jail in lieu of $500 bail on the criminal trespass charge, jail officials said.

Nibali excels at Tour as Contador crashes out

By Jamey Keaten
Associated Press

PLANCHER-LES-MINES, France — After just 10 stages, the two pre-race favorites have crashed out of the Tour de France. And Vincenzo Nibali is wasting little time in showing that he's now the man to beat.

On Monday, the Italian narrowly dodged a spill by Alberto Contador that left the two-time Tour champion with a fractured shin. Nibali went on to barrel past a panting breakaway rider to win a fog-and-rain coated, up-and-down Stage 10 and recover the yellow jersey that he had lost only a day earlier.

It didn't come easy.

"This was the hardest stage I've ever done in a Grand Tour, with seven climbs and so many crashes," said Nibali.

Contador's mishap has given this 101st edition of cycling's greatest event a dubious distinction of being the first in recent memory to force out its two top stars to crash injuries. Five stages earlier, reigning champ Chris Froome quit with a broken wrist and hand sustained in a string of spills.

As the race enters its first rest day on Tuesday, Nibali — who has already won the Spanish Vuelta and Italian Giro — looks on his way to winning his first Tour with just under two weeks to go.

When Stage 10 began, many race pundits — and Nibali himself — expected Contador to try to erase his 2 1/2 minute deficit to the Italian by attacking on the ride to the finish atop La Planche des Belles Filles ski resort. As FDJ.FR team manager Marc Madiot put it: "This is the day for Contador to put Nibali into trouble."

Instead, it was Contador having the problems.

The 31-year-old Spaniard took a hard tumble in a high-speed downhill run in the Vosges mountains. After riding about 18 kilometers (12 miles) in pain, the Tinkoff-Saxo Bank team leader finally gave up. He put his foot down, got off his bike, wiped his eyes and got into a team car. An X-ray later showed a shin fracture.

Nibali said he had been ready for a "duel".

"I already had a good lead and I was ready to fight in a big duel with Alberto," he said. "Crashes are part of the sport. I've crashed myself many times in the past too. It's a pity that the Tour has lost two major protagonists."

The Astana team leader regained the lead from France's Tony Gallopin — who had taken the yellow jersey off him a day earlier — in the 161.5-kilometer (100-mile) trek from eastern Mulhouse to the steep finish at La Planche des Belles Filles.

With a final burst of speed in the last two kilometers (1.2 miles), Nibali overtook breakaway rider Joaquim Rodriguez. By the end, Nibali crossed 15 seconds ahead of France's Thibaut Pinot in second and Spain's Alejandro Valverde in third, a further five seconds behind.

The Italian recovers the yellow jersey that he wore for seven days after he won the second stage in the hills of northern England.

"My legs felt good. I knew the last three kilometers were the toughest, and that's when I accelerated," said Nibali, sucking his thumb in a tribute to his young daughter as he finished. "I thought Rodriguez would follow but he seemed to have trouble."

A string of crash injuries has meant that the Tour will have a first-time winner this year. Andy Schleck, the 2010 Tour winner, dropped out before Stage 4 following a crash injury a day earlier, though the Luxembourg rider said before the race that he wasn't in good enough shape to contend this year.

According to his spokesman, Contador said he wasn't exactly sure what caused the crash — which happened while he was speeding downhill at over 70 kph (about 40 mph) about halfway through the stage. Contador began the stage in ninth place overall — 4 minutes, 8 seconds back of Gallopin.

"He explained to me just a few minutes ago that he (hit) a stone or a hole in the road or something — and he crashed," Contador spokesman Jacinto Vidarte told The Associated Press by phone during the stage. "He couldn't do anything about it."

TV images showed thick streams of blood pouring from Contador's right knee after the crash, his hip was scraped up, and the back of his jersey torn. Team director Bjarne Riis rushed over and bandaged the knee. Philippe Mauduit, a team sporting director, said initial X-rays showed that a Contador had a fractured shin.

Contador then sat back down on the grass bank and changed his left shoe as riders weaved through the narrow gap between him and his bicycle. After several minutes, he got back in the saddle of a new bike, and three teammates who had dropped back escorted him to try to make up lost time as the peloton pulled away up the Col du Platzerwaswel mountain pass.

TOUR DE FRANCE RESULTS

LA PLANCHE DES BELLES FILLES, France — Results Monday from the 161-kilometer (100-mile) Stage 10 from Mulhouse to La Planche des Belles Filles of the Tour de France:

1. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Astana Pro Team, 4 hours, 27 minutes, 26 seconds.
2. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ.fr, 4:27:41 behind.
3. Alejandro Valverde Belmonte, Spain, Movistar Team, 4:27:46.
4. Jean-Christophe Peraud, France, Ag2r La Mondiale, 4:27:46.
5. Romain Bardet, France, Ag2r La Mondiale, 4:27:48.
6. Tejay Van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing Team, 4:27:48.
7. Richie Porte, Australia, Team Sky, 4:27:51.
8. Leopold Konig, Czech Republic, Team NetApp-Endura, 4:28:16.
9. Joaquim Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha Team, 4:28:18.
10. Mikel Nieve Iturralde, Spain, Team Sky, 4:28:20.
11. Daniel Navarro Garcia, Spain, Cofidis, Solutions Credits, 4:28:30.
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15. Haimar Zubeldia Agirre, Spain, Trek Factory Racing, 4:28:34.
16. Frank Schleck, Luxembourg, Trek Factory Racing, 4:28:34.
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18. Christopher Horner, United States, Lampre-Merida, 4:28:47.
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20. Simon Spilak, Slovenia, Katusha Team, 4:28:52.
21. Christophe Riblon, France, Ag2r La Mondiale, 4:29:08.
22. Laurens Ten Dam, Netherlands, Belkin-Pro Cycling Team, 4:29:24.
23. Luis Angel Mate Mardones, Spain, Cofidis, Solutions Credits, 4:29:27.
24. Michal Kwiatkowski, Poland, Omega Pharma - Quick Step Cyling Team, 4:29:39.
25. Jakob Fuglsang, Denmark, Astana Pro Team, 4:30:13.
26. Michele Scarponi, Italy, Astana Pro Team, 4:31:15.
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30. Nicolas Edet, France, Cofidis, Solutions Credits, 4:31:47.
31. Cyril Gautier, France, Team Europcar, 4:31:52.
32. Brice Feillu, France, Bretagne-Seche Environment, 4:32:00.
33. Tony Gallopin, France, Lotto-Belisol, 4:32:12.
34. Jose Serpa, Colombia, Lampre-Merida, 4:32:12.
35. Yury Trofimov, Russia, Katusha Team, 4:32:33.
36. Jan Bakelants, Belgium, Omega Pharma - Quick Step Cyling Team, 4:32:50.
37. Peter Velits, Slovakia, BMC Racing Team, 4:33:08.
38. Mikael Cherel, France, Ag2r La Mondiale, 4:33:10.
39. Thomas Voeckler, France, Team Europcar, 4:34:30.
40. Amael Moinard, France, BMC Racing Team, 4:34:32.
41. Tanel Kangert, Estonia, Astana Pro Team, 4:34:40.
42. Marcel Wyss, Switzerland, IAM Cyling, 4:35:25.
43. Ben Gastauer, Luxembourg, Ag2r La Mondiale, 4:35:43.
44. Arnold Jeannesson, France, FDJ.fr, 4:35:43.
45. Tom Dumoulin, Netherlands, Team Giant-Shimano, 4:36:11.
46. Bram Tankink, Netherlands, Belkin-Pro Cycling Team, 4:37:19.
47. Peter Stetina, United States, BMC Racing Team, 4:37:38.
48. Andrew Talansky, United States, Garmin-Sharp, 4:37:38.
49. Tom Jelte Slagter, Netherlands, Garmin-Sharp, 4:37:38.
50. Sylvain Chavanel, France, IAM Cyling, 4:37:38.

WEDDLE

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just wants to have a good time with her fellow competitors. But she readily admits she thinks about a holding the trophy again.

"I definitely would like to win it again, and have it back in my name," Weddle said.

The championship flight will begin play at Ranchland Hills today at 8:32 a.m., and the first flight will kick off the tournament at 8:00 a.m. Tee times run until 10:00 a.m. for the third flight.

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Midland Women's City Championship
Monday-Thursday
Today's Tee Times

Ranchland Hills Golf club
Championship Flight

8:32 a.m.: No. 1 Christian Cumutte vs. No. 8 Loren Cheatham
8:40 a.m.: No. 4 Lacy Gasser vs. No. 5 Paula Bettis
8:48 a.m.: No. 2 Danica Weddle vs. No. 7 Alexis Adkisson
8:56 a.m.: No. 3 Rebecca Reed vs. No. 6 Trina Albright

First Flight

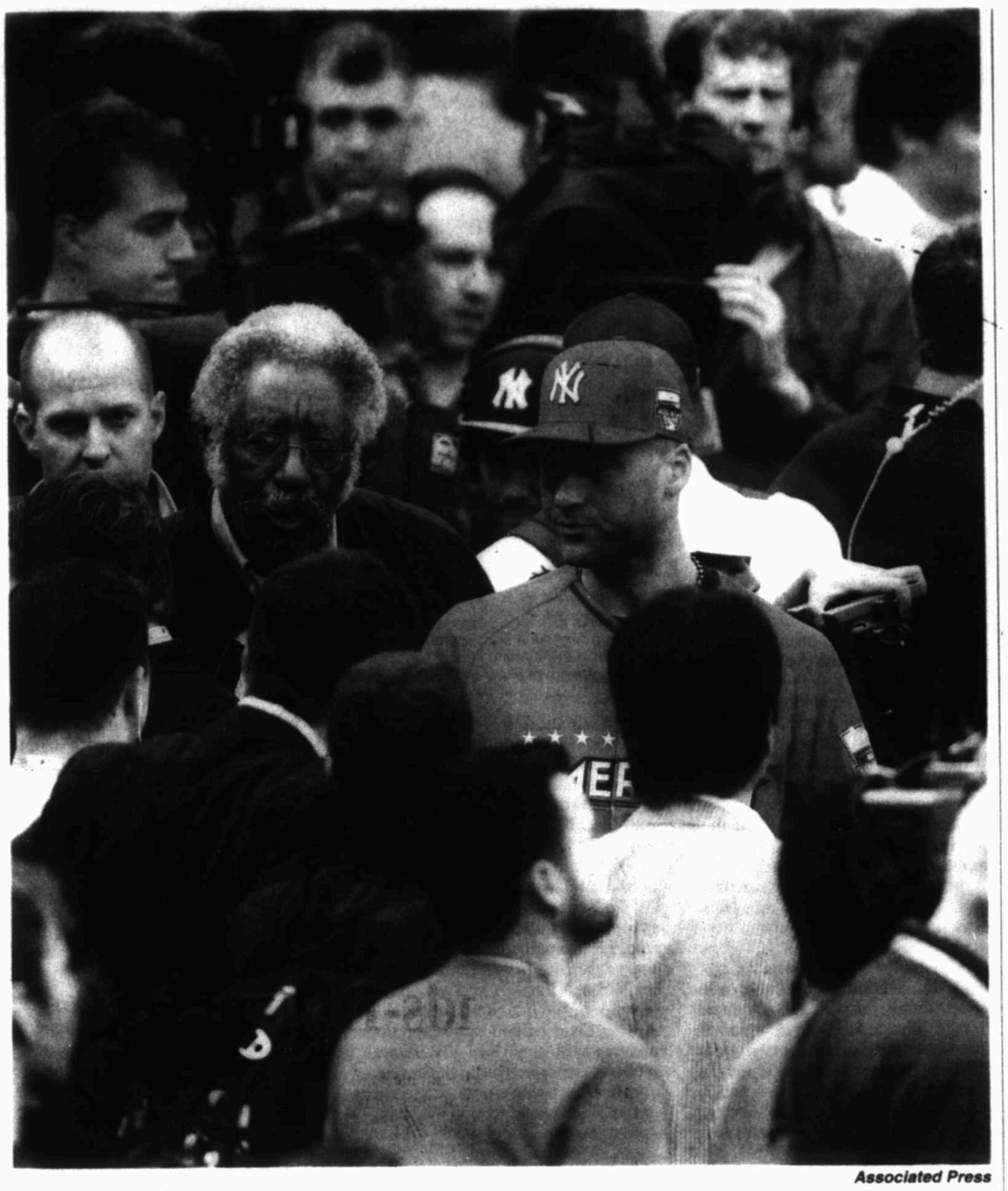
8:00 a.m.: No. 1 Stephanie Holmes vs. No. 8 Janet Carlise
8:08 a.m.: No. 4 Sarah Lands vs. No. 5 Debbie Wiggins
8:16 a.m.: No. 2 Erica Frazier vs. No. 7 Rue Landon
8:24 a.m.: No. 3 Judy Hillard vs. No. 6 Donna Winborn

Second Flight

9:04 a.m.: No. 1 Paula Bailey vs. No. 8 Janelle Burnett
9:12 a.m.: No. 4 Suzanne Wallin vs. No. 5 Mary Robinson
9:20 a.m.: No. 2 Bobbi Bowling vs. No. 7 Debbie Corbell
9:28 a.m.: No. 3 Fariss Murphy vs. Andrea Moren

Third Flight

9:36 a.m.: No. 1 Lydia Tompson vs. No. 8 Teresa Kent
9:44 a.m.: No. 4 Joan Bohannon vs. No. 5 Emily Goodfellow
9:52 a.m.: No. 2 Mary Jane Belden vs. No. 7 Shirley Pendleton
10 a.m.: No. 3 Terry Manney vs. No. 6 Kathy Thompson



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American League shortstop Derek Jeter, of the New York Yankees, center, walks off the field following batting practice for the MLB All-Star game, on Monday in Minneapolis.

Derek Jeter, an All-Star for the last time

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Derek Jeter was an elite shortstop winning World Series championships not long after many of baseball's current greats were born.

With the captain of the New York Yankees set to retire after the season, Jeter's 14th All-Star game will be his last. His first one as a starter in 2000 was special, as was the 2008 version at Yankee Stadium. So don't expect him to declare his final appearance his favorite, or an experience he'll find himself savoring any more than usual.

"This is a game that I've truly always looked forward to. I've appreciate the time that I've had here. So it's kind of difficult to say that I'll try to enjoy it more," Jeter said on Monday amid a predictably large crowd of cameras and reporters during the media interview session for the American League players.

Though the Yankees have been hovering around the .500 mark, Jeter has said many times he's only focused on chasing another championship, not gathering farewell gifts or reflecting nostalgically on his exceptional career. That part has been left up to everyone else around the game.

Tampa Bay Rays pitcher David Price said Jeter's final presence was what excited him the most about this year's event.

"I know the All-Star game isn't about a certain player or a certain team, but I feel like it is. This is about Derek Jeter. And the National League guys, they understand that as well," Price said.

For Minnesota Twins closer Glen Perkins, Jeter has been one of those "guys you can tell your grandkids about" pitching to.

St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright, who'll start the All-Star game for the National League on Tuesday night at Target Field, will throw his first pitch to Jeter when the 40-year-old steps to the plate as the AL leadoff man.

"I'm very excited about it, just to say I faced the best," Wainwright said. "And he is undoubtedly one of the best to ever play his position."

To Jeter's left will be second baseman Robinson Cano, who left the Yankees in the offseason and signed with the Seattle Mariners.

"I'm really happy that I'll be able to be a part of his final All-Star game and be on the same team. It's pretty amazing," Cano said. "He's one of the biggest parts of my career. He was one of those guys when I first came up who was there on and off the field."

To Jeter's right will be third baseman Josh Donaldson, who recalled a double he hit for the Oakland Athletics in his first time playing against Jeter and the Yankees in 2012.

"He was like, 'Hey, good swing, kid,'" Donaldson said. "I was like, 'Thanks, Mr. Jeter.'"

Jeter was that wide-eyed youngster in 1998 when he appeared in his first All-Star game, in Denver.

"Cal was there and I was afraid to say anything, because it's Cal Ripken," Jeter said. "Even though I'd played against him, I barely had a chance to talk to him."

Then there was 1999, in Boston.

"They had all the great players come on the field. I got a tap on my shoulder, and it was Hank Aaron, and he said he was looking for me because he wanted to meet me. He wanted to meet me. That's something that stands out. That's one of the best moments I've had on the baseball field," Jeter said.

That kind of humility, instilled in him by his parents as he grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan, has compelled Jeter to strike up such conversations with his peers around the game. He spoke Monday about being happy for the players getting their first taste this week of the All-Star experience, like Yankees reliever Dellin Betances.

"You try to carry yourself the right way. I've always tried to do that," Jeter said. "Then again, at the same time, I am who I am. I don't try to be any different. If people respect you for the way that you carry yourself, it means a lot to me and it means a lot to my family. It makes you feel good."

PITCHERS

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with a 2.12 ERA. He described his task pretty simply:

"Just throw zeros out there and get my team to win. That's all I got to do," he said.

Back in the great pitching era of the 1960s, the game was different. Sandy Koufax, Don Drysdale, Bob Gibson and Juan Marichal expected to finish what they started.

Now, flame-throwers come out of the bullpen in the middle of games.

"You're not getting three, four at-bats off of the starter unless you're in trouble and you're losing the game," said Baltimore's Matt Weiters, elected as a starting catcher but sidelined following elbow surgery. "I think for a while it was trying to get the starter out of the game so you can get to that fifth, sixth, seventh-inning guy. And now those fifth, sixth, seventh-inning guys are throwing upper 90s with a good breaking ball."

In addition to pitchers, the spotlight will be on New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter. The shortstop, who turned 40 last month, is playing his final season and was selected for his 14th All-Star game.

Yankees closer Mariano Rivera got an emotional sendoff last year, the All-Stars giving him a solo bow. When Rivera entered in the eighth inning all other players left him the field to himself.

Cal Ripken Jr. was given a tribute at the start of the 2001 game at Seattle's Safeco Field when Alex Rodriguez told Ripken just before the first pitch to switch positions and move from third base to shortstop, where the Baltimore star spent most of his career. The 40-year-old Ripken then homered in the third inning.

And two years ago, Atlanta's Chipper Jones was feted with a standing ovation at Kauffman Stadium when he pinch hit in the sixth inning and singled.

What will Jeter's All-Star finale be like?

"I don't go into things with expectations," he said. "I'm looking forward to playing the game. I've pretty much stopped it right there."

The game is being played in Minneapolis for the third time, following the NL's 6-5 win at Metropolitan Stadium in 1965 and a dull 6-1 NL victory indoors at the Metrodome in 1985.

Oakland, a big league-best 59-36 at the break, has seven All-Stars for the first time since 1975. The Athletics have some incentive for an AL victory; since 2003, the All-Star winner's league gets to start the Word Series at home, and 23 of the last 28 titles were won by teams scheduled to host four of a possible seven games.

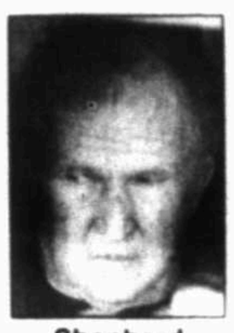
"I don't think you can ever underestimate the home-field advantage in a postseason," said AL manager John Farrell, who led Boston to a six-game win over St. Louis last year. "To have that final game potentially in your home ballpark, that goes a long way to affecting the outcome."

72-year-old driver causes crash, raises questions

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — It's been almost two decades since Morgan Shepherd last ran a full Sprint Cup season, and his last national series victory was in 1993.

He can still probably wheel a race car better than you and most of your friends. That doesn't mean the 72-year-old should be racing against the very best drivers in NASCAR.



Shepherd

Shepherd drew scrutiny Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway when he caused Joey Logano to crash.

Shepherd was 40th, 16 laps off the pace, when second-place Logano tried to pass the slower car. Replays show little, just that Logano ended up with a wrecked car. He then publicly questioned if there should be driving tests for some competitors.

NASCAR dismissed Logano's notion, pointing out Shepherd has been approved to drive since 1970.

Shepherd has 925 starts in NASCAR's top three levels. He's got four career Sprint Cup victories, won 15 Nationwide races and even ran a full Nationwide schedule four years ago at age 69.

"He's been approved for decades," NASCAR vice president of competition Robin Pemberton said. "You take a physical at the beginning of the year. You pass your physical. You pass inspections with your car, you qualify for the race and you run the event. He met everything he needed to meet."

That's the problem. There is no rule in place — except for drivers under 18 years old — stopping someone from competing in a national level NASCAR race.

Mark Martin, his back aching and his eyesight no longer what it once was, called it quits last year at 54. If he wanted to race next week at Indianapolis, nobody would stop him if he showed up in a car that made the field.

Michael Waltrip, at 51, still runs four races a year. His Hall of Fame brother, Darrell, was 53 when he got out of the car following eight winless seasons.

Point is, rarely does a driver recognize when to call it a career. The love of racing, the addiction to speed, the thrill of competition, can all cloud a driver's judgment and make it impossible to see they aren't what they once were.

That's the case with Shepherd, who seems to have embarked on a journey to become the oldest at everything. He's the second-oldest race winner (he was 51 in 1993). He became the oldest driver to lead laps in a Nationwide race at 70, and last year he became the oldest driver to start a Cup race at 72.

That's all allowed in a sport that often fails to set standards to ensure only the best compete at the top level. In racing, those who find the dollars needed to race get the seats — often at the expense of the most talented.

So Shepherd got the funding — probably about $75,000 — to run for Circle Sport Racing at New Hampshire. For the second time this season, he was in the field with the big boys.

But the big boys passed him again and again as Shepherd struggled with handling and perhaps meeting the minimum speed of 115 mph. NASCAR said Shepherd was not warned about failing to keep pace during the race.

Shepherd did try to stay out of the way. But spotters alleged Shepherd couldn't hold his line at the bottom of the track and hit the corners at such a poor angle, his car would push into the center of the track. Logano spotter Tab Boyd tweeted he was "riding around like a rolling road block."

Shepherd, though, put the blame on Logano and said his age was not a factor.

"When he laid close to me, it caused me to slip into him," Shepherd said. "It's got nothing to do with my age or anything else. I've always said if I go out and I start hitting the wall and stuff, making mistakes, I'll get out of the car."

Fans seemed to flock to Shepherd's defense, calling the No. 33 Chevrolet subpar equipment. Well, that's on Shepherd, who could have taken his cash to any team in an attempt to get a better ride.

The ride isn't great, but Bobby Labonte drove the same car to a 24th-place finish at Daytona. Three other drivers have driven the car this year without crashing the leaders.

Had Shepherd had an uneventful run at the back of the field all day, nobody would have said a word about his presence in the race. Nobody would have noticed him. But he was involved in one glaring incident that NASCAR must consider going forward.

Sure, blame the car. But there's a reason Shepherd doesn't get to drive Jimmie Johnson or Jeff Gordon's car — because he's 72.

NASCAR must take a longer look at this because what Shepherd did 30 years ago or three years ago no longer applies. Father Time eventually catches up with everyone, and your eyes aren't what they used to be, and your reflexes aren't so catlike and your hand-eye coordination isn't as sharp as you remember.

MONEY AND POINT LEADERS

NASCAR Sprint Cup Money Leaders
Through July 13

1. Brad Keselowski, $4,435,136
2. Dale Earnhardt Jr., $4,074,129
3. Jimmie Johnson, $4,048,318
4. Jeff Gordon, $3,953,343
5. Jamie McMurray, $3,850,390
6. Kevin Harvick, $3,651,706
7. Matt Kenseth, $3,635,687
8. Kyle Busch, $3,567,145
9. Joey Logano, $3,566,033
10. Denny Hamlin, $3,481,056
11. Greg Biffle, $3,093,994
12. Austin Dillon, $3,015,504
13. Paul Menard, $2,980,836
14. Carl Edwards, $2,965,577
15. Clint Bowyer, $2,961,680
16. Brian Vickers, $2,943,649
17. Aric Almirola, $2,943,409
18. Tony Stewart, $2,871,386
19. Kyle Larson, $2,783,125
20. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., $2,766,695
21. Marcos Ambrose, $2,644,235
22. Martin Truex Jr., $2,593,246
23. Kasey Kahne, $2,515,754
24. Casey Mears, $2,513,893
25. Ryan Newman, $2,435,804
26. AJ Allmendinger, $2,423,222
27. Kurt Busch, $2,341,754
28. Justin Allgaier, $2,233,606
29. David Gilliland, $2,208,231
30. David Ragan, $2,191,440
31. Danica Patrick, $2,148,429
32. Michael Annett, $2,110,254
33. Alex Bowman, $1,954,281
34. Reed Sorenson, $1,932,951
35. Cole Whitt, $1,870,385
36. Josh Wise, $1,847,910
37. Landon Cassill, $1,695,400
38. Ryan Truex, $1,324,105
39. Travis Kvapil, $957,036
40. Trevor Bayne, $887,768
41. Michael McDowell, $831,404
42. Parker Kligerman, $829,833
43. Joe Nemechek, $811,951
44. Brian Scott, $682,322
45. Terry Labonte, $608,387
46. Michael Waltrip, $497,773
47. David Stremme, $493,038
48. J.J. Yeley, $461,702
49. Bobby Labonte, $422,923
50. Timmy Hill, $359,145

NASCAR Sprint Cup Points Leaders
Through July 13

1. Jeff Gordon, 670
2. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 658
3. Brad Keselowski, 634
4. Matt Kenseth, 621
5. Jimmie Johnson, 598
6. Carl Edwards, 574
7. Ryan Newman, 573
8. Kyle Busch, 567
9. Joey Logano, 551
10. Clint Bowyer, 548
11. Paul Menard, 541
12. Denny Hamlin, 530
13. Kevin Harvick, 528
14. Kyle Larson, 524
15. Austin Dillon, 524
16. Greg Biffle, 519
17. Kasey Kahne, 515
18. Brian Vickers, 507
19. Tony Stewart, 502
20. Marcos Ambrose, 489
21. Jamie McMurray, 475
22. Aric Almirola, 473
23. Martin Truex Jr., 446
24. Casey Mears, 444
25. Kurt Busch, 440
26. AJ Allmendinger, 440
27. Danica Patrick, 380
28. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 377
29. Justin Allgaier, 326
30. Michael Annett, 311
31. David Gilliland, 276
32. Cole Whitt, 270
33. David Ragan, 253
34. Alex Bowman, 240
35. Reed Sorenson, 239
36. Josh Wise, 224
37. Ryan Truex, 142
38. Michael McDowell, 120
39. Travis Kvapil, 108
40. Terry Labonte, 77
41. Parker Kligerman, 54
42. Jeff Burton, 51
43. Michael Waltrip, 48
44. Bobby Labonte, 47
45. David Stremme, 43
46. David Reutimann, 37
47. Brett Moffitt, 32
48. Juan Pablo Montoya, 26
49. Timmy Hill, 22
50. Dave Blaney, 16

MLB STANDINGS

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	52	42	.553	—
Toronto	49	47	.510	4
New York	47	47	.500	5
Tampa Bay	44	53	.454	9½
Boston	43	52	.453	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	53	38	.582	—
Kansas City	48	46	.511	6½
Cleveland	47	47	.500	7½
Chicago	45	51	.469	10½
Minnesota	44	50	.468	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	59	36	.621	—
Los Angeles	57	37	.606	1½
Seattle	51	44	.537	8
Houston	40	56	.417	19½
Texas	38	57	.400	21

Sunday's Scores

Cleveland 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 0
Boston 11, Houston 0
Kansas City 5, Detroit 2
L.A. Angels 10, Texas 7
Minnesota 13, Colorado 5
Oakland 4, Seattle 1
Baltimore 3, N.Y. Yankees 1, 5 innings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	51	42	.548	—
Atlanta	52	43	.547	—
New York	45	50	.474	7
Miami	44	50	.468	7½
Philadelphia	42	53	.442	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	53	43	.552	—
St. Louis	52	44	.542	1
Cincinnati	51	44	.537	1½
Pittsburgh	49	46	.516	3½
Chicago	40	54	.426	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	54	43	.557	—
San Francisco	52	43	.547	1
San Diego	41	54	.432	12
Colorado	40	55	.421	13
Arizona	40	56	.417	13½

Sunday's Scores

N.Y. Mets 9, Miami 1
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 3
Washington 10, Philadelphia 3
Milwaukee 11, St. Louis 2
Atlanta 10, Chicago Cubs 7
San Francisco 8, Arizona 4
Minnesota 13, Colorado 5
L.A. Dodgers 1, San Diego 0

MICKELSON

From 1C

Jordan Spieth was born. He has reached the FedEx Cup finale for the top 30 at the Tour Championship every year since it began in 2007. With only three starts before the playoffs begin, Mickelson is at No. 97.

Then again, it's easy for Mickelson not to be overly concerned.

He is 44 and has been on tour for half of his life, compiling 42 victories on the PGA Tour and five majors, including that claret jug.

It's at least been a good year for the jug.

He has taken it to golf clubs and corporate outings, shared it with friends and people he had never met. He has let his caddie, Jim Mackay, take it to pose for pictures.

Mickelson had only one rule.

"One of the things I stressed is that we have to treat the claret jug with reverence and respect that it deserves, and only put good stuff in it," he said. "No bad stuff was allowed. And each person that I brought it to had a different definition of what the good stuff was."

One definition was a bottle of 1990 Romanee Conti, which can range in price from $16,000 to about $35,000.

"Now, I didn't know what this was when I drank it," Mickelson said. "I just knew that it was really good. And that was the best bottle that was ever put in there."

Like fine wine, Mickelson can only hope he gets better with age.

Even though he had to overcome arthritis in the middle of the 2010 season, and only eight players older than he is right now have won majors, Mickelson doesn't see that as an obstacle. Sure, he has to work a little harder, train a little better, stretch a little more.

"But I feel better than I have in a long time," he said.

Padraig Harrington is the last player to repeat as Open champion. Tiger Woods repeated at Royal Liverpool in 2006. Tom Watson won back-to-back some 30 years ago. Winning majors is difficult enough. Winning the same one two years in a row is even harder.

TOUR MONEY LEADERS

PGA Tour FedExCup Leaders
Through July 13

	Points	YTD Money
1. Jimmy Walker	2,322	$4,933,790
2. Bubba Watson	2,135	$5,102,161
3. Matt Kuchar	1,725	$3,755,578
4. Dustin Johnson	1,701	$4,104,527
5. Jordan Spieth	1,636	$3,754,410
6. Martin Kaymer	1,509	$3,938,602
7. Patrick Reed	1,498	$3,254,590
8. Chris Kirk	1,492	$2,861,899
9. Brendon Todd	1,487	$3,059,743
10. Zach Johnson	1,482	$2,861,597
11. Harris English	1,432	$2,829,322
12. Webb Simpson	1,398	$2,930,161
13. Kevin Na	1,351	$2,656,637
14. Brian Harman	1,272	$2,209,254
15. Ryan Moore	1,252	$2,714,909
16. Justin Rose	1,240	$3,022,858
17. Adam Scott	1,230	$2,733,165
18. Jim Furyk	1,230	$3,076,615
19. Matt Every	1,225	$2,429,776
20. Hideki Matsuyama	1,159	$2,330,671
21. Keegan Bradley	1,114	$2,295,922
22. John Senden	1,103	$2,177,276
23. Sergio Garcia	1,081	$2,640,270
24. Charles Howell III	1,042	$1,853,837
25. Charley Hoffman	1,023	$1,890,836
26. Kevin Stadler	983	$2,002,801
27. Gary Woodland	980	$2,097,167
28. Graham DeLaet	971	$2,085,787
29. Jason Day	964	$2,440,210
30. George McNeill	962	$1,914,991
31. J.B. Holmes	958	$2,072,184
32. Kevin Streelman	956	$1,941,439
33. Ryan Palmer	943	$1,812,643
34. Rickie Fowler	941	$2,406,407
35. Bill Haas	932	$1,601,948
36. Will MacKenzie	920	$1,812,878
37. Seung-Yul Noh	917	$1,777,871
38. Matt Jones	897	$1,776,422
39. Brian Stuard	853	$1,653,919
40. Russell Knox	845	$1,313,780
41. Russell Henley	835	$1,687,520
42. Rory McIlroy	832	$1,970,108
43. Daniel Summerhays	832	$1,360,448
44. Chris Stroud	829	$1,652,025
45. K.J. Choi	811	$1,596,379
46. Marc Leishman	803	$1,616,656
47. Steven Bowditch	790	$1,553,369
48. Cameron Tringale	781	$1,327,969
49. Jason Dufner	774	$1,583,086
50. Jason Bohn	755	$1,480,979
51. Scott Brown	748	$1,337,402
52. Ben Martin	746	$1,396,091
53. Erik Compton	745	$1,669,463
54. Ben Crane	741	$1,387,587
55. Freddie Jacobson	740	$1,384,449
56. Angel Cabrera	719	$1,472,892
57. Jerry Kelly	719	$1,263,060
58. Chesson Hadley	705	$1,340,173
59. Brendan Steele	693	$1,276,983
60. Graeme McDowell	691	$1,467,563
61. Billy Horschel	689	$1,302,346
62. Luke Donald	688	$1,325,800
63. Ryo Ishikawa	680	$1,266,138
64. Pat Perez	662	$1,289,705
65. Brendon de Jonge	656	$1,040,995
66. Robert Garrigus	656	$1,081,217
67. Scott Stallings	651	$1,299,114
68. Jason Kokrak	632	$1,071,033
69. Ian Poulter	629	$1,469,418
70. Billy Hurley III	624	$1,105,660
71. Scott Langley	623	$971,756
72. Shawn Stefani	619	$1,275,566
73. Carl Pettersson	599	$1,047,971
74. Hunter Mahan	597	$1,067,040
75. David Hearn	594	$1,011,526
76. Kevin Chappell	588	$883,346
77. Andrew Svoboda	580	$1,092,478
78. Vijay Singh	568	$873,932
79. Rory Sabbatini	565	$1,018,736
80. Justin Hicks	557	$820,801
81. Robert Streb	554	$994,152
82. Jeff Overton	554	$1,023,615
83. Jonas Blixt	553	$1,250,778
84. Tim Clark	547	$910,778
85. Luke Guthrie	531	$783,867
86. Martin Flores	530	$1,020,887
87. Aaron Baddeley	528	$942,559
88. Brandt Snedeker	526	$1,084,664
89. William McGirt	524	$757,160
90. Stuart Appleby	524	$836,227
91. Michael Thompson	509	$921,170
92. Brian Davis	504	$805,689
93. Camilo Villegas	502	$572,574
94. Boo Weekley	496	$815,553
95. Charl Schwartzel	495	$1,043,771
96. Justin Leonard	491	$807,949
97. Phil Mickelson	488	$563,498
98. Michael Putnam	479	$544,711
99. Retief Goosen	470	$669,953
100. Troy Merritt	468	$835,963
101. Bo Van Pelt	463	$711,868
102. Henrik Stenson	461	$1,026,183
103. Stewart Cink	448	$723,811
104. David Toms	447	$719,455
105. Danny Lee	446	$678,385
106. John Huh	440	$740,463
107. Tim Wilkinson	436	$711,465
108. Kevin Kisner	435	$652,197
109. Brice Garnett	431	$572,998
110. Jhonattan Vegas	428	$586,803
111. Nicholas Thompson	426	$696,096
112. Steve Stricker	426	$847,497
113. Bryce Molder	425	$753,211
114. James Hahn	421	$706,613
115. Ernie Els	419	$913,335
116. Lee Westwood	410	$988,375
117. Sang-Moon Bae	410	$625,361
118. Ricky Barnes	407	$548,620
119. Paul Casey	398	$713,630
120. Morgan Hoffmann	398	$622,586
121. Charlie Beljan	396	$694,091
122. Robert Allenby	389	$450,220
123. Greg Chalmers	379	$555,738
124. Richard H. Lee	376	$618,443
125. Andres Romero	376	$557,926
126. Brian Gay	375	$605,368
127. Mike Weir	370	$836,614
128. Briny Baird	366	$616,316
129. David Lingmerth	364	$634,138
130. Bud Cauley	357	$647,886
131. John Merrick	356	$480,402
132. Louis Oosthuizen	355	$726,474
133. Tyrone Van Aswegen	355	$444,733
134. Nick Watney	346	$479,560
135. Jim Renner	346	$763,978
136. J.J. Henry	345	$492,822
137. Trevor Immelman	344	$440,766
138. Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	336	$469,619
139. Andrew Loupe	327	$515,362
140. Ben Curtis	321	$502,951
141. Hudson Swafford	315	$437,071
142. Ted Potter, Jr.	311	$386,341
143. James Driscoll	311	$371,404
144. Roberto Castro	304	$522,173
145. Josh Teater	300	$332,712
146. Chad Collins	294	$402,674
147. Jonathan Byrd	290	$443,014
148. Chad Campbell	287	$416,798
149. Heath Slocum	284	$311,767
150. Tommy Gainey	279	$436,278

LPGA Money Leaders
Through July 13

	Trn	Money
1. Stacy Lewis	16	$1,932,484
2. Michelle Wie	15	$1,827,653
3. Inbee Park	14	$940,097
4. Lydia Ko	15	$851,019
5. Anna Nordqvist	15	$825,036
6. Lexi Thompson	14	$773,177
7. Shanshan Feng	12	$655,844
8. Karrie Webb	12	$648,593
9. Cristie Kerr	14	$611,745
10. Angela Stanford	15	$600,643
11. Jessica Korda	14	$596,139
12. Chella Choi	17	$592,618
13. Azahara Munoz	16	$584,731
14. Mo Martin	17	$583,762
15. So Yeon Ryu	14	$579,565
16. Paula Creamer	14	$536,367
17. Suzann Pettersen	13	$536,195
18. Lizette Salas	13	$480,610
19. Meena Lee	16	$471,103
20. Jenny Shin	15	$466,654
21. Julieta Granada	16	$409,455
22. Amy Yang	12	$402,450
23. Pornanong Phatlum	15	$383,041
24. Na Yeon Choi	15	$382,515
25. Catriona Matthew	14	$368,393
26. Eun-Hee Ji	15	$342,477
27. Gerina Piller	16	$314,143
28. Karine Icher	15	$301,118
29. Hee Young Park	17	$265,926
30. Se Ri Pak	14	$258,028
31. Morgan Pressel	16	$256,208
32. Christina Kim	12	$253,566
33. Mina Harigae	15	$211,241
34. Jennifer Johnson	14	$210,359
35. Brittany Lang	16	$201,474
36. Yani Tseng	14	$200,530
37. Sandra Gal	15	$198,940
38. Caroline Masson	16	$182,892
39. Haru Nomura	14	$180,817
40. Brittany Lincicome	15	$180,450
41. Line Vedel	12	$168,514
42. Mi Hyang Lee	14	$168,100
43. Mirim Lee	12	$166,090
44. Haeji Kang	15	$165,926
45. Belen Mozo	14	$154,560
46. Jodi Ewart Shadoff	14	$142,867
47. Dori Carter	13	$142,149
48. Sarah Jane Smith	14	$134,479
49. Thidapa Suwannapura	15	$132,051
50. Giulia Sergas	16	$126,921

Champions Tour Charles Schwab Cup Leaders
Through July 13

	Points	Money
1. Colin Montgomerie	2,543	$1,609,929
2. Bernhard Langer	2,520	$1,885,025
3. Jay Haas	1,480	$1,176,142
4. Jeff Sluman	1,313	$1,012,113
5. Kenny Perry	1,232	$921,400
6. Fred Couples	781	$780,600
7. Tom Lehman	780	$771,115
8. Gene Sauers	756	$542,375
9. Kirk Triplett	727	$724,011
10. Michael Allen	703	$841,880
11. David Frost	688	$567,284
12. Tom Watson	646	$379,296
13. Joe Durant	623	$361,730
14. Russ Cochran	592	$614,134
15. Mark Calcavecchia	530	$455,793
16. Tom Pernice Jr.	465	$633,767
17. Marco Dawson	446	$304,694
18. Bart Bryant	428	$476,883
19. Duffy Waldorf	415	$570,684
20. Woody Austin	402	$200,762
21. Jeff Maggert	392	$377,191
22. Olin Browne	379	$430,197
23. Rocco Mediate	344	$416,243
24. Fred Funk	328	$564,226
25. Mark O'Meara	308	$404,311
26. Mark Brooks	304	$307,754
27. Miguel A. Jimenez	270	$270,000
28. Bill Glasson	264	$330,525
29. Doug Garwood	261	$348,796
30. Mark McNulty	256	$304,580
31. Steve Pate	250	$473,125
32. Vijay Singh	246	$122,988
33. Scott Dunlap	222	$267,072
34. Billy Andrade	221	$350,357
35. Corey Pavin	209	$251,220
36. Esteban Toledo	175	$373,856
37. Chien Soon Lu	165	$274,395
38. Peter Senior	158	$282,513
38. John Cook	158	$237,848
40. Jeff Hart	151	$214,531
41. Steve Elkington	139	$181,517
42. Peter Jacobsen	130	$150,757
43. Craig Stadler	103	$118,861
44. Kiyoshi Murota	102	$51,000
45. John Inman	98	$133,065
46. Mike Goodes	94	$245,706
47. Brad Bryant	70	$173,032
48. Roger Chapman	56	$302,686
49. Bob Tway	55	$170,516
49. Morris Hatalsky	55	$102,884
49. Don Pooley	55	$61,137
52. Bobby Clampett	53	$130,395
53. Willie Wood	50	$206,482
53. Tom Byrum	50	$192,563
53. Rod Spittle	50	$167,801
56. John Riegger	48	$257,924
56. Scott Hoch	48	$87,624
58. Loren Roberts	44	$209,396
59. Wes Short, Jr.	40	$180,587
60. Tommy Armour III	34	$176,748
60. Andy North	34	$35,320

Web.com Money Leaders
Through July 13

1. Carlos Ortiz	12	$369,291
2. Andrew Putnam	14	$277,848
3. Alex Cejka	10	$263,648
4. Jon Curran	14	$226,977
5. Adam Hadwin	14	$220,867
6. Blayne Barber	12	$213,028
7. Andres Gonzales	14	$201,440
8. Justin Thomas	12	$192,456
9. Derek Fathauer	15	$183,546
10. Max Homa	10	$172,302
11. Byron Smith	15	$169,978
12. Jonathan Randolph	13	$162,076
13. Roger Sloan	14	$151,807
14. Mark Hubbard	14	$147,044
15. Ryan Armour	14	$144,205
16. Jason Gore	9	$139,474
17. Greg Owen	5	$134,867
18. Tony Finau	15	$130,125
19. Steven Alker	11	$125,180
20. Daniel Berger	13	$123,851
21. Kyle Reifers	12	$119,736
22. Sebastian Cappelen	3	$110,460
23. Zack Sucher	15	$106,251
24. Harold Varner III	12	$105,536
25. Kris Blanks	4	$104,690
26. Matt Weibring	13	$100,972
27. Alex Prugh	4	$95,544
28. Cameron Percy	13	$92,023
29. Brett Stegmaier	14	$91,838
30. Alistair Presnell	15	$89,038
31. Henrik Norlander	13	$88,529
32. Sam Saunders	13	$87,979
33. Ryan Blaum	14	$86,610
34. Richard S. Johnson	12	$82,961
35. Manuel Villegas	14	$82,349
36. Rod Pampling	7	$80,789
37. Bill Lunde	13	$79,431
38. Dawie van der Walt	9	$78,834
39. Tom Gillis	10	$75,910
40. Ashley Hall	11	$74,304
41. Oscar Fraustro	13	$73,715
42. Fabian Gomez	10	$73,672
43. Peter Tomasulo	14	$72,559
44. Roland Thatcher	12	$67,806
45. Nathan Tyler	15	$65,182
46. Sung Joon Park	8	$65,181
47. Sung Kang	7	$64,385
48. Jeff Curl	11	$64,383
49. Steve Allan	14	$61,720
50. Roberto Diaz	10	$61,298

Brazil's Cup: Bad on field, good off

By Bradley Brooks
Associated Press

Associated Press

A fireworks display is seen over the Maracana stadium after the World Cup final match between Argentina and Germany, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Sunday. Mario Goetze volleyed in the winning goal in extra time to give Germany its fourth World Cup title with a 1-0 victory over Argentina.

RIO DE JANEIRO — For Brazil, it was the upside-down World Cup.

Brazilians lost at what they were certain they would win — soccer — and won where so many expected failure — organization.

For years, the country's government has endured grueling criticism from FIFA over severely delayed stadiums. Leaders rode out a wave of protests last year over billions spent on the tournament despite poor public services. Foreign tabloids warned fans of man-eating snakes and violence, while domestic newspapers grilled officials over every imaginable aspect of Cup preparations.

Many serious doubts remain: about corruption related to World Cup works; whether the country will see economic benefits from hosting the games; and whether dozens of infrastructure projects promised as the biggest legacy of the event will ever be completed.

But there is no question that the goal of giving the world a smoothly run, exuberant sporting spectacle surpassed all expectations.

Brazilians would disagree with him on one point: They were crushed by their team's historic 7-1 loss in the semifinals, followed by a 3-0 drubbing in the consolation game.

Still, President Dilma Rousseff took clear delight in the Cup's success, and in handing her critics a plate of humble pie.

For Eliane Cantanhede, a Brazilian political commentator known for penetratingly humorous observations in the Folha de S. Paulo newspaper, the event "truly surprised everybody."

"The whole world thought the Cup would be full of problems — and it was a success," she said. "And everybody thought that Brazil's team would win the Cup — and it was a disaster. It was a double surprise!"

Cantanhede noted that Brazil under Rousseff has been less assertive in world affairs than it was under former leader Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who used his natural showmanship to project an image of Brazil as a confident, on-the-rise nation.

"But with the Cup, Brazil has recuperated quite a bit of its positive image," Cantanhede said. "The world has seen beautiful stadiums and cities, airports that worked well and the warmth of the Brazilian people."

Brazil was helped by foreign fans arriving with a spirit of adventure. Nobody expected to see the sort of comforts or precise organization seen at the 2006 World Cup in Germany. And to be sure, there were problems.

Traffic jams plagued cities like Rio and Sao Paulo each time a match was played. Airports, while efficient in moving hundreds of thousands of fans around 12 host cities, lacked the creature comforts Europeans or North Americans are used to. Petty crimes such as pickpocketing and muggings were often a complaint.

But there were no mass protests like those witnessed during last year's Confederations Cup, the World Cup's warm-up soccer tournament. Strikes by public transport workers and police that many feared would hurt the event were resolved in the days before the tournament began. The stadiums held up well despite some concerns about their structural safety.

Argentina's gutsy team is welcomed home

By Luis Andres Henao
Associated Press

Associated Press

Soccer fans wait for the arrival of Argentina's team to the airport in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Monday.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Argentina's national team was welcomed home Monday by thousands of fans celebrating its gutsy performance in the World Cup final.

The team arrived in Buenos Aires on a plane painted with images of the players and a large sign reading: "Thank you Argentina."

A river of emotional fans wearing the white and sky-blue striped jerseys of the national team, among them a group of Argentine gauchos on horses, flooded the road leading from the airport to the football association complex.

"You showed that through courage, passion and bringing everything you have and more to the field you can triumph," Fernandez said after greeting all members of the team at the complex with a hug and a pat on the back.

"You've given us values that Argentines, surrounded by so much triumphalism, thought were lost. Not only does the one in first place win: you also win when you show quality and manage to unite with others to go forward," Fernandez said. "That's why I wanted to greet you today and thank you on behalf of 40 million proud Argentines."

The two-time world champion entered the title match as the clear underdog after Germany's 7-1 thrashing of host Brazil. But despite complaints about lackluster play earlier in the tournament, the team led by captain Lionel Messi showed grit throughout the 1-0 overtime loss to Germany, creating several opportunities to score in the first 90 minutes.

"I'm thankful to everyone. I would have liked to bring you back the Cup and to be able to enjoy it. We tried, we gave it our all but we couldn't achieve it," said Messi, who won the trophy for the tournament's best player.

"Despite that, I think we gave a great joy to the country by reaching this final and facing our rivals without giving anything away."

Argentina last played in a World Cup final in 1990, when it lost to West Germany. Four years earlier, it became world champion for the second time, led by captain Diego Maradona, also in a final against the Germans.

More than 26 million watch World Cup final in US

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even without the home team involved, the World Cup final between Germany and Argentina set a television viewership record in the United States, capping a tournament that exceeded expectations for interest on both ESPN and Univision.

The month-long World Cup also was responsible for more than 3 billion interactions on Facebook and 672 million messages on Twitter, the social media companies said on Monday.

An estimated 26.5 million people in the U.S. watched Germany's extra-time win on Sunday afternoon, the Nielsen company said. The game had 17.3 million viewers on ABC and another 9.2 million on the Spanish-language Univision. In addition, just over 750,000 people were watching the game during a typical minute online through services provided by each network.

The 2010 finale between Spain and the Netherlands, along with the U.S. team's 2-2 draw against Portugal earlier in this year's tournament, both had 24.7 million viewers.

Given the growing interest in the tournament as it went along, the size of the audience for the final game wasn't that big a surprise, said Scott Guglielmino, ESPN senior vice president of programming. The tournament as a whole exceeded expectations for ESPN, and surprised Guglielmino in the way it permeated U.S. culture as no World Cup has before.

The average viewership for all 64 World Cup matches was up 39 percent over 2010 on ESPN and its sister station ABC, and 34 percent on Univision, Nielsen said.

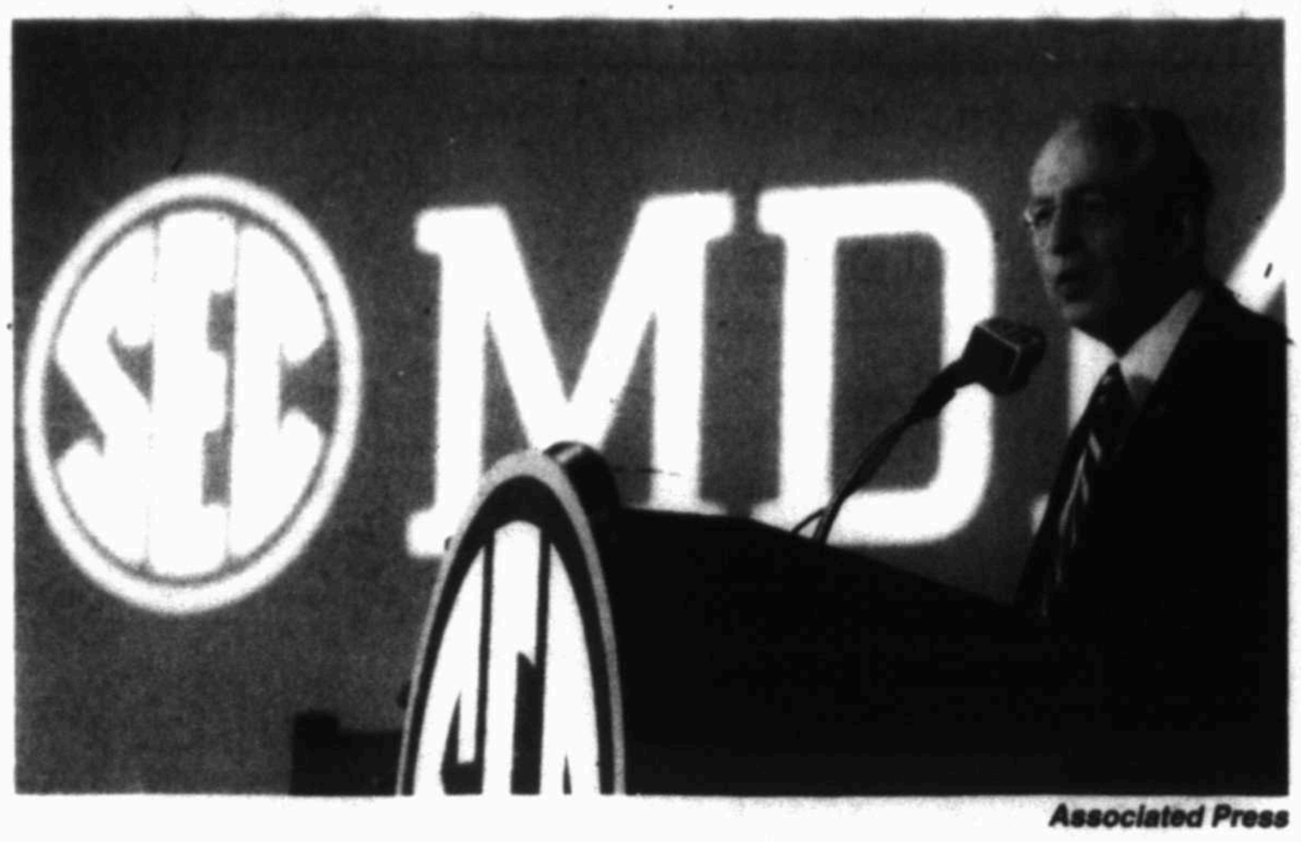
"We all knew that everything was in place to be well-delivered to the audience and we needed a good performance by the teams, and that happened," said Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Univision sports president.

At least until some cautious games in the knockout round, play was more wide-open with increased scoring and that was appealing to viewers, the executives said. The event also had stories that transcended the games itself, with Uruguay's Luis Suarez suspended for biting another player and host Brazil's historic meltdown against Germany.

On ESPN, tournament games averaged 4.56 million television viewers, compared to the 1.04 million viewers for games in the 2002 World Cup that were in Korea and Japan.

Slive continues push for Big Five autonomy

By David Brandt
Associated Press



Associated Press

Southeastern Conference (SEC) Commissioner Mike Slive speaks during SEC media days on Monday in Hoover, Ala.

HOOVER, Ala. — Southeastern Conference commissioner Mike Slive is confident the NCAA reform he's been pushing for years will take a big step toward becoming a reality in August.

The longtime leader of the SEC gave his annual state-of-the-conference speech at the beginning of the league's media days on Monday and wasn't shy about putting more pressure on the NCAA. He said college athletics "must be willing to make appropriate changes," including giving the Big Five conferences autonomy to make their own bylaws.

"We are not deaf to the din of discontent across collegiate athletics that has dominated the news," Slive said.

The SEC has discussed several changes to the current system, including full cost-of-attendance scholarships and providing long-term medical coverage to college athletes. Slive said during the SEC's summer meetings in June that the Big Five — which also include the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten, Big 12 and Pac-12 — would consider forming a "Division IV" if they weren't granted autonomy on some NCAA governance issues.

He was optimistic then, and also on Monday, that such a drastic measure won't be needed.

"There is some angst on the part of many, but I think many realize we're moving into the 21st century, things are different and expectations of student-athletes are different," Slive said. "I think when push comes to shove, it will pass."

Slive didn't make any references to Division IV on Monday, but said the five conferences would "consider the establishment of a venue with similar conferences and institutions where we can enact the desired changes in the best interests of our student-athletes."

He wasn't afraid to pull from the history books to make a point on the rapidly changing world of college athletics, quoting Dwight Eisenhower, Winston Churchill and Nelson Mandela at different moments.

Some of the SEC's proposed measures would likely put a squeeze on Division I's smaller schools that don't have the same financial resources.

Slive acknowledged those concerns, but many factors — ranging from a push for athlete unionization at Northwestern to Ed O'Bannon's high-profile lawsuit against the NCAA — have put pressure on schools to act quickly.

Slive said if the Big Five are granted autonomy, change could happen in a matter of months.

"The first item on the agenda would be the full cost of attendance - that's clear," Slive said. "Then we'll build from there."

Other topics of discussion by Slive during Monday's address:

■ The SEC Network makes its debut on August 14th and has already been picked up by cable providers like DISH Network and AT&T U-Verse. But several other prominent carriers have not signed on as of Monday. Slive said "there are ongoing conversations with other major providers."

■ Slive announced that the SEC will have the authority to place programs in several bowls. Under the league's new bowl agreement, the Capital One Bowl will have the first selection of available SEC teams after the college football playoff. Then the SEC will place teams in the Belk Bowl, Liberty Bowl, Music City Bowl, Outback Bowl, TaxSlayer Bowl and AdvoCare Texas Bowl.

"Before making the final decision, the conference will consult with our institutions and with the bowls, but the decision will be ours," Slive said.

The SEC also has agreements with the Birmingham Bowl and the Independence Bowl.

■ Slive also used his yearly address to tout the league's success in all sports. The SEC had won seven consecutive football national championships before January, when Florida State narrowly topped Auburn in the BCS title game. Kentucky and Florida made the NCAA basketball tournament's Final Four while Vanderbilt recently won baseball's College World Series, giving an SEC team the title for the fourth time in six seasons.

Haslam-owned truck-stop chain to pay $92M fine

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Authorities say the truck-stop company owned by Cleveland Browns owner Jimmy Haslam and Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam has agreed to pay $92 million in fines for cheating customers out of promised rebates and discounts.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Pilot Flying J has accepted responsibility for the criminal conduct of its employees, ten of whom have pleaded guilty to participating in the scheme.

The agreement was signed Friday by attorneys for the nation's largest diesel retailer. The agreement does not protect any individual at Pilot from prosecution and requires the company to cooperate with an ongoing investigation of current and former employees.

Jimmy Haslam has said he was unaware of the scheme. Through a spokesman, he declined an interview on Monday, but issued a statement: "We, as a company, look forward to putting this whole unfortunate episode behind us, continuing our efforts to rectify the damage done, regaining our customers' trust, and getting on with our business."

US chooses 19 players for men's basketball roster

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

Coach Mike Krzyzewski hopes Derrick Rose's NBA comeback begins in a USA uniform.

Even if Rose isn't ready, the Americans have plenty of talent for another run at a world championship.

Rose and four returnees from the 2012 Olympic men's basketball champions were among the 19 players selected Monday for this summer's U.S. national team roster.

Kevin Durant, Kevin Love, James Harden and Anthony Davis were the four holdovers from London, and there were new additions of Toronto's DeMar DeRozan and Chandler Parsons, who is leaving Houston for Dallas.

Players will report to training camp this month in Las Vegas, where Rose will try to show he's recovered from his latest knee surgery.

"We'd like to see him play like the Derrick of old, because he's one of the best players in the world, an MVP in the NBA," Krzyzewski said during a conference call. "What we've heard is that he's in great shape."

The rest of the roster: Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson (Golden State), Kyrie Irving (Cleveland), Blake Griffin (Clippers), Paul George (Indiana), Damian Lillard (Portland), Gordon Hayward (Utah), DeMarcus Cousins (Sacramento), Bradley Beal (Washington), Andre Drummond (Detroit), Kenneth Faried (Denver) and Kyle Korver (Atlanta).

Cowboys guard pleads guilty to drunken driving

Associated Press

DALLAS — A Cowboys offensive lineman has pleaded guilty to a first-time drunken driving charge.

Ronald Leary was arrested in suburban Dallas in September 2012 after failing a field sobriety test. According to the arrest warrant affidavit, he was pulled over for multiple traffic violations and on suspicion of driving while intoxicated.

Online court records show the Cowboys' starting left guard pleaded guilty Thursday. He will receive 18 months of probation and a $1,000 fine.

A message seeking comment was left with his attorney Monday.

Leary was a Memphis University guard before the Cowboys signed him as a free agent in 2012.

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Private hitting and catching instruction
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Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
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What: A major baseball statistics company is looking for scorekeepers for RockHounds game this season.
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YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
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Chaps Basketball Camps
When: Offensive skills camp for grades Kindergarten-12th grade, 10 a.m.-noon, July 28-31
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For more info: Contact Jordan Dreiling at 685-4577, jdreiling@midland.edu or go to www.midland.edu/chapsbasketballcamp

Lady Chaps Varsity Team Camp
When: July 14-16
For more info: Go to ww.midland.edu/varsityteamcamp

Lady Chaps Basketball Camps
When: July 17-19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., FUNdamentals Camp; Shooting Camp, 4-6 p.m.
For: Grades 3-12, FUNdamentals Camp; Shooting Camp for grades 7-12
Cost: $60
For more info: Call coach Ron Jones at 685-4581 or rjones@midland.edu or Ginger Gatlif at 685-6469 or ggatlif@midland.edu; Also go to www.midland.edu/ladychapsbasketballcamp

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

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When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

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Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community based organizations; parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free. YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Midland College girls basketball camps
Where: Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Session I: Fundamental Camp
When: July 17-19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
For: Grades 3-12
Session II: Shooting Camp
When: July 17-19, 4-6 p.m.
Cost: $60 (includes camp T-shirt)
For more info or to register: Go to www.gochaps.com/women_s_basketball/girls_basketball_camps.php

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

2014 Bulldog Football Camp
When: July 28-31
Times: 4th-6th grades, 8-10 a.m.; 7th-8th grades, 9-11 a.m.; 9th grade, 10 a.m-Noon; Registration is 30 minutes prior to first day's camp
Where: Memorial Stadium
For: Incoming 4th throug 9th graders
Cost: $40
For more info: Contact Craig Yenzer at 689-1195 or 689-1193

Golf

Hogan Park Junior Golf Summer Program
When: Session III, July 21-25
For: Boys and girls ages 9-17
Times: Check in, 9:30 a.m. first Monday; Clinic 10-11 a.m.
Cost: $100 per session
For more info: Call Hogan Park Golf Shop at 685-7360 or jon@hoganparkgolf.com

Hogan Park Pee Wee
When: Session III: July 21-23
For: Boys and girls ages 4-8
Times: Check in: 8 a.m. first Monday. Clinic goes form 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Cost: $70 per session
For more info: Contact Hogan Park Golf Shop at 685-7330 or jon@hoganparkgolf.com

Big Spring Country Club Parent-Child
Format: 2-person scramble
When: 9 a.m. July 26; 1 p.m. July 27
Entry fee $100 per team in the Open Division and $50 in the Trophy Division plus golf cart (private carts are welcome)
For more info or to sign up call: 432-267-5354

Hockey

Jackalopes Amateur Hockey Association
Where: MCM Ice Rink, Odessa
Hockey 101/Skills & Drills
When: Tuesday nights through July 29
Cost: $15
For: 13-under, 7-8 p.m.; 14-and-up, 8-9 p.m.
Power Skating
When: Saturdays through July 26th
Cost: $15
For: 13-under, 9-10:15 a.m.; 14-under, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
Penalty Box Camp
When: Aug. 4-8
When: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-Noon
For more info: Call Donnie Margettic at 661-3453

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 7 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 7 p.m., Monday and Tuesday at The Detour. Players must be signed in by 6:45 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down, $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001 or Sam 349-3055

Rugby

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-6088

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership, $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Martin County EMS Labor Day 4-mile Fun Run
When: Sept. 1, registration 8 a.m., race 9 a.m.
Where: Martin County EMS Building, 1101 W. Broadway, Stanton
Cost: $20 if postmarked by Aug. 28, $25 if postmarked after Aug. 28 or on day of race
For more info: Contact Bob Tevens at 661-8597 or pick up an entry from Dr. Pablo Teven's office at 600 I-20 EAst, Suite D-105, Stanton located next to Martin County Hospital

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 stand and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

USA Softball Jr. Men's National Fastpitch Team looking for players
For: Boys players born between 1995 and 1998
Note: No softball experience is needed
For more info: Tim Lyon, USA Jr. Men's National Team coach: 801-244-7477 or Dave Parker, West Texas Men's Fastpitch Association, 634-6474 or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Youth Clinics
What: Tennis clinics for beginners to advanced players ranging from preschoolers to high school seniors. Ages 3-5, balloon tennis; ages 6-8, Quick Start (red ball); ages 9-10, Quick Start (orange and green ball); ages 11-18, junior development; all levels of adult programs
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and click on "Programs & Events" or call 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.)
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-4340

Midland Tennis Club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: Adults $65, youth $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

MTC Tennis Tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
When: Aug. 9-10; Aug. 23-24; Sept. 20-21; Oct. 11; Nov. 8-9
For more info: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

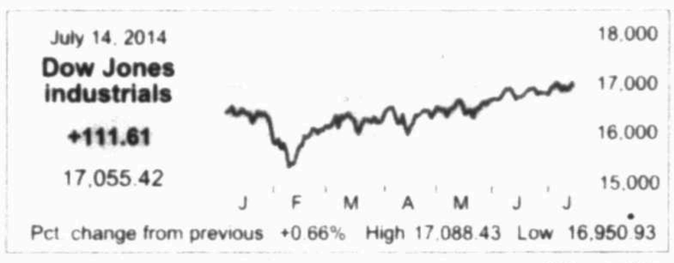
Track & Field

Midland Crusaders Track Club Summer Program
When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays, May 19-Aug. 2
Where: Lee High School Track, 3500 Neely
For: Boys and girls ages 7-19 years old
For more info: Contact Tony Goyang at 694-2424 or 349-1125

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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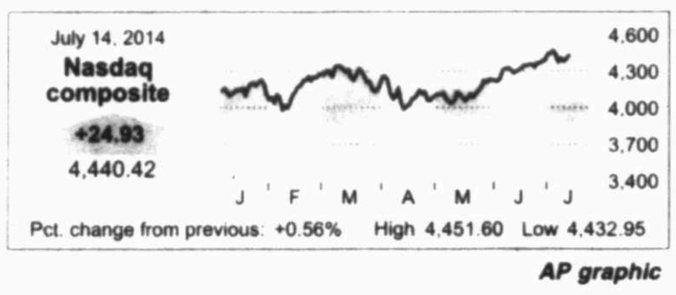

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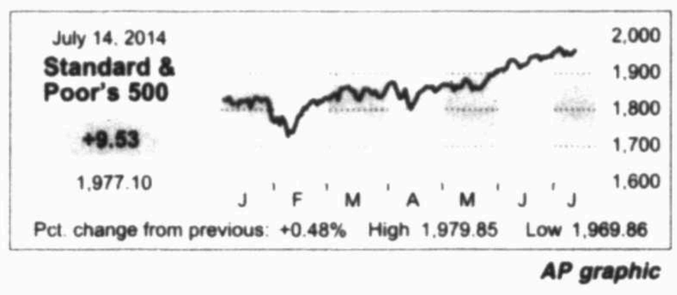

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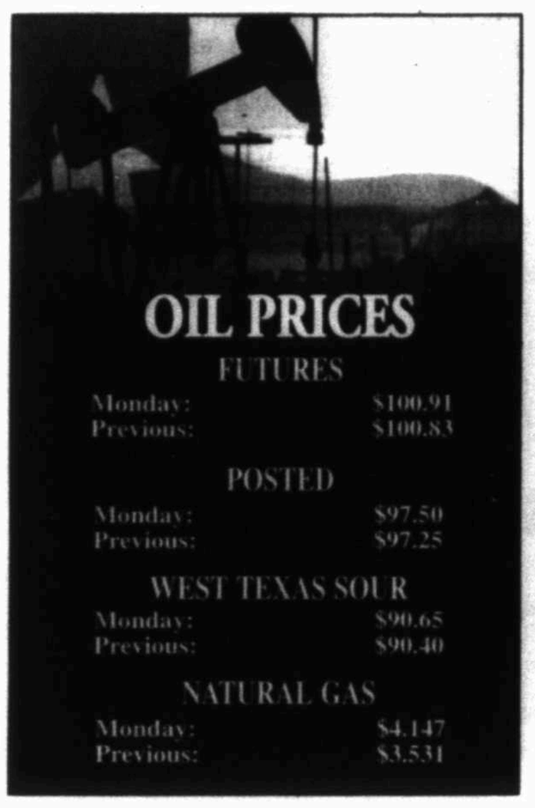

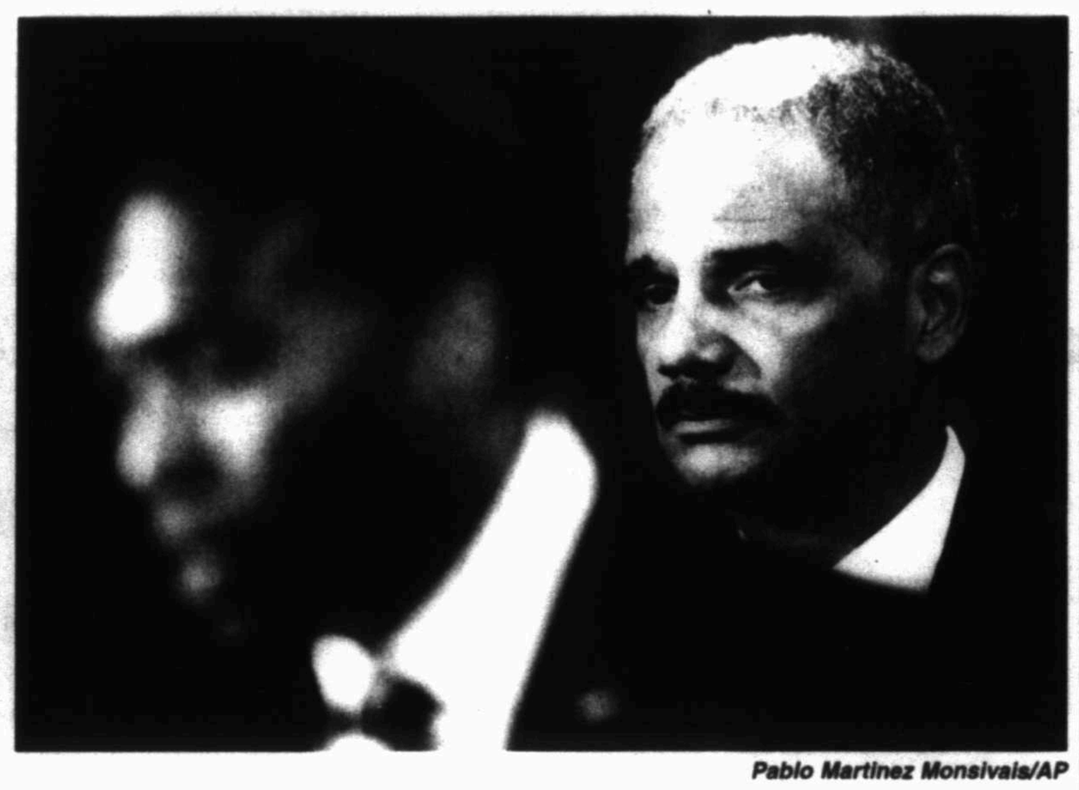

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Attorney General Eric Holder listens at right as Tony West, the Justice Department's lead negotiator, answer questions after announcing at the Justice Department in Washington on Monday, that Citigroup will pay $7 billion to settle an investigation into risky subprime mortgages, the type that helped fuel the financial crisis.

Citigroup to pay $7B in subprime mortgages probe

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Citigroup has agreed to pay $7 billion to settle a federal investigation into its handling of risky subprime mortgages, admitting to a pattern of deception that Attorney General Eric Holder said "shattered lives" and contributed to the worst financial crisis in decades, the Justice Department said Monday.

The settlement represents a moment of reckoning for one of the country's biggest and most significant banks, which is now accountable for providing some financial support to Americans whose lives were dismantled by the largest economic meltdown since the Great Depression.

In addition to a $4 billion civil penalty being paid to the federal government, the bank will also pay $2.5 billion in consumer relief to help borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure and about $500 million to settle claims from state attorneys general and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The agreement does not preclude the possibility of criminal prosecutions for the bank or individual employees in the future, Holder said.

The $7 billion settlement, which represents about half of Citigroup's $13.7 billion profit last year, is the latest substantial penalty sought for a bank or mortgage company at the epicenter of the housing crisis. The Justice Department, criticized for not being aggressive enough in targeting financial misconduct, has in the last year reached a $13 billion deal with JPMorgan Chase & Co., the nation's largest bank, and also sued Bank of America Corp. for misleading investors in its sale of mortgage-linked securities.

Yet the settlement packages pale in size compared to the broader damages caused by the Great Recession. The unemployment rate spiked to 10 percent as millions lost their jobs and their homes, causing losses that totaled in the trillions of dollars. Public advocacy groups criticized the settlement as a sweetheart deal.

"In the context of the damage done, the damage even described by the attorney general, we're not even in the same ballpark," said Bartlett Naylor, a financial policy advocate for Public Citizen, which represents consumer interests.

The settlement stems from the sale of toxic securities made up of subprime mortgages, which led to both the housing boom and bust that triggered the Great Recession at the end of 2007. Banks, including Citigroup, minimized the risks of subprime mortgages when packaging and selling them to mutual funds, investment trusts and pensions, as well as other banks and investors.

The securities contained residential mortgages from borrowers who were unlikely to be able to repay their loans, yet were publicly promoted as relatively safe investments until the housing market collapsed in 2006 and 2007 and investors suffered billions of dollars in losses. Those losses triggered a financial crisis that pushed the economy into the worst recession since the 1930s.

Oil rises slightly

Lacking any catalysts, the price of oil barely changed Monday. Meanwhile, gasoline prices in the U.S. slipped to three-montn lows.

Benchmark U.S. crude for August delivery rose 8 cents at $100.91 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The Nymex contract fell 3.1 percent last week and is down 4.3 percent so far in July. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, gained 45 cents to $107.71 on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

The average price for a gallon of gasoline in the U.S. is $3.61 a gallon, the lowest since April 10, according to AAA. Gas is about 4 cents cheaper than a week ago, but drivers are still paying around a penny more than at this time last year.

In other Nymex trading:

- Wholesale gasoline added 2 cents to $2.93 a gallon.
- Natural gas was flat at $4.15 per 1,000 cubic feet.
- Heating oil gained 1 cent to $2.87 a gallon.

Gold sinks

Gold prices took a hard fall Monday as the worries that drove prices up last week dissipate and investors push the stock market up.

Gold for August delivery sank $30.70, or 2 percent, to settle at $1,306.70 an ounce. Silver for September dropped 55 cents, or nearly 3 percent, to $20.91 an ounce. The sharp fall for gold wiped out its gains for the month. Last week, concerns over the stability of European banks sent gold prices up and weighed on stocks.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $131.99 Up 2.11

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $148.00 Up 1.44

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $27.99 Up 0.02

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $86.59 Up 2.38

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $30.42 Down 0.34

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.36 Down 0.33

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $31.26 Up 0.36

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.89 Down 0.07

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $18.69 Up 0.11

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AMD	726673	4.84	+.27
BkofAm	564394	15.57	+.19
S&P500ETF	514372	197.60	+.99
Petrobras	418154	15.88	+.69
MktVGold	409169	26.60	-.72

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BS IBM96	46.80	+10.23	+28.0
PSBMetDS	12.96	+2.16	+20.0
DrGMBear	10.47	+1.20	+13.0
BP GCrb	7.60	+.87	+12.9
PannO&G	60.09	+6.78	+12.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Dynegy wt	2.97	-.83	-17.5
DirGMrBull	28.89	-4.69	-14.0
Lentuo	2.26	-.24	-9.6
DxGldBl rs	46.59	-3.95	-7.8
DrxGldBull	38.94	-2.99	-7.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,997
Declined	1,123
Unchanged	104
Total issues	3,224
New Highs	176
New Lows	12
Volume	2,678,713,775

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AmApparel	179013	1.21	+.03
IsoRay	40818	2.88	+.14
AlldNevG	35529	3.65	-.27
GreenHntr	33970	2.50	+.56
Globalstar	32581	4.26	-.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GreenHntr	2.50	+.56	+28.5
BioTime	2.95	+.25	+9.3
CCA Inds	3.98	+.31	+8.4
EmeraldO	7.43	+.42	+6.0
IncOpR	6.89	+.39	+6.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AlldNevG	3.65	-.27	-6.9
SilvrCrst g	2.02	-.14	-6.7
Vicon	2.32	-.16	-6.5
TanzRy g	2.32	-.15	-6.1
NewConcEn	2.32	-.15	-6.1

DIARY

Advanced	222
Declined	178
Unchanged	31
Total issues	431
New Highs	7
New Lows	4
Volume	102,674,449

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc s	412242	96.45	+1.23
Exelixis	374031	4.09	+.77
Facebook	373703	67.90	+1.56
Intel	238219	31.49	+.24
SiriusXM	216727	3.40	+.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AssemblR rs	10.20	+2.95	+40.7
KandiTech	18.64	+3.92	+26.6
Exelixis	4.09	+.77	+23.0
ProDvrsty	4.88	+.65	+15.4
Ultrapetr h	3.28	+.40	+13.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VisnChina	12.78	-2.34	-15.5
DigitalAly	5.22	-.93	-15.1
FemaleHlt	4.79	-.79	-14.2
Harmonic	6.15	-.98	-13.7
QuestRes	4.17	-.53	-11.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,680
Declined	988
Unchanged	136
Total issues	2,804
New Highs	56
New Lows	38
Volume	1,539,898,637

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.86	+.10	+2.0
AbbVie	1.68	21	54.85	+.11	+3.9
Abraxas	...	46	5.97	+.12	+83.1
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.90	+.07	+6.4
AMD		93	4.64	+.27	+19.9
AecomTch		14	34.98	+3.22	+18.9
Alcoa	.12	38	16.11	+.14	+51.6
AlonUSA	.24		12.73	+.23	+23.0
Ambev n	.22e		7.02		-4.5
AmApparel			1.21	+.03	-1.6
ARltCapPr	1.00		12.84	+.17	-.1
Amgen	**2.44**	**19**	**118.98**	**-.79**	**+4.3**
Anadarko	**1.08f**	**...**	**105.92**	**+1.14**	**+33.5**
Apache	**1.00**	**23**	**98.55**	**+1.15**	**+14.7**
Apple Inc s	1.88f	16	96.45	+1.23	+20.3
ApldMatl	**.40**	**32**	**23.06**	**+.21**	**+30.4**
AriadP			5.87	-.22	-13.9
ATMOS	**1.48**	**18**	**51.03**	**-.17**	**+12.4**
AutoData	1.92	27	80.34	+.21	-.6
BP PLC	**2.28**	**8**	**51.64**	**+.03**	**+6.2**
BabsCCInv	1.20		15.13	.02	+1.3
BakrHu	.68f	27	73.42	+.72	+32.9
BkofAm	.04	20	15.57	+.19	
B IPVix rs	...		27.48	-.82	-35.4
BarrickG	.20		18.88	-.41	+7.1
BasicEnSv			28.37	+.72	+79.8
BerkHe A	...	**16193380.00**	**+480.00**		**+8.7**
BlkHillsCp	**1.56**	**24**	**57.33**	**-.33**	**+9.2**
BlackBerry			11.22	-.29	+50.8
BrMySq	**1.44**	**28**	**49.08**	**+.46**	**-7.7**
BrownFA	**1.16**	**31**	**92.33**	**+.44**	**+25.2**
BrownFB	**1.16**	**31**	**93.93**	**+.08**	**+24.3**
CBS B	.48	20	60.68	-.67	-4.8
CVS Care	1.10	20	77.29	+.39	+8.0
Cameron		24	68.36	+.67	+14.8
Caterpillar	2.80f	19	110.09	+.13	+21.2
Celestic g		18	12.34	-.05	+18.7
CntryLink	2.16	...	36.89	+.12	+15.8
ChesEng	.35	24	28.26	+.17	+10.1
Chevron	**4.28f**	**13**	**129.26**	**+.79**	**+3.5**
Chicos	.30	22	16.44	-.06	-12.7
ChiRecyEn	...	6	1.73	+.16	-49.7
Cimarex	.64	27	142.36	+2.78	+35.7
Cisco	.76	17	25.44	-.06	+14.3
Citigroup	.04	11	48.42	+1.42	-7.1
ClayEng	...	**58**	**131.99**	**+2.11**	**+61.1**
CocaCola	**1.22**	**23**	**42.38**	**+.41**	**+2.6**
ColgPalm	**1.44**	**30**	**69.79**	**+.27**	**+7.0**
Comcast	.90	20	55.05	+.50	+5.9
ConAgra	**1.00**	**42**	**30.89**	**+.30**	**-8.3**
ConchoRes	...	**50**	**148.00**	**+1.44**	**+37.0**
ConocoPhil	**2.92f**	**14**	**85.84**	**+1.11**	**+21.5**
CrackerB	4.00f	19	99.32	.20	-9.8
CrosTim	**2.71e**	**13**	**33.17**	**-.08**	**+12.8**
DCP Mid	2.98f	41	55.25	-.15	+9.7
DTE	2.76f	18	75.40	-.51	+13.6
Dataram h			2.97	+.04	+14.2
Dawson	**.32**	**41**	**27.99**	**+.02**	**-17.2**
DevonE	**.96**	**19**	**77.81**	**+.68**	**+25.8**
DrxSCBear			14.85	-.23	-12.5
Disney	**.86f**	**22**	**86.76**	**-.13**	**+13.6**
DowChm	**1.48**	**14**	**51.50**	**-.10**	**+16.0**
EOG Res s	**.50**	**27**	**115.69**	**+2.04**	**+37.9**
EmpDist	**1.02**	**15**	**24.93**	**-.11**	**+9.9**
Energen	60	36	86.36	+1.34	+22.1
EngyTsfr	3.74f		56.32	-.24	-1.6
EnPro	...	**66**	**72.16**	**+.05**	**+25.2**
EntPrPt	2.88f	27	77.56	-.07	+17.0
Ericsson	.46e		11.70	+.19	-4.2
Exelixis			4.09	+.77	-33.3
ExterranH	**.60**	**28**	**44.42**	**+1.31**	**+29.9**
ExxonMbl	**2.76f**	**14**	**102.68**	**+.94**	**+1.5**
Facebook		89	67.90	+1.56	+24.2
FordM	.50	11	17.55	+.08	+13.7
ForestOil		19	2.28	+.03	-36.8
GATX	**1.32**	**17**	**67.59**	**+1.45**	**+29.6**
GT AdvTc			15.26	-.79	+75.1
GabMulIT	**.88**	...	**9.88**	**+.02**	**-20.4**
GAInv	**2.10e**	...	**37.00**	**+.13**	**+5.1**
GenElec	**.88**	**20**	**26.66**	**+.11**	**-4.9**
GileadSci		33	89.85	+1.12	+19.6
GluMobile			6.38	+.38	+64.4
GoPro n			36.84	-2.00	+17.5
GtPlainEn	**.92**	**16**	**26.08**	**-.33**	**+7.6**
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IntegrysE	2.72	21	68.70	-.53	+26.3
Intel	**.90**	**17**	**31.49**	**+.24**	**+21.3**
InterDig	.80f	41	46.99	+.57	+59.3
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KindMM	5.52f	49	77.48	-.03	+2.4
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KodiakO g	...	26	14.91	+.68	+13.0
LegacyRes	2.38f	...	30.42	-.34	+8.0
Lubys	...	...	**5.37**	**+.12**	**-30.4**
MktVGold	19e		26.60	-.72	+25.9
McDnlds	3.24	18	100.47	+.10	+3.5
Merck	1.76	39	58.18	-.26	+16.2
MerltMed	...	**34**	**15.09**	**+.07**	**-4.1**
MexcoEn	...	49	7.36	-.33	+6.7
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NSTFtl	**.83e**	...	**13.75**	**-.07**	**+6.8**
NTXQI	**.70e**	...	**14.20**	**-.08**	**+10.5**
OcciPet	**2.88**	**14**	**101.22**	**+.74**	**+6.4**
Oi SA	14e	...	.67	-.03	-57.7
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Praxair	**2.60**	**23**	**132.41**	**+.82**	**+1.8**
PrmEgy	...	**16**	**64.00**	**+.24**	**+26.7**
ProctGam	**2.57**	**22**	**81.32**	**+.16**	**-.1**
RangeRs	.16	60	81.98	+.73	-2.8
RiteAid		42	7.19	-.11	+42.1
Rowan	.40	16	31.39	+.51	-11.2
RryDShtlA	3.76f	20	82.24	+.37	+15.4
SpdrDJIA	3.58e		170.29	+1.09	+2.9
SpdrGold			125.72	-3.06	+8.3
S&P500ETF	3.58e	...	197.60	+.99	+7.0
SabnR	4.05e	15	58.09	+.03	+14.9
SanderFm	**.80**	**12**	**102.59**	**+.58**	**+41.8**
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TriContl	**.58e**	...	**21.11**	**+.07**	**+5.7**
Twitter n		...	38.31	-.02	-39.8
TylerTech	...	**73**	**88.22**	**-.11**	**-13.6**
URS	.88	21	58.40	+6.38	+10.2
UBWV	**1.28**	**18**	**31.93**	**+.10**	**+1.5**
USSteel	.20	...	26.16	-1.48	-11.3
Vale SA	.84e		13.89	+.03	-8.9
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VerizonCm	2.12	11	50.53	+.21	+2.8
VulcanM	**.24f**	**62**	**64.37**	**-.79**	**+8.3**
Walgrn	**1.26**	**24**	**71.49**	**-.17**	**+24.5**
WellsFargo	1.40f	13	51.31	-.18	+13.0
WstnRefin	1.04	17	40.20	-.29	-5.2
WhitingPet	...	18	84.58	+6.04	+36.7
WmsCos	1.70f	70	58.33	+.12	+51.2
XcelEngy	**1.20**	**16**	**31.34**	**-.25**	**+12.2**
Xerox	**.25**	**14**	**12.70**	**-.02**	**+4.4**
Yahoo	...	30	35.70	+.27	-11.7
Zynga	...	...	3.18	-.06	-16.3

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8,296.17	6,237.14	Dow Jones Transportation	8,313.11	+58.80	+.71	+12.33	+26.51
576.98	467.39	Dow Jones Utilities	553.25	-6.18	-1.10	+12.78	+9.40
11,334.65	9,246.89	NYSE Composite	10,991.46	+55.11	+.50	+5.88	+15.44
4,485.93	3,475.39	Nasdaq Composite	4,440.42	+24.93	+.56	+6.36	+23.09
1,985.59	1,627.47	S&P 500	1,977.10	+9.53	+.48	+6.97	+17.51
1,452.01	1,170.52	S&P Midcap	1,417.16	+5.68	+.40	+5.56	+15.70
21,108.12	17,280.03	Wilshire 5000	20,927.28	+98.40	+.47	+6.20	+17.34
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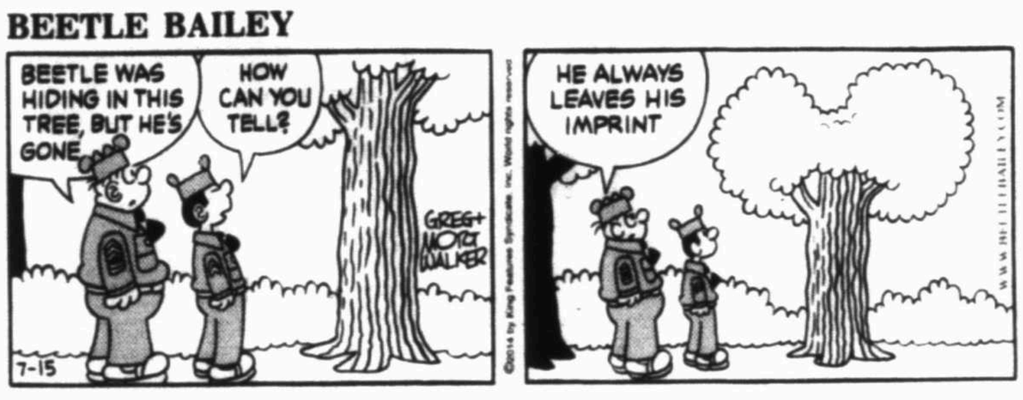

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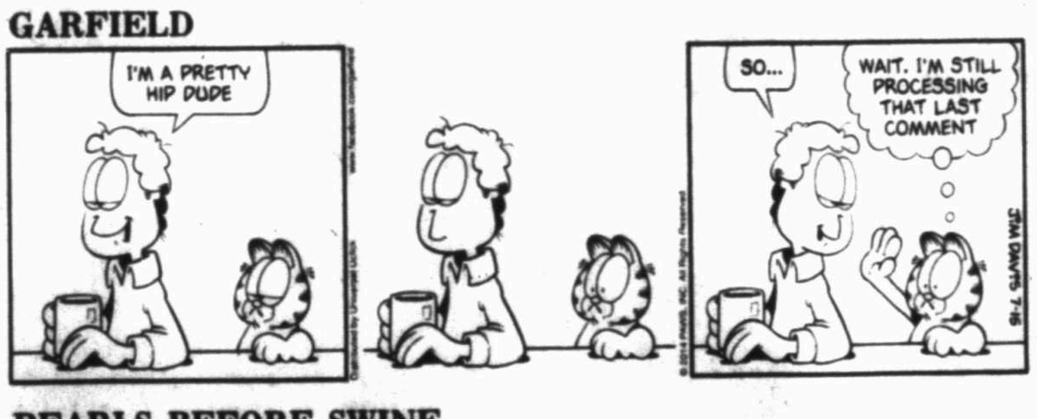

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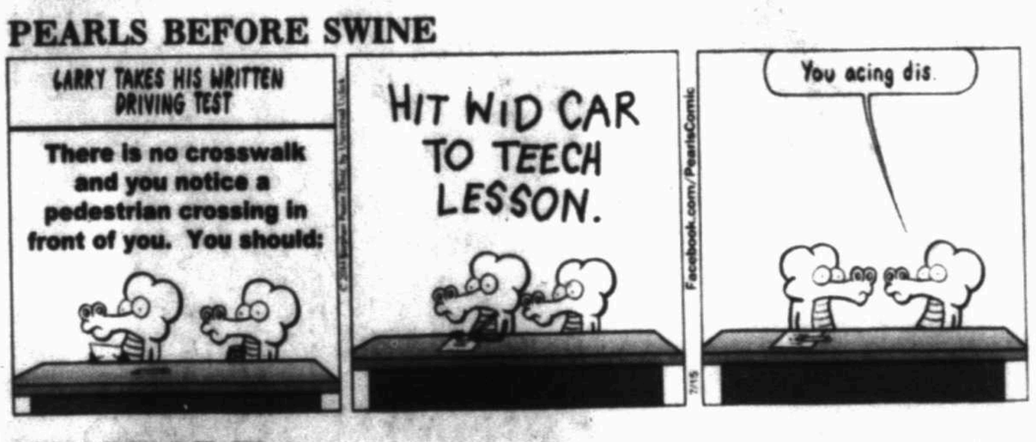

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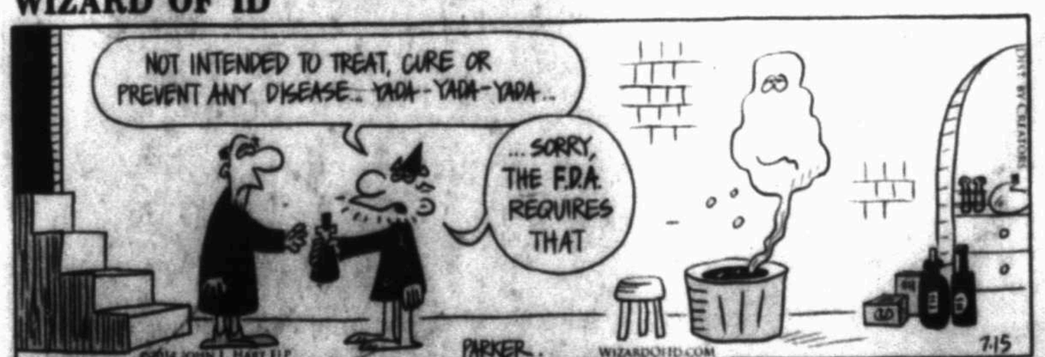

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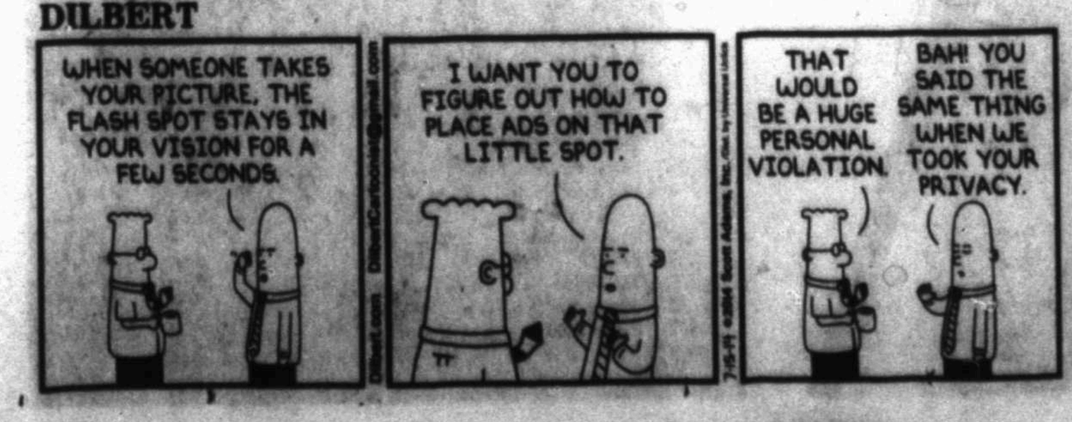

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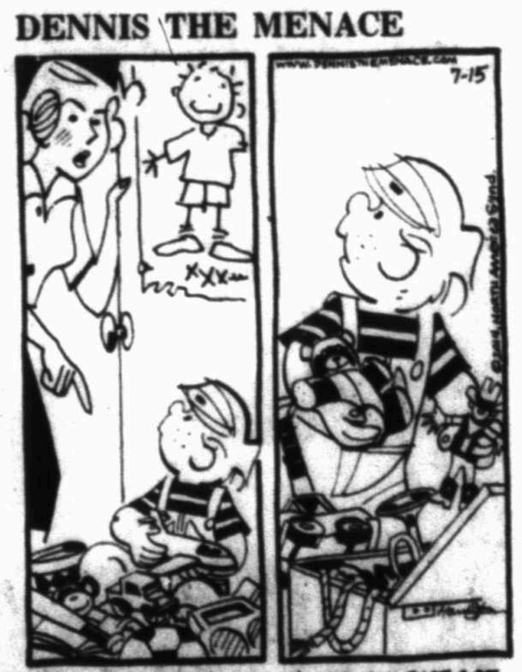

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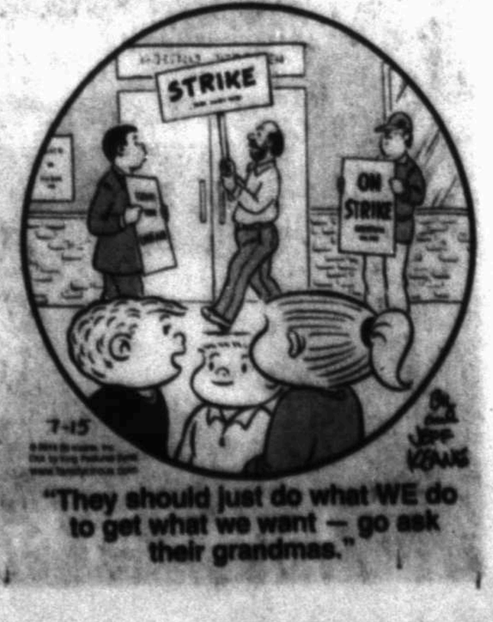

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Callon Petroleum Operating Company is hereby providing Notice of Intent to Move in Equipment and Spud the Pecan Acres 22C #2 well located 467' FEL and 467' FSL of Section 22, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, within the City Limits of Midland. This notice is a requirement of the City of Midland Under Title VI, Chapter 1, Section 23 labeled "Ordinance No. 8769" more particularly found under Section L (7) effective January 1, 2010.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No 08-0290101
DATE OF ISSUANCE July 1, 2014 — Status/Permit No 785243
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE 5:00 PM, Aug 5, 2014
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 39, Blk. LEECH, L Survey, A-1035, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 14.1 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative, and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug. 5, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below.

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	TURNER H	
Lease/Unit Well No	3902H	
Lease/Unit Acres	573.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	100.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	45.0	
Lease Lines	373.0 F NORTH L	530.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines	373.0 F NORTH L	530.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 675.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 46 Block: Abstract: 1038
Survey: LEECH, L
Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L, 775.0 F EAST L
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As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC. No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

IF COMPLETED IN THE SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC FIELD THE LEASE NAME WILL BE TURNER H, WELL NO. 3902H, ACRES 245.3, LOCATION:

Lease Lines: 373.0 F NORTH L, 530.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 373.0 F NORTH L, 530.0 F EAST L

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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467'/0, 80.0 acres.

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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10600 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969-3873.

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FOR SALE black 2001 Mercedes SLK 320 Roadster. 65,000 original miles. $10,000. Retract convertible hardtop, shiftable 6 speed auto, 3.2 L fuel injected V6, RWD, factory wheels, AC, AM/FM/weather band, telephone options, remote CD changer, electric & heated leather seats, woodgrain trim, electric windows, carpet & mats, wind screen, original documentation & service history, excellent condition, sold as is. Call Jerry 432-853-9992

LEXUS 2004 ES330. 71K miles, good condition, sun roof, new tires, leather seats, all electric. Well taken care of. Color Alabaster. $11,000. 432-694-3126

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TOYOTA 2007 FJ Cruiser with 103,491 miles on it. We are selling because we are having another kiddo and have outgrown this vehicle. It's in great shape with low mileage tires. Please call Derrick at 432-556-5836 with questions. Sorry, but we WILL NOT FINANCE. Thanks for looking!

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CHEVY 1991 S-10 project truck 383 Stroker. Rebuilt transmission. Lots of new performance parts. randolphcurtis@hotmail.com for pictures or information. $3900

CHEVY 2002 silverado 1500 Extended cab, 130k miles, one owner, excellent condition. $7,850. Call 432-413-1780

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CHEVY 2007 Silverado 1500, 5.3L V8, LT-TX Edition, crew cab, 1 owner, excellent condition, extremely clean, Desert Charcoal, 95K miles, $16,500. OBO. Call 432-212-2371

CHEVY 2009 Silverado LS, white, reg cab, long bed, 108K. Only $11,000. 218-9941

DODGE 2001 Ram 1500, white in color, vin# 3B7HC13Y91G772379, 135,000 mileage. $2,995. If interested, call (432) 661-1809

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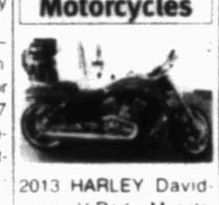

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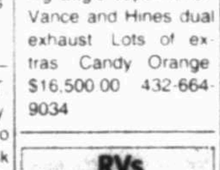
RVs



2001 NEWMAR Dutch Star Class A Diesel Motorhome. M-3883, Freightliner chassis, 300 HP Cat Motor, Rear View Monitor, Hydrolic Jacks, 1 slide-out. Diesel generator. Corian ctr tops. 38.5 long. Oak cabinets. 87K miles. Very clean! $54,500 OBO. For More info call 575-760-1413

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JAYCO 2008 EAGLE 5th wheel, 36ft., 3 slides, 2 air, new tires, excellent condition, extra clean, $26,500. Call 580-512-4450 or 580-342-5043.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

To: Those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of **JUNIE LELAND JONES**, Deceased:

SUZANN DENISE HAECHTEN having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of **JUNIE LELAND JONES**, Deceased, late of Midland, Midland County, Texas, by the Judge of the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Cause No. PI 7895 on June 3, 2014, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to said Independent Executor within the time prescribed by law, at the following address:

SUZANN DENISE HAECHTEN
Independent Executor of the Estate of
JUNIE LELAND JONES, Deceased
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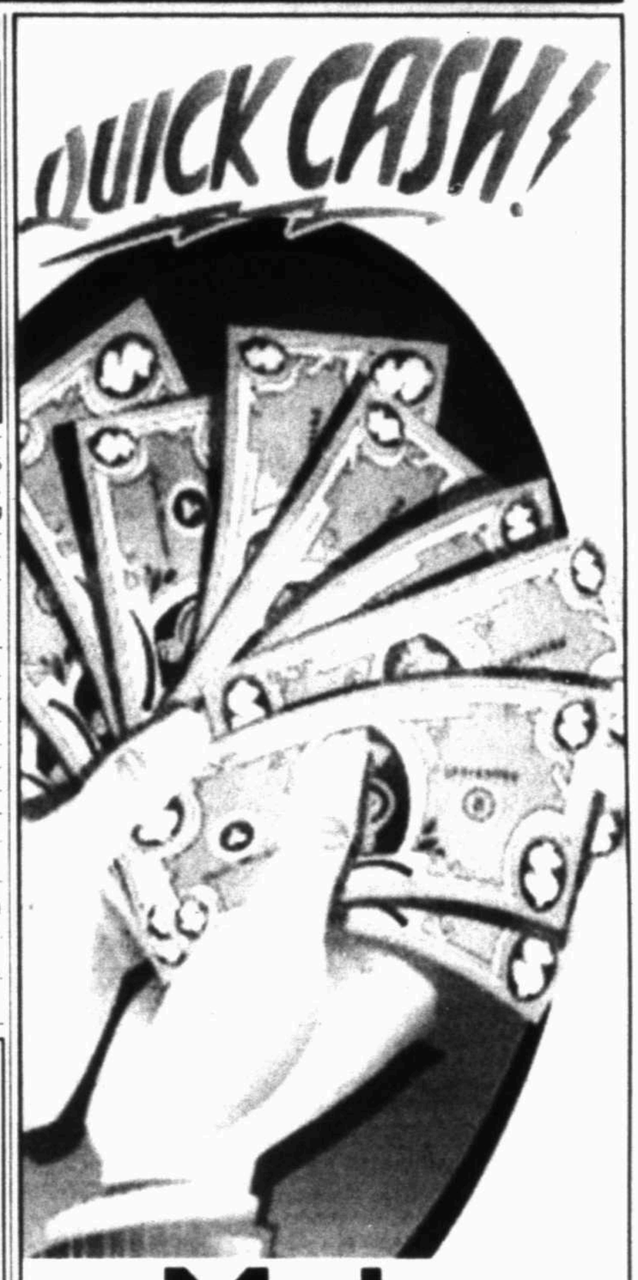
Stubbeman McRae Sealy Laughlin & Browder, Inc.
550 W. Texas Avenue, Suite 800
Midland, Texas 79701
(432)682-1616



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Independent Oil & Gas Company seeks Bookkeeper/ Office Manager. Requires updated computer skills & experience in Quickbooks, Mircosoft Office & Excel. Must be knowledgeable in all phases of Oil & Gas Office Administration, Revenue Accounting, AFE's, JIB's, AR,AP & Division Orders. Must be reliable, self motivated, highly organized, have ability to resolve problems, & able to run modern office equipment. Looking for a take charge type personality to keep books, handle banking duties, organize & maintain filing systems, provide end of month reports, and work with companies CPA in tax preparation matters. Ideal candidate will be performing these duties presently. This will be a single person office and all resumes & inquires will be held in strict confidence. Salary package is DOE. Submit resume and any questions to MSOGBK@AOL.COM.

OIL & GAS BOOKKEEPER

Oil & Gas Bookkeeper, skills required: Wolfepak, Excel, A/P, A/R, phones, filing. Hours flexible. Send resume to page@pageoil.com

PROJECT COORDINATOR

Energetic person; excellent work ethic; able to work in a dynamic environment. Must have attentiveness to detail and accuracy, excellent time management and organizational skills, Microsoft Office proficiency required. Duties creating AR invoices for drilling mud and products. Salary DOE. Qualified candidates may e-mail a resume to **veronica.whitley@aesfluids.com**.

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Body Techs, Porters, & Shop Hands

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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Accounts Payable Clerk

Clayton Williams Energy, Inc., a publicly-traded oil and gas company in Midland, Texas, is seeking an Accounts Payable Clerk. Oil and Gas experience helpful but not necessary. This position demands an energetic individual who is conscientious, accurate and reliable. We are an equal opportunity employer and offer competitive salary with an excellent benefits package. Non-smoking environment. Please email your resume to: hr@claytonwilliams.com.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK

Full time or part time entry level office position for insurance agency. Bilingual a plus. Friendly office environment. Bring resume to: Area Insurance services **1302 N. Big Spring St. Midland** or fax to **432-570-6048** or email to **areainsurance@area-ins.com**.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION

Action Energy Services has an **administrative office position** open. Candidates should be experienced working with MS Word and Excel, possess excellent organization skills, a positive attitude, detail oriented, and willingness to help in all areas of office administration. Some of the duties include: processing work tickets, receptionist, general office duties, and assisting management. Send resume and references to **Ladon@actionenergyservices.com**.

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PART- TIME TO FULL TIME. DUTIES INCLUDE: ANSWERING PHONE, DAILY FILING, SCANNING, AND MORE BASIC OFFICE DUTIES UPON REQUEST. PLEASE SEND RESUME TO: **P-109, C/O MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM 201 E. ILLINOIS AVE. MIDLAND, TX 79701**.

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Patient and driven employees needed to care for children. Flexible hours and good pay. Paid vacations & holidays. Part-time or Full-time, experience preferred. Needs to be available from 8:00 am-5:30 pm. Please call Amee Janna at **432-687-4000**.

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CRUDE OIL PIPELINE OPERATORS

Medallion Pipeline Company (www.medallionmidstream.com) is accepting applications for 11 **Crude,Oil Pipeline Operations positions** ranging from Operations Lead to mid-level experience. The job site is located in the Permian Basin area. Please send resume to **info@medallionmidstream.com**.

Flowback, Well Testing & Drill Out Operators

K and B Oilfield Services, Inc. is now hiring experienced flowback, well testing, and drill out operators. Apply online at: kandboilfieldservices.com.

OIL & GAS BOOKKEEPER

Oil & Gas Bookkeeper, skills required: Wolfepak, Excel, A/P, A/R, phones, filing. Hours flexible. Send resume to page@pageoil.com

SENIOR MEASUREMENT TECHNICIAN

Medallion Pipeline Company (www.medallionmidstream.com) is accepting applications for a **Senior Measurement Technician** based in the Permian Basin. Minimum of 5 years experience in crude oil measurement including coriolis, measurement systems, proving and SCADA. Please send resume to **info@medallionmidstream.com**.

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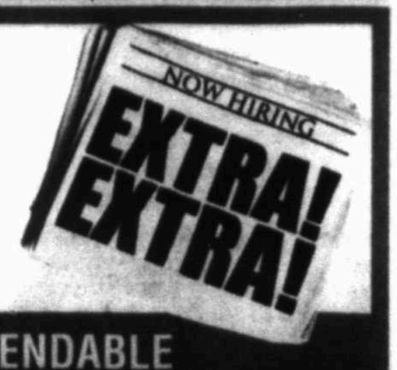
OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE



Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Immediate Openings

DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza is seeking eager employees to work in our dining facility as AM Servers. We are also interviewing for • PM Front Desk Agents • PM Valet/ Bell. Please apply to Human Resources at 117 W. Wall, Midland, TX. 79701

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MAINTENANCE

Villa Chateau Apartments Full time Maintenance needed. Must have own tools. Drug screen/Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

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Immediate opening, experience necessary in Design. Full time. salary based on experience. Apply at 306 E. 2nd St., Odessa or send resume & portfolio if available to clintgolden@yahoo.com

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR NEEDED in Midland, Tx

Experience not necessary but would be a plus; will train. Must be 21 years or older with mature judgment and clean criminal history. Video experience help ful; computer skills needed for reports. Must have dependable transportation and cell phone. Beginning pay $20/hr or more DOE. **Call Finley Investigations & Security at 432-561-5660. (License #C09211/7500 N CR 1294, Midland, TX 79707)**

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Must be mechanically inclined. Apply in person at **2401 N CR 1287**, Midland, TX 79707, off 1788 & W CR 74 for directions call **432-563-1123**.

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SS Customs now hiring **SHOP TECHNICIAN** and **BODY TECHNICIAN**. Must have valid Texas driver's license. To apply, come by **3201 W. Front Midland, TX 79701** ask for Craig or Russ. No phone calls please. Pay DOE.

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Please mail resume to: hr@claytonwilliams.com.

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Quality Control Inspector

Natural Gas Services Group **FT**

NCSG has immediate opening for a **Quality Control Inspector** for Flares and Compressor Packages. This individual is required to have knowledge of ASME and AWS Code, will arrange and document all radiographs, manage all hydrostatic testing, perform visual inspections and dimensional checks of fabricated equipment and outsourced equipment and able to read drawings. The ability to read P&IDs is a plus. CWI certification is a plus but not required. Excellent Salary and Benefit package. For more information or to submit your resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call (432) 262-2700.

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Immediate opening for an **Electrician Apprentice**. SIGN-ON BONUS! Please call 432-697-4439, leave message.

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Driver
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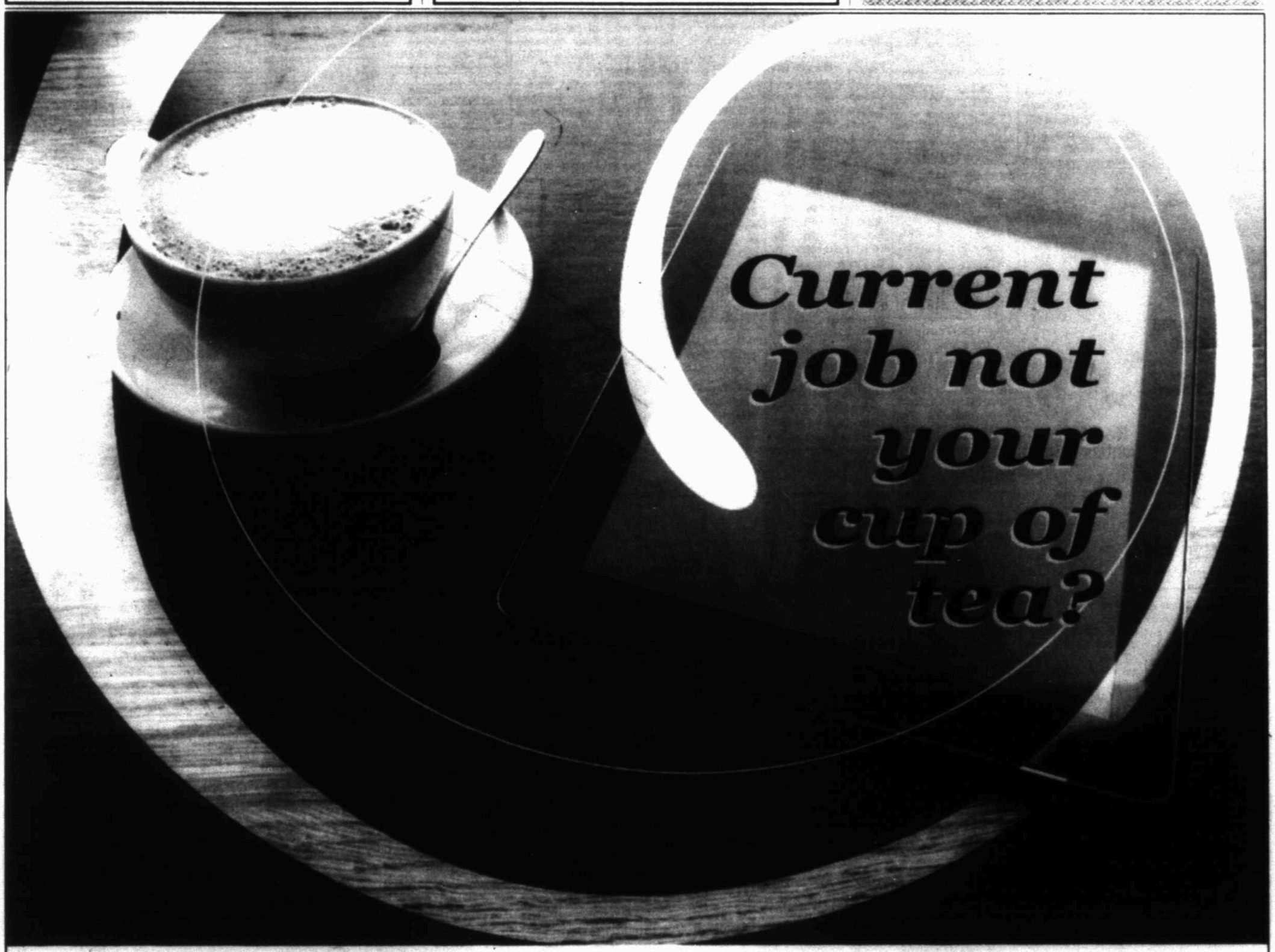

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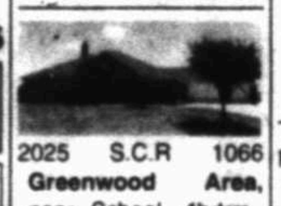

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HIGH ALTITUDE GENE

This undated photo provided by BGI shows daily life in Tibet, an autonomous region of China. Tibetans can thank an extinct human relative for providing a gene that helps them adapt to the high altitude, according to a study released July 2.

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Study: Ancient gene aids Tibetans with high altitude

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tibetans living on the "roof of the world" can thank an extinct human relative for providing a gene that helps them adapt to the high altitude, a study suggests.

Past research has concluded that a particular gene helps people live in the thin air of the Tibetan plateau. Now scientists report that the Tibetan version of that gene is found in DNA from Denisovans, a poorly understood human relative more closely related to Neanderthals than modern people.

Denisovans are known only from fossils in a Siberian cave that are dated to at least about 50,000 years ago. Some of their DNA has also been found in other modern populations, indicating they interbred with ancient members of today's human race long ago.

But the version of the high-altitude gene shared by Denisovans and Tibetans is found in virtually no other population today, researchers report in an article released July 2 by the journal Nature.

That suggests that Denisovans or close relatives of theirs introduced the gene variant into the modern human species, but that it remained rare until some people started moving into the Tibetan plateau, said study main author Rasmus Nielsen of the University of California, Berkeley.

At that point, it conferred a survival advantage and so spread through the Tibetan population, he said in an email. It's not clear whether the Denisovans were also adapted to high altitudes, he said.

The results show that as early members of today's human species expanded outside of Africa and encountered new environments, they could call on their genetic legacies from other species, he said. That's easier than waiting for a helpful genetic mutation to arise, he said.

The Tibetan plateau rises above 13,000 feet in elevation. The genetic variant helps survival there by affecting the amount of oxygen the blood can carry when a person is in thin air. Apart from Tibetans, it is found very rarely in Han Chinese and also exists in Mongolians and Sherpas, who are also related to Tibetans and may have picked it up relatively recently, Nielsen said. The researchers found no trace of it outside East Asia.

Todd Disotell, an anthropology professor at New York University who didn't participate in the study, called the new work "one of the coolest scientific results I have seen in a while.... This is a slam-dunk case."

David Reich, an expert on ancient DNA at Harvard Medical School, called the paper "important and exciting" in showing the gene came from an ancient human relative. But he said that relative could have been Neanderthals, who are also known to have contributed DNA to modern people.

Nielsen said the Tibetan gene variant doesn't match any known Neanderthal DNA, but Reich said maybe scientists just haven't yet found DNA from a Neanderthal who carried it.

Quantum computers probably not in near future

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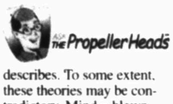
First, let me give you a little background on quantum computing. Back in the early '80s, one of this PropellerHead's heroes, Richard Feynman, talked about the potential for using quantum-mechanical phenomena to solve complex computing problems.

Quantum mechanics can be thought of as a way of looking at the universe by studying small things (electrons, protons, etc.) instead of big things, like Einstein's Theory of Relativity



describes. To some extent, these theories may be contradictory. Mind = blown.

So, how does this relate to a computer? Well, traditionally computers keep track of data and perform operations on them by using data represented in bits (switches) that are either on (1) or off (0). At a low level, these bits are manipulated to add, subtract and ultimately perform complex computing operations.

Now for some crazy stuff…the quantum mechanics phenomena used in quantum computing design includes "superposition," which states that small things (like electrons) exist in multiple states simultaneously (on and off at the same time). This is illustrated in the following quantum mechanics joke. "Will quantum computing deliver on its promise? Maybe it will. Maybe it won't. Maybe both."

It may also include "entanglement," where the state of a proton, for example, is "connected" to another proton (so manipulating bits here affects other bits there). This is sometimes described as ghosting and could (theoretically) allow communication at faster than the speed of light.

Instead of bits, quantum computing uses qubits. These are data arrays that have multiple simultaneous states. So, that sounds confusing and useless, right?

Well, the theory is that with a bunch of qubits you can solve very complex problems, like optimizations, much faster than using traditional computing because more permutations of a possible solution are being analyzed simultaneously.

This is all fairly new so there is not only work being done in the design of the computers but also in the design of quantum problems. These include quantum searches, which has Google's interest, and quantum factoring (think really long-digit polynomials, which has the NSA and other security concerns interested. If this works and the problems get more complex, the quantum computer would leapfrog traditional computation techniques.

Does this mean there is an Intel qubit processor in your future? Despite significant progress, maybe not quite yet.

Recent news was made with D-Wave's Systems quantum computer. The $15 million, 512 qubit D-Wave 2 has gotten a lot of press after a test run earlier this year by NASA and Google. Watch this cool video to learn more: bit.ly/1lLCrrD. The test had some pretty positive results. But the test results were challenged because the comparisons did not include fully optimized, traditional computers.

A new test was run at ETH Zurich using a complex problem well-suited for a quantum computer. The D Wave was pitted against a traditional computing array with the help of Microsoft Research. The quantum computer should've destroyed the competition, but basically tied it. The expected quantum speedup was not observed. This was very disappointing to the quantum enthusiasts and D-Wave investors.

All is not lost. There are multiple quantum computer strategies being tested and research is moving at a torrid pace. Remember the Human Genome Project? Originally expected to take decades, it was pretty much complete in about 6 years. If they only had a D-Wave 3.

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