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MRT reporter Joe Basco discusses the city of Midland's budget decisions.

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FOOD BANK FUNDS

The West Texas Food Bank has begun a partnership with BHP Billiton, in which the company has pledged a total of $650,000 to fund programs aimed at alleviating hunger in West Texas.

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Inmate stays could cost county $2.3 million more

Study: Jail has an average of 347 inmates per day; population has increased 10 percent

By Joseph Basco
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Midland County might spend an additional $2.3 million in the next two years if it does not decrease the number of days inmates spend in the county jail, according to a study presented to county commissioners on Monday.

Consulting firm Griffith Mosely Johnson & Associates discovered that the average daily jail population has increased from 316 in 2013 to 347 this year, a 10 percent increase.

The county jail has a maximum capacity of about 500, Sheriff Gary Painter said.

Contributing factors to the state of Midland County's jail population are increases to the average daily jail population, inmates' total days in jail, the district attorney's caseload and the courts' caseload.

It costs the county $86.62 per day to house an inmate, according to county data. The firm calculated an extra $1.1 million might be spent in 2015 and an extra $1.2 million in 2016 if the days inmates stay in jail continue to rise.

Carl R. Griffith, president and CEO of Griffith Mosely Johnson & Associates, made numerous recommendations to commissioners, two of which the consulting group last year: fast disposition, or "rocket docket," and alternative sentencing programs such as GPS monitoring and community work programs.

When the county last used a rocket docket in July 2013, the jail population decreased by 30 people, Griffith said, adding that it is extra work for the prosecutors and courts because they have to focus on nothing but the cases to get the fast results.

Another recommendation is prioritizing the prosecution of those who are in custody first. Griffith said those in custody might be poor and can't afford the bond, so they should be prioritized.

"There's not a silver bullet to fix (jail days)," Griffith said after the meeting.

Griffith said that even though the system is not processing inmates fast enough, the analysis to discover the reasons why has not been conducted.

"Whether it's a combination of more staff or the cases aren't getting moved because evidence isn't getting tested, there are multiple things that are going to cause that (slow processing), but there are things that can be fixed," Griffith said.

In addition to the financial impact of the increase in jail days, Griffith also examined the human interest side of it.

"How many of those people get to court and find out they're innocent?" Griffith said.

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SEARCHING BEAL FOR BAIT



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Kristian Rodriguez pulls crawfish out of the lake at Beal Park on Aug. 12. "They've been in here for a few years," said Rodriguez, "I use them for catfish bait."

Energy bills show oil boom's unexpected costs

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

Jeff Salmon had never put much thought into the electric grid. But that changed in June 2012, when an electric bill put Frontier Texas — the Abilene museum and welcome center he runs to help patrons relive the Old West — nearly $3,300 over budget, a figure equivalent to entrance fees for an extra 620 visitors.

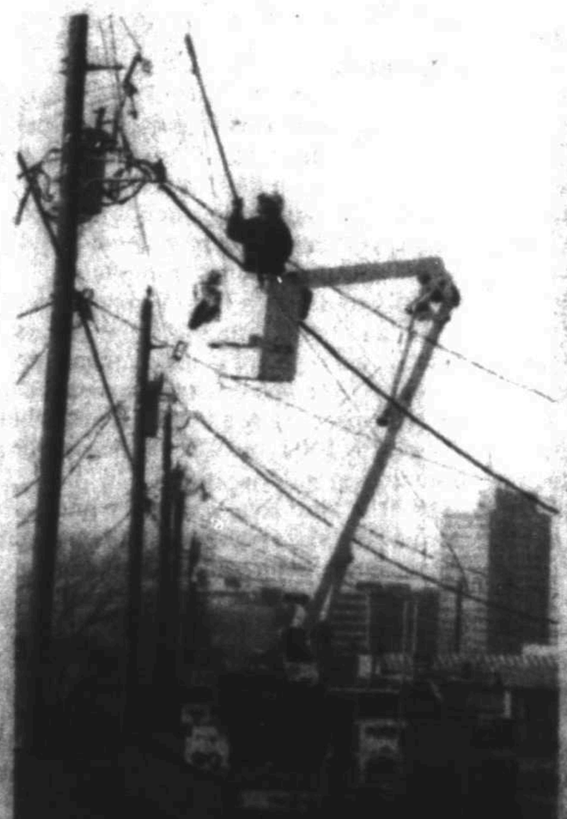
"The reason it was so frustrating was that it kind of came along without any notice," Salmon said of the bill, which forced his small nonprofit to cancel a slate of new educational programs and a fall festival.

Salmon learned that the cause of the larger bill was an unexpected rate hike tied to congestion on the electric grid, a problem rooted in West Texas' resurgent oil fields. Oil production in the region has grown faster than the infrastructure needed to meet new electricity demands. That has strained the grid, increasing costs for a host of nonprofits, churches, schools and other businesses in the region's once-sleepy communities.

"We're not all booming," said Salmon, who says his museum is back on track this summer after overhauling its budget process. "I never wanted to be this much of an energy expert, and I still don't know enough."

The outlook has improved since congestion charges shot to record highs during the scorching hot summer of 2012. Milder weather has helped curb electricity demands, while transmission companies spent hundreds of millions of dollars rushing to build power lines. But experts say it could take years for congestion prices to return to

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MRT file photo

An Oncor Energy worker makes repairs to a power line in an alley near the intersection of Hicks Avenue and Belmont Street on Jan. 29. Energy bills in West Texas have gone up over the past few years. The rate hike is tied to congestion on the electric grid, a problem rooted in West Texas' resurgent oil fields. Oil production in the region has grown faster than the infrastructure needed to meet new electricity demands. That has strained the grid, increasing costs for a host of nonprofits, churches, schools and businesses.

Midland ISD Head Start transportation remains intact

By Tessa Duvall
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Transportation to and from school will be available for Midland ISD's 4-year-old Head Start students who need it most in the 2014-15 school year.

MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren said busing will be available at the same level it was last year, which will be for "the ones who just absolutely have to have it or their kids can't be in the program." About 30 students used the service in 2013-14, and eight or nine have signed up this year, he said.

In the spring, MISD was considering eliminating program transportation because of a shortage of bus drivers and Head Start-mandated safety regulations. Parents enrolling their children in Head Start were asked to sign a form acknowledging that transportation may be unavailable, which left some parents feeling like the choice had already been made, according to Reporter-Telegram archives.

The decision to provide Head Start transportation was finalized in the first week of August, Warren said. Though the district didn't find the additional drivers it hoped for, a transportation schedule was able to provide a solution.

By delaying the times secondary schools operate by 10 minutes — from 8:30 a.m.-3:55 p.m. to 8:40 a.m.-4:05 p.m. — the district created the gap in time the transportation department needed, Warren said.

The district also solved its safety dilemma when MISD's board of trustees authorized the purchase of two new buses for the program using $228,800 in Head Start funds at its Aug. 11 meeting.

Head Start regulations do not require program administrators to provide transportation, but if the service is offered, students must be transported in buses that are equipped with seat belts and accommodate about 40 students compared to a traditional bus' 70-student capacity, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report. This rule set Head Start 4-year-olds apart from students of the same age in the pre-kindergarten program, creating a logistical issue, Warren said.

The new buses have a 44-student capacity with integrated child restraints, according to board materials.

Warren said looking back, the district can always try to communicate better with its parents.

"It's really just about us and the parents working together," he said. "If they can get their kids to school, fantastic. If they need that (transportation), then we can pick them up."

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

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

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

Meeting today

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Support groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Courthouse auction

Chairs, desks, cabinets and other office furniture are for sale in an online auction featuring items currently housed in the old Midland County Courthouse.

The auction contains items divided into 162 lots and can be found on www.renebates.com until the auction closes on Sept. 8. All items will be sold as-is.

The auction does not include property that will be returned to Midland County or salvaged, as agreed upon by officials at the time of the property's sale to the city. For more information, visit the city of Midland auction online at www.renebates.com.

Source: City of Midland

Community calendar

■ Midland Fire Department's annual Kids Boot Camp is planned for 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 6. at Grande Communications Stadium.

Activities will include tug-of-war, obstacle courses, calisthenics and relays, and there will be a "smoke house" activity that allows kids to practice confidently escaping a house full of smoke.

Activities for parents include a boot camp-style work out, blood pressure screening and creating identity packs that can help law enforcement agencies locate their child in emergency situations.

Events are focused on children 4-12. Participants should wear athletic attire with tennis shoes and to bring a refillable water bottle. Gatorade and water will be provided.

Register at Central Fire Station, 1500 W. Wall St., or at www.midlandtexas.gov (click on the "Documents and Forms" tab.)

For more information, call MFD Capt. Aaron Cox at 685-7341.

■ Permian Basin Mensa is offering membership testing at 10 a.m. Sept. 6 at the office of Dr. Ed Rowland, 3953 E. 42nd St. in Odessa. The fee is $40.

The test is open to anyone 14 and older. Parental consent is required for youth between the ages of 14 and 17.

For more information, call 889-6858.

Lottery

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Pick 3 evening: 9-8-0
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Texas Two Step: 2-5-18-30 BB: 33
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All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-4-6-7-8-10-12-15-20-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-4-6-8-9-15-16-18-19-21-23-24
All or Nothing night: 1-2-4-5-6-9-10-17-19-20-21-23

Today in history

In 1789, France's National Assembly adopted its Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa began cataclysmic eruptions, leading to a massive explosion the following day.

In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women's right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

In 1939, the first televised major league baseball games were shown on experimental station W2XBS: a double-header between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field. (The Reds won the first game, 5-2, the Dodgers the second, 6-1.)

In 1944, French Gen. Charles de Gaulle braved the threat of German snipers as he led a victory march in Paris, which had just been liberated by the Allies from Nazi occupation.

In 1958, Alaskans went to the polls to overwhelmingly vote in favor of statehood.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnston was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The Kinks' single "You Really Got Me" was released in the United States by Reprise Records, three weeks after its British release.

Council passes budget, tax rate for fiscal year 2015

By Joseph Basco
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The second and final round of voting on the city of Midland's budget and tax rate for fiscal year 2015 went off without a hitch Monday, as City Council passed both with a 6-0 vote.

The city of Midland will be operating on a $245 million budget in FY 15; $105 million will be allocated for the general fund. The ad valorem tax rate will be set at $0.393891 per $100 property valuation, which is a $0.038 decrease from the fiscal year 2014 rate.

The $245 million budget is a $19.5 million increase from FY 14, and the $105 million general fund budget is a $6.2 million increase from FY 14.

Almost one-quarter of the general fund — 24 percent — will be used for the fire department, and 25 percent will be for the police department.

Very little changed from the proposed budget and the one that was approved other than two amendments made during the first set of votes Aug. 19. The council removed a $17,000 expense from the hotel and motel tax fund for Susie's South Forty billboards and added an additional $6,216 expense from the same fund for the Petroleum Museum, increasing the museum's total hotel and motel fund allocation in FY 15 to $27,216.

The tax rate also was modified from its initial proposal back in July. The tax rate then was proposed to be $0.4198. But after City Council abolished the downtown Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, city staff recalculated a lesser tax rate, as downtown property tax revenue became factored into the city's overall property tax revenue.

Both the initial tax rate and the approved tax rate are 3 percent more than their respective effective rates.

On Monday, the council also approved the FY 15 budgets for the Spaceport Development Corp., TIRZ, Midland Development Corp. and the Football, Soccer and Baseball Complex Development Corp.

The Spaceport Development Corp. will be working with $2 million, which is the amounted granted by the state from its Spaceport Trust Fund.

TIRZ won't be receiving ad valorem tax revenue, as voted on by City Council on Aug. 12. Just $20,000, from interest income, will be the TIRZ's revenue for its final year of operation.

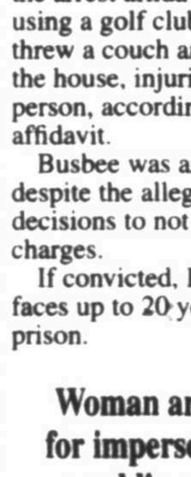
MDC and the Sports Complex Development Corp. each are budgeted to receive $10.6 million from sales tax in the upcoming fiscal year.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man allegedly throws couch, swings golf club at 2 people

A 24-year-old Midland man was arrested Saturday after he threw a couch and rocks and swung a golf club, injuring two people, according to court documents.


Busbee

Justin Trey Busbee was being held Monday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Midland police officers responded to a disturbance at about 9:15 p.m. Saturday in the 900 block of West Taylor Avenue.

Busbee hit a family member with a golf club after the alleged victim confronted one of Busbee's friends about some money missing from the residence, according to the arrest affidavit. Before using a golf club, Busbee threw a couch and rocks in the house, injuring another person, according to the affidavit.

Busbee was arrested, despite the alleged victims' decisions to not press charges.

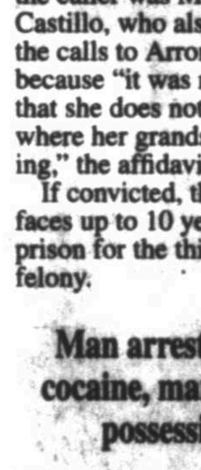
If convicted, Busbee faces up to 20 years in prison.

Woman arrested for impersonating a public servant

A Midland woman was arrested Thursday for allegedly pretending to be a district attorney to obtain the address of her grandchildren's guardian.

Margarita Castillo, 37, of Midland is being held on a more than $2,500 bond for the third-degree felony charge of impersonating a public servant.

Midland police arrested Castillo's son — 21-year-old Arron Castillo of Lubbock — last year on a first-degree felony charge of murder in the death of 21-year-old Kyara West, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.


Castillo

Police discovered West's body at the Midland Village Apartments after a July 2013 shooting, which could have been connected to a custody dispute involving a child the couple had, according to Arron Castillo's arrest affidavit.

A guardian received custody of the children earlier this month but later started receiving phone calls from a woman claiming to be a district attorney asking for her address, according to the arrest affidavit.

Through caller ID, the guardian determined the calls were coming from someone in the Castillo family, according to the affidavit.

An investigation by the Midland Police Department and District Attorney's Office confirmed the caller was Margarita Castillo, who also admitted the calls to Arron Castillo because "it was ridiculous that she does not know where her grandson is living," the affidavit states.

If convicted, the woman faces up to 10 years in prison for the third-degree felony.

Man arrested for cocaine, marijuana possession

A 29-year-old Tulia man was arrested Saturday for possessing cocaine and marijuana at a hotel, according to court documents.

Michael Lynn McCray, 29, of Tulia was being held Monday on a $70,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams and a state jail felony charge of possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

Midland police officers were patrolling at about 7 p.m. Saturday near a hotel in the 3800 block of West Wall Street.


McCray

The officers saw McCray and three other people through a room's open hotel door and saw McCray grab a small plastic bag on a table. McCray tried to hide the baggie from the officers, who later determined it contained about 1.1 grams of cocaine, according to the arrest affidavit.

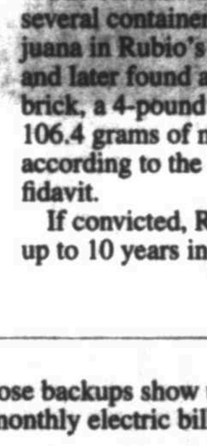
They also found 7.75 ounces of marijuana inside the room, according to the report.

If convicted, McCray faces up to 10 years in prison for the third-degree felony and up to two years for the state jail felony.

Man arrested with bricks of marijuana

A 28-year-old Midlander was arrested Friday for possessing more than 10.2 pounds of marijuana in his home, according to court documents.

Homero Rubio, was held on a $50,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of possession of marijuana between 5 and 50 pounds. He posted bond and was released on Monday.


Rubio

DPS officials were conducting sex-offender checks on Friday when they made contact with Rubio in the 3400 block of South County Road 1200.

The officials noticed several containers of marijuana in Rubio's kitchen, and later found a 6-pound brick, a 4-pound brick and 106.4 grams of marijuana, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted, Rubio faces up to 10 years in prison.

BILLS

From 1A

normal as the oil and gas industry continues to thrive in West Texas.

Sucking up energy

Texas is reveling in unprecedented oil production, triggered by technological advances such as hydraulic fracturing. The state is producing more than 90 million barrels of oil each month. That's easily more than twice the monthly oil production from three years ago, accounting for more than one-third of all U.S. production, according to federal data.

West Texas has played a starring role. Its Permian Basin, whose steady production before a 1980s price crash cemented Texas' reputation as an oil-rich state, is now the most lucrative region in the U.S. Texas regulators are issuing more than twice the drilling permits there than they did in 2007.

But producing that oil requires plenty of energy. And as operators connect rigs, pump jacks, compressors and other equipment to the energy grid, they suck more electricity.

From 2007 to 2012, energy consumption in West Texas increased by nearly 14 percent, according to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, or ERCOT, which manages the grid covering most of the state.

Generating electricity isn't the biggest issue. The problem lies in sending power to all who need it. Many of the region's aging transmission lines, like congested interstates at rush hour, are not equipped to handle the surge in demand. To skirt those bottlenecks, grid operators switch on less efficient power plants, backups that are more expensive. The extra costs of running those backups show up on consumers' monthly electric bills.

Big costs

Though West Texas' congestion costs have fallen, they are still higher than those anywhere else in the Texas.

In 2012, congestion charges in the state's west zone averaged about $11.47 per megawatt-hour, according to an analysis by Priority Power Management, a Midland-based firm that helps clients manage energy supply and demand. At the same time, the rest of Texas paid about 53 cents per megawatt. (A megawatt-hour can power 500 typical Texas homes for an hour during mild weather.)

In 2013, west zone congestion prices averaged about $6.08 per megawatt-hour, while the rest of the state paid about 43 cents. Through August this year, prices in the west are closer to $5 per megawatt-hour.

Not long ago, energy users across the state shared local congestion costs. But in late 2010, Texas shifted to a "nodal" wholesale energy method. That mechanism instead spreads transmission costs among ratepayers within the grid's four zones: north, south, west and Houston area. The change left West Texas with higher bills.

That was bad news for Seymour, a town of roughly 2,500 people that sits 50 miles southwest of Wichita Falls — hundreds of miles from Midland and Odessa — and fancies itself "the crossroads of North Texas." Congestion costs in the city, which lies inside the grid's west zone, have totaled as much as 10 percent of the municipal energy bill, amounting to tens of thousands of dollars per month, prompting local leaders to ask regulators to more swiftly address the problem.

Midland ISD approves final budget for 2014-15

By Tessa Duvall
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Midland ISD's board of trustees on Monday granted final approval of the district's budget for the upcoming year.

The budget includes $216.3 million in general fund revenue, with $215.8 million in expenditures, leaving the district with a more than $500,000 surplus for the year.

The district's largest expense is instructional services at nearly $108.4 million. Recapture payments to the state are the second-largest item in the budget, coming it at $33 million, according to board materials.

The approved budget provides a 2.5 percent of midpoint raise for all district employees, pay adjustments for bus drivers and campus administration and a $1,000 stipend for support staff.

A first-year teacher will earn $48,000, up from $47,000 last year, according to the salary schedule the board approved in July. The raise is in addition to teachers' pay increase that comes with their additional year of experience on the district salary schedule. Bus drivers will earn about $4 more per hour, according to Reporter-Telegram archives.

At their Aug. 11 meeting, trustees approved proposing a maintenance and operations tax rate of $1.04 per $100 valuation for the upcoming year, which is the same as the current year. The debt service rate will be 10 cents per $100 valuation, up from 9 cents previously.

The board will adopt a final tax rate at its Sept. 8 meeting, which is 5:30 p.m. at the central administration building. The board originally planned to adopt the rate at its Monday meeting, but because of an error in the published public notice, the vote was delayed in order to avoid any confusion.

In addition to the general fund budget, trustees also approved $10.8 million in expenditures in the food service fund and $18.8 million in the debt service fund. Together, all funds represent $245.4 million in district spending.

More board news

■ Trustees voted to make Angel Hernandez of District 2 the board's secretary. The role of secretary was previously held by Karen Fullen, who resigned from the board earlier this month because she was moving from Midland.

■ The district officially hired more than 100 elementary and secondary school personnel, including teachers, interventionists and counselors.

'Breaking Bad' wins top drama award

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "Modern Family" won a record-tying fifth best comedy series Emmy Award and a dominant "Breaking Bad" captured the top drama award and a trio of acting honors in Monday's ceremony, which took a somber turn as Robin Williams was remembered with restraint and grace by his longtime friend, Billy Crystal.

"He made us laugh. Hard. Every time you saw him," Crystal said of Williams at the conclusion of a tribute to industry members who died last year. "Robin Williams, what a concept."

Bryan Cranston was honored as best actor in a drama for "Breaking Bad," proving that "True Detective" nominee Matthew McConaughey's movie-star appeal couldn't conquer all.

"I have gratitude for everything that has happened," Cranston said. His victory ties him with four-time best drama actor champ Dennis Franz. Cranston's co-stars Aaron Paula and Anna Gunn were honored in categories for best drama supporting acting.

"Thank you for this wonderful farewell to our show," said "Breaking Bad" creator Vince Gilligan said of the series about a teacher-turned-drug kingpin that ended with a bang.

"The Good Wife" star Julianna Margulies won the Emmy for best lead actress in a drama series. "What a wonderful time for women on television," Margulies said.

McConaughey was the object of too-handsome jokes by presenter Jimmy Kimmel and adoration by winner Gail Mancuso, honored as best director for an episode of "Modern Family."

1 injured in high-speed crash on Highway 158

From staff reports

One man was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital on Monday with unknown injuries after a high-speed crash on Highway 158.

Department of Public Safety troopers and emergency personnel responded at about 8:30 p.m. Monday on Highway 158 near Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

A man driving north in a white sports car failed to control speed and crashed into the back of a trailer being towed by a truck, according to troopers.

That driver of the car was taken to MMH; no one else was injured in the crash.

The injured driver will be cited for his involvement in the crash, the trooper said.

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The man is Robert Manelis, general manager of BHP Billiton's Permian operations, speaks during the firm's presentation of its $650,000 pledge to the West Texas Food Bank on Monday.

BHP Billiton partners with West Texas Food Bank

From staff reports

The West Texas Food Bank has begun a partnership with BHP Billiton, in which the global resource company has pledged a total of $650,000 to fund programs aimed at alleviating hunger in the West Texas area.

"One of our core values at BHP Billiton is sustainability in the communities we serve," said Robert Manelis, general manager of BHP Billiton's Permian Basin operations. "Key to this region's sustainability is confronting hunger, particularly among children and the elderly.

Coming Friday

Read more in-depth coverage of BHP Billiton's pledge to the West Texas Food Bank in the Faith & Philanthropy section.

"Hunger, in turn, is linked to other community issues such as education and poverty. We have an opportunity to address hunger head on by building this partnership with the West Texas Food Bank," he said Monday during a press conference.

Of the donation, $500,000 will go toward completing the food bank's "Build Today – Feed Tomorrow" capital campaign to upgrade its facilities and expand programs. Among the products of the capital campaign will be the BHP Billiton Community Kitchen, which will also be used for the food bank's Kids Café program.

The remaining $150,000 will be donated over the next three years to fund the Food 2 Kids program in Reeves County. The program provides weekend meals for children who school personnel identify as being at-risk of hunger.

"Their donation completes the 13-month campaign, putting us over our original goal and allowing us to fund the BHP Billiton Community Kitchen," said Libby Campbell, executive director of the West Texas Food Bank. "Going above and beyond that donation, their second gift to the Food 2 Kids program will ensure that hundreds of kids in Reeves County don't go hungry this year. We couldn't be more thankful for the partnership."

Trooper: Weather causes tractor-trailer wrecks

Associated Press

GOODNIGHT — Texas authorities say strong winds in the Texas Panhandle have caused the rollovers of two highway tractor-trailers.

A Department of Public Safety spokesman told the Amarillo Globe-News that two people were injured in a wreck Sunday near Goodnight. Another tractor-trailer crashed near Claude less than an hour later.

He said both accidents were weather-related.

A National Weather Service meteorologist said thunderstorm wind gusts were at speeds of up to 70 mph at the time.

The spokesman said a man and a woman were hospitalized after the first wreck. Their conditions are unclear, but he said the injuries don't appear to be life-threatening. The driver of the second vehicle was uninjured.

Police shoot man suspected of abducting his children

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dallas police say they fatally shot a 29-year-old man accused of abducting his two young children after ramming their mother's car.

The episode began Monday morning when the mother took her three children to her apartment and found a pickup owned by her ex, Steven Douglas, parked outside. A police statement said Douglas began chasing the car in his truck until he rammed the woman's car, forced it to a stop, grabbed a 9-year-old girl and 1-year-old boy at gunpoint and drove off.

Officers spotted and pursued the green truck until it crashed with another vehicle.

Douglas fled on foot to an auto repair service bay. There he pointed a handgun at a police officer, who shot Douglas to death, the statement said.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Justin T. Campbell, 35, of Midland was charged Sunday with credit card or debit card abuse.

Deondra A. Hostetter, 26, of Midland was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Saxon A. Johnson, 23, of Midland was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Myra L. Nelson, 22, of Snyder was charged Sunday with theft from person and forgery of a financial instrument.

Justin N. Rodriguez, 18, of Midland was charged Sunday with obstruction or retaliation.

Mitchell G. Williams, 27, of Midland was charged Sunday with theft from a person.

Michael E. Younger, 51, of Midland was charged Sunday with sexual assault of a child.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Senior care experts encourage families to talk about aging

Nearly two-thirds of American families are avoiding conversations that could impact the future of aging parents, according to a care network dedicated to support and education for senior adults.

That's why Home Instead Senior Care instituted a "40-70 Rule" program to get families talking about important and health end-of-life issues when children turn 40 and parents turn 70.

"Discussing aging issues — such as living arrangements, finances, dating, end-of-life decisions and driving — early and often can save families years of heartache, tension and even legal battles," according to a press release from the network.

A health crisis or emergency precipitates about 70 percent of family conversations about aging, according to the release.

"Unfortunately, it is often not until a crisis happens that families consider these important discussions," said Missey Chavez, administrator of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Midland, in a prepared statement. "Although the prospect of addressing sensitive topics can often be intimidating, it's critical for these conversations to happen before it's too late."

Call 689-4663 or visit 4070talk.com for more information about the program.

Extension agent, Casa de Amigos team up for free cancer screenings

A pink party will offer free mammograms and pap tests for women this week.

The cancer screenings, sponsored by the local Texas A&M University AgriLife extension office, are set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Casa de Amigos, 1101 Garden Lane.

Mammograms lower the risk of breast cancer death by 35 percent of women older than 50, according to breastcancer.org.

Call Sylvia Lemos at 682-9701 or Candace Carter at 686-4700 for more information.

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Mimicking the airlines, hotels get fee-happy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Forget bad weather, traffic jams and kids asking, "Are we there yet?" The real headache for many travelers is a quickly-growing list of hotel surcharges, even for items they never use.

Guaranteeing two queen beds or one king bed will cost you, as will checking in early or checking out late. Don't need the in-room safe? You're likely still paying. And the overpriced can of soda may be the least of your issues with the hotel minibar.

Vacationers are finding it harder to anticipate the true cost of their stay, especially because many of these charges vary from hotel to hotel, even within the same chain.

Coming out of the recession, the travel industry grew fee-happy. Car rental companies charged extra for services such as electronic toll collection devices and navigation systems. And airlines gained notoriety for adding fees for checking luggage, picking seats in advance, skipping lines at security and boarding early. Hotel surcharges predate the recession, but recently properties have been catching up to the rest of the industry.

"The airlines have done a really nice job of making hotel fees and surcharges seem reasonable," says Bjorn Hanson, a professor at New York University's hospitality school.

This year, hotels will take in a record $2.25 billion in revenue from such add-ons, 6 percent more than in 2013 and nearly double that of a decade ago, according to a new study released Monday by Hanson. Nearly half of the increase can be attributed to new surcharges and hotels increasing the amounts of existing fees.

Hanson says guests need to be "extra-attentive" to the fine print. Fewer and fewer services come for free.

Need to check out by noon but don't have a flight until after dinner? Hotels once stored luggage as a courtesy. Now, a growing number charge $1 or $2 per bag.

Shipping something to the hotel in advance of your trip? There could be a fee for that too. The Hyatt Regency San Antonio, which subcontracts its business center to FedEx Office, charges $10 to $25 to receive a package, depending on weight.

Some budget hotels charge $1.50 a night for in-room safes.

Convincing a front desk employee to waive a fee at checkout is getting harder. Fees are more established, better disclosed and hotel employees are now trained to politely say no.

"It's the most difficult it's ever been to get a charge removed," Hanson says.

U.S. hotels last year took in $122.2 billion in room revenue, according to travel research company STR. Fees only add an extra 2 percent in revenue, but Hanson notes the majority of that money is pure profit.

Some guests are revolting.

Royce Breckon travels frequently for his job marketing outdoor sporting equipment but refuses to spend the night at any hotel charging for Internet. Charges typically range from $10 to $25 a night.

"You can walk into just about any coffee shop and have it for free," Breckon says.

The American Hotel and Lodging Association says fees are common in the travel business and that its members disclose them at the time of booking.

Hotels first started adding surcharges in 1997, mostly at resorts with expansive pools, tennis courts and fancy gyms. The so-called resort fees paid for staff to set up beach umbrellas and lounge chairs. Three years later, hotels added energy surcharges to cover rising utility bills.

Hotels then refrained from adding any major surcharge for several years. But as airlines and car rental agencies made fees commonplace, hotels started to think up new ones, collecting record amounts in each of the past four years, according to Hanson's research.

Even the in-room minibar — a decades-old splurge — isn't safe from the new wave of add-ons.

At the Liberty Hotel in Boston a cold can of Coke from the minibar costs $5. That's just the base price. The fine print on the menu reveals an 18-percent "administrative fee" to restock the bar.

Elsewhere, the in-room offerings more conspicuous. Jimmy R. Howell was shocked by the W San Diego's efforts to sell him snacks and drinks.

"Usually these extras are kept under lock and key," Howell says. At the W, they were "strewn about" the room, above the bar, on the desk, nightstands and in the bathroom. "It seems like an effort to tempt you."

Even moving an item in the minibar can generate a fee.

The Aria Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, like many other hotels, bills items to guests' rooms if sensors in the minibar note they have been removed for more than 60 seconds — enough time, hotels say, to read the nutritional information and make a decision.

The Aria goes one step further. It also charges a $25 a day "personal use fee" if a guest puts their own soda or bottled water in the minibar. A guest in need of a mini refrigerator can have one delivered to their room — for an extra $35 a night.

Some hotels are bucking the trend. Hyatt's upscale boutique Andaz chain offers complimentary local snacks and non-alcoholic drinks from its minibars.



Associated Press

People wait in line to check into the Bellagio hotel in Las Vegas on Aug. 17. This year, hotels will take in a record $2.25 billion in revenue from fees and surcharges, 6 percent more than in 2013 and nearly double that of a decade ago, according to a new study. Nearly half of the increase can be attributed to new surcharges and hotels increasing the amounts of existing fees.

Businesses: Quake cleanup shouldn't deter tourists

Associated Press

NAPA, Calif. — The earthquake that jarred California's wine capital caused $1 billion in damage, Napa County officials estimated Monday as business owners mopped up high-end vintages that spilled from barrels and bottles and swept away broken glass in the rush to get the tourist hotspot back in shape for the summer's final holiday weekend.

With the dust still settling from Sunday's magnitude-6.0 temblor centered near the city of Napa, government and tourism officials assessing its economic and structural impact encouraged visitors to keep flocking to the charming towns, tasting rooms, restaurants and spas that drive the Napa Valley economy.

While cleanup will take time and broken water mains remained a problem, they said, the worst damage and disruption was confined to the city's downtown, where a post office, library and a 141-room hotel were among 150 homes and buildings deemed unsafe to occupy.

The strongest earthquake to hit the San Francisco Bay Area in a quarter-century also caused several injuries, triggered fires that destroyed or damaged six mobile homes, and ruptured gas lines.

"Clearly, we are concerned that people are going to see that it was a catastrophe, and it certainly wasn't good, but it wasn't a catastrophe by any means," Clay Gregory, president of tourism organization Visit Napa Valley, said as workers at a shuttered downtown visitor's center updated lists of open wineries and surveyed hotels about cancellations. "The real story is that it has impacted a very small part of the valley."

In Napa Valley, two hotels and 12 wineries were still closed Monday, as well as many of the businesses downtown, he said.

Local officials have an early working estimate that Napa Valley suffered $1 billion in property damage, but they hope the long-term economic impact of the quake to businesses will be modest.

Napa County Supervisor Bill Dodd said. He said 80 percent of the valley's 500 or so wineries were unaffected.

If people "think Napa is devastated, it's anything but devastated. We're only 24 hours out from an earthquake, and we're on our way back," Dodd said.

CoreLogic Eqecat, which models economic losses from disasters, estimates that insured losses from the earthquake could range from $500 million to $1 billion. Vineyards have already started to harvest their grapes, crush them and store the juice. If the earthquake had happened before the harvest, Eqecat notes, the losses would have been lower.

The wine business and associated tourist crowds represent a bulk of Napa County's economy. Visit Napa Valley estimates that 3 million tourists spend $1.4 billion a year within the county. The Napa Valley Vintners trade association says the industry generates more than $13 billion of economic activity each year, including 46,000 local jobs.

The Napa Valley Wine Train, which offers tourists a three-hour journey through 18 miles of wine country, canceled its service Monday but planned to resume trips Tuesday. Other tour operators said they were taking it one day at a time, readjusting tours as each winery decides when to reopen.

"We've definitely had to make some last-minute adjustments for this week as people are assessing damage," said Sherry Laseke, whose family owns Saint Helena Wine Tours, a boutique luxury tour operator. "Everybody is dealing with broken glass."

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Two of the most popular options come from Shaw: Petrified Hickory and Fired Hickory. Here is how Shaw's website describes Fired Hickory. "(It) is our new glazed porcelain tile that looks like beautifully scraped, rustic hickory. It has all the look of natural, warm wood—with cross-sawn marks, worm holes, and swirls."

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Is Obama indifferent or does he not care?

■ President's golfing is not just respite, but is a symbol of his detachment



MICHAEL GERSON
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Having once served a president, I don't begrudge any president a vacation. There is, in fact, no escape from this relentless job. A change of scenery does not involve a change in responsibilities, or even a release from the essence of the president's routine. The intelligence briefings stalk him. Presidential respites are measured in hours, not days or weeks — say, a few hours on a golf course. And the public would be selfish and shortsighted to demand those downtime hours, which are necessary for humans to function.

The problem for President Obama has come in managing the symbolic aspect of his office. Playing a round at the Farm Neck Golf Club was appropriate. Giving a speech after the murder of James Foley was necessary. It is the immediate juxtaposition of beheading and golfing that should have raised questions.

Those questions would have been so obvious to any reasonably competent deputy press secretary that the incident raises further issues: Is there really no one on the White House staff with the standing to confront Obama when he is about to make a self-evident mistake? Is he surrounded by sycophancy? Or has re-election liberated Obama from all considerations of symbolism or appropriateness?

One gets the impression of a particular message being sent. The president is so aggressively indifferent to appearances that he doesn't really seem indifferent at all. He appears to be telling the media, his political critics and the world: You can criticize me, vilify me, challenge me; but you are powerless, at least, to change my tee time. It shows resilience. Yet there is a fine line between not giving an inch and not giving a damn.

Our view of presidential character is often conditioned by the direction of events. When a president is succeeding, he might be regarded as principled. When he is failing, the same leader may be viewed as stubborn. A president who is considered flexible in success might be called slippery in failure. A leader's virtues can become his weaknesses — or maybe they are inseparable. Our admiration becomes our indictment.

President Obama rose to prominence, in part, because of a certain aloofness and emotional distance. The contrast to his opponent in the 2008 election, John McCain, was particularly vivid during the financial collapse. McCain seemed excitable and unsteady; Obama was cool and self-contained.

In political success, Obama's manner was reassuring. As his failures have multiplied, he seems disconnected and tone-deaf. It must be frustrating for the president to know he is actually the same leader, and tempting to display a defiant unconcern.

But this is not just a matter of image management. Obama now faces the defining crisis of his presidency — the rise of a terrorist state at the heart of the Middle East with global ambitions of violence — which suddenly demands a different set of attributes: resolution, clarity, inspiration. The traits and views that aided his political rise — an emotional and geopolitical disengagement — are not sufficient to the moment. Even some of his traditional supporters have begun to fear that the president's golfing has become not merely a respite but a symbol of detachment.

As the president has vacationed, senior officials have talked of efforts to "stall," "contain," "degrade," "defeat" and "destroy" the Islamic State. These words actually mean very different things, indicating either a major internal administration debate or utter confusion. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel describes the Islamic State as an "imminent threat to every interest we have." But a senior defense official was recently quoted as saying, "There is no policy" to deal with this imminent threat.

In his public statements, Obama has carefully avoided resolving or clarifying his administration's ultimate policy goal. He has consistently downplayed America's incremental (but escalating) military actions. He has promised to be "relentless" toward some unspecified end. He has argued that the Islamic State has "no place in the 21st century" — as though the appeal of radical Islamism should have faded like bell bottoms and disco.

For years, Obama has reacted to events in the Middle East, and lately been at their mercy. Now he must provide some assurance that he is shaping events with a strategy that culminates in the end of the Islamic State. As a matter of policy, this will require recognition that Iraq and Syria are one theater in a long-term struggle that does not fade when we ignore it. As a matter of leadership, it will require a certain trumpet, for a change.

OUR VIEW

Perry was right to call out drunken driving conviction

Texas Gov. Rick Perry often comes across as partisan, and sometimes, not likable. In our view, he should have moved aside years ago and let the next generation of conservative leaders help shape our state. We admit we are not excited about a possible second Perry run for president. It makes as much sense as his failed Trans-Texas Corridor project, his veto of Tom Craddick's bill to ban texting while driving and his mandating a HPV shot program when it was being pushed by a company that, according to the Wall Street Journal, donated to his campaign.

Having written that, we tend to agree there's not much substance in Perry's indictment. When talking to those who support it, the best they can say is a special prosecutor is handling the case. We believe the Democrats, including the head of the Texas Democratic Party, should think twice about calling for Perry to step down based on an indictment about which MSNBC contributor Mark Halperin said "is the stupidest thing I've seen in, I think, my entire career." Again, this isn't some Fox News mouthpiece.

We also are disappointed that more Democrats, including state Sen. Wendy Davis, aren't saying Perry was actually right to call for accountability in the Travis County District Attorney's Office. The fact that its district attorney — Rosemary Lehmberg — is having her behavior called into question because of a well-documented DWI arrest and conviction is embarrassing for the state of Texas. If state funds go to the DA's office for the state's Public Integrity Unit, shouldn't the state executive require integrity in its leadership? Why would Democrats be opposed to that?

Drunken driving is not a slap-on-the-wrist offense, and we should hold our public officials to a higher standard when it comes to DWI convictions. In our view, that was the point Perry was making, and we support that point 100 percent. We hope our Democratic friends would do so also.

There are many reasons to be counting down the days before the next governor is sworn in. Perry's asking for Lehmberg's resignation before the state commits public resources to an "integrity" unit, isn't one of them.

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We misread our demographics

■ Americans should worry about all racism and not just against nonwhites



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"War" is too strong a word to use in regard to race relations. Despite continuing income inequality or how often the justice system seems to lack fairness when applied to nonwhites, few Americans would say that whites are waging a war on people of color.

Even as Ferguson, Missouri, smolders after the shooting of a black teenager in a majority African-American town overseen by an almost all-white political leadership, "war" is too hyperbolic a statement. Bias, discrimination and neglect, certainly — but not war.

This is why, in the days before Ferguson erupted, the contention of a member of Congress — Rep. Mo Brooks, R-Alabama — that there is a "war on whites" was roundly laughed off.

As Washington Post columnist Eugene Robinson put it, just by looking at measures of economic well-being, "if there really were a 'war on whites' ... it wouldn't be going very well for the anti-white side."

And yet there is a certain aggressive, popular and constant put-down of white Americans that seems to be more prevalent today than I can remember.

The power-in-numbers momentum behind the country's demographic change from majority white to majority nonwhite has become a media obsession, with varying degrees of white-people-are-going-extinct relish.

"White Students to No Longer Be Majority in Schools," says ABC. "White Students Majority Ends; Minority Enrollment More Than Half," says Newsmax, referring to data from the National Center for Education Statistics showing that while non-Hispanic whites are still expected to be the largest racial group in the public schools this year at 49.8 percent, minority students, when added together, will make up the majority.

"Living in 'Gringolandia,'" a fish-out-of-water story about Hispanics living in a predominantly white community, was featured on NBC.com. If you substituted white residents in any minority population, the article likely would have been considered racist.

Then there is the #WhatLatinosLookLike campaign, which was part of a furious backlash to a New York Times article that posited that Hispanics are likely to increasingly identify as white on census forms as part of the American assimilation process (which, other research has also predicted), as if that was so terrible.

We also see constant predictions that the Republican Party will die along with all the "old white men."

Readers often ask me why I can't dismiss the GOP as racist and hateful toward nonwhites. My response is that when your father-in-law is an "old white man" and your husband and two sons will someday be, too, you tend to view "old white people" differently.

I know my rural, Southern in-laws see Hispanics in something more than a stereotypically simplistic manner because they love me and their grandchildren and my parents.

I'd be willing to bet that the same is true in the case of the part of my family that is black and the part that is Asian. And in my own neighborhood, half-black, half-Asian and half-Hispanic kids go to their still-majority-white school together without giving too much consideration to race.

One not-so-distant day, our country's increasing interracial couplings, births and marriages will create a population that will be far less focused on our differences and more loyal to what binds us together: our families.

This is not to say that we don't have a lot of hard work ahead. We should all worry about all racism, not just the kind that targets nonwhites. We must all open our eyes to who we live alongside, who governs us, who has power and resources and who has none. Part of understanding and preventing what happened in Ferguson depends on us all facing up to our implicit biases — a challenge we can rise to.

Cited in a 2013 posting — "End of White America: Should We Care?" — on the African-American news site The Root, pollster Cornell Belcher put it beautifully: "I wish people would pay more attention to the idea that whether you're black, brown, white or what have you, we have far more in common than not. ... It's important over the next decade or so for us to really connect [our] value threads and use those threads to pull us all together."

We can make these connections; there is hope. Our impending demographic tsunami will bring discomfort to some, but it will be more of an opportunity than a problem.

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WASHINGTON

Ryan says he's weighing possible White House run

Paul Ryan was No. 2 on the Republicans' presidential ballot in 2012, and the Wisconsin congressman is thinking about whether he'll try to move to the top of his party's ticket in 2016.

When asked on Sunday about the possibility of running, Ryan said he and his family will "take very seriously and weigh" the decision next year. Ryan has said he is not eager to spend even more time away from his small Wisconsin hometown where he and his wife, Janna, have raised their own family.

Ryan told CBS' "Face the Nation" his new book is designed to unify conservatives about tackling the nation's most critical problems.

Ryan said the 2012 ticket lost for many reasons, but he wishes that former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney would run again.

MIAMI

Ex-Gov. Crist seeks job back as Democrat

A former Republican governor of Florida, Charlie Crist, campaigned at early voting sites and black churches on the final weekend before a state Democratic primary as he sought his old job back under a different party affiliation.

Crist attended a South Florida church service on Sunday, sitting two rows in front of the state's former Senate Democratic leader and chief primary rival Nan Rich. Both he and his underdog opponent have campaigned heavily in populous Miami-Dade and Broward counties of South Florida in hopes of boosting voter turnout for today's primary.

The Democratic winner is expected to face Republican Gov. Rick Scott, who has only minor opposition in the Republican primary. Scott has focused most of his re-election bid on Crist and polls show a tight race for governor likely should he and Crist meet in the general contest. Crist's effort to return to the governor's office as a Democrat is being closely watched nationally.

Crist was once considered a potential running mate for 2008 Republican presidential nominee John McCain, but his political fortunes changed after a widely publicized photo of him hugging President Barack Obama during a 2009 rally in support of the $787 billion federal stimulus. Crist later lost a Senate campaign as an independent and then made the final conversion to Democrat after campaigning heavily for Obama's re-election.

On Sunday, Rich and Crist both shook hands, then both swayed to the gospel music, Rich clapping her hands to the beat. They both also visited the same early voting site at a library in Miami Gardens, where Rich quietly walked through the crowd talking to voters about issues such as education and health care.

By contrast, Crist was surrounded by a large crowd where he posed for pictures and shouted out "I love you" to supporters.

That the two Democrats were campaigning head-to-head was a change from the way the primary has played out over past months. Crist has refused to debate Rich and rarely acknowledged her as a candidate, frustrating Rich and her supporters who wanted an opportunity to point out their differences.



AP file photo

Gov. Rick Perry talks to the media and supporters Aug. 19 after he was booked at the Blackwell Thurman Criminal Justice Center in Austin.

Perry's lawyers ask judge for dismissal of charges

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Attorneys for indicted Republican Gov. Rick Perry formally asked a judge Monday to dismiss felony charges alleging that the possible 2016 presidential candidate abused his power with a veto last summer.

In a 60-page motion filed in state district court in Austin, Perry's high-powered defense team argues that the law being used to prosecute the longest-serving governor in Texas history is unconstitutionally vague.

They go on to claim that "attempts to convert inescapably political disputes into criminal complaints" shouldn't be allowed to go forward. Perry has emphatically rejected the charges as a political ploy and pleaded not guilty since he was indicted on two felony counts more than a week ago.

Perry is accused of leveraging his veto power in June 2013 to try to oust a Democratic district attorney who was convicted of drunken driving.

"Texans deserve what their State's constitution guarantees: a Governor with the power to approve or disapprove of bills," reads the filing.

The filing was not unexpected. While Perry was in New Hampshire on Friday continuing his courtship of GOP voters for another potential White House run, one of his attorneys said the motion was imminent following a meeting in Austin with the Republican judge overseeing the case.

Michael McCrum, the special prosecutor, emerged from that meeting saying he remained confident in the charges.

Perry cut off $7.5 million in state funds to the unit — which prosecutes public corruption in Texas — when Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg refused to resign following her drunken driving arrest.

Perry is charged with violating state laws related to bribery and corruption. His attorneys argue in the filing that the section of the law "is fatally vague and overbroad" and doesn't define what actions are legal on one hand and illegal on the other.

He is charged with abuse of official capacity and coercion of a public servant. If convicted, Perry could face a maximum 109 years in prison.

Perry adds to legal team

Gov. Rick Perry has added a sixth prominent attorney to his all-star legal team that is fighting two felony charges of abuse of power.

Mark Fabiani on Monday was announced as the latest hire. He's a former special counsel to President Bill Clinton and was a deputy campaign manager for Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign.

Other high-profile clients of Fabiani include cyclist Lance Armstrong.

Fabiani joins Tony Buzbee, Ben Ginsberg, Bobby Burchfield, Tom Phillips and David Botsford. Botsford said Friday that they'll ask a judge to dismiss charges alleging that Perry unlawfully leveraged his power with a veto last summer.

Taxpayers have so far paid at least $80,000 for Perry's defense. But he announced last week campaign funds would be used to cover legal costs going forward.

Associated Press

Dempsey: Military will act if Islamic group threatens US

Associated Press

ABOARD A US MILITARY AIRCRAFT — Gen. Martin Dempsey says that once he determines the Islamic State militants in Iraq have become a direct threat to the U.S. homeland, he will recommend the U.S. military move directly against the group in Syria.

But the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said that right now, he still believes the insurgent group is still more a regional threat and is not plotting or planning attacks against either the U.S. or Europe.

Speaking on a military plane en route to Afghanistan on Sunday, Dempsey provided more detail into his thinking about the Islamic militants who have stormed across Iraq, operating out of safe havens in Syria.

Dempsey did not rule out strikes for any other critical reasons, but listed a homeland threat as one of the key triggers for any military action in Syria.

So far, the Obama administration has restricted its military action against the militants to specific operations within Iraq, but concerns have increased as the Islamic State group extended its reach, taking control of a swath of land stretching from Syria across the border and deep into western and northern Iraq.

The group took over Iraq's second largest city, Mosul, in June, and has since declared an Islamic state, or caliphate, in territory under its control in Iraq and Syria.

Dempsey also told reporters traveling with him that he believes that key allies in the region — including Jordan, Turkey and Saudi Arabia — will join the U.S. in quashing the Islamic State group.

"I think ISIS has been so brutal, and has wrapped itself in a radical religious legitimacy that clearly threatens everybody I just mentioned, that I think they will be willing partners," said Dempsey, expressing optimism for the first time that the Arab nations would join in the conflict. ISIS is an acronym for the Islamic State group.

At a Pentagon news conference last Thursday, Dempsey said the surging Islamic State group has an "apocalyptic, end-of-days strategic vision" in the Middle East and cannot be defeated unless confronted head-on in Syria.

"They can be contained, not in perpetuity," he said at the time.

"To your question," he told a reporter, "can they be defeated without addressing that part of their organization which resides in Syria? The answer is no. That will have to be addressed on both sides of what is essentially at this point a nonexistent border.

"And that will come when we have a coalition in the region that takes on the task," he said.

He contrasted the Islamic State group to the Yemen-based al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, which has plotted and attempted attacks against the U.S. and Europe. As a result, the U.S. has conducted counterterrorism strikes against the group within Yemen.

Dempsey said that so far, there is no sign that the Islamic State militants are engaged in "active plotting against the homeland, so it's different than that which we see in Yemen."

Dempsey in Afghanistan for transition talks

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Pentagon has developed plans that would allow American forces to remain in Afghanistan beyond the end of the year if the contested presidential election drags on and a security agreement isn't signed soon, the top U.S. military officer said Monday.

Shortly before landing in Kabul for a visit, Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, told reporters accompanying him on the trip that under optimal circumstances the U.S. would need about 120 days to pull all troops and equipment out of the country if there is no agreement allowing them to stay into 2015.

But Dempsey also said the U.S. can act quickly to pull out if necessary. And he added, "We've got our own planning mechanism in place should this thing extend a little further than we hoped it would."

Dempsey arrived in Afghanistan to attend the change of U.S. command. Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford will turn over control of the war effort to Army Gen. John Campbell.

The transition comes at a critical time as the election of a new president is stalled while an audit is conducted to determine the outcome. The lack of a president-elect creates a dilemma for the United States, which has said that all troops would leave by the end of the year unless the security agreement is signed.

But officials have suggested there is some leeway. If weeks from now there is still no agreement, the military could stay a bit into next year in order to conduct an orderly departure.

"We've said we need a (security agreement), not because necessarily we lack the authority to stay beyond the end of the year, but rather as an expression of good faith and good will" by the Afghan government, said Dempsey.

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Invasive insect threatens iconic Florida citrus

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LAKE WALES, Fla. — Citrus has always been synonymous with Florida.

The orange adorns the state license plate. The University of Florida's famed football stadium was named after an orange magnate. There is even a county called Citrus.

Throughout the decades, the citrus industry has always stood strong — through freezes, hurricanes and rampant development.

But now the $9 billion industry is facing its biggest threat yet, putting at risk the state's economy but also its very identity. Blame a mottled brown bug no bigger than a pencil eraser that carries a lethal disease.

In China, where the problem was first discovered, it's called huanglongbing. Translation: "the yellow dragon disease." In Florida, it's known simply as "greening."

It arrived here via an invasive bug called the Asian Citrus Psyllid, which carries bacteria that are left behind when the psyllid feeds on a citrus tree's leaves. The tree continues to produce useable fruit, but eventually disease clogs the vascular system. Fruit falls, and the tree slowly dies.

The psyllid isn't native to Florida, but it is believed to have arrived from someone who perhaps unknowingly brought a slip of a tree from Asia. Some think it then spread on the winds of hurricanes a decade ago. There is no cure for greening, and no country has ever successfully eradicated it.

All of that has Florida's growers in a frenzy to find a way to stop it.

"It feels like you're in a war," said Ellis Hunt Jr., whose family owns 5,000-plus acres of orange groves and is part of the co-op that contributes to Florida's Natural, the third-largest juice brand in the country.

Hunt estimates he's spending some $2,000 an acre on production costs, a 100 percent increase from 10 years ago. Much of that goes toward nutrients and spraying to try to control the psyllids. The thought of the demise of his farm — of Florida citrus — gnaws at him.

"We can't let this thing go down on our watch," he said.

Nearly all of the state's citrus groves are affected in varying degrees by greening disease, and researchers, growers and experts agree that the crisis has already started to compromise Florida's prominence as a citrus-growing region. Florida is second in the world, behind Brazil, in growing juice oranges, producing about 80 percent of juice in the U.S.

This past growing season, the state produced 104 million boxes of oranges, which comprise the bulk of Florida's overall citrus crop. In 2003, two years before greening was discovered and prior to several devastating hurricanes, 243 million boxes were picked.

"This affects the whole state. The economic impact. The landscape. The iconic image of Florida and how it has drawn people here to smell the orange blossoms in the spring and look forward to that Christmas gift of fresh Florida citrus," said state Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, whose family has grown oranges since the early 1900s.

"It will have a ripple effect throughout the economy if we can't get our arms around this disease."

Experts have said that if a solution isn't found, Florida's entire citrus industry — with its 75,000 jobs — could collapse. Compounding the problem is the timing of it: The disease coincides with an increase in foreign competition and a decrease in juice consumption as health-conscious consumers count carbs. In July, U.S. orange juice retail sales fell to the lowest level in 12 years for a second consecutive four-week period.



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On July 25, Nick Howell, 13, a member of the McLean family who owns Uncle Matt's organic orange juice company, places a vial containing the tamarixia wasp to release in their orange groves in hopes of combating the citrus greening disease, in Clermont, Fla. Florida's $9 billion citrus industry is facing its biggest threat yet by a tiny invasive bug called the Asian Citrus Psyllid, which carries bacteria that are left behind when the psyllid feeds on a citrus tree's leaves.



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On July 31, horticulture professor Fred Gmitter holds root stock of a citrus tree at the University of Florida Citrus Research and Education Center, in Lake Alfred, Fla. Gmitter is studying the citrus greening disease and has discovered that a certain variety of orange trees grafted onto one kind of rootstock appear to be more tolerant to greening.

The war room in the fight against the yellow dragon is found in Lake Alfred, 30 miles southwest of Walt Disney World, in a nondescript cluster of buildings at the University of Florida's Citrus Research and Education Center.

There, some of the world's top citrus researchers — from the U.S., China, Brazil, India — slouch over microscopes and peer into makeshift greenhouses, hoping to unlock the puzzle that is greening. They talk about nucleotides and genomes like regular folks order a sandwich.

They understand clearly that there is no magic bullet — an injection or spray, for example — to cure the disease instantly. So they concentrate on two things: a short-term workaround that will allow existing trees to survive, and a long-term solution — possibly three to five years away — to develop a greening resistant tree.

Experiments study everything from how fast the psyllid flies to how it's attracted to the odor of an infected tree. One French researcher has tied the bug to a string and a post to measure its flight patterns. Another study, underway at an organic grower's groves, assesses whether tiny wasps can be released en masse to gobble the bad bugs.

For three decades, horticulture professors Jude Grosser and Fred Gmitter have worked at the center, mostly studying citrus breeding and genetics. The two men are rock stars in the citrus world because of their vast knowledge. Now, much of their focus is on greening.

Grosser and Gmitter have discovered that a certain variety of orange trees grafted onto one particular kind of rootstock appears to be more tolerant to greening. Those trees could play a big role in managing the disease down the road.

"A lot of people are looking for miracle cures, but the answer for greening will be a number of different pieces," Grosser said.

The pair want a solution and fast. They've spent their careers developing different fruit varieties, such as easy-to-peel and extra-juicy oranges. Some varieties are nearly ready for release and sales, they said, but most growers don't want to take a chance on anything new until greening is gone.

"We need to give the tree a chance to beat the disease," said Grosser. "How can we do that?"

10 things to know

In the beginning

1. Florida historians say citrus trees were brought to the peninsula in the mid-1500s by Spanish explorers and first planted along the state's northeast coast, near St. Augustine. Oranges and grapefruits have been farmed commercially since the 1800s. By the mid-20th century, an aggressive marketing campaign led Americans to associate the state's abundant sunshine with orange juice.

Famous farmers

2. Walt Disney's parents once owned a citrus grove, as did novelist Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Famous pitchmen

3. Famous people have long promoted Florida OJ. Bing Crosby crooned about Minute Maid's "freshly frozen bright sunshine" in 1948. This year, the Florida Department of Citrus signed FOX Sports reporter Erin Andrews as a spokeswoman.

Oranges everywhere

4. In 1965, orange groves covered 695,824 acres. Because of development, hurricane damage and now greening, that number has diminished to 464,918 acres. There are, however, more orange trees planted in the state than a half-century ago: 61,838 trees compared to 53,893.

Greening emerges

5. First reported in China in 1943, greening disease mostly ended commercial citrus in Asia, except for Japan.

How it kills

6. Greening is a bacteria spread by the citrus psyllid, a tiny mottled brown bug. An infected psyllid sucks the soft tissue out of a citrus tree's leaves, depositing bacteria that clog the tree's vascular system and cause defoliation, massive fruit drop and root dieback. Eventually the tree dies.

Found in Florida

7. The psyllid isn't native to Florida, but it is believed to have arrived from someone who perhaps unknowingly brought a slip of a tree from Asia. The bug was first spotted in Florida in 1998.

Disease spreads

8. Greening has also been spotted in Brazil, where growers have cut down millions of trees and planted sugar cane instead. It's also been found in Mexico. In the U.S., greening so far has been detected in fewer than 200 commercial trees in Texas.

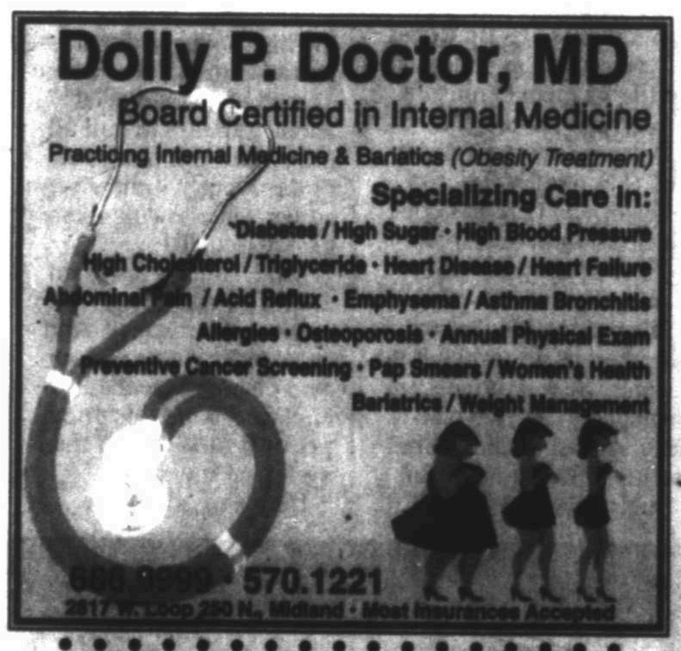
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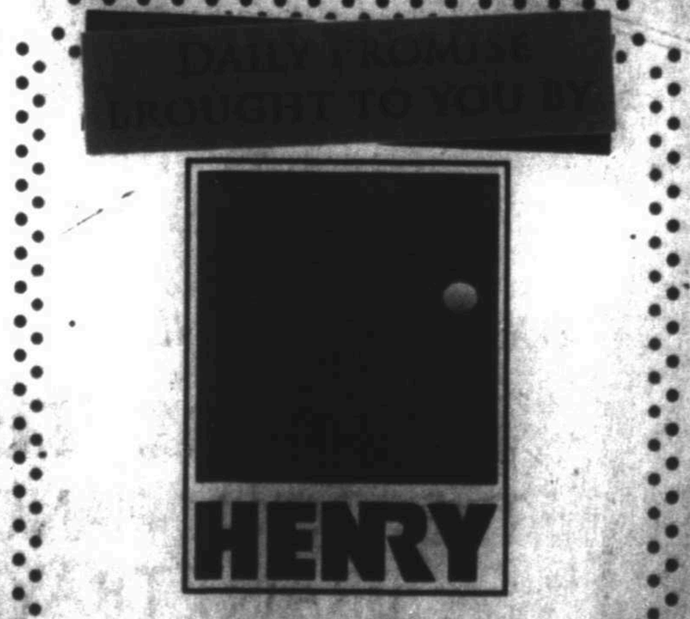
9. There is no cure for greening. But since 2008, $90 million has been spent in Florida on greening research. Possible solutions include one day developing a greening-resistant tree.

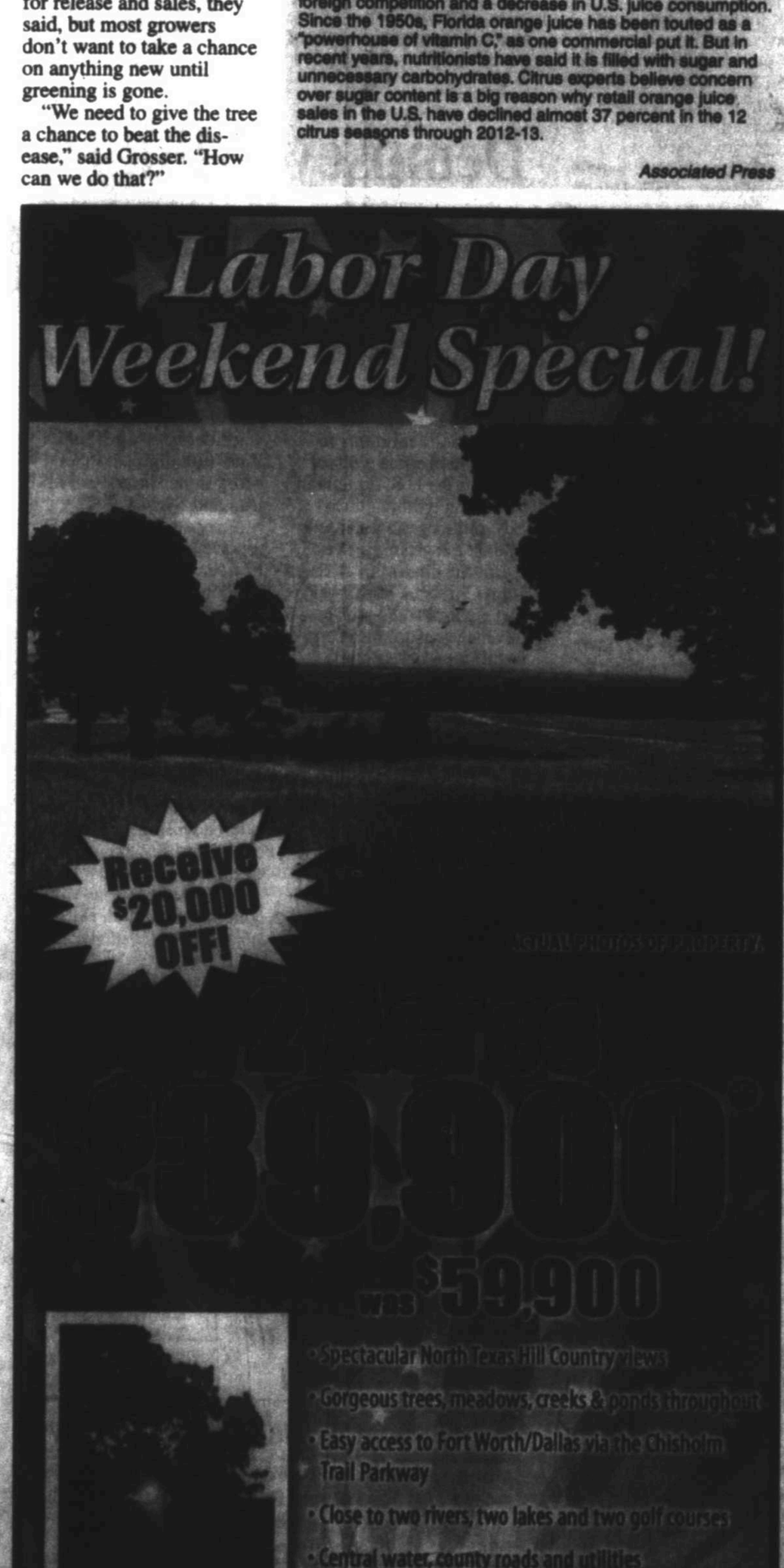
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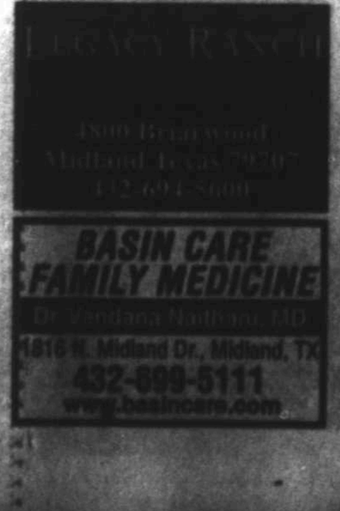
10. The spread of greening coincides with an increase in foreign competition and a decrease in U.S. juice consumption. Since the 1950s, Florida orange juice has been touted as a "powerhouse of vitamin C," as one commercial put it. But in recent years, nutritionists have said it is filled with sugar and unnecessary carbohydrates. Citrus experts believe concern over sugar content is a big reason why retail orange juice sales in the U.S. have declined almost 37 percent in the 12 citrus seasons through 2012-13.

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Alldredge Gardens to host farmers market

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Alldredge and Café at the Gardens are branching out into the community as they prepare to host a farmers market Saturday.

The inaugural farmers market will feature arts and crafts, chef demonstrations, live music, a bar and various demonstrations, in addition to the items available for visitors to peruse.

"We want to give people a different outlook at Alldredge Gardens. Our (motto) is 'We're more than just a garden," said Mariela Carmona, event coordinator and manager of Café at the Gardens. "Many people, when they think of Alldredge, they think irrigation and plants. We're so much more (than that) and we want to venture out with new ideas and new ways to intrigue people. We're a restaurant, we're a retail store, we're growing."

The market, which will be open 9 a.m.-2 p.m., is set to feature local and home-grown products such as baked goods, produce and herbs.

"We'll have an area for Alldredge (products)," said Carmona. "We've got a booth for our growings where they'll have some produce, some herbs (and) fruit."

While Alldredge will have an area to itself where it will be selling products grown in the gardens, the market will also feature other vendors from the community as well as the area.

"I'm super excited about everyone who is going to join us," said Carmona. "They've all been such an amazing group of people to work with."

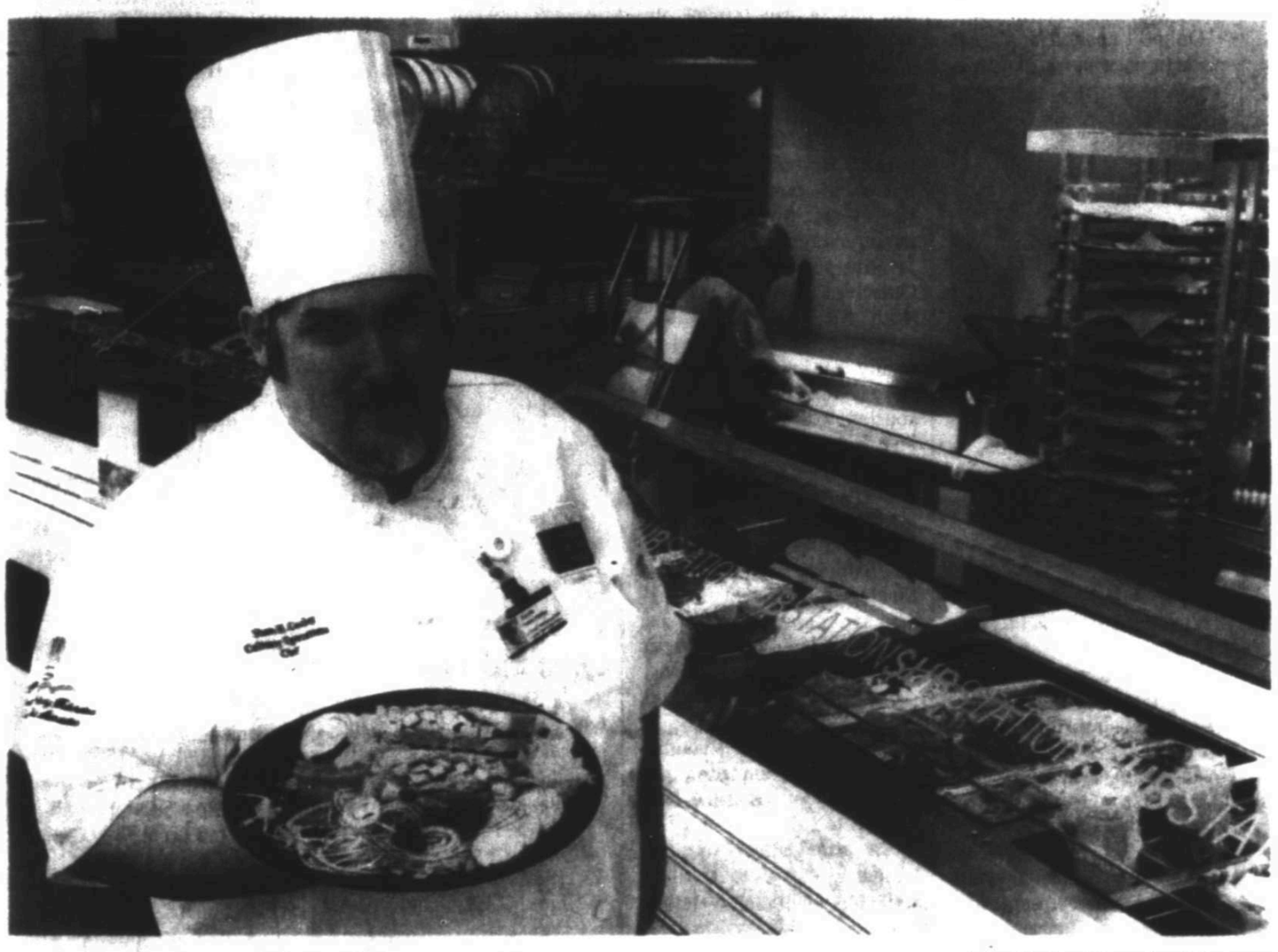
One such vendor, said Carmona, is Holy Cow Beef. The Lubbock company, according to its website, prides itself on its "beyond organic" beef that is "100% grass-fed, all natural, antibiotic free and hormone free ... all the time."

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Confirmed vendors for the Alldredge Farmers Market

- Pecos cantaloupe
- ArtiZen Outlet
- Rochelle's Tortillas
- Yellow Rose Salsa
- J & A Jellies
- Mrs. Barkers Compotes
- Red's Salsa
- Our Bakery Bites
- Porras Spices de Vida
- Nutin' But Sweet Thangs
- Terri's Biscochos
- P. Bell's Chimes and Jewelry
- Desert Queens Jewelry
- Auntie's Z's Stained Glass
- Champs Pet Boutique & Bakery
- Sweet Surrender Candle Co.
- Essentials Hand Crafted Gifts
- B & K Kraft
- Mary Startz (paper artist)
- Prickly Pear Jelly
- Righteous Roots
- Crooked Fence Ranch
- Holy Cow
- Permian Basin Chef's Association
- Buttercup Farms
- Cindy's Creations
- Flying Y Farm Specialties

HOSPITAL CHEF



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Memorial Hospital executive chef Shawn Cooley holds his chicken and pesto panini entree.

Shawn Cooley elevates hospital food to culinary art

By Rich Lopez
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On Sunday morning, Chef Shawn Cooley recalls seeing women come into The Market for a post-church service meal. This would be a normal sight anywhere. But those women signify the quality of Cooley's work because The Market is located inside Midland Memorial Hospital.

The Market's look is minimal and clean akin to an Ikea. This already changes the perception of a hospital cafeteria. Cooley's cuisine follows through, making the cafeteria a quality dining spot.

"That's what we're here for," he said. "I do encourage people to come for a meal."

Cooley has a vision for The Market that shows in the flow of both the dining room and the food area.

With food stations and daily specials, diners can opt from a bevy of selections — many of them made to order. On this particular day, the culinary station featured Caesar salads prepared in front of the patrons.

"Right now our biggest hours are breakfast and lunch, but we have stations open for dinner and the more the need for that is, we'll grow with it," Cooley said.

The Market features thematic days, such as Tex-Mex or Asian cuisines; build-your-own pasta station is a regular on Wednesdays, and Friday is always the catch of the day.

The Market at MMH

The Market at Midland Memorial Hospital, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, is open 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Yes. Fresh seafood in Midland is served weekly at the hospital.

The chef isn't just upping the ante on hospital cuisine, but proving that a culinary art isn't just a restaurant feature.

"People think we just work at the hospital but I break down fish just like any country club. And we'll have beef tenderloins or prime rib carvings that are cooked on site. I do everything that any hotel or four-star restaurant chef does, only I have more diets to deal with," he said.

While improving his general food service, Cooley will oversee the hospital's catering menu and patient menus that are split into 18 sub-menus for dietary needs.

In short, Cooley's job is rather busy.

"It's not an easy thing," he said. "The plus side is, there are no late nights or weekends, but we do have to focus on technique and precision. Too much salt or fat could actually hurt a person, or worse. I work with our director, Jackie Allen, who is also a dietician, to come up with our menus. And I've been in the hopsitial food service for about nine years, so I can usually see what works and what won't."

Cooley's career stems from his teenage days working hamburger joints before breaking into corporate restaurants like Bennigan's and Steak and Ale. He graduated to high-end hotels like the Adolphus in Dallas and then a resort in Graford. While a missed opportunity on an executive chef position prompted him to finish his degree, he discovered the world of hospital work.

"A fellow student told me that Harris-Methodist needed a sous chef with the opportunity to move into the executive position. Plus, that name carried weight so I then moved on to St. Joseph's in Bryan-College Station and then finally here," Cooley said.

He's coming up on his third year as the executive chef for MMH. He's also coming up on his first year as president of the Permian Basin chapter of the Texas Chefs Association.

"Our term is two years and what I do is work with other member to make sure they are on point with their careers. We'll also have a booth at the

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KNIFE & FORK



This week's columnist is Mary Dearen.
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Make-and-take dishes perfect for new mom, potluck lunch, church gathering

The editor of West Texas Living, Megan Buck, just began a six-week maternity leave. So in her honor, this column will feature make-and-take dishes — to treat a new mom, for a workplace potluck lunch or for a church gathering.

When I became a mother 24 years ago, Elizabeth Madison, who was Lifestyle editor at the time, brought my husband and me her famous green chili enchiladas. You can pair the enchiladas with a green salad or coleslaw, and top off the meal with peach cobbler. I've had the cobbler recipe for so long, I don't remember where I got it.

Green Chili Enchiladas

1 10 3/4-ounce can cream of mushroom soup
1 14 1/2-ounce can chicken broth
2 7-ounce cans chopped green chilies
Garlic powder, to taste *
2 1/2 cups diced cooked chicken or 2 or 3 10-ounce cans chicken, drained well
1/4 pound Velveeta cheese
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper *
1 dozen corn tortillas
Grated cheese (Monterrey Jack, a mixture of Monterrey Jack and medim cheddar or mozzarella)

Combine all ingredients except grated cheese and tortillas. Cook on medium heat until heated through.

Coat baking dish with non-stick spray. Place corn tortillas on bottom of pan. Cover tortillas with a thin layer of the chicken mixture. Continue to layer tortillas and chicken mixture, ending with the chicken. Top with grated cheese.

Cover pan with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. Uncover and continue to bake until cheese is melted and enchiladas are heated through.

Remove from oven and let stand for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

* You might consider going easy on the garlic powder and cayenne if you're making this dish for a nursing mother.

Fruit Cobbler

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 cup flour
1 1/4 cups sugar
3/4 cup milk
2 15-ounce cans sliced peaches in fruit juice
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Melt butter or margarine in 13-by-9-inch pan.

In bowl, combine flour, sugar, milk and cinnamon. Pour over melted oleo. Top with peaches.

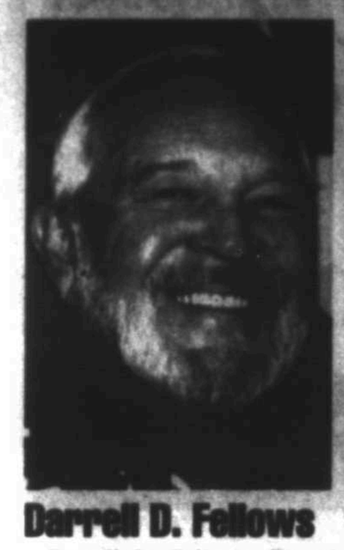
Bake uncovered for 40-45 minutes.

I am a big fan of one-dish meals, which are ideal if you'll be transporting the meal to work or a friend's house. The following recipe can be adjusted to suit your tastes. You can omit the onion or mushrooms,

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Obituaries



Darrell D. Fellows

Darrell D. Fellows, 79, of Midland, passed away Friday, August 22, 2014.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 28, 2014, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Darrell was born October 9, 1934, to Annie and Paul Fellows in Amherst, Nebraska.

Darrell graduated from Kearney High School and then went on to serve our Country enlisting in the United States Air Force as a Master Sergeant. Duty assignments in Texas, England, Ohio, Okinawa, Arizona, Thailand, and Alaska highlighted a 25 year career. Darrell's second career was with the Big Spring State Hospital, retiring from the maintenance department after 19 1/2 years.

He married Londa Kaye Feaster on July 3, 1990 in Midland.

Darrell enjoyed fishing and camping trips with family in earlier years. He later purchased land in Stanton and thoroughly enjoyed "building up" the "farm." He loved animals and had fun raising chickens and goats. Darrell was an early riser and would like to greet the sunrise at the farm. When not at the farm Darrell spent time on the computer working crossword puzzles and playing card games. He was an avid reader of westerns, fiction and non-fiction.

Darrell celebrated his 24th year wedding anniversary July 3, with wife, Londa. They were happily married and she doted on him. He will be remembered as having a great sense of humor and will be sorely missed by family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Londa Kaye Fellows; son, Joel Dean Fellows of Midland, Texas; daughter, Denita Jean Kionka of Arlington, Texas; sister, Roberta Roeder of Nebraska; grandchildren, Leah Fellows of Midland, Texas, and Jeff and Hayley Kionka of Arlington, Texas; and loving nephews and nieces.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Dale Fellows and Harvey Fellows; and sister, Pauline Wells.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee, 38105.

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



Eugene George Bartus

Eugene George Bartus passed away on Satuday, August 23, 2014.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, August 27, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Albany Hungarian Presbyterian Church located on Presbyterian Road in Albany, Louisiana. Burial of the ashes will follow the service at the Albany Hungarian Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Gene was born on August 17, 1929, to the Reverend Alexander and Aranka Szekely Bartus in the Hungarian community located in Albany, Louisiana.

He attended the lower grades in Albany, but completed his high school education in Hammond, Louisiana where he participated in sports with his main focus on basketball. Gene continued his education at Southeastern Louisiana University where he continued playing basketball, graduating in 1949. During his college years he began working part-time for the JC Penney Company, a career that would last 31 years.

Shortly after graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force and after service was completed, he returned to work for JC Penney in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The career with Penney's took the family to Atlanta, Georgia, Memphis, Tennessee, Searcy, Arkansas, Waco, Texas, Dallas, Texas, and Midland, Texas. After his retirement from Penney's, he opened and operated Gene Bartus Fine Menswear and Tuxedo Rental for 12 years. His third career was perhaps his most fulfilling career. He became Special Education Teacher's Assistant for the Midland Independent School District.

As a member of the community, Gene was an active member of First Presbyterian Church serving as a Deacon, Elder, Trustee, and choir member. Other activities included the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, and the American Heart Association.

Members of his family preceding him in death were his parents, Alexander and Aranka Bartus; his brothers, Joseph Bartus and Alex Bartus; and sister, Margaret Bartus.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Anne Dozier Bartus; daughter, Jenny Anne Bridgeforth and husband, Stephen of Lovington, New Mexico; son, David Eugene Bartus of Indianapolis, Indiana, son, Stephen Gregg Bartus of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren include, Dean Forest and wife, Dawn of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Melissa Forest of Hobbs, New Mexico, Hollie Killebrew and husband, James of Enterprise, Alabama, Alaina Bartus of Indianapolis, Indiana; great grandchildren include, Olivia Lujan and Sydney Forest.

He is also survived by his brother, Louis Bartus and wife, Pauline of Albany, Louisiana; sister, Goldie Hudson of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Our family has been blessed with the beautiful and devoted friendship of Drew, Glenda and Olivia Peters whom we consider as family members.

He believed that the most important thing in one's life was one's own personal relationship with God. His favorite scriptures were Romans 8:28 and 8:31, 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." 8:31 "What then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR A LIFE WELL LIVED!

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bartus Family Scholarship , Southeastern Louisiana University Development Foundation, SLU 10450, Hammond, Louisiana, 70402, Attention Wendy Lauderdale, or the Albany Hungarian Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 119 Albany, Louisiana, 70711, or the First Presbyterian Church Deacon's Fund, 800 W. Texas Ave, Midland, Texas, 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Online condolences can made to *www.npwelch.com.*



Harvey Ray McKinney

Viewing will be held Tuesday, August 26, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

Harvey is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents; Harvey Edward Hector and Joy Earlene Hill Hector Parker; his paternal grandmother; Estella Ruth Wright McKinney; aunt, Rita Kaye Hector Higginbottom; uncle, Hubert Donald McKinney.

He is survived by his wife, Angeline McKinney; two sons, Haygun Ray (Gunz), and Hoss Ray McKinney; and one daughter, Victoria Faye (Ray) Morales; as well as his parents, Doyle and Beverly McKinney; brother, Steven McKinney; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Due to a tragic accident, Harvey went to Heaven on Wednesday, August 20, 2014, with his adopted brother, Laban Robokoff, who had been a part of their family for four years.

Harvey excelled in school and was blessed with many God given talents. He was a Cub Scout.

He graduated from Midland High School. Harvey was an entrepreneur at an early age. He owned and operated West Texas Lawn Service during high school for several years. He was a master at mechanics. He learned roofing from his paternal grandfather, Hubert McKinney, and Uncle, Donnie McKinney. Harvey went on to learning the pumping unit business from his dad, Doyle Ray McKinney and grandfather, Harvey Edward Hector who owned and operated M & H Pumping Unit Service.

A third generation pumping unit service was begun when Harvey Ray McKinney, like his Grandfather Hector. Harvey invested in a one ton truck and the necessary tools and began operating Rayco Pumping Unit Service. "Ray" being a family legacy, Doyle Ray, Harvey Ray, Steven Ray, Haygun Ray, Hoss Ray, and Victoria Ray.

Harvey met his wife, Angeline "Angie", on a Christmas Eve night. It was love at first sight. As they danced, gazing into each other's eyes, hearts melting, Harvey knelt on one knee and asked Angie to marry him. She told him she would if he would get up. That was the beginning of a new and wonderful relationship bonding as one.

They enjoyed doing everything together. They were soon married. Angie said Harvey was a REDNECK and everything he did was REDNECK. They married at an RV Park in Big Spring, Texas. They both rode in on separate Harley's. They had a mud-hole wrestling match ending the affair with Angie and the new mother-in-law, Beverly McKinney, having a cake fight.

Soon they were blessed with a family. Harvey was a devoted husband, father, son, and brother. His brother Steven, who was also injured during the accident shared that, "without his brother, he would never have lived life." Harvey was his dad's best friend. He will be greatly missed. At family gatherings Harvey and Angie would entertain everyone singing their favorite songs, "In Spite Of Ourselves", "Would you Lay With Me," and "Jackson."

Harvey was the rock of his family. To know him, was to Love him. His love for his cousins was as deep as the love is for a brother and sister.

There will be a Celebration of Life in the Memory of Harvey at their family home on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Messages to Heaven for Harvey and Laban will be sent from the family and guests by a release of 1000 balloons.

As Harvey always said, "Just One More!"Memorials can be made to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation also in memory of his papa, Harvey Hector.

All arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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Stephen "Ryan" Hill

Stephen "Ryan" Hill, 24, of Midland, passed from this life on August 23, 2014. He was born to Michael Hill and Lisa Munselle on August 25, 1989 in Lufkin, TX.

Ryan was a 2007 graduate of Trinity School, and part of the 2006 and 2007 State baseball team at Trinity. Ryan had a love for the game and was an avid Texas Rangers fan. Ryan was the kind of man willing to give the shirt off of his own back to help anyone else. He loved animals, playing golf and had a great sense of humor. Ryan will be forever missed by his family and all of those who knew and loved him.

Ryan is proceeded in death by his grandfather Robert F. Hill, his uncles Steve R. Hill and Timothy J. Hill.

Ryan is survived by his parents Michael A Hill of Midland, TX. and Lisa Munselle of Ft. Worth, TX. Grandparents Rosemary Hill Derby of McKinney, TX. and Dave and Jan Munselle of Ft. Worth, TX. His brother Michael A Hill II and his wife Lori A Hill of Houston, TX. and Rex Munselle of Ft. Worth, TX. Ryan is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, 33 cousins, many second cousins, and life-long family friends of the Rudy and Billie Lay family, as well as an abundance of friends.

Services will be held on Wednesday August 27, 2014 at St. Stephens Catholic Church at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please make a donation to the Midland Junior Baseball Association, PO Box 52101, Midland, TX. 79710 in memory of Stephen "Ryan" Hill.

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Vernie Jarmon

Vernie Jarmon, loving wife, sister, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother joined her Lord on August 22, 2014, at the age of 86.

She was born Vernie Elizabeth Livergood on December 31, 1927, in Ricardo, Texas, to James Guy and Alma Livergood.

On June 15, 1950, she married Robert Lafayette Jarmon, Jr. in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

She lived in Midland, Texas, for 30 years. She was very active in the community and a few of her passions included oil painting, watercolors, arts and crafts, golf, and bowling. She was a dedicated member of the DORCAS Bible Life Group of the First Baptist Church of Midland. She was also a member of the Midland Palette Club Art Center, Paint Daubers Arts and Crafts Guild, the Midland Study Club, the Red Hat Hotties 2 and the Saturday Brunch Bunch.

She will be remembered for her generosity, her kind heart, and her active and productive approach to life. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Vernie was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bob; and sisters, Johnnie Bertram and Arlene Faulkenburg.

She is survived by her children, Monty Montgomery of Clarksville, Tennessee, Sherry Brown and husband Ormin of San Antonio, Texas, Mike Jarmon of Houston, Texas, Randy Jarmon and wife Dru of Houston, Texas; brother, Buddy Livergood and wife Suzy of Montgomery, Texas; loving grandchildren, Shelley McCormick and husband Patrick of Houston, Texas, Ryan Fuqua of Kyle, Texas, Cliris Betbeze and wife Krystal of Lake Charles, Louisiana; great-grandchildren, Brooklyn Fuqua, Liam McCormick, Chris Jr., and Ray Betbeze.

Visitation will be Wednesday, August 27, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and memorial services will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. both at Zoeller Funeral Home in New Braunfels, Texas. Interment to follow at Guadalupe Valley Memorial Park. Memorial Contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

Death Notices

Florene Taylor

"Grandma" Florene Taylor, 90, of Andrews, passed away, Sunday, August 24, 2014, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at McNett Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Burial will be in Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

She is survived by her children, Gene Taylor, Roger Stewart, Vanessa Woods, Donna Morris, Gerry Summers, and Marsha Jones who was like a daughter to her; four brothers; and two sisters.

Herman L. Vandiver

Herman L. Vandiver, 86, of Andrews, passed away Sunday, August 24, 2014, at Permian Regional Medical Center in Andrews.

Visitation will be Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at McNett Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday at McNett Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Andrews North Cemetery.

He is survived by his children; Rev. Michael Norberg; Theresa Young; Cindy Richardson.

Kenneth Bertrand Baker

Kenneth Bertrand Baker, 91, of Midland, died Monday, August 25, 2014.

Visitation services will be held at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Ann Baker; one sister; daughter, Carol Ann Adams; son, Bill Baker.

Nancy Louise Ford

Funeral service for Nancy Louise Ford 88, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Nancy Louise Ford died August 14, 2014, in Menifer, California.

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MARKET

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The farmers market will also feature representatives from local outlets such as Artizen, Prickly Pear Jelly and P. Bell's Chimes and Jewelry.

The event will incorporate nearly all of Alldredge's facilities, from the café to the parking lot.

"(The market) is going to be throughout the gardens," said Carmona. "It will be between our retail store and our café building (and) it will also be in the greenhouse and a few of the vendors will be in the parking lot area."

In addition, Carmona said that the café will be open for customers who would like to "enjoy brunch while they're here."

Visitors will have access to a beer and wine bar located outdoors in the breezeway.

"What's really cool about our alcohol license is that it's for all of Alldredge," said Carmona. "So our guests can grab a glass of wine or a glass of sangria and walk the property, shop and enjoy a cocktail while they're doing so."

Carmona said that the idea for the farmers market began when staff at Alldredge and Café at the Gardens "had spoken about starting to do events where we could have the community come out. We thought that (a farmers market) would be a great way to kick that off."

While she is excited about the event and confident in what it has to offer, Carmona said Alldredge is not quite ready to commit to a regularly scheduled farmers market.

"We're going to see how we do this time around," said Carmona. "Hopefully it will be (recurring) and if so, it will probably be once a month."

CHEF

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Taste of the Permian Basin in September," he said.

The purpose of the chapter is to raise awareness of what chefs are doing locally, Cooley wants to raise the bar in Midland for chefs as well as make sure they get recognized.

"Most people think it's just the tall white hat, but we have so many great chefs here but they often go unnoticed. We want to bring some of that back to the area," he said.

The chapter recently recognized Leo Garcia from the Midland Country Club as the Chef of the Year.

"That's our way of honoring his outstanding work. He personifies what being a chef is. He gives back, he's passionate about the next generation of chefs and we appreciate him for that," Cooley said.

When Cooley talks about Garcia, the chapter or the direction of the hospital, he becomes slightly more animated at the notion of chefs getting their due and providing a delicious product to Midland. And for Cooley, that starts at, of all places, the hospital.

"We want to serve the freshest food and Cory Edmondson [vice president of Support Services] and [hospital president] Russell Meyers want the same thing," Cooley said. "To have that kind of backing is great. And as the hospital grows, we grow. We already make our own sauces and dressings and prepare the food onsite. The more we can get away from that hospital vibe of food in steamers and boxes, then my job is working."

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KOSA	CBS	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Honor Thy Father"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Three Hearts"		Person of Interest "Beta"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Craig Ferguson	
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PLEX		(5:15) Madison		The Exorcism of Emily Rose.									
SHOW		(5:45) The Butler		Masters "Asterion"		Ray Donovan		Masters "Asterion"		Ray Donovan	7 Sins		Movie
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A&E		Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Married to Job (N)	Cement Heads (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		(5:00) Air Force One Harrison Ford.				4th and Loud (N)		4th and Loud				Air Force One Harrison Ford.	
BET		106&P		Crazy Sexy Cool: The TLC Story Rochelle Aytes.				Apollo Live (N)		Apollo Live (N)		Apollo Live	
BRAVO		The Real Housewives		Housewives NJ		Below Deck (N)		Singles Project (N)		Below Deck		The Singles Project	
CNBC		Restaurant Startup		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Restaurant Start (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN		OutFront		A. Cooper 360		The Sixties		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
DISC		Yukon "Fresh Blood"		Alaska: Stories (N)		Yukon Men (N)		Ice Lake Rebels (N)		Yukon "Wild Lives"		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY		Austin	Dog Blog	Jessie	Austin	Geek Charming Sarah Hyland.			(:50) Girl	Mickey	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
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HALLMARK		The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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LIFETIME		Dance Moms "3 Soloists, One Star"		Dance Moms "Abby-Phobic"		Dance Moms "Chloe Gets Revenge" (N)		Raising Asia (N)	Raising Asia (N)	Raising Asia	Raising Asia	Dance Moms "Abby-Phobic"	
MSNBC		Youth Oly. Games Diving (M), Beach Volleyball						The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN						Flag Football		Shark Hunters		Fish Mavericks		EPL Soccer	
NICK		Sam Cat	Sponge	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
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SYFY		Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Wizard Wars (N)		Face Off		Wizard Wars	
TBS		Seinfeld	Mom	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Sullivan & Son	Big Bang Theory	Conan		Sullivan and Son	Conan
TCM		More Than...		Two Women			(:45)	The Key (58, War) William Holden.				Arabesque	
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TNT		Castle "Significant Others"		Rizzoli & Isles "Phoenix Rising"		Rizzoli "You Can't Stand the Heat" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "We Are Family"		Rizzoli & Isles "You Can't Stand the Heat"		(:05) The Mentalist "Blinking Red Light"	
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WGN		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Manhattan		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks and Rec	Parks and Rec

California neighborhood looks like national park



TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Big Spring storyteller

Most everybody around Oakland, California, looks like they shop for clothes at Goodwill — even the kids. I saw a man wearing a suit and people stopped to stare at him. Californians don't worry about too many things. They go at a slow pace when they are out of their cars. Behind the wheel they become race car drivers. Freeways are a nickel a dozen, and gas is $4.50 a gallon.

We were in California to visit our son, BZ, and his family who live in a neighborhood that looks like a national park. Their home is a mile and a half away from the village of Montclair. A mile-long walkway leading to town is one of the most striking walking paths I've ever seen. Oak and eucalyptus trees provide shade. The oaks have dark trunks at interesting angles in the hills and canyons bordering the walkway.

BZ is an extremely talented musician with six Emmys to his credit. He earned them by composing music for television. Among other things, he does the music for the "World Poker Tour." I sat next to him as he created an instrumental number for that series. He had used more than 40 tracks on his computer before I started watching, then he played and recorded his guitar, bass and keyboard to round out the piece.

BZ is not the only talented person in the family. His 8 year-old son Aiden plays violin and presented us with two concerts. Aiden's 11 year-old brother, Max, had four parts in the Berkeley Playhouse production of "Shrek." I was surprised to learn that parents pay $1,000 for their kids to be in a production. It's quite a commitment for parents, who have to get their children to and from the theater during the 10-performance run. In "Shrek," the cast is about evenly divided between youngsters and adults. The adults are professional actors and get paid to perform.

We went to an Okland A's game — A's versus the Kansas City Royals. Royals won. Some people go to the game and seldom watch the action on the field. It seems like a big family reunion. One guy a few rows in front of us got up about a dozen times to get food or drink for his group. One of the most spectacular fireworks shows I've ever seen followed the game. The audience was invited to go down to the field to watch, but we had the best seats in the house right behind home plate, so we stayed put.

I have a high school buddy, Ed Phillips, who lives near BZ. We always get together with him and his wife, Mary, for a meal. They are both accomplished artists, but this time Ed surprised us. He has written a novel, "What the Owl Saw," which is a detective thriller. I can hardly put it down. Ed is a former city planner who has a degree in architecture from Texas Tech. Don't know how he ended up in California.

We were visiting our son just before he and his family went to France for a vacation. In Paris, BZ's wallet was stolen by some teenage girls. Some people nearby saw them take it, stopped the girls and they gave the wallet back to BZ. He is one lucky guy.

Our trips to California are always enlightening.

KNIFE & FORK

From 1B

add red bell pepper or substitute green beans for the peas. Or, instead of frozen beans, you can top the dish with steamed fresh green beans.

Hamburger and Noodles

2 pounds ground meat (I use 96 percent fat-free)
12-ounce package egg noodles
2 or 3 packages of gravy mix, brown or mushroom-flavored
1 large yellow onion
1 large green bell pepper
1 10-ounce package mushrooms, white or portobello
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 package frozen peas

Brown the meat until completely cooked. Remove from pan and drain on paper towels.

Dice onion and cut pepper into bite-sized pieces. Sauté onion, pepper and mushrooms in 1 tablespoon olive oil. Set aside.

Meanwhile, cook noodles al dente according to package directions. Drain and set aside.

Prepare gravy in a large pot and heat on medium just until gravy begins to boil. Add meat, vegetables and noodles. Add salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer and cook 10-15 minutes or until heated through.

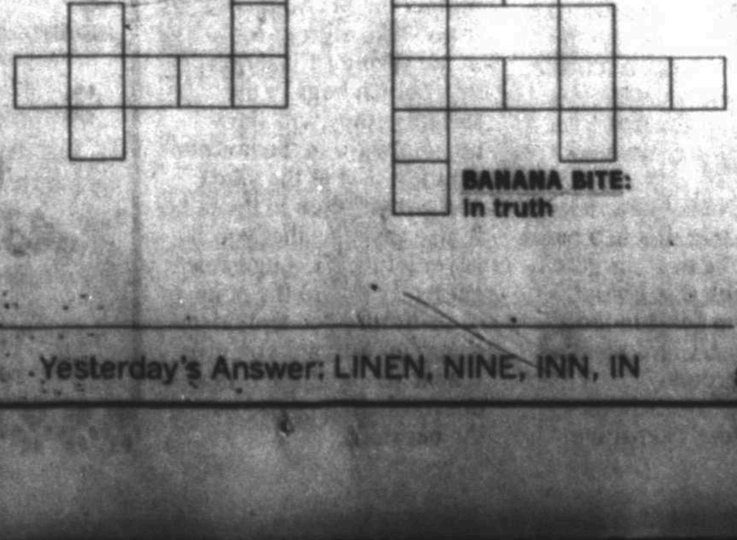
Serve with cooked frozen peas.

BANANAGRAMS!

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Yesterday's Answer: LINEN, NINE, INN, IN

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HABITAT HELPERS

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ABOVE: Lady Chap volleyball players work on a habitat home Wednesday. **LEFT:** Sam Orta, left, and Samantha Furtmann, right, lay flooring at the home.

NEIL SPERRY



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Bacterial leaf spot is not serious threat to oak

Dear Neil: I have a handsome oak growing in my yard. Every year about this time, its leaves develop tiny holes. Many of the leaves start to fall, although new leaves are also being produced. My tree is the only oak in the area that is doing this. What would cause it, and what can I do?

Answer: It may be a bacterial leaf spot. They result in what is called "shothole" effect on tree leaves, most notably on purple-leafed plums. You'll often see a newer brown spot that is hanging partially attached, as if cut by a dull paper punch. As to why your tree is affected and the others not, that could be something as simple as genetic variation between the trees. I would suggest that you send a sample to the Texas Plant Clinic at Texas A&M for analysis. You can find instructions at their website (http://plantclinic.tamu.edu) or by calling your local county extension office. There will be a small fee for their services, but that way you would know for sure. I don't believe it is a serious threat. I see it on my own oaks (now that you mention it), and it hasn't been a problem in 37 years.

Dear Neil: I hired a lawn care company this year. The lawn is lush and green after all of their applications. However, it has developed nutsedge, and the control they applied doesn't show signs of doing much in the several weeks since it was put down. Did I make a mistake in hiring them?

Answer: If your lawn looks the way you want it to, and if you're satisfied with the price, no mistake made. These companies turn out lovely turfgrass. If you had done the same things yourself, you would have had the same (or nearly so) results, but you would have had the work to do yourself — also the timing to figure out. They also have a lot of experience, and they have access to products that we consumers do not.

As for the nutsedge, the products that are legally labeled for use in nutsedge control are slow-acting. Unlike most herbicides that go in through leaves, the good nutsedge controls are taken in through the soil via the roots, then conducted up to the leaves. It's not unusual for it to take four or five weeks to make significant impact on the lawn. You may even need a second application one month after the first treatment. But they do work.

Dear Neil: I have a large avocado tree. It's in a patio pot, but the tree has gotten big enough that I won't have room for it indoors this winter. Can I plant it into the ground?

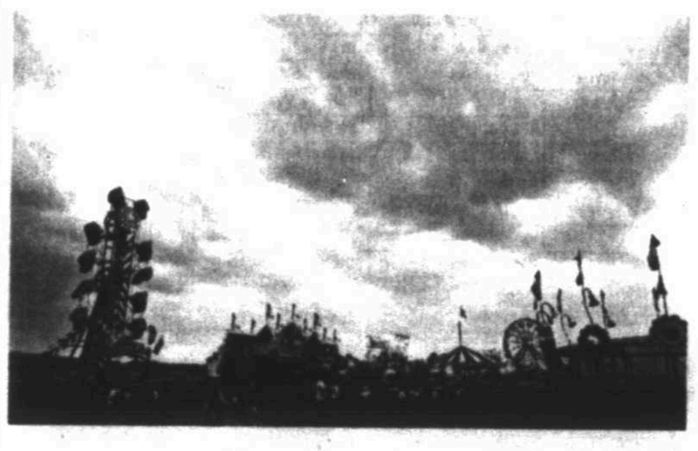
Answer: Avocados are extremely sensitive to freezing weather and frost. The only place where they have even a fighting chance would be in the lower Rio Grande Valley near Brownsville. Certainly not [where you live]. You can try trimming it significantly to get it inside, but at some point you'll want to discard it and start a new one.

Dear Neil: You can see from the attached photos that my red oak tree is losing the end 12 or 18 inches of several of its branches. I take very good care of my trees, including regular watering. I cannot figure out what is happening to this healthy red oak. Another red oak on the other side of the yard looks just fine. What is going on?

Answer: I'm going to guess that it's one of two things. Clip down one of the browned twigs (using a pole pruner if you have to). Trim it several inches farther back than necessary, because I want you to look at the interface between the dead and healthy tissues. If you see a swollen area in the twig there, that's the work of a gall-forming insect. She stings a twig when it's smaller and lays her eggs in the young tissues. The plant creates a gall of its own tissue around the eggs. The damage eventually girdles and kills the twig. There is no major damage, and there is no way to prevent or control the dieback. And the second option would be, if the twigs appear to have been chewed, either squirrels or birds have been picking at the twigs. Squirrels are quite active in pecans, live oaks, and this year, in cedar elms. Again, no major harm and no call to action.

Dear Neil: I have a lawn that I would like to be totally St. Augustine, but bermuda keeps moving in. I do not have a sprinkler system, and I can't afford one right now. Could this be lack of nutrition? If so, what should I use, and when?

Answer: Keep telling yourself that "St. Augustine trumps bermuda." Better yet, maybe you need to tell that to the St. Augustine. Given ample moisture and all-nitrogen fertilizer in early April, early June and early September, St. Augustine should be the dominant grass for you. That assumes that you'll protect the St. Augustine from "take all root rot" in the spring (if it shows up), chinch bugs in the summer (they will show up — always in the hottest, sunniest part of the yard) and brown patch in the fall. It also assumes that you'll never let the St. Augustine get really dry, to the point of its turning tan and crisp. Ramp up the care you give it next year and see if that doesn't help it crowd out the bermuda.



FAIR SKIES

General view of the Midland County Fair on Thursday at Horseshoe Arena..

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RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Weeds in the landscape. Even in a dry land they can be quite a problem. The answer to weed management is timely managemen.

You would think a physical weed barrier would be the way to go. Concrete, asphalt and other hardscaping are popular, but they have their downfalls. They tend to be expensive, create a heat sink, many cause glare, most are impervious to rainwater and some can be very harsh. On the other hard, they can be useful and beautiful with the application and choice of materials. Patios, walkways and driveways make life easier and serve as a barrier to weeds.

Easier barriers include mulch, which suppress weed growth. Mulch can be organic or inorganic. Examples of organic mulch are shredded tree limbs, pine bark or hardwood. Inorganic mulch includes decomposed granite and crushed rock. These are not 100 percent effective, but they are helpful in reducing weeds.

Then there's landscape fabric. These can help give excellent control depending on the quality of the fabric and application. They are followed with a mulch layer (organic or inorganic) for aesthetic reasons. Over time, airborne soil will settle into the mulch, and weeds will grow in the soil. Some weeds will grow through the fabric, but they are easy to control. Most often, weeds tend to grow at the edges and seams. This is also where the fabric generally shows, frays and waves as you pass by.

Herbicides can help. Post-emergent (after weeds have emerged) and pre-emergent (before weed seed germinates) herbicides are the two distinct categories. Before a landscape goes in; a post-emergent, non-selective herbicide like glyphosate should be sprayed two or three times to get rid of the tough perennial weeds.

There are some post-emergent herbicides that can be used around trees, shrubs and perennials to control grassy weeds. They include sethoxydim (Poast), fluazifop (Grass-B-Gone or Over-The-Top) and clethodim (Hi-Yield Grass Killer). Take care not to allow these products to spray or drift on any ornamental grasses such as muhly, maiden or fountain grass. Read the label carefully because there are a few other ornamentals that may be harmed, but most ornamentals are very tolerant of spray or drift.

There are a number of pre-emergent herbicides — such as oryzalin, prodiamine, trifluralin and combinations of these — that can be used in landscape beds. Now is an excellent time to apply these products. As temperatures get lower and late summer showers come, cool-season weed seeds will begin to sprout and you won't even know they are there until February or March.

Remember, to apply these products before the weed seeds germinate. If you would like to have California poppies, old-fashioned poppies, larkspur and other cool-season flowering color, don't use these herbicides.

Control cool-season weeds, such as rescue grass, mustard, henbit, in your lawn, too. Early September is a great time to apply a pre-emergent herbicides.

Then there's the most reliable form of weed control: pulling weeds by hand. That method is very effective and beneficial.

With all forms of weed control, frequent inspection of your landscape is key to management. Find re-leaf from the world of weeds with timely weed management techniques.

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Turk's cap has advantage in Basin's dry, sandy soils

JEFF FLOYD



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What's red and green and goes 100 miles an hour? Answer: Turk's cap in a West Texas microburst. (And you thought I was going to say a frog in a blender.)

Turk's cap (Mavaviscus arboreus) is a reliable flowering perennial with red, white or pink blooms. Turk's cap has sturdy roots that reach deep into the soil giving the plant a solid advantage in our dry and often sandy soils. I once had to remove a 20-foot row of Turk's cap. I don't recommend it.

The roots of Turk's cap support a crown that is more than 4-feet wide and just as tall, thriving in both full sun and some shade. The deciduous perennial is regularly used as shrub. I have seen it used in large drifts or as a backdrop in many flowerbeds.

This wonderfully durable drought-tolerant species is sometimes called bleeding heart because its frequently drooping bloom resembles a heart seeping a single droplet of blood. Turk's cap has a dozen other common names — bleeding heart is also associated with several other species — which is the reason that horticulturists often prefer identifying plants by their scientific name.

Turk's cap foliage is dull to dark green and there are varieties with fascinating variegated leaves. The rough leaves remind me of a cat's tongue with an almost sandpaper-like texture. You might expect its 4-inch-by-4-inch alternately arranged leaves to wilt easily in our intense heat but this doesn't happen often.

The pink blooming "Pam Puryear" found its way onto the list of Texas Superstar plants in 2011, performing superbly in a wide range of soil and moisture conditions. Mixing varieties with different colors provides an interesting effect.

Turk's cap has few pest problems, but I have occasionally discovered whiteflies and scale insects on it, although rarely in destructive numbers. I have observed Turk's cap performing very well on sites irrigated with marginal quality water.

If you enjoy watching hummingbirds and butterflies, you'll want to plant Turk's cap near a window. Wildlife regularly visit the striking blooms. Spring is the best time to plant Turk's cap and also the most likely time you'll find it in most nurseries.

To learn more about this wonderful water-wise plant and many others, contact the county Extension office at 686-4700, or drop me an email at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service provides private applicator training in the Ector County Extension office located at 1010 E. Eighth St. in Odessa. Training for those interested in obtaining their certified private applicator license is by appointment only. For more information, call 498-4071 or send an email to jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.



TODAY: Sunny — High: 98 Low: 74

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 95 Low: 74

THURSDAY: Partly sunny — High: 93 Low: 72

FRIDAY: Partly sunny — High: 94 Low: 72

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 90 Low: 69

SUNDAY: Sunny — High: 86 Low: 71

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 98 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 74 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

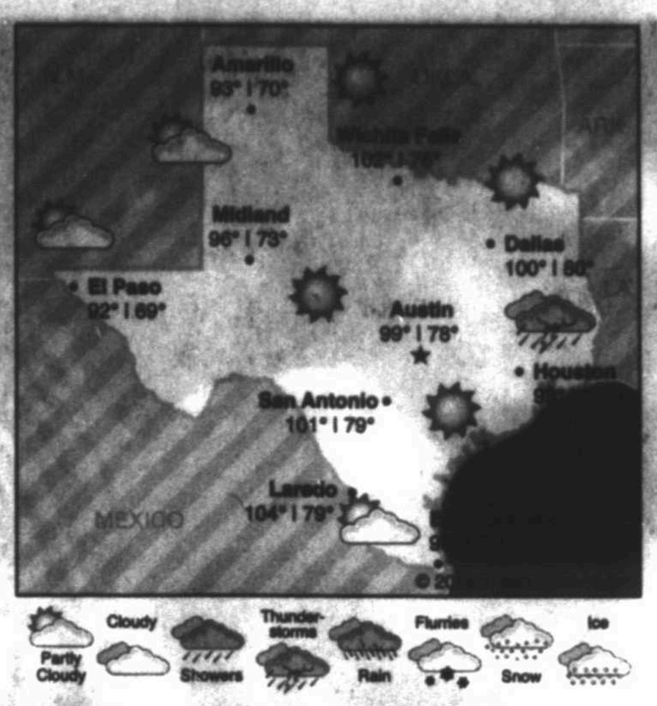
Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 95. There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m.

The high on Monday reached 98, while the low dropped to 73. The record high for Aug. 25 is 103 set in 1936 and 2011. The record low is 58 set in 1970.

Weather why

Q: You always hear of hurricanes hitting Florida and Texas, but has one ever hit California?

A: The answer is no, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "In at least the last 100 years that we know of, no hurricane has ever hit the California coast. The reason is that tropical winds generally blow from east to west, meaning that storms that do form off the Pacific Coast get carried away from our West Coast. It's not uncommon for storms to turn and hit the Mexican coast but the water farther north in the Pacific is cold, and those storms tend to weaken quickly.



Precipitation

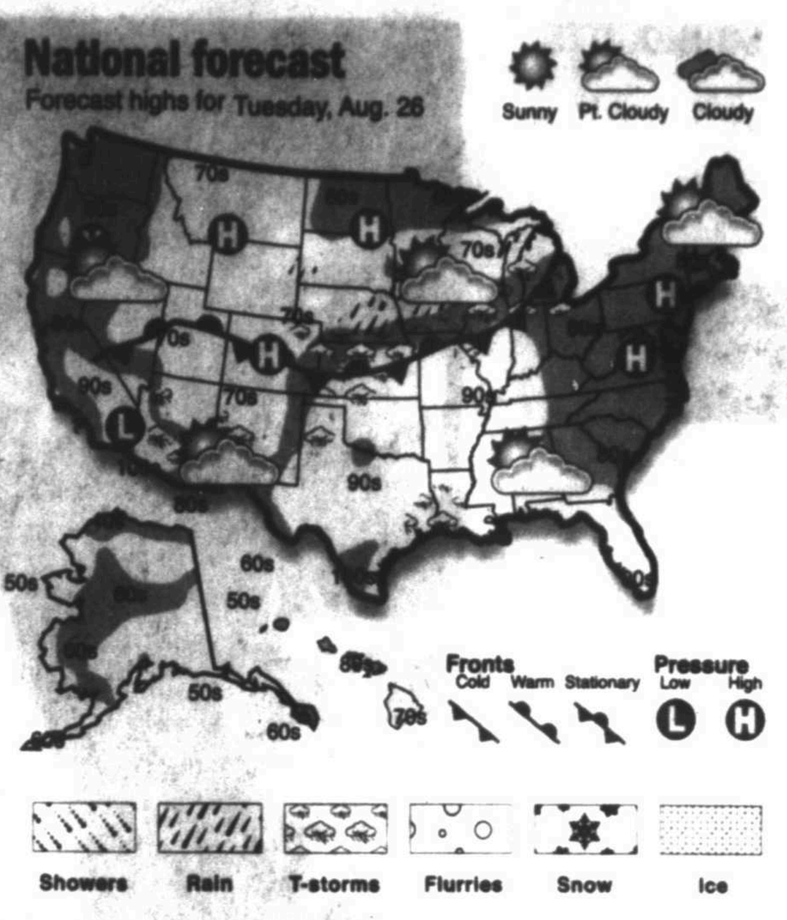
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.77 in.
Year total	4.74 in.
Normal total (year to date)	9.32 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	98
Low	73
Normal high	93
Normal low	68
Sunrise	7:20 a.m.
Sunset	8:20 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Aug. 26



Ring from broken engagement gets another chance

DEAR ABBY

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



DEAR ABBY: I was engaged several years ago, but the engagement didn't last. We broke up and I gave him back his ring. We remain close friends, however, and hang out at least once a week.

I have been dating another guy for a couple of years, and we're thinking about getting engaged. I am wondering if it would be improper to ask my ex if we could buy my old ring from him. It was — and still is — my "dream ring," and I know my ex has kept it in the glove box of his car ever since I gave it back to him.

I don't want to commit a faux pas, but it seems silly to buy another identical ring. What do you think? — HEADED DOWN THE AISLE

DEAR HEADED DOWN THE AISLE: If you haven't discussed this with your current boyfriend, you should. It might bother him to see you wearing an engagement ring that was given to you by someone else. If he says it's OK, I can't see why you shouldn't ask your former fiance if he'd be willing to part with it. Frankly, he might be glad to get the money.

DEAR ABBY: I have a love problem I could use your help with. I go to college, and I met an amazing girl, "Lorena," here. She's very religious, which I like about her. We have been talking, but I'm afraid to ask her out. I don't have the best morals, and I'm afraid I would corrupt her if we did go out. I don't want to make her into something she isn't.

Should I let her be who she is, or take the risk of dating her and hope she'll be happy? When I think about Lorena, I realize I'd do anything for her — even change my life. Please tell me what to do. — WILD MAN IN KENT, OHIO

DEAR WILD MAN: Feeling as you do about Lorena, I think you should take the risk and ask her out. Because you would do "anything" for her, make it your top priority not to push her into anything you know wouldn't be good for her. You wouldn't be the first "wild man" to meet someone who made him want to be a better man. I wish you luck.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my 50s. My sister, who is also in her 50s, lives with me and has for several years. Could you please settle a dispute we are having?

She says that mail is private and when I bring my mail in from the mailbox, I should leave hers in the box. I say it is just common courtesy to bring all of it in at once and place it in a predetermined spot for the recipient. I am not saying that mail is not private, because it is. And I would never dream of opening anyone's mail, but don't you have to look at the envelope to know which person it belongs to?

So what do you think? Should it be left in the box or should I bring it all in? — STUMPED SISTER IN HOUSTON

DEAR SISTER: I think what you have been doing is both wise and prudent. Unless the mailbox has a lock on it, I would recommend bringing all the mail into the house as soon as possible after it's delivered to prevent theft. However, because your sister is sensitive about it and asked that you leave it in the box for her to retrieve, you should do as she has requested.

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, Aug. 26, 2014:

This year you will experience a new beginning in a significant area of your life. You'll have a tendency to give more than you have in the past. You even might do some volunteer work. If you are a healer, you touch many people. If you are single, you keep attracting people who are emotionally unavailable. Take your time going from dating to making a commitment. You will want to see the full personality of your sweetie before taking the next step. If you are attached, the two of you flourish in your private moments. Make plenty of one-on-one time a priority. A fellow VIRGO understands you very well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Your ability to deflect others' attempts at manipulation will allow you to experience an easier day. Even though you are on the right course and you know what you are doing, you still might feel somewhat awkward. Don't worry — this feeling is only temporary. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You could gain a sudden insight. You might ignore it at first, but it will prove to be more relevant than you think. Your creativity will emerge from out of the blue, and it will add zest to everything you do. Be more direct with a loved one. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You will be coming from a fairly rational and solid perspective. Take care of certain personal matters, like scheduling a checkup with your doctor. You could be amazed by what comes out while you're relaxing at home. Tonight: Order in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by all the possibilities that lie ahead. Just relax and sort through what is possible, while still keeping an eye on your priorities. You might be surprised by what happens as a result. Tonight: Make calls, and catch up on news.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Remain poised, and don't question what you have to offer. Someone's changeability might be a form of manipulation. Listen to forthcoming news, but be aware of the bigger picture. You can be sure that you have heard only one person's side. Tonight: Do some shopping.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might want to open a door or create a more adaptable situation. Be ready to do whatever it takes to get where you want to go. You could be more hot-tempered than you realize. Think in terms of financial gains. Tonight: Only what makes you happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Take your time right now, as you seem to have a lot on your mind. You might not feel as if you can deal with everything that is happening around you. For that reason, hold off on making any decisions until you are 100 percent sure. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ A meeting or get-together with friends will enlighten you about a matter that you had not even considered. Someone who admires you will do everything possible to help you relax. Let this person know that you appreciate his or her efforts. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Take the lead on a financial matter, and your bank account will benefit. You can revamp your money situation with some help from a respected adviser or family member. Your instincts will guide you through a problem. Tonight: All eyes are on you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You might stumble upon some valuable information. Your instincts will be right-on with someone at a distance. You see possibilities where others don't. Communicating your thoughts to them will happen with ease when you are ready. Tonight: Wherever there is great music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Deal with a loved one directly to get to the root of a problem. A higher-up will run with the information you give him or her. Let others put in their two cents. You might get significant feedback. An older person could be cold and demanding. Tonight: Play the night away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Get some feedback before you act on a decision. You have the energy and resources necessary to help others succeed. Share more with them, and they will be more supportive. Have a conversation with a loved one who might be insecure. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

BORN TODAY

Art collector Peggy Guggenheim (1898), Mother Teresa (1910), medical researcher Albert Sabin (1906)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Tough defense

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ K Q 7
♡ A K 10 8 4 3
♢ 5
♣ K 4 2

WEST
♠ 9 8 4 3 2
♡ Q 2
♢ A 6 2
♣ Q 9 7

EAST
♠ J 6 5
♡ 9 7 6 5
♢ 10 7
♣ A J 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A 10
♡ J
♢ K Q J 9 8 4 3
♣ 10 8 5

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♡	Pass	2♢	Pass
3♢	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Nine of ♠

South had a tough choice over three hearts. He couldn't pass, so he decided that three no-trump was better than raising hearts on the singleton jack. Right he was — four hearts will be defeated as long as West covers the jack of hearts whenever it is led. Could declarer bring home three no-trump?

South rose with dummy's spade queen at trick one to preserve an entry to his hand. A diamond to the king was next. West winning his ace and shifting beautifully to the queen of clubs! Declarer now had some tough decisions to make. He thought that West would likely have led a club at trick one if he held queen-jack-nine, rather than from a weak spade suit, so he covered the queen with dummy's king. So far, so good — ducking would have been fatal.

East won his ace and returned a low club. South had the type of decision that causes gray hair in young men. Should he play the 10 or the eight? In an all expert game, there is merit in putting up the 10. Why had West led a spade rather than a club in the first place? Most of the time, however, when a player leads the queen, he has the jack. Accordingly, South inserted his eight of clubs. West won with his nine and returned the suit to defeat the contract. Great defense!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Ancient calculators
6 Off-ramp
10 Makes a quick getaway
14 Low-ranking noble
15 Move to another town, for short
16 Sheltered, at sea
17 Church area for enthusiastic responses
19 Bolivia neighbor
20 Open just a crack
21 Painting course
23 Point a finger at
25 Clears a whiteboard
26 English sculptor Henry
27 Clairvoyant's claim
30 1-Down member: Abbr.
31 Pie à la __
32 SeaWorld tanks
34 Bullring bravo
35 Summer coolers, briefly, and a hint to this puzzle's six longest answers
36 TV spots
39 Odd
40 Dagger in "Macbeth," e.g.
41 Negotiator's goal
43 Whopper
44 St. Petersburg neighbor
45 Local dialect
47 "Let's wait"
48 Road service provider
51 Cartel acronym
52 Excess
53 Morning warning provider
57 German "a"
58 Actor Grant
59 San Antonio shrine
60 Clairvoyant
61 Banjo spot
62 Brit's bye-byes

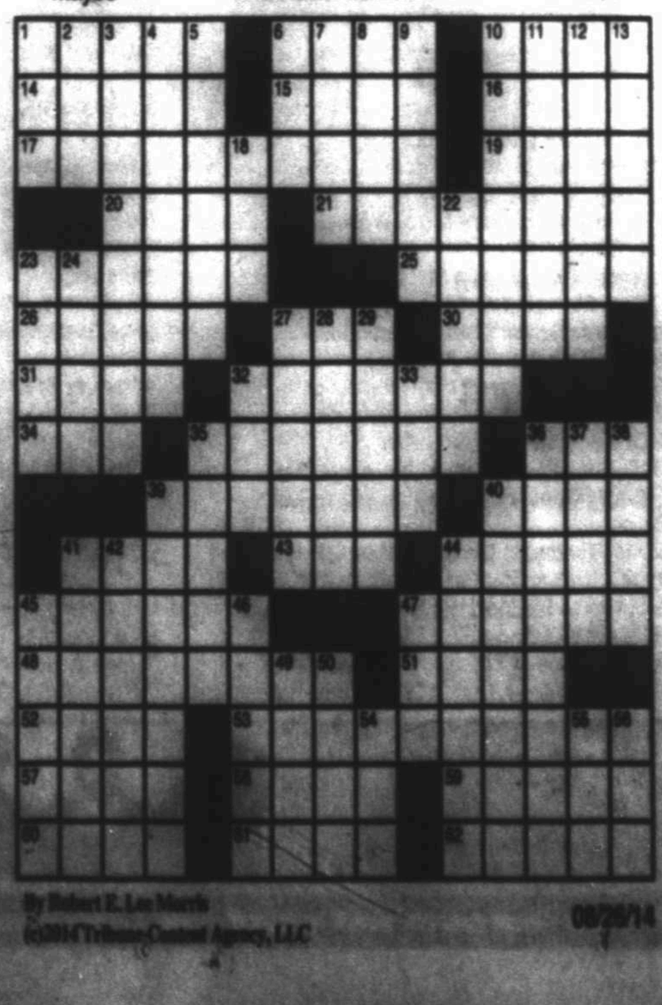
DOWN

1 Law go
2 Emeril interjection
3 One often precedes it
4 Pull out of thin air, seemingly, with "up"
5 Words before "of emergency"
6 Goof
7 TV warrior princess
8 Robert who played a Soprano
9 Flourless cake
10 Argentina's Río de __: River of Silver
11 Yankees' div.
12 River to Liverpool Bay
13 "Hop on Pop" author
18 Bauxite, e.g.
22 Award-winning detective fiction writer Robert
23 Bullets and such
24 Poised under pressure
27 Up (to), as a task
28 Branch of Islam
29 Baseball Hall of Famer Satchel
32 Unlike this ans.
33 Hwy.
35 Room accessed via ladder, maybe
36 Military uniform jacket
37 Knucklehead
38 Squabble
39 Vespa, for one
40 61-Across bone
41 Talking parrot in a 1998 film
42 Bring into harmony
44 '60s cartoon feline
45 Book parts
46 Hanging loosely
47 Name, in Paris
49 Mongolia's __ Bator
50 Like Hubbard's cupboard
54 Kind of whiskey or bread
55 Nashville awards org.
56 Fight enders, briefly

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

F	O	G	G		R	A	W	L	S		A	S	A	P
A	R	L	O		O	H	Y	O	U		H	A	L	L
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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

BRAD PAISLEY
"Moonshine in the Trunk"



Brad Paisley backs away from social issues and strikes up a party on his 10th studio album, "Moonshine in The Trunk." However, that doesn't mean he suddenly starts to play it safe.

Musically, Paisley's arrangements continue to emphasize intricate musicianship and turn-on-a-dime ensemble play, while his lyrics use witty wordplay to explore the many ways people try to escape their problems and improve their lives.

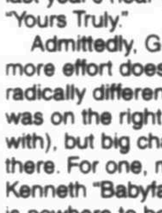
The veteran country star's knack for tongue-in-cheek fun comes through on the funky "River Bank," the fist-pumping "Crushin' It" and the high-speed hijinks of the title song. Paisley also touts American pride throughout, whether he's name-checking sports teams and muscle cars on "Country Nation" or toasting the land of opportunity on "American Flag on the Moon."

As in the past, his ambitious reach sometimes gets the best of him. On the traditional country tune "4WP," for example, Paisley jams the gears by racing through too many musical ideas too quickly.

Still, 15 years into his career, Paisley is the country singer most likely to crack jokes about a hillbilly family getting rich ("High Life") or write a sensitive power ballad about a woman breaking through the good-old-boy corporate network ("Shattered Glass"). Which also makes him the country star most likely to make fans smile — and to make them think.

Michael McCall/AP

ARIANA GRANDE
"My Everything"



This is how you follow up an impressive debut: simply step into the recording booth, and be amazing yet again.

Maybe it's easier said than done, but Ariana Grande manages to pull off the feat with her sophomore release "My Everything," the successor to last year's near-pop perfection "Yours Truly."

Admittedly, Grande's sophomore effort doesn't go in a radically different direction (she was on the right path to begin with), but big changes are there. For one, music veteran Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds is nowhere to be found. Still, the R&B and soul sensibilities that he brought to "Yours Truly" are at play, even without him.

That's evident on "Be My Baby," featuring Norwegian DJ Cashmere Cat, and in the slick bounce of "Break Your Heart Right Back." Produced and co-written by duo Pop & Oak, the latter samples Diana Ross' "I'm Coming Out." Featured guest Childish Gambino repurposes bars from Notorious B.I.G.'s "Mo Money, Mo Problems" for the track.

Additional collaborations with rappers, including Big Sean, A$AP Ferg, as well as Iggy Azalea on the successful single "Problem," might tempt critics to accuse Grande of relying on old formulas.

Melanie J. Sims/AP



Brian Ach/AP

This Aug. 20 photo shows American rapper, entrepreneur and actor 50 Cent, center, posing for a portrait with G Unit members Young Buck, Lloyd Banks, Tony Yayo and Kidd Kidd in New York.

G Unit surprises fans, digitally releases 6 songs

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press

NEW YORK — G Unit surprised fans when its members reunited earlier this summer at the year's biggest hip-hop concert, and they have another surprise: They digitally released six new songs Beyonce-style early Monday.

The rap group dropped "The Beauty of Independence" extended play at midnight, mirroring Beyonce's successful surprise release of her self-titled album last year. The 50 Cent-led group disbanded over the years and last released "T.O.S: Terminate on Sight" in 2008.

50 Cent said the group, which released its multiplatinum debut "Beg for Mercy" in 2003, is more mature today, and that enhanced the creativity behind the new music.

"The artists are more developed than they were in the very beginning," he said, adding that member Tony Yayo wrote two hooks on the album, a job usually reserved for 50 Cent.

G Unit surprised the audience at the Hot 97 Summer Jam concert in June by reuniting onstage. The group — which also includes Lloyd Banks, Young Buck and new member Kidd Kidd — released the album independently on the Caroline label, where 50 Cent released the album "Animal Ambition" in June after years of being signed to Interscope and Eminem's Shady Records.

"It's clear that the passion for what we do is there because you don't see the same numbers anymore," 50 Cent said of the record sales. "But it's even more important that you mean something. For me, when I fell in love with (music), authenticity was everything."

The five group members were excited and brotherly, full of laughs and sitting tightly during a recent interview. Try to get a question in and you'd fail. They said aging has helped them realize they needed to revive G Unit, whose hits a decade ago include "Stunt 101" and "Wanna Get to Know You."

Yayo, who was in jail when "Beg for Mercy" was released in 2003, said he grew frustrated with the music industry while the group was split.

"So when Banks stop talking to 50, I'm not talking to Buck, nobody's talking to nobody. Now I'm lost. I'm like, 'What am I going to do?'" he said. "And bad enough, your friends you think are your real friends — the 40-man entourage you paid for dinner for, you took to this and that — where did they go? They're gone. They're out the picture."

He said that helped him realize who is most important: "You get all kinds of industry frustration, but I'll never let it happen again because I realized the only person that ever helped me in my life is 50 Cent, is Lloyd Banks, is Young Buck."



Prince to release new album in September

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Prince is releasing a new album Sept. 30.

The pop icon announced Monday that he would release "Art Official Age" on Warner Bros Records, the label Prince was signed to from 1978 to the mid-1990s, but later battled for the rights to his music.

He reached a deal with Warner in April, earning the rights to the music he recorded on the label.

Prince will also release the album "PlectrumElectrum" with his all-female band 3RDEYEGIRL on Sept. 30. Both albums are available for pre-order.

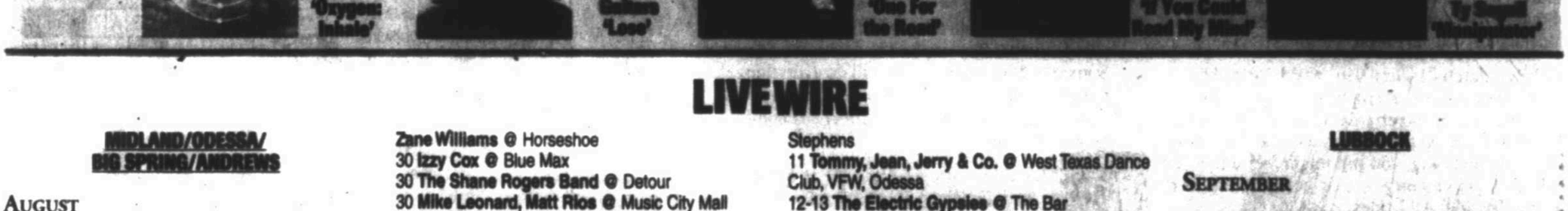
"Art Official Age" was described in a news release as a mix "of soul, R&B and funk." It's his first album since 2010's "20Ten."

Prince released key projects like "Purple Rain," "1999," "Diamonds and Pearls" and "Around the World in a Day" on Warner. The agreement with the label comes years after his relationship with Warner soured as he failed to gain possession of the music he recorded for the label. Prince changed his name to an unpronounceable symbol and wrote the word "slave" on his cheek. He also vowed to rerecord the 17 albums he released on the label and sell them on his own.

After Warner, Prince began releasing music in 1996 over the Internet, and struck deals with Arista Records and Columbia Records, where he saw a comeback with the Grammy-winning "Musicology" in 2004.

His second upcoming album, "PlectrumElectrum," will feature 3RDEYEGIRL, the band that includes guitarist Donna Grantis, drummer Hannah Ford Welton and bassist Ida Nielsen.

Prince and the trio performed in Europe this year during their "Hit & Run" tour.



LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

AUGUST

26 The Avett Brothers @ Chap Center
26 Johnny & Susie Band @ Permian Basin Dance Club
27 Justin Langston @ Saltgrass
28 Clint Black @ Wagner Noel
28 Cody Johnson Band @ Rockin Rodeo
28 Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co. @ West Texas Dance Club, Odessa VFW
28 Noel Olivas @ Lone Star Bar
29 Cory Morrow, Roger Creager, Phil Hamilton, The Chase Sanford Band @ Horseshoe
29 Jenni Dale Lord @ Abuelo's
29 Tejano Highway 281 @ Cabana Sports Bar
29 Soraida Montoya @ Music City Mall
29 David Tommy @ The Detour
29 ID, Blast Perversion, Adipocere @ Blue Max
29 Casey Donahew Band @ Graham Central Station
29 Nick Verzosa & the Noble Union, Troy Cartwright @ Lone Star Bar
29-30 Texas Buckin' Heat Band @ Your Place
29-30 Cory Dutton @ The Bar
29-30 Fireside @ The Bar
30 Reckless Kelly, Charlie Corn, Doug Moreland, Zane Williams @ Horseshoe
30 Izzy Cox @ Blue Max
30 The Shane Rogers Band @ Detour
30 Mike Leonard, Matt Rios @ Music City Mall
31 Goodtimers, Padlock, Soraida Montoya, Martha Elliot @ Music City Mall

SEPTEMBER

1 Iron Outlaws, Walker & The Texas Dangers, Carrie Hation & The Speakeasy, Filthy Still @ Blue Max
2 Showdown @ Permian Basin Dance Club, St. Stephens
3 Suffokate, Arsonists Get All the Girls, Reformers, Cicada, Witness the Recreant @ Kegler's Lounge
4 Sawyer Brown with Larry Stewart @ Wagner Noel
4 Brandon Rhyder @ Rockin Rodeo
4 Black Market Club, Last in Line @ Blue Max
4 Johnny & Susie Band @ West Texas Dance Club, VFW, Odessa
5 Josh Turner @ Ector County Coliseum
5-6 The Uniques T's @ Your Place
5-6 Mister Happy @ The Bar
6 Leonhardt @ Blue Max
7 Jeanne Robertson @ Wagner Noel
9 Goodtimers @ Permian Basin Dance Club, St. Stephens
11 Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co. @ West Texas Dance Club, VFW, Odessa
12-13 The Electric Gypsies @ The Bar
12 Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co. @ Midland Senior Center
13 Saul, Rear Naked Choke, Downfall Rising, Snakeskin Prison, Pumpjack @ Blue Max
13 MOSC Masterworks I "An Evening with Susan Graham" @ Wagner Noel
15 Goodtimers @ Andrews Senior Center
16 Johnny & Susie Band @ Permian Basin Dance Club, St. Stephens
18 Goodtimers @ West Texas Dance Club, VFW, Odessa
18 Phillips, Craig and Dean @ New Life Church
18 Witchaven, Obscure Oracle, Nightmare Canvas @ Blue Max
19 Josh Abbott Band @ Graham Central Station
19-20 Noel Olivas @ The Bar
20 Alejandro Escovedo @ Yucca Theatre
20 Nathan Kelish & The Last Callers @ Blue Max
20 Ronnie Milsap @ Wagner Noel
21 Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co. @ Music City Mall
22 The Piano Guys @ Wagner Noel
22 Machine @ Blue Max
23 Showdown @ Permian Basin Dance Club, St. Stephens
24 Ian Anderson @ Wagner Noel

LUBBOCK

SEPTEMBER

21 Rob Zombie, F.M. Murder @ Amphitheatre at Lone star Event Center
23 .38 Special @ South Plains Fair
25 Blood Sweat & Tears @ South Plains Fair

OCTOBER

2 Paul McCartney @ United Spirit Arena
21 Five Finger Death Punch, Volbeat , Hellyeah, Nothing More @ Amphitheatre at Lone Star Event Center

NEW MEXICO

AUGUST

29 Brantley Gilbert @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

AUGUST

26 Crosby, Stills & Nash @ Verizon Theatre
28 Onerepublic, Christina Perri, Jamie Scott @ Gexa Energy Pavilion



Teams test out a new helmet, but does it work?

By David Brandt
Associated Press

Arkansas coach Bret Bielema proudly posted a message on Twitter last spring that featured the Razorbacks' new helmets — a futuristic design by Riddell called the SpeedFlex that is supposed to be the latest in head protection.

A vocal proponent of player safety, Bielema is happy to be a part of the cutting edge. But it's a bit of a leap of faith. He has no proof that the SpeedFlex — or any other helmet — can reduce the risk of a devastating head injury.

"It's just like everything else — everything advances and you get better at it," Bielema said at a recent Arkansas practice. "I think our kids really like the way (the helmets) feel. They feel snug. They feel fit. So I think that's a step in the right direction."

With lawsuits and concern regarding concussions hanging over every level of football, the race to develop safer helmets and other equipment has never been more intense. Even so, experts say it remains to be seen if new technology has made a dent in reducing concussions on the football field.

"It's very admirable that they're trying to get better," said Dr. Robert Cantu, a Boston-based neurosurgeon who specializes in sports concussions. "But with regards to concussions, it's a very complex issue ... There really isn't any helmet that has clearly been shown on the football field to be superior to other helmets."

The NCAA recently reached a proposed settlement of a class-action lawsuit by agreeing to toughen return-to-play rules for players who receive head blows and create a $70 million fund to pay for thousands of current and former athletes to undergo testing to determine whether they suffered brain trauma while playing football and other contact sports.

Concussions occur when the brain moves inside the skull from an impact or a whiplash effect, but it's still an injury that doctors are learning about. There's also debate about the best way to test for concussion factors or how to even identify when concussions occur.

The SpeedFlex's new design features a five-sided indentation on the crown of the helmet and a faceguard that

Please see HELMET/4C



Gareth Patterson/AP

In this Aug. 16 photo, Arkansas guard Brey Cook wears a Riddell SpeedFlex helmet during a in Fayetteville, Ark. With lawsuits and concern regarding concussions hanging over every level of football, the race to develop safer helmets and other equipment has never been more intense.

Playoff berth clinched



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland starter Shawn Haviland delivers a pitch during Monday's game against Frsico at Security Bank Ballpark.

Haviland gives Midland big performance on mound

By Len Hayward
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RockHounds 5
RoughRiders 1

Shawn Haviland has struggled against the Frisco RoughRiders this season.

In five starts against the RoughRiders entering Monday, Haviland was 0-2 with a 9.14 earned run average, giving up 22 earned runs in 21 2/3 innings.

Monday night, Haviland delivered a gem in a game the RockHounds needed both in the standings and for their confidence. The 6-foot-2, 225-pound right-hander and Harvard grad threw eight scoreless innings in a 5-1 victory for the RockHounds at Security Bank Ballpark.

Haviland gave up three hits and had four strikeouts along with one walk. Haviland did benefit from a four-run fourth inning for the RockHounds, but this night belonged to Haviland.

"The funny thing is, I was terrible in the bullpen (before the game)," Haviland said with a laugh. "I was spraying it all over the place. I think once I got through the first inning, which always tends to be my inning against these guys, I got a couple of ground balls and strikeouts and felt like I got going pretty good."

Haviland's pitching performance came

Please see HOUNDS/2C

Romo won't have much to build on for Dallas opener

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Tony Romo missed practice again Monday. It was hard to tell whether it was rest for his surgically repaired back or the first of a few days off, assuming the Dallas quarterback is finished for the preseason.

If Romo has taken his final exhibition snap, he and the Cowboys don't have much to build on for the Sept. 7 opener against San Francisco. He led two ragged quarters in a 25-20 loss to Miami and isn't likely to play against Denver on Thursday night.

Here's all anyone needs to know about how the Dallas offense played in Romo's second game since surgery for a herniated disk last December. The Cowboys were pleased to see his back hold up through three sacks and another knockdown.

"The negative plays, the sacks, certainly were an issue for our offense," coach Jason Garrett said. "Some holding penalties, some stuff that got us behind the chains, kept us out of rhythm. When you kind of pull back, you say, 'OK, there were some good things here.' There were some good individual performances."

The highlight for the first-team offense was a fourth-down conversion from Romo to Dez Bryant to set up the first Dallas field goal. The Cowboys were in position to go to halftime feeling a little better about things, but a penalty and a sack forced them to settle for another field goal.

Now Romo figures to be watching the backups and the battles for final roster spots against the Broncos after getting 34 snaps in Miami. He had 41 snaps in his most extensive preseason action last year, when he was four months removed from surgery to remove a cyst from his back.

"I think each year is a little different," said Romo, who was 10 of 18 for 84

Please see ROMO/5C

Venus Williams outlasts bee, Date-Krumm at US Open

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Venus Williams started with a soft forehand, shifted to a gentle backhand and even tried to blow away a most pesky opponent. She kept moving from sideline to sideline, yet still couldn't shake free at the U.S. Open.

Not until three attendants came onto the court to help did Williams escape what was bugging her Monday — a bee that wanted to land on her racket.

"The bee was a challenge," the two-time Queen Bee of Flushing Meadows said after beating Kimiko Date-Krumm 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the first round.

The prematch buzz was all about the ages of the players. Williams is 34, Date-Krumm is 43 and their combined 77 years was believed to be the oldest for opponents in a women's Grand Slam pairing, the WTA said.

"According to Kimiko, I've got another decade," Williams said.

"Definitely, I was younger today," she said. "But when you step onto the court, no one is thinking about age. It's just a number."

Earlier in the match, a bee interrupted Date-Krumm's serve. She refused to kill it, and instead parried the insect.

Then with the 19th-seeded Williams ahead 3-0 in the final set, a bee flew close to Williams as she prepared to serve.

After her Japanese opponent "showed such class" in handling the flying nuisance, "I would've been remiss to swat it," Williams said.

"I came up with a strategy to follow her example," she said.

Williams spent more than a minute trying to get away, waving her hand and blowing at the bee. While some fans shouted "Smash it!", Williams refused to take a full, serious swing.

Eventually, two ball persons and a helper came out with towels and corralled the bee and carried it off as the crowd cheered.

"He's on his way," Williams said.

Williams last won the U.S. Open in 2001 and has been slowed by health problems in recent years. But she beat younger sister Serena this month in reaching the final at the Rogers Cup in Montreal and, asked Monday whether she felt old on the court, answered, "not yet."

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Elise Amendola/AP

Venus Williams returns a shot against Kimiko Date-Krumm during the opening round of the U.S. Open on Monday in New York.

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HOUNDSWATCH

MONDAY'S SCORE
Midland 5, Frisco 1

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m., Nelson Wolff Stadium, San Antonio

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Sunday	Monday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Frisco 5, Midland 2	Midland 5, Frisco 1	Midland at San Antonio	Midland at San Antonio	Midland at San Antonio

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
BASKETBALL
Men's national teams, exhibition, Slovenia vs. United States, 1 p.m., ESPN2
MLB
Minnesota at Kansas City, 7 p.m., Fox Sports 1
Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Regional coverage, Miami at L.A. Angels or Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., MLB Network
SOCCER
UEFA Champions League, APOEL vs. Aalborg, 1:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
UEFA Champions League, Celtic vs. Maribor, 1:30 p.m., Fox Sports 1
UEFA Champions League (delayed tape), 2 a.m., Fox Sports 1
TENNIS
U.S. Open, first round, Noon, ESPN
U.S. Open, first round, 6 p.m., ESPN
YOUTH OLYMPICS
Men's diving; beach volleyball, at Nanjing, China (same-day tape), 6 p.m., NBC Sports Network

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
HS VOLLEYBALL
Lee at Abilene Cooper, 6 p.m.
Trinity at Pecos, 6 p.m.
Andrews at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado City at Midland Classical, 6:30 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS

"MIDLAND MYSTIQUE" DVD AVAILABLE AT GRANDE

The documentary "Midland Mystique" which chronicles high school football in West Texas, focusing on Lee's state title run in the last 1990s and early 2000s will be available at all Lee and Midland High games this season.

The DVDs will be for sale at a table at the Grande Communications Stadium.

For more information on the movie go to www.midlandmystique.

Partial proceeds from the sale of the DVD will be donated to both football programs.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball

MLB — Suspended New York Yankees minor league RHP Andy Beresford (Charleston-SAL) and New York Yankees minor league 1B Leonard Thompson (GCL Yankees) 50 games apiece, after each tested positive for an amphetamine.
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed SS Xander Bogaerts on the 7-day concussion disabled list, retroactive to Aug. 23. Selected the contract of INF Carlos Rivero from Pawtucket (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed OF Shin-Soo Choo on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 24. Recalled OF Michael Choice from Round Rock (PCL). Purchased the contract of C Tomas Telis from Round Rock.
National League
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Selected the contract of OF Jose Tabata from Indianapolis (IL). Optioned OF Gregory Polanco to Indianapolis. Reinstated INF Clint Barmes from the 15-day DL. Designated INF Jayson Nix for assignment.
Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released C Larry Baldwin.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NFL — Suspended Washington S Brandon Meriweather for the first two regular season games for his helmet-to-helmet hit on Baltimore WR Torrey Smith in a preseason game on Aug.23.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released LB Keenan Clayton, LB Jojo Dickson, C Tom Draheim, WR Reggie Dunn, K Jay Feely, LB Derrell Johnson, S Orhian Johnson, QB Ryan Lindley, WR Kevin Ozier, DT Justin Renfrow, CB Brandon Sermons, OT Max Starks and RB Damien Thigpen.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Released S Omar Brown, WR LaQuan Williams, LB Austin Spitler, LB Nick DiMarco, OT David Mims, CB Deji Olatoye, CB Marnio Norman, RB Cierre Wood, P Richie Leone and WR Mike Willie. Waived/injured OT Brett Van Sloten and FB Shaun Chapas. Placed DE Kapron Lewis-Moore, G Will Rackley and DE Brent Urban on injured reserve.
BUFFALO BILLS — Released S Derek Brim, QB Dennis Dixon, P Jake Dombrowski, WR Tori Gurley, S Jajuan Harley, K Dustin Hopkins, DT Damien Jacobs, C Madky MacPherson, WR Chris Summers, G J.J. Unga and RB Ronnie Wingo.
CHICAGO BEARS — Terminated the contract of S Craig Steltz.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Terminated the contract of CB R.J. Stanford. Waived DT Larry Black, S Isaiah Lewis, K Quinn Sharp and WR Ryan Whalen.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived DB Royce Adams, RB Edwin Baker, CB Randall Harris, DB T.J. Heath, DL Cam Henderson, WR Jonathan Krause, OL Ryan Lee, LB Caleb McSurdy, OL Keavon Milton, LB Kaulana Noa, WR Tim Smith, OL Jeremiah Warren and TE Martell Webb. Terminated the contract of WR Anthony Armstrong. Claimed OL Kanin Barron and OL Donald Hawkins off waivers from Philadelphia.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Released DE Martez Wilson and FB J.C. Copeland.
DETROIT LIONS — Released K Giorgio Tavecchio, CB Jonte Green, OB James Franklin, FB Chad Abram, P Drew Butler and CB Aaron Hester. Placed S DaJon Gomes on injured reserve.
DENVER BRONCOS — Waived DT Cody Larsen. Placed WR Jordan Norwood on injured reserve.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Released WRs Joe Adams and Alec Lemon, RB William Powell, G Sam Longo, NTs David Hunter and Austin Brown, LBs Terrance Lloyd and Lawrence Sidbury and CB Junior Mertile. Placed DT David Quessenberry on the reserve/non-football illness list and S Lonnie Ballentine on the reserve/injured list.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released CB Johnny Adams, CB Qua Cox, G Andre Dureton, G Marcus Hall, CB Kameron Jackson, WR Ty'Kesse Richardson, LB Jonathon Stanga, S David Sims, WR Eric Thomas, WR Tony Washington and FB Cameron Wake.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Waived WR Lamaar Thomas and RB Terrance Cobb. Waived/injured CB Deon Belue.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Released WR Deon Anthony, DL Janus Campbell, DT Jermelle Cudjo, WR Weston Dressler, G Otis Hudson, WR Jerrell Jackson, CB Brandon Jones, CB Vernon Kearney, S Jerron McMillian, TE Adam Schlitz and WR Darryl Surgent. Placed Sanders Cummings on injured reserve.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed DT Cory Grissom and K Jake Rogers.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Released S Brandan Bishop, OT Pierce Burton, CB Derek Cox, WR Andy Cruse, WR Kamar Jorden, WR Erik Lora, OT Kevin Murphy, DT Kheeston Randall, DE Tyler Scott, DE Jake Snyder, TE Kory Sperry, CB Robert Steeples and WR Ty Walker. Waived/injured S Mistral Raymond. Activated TE Chase Ford from the PUP list.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released LB James Anderson, DL Tommy Kelly, DL Will Smith and TE Justin Jones.
NEW YORK JETS — Suspended CB Dimitri Patterson indefinitely after he left the team for 48 hours without contacting the organization.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Claimed DL Joe Kruger off waivers from Philadelphia. Released OT Nick Becton, RB Zach Boren, TE Jake Byrne, WR Braian Chancellor, LB Adrian Hamilton, WR Micah Hatfield, G Darryl Johnson, TE Ryan Otten, DB Lowell Rose, P Chase Tenpenny and RB Kenwynn Williams.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Terminated the contracts of OT Wade Smith and CB Terrell Thomas. Waived OT Cory Brandon, RB Demitrius Bronson, S Mike Dobson, DE Jackson Jeffcoat, WR Kevin Smith and CB Thomas Wolfe.
ST. LOUIS RAMS — Waived CB Jamil Bryant, P Bobby Cowan, OT R.J. Dill, WR Jordan Harris, LS Jorgen Hus, FB Kadeem Jones, LB Johnny Millard, WR T.J. Moe and OT D.J. Morrell. Waived/injured LB Pat Schiller.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Waived LB Damasio Munoz.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Waived LB Kendrick Adams, CB Marc Anthony, DL Lanier Coleman, OL Kevin Danser, OL Tyler Horn, WR Julian Horton, RB Waymon James, CB Micah Pellerin, WR Jaz Reynolds, S Hakeem Smith, WR Derel Walker and LB Jonathan Willard.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League

OTTAWA SENATORS — Signed G Craig Anderson to a three-year contract extension through the 2017-18 season.
American Hockey League
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Re-signed G Jeff Malcolm.
COLLEGE

COMMONWEALTH COAST CONFERENCE — Named Kaylyn Smith assistant commissioner.
EASTERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE— Announced New Rochelle, La Moyne, Limestone and Newberry have been accepted as full members of the conference. Named CHARLOTTE — Named John Maine volunteer assistant baseball coach.
KENTUCKY — Suspended senior OT Darrian Miller and junior WR Rashad Cunningham for one game for an unspecified violation of team rules.
LOYOLA (NO) — Named Justin Barker women's assistant volleyball coach.
NYU — Named Cassie Hrobiak women's assistant softball coach.
PRESBYTERIAN — Named Clay Hodges and Eric Miller assistant defensive football coaches.
TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN — Announced men's sophomore basketball F Jamil Joiesar received a waiver from the NCAA to compete this season after a transfer from Washington. Announced the transfer of men's sophomore basketball F Adonis Rosalgo from Furman.
WASHINGTON (MD.) — Named Kevin Snaith and Ryan Van Zelst men's assistant basketball coaches.
WEST VIRGINIA — Announced CB Ishmael Banks was suspended three games by the NCAA for an unspecified academic eligibility issues.
YESHIVA — Named Gabe Huber women's soccer coach.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Aug. 26
At Shanghai, China, Randy Pesalcovin vs. Wilfredo Robinson, 12, for the interim WBA junior flyweight title; Ji Yang vs. Sukkasem Kietyongyuth, 10, junior welterweights.
Aug. 30
At Caracas, Venezuela, Yonfrez Parejo vs. Luis Hinojosa, 12, for the interim WBA bantamweight title.
Aug. 31
At Las Vegas (SHO), /Lucas Lowe vs. Rogelio Medina, 10, super middleweights; Badou Jack vs. Jason Escalera, 10, super middleweights.
At Hermosillo, Mexico, David Sanchez vs. Arnan Gallos, 12, for Sanchez's interim WBA junior bantamweight title.
Sept. 1
At Tokyo, Akira Yaegashi vs. Roman Gonzalez, 12, for Yaegashi's WBC flyweight title; Hiroki Iroda vs. Somsak Sithmorseng, 12, for Iroda's WBO junior flyweight title; Ryota Murata vs. Adrian Luna Flores, 10, middleweights.
Sept. 6
At Hamburg, Germany, Vladimir Klitschko vs. Kubrat Pulev, 12, for Klitschko's IBF-WBO-IBO-WBA Super heavyweight title.
At Belfast, Northern Ireland, Kiko Martinez vs. Carl Frampton, 12, for Martinez's IBF super bantamweight title; Jamie Conlan vs. Daryl Baldwin, 10, junior bantamweights; Brian McCullough vs. Danny Nelson, 10, featherweights.
Sept. 7
At U.S. Bank Arena, Cincinnati (SHO), Lucian Bute vs. Andre Dirrell, 12, super middleweights; Lenin Castillo vs. Mike Jones, 10, super middleweights; Jesse Hart vs. Robert Ortiz, 10 junior welterweights; Andre Berto vs. Steve Upshaw Cheetham, 10, welterweights.
At Monte Carlo, Juan Francisco Estrada vs. Giovani Segura, 12, for Estrada's WBA Super World and WBO flyweight title.
Sept. 10
At Nonthaburi, Thailand, Amnat Ruenroeng vs. Wanheng Menayothin, 12, for Ruenroeng's IBF flyweight title.
Sept. 11
At the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas (FS1), Luis Ortiz vs. Lateef Kayode, 12, for the interim WBA heavyweight title; Jesus Cuellar vs. Juan Manuel Lopez, 12, for the interim WBA featherweight title.
Sept. 13
At Manchester, England, Scott Quigg vs. Paulus Ambunda, 12, for Quigg's WBA junior featherweight title; Anthony Crolla vs. Gamaliel Diaz, 12, for Crolla's WBO inter-Continental lightweight title.
At Monte Carlo, Leo Vegas (FPV), Floyd Mayweather, Jr. vs. Marcos Rene Maidana, 12, for Mayweather's WBA Super World and WBC welterweight titles; Leo Santa Cruz vs. Manuel Roman, 12, for Santa Cruz's WBC junior featherweight title; Miguel Vazquez vs. Mickey Bey, 12, for Vazquez's IBF lightweight title; Alfredo Angulo vs. Jesus Del La Rosa, 10, middleweights; John Molina Jr. vs. Humberto Soto, 10, junior welterweights.
Sept. 20
At Helsinki, Finland, Richar Abril vs. Edis Tatli, 12, for Abril's WBA lightweight title.
At Fresnillo, Mexhuehuetlan, Conn. (HBO), Thabiso Mchunu vs. Gerrish Wilson, 10, welterweights.
Sept. 26
At Stockton, Mexico, Carlos Cuadras vs. Sonny Boy Jaro, 12, for Cuadras' WBC junior bantamweight title; Johnny Gonzalez vs. Jorge Arce, 12, for Gonzalez's WBC featherweight title.
Sept. 29
At Mesquite (FS1), Anselmo Moreno vs. Juan Carlos Payano, 12, for Moreno's WBA Super World featherweight title.
Sept. 27
At Moscow, Krystina Wiatkowski vs. Grigory Drozd, 12, for Wiatkowski's WBC Androweight title; Denis Lebedev vs. Ruslan Fayfer, 12, for Lebedev's WBA cruiserweight title.

RockHounds

From 1C

at the right time for Midland (35-28) in its quest to win the Texas League South Division. Thanks to Corpus Christi's 23-7 win against San Antonio on Monday, Midland clinched at least the wild card playoff spot in the Texas League.

Midland, which won one of three games against Frisco (36-27) at home this weekend, still has a chance to win the second-half title in the South Division as they are game behind the Rough Riders in the standings. The wild card comes into play when the same team wins both halves and the team with the best overall record earns the second playoff spot in the division. San Antonio's loss on Monday eliminated it from winning the second half, and the Missions are also 11 1/2 games behind Midland in the overall standings with seven games to play.

"We definitely needed a little stop there, and we wanted to set a good tone against these guys," Haviland said. "We were going to make the playoffs, but we didn't want (Frisco) leaving here feeling really confident."

Haviland threw a mixture of pitches all night that worked to near perfection, and the RoughRiders never put together back-to-back base hits. The one inning Frisco did put a runner in scoring position, Conner Crumbliss scooped up a ground ball to begin a double play.

At one point in the game, Haviland had retired 11 straight. He faced just 27 batters, which is three over the eight-inning minimum.

Meanwhile, the RockHounds offense staked Haviland to a 4-0 lead in the fourth as Dusty Coleman hit a two-run double and Conner Crumbliss and D'Arby Myers both drive in runs in the inning.

"That's probably the best I've seen him throw all year," Midland manager Aaron Nieckula said. "He did a phenomenal job for us, and for the last couple of starts. He had excellent command, pounded the zone, worked down, worked in, and worked out when he needed to. It was just a solid performance, and he probably could've pitched in the big leagues tonight, if he needed to."

Midland will begin a four-game series against San Antonio at 7:05 p.m. today at Nelson Wolff Stadium.

'HOUNDS BITES: Dusty Coleman's two-run double in the fourth inning gave him 76 RBI for the season, which leads the Texas League. He also scored two runs and now has 76 this season, which also leads the league. ... Hiro Nakajima made a rare start at first base on Monday night. Nakajima has played the other three infield positions this season but had yet to play first base. ... D'Arby Myers was 2-for-4 in Monday's game which is twice as many hits as he's had against Frisco this season. Entering Monday's game, Myers was 1-for-23 against the RoughRiders this year. ... Frisco shortstop Hanser Alberto snagged a line drive from Blake Forsythe as Alberto had to leap in the air to grab it. ... Midland manager Aaron Nieckula said the play of the game was when Blake Forsythe stopped a potential wild pitch with Patrick Cantwell hitting that didn't advance the runners. The next pitch, Cantwell hits into a double play to end the inning.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland right-hander Murphy Smith (2-4, 4.09) will take the hill today in the first game of a series at San Antonio. Right-hander Jesse Hahn (2-1, 2.01) will pitch for the Missions.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland first baseman Hiro Nakajima attempts to make the tag on a pickoff attempt as Frisco's Nick Williams dives back to the bag Monday at Security Bank Ballpark.

ROCKHOUNDS 5, FRISCO 1

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Rodriguez 3b-1	1	0	0	0
Carroll ph	0	0	0	0
Cavazos lf	4	0	0	0
Adams 1b	4	0	0	0
Williams lf	3	0	1	0
Wise c	3	0	1	0
Alvarez rf	3	0	0	0
Alberto ss	3	0	1	0
Martinez cf	2	0	0	0
Totals	30	1	3	1

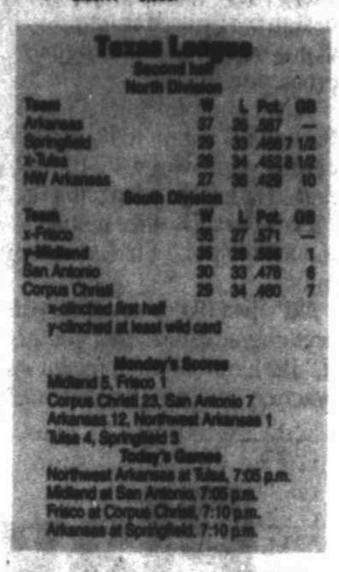
Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Wilson cf	4	0	0	0
Myers ph	1	0	2	1
Myers 2b	4	0	0	1
Haviland rf	3	1	1	0
Barfield rf	3	1	2	0
Coleman ss	3	2	1	2
Forsythe c	3	1	0	0
Nakajima 1b	4	0	0	0
Crumbliss 3b	3	0	2	2
Totals	30	5	8	5

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Frisco						
Faulkner L, 1-4	3.1	5	4	4	3	5
Roxbrough	2.0	1	1	1	1	3
Lamb	1.2	1	0	0	0	2
McElwee	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
Midland						
Haviland W, 7-7	8.0	3	0	0	1	4
Dull	1.0	0	1	0	0	1

WP — Dull. HBP — by Roxbrough (Coleman). T — 2:38. A — 3,559.



Texas League

Second Half

North Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	37	25	.597	—
Springfield	35	30	.538	3 1/2
Tulsa	33	31	.516	5
NW Arkansas	27	36	.429	10
South Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Frisco	39	27	.591	—
x-Midland	35	28	.556	1
San Antonio	30	33	.476	6
Corpus Christi	29	34	.460	7

x-clinched first half
y-clinched at least wild card

Monday's Scores
Midland 5, Frisco 1
Corpus Christi 23, San Antonio 7
Arkansas 12, Northwest Arkansas 1
Tulsa 4, Springfield 3
Today's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at Corpus Christi, 7:10 p.m.
Arkansas at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.

Ledecky leaves her mark in Australia

By John Pye
Associated Press

GOLD COAST, Australia — The long, deep breaths were a sign: Elation, satisfaction, relief. And just a touch of exhaustion.

Katie Ledecky had just wiped almost six seconds off her own world record in the 1,500-meter freestyle to win her fifth gold medal of the Pan Pacific championships, rounding off a phenomenal season of competition.

She now owns the world records in the 400- — she lowered her own mark at that distance the previous night — the 800- and the 1,500-meter freestyle events and is the world champion in all three.

And she's still in high school.

Before the Pan Pacific championships, the bulk of the attention focused on the return to international competition of Michael Phelps, the most decorated swimmer of all time. Ledecky's performances made sure Phelps had to share the spotlight.

Phelps, who won eight Olympic gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Games and retired after lifting his tally to 18 golds by the end of the London Games in 2012, was frequently asked about his 17-year-old teammate.

"She's a stud. It's unbelievable," Phelps said of Ledecky after she lowered her record in the 400, describing her reaction to all the fuss over her times as "so nonchalant."

"Watching her swim is remarkable," he said. "She throws it on the line — she's very talented, she works hard, and it shows."

Ledecky enjoys swimming the 1,500, but it's not an Olympic event for women so it's not a big part of her longer-term plans beyond the world championships next year. She likes the challenge of it. Her reaction to winning the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle golds were fairly subdued and self-effacing.

Although she said it was "kind of cool" to be the first to set a world record at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre's new outdoor pool, she said she also loved playing a role in a winning 4x200 freestyle relay for the Americans.

All of her records came in some pretty difficult weather conditions — steady rain and a cold wind off the nearby Pacific Ocean during most of the sessions. It was a final, and uncharacteristic, blast of the last few weeks of the southern hemisphere winter in this part of Australia.

After completing the 30 laps in 15 minutes, 28.36 seconds — her third world record in 15 days — she really let her emotions show, slapping the water in delight after an intense final lap when she pushed harder and harder to the wall.



Rick Rycroft/AP

Katie Ledecky smiles as she poses a gold medal after setting a world record in the women's 1,500-meter freestyle final at the Pan Pacific swimming championships in Gold Coast, Australia on Sunday.

Tiger Woods splits with swing coach Sean Foley

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PARAMUS, N.J. — Tiger Woods is leaving swing coach Sean Foley after four years and no majors.

Woods said on his website Monday he will no longer work with Foley, the Canadian whom he hired when his game was at its low point following the upheaval with his marriage. The announcement came one day after another Foley pupil, Hunter Mahan, won The Barclays.

"I'd like to thank Sean for his help as my coach and for his friendship," Woods said. "Sean is one of the outstanding coaches in golf today, and I know he will continue to be successful with the players working with him."

Woods has been coping with back problems for more than a year. He had surgery March 31 to alleviate a pinched nerve, forcing him to miss two majors during his three months of recovery. He missed two cuts, withdrew from another tournament and had his worst 72-hole finish in a major after returning.

He is taking three months off in a bid to regain his full strength, and said this would be the right time to dismiss Foley. Woods is not scheduled to play again until his World Challenge in Orlando, Florida, the first week in December.

He does not have a coach and said there was no timetable to hire one.

"My time spent with Tiger is one of the highlights of my career so far, and I am appreciative of the many experiences we shared together," Foley said in a statement posted on Woods' website.

Foley was the third coach Woods hired as a professional.

Woods began working with Butch Harmon as a teenager, and they changed his swing twice. The biggest overhaul was after Woods won the Masters by 12 shots. Many believe the new swing produced Woods' most dominant golf, though he also was in his early 20s and had hot had serious issues with his knee. Woods won eight majors while with Harmon, including seven in 11 attempts and an unprecedented sweep of them in 2000-01. They parted in 2003.

Woods went to Hank Haney and produced another memorable stretch with an entirely different swing. In a two-year period covering 34 tournaments, Woods won 18 times (including four majors) and was runner-up six times. That ended with the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines, right before his fourth and most invasive knee surgery.

That was his 14th major, and Woods has not won another since. He remains four short of the record held by Jack Nicklaus.

Haney announced in May he was leaving Woods, although those close to Woods felt a split was imminent. Woods went through most of 2010 without a coach until hooking up with Foley for the first time at the PGA Championship in 2010 at Whistling Straits.

Woods won three times on the PGA Tour in 2012, and then delivered a five-win season in 2013 when he returned to No. 1. But he rarely challenged in the majors, some of that because of injury.

He missed two majors in 2011 while letting leg injuries fully heal. Woods had a share of the 36-hole lead in the U.S. Open and PGA Championship in 2012, but he was not a factor on Sunday. He was two shots off the lead going into the final round of the 2013 British Open and fell back quickly.

He missed two more majors this year because of injury.

Foley, who first worked with Stephen Ames, has Mahan and former U.S. Open champion Justin Rose among his clients.

"It was a lifelong ambition of mine to teach the best player of all time in our sport," Foley said. "I am both grateful for the things we had the opportunity to learn from one another, as well as the enduring friendship we have built. I have nothing but respect and admiration for him."

Rangers' Choo to have season-ending elbow surgery

By Josh Liebeskind
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Texas Rangers outfielder Shin-Soo Choo is scheduled for surgery to remove a bone spur from his left elbow and will miss the rest of the season.

Choo was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday, and the Rangers recalled outfielder Michael Choice from Triple-A Round Rock. Choice was expected to arrive in Seattle before Monday night's game against the Mariners.

The operation is set for Sept. 15, but it could be moved up to Friday if Choo's illness subsides. He did not travel with the team to Seattle because of a virus that kept him out of Sunday's game against Kansas City, prompting the Mariners to put him on the DL.

"By the end of October, he would be 100 percent and have a completely normal ... offseason," general manager Jon Daniels said, explaining why the last-place Rangers didn't want to wait until after the season. "We want everything, from a health standpoint, we want 100 percent for 2015."

The 32-year-old Choo struggled in his first season with Texas after signing a $130 million, seven-year contract when he was a free agent last winter. He batted .242 with 13 home runs and 40 RBI in 123 games.

He has also played through an ankle injury as well as the elbow issue, which hurt him on long throws from the outfield, Daniels said. Choo appeared in only 75 games in the outfield and made 44 starts at designated hitter.

The arthroscopic procedure will be performed by Dr. Keith Meister, the Rangers' team physician.

Choice started the season with Texas and batted .177 with eight homers and 28 RBI in 69 games before he was optioned to Round Rock on July 7.

Earlier in the day, the Rangers selected the contract of catcher Tomas Telis from Round Rock. He joined the team in Seattle and was looking to make his big league debut.



Lynne Sladky/AP

Texas left fielder Shin-Soo Choo puts on his batting gloves before an Aug.19 in Miami.

Resilient Brewers stay atop NL Central

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Brewers keep finding ways to stay atop the National League Central.

Milwaukee has been alone or tied for first since April 5, but it's been a high-wire act atop the division, especially since July 1.

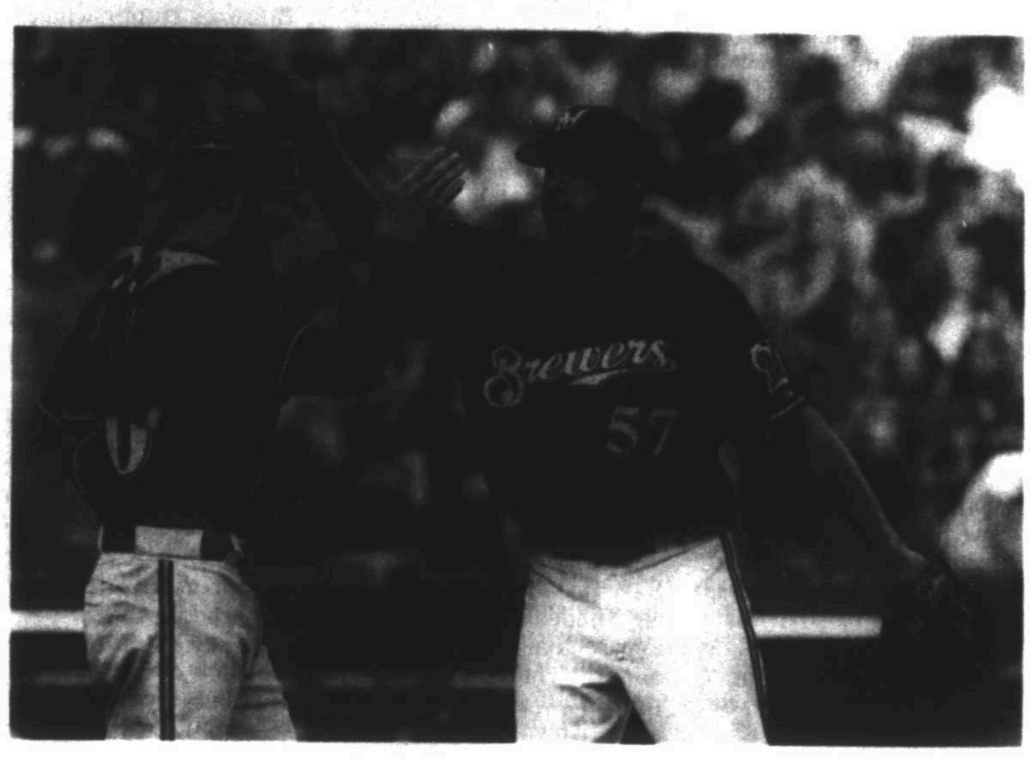
The latest brush with second came Sunday, when Milwaukee entered the day with a half-game lead over St. Louis and went home that night with a 1 1/2-game cushion following another nice outing by fill-in starter Mike Fiers and a Cardinals' loss to Philadelphia.

Call it a coincidence, Scooter Gennett said. For the second baseman, it's more about Milwaukee proving to be a good team over the long haul.

"I think it's just a coincidence. It's just, you know, playing hard," Gennett said after getting two hits in Sunday's 4-3 victory over Pittsburgh to snap a three-game slide. "Sometimes you lose them, sometimes you win them, and I think we're winning them at the right times."

Milwaukee began its second California road trip in two weeks on Monday with the start of a three-game series in San Diego. The Pirates have showed resilience of late, too, following up a seven-game losing streak by taking three of their last four, including two of three from the Brewers on the road.

After falling seven back, Pittsburgh's deficit was back to five going into an important three-game series with St. Louis starting Monday.



Morry Gash/AP

Milwaukee Brewers catcher Jonathan Lucroy, left, and Francisco Rodriguez, right, celebrate their 4-3 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates Sunday in Milwaukee.

"We're right where we need to be," Pirates outfielder Andrew McCutchen.

Some things to watch in what should be a competitive final five weeks in the NL Central:

BREWERS PITCHING: Fiers is 4-0 with a 1.29 ERA since stepping into the rotation for the injured Matt Garza, including 32 strikeouts in 28 innings. Garza had what manager Ron Roenicke termed as a good bullpen session Sunday, and he is expected to get more extensive bullpen work Tuesday as he works his way back from a strained muscle in his rib cage.

Lohse returned to the rotation Monday to start the Padres series after being sidelined since Aug. 13 with a right ankle injury.

Roenicke, for now, isn't thinking about what will happen in the rotation once Garza is ready to return. The veteran could return in early September, when rosters would expand anyway to 40 players.

The rotation doesn't include a true ace, but features pitchers who can deliver quality starts or better on any night. Fiers' emergence provides Roenicke with a pleasant numbers problem.

"He's been dominant," outfielder Ryan Braun said of Fiers. "I think when you exceed expectations you need guys to exceed expectations individually."

MASTERSON'S MISERY: The good news for St. Louis is that it is 3-2 in games when Justin Masterson starts. The bad news is that the veteran right-hander has a 7.43 ERA in five starts since being acquired at the trade deadline from Cleveland.

Masterson has given up at least four earned runs in each of his St. Louis outings, save for a

Save for pitching seven scoreless innings Aug. 13 at Miami, Masterson has given up at least four runs in each of his starts. Manager Mike Matheny is hopeful for a turnaround from Masterson, who would be next scheduled to start Saturday against the Cubs.

PIRATES STEADY: Pittsburgh just missed sweeping the Brewers on the road. But manager Clint Hurdle likes how his team responded from a season-high seven-game losing streak by beating the Braves before taking two from Milwaukee.

Since losing 11-3 to Atlanta on Aug. 19, Pirates pitching held opponents to no more than three runs in the next three games.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES & LINESCORES

STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	74	55	.574	—
New York	68	61	.527	6
Toronto	66	65	.504	9
Tampa Bay	64	67	.489	11
Boston	57	74	.435	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	72	58	.554	—
Detroit	70	59	.543	1 1/2
Cleveland	66	63	.512	5 1/2
Chicago	59	71	.454	13
Minnesota	58	72	.446	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	77	52	.597	—
Oakland	77	53	.592	1/2
Seattle	71	58	.550	6
Houston	55	77	.417	23 1/2
Texas	50	79	.388	27

Monday's Scores

Baltimore 9, Tampa Bay 1
Boston 4, Toronto 3, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 8, Kansas City 1
Oakland 8, Houston 2
Miami at L.A. Angels, late
Texas at Seattle, late

Today's Games

Tampa Bay (Cobb 9-6) at Baltimore (W.Chen 13-4), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (R.De La Rosa 4-5) at Toronto (Dickey 10-12), 6:07 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (McCarthy 5-2) at Detroit (Porcello 14-8), 6:08 p.m.
Cleveland (House 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 6-10), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Nolasco 5-9) at Kansas City (D.Duffy 8-11), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Hammel 1-5) at Houston (Keuchel 10-9), 7:10 p.m.
Miami (Eovaldi 6-8) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 12-4), 9:05 p.m.
Texas (N.Martinez 3-9) at Seattle (Paxton 3-1), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	75	55	.577	—
Atlanta	68	63	.519	7 1/2
Miami	64	65	.496	10 1/2
New York	61	70	.466	14 1/2
Philadelphia	59	72	.450	16 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	72	58	.554	—
St. Louis	71	59	.546	1
Pittsburgh	67	64	.511	5 1/2
Cincinnati	63	68	.481	9 1/2
Chicago	58	72	.446	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	74	58	.561	—
San Francisco	68	61	.527	4 1/2
San Diego	60	69	.465	12 1/2
Arizona	55	76	.420	18 1/2
Colorado	52	77	.403	20 1/2

Monday's Scores

St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia 3, Washington 2
Miami at L.A. Angels, late
Milwaukee at San Diego, late
Colorado at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

St. Louis (Lynn 14-8) at Pittsburgh (Cole 7-4), 6:05 p.m.
Washington (G.Gonzalez 6-9) at Philadelphia (Hamels 7-6), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (A.Wood 9-9) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 4-6), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-11) at Cincinnati (Cueto 15-7), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (R.Hernandez 7-9) at Arizona (Cahill 3-6), 8:40 p.m.
Miami (Eovaldi 6-8) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 12-4), 9:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (J.Nelson 2-4) at San Diego (T.Ross 11-12), 9:10 p.m.
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 13-8) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 14-9), 9:15 p.m.

ATHLETICS 8, ASTROS 2

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	4	1	0	1	Grssmn lf	4	0	1	0
Callasp dh	5	1	0	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	1	0
Dnldsn 3b	4	1	3	3	Carter dh	4	1	1	2
Vogt 1b	5	0	1	0	Fowler cf	4	0	1	0
DNorrs c	5	0	1	2	JCastro c	4	0	0	0
Moss lf	5	1	2	0	MGnztz ss	4	0	3	0
Reddck rf	2	2	1	2	Singltn 1b	2	0	0	0
Parmno ss	3	1	0	0	MDmn 3b	4	0	0	0
Sogard 2b	3	1	1	0	Mrsnick rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	**36**	**8**	**9**	**8**	**Totals**	**33**	**2**	**7**	**2**

Oakland	.001	200	005	—8
Houston	.000	000	020	—2

E—Reddick (4). DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Oakland 7, Houston 6. 2B—Donaldson 2 (23), Sogard (10), Ma.Gonzalez 2 (10). HR—Reddick (10), Carter (31). SB—Donaldson (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Samardzja W,4-3	8	6	2	2	1	10
O'Flaherty	1	1	0	0	1	0
Houston						
Feldman L,7-10	7	7	3	3	1	5
Fields	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sipp	0	2	4	4	0	0
Veras	1	2	1	1	0	2

Sipp pitched to 4 batters in the 9th.
HBP—by Fields (Donaldson).
T—3:18. A—14,094 (42,060).

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ORIOLES 9, RAYS 1

Tampa Bay	.001	000	000	—1	4	2
Baltimore	.003	060	00x	—9	14	1

Odorizzi, Yates (5), Beliveau (6), C.Ramos (7) and J.Molina. Tillman, O.Day (8), Z.Britton (9) and Hundley. W—Tillman 11-5. L—Odorizzi 9-11. HRs—Baltimore, Markakis (12), Pearce (15), D.Young (6), J.Hardy (8), C.Davis (22).

RED SOX 4, BLUE JAYS 3, 10 INNINGS

Boston	.000	030	000	1	—4	8	0
Toronto	.000	000	003	0	—3	5	0

Buchholz, Uehara (9), Breslow (10) and Vazquez. Happ, Redmond (7), Aa.Sanchez (10) and D.Navarro. W—Uehara 6-4. L—Aa.Sanchez 2-1. Sv—Breslow (1). HRs—Boston, Betts (2), Pedroia (6).

YANKEES 8, ROYALS 1

New York	.001	100	402	—8	13	0
Kansas City	.001	000	000	—1	7	1

Pineda, Huff (7) and McCann. Shields, Bueno, B.Chen (9) and S.Perez. W—Pineda 3-2. L—Shields 12-7. HRs—New York, Drew (6), Prado (4), Ellsbury (11). Kansas City, Moustakas (15).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CARDINALS 3, PIRATES 2

St. Louis	.000	000	300	—3	8	1
Pittsburgh	.010	000	001	—2	8	2

Lackey, Neshek (8), Rosenthal (9) and T.Cruz. Furnaro, J.Hughes (7), Ju.Wilson (7), Axford (9) and P.Martin. W—Lackey 2-1. L—J.Hughes 6-4. Sv—Rosenthal (39). HRs—Pittsburgh, P.Alvarez (18). A.McCutchen (20).

PHILLIES 3, NATIONALS 2

Washington	.000	001	001	—2	6	0
Philadelphia	.000	110	10x	—3	8	0

Roark, Blevins (7), Detwiler (8) and W.Ramos. A.Burnett, Diekman (8), Papelbon (9) and Ruiz. W—A.Burnett 7-14. L—Roark 12-8. Sv—Papelbon (32). HRs—Washington, Rendon (17). W.Ramos (1). Philadelphia, Asche (9), Ruiz (4).

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ATHLETICS 8
ASTROS 2

HOUSTON — Jeff Samardzija pitched eight solid innings and Josh Donaldson drove in three runs to lead the Oakland Athletics over the Houston Astros 8-2 Monday night.

Samardzija (4-3) allowed six hits, two runs and tied a season high with 10 strikeouts to bounce back from a two-game skid in which he yielded 11 runs combined.

Josh Reddick hit a two-run homer and Donaldson had three hits after sitting out Sunday with a knee injury. Donaldson doubled twice for his first extra-base hits and RBIs in his last nine games.

Reddick's 10th home run sailed into the seats in right field to push Oakland's lead to 3-0 in the fourth.

ORIOLES 9
RAYS 1

BALTIMORE — Delmon Young, J.J. Hardy and Chris Davis homered in succession during a six-run fifth inning, and the Baltimore Orioles cruised past the Tampa Bay Rays 9-1 Monday night to end a three-game losing streak.

Baltimore hit five homers in all, four off rookie Jake Odorizzi (9-11). Nick Markakis and Steve Pearce delivered back-to-back shots in the third to spark the Orioles to their ninth win in 13 games against Tampa Bay this season.

After totaling four runs and 13 hits in three road losses to the Chicago Cubs, the Orioles got 14 hits against a Tampa Bay staff that had a major league-best 3.28 ERA since the All-Star break.

Baltimore's Chris Tillman (11-5) yielded an unearned run and three hits in seven innings.

YANKEES 8
ROYALS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Derek Jeter drove in two runs in his final scheduled trip to Kauffman Stadium, backing a sharp outing from Michael Pineda and helping the New York Yankees beat the Kansas City Royals 8-1 on Monday night for their fifth straight win.

Jacoby Ellsbury drove in a run in the seventh inning with the 1,000th hit of his career, then added a two-run homer in the ninth. Stephen Drew and Martin Prado also homered for New York.

Pineda (3-2) gave up a solo shot to Mike Moustakas leading off the third inning, but that was about it in his third game back from the disabled list. Pineda struck out five without a walk in 6 1/3 innings to win for the first time since beating the Cubs on April 16.

James Shields (12-7) allowed six runs over 6 2/3 innings for Kansas City.

RED SOX 4
BLUE JAYS 3, 10 INNINGS

TORONTO — Yoenis Cespedes singled home the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and the Boston Red Sox survived a ninth-inning collapse to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 on Monday night, snapping their losing streak at eight games.

Cespedes has 19 RBIs in 22 games since being traded to Boston on July 31. Seven of those 19 RBIs have given the Red Sox a lead.

Brock Holt hit a one-out single off Aaron Sanchez (2-1) in the 10th and stole second as Dustin Pedroia struck out, with the steal confirmed by video review. Holt stole third before Cespedes drove him in with a single up the middle.

Boston won for the first time since August 16 against Houston and snapped a six-game skid against the stumbling Blue Jays, who dropped to 6-15 in August.

National League

PHILLIES 3
NATIONALS 2

PHILADELPHIA — A.J. Burnett struck out 12 in seven innings and Cody Asche and Carlos Ruiz homered to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a 3-2 victory over the Washington Nationals on Monday night.

Domonic Brown had two hits and an RBI for Philadelphia, which won for the fourth time in five games.

Wilson Ramos and Anthony Rendon homered for NL East-leading Washington, which lost for just the second time in 14 games.

Burnett (7-14) won for the first time since the All-Star break, allowing one run on three hits with just one walk. The right-hander entered leading the majors in walks with 76.

Tanner Roark (12-8) gave up two runs on five hits in six innings and lost for just the second time in his last nine starts. Roark has a 2.25 ERA over that stretch.

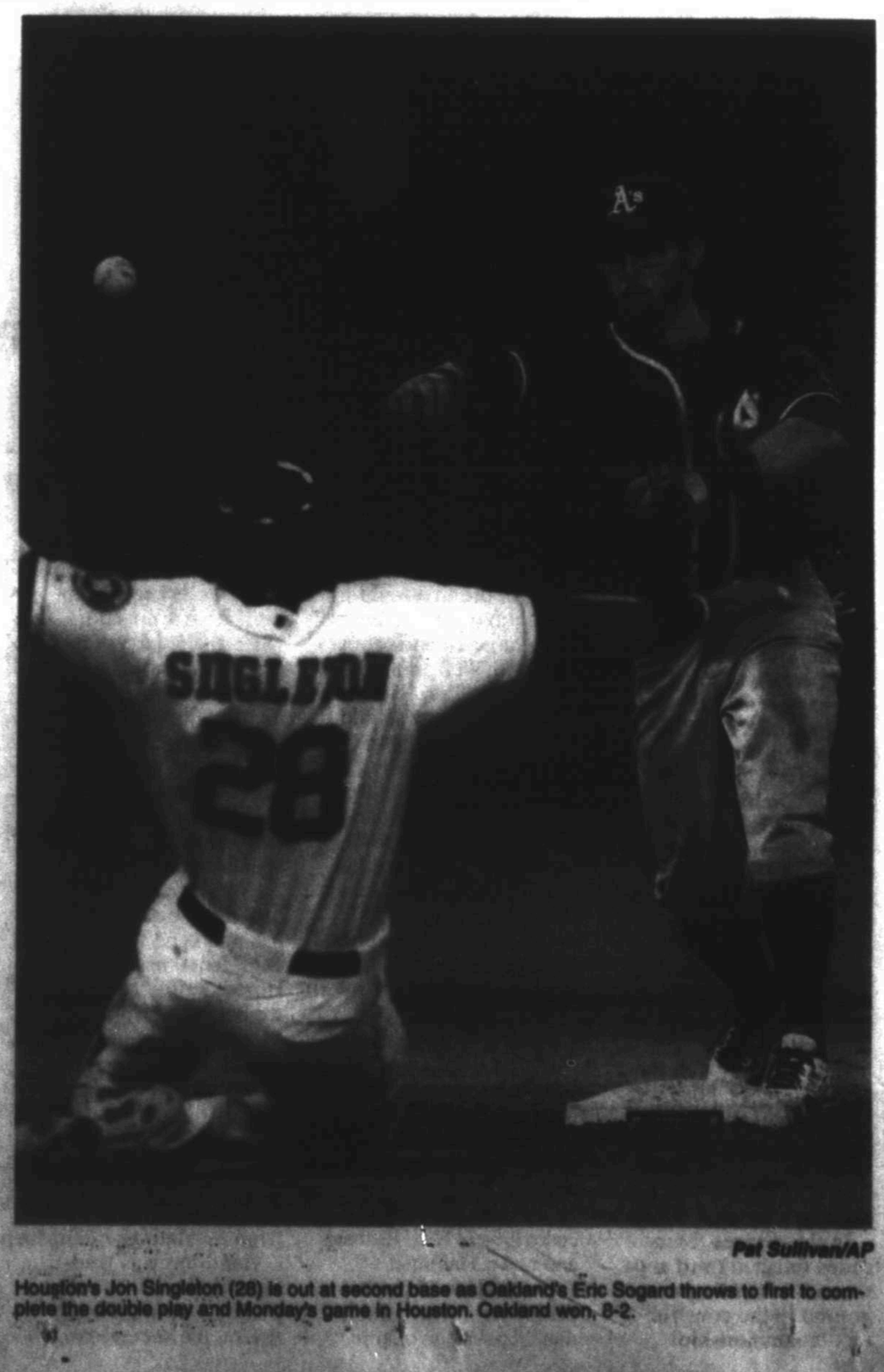
CARDINALS 3
PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH — Matt Holliday's two-run single in the seventh inning off Jared Hughes capped a late rally, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2 on Monday night.

Jon Jay's pinch-hit single tied the game with two outs in the seventh and Holliday followed with a sharp single to left off Hughes (6-4) to score Jay and Matt Carpenter.

John Lackey (13-8) worked out of trouble early to work seven innings and pick up his second victory with the Cardinals after arriving in a trade from Boston on July 31. Trevor Rosenthal gave up a leadoff home run in the ninth to Andrew McCutchen but held on to earn his 39th save.

Pedro Alvarez hit his 18th homer in the second off Lackey, but the Pirates managed little after that to fall further behind St. Louis and first-place Milwaukee in the NL Central race.



Pat Sullivan/AP

Houston's Jon Singleton (28) is out at second base as Oakland's Eric Sogard throws to first to complete the double play and Monday's game in Houston. Oakland won, 8-2.

TENNIS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

U.S. Open Results
Monday
At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
New York
Purse: $38.5 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round
Leonardo Mayer (23), Argentina, def. Albert Montanes Tomas, 6-2, 3-6, retired.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.
Matthew Ebden, Australia, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (2).
Nick Kyrgios, Australia, def. Mikhail Youzhny (21), Russia, 7-6, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 7-6 (1).
Mathias Bachinger, Germany, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
Benoit Paire, France, def. Julien Benneteau (24), France, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.
Andy Murray (6), Britain, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-3, 7-6 (6), 1-6, 7-5.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (9), France, def. Juan Monaco, Argentina, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-1.
Simone Bolelli, Italy, def. Vasek Pospisil, Canada, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
Fernando Verdasco (31), Spain, def. Blaz Rola, Slovenia, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4.
Philipp Kohlschreiber (22), Germany, def. Facundo Bagnis, Argentina, 6-2, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, def. Nicolas Mahut, France, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-1.
Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, vs. Andreas Beck, Germany, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (0).
Aleksandr Nedovyesov, Kazakhstan, def. James McGee, Ireland, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 7-6 (3).
Peter Gojowczyk, Germany, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.
Stan Wawrinka (3), Switzerland, def. Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, 6-2, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (3).
Tommy Robredo (16), Spain, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, def. Donald Young, United States, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.
Milos Raonic (5), Canada, def. Taro Daniel, Japan, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (1).
Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, def. Bradley Klahn, United States, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Michael Llodra, France, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.
Jeremy Chardy (30), France, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.
Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 6-7 (7), 7-5, 7-6 (6), 6-7 (5), 6-1.
Women
First Round
Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, def. Sharon Fichman, Canada, 6-1, 6-0.
Kurumi Nara (31), Japan, def. Aleksandra Wozniak, Canada, 6-2, 6-1.
Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, def. Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 6-3, 6-2.
Lucie Safarova (14), Czech Republic, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, 6-4, 7-5.
Zheng Saisai, China, def. Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, 1-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, def. Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor, Spain, 2-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Simona Halep (2), Romania, def. Danielle Rose Collins, United States, 6-7 (2), 6-1, 6-2.
Angelique Kerber (6), Germany, def. Ksenia Pervak, Russia, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5.
Andrea Petkovic (18), Germany, def. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, 7-6 (7), 1-6, 6-3.
Peng Shuai, China, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-3, 6-3.
Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, def. Tereza Smitkova, Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, def. Karin Knapp, Italy, 6-4, 6-3.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Romina Oprandi, Switzerland, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Alla Kudryavseva, Russia, def. Duan Ying-Ying, China, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.
Venus Williams (19), United States, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Jelena Jankovic (9), Serbia, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 6-2, 6-3.
Johanna Larsson, Sweden, def. Virginie Razzano, France, 6-0, 6-0.
Sloane Stephens (21), United States, def. Annika Beck, Germany, 6-0, 6-3.
Shahar Peer, Israel, def. Johanna Konta, Britain, 6-2, 6-3.
Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, def. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, 6-7 (7), 4-3, retired
Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, def. Camila Giorgi, Italy, 1-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Alize Cornet (22), France, def. Amandine Hesse, France, 6-1, 6-2.
Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, def. Garbine Muguruza (25), Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (4)
Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, def. Anna Schmiedlova, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-3.
Roberta Vinci (28), Italy, def. Paula Ormaechea, Argentina, 6-3, 6-3.
Sabine Lisicki (26), Germany, def. Francoise Abanda, Canada, 6-3, 7-5.
Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, def. Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4.
Madison Brengle, United States, def. Julia Glushko, Israel, 6-3, 6-2.
Sara Errani (13), Italy, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 6-1, 7-5.
Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, def. Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Caroline Wozniacki (10), Denmark, def. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 6-1, 3-6, 2-0, retired
Maria Sharapova (5), Russia, def. Maria Kirilenko, Russia, 6-4, 6-0.



AP file photo

In this April 2 photo, official Dick Bavetta watches during a free throw in a game between the New York Knicks and the Brooklyn Nets in New York. Bavetta, 74, told The Associated Press that it is the right time to leave the game after a 39-year career.

Bavetta looks back on a lifetime in basketball

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Dick Bavetta never missed a game.

Fortunately for him, not everyone has that same sense of devotion.

The year was 1966, and Bavetta was in a stockbroker-league basketball game at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York. His team played in the first game on the schedule that night. The game ended, Bavetta grabbed a quick shower and returned to the court because his brother — a police detective — was one of the referees working the second game.

His brother's partner never showed. So Bavetta grudgingly agreed to take his place.

And with that, what became a 48-year odyssey of blowing the whistle got underway.

"Otherwise," Bavetta said, "I probably would be a burned-out stockbroker right now."

Turns out, that night marked the most ironic of beginnings. After 39 years in the NBA and without a single missed assignment — a source of immense pride for one of the game's most recognizable referees — Bavetta has made his last call. He has officially retired, a decision announced by the league last week and marking the end of a career that saw him work a record 2,635 consecutive games, including 270 playoff contests and 27 NBA Finals games.

The rigors of travel especially this past winter, holidays spent separated from family, nights away from his wife Paulette and their 460-acre ranch in Ocala, Florida, it all took a toll on the 74-year-old Bavetta.

"I'm healthy," Bavetta said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I feel at peace with making the decision. I've been very blessed and fortunate to be part of the NBA family for 39 years. They've provided a great livelihood for me and my family. And moving forward, it will always be part of my DNA. For so long, 'I'm Dick Bavetta, an NBA referee' has just come out. Now it's time for 'I'm Dick Bavetta, former NBA referee.'"

From that hesitant beginning working alongside his brother, Bavetta got to see the world with his whistle.

It took nine years of trying before he got into the NBA, making his debut Dec. 2, 1975, only a couple miles from where his career inauspiciously began. Bavetta's first NBA gig was a Knicks-Celtics game at Madison Square Garden; Dave Cowens scored 25, three other Boston players scored at least 20, and the Celtics prevailed 103-100.

Over the years that followed, Bavetta would work three All-Star Games — not including the one where he would famously race Charles Barkley, a sprint that left both tumbling to the court at the end. He was tabbed for the 1992 Olympics in Spain, plus games in France, Mexico and Japan.

"Dick's dedication and commitment to his craft has been an inspiration to all NBA officials," Rod Thorn, the NBA's President of Basketball Operations, said in a statement released by the league last week. "We are grateful for his contributions to our league, and we wish him the best as he enjoys his well-earned retirement."

So what's next?

Bavetta, a Brooklyn native who attended Power Memorial — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's school — isn't sure.

Charity is important to Bavetta, who has personally funded scholarships to parochial schools to minority children for years. He's also been directly involved with the Double H-Hole in the Woods Ranch in upstate New York; that camp has given critically ill children and their families a respite since 1992.

"I've always enjoyed being able to give back," Bavetta said.

He and his wife have already checked out the local community theater schedule for the coming season. There's a couple grandchildren that he wouldn't mind fussing over. All he knows for certain that his customary seat on the early morning flight from Orlando that would connect him to the rest of the NBA — Bavetta wouldn't fly out of Gainesville, the small airport nearest his home, for fear that he'd be delayed and miss a game — will be filled by somebody else.

"These people have been a part of me, for years," Bavetta said.

What he will likely miss most is being one of the NBA's de facto ambassadors.

Bavetta prided himself on being personable; after all, he was easily recognizable by NBA fans. So when they would stop him to chat, Bavetta never minded posing for a quick photo or telling a brief story.

"I was never the star of the show," Bavetta said. "The stars were the players. But you never know what lives you'll be able to touch."

OPEN

From 1C

Date-Krumm turns 44 next month, and fell to 0-4 against Williams in a match that lasted over 2 hours.

Down 5-0 in the third set, Date-Krumm won three straight games. At deuce in the final game, she missed an easy shot and crouched at the net for a full 10 seconds, thinking about the chance that got away.

Williams won the match on the next point, and Date-Krumm met her with a smile when it was over.

South Carolina, Texas A&M feature new starters

By Pete Iacobelli
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina and Texas A&M find out this week what life's like minus two of college football's most transcendent, attention-grabbing stars of recent years.

There will no Jadeveon Clowney-Johnny Manziel matchup in this one.

Had this game been played last year fans would've clear their schedules to watch the helmet-popping defensive end chase the reigning Heisman Trophy winner around Williams-Brice Stadium. With Clowney and Manziel in the NFL, those viewing the SEC Network's first football broadcast might need rosters and slo-mo replays Thursday night to catch all the new faces.

"They are probably a little bit like us that they haven't had a bunch of superstars to talk about this preseason," said Steve Spurrier, the Gamecocks' 10th-year coach. "Their players are anxious to earn their way, just like our guys."

Sophomore Darius English takes over Clowney's starting spot for No. 9 South Carolina after backup duty last season. Kenny Hill, also a sophomore, replaces Johnny Football in the No. No. 21 Aggies' huddle. Hill passed for 183 yards and a TD in four games last fall.

The 6-foot-6 English got a chance to start against Kentucky when Clowney, also 6-6, pulled himself from the game shortly before kickoff. English finished the season with 19 tackles and a forced fumble against North Carolina.

"Darius has had a really great camp and a great spring," defensive line coach Deke Adams said. "Hopefully, he'll get a chance to show it on Thursday night."

English was named a Georgia state defensive player of the year after notching 21 sacks his senior season at McEachern High in Powder Springs, Georgia. But he was a lanky, easily pushed around 205 pounds when he arrived on campus. English has added about 40 pounds since and feels like he's able to hold his ground and push back when challenged.

"I can get in there and bang with those guys," English said.

The good news for Gamecocks' fans is he won't be chasing Manziel.

The guy with the target on his back will be Hill, who won the Texas A&M quarterback competition over five-star freshman Kyle Allen. The two competed after longtime backup Matt Joeckel transferred to TCU in April.

Hill, the son of long time major leaguer Ken Hill Sr., showed more polish and experience and will start against the Gamecocks, offensive coordinator Jake Spavital said.

"The experience of being here and watching how we do (things) offensively and seeing Johnny play has helped him," Texas A&M offensive coordinator Jake Spavital said. "He's seen more than Kyle (Allen) has right now and that was important. He's our guy and we're putting all our eggs in that basket."

Hill passed for 183 yards and a touchdown in four games last season.

Don't expect the same, "Johnny Dollar" flash from the Aggies latest quarterback. Hill told team officials he wanted to wait until after playing South Carolina before discussing his starting status.

That focus on the field has offensive coordinator Jake Spavital smiling. "There'll be a lot less repeating myself than last year with Johnny," the coach said.

HELMET

From 1C

both have some flexibility, which is supposed to allow some force to be absorbed and dispersed instead of going directly to the head.

There's also a revamped ratchet chinstrap system for faster adjustments and a quick release for the faceguard that could benefit medical staff seeking access to the face in the event of an emergency.

Thad Ide, Riddell's senior vice president for research and product development, said his company isn't claiming that the SpeedFlex can help reduce concussions. But like Bielema, he believes progress is being made in regards to lessening head impacts.

"We'll let the medical researchers weigh in on the medical data around concussions, because that's kind of a moving target right now because of all the things that are being learned," Ide said. "But what we can do is try to reduce the forces of impact to the player's head. I think reducing those forces is unequivocally a good thing."

Cantu said current football helmet certification tests by the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) measure only linear impacts, which are direct blows. But new standards proposed over the summer would also mandate tests for rotational forces — or non-direct blows that could better reflect what actually happens on a football field.

NOCSAE's new standards are expected to go into effect sometime next year.

Mike Oliver, the executive director of NOCSAE, said helmet technology is improving but there are no simple answers.

"I think the helmet manufactures are doing everything they can do to address these issues," Oliver said. "But they labor under the same restrictions that we do, which is until we understand more about the specifics of what causes a particular concussion, it's a little difficult."

Riddell spokeswoman Erin Griffin said more than half of NCAA Division I programs are using the SpeedFlex. She said some programs — like Arkansas — have taken an aggressive approach to using the helmets while others have more of a wait-and-see attitude.

Mississippi State equipment manager Phil Silva, who is in his 31st year at the school, said he had the opportunity to order the SpeedFlex but declined. He said the technology looked fine, but he wanted to make sure there was demand among players.

"Most of our players like to use the brand of helmet they used in high school," Silva said. "We want to make sure guys are going to use them before we order."

Dr. Stefan Duma, the department head of the Virginia Tech-Wake Forest School of Biomedical Engineering and Sciences, has been a pioneer in releasing independent ratings for the safety football helmets provide.

He said Riddell's newest modifications for the SpeedFlex are "promising," though he has not tested the helmet because it's not yet available to the public. His team tests helmets by purchasing three and then performing 40 tests on each helmet that measure front, top, side and back impacts.

They then aggregate the scores from all impacts and assign each helmet a 1-5 star rating, with a 5-star label being the highest.

Resurgent Red Bull showing signs of improvement

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

SPA, Belgium — As Mercedes tries to get to grips with the latest dispute between its two bickering drivers in their tussle for the Formula One title, Red Bull is quietly enjoying an encouraging return to form.

It has been a difficult season for Red Bull, which had won the past four drivers' and constructors' championships thanks to the previous dominance of its car and the consistency of four-time defending champion Sebastian Vettel.

The roles have been reversed, with Mercedes rolling over everyone for most of the campaign and Vettel struggling.

Red Bull has won the past two races, however, with Daniel Ricciardo following his success at the Hungarian Grand Prix with another win at Sunday's Belgian GP.

In those races, Mercedes finished third and second, conceding some ground in the constructors' championship.

Down in sixth place overall, Vettel is showing signs that he can be more competitive. The German driver has qualified in the top three positions three times in the past four races; compared to three times in the first eight.

Although Mercedes still has a huge constructors' lead with 411 points to Red Bull's 254, Ricciardo is optimistic he can add to this three GP wins so far.

"I see good things ahead," the Australian driver said. "If we can collect maximum points (in Spa) it gives us a bit more hope for the races that are coming up later in the season, Singapore, Suzuka (Japan). We'll see how it goes in Monza (Italian GP)."

Picking up maximum points on Belgium's vast Spa track was unexpected — due to the superior straight-line speed of Mercedes — even if Ricciardo's win was somewhat helped by the clash between Mercedes drivers Nico Rosberg and Lewis Hamilton.

Ricciardo is 35 points behind Hamilton, but with double points on offer in the season-ending race in Abu Dhabi in November, he remains hopeful of catching the 2008 champion.

"If we're within 50 points heading into Abu Dhabi, (then) while it's still mathematically possible, we'll keep fighting," Ricciardo said. "Stealing some points on a circuit (Spa) where we weren't supposed to is nice."

Team principal Christian Horner expected Spa to be a "damage limitation" race. Instead, he saw signs that Red Bull's speed is improving.

"We have managed to find a balance and Daniel has managed to find a confidence in the car," Horner said. "Ultimately we benefited from the Mercedes' little get together but in like-for-like pace we were not far off them."

With Monza only two weeks away, Mercedes must act fast to stop the Hamilton-Rosberg feud from escalating.

Hamilton was leading when he sustained a puncture to his left rear tire on the second lap, caused by Rosberg when he tried to overtake and hit his car.

It was a risky move by Rosberg, and Hamilton later claimed that the German driver had acknowledged in a team meeting that he had done it "on purpose" to "prove a point." At the Hungarian GP last month, Hamilton refused team orders to let Rosberg go past, fueling the growing tensions between the childhood friends.

Mercedes has allowed them to race freely against each other providing there was no contact, but Sunday's incident has prompted a rethink.

"We are at that point and it needs to be managed going forward," Mercedes executive director Toto Wolff said. "We will decide what to do when everybody is in a cooler, calmer frame of mind."

Although the incident was not investigated by the stewards, allowing Rosberg to open a 29-point lead on Hamilton overall, governing body FIA still has the option of reviewing the matter.

Legal questions arise for fantasy day game biz

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

Some of the newest incarnations of fantasy football look a lot more like gambling than intricate, outsmart-your-opponent strategy games.

Since 2011, the billion-dollar fantasy market has been infused with dozens of daily and weekly games. Those games allow players to win huge prizes quickly, sometimes in one week, sometimes in just one night. With players betting thousands or even tens of thousands a night, legal experts believe it's time to review the section of the 2006 federal law that was written specifically to protect fantasy sports from being banned the way online poker was.

"There's importance in clarifying the law," says Marc Edelman, a professor at Fordham Law School who studies the law as it applies to fantasy sports. "As long as there's uncertainty about the legality of these games, some potential businesses that might enter the marketplace stay out."

Seasonal leagues are largely the domain of billion-dollar companies such as CBS and ESPN, with close ties to the NFL. For now, they have remained on the sidelines of the short-term business, leaving it largely in the hands of companies such as FanDuel, which is expecting to triple its base to 500,000 fans this season.

"We have the most popular fantasy football game going," said Kevin Ota of ESPN, which boasts an estimated 14 million fantasy players. "It's been incredibly successful, and we're focused on improving our game every year. We always keep our eye on opportunities to serve sports fans better."

ESPN officials say they have no immediate plans for weekly cash games.

Traditional leagues at ESPN and elsewhere received their legal clearance from the 2006 Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act, which was designed mainly to stop internet poker. It included an important "carve out" for fantasy football. Meanwhile, most state laws define fantasy football as skill-based propositions, which keeps them legal.



Associated Press

A laptop sits in a fantasy sports enthusiast's lap. Fantasy sports have exploded in recent years in terms of popularity.

"It's an easy argument with season-long games because you exercise a great deal of skill in operating a team," said Las Vegas-based attorney Tony Cabot, who has practiced gambling law for three decades. "You have to figure out who to draft, play, trade and all those things to have a successful season. And because you're doing all that, you're betting on an outcome you can control."

The day-game world can be much different and the skill level needed to "run" a team that exists for only one week is far lower than that for a season-long enterprise.

And a growing number of fantasy sites have games that "look very much like prop bets or parlay cards," Cabot says, with some games as simple as paying an "entry" fee, then choosing who, between two players, will finish a certain day with more receiving yards.

"It depends on how you run your game," Cabot said. "If you said, 'We're going to do fantasy, quick pick, random drafts,' I say, 'How can that be skill based?' But if it's a daily game where you're doing a draft, have the ability to change players halfway through the game and make all these decisions, then it's much closer to a traditional model."

In 2007, Cabot co-authored a legal paper titled "Fantasy Sports: One Form of Mainstream Wagering in the United States." It offers a point-by-point deconstruction of the federal law that essentially legalized a growing industry that, to some, looks very much like gambling. One of Cabot's key points is that the NFL, seeing the revenue and viewership possibilities of fantasy football, hired a well-paid lobbyist who helped smooth the way for an imperfect bill to become law.

Cabot's conclusion is that the process "ultimately has done a great disservice to reasoned policymaking and, potentially, to the long-term future of the fantasy sports industry itself."

He counts the growing day-game business as one area especially susceptible to confusion. Edelman agrees.

"One can argue whether the fantasy sports carve out applies to the short-duration game, given that, at the time the (federal law) was passed, there was no such thing as daily fantasy sports," Edelman said.

Day games didn't get much traction until 2011 — five years after the law was passed.

The games are pretty much unregulated, and they are exploding. They allow anyone over 18 to gamble on sports outcomes online, while traditional sports gambling is available online only in Nevada and, in some forms, in Delaware. The laws in the states take precedence over the federal law and they vary, most of them basing the legality of a game on how much of it is predicated on skill vs. chance. Last year, a federal court in Illinois dismissed a lawsuit alleging day games were games of chance.

A few of the bigger media players — most notably USA Today and Sports Illustrated — have gotten into the day-game business, seeing ample opportunity in an industry that drew an $11 million investment from Comcast Ventures, which plunked the money into FanDuel last year.

Meanwhile, the NFL, which did not respond to questions emailed by The Associated Press, keeps watching the numbers swell, while walking the line between using fantasy football to grow its game and maintaining its long-held, hard-line stance against anything perceived as gambling.

"Part of the problem with entrepreneurial endeavors on the internet is that some people push the envelope and some cross the line," Cabot said. "Until there's some sort of enforcement action on some level, I think you'll see them keep pushing that line out further and further."

Texans cut 9 players

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Receivers Joe Adams and Alec Lemon are among nine players released by the Houston Texans.

The Texans also placed offensive tackle David Quessenberry on the reserve/non-football illness list Monday as he battles lymphoma.

Houston also waived running back William Powell, guard Sam Longo, nose tackles David Hunter and Austin Brown, outside linebackers Terrance Lloyd and Lawrence Sidbury and cornerback Junior Mertile.

The Texans also placed rookie safety Lonnie Ballentine on the reserve/injured list.

ROMO

From 1C

yards. "If we would have probably scored in the first drive or two we might have been done at 28 or 30. It was good to kind of play a half and just kind of get in that mode and kind of work out some of the road communication things that came up."

One drive against Miami ended when Romo threw behind Cole Beasley and the sure-handed receiver couldn't hang on. A young offensive line that's drawn praise throughout training camp led to most of the other glitches.

Two of the sacks on Romo included penalties on offensive linemen that were declined, and a holding call on Pro Bowler Tyron Smith doomed another possession.

"It's a matter of inches," center Travis Frederick said. "And the things that we were off on, it wasn't as if this guy missed his block and that's why the play didn't work. It's really the tiny stuff and it's things that easily are correctable and things we've already worked on in practice."

After the Miami game, owner Jerry Jones suggested the offensive line might need more work against the Broncos. If the group that includes three first-round picks in the past four years doesn't play, the question becomes whether the linemen are ready.

"Yeah, everybody needs the work," Garrett said. "We talked about that after the game. If at any point you think like, 'OK, we're ready,' we're not ready. We're never going to be ready. You're always trying to get more ready. That's the approach we take."

NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	2	1	0	.667	55	50
New England	2	1	0	.667	78	65
N.Y.Jets	2	1	0	.667	62	52
Buffalo	1	3	0	.250	63	81

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	1	0	.667	50	56
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	98	64
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	47	43
Indianapolis	0	3	0	.000	53	63

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	83	50
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	96	79
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	.333	56	67
Cleveland	0	3	0	.000	49	70

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	1	0	.667	72	34
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	69	97
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	54	67
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	48	69

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y.Giants	4	0	0	1.000	99	79
Washington	2	1	0	.667	64	52
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	94	97
Dallas	0	3	0	.000	57	89

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	3	0	0	1.000	80	65
Atlanta	1	2	0	.333	40	66
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	53	66
Tampa Bay	1	2	0	.333	51	50

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	70	46
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	60	81
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	52	51
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	68	48

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	91	41
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	73	49
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	24	64
St. Louis	1	2	0	.333	64	61

Thursday, Aug. 21

Philadelphia 31, Pittsburgh 21

Friday, Aug. 22

New England 30, Carolina 7
N.Y.Giants 35, N.Y.Jets 24
Detroit 13, Jacksonville 12
Green Bay 31, Oakland 21
Seattle 34, Chicago 6

Saturday, Aug. 23

Tampa Bay 27, Buffalo 14
Miami 25, Dallas 20
Tennessee 24, Atlanta 17
Baltimore 23, Washington 17
Minnesota 30, Kansas City 12
New Orleans 23, Indianapolis 17
St. Louis 33, Cleveland 14
Houston 18, Denver 17

Sunday, Aug. 24

San Francisco 21, San Diego 7
Cincinnati 19, Arizona 13

Thursday's Games

Atlanta at Jacksonville, 5 p.m.
Kansas City at Green Bay, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
N.Y.Jets at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Miami, 6 p.m.
New England at N.Y.Giants, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 7 p.m.
Baltimore at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 9 p.m.

WESTTEXASSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or email your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

To fax your information, send to 570-7650.

Baseball

GCB Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-8108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0099 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting.

Private throwing and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 288-8438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4407 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 689-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 3S Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $55 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Vanzant at 254-485-0091 or jeddie.vanzant@yahoo.com; eandsbasketball@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Starts at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Mitch Post 694-5176 or Connie Lopez 694-6777

Edith Wiseman Ladies' Classic League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 699-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-16
For more info: Call (214) 974-0873 for a brochure

ODI Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school

For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-9246, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-8058

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

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Almas 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.pbbtc.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 530-0833

Flag Football

YWCA Officials Needed
What: The YWCA 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 559-2004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Golf

Big Spring Country Club Over 80 Scramble
When: Golfers over 80 years of age
Cost: $100 per player
Where: Big Spring Country Club
For more info: Call pro shop 267-6354

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-0139

Private Martial Arts/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Skills: Punch, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5300, Ojimenez1@att.net

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 6:30 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 634-9821 or (469) 248-9472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kenpo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 425-7487 or 689-9444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Spiritbeno 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: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woolies & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Redneck Fun Houses. Players must be signed in by 6:15 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 681-7147

1919 Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-0069

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 Holley (member at holleyshawn@yahoo.com)

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Monday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Poulsen Lakeside at 512-762-1000 or 682-0888

Martin County 5MS Labor Day 4-mile Fun Run
When: Sept. 1; registration 8 a.m.; race 9 a.m.
Where: Martin County 5MS 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 Tevere at 681-8597 or pick up an entry from Dr. Pablo Tevere's office at 800 I-20 E4st, Suite D-105, Stanton, located next to Martin County Hospital

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
When: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
What: 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 Shotgun Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, online silhouette, 5 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting Clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday
For more info: Go to www.midlandshoot-ers.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Old 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 528-0947 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 432-664-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-8100

Midland Men's Westball Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 934-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wytexfastpitch@gmail.com

USA Softball Jr. Men's National Fastpitch Team tryouts for players
For: Boys players born between 1998 and 1999
Note: No softball experience is needed
For more info: Tim Lyon, USA Jr Men's National Team coach, 661-944-7477 or Dave Perkins, West Texas Men's Fastpitch Association, 934-6474 or wytexfastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

ODI Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midland Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke

For more info: 684-7755

ODI Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

ODI Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Who: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

ODI 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

ODI Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

ODI 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

ODI Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of ODI Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

ODI Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of ODI diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

ODI Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for ODI 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

ODI Adult Conditioning
When: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

ODI Water Walking Class
When: Instructional, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

ODI 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 YWCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Fuller 682-2551

Central YWCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Fuller 682-2551

Central YWCA Swimming Lessons
When: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Fuller 682-2551

Central YWCA Synchronized Swimming
Ages: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Fuller 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 Clinics
What: Ballcon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults, 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and or call, 620-8180

Bush Tennis Center Free Clinics
When: Aug. 26-30
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For: Ages 5 through adults
For info on times: Contact 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 $85, 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: Sept. 20-21; Oct. 11; Nov. 8-9
For more info: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

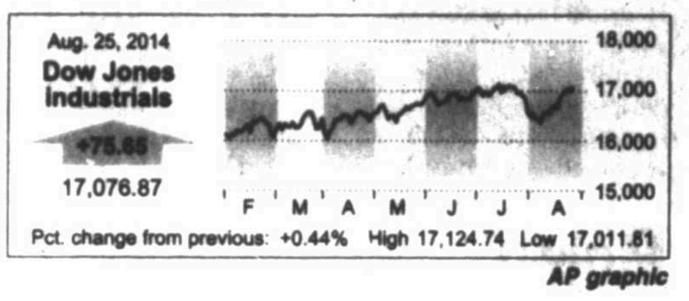
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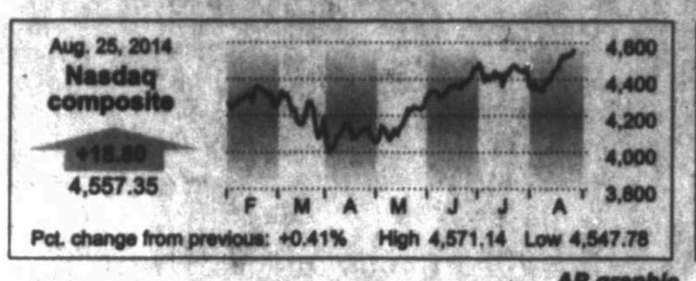
Little Spikers Volleyball League
For: 1st through 6th grade
Where: Midland Boys and Girls Club
To register: Go to www.bandcs.org or go by the Midland Boys and Girls Club
For more info: Contact Kim Rivera at 563-0388

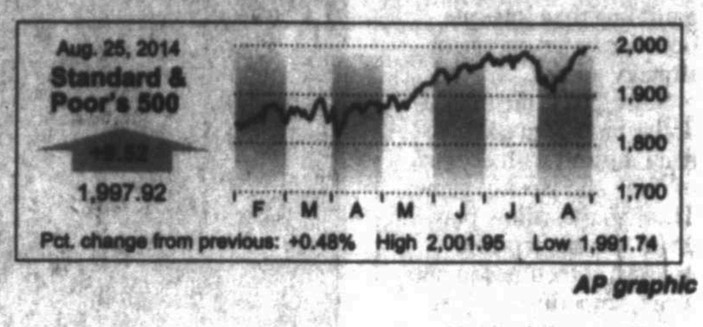
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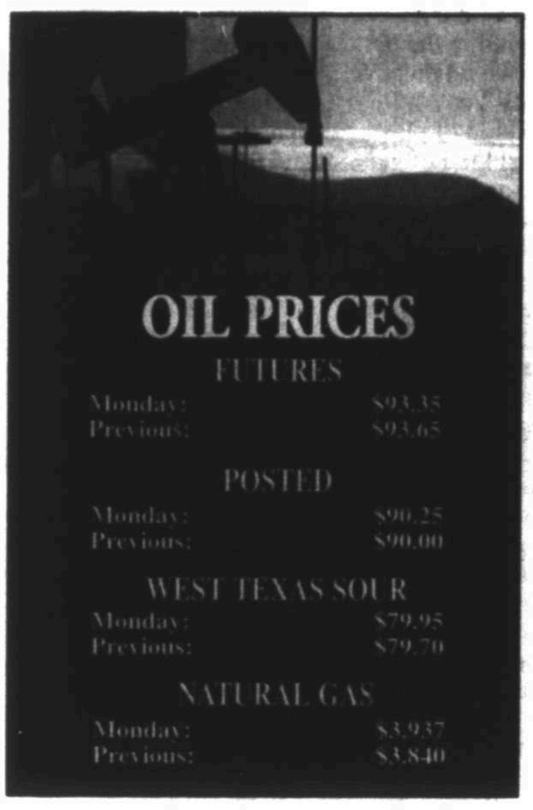
Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Every Tuesday, 10th and Saturday morning of the month; monthly meeting 2nd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Poi Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 600 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Ross 697-4088 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

A DAY ON WALL STREET









Texas proposes tougher rules on wells after quakes

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Texas Railroad Commission has proposed tightening regulations for injection wells as scientists explore a potential link between high-pressure wastewater disposal and the earthquakes rattling North Texas.

The oil and gas regulator's newly hired seismologist, Dr. Craig Pearson, testified Monday before a Texas House subcommittee on seismic activity, saying that earthquakes are regularly recorded, though at magnitudes too small to be felt.

He said the existing rules for injection wells were designed to protect against groundwater contamination but not seismic activity.

"Because we're now dealing with induced seismicity, the worry is not only about water moving up but out to dormant faults," he said.

Seismologists already know that hydraulic fracturing — which involves blasting water, sand and chemicals deep into underground rock formations to free oil and gas — can cause microquakes that are rarely strong enough to register on monitoring equipment.

Fracturing also generates vast amounts of wastewater, far more than traditional drilling methods. The water is pumped into so-called injection wells, which send the waste thousands of feet underground.

Small earthquakes that occurred at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport from October 2008 to May 2009 stopped after one company shut down one of the two injection wells it operated on the airport property.

University of Texas researchers studied seismic data gathered in the Barnett Shale between 2009 and 2011. Cliff Frohlich, senior research scientist at the university's Institute for Geophysics, concluded that "injection-triggered earthquakes are more common than is generally recognized."

Residents from the towns of Azle and Reno, about 50 miles west of Dallas, traveled to the state Capitol earlier this year to ask the Railroad Commission to consider shutting down injection wells, but the commission said it didn't have enough information that the wells caused the temblors.

The commission is now proposing that applications for drilling permits include information from the United States Geological Survey and injection well operators, in some cases, be required to disclose daily injection volumes and pressures. New rules would also give the Railroad Commission the authority to modify, suspend or terminate permits for disposal if the wells are believed to be causing earthquakes.

"We're making these rules available so as to begin the task of achieving better regulation of disposal activities in the state of Texas," Pearson said.

Azle Mayor Alan Brundrett calls the proposed rules, which will be published Friday in the Texas Register, "a good first step."

A public comment period is open until Sept. 29.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	870117	16.29	+.16
S&P500ETF	595587	200.20	+1.01
iShJapan	372009	11.96	+.04
Penney	286132	10.69	+.50
iShEMkts	283707	45.08	+.33

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EKodk wtA	8.21	+1.61	+24.4
ChiCBlood	5.70	+.93	+19.5
BurgerKng	32.40	+5.29	+19.5
THorton g	74.72	+11.88	+18.9
LifeTFit	48.36	+6.76	+16.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChiMYWnd	3.07	-.29	-8.6
GrubHub n	39.16	-3.60	-8.4
Qihoo360	93.87	-7.88	-7.7
ChiNBorun	2.31	-.19	-7.6
MagnaChip	11.57	-.92	-7.4

Diary

Advanced	1,911
Declined	1,203
Unchanged	117
Total issues	3,231
New Highs	184
New Lows	21
Volume	2,184,517,559

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AmpioPhm	35361	5.07	+.23
VantageDril	25789	1.72	-.06
Provectus	23448	1.12	+.14
Inuvo	22855	1.39	+.27
ChanierreEn	21872	77.17	+1.74

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Vicon	3.05	+.82	+36.8
EmersnRn h	2.13	+.21	+11.0
ConsEP	3.58	+.33	+10.0
ImpactWtg	6.44	+.50	+8.4
CT Ptrs	17.81	+1.15	+6.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HMG	13.40	-1.10	-7.6
Skyline	3.77	-.28	-6.9
MexcoEn	6.77	-.35	-4.9
FstWV	21.95	-1.04	-4.5
B2gold g	2.39	-.10	-4.0

Diary

Advanced	196
Declined	211
Unchanged	28
Total issues	435
New Highs	10
New Lows	4
Volume	71,498,435

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	522708	3.59	+.01
Apple Inc s	390983	101.54	+.22
InterMune	369646	72.85	+19.05
PwShs QQQ	211464	99.40	+.35
GileadSci	195250	107.45	+3.49

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DigitalAlly	12.50	+4.56	+57.4
InterMune	72.85	+19.05	+35.4
Advasix n	4.00	+.75	+23.1
ChinaHGS	7.43	+1.24	+20.0
ZS Pharm n	38.20	+5.64	+17.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NetSolTch	2.96	-.47	-13.7
CardSr h	✦12.04	-1.27	-9.5
Biocept n	4.01	-.39	-8.9
MandDigtl	5.35	-.50	-8.5
HeatBiolog	6.12	-.56	-8.4

Diary

Advanced	1,572
Declined	1,124
Unchanged	123
Total issues	2,819
New Highs	116
New Lows	27
Volume	1,342,409,851

Burger King might move to Canada to lower taxes

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Some Burger King customers are finding it hard to swallow that the home of the Whopper could move to Canada.

Investors seemed to welcome the announcement by Burger King late Sunday that it was in talks to buy Canadian coffee-and-doughnut chain Tim Hortons and create the world's third-largest fast-food restaurant company. The news pushed shares of both companies up more than 20 percent.

But customers were already voicing their discontent with the 60-year-old hamburger chain because of its plans to relocate its corporate headquarters from Miami to Canada in a deal that could lower its taxes. By Monday afternoon, Burger King's Facebook page had more than 1,000 mostly negative comments about the potential deal.

Shawn Simpson, who hadn't heard of the talks until approached by a reporter while he was at a Burger King in New York City on Monday afternoon, said he didn't like the idea of the company paying its taxes to another country.

"For them to take their headquarters and move it across the border is a negative for me," said Simpson, 44, who was ordering a Double Whopper and onion rings. "It's an American brand."

A representative for Burger King, Miguel Piedra, said the comments on Burger King's Facebook page represent a small fraction of the company's more than 7 million followers on the social media site.

Burger King isn't the first company to face fallout over a tax inversion, which is when a company acquires a business in another country, then relocates its headquarters there. Big U.S. companies, including pharmaceutical AbbiVie and Valeant Pharmaceuticals, recently have pursued tax inversions to cut their costs. Earlier this month, Walgreen abandoned plans to pursue a tax inversion after negative publicity about the planned move.

President Barack Obama and Congress have criticized inversions because they mean a loss of tax revenue for the U.S. government.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest wouldn't comment on Burger King's announcement on Monday but said the president generally believes it's unfair for companies to pursue a tax inversion merely to pay less in taxes.

Sony exec's flight disrupted

Hackers attacked Sony's PlayStation Network and disrupted the travel plans of a top company executive by going on Twitter to suggest that there was a bomb on his American Airlines plane.

Sony Corp. said American cut short the executive's flight on Sunday and made an unplanned landing in Phoenix.

The plane with 179 passengers and a crew of six was scheduled to fly from Dallas to San Diego but stopped for what the FBI termed a security threat. American Airlines declined to comment on the threat.

A Twitter account called Lizard Squad tweeted to American Airlines that there might be explosives on the plane carrying John Smedley, the president of Sony Online Entertainment, which makes video games.

Sony spokesman Satoshi Nakajima said Monday that Smedley was on the plane.

San Diego airport spokeswoman Rebecca Bloomfield said that as the plane was being re-routed, the Transportation Security Administration told airport officials that the FBI was investigating a tweet about possible explosives on the plane.

After landing in Phoenix, the plane taxied to a remote area of the airport, where passengers exited and their bags were searched by police officers with dogs. American Airlines spokesman Casey Norton said the plane later resumed its flight to San Diego.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $117.28 Up 1.74

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $138.28 Up 5.99

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $23.12 Down 0.15

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $81.40 Up 1.42

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $30.66 Up 0.55

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.77 Down 0.35

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $29.36 Up 0.26

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $27.56 Up 0.55

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $17.41 Down 0.08

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $31.51 Down 0.62

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	10	34.51	+.01	-1.8
Abraxas	...	72	5.78	+.30	+77.2
Achillion	...	...	10.78	+1.02	+224.8
AdamsEx	.84e	...	14.09	+.05	+7.8
AMD	...	42	4.18	-.07	+8.0
AlonUSA	.40f	...	16.28	...	-1.6
AmIntlGrp	.50	9	55.89	+.56	+9.5
Amgen	2.44	21	134.79	+1.97	+18.2
Ansaderko	1.06	...	111.97	+2.23	+41.2
Apache	1.00	38	101.43	+1.81	+18.9
Apple Inc s	1.88	16	101.54	+.22	+26.7
ApldMatl	.40	27	22.12	-.06	+25.1
AriadP	...	...	6.22	+.31	-8.8
ATMOS	1.48	18	50.07	+.03	+10.2
AutoData	1.92	27	83.62	+.13	+3.5
BP PLC	2.34f	7	48.56	+.42	-.1
BabaCClnv	1.20	...	15.50	-.05	+3.8
BakrHu	.68f	23	68.87	+.79	+24.6
BkofAm	.20f	19	16.29	+.16	+4.1
B iPVix rs	...	...	27.40	-.30	-35.6
BasicEnSv	...	...	24.34	+.54	+54.2
BerkHa A	...	...	172945.73	+1047.01	+18.0
BkNYMelCp	1.56	22	33.57	+.36	+1.6
BrlfdBg	1.44	31	80.73	+.85	-4.6
BrownPA	1.16	31	92.21	+.38	+25.0
BrownPB	1.16	31	93.41	+.99	+25.6
BurgerKng	.32f	41	32.40	+5.29	+41.7
CVS Care	1.10	19	79.21	-.03	+10.7
Cameron	...	22	73.92	+1.34	+24.2
Caterpillar	2.80f	18	107.97	+.66	+18.9
Celestic g	...	14	10.91	+.15	+4.9
CntryLink	2.16	...	41.27	+.47	+29.6
ChesEng	.35	99	26.74	+.72	+4.2
Chevron	4.28	13	127.84	+.79	+2.3
Chicos	.30	21	16.02	+.07	-15.0
Chimera	.36e	...	3.22	-.05	+3.9
ChiFnCnl	...	...	10.14	-.15	+61.2
Cimarex	.64	25	139.14	+4.20	+32.5
Cisco	.76	17	24.70	+.05	+11.0
Citigroup	.04	12	51.69	+.70	-.9
CleryBrg	...	37	117.28	+1.74	+43.1
CliffsNRs	.60	8	15.94	+.13	-39.2
CocaCola	1.22	22	41.41	+.29	+.2
ColgPalm	1.44	27	64.87	+.39	+.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Comcast	.90	19	54.85	+.47	+5.2
ConAgra	1.00	44	32.11	+.26	-4.7
ConchoRes	...	61	138.28	+5.99	+28.0
ConocoPhil	2.92f	13	80.80	+.56	+14.4
CrackerB	4.00f	19	99.86	+.44	-9.3
CSVInvNG	...	...	4.09	-.29	-53.7
CSVxSht rs	...	...	2.61	-.05	-65.2
CrosTim	2.73e	12	31.43	+.26	+6.9
DCP Mid	3.03f	...	55.24	+.60	+9.7
DTE	2.76f	18	77.45	+.56	+16.7
Dataram h	...	...	3.06	...	+17.7
Dawson	.32	...	23.12	-.16	-31.6
DevonE	.96	19	74.70	+.55	+20.7
DigitalAlly	...	...	12.50	+4.56	+36.0
DrxSCBear	...	...	14.60	-.20	-14.0
Disney	.88f	22	90.39	-.11	+18.3
DowChm	1.48	19	53.13	+.02	+16.7
EMC Cp	.46	24	29.66	+.02	+17.9
EOG Res s	.87f	25	107.94	+1.67	+28.6
EmpDist	1.02	19	28.79	+.07	+13.8
Energen	.60	46	76.52	+1.96	+11.0
EngyTsfr	3.82f	...	50.61	+.14	-1.1
EnPro	...	63	68.04	+.11	+16.1
EntPrdPt s	1.44f	27	39.88	+.50	+20.3
Ericsson	.46e	...	12.54	+.04	+2.5
ExtranetH	.80	27	43.17	+.18	+26.2
ExxonMbl	2.76	13	98.75	+.25	-2.4
Facebook	...	81	75.02	+.45	+37.3
FordM	.50	11	17.23	+.06	+11.7
ForestCit	...	...	1.57	+.03	-56.5
GATX	1.32	18	56.19	+.20	+20.9
GeoMetPf	.93	...	6.95	+.06	-10.7
GMInv	2.10e	...	55.19	+.12	+6.5
GenElec	.92	19	26.59	+.06	-6.5
GenMotors	1.20	29	34.87	+.43	-15.2
GileadSci	...	24	107.45	+3.49	+43.1
GlPalmEn	.93	17	26.69	+.05	+6.8
HiltonRes	...	...	5.55	-.01	+43.6
Halliblrtn	.60	22	58.69	+1.06	+35.1
HewlettP	.64	14	37.15	+.31	+32.8
HimaxTch	.27e	37	8.16	-.19	-44.5
iShBasM	1.55e	...	51.13	+.72	+14.4
iSh Eafe	.17e	...	11.98	+.04	-1.5
iShChinaLC	.71e	...	41.25	+.36	+7.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iSh EMkts	.71e	...	45.08	+.33	+7.9
iS Eafe	2.23e	...	66.90	+.43	-.3
iShR2K	1.48e	...	115.75	+.54	+.3
IntegrysE	2.72	20	67.36	+.54	+23.8
Intel	.90	17	34.81	-.13	+34.1
InterDig	.80f	...	43.58	-.20	+47.8
InterMune	...	...	72.85	+19.05	+394.6
JPMorgCh	1.60f	15	59.34	+.85	+2.1
JohnJn	3.00	19	100.23	+.13	+12.7
KbedvDiv	3.39	20	100.21	+.44	+4.8
KindME	5.58f	40	96.70	-.57	+19.9
KindMorg	1.72f	35	40.53	-.28	+12.8
KindMM	5.58t	79	96.42	-.50	+30.1
LegacyRes	2.44f	...	30.66	+.55	+8.9
Lubye	...	...	5.28	+.01	-21.9
MktVGold	.19e	...	25.62	-.48	+21.2
McDnlds	3.24	17	94.44	-.01	-2.7
Merck	1.76	32	59.73	+.56	+19.3
MerMMed	...	26	12.39	+.17	-21.3
MexcoEn	...	45	6.77	-.35	-1.9
MicronT	...	11	33.21	-.09	+52.7
Microsoft	1.12	17	45.17	+.02	+20.7
Molycorp	...	...	1.78	-.13	-68.7
MorgStan	.40	18	34.20	+.73	+8.1
Nabors	.24f	40	25.72	+.43	+51.4
NatGrid	3.48e	...	73.95	+.49	+13.2
NOilVarco	1.84	14	84.67	+.67	+18.1
NobleCp	.51e	...	8.20	+.06	+1.8
NvMAd	.80e	...	13.75	+.09	+13.4
NvPSII	.60	...	13.40	+.09	+8.7
NuvPI	.86	...	13.60	+.04	+8.5
NSTPR	.63e	...	13.75	+.04	+8.5
NTXDI	.75e	...	14.40	+.05	+12.2
OneiPet	2.88	14	100.52	+.84	+8.8
Oracle	.48	17	41.74	+.11	+8.1
PanTech	...	...	4.30	+.10	-39.6
ParkDri	...	20	8.37	+.11	-22.9
PatMTI	.40	27	32.63	+.55	+28.8
Penney	...	...	10.69	+.50	+16.8
PennantR	.60	...	20.04	+.04	+5.8
Pmlsin	1.13e	14	14.10	+.17	+6.8
PetroleA	.65e	...	19.15	+.87	+30.4
Petrobras	.46e	...	16.09	+.66	+31.2
Pfizer	1.04	16	29.91	+.01	-5.8
PioNtr	.06	...	208.09	+3.65	+13.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PlainsAAP	2.68f	26	66.77	+.62	+13.5
PlugPowr h	...	...	6.01	+.12	+287.7
PwShs QQQ	1.34e	...	99.40	+.35	+13.0
Praxair	2.60	22	131.65	+.89	+1.2
PrmEngy	...	20	64.75	-.25	+39.2
ProctGam	2.57	21	83.84	+.16	+2.6
Qihoo360	...	85	93.87	-7.88	+14.4
RF MicD	...	40	11.67	-.14	+126.2
RangeRs	.16	52	78.85	+2.09	-0.5
RegadoBio	...	...	1.13	-1.71	-76.3
Rowan	.40	19	29.53	-.14	-16.5
RoyDShllA	3.76	20	70.47	+.21	+11.5
SpdrDJIA	3.47e	...	170.62	+.75	+3.1
SAP500ETF	3.58e	...	200.20	+1.01	+6.4
SabnR	3.99e	14	54.84	-1.06	+6.5
SanderFin	.80	11	95.12	+1.83	+31.5
SandRidge	...	...	5.18	+.03	-14.7
Seplent	...	21	14.07	-.31	-19.0
Schlmbrg	1.60	22	110.22	+1.19	+22.3
SigmaAld	.92	25	105.97	+.49	+10.6
SiriusXM	...	80	3.59	+.01	+2.9
Smucker	2.56f	18	101.95	+.59	-1.6
Sprint	...	...	5.58	+.04	-48.1
SPDR Fncl	.35e	...	23.32	+.20	+6.7
Suncorg s	1.48f	54	49.26	+.07	+27.9
TakeSemi	.50e	...	20.68	-.15	+18.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TelefBrsp	1.09e	...	18.79	+.13	-8.4
Tesoro	1.20f	20	64.01	+.47	+11.0
3M Co	3.42	20	144.70	+.57	+8.2
THorton g	1.28	24	74.72	+11.88	+28.0
Torotnwrld s	.81	14	54.83	+.46	+4.7
TriCont	.88e	...	21.43	+.07	+7.3
Twitter n	...	...	46.10	+.12	-27.6
TylerTech	...	69	90.07	-1.28	+11.8
USBW	1.28	18	32.79	+.09	+4.3
USSteel	.20	...	38.80	+.69	+31.5
Vale SA	.84e	...	13.63	-.11	-10.6
Vale SA pf	.72e	...	12.09	-.14	-13.8
ValeantE	1.10f	10	84.16	+.37	+7.5
VangEur	2.31e	...	57.85	+.61	-1.8
VerizonCm	2.12	11	49.15	+.51	...
Vodafone	.94f	60	32.49	+.13	+5.1
Weigrn	1.56f	21	60.79	-.36	+5.8
WellsFargo	1.40	13	51.45	+.27	+13.3
WstnRefin	1.04	19	46.95	+.19	+10.7
WhitingPet	...	19	90.92	+2.50	+47.0
WmaCos	2.24f	76	58.32	-.19	+51.2
XcelEngy	1.20	16	31.67	+.16	+13.0
Xerox	.36	14	13.61	+.02	+11.8
Yahoo	...	33	37.71	-.50	-5.8
Zynga	...	...	3.01	-.07	-20.6

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INDEXES

	52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Ytd %Chg	52-wk % Chg
	17,151.99	14,719.43	Dow Jones Industrials	17,078.67	+75.93	+.45	+3.02	+14.26
	8,015.04	6,237.14	Dow Jones Transportation	8,404.25	+24.34	+.29	+14.94	+30.49
	576.98	467.93	Dow Jones Utilities	559.29	+5.09	+.92	+13.90	+16.49
	11,534.65	9,946.89	NYSE Composite	11,005.37	+58.04	+.53	+5.82	+16.67
	4,547.24	3,573.57	Nasdaq Composite	4,557.35	+18.80	+.41	+9.12	+24.69
	1,994.76	1,627.47	S&P 500	1,997.92	+9.02	+.48	+8.09	+20.59
	1,452.01	1,170.82	S&P Midcap	1,450.37	+6.44	+.31	+8.54	+17.45
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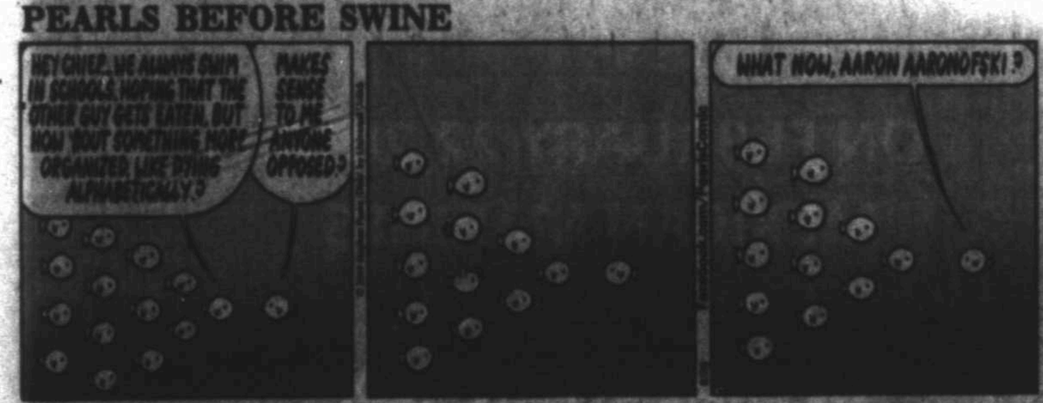
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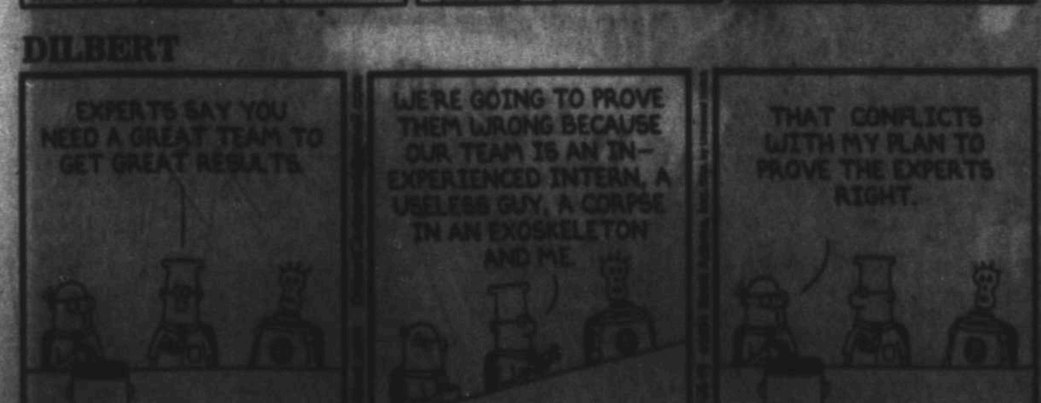
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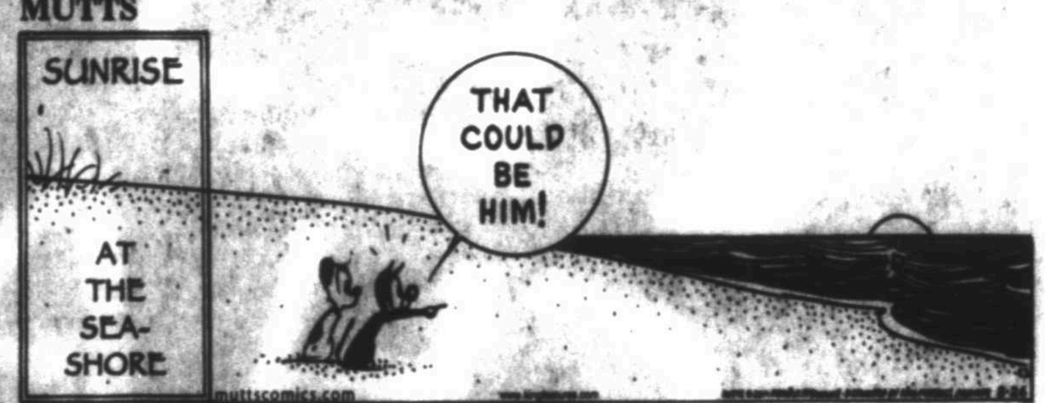
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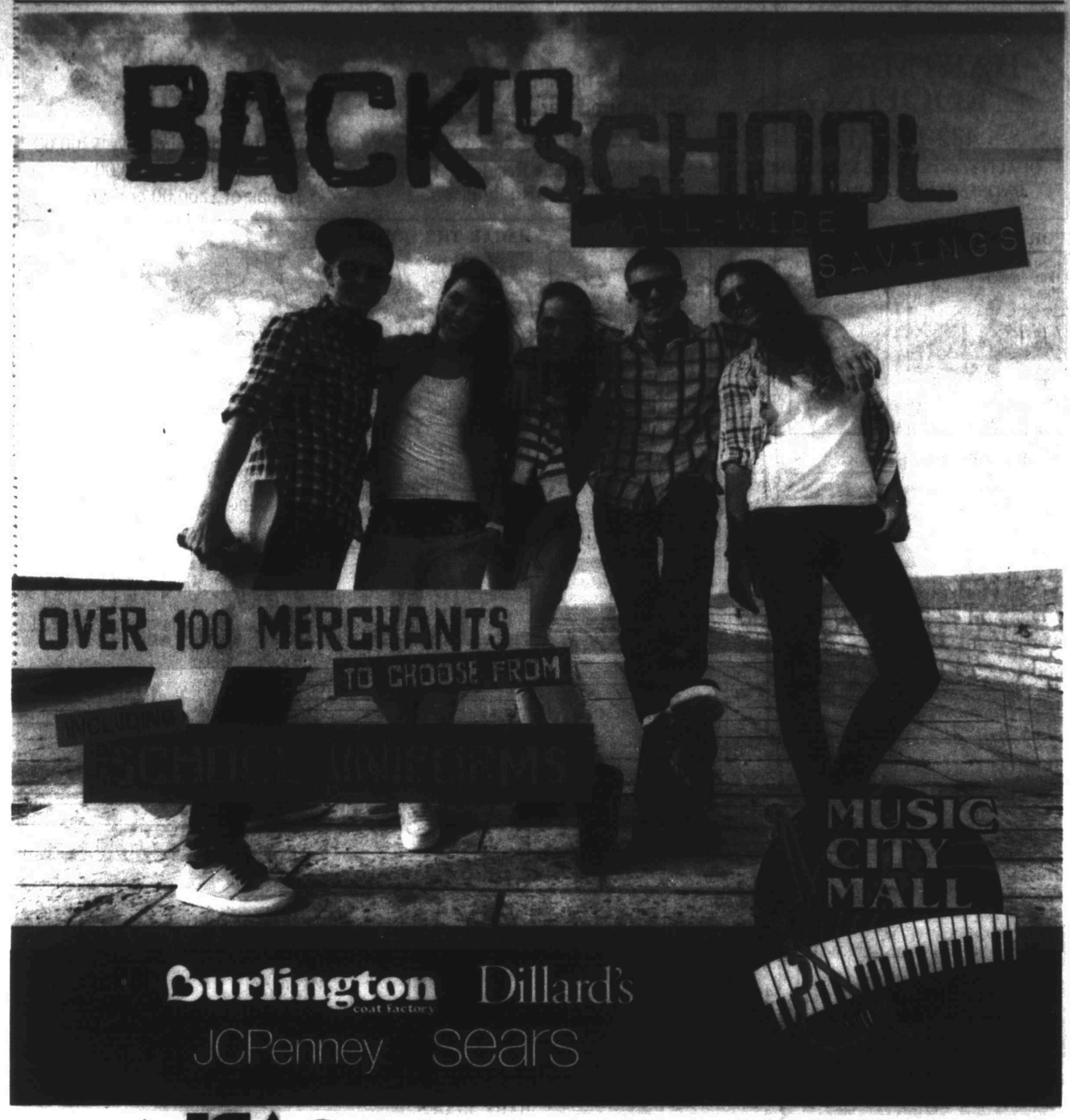


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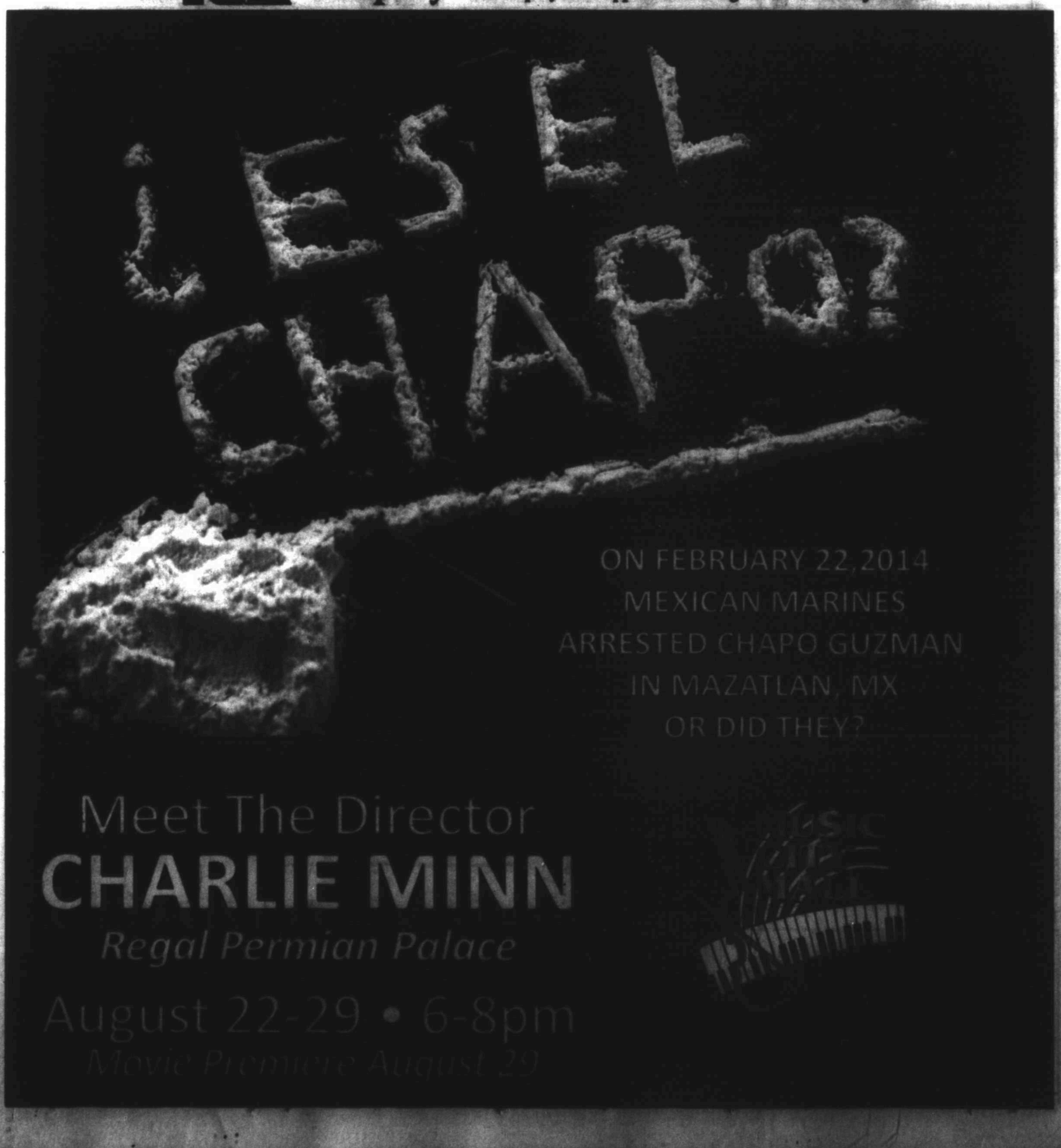


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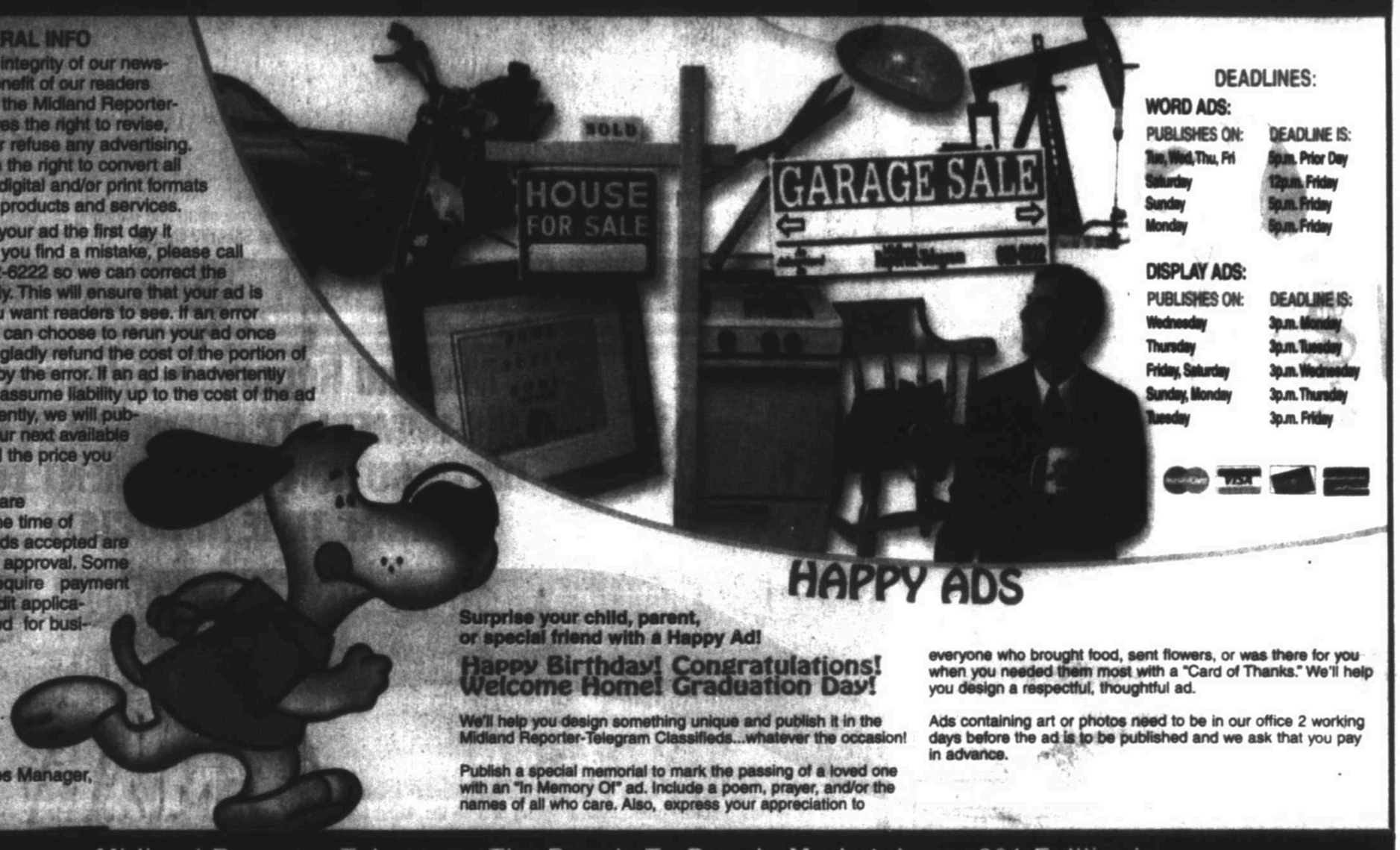
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Lost & Found

FOUND GOLDEN Retriever on N. County Rd.: 1110. Call 432-634-1891.

FOUND MALE boxer mix in the Greathouse area. Please call 325-812-4081 »

FOUND WHITE female Schnauzer on Nelson Rd. on 8/25/14. No collar, 432-664-1379.

Lost & Found

LOST FEMALE black & white border collie w/ green collar on 8/17 at the 7-11 on A St. and Scarborough. Call 432-528-8070. CASH REWARD!

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LOOKING FOR investors to share profits of 100 RV Park. Call for 432-934-6960

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Passenger Cars

AUDI 2002 TTQuattro, 225K miles, great condition, white with blue leather. $6000 OBO. Call for details 432-661-0631

BMW 2013 328i Sedan, Silver, black interior, 11K miles. Looking new enough 30 payments remaining. $549.00 monthly. 432-770-7099 designfunc@yahoo.com

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Pursuant to Chapter 59 Texas Property Code, SecurCare Self Storage, LTD, will hold a Public Sale of Property to satisfy landlord's lien. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Property must be removed immediately and space broom swept. Seller reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw property from a sale.

Friday September 12th., 2014 at SecurCare Self Storage #0215 1010 N. Loop 250 W, Midland, Texas 79703, 432-697-5932 Auction Time: 10:00 a.m.

Unit 37 - Laurie Hill - Desk, Vacuum
Unit 42 -Bethany Poynor- Vacuum, Baby Bed
Unit 44 -Marissa Jimenez- Child's Bike, Dresser
Unit 51 -John Horrigon- Ladder, TV Stands
Unit 80 -Keyla Meza- Dresser, Boxes
Unit 98 - Shirlete Carden- Dryer, Leather Chairs
Unit 179 - Maria R Baptist - Computer,Plastic Totes
Unit 241 - David LaVere Sympson - Table, 2 Large Metal Boxes
Unit 244 - Kohryn Sandra (Sanders) - Jacket, Suitcase
Unit 282 - (John) Pat Temples - Paintings in frames, Jewelry Cases
Unit 288 - Jeremiah J Caughron - Shop Vac, Copy Machine
Unit 302 - Matthew Wellborn - Rocking Chair, Cabinet
Unit 303 - Vikki Krumstedt - Tools, Car Parts

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Passenger Cars

BUICK 2007 Lucerne CXL, 105,000 miles, black exterior with tan leather, premium stereo, chrome wheels. $9,299 call 432-425-5750 or 432-924-2508.

CADALLIC 2011 SRX 1 owner, garaged, 21K miles, red, very nice. Bargain at $27K. Call Jim 432-557-3418 leave message.

CHEVY 2012 Cruise LTZ with RS pkg. Loaded, 26k miles, black on black leather, excellent condition. $17,500. Call for more info 432-770-1471.

HYUNDAI 2005 Sonata LX, gold, 4dr, V6, sunroof, 99k miles. Perfect! Only $5200 OBO. Call 432-219-9941

HYUNDAI 2011 Sonata ltd 48k mi. KBB good $13,500 obo $1k less than KBB value. Call 432-413-3827

MERCEDES BENZ 2013 C-250 Sport Sedn. 21,000 miles, under warranty, maintenance package included, one owner, 4 cyl. Turbo, 1.8 liter, black interior, window tint, factory wheels. $26,500 firm.



MERCEDES BLK350, 2007, 78k miles. Premium accessory package, $18,750 432-853-4647

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2009 CHEVY Silverado Crew Lab LT2 96K Miles Indigo Blue 20" Premium Wheels Towing Package 5.6L V8 Engine Less than 20K on tires Power Window & Locks OnStar & Satellite Radio Equipped Good Condition $18,000 text 432-553-0444 for pics and contact.

CHEVROLET 2012 Silverado LT crew cab, 4x2. Less than 22,000 miles. Clean title. Must sell as part of estate. Asking $28,500. 432-686-8540.

FORD 2005 F250 King Ranch CC SRW, 4x4, 6L diesel, great inf/ext condition, no mechanical issues. 95k miles. $21,500. Call 806-786-3698

FORD 2007 F350 King Ranch Flatbed Dually 4x4 6L diesel 137K miles, new tires. Extremely good truck. $12000 OBO. Call 432-520-8356 or 432-770-3373

FORD 2010 Super Duty F-250 4x4 Crew Cab, price $34,000. Lariat luxury package and Fx4 off road package, 6 disc CD, heated seats, back up camera, crew cab, grill guard topper. Color: red, interior: camel leather. Engine: 6.4L V8, power stroke diesel. Odometer: 66,750 mi., body style: 4WD truck (four door crew cab). Clean, no dents, everything works like new, clean title, call 432-770-6370.

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FORD 2012 King Ranch, 4x4 * DRW crew cab, 6.7L V-8 diesel, 6 speed auto trans, white platinum met tri coat, interior adobe leather, chrome package, rhino lined, off road package, navigation, sat radio Dually 13,500 miles, blue book value $54,000. Serious inquiries 432-528-2581.

GMC 2006 Sierra 1500 Denali crew cab, 95k miles, original owner, black ext, gray int., heated leather seats, 20" orginal chrome wheels. $22,000 OBO Call 432-634-7101.

GMC 2008 Sierra 103K miles, everything work good. $12,000 OBO. Call 432-260-8930 or 432-1141 or 432-264-9664

TAHOE 2000 Z71 blue, 156K miles, $3,500. 432-413-0501

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4WD & SUV

2011 JEEP Wrangler Unlimited Sport 4 Door, Freedom top, running boards, 1 owner $26,000 32K miles. Call 432-553-0607.

BMW 2008 X5, Sports package, one owner, non-smoker, dealer maintained, black with black interior, new tires, sunroof, excellent condition, no accidents, 67,200 miles, $18,000. Call 432-559-7610.

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RVs

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SECURITY GUARD
Finley Investigations & Security (Lic# C09211)
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Hiring now! Full-time security guards. Growing company. Retirees welcome. Safe environment. We will train. Competitive pay. Starting pay $10.50-$15 per hour with bonuses! 432-561-5660. tomfinley@oilfieldsecurity.com

OTHER JOBS

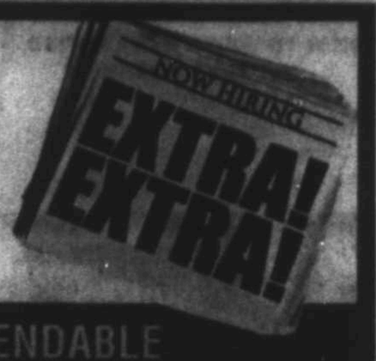
Assistant Manager
Aus-Mex Tortilleria now hiring an Assistant Manager. Must have • good driving record, bilingual a plus. Salary negotiable. Send resume to brianschaetz@hotmail.com, fax 432-561-5349 or call Jose at 432-561-5669

General Labor/Welder Helper
Starting Pay: $14.00/hourly Hours: 45+/weekly. Requirements: Work to be performed inside and outside year round. Physical ability to lift 75 lbs. Must report to work on time and perform job responsibilities in a timely manner in order to meet scheduled deadlines. General working knowledge of torches, grinders, and use of other hand tools. Must be 18 years of age. All applicants will be subject to a pre-employment background check. Must reside in the area, Midland/Odessa. Call to schedule an appointment between 8:30-4:00 M-F, 432-697-7400.

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE



Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

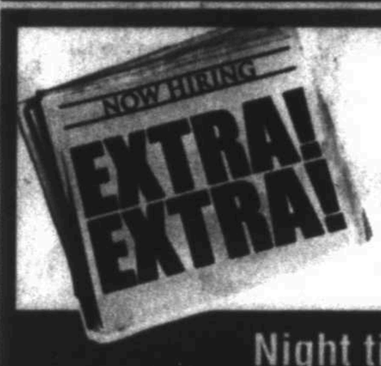
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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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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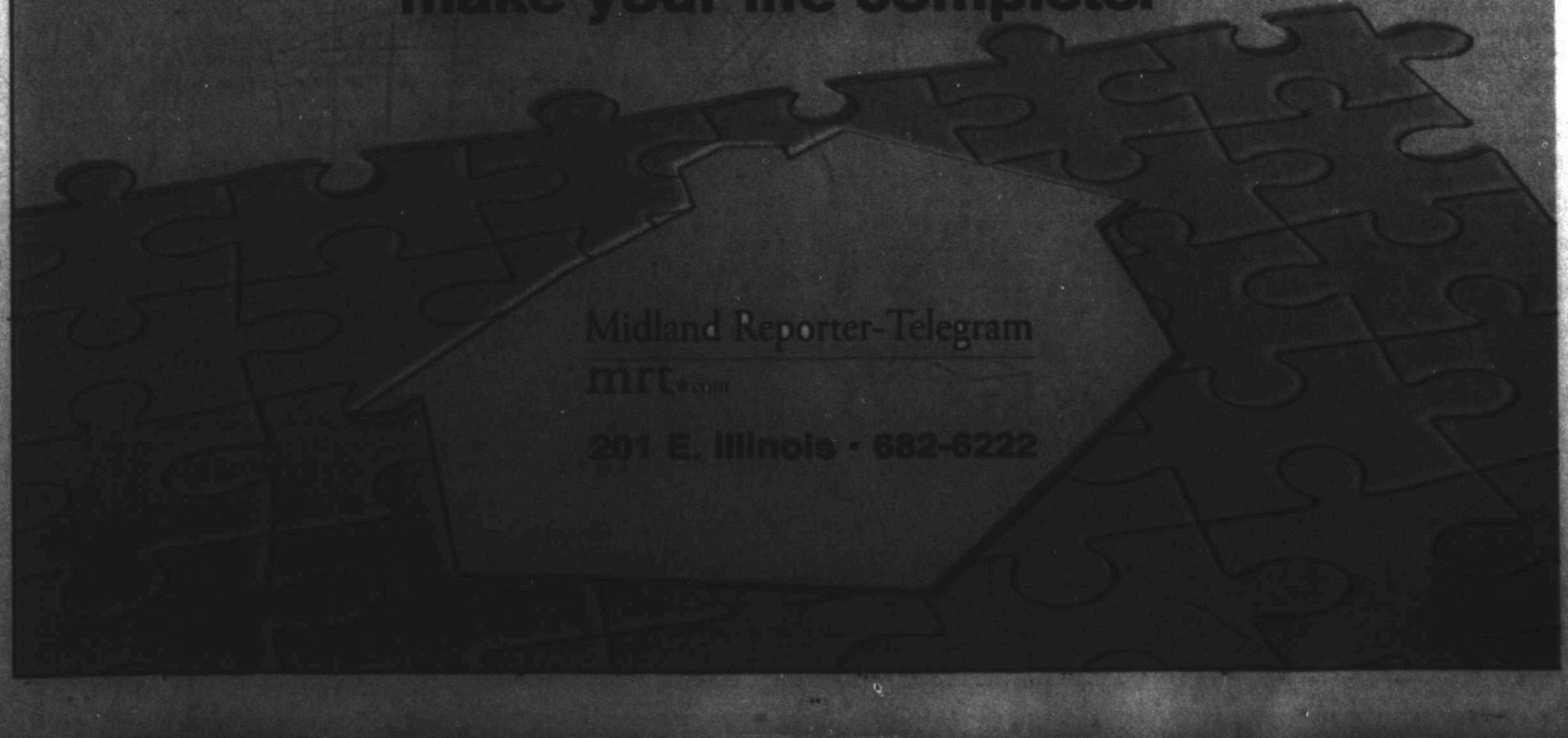
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Pastor Robert Davis, the father of the groom, center, conducts the marriage ceremony between Miriam Reeves, left, and Mark Davis beneath a gazebo Aug. 16.

Decision-making has impact on quality of relationships

By Tara Parker-Pope
N.Y. Times News Service

Do you have a decisive marriage?

New research shows that how thoughtfully couples make decisions can have a lasting effect on the quality of their romantic relationships. Couples who are decisive before marriage — intentionally defining their relationships, living together and planning a wedding — appear to have better marriages than couples who simply let inertia carry them through major transitions.

"Making decisions and talking things through with partners is important," said Galena K. Rhoades, a relationship researcher at the University of Denver and co-author of the report. "When you make an intentional decision, you are more likely to follow through on that."

While the finding may seem obvious, the reality is that many couples avoid real decision-making. Many couples living together, for instance, did not sit down and talk about cohabitation. Often one partner had begun spending more time at the other's home, or a lease expired, forcing the couple to formalize a living arrangement.

"Couples who slide through their relationship transitions have poorer marital quality than those who make intentional decisions about major milestones," Rhoades and her colleagues wrote.

The research stems from a study that began with 1,000 young adults ages 18-34 recruited to the Relationship Development Study in 2007 and 2008. Over the next five years, 418 of the individuals in the study married, offering the researchers a glimpse into the lives and decision-making of couples before and after marriage.

The researchers collected data on prior romantic experiences, whether the relationship started by "hooking up" in a casual relationship, whether the couple had a big or small wedding, and what the overall quality of the marriage was.

Notably, they found that the decisions and experiences with others before marriage had a lasting effect on the relationship. In the study group, most people had sex before marriage, reporting an average of five sexual partners. But 23 percent of the subjects had only one sexual partner, their eventual spouse. Those individuals reported higher marriage quality than people who had had multiple sexual partners.

People who lived with another person before marrying also reported a lower-quality relationship. In that group, 35 percent had higher-quality marriages. Among those who had not lived with another romantic partner before marriage, 42 percent had higher-quality marriages.

The finding is counterintuitive, given that experience navigating relationships should leave one better equipped to manage conflict and sustain a marriage. But past romantic experience can also be a reminder that there are other options.

"Prior relationship experience leaves some kind of imprint on us that we carry forward," Rhoades said. "We compare new partners to old partners."

Last call: Pluto-bound craft crosses Neptune orbit

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA calls it a cosmic coincidence.

On Monday, NASA's New Horizons spacecraft crossed the orbit of Neptune on its way to Pluto. The celestial milestone occurred on the 25th anniversary of Voyager 2's historic flyby of Neptune.

It's the last major intersection for New Horizons, which is due at Pluto next summer after nearly a decade of travel.

Neptune wasn't exactly close to the spacecraft Monday. In fact, the planet was 2.5 billion miles away.

Scientist Alan Stern of the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado, says this will be the first opportunity in a generation to explore a new planetary system up close. New Horizons will study not only mysterious Pluto, but also its moons, some of which might still be hiding from us.

Online:
NASA: http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/newhorizons/main

Research finds stroke dangers in young adults who took HGH

By Nicholas Bakalar
N.Y. Times News Service

Childhood treatment with human growth hormone is strongly associated with an increased risk of stroke in early adulthood, a study has found.

The study adds evidence to previous reports suggesting an increased cardiac and cerebrovascular risk in children treated with growth hormone.

Researchers studied 6,874 children, average age 11, who were small for their age but otherwise generally healthy and were treated with growth hormone from 1985 to 1996.

They followed them to an average age of 28.

There were 11 strokes in the group, four of them fatal. The analysis found that this was more than twice as many strokes as would be expected in a population that size, a statistically significant difference. The results, published online in the journal Neurology, were particularly striking for hemorrhagic stroke, the type caused by a ruptured blood vessel — there were more than seven times as many as would be expected.

The authors acknowledged that they were unable to take into account some risk factors for stroke, such as family history and smoking.

"Subjects on growth hormones should not panic on reading these results," said the senior author, Dr. Joël Coste, a professor of biostatistics and epidemiology at the Hôtel-Dieu hospital in Paris. "The doctor prescribing the hormone or the family doctor should be consulted and will be able to inform and advise patients."

It's the fish, not the Omega-3

Eating fish is associated with an increase in brain volume, but apparently not because of its omega-3 content, a new study has found.

Researchers analyzed data from 260 cognitively normal people, average age 78, who had answered diet questionnaires. They'd also had their blood levels of omega-3 fatty acids measured and their brains scanned.

The researchers found that weekly consumption of baked or broiled fish, but not fried fish, was associated with larger gray matter volumes in areas of the brain responsible for memory and cognition, including areas where amyloid plaques, a sign of Alzheimer's disease, first appear. The association persisted after controlling for age, sex, race, education, physical activity, body mass index and any tissue damage found on the initial MRI scan of the brain.

The results were the same regardless of omega-3 levels, suggesting that omega-3s were not the determining factor. The study appears in The American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

The lead author, Dr. Cyrus A. Raji, a radiology resident at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, said that eating fish once a week — there was no additional benefit in eating more — and living a generally healthy lifestyle were enough.

"Physical activity, weight control and so on — these factors influence the brain more than any supplement or any medicine," Raji said. "It's much more in our control than we thought."

Using Google's free email may forfeit right to privacy

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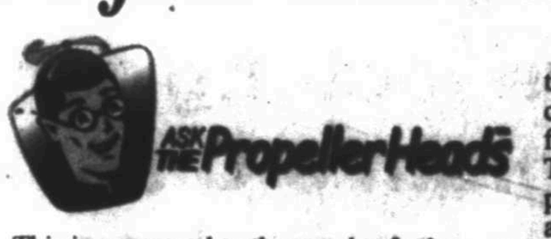
You're referring to the man arrested in Texas after Google's automated image scanners detected images of abused children sent from his Gmail account. Various commentators applauded the arrest but worried about the privacy implications of such monitoring (bit.ly/1vZyXYf).

By agreeing to the Terms of Service, users of Gmail give Google permission to scan their emails so Google can show them targeted ads. Is that a little "Big Brother?" Maybe, but it's a cost of using the "free" service.

Google does not have people reading messages that pass through their system. Instead, these files were found by a computer program created for this purpose.

As PropellerHeads, we wondered how that image scanner worked. They use technology developed by Microsoft, called PhotoDNA (bit.ly/1lckkMs), which Facebook and other companies employ for similar purposes.

PhotoDNA creates a digital fingerprint of an image based on various properties.



This is compared to thousands of other fingerprints of known images containing exploited children. If there's a match, local authorities are notified.

It's one of several examples of high-tech crime-fighting techniques in the news recently, ranging from Orwellian to 007-ish to CSI-grade cool.

Facial recognition software – what Facebook uses when tagging our friends in photos –recently helped the FBI locate a fugitive in Nepal who fled the US fourteen years ago (http://1.usa.gov/VydLYk). The software matched the criminal's passport photo with his snapshot from a "Most Wanted" poster.

He had undoubtedly never heard of CV Dazzle (cvdazzle.com), the latest trend in facial camouflage. It involves weird hair styles and make-up patterns – so weird that you'll look suspicious to the people you pass by even if the cameras don't see you.

A newer but equally James Bond-worthy technology is StarChase (starchase.com), which shoots sticky GPS "bullets" from police cars during high-speed chases. The GPS sensors adhere to the cars being pursued, allowing the police to back off and track suspects from a safer distance. Police departments around the country are already testing these devices (http://read.bi/1o48eQ6).

The law's gee-whiz arsenal of techniques doesn't stop there. The BBC reported in 2012 that forensics experts could accurately timestamp an audio recording by analyzing the electrical hum in the background.

Electrical outlets constantly buzz at a frequency too low for us to hear, but this sound is picked up by audio recordings. The frequency fluctuates throughout the day, becoming lower when people get home from work and turn on their TVs. London's Metropolitan Police have recorded this background hum since 2005 to use as a reference.

When an undercover officer recorded a gang's illegal arms deal, the defense attorney accused the police in court of tampering with the audio. By comparing the background hum from the officer's recording with the reference audio, they refuted the allegation and the gang members were found guilty (http://bbc.in/1yPyJ1G).

Even more impressive is MIT's "visual microphone" software, which analyzes a video without any sound and recreates the sound that was made when the video was recorded. It observes the microscopic vibrations of objects in the video, like plant leaves or an empty bag, and determines what pattern of sound waves caused those vibrations. See bit.ly/1oTCRIm for a demonstration. This one is still in the lab, but we suspect spies and cops will have it soon.

So if you're counting on outsmarting Google, the FBI, or the local police in this age of advanced technology, our suggestion is simple: Don't break the law in the first place.

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