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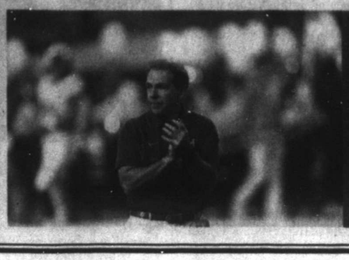

TIDE ON TOP

For the second straight year, the Alabama Crimson Tide are ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press' preseason Top 25 poll.

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Sand shifts the oil game to boost profits

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

KERMIT — Ten miles east of this community of 6,000 sandwiched between booming West Texas oil fields, heavy trucks have begun lining up at the region's first sand mine as it churns out ammo by the ton for U.S. frackers.

The $325 million mine, owned by Houston sand supplier Hi-Crush Partners, is the first working plant of its kind in West Texas, and over the next 18 months, rivals including U.S. Silica Co. and Fairmount Santrol plan to build more mines that will send millions of tons of sand into the Permian Basin, allowing oil producers to circumvent expensive rail lines that transport white sand from Wisconsin, one of the costliest obstacles in West Texas.

"It's going to change the landscape for us," said Chris Gatjanis, who runs the Permian Basin operations for Halliburton, the world's largest hydraulic fracturing company. "If you can cut out a piece of the cost of getting the sand to location, it makes the economics out here work better."

The burst of sand mine construction in the Permian Basin is the oil industry's latest attempt to lower the cost of producing crude and make money at lower oil prices. The easy access to local sand mines and the savings in transporation costs from Midwestern sand operations is expected to slash sand costs by 40 percent, from about $140 a ton to $85, lowering cost of bringing a new well into production by another 5 percent and the break-even point for most drillers to less than $40 a barrel.

What this likely means is more oil coming out of the Permian and into oversupplied markets, and more downward pressure on prices. Near-record U.S. production by increasingly efficient shale drillers has largely offset output cuts by OPEC, Russia and other major producers, and stalled what had been a steady climb in prices from the downturn's bottom of $26 a barrel to as high as $54.

Oil settled at $44.37 cents a barrel in New York on Monday.

"Not only are they ramping up output, they're also exporting more oil," said John Kilduff, an oil market analyst at Again Capital. "That undercuts OPEC in a big way."

'Huge' advantage

Sand is a key ingredient in the slurry that frackers blast underground to crack dense rock formations, propping open the fissures to allow oil and gas to escape. In recent years, oil companies have discovered many of their wells produce more oil with larger payloads of sand, and across the United States, they've greatly increased the amount of sand they use in each well, from an average of 5.3 million pounds of sand at the end of 2014 to 11.5 million pounds this year.

For one drilling site near Midland, Halliburton estimates it will need 400 trucks to bring all the sand it will pour underground. Each truck will carry at least 40,000 pounds of sand.

Two major rail lines, owned by Union Pacific and BNSF Railway, transport sand into the region, but there's not enough cacpacity on those rail lines to carry all the sand West Texas oil companies need.

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Look, up in the sky ...

KARIS JOHNSON
Midland Reporter-Telegram

Memories are made at Blakemore eclipse-viewing party

I was among those who gathered at the Blakemore Planetarium on Monday afternoon to experience the partial eclipse of the sun and to learn more about this astronomical phenomenon.

As I drove to the planetarium to meet my dad, Bill Johnson, for lunch and eclipse-viewing, I wondered where he'd found a pair of the coveted viewing glasses. Some of them were selling for more than $10 a pair, and although I knew there'd be glasses available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the planetarium, I was skeptical about finding an available pair.

When we arrived, people were gathered in and around the planetarium and the surrounding neighborhood to catch a glimpse of the moon's path across the sun. Lawn chairs and telescopes were scattered around the area, and attendees shared pairs of viewing glasses with one another.

My dad, however, surprised me by handing me an industrial-grade welder's mask he'd rented from his workplace, and I laughed as I pulled it over my head and looked up at the sky.

The sun peeked out from behind the crescent-shaped shadow of the moon.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Margie Altany and others from around the Permian Basin crowd the grounds at Museum of the Southwest on Monday afternoon to view the solar eclipse.

After gazing for a minute or two, I passed the hefty mask to my dad.

"What a day to make a fun memory for children and adults," my dad said. "I made my own special memory with you. Perhaps the most noticeable effect of the eclipse was a temperature drop of several degrees. The sun appeared as a quarter-moon shape at the height of the eclipse."

All eyes were on the sky as the moon eclipsed the sun at its maximum point at 12:57 p.m. My dad and I traded wearing the mask and shielding our eyes from the still-bright sun. When gazing through the lens of the mask, the sun appeared like a golden sliver of light, but was mostly covered by the darkness of the moon.

The crowd dwindled after the maximum eclipse point had passed, but some people lingered to talk about the phenomenon and share stories about eclipses viewed in the past. For many, though, this was their first eclipse.

My sister, Kristen Johnson, and her friends from the Midland College volleyball team, Ryan Keithley and Ashley Vanfleet, were able to view the eclipse by borrowing a pair of viewing glasses from other eclipse-watchers.

"It was pretty awesome," Ryan said. "Overall, I'm really glad I got to see it in person instead of on TV."

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MISD: Recapture payment could grow to $61 million

■ District projected to pay more than $198 million into 'Robin Hood' over four-year period

By Stewart Doreen
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New Superintendent Orlando Riddick got his welcome-to-Midland moment during the final stages of the district's budgeting process earlier this month.

Midland ISD's school finance recapture payment to the state will be $61 million during the 2018-19 school year — an increase of nearly $20 million, according to the district's budget forecast for 2018-19.

Trustees addressed the budget for the upcoming school year and the budget forecast for 2018-19 during Monday night's meeting at Bowie Fine Arts Academy.

Budget particulars include that the district's school finance payment will increase from an expected $42.138 million in 2017-18 to $61.833 million the following school year. The recapture payment, which is then used as revenue for poor school districts, is part of the state's so-called Robin Hood system of school finance.

"That is not just a welcome-to-Midland moment but a state moment," Riddick said. "If we had $61 million as a school

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More MISD news

Teachers excited to make $1000 more this year.

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Price of oil
$47.37 ▼ $1.14
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The big number
90 minutes is how long it took for the solar eclipse to cross the U.S. Page 4A

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USGS records three quakes near Pecos

From staff reports

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded three earthquakes near Pecos in a 15-hour period on Sunday and Monday.

According to the USGS, a 3.2 magnitude earthquake took place 23.6 mikes southeast of Pecos at 4:44 a.m. Monday. The quake followed two 2.7 magnitude quakes within six minutes of each other on Sunday afternoon. The first one took place at 3:48 p.m. 25.5 miles southsoutheast of Pecos. The second took place at 3:54 p.m. 22.4 miles southeast of the city.

There have been five quakes near Pecos this month, 10 in the last four months and 17 in the last year, according to earthquaketrack.com. The strongest quake in the last year had a magnitude of 3.6, according to the website.

According to Upseis, an educational site for seismologists, a quake with a magnitude of 2.5 to 5.4 is "often felt, but only causes minor damage." There are about 30,000 each year, according to the site.

CRIME BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Woman charged with child endangerment

An Odessa woman was arrested Sunday after allegedly endangering a child, according to court documents.

Jeanene Marie Smith, 39, was being held Monday on a $10,000 bond for a state felony charge of abandonment/endangerment of a child with intent to return.

Smith

Midland police were dispatched in reference to a check person call.

Police observed a woman — later identified as Smith — standing outside of a hotel. When asked where she was staying, she was unable to provide a specific room number, according to the affidavit.

Smith stated she needed to get back to her room because her 8-month-old baby was alone, according to the arrest affidavit.

The officers observed she was disoriented and found out she had been drinking earlier in the day and taken sleep medication, according to the affidavit.

When police located Smith's room, they found a baby sleeping on the floor.

If convicted, Smith could face up to two years in prison for the state felony charge.

Man arrested on assault charge

A Midland man was arrested Friday for assaulting a woman, according to court documents.

Marcus Daniel Ybarra, 22, was released on a $20,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member by impeding breath/circulation.

Ybarra

Police received a report of a domestic disturbance on Friday.

Ybarra grabbed a woman from behind and began choking her, impeding her breath, according to his arrest affidavit.

The officer noticed the woman had visible scratch marks on the front of her neck, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Ybarra could face up to 10 years imprisonment.

Patrick: UT statue removal sends a 'poor message'

By Shannon Najmabadi and Patrick Svitek
Texas Tribune

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick criticized the University of Texas at Austin's decision to remove Confederate statues from its campus late Sunday night as sending a "poor message," while U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz said the decision was one for individual universities to make.

UT-Austin announced around 11 p.m. Sunday that multiple Confederate statues were in the process of being removed. The surprise decision came about a week after a white nationalist rally protesting the removal of a Confederate statue in Charlottesville, Virginia turned violent, and left one person dead.

"These events make it clear, now more than ever, that Confederate monuments have become symbols of modern white supremacy and neo-Nazism," university president Gregory Fenves said in an email to the campus community.

In a radio interview Monday morning, Patrick, a Republican, questioned the university's "middle of the night" removal and said that it came with "no notice."

"Gosh, our universities are supposed to be where we learn about history and not repeat those moments of the past, and there was no discussion here," he said.

Patrick referenced prominent historical figures connected to the Alamo who had been slaveholders, and commented on whether their statues should also be torn down. "What are we going to do with Gettysburg? Are we just going to tear down every statue in Gettysburg?" Patrick asked."I mean we can go on and on and on and on."

"We cannot tolerate the Nazis and the KKK and the white supremacists," Patrick added. "But can we tolerate erasing our history? I think many Americans would say no."

Patrick, who serves on the state's preservation board, noted that there are images of the Confederate flag embedded in the Capitol's marble, but that statues "celebrating people in history who were disparaged in the past" have been added. There are several Confederate plaques and memorials on Capitol grounds.

Cruz on Monday morning offered neither criticism nor praise of the decision, saying different communities will make different decisions about Confederate monuments.

"The University of Texas made a decision yesterday about how and whether to display and acknowledge that history," Cruz told reporters before an event in New Braunfels.

MISD teachers can expect $1,000 raise

By Stewart Doreen
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A $1,000 raise for Midland ISD teachers is in the 2017-18 budget that trustees approved Monday night. The board also approved the 2017-18 teacher placement schedule for salaries.

Midland ISD teachers are paid on a salary schedule that takes into account the number of years worked and their education. The annual salary is based on a 10-month calendar.

For instance, a first-year teacher with a bachelor's degree will make $49,050. If that first-year teacher has a doctorate, the salary is $51,650.

The salaries increase to a teacher with 40 years of experience. That teacher is set to make $67,450 (bachelor's degree) to $70,050 (with doctorate).

The difference in pay from 2016-17 to 2017-18 starts with teachers with a year of experience. A teacher with one year of experience and a bachelor's degree received $49,150 in the old schedule. The new schedule calls for a teacher with one year of experience to receive $50,050. Increases from $400 to $900 are seen throughout the schedule.

The pay for teachers in their first year — $49,050 — did not change.

Pay also increases for each teacher year to year, according to the schedule. For instance, the new schedule shows teachers automatically making more as they gain experience. That increase is around $500 by a teacher's sixth year. A teacher's salary rises from $50,250 to $50,750 from the fifth to the sixth year in the new schedule. Factoring in the change in schedules, a fifth-year teacher last year will make $1,000 more this upcoming year.

MISD officials said no matter the teacher's place on the schedule, he or she can count on a $1,000 increase from last year to this year.

Last month during a budget workshop, MISD trustees said teachers should receive an average 1.726 percent increase in their salaries and that increases to health care benefits will be paid for by the district. When everything is taken into account, the increase in total compensation for teachers will be closer to 4 percent, according to trustees.

Salaries are expected to increase by 2 percent, according to the budget forecast for 2018-19.

MISD reports fewer teacher vacancies

The Midland ISD trustees heard a report that indicated the number of teacher vacancies from earlier this month has been cut in half.

Woodrow Bailey, the district's current director of Professional Certification and incoming executive director for Human Resource Services, said Monday there were 20 teacher vacancies with one week left before the beginning of the school year.

The number is a significant decline from last year (60) and from 2015 (96), numbers district officials reported earlier this month.

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system, can you imagine what we could be doing for our community."

The recapture payment makes up 27.6 percent of 2018-19 revenues and is a reason the district expects to run a deficit in 2018-19. The $7.4 million in excess expenditures will be covered by the district's fund balance, which is expected to be more than $43.4 million after the upcoming 2017-18 school year.

A $61.8 million recapture payment would be a record for Midland ISD. MISD paid $47.592 million in 2015-16. This past school year, the bill was $47.419 million. The budget for the upcoming academic year shows a smaller recapture payment because of the one-year lag that takes place between when valuations are set and when the state determines a recapture payment.

If the projected numbers hold true through 2018-19, Midland ISD will have sent more than $198 million to Austin to be redistributed to other districts over a four-year period.

"As any CEO of any organization to operate like that and they would raise their eyebrows," Riddick said. "We will still do the work — less that amount — and still yield results. ... It is a challenge but not one that will bury us."

The budget forecast also shows Midland ISD will approach payroll expenses from 2015-16 levels. Trustees recently boasted how those expenses declined from $165.6 million in 2015-16 to $155.7 million this past academic year. Payroll is forecasted to increase to $160.5 million in 2017-18 and to $163.767 million in 2018-19.

Trustees held a public hearing at Monday's meeting to discuss the tax rate — $1.04005 per $100 valuation for maintenance and operations and $0.0875 per $100 valuation for interest and sinking for a total tax rate of $1.12755. One person showed up to comment about the I&S tax rate and that trustees raised it just below the level at which it would have to call a rollback election. Trustees, who said it was just a coincidence that the rate fell below the rollback rate, did approve the M&O and I&S tax rates.

Riddick said afterward it was important that taxpayers still enjoy tax relief — as the rate was $0.1000 before the 2016-17 school year. He also said it was important for the district to maintain the payment required.

Last fiscal year, MISD paid $16.765 million in debt service payments. However, during the same period, the district's I&S fund balance decreased from $4.19 million to $2.31 million. Midland ISD officials said their preference is to have at least $4 million in the I&S reserve fund for times when the district needs its savings account to kick in, such as when property values drop.

SAND

From 1A

Smaller operators often struggle to get enough sand for their well.

"The sand mines will take pressure off the system," Gatjanis said. "That's one advantage the Permian is going to have next year compared to other areas. And it's the one thing people haven't factored in that's going to keep our costs down. It's huge."

Several of the region's next sand mines are expected to come online in the first half of next year, supplying oil companies the 25,000 tons per well they plan to use for the largest wells in the Permian Basin. That's up from just 1,500 tons a few years ago.

Plenty for everyone

All told, sand companies have announced plans to add production capacity of around 55 million tons of sand a year over the next 18 months, though analysts expect some of those projects will be canceled and the added capacity will come in around 35 million tons per year.

Still, what has been left untested is whether each oil producer in the Permian Basin will abandon the white sand producers in Wisconsin — an unlikely prospect, because some drillers prefer the tough, white grains over their brown counterparts produced in Texas, said Ryan Carbrey, director of onshore services at IHS Markit in Houston. The white sand grains transported from Wisconsin are typically more durable underground in high pressures than brown sand produced in West Texas, making it more reliable for hydraulic fracturing.

"We've heard of some operators who are skeptical, but others are willing to use West Texas sand," he said.

Obituaries

Jose Lopez

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, Jose Lopez, 69 of Midland, passed away on Sunday, August 20, 2017. A viewing will begin at 7:00 p.m., August 23, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Services will be at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 24, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

Jose was born on August 28, 1947 in Sanderson, Texas to Jose Moreno Lopez and Gregoria Lozano Lopez. He was an MP in the United States Army for 11 years, and then was employed by Midland Police Department and retired as a Police Office in 1995 after serving 20 years. He graduated from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 1983. He later retired as a Federal Bailiff with the United States Federal Court in 2007 after serving 10 years. Jose was a very devoted family man and took care of his parents, sister and aunt, as well as his beloved wife, children and grandchildren and many other children that called him abuelo.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Edie Lopez; a son, Jose Lopez, III and wife Shelly, grandchildren, Joseph and Justin; and a daughter, Martina Warren and husband David, grandchildren, Steven, Anthony and Landon; his brother, Thomas Lopez; and sister Luz Flores.

Jose was preceded in death by his parents Jose and Gregoria Lopez and two sisters, Josephina Lopez and Linda Williams.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory
(432) 550-5800

Death Notices

Francisco Rayos "Kiko" Florez

Francisco Rayos "Kiko" Florez, 76, passed away Saturday, August 19, 2017, in Lakeway. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., August 25, 2017, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Rosary services will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2017.

He is survived by his wife, Dominga "Connie" Florez; children, Gino Ray Mendoza, Valmina Leyva, Laura Rogers, and Francisco Rayos Florez, Jr.; and four siblings.

SERENITY memorial gardens cemetery

Services for Today
Tomas Gonzales
10am @
Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home

Work to begin this week on Loop 250

From staff reports

Work on Loop 250 is slated to begin this week, according to the Texas Department of Transportation Odessa District.

Resurfacing and drainage projects will take place on:

- the frontage roads between Interstate 20 and State Highway 191;
- the frontage roads between Midkiff Road and Big Spring Street;
- the intersection under the overpass at Thomason Drive;
- the intersection under the overpass at "A" Street.

Drivers are advised that there will be single-lane closures. Ramp closures also might be needed. There is a width restriction of 11 feet. Motorists are asked to find alternative routes if possible while work is being done. Delays also are likely.

The project is expected to take seven months to complete. Jones Brothers Dirt & Paving won the project with a low bid of $5.8 million.

Texas college could influence other Confederate statue moves

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The University of Texas' abrupt decision to remove Confederate statues in the middle of the night after the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, raises the question of whether other public universities, cities and towns across the state will follow its lead.

Texas wasn't the first prominent school to take down such monuments — Duke University removed a damaged Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee statue Saturday — but its stature as one of the country's largest public universities could influence others. And in a state that has the most Confederate symbols except for Virginia, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, a movement to get similar symbols removed could gain momentum.

University of Texas President Greg Fenves, who said such monuments have become "symbols of modern white supremacy and neo-Nazism," cited the Charlottesville violence as a catalyst for his Sunday night order to move statues of Lee, Confederate Gen. Albert Sydney Johnston and Confederate Postmaster John H. Reagan from a main area of the Austin campus to a history museum. Crews had them down in just a few hours and also removed a statue of former Gov. James Stephen Hogg, whose likeness will be placed in another spot on campus.

"The historical and cultural significance of the Confederate statues on our campus — and the connections that individuals have with them — are severely compromised by what they symbolize," Fenves said. "Erected during the period of Jim Crow laws and segregation, the statues represent the subjugation of African-Americans. That remains true today for white supremacists who use them to symbolize hatred and bigotry."

Bill McRaven, chancellor of the 14-campus University of Texas System and Fenves' boss, supported moving the statues and said they are better suited for a history museum. He also noted the potential for violence as the national debate over Confederate memorials intensifies.

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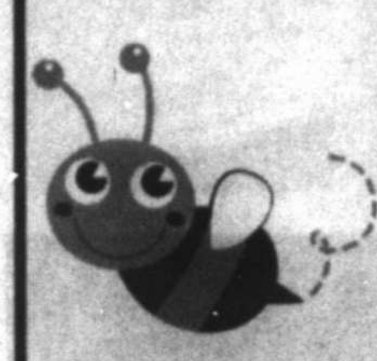
1. caffeine, especially in tea.



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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The Downhole Drilling Services crew poses with their helicopter-shaped smoker during the Basin Burnout fundraiser for Reel Thanx and Hunt for Heroes. The event, which was Saturday at the Scharbauer Sports Complex, featured a barbecue cook-off, kids' activies and entertainment.

Things to do

■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

■ Midland Lunch and Learn Information Meeting offers details on becoming a court appointed special advocate, noon, CASA of West Texas, 1611 W. Texas Ave.

■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m., 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Susan Graham Day will feature a screening of "Werther," 5:30 p.m., Marian Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. mypbo.org.

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.

■ The Piano Guys, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

■ Karaoke with Ali, 8 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W Wall St.

■ Karaoke and pool tournament at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

■ Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Meetings

City Council
(includes tax rate hearing)
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

City Council
(tax rate hearing)
6 p.m.
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

County public hearings

The first of two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for Midland County is scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday at the auxiliary courtroom at the Midland County Courthouse. The hearing is the only agenda item for the Midland County Commissioners' Court special meeting.

The court earlier this month proposed leaving the tax rate at its current rate of 15.5992 cents per $100 valuation.

Because the proposed tax rate is above the effective rate — 14.1823 cents — the county is required to have two public hearings. The next regular Commissioners' Court meeting is 9 a.m. Monday, and the second hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m. that day, according to a notice.

This date in Texas

Ten years ago: The Texas Rangers became the first team in 110 years to score 30 runs in a game, setting an American League record in a 30-3 rout of the Baltimore Orioles in the first game of a doubleheader. (Texas won the second game, 9-7.)

Source: Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 22, the 234th day of 2017. There are 131 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Aug. 22, 1851, the schooner America outraced more than a dozen British vessels off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup.

On this date:

In 1846, Gen. Stephen W. Kearny proclaimed all of New Mexico a territory of the United States.

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corp. conducted its first experimental television broadcast, using a 30-line mechanical system.

In 1986, Kerr-McGee Corp. agreed to pay the estate of the late Karen Silkwood $1.38 million, settling a 10-year-old nuclear contamination lawsuit.

In 1992, on the second day of the Ruby Ridge siege in Idaho, an FBI sharpshooter killed Vicki Weaver, the wife of white separatist Randy Weaver (the sharpshooter later said he was targeting the couple's friend Kevin Harris, and didn't see Vicki Weaver).

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-5-9
Pick 3 day: 2-9-2
Pick 3 evening: 3-4-6
Pick 3 night: 0-0-6
Daily 4 morning: 7-2-4-8
Daily 4 day: 4-3-5-9
Daily 4 evening: 4-4-6-6
Daily 4 night: 8-7-1-0
Cash Five: 4-10-13-22-28
Triple Chance: 4-14-19-20-22-23-31-33-40-52
Texas Two Step: 5-10-26-30 BB: 6
All or Nothing morning: 2-4-8-9-11-13-15-16-18-19-21-23
All or Nothing day: 2-4-6-9-10-12-15-16-17-20-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-7-8-9-11-12-13-16-20-22-23
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Weather

Monday's temperatures
High 92
Low 72
Normal high 93
Normal low 69

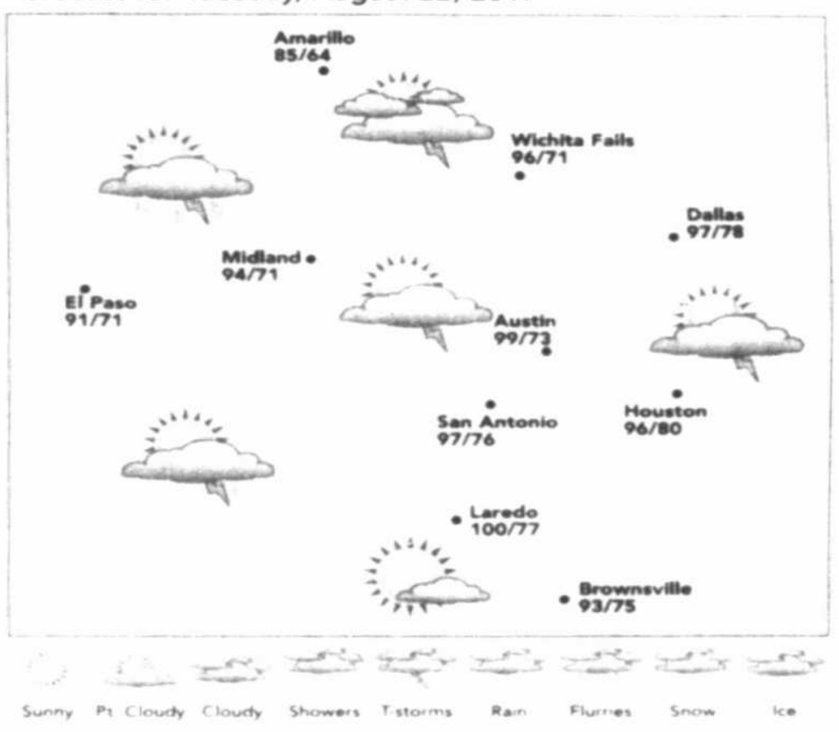
August 22's records
Record high: 102 set in 1964
Record low: 54 set in 1947

Precipitation
Sunday .... 0.00 in.
Monday .... 0.00 in.
Month total .... 1.87 in.
Year total .... 12.09 in.
Normal total (year to date) .... 9.06 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 9.2 mph
Highest sustained: 17 mph
Gust speed: 23 mph

August 23 forecast

Forecast for Tuesday, August 22, 2017



High: 95
Low: 72
Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/mostly cloudy at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: 20 percent during the day/40 percent at night
Sunrise .... 7:18 a.m.
Sunset .... 8:24 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

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

Note: *Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.*

A baby born today has a Sun in Leo if born before 6:21 p.m. (ET). Afterward, the Sun will be in Virgo. The Moon is in Leo all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, August 22, 2017:

This year you notice that your message often gets distorted. In general, you are precise and direct in your communication, but seem to have trouble understanding where others are coming from. If you are single, you could be very fussy about whom you choose to date. No one enjoys being criticized; work on acceptance. If you are attached, you sweetie could be quite affectionate and might demand a lot of time with you. Make this quality time a high priority. A fellow LEO makes a great healer for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You will want to be as efficient and effective as possible. If you are in a situation where you feel confused, or as if you or the other party can't connect clearly, you might realize that you're not speaking the same language. Restart the topic if need be. **Tonight:** Busy, busy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination will fill in the gaps. You'll connect with an artist or a very creative friend, and will enjoy the interaction more than usual. How you see a personal matter could be updated because of an event that occurs today. **Tonight:** Let the fun and games begin.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Stay centered and focused. Conversations could be fun and unusually resourceful. However, when dealing with someone who seems depressed, you might realize that your perception is off. Choose your words with care. Tonight: Join friends for a fun night out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Keep communication flowing, even if you feel as if you are hitting a wall. Perhaps you can get further by maintaining your sense of humor. You have a way of getting people to open up and say what is really on their mind. Say less and listen more. **Tonight:** Impulsiveness works.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You see the costs of an arrangement between you and someone else. You might not see eye to eye with this person, but you also are not coming from the same place. Use caution with any financial matter, as there could be an error or a misunderstanding. **Tonight:** Do for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might not agree with a key person in your life. Your perspective could change, but at the moment, what you are hearing doesn't seem to appeal to you. Play the waiting game, if possible. A family member could be too withdrawn for your taste. **Tonight:** Let go of worries.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might be uncomfortable with what you hear. Ideas shared by others might not be in sync with what you think. Don't become irritated; instead, consider how you could express your ideas in a way that will get others to understand and support it. **Tonight:** Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Be clear about what you want, especially if you're in a meeting. Someone who indicates that he or she supports you might not be supportive in the way you were expecting. Be aware that this person is not always the best influence. **Tonight:** Happiest around crowds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ A must appearance simply cannot be put off, even if you would like to vanish. You will project a mystic or magnetic quality. As a result, others will be drawn to you. Stay on topic, and do not allow a distracting thought to throw you off. **Tonight:** Whatever you do, be near music..

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take in the big picture. The wider your scope, the more positive the results. Your sense of humor returns when you see just how confusing conversations around you seem to be. Pull back, listen and avoid making any major decisions just yet. **Tonight:** Read between the lines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might feel as if no one quite understands where you are coming from. Unless you explain your thoughts in a new or different way, you aren't likely to be clearly understood. Someone else wants the platform to speak; let him or her have it. Tonight: Accept an offer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You don't often see eye to eye with others, but explaining why might prove to be difficult. Your mind is always going over certain issues. Let others speak their mind, and be attentive to what is being said. You don't need to go along with the ideas, just listen. Tonight: At home.

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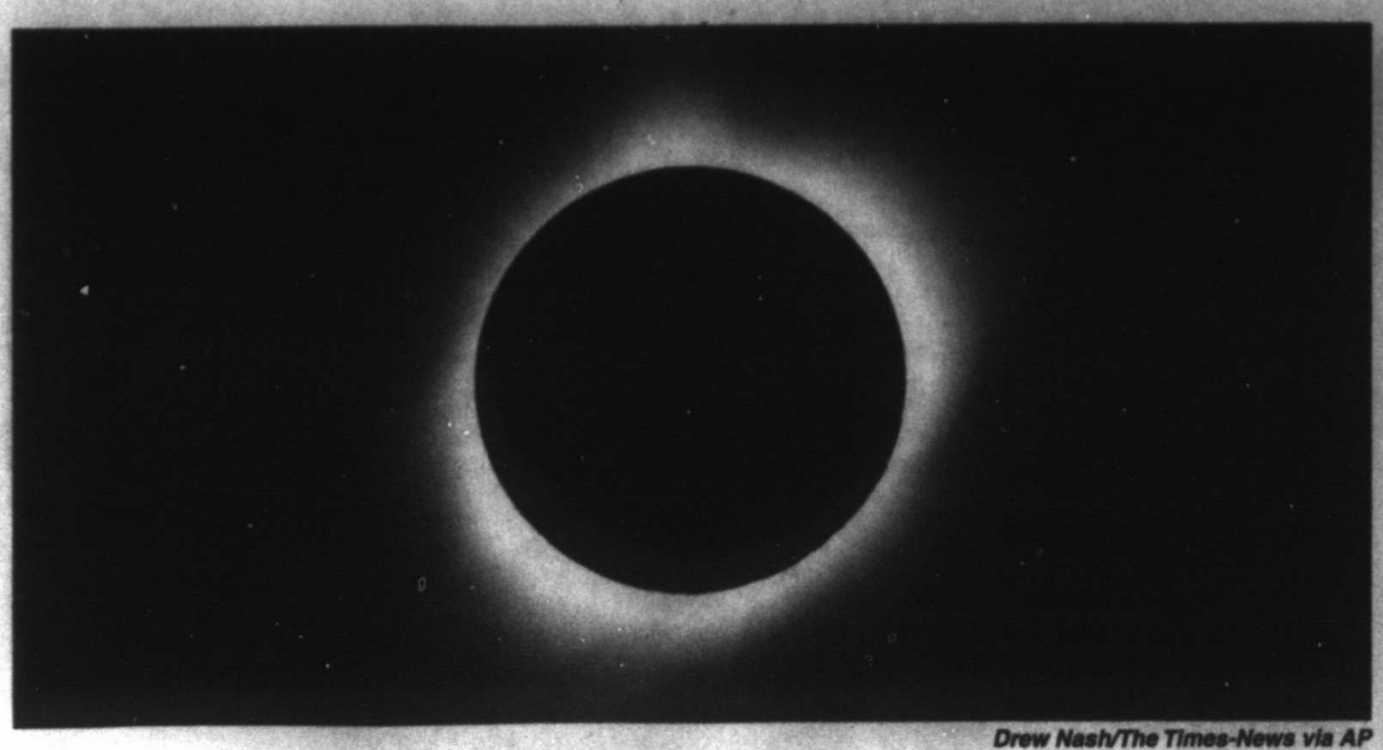

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A total solar eclipse occurs over Bald Mountain on Monday in Sun Valley, Idaho.

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COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: Andrew Zhang, 5 and Liam Zhang, 3, view the solar eclipse Monday at the Museum of the Southwest. Midlanders and others from around the Permian Basin view the solar eclipse.

'A primal experience': Americans dazzled by solar eclipse

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

The stars came out in the middle of the day, zoo animals ran in agitated circles, crickets chirped, birds fell silent and a chilly darkness settled upon the land Monday as the U.S. witnessed its first full-blown, coast-to-coast solar eclipse since World War I.

Millions of Americans gazed in wonder at the cosmic spectacle, with the best seats along the so-called path of totality that raced 2,600 miles across the continent from Oregon to South Carolina.

"It was a very primal experience," Julie Vigeland, of Portland, Oregon, said after she was moved to tears by the sight of the sun reduced to a silvery ring of light in Salem.

It took 90 minutes for the shadow of the moon to travel across the country. Along that path, the moon blotted out the midday sun for about two wondrous minutes at any one place, eliciting oohs, aahs, whoops and shouts from people gathered in stadiums, parks and backyards.

It was, by all accounts, the most-observed and most-photographed eclipse in history, documented by satellites and high-altitude balloons and watched on Earth through telescopes, cameras and cardboard-frame protective eyeglasses.

In Boise, Idaho, where the sun was more than 99 percent blocked, the street lights flicked on briefly, while in Nashville, Tennessee, people craned their necks at the sky and knocked back longneck beers at Nudie's Honky Tonk bar.

Passengers aboard a cruise ship in the Caribbean watched it unfold as Bonnie Tyler sang her 1983 hit "Total Eclipse of the Heart."

Several minor-league baseball teams — one of them, the Columbia Fireflies, outfitted for the day in glow-in-the-dark jerseys — briefly suspended play.

At the White House, despite all the warnings from experts about the risk of eye damage, President Donald Trump took off his eclipse glasses and looked directly at the sun.

The path of totality, where the sun was 100 percent obscured by the moon, was just 60 to 70 miles wide. But the rest of North America was treated to a partial eclipse, as were Central American and the upper reaches of South America.

Skies were clear along most of the route, to the relief of those who feared cloud cover would spoil the moment.

"Oh, God, oh, that was amazing," said Joe Dellinger, a Houston man who set up a telescope on the Capitol lawn in Jefferson City, Missouri. "That was better than any photo."

For the youngest observers, it seemed like magic.

"It's really, really, really, really awesome," said 9-year-old Cami Smith as she gazed at the fully eclipsed sun in Beverly Beach, Oregon.

NASA reported 4.4 million people were watching its TV coverage midway through the eclipse, the biggest livestream event in the space agency's history.

"It can be religious. It makes you feel insignificant, like you're just a speck in the whole scheme of things," said veteran eclipse-watcher Mike O'Leary of San Diego, who set up his camera along with among hundreds of other amateur astronomers in Casper, Wyoming.

John Hays drove up from Bishop, California, for the total eclipse in Salem, Oregon, and said the experience will stay with him forever.

"That silvery ring is so hypnotic and mesmerizing, it does remind you of wizardry or like magic," he said.

More than one parent was amazed to see teenagers actually look up from their cellphones.

Patrick Schueck, a construction company president from Little Rock, Arkansas, brought his 10-year-old twin daughters Ava and Hayden to Bald Knob Cross of Peace in Alto Pass, Illinois, a more than 100-foot cross atop a mountain. Schueck said at first his girls weren't very interested in the eclipse. One sat looking at her iPhone.

"Quickly that changed," he said. "It went from them being aloof to being in total amazement." Schueck called it a chance to "do something with my daughters that they'll remember for the rest of their lives."

Astronomers, too, were giddy with excitement.

NASA solar physicist Alex Young said the last time earthlings had a connection like this to the heavens was during man's first flight to the moon, on Apollo 8 in 1968. The first, famous Earthrise photo came from that mission and, like this eclipse, showed us "we are part of something bigger."

NASA's acting administrator, Robert Lightfoot, watched with delight from a plane flying over the Oregon coast and joked about the space-agency official next to him, "I'm about to fight this man for a window seat."

Hoping to learn more about the sun's composition and the mysterious solar wind, NASA and other scientists watched and analyzed it all from the ground and the sky, including aboard the International Space Station.

Citizen scientists monitored animal and plant behavior as day turned into twilight. About 7,000 people streamed into the Nashville Zoo just to see the animals' reaction and noticed how they got noisier at it got darker.

The giraffes started running around crazily in circles when darkness fell, and the flamingos huddled together, though zookeepers aid it wasn't clear whether it was the eclipse or the noisy, cheering crowd that spooked them.

"I didn't expect to get so emotionally caught up with it. I literally had chill bumps," said zoo volunteer Stephen Foust.

In Charleston, South Carolina, the eclipse's last stop in the U.S., college junior Allie Stern, 20, said: "It was amazing. It looked like a banana peel, like a glowing banana peel which is kind of hard to describe and imagine but it was super cool."

The Earth, moon and sun line up perfectly every one to three years, briefly turning day into night for a sliver of the planet. But these sights normally are in no man's land, like the vast Pacific or Earth's poles. This is the first eclipse of the social media era to pass through such a heavily populated area.

The last coast-to-coast total eclipse in the U.S. was in 1918, when Woodrow Wilson was president. The last total solar eclipse in the U.S. was in 1979, but only five states in the Northwest experienced total darkness.

The next total eclipse in the U.S. will be in 2024. The next coast-to-coast one will not be until 2045.

JOHNSON

From 1A

The girls took a break from pre-season volleyball practice to view the eclipse, and while they looked more fashionable than my dad and me in our welding mask, we all enjoyed participating in something so uniting.

"It was surreal to see something that hasn't happened in years," Ashley said. "It may not have seemed like a huge difference to some, but for me it was so cool to be a part of."

As we left the Blakemore Planetarium, I realized what a cool memory I would be able to share someday — perhaps at the peak of the next eclipse, which is set to occur in 2024.

"It was special sharing this historical moment with friends and family in our beloved Midland," my dad said after the viewing party.

I couldn't agree more.

Now excuse me while I return his welder's mask.

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Barcelona fugitive shot dead had knives, wore fake bomb belt

By Joseph Wilson, Artiz Parra and Lorri Hinnant
Associated Press

SUBIRATS, Spain — The lone fugitive from the Spanish cell that killed 15 people in and near Barcelona was shot to death Monday after he flashed what turned out to be a fake suicide belt at two troopers who confronted him in a vineyard just outside the city he terrorized, authorities said.

Police said they had "scientific evidence" that Younes Abouyaaqoub, 22, drove the van that barreled through Barcelona's crowded Las Ramblas promenade, killing 13 people on Thursday, then hijacked a car and fatally stabbed its driver while making his getaway.

Abouyaaqoub's brother and friends made up the rest of the 12-man extremist cell, along with an imam who was one of two people killed in what police said was a botched bomb-making operation.

After four days on the run, Abouyaaqoub was spotted outside a train station west of Barcelona on Monday afternoon. A second witness told police she was certain she had seen the man whose photo has gone around the world as part of an international manhunt.

Two officers found him hiding in a nearby vineyard and asked for his identification, according to the head of the Catalan police. He was shot to death when he opened his shirt to reveal what looked to be explosives and cried out "Allah is great" in Arabic, regional police chief Josep Luis Trapero said.

A bomb disposal robot was dispatched to examine the downed suspect before police determined the bomb belt was not real, Trapero said. A bag full of knives was found with his body, police said.

A police photo of the body seen by The Associated Press showed his bloodied face, bearing several days' stubble on the chin.

With Abouyaaqoub's death, the group responsible for last week's fatal van attacks has now been broken, Trapero said.

"The arrest of this person was the priority for the police because it closed the detention and dismantling of the group that we had identified," he said.

Four are under arrest, and eight are dead: five shot by police in the seaside town of Cambrils, where a second van attack left one pedestrian dead early Friday; two others killed on the eve of the Barcelona attack in a botched bomb-making operation; and Abouyaaqoub.

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for both the Cambrils and Barcelona attacks.

Roser Ventura, whose father owns a vineyard between the towns of Sadurni d'Anoia and Subirats, said she alerted the regional Catalan police when they spotted a car crossing their property at high speed.

"The police told us to leave the premises and go home. We heard a helicopter flying around and many police cars coming toward the gas station that is some 600 meters from the property," Ventura said.

The search for Abouyaaqoub ended on the same day that Catalan police confirmed that he was the last remaining cell member thought to still be at large and provided a timeline of his movements.

Authorities said earlier Monday they had evidence that pinpointed Abouyaaqoub as the driver of the van that plowed down the Las Ramblas promenade, killing 13 pedestrians and injuring more than 120 others.

Trapero said that after abandoning the vehicle, Abouyaaqoub walked through Barcelona for about 90 minutes, through the famed La Boqueria market and nearly to Barcelona University.

The Spanish newspaper El Pais published images Monday of what it said was Abouyaaqoub leaving the van attack site on foot. The three images show a slim man wearing sunglasses walking through La Boqueria.

In a parking lot often used by university students, he then hijacked a Ford Focus belonging to Pau Perez, stabbing Perez to death and taking the wheel with his final victim's body in the backseat. Minutes later, Abouyaaqoub plowed through a police checkpoint with the stolen car and abandoned the vehicle, disappearing into the night.

The manhunt for him reached well beyond Spain's borders, but in the end, Abouyaaqoub died about 30 kilometers (18 miles) from where he was last spotted.

After the carnage in Barcelona, authorities took a closer look at an explosion the night before in a house south of the city. Police initially had dismissed it as a household accident.

Along with two bodies, the more exhaustive search turned up remnants of over 100 butane gas tanks and materials needed for the TATP explosive, which has been used previously by Islamic State militants for attacks in Paris and Brussels, among others.

The equipment, along with reports that Abouyaaqoub had rented three vans, suggested the militant cell was making plans for an even more massive attack on the city.

Family and friends of the young men, nearly all with roots in Morocco, described them as well-integrated members of the community in Ripoll, a quintessentially Catalan town nestled into the foothills of the Pyrenees.

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Cosby hires Michael Jackson's lawyer for sex assault retrial

Bill Cosby has hired Michael Jackson's former lawyer to represent him at his November retrial on sexual assault charges in Pennsylvania.

Cosby's spokesman announced Monday that the 80-year-old comedian is bringing in Tom Mesereau to lead a retooled defense team. Lawyers from the first trial in June had said they wanted off the case.

Mesereau won an acquittal in Jackson's 2004 child molestation trial. He has also represented boxer Mike Tyson, rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight and a Playboy bunny.

Mesereau will be joined by former federal prosecutor Kathleen Bliss, as well as Sam Silver, who represented now-imprisoned former U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah of Pennsylvania in a corruption case.

Cosby's first trial on charges he drugged and molested a woman at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004 ended in a hung jury.

SINGAPORE

Search underway for missing sailors; Navy chief orders probe

The U.S. Navy ordered a broad investigation Monday into the performance and readiness of the Pacific-based 7th Fleet after the USS John S. McCain collided with an oil tanker in Southeast Asian waters, leaving 10 U.S. sailors missing and others injured.

It was the second major collision in the past few months involving the Navy's 7th Fleet. Seven sailors died in June when the USS Fitzgerald and a container ship collided in waters off Japan.

Vessels and aircraft from the U.S., Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia were searching for the missing sailors. Four other sailors were evacuated by a Singaporean navy helicopter to a hospital in the city-state for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries, the Navy said. A fifth was taken to the hospital by ambulance after the destroyer arrived in Singapore under its own power, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore said.

"It is the second such incident in a very short period of time — inside of three months — and very similar as well," Navy Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations, told reporters at the Pentagon. "It is the last of a series of incidents in the Pacific fleet in particular and that gives great cause for concern that there is something out there we are not getting at."

Richardson ordered a pause in operations for the next couple of days to allow fleet commanders to get together with leaders, sailors and command officials and identify any immediate steps that need to be taken to ensure safety.

A broader U.S. Navy review will look at the 7th Flcet's performance, including personnel, navigation capabilities, maintenance, equipment, surface warfare training, munitions, certifications and how sailors move through their careers. Richardson said the review will be conducted with the help of the Navy's office of the inspector general, the safety center and private companies that make equipment used by sailors.

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Are you a member of a secret society?

By Paul Wiseman
FYI Expert

My neighbor Jimmy and I tried to start some secret clubs when we were in grade school. We met in the dog house because it was that big—my dad had gotten it in a trade for a partially broken lawnmower or something. It was way too big for our beagle!

We were so successful that no one but the two of us ever joined these clubs. I remember one of them was called the "Gol-O-Lee Club" because we just sat around and moaned that phrase.

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OPINION EXTRA

Terrorists produce ominous how-to for attack in America

The terrorist attack in Barcelona follows a pattern that has left more than 100 people dead and hundreds more injured in Nice, Berlin, London, Stockholm and Ohio State University — a terrorist takes a van or truck and plows through innocent pedestrians on a crowded thoroughfare, turning the vehicle into "a mowing machine, not to mow grass but mow down the enemies of Allah."

Those words come from an article called "The Ultimate Mowing Machine" in the 2010 edition of the glossy online al-Qaida magazine Inspire, which provided detailed instructions for how to carry out vehicular attacks, urging would-be terrorists to "pick up as much speed as you can while still retaining good control ... to strike as many people as possible in your first run."

A Tunisian terrorist followed these instructions when he drove a tractor trailer into a Christmas market in Berlin in December; as did the British terrorists who mowed down pedestrians on Westminster Bridge in London in March and London Bridge in June; as did an Uzbek terrorist who drove a truck into pedestrians and shoppers in Stockholm in April. And now we have seen this technique used by terrorists in Barcelona, killing at least 13 people and injuring more than 100. And it is not just Islamist terrorists who are inspired by these tactics. Last weekend, an allegedly neo-Nazi domestic terrorist, James Alex Fields Jr., used a car to mow down a crowd in Charlottesville, Virginia.

This history is worth remembering, because just this month al-Qaida came out with a new edition of Inspire, this time with detailed instructions for how to carry out "Train Derail Operations." The magazine includes an article by Hamza bin Laden — the son of Osama bin Laden and an emerging al-Qaida leader — who addresses "the valiant heroes of Islam in America" and offers "advice for anyone who intends to carry out a martyrdom operation."

Inspire urges its readers to target trains in the United States as the best means of terrorizing Americans and disrupting our economy. An article by the self-described "Lone Jihad Guidance Team" quotes testimony from the Government Accountability Office before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, in which the agency explains that our rail infrastructure "extends through every major city as well as thousands of small communities" and "creates an infinite number of targets for terrorists." Al-Qaida notes that "it is a daunting and almost impossible task to protect the long railroad length, and yet one of the easiest to target."

The magazine then provides an 18-page, step-by-step illustrated guide to building a train derailment tool. It includes a list of "passenger train routes in America," and it urges terrorists to target high-speed trains because "a train at a very high speed is hard to control or manage using brakes." It specifically cites "America's high-speed train 'Acela,' " Amtrak's express service along the Northeast corridor, because it "requires a whole mile so that it can come to a halt." It urges terrorists to place the derailment tool "on a bend and specifically a sharp corner" or "when the train reaches residential or large populated areas" to force a "collision with man-made structures, such as buildings, bridges or tunnels" or make the train "fall from a very high place."

The advantages of train derailment weapons, al-Qaida says, is that they are "easy to design" and "easy to hide your tracks from forensics after the operation." The terrorists note that "because the operation is not a martyrdom op ... it can be repeated" and will cause "great impact on the economy," while "security agencies will be puzzled and confused to finding a solution for this problem."

We have seen how these guides to "open source Jihad" have led to attacks in the past, so we need to take these new threats seriously. Terrorist networks use online tools such as Inspire and encrypted messaging apps to recruit and vet terrorist operatives, indoctrinate and train them, and then direct them to carry out "remote-controlled" attacks across the world. They no longer need to bring recruits to run through obstacle courses in terrorist sanctuaries; the dark Web is now their training camp.

The new issue of Inspire includes a map of the United States and the words emblazoned across it: "Ideas do not need visas." They are right. While we are all mourning the victims of Barcelona, the terrorists are already preparing for their next wave of attacks. It is only a matter of time before they bring the violence we are seeing in Spain to our shores — something for policymakers in Washington to think about while they travel along the Acela corridor.

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Situation in the country is bad, but civil war is not in the cards

■ The media and the very real divisions in America breed anxieties

ROSS DOUTHAT
New York Times News Service

Summertime, sweltering and stressful, makes our cold civil war feel hot. The madness and violence of last year crested in the summer, with the shootings of cops in Dallas and Baton Rouge. Now the dog days are here again, and with them a new spasm — white supremacists with tiki torches, antifa and the alt-right going at it, a white nationalist running down protesters, a little Weimar re-enactment in the streets of Charlottesville, Virginia.

So while the president blathers about how some of the torchbearers were fine people, other people are talking about whether we could have a civil war for real. In The New Yorker, Robin Wright quotes a State Department expert on internecine conflict whose personal estimate is that "the United States faces a 60 percent chance of civil war over the next 10 to 15 years." Lest you doubt his science, he was part of an informal poll by the military journalist and historian Tom Ricks earlier this year, which produced the lower but still notable consensus estimate that we have a 35 percent chance of falling into civil war.

What do these bets mean? Their language evokes our own 1860s, 1930s Spain or contemporary Syria. But Ricks says he means something narrower — a period more like the late 1960s and early 1970s, with serious and sustained political violence and widespread resistance to political authority, but without Chancellorsvilles or Guernicas.

That seems more plausible than what people usually mean by civil war. But we are still not close to even that level of breakdown, nowhere close to the social chaos and revolutionary fervor that gave us 2,500 bombings in 18 months during Richard Nixon's first term. The chaos during Trump's ascent and presidency has been extreme by the standards of recent politics but not by the standards of America's worst periods of crisis.

So why the civil-war anxieties? In part, because our media environment breeds hysteria; in part, because Trump himself does so.

But the underlying reason people are worried is a plausible one: America's divisions are genuinely serious, our cold civil war entirely real.

Our divisions are partisan: The parties are more ideologically polarized than at any point in the 20th century, and party loyalty increasingly shapes not just votes but social identity, friendship, where you live and whom you hope your children marry.

Our divisions are religious: The decline of institutional Christianity means that we have no religious center apart from Oprah and Joel Osteen, the metaphysical gap between the secularist wing of liberalism and religious traditionalists is far wider than the intra-Christian divisions of the past, and on the fringes you can see hints of a fully post-Christian and post-liberal right and left.

Our divisions are racial and ethnic and class-based and generational, conspicuously so in the Trump era. And they are geographic: The metropolis versus the hinterland, the coasts against the middle of the country. It would not be hard to sketch lines on a map partitioning the USA into two or three or four more homogeneous and perhaps more functional republics. And if you imagined some catastrophe suddenly dissolving our political order and requiring us to start anew, it is not at all clear that we would be able to forge a reunited republic, a second continental nation.

Moreover, our divisions induce a particular anxiety because each of our two main factions reigns supreme in one particular arena. Conservatism is (somehow) politically dominant, with control of the legislative and executive branches and a remarkable power in the states. Meanwhile, liberalism dominates the cultural commanding heights as never before, with not only academia and the media but also late-night television and sportswriting and even young-adult fiction more monolithically and — to conservatives — oppressively progressive.

So both sides have reasons to feel threatened, disempowered and surrounded; both can feel as though they exist under a kind of enemy rule.

Thus described, it may sound remarkable that we haven't plunged into domestic chaos and civil strife already. But not every American is a partisan, there is still more to life than politics for most of us, and under the right circumstances people with deep differences can live together in peace for a great while — so long as events do not force a crisis, so long as the great political or social questions don't feel so existential and zero-sum that they cannot be managed or endured.

Slavery was such an existential issue — but its closest analogue today, abortion, does not lie so close to the center of our politics. Race, immigration and religious liberty are all volatile, but the specific controversies are more incremental than existential: Voter-ID laws are not Jim Crow, and toppling Confederate statues isn't Reconstruction; refugee restrictions aren't internment camps; fights over the rights of Christian businesses and colleges are not a persecution.

An economic crisis can spur a crackup. But our wealth and the welfare state both cushion us substantially, as we saw after the Great Recession. Wars can lead to dissolution: Opposition to the War of 1812 brought New England to the brink of secession, opposition to Vietnam helped give us our last era of calamity, and of course defeat in World War I broke up the multiethnic empires that the United States increasingly resembles. But our wars are so professionalized and technologized that even unpopular ones can be sustained a long time without pushing domestic politics to a breaking point.

This leaves the most likely near-term threat to our fractured republic as either something external to the system — a worst-case pandemic or terrorist attack, a climate-change-induced catastrophe — or else a threat concentrated at the top, in the imperial presidency around which our democratic derangements increasingly revolve.

If you asked me to script a path from where we are today to a period of violent division or disunion, I would invent a character with some of the qualities of a Trump and some of an Emmanuel Macron — a charismatic leader who appeals not just to the extremes but to some populist or technocratic center, and who promises an escape from polarization and division and from the gridlock that those divisions have induced.

Then I would have this character retain his mystique more successfully than usual for recent presidents, and use it to pursue an agenda at once extraconstitutional and fairly popular, so that institutions would either struggle to contain him or simply surrender in a way they won't for our current chief executive. Then add the right crisis, or the right cascade of them, and imagine one side or the other in our current cold civil war seeking actual "Second Amendment remedies" or forming a for-real resistance against presidential tyranny — and suddenly you could have the kind of strife that the experts cited by Wright and Ricks seem to be envisioning.

But watching Trump stagger and Macron's poll numbers sink, I would still judge my imagined scenario remote.

Things are getting worse in many ways, and the rest of the Trump era does not promise much in the way of healing and reconciliation. But despite what Scripture tells us, in politics a house divided against itself can sometimes stand for quite a while — so long as most people prefer its roof to the rain and wind, and relatively few have a clear and pressing incentive to start knocking down the walls.

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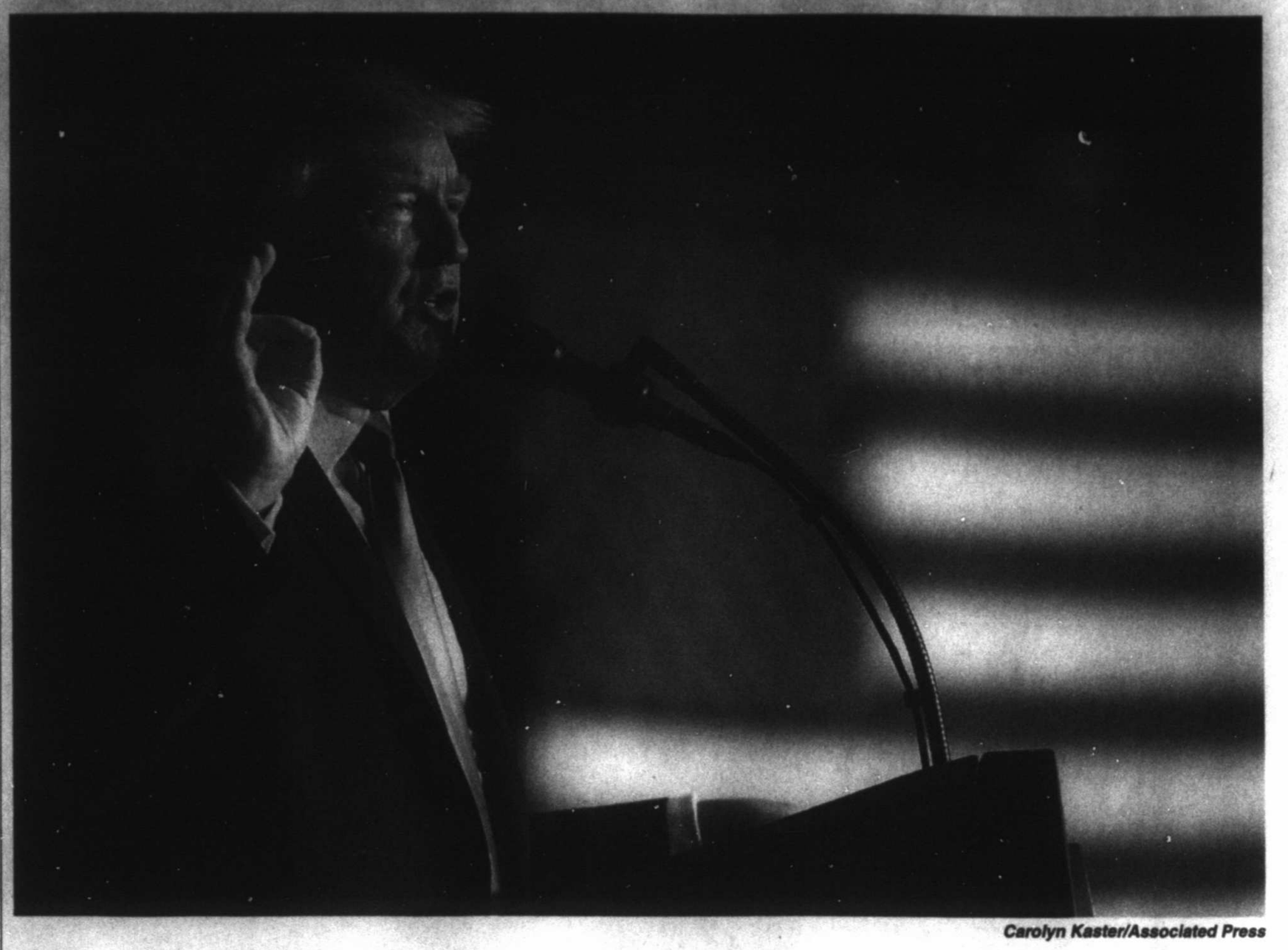

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President Donald Trump speaks Monday at Fort Myer in Arlington Va., during a presidential address to the nation about a strategy he believes will best position the U.S. to eventually declare victory in Afghanistan.

Trump returns to Arizona — and a chaotic political landscape

By Josh Hoffner
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Donald Trump was just a few weeks into his candidacy in 2015 when he came to Phoenix for a speech that ended up being a bigger moment in his campaign than most people realized at the time.

Trump savaged his critics and the media, vowed to fine Mexico $100,000 for each immigrant entering the country illegally, talked tough on trade, promised to return America to its winning ways and borrowed a line from Richard Nixon in declaring, "The silent majority is back."

The packed crowd ate it up — the raucous enthusiasm an early sign of the overwhelming support among Trump's base that would help carry him to the presidency.

As Trump returns to Arizona on Tuesday in need of another big moment, he will find a place where his agenda and unconventional leadership style have consumed the political landscape and elevated the state's status in the national fight for control of power in Washington in 2018.

It was Arizona senator John McCain who cast the vote that derailed Trump's effort to repeal the health care law. The other Arizona senator, Jeff Flake, has become the poster child for Republicans who buck the president's agenda and feel his wrath on Twitter. The president is almost certain to back a GOP challenger to Flake in 2018, complicating Republican efforts to maintain control of the Senate.

Trump has also revived the immigration debate and infuriated Latinos here with his talk of pardoning former Sheriff Joe Arpaio over his recent conviction for breaking the law with his signature immigration patrols. The controversy over Civil War monuments has even spilled into Arizona, where the governor has faced repeated calls to take down a handful of Confederate memorials in the state.

And an overlooked item in Trump's agenda, school choice, has made education a hot campaign issue in Arizona. With the strong support of Education Secretary Besty DeVos, Arizona passed the nation's most ambitious expansion of vouchers this year, and public school advocates recently submitted more than 100,000 signatures in a petition drive to get the law wiped out on the 2018 ballot.

If that isn't enough fuel for a political bonfire, Trump's visit to Arizona will be his first political event since the race-driven violence in Virginia and his divisive comments in the aftermath of the protests. That poses a dilemma for Republicans like Gov. Doug Ducey on whether to take the stage at the Trump rally while running for re-election. Doing so would subject him to attacks from moderates and the left by appearing with the president so soon after Charlottesville and possibly at the same time as the president pardons Arpaio and throws his endorsement behind Flake's challenger. But avoiding the stage could hurt him with the base.

Trump would be hard-pressed to find a state where his Republican base is as faithful and vocal as in Arizona, which is a big reason why he came to the state seven times during his campaign and refers to the "special place" it holds for him. The fierce, nonconformist political spirit evident at Trump rallies here traces its roots to the frontier days and allows hard-fisted politicians like him and Arpaio to thrive.

"The Republican primary base in Arizona is highly partisan, semi-libertarian in the sense that it's against the swamp," said longtime Republican political strategist Chuck Coughlin. "We're the 48th state to join. We're still acting like a juvenile. We still act like we're the last one invited to the party which is sort of what Donald Trump is."

Trump renews Afghan commitment but says 'no blank check'

By Josh Lederman and Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Declaring the U.S. will win "in the end," President Donald Trump vowed Monday night to keep American troops fighting in Afghanistan despite his earlier inclination to withdraw. But he insisted the U.S. would not offer "a blank check" after 16 years of war, and he pointedly declined to say whether or when more troops might be sent.

In a prime-time address billed as the unveiling of his new Afghanistan strategy, Trump said the U.S. would shift away from a "time-based" approach, instead linking its assistance to results and to cooperation from the beleaguered Afghan government, Pakistan and others.

Still, he offered few details about how that approach would differ substantively from what the U.S. has already tried unsuccessfully under the past two presidents.

"We will not talk about numbers of troops or our plans for further military activities," Trump said. "Conditions on the ground, not arbitrary timetables, will guide our strategy from now on."

Ahead of his speech, U.S. officials said they expected the president to go along with a Pentagon recommendation to send nearly 4,000 new troops, boosting the total of 8,400 in Afghanistan now. At its peak, the U.S. had roughly 100,000 there, under the Obama administration in 2010-11.

Trump said his "original instinct was to pull out," alluding to his long-expressed view before becoming president that Afghanistan was an unsolvable quagmire requiring a fast U.S. withdrawal. Since taking office, Trump said, he'd determined that approach could create a vacuum that terrorists including al-Qaida and the Islamic State could "instantly fill."

Trump said the American people are "weary of war without victory."

"I share the America people's frustration," Trump said at the Army's Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, in Arlington, Virginia, across the Potomac River from the White House. Still, he insisted that "in the end, we will win."

Trump's speech concluded a months-long internal debate within his administration over whether to pull back from the Afghanistan conflict, as he and a few advisers were inclined to do, or to embroil the U.S. further in a war that has eluded American solutions for the past 16 years. Several times, officials predicted he was nearing a decision to adopt his commanders' recommendations, only to see the final judgment delayed.

The Pentagon has argued the U.S. must stay engaged to ensure terrorists can't again use the territory to threaten America. Afghan military commanders have agreed, making clear they want and expect continued U.S. military help. But elected officials in the U.S. have been mixed, with many advocating against sending more troops.

As a candidate, Trump criticized the war and said the U.S. should quickly pull out, but he also campaigned on a vow to start winning wars. Exiting now, with the Taliban resurgent, would be impossible to sell as victory.

"I think there's a relative certainty that the Afghan government would eventually fall," said Mark Jacobson, an Army veteran and NATO's former deputy representative in Kabul.

And while Trump has pledged to put "America First," keeping U.S. interests above any others, his national security advisers have warned that the Afghan forces are still far too weak to succeed without help. That is especially important as the Taliban advance and a squeezed Islamic State group looks for new havens beyond Syria and Iraq. Even now, Afghan's government controls just half the country.

As officers advocated for the troop increase, the Pentagon did not claim it would end the conflict. But military officials maintained it could help stabilize the Afghan government and break a stalemate with the Taliban.

The setting for Monday night's speech, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, sits alongside Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place for many Americans who have died in the war.

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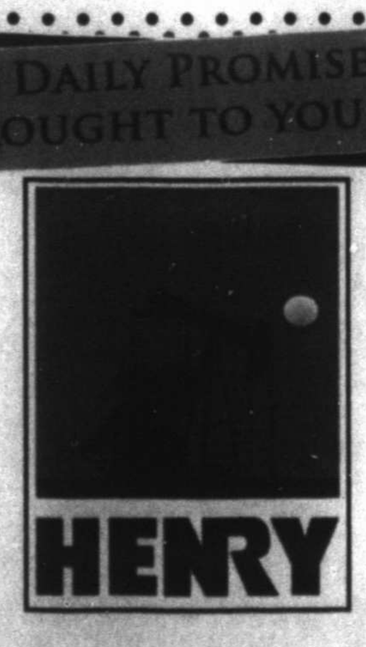

John 4:13-14

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

Water District
Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Midland County Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on, September 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Midland Surgical Associates, 2405 West Missouri Ave, Midland, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal:	Shelton Viney, Jackie Schneider, Joe Patten, Israel Rodriguez
AGAINST the proposal:	None
PRESENT and not voting:	None
ABSENT:	Alan Lang

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per $100 of value)	0.027610/$100 Adopted	0.027610/$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per $100 of value	0.00/$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	$241,533	$250,075
General homestead exemption available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	$0	$0
Average residence homestead taxable value	$241,533	$250,075
Tax on average residence homestead	$66.69	$69.05
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	$2.36 3.54%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYER'S RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

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When JumBurrito owners Jose and Diane Cuevas, then only 22 and 20, pulled together all of their savings and founded JumBurrito on December 5, 1979, they had no idea that 38 years later they'd be celebrating the success of operating one of the area's top restaurants.

Their first jobs were working in restaurants and hotels busing tables, washing dishes, waiting on guests and then management. After working in the hospitality business for a brief period time, Cuevas said it soon became their dream to own an open a restaurant.

"But, I knew at that time I couldn't afford to buy all of the silverware, plates and things like that, so we went with the fast-food industry," Cuevas said.

After he and his wife invested all of their $2,500 in savings and a small bank loan into kick- starting the restaurant, they leased 650 square-feet on 1301 N. Lamesa Road. Cuevas said he took an overhead projector and drew the company's first logo on the transparency before driving to the building at night, when he put the projected logo on the wall and traced and hand-painted the first JumBurrito sign.

"On our first day, we ran about $75 dollars, but soon we got busier and busier, but it took time," Cuevas said. "We put out a lot of fliers, we knocked on a lot of businesses' doors and handed out a lot of free burritos in the beginning."

Cuevas said they built it from the bottom up.

"In the beginning, it was me, Diane, Tomas Gonzales, our first fantastic cook and Andrea Gonzalez, our first great tortilla maker," Cuevas said. "We got so busy we couldn't keep up with demand, and I had to hire some ladies who were the best tortilla-makers in the neighborhood, if not in West Texas, to make tortillas at their homes."

Cuevas provided them with all the supplies they needed to make their homemade tortillas and would pick them up daily to bring them to the restaurant.

Now, he said now they have a large commissary that turns out 8,600 to 10,000 tortillas daily, and they're still just as fresh as when he started the restaurant. They also make their own hot and mild sauce daily, turning out about 6 million one-ounce cups annually.

"I think what sets up apart is our passion for making great food," Cuevas said. "We're always looking at ways to improve. Cooking an egg is not the easiest thing to do, we are constantly learning while looking for that prefect egg-cooking method. There are so many variables to take into consideration like type of eggs, cooking temperature, butter, soft, medium or hard cooked, bacon, ham, sausage, or chorizo. We are honored that our guests give us credit for the extra steps we take to be number one."

Most recently, they've teamed up with John Scharbauer, the owner of Midland Meat Company, to bring customers the finest hormone-free, steroid-free and grass-fed Wagyu ground beef. They'll continue working with Scharbauer to introduce more beef options at a price point that works for their guests, because he is also passionate about cleaner eating and how Midland Meat Company's beef is healthier.

JumBurrito serves up their award-winning breakfast burritos all day. Guests won't want to miss out on their authentic, fantastic Texican lunch and dinner burritos.

Cuevas said he believes the success of the locally-owned restaurant rests in how passionate he and his team are about crafting quality food and serving up excellent customer service.

"We're passionate for what we do and we we're passionate about serving our guests and taking care of our employees," Cuevas said. "We have a lot of fun as a team and we're all passionate about everything we do."

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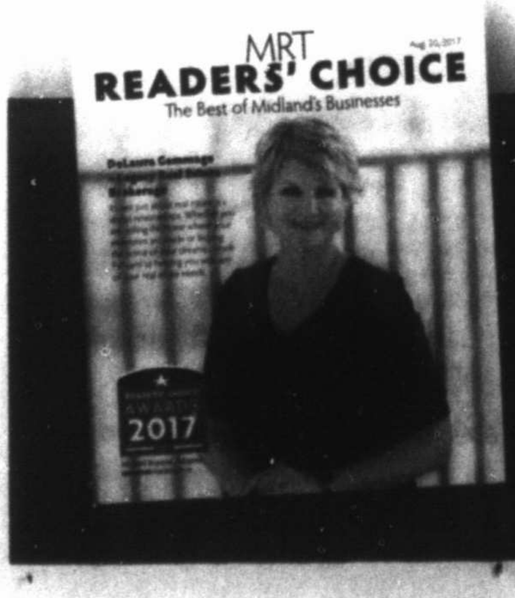

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EDUCATION

Collaborations emphasize preparing kids for school

First 5 Permian Basin partners with Abell-Hanger Foundation, Midland Need to Read

By Simone Jasper
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Early childhood learning was the focus of a group of partnerships announced this summer. As the academic year starts, those involved said the collaborations were a step toward preparing incoming students for school.

Last month, First 5 Permian Basin at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, with support from the Abell-Hanger Foundation, held the inaugural Midland Kinder College Summer Camp. The camp previously was held in Ector County.

The camp introduced the children to a classroom setting, said Beth Meyerson Sterkel, director of First 5.

"Children starting kindergarten in the fall — later this month — who have not necessarily been in a classroom setting … (experienced) that, and it makes them better prepared," she said.

The free, weeklong camp at Bunche Elementary introduced some future kindergartners to a school setting for the first time, according to Della Frye, director of early childhood for Midland ISD. She thinks the participants will be leaders this school year.

"I think they're going to enter that kindergarten classroom being comfortable and confident," Frye said.

Teachers worked in classrooms to introduce children to fundamentals, including writing their names, standing in lines and sharing with others.

"It was so awesome we were able to have kindergarten teachers teach the camp because they were able to mirror what the first few days of kindergarten look like," Frye said.

The camp was one collaboration Educate Midland announced this summer related to preparing children for school. Educate Midland has also formed an Early Chiidhood Action Network with groups working at that education level.

"They're strategizing things they can do in the community, really from birth to age 8," said Pervis Evans, executive director of Educate Midland.

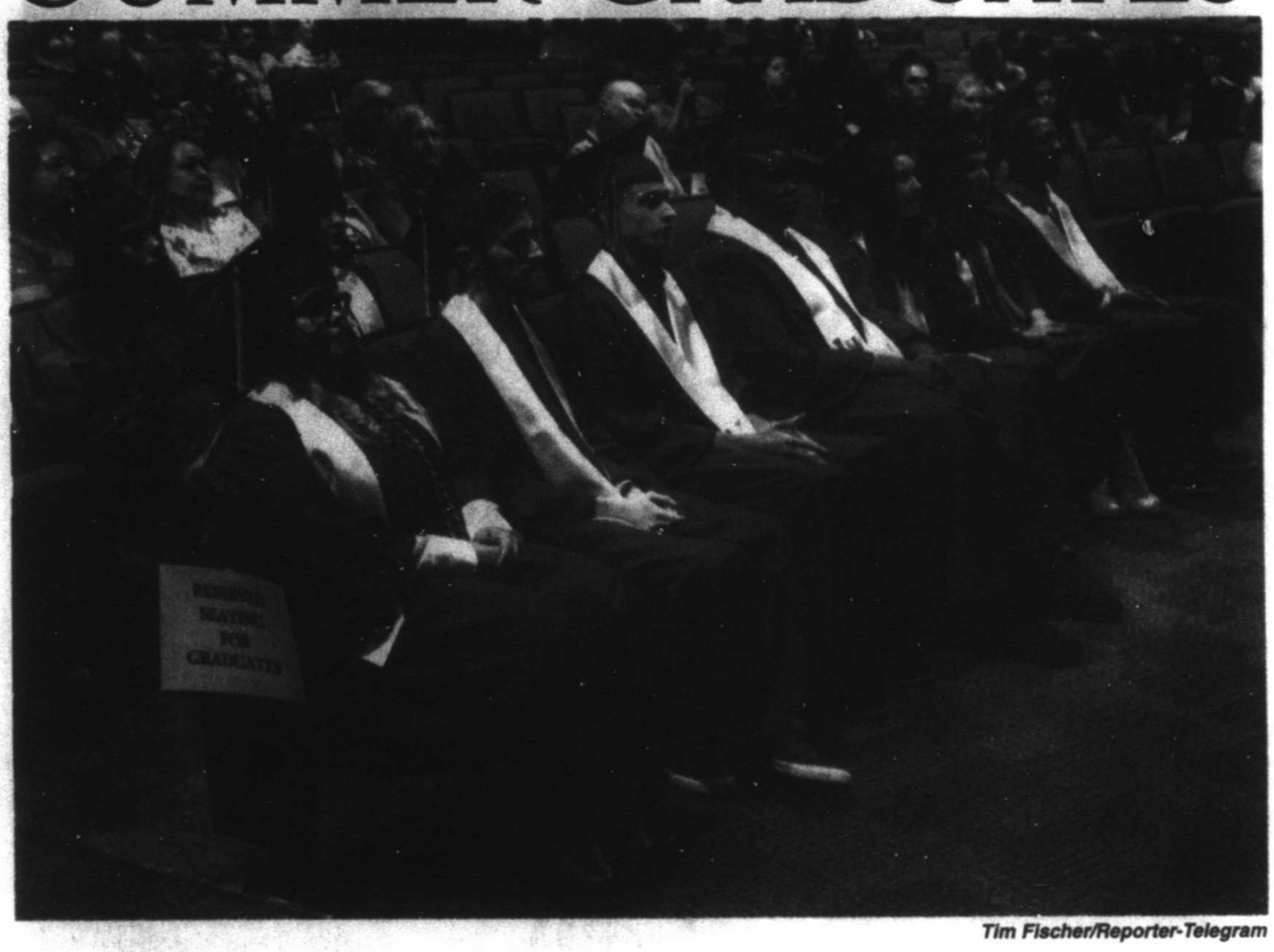
An Educate Midland leadership team identified early childhood learning as its first major focus area, and it plans to concentrate on others in the future.

One focal point this summer was literacy. Through partnerships, First 5 and Midland Need to Read added three new Little Free Library locations in Midland. The project placed boxes at Kamiposi, Midland WIC Clinic and Museum of the Southwest to serve as places where people can take or leave books.

Evans said reading at grade level early on is an indicator of a student's future success. Educate Midland partnered with organizations offering summer programs, and Evans said there's potential to track participants' reading progress with approval from parents.

"A lot of times, you would find over the summer students lose what they learn during the school year," Evans said.

SUMMER GRADUATES



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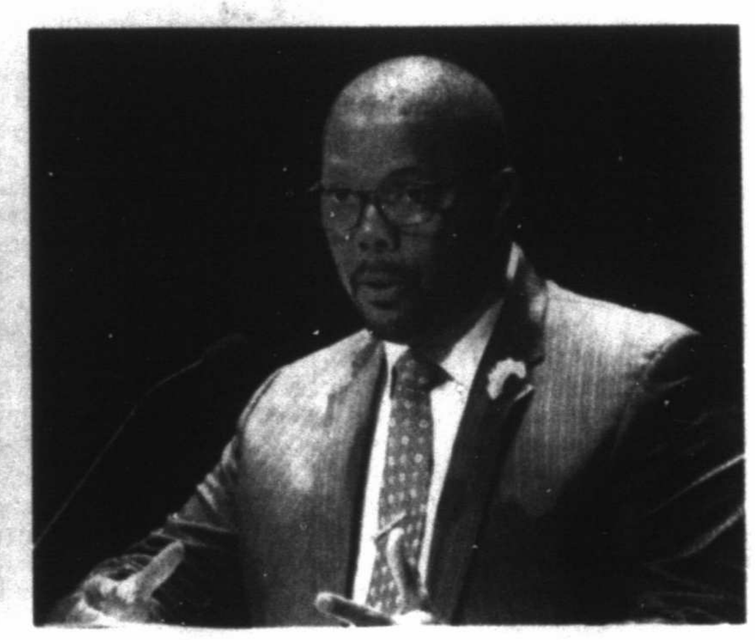
Midland ISD summer graduates listen to remarks Monday during the 2017 Summer Graduation Ceremony. **BELOW LEFT:** MISD summer graduates celebrate with family and friends following the ceremony at Bowie Auditorium. **BELOW RIGHT:** MISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick speaks to graduates before they receive their diplomas.



Time in classroom helps veteran heal

■ Teacher says he 'found a lot of peace' in guiding kids

By Shelby Webb
Houston Chronicle

Peace has eluded retired Air Force Maj. Jeff Shelton for the better part of two decades.

Every time he parachuted into enemy territory, every time he held a dying friend in the back of a helicopter, every time he watched a child collapse from grave injuries, peace for Shelton seemed to slip farther and farther away.

He found his inner anguish only intensified when he retired from the military in December and finally had time to process all the wickedness he had seen in the world. It was almost too much for the 42-year-old to process, until he walked into his Junior ROTC classroom inside Lamar Consolidated High School later that month.

"I didn't take the time to deal with my past. I had a lot of friends commit suicide or die — some of them died with me in the back of a helicopter. I just never dealt with it," Shelton said. "So here, I found a lot of peace in helping (the students) transition into adulthood."

Shelton is among more than 3,000 veterans in Texas and more than 20,000 nationwide who traded bulletproof vests for textbooks to become teachers supported by the Troops to Teachers program.

The U.S. Department of Defense program helps recent veterans navigate teacher certification processes, military benefits and the other logistical headaches of switching careers, said Christene Nemetsky, project coordinator with the state's Education Service Center Region 13.

Nemetsky went through the program herself in the early 2000s before the Army major was recalled to active duty in 2004. She returned to serve as a school administrator in 2005.

"They're not afraid of the hard work, they're not afraid of dealing with whatever the kids throw at them," Nemetsky said of veterans in classrooms. "As an administrator, I saw a lot of teachers leave after a year — it's hard work 187 days a year. But (veterans) will do what it takes to do to give that child what they need."

Few teachers have military experiences matching Shelton's.

He spent four years with the Marine Corps before attending the U.S. Air Force Pararescue Indoctrination course in 1999, among the military's most rigorous and elite training programs. Shelton was embedded with prestigious units such as Navy SEAL teams, meaning he saw a lot of combat.

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He deployed with the first special operations forces sent to Afghanistan after Sept. 11, 2001, partnering with allied Afghani tribal leaders to fight the Taliban before becoming a combat rescue officer. He spent as many as 72 hours awake on some missions, jumping out of

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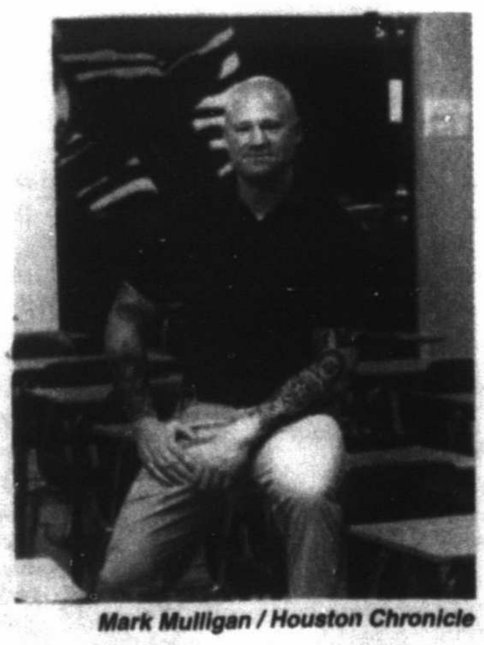

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Jeff Shelton, who spent over 20 years serving in the armed forces, retired as a major from the U.S. Air Force. He is preparing to start his second year teaching at Lamar Consolidated High School in Rosenberg.

MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

By Rebecca Bell

Nurse credits family with helping her reach goal

Editor's note: This is one in a series on Midland College students and alumni.

AnnaMaria Almanza has the distinction of being a member of one of Midland College's most successful associate degree nursing classes. The December 2016 graduates passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses on their attempt. However, the road to success for Almanza didn't come without sacrifices for the 27-year-old mother of two young boys.

"I couldn't have made it without the support of my husband, mother-in-law, parents, younger sister and instructors," Almanza said. "I just kept thinking about my goal of becoming a nurse and knew I couldn't stop until I got there."

Almanza is a Midland native and a 2008 graduate of Lee High School. During her junior and senior years, she was enrolled in the Health Careers partnership program between MC and the Midland ISD. The program provided training for her certified nurse aide certification and gave her the idea of perhaps pursuing a career in health care. However, it wasn't until several years later that she would realize her dream of becoming a registered nurse.

Almanza was married soon after high school graduation, and the couple moved to the Texas Panhandle where her husband, Adrian, worked in construction by day and at a warehouse by night. Almanza worked as a CNA for a home health care agency in Amarillo. During this time, they had their first son, Jamie, who is now 7.

"Even though I knew I wanted to go back to school to become a registered nurse, it wasn't possible at the time," Almanza said. "We had a small child, and my husband was working a lot of hours."

She eventually enrolled at Amarillo College for her prerequisites and took one class per semester.

The family moved back to Midland in 2011 and started a trucking business. Almanza was accepted into MC's nursing program in 2015 and began her training to become a registered nurse. A short time after starting her studies, Almanza discovered she was pregnant with her second son, Giovanni, now a little over a year old.

"We were living on one income because I was a full-time student and had a young son," she said. "We had another baby on the way. It was tough.

"Thankfully, my parents and younger sister, Elizabeth, were right there every step of the way with us," Almanza said.

"Giovanni was born during my second semester at MC. My mother and sister helped to raise and nurture him for the first few months of his life in order for me to continue going to school. Giovanni was born on a Monday, and on Wednesday

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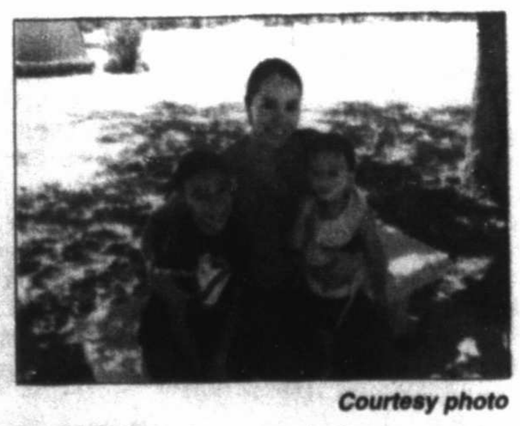

Courtesy photo

AnnaMaria Almanza, center, is shown in this undated photo with her sons Jamie, left, and Giovanni.

Junior League creates mentorship program

The Junior League of Midland has established a new mentorship program for at-risk female students. IMPACT — Inspiring Mindful Progress in Academics & Community Together — is a partnership with Communities in Schools and will be held at Midland Freshman High School.

Junior League members will serve as mentors and will meet with students for a monthly lunch to discuss topics such as targeting anxiety/stress management, safe dating and boundaries, bullying, appropriate attire, cyber safety and etiquette, according to a press release from the league.

GISD accepting applications for free meals

Greenwood ISD is accepting applications for free and reduced-price meals. The application is available at each campus office or online at www.greenwood.esc18.net under "Quicklinks" and "Lunch Information."

Parents/guardians may submit the completed application to Sandra Smith or Cara Maddox at Greenwood Elementary School.

Meal prices are: breakfast, $1.25; lunch, pre-kindergarten through fourth grade, $2.25; lunch, fifth through 12th grade, $2.75; reduced-price breakfast, 30 cents; reduced-price lunch, 40 cents.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

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Simun Foundation taking scholarship applications

Simon Youth Foundation is accepting applications for the Simon Youth Community Scholarship through Feb. 15.

Members of the Class of 2018 who live in Midland County can apply online at syf.org/scholarships.

Recipients will receive up to $1,500 toward tuition and other educational expenses at an accredited college, university, vocational or technical school.

Recipients will be notified of their awards in May.

In 2017, the Simon Youth Foundation awarded $1.6 million to 335 students nationwide.

Sul Ross receives Midland donations

ALPINE — Donations from two local entities to Sul Ross State University were accepted during a recent board of regents meeting.

COG Operating donated $275,000 to the BRI Concho Greenhouse and the Permian Basin Area Foundation donated $25,000 to the Museum of the Big Bend Advantage Fund and $25,000 to the BRI Native Seed Program.

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MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LARAMIE, Wyo. — Midlander **Sara Noel Wheeler** graduated from the University of Wyoming this past spring. She received a bachelor of science in nursing.

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STATESBORO, Ga. — Midlander **Traver Vliem** was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Georgia Southern University.

To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5.

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IRVING — Midlander **Stephanie Lyon** was named to the Honor Roll for the spring semester at the University of Dallas.

To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0

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EDMOND, Okla. — Midlanders **Zebulun P. Messerly** and **Cheryl Elaine Worthington** recently graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Messerly received a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice - police, and Worthington received a master of education in reading.

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helicopters to save soldiers trapped in enemy territory, taking airfields and tracking the movements of enemy combatants.

In 2008 alone, he flew more than 55 combat missions and saved the lives of more than 40 soldiers and Afghani citizens.

But the lives Shelton remembers most are the ones he could not save.

Jason Cunningham, a friend Shelton made during years of pararescue training, ran into a firefight and was shot in the stomach in 2002. Shelton said his fellow soldiers pleaded with superiors to let them fly to him, but commanding officers worried a rescue helicopter would be shot down.

It took eight agonizing hours for Cunningham to die from blood loss, according to the Military Times.

But Shelton's biggest battle came when he left the military in 2016.

"I started realizing that (the military) was the world I lived in, but it wasn't the world for most people in our country," said Shelton, as he rubbed his broad, heavily tattooed arms. "That was the hardest part to deal with — how do I come to terms with the fact I lived this other life and try to assimilate into this society where it seems like there's a lot of controversy and heartache over things that aren't important?"

EAGER TO RETURN

Many of Shelton's JROTC students know little about the wars in which he fought or the events that precipitated them, including the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington. Though the lack of recent memory shocked him at first, Shelton said he enjoys telling his classes first-person accounts of history-deciding battles.

Students can't get enough.

On a recent Thursday, three weeks before most Lamar CISD students return to class, his JROTC classroom was filled with smiling cadets organizing textbooks and cleaning shelves to prepare for the school year.

Aadi Shukla, a rising junior who just turned 16, said he was eager to see Shelton again.

"He might seem intimidating on the outside, but he's a nice guy for sure, really caring," Shukla said. "He's sort of like a father figure. One day there was some bad stuff going on at home, and he pulled me aside and asked what was wrong. He wouldn't let me leave until we talked about it."

ENVYING INNOCENCE

Forging such relationships is the main reason Shelton wanted to go into teaching, and he said he's excited to see familiar faces when school begins. That's a big change from last year, when he was still reeling from the transition to civilian life.

Shelton said the past year has seen him get closer to finding inner peace, aided by weekly yoga practice and daily meditation.

Still, he struggles to see the world from his students' perspectives.

"The hard thing has been relating to innocence, because that's what it is to me," Shelton said. "It's nice to see because I think what happens to people, especially in my line of work, is you lose innocence quickly."

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morning, I was back at school taking an exam and determined to pass," she said. "There were some months when my parents had to help us financially. In addition, my mother and sister took care of the boys so I could attend class lectures, perform clinical rotations and study. My sweet mother-in-law cleaned, cooked and babysat while I sat at the kitchen table for hours on end. Most importantly, they provided me with strength and encouragement. Elizabeth even arranged her work schedule around my school schedule so that she could help with the boys."

Almanza, the first in her family to graduate from college, is a nurse at Midland Memorial Hospital's Post-Surgical department. She works 12-hour shifts (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) three days a week. She recently began taking online courses toward her bachelor of science in nursing from Chamberlain University.

"The hospital has a great tuition assistance program," she said. "Once I get a BSN degree, I hope to work in neonatal intensive care."

While Almanza credits her family for their love and support while she was in nursing school, she said that it wasn't just her family who gave her the incentive to keep going.

"Dian White [MC associate degree nursing program director] truly has the presence of a beautiful chief," Almanza said. "I respect her and aspire to be like her one day. The entire Midland College nursing faculty always inspired us to be better. They did not expect any less than our best."

Rebecca C. Bell is dean of Community Relations, at Midland College.

Courtesy photo

Lee High School senior Alex Telesca, left, visited the Atomium in Brussels during his Lions Club-sponsored trip to Belgium.

Belgian culture focuses on family life, sustainability

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of essays by Midland students who visited Europe on Lions Club-sponsored trips.
Alex Telesca, a senior at Lee High School, is the son of Benito and Tiffany Telesca. He trip to Belgium was sponsored by the Midland Northside Lions Club.

By Alex Telesca

The country of Belgium is about 12,000 square miles and has a population of 11 million people. To put that in perspective, the United States is about 9.8 million square miles. The capital of Belgium is Brussels, which is also considered the capital of Europe because it hosts the European Union. Brussels also is the headquarters of NATO.

Belgium's official languages of Belgium are Dutch, German and French. However, the majority of Belgians also speak English, much to the delight of the many Americans, including me. While I tried to put my high school French to good use, I simply could not keep up with native speakers, and I greatly appreciated their accommodation.

The country is a departure from the blistering Texas summer heat. It has a temperate climate with cool, pleasant summers and moderate winters. I never dreamed I would be wearing a jacket or a coat during the summertime. It often is light until about 10 or 11 p.m., leading to an active nightlife culture. This surprised me at first, and definitely did not help with my jet lag. But after awhile, I was able to appreciate the beautiful environment and enjoy late-night parties.

Belgian culture mainly focuses on family life, appearances and sustainability. Family and friends are important, to the social aspect of Belgians' lifestyle. Sustainability sees conservation measures such as bicycles — which I was able to ride when touring cities with my host families — taking the place of cars in order to conserve fuel. There is emphasis on the environmental benefits of recycling and moral obligations to preserve the natural world, which led to my confusion over different colored trash bags and limits being assigned for specific types of waste.

The Lion's youth exchange program allowed 35 foreign students from 23 different countries to stay with different host families across the country before coming together for two amazing weeks at a lovely youth hostel outside of Brussels in a small town called Beersel. I was very fortunate to have one-week stays with two host families.

My first host family lived around the center of Belgium, and because of their location, I was able to see many of the major cities, including Brussels and major art cities such as Ghent. With my first host family, I was able to see life as a teenager in Belgium, as the family had a son and daughter close to my age. The family hosted another exchange student, a girl from Mexico. It was very fun to attend summer music festivals with their friends and see normal Belgian youth lifestyles.

My second host family lived in the northern part of Belgium, extremely close to The Netherlands. The family resides on a horse ranch, so in addition to visits to nearby cities, both in Belgium and in The Netherlands, I was able to see the rural lifestyle, completely opposite of my first host family.

The Lions program in Belgium took campers around major cultural sites such as the Atomium in Brussels and the country's many castles. Events such as trips to the Belgian coast — where water games led to a lively competition — and to Belgium's Independence Day festivities — where I was able to see the royal family in the parade — were also organized.

The program helped me develop a sense of international understanding and created an opportunity for me and others to gain global friendships that will surely flourish long after the completion of the program. I want to thank the Midland Northside Lions Club for the amazing experience and readily encourage anyone with thoughts about participating in a youth exchange to pursue the opportunity.

Provost recommends full course load for college freshmen

By Katherine Long
Seattle Times

SEATTLE — It may sound counterintuitive, but freshmen college students who take a full load of reasonably demanding courses are more likely to graduate from college on time.

That's part of the message Western Washington University has been conveying to its students in a campaign called "15 to Finish," which encourages students to work hard from the outset.

Nationally, only about 40 percent of first-time, full-time freshmen graduate in four years with a bachelor's degree; the rate is 59 percent after six years. Western's graduation rate after four years is similar to the national average, but is better than 70 percent after six years.

Steven VanderStaay, the Western vice provost for undergraduate education, says he frequently talks to parents who have advised their incoming freshmen children to start with a light load — 12 credits — believing that will give them more time to study, build confidence and get a higher GPA.

But when Western analyzed college grades for students who entered Western with similar GPAs and SAT scores, the university discovered that students who took a full load of classes, or 15 credits, got better grades than students with reduced loads.

How could that be? "If you have less time to manage, you manage your time better," VanderStaay said. And starting out full-time also helps students get used to the college workload from the outset, he said.

It's also cheaper, in the long run, to take a full load. Like the state's other universities, Western charges a flat tuition rate — students who take 10 credits pay the same as students who take 18 credits. Students must earn 180 credits to graduate from college — or, 15 credits per quarter. Falling behind means having to take an extra quarter, or more, to finish out a degree.

Here are some more tips from VanderStaay:

■ Talk to an adviser before signing up for classes.

At many schools, including Western, advising isn't mandatory. But Western's research shows that students who use an adviser "do so much better than students who make their own choices," VanderStaay said, because an adviser can help steer students away from bad combinations of classes. For example, many ambitious students make the error of signing up for "Introduction to Logic" — a math class with a high failure rate — along with a second math class in the same quarter. An adviser would steer a student away from that combination.

■ Use the tutoring center.

Nearly every school has one, and Western's research has shown that students who use the tutoring center earn a half-grade higher than students who don't. VanderStaay likes to tell the story of one Western student who came to college with basic math skills, and ended up advancing through the curriculum to calculus, by making use of the tutoring center.

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Family's tolerance of verbal abuse is red flag for girlfriend

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been together for almost a year and a half. In the beginning, he kept his family and me apart. I thought it was because they were extremely close, but turns out he was doing me a favor given their inappropriate and cruel treatment of one another.

At my boyfriend's birthday lunch, his father called his mother the worst possible word anyone could call a female. My boyfriend and his sisters didn't seem phased by his verbal abuse. I worry his parents' toxic and unloving relationship is something he will eventually settle for in life. Is it possible for children not to emulate their parents' example, or should I move on? — NOT IN THE FAMILY

DEAR NOT IN THE FAMILY: Children do not automatically follow the abysmal patterns set by their parents. However, if you and this man are serious and you are contemplating a future with him, I strongly recommend that before formalizing your relationship, you seek premarital counseling together to avoid any unpleasant surprises.

DEAR ABBY: I have a question about nail-biting/finger chewing. We recently hired a new employee who is in daily contact with the public. He is a finger chewer, and his nails are bitten well below the finger tip. I am struggling with this because I had a childhood friend who chewed her fingers to the point of bleeding, and I have a strong negative reaction when I see people do it.

When, if ever, is it appropriate to speak to someone about this bad habit? I have recently learned that it is actually a medical diagnosis and can lead to gastric disorders. We all know there are many germs on our hands, and every time you put them in your mouth, you're transferring them to your intestinal tract. — WORRIED IN THE EAST

DEAR WORRIED: I have heard of very few nail-biters who are proud of the habit. There's a saying — not original — that if you want someone to avoid you, just tell him something "for his own good." If you want a pleasant working relationship with this person, mind your own business and do not attempt to "help" him by offering unasked-for advice.

DEAR ABBY: I'm usually well-spoken and articulate with family and close friends.

But when talking to strangers or potential employers, I tend to choke up and make no sense at all. I become anxious and forget what I want to say. Do you have any ideas why this happens? — TALKER IN THE WEST

DEAR TALKER: It may happen because you suffer from a form of social anxiety — one shared by many people.

Fortunately, there's help for it if you consult a mental health professional. Because it is interfering with employment opportunities, you shouldn't wait.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Unusual play

Both vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠K J 10 8 4
♡ J 7
◇ 4
♣9 8 5 4 3

WEST
♠6 3 2
♡ K Q 9 8
◇ Q 8 6 2
♣K 2

EAST
♠ Void
♡ 10 6 3
◇ K J 7 5 3
♣Q J 10 7 6

SOUTH
♠A Q 9 7 5
♡ A 5 4 2
◇ A 10 9
♣A

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Two of ♠

South's blast to slam was a good shot as North might well have a high card outside of spades for his bid. There was no high card there today, but the 5-5 distribution made up for it.

West picked a good time to lead a trump, as there would be no chance for the defense on any other lead.

South needed to ruff four cards in the dummy to get his total to 12 tricks, and he had to do it without allowing West to gain the lead to play another trump. Ducking a heart would work if East held both the king and queen, but that was against the odds. South decided to work on diamonds first.

Declarer won the opening spade lead cheaply in his hand, cashed the ace of diamonds, and led the nine of diamonds. He was hoping to discard dummy's low heart on this play, but he had to ruff in dummy when West covered the nine with the queen. South crossed back to his hand with the ace of clubs, cashed the ace of hearts, and then led the 10 of diamonds. Had West covered this, South would have ruffed and then hoped to get lucky in hearts. When West was unable to cover the 10, South simply discarded dummy's last heart and lost the trick to East. Knowing that East had no-trump to lead, South claimed the rest of the tricks on a high crossruff. Making six after a thoughtful play!

Tech-savvy students troubleshoot schools' problems

By Melissa Kossler Dutton
Associated Press

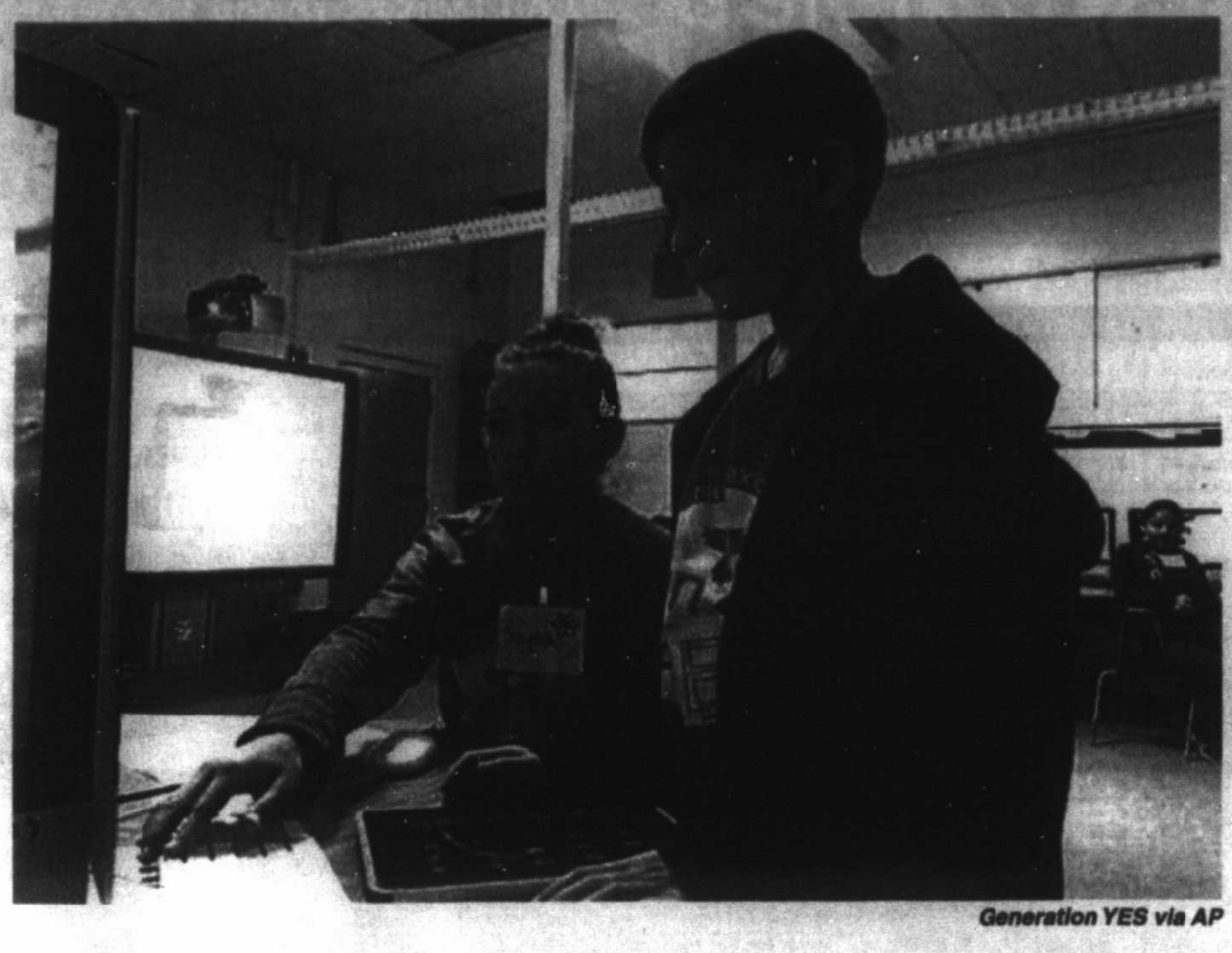
When a Yuma, Arizona, school decided to turn over minor IT repairs and troubleshooting duties to students, even the program coordinator was skeptical.

Now, two years into the program, Nicole Rangel and her fellow teachers at Crane Middle School couldn't be more pleased. "I have teachers begging me to send a kid down to help them," she said.

As more school districts move to one-to-one computing — meaning every student is assigned an electronic device — many are looking to students to help keep the equipment up and running. Giving that responsibility to students makes sense since they often are quicker than adults to adopt and understand new technologies, said Dennis Villano, director of technology integration for the Burlington Public Schools in Massachusetts.

The school district launched a tech training program at its high school in 2011 after buying 1,100 iPads for students and staff. At the time, the district's Information Technology department consisted of two people. "There was quite a bit of panic about how we would deploy and support the technology," Villano recalled. "Our one-to-one program has been successful in large part because of the help we got from students at the high school."

Kid-led help desks are an economic way for schools to advance their technology offerings, and provide career skills and workplace-type experiences for students, said Dennis Harper, CEO and founder of Generation Yes (GenYES), a Tumwater, Washington, nonprofit created to help school districts develop student-led technology programs.



Generation YES via AP

This undated photo provided by Generation YES shows two Student Technology Leaders creating a tutorial about iPads at a GenYES workshop for Albuquerque Public Schools, in Albuquerque, N.M. With more computers at school, some districts are training students to provide technical support to teachers and others.

Some schools offer the program as a class for credit; others create a club that students join on a volunteer basis.

In most schools, students are an underutilized resource with much to contribute, Harper said.

"About 90 percent of the people in school are students," he said. "They have a lot of energy and they're pretty tech-savvy. So why not tap into that energy and experience and get kids to help support technology?"

Once trained, students tend to step up and become successful technicians, he said. Schools use them for fixing technical problems; setting up devices; creating and maintaining websites; posting blogs; staff training and more.

The Burlington schools have since expanded their program to elementary and middle schools. The help desk operates as a club in the lower grades and as a class for older students. Teachers provide basic lessons, and require students to spend time troubleshooting issues and watching IT-related videos.

"Students are the first level of defense" for the district's IT department, Villano said.

The district modeled its program, which has attracted attention from schools around the country, after Apple's Genius Bar help desks, offering tech help throughout the day. Students also lead professional development courses, and help teachers develop websites and lesson plans. Students in the high school class use their down time to work on more advanced technology projects.

"It's been really useful for me," said recent graduate Katherine Ellis, who in addition to helping with computer repairs also worked on a documentary about the school's hockey team. "I liked the challenge of it. If a student comes to you with a problem, you have to search for the solution. It was really good to be able to help the other students and teachers."

Teachers love the program at Crane Middle School because they get immediate assistance, said Rangel. Before Crane schools started working with Generation Yes, staff members could either call the small IT department for help or wait until Fridays, when technicians would come. Now, teachers file a work order and Rangel assigns a student to look into it right away. Students in the year-long class help with log-in issues, download and install apps, merge devices with projection screens and more, she said.

At Shadow Mountain High School in Phoenix, some teachers prefer working with the students because they are less intimidating than the district's IT staff, said Tracy Mills, a Generation Yes adviser.

"Sometimes, the students put it in simpler terms," she said.

Shadow Mountain's program, which operates as a club and a class, attracts kids who love technology as a hobby, and some who want to pursue it as a career, Mills said.

Rangel said students in her school's program are often nervous at first about instructing their teachers, but soon become more comfortable. "They can walk into a classroom with confidence and direct the whole class, or work one-on-one with teachers," she said. "They just blossom."

Houston Chronicle file photo

Sixth-grader Yovani Carcamo (right) uses an iPad for classroom work at Herbert Hoover Middle School in San Francisco on Aug. 31, 2016. Got your own laptop or tablet? Bring it to class, many schools now say.

Kids encouraged to bring their own devices to school

By Katherine Roth
Associated Press

Got your own laptop or tablet? Bring it to class, many schools now say.

Policies known as BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) or BYOT (Bring Your Own Technology) initially raised eyebrows among parents and teachers, who feared they would open the door to addictive video games and social media in class. But many of those skeptics are being won over, saying BYOD expands educational opportunities, saves money and reduces technical headaches.

"Initially, some parents and teachers were afraid the kids would be playing Mario Kart and other games in school. But we had a lot of meetings with parents before adopting the program, and that was very important. We really took the time to address community concerns early on," says Mike Cicchetti, coordinator for learning technologies in the Volusia County School District in Central Florida. The district was an early adopter, starting its BYOD program in 2011.

"We started by trying it in a few schools in the district. And it was so popular that we now have it in every single school. It really opened up the world to teachers and students, allowing them to move away from worksheets and give them more interactive options," Cicchetti said.

He said computer access can teach "global citizenship."

"We tell families that they bought these devices for their children, but that it's important to teach them that there's much more value to what's in their hands than YouTube and games. And they see their parents and grandparents using these technologies to read and communicate," he explained.

Districts that embrace BYOD policies usually put strict limits on what kids are permitted to do with their devices in school. And not all devices are welcome.

In the Mamaroneck Union Free School District, in Westchester County, New York, for example, smartphones are not among the devices approved for classroom use.

"We want to make sure the students have a larger screen, so that they can write, diagram and access Google Classroom," said the district's superintendent, Robert Shaps. "But we do want students to have the flexibility to use the kind of device that best suits them."

The district offer tablets or Chromebooks to those who do not have their own devices or who don't want to bring them to school.

Proponents say the policy gives kids access to learning apps and more computer access, and that students often feel more comfortable using the technology they know best.

Such programs are not without their problems.

"The issues that come up are typical, and computer games in school are the least of it," says Rick Mayfield, principal of Pacheco Elementary School, a bilingual public school in San Luis Obispo, California.

"I do spend a lot of time dealing with things like kids emailing mean things and stuff like that. But it's definitely worth it. It gives kids a chance to learn about technology and coding, and it also helps educate them about what's appropriate. ... This is their world, so it's natural for it to also be a part of their education," he said.

Having their own devices, he said, means kids "are comfortable with them and really want to work with them both at school and at home, as opposed to traditional homework which is way less exciting to most kids."

Shaps, in Mamaroneck, says: "Our high school is one of the few in the country with an open campus. The students can come and go as they please. This is an extension of that freedom, which helps students learn responsibility. We recognize that students are living in a digital age, and BYOD helps students establish the foundations of digital citizenship."

Schools aren't always able to have open campus

By Diana Marszalek
Associated Press

Fraught with teen drama and sometimes ruthless cafeteria aides, lunch period has tortured high school students for generations.

Not so for Rachel Kirkpatrick, a 2017 graduate of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School outside Washington, D.C., for whom lunchtime was downright pleasant. On warm days, she and her friends would eat lunch while lolling on a large lawn next to school. On other days, they'd venture into the neighborhood, picking up lunch at, say, Chipotle or the local bagel place.

"For me, it was really great because I don't like to be cooped up inside," said Kirkpatrick, who will be a freshman at the University of Maryland this fall. "It gave me a little mental break."

The 2,600-plus students at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High are beneficiaries of the suburban school's open campus policy, which essentially means that students have the freedom to leave school grounds without getting a guardian's permission.

Many high schools around the country give students varying degrees of freedom to come and go. It's often up to individual schools to decide; Wootten High School, which, like Bethesda-Chevy Chase, is part of Maryland's Montgomery County School District, is completely closed.

Students at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High are allowed to leave campus only during their 40-minute lunch period. Principal Donna Jones said the school's cafeteria isn't big enough to accommodate the student body. Having restaurants nearby and being in a safe neighborhood help, she said.

Most students respect the rules (as in, they come back for class) and the neighborhood, Jones said. Those who don't lose the open-campus option.

"Students who choose to skip class would likely make that choice regardless of whether we had open lunch. It's unfortunate, however, anytime a small number of students who make the wrong choices reflect poorly on our school," Jones said.

At some other schools, only upperclassmen have the freedom to leave campus.

Mamaroneck High School, in suburban New York, allows students to come and go at will throughout the day, meaning students are just as likely to spend their free period at a nearby Starbucks as they are in the library.

"With a closed campus, students are in a safe environment, there is adult supervision and students enjoying their lunch. And we can get students back to class much faster."

Matin Abdel-qawi,
principal of Oakland High School in Oakland, California

Yet having an open campus can be complex — or impossible — for many schools, particularly those in high-crime areas or without off-campus lunch options nearby.

Matin Abdel-qawi, principal of Oakland High School in Oakland, California, said he has seen concrete benefits from keeping kids on campus during the day; Oakland High has a closed campus, and Abdel-qawi ended an open-campus policy at East Oakland School for the Arts, in one of the city's most impoverished neighborhoods, when he was principal there.

"There were definitely academic and attendance benefits immediately," Abdel-qawi said. The number of students getting into trouble declined, as did the number of those who reported being robbed or witnessing crimes, he said.

"With a closed campus, students are in a safe environment, there is adult supervision and students enjoying their lunch," he said. "And we can get students back to class much faster."

None of which means, however, that kids are going to embrace the idea of being on campus all day. So some administrators have to get creative.

Kimberly Boldon, principal of Wootten High, in Rockville, Maryland, said that although students have to eat lunch on campus, they can do so wherever they want, not just in the cafeteria.

"They are in the hallways; They are in the classrooms. We open up the stadium when it's a beautiful day," Boldon said. "They are pretty much able to go all over the building."

FRESHMEN

From 2B

■ Live on campus, at least for the first year.

Students who live on campus are more likely to finish their freshman year and return the following year, perhaps because they become more connected to the university.

■ Don't take the hardest math course you're placed into if you barely qualified for that course.

You'll likely do much better with the next-hardest math class.

■ And don't take your hardest courses in fall of your freshman year, when you're just getting used to the workload.

Save more difficult courses for winter quarter, VanderStaay advised.

■ Students who take a part-time job, working 10 to 15 hours a week, actually do better in school than those who don't work at all — again, it could be related to time management.

But anything more than 20 hours is counterproductive, according to the research, VanderStaay said. He knows some students try to work 30 hours a week and then take a light load of 12 courses, but if you do the math, it doesn't pencil out — it's not cheaper than just trying to get it all done at once, he said.

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Alabama starts atop AP poll for 2nd straight year

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

No need to overthink it: Alabama is No. 1 in the AP preseason Top 25.

The Crimson Tide became the first program in 12 years to take the top spot in The Associated Press preseason media poll two straight years, and will start the season ranked in the top five for the ninth consecutive time.

Coach Nick Saban's program has become the surest thing in sports these days. The Tide does not always win the national championship — just half the time over the last eight years — but is always in contention. Since 2008, only once has Alabama lost more than one game before bowl season.

The Crimson Tide received 52 of 61 first-place votes from media members in the poll released Monday. Ohio State was No. 2, edging No. 3 Florida State and preventing the first 1 vs. 2 opening game since the preseason poll began in 1950. Alabama opens the season against the Seminoles in Atlanta on Sept. 2, just the fourth opener involving top-five teams and the first pitting teams ranked in the preseason top three.

Southern California, which finished last season on a nine-game winning streak and No. 3 in the country, starts at No. 4. Defending national champion Clemson begins the post-Deshaun Watson era at No. 5. Florida State received four first-place votes, Ohio State got three and USC two.

The one bit of bad news for Alabama? The Tide has failed to win the national championship the three previous times it was preseason No. 1 under Saban. The last team to start and finish No. 1 was USC in 2004, and the Trojans were ranked No. 1 the following season — the last team to do it before this year.

Tide wave

Alabama's remarkable run under Saban has the Crimson Tide climbing toward all sorts of AP poll milestones. This is the sixth time the Tide has been preseason No. 1, tied for fifth most.

10 — Oklahoma (1956, 1957, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1985, 1986, 1987, 2003, 2011)

8 — Ohio State (1958, 1966, 1969, 1970, 1980, 1998, 2006, 2015)

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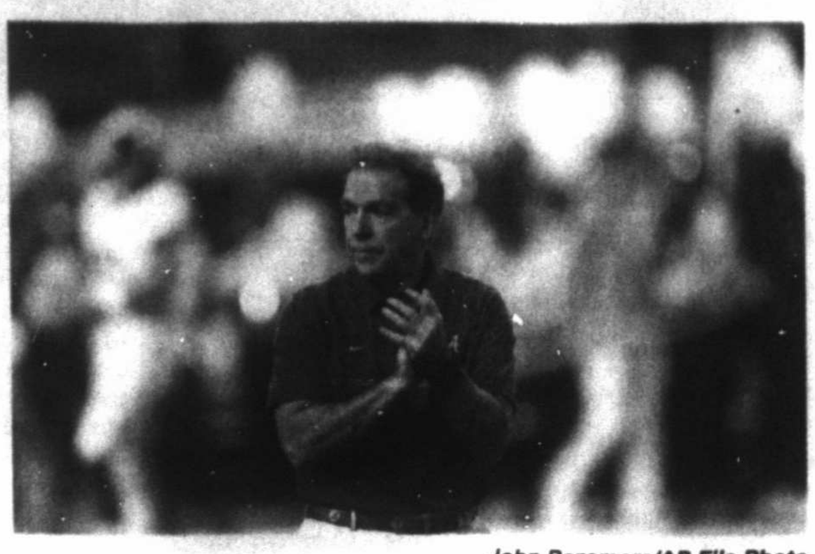

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Alabama coach Nick Saban watches his team warm up for the Southeastern Conference championship game between Alabama and Florida IN 2016, in Atlanta. Alabama has the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press' preseason media poll.

Home cooking

LM Otero/Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott runs a drill during practice at the team's headquarters, Monday in Frisco.

Cowboys entertain fans with 1st camp practice in Frisco

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Jason Witten has practiced in front of thousands of Dallas Cowboys fans during training camp plenty of times in his 15 seasons.

Just never a few paces and a left turn from the locker in his home away from home — team headquarters, with the 12,000-seat stadium that serves as an indoor practice field for America's Team at its posh year-old facility.

The same could be said for the 16 members of the team's ring of honor who attended a ceremony a few hours before the Cowboys opened practice to the public at their home base for what is believed to be the first time Monday.

Dallas has held camp practices at its stadium about 35 miles to the southwest, and the Alamodome in San Antonio. The Cowboys have trained in California off and on (mostly on) since soon after their inception in 1960, including about four weeks in Oxnard this year.

While the crowd of 6,052 wasn't quite as big as expected for this kind of first for a storied franchise, it was notable nonetheless.

"It really was a function that we dreamed out when we were putting The Star together," owner and general manager Jerry Jones told The Associated Press, using the team's name for its sprawling complex in Frisco, 30 miles north of Dallas.

"That this would be an excellent experience that so many fans in the Dallas area haven't gotten to be part of, the training camp. We didn't have the facilities for it."

That was the case in the early days of the Cowboys, when they trained at a no-frills facility in Dallas until the mid-1980s. And it was still the case at the Valley Ranch complex in Irving, which was also home to Texas Stadium. Jones built $1.2 billion AT&T Stadium in Arlington, where they team moved in 2009.

The Cowboys moved into their new practice place after training camp last year, and knew it was just a matter of time before they'd be holding full-scale camp workouts in front of the home folks.

"I think it's the neat thing about this, it sounds like that's what it'll be like as it moves forward," said Witten, who rivaled quarterback Dak Prescott for the loudest ovation when he emerged from the walkway leading to the field Monday. "And it's great for the fans to get a glimpse of that."

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Rookie RB Foreman shines early for Texans

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

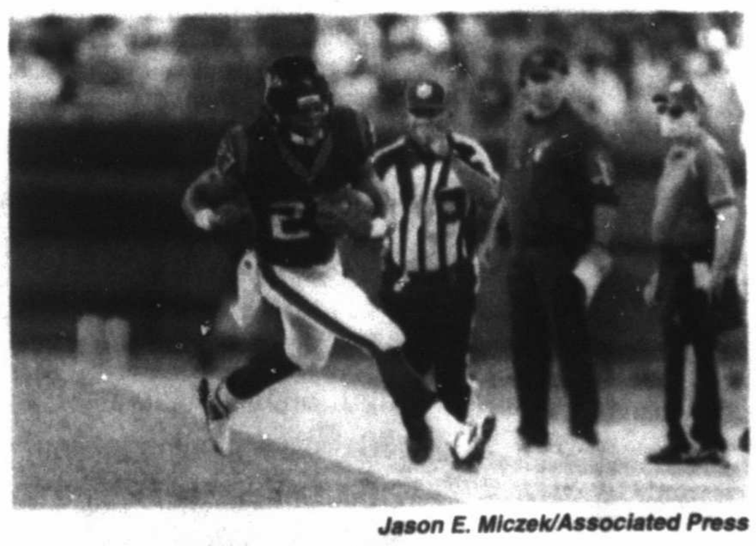
HOUSTON — D'Onta Foreman's performance through Houston's first two preseason games has many raving about the rookie.

Texans coach Bill O'Brien is not among them. "That's the second preseason game ... he's got a lot of talent, but I think he's got a long way to go," O'Brien said. Although O'Brien was careful not to heap too much praise upon the running back so early, it's hard to deny that he's been one of the most impressive performers for the Texans so far.

The third-round pick from Texas ran for 76 yards in the first preseason game before grabbing two receptions for 66 yards and rushing for a 4-yard touchdown on Saturday against the Patriots. A highlight against New England came when he caught a short pass from fellow rookie Deshaun Watson and broke several tackles before rumbling for a 63-yard gain that set up a touchdown by Watson.

With that 63-yard reception and a 41-yard run in the first preseason game, Foreman has the longest run and the longest reception by a Texan in the preseason. Despite his early success, Foreman knows that he needs to do much more if he hopes to contribute this season. He was asked what area he needs to improve on most.

"I would say everything," he said. "I can never be complacent. I can always get better in every aspect of the game. I did some things well, but I feel like I can pick some of my holes better (and) I feel like I can protect the ball better. Sometimes I was kind of loose with that ... I feel like there's always things I can fix." Foreman joined the Texans after rushing for 2,028 yards with 15 touchdowns as a junior for the Longhorns last season to win the Doak Walker Award given to the country's best running back. He joined a backfield which features Lamar Miller, who ran for 1,073 yards last season. While Miller is entrenched as the starter, Foreman could be a nice change of pace back to take some of the load off Miller after he was sixth in the NFL with a career-high 268 carries last year. Miller likes what he's seen from Foreman so far. "He's been doing a great job getting adjusted to the NFL (and) ... learning his assignments and just going out there and playing fast," Miller said. "I think he's been doing a great job in practice and ... he just has to keep getting better." Foreman has already learned a lot not only from Miller, but also from fourth-year pro Alfred Blue and said the bond among the running backs has been growing since he arrived. "Funny guys. Lot of funny guys. But it's great," Foreman said. "I learn from those guys every day and they teach me a lot. Great chemistry. I talk to those guys about everything. We're always laughing and joking. They're great guys."



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Houston Texans running back D'Onta Foreman (27) runs against the Carolina Panthers during the first half of an NFL preseason game Aug. 9 in Charlotte, N.C.

Sanderson encouraged by Rangers' physical play

By Oscar LeRoy
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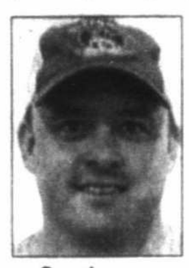
Many of area's high school football teams conducted scrimmages last week, and while it's still early in the process, several coaches seemed encouraged.

Greenwood is one team with a new coach as Jared Sanderson takes over the Rangers after coming over from Levelland.

After a scrimmage against Andrews last Friday that didn't feature live quarters, Sanderson said the kids seem to be picking things up rather well.



Sanderson

"I felt like Friday night we got a lot better," Sanderson said. "We saw good a good quality opponent in Andrews and we got some good, quality reps out of the kids. We feel like we're going to be a physical football team, which is No. 1 in my mind."

Sanderson said part of that physical play came from the defense, which performed well in the scrimmage.

"We ran to the ball really well defensively," he said. "The number one thing that stood out is the speed in which the defense played. I was pleased with how they responded when they were facing somebody."

In addition to getting into better playing shape, Sanderson said there is always room for improvement.

"We've got to be more consistent scheme-wise on both sides of the ball," he said. "We've got good kids and they seem to understand the game very well."

Greenwood next scrimmages Hereford at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Lubbock's Monterey High School.

Mason likes Mustangs' effort

Andrews coach Ralph Mason said he was pleased with his team in Friday's scrimmage against Greenwood.

"It was a good scrimmage," Mason said. "There are things that were good and positive and there are things that we need to work on. Our effort was really good and the intensity rose as the scrimmage went on."

Mason

Mason said the offense, led by senior quarterback Jace Keesee, looked steady with two sustained drives. However, one of those drives stalled at the 2-yard line.

As for the defense, Mason said the unit did some good things in the first set and said he thought the defensive players lifted their game a lot.

"There were some great learning opportunities in the first scrimmage," Mason said.

Andrews will host Denver City in the team's final scrimmage on Thursday night.

Big Spring making strides

First-year Big Spring coach Mitch McLemore said there is a big learning curve for his players but was encouraged by what he saw in the first scrimmage against Pecos.

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Corpus Christi 23-32

Sunday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Midland 9, Arkansas 1	Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Boxing
Juan Carlos Payano vs. Alexis Santiago, 8 p.m., FS1
Cycling
2017 Vuelta a Espana, Stage 4: Escaldes to Tarragona, 9 a.m., OLYHD
Field Hockey
Rabo EuroHockey Women's 2017: England vs. Scotland, 6:30 a.m., ELVN
Rabo EuroHockey Women's 2017: Ireland vs. Germany, 8:40 a.m., ELVN
Rabo EuroHockey Women's 2017: Spain vs. Belgium, 11 a.m., ELVN
Rabo EuroHockey Women's 2017: Netherlands vs. Czech Republic, 2 p.m., ELVN
Little League World Series
Sydney, Australia vs. Sioux Falls, SD, 10 a.m., ESPN
South Korea/Mexico winner vs. Venezuela/Dominican Republic winner, 2 p.m., ESPN
California/New Jersey winner vs. Connecticut/Washington winner, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Major League Baseball
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 6 p.m., MLB
Washington at Houston, 7 p.m., AT&T
Texas at LA Angels, 9 p.m., FSSW, ESPN
Men's Soccer
UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg 2: FC Astana vs. Celtic FC, 10:20 a.m., FS2
UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg 2: SSC Napoli vs. OGC Nice, 1:30 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP
UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg 2: Sevilla FC vs. Istanbul Basaksehir F.K., 1:30 p.m., FS2, FXDEP
UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg 2: HNK Rijeka vs. Olympiacos FC, 1:30 p.m., FSP
UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg 2: NK Maribor vs. Hapoel Be'er Sheva FC, 1:30 p.m., FSN (FSSW)
Liga MX: Queretaro FC vs. Club Tijuana, 6:40 p.m., ESPNDEP
Liga MX: Pachuca vs. Veracruz, 7 p.m., UDN
Copa Sudamericana: Atletico Tucuman vs. CA Independiente, 7:20 p.m., FXDEP
Liga MX: Club Atlas vs. Lobos BUAP, 8:30 p.m., GALA
Liga MX: Queretaro FC vs. Tijuana, 8:50 p.m., UDN
Liga MX: Universidad Nacional vs. CF Monarcas Morelia, 9 p.m., UniMas
Women's National Basketball Association
Phoenix at Minnesota, 7 p.m., NBAtv
San Antonio at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv
Women's Rugby World Cup
Semifinal: New Zealand vs. USA, 11 a.m., NBCSN
Wrestling
UWW World Championships, Day 2, Noon, OLYHD
RADIO
Major League Baseball
Washington at Houston, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Texas at LA Angels, 9 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)
Texas League Baseball
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM

UTPB BASKETBALL

UTPB names Boothe as women's basketball coach

RaeAnne Boothe was named women's basketball coach at UT-Permian Basin Monday in an announcement by interim athletics director Andy Newman.

Boothe comes to UTPB after seven seasons at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas, where she coached the Falcons to a 159-69 overall record and 103-24 Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference mark. She led her teams to five NAIA National Tournament appearances in her seven years at Friends.

"Coach Boothe came very highly recommended from a whole lot of people in the basketball community," said Newman. "We're really lucky to get someone with her kind of credentials at UTPB. Two things that really stood out are how much she really cares about her student-athletes success off the court, and then what her teams were able to do on the court, with a 103-29 conference record over seven seasons and her up-tempo style of play."

Boothe has coached six NAIA All-Americans, one KCAC Player of the Year, four KCAC Defensive Players of the Year, 20 all-conference players, and was named conference coach of the year twice in 2012 and 2013.

TEXAS LEAGUE

Standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	37	19	.661	—
Tulsa	36	20	.643	1
Arkansas	24	32	.429	13
Nrthwst Arknss	22	34	.393	15

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	30	25	.545	—
Midland	**28**	**28**	**.500**	**2½**
Corpus Christi	23	32	.418	7
Frisco	23	33	.411	7½

Scores and schedule

Sunday's Scores
Midland 9, Arkansas 1
Springfield 8, Corpus Christi 2
Frisco 7, Northwest Arkansas 1
Tulsa 3, San Antonio 2
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Today's Games
Frisco at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

NFL PRESEASON

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	13	19
Miami	1	1	0	.500	30	51
New England	0	2	0	.000	47	58
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	26	37

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	39	36
Houston	1	1	0	.500	44	50
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	37	34
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	29	48

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	54	10
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	37	25
Cleveland	2	0	0	1.000	30	20
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	35	42

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	57	31
Kansas City	1	1	0	.500	47	39
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	31	44
L.A. Chargers	0	2	0	.000	24	61

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	54	50
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	29	40
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	18	30
Washington	0	2	0	.000	20	44

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	54	51
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	27	27
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	24	31
Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	33	40

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	45	26
Detroit	2	0	0	1.000	40	16
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	41	47
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	30	30

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	68	30
L.A. Rams	2	0	0	1.000	37	31
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	41	50
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	61	54

Scores and schedule

Monday's Score
Cleveland 10, N.Y. Giants 6
Thursday's Games
Miami at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
New England at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed RHP Miguel Castro on the bereavement list. Recalled RHP Alec Asher from Norfolk (IL).
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed INF Miguel Sano ion the 10-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Optioned LHP Nik Turley to Rochester (IL), then recalled him as 26th man for Monday's doubleheader. Recalled INF Kennys Vargas from Rochester (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Tim Melville from Rochester (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Bryan Mitchell to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Released 2B Danny Espinosa. Recalled SS Taylor Motter from Tacoma (PCL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed RHP Jacob Faria on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Thursday.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Released LHP J.P. Howell. Optioned RHP Tom Koehler to Dunedin (FSL).
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned RHPs Silvino Bracho and J.J. Hoover to Reno (PCL). Recalled RHPs Jimmie Sherfy and Braden Shipley from Reno.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Claimed RHP Jordan Jankowski off waivers from Houston.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned RHP Brandon Woodruff to Colorado Springs (PCL). Reinstated RHP Chase Anderson from the 10-day DL.
NEW YORK METS — Sent RHP Matt Harvey to Binghamton (EL) for a rehab assignment.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Recalled RHP Ben Lively from Lehigh Valley (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Recalled C Jacob Stallings from Indianapolis (IL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Recalled OF Stephen Piscotty from Memphis (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Sent RHP Miguel Diaz to Lake Elsinore (Cal) for a rehab assignment.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
DETROIT LIONS — Waived/injured DT Bruce Gaston. Signed TE Scott Orndoff.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed DT Calvin Heurtelou.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Waived DE Mandi Abdesmad. Removed WR Tajae Sharpe from the PUP list.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DB Chris Rwabukamba and WR Jamill Smith. Added LB Jeremiah Kizie to the practice roster.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Signed D Francois Beauchemin to a one-year contract.
American Hockey League
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Signed G Sam Brittain and D Josh Atkinson.

Purists eager for fight after Mayweather-McGregor

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

John Locher/ AP file photo

Floyd Mayweather Jr. training at his gym on Aug. 10 in Las Vegas.

LAS VEGAS — Look at any boxing website, and the comments will largely all be the same.

Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s fight with Conor McGregor is a joke, a spectacle that has little to do with real boxing. No reason to spend two cents on it, much less $100, when there's a real super fight coming up a few weeks later between Gennady Golovkin and Canelo Alvarez.

The backlash is out there, even as the relentless hype switches into another gear. It's one reason that plenty of tickets remain available a week before the fight, and entire rows of $150 closed-circuit seats remain available at hotels on the Las Vegas Strip. Yes, the pay-per-view sales will be massive simply because of the freak show nature of the event. We love our reality TV, and it doesn't get any more real than two colorful personalities who know how to talk the talk stepping into the unknown in a boxing ring.

It might even be somewhat competitive, if you believe UFC fans who don't seem to get the concept that their man is a boxing novice going up against the master defensive fighter of his generation.

Boxing purists, though, may be saving their money for Golovkin and Alvarez.

"If you are one of those die-hard boxing fans you might be waiting for that one," said StubHub spokesman Cameron Papp, in analyzing the slow ticket sales — at least so far — in the secondary ticket market.

Golden Boy promoter Oscar De La Hoya certainly hopes so. He made the Sept. 16 GGG-Canelo fight at the same T-Mobile arena Mayweather and McGregor will compete before that event became a reality..

De La Hoya — who helped make Mayweather a star when the two men fought in 2007 — blasted the McGregor bout as a farce when it was being negotiated and urged boxing fans not to buy it, saying "Our sport might not ever recover." Indeed, there's some evidence that boxing fans aren't putting their money into what they see as one-sided event, at least yet. Ticket prices are dropping quickly and the closed-circuit seats that sold out in one day for Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao are available in plentiful supply from the original sellers.

Meanwhile, host hotel MGM Grand has cut its room prices three times for the weekend, and there are hotel rooms readily available on the Las Vegas Strip for less than $200.

But promoters — and Showtime executives — believe there is enough excitement being generated that the pay-per-view — even at a cost of $99.95 — could exceed the record of 4.6 million set by Mayweather-Pacquiao. Many in the boxing press have made that prediction, writing that the fight is a mismatch and McGregor doesn't stand a chance. That led Mayweather's promoter, Leonard Ellerbe, to scold writers at his media day for hurting boxing by being too negative about the fight.

ANALYSIS

MCS sweeps Andrews in non-district match

From staff reports

ANDREWS — Midland Christian beat Andrews, 25-22, 27-25, 25-21, in non-district action Monday.

The match was a late schedule change after originally being slated for today.

The Lady Mustangs (10-5) were led by Avery Jauz with a team-high eight kills, Andie Sheppard who compiled 39 assists and Sydney Wilson who tallied 21 digs.

Andrews' statistics were not provided.

MCS DEF. ANDREWS 25-22, 27-25, 25-21

Midland Christian stats
Kills — Avery Jauz 8, Kat O'Brien 7, Landry Louder 6, Andie Sheppard 5, Lauren Battershell 1, Faith Truax 1
Assists — Sheppard 39, Truax 36, Sydney Wilson 11, Lauren Danley 3, Battershell 2, Rachel Ramos 2, Whitney Newman 1
Digs — Wilson 21, Sheppard 11, Whitney Newman 9, Ramos 4, Battershell 3, O'Brien 3, Truax 3, Danley 2, Landry Louder 2, Skyler Espinosa 1, Jauz 1
Blocks — Danley 1, Louder 1, Battershell 0.5, Sheppard 0.5
Aces — Danley 2
Record: MCS 10-5
Next: Midland Christian at West Texas Spikefest, Friday in Lubbock

HS FOOTBALL

From 1C

"We were overall very pleased and we gave a tremendous effort," McLemore said. "We played really good during the live quarter. We were physical, we were hustling and there was a great effort. Most of all there was execution."

McLemore said his team outscored Fort Stockton 14-0 in the live quarter.

The coach added that it was a good start for his team but it must continue to work on the fundamentals.

"It's about them knowing what to do and how to do it," McLemore said.

The Steers next host Lubbock Estacado in the team's next scrimmage on Friday.

Stanton sees positives

Stanton coach John Peterson said despite not scoring against Fort Stockton in the team's first scrimmage, he saw a lot of positives from the Buffaloes.

Fort Stockton outscored Stanton 3-0 but Peterson said the Buffaloes drove down to the 5-yard line but couldn't get it in.

Stanton also had six players out to nurse various injuries, which meant that plenty of young players got to play

"They need to work on their assignments," Peterson said. "But they hustled to the ball and they worked on their assignments."

Stanton next scrimmages Lamesa at home on Thursday afternoon.

Coahoma looks to build off 1st scrimmage

Coahoma coach Fred Dietz said his team's first scrimmage against Wink saw a lot of good things but also showed the team what it has to work on.

"It was a good scrimmage, we got lots of work in but we started off kind of slow," Dietz said. "The first portion of the scrimmage, we gave up more than we wanted to and didn't tackle great. As the scrimmage went along, it got better for us."

Dietz said his offense had 460 yards with a good balance of run and pass. He added that the Bulldogs added a 60-yard TD run and a 70-yard TD pass with the first offense.

"It was nice to see us move the ball and finish drives," Dietz said.

Dietz said his team outscored Wink 2-1 in the live quarter and even scored a touchdown as time expired.

Dietz said there are still a lot of things his team needs to clean up, such as making better tackles and minimizing gains by their opponents.

Coahoma next scrimmages at Ozona on Thursday.

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COLLEGE

From 1C

7 — Southern California (1963, 1973, 1979, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2012)

6 — Alabama (1966, 1978, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2017)

6 — Florida State (1988, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1999, 2014)

6 — Nebraska (1965, 1972, 1976, 1983, 1996, 2000)

Alabama's streak of nine straight top-five preseason rankings is second only to Florida State, which had a run of 11 straight seasons starting in the top-five under former coach Bobby Bowden.

We're no. 2!

Ohio State is No. 2 in the preseason poll for the eighth time, one behind Oklahoma for most times starting the season second. The Buckeyes also extended the longest current streak of years appearing in the preseason Top 25 to 29. Penn State has the record at 34 from 1968-2002.

Best since ...

■ No. 6 Penn State has its best preseason ranking since it was No. 3 in 1999.

■ No. 8 Washington has its best preseason ranking since it was No. 4 in 1997.

■ No. 9 Wisconsin has its best preseason ranking since it was No. 7 in 2007.

■ No. 19 South Florida is ranked in preseason for second time. The Bulls started No. 19 in 2008.

■ No. 24 Washington State is ranked in preseason for fifth time. The last time was 2002 when the Cougars were No. 11.

AP TOP 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press preseason college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2016 records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and 2016 final ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Alabama (52)	14-1	1513	2
2. Ohio St. (3)	11-2	1414	6
3. Florida St. (4)	10-3	1396	8
4. Southern Cal (2)	10-3	1325	3
5. Clemson	14-1	1201	1
6. Penn St.	11-3	1196	7
7. Oklahoma	11-2	1170	5
8. Washington	12-2	1159	4
9. Wisconsin	11-3	926	9
10. Oklahoma St.	10-3	869	11
11. Michigan	10-3	881	10
12. Auburn	8-5	860	24
13. LSU	8-4	784	13
14. Stanford	10-3	695	12
15. Georgia	8-5	660	-
16. Louisville	9-4	629	21
17. Florida	9-4	624	14
18. Miami	9-4	482	20
19. South Florida	11-2	327	19
20. Kansas St.	9-4	317	-
21. Virginia Tech	10-4	240	16
22. West Virginia	10-3	207	18
23. Texas	5-7	173	-
24. Washington St.	9-5	133	-
25. Tennessee	9-4	114	22

Others receiving votes: TCU 98, Utah 85, Notre Dame 66, Boise St. 37, NC State 26, Northwestern 25, Pittsburgh 23, Oregon 21, Houston 19, Colorado 18, UCLA 9, San Diego St. 8, BYU 5, Appalachian St. 4, Nebraska 4, Tulsa 4, Kentucky 3, Texas A&M 3, Michigan St. 1.

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8/14-8/18 Battle of the Bowls Fundraiser at King & I
8/26 9:00-12:00 Shot & Microchip Clinic at Ulmer Park
9/07 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
9/16 9:00-12:00 Shot & Microchip Clinic at Midland's PetSmart
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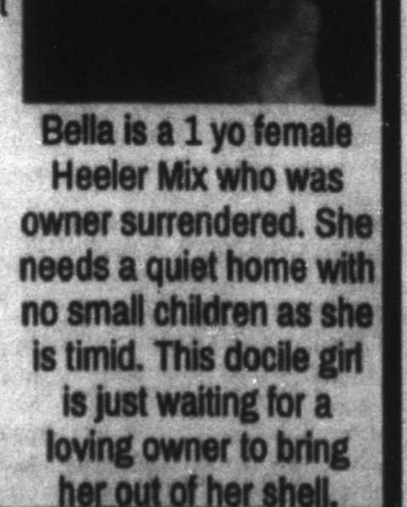


Bella is a 1 yo female Heeler Mix who was owner surrendered. She needs a quiet home with no small children as she is timid. This docile girl is just waiting for a loving owner to bring her out of her shell.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

ATHLETICS 7
ORIOLES 3

BALTIMORE — Adam Jones hit a pair of home runs, Jonathan Schoop added a three-run shot and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Oakland Athletics 7-3 on Monday night.

Wade Miley held the A's to two runs on five hits and four walks over six-plus innings to pick up his first win at Camden Yards since June 17. Miley is 2-0 with a 1.38 ERA against Oakland this season.

Jones tied a career high with four hits and is one home run shy of reaching 25 for the seventh consecutive season. Zach Britton got the final out with two runners on for his 11th save this season and his 60th in a row.

Baltimore beat Chris Smth (0-3) for the second time in 12 days. Smith allowed five runs on six hits over 4 1/3 innings — his shortest start of the season. He was pulled after allowing Schoop's three-run homer, which made it 5-1. Ryan Dull entered and was greeted with another homer by Jones.

INDIANS 5
RED SOX 4

CLEVELAND — Brandon Guyer scored when first baseman Brock Holt threw away Roberto Perez's bunt in the 10th inning, lifting the Cleveland Indians over the Boston Red Sox 5-4 on Monday night in a matchup of first-place teams.

After Guyer's leadoff double against Brandon Workman (0-1), Holt fielded the bunted ball and tried to throw out Guyer at third. Guyer slid into the bag as the throw skipped past third baseman Rafael Devers, then got to his feet and raced across home plate. Teammates ran onto the field and doused Perez with water and white powder.

Perez also had a three-run homer in the second inning.

Cody Allen (1-6) allowed Christian Vazquez's leadoff single in the 10th, but retired the next three hitters. The inning ended when shortstop Francisco Lindor ran down Mookie Betts' popup in center field with his back to home plate.

Cleveland relief ace Andrew Miller left in the seventh inning after aggravating the patellar tendinitis in his right knee. Miller recently returned after over two weeks on the disabled list with the knee injury.

Interleague

MARINERS 6
BRAVES 5

ATLANTA — Andrew Albers worked into the sixth inning for his second straight win since coming up from the minors, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 6-5 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Monday night.

Albers (2-0) also had the first hit and RBI of his career — in his first big league at-bat.

The 31-year-old left-hander beat his former organization, having spent most of the season at the Braves' Triple-A club. He went 12-3 but never got a call to the big leagues.

Instead, Albers was dealt to the Mariners for cash on Aug. 11. He was called up by Seattle to make a start four days later, working six strong innings in a 3-1 win over Baltimore.

Now, after going just over four years between major league victories, Albers has two wins in less than a week.

Mike Foltynewicz (10-9) has lost four of his last five starts for Atlanta.

National League

DIAMONDBACKS 3
METS 2
(10 INNINGS)

NEW YORK — A.J. Pollock hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning and the Arizona Diamondbacks snapped a three-game skid with a 3-2 victory over the New York Mets on Monday night.

J.D. Martinez had an RBI single and left fielder David Peralta threw out the potential go-ahead run at the plate for the Diamondbacks, who began the day with a 2 1/2-game lead over Milwaukee for the second NL wild card. They are 4-0 against the Mets this season and have won nine of 10 meetings over the last two years.

Pinch-hitter Gregor Blanco walked to start the 10th. One out later, Pollock sent a 94 mph fastball from Eric Goeddel (0-1) over the center-field fence to put the Diamondbacks back in front after they squandered a 1-0 lead in the seventh.

Fernando Rodney gave up a leadoff homer to Michael Conforto before getting three outs for his 28th save in 33 tries.

Mark Pynes/PennLive.com via AP

ESPN television cameraman Mark Griffard jokingly puts solar eclipse glasses on the front of this camera before Monday's Little League World Series game between Mexico and Asia-Pacific on Monday in South Williamsport, Pa.

Baseball fans flock to minor league stadiums to see eclipse

By Grant Schulte
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Baseball fans in more than a half-dozen cities from Oregon to South Carolina crowded into minor league ballparks Monday to watch the solar eclipse at game-day viewing parties.

The Lincoln Saltdogs wore special black-and-white jerseys and stopped their game just before 1 p.m. to watch the eclipse darken the sky. Spectators erupted in applause at 1:02 p.m. as the moon crawled in front of the sun until the whole sky looked like a late-evening sunset. The air turned chilly and went still.

"It made me all teary-eyed," said Robyn Mason, who watched with her husband, Greg, from a grassy embankment near the third base outfield. "It was just so momentous. Just really cool — and very pretty."

Other teams hosting events included the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes in Oregon, the Idaho Falls Chukars, the Bowling Green Hot Rods in Kentucky, Tennessee's Nashville Sounds and the Greenville Drive, Columbia Fireflies and Charleston RiverDogs, all in South Carolina.

The Volcanoes' game against the Hillsboro Hops started late because the Hops got stuck in traffic. The game stopped briefly in the first inning as fans and players paused to watch the eclipse. Many players donned disposable protective glasses and sat in the grass in front of each dugout. At one point, the sellout crowd chanted, "Let's go science!"

In Nebraska, the Saltdogs sold game tickets to buyers from as far away as the United Kingdom and Germany, team spokesman Michael Shively said.

One of the Germans was Theo Kleinfeld, 65, who flew to Lincoln last week so he could photograph the eclipse at the Saltdogs' game against the Gary Southshore Railcats.

Kleinfeld said he watched the 1999 eclipse that crossed Germany and traveled to Shanghai for another in 2009. But in Shanghai, he said, the sky was overcast.

"This is a good opportunity," Kleinfeld said as he set up his camera outside Saltdogs Stadium. "If it doesn't work today, I'll just have to come back in 2024," when the next total solar eclipse in the U.S. will occur.

Paul Kobs, 38, of Minneapolis, took a day off work and drove to Lincoln with his girlfriend. The couple started planning the trip three months ago and picked Lincoln because it was one of the places closest to their home to see the eclipse.

Kobs said they initially planned to drive down to Beatrice, Nebraska, where eclipse viewers gathered at the Homestead National Monument, but the cloudy forecast for that area persuaded him to stay in Lincoln.

"This was really the easiest place to get to that was in the path of the totality," he said as he walked into the Lincoln stadium. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime event — that minute and a half of experiencing something out of this world."

Jordan Wilson and his wife, Nicole, brought their 5-year-old son, Izayah, to the game to see the eclipse. On the way down from their home in Omaha, the family sat through bumper-to-bumper traffic on Interstate 80.

"It's probably the last full eclipse we'll see in our lifetimes," he said.

In South Carolina, the Columbia Fireflies celebrated a "Total Eclipse of the Park" event as they hosted the Rome Braves. The Fireflies wore special glow-in-the-dark jerseys that were scheduled to be auctioned after the game, with proceeds benefiting local science, technology, math and engineering programs.

No Major League Baseball games were scheduled to coincide with the event, but the eclipse caught the interest of teams from other sports preparing for their season openers.

"It was pretty cool to be out there with the rest of the team, looking like 9 o' clock at night at 1:30," said Tennessee Titans linebacker Derrick Morgan , who watched after a practice.

Ohio State defensive tackle Tracy Sprinkle said he and his teammates were all excited to see the eclipse. "We've been talking about it in the locker room," he said.

The Minnesota Golden Gophers tweeted out their practice play list for the day, with songs ranging from "Black Hole Sun" to "Dancing in the Dark" and "Total Eclipse of the Heart."

With turmoil at home, Venezuela Little Leaguers get big lift

By Matt Martell
Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — The players from Venezuela look as happy as any other team, dancing to "Shake Your Groove Thing" with the tournament mascot before a win over Mexico and raising the roof to "Taking Care of Business" before a loss to Canada.

They go through all the baseball routines — greeting a slugger after a home run, blessing themselves before at-bats and cheering their pitcher.

But they might not be at the Little League World Series were it not for the support of a couple of major league players from their home country.

"In a way, this helps them appreciate this in a different way," Carolinne Valbuena, the mother of third baseman Jhann Bozo, said through an interpreter.

Venezuela has been caught in internal strife, pitting socialist President Nicolas Maduro against an opposition-led congress increasingly stripped of power. Underlying the civil unrest is a country living in poverty and beset by runaway inflation.

In addition, Maduro's government has been at odds with the Trump administration. The U.S. president said this month he would not rule out a "military option" in Venezuela.

Texas Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor first learned to play baseball in Maracaibo, the town that's home to the Venezuelan squad.

"I know everybody on that team, in that league," Odor told The Associated Press in Texas this weekend. "And that's why I tried to help those kids."

The first step for the players was obtaining a visa to the U.S., and they had to go to Caracas, the nation's capital, to get them. Odor paid for their flights.

Simply flying to Caracas, though, wasn't enough to get the players to the Little League World Series. Visas to the U.S. run about $170.

San Diego Padres pitcher Jhoulys Chacin is also from Maracaibo. He found out from a friend about the players' financial plight and paid for all their visas.

Chacin's Little League team lost to the Maracaibo team that eventually went on to win the Little League World Series in 2000.

"I know how big a deal it is for the young guys ... so they deserve to go," Chacin said Sunday in San Diego. "I'm glad I could help them come here to play in the Little League World Series. That was one of my dreams when I was young."

Still, there is a part of the Little League World Series experience that's missing for most of the Venezuelan players. Only three parents of players on the team were able to make the trip.

And those three might not have made it if not for a donor from Venezuela who now lives in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, about a 30-minute drive to Williamsport. The man let them stay at his house, Valbuena said.

Javier Zerpa, who now lives in Maryland, was born in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, and he and his 12-year-old son have gone to each of the last nine Little League World Series. Zerpa and his son have become friends with the Venezuelan team. Although most of the parents are not there, Zerpa said, the kids are still happy to be on the field.

After the loss to Canada on Sunday, Venezuelan team officials did not attend a postgame news conference. Individual interview requests were not granted.

Canada coach Ryan Hefflick said the excitement of the Venezuelan team was evident as soon as it stepped on the field.

"They're a great bunch of kids," Hefflick said. "One of the boys on that team, I think his nickname is 'Spark Plug.' They've got a lot of energy."

Bullpens looming large again for this year's postseason

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

Around this time last year, the Cleveland Indians were providing a preview of the American League postseason.

Manager Terry Francona was using newly acquired reliever Andrew Miller in all sorts of situations, and for more than one inning if necessary. It was an approach that eventually helped the Indians win the American League pennant, with Miller the MVP of the AL Championship Series.

The Indians are only the latest team to show how important a good bullpen can be in the playoffs, but not everybody has a tireless star like Miller. Here's a look at four other teams that are almost certain to be in the postseason this year — and how they might use their relievers.

Dodgers: Kenley Jansen might be the best reliever in all of baseball, and he threw 51 pitches in the Division Series finale last year at Washington, so manager Dave Roberts knows he can handle an extended outing. What's interesting this year is that Los Angeles appears to have a surplus of starters, so Roberts could convert at least one of them (Rich Hill? Kenta Maeda?) into a multi-inning option out of the bullpen.

Astros: Houston may be the team that most resembles the 2016 Indians. The Astros will lean on ace starter Dallas Keuchel, but there's a drop-off after him in the rotation, which means the Houston bullpen should be crucial. Ken Giles is the closer, but Chris Devenski is the X-factor. He went four innings in each of his first two appearances back in April, and he's gone at least two innings in 12 of his 49 relief outings in 2017.

Nationals: Washington's bullpen has been a mess this year, but that hasn't prevented the Nationals from taking a big lead in the NL East. Doolittle has converted all 11 of his save chances for his new team. If that keeps up, the late innings in October may be less stressful than expected.

Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw bound for rehab start with triple-A Oklahoma City

By Andy McCullough
Los Angeles Times

PITTSBURGH — A crowd of Los Angeles Dodgers officials gathered outside the visitors' dugout at PNC Park on Monday afternoon. They wore protective glasses and wide grins, gazing skyward over the stands along the right-field line, eyes peeled toward the day's solar eclipse.

Behind them was another site worth seeing: Clayton Kershaw on a big league mound. Just prior to 2:30 p.m. EDT, the group of players, coaches and staffers returned their vision to Earth and sidled up behind the batting cage. They watched as Kershaw threw a 55-pitch, four-inning simulated game, a final tune-up before he starts a rehabilitation assignment on Saturday with triple-A Oklahoma City.

Kershaw, who has a record of 15-2 and earned-run average of 2.04, has not appeared in a game since suffering a strain in his back on July 23. He probably will rejoin the Dodgers next week if he completes his outing over the weekend without a setback. He would prefer to return before then, but he sounded willing to heed the advice of his employers. "Healthwise, I could have pitched in the big leagues 10 days ago," Kershaw said. "But that's not the plan."

Kershaw has not hidden his zeal to rejoin the Dodgers. Team officials have stressed to him the necessity of caution. Given the team's double-digit lead in the National League West, plus the fear of aggravating the disk Kershaw herniated last summer, there is little reason to rush. The team misses its ace, but its record has not suffered. Heading into Monday's game against the Pirates, the Dodgers were 19-4 since Kershaw landed on the disabled list.

Kershaw is scheduled to throw a four-inning, 60-pitch outing with Oklahoma City, pitching coach Rick Honeycutt said.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	71	53	.573	—
New York	66	57	.537	4½
Baltimore	61	64	.488	10½
Tampa Bay	61	65	.484	11
Toronto	59	65	.476	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	69	54	.561	—
Minnesota	63	60	.512	6
Kansas City	62	61	.504	7
Detroit	54	69	.439	15
Chicago	48	74	.393	20½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	76	48	.613	—
Los Angeles	64	60	.516	12
Seattle	64	62	.508	13
Texas	61	62	.496	14½
Oakland	54	71	.432	23½

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	74	48	.607	—
Miami	60	62	.492	14
Atlanta	55	68	.447	19½
New York	54	69	.439	20½
Philadelphia	45	77	.369	29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	66	57	.537	—
Milwaukee	65	60	.520	2
St. Louis	63	61	.508	3½
Pittsburgh	60	65	.480	7
Cincinnati	53	72	.424	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	68	35	.715	—
Colorado	68	53	.548	20½
Arizona	68	57	.544	21
San Diego	55	69	.444	33½
San Francisco	50	76	.397	39½

Scores and Schedules

Monday's Scores

Chicago White Sox 7, Minnesota 6, 1st game
Baltimore 7, Oakland 3
Cleveland 5, Boston 4
Seattle 6, Atlanta 5
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, late , 2nd game
Texas at L.A. Angels, late
Today's Games
Oakland (Blackburn 3-1) at Baltimore
(Jimenez 5-8), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Fister 2-6) at Cleveland (Carrasco 12-5), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y.Yankees (Tanaka 8-10) at Detroit (Boyd 5-6), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Rowley 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Archer 8-7), 6:10 p.m.
Seattle (Gonzales 0-0) at Atlanta (Sims 1-3), 6:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 6-10) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Roark 9-8) at Houston (Morton 10-8), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Gray 5-2) at Kansas City (Duffy 7-8), 7:15 p.m.
Texas (Ross 3-2) at L.A. Angels (Nolasco 6-12), 9:07 p.m.

National League

Monday's Scores

L.A. Dodgers 6, Pittsburgh 5, 12 innings
Arizona 3, N.Y.Mets 2, 10 innings
Seattle 6, Atlanta 5
Milwaukee at San Francisco, late
Today's Games
Miami (Straily 7-8) at Philadelphia (Nola 9-8), 3:05 p.m., 1st game
L.A. Dodgers (Stewart 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Taillon 7-6), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Corbin 10-11) at N.Y.Mets (Milone 1-2), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lackey 10-9) at Cincinnati (Bailey 4-6), 6:10 p.m.
Miami (Urena 11-5) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 4-8), 6:35 p.m., 2nd game
Seattle (Gonzales 0-0) at Atlanta (Sims 1-3), 6:35 p.m.
Washington (Roark 9-8) at Houston (Morton 10-8), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Gray 5-2) at Kansas City (Duffy 7-8), 7:15 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 6-12) at St. Louis (Lynn 10-6), 7:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nelson 9-6) at San Francisco (Samardzija 8-12), 9:15 p.m.

Monday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
WHITE SOX 7, TWINS 6 (GAME 1)

Minnesota ..... 100 001 130—6 8 0
Chicago ..... 200 320 00x—7 6 1

Melville, Turley (4), Busenitz (6) and Gimenez; Garner, Rodon, Farquhar (7), Holland (8), Petricka (8), Minaya (9) and Narvaez. W—Rodon 2-4. L—Melville 0-1. Sv—Minaya (3). HRs—Minnesota, Polanco. Chicago, Sanchez, Abreu.

ORIOLES 7, ATHLETICS 3

Oakland ..... 010 001 010—3 7 1
Baltimore ..... 010 140 01x—7 10 1

C.Smith, Dull (5), Hendriks (6), Casilla (7), Brady (8) and Garneau; Maxwell; Miley, O'Day (7), Brach (8), Asher (9), Britton (9) and Castillo. W—Miley 7-10. L—C.Smith 0-3. Sv—Britton (11). HRs—Oakland, Powell, Lowrie. Baltimore, Jones 2, Castillo, Schoop.

INDIANS 5, RED SOX 4

Boston ..... 200 020 000—4 5 1
Cleveland ..... 030 000 011—5 7 0

Rodriguez, Kelly (6), Barnes (8), Hembree (8), Scott (8), Workman (9) and Vazquez. Leon; Clevinger, T.Olson (5), Goody (6), Miller (7), Allen (9) and Perez. W—Allen 1-6. L—Workman 0-1. HRs—Boston, Benintendi, Ramirez. Cleveland, Perez

INTERLEAGUE
MARINERS 6, BRAVES 5

Seattle ..... 011 301 000—6 9 4
Atlanta ..... 020 000 003—5 12 1

Albers, Pagan (6), Rzepczynski (6), Vincent (7), Diaz (9) and Zunino; Foltynewicz, Winkler (6), S.Freeman (7), Ramirez (8), Vizcaino (9) and Suzuki. W—Albers 2-0. L—Foltynewicz 10-9. Sv—Diaz (28). HRs—Atlanta, Suzuki.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
DIAMONDBACKS 3, METS 2 (10 INNINGS)

Arizona ..... 000 100 000 2—3 6 0
New York ..... 000 000 100 1—2 11 1

Walker, De La Rosa (6), Hernandez (8), Chafin (7), Bradley (7), Sherfy (9), Rodney (10) and Mathis. Iannetta; Gsellman, Blevins (7), Sewald (8), Ramos (9), Goeddel (10) and Plawecki, d'Arnaud. W—Sherfy 1-0. L—Goeddel 0-1. Sv—Rodney (28). HRs—Arizona, Pollock. New York, Conforto.

Siemian wins Broncos quarterback job

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Vance Joseph was admittedly enamored of the idea of a towering, chuck-it-or-tuck-it quarterback with first-round pedigree and a lightning bolt for a right arm leading the Denver Broncos in 2017.

Even more captivating for the rookie head coach was the notion of his egghead seventh-rounder with the sneaky fastball and penchant for making the right decisions calling the signals.

So, it's Trevor Siemian and not Paxton Lynch who will start for the Broncos.

Joseph made the announcement Monday following a five-month audition that represented the biggest position battle in the NFL this offseason.

Joseph suggested Lynch may still represent the future in Denver, but with a team that's just 18 months removed from a championship parade and so good on defense, he had to think about today, not tomorrow.

So, Siemian is his guy.

Just as he was Gary Kubiak's choice a year ago.

"It's all about performance, not potential," Joseph said. "And Trevor is ready to lead our football team. We've got two receivers that are All-Pro caliber, we've got a great backfield, we've fixed the offensive line. So, we need a guy who can operate at a high level all the time."

The book on Lynch coming out of Memphis' spread offense was that he needed multiple years of seasoning at the pro level and Joseph said what's holding Lynch back is "probably experience." "It's tough to play quarterback in this league. A lot goes into it and it's not simply about how tall you are or your arm strength, how fast you run," Joseph said. Joseph demurred when asked if he felt Lynch was right where he should be on his developmental arc.

"I can't say that. But he is a guy that again has rare talent and he works at it. He does work at it," Joseph said. "Some guys need more time. He's a young player. So in a year or two, he might be ready to take over the reins. But right now he's not." Siemian beat out veteran Mark Sanchez last summer then went 8-6, throwing for 3,400 yards with 18 touchdowns and 10 interceptions in 2016 despite playing three-fourths of the year with a sprained left shoulder that required offseason surgery.

Siemian found himself fighting for his job again after Kubiak retired from coaching in January and was replaced by Joseph, who brought in Mike McCoy to author the Broncos' new playbook.

"Honestly, I think you have to compete for your job every day, every week," Siemian said.

Although Joseph declared it a "50-50 competition" this spring, Siemian's edge in experience was a major factor in him pulling away from Lynch, the 26th overall pick in last year's draft.

That's not to say it wasn't a close call, however.

Joseph said there was some debate among the group of decision-makers that included himself, McCoy, QB coach Bill Musgrave, GM John Elway and player personnel director Matt Russell.

"There was discussion because obviously it was a four- to five-month evaluation and when you watch Paxton's physical traits, I mean, they're fun to watch," Joseph said. "So, for a coach, to have a 6-foot-5 guy with a big arm who can run zone-read and scramble, that's exciting for us. So, it was close."

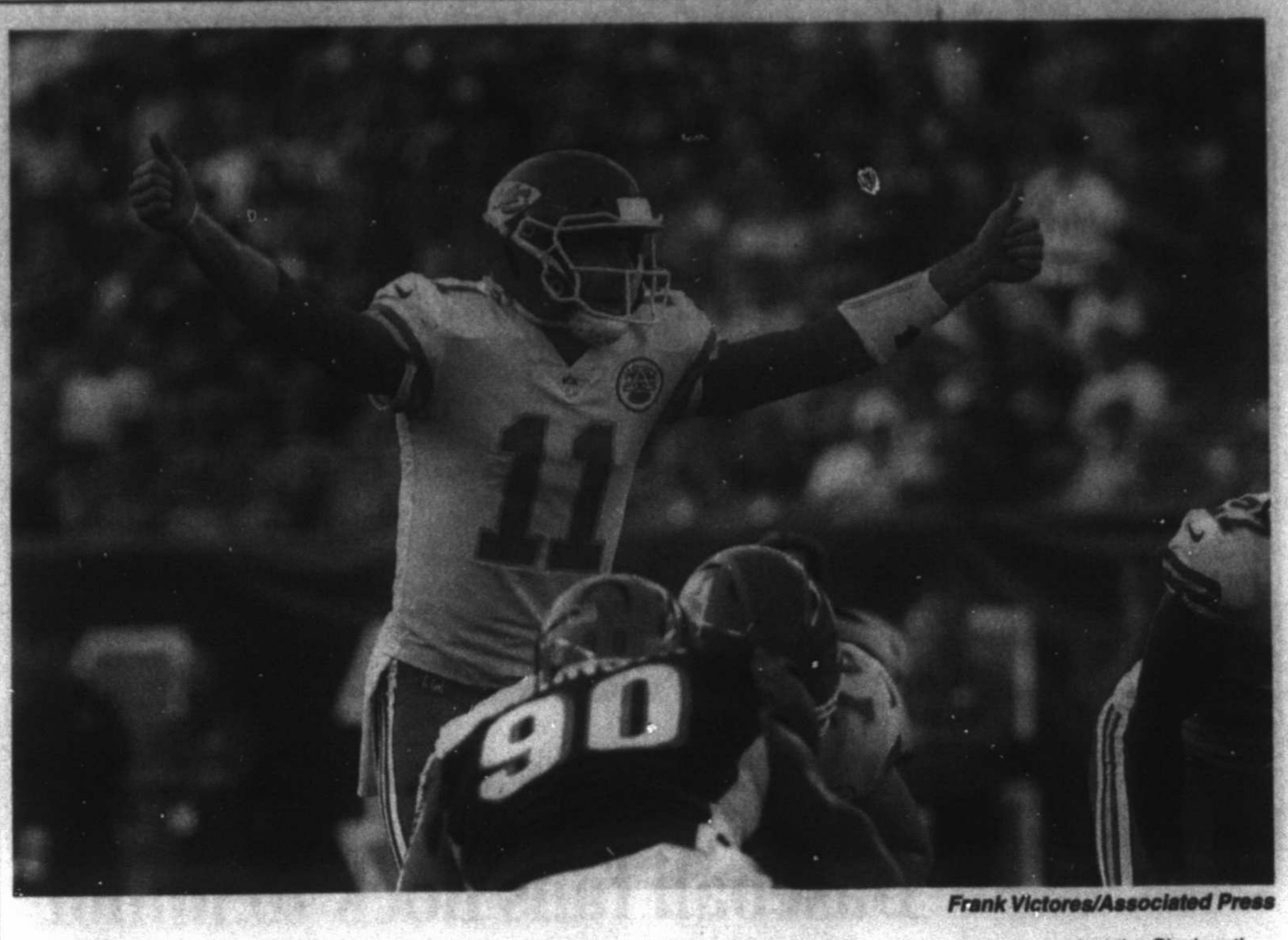
Lynch showed more comfort with the new scheme and new coaching staff but still proved inadequate at decoding defenses while Siemian was steady and solid, consistently making the correct calls and right reads.

"Obviously I believe in myself to be the starter," Lynch said, his voice cracking. "But the coaches made a decision and that's what we're going with."

While Siemian will get all the attention now, Lynch won't exactly be shunted aside.

"We're all going to support Paxton moving forward," Joseph said. "He's a young player. He's got a bright future still. In my opinion we have two quarterbacks. Most teams can't say that." Joseph said he wasn't worried that Lynch would lose focus as the backup. "Trevor and Paxton are really close. They're buddies. So, I don't foresee him checking out," Joseph said. "We have great coaches on this staff and to keep him involved won't be hard." "I really want to get better and not sit around and pout and be upset about this," Lynch said, "because that's not going to make anything better."

Notes: Joseph declared Denver's 2017 first-round pick, LT Garett Bolles, the starter and said Max Garcia or Allen Barbre will be the LG but that Ron Leary will stay at RG.



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Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith (11) directs his players in the first half of an NFL preseason game against the Cincinnati Bengals, Saturday, in Cincinnati.

Chiefs' QBs have dazzled in training camp, preseason games

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

"They love challenging each other. They throw the ball against the goal posts and compete there. Everything is a competition. They love it and thrive on it. But they support each other and that's fun to watch."

Andy Reid, Head Coach

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It was fitting that Chiefs quarterback Tyler Bray, on his first play after checking into a preseason game against Cincinnati, threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Seantavius Jones.

Pretty much summed up the Chiefs' quarterback situation.

Alex Smith has hardly missed through his first two exhibition games, leading the Chiefs downfield with relative ease. Patrick Mahomes II has moved past Bray to No. 2 on the depth chart, the first-round draft pick dazzling coaches and fans alike. And even Bray, who for five years has held onto a roster spot despite never appearing in a real game, has flashed moments of promise.

Like his touchdown pass against the Bengals on Saturday night, when he zipped a throw to Jones in perfect stride.

"All three guys played well. You could go into a game with those guys and feel comfortable," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "We never close our eyes to anything — our eyes are always open — but these guys showed they can play and move the ball."

Smith was 4 of 6 for 48 yards while leading the Chiefs to a touchdown in his only series in their preseason opener against San Francisco. He was even crisper against the Bengals, going 8 of 9 for 83 yards while leading Kansas City to a field goal on its first offensive possession and capping the second with a short touchdown strike to backup tight end Demetrius Harris.

"We treat it for what it is," Smith said, before admitting: "No one skipped a beat, right? Everyone was kind of feeding off each other, going out there making plays, even to the end."

Reid was planning to let Smith play the entire first half, but he called an audible after two well-executed scoring drives and let Mahomes play spanning halftime.

The former Texas Tech star gave Chiefs fans reason to feel good about the future.

After a few shaky moments in his debut, when he was the third-string quarterback, Mahomes looked right at home leading Reid's complex offense. He was 10 of 14 for 88 yards with a pair of touchdown passes, and he showed off his moxie and running ability by adding 29 yards on the ground.

"Our quarterback play is as good as it gets," tight end Travis Kelce said. "We have a veteran in Alex, and we like the play of Patrick, too. It doesn't matter who is in the game."

There is no debating that Smith is the starting quarterback, as much as some fans would like to see Mahomes get his shot right away. He's been through the ringer and knows what it takes to lead a team into the playoffs, just as he did taking Kansas City to an AFC West championship last season.

But the Chiefs traded up to take Mahomes with the 10th overall pick for a reason.

Smith's contract becomes expensive to carry and cheap to let go after this year, and even he has alluded to the fact that he might not be in Kansas City next season. Two preseason performances by Mahomes have only confirmed that the gunslinger with the big arm is the Chiefs' quarterback of the future.

"He made a couple plays where he threw from his back foot and still put the ball where it was supposed to go. Those are the types of plays you can't teach," Kelce said. "He does a lot of things very well. He's on-point, and the reason our offense is clicking as well as it is."

Smith could have taken umbrage with the decision to draft Mahomes, just like the rookie's dazzling play could create some awkward tension in the quarterback room. But the fact that Smith has been every bit as solid alleviates any of that concern, and the reality is that Smith would rather help tutor a protege than carry any animosity about Mahomes eventually taking his job.

In that respect, the Chiefs have one of the most enviable quarterback situations in the league.

"They love challenging each other. They throw the ball against the goal posts and compete there," Reid said, referring to an end-of-practice accuracy challenge. "Everything is a competition. They love it and thrive on it. But they support each other and that's fun to watch."

Cowboys

From 1C

On that question of the future, Jones reiterated his commitment to California, and there's little question he enjoys the visibility just a few dozen miles north of Hollywood. The Cowboys are committed to Oxnard next year, followed by a two-year option.

The local option is a good one for Carrie Himel, a 38-year-old realtor from Frisco who made plans to attend the practice soon after she heard about it.

"Because it's the first training camp right here in our city and it's freaking awesome that it's right here in our backyard," she said. "You don't have to go to California. It's right here. So why not?"

Emmitt Smith, the NFL's all-time rushing leader, was among the ring of honor recipients who were recognized at the opening of a display of the 21-member group in a plaza near the indoor stadium. He said the upcoming practice would be just like ones the 48-year-old remembered from San Antonio and Oxnard.

"The only difference is now they host it in their own facility, which is great," said Smith, who was joined by his fellow three-time Super Bowl-winning "Triplets," quarterback Troy Aikman and receiver Michael Irvin. "I think it's pretty unique. It's pretty special. They have the best facility in all of sports, so why not just do it here."

Like Himel, 50-year-old Mark Gatica of Fort Worth has never been to Cowboys camp anywhere else. And he's a lifelong fan who could have gone in Wichita Falls, about two hours northwest of the Dallas area.

"Probably because it was outdoors," Gatica said with a smile on a mild-for-Texas day of 93 degrees. "Indoors, the nice A/C and everything. It's really nice."

The practice was routine, with the typical cheers for catches by Dez Bryant and chants supporting new star running back Ezekiel Elliott, facing a six-game suspension to start his second season. Fans bought concessions and milled about on the concourse during the workout.

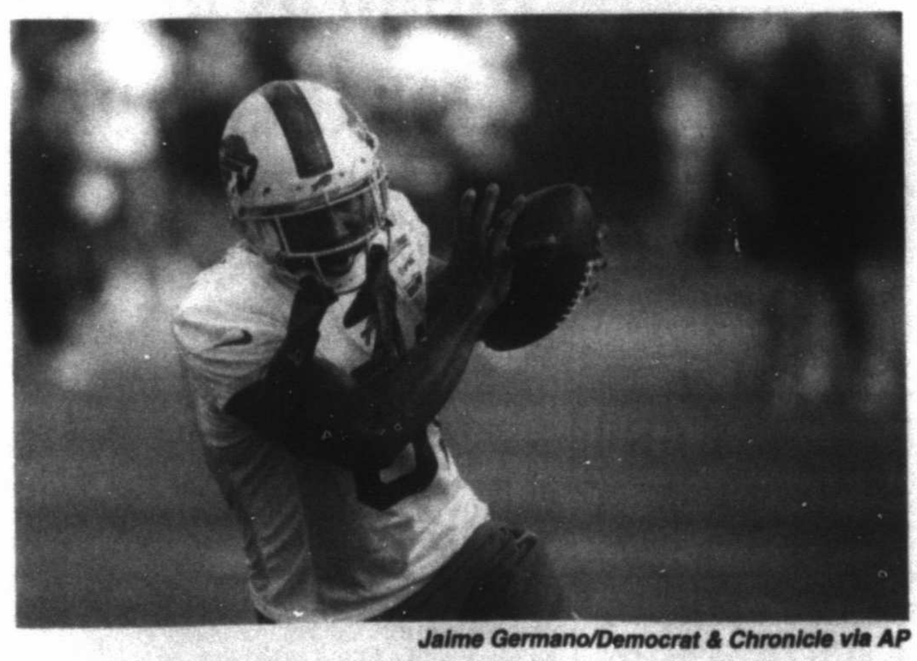
Admission was free, but tickets were required. After the lower-than-expected turnout, the Cowboys announced that tickets won't be required for the remaining practices: three this week and two next week before the team officially breaks camp.

"It was super fun," Himel said. "It's so awesome being this close to players. It feels like they're right there."

And it felt like a first for her and others.

Boldin turns focus from NFL to bridging racial divisions

By John Wawrow
Associated Press



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In this Aug. 8 photo, newly acquired Buffalo Bills receiver Anquan Boldin makes a catch during passing drills at NFL training camp in Pittsford, N.Y. Boldin abruptly announced his retirement just under two weeks after signing with the Buffalo Bills. General manager Brandon Beane made it official Sunday, by saying the team respects Boldin's decision to retire.

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — A deadly, racially charged conflict in Charlottesville, Virginia, caused Anquan Boldin to re-assess his priorities and led to the Buffalo Bills receiver's decision to retire after 14 NFL seasons.

In an interview Monday on SiriusXM NFL Radio, Boldin said he's "uncomfortable" with how divided the nation is and wants to dedicate his entire focus to humanitarian and criminal justice causes.

"I always felt like football would be my passion, football would be the path to a lot of things," Boldin said. "But just seeing the things that transpired over the last week or so, I think for me, there's something bigger than football at this point."

He then clarified that he was referring specifically to what happened in Charlottesville on Aug. 13, when a counter-protester and two Virginia state police officers were killed during a rally involving neo-Nazis and other right-wing groups.

"Do I think I can solve all the problems that we have in this country? Of course not," he said. "But I think I have a duty to stand up and make my voice heard and be a voice for those who don't have a voice."

The NFL's 2015 Walter Payton Man of the Year, Boldin oversees the South Florida-based Q81 Foundation, which offers educational support for underprivileged children. He has become an advocate for criminal justice reform since his cousin was killed by a plain-clothes police officer along the side of a Florida highway in October 2015.

Boldin spoke to SiriusXM a day after abruptly informing the Bills he was retiring some two weeks after signing a one-year contract with a base salary of $1.75 million.

Boldin insisted his decision had nothing to do with Bills trading their top receiving threat, Sammy Watkins, in a pair of blockbuster deals on Aug. 11, or how the team's offense struggled in a 20-16 preseason loss at Philadelphia on Thursday.

"I didn't come to Buffalo just to play with Sammy Watkins," Boldin said, reiterating comments he made immediately following Watkins' trade to the Los Angeles Rams. "For me to put some thought into anything like, 'This is not what I signed up for,' would be absurd."

He discounted the notion that he might reconsider retirement and choose to play for a contender later this season.

"Do I feel like I can still play? Of course," the 36-year-old Boldin said. "My passion for the advocacy work that I do outweighs football at this point, so I'm not coming back to play for a contender or to do anything else. I'm done with the game of football."

The only regret Boldin had was feeling he let down his teammates and coaches after being committed to helping the team and serving as a mentor for Buffalo's young group of receivers.

"For me walking away isn't an easy thing especially when you've got guys that you know were looking forward to working with you, were looking forward to depending on you," Boldin said, mentioning running back LeSean McCoy and quarterback Tyrod Taylor.

Boldin's decision to retire coincides with what he witnessed on the field in Philadelphia during the pre-game national anthem. Eagles defensive end Chris Long showed his support by putting his arm around cornerback Malcolm Jenkins, who stood in silent protest with a raised fist. Bills backup lineman Cameron Jefferson was so inspired by what he saw that he also raised his fist on Buffalo's sideline.

Boldin ranks in the top four among active receivers with 1,076 catches, 13,779 yards receiving and 82 touchdowns receiving.

SUDOKU

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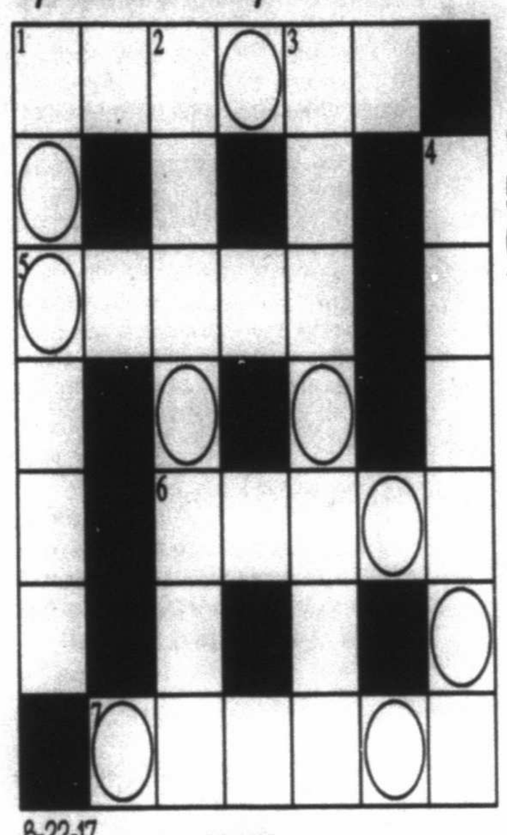

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7. Got out	KELDEA

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CLUE	ANSWER
1. Every time	WYALSA
2. Type of nest	HEVIEBE
3. Defeat	BECKSTA
4. Spread out	PCEDSA

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ANSWERS: 1A-Ambush 5A-Wheat 7A-Leaked 1D-Always 2D-Decline 3D-Setback 4D-Spread B-Blue Whale

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

AONPI

ZOKAO

HELMUB

DRANTS

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KHAKI ROUND PEBBLE BRUNCH
Answer: When the all-star pitcher was presented with a new contract, he — BALKED

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Bun or beehive
7 Faux __: social goof
10 Keep __: persevere
14 Free from stress by heating, as metal
15 Theater chain initials
16 Golfer's mulligan, e.g.
17 Tendency to explode in anger
19 Banjo ridge
20 Surrounded by
21 Rushed toward
23 Genetic letters
24 Scottish denial
25 Demons and such
28 Graduates
30 Deem necessary
31 Performing
35 Issue a ticket to
36 Cover for mysterious doings
40 Surprise "from the blue"
41 Sharpshooters' aiming devices
42 Top squads
45 Media revenue source
49 Blue jeans pioneer
53 Roman goddess of peace
54 Wash. neighbor
55 Needles
56 Beaujolais or Burgundy
57 Red __: spicy candies
59 Real-time media transfer
62 "The Mammoth Hunters" novelist Jean
63 Dictator Amin
64 Rain or snow, briefly
65 Wee
66 Broadband option, briefly
67 Most elegant

DOWN

1 "Our Man in __": Graham Greene novel set in Cuba
2 Creature
3 Instead (of)
4 Film critic Rex
5 "Who __?": New Orleans Saints fans' chant
6 Spanish cheer
7 Like a visit from the Bishop of Rome
8 Congregational replies
9 Paper bits for collages
10 Response to "Speak!"
11 Wonderful
12 Modern theft target
13 How food may be seasoned
18 Med. scan
22 Even score
25 Ltr. insert
26 Corleone family head
27 School break
29 Rum cocktail
32 "No __, ands or buts!"
33 White House foreign policy gp.
34 Old Prizm automaker
36 Removed from office via election
37 Lifts
38 Taxpayer ID users
39 56-Across choices
40 Bloody Mary's solo
43 Chinese food additive
44 Unemotional
46 Separately
47 Island verandas
48 Not subject to jury duty, say
50 Fridge forays
51 Analgesic brand
52 Put to work
56 Birdhouse singer
58 Furtive
60 Sunscreen letters
61 Prefix with cycle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

N	A	R	C			B	R	I	T		I	P	O	D
A	G	E	D		C	O	O	R	S		N	A	N	O
G	U	A	R	D	H	O	U	S	E		G	R	E	W
S	E	P	A	R	A	T	E			C	R	A	B	S
			C	A	R	I	N	S	U	R	A	N	C	E
L	U	C	K	Y	M	E		P	H	O	T	O		
E	N	O	S				M	A	N	N	E	R	E	D
A	D	O		P	O	O	L	T	O	Y		M	A	Y
P	O	R	T	E	N	D	S				C	A	V	E
		D	I	S	C	O		T	W	I	R	L	E	D
S	T	I	C	K	E	R	P	R	I	C	E			
H	O	N	K	Y			R	E	N	E	W	A	L	S
E	T	A	L		B	U	M	P	E	R	C	R	O	P
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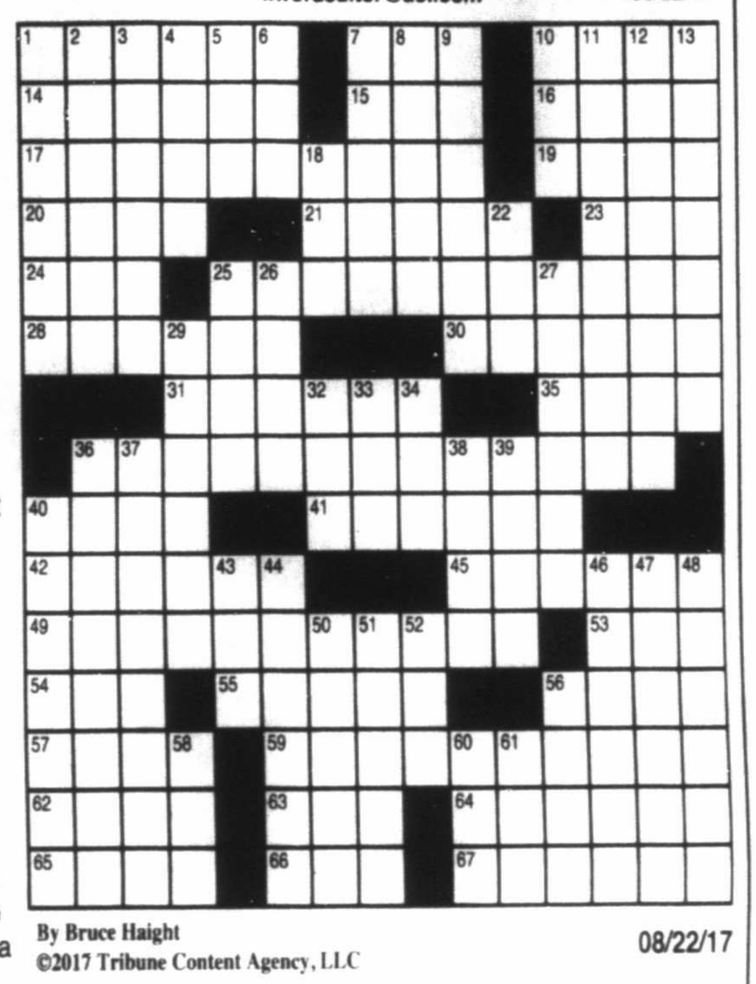

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2. Catsup

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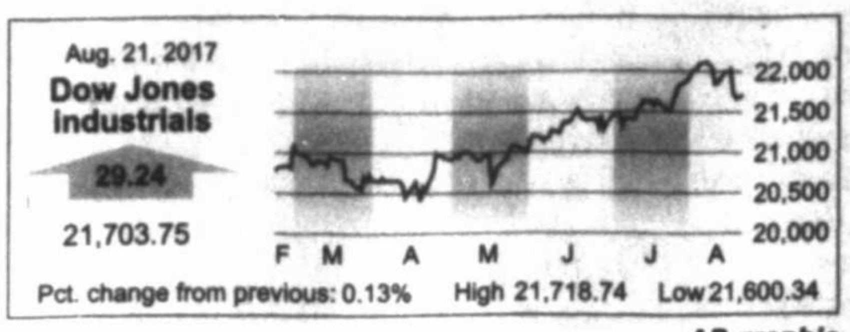

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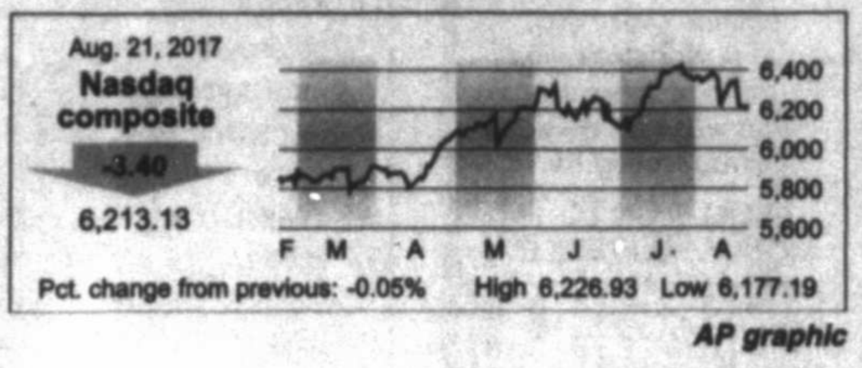

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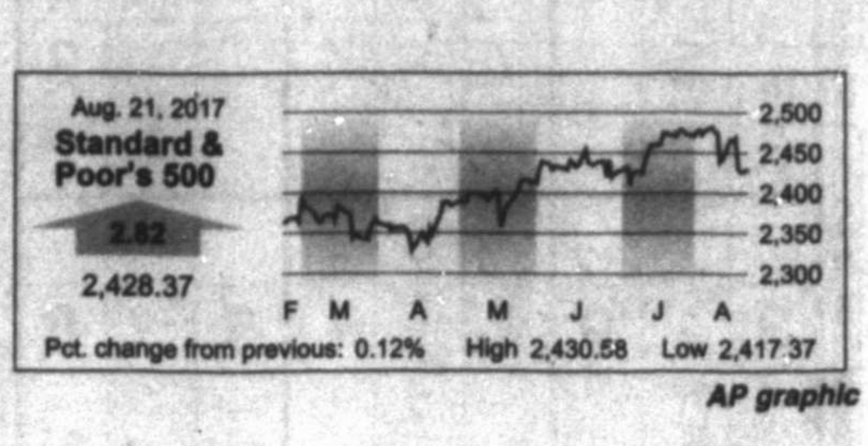

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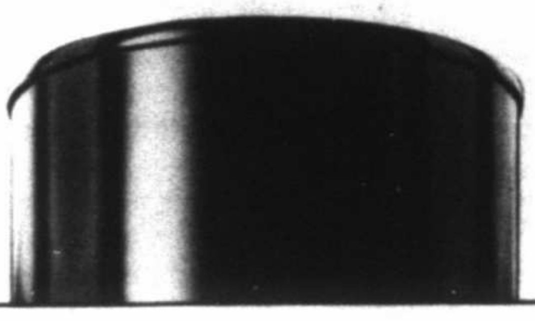
OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Monday: $47.37
Previous: $48.51

POSTED
Monday: $44.00
Previous: $45.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Monday: $40.50
Previous: $41.50

NATURAL GAS
Monday: $2.962
Previous: $2.893



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
B iPVxST rs	1034302	12.77	-.53
BkofAm	656039	23.38	-.24
S&P500ETF	542837	242.90	+.19
SPDR Fncl	442728	24.55	-.07
SnapInc A n	437379	13.58	-.43

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Arconic pfB	39.00	+9.44	+31.9
58.com	64.14	+10.88	+20.4
TenetHlth	16.56	+2.11	+14.6
Lee Ent	2.15	+.20	+10.3
Herbalife	68.04	+6.09	+9.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DBCmdDL	2.37	-.73	-23.5
NavMMid	7.11	-1.10	-13.4
ECA MTrl	2.10	-.25	-10.6
JinkoSolar	23.70	-2.63	-10.0
ManngNap	3.05	-.30	-9.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,451
Declined	1,411
Unchanged	159
Total issues	3,021
New Highs	54
New Lows	143
Volume	2,662,153,893

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SRC Eng	23112	7.64	-.03
iShIndia bt	22512	33.37	-.33
NwGold g	22025	3.45	+.06
CheniereEn	20546	40.80	-.88
BarcGSOil	17704	4.93	-.16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MicrSol n	4.00	+.40	+11.1
Ashford	64.18	+4.19	+7.0
PowrREIT	7.61	+.41	+5.7
TellnstEl	3.40	+.15	+4.6
RxVimxInF	25.03	+1.09	+4.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VirnetX	3.40	-.35	-9.3
BovieMed	2.22	-.19	-8.0
GeeGroup	4.41	-.34	-7.2
AltisrcAst	76.98	-5.62	-6.8
Gastar pfB	14.48	-.98	-6.3

DIARY

Advanced	135
Declined	197
Unchanged	25
Total issues	357
New Highs	1
New Lows	9
Volume	67,834,217

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	348857	141.05	-.18
MicronT	254045	29.56	-.82
Apple Inc	246726	157.21	-.29
Cisco	233259	30.68	+.31
Intel	216295	34.92	-.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Veritone n	11.75	+3.88	+49.3
CoherusBio	13.55	+2.45	+22.1
IntrntGold	7.16	+.86	+13.7
Neurotrpe n	4.09	+.46	+12.7
G1Thera n	17.88	+1.86	+11.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Crdiom grs	2.60	-1.27	-32.8
BostPrv wt	8.18	-1.69	-17.1
BorqsTch	6.20	-1.25	-16.8
Tapimmu n	2.94	-.44	-13.0
Energous	8.95	-1.33	-12.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,221
Declined	1,594
Unchanged	272
Total issues	3,087
New Highs	33
New Lows	110
Volume	1,496,781,101

Sempra bests Berkshire with $9.45 billion offer for Oncor

Bloomberg

U.S. utility owner Sempra Energy has agreed to buy control of Texas power distributor Oncor Electric Delivery for $9.45 billion, topping a bid by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway just last month.

Sempra's deal for Energy Future Holdings Corp., which owns 80 percent of Oncor, is valued at about $18.8 billion including debt, the San Diego-based company said in a statement dated Aug. 20. Sempra plans to fund the purchase through a combination of its own debt and equity, as well as third-party equity and $3 billion of borrowings by the reorganized company, it said.

Just six weeks ago, Berkshire struck a deal to buy Oncor for $9 billion. Shortly after, billionaire investor Paul Singer's Elliott Management Corp. fired back, saying it was working to pull together a rival bid that may total $9.3 billion.

Elliott voiced its support of the Sempra deal Monday, saying in an emailed statement it provides "substantially greater recoveries" to all Energy Future creditors than Berkshire's offer.

Sempra is the latest to join a line of suitors who've sought to take over Oncor since its parent Energy Future declared bankruptcy in 2014. The deal may put an end to the escalating battle between Buffett and Singer and would be Sempra's largest acquisition since it was formed in 1998, based on data compiled by Bloomberg, expanding its U.S. utility territory beyond California.

Sempra received financing commitments for the deal from RBC Capital Markets and Morgan Stanley, it said in its statement. It expects the transaction to be completed in the first half of next year. Lazard and Morgan Stanley advised Sempra, with White & Case LLP acting as legal advisers, it said.

The deal is key to ending Energy Future's bankruptcy, which has now spent more than three years working to restructuring almost $50 billion of debt. A judge was scheduled to consider Berkshire's offer during a U.S. bankruptcy court hearing in Wilmington, Delaware, on Monday.

The merger agreement with Berkshire included a termination fee of $270 million, subject to certain conditions and court approval, according to a regulatory filing. Berkshire has said it'll walk away from the deal if a judge doesn't approve the plan Monday.

Others have tried and failed to take over the Texas utility, which serves almost 10 million customers and operates more than 106,000 miles of distribution lines.

Earlier this year, Texas utility regulators quashed an offer from NextEra Energy Inc., valued at $18.4 billion including debt, after the utility giant refused to establish ring-fencing measures to protect Oncor's credit. A group led by Hunt Consolidated dropped a bid last year after the state imposed conditions it found too onerous.

"It's not just a question of what you're offering — it's a question of whether or not it's going to make Texas regulators feel comfortable enough to allow the deal," Paul Patterson, a utilities analyst at Glenrock Associates LLC in New York, said by phone. "And we've already seen two fail in this situation."

US stock indexes inch higher after back-to-back down weeks

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks inched higher Monday, as the Standard & Poor's 500 index steadied following back-to-back losses the last two weeks.

This week may be a calmer one for the stock market, after an uncharacteristically bumpy stretch shook what had been an incredibly smooth ride higher for stocks this year. Few market-moving events are on the calendar this week, and the highlight will likely arrive when central bankers from around the world gather in Wyoming as the weekend approaches.

The S&P 500 rose 2.82 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,428.37 after it and other indexes flipped between small gains and losses throughout the day. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 29.24, or 0.1 percent, to 21,703.75, and the Nasdaq composite slipped 3.40 points, or 0.1 percent, to 6,213.13.

The modest moves were a return to form for the market. It's had just four days this year where the S&P 500 has dropped by more than 1 percent, which is well below the typical number in recent decades.

Metal prices rise

Gold rose $5.10 to settle at $1,296.70 per ounce, silver rose 2 cents to $17.02 per ounce and copper gained 4 cents to $2.98 per pound.

GE's Jeffrey Immelt among finalists in Uber CEO search

Associated Press

DETROIT — Former General Electric CEO Jeffrey Immelt is among the finalists being considered to run ride-hailing company Uber, but there's no clear consensus among its board about a front-runner, two people briefed on the search said Monday.

The people, who asked not to be identified because the search is confidential, said some board members want to fill the position quickly to bring stability to the company, which has been plagued by missteps that caused co-founder and CEO Travis Kalanick to step down in June. Others want to wait and keep looking for CEO candidates. Both people said a Labor Day timeline for filling the job is possible but not entirely firm. "He's a front-runner but may not be the front-runner," said one of the people. "It's not as if everything's over."

One of the people said there were two other candidates while the other said there are as many as five. Neither would identify candidates other than Immelt.

The 61-year-old Immelt, who will remain as GE's chairman until the end of the year, stepped down as CEO at the end of July. His experience running a diverse conglomerate and dealing with a corporate board is a big plus to some Uber board members who want to bring experienced leadership to the company, the people said. Uber is now being run by a 14-person committee of executives but has several top positions open that won't be filled until a CEO is hired. Some on the board say Immelt lacks the entrepreneurial spirit needed to take Uber from a money-losing startup to turning consistent profits, the people said.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $108.50 Down 0.02

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $3.847 Down 0.03

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $87.08 Down 0.18

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.09 Down 0.13

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.45 Down 0.16

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.20 Up 0.40

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $11.20 Down 0.45

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $30.42 Down 0.90

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.96 Down 0.18

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.21 Up 0.21

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	37.58	+.21	-11.6
Abraxas	...	42	1.68	-.02	-34.6
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	14.49	-.02	+14.0
AMD	...	...	12.05	-.32	+6.3
Alibaba	...	48	169.25	+1.75	+92.7
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	10.54	-.16	-16.3
Ambev	.06e	6	6.18	-.05	+25.9
AEagleOut	.50	9	10.62	-.49	-30.0
Amgen	4.60	15	168.16	+.87	+15.0
Anadarko	.20	...	42.05	-.12	-39.7
Apache	1.00	...	39.52	-.79	-37.7
Apple Inc	2.52	18	157.21	-.29	+35.7
AppliRecy h	...	...	1.45	+.84	+29.5
ApldMatl	.40	15	43.31	-.99	+34.2
Archrock	.48	...	8.80	-.25	-33.3
ATMOS	1.80	25	87.59	+.47	+18.1
AutoData	2.28	28	102.89	-1.52	+.1
BP PLC	2.38	25	34.00	-.16	-9.0
BkofAm	.48f	14	23.38	-.24	+5.8
B iPVxST rs	...	...	12.77	-.53	-49.9
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	16.06	-.12	+3.7
BasicEnS	...	...	45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	18	268540.00	+1162.99	+10.0
BlkHillsCp	1.78	21	69.15	+.42	+12.7
BrMySq	1.56	23	56.64	+.22	-3.1
BrownFA s	...	32	53.75	+.27	+16.2
BrownFB s	...	...	50.90	+.03	+13.3
CVS Health	2.00	13	77.64	-.02	-1.6
CallonPet	...	32	10.16	...	-33.9
Calpine	...	...	14.88	-.04	+30.2
CambrE rs	...	...	.25	+.07	-79.5
Caterpillar	3.12	30	113.60	-.32	+22.5
Celestic g	...	8	11.48	+.07	-3.1
CntryLink	2.16	9	19.20	+.04	-19.3
ChesEng	...	9	3.82	-.14	-45.6
Chevron	4.32	60	105.78	-.70	-10.1
Chicos	.33	10	7.61	-.21	-47.1
Cimarex	.32	31	97.80	-.50	-28.0
Cisco	1.16	16	30.68	+.31	+1.5
Citigroup	1.28	13	65.95	-.63	+11.0
CliffsNRs	...	6	7.32	-.08	-13.0
CocaCola	1.48	28	45.68	+.01	+10.2
ColgPalm	1.60	24	71.61	+.59	+9.4
Comcast s	.63	23	40.80	+.28	+18.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	.85f	20	34.50	+.04	-12.8
ConchoRes	...	...	108.50	-.02	-18.2
ConocoPhil	1.06	34	42.50	-.61	-15.2
Coty	.50	...	19.55	+.32	+6.8
CrackerB	4.80f	23	150.48	-.03	-9.9
CSVixSh rs	...	...	19.54	-1.71	-79.5
CSVelIVST	...	...	77.10	+3.21	+64.9
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	12.43	+.70	-73.1
CrosTim	1.10e	14	14.55	+.08	-19.0
DCP Mid	3.12	16	30.10	-.59	-21.6
DTE	3.30	23	110.89	+.26	+12.6
Delcath rs	...	...	.13	-.02	-85.7
DevonE	.24	92	30.34	-.06	-33.6
Disney	1.56	18	101.17	+.47	-2.9
DowChm	1.84	20	63.86	+.46	+11.6
EOG Rescs	.67	...	83.69	-.40	-17.2
EnCana g	.06	18	8.98	-.19	-23.5
Energen	.08	...	49.56	-.70	-14.1
EnPro	.88	47	69.13	-.18	+2.6
ENSCO	.04	2	4.19	-.09	-56.9
EntProdPt	1.68f	19	24.98	-.25	-7.6
Ericsson	.11e	...	5.92	-.09	+1.5
ExxonMbl	3.08	29	76.38	-.26	-15.4
Facebook	...	35	167.78	+.37	+45.8
FalconStor	...	...	.40	+.15	-11.1
FiatChrys	...	...	13.44	+.87	+47.4
58.com	...	...	64.14	+10.88	+129.1
FootLockr	1.24	7	31.82	-2.56	-55.1
FordM	.60a	11	10.57	+.01	-12.9
FrptMcM	...	...	14.73	+.58	+11.7
GATX	1.68	10	60.11	-.37	-2.4
GabMultT	.94e	...	9.09	-.04	+25.6
GAInv	1.15e	...	33.92	+.01	+8.8
GenElec	.96	23	24.49	-.06	-22.5
GtPlainEn	1.10	21	31.28	+.05	+14.4
Hallibrtn	.72	...	38.74	-.25	-28.4
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	38.75	-.28	+16.2
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	42.48	+.47	+22.4
iShEMkts	.84e	...	43.83	+.16	+25.2
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	66.17	-.02	+14.6
iShR2K	1.77e	...	134.83	-.09	...
Infosys	.40e	15	14.56	-.23	-1.8
Intel	1.09	15	34.92	-.09	-3.7
InterDig	1.20	8	68.25	-.65	-25.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
JD.com	...	...	41.26	+1.13	+62.2
JPMorgCh	2.24f	14	90.63	-.11	+5.0
JohnJn	3.36	20	133.45	+.82	+15.8
JohnContl n	1.08e	26	38.27	+1.22	-7.1
Jumei Intl	...	36	3.28	-.24	-34.5
Keycorp	.38	16	17.41	-.18	-4.7
KimbClk	3.88	20	122.68	+1.29	+7.5
KindMorg	.50	64	18.55	...	-10.4
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.09	-.13	-48.6
LendingClb	...	...	6.05	+.09	+15.2
Lubys	...	...	2.70	+.07	-36.9
Macys	1.51	7	19.53	+.04	-45.5
MarathnO	.20	...	10.77	-.10	-37.8
McDnlds	3.76	27	158.36	+.60	+30.1
Merck	1.88	16	61.97	+.48	+5.3
MeritMed	...	51	40.65	-.10	+53.4
MexcoEn	...	...	4.45	-.16	-11.0
MicronT	...	11	29.56	-.82	+34.9
Microsoft	1.56	25	72.15	-.34	+16.1
MorgStan	1.00f	13	44.68	-.71	+5.8
Nabors	.24	...	6.47	-.10	-60.5
NOilVarco	.20	72	30.29	-.09	-19.1
NikeB s	.84	21	53.61	-1.34	+5.5
NSTFI3	.55a	...	14.93	+.03	+5.4
NTXQI	.65	...	14.46	-.06	+5.4
Nvidia	.56	51	159.15	-2.35	+49.1
OcciPet	3.08f	...	58.84	-.31	-17.4
OpexaTh wt	...	...	.10	+.03	+400.0
PDC Engy	...	28	37.98	-.06	-47.7
ParTech	...	25	10.37	+.12	+85.8
ParkDrl	...	...	1.15	...	-55.8
PattUTI	.08	...	15.40	-.23	-42.8
Penney	...	9	3.57	-.03	-57.0
PennaRE	.84	7	10.24	...	-46.0
Prmian	.63e	23	8.26	+.12	+7.1
Petrobras	...	...	8.70	-.19	-13.9
Pfizer	1.28	13	32.76	+.09	+.9
PioNtrl	.08	...	127.94	-4.01	-28.9
PlainsAAP	2.20	16	19.40	+.39	-39.9
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	141.05	-.18	+19.0
Praxair	3.15	23	131.21	-1.09	+12.0
PrmEgy	...	...	47.50	-.50	-12.0
PUVixST rs	...	...	35.87	-3.10	...
ProShtVx s	...	...	73.47	+2.81	...
ProctGam	2.76f	24	92.86	+.39	+10.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PUShtSPX	...	...	15.43	-.08	-24.4
RangeRs	.08	19	17.60	-.34	-48.8
RegionsFn	.36	15	14.04	-.02	-2.2
RiteAid	...	38	2.25	+.03	-72.7
Rowan	.40	4	9.04	-.29	-52.1
RoyDShllA	3.76	82	54.32	-.33	-.1
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	216.74	+.21	+9.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	242.90	+.19	+8.7
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	29.09	-.37	-29.8
SabnR	2.32e	18	38.60	-.28	+9.8
SanderFm	.96	14	140.44	-.09	+49.0
Schlmbrg	2.00	56	63.00	-.32	-25.0
SiriusXM	.04	37	5.52	+.03	+24.0
Smucker	3.12f	16	121.85	-.05	-4.8
SnapInc A n	...	...	13.58	-.43	-44.5
SwstnEngy	...	47	5.18	-.10	-52.1
SpiritRltC	.72	10	8.61	+.20	-20.7
SP HlthC	1.01e	...	78.35	+.35	+13.6
SP Consum	1.12e	...	88.41	+.16	+8.6
SP Engy	2.04e	...	62.00	-.32	-17.7
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	24.55	-.07	+5.6
Starbucks s	1.00	27	53.15	+.45	-4.3
Target	2.48f	11	56.56	+.91	-21.7
TelefEsp	1.20e	...	10.79	+.03	+17.3
TenetHlth	...	...	16.56	+2.11	+11.6
TevaPhrm	1.36e	8	17.04	-.26	-53.0

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3M Co	4.70	24	204.55	+1.02	+14.5
Torchmark	.60	16	76.52	-.09	+3.7
Transocn	...	7	7.32	-.16	-50.3
TriContl	.98e	...	24.73	+.06	+12.2
Twitter	...	...	16.11	+.12	-1.2
TylerTech	...	54	170.13	+.37	+19.2
UBSI	1.32	17	32.90	+.15	-28.9
US OilFd	...	...	9.71	-.26	-17.2
USSteel	.20	...	23.32	-.38	-29.4
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.99	-.04	+31.1
ValeroE	2.80	21	64.70	-.05	-5.3
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.31	+.38	+11.4
VanE JrGld	...	...	33.90	+.51	+7.4
VerizonCm	2.31	10	48.14	+.45	-9.8
Vipshop	...	19	9.27	-.59	-15.8
VulcanM	1.00	36	112.57	-1.15	-10.1
WEC Engy	2.08	22	64.74	+.15	+10.4
WalgBoots	1.60f	17	80.60	+.57	-2.6
Weathfintl	...	...	3.86	-.15	-22.6
WellsFargo	1.52	13	51.82	+.14	-6.0
WhitingPet	...	...	4.26	-.17	-64.6
WmsCos	1.20	41	29.01	-.06	-6.8
XcelEngy	1.44f	22	49.21	+.21	+20.9
Xerox rs	.25p	11	31.23	-.22	+35.8
Yamana g	.02	...	2.76	+.07	-1.8

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
22,179.11	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	21,703.75	+29.24	+.13	+9.82	+17.13
9,763.66	7,712.13	Dow Jones Transportation	9,121.93	+26.62	+.29	+.86	+15.54
742.04	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	741.41	+3.03	+.41	+12.40	+8.28
12,019.85	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	11,719.27	+19.44	+.17	+5.90	+8.35
6,460.84	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,213.13	-3.40	-.05	+15.42	+18.47
2,490.87	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,428.37	+2.82	+.12	+8.47	+11.26
1,795.14	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,691.67	-.63	-.04	+1.87	+8.19
25,848.33	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	25,137.40	+29.59	+.12	+7.31	+10.89
1,452.09	1,156.08	Russell 2000	1,356.90	-.89	-.07	-.02	+9.45

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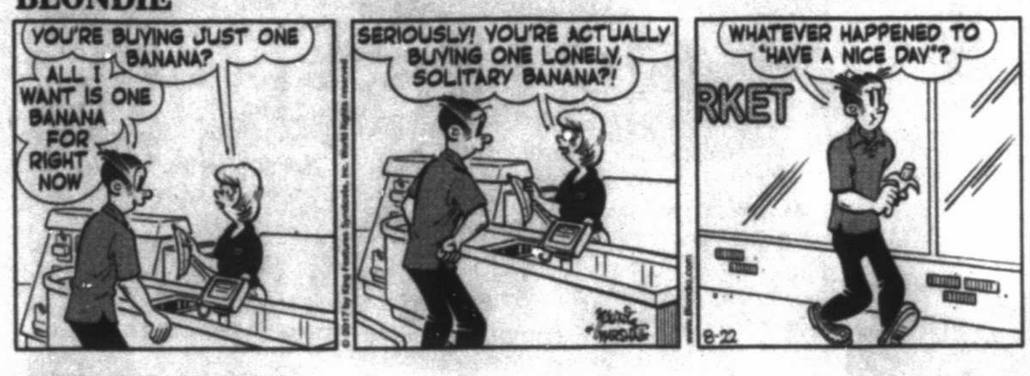

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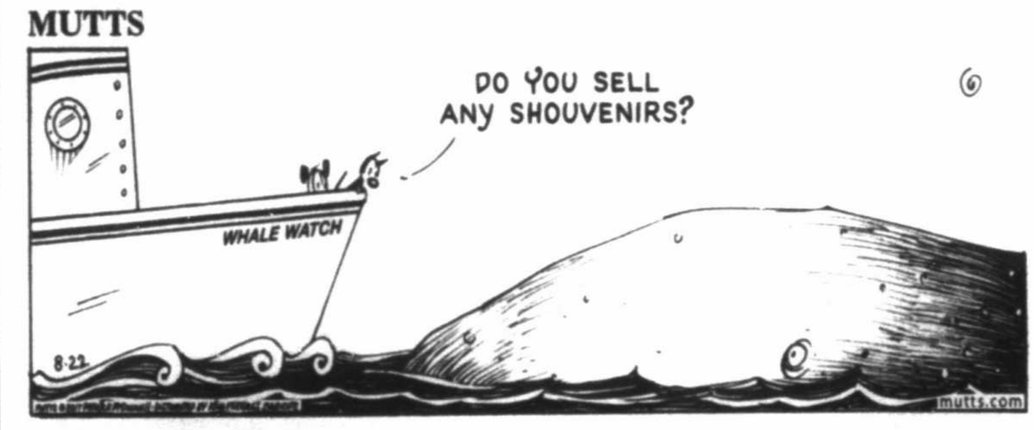
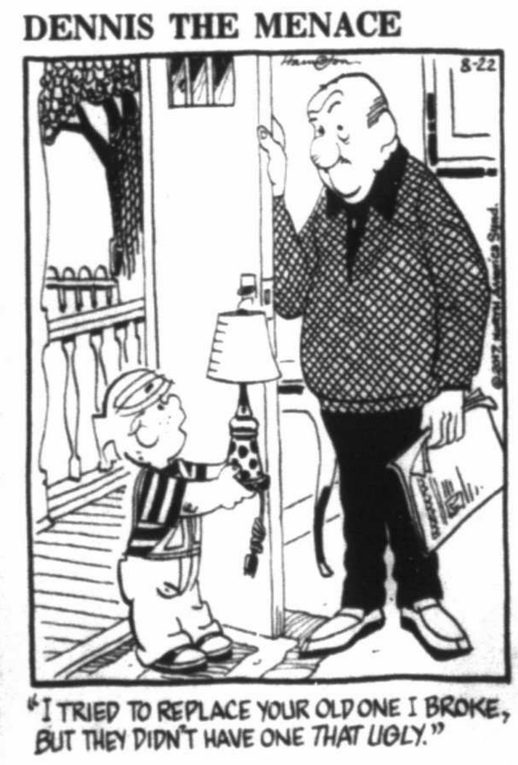


GARFIELD

CLOSE TO HOME

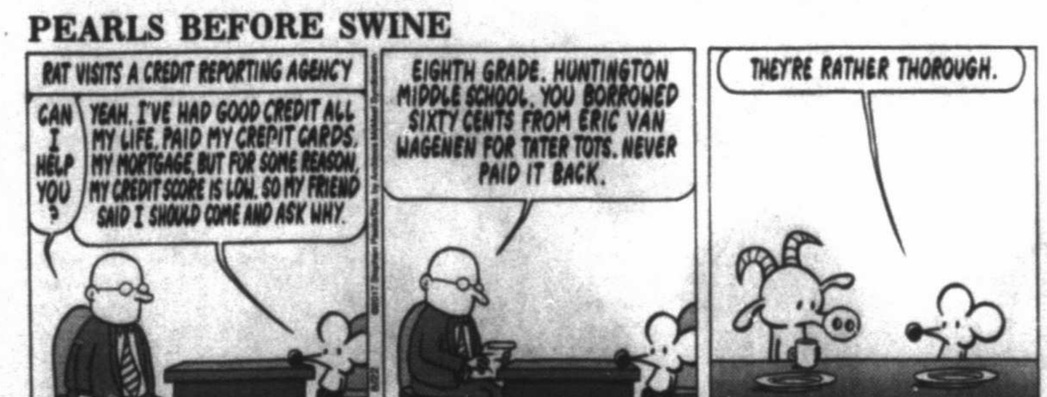
Recognizing her date by the red tie that he said he'd be wearing and deducing that he was a loser, Ann used an eyebrow pencil to make herself look as unattractive as possible.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I TRIED TO REPLACE YOUR OLD ONE I BROKE, BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE ONE *THAT UGLY.*"

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



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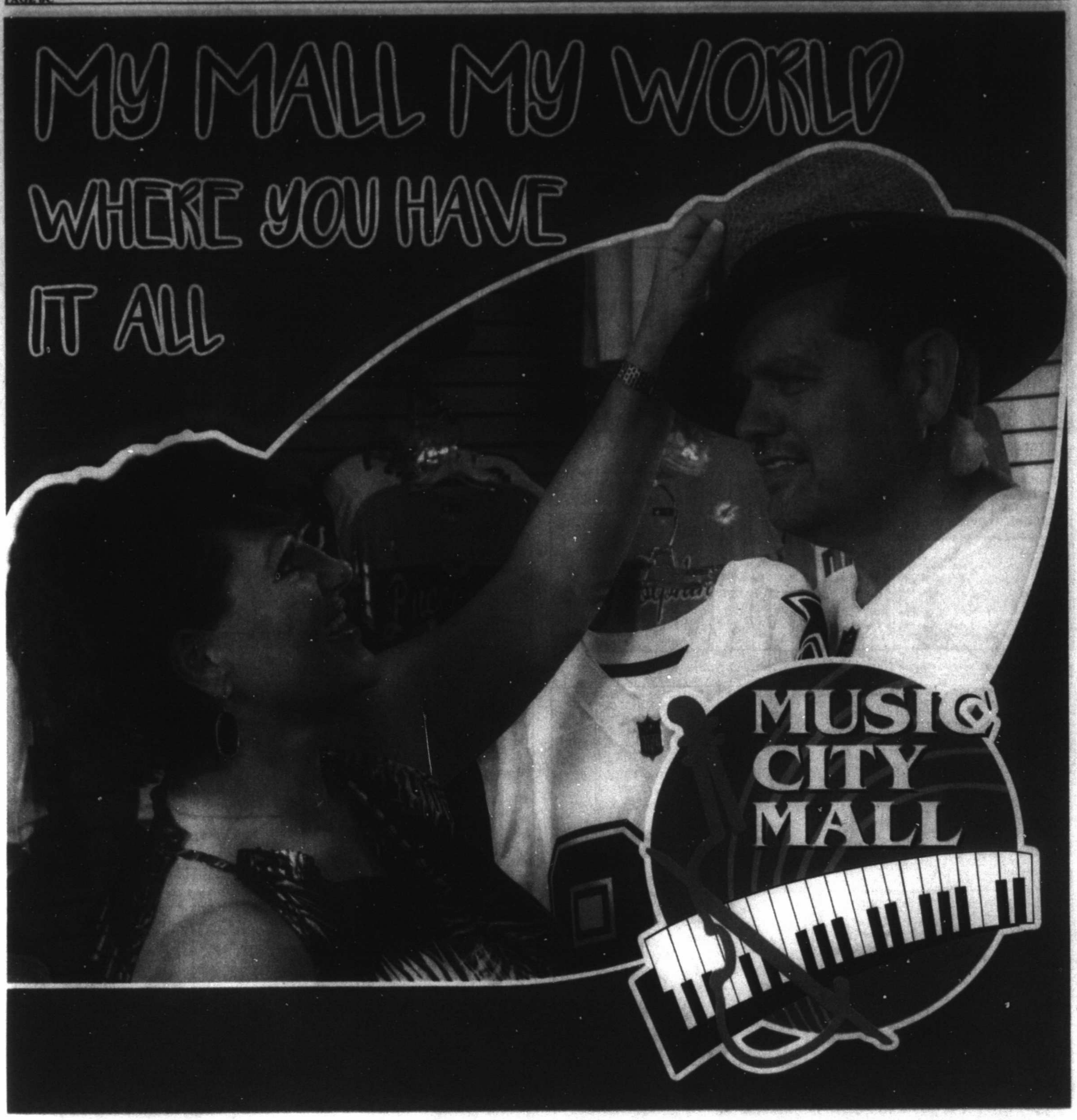
LOCKHORNS

"WHAT, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO RIDE IN THE BACK? HOW WILL I EVER KNOW HOW TO DRIVE?"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Who decided to put chicken in a PIE?"

DILBERT



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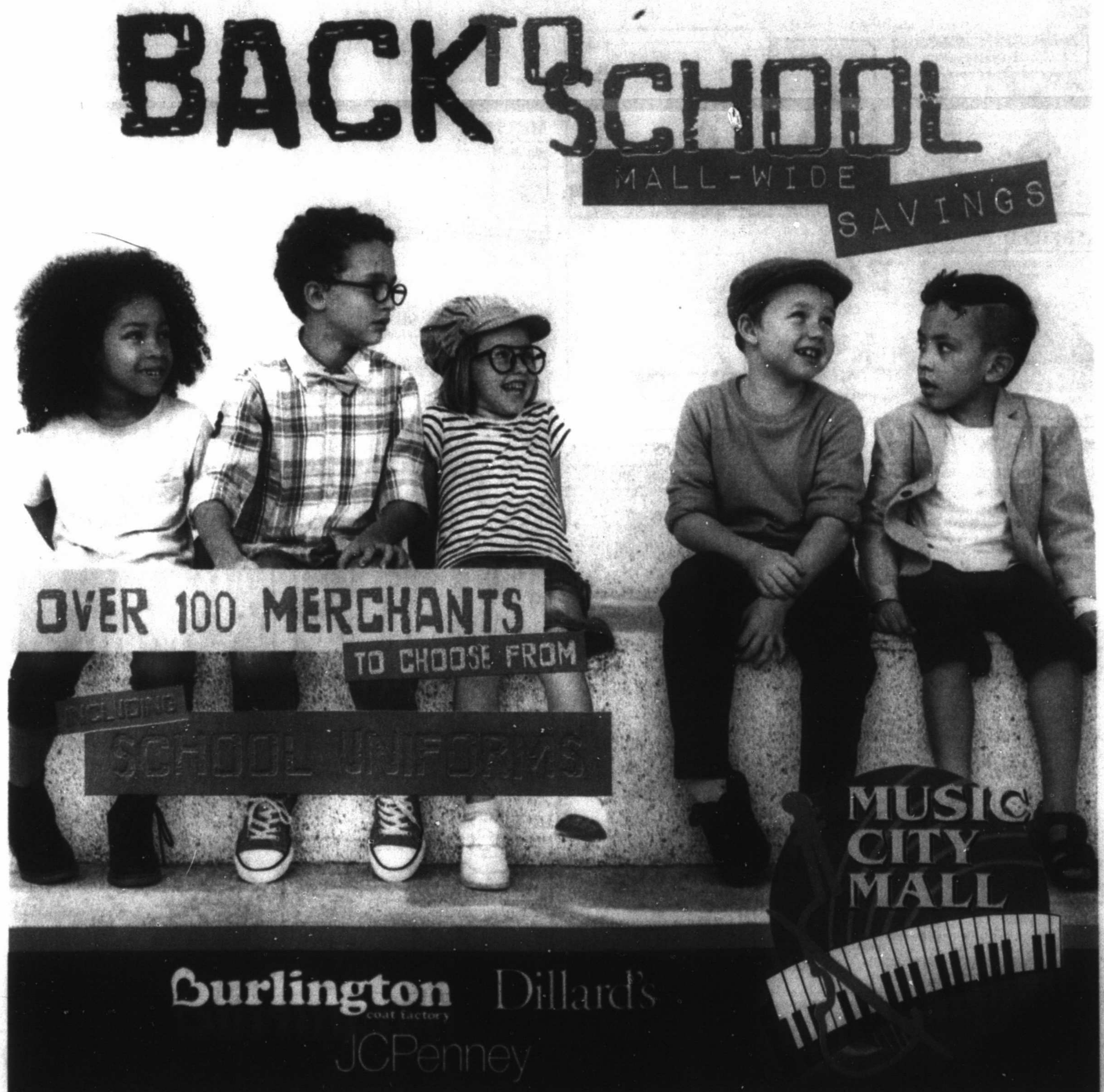

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Church Accountant

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Financial Accounting Position

Oil & Gas Energy firm in Midland, TX. is looking to fill a Financial Accounting Position. This position will be responsible for all financial reporting, compliance, budgeting and all year-end audit reconciliations. Candidate must have excellent computer and communication skills. College degree in Accounting or Finance required. 401K and cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to: Financial Accountant, 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX. 79701 or email to employment@westtexasgas.com

CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

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Experienced Receptionist needed for full time position. Must be proficient in Word and Excel. Email resumes to office@fivecoatlaw.com

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

CRMWD

Colorado River Municipal Water District

The Colorado River Municipal Water District is accepting applications for the following position in the Monahans area:

Operations Maintenance Technician - Responsible for maintaining the District's raw water pipelines, pump stations, and wells. Entry to intermediate level position.

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HSE Field Supervisor

Purity Oilfield Services (EOE) in Midland, TX is now hiring an experienced HSE Field Supervisor professional to join the team. Bachelors degree (BA/BS) in HSE from four-year college or university preferred. Minimum of 3 years related HSE experience required. Demonstrated knowledge of federal, state and local health and safety, and environmental regulations is essential. Direct experience dealing with regulatory and compliance agencies is strongly preferred. Valid certifications as CSP, CIH, OHST, and/or ASP are preferred. Offering competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Please submit a resume to mkiker@purityoilfieldservices.com to be considered.

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NE of Big Spring, TX.

Backhoe Operator- Knowledge of applicable Federal, State and Local DOT vehicle ordinances are a must, Skilled in performing heavy equipment maintenance work in a safe, efficient manner; Required one year of related equipment peratıons experience.

Field Crew- Knowledge of poly pipeline construction, leak repair, & general roustabout practices a plus, Knowledge of tools, materials, and methods of pipeline construction to work in a safe, efficient manner.

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Or Email carcher@wtggas.com

HEALTHCARE

Licensed Physician Assistant

Licensed Physician Assistant needed Midland-Odessa. Addiction Medicine clinic. 1 day per week each office. 8:00am-9:00am (days/hours flexible). Patient histories, physical exams. Liability insurance provided. Contract rate offered. Email CV employment@wtcr.org Fax 214-722-1622

MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

Employee Benefits Account Manager

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Please send cover letter and/or resume to: resumes@higginbotham.net

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING MALE RESIDENT MONITORS

We are looking for Male Resident Monitors (Full and Part time) to work at our Residential Re-entry Facility in Midland, TX. Competitive pay with Life, Health, Dental and Vision benefits offered. Must be able to pass a FBI Background Check. Apply online at Dismas.com.

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OTHER JOBS

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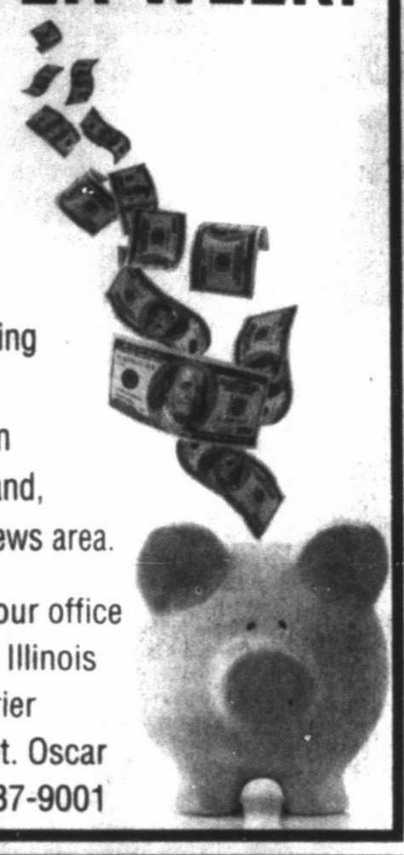

Please come by our office iocated at 201 E. Illinois and fill out a carrier information sheet. Oscar Ronquillo 432-687-9001

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 occassionally. We will train the right person.
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These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.
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RESTAURANT FOOD SERVICES

Director of Food Services

Responsible for the kitchen and food service activities of First Baptist Church of Midland. Applicant must have food service experience and basic computer skills. Manager,snt experience and bilingual preferred. Please email kdean@fbc-midland.org.

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Strawberry Fields Cafe has an opening for a motivated individual with a great attitude. Great work environment, management and pleasant customers. Apply in person at 2311 W. Wadley Ave., Midland, TX.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Winery Permit by Sprayberry Winery LLC dba Sprayberry Winery to be located at 3700 W Mockingbird Lane, Midland, Midland County, Texas. Jonathan Evans- Managing Member of said LLC.

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Passenger Cars

1998 ACURA TL white 114,410 miles, sun roof. $3,000. 432-349-5144. Midland, TX.

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2014 Taurus SHO, 11K miles, garaged kept, adult driven, show room clean. $26,000. 432-682-6947.

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TOYOTA 2012 Tundra, white, 4 wd Crew Max, 52 K miles. 432-556-6989

4WD and SUV

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CHEVROLET 2003 Tahoe, white, excellent condition, fully detailed, excellent maintenance & tires. 1 owner, dependable car. 140K miles. $6,500 OBO. Contact Allen at Allen's Automotive. 432-699-1240

4WD and SUV

FORD Expedition, 2008. Very clean, no body damage, excellent paint. Leather seats, engine is strong, no mechanical issues. Low miles and very nice car. $10,000 OBO. 432-528-1029.

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Motorcycles

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Merchandise

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Other Pets

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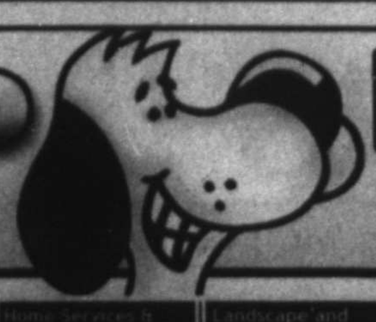

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Patrick Mueller, left, and John Stork pose at IBI Scientific in Peosta, Iowa. IBI Scientific manufactures bench-top laboratory equipment, nucleic acid purification products, electrophoresis products, molecular biology reagents, polymerase chain reaction enzymes and more. *AP file photo*

Iowa company creates products needed for scientific research

By Jeff Montgomery
Telegraph Herald via AP

PEOSTA, Iowa — More than a dozen years have passed since a pair of local residents acquired a Connecticut-based laboratory equipment business and brought it to Peosta.

Even so, owners Patrick Mueller and John Stork approach their venture with an energy and enthusiasm that suggests it is new.

To Mueller, that sense of excitement stems from the realization that IBI Scientific is supporting research that can change the world.

"We've seen the breakthroughs that happen," Mueller told the Telegraph Herald. "And it is exciting to see those developments, whether it be vaccine research that helps local economies and family farms, or it is research being done that helps patients and people."

IBI Scientific manufactures bench-top laboratory equipment, nucleic acid purification products, electrophoresis products, molecular biology reagents, polymerase chain reaction enzymes and more.

Many of the products perform specific tasks that are difficult for the layman to understand, but are critical for scientific research.

One such product is The Belly Dancer, an item that features a platform anchored at all four corners by flexible supports. The device allows researchers to shake, mix and agitate a wide range of gels, liquids or other mixtures.

Products produced by IBI Scientific assist research at universities, large commercial companies and smaller startup research firms.

Most of IBI Scientific's products are sold in the Midwest, which has a strong presence in the biotech and life science markets. However, the company's owners emphasized that IBI Scientific has "a worldwide reach."

"We compete with other American companies, and with the Japanese and the Germans," said Stork "We believe we have some of the best products of our type in the world. We are proud of the quality of our products."

Before they became the leaders of IBI Scientific, Mueller and Stork worked together at Barnstead/Thermolyne in Dubuque.

They both departed from that company in 2004, around the time Barnstead/Thermolyne was acquired by another firm.

That same year, Stork and Mueller purchased Connecticut-based business IBI Scientific. They moved the company to Peosta and started with five employees.

For the past 13 years, IBI Scientific has focused on a high-growth portion of the research community.

"Our frame of reference was on laboratory products, and we focused on the fastest-growing sliver of that market, which was life sciences," Stork said "That involves people who are dealing with RNA, DNA and proteins. It's any type of research that deals with a human, plant or animal."

Mueller said the products sold by IBI Scientific have been used by large companies such as Harrisvaccines, the company that created a vaccine for the avian flu virus that affected chickens and turkeys throughout much of the Midwest.

But Mueller emphasized that IBI Scientific also works with a number of biotech startups and small researchers coming out of universities.

In 2012, IBI Scientific acquired Stovall Life Science, a company based out of Greensboro, North Carolina. IBI Scientific now employs a dozen people — and that number is set to grow.

After 13 years in the same building, IBI Scientific plans to move to a new location by Jan. 1.

Stork framed the move to a larger space as one that will help IBI Scientific take the next step.

"It is going to be a larger space and will really allow us to organize things from a workflow and inventory standpoint," he said.

Mueller, meanwhile, noted that the new space will allow IBI Scientific to use a dedicated lab room, a luxury the company does not have in its current home.

With the move, Mueller and Stork expect to add employees, although they are not sure how many.

"Increasing local employment has been a goal of ours since we started this," said Stork. "The way we see it is there is no limit to how many employees we can add because there is no limit to our growth."

IBI Scientific's sustained success has garnered the attention and praise of local economic development officials.

To Dan McDonald, vice president of existing business for Greater Dubuque Development Corp., the company's growth has not come as a surprise.

"We had the privilege to work with them back when the company was first forming, and it was apparent right away that we were working with smart and proven executives," said McDonald. "They really represent the entrepreneurial attitude that we want to see more of in the area."

McDonald also believes the success of IBI Scientific adds something new to the economy in the Dubuque area.

"When you look at the whole picture of Dubuque's economy, we want to be well diversified and hedged," he said. "So when you get a company like IBI Scientific, that is playing ball in an area unrelated to (more common Dubuque industries such as) food processing, or ag, or construction or financial services, I think that is a great thing. That is exactly the type of diversification we want."

Scientists say rising sea will pose threat to Hawaii by 2100

Associated Press

HILO, Hawaii — A group of scientists say the state of Hawaii could lose $19 billion worth of land and structures, and millions more in infrastructure by 2100 because of rising sea levels.

The upcoming Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Report from scientists and the state Department of Land and Natural Resources found that the sea level is currently on the rise, West Hawaii Today reported. About 20,700 Hawaii residents will be displaced by 2100 and 550 cultural sites will be lost, according to their most recent scientific modeling and economic projections.

"The sea level is rising as we speak," said Sam Lemmo, administrator of department's Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands. "We're having to really dance on our feet and adapt to the rapidly changing conditions around us."

The rising sea level is credited to thermal expansion — a rise in global average temperature which causes the ocean to expand and occupy more volume — melting glaciers and ice caps and melting ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland, said Bradley Romine, a coastal management specialist with the Sea Grant Program at the University of Hawaii.

Scientists predict that Big Island's unique coastline will minimize the impact of the rising waters. The island will lose $430 million worth of land and structures and 1,900 residents will be displaced by 2100 when the sea level is expected to rise by 3.2 feet, according to their projections.

The report suggests continued research and developing plans and strategies to save beaches and cultural resources, said Catherine Courtney, a marine environmental scientist at consultant Tetra Tech.

Halt ordered on study of health threat from surface mines

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Federal mining regulators have told the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to halt its study of the health risks for people living near Appalachian surface coal mines.

The Interior Department's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, which announced last year it was funding the $1 million study, said in an Aug. 18 letter that the department has begun reviewing grants over $100,000 largely for budget reasons.

"The National Academies believes this is an important study and we stand ready to resume it as soon as the Department of the Interior review is completed," spokesman William Kearney said Monday. Two public meetings scheduled this week in Kentucky will be held, he added.

Results are expected next spring.

Social media is a small business's best friend

Dear PropellerHeads, I own a small bakery and most of our business comes from word of mouth. But I think it's time to expand our reach through social media. Any advice?

A: Well, needless to say, you've come to the right place. Social media is a small business's best friend as chocolate is to a girl. By not being on social media, you are losing very valuable advertising. Not just any advertising...free advertising. I don't know about you, but I rarely say no to free (especially if it's chocolate).

There are definitely a number of different social media platforms out there and each one fulfills a different purpose. It is just a matter of finding what works best for you and your company. Creating a social media presence is as easy as simply creating the accounts.

There are so many to choose from such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram. Whether you have one or a combination of these accounts, keeping them current and updated is the real challenge. Not to worry though. Per usual, we PropellerHeads have the answer (not that we're bragging or anything).

Hootsuite (hootsuite.com), a social media management tool, allows you to connect to your platforms all in one place.

It allows you to see all of your posts and updates along with the comments and likes that they have received. But the most useful feature that Hootsuite provides is the ability to schedule posts to your social media timeline.

Regular postings are key when it comes to staying connected with customers and keeping them updated. However, one of the hardest things about managing any social media account is simply remembering to post. Hootsuite reduces this possibility by allowing you to schedule post weeks in advance.

No longer do you have to remind yourself to remember to post about the marble cheesecake that is being added to the menu (it's my favorite) simply to forget when it really matters (no worries, happens to the best of us). You will be able to build and schedule a post on the spot the moment it comes to mind.

Although there are a number of different social media management tools out there (ow.ly/btc430dxRZw), such as Everypost (everypost.me) and Buffer (buffer.com), Hootsuite is one of the few that offer analytics. It analyzes how well your social medias are performing, which allows you to better understand what works and what doesn't when it comes to audience engagement.

Hootsuite also understands that people have different needs when it comes to social media and therefore offers different plans to fulfill those needs. Whether you are an individual, a small business, or a large enterprise, Hootsuite has a plan best suited to your needs. For a small business, the professional plan, which allows for up to 10 social media profiles, is the best choice. But, 10 social media sites are a lot to manage, so I recommend keeping the number under five.

With the Hootsuite Mobile app, you are able to change, update, and edit your posts on the go. There is no need to pull out your laptop every time you get a brilliant idea for a post (which I'm sure happens all the time) when with a few simple strokes of your finger, the post is scheduled and ready to go.

Although my experience with Hootsuite has mainly been positive, there are certain aspects that can be a little…annoying.

We all make mistakes, some more than others (guilty as charged). Whether it's dropping chocolate cake on your white shirt (that can't just be me) to misspelling something on your post; once something is posted, Hootsuite does not allow you to edit it. This means if you make a mistake, you must log into the desired platform and fix it from there. This becomes very inconvenient when the scheduled post was for more than one social media platform.

Hootsuite also doesn't allow you to post multiple pictures on Facebook in one post which is inconvenient when trying showcase that new marble cheesecake (are you getting the hint?) from different angles.

Even with a few drawbacks, Hootsuite's ability to help you keep track of all of your accounts in one place and access to analytics make Hootsuite the reason why we use it to manage our own social media.

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