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Coastal Carolina defeated Arizona in Game 3 of the College World Series finals on Thursday, capitalizing on two errors on the same play to score four unearned runs in the sixth inning of a game delayed a day by bad weather.

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MISD likely to lose academic coaches to budget cuts

District officials expect professional learning will be impacted

By Stewart Doreen
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Talk to Midland ISD board member Jay Isaacs for any length of time about the school district's budget and it's not going to take long for him to bring up two numbers — 51 and 235.

Fifty-one — as in $51 million — is the chapter 41 payment MISD officials expect to have to pay the state as required by the so-called "Robin Hood" school finance system.

The second number refers to the nearly $235 million in total revenue MISD officials expect to bring in.

That means Midland ISD will hand over to other districts about 21 percent of the tax money it collects. Meanwhile, MISD officials say they are facing a possible $25 million deficit.

"The lack of funding (by the state Legislature) is putting us in financial crisis right now," Isaacs said.

Among the casualties, if Monday's board of trustees meeting is any indication, will be 15 instructional coaching positions. Those coaches work with inexperienced and struggling teachers as part of a program started a few years ago, according to Patrick Jones, chief academic officer. Midland ISD has had trouble recruiting and retaining teachers in recent years because of the high cost of living that was the result of the heated economy and a general reluctance to move to West Texas.

The instructional coaches were supposed to help make teachers better and improve the academic performance of the school district, Isaacs said.

"Any cuts that can impact performance

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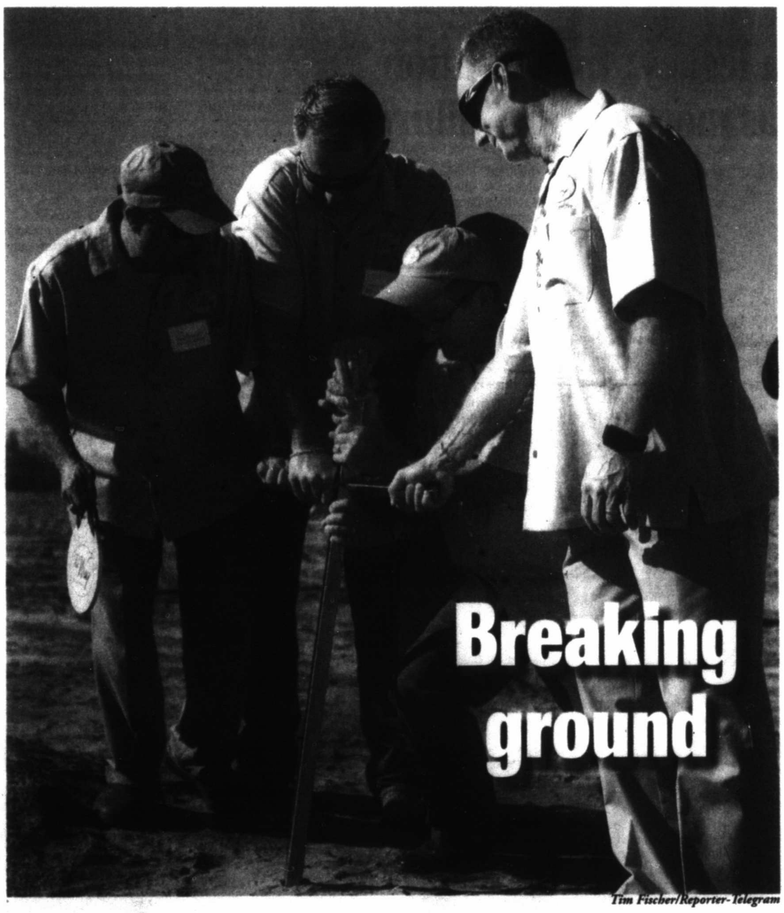

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The Way Retreat Center board members — Andy Iverson, vice president, from left; Brian Fralin, president; Jimmy Patterson, secretary, and Mark Gully, treasurer — place a cross at the spot where the center's chapel will be constructed. One hundred people attended the groundbreaking ceremony that was held Wednesday at the site off Todd Road and Loop 250. The Way is a nondenominational retreat center that will sit on 20 acres amid 300 acres of donated land in northeast Midland County, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report. Mike LaMonica, capital campaign manager, said $7.7 million already has been raised for the $11 million project that has been a decade in the making. Of the remaining funds needed, the Mabee Foundation has pledged to donate $1 million if $2.3 million is raised by next April, LaMonica said Wednesday afternoon. The Way would host events such as spiritual and corporate retreats and weddings and will have overnight accommodations for 80 guests and conference space for up to 100 people, according to the previous report. Construction is expected to be completed by December 2017. For more photos from the ceremony, see **Page 1B.**

Billionaire's dealmaking legacy upset by $33 billion bad bet

Bloomberg

Billionaire Kelcy Warren's legacy as a pipeline dealmaker may now be defined by his most ambitious misstep.

Warren built a reputation as a visionary by scooping up small pipeline companies just as the U.S. shale boom exploded. It helped him build a 71,000-mile oil- and natural gas superhighway that spans the country.

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H-E-B family's wealth now equal to Rockefellers'

By David Hendricks
San Antonio Express-News

The Charles Butt family, founders of H-E-B, has climbed the ranks of the richest U.S. families to tie with the Rockefellers at 23rd place, Forbes magazine said Wednesday in its latest rankings.

Although the Butt family fortune has diminished over the past year, the Rockefellers — who made most of their money in oil — saw their cumulative net worth decline even more, Forbes reported. The Butt family and Rockefeller family each has an estate valued at an estimated $11 billion, the ranking states.

The San Antonio family rose from the 24th wealthiest in America last year with

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Gasoline	$2.179	▼	$0.007

The big number
The solar-powered Juno spacecraft has traveled **almost 1.8 billion miles to Jupiter,** to send back the best close-up views as it circles the planet for a year. Read more on Page 7A.

Word of the Day: presenteeism
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Al Gore's daughter among 23 arrested in protest

Associated Press

BOSTON — Former Vice President Al Gore's daughter was among 23 people arrested during a protest of a pipeline under construction.

The arrests happened Wednesday at the site of Spectra Energy's West Roxbury Lateral pipeline in Boston.

Karenna Gore was among demonstrators who tried to block construction activity on the site by lying in a trench dug for the pipeline and refusing to move until firefighters removed them, said protest group Resist the Pipeline & Stop the West Roxbury Lateral.

The group opposes the pipeline because of safety and climate change concerns.

Protesters facing trespassing and disturbing the peace charges were being arraigned Thursday.

Gore, who serves as director of the Center for Earth Ethics at the Union Theological Seminary in

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FDA warns against eating raw dough

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a warning that's sure to disappoint many who enjoy sneaking a taste of cookie dough, federal regulators said this week that people should not eat raw dough or batter of any kind because of an ongoing outbreak of illnesses related to a strain of E. coli bacteria found in some recalled flour.

Raw dough also should not be used for homemade play clay for children or to make ornaments, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

Restaurants are being advised by the Centers for Disease Control to refrain from giving children raw dough to play with while they wait for their meals.

The flour in question is among 10 million pounds voluntarily recalled last month by General Mills, the FDA said.

It comes from a General Mills facility in Kansas City, Missouri, that the CDC pinpointed earlier this month as the likely source for dozens of illnesses in 20 states related to a strain of E. coli.

General Mills says a sample of the recalled flour tested positive for the E. coli strain.

Many people infected with the bacteria suffer bloody diarrhea and abdominal cramps.

Kidney failure is also possible. At least 10 people have been hospitalized because of the outbreak. No deaths have been reported.

Anyone handling raw dough or flour should wash their hands and anything the ingredients touched, the FDA advised.

The agency said the E. coli bacteria can be killed once food is baked, boiled or otherwise heated during preparation.

Despite the recently announced recall, eating raw dough has always carried the risk of salmonella poisoning due to the presence of raw eggs.

Those looking to get their fix may want to turn to commercially-made cookie dough ice cream, which the FDA says should be made with treated flour and pasteurized eggs.

AP Photo/Andrew Harnik

President Barack Obama speaks in the White House briefing room on the Supreme Court decision on immigration June 23. Hours after the Supreme Court sent his immigration policy into legal limbo, President Barack Obama huddled around a long conference table in the Roosevelt Room with disappointed activists. The president looked out at familiar faces, some teary. It had been a long and tough fight, Obama said, and he had taken some beatings — even from supporters who "whupped on me good."

Obama legacy: Immigration stands as most glaring failure

By Kathleen Hennessey
Associated Press

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He believed his policies would prevail, according to participants in the meeting, but said it was now up to voters and the next president to take up the baton.

And with that, Obama delivered his version of a concession speech on a fight that has frustrated him like few others, roiled the campaign to replace him and is certain to test his successor.

When Obama leaves office in January, immigration overhaul will stand as the most glaring failure in his 7 1/2-year effort to enact a vision of social change. Despite two campaigns full of promises and multiple strategies, Obama imposed only incremental, largely temporary changes on the immigration system. He leaves behind an outdated and overwhelmed system, with some 11 million people living in the U.S. illegally.

Behind that failure, Obama's legacy will be judged by a sometimes contradictory mix of policies — some aimed at bringing immigrants "out of the shadows," others at removing them from the U.S.

He will be remembered for protecting 730,000 young people, a generation of so-called Dreamers, who were brought to the U.S. as children. Advocates and allies will credit him with embracing a newly aggressive assertion of executive power that, despite the court deadlock and political opposition, remains a legal pathway for the next president. And he will go down as a leader who consistently defended the importance of immigrants in American life, as anti-immigrant sentiment swelled up in parts of the U.S. and abroad.

"Immigration is not something to fear," Obama said last week. "We don't have to wall ourselves off from those who may not look like us right now or pray like we do, or have a different last name."

"What makes us Americans," he proclaimed, "is our shared commitment to an ideal that all of us are created equal, all of us have a chance to make of our lives what we will."

But Obama also will be remembered as a president who prioritized other issues, missing perhaps the best chance to pass sweeping legislation and only reluctantly adjusting his strategy in the face of firm opposition.

And his administration aggressively enforced current laws, deporting more than 2.4 million people. The total is nearly as many as his two predecessors combined.

"His strategy early on was to prove his enforcement bona fides," said Janet Murguia, president of the National Council of La Raza, an immigration advocacy group, who once labeled Obama the "deporter-in-chief."

"He was facing an unprecedented, highly personalized opposition from Congress," she said. "We fault him, I believe correctly, for failing to recognize soon enough this intransigence by Congress and failing to use his authority sooner."

If evaluating Obama's record is a matter of tallying two columns — in one, the number of people he protected from removal; in the other, the number deported — the Supreme Court went a long way last week toward tipping the ledger toward the latter.

With its 4-4 tie, it thwarted Obama's last chance to shield up to 4 million people from deportation. The decision left in place an injunction freezing his 2014 executive action, which expanded his protection of Dreamers and temporarily protected some parents of people with legal status.

The deadlock, resulting from a Republican blockade against Obama's Supreme Court nominee, left the constitutionality of the action unsettled. But it had a significant impact on Obama's legacy.

"If the Supreme Court had ruled in his favor, he'd probably be remembered as the person who helped to protect half of the undocumented population in the country, which probably would have been a turning point toward reform sooner rather than later," said Frank Sharry, founder of the immigration reform group America's Voice. Instead, he said Obama will be most remembered for his administration's "record number of deportations."

The White House rejects a by-the-numbers analysis. Work to modernize the border and bring new order to a chaotic deportation system isn't necessarily conveyed in the calculation, officials argue.

The administration overhauled the role of local law enforcement. In 2014, the president declared the administration's limited resources would be focused on removing threats to national security and public safety and recent arrivals. Deportation has decreased since. Last year, the administration deported the fewest people since 2006.

"Devising that approach and implementing it has fundamentally changed the way laws are enforced and has had a real impact on communities," said Cecilia Munoz, the president's chief adviser on immigration. "That's a very, very big change. That's a large piece of the legacy."

It is a piece of the legacy that remains controversial. Prioritizing recent arrivals inevitably means targeting some of the women and children who have been fleeing violence in Central America. A series of Christmastime raids last year revived complaints about the policy from Democrats and immigrant advocates. The White House has shown no sign of backing down.

Could Obama have charted a different course on immigration?

Entering office during an economic crisis, Obama focused on stimulating growth and reforming the financial sector. Then there was his massive health care legislation. Along the way, he broke a campaign promise to back overhaul legislation on immigration in his first year.

It was 2011 before Obama endorsed a set of reform principles. By then, Democrats had lost control of the House and the best window for passing a bill had closed.

With Latinos, a key political constituency, restless ahead of his re-election bid, Obama announced his first executive action to shield Dreamers in June 2012. He made a new law a top priority of his second term. Although the Senate passed legislation, the GOP-led House refused to vote on it.

"Republicans never gave him credit for the actions that were taken both in terms of security on the border and deportations that did occur," said Sen. Jeff Flake, a Republican from Arizona who backed the Senate bill but opposed Obama's executive actions. "It was a more robust program than Republicans ever gave him credit for. But no good deed goes unpunished in this political environment. The narrative was kind of set and it was furthered by the actions that he took."

After claiming he did not have the authority, Obama bowed to intense pressure from advocates and announced a second executive action in November 2014. He'd waited until after midterm elections, concerned he would damage prospects for senators in tough races. Democrats lost the Senate anyway and the move revived Republican charges of unconstitutional overreach. More than two dozen states eventually signed on to a court challenge that froze the program.

Still, allies cast Obama's about-turn as a game-changer. Future presidents almost certainly will try to flex similar authority to work around gridlock on Capitol Hill. Hillary Clinton, the presumptive Democratic nominee, has promised to go further than Obama.

"He has rewritten the playbook and added several pages to it on what the executive can and should do. There's a lot of room there," said Angela Kelley, an immigration expert at the Center for America Progress. "Is that necessarily the best way? No. But it is legal, and it is smart and strategic."

Whether the courts agree will help shape Obama's legacy.

Resolution isn't likely until after he leaves office.

Clinton would likely pick up where Obama left off in pushing to address the status of the millions of immigrants living in the U.S. illegally.

If Republican Donald Trump prevails, Obama's effort could end up as another painful, close-but-not-quite moment. Trump has proposed building a wall along the border with Mexico and barring Muslims from the U.S.

"The finish line has been in sight for a very, very long time," said Munoz, a veteran of legislative battles over immigration. "It is only a matter of political will."

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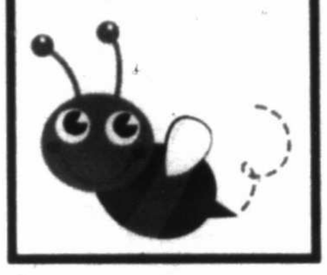

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Former death row inmate to seek exoneration

Associated Press

TYLER — A court hearing is planned for a former Texas death row inmate who has had a murder charge against him dropped but continues to seek a full exoneration.

Kerry Max Cook is scheduled to appear in district court in Tyler on Friday to argue for a final ruling of actual innocence in the 1977 case of a 21-year-old woman found dead in her apartment.

An angry Cook fired his attorneys about three weeks ago because they reached an agreement that included granting immunity to prosecutors involved in his 1978 conviction. Cook says he never OK'd the agreement.

His new attorney, Houston lawyer Mark Bennett, says the judge overseeing Friday's hearing will forward a recommendation to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, which will determine whether Cook should be declared innocent.

Family of Austin teen killed by police sues city, ex-officer

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The family of a nude, unarmed teen shot dead by an Austin police officer in February is suing the city and the since-fired officer.

The family of 17-year-old David Joseph announced Thursday that it had filed the wrongful death lawsuit a day earlier in federal court in Austin.

Police said officer Geoffrey Freeman shot and killed Joseph on Feb. 8 after the teen refused orders to stop and charged at the officer.

Freeman's attorney didn't return a message seeking comment on the lawsuit.

A city statement says it "will take appropriate action to protect the city's interests."

Joseph was black, as is Freeman. He was fired in March. Police Chief Art Acevedo said he violated department policy in the shooting.

A grand jury declined to indict Freeman.

PROTEST

From 2A

New York, and others facing resisting arrest charges will be arraigned Friday.

Gore said in an email that she was honored to be part of the protest "as they made the case that there are higher moral principles at stake here that merit nonviolent civil disobedience."

"The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission should be helping us transition to renewable energy like solar and wind but instead they almost always defer to the fossil fuel industry," she wrote.

Al Gore, who served as vice president under Democratic President Bill Clinton, said he was proud of his daughter.

"We are facing an existential crisis and should speed up the transition away from fossil fuels and toward renewable energy and a decarbonized economy," he said through a spokeswoman.

Houston-based Spectra Energy Corp. said it does not condone actions that take first responders away from their duties.

"Our pipelines provide a vital source of reliable, affordable energy for the nation's homes, hospitals, businesses and schools. Low energy prices help everyone, particularly those least able to pay their bills," company spokesman Creighton Welch said in a statement.

The 5-mile pipeline is part of a larger, roughly $1 billion plan to expand natural gas capacity in New England.

Protesters said Buddhist, Jewish and Christian clergy members were among those charged with resisting arrest, as was noted climate change activist Tim DeChristopher, who a few years ago tried to stop drilling operations in Utah.

"We can no longer pretend like what Spectra is doing here in West Roxbury is anything other than digging a mass grave," DeChristopher said in remarks at the protest.

DeChristopher tried to thwart drilling near Utah's national parks by posing as a buyer during a 2008 government oil and gas lease auction.

He served 21 months in federal prison, and his probation ended this April.

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Child Protective Services ends talk of pay hike for managers

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas child welfare officials are backing away from an earlier proposal to increase pay for top managers to at least $100,000 at a time the agency is seeing high turnover among caseworkers who receive modest pay for heavy workloads.

Child Protective Services announced Thursday in the wake of an Austin American-Statesman report that it's ending any further consideration "until clear improvement is seen at CPS."

The newspaper had obtained a confidential CPS document showing officials were recommending that salaries for CPS' 10 regional directors top out at $142,000. The memo said the directors perform "highly advanced managerial work."

The director serving the Austin region would have seen a pay raise of nearly 30 percent, pushing her annual salary to $110,000. The raises for the 10 directors would cost the agency about $268,000 a year, according to the memo.

CPS is regularly criticized for low pay for caseworkers who in many instances are contending with soaring caseloads. An entry-level caseworker earns about $33,000. And the agency is contending with the broad problem of high turnover among staffers and plummeting morale.

The Dallas Morning News previously reported that a backlog of cases in the Dallas area is resulting in investigators missing deadlines for visiting children or not visiting them at all.

In Travis County, there are 110 investigator jobs available but just 54 workers who are handling dozens of welfare cases, according to the Austin newspaper. The number of delinquent cases, which are open for more than 60 days, rose both in Travis County and statewide.

Patrick Crimmins, spokesman for the Department of Family and Protective Services, had said the salary proposal was part of a broader effort to improve the agency and that the raises wouldn't be tied to people but instead to the positions and number of employees a manager supervises.

Caseworker salaries are based on a state-mandated classification system that results in a range of compensation, Crimmins said. New workers start at a lower salary because CPS can't afford to pay everyone higher wages, he said. The agency, however, does offer bonuses as a reward; CPS in 2014 granted $615,000 in merit raises to 2,800 employees, the newspaper reports.

Scott McCown, director of the Children's Rights Clinic at the University of Texas, said regional directors should get more money, but caseworkers who conduct a range of important work also need substantial raises.

"That's a great thing, as long as it's coupled with going to the Legislature and saying we need more money for the people at the bottom," McCown told the newspaper.

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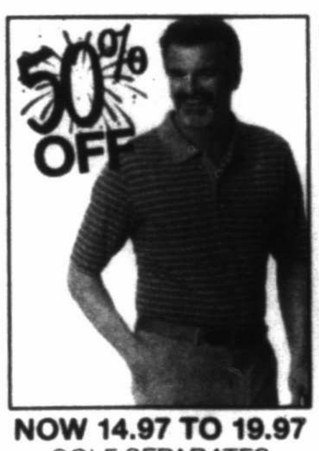

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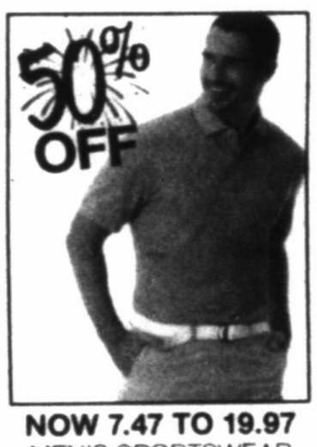

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■ Bingo Nights at the The American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 432-682-5511.

■ Friday Night Magic, 7 p.m., Hastings, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. Free

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., The Detour.

■ Jay Statham Band, 8 p.m., Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80.

■ DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., The Lift on 7th, 1401 E. 7th St. Odessa.

■ Tim Kreitz Band, 9 p.m., The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

■ Miss Texas US of A Benefit Show for Kloey Douglas, 9 p.m., Club 2020, 1023 S. Grant Ave., Odessa. Support the reigning Miss Mid-Cities US of A before she represents the Permian Basin in the Miss Texas drag pageant.

■ Summer Mummers 2016: "Midland's Master Munchie Maker or… Are You Going to Eat That?" at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. summermummers.com.

New movies in Midland

■ At Tall City 14: "The BFG," "The Legend of Tarzan," "The Purge: Election Year."

■ At Cinergy Cinemas: Opening: "The BFG," "The Legend of Tarzan," "The Purge: Election Year."

Swimming pools today

Doug Russell Aquatic Center, located at 900 Midland Drive, will be open from noon to 7 p.m. The lap pool will be closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lap swimming.

Washington Aquatic Center, located at 1601 E. Indiana Ave., will be open from noon to 7 p.m.

The cost of entry at City of Midland pools is $3 per person, with free admission for children under the age of 2.

Source: City of Midland

Freedom run

Registration is open for 5K Freedom Run, which is Saturday. The chip-timed race will start at 8 a.m. from First Baptist Church north parking lot, 2104 W. Louisiana Avenue.

Proceeds from the race will benefit the Midland Municipal Employees Scholarship Fund, a non-profit organization that provides college scholarships to dependents of city employees. The entry fee is $35. The first 200 registrants will receive an event T-shirt. All registrants will be eligible for the chance to win a GoPro camera, according to a press release from the city.

Gas prices in Midland

Cheapest gas: $2.06 (Sam's Club, Tradewinds/SH 191)
Cheapest gas (non-membership club): $2.09 (Multiple locations across Midland)
Most expensive gas: $2.39 (Patriot Oil, I-20/South Midkiff)
Most common price: $2.19
Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock $1.86, San Angelo $1.93, Odessa $1.97, Midland $2.06, Abilene $2.06

Midland-Odessa		
This week:	$2.188	$2.115
Last week:	$2.193	$2.124
Last month:	$2.091	$2.086
Last year:	$2.533	$2.571

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Texas average remains steady as holiday approaches

COPPELL — As drivers prepare for the July Fourth holiday, the average price of retail gas across Texas remains steady.

AAA Texas said Wednesday that the statewide average for a gallon of regular unleaded gas is at $2.12 this week. That price is the same as last week and 46 cents less per gallon than last year.

Drivers in Dallas are paying the most on average at $2.19 per gallon. Drivers in Amarillo are paying the least at $1.96 per gallon.

AAA Texas says the national average is $2.29 per gallon. That's three cents less than last week, 48 cents less than last year.

AAA Texas forecasts that of Texans traveling during the holiday weekend, 2.6 million will drive — a 1.6 percent increase in auto travel compared to last year.

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

Source: City of Midland

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 8-9-6
Pick 3 day: 8-1-6
Pick 3 evening: 5-4-7
Pick 3 night: 5-8-4
Daily 4 morning: 9-0-8-3
Daily 4 day: 5-9-7-0
Daily 4 evening: 8-1-9-1
Daily 4 night: 5-0-1-6
Triple Chance: 10-14-17-19-27-42-48-50-52-53
Cash Five: 13-14-26-28-33
Texas Two Step: 14-18-23-33 BB: 33
All or Nothing morning: 1-3-7-9-12-13-14-16-17-19-21-24
All or Nothing day: 2-3-6-7-8-9-15-17-19-20-21-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-4-5-7-8-9-10-11-15-20-21-24
All or Nothing night: 1-8-9-10-11-12-17-19-20-21-23-24

City maintains AAA credit rating despite economic downturn

From staff reports

Fitch Ratings has once again affirmed the city of Midland's top credit rating, noting that the local government entity's rating outlook appears stable, despite the decline experienced by the energy sector, according to a press release from the city.

Conservative budgeting, financial flexibility and healthy reserve levels were cited as key drivers behind the rating, which was released last week.

Analysts expect the city to "demonstrate an exceptional strong degree of gap closing ability and financial resilience during an economic downturn based on its healthy reserves, strong expenditure flexibility and high independent revenue-raising ability in relation to potential revenue declines," according to Fitch's report.

During times of economic prosperity, the city used sales tax funds in excess of one-third of general fund revenues for non-recurring uses, one-time capital improvements or to enhance fund balance reserves in order to maintain a minimum of 30 percent in reserves, which is slightly above the city's 25 percent fund balance policy level, according to the release.

The city has cut $2.8 million from general fund spending to account for the decline in sales tax revenues, which are about 20 percent lower than they were last year at this time.

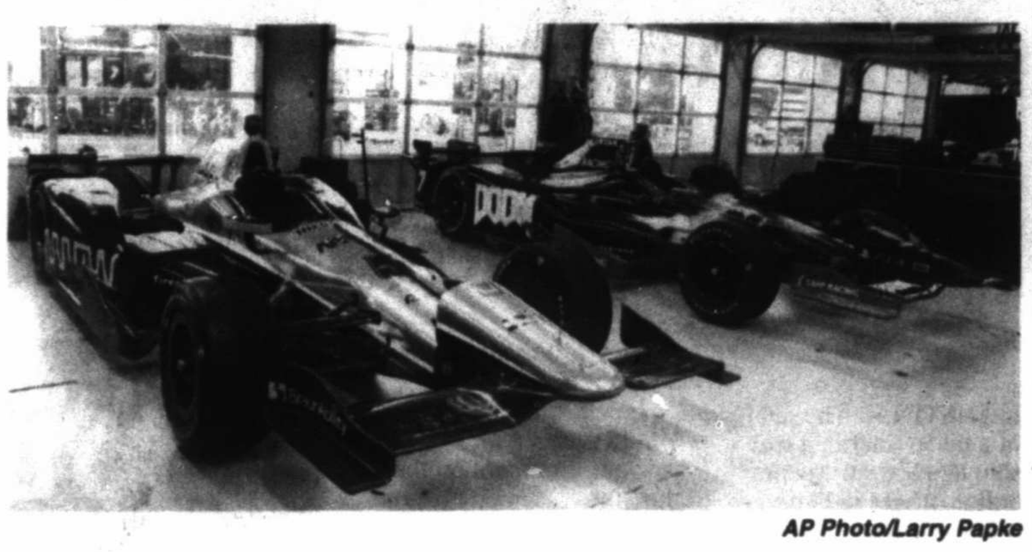
The city's unrestricted fund balance for fiscal year 2015 is currently at $71 million, or 64 percent of expenditures, to provide cushion in the case of further economic decline.

By obtaining the highest issuer credit rating, the city of Midland is able to receive the lowest interest rate possible when selling bonds for capital projects.

This in turn allows the city to maintain low property tax rates, according to the release.

IndyCar's rescheduled race has perks

Associated Press



AP Photo/Larry Papke

James Hinchcliffe's car sits in the garage after being removed from the track because of a thunderstorm during an IndyCar auto race at Texas Motor Speedway Sunday in Fort Worth. The race was halted and is to be completed as a night race on Aug. 27.

FORT WORTH — IndyCar's rescheduled race at Texas Motor Speedway will have a few perks and some reduced prices.

The track announced plans for the resumption of the Firestone 600. The race on Thursday will restart Aug. 27. It was initially postponed a day in June and then halted because of more rain after 71 of 248 laps.

In an effort to lure fans back, track officials are providing a driver autograph session, $1 hot dogs and drinks, free vintage IndyCar T-shirts and reduced pricing for general admission tickets on the front-stretch.

Also, anyone who purchases a ticket to the NASCAR race at Texas will get a free ticket to the IndyCar race.

"Our loyal and dedicated fans went through a challenging race weekend in June due to the two days of inclement weather, and we wanted to show the speedway's appreciation to them in a variety of ways for the completion of the Firestone 600 on August 27," track president Eddie Gossage said.

Complete discounts include:

■ An autograph session featuring all drivers on the main concourse prior to the race.

■ All front-stretch seating, including premium sections, will be general admission and priced at $28. This is a 29 percent reduction from the least expensive initial Firestone 600 individual ticket and reflects the percentage of the race that already has been run at this stage. Children 12 and under can get in for $10.

■ The purchase of any ticket for the Sprint Cup Series race (Nov. 6) will include a free general admission ticket to the Firestone 600. The offer ends Aug. 27.

■ Select dining spots on the front stretch will offer $1 hot dogs and Coca-Cola beverages while supplies last.

■ The first 3,000 fans will receive a free vintage Indy-car T-shirt, compliments of Speedway Motorsports Inc.

■ All fans purchasing outside camping for the June 11 race will be upgraded to available prime camping spots in the infield at no additional charge. Camping opens Aug. 26.

■ The pits and garage will be open to all fans at the conclusion of the race.

H-E-B

From 1A

$12.3 billion in assets, according to Forbes. The Rockefeller heirs dropped from 22nd place.

The family fortunes each are worth more than the annual gross domestic product for many small nations, including the Republic of Armenia, the Bahamas and Haiti.

H-E-B declined to comment on the rankings Wednesday.

The top 25 richest U.S. families lost $11 billion over the past year, Forbes said. Their combined worth now stands at $722 billion.

The Butt family fortune is held by just five people, Forbes wrote, while the Rockefeller estate is shared by 174 of John D. Rockefeller's descendants.

Patriarch Charles Butt, H-E-B chairman and CEO, holds most of the family's wealth along with his sister Eleanor Butt Crook, his brother Howard Butt Jr., and two nephews, Howard Butt III and Stephen Butt.

Charles, whose grandmother Florence Butt opened the family's first grocery store in Kerrville in 1905, started as a bag boy when he was 8. He took over management of what then was a growing chain from his father, Howard Edward Butt, in 1971 after Charles earned business degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Business School. H-E-B now has more than $20 billion in annual sales, Forbes magazine said.

Over the years, the company shifted its headquarters to Harlingen and then to Corpus Christi. H-E-B moved its headquarters to San Antonio in 1985.

Charles Butt is the majority shareholder for the chain that now operates 329 stores in Texas and 54 in Mexico, according to H-E-B.

Howard Butt Jr. is known for operating the H.E. Butt Foundation, the family's charitable arm that mainly benefits educational causes.

Eleanor Butt Crook is a former schoolteacher who became a public education advocate and a world hunger activist.

Howard Butt III heads the grocery chain's Mexico division. Stephen Butt manages H-E-B's upscale grocery brand, Central Market.

H-E-B announced last November that it was granting employees a 15 percent stake in the company under a stock grant program.

Company shares aren't publicly traded, but under the stock grant program, eligible employees received stock grants valued at 3 percent of their salary on Jan. 1. The stock grant is augmented with $100 in stock for each year of an employee's continuous service completed by the end of 2015. The program affects about 55,000 of the company's 86,000 employees at the end of last year.

MISD

From 1A

are ones we are taking serious look at," Isaacs said.

The 15 coaching positions would save $975,000, according to MISD budget documents. While a fraction of the overall deficit MISD faces, it brought the most conversation at Monday's meeting. Lose-lose is how one board member described the idea of instructional coaching cuts. "It will hurt teacher learning" is an expected outcome of the cuts.

"I'm very concerned because while we are told to improve the academic performance across the board, it is difficult to do that while the resource is being reduced," said board member James Fuller. "It is counterproductive."

MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren called the academic coaches program "one of the best academic coaching decisions we have made." It allows the building of relationships with teachers — one that is different from the one teachers have with principals, Warren said.

Jones said another problem with limiting resources for professional development is that younger teachers, even college graduates, have the expectation a district will have a mentor program and instructional coaches.

The 15 coaching positions are ones that are vacant because teachers are leaving the district or retiring. The result is the district will have 27 coaches to work with teachers on more than 35 campuses.

"When we interact with teachers at a campus level, they appreciate knowing someone can observe," Jones said.

There was a silver lining at Monday's budget workshop. Jones told the board that of the 75 to 80 new teachers at a recent curriculum training, 55 to 60 of them had experience "from a semester to 25 years." The other good news is that so far no coaches have had to be reassigned back to the classroom.

Most signs point to the board asking the voters to approve a higher tax rate this fall, possibly one as high as $1.17 percent $100 valuation (the current tax rate is $1.04). If a tax rate election — often called a TRE — fails, more academic coaches would be reassigned to the classroom as the third and fourth level of cuts are put into place.

It is more of the same from a school funding process Fuller called "counterproductive to what a district our size is expected to produce in terms of academic excellence."

"The financial constraints are making it difficult to get staffing where you need to it," Isaacs said. "It puts you in a spiral. What is so contradictory is the state Legislature knows it is totally inadequate."

BET

From 1A

Then, when it came to his biggest deal yet, a $33 billion takeover of rival Williams Cos., the strategy he's used at least nine times since 2004 failed him. On Wednesday, he walked away from the merger that had devolved into lawsuits and name calling. The result has put a harsh spotlight on his methods and motives, and spurred concern over whether his company, Energy Transfer Equity, will be able to pull off other deals anytime soon.

"Kelcy definitely earned a premium for a while because of the visionary he's been," said Rob Thummel, a managing director at Tortoise Capital Advisors, citing Warren's ability to draw investment in the past. "Now, with this saga, this circus, whatever you want to call it," he said, "that may switch from being a Kelcy premium to a discount."

Vicki Granado, a spokeswoman for Energy Transfer, declined to comment and Warren wasn't made available to comment.

The Williams deal, announced in September, promised to add one of America's longest and most heavily used systems to Warren's collection. The Transco pipeline owned by Oklahoma-based Williams ships gas from the Gulf Coast to 12 southeast and mid-Atlantic states to New York City, plugging into the prolific Marcellus shale region along the way.

The timing, though, turned out to be horrible. From Sept. 28, when the agreement was announced, to Feb. 11, crude prices fell by more than 40 percent, spoiling the economics of the deal. When Williams declined to renegotiate, Warren began looking for ways to end it.

It was the way Warren went about extricating himself that left behind a bad taste for some, starting with a private offering of convertible units in March that was done against Williams' wishes. The offering created a "superpriority" class of select investors whose cash distributions would be protected, even if the company cut its payout to remaining shareholders once the deal was concluded, Williams said in court papers.

Included in that class was Warren, who received 57 percent of the convertible units. Williams complained that Warren, whose primary source of income comes from distributions, engineered the sale to protect his personal wealth, guaranteeing him more than $200 million a year in payments, at the expense of Williams's shareholders and other Energy Transfer investors.

Six weeks later, Energy Transfer raised a tax complication that was supported during the court case held in Delaware, ultimately opening the way for Warren to scuttle the deal entirely.

The aggressive push by Warren to kill the Williams deal could spur skepticism in future deals by Energy Transfer, said Keith E. Bailey, the CEO of Williams from 1994 to 2002. While rival companies will still be willing to deal with Energy Transfer in the future, competing management teams will probably go more carefully into negotiations, making future deals harder to close, he said.

"If my shareholders, who'd become his shareholders, are going to be treated that way, I'm going to have to paper this deal a lot tighter," Bailey said in a telephone interview.

At the same time, Warren's won his share of fans in recent months, according to Jefferies analyst Chris Sighinolfi. "There's another population that says, 'He fought more tenaciously than any other management team I've encountered, so I want to be aligned with a fighter,'" Sighinolfi said.

RBC Capital Markets analyst Elvira Scotto agreed, saying in a note to clients Thursday that Energy Transfer will now have more flexibility to strengthen its balance sheet. Scotto has an "outperform" rating for Energy Transfer and set a $17 target price for its units.

Energy Transfer was down 2.1 percent to $14.39 at 1:03 p.m. in New York trading.

Warren's efforts has spurred concern among ratings companies. On Wednesday, just hours after the Williams agreement was terminated, Moody's Investors Service lowered to negative from stable the outlook for both Energy Transfer Equity and Energy Transfer Partners, citing higher debt levels at the companies, as well as "the potential litigation fallout emanating from ETE's recently terminated bid."

Some investors now wonder if Warren will move to simplify the corporate structure of Energy Transfer and three other master limited partnerships he controls — Energy Transfer Partners, Sunoco LP and Sunoco Logistics Partners LP — in the hopes of making it easier down the road to raise capital for transactions at a time when oil is sitting at less than $50 a barrel.

"He's got a hugely complex balance sheet structure with lots of debt, which was fine when oil was at $100," said Skip Aylesworth, who manages $1.5 billion in holdings at Hennessy Funds in Boston. "With oil at $50, $40, $30, it becomes very complicated for him and he's got a lot of leaks in the wall that he's trying to plug."

That could put it at a strategic disadvantage, according to Thummel, the Tortoise Capital Advisors manager. If the midstream industry were to see a wave of consolidation right now, companies including Spectra Energy Corp. and Enterprise Products Partners LP are in a better position to buy up assets, Thummel said.

"You've got companies out there positioning themselves, or already positioned, that have a lower cost of capital than you do," Thummel said.

By abandoning the Williams deal over his financial concerns, Warren passed up on "the crown jewel" of U.S. gas pipelines, Thummel said, pointing at a map and making reference to the Transco pipeline. "If you asked Kelcy where he wished he was, he's missing out on an opportunity right here."

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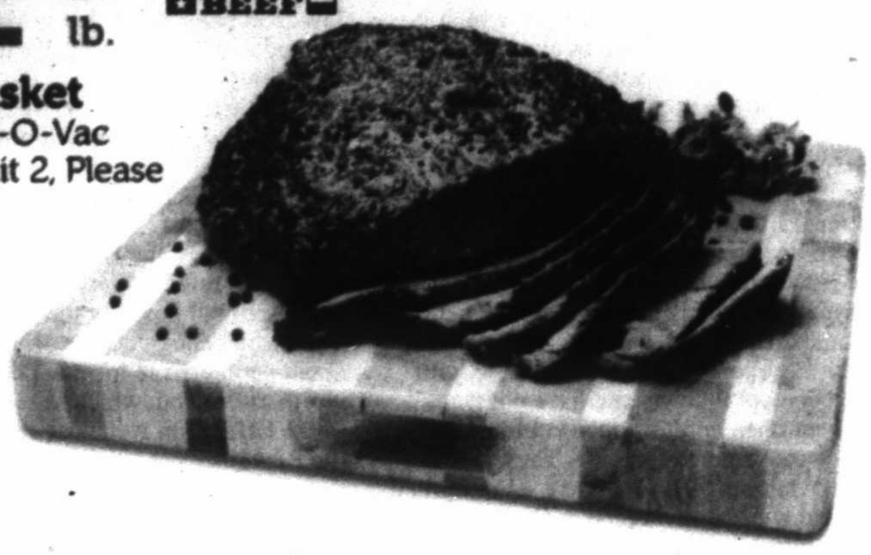

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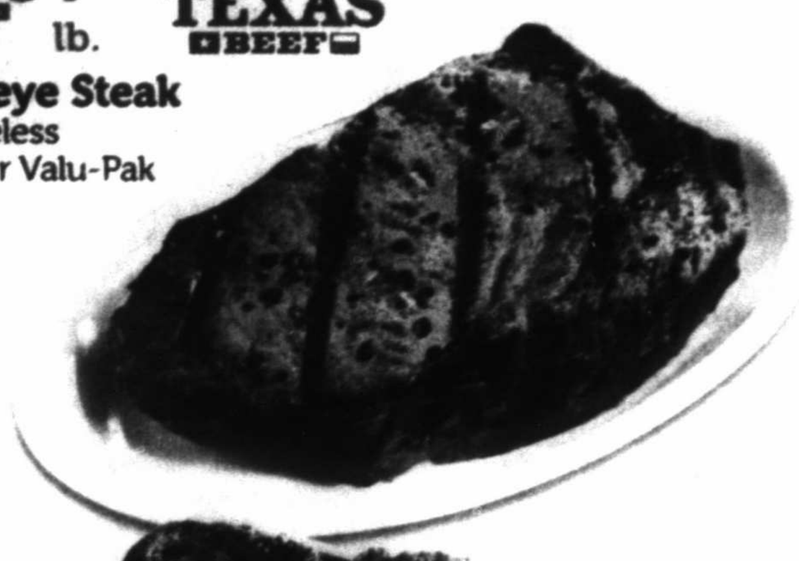

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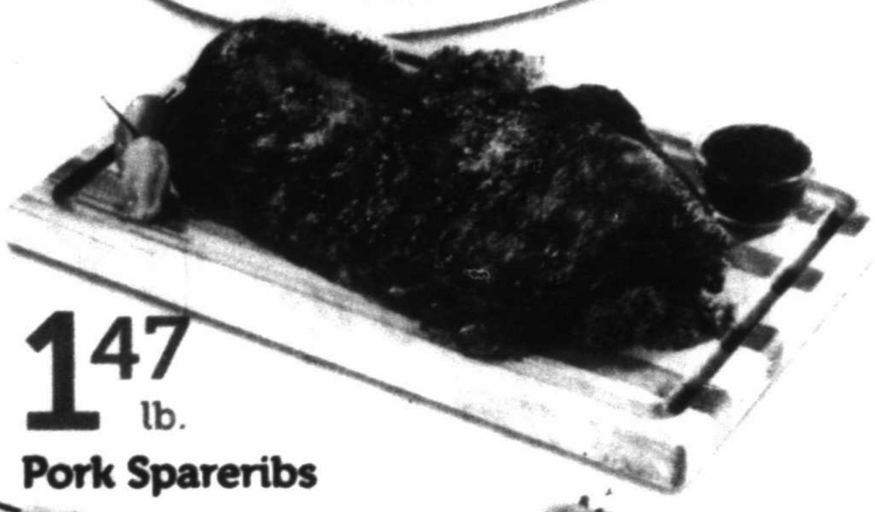

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OPINION

Brexit may have created a little England

■ EU's arrogance, pomposity could be its undoing

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER
Washington Post Writers Group

Given their arrogance, pomposity and habitual absurdities, it is hard not to feel a certain satisfaction with the comeuppance that Brexit has delivered to the unaccountable European Union bureaucrats in Brussels.

Nonetheless, we would do well to refrain from smug condescension. Unity is not easy. What began in 1951 as a six-member European Coal and Steel Community was grounded in a larger conception of a united Europe born from the ashes of World War II. Seven decades into the postwar era, Britain wants out and the EU is facing an existential crisis.

Yet where were we Americans seven decades into our great experiment in continental confederation, our "more perfect union" contracted under the Constitution of 1787? At Fort Sumter.

The failure of our federal idea gave us civil war and 600,000 dead. And we had the advantage of a common language, common heritage and common memory of heroic revolutionary struggle against a common (British) foe. Europe had none of this. The European project tries to forge the union of dozens of disparate peoples, ethnicities, languages and cultures, amid the searing memories of the two most destructive wars in history fought among and against each other.

The result is the EU, a great idea badly executed. The founding motive was obvious and noble: to reconcile the combatants of World War II, most especially France and Germany, and create conditions that would ensure there could be no repetition. Onto that was appended the more utopian vision of a continental superstate that would once and for all transcend parochial nationalism.

That vision blew up with Brexit on June 23. But we mustn't underestimate the significance, and improbability, of the project's more narrow, but still singular, achievement -- peace. It has given Europe the most extended period of internal tranquility since the Roman Empire. (In conjunction, of course, with NATO, which provided Europe with its American umbrella against external threat.)

Not only is there no armed conflict among European states, the very idea is inconceivable. (Fighting between the various nations has been subcontracted to soccer hooligans.) This on a continent where war had been the norm for a millennium.

Give the EU its due. Despite its comical faux-national paraphernalia of flag, anthem and useless parliament, it has championed and advanced a transnational idea that has helped curb the nationalist excesses that culminated in two world wars.

Advanced not quite enough, however. Certainly not enough to support its disdainful, often dismissive, treatment of residual nationalisms and their democratic expressions. Despite numerous objections by referendum and parliament, which it routinely either ignored or circumvented, the EU continued its relentless drive for more centralization, more regulation and thus more power for its unelected self.

Such high-handed overr ling of popular sentiment could go on only so long. Until June 23, 2016, to be precise.

To be sure, popular sentiment was rather narrowly divided. The most prominent disparity in the British vote was generational. The young, having grown up in the new Europe, are more comfortable with its cosmopolitanism and have come to expect open borders, open commerce and open movement of people. They voted overwhelmingly — by 3 to 1 — to remain. Leave was mainly the position of an older generation no longer willing to tolerate European assaults on British autonomy and sovereignty.

Understandably so. Here is Britain, inventor of the liberal idea and home to the mother of parliaments, being instructed by a bunch of pastry-eating Brussels bureaucrats on everything from the proper size of pomegranates to the human rights of terrorists.

Widely mentioned, and resented, was the immigration directive to admit other EU citizens near automatically. But what pushed the Leave side over the top was less policy than primacy. Who runs Britain? Amazingly, about half of the laws and regulations that govern British life today come not from Westminster but from Brussels.

Brexit was an assertion of national sovereignty and an attempt, in one fell swoop, to recover it.

There is much to admire in that impulse. But at what cost? Among its casualties may be not just the European project (other exit referendums are already being proposed) but possibly the United Kingdom itself. The Scots are already talking about another vote for independence. And Northern Ireland, which voted to remain in the EU, might well seek to unite with the Republic.

Talk about a great idea executed badly. In seeking a newly sovereign United Kingdom, the Brits might well find themselves having produced a little England.

GUEST VIEW

Senate must do its job and act on high court vacancy

San Antonio Express-News

It has been more than three months since President Barack Obama nominated federal Judge Merrick Garland for the Supreme Court following the death of Justice Antonin Scalia the month before. And the GOP-controlled Senate, playing pure politics, has refused to act on the nomination until after the November election.

On Thursday, a 4-4 Supreme Court failed to reach an opinion on a case that tested the administration's authority to use the discretion it has always had to prioritize the deportation of those most in need of removal. The president's executive action would have allowed millions of undocumented immigrants — the parents of citizens or lawful permanent residents — to avoid deportation and obtain work permits.

The deadlock means a Texas federal judge's injunction on the program, affirmed by an appeals court, remains in place. Deferral for undocumented immigrants brought here as children remains in place, though an expansion of it is also stalled.

The absence of an opinion throws back into limbo — and back into the shadows where they can be exploited — people without criminal backgrounds who simply want to work.

Imagine scenarios in which the families of children who are U.S. citizens are torn apart when parents are deported.

The deadlock brings into stark relief the result when the Senate shirks its constitutional obligation to deny or confirm a nominee for the high court. It has refused to give Garland a hearing.

Senate Republicans might be just fine with the outcome in this particular case. But they weren't so happy when the high court in March deadlocked on a labor case that favored public employee unions. And they are likely unhappy with another court deadlock Thursday that leaves intact tribal courts' ability — in a civil case — to hold Dollar General Corp. and one of its nontribal-member employees liable for a child molestation.

There is a lot of injury to go around here.

There are, of course, families living in fear because of this ruling and because of congressional failure to pass comprehensive immigration reform. This lack of reform is what prompted the president to launch his deferral programs.

But there is also the injury caused simply because the Supreme Court cannot do its job without a tie-breaking vote. Laws and actions go uninterpreted, and this lack of clarity disrupts lives.

The Senate must do its job. Give Garland a hearing.

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Political circle has new top draw

■ Elizabeth Warren also becomes Hillary Clintobn's greatest asset

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Watching Hillary Clinton beaming sidewise on stage as Elizabeth Warren taunted Donald Trump brought the Wrigley twin ditty to mind: *Double your pleasure, double your fun, with double good, double good, Doublemint gum.*

Instead of two happy twins riding a tandem bicycle to celebrate chewing gum, the Clinton-Warren sixties sister-clones — wearing blond bobs and shades of blue — rode Trump with a gobsmacking double-punch.

Railed the petite senator from Massachusetts: "Now, Donald Trump says he'll make America great again. ... It's stamped on the front of his goofy hat. You want to see goofy? Look at him in that hat."

This was her way of topping Trump's repeated use of "goofy" to insult her.

And: "When Donald Trump says 'great,' I ask: 'great for who, exactly?'" she said. "When Donald says he'll make America great, he means make it even greater for rich guys just like Donald Trump. ... That's who Donald Trump is. ... And watch out, because he will crush you into the dirt."

And so the Twitter wars between a non-candidate and the presumptive Republican presidential nominee will likely continue. Doesn't Trump realize that he's the one running for president?

Clinton's rally, the first to feature Warren, was followed by a sisterhood hug that only women can exchange. That simple embrace signified a new benchmark in women's and American history and changed the political narrative for all time. Not only can a woman win a major party's nomination but also it's possible that two women can team up as running mates.

The idea that Warren might become Clinton's vice-presidential pick has been floating around for a while and is appealing if only for the prospect that two women could fill an entire presidential ticket.

Warren certainly is as qualified as many men who have filled the role. She obviously doesn't mind serving as the attack dog for Clinton. And Warren may be the one grinding Trump into the dirt, invective for invective. In a word, she's fearless to his careless.

Warren and Clinton haven't always been so cozy but, for the eternal record, women differ from one another in as many ways as men do. Warren is further to the left than Clinton ever meant to be. And she comes far more naturally to a populist message. While Clinton was being forced leftward by Bernie Sanders, Warren was continuing her years-long, progressive crusade.

Her endorsement of Clinton and her new role as a rowdy, crowd-warming act constitute a bridge between Sanders supporters and the presumptive nominee they never wanted. Warren captures the anger and anti-1 percent angst of the liberal left and lays it like a wreath at the feet of the woman who would become the first female president.

Warren is a peace offering who aims to wage war on Trump. And she's on to his greatest weakness. He can't take a ribbing and he can't stand being challenged by a woman. It gets under his skin like nothing else. Thus, when Warren says he looks goofy in a hat, he calls her Pocahontas (for her having said she has Native American blood.)

Really, who cares?

What's clear is that Warren won't back down no matter what Trump tosses her way.

Speaking strictly as an observer, it seems that Trump may be losing his ranking as top draw in the political circus. If Warren stays on the stage, it's nearly assured that all eyes will be on her — which might cause Clintonites some concern.

Like Trump, Warren has that certain something that fills arenas and draws people to their feet. That's where the similarities end. A Harvard law professor before she ran for the U.S. Senate, Warren is smart, eloquent on consumer protection issues, and passionately committed to well-defined principles. One needn't agree with her to appreciate her vigor, as well as a steely-eyed softness that comes across in person.

Unlike Trump, she's in possession of an agreeable personality. Even when yelling across a surging crowd, she manages to avoid sounding strident. Close up, she's warm, engaging and nonthreatening.

Most important, she allows Clinton to step back from the fray and gives everyone a chance to imagine what a two-woman ticket could look like. Too much the same? Too soon for two? For whom?

It may be true, as someone wrote me, that Clinton's greatest virtue is her opponent. But it's also plain that Warren is her greatest asset.

Talk about a twofer.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Journey to Jupiter: NASA spacecraft nears planet rendezvous

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jupiter takes center stage with the arrival next week of a NASA spacecraft built to peek through its thick, swirling clouds and map the planet from the inside out.

The solar-powered Juno spacecraft is on the final leg of a five-year, 1.8 billion-mile (2.8 billion-kilometer) voyage to the biggest planet in the solar system.

Juno promises to send back the best close-up views as it circles the planet for a year. Jupiter is a gas giant made up mostly of hydrogen and helium unlike rocky Earth and its neighbor Mars. The fifth planet from the sun likely formed first and it could hold clues to how the solar system developed.

A look at the $1.1 billion mission:

This composite image provided by NASA on Thursday illustrates auroras on the planet Jupiter. This view was produced by NASA using a photograph made by the Hubble Space Telescope in spring 2014, and ultraviolet observations of the auroras in 2016.

NASA/ESA/Hubble via AP

NASA/JPL-Caltech/KSC via AP

This undated photo made available by NASA/JPL-Caltech/KSC shows three LEGO figurines representing, from left, the Roman god Jupiter, his wife, Juno, and Galileo Galilei aboard the Juno spacecraft. Five years after its launch, Juno is scheduled to go into orbit around the planet Jupiter on Monday.

The arrival

As Juno approaches Jupiter late Monday, it will fire its main rocket engine to slow down and slip into orbit around the planet. This carefully orchestrated move, all preprogrammed, is critical because Juno will zip past Jupiter if it fails to brake. The engine burn — lasting about a half hour — is designed to put Juno on a path that loops over Jupiter's poles.

Since it takes 48 minutes for radio signals from Jupiter to reach Earth, mission controllers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California won't be able to intervene if something goes awry. They'll watch for beeps from Juno that'll signal whether the engine burn is going as planned.

"Everything's riding on it," Juno chief scientist Scott Bolton said Thursday during a press briefing.

The mission

Spacecraft have visited Jupiter since the 1970s, but there are still plenty of questions left unanswered. How much water does the planet have? Is there a dense core? Why is its signature Great Red Spot — a hurricane-like storm that has been raging for centuries — shrinking?

During the mission, Juno will peer through Jupiter's dense clouds, flying within 3,100 miles (5,000 kilometers), closer than any other spacecraft.

The goal "is learning about the recipe for how solar systems are made," said Bolton, who's from the Southwest Research Institute in Texas.

Earlier visitors included the Voyagers and Pioneers, Galileo, Ulysses, Cassini and most recently, New Horizons, which reached Pluto last year. Most were quick flybys en route to other destinations. Only Galileo — named for the Italian astronomer who discovered Jupiter's large moons — orbited the massive planet and even released a probe.

The spacecraft

Named after the cloud-piercing wife of the Roman god Jupiter, Juno carries nine instruments to map Jupiter's interior and study its turbulent atmosphere. Also stowed aboard are three mini figures of Jupiter, Juno and Galileo designed by the Lego Group. The Italian Space Agency donated a plaque inscribed with Galileo's writings.

Previous trips to Jupiter have relied on nuclear power because of the distance from the sun. Juno is the first spacecraft to venture this far out on solar power. Juno, about the size of an SUV, has three tractor-trailer-size solar wings that extend outward like blades from a windmill. The solar panels are designed to face the sun during most of the mission.

After its launch on Aug. 5, 2011, Juno took a roundabout journey to Jupiter, swinging around the inner solar system and using Earth as a gravity boost to the outer solar system.

The pictures

The Hubble Space Telescope and other spacecraft have returned stunning pictures of Jupiter, including a new photo released Thursday of its northern lights. But scientists said the best views are yet to come. Juno will get in closer and will provide the most detailed look at the planet's polar regions, clouds and auroras.

The camera onboard — the JunoCam — has been snapping pictures of Earth, Jupiter and its moons along the way. But the camera and other instruments were turned off this week to avoid any interference during the critical arrival. So there won't be images at the nail-biting moment when Juno enters orbit around Jupiter.

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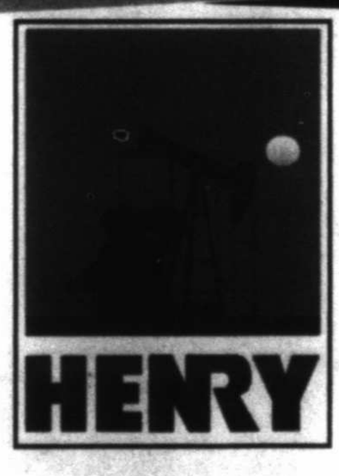

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It's a well-known fact that for many senior citizens in the U.S. their home is their single biggest asset, often accounting for more than 50% of their total net worth.

Yet, according to new data from the National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association, senior homeowners in the U.S. are now sitting on more than **5 trillion dollars** of unused home equity.[1] With people now living longer than ever before and home prices back up again, ignoring this **"hidden wealth"** may prove to be short sighted.

All things considered, it's not surprising that more than a million homeowners have already used a government-insured Home Equity Conversion Mortgage or "HECM" (more commonly known today as a reverse mortgage loan) to turn their home equity into extra cash for retirement.

However, today, there are still millions of eligible homeowners who could benefit from this FHA-insured loan but may simply not be aware of this "retirement secret."

Some homeowners think HECM loans sound "too good to be true." After all, you get the cash you need out of your home but you have no more monthly mortgage payments.

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It's a fact: no monthly mortgage payments are required with a reverse mortgage loan;[2] the homeowners only have to pay for maintenance, property taxes, homeowner's insurance and, if required, their HOA fees.

Another fact many are not aware of is that HECM reverse mortgages first took hold when President Reagan signed the FHA Reverse Mortgage Bill into law 28 years ago in order to help senior citizens remain in their homes.

Today, HECM loans are simply an effective way for homeowners 62 and older to get the extra cash they need to enjoy their retirement.

Although today's HECM reverse mortgages have been improved to provide even greater financial protection for homeowners, there are still many misconceptions.

For example, a lot of people mistakenly believe the home must be paid off in full in order to qualify for a HECM reverse mortgage loan, which is not the case. In fact, one key benefit of a HECM is that it automatically pays off your existing mortgage, which frees up cash flow, a huge blessing for seniors living on a fixed income. Unfortunately, many senior homeowners who could benefit from a HECM loan don't even bother to get more information because of rumors they've heard.

FACT: In 1988, President Reagan signed the FHA Reverse Mortgage bill into law.

That's a shame because HECM reverse mortgages are helping many senior homeowners live a better life.

In fact, a recent survey by American Advisors Group (AAG), the nation's number one HECM lender, found that over 90% of their clients are satisfied with their reverse mortgages.

While these special loans are not for everyone, they can be a real lifesaver for senior homeowners like Betty Carter, who recently took out a HECM loan with AAG so that she could finally get the extra cash she needed to fix up her house.

"With the help of AAG, I have been able to repair my home's foundation that I had been putting off for several years, refinish the hardwood floors, paint the interior and will have the exterior painted within a few days. My house is starting to look like my home again and it feels good," says Carter.

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If you're a homeowner age 62 or older, you owe it to yourself to learn more so that you can make an informed decision. Homeowners who are interested in learning more can request a free 2016 HECM Reverse Mortgage Information Kit and free Educational DVD by calling American Advisors Group toll-free at 1-866-589-8877.

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1. What is the government's role?
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You may be pleasantly surprised by what you discover when you call AAG for more information today.

[1]The aggregate value of homes owned by seniors increased their share of home equity to $5.76 trillion according to the National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association. Source: http://reversemortgagedaily.com/2015/12/27/u-s-seniors-home-equity-rockets-to-5-76-trillion/. [2]If you qualify and your loan is approved, a HECM Reverse Mortgage must pay off your existing mortgage(s). With a HECM/Reverse Mortgage, no monthly mortgage payment is required. A reverse mortgage increases the principal mortgage loan amount and decreases home equity (it is a negative amortization loan). AAG works with other lenders and financial institutions that offer reverse mortgages. To process your request for a reverse mortgage, AAG may forward your contact information to such lenders for your consideration of reverse mortgage programs that they offer. Borrowers are responsible for paying property taxes and homeowner's insurance (which may be substantial). We do not establish an escrow account for disbursements of these payments. A set-aside account can be set up to pay taxes and insurance and may be required in some cases. Borrowers must occupy home as their primary residence and pay for ongoing maintenance; otherwise the loan becomes due and payable. The loan also becomes due and payable when the last borrower, or eligible non-borrowing surviving spouse, dies, sells the home, permanently moves out, defaults on taxes or insurance payments, or does not otherwise comply with the loan terms. NMLS# 9392 (www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org). American Advisors Group (AAG) is headquartered at 3800 W. Chapman Ave., 3rd & 7th Floors, Orange CA, 92868. Mortgage Banker Registration. V04052016

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SUNDAY

First Baptist Church hosts a Stars and Stripes Parade. Families are invited to decorate wagons, bicycles and strollers to parade into the church's fellowship halls. The event will feature cake and ice cream with a Patriotic Service to follow at 6 p.m.

ONLINE

For a list of upcoming Vacation Bible Schools, visit MRT.com.

COMING SOON

The inaugural Tall City Gospel Fest will be held July 10 in downtown Midland. The festival is presented by Macedonia Baptist Church in partnership with the Tall City Blues Fest. The event will feature gospel luminaries such as Beverly Crawford, pictured, Zacardi Cortez and Midland's Sue Roseberry. Visit tallcitygospelfest.com for information and tickets.

IN NEED

VOLUNTEER READERS The Recording Library of West Texas needs volunteer readers to help with morning shifts. Call 432-682-2731.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Midland Volunteer Connections offers an online list of opportunities at midlandvolunteerconnections.com for current needs by area nonprofits.

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MEALS ON WHEELS Volunteers are needed this summer for the Meals on Wheels program. Call 432-689-6693.

KIDS FIRST VOLUNTEERS are needed Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings to observe visits between children and noncustodial parents. The program is facilitated by Centers for Children and Families a nonprofit counseling agency. Call 432-570-1084, ext. 225.

SHOWING THE WAY

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Community leaders join together Wednesday to break ground for The Way Retreat Center. For more information about of the center, see **Page 1A**

Courtesy photo

Midlander Randy Stolp participated in the Great Cycle Challenge to raise funds for cancer research.

Midlander bikes to raise money to fight childhood cancer

By Waseem Nabulsi
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Want to help?

To donate to Randy Stolp and Great Cycle Challenge, go to https://greatcyclechallenge.com/Riders/RandyStolp.

Midland newcomer and avid bicyclist Randy Stolp has raised more than $4,000 in donations for a biking campaign to combat childhood cancer.

Taking part in the Great Cycle Challenge, Stolp has ridden nearly 700 miles since June 1 and has raised almost half of his $10,000 goal. The campaign, which is run by the department store Macy's, encourages bicyclists to set both biking and fundraising goals in order to raise money for the Children's Cancer Research Fund. With more than 25,000 participants nationwide, the Great Cycle Challenge has raised nearly $3 million to benefit the cause.

The campaign uses an online platform to let participants upload their ride times and ride distances each day, as well as offer updates to donors. Additionally, the website ranks participants statewide and nationwide depending on how much money they have raised. Currently, Stolp is ranked 25th

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Music duo approaches Christian music with indie spirit

By Rich Lopez
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Want to go?

Hilary and Kate, 1 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St. Free. hilaryandkate.com.

For four years, Hilary Watson and Kate Feldtkeller have been navigating the music scene with their brand of Christian music as simply Hilary and Kate. Going the independent route, the two have achieved a quiet success. Instead of leaping into the big foray of Christian mainstream, they have steadily forged a path of unique sounds and audience-building.

Before their July 4 concert at First United Methodist Church, the two talked with the Reporter-Telegram about their fusion of sounds, choosing not to sign with a major label and how their mix of bluegrass, country and gospel can reach into listeners' hearts regardless where they perform.

MRT: Your blend of music seems rather distinct within the Christian music realm. How did it come together?

Watson: I was a lot more worship and folksy as a solo artist. When I met Kate, she was more into bluegrass. As

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F & P Roundup: Masonic lodge installs new officers, United Way readies Club Read program

By Rich Lopez
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Paper Peanuts campaign supports Special Olympic Texas athletes

Texas Roadhouse's Paper Peanuts campaign, which raises funds for Special Olympics Texas, begins today. Proceeds from the month-long campaign will provide programming and training to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. SOTX provides opportunities for more than 55,000 athletes.

The Paper Peanuts can be purchased for $1 at the restaurant at 4512 N. Loop 250 W. The regular peanuts are still free.

For more information, visit specialolympicstexas.org.

Centennial Masonic Lodge hosts installation of officers

Lodge No. 1448 AF and AM will install its elected and appointed officers for

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Spiritual Exploration

"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry."

Luke 4:1-2

The Bible is full of spiritual explorers, men and women who ventured out into the unknown, often against great odds and the advice of their friends or family. The Old Testament Prophets are perhaps the paradigm of spiritual explorers, challenging both the secular and religious authorities who governed them. There is a temptation to play it safe in religion and to play the dutiful, obedient servant, but that risks stagnation. If you want to grow, you need to explore, and that may require going to places where you wouldn't expect to find religion. The prophet Hosea married a harlot in order to experience God's relationship to Israel. Jesus interacted with the dregs of society, tax collectors and people of questionable morals, and wasn't shy about criticizing those thought to be the pillars of society. But, perhaps most relevant to spiritual exploration is Jesus' sojourn in the desert. Indeed, a sojourn in the wilderness has become a metaphor for spiritual exploration. The journey into the wilderness is both an escape from the everyday hustle and bustle of life and a chance to commune with God. We should find our own best way to commune with God, whether that involves going off alone to a quiet place or interacting with folks with whom we wouldn't normally interact.

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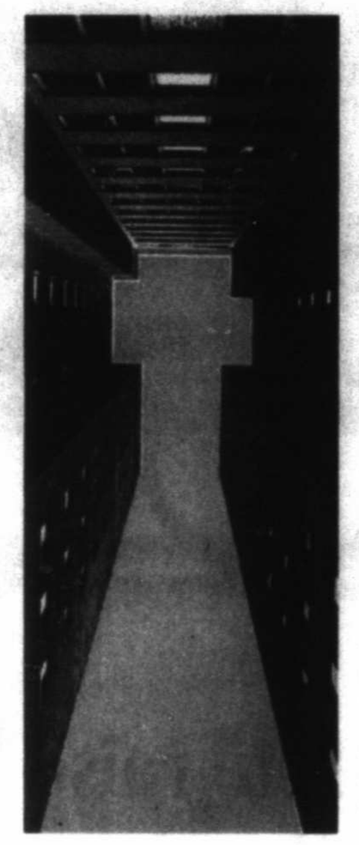

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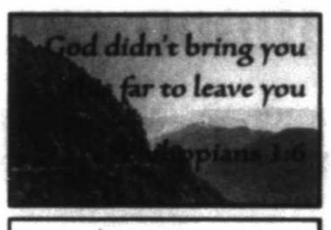

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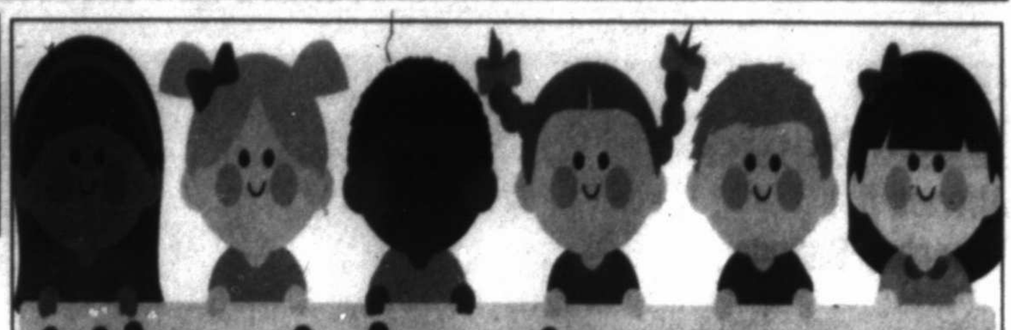

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Obituaries

Death Notices

Alfonso S. "Poncho" Galindo

Alfonso S. "Poncho" Galindo, 79, of Odessa passed away on Monday, June 27, 2016.

Funeral services will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland.

He is survived by his daughters, Mary Galindo, Rosa Galindo, Alma Galindo, and Susie Mefford; his son, Alfonso Galindo; and by two brothers and four sisters.

Orthodox Christian leaders end historic meeting

Associated Press

CAIRO — The leaders of the world's Orthodox Christian churches ended a historic gathering on the Greek island of Crete on Sunday hoping to repeat the meeting within a decade, despite a boycott by the Russian church — the most populous in a religion of some 300 million people — and three other churches.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I led prayers attended by the 10 Orthodox church leaders who attended to mark the end of the weeklong Holy and Great Council — the first of its kind in more than 1,200 years.

Despite decades of preparation, Orthodox leaders failed ahead of the meeting to overcome differences on efforts to reconcile with the Vatican and some doctrinal issues.

Patriarch Kirill of Moscow did not attend, arguing that preparation had been inadequate. The Georgian, Bulgarian and Syria-based Antioch patriarchates also did not take part.

Kirill described the Crete meeting as a preparatory one and called for a new full meeting at a later date.

Hilary and Kate

Courtesy photo

Duo

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we started writing music together, we've found a style that's completely ours. We both love old western music along with a good mix of singing about life and faith and being honest and real.

MRT: Is it fair to say you've made a distinct choice to remain on the independent side of music?

Watson: We were recently in Nashville where we were approached by a major Christian label. They wanted to work with us but then they wanted to apply us to their system of making music their way. But there's a whole movement going on among Christian artists to stay indie.

MRT: Is it harder or easier for you?

Feldtkeller: I think so many people have their music and are accepted just for who they are. They're accepted because they are good artists. We're really good at what we do and what we sing about. We also have all kinds of audiences because we'll play different venues like a winery or bar or a church. It's totally easier and more fulfilling but a lot more legwork.

MRT: Is there a difference when you play a church compared to say, a club or coffee shop?

Watson: No, there really isn't. I think what we're doing is working for us and our goal is to play wherever.

Feldtkeller: We sell just as many albums at a church as we do at a winery.

MRT: In a non-church setting, have you seen your music have a spiritual impact?

Watson: A lady had heard a song and she just knew it was powerful to her ...

Feldtkeller: And that wasn't in a church. We think it reminds us of how little we are in the scheme of things and just how big the Lord is. When we use the gifts he gives each of us, he makes it apparent.

Biker

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in the nation and second in the state.

Stolp, who discovered the campaign through a Facebook advertisement, set an initial goal of $2,500 and 500 miles. After quickly passing this goal, he decided on a goal of $10,000 and 700 miles. Although Stolp admits that reaching this goal will be a challenge, he believes that he can do it.

"I'll be honest, it's probably the hardest ride I've done and the hardest fundraiser I've done," he said. "You've got the physical aspect of it where everyday, if you don't take a break, your body doesn't get a chance to recover, and you've also got the mental aspect of it."

Stolp claimed that this mental aspect of bike riding at times can be as daunting as the physical challenge. And even though he has never been personally affected by the disease, he said that those who have been affected by cancer inspire him to continue.

"I've been really fortunate in that my immediate family hasn't been touched by cancer to this extent," Stolp said. "But, I latch onto people and groups that inspire me."

Stolp also said that the strong sense of community in Midland has motivated him to pursue such campaigns.

"I had been looking to get back into something since I moved to Midland," he said. "I just really love the sense of community here."

For those who might be interested in pursuing long distance biking for charity, Stolp had some advice to offer:

"You just really have to pace yourself. You've got to pay close attention to your cadence and your gearing and let the bike do the work for you."

Associated Press

A general view of the ceremony with Pope Francis and retired Pope Benedict XVI, to celebrate Benedict's 65th anniversary of his ordination as a priest, in the Clementine Hall of the Apostolic Palace, at the Vaticanon Tuesday. The ceremony served in part to show continuity from Benedict to Francis amid continued nostalgia from some conservatives for Benedict's tradition-minded papacy.

Retired pope thanks reigning pope for his focus on mercy

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Retired Pope Benedict XVI thanked Pope Francis and endorsed his mercy-filled ministry Tuesday during an unprecedented Vatican ceremony featuring the reigning pope honoring the retired one on the 65th anniversary of his ordination as a priest.

The ceremony served in part to show continuity from Benedict to Francis amid nostalgia from some conservatives for Benedict's tradition-minded papacy and criticism of Francis' mercy-over-morals priorities.

Francis had invited the entire Vatican Curia, or bureaucracy, to celebrate Benedict's anniversary, and prelates turned out in force for the rare occasion of being able to greet the two men in white. The audience took place in the Clementine Hall of the Apostolic Palace, the same marble- and fresco-filled room where Benedict bid a final farewell to his cardinals on Feb. 28, 2013, becoming the first pope in 600 years to resign.

While Francis presided over the ceremony, it was Benedict who stole the show with an off-the-cuff, mini-theology lesson on gratitude sprinkled with Greek and Latin that showed that the mind of the German theologian is still sharp at 89.

Benedict thanked Francis for letting him live out his final years in the beauty of the Vatican gardens, where he said he felt "protected."

"Thank you, Holy Father, for your goodness, which from the first moment of your election has struck me every day of my life," Benedict said, speaking without notes. "We hope that you can go forward with all of us on this path of divine mercy, showing us the path of Jesus, toward Jesus, toward God."

Benedict's vote of confidence may help quell conservative criticism of the current pope's loose theology.

Francis has recently dismissed new questions about the implications of Benedict's resignation by insisting that there is only one pope — himself — and that Benedict had pledged his obedience on the day he resigned.

He told reporters last weekend he felt that Benedict "had my back" and was continuing to help the church through his prayers. He added he had heard that Benedict had even sent away some nostalgic faithful who had come to him complaining about the "new pope."

During Tuesday's ceremony, Francis entered the Clementine Hall to applause from the gathered cardinals and went straight to embrace Benedict, who stood up and removed his white skullcap in a sign of deference. They embraced several more times during the ceremony.

Benedict listened intently as Francis addressed him — as "Your Holiness" — lauding his 65 years of service to the church and saying his decision to retire to a life of quiet prayer to a small monastery in the Vatican gardens was a very "Franciscan" thing to do.

The monastery "is nothing like those forgotten corners where today's 'throw-away culture' tends to put those who lose their strength with age," Francis said. "Quite the contrary!"

The monastery, the pope said, is similar to the Porzinuncola, the small chapel in Assisi where his namesake St. Francis founded his order and then spent his dying days.

Roundup

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2016-17 in a ceremony at 5 p.m. Saturday. Grand Junior Warden Terry Stogner of Lamesa and Grand Senior Warden Tommy Patterson of Nederland will serve as the installing officer and marshal, respectively. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony. The event is open to the public.

The lodge is located at 1600 W. Wall St.

Midland Need to Read announces open house and book drive

The literacy organization Midland Need to Read, 1709 W. Wall St., will host an open house 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 4 to share information on its literacy programming, tutoring services and volunteer opportunities.

The event will be held in conjunction with a book drive on Aug. 1-4. MN2R will be accepting donations of children's picture books as well as grade-level books for their students. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be given away at the open house.

Donations will be accepted at the agency's Literacy House or at any of its community partners, which include Midland County Public Libraries, Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Museum of the Southwest, Region 18 Education Service Center, Becky's Flowers and Natural Grocers.

Visit midlandneedtoread.org for more information about the agency.

United Way of Midland partners with area agencies for Club Read

The United Way of Midland announced Thursday that it will partner with Boys and Girls Club of Midland, Casa de Amigos, Midland Fair Havens and Unlock Ministries Fun Academy for the fourth annual Club Read.

Club Read works to keep children reading throughout the summer to avoid the "summer slide," or the deterioration of learned skills and reading aptitude.

The program will provide 250 students with a total of 1,200 books with activities and incentives planned throughout the summer.

This year, UW is piloting a math component with Unlock Ministries Fun Academy. The program will measure benchmarks and progress to enhance math skills.

"United Way of Midland is very pleased with the collaboration we have enjoyed for the previous three years in Club Read, most importantly for its results," Mark Alexander, executive director of United Way of Midland, said in a press release. "Helping these programs address summer learning loss as well as assisting students in building a home library is a privilege."

Jehovah's Witness convention to be held in Lubbock

The annual convention for West Texas and eastern New Mexico Jehovah's Witnesses is set for later this month at the Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock. Planned are two three-day events beginning July 15 and July 22. An estimated 2,100 people are expected to attend.

The convention, which has the theme "Remain Loyal to Jehovah," is open to the public. The event is supported by voluntary donations; no admission fee is charged.

"We believe that loyalty is an essential quality for all Christians. We are confident that those who attend will enjoy this Bible-based program," convention spokesman James Roger said in a press release.

For more information, visit jw.org.

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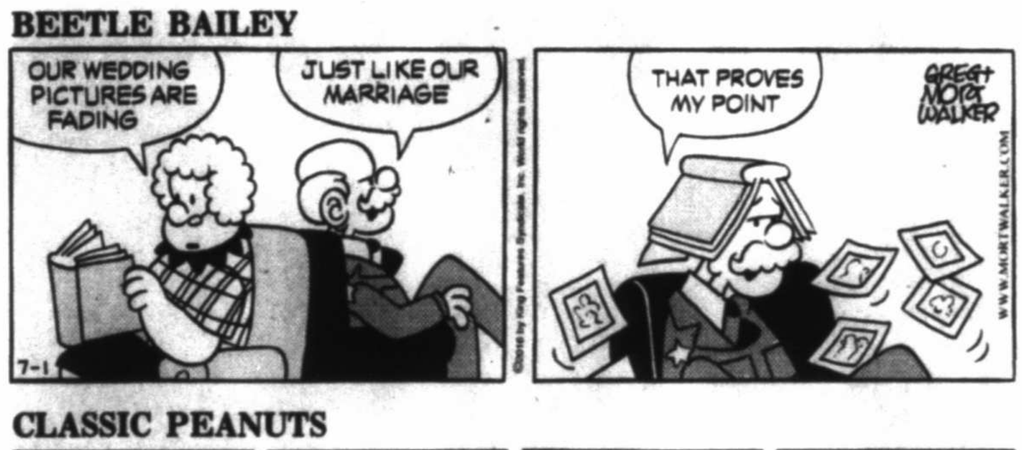

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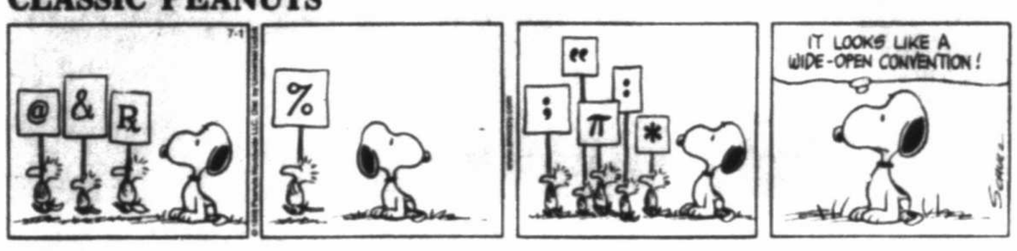

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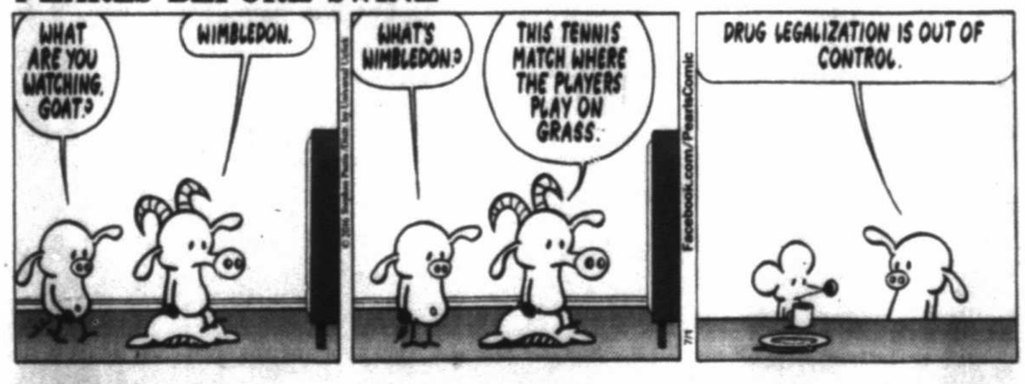

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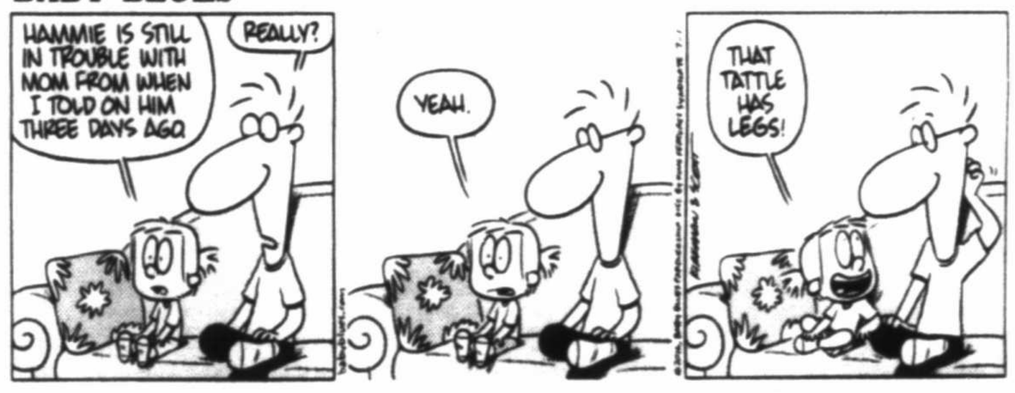

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Arnold Schwarzenegger, age 6.

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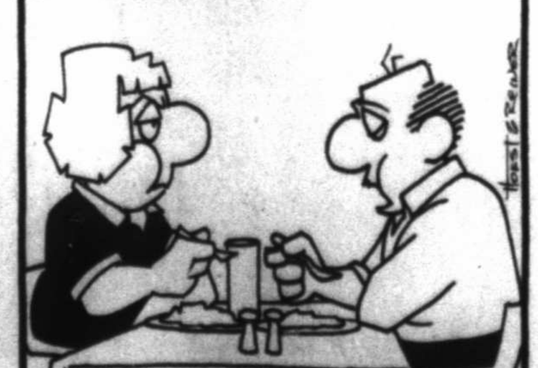

"IT TASTES LIKE SMOKED SALMONELLA TO ME."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Better move these cars, Jeffy. I told you the kitchen is a no-parking zone."

Photos by The Associated Press

Pope Francis, background center, celebrates a Mass where he bestowed the Pallium, a woolen shawl symbolizing the bond to the pope, to 25 new archbishops in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Wednesday. **BELOW:** Pope Francis speaks during the Mass.

Breakaway Catholic group accuses pope of spreading errors

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — A breakaway traditionalist Catholic group accused Pope Francis on Wednesday of spreading confusion and errors about the faith, joining a chorus of conservative criticism over his perceived lax doctrine and emphasis on mercy at the expense of morals.

A statement from the schismatic Society of St. Pius X suggested that a new attempt at reconciliation with Rome had stalled, or that the society itself was divided over next steps and decided at least to take a hard line against Francis.

The statement, issued after a meeting of the society's superiors, said its members weren't primarily looking for a legal resolution to their schismatic status but eager to return Catholic tradition to a church where "great and painful confusion" currently reigns.

It said errors had made their way into doctrine "that are unfortunately encouraged by a large number of pastors, including the pope himself."

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Statement from the Society of St. Pius X

The late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre founded the society in 1969, opposed to the Second Vatican Council's modernizing reforms. In 1988, the Vatican excommunicated Lefebvre and four other bishops after Lefebvre consecrated them without papal consent.

Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI had made reconciling a priority, but three years of doctrinal talks collapsed in 2012. Talks resumed in 2014 and Francis met with the head of the society, Bishop Bernard Fellay, in April, signaling possible progress.

But Francis is no friend of Catholic traditionalists. He has riled them and other conservatives with a host of comments they say are sowing confusion about core church teachings on family, sex and other hot-button issues.

Francis fueled those criticisms last month during an off-the-cuff session with Rome priests and laity, where he criticized rigid readings of doctrine and suggested that he approved of pre-marital cohabitation so young couples know what they're getting into when they marry.

"I have seen so much loyalty in these cohabitations, so much loyalty, and I'm sure that this is a true marriage. They have the grace of marriage simply because of the loyalty that they have," he said.

Such couples, he has argued, should be accompanied by church pastors and encouraged to enter into a sacramental marriage, not shunned as people living in sin.

In its statement, the society said the resolution of its status "cannot happen without the support of a pope who concretely favors the return to sacred tradition," but regardless it would continue working to spread the faith.

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Cowboys' McClain gets 10-game suspension

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Linebacker Rolando McClain was suspended 10 games Thursday for his second violation of the NFL's substance-abuse policy in as many years, leaving the Dallas defense with three banned starters to open the season.

McClain, who was suspended the first four games last year, is now sidelined along with defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence, who was suspended four games on a substance-abuse violation after an appeal was denied.

The other suspended player projected to start is pass rusher Randy Gregory, who also will be out four games on a substance-abuse ban. The former Nebraska standout slid to the Cowboys in the second round of last year's draft after testing positive for marijuana at the NFL combine.

All three will be allowed to participate in training camp, which starts July 30 in Oxnard, California, and in preseason games.

Dallas has had four defenders with season-opening suspensions over NFL policies the past two seasons. Former defensive end Greg Hardy had a four-game ban last year under personal-conduct guidelines related to his domestic violence case in North Carolina.

McClain, who turns 27 Monday, came to Dallas in a trade before training camp in 2014 after Sean Lee sustained a season-ending knee injury during the offseason. He resurrected his career with two solid seasons after flaming out early in Oakland, which drafted him eighth overall in 2010.

After sitting out the 2013 season and twice walking away from football while in Baltimore, McClain filled a glaring need and finished second in tackles to safety Barry Church two years ago as the Cowboys won the NFC East and their first playoff game since 2009.

But McClain's work habits were always a question, and he missed all the voluntary workouts in both offseasons in Dallas. He reported for mandatory minicamp both years, but wasn't available to reporters this June.

If Dallas prefers to keep Lee in his most natural spot at weakside linebacker, Anthony Hitchens is likely the first choice to replace McClain in the middle. Hitchens was a fourth-round pick in 2014.

The Cowboys had just released franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware when they moved up in the second round to get Lawrence in 2014, believing he was the last

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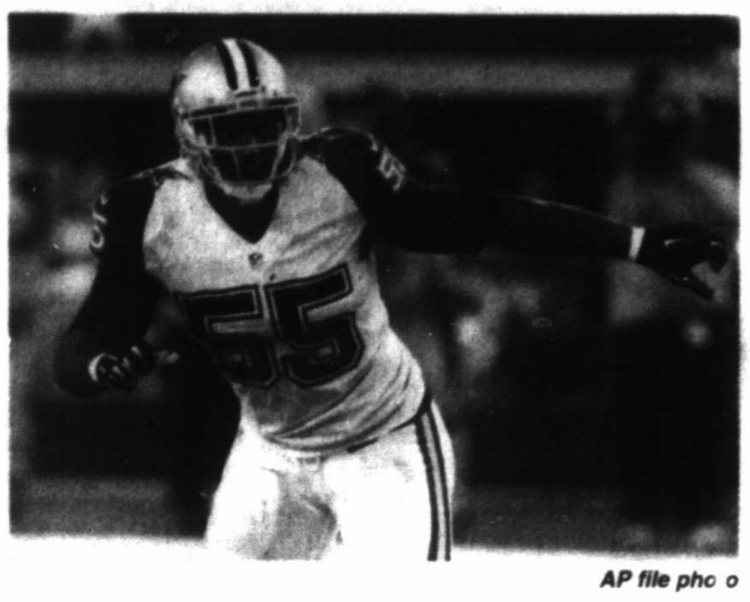

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The Dallas Cowboys' Rolando McClain defends against the Carolina Panthers during a game in Arlington on Nov. 26. A person with knowledge of the situation says McClain has been suspended for the first 10 games next season for his second violation of the NFL's substance-abuse policy in as many years.

CCU takes its first CWS

Associated Press

TOP: Coastal Carolina pitcher Alex Cunningham reacts to the final out against Arizona in the ninth inning in Game 3 of the College World Series baseball finals in Omaha, Neb., on Thursday. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Coastal Carolina's Anthony Marks kisses the championship trophy.

Coastal Carolina wins CWS vs. Arizona

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Coastal Carolina coach Gary Gilmore often said he just wanted his team to reach the College World Series. Until this week, he never imagined the Chanticleers would do so much more.

They're heading back to Conway, South Carolina, with the school's first national championship in any sport.

Coastal Carolina capitalized on two errors on the same play for four unearned runs in the sixth inning, and the Chanticleers defeated Arizona 4-3 in the deciding Game 3 of the College World Series finals on Thursday.

Coastal Carolina (55-18) became the first team since Minnesota in 1956 to win the title in its first CWS appearance. Arizona (49-24) was trying for its second national title since 2012.

"We're not the most talented team in America. We're just the national champion," Gilmore said. "That's all that matters."

Andrew Beckwith (15-1), the national leader in wins, went 5 2/3 innings after pitching two complete games and picked up his third victory of the CWS. He was named the Most Outstanding Player.

"He's been coaching for 21 years, and he deserves every bit of it," Beckwith said of Gilmore. "We got him to Omaha, and we got him a national championship. The senior class, the hard work in the fall, the dedication of the guys who don't play much. It doesn't go unnoticed. It was a full team effort the whole College World Series, and we got it done."

Alex Cunningham earned his first save, striking out Ryan Haug with a full-count fastball to end the game after Arizona had pulled within a one in the bottom of the ninth. When

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Manziel suspended 4 games over NFL's substance-abuse policy

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Johnny Manziel has been suspended for the first four games of next season for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy, and the free agent quarterback could face further discipline over his domestic violence case if he signs with another team.

Manziel

The suspension announced Thursday is not related to the league's domestic violence policy, but Manziel would be subject to standards that were toughened two years ago if he signs with another team. The 23-year-old Manziel, released by Cleveland in March, faces a misdemeanor assault charge in Dallas involving former girlfriend Colleen Crowley.

The 2012 Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback from Texas A&M was suspended the same week he posted pictures on Instagram from Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

The post included a reference to his father, Paul Manziel, who called his son a "druggie" following a report from The Associated Press of one of his attorneys mistakenly sending a text that indicated doubts whether Manziel could stay clean.

A spokeswoman for Manziel declined to comment on the NFL's suspension.

As Manziel's domestic case has played out, he has been photographed partying from Hollywood to Las Vegas to New York in recent months. His own family has expressed concern about his well-being after he was cut by the Browns following two underwhelming seasons.

Manziel spent more than two months in rehab after a difficult first season with the Browns, and the player dubbed "Johnny Football" for his exploits on the field with the Aggies vowed to be more committed to football when he got out.

After showing promise in a couple of starts in his second season, Manziel was demoted to third team after a video surfaced of him partying during the team's bye week. Manziel returned to the starting lineup when Josh McCown broke his collarbone and led the Browns to a win over San Francisco.

Manziel sustained a concussion Dec. 27 at Kansas City and wasn't required to be at Cleveland's finale. But he skipped a required medical checkup and the team wasn't sure of his whereabouts amid reports he was in Las Vegas, hitting the clubs while wearing a disguise.

One of Manziel's defense attorneys, Bob Hinton, inadvertently sent a text to the AP last week indicating Manziel may have spent more than $1,000 at a drug paraphernalia store just 15 hours after he was involved in a hit-and-run crash.

The text made it appear the defense

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THURSDAY'S SCORE
Midland 5, NW Arkansas 3

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at NW Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.

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Thursday	Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Midland 5, NW Arkansas 3	Midland at NW Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at NW Arkansas, 6:35 p.m.	Midland at NW Arkansas, 6:10 p.m.	Midland at Arkansas, 5:30 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV
AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Sydney vs. Western, 1:30 a.m., FS1
Carlton vs. Collingwood, 4 a.m., FSP
BOXING
Oscar Negrete vs. Jose Bustos, 6 p.m., ESTRELLA
Carlos Ruiz vs. Sebastian Diaz, 10:25 p.m, TELE
CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Winnipeg at Calgary, 9 p.m., ESPN2
CRICKET
CPL T20: Barbados Tridents vs. Trinbago Knight Riders, 8 p.m., OWSPN
England vs. Sri Lanka: 5th ODI, 4:30 a.m., OWSPN
GOLF
EPGA: 100th Open de France, 2nd Round, 5:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, 2nd Round, 12:30 p.m., GOLF
PGA: Barracuda Championship, 2nd Round, 5:30 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: Cambia Portland Classic, 2nd Round, 8 p.m., GOLF
MLB
Cleveland at Toronto, Noon, MLB
Chicago Cubs at NY Mets, 6 p.m., MLB
Texas at Minnesota, 7 p.m., FSSW
Chicago White Sox at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT
MEN'S SOCCER
EURO 2016: Wales vs. Belgium, 2 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP
MLS: Chicago Fire vs. San Jose Earthquakes, 7 p.m., UniMas, UDN
MLS: Real Salt Lake vs. D.C. United, 9:30 p.m., UniMas, UDN
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
Legacy Fighting Championship 57, 9 p.m., AXS
MOTORSPORTS
F1: Austrian Grand Prix, Practice, 7 a.m., NBCSN
XFINITY: Firecracker 250, Qualifying, 1 p.m., NBCSN
Sprint Cup: Coke Zero 400, Qualifying, 3 p.m., NBCSN
XFINITY: Firecracker 250, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
OLYMPIC TRIALS
Swimming Qualifying Heats: Men's 50m Freestyle, Men's 100m Butterfly, Women's 200m Backstroke, 5 p.m., NBCSN
Swimming Finals: Women's 200m Breaststroke, Women's 100m Freestyle, Men's 200m Individual Medley, Men's 200m Backstroke, 7 p.m., NBC
Track & Field: Men's Shot Putt, Men's 10000m, 8 p.m., NBC
RUGBY
Super League: Salford vs. Castleford, 1:30 p.m., FSP
NRL: New Zealand vs. Gold Coasts, 12 a.m., FSP
TENNIS
Wimbledon, 6 a.m., ESPN
ON RADIO
MLB
Texas at Minnesota, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)
TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM

LOCAL SPORTS

MHS' FERGERSON SENDS FC DALLAS 98 TO NATIONALS

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Midland High senior center back Brooks Fergerson scored the only goal of the match in the 106th minute to lead the FC Dallas 98 Premier under-18 boys soccer team to a 1-0 victory against Georgia's KSA 98 Premier, on Thursday in the U.S. Youth Soccer Region III championship match.

With the extra time victory, FC Dallas advanced to the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championship bracket, set for July 25-31 in Frisco.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed LHP TJ McFarland on the 15-day DL. Called up RHP Chaz Roe and C Caleb Joseph from Norfolk (IL). Optioned C Francisco Pena and RHP Oliver Drake to Norfolk. Activated RHP Vance Worley from the 15-day DL.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Agreed to terms with LHP A.J. Puk.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled C Mike Zunino from Tacoma (PCL). Placed C Steve Clevenger on the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Donn Roach to Tacoma.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed LHP Clayton Kershaw on the 15-day DL. Acquired RHP Bud Norris. OF Dian Toscano, a player to be named and cash considerations from Atlanta for LHP Philip Pfeifer and RHP Caleb Dirks. Designated LHP Ian Thomas for assignment.
MIAMI MARLINS — Acquired RHP Fernando Rodney from San Diego for RHP Chris Paddack.
NEW YORK METS — Called up RHP Seth Lugo from Las Vegas (PCL). Optioned LHP Sean Gilmartin to Las Vegas.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Signed INFs Daniel Cucjien and Nick King to minor league contracts.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Purchased the contract of INF Grant Green. Optioned RHP Chris Stratton to Sacramento (PCL). Designated RHP Jake Smith for assignment.
American Association
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed RHP Raul Rivera.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Signed RHP Lance Spongberg.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed OF Anthony Gatto. Placed OF Blake Teixotte on the suspended list.
Can-Am League
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed RHP Michael Adams and LHP Lianrio Breto.
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Released LHP Nick Gonzalez.
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Sold the contract of RHP Ryan Atkinson to Arizona (NL). Signed RHP Jesse Arnold.
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Sold the contract of RHP Matt Poberezylo to Arizona (NL).
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Sold the contract of RHP Liam O Sullivan to Arizona (NL).
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed OF Sean Hurley. Released INF Carlos Avila.
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed 3B Braxton Martinez.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Released 1B-OF Tyler Peterson.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Named Byron Spruell president, league operations.
ATLANTA HAWKS — Name Pete Thuresson senior vice president of corporate partnerships.
BROOKLYN NETS — Waived G Jarrell Jack.
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Promoted Lawrence Frank to executive vice president of basketball operations.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Suspended Dallas LB Rolando McClain for the first 10 games next season for his second violation of the NFL's substance-abuse policy. Suspended Dallas DE DeMarcus Lawrence and free agent QB Johnny Manziel for the first four games of the 2016 regular season for violating the league's substance-abuse policy. Suspended New York Jets DL Sheldon Richardson for the first game of the 2016 regular season for violating the league's personal conduct policy.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived QB Connor Shaw.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BOSTON BRUINS — Signed D Torey Krug to a four-year contract.
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Bought out the final year of D James Wisniewski's contract, making him an unrestricted free agent.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with F Brandon Mashinter and D Michal Rozsival on one-year contracts.
DALLAS STARS — Signed G Maxime Lagace to a one-year contract.
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Signed F Tomas Hertl to a two-year contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed RW Tom Wilson to a two-year contract. Re-signed F Zach Sill to a two-year contract.
American Hockey League
AHL — Named Emily Vance coordinator of special projects.
CHARLOTTE CHECKERS — Agreed to terms with F Kyle Haigel on a one-year contract.
ECHL
MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Signed F Mark Anthone to a one-year contract.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS — Fined Montreal M Lucas Ontivero an undisclosed amount for embellishment during a June 25 match against Sporting Kansas City. Fined LA Galaxy F Ashley Cole an undisclosed amount for failing to leave the field in a timely manner after receiving a red card during a June 25 match against San Jose.
SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Extended the loan of F Diego Rubio (Real Valladolid) through the end of 2016.
SOFTBALL
AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION — Announced their organizational income to USA Softball, which will be effective Jan. 1, 2017.
COLLEGE
NCAA DIVISION III COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS — Placed Baruch on four years of probation, banned the women's basketball team for one postseason and prohibited the coach and vice president from all athletically-related duties for one year, after providing 30 student-athletes $255,087 in improper benefits over the course of five years.
AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Promoted Michael Costa to senior director of football administration. Catherine Cammiarri to director of training and sport administration; Jamie Corun to assistant director of digital communications; and Hali Quighton to assistant director of digital media & reporter.
EASTERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Named John Rollins interim commissioner who will continue his current role as chief financial officer.
ARIZONA — Announced men's freshmen basketball recruit Terrence Ferguson left the school to play professionally in Australia.
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON — Signed men's basketball coach Greg Herenda to a contract extension through the 2020-2021 season.
IOWA — Named Al Seibert men's director of basketball operations.
LIMESTONE — Named Edward Gillie men's and women's swimming coach.
NEW MEXICO — Named Les Myers associate athletic director for student development; Eric Schultz associate athletic director for compliance; Amy Beggin director of compliance; James Glover assistant producer for Lobo TV; and Kasey Byers assistant athletic director for video production. Announced the resignation of assistant athletic director for student development Quinton Freeman and chief financial officer Michael Marcotti.
SOUTHERN CAL — Announced men's freshman basketball G Derryck Thornton has transferred from Duke.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	11	5	.688	—
Washington	9	8	.529	2½
Atlanta	8	8	.500	3
Indiana	7	9	.438	4
Chicago	6	9	.400	4½
Connecticut	3	13	.188	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	15	1	.938	—
Minnesota	13	3	.813	2
Dallas	7	9	.438	8
Phoenix	7	9	.438	8
Seattle	6	9	.400	8½
San Antonio	3	12	.200	11½

Scores & schedule

Thursday's Scores
Los Angeles 84, Atlanta 75
Dallas at Seattle, late

Friday's Games
San Antonio at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7:00 p.m.
New York at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Rain gone at Wimbledon, but so are Muguruza, 17 other seeds

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

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Garbine Muguruza gestures during a break in her women's singles match against Jana Cepelova of Slovakia on day four of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London on Thursday.

LONDON — After two days filled with rain, the sun actually made an appearance at Wimbledon on Thursday, allowing for plenty of play all around the grounds, a chance to finally conclude the first round — and several surprises, the biggest of which was French Open champion Garbine Muguruza's exit.

No. 2 Muguruza, who reached her first Grand Slam final at the All England Club a year ago and won her first Grand Slam title less than a month ago, was one of 18 seeded players who lost on Day 4, including 11 women.

Admittedly lethargic, and displaying none of the verve or confident shotmaking she's known for, Muguruza lasted less than an hour in the second round Thursday, beaten 6-3, 6-2 by Slovakia's Jana Cepelova, a qualifier ranked 124th.

"My energy was not really there," Muguruza said. "I was trying, but (it) didn't work at all."

That same sentiment might have been expressed by some of the other players who joined her on the way out of the tournament, including No. 31 Kristina Mladenovic in a weather-delayed first-round match, and No. 7 Belinda Bencic, No. 14 Sam Stosur, No. 15 Karolina Pliskova, No. 16 Johanna Konta, No. 17 Elina Svitolina, No. 20 Sara Errani, No. 22 Jelena Jankovic, No. 30 Caroline Garcia and No. 32 Andrea Petkovic, all in second-round matches.

That group includes a Grand Slam champion (Stosur), major finalists (Errani, Jankovic), the first seeded British woman at Wimbledon since 1984 (Konta, eliminated by 2014 runner-up Eugenie Bouchard) and a top-10 player considered a possible future star of the sport (Bencic, who retired because of a left wrist injury while trailing American qualifier Julia Boserup).

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

Thursday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Purse: $38.4 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round
Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.
Donald Young, United States, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.
John Isner (18), United States, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Matthew Barton, Australia, def. Albano Olivetti, France, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-7 (5), 14-12.
Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Federico Delbonis, Argentina, 6-4, 1-6, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3.
Lucas Pouille (32), France, def. Marius Copil, Romania, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Second Round
Daniel Evans, Britain, def. Alexandr Dolgopolov (30), Ukraine, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-1.
Sam Querrey (28), United States, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.
Roberto Bautista Agut (14), Spain, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, walkover.
Milos Raonic (6), Canada, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2.
Pierre-Hugues Herbert, France, def. Damir Dzumhur, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 3-6, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (0), 6-2.
David Goffin (11), Belgium, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-4, 6-0, 6-3.
Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, def. Ivo Karlovic (23), Croatia, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Jack Sock (27), United States, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-4.
Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Nicolas Almagro, Spain, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. David Ferrer (13), Spain, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.
Steve Johnson, United States, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-1, 7-6 (8), 6-3.
Kei Nishikori (5), Japan, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Gilles Simon (16), France, 6-3, 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-4.
Marin Cilic (9), Croatia, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-7 (8), 6-4, 6-4.
Bernard Tomic (19), Australia, def. Radu Albot, Moldova, 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-7 (8), 6-3.
John Millman, Australia, def. Benoit Paire (26), France, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, def. Viktor Troicki (25), Serbia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.
Joao Sousa (31), Portugal, def. Dennis Novikov, United States, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
Andy Murray (2), Britain, def. Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.
Richard Gasquet (7), France, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-1.
Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, def. Dominic Thiem (8), Austria, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3).
Women
First Round
Timea Bacsinszky (11), Switzerland, def. Luksika Kumkhum, Thailand, 6-4, 6-2.
Annika Beck, Germany, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 3-6, 6-0, 12-10.
Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, def. Kristina Mladenovic (31), France, 6-3, 6-3.
Sloane Stephens (18), United States, def. Peng Shuai, China, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, def. Anna Tatishvili, United States, 7-5, 3-0, retired.
Barbora Strycova (24), Czech Republic, def. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 6-1, 6-4.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.
Second Round
Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, def. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (1).
Simona Halep (5), Romania, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-1, 6-1.
Kiki Bertens (28), Netherlands, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 6-4, 6-4.
Madison Keys (9), United States, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Sabine Lisicki, Germany, def. Sam Stosur (14), Australia, 6-4, 6-2.
Venus Williams (8), United States, def. Maria Sakkari, Greece, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.
Alize Cornet, France, def. Sara Errani (20), Italy, 7-6 (4), 7-5.
Misaki Doi, Japan, def. Karolina Pliskova (15), Czech Republic, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Daria Kasatkina (29), Russia, def. Lara Arruabarrena, Spain, 7-6 (9), 6-3.
Carla Suarez Navarro (12), Spain, def. Denisa Allertova, Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.
Julia Boserup, United States, def. Belinda Bencic (7), Switzerland, 6-4, 1-0, retired.
Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, def. Caroline Garcia (30), France, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Carina Witthoeft, Germany, def. Kurumi Nara, Japan, 6-3, 6-0.
Lucie Safarova (28), Czech Republic, def. Samantha Crawford, United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Angelique Kerber (4), Germany, def. Varvara Lepchenko, United States, 6-1, 6-4.
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Elina Svitolina (17), Ukraine, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.
Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, def. Garbine Muguruza (2), Spain, 6-3, 6-2.
Roberta Vinci (6), Italy, def. Duan Ying-Ying, China, 6-3, 7-5.
Dominika Cibulkova (19), Slovakia, def. Daria Gavrilova, Australia, 6-3, 6-2.
Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, def. Jelena Jankovic (22), Serbia, 4-6, 7-6 (1), 8-6.
Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Andrea Petkovic (32), Germany, 7-5, 6-3.
Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, def. Ana Konjuh, Croatia, 6-2, 4-6, 9-7.
Eugenie Bouchard, Canada, def. Johanna Konta (16), Britain, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1.
CoCo Vandeweghe (27), United States, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, 6-2, 6-3.
Doubles
Men
First Round
Dustin Brown and Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Andres Molteni, Argentina, and Julio Peralta, Chile, 6-4, 6-4.
Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Scott Lipsky, United States, def. Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, and Denis Kudla, United States, 6-3, 6-2.
Marcelo Demoliner, Brazil, and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, def. Julian Knowle, Austria, and Artem Sitak, New Zealand, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Jonathan Marray, Britain, and Adil Shamasdin, Canada, def. Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau (4), Romania, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Wesley Koolhof and Matwe Middelkoop, Netherlands, def. Alexander Bury, Belarus, and Igor Zelenay, Slovakia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Bob and Mike Bryan (2), United States, def. Inigo Cervantes, Spain, and Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Juan-Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah (13), Colombia, def. Brian Baker, United States, and Marcus Daniell, New Zealand, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Mate Pavic, Croatia, and Michael Venus (16), New Zealand, def. Chris Guccione, Australia and Andre Sa, Brazil, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Jamie Murray, Britain, and Bruno Soares (3), Brazil, def. Jonathan Erlich, Israel, and Colin Fleming, Britain, 6-2, 6-7 (9), 6-3.
Treat Huey, Philippines, and Max Mirnyi (12), Belarus, def. Fabio Fognini and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Konstantin Kravchuk, Russia, and Denys Molchanov, Ukraine, def. Marcelo Arevalo, El Salvador, and Roberto Maytin, Venezuela, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (5), 8-6.
Women
First Round
Eri Hozumi and Miyu Kato, Japan, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, and Chuang Chia-jung, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-3.
Raquel Atawo and Abigail Spears (10), United States, def. Chan Chin-wei, Taiwan, and Han Xinyun, China, 6-1, 6-4.
Alexandra Panova, Russia, and Shelby Rogers, United States, def. Margarita Gasparyan, Russia, and Monica Niculescu (12), Romania, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Peng Shuai and Zhang Shuai, China, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Nicole Melichar, United States, 6-4, 6-3.
Elise Mertens and An-Sophie Mestach, Belgium, def. Irina Falconi and Nicole Gibbs, United States, 7-6 (3), 6-1.
Vania King, United States, and Alla Kudryavtseva (13), Russia, def. Nao Hibino, Japan, and Alicja Rosolska, Poland, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.
Serena and Venus Williams, United States, def. Andrea Hlavac and Katarina Srebotnik (11), Slovenia, 7-5, 6-3.
Alize Cornet, France, and Xenia Knoll, Switzerland, def. Kateryna Bondarenko and Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Shuko Aoyama and Ideloko Ninomiya, Japan, def. Nadiia Kichenok and Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 6-1, 6-1.
Madison Brengle, United States, and Tatjana Maria, Germany, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Donna Vekic, Croatia, 6-1, 6-3.
Darija Jurak, Croatia, and Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, def. Xu Yifan and Zheng Saisai (6), China, 7-6 (6), 2-6, 7-5.
Chan Hao-ching and Yung-jan (3), Taiwan, def. Ashleigh Barty, Australia and Laura Robson, Britain, 6-4, 6-2.
Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (6), Czech Republic, vs. Liang Chen and Wang Yafan, China, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-6, susp., darkness.

McGirt goes low in Ohio, leads at Firestone

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Golf in Ohio must bring out the best in William McGirt.

One month after his first PGA Tour victory at the Memorial, McGirt looked just as good two hours up the road at the Bridgestone Invitational. In his World Golf Championship debut, he opened with six birdies and finished with a 45-foot par for a 6-under 64 and a three-shot lead.

An Ohio sweep?

That's only happened four times, and McGirt guessed right at the answer.

"Tiger Woods, Tiger Woods, Tiger Woods and Tiger Woods?" he said. "That would be pretty special company."

He had some decent company behind him after an opening round of warm sunshine and fast conditions at Firestone. Jason Day, the world's No. 1 player, was among three players at 67, while Jordan Spieth somehow managed to post a 68 despite having only one birdie attempt (he missed) in his first 10 holes.

"I wasn't supposed to shoot 2 under today," Spieth said.

U.S. Open champion Dustin Johnson had a U.S. Open kind of round — 15 pars, two birdies and a bogey — for a 69. His big celebration was walking off the 11th green to learn that his alma mater, Coastal Carolina, had just won the College World Series for its first national title. His golf wasn't bad considering that he didn't practice much last week while celebrating his first major (and his 32nd birthday) in The Bahamas.

"I didn't expect a whole lot today," Johnson said. "I always expect to play well, but this golf course is playing tough."

Only 17 players of the 61-man field broke par. The first round ended with only 58 players.

PRO GOLF SCORES

Bridgestone Invitational
Thursday
At Firestone Country Club (South Course)
Akron, Ohio
Purse: $9.5 million
Yardage: 7,400; Par 70 (35-35)
First Round

William McGirt	31-33—64
Emiliano Grillo	33-34—67
Jimmy Walker	33-34—67
Jason Day	34-33—67
Anirban Lahiri	35-33—68
Charley Hoffman	34-34—68
Rickie Fowler	32-36—68
Jordan Spieth	37-31—68
Brandon Grace	35-34—69
Billy Hurley III	34-35—69
Scott Piercy	36-33—69
Harris English	36-33—69
Matt Kuchar	33-36—69
Kevin Kisner	35-33—69
Vaughn Taylor	32-37—69
Dustin Johnson	34-35—69
Justin Rose	32-37—69
Andrew Johnston	35-35—70
David Lingmerth	34-36—70
Young-Han Song	34-36—70
Justin Thomas	35-35—70
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	36-34—70
Paul Casey	36-34—70
Brandt Snedeker	36-34—70
Hideki Matsuyama	36-34—70
Kevin Chappell	34-37—71
Louis Oosthuizen	35-36—71
Adam Scott	35-36—71
Brian Stuard	35-36—71
George Coetzee	36-35—71
Jason Dufner	35-36—71
Kevin Na	35-36—71
Soren Kjeldsen	35-37—72
Zach Johnson	35-37—72
Charl Schwartzel	35-37—72
Bubba Watson	37-35—72
Jim Herman	37-36—73
J.B. Holmes	38-35—73
Phil Mickelson	36-37—73
Marcus Fraser	38-35—73
Matt Jones	37-37—74
Russell Knox	36-38—74
K.T. Kim	35-39—74
Fabian Gomez	37-37—74
Patrick Reed	38-36—74
Jim Furyk	37-37—74
Bill Haas	39-35—74
James Hahn	39-36—75
Chris Kirk	37-38—75
Smylie Kaufman	40-35—75
Byeong Hun An	37-39—76
Marc Leishman	37-39—76
Shane Lowry	37-39—76
Nathan Holman	40-37—77
Yusuke Tsukada	39-40—79
Danny Lee	39-39—78
Michio Matsumura	40-39—79
Steven Bowditch	39-43—82
Davis Love III	WD
Brooks Koepka	WD
Daniel Berger	WD

French Open
Thursday
At Le Golf National
Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France
Purse: $3.9 million
Yardage: 7,249; Par: 71
First Round

Lucas Bjerregaard, Denmark	66
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	67
Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand	67
Adrian Otaegui, Spain	67
Thomas Pieters, Belgium	67
Edoardo Molinari, Italy	68
Francesco Molinari, Italy	68
Mathieu Daveitiyan-Laton, France	68
Chris Hanson, England	68
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	69
Gregory Bourdy, France	69
Mikko Ilonen, Finland	69
Sebastien Gros, France	69
Andy Sullivan, England	69
Brandon Stone, South Africa	69
Romain Wattel, France	69
Lasse Jensen, Denmark	69
Others	
Troy Merritt, United States	70
Rory McIlroy, N. Ireland	71
Daniel Im, United States	72
David Lipsky, United States	73

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Rangers lose again in 9th; Yankees win 2-1 on passed ball

By Rachel Cohen
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Robinson Chirinos knew which pitch was coming and where it was headed.

Yet somehow the fastball from reliever Tony Barnette still squirted out of the Rangers catcher's glove for a passed ball that allowed the winning run to score in the bottom of the ninth inning of Thursday's 2-1 loss to the Yankees.

"It's my fault," Chirinos said.

Barnette (5-3) blamed himself for the lead-off walk that put Chase Headley on base in the first place.

"It's unacceptable," he said. "You walk a guy to start an inning, most of the time he's going to score."

The Rangers won the first two of the four-game series and led by four runs going into the ninth inning in the third matchup. But they leave the Bronx with a split after dropping two straight in the Yankees' last at-bat.

It had been more than three decades since Texas lost on a game-ending passed ball. On June 16, 1986, knuckleballer Charlie Hough carried a no-hitter into the ninth against the Angels. He wound up losing the no-hitter, the shutout and then the game in that inning.

This season, the Rangers have nine walk-off defeats; no other team in the majors came into Thursday with more than five.

Still, the AL leaders have won 12 of 16.

Shin-Soo Choo opened the game with his 18th career leadoff home run. But Texas batters struck out 16 times, and A.J. Griffin gave up the tying homer to Didi Gregorius in the fifth. Gregorius had the winning home run Wednesday after the Yankees rallied from the four-run ninth-inning deficit.

Griffin, who retired 12 in a row before Gregorius' homer, departed after throwing 88 pitches in five innings. He allowed the one run and two hits with two walks and eight strikeouts.

"I felt like I kind of ironed some stuff out in my delivery and I was able to repeat it better," Griffin said, "and I'm just being smarter with my pitches."

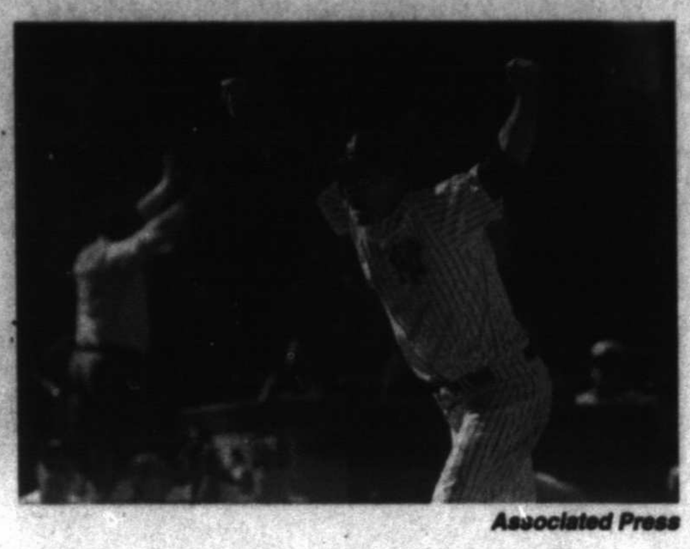
Adrian Beltre singled to lead off the top of the ninth, but Aroldis Chapman (2-0) retired the next three batters.

Yankees starter Michael Pineda struck out Rougned Odor with two runners on to end the first and didn't allow a hit after that shaky opening inning. He struck out 12 in six innings.

After Headley's walk in the ninth, Gregorius came up again with a chance to win it — but this time he sacrificed, bunting Headley to second with one out. Aaron Hicks then walked.

Starlin Castro grounded out to first to put the runners on second and third with two outs. Then with Jacoby Ellsbury at the plate, Headley just beat the throw at home.

"I guarantee 99 out of 100 times he comes up with that," manager Jeff Banister said Chirinos.



Associated Press

The New York Yankees' Chase Headley, left, celebrates after sliding past Texas Rangers relief pitcher Tony Barnette, right, to score the game winning run during the ninth inning Thursday in New York.

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 5, NATURALS 3
at Arvest Ballpark, Springdale, Arkansas

TOP HITTERS: Midland catcher Carson Blair went 2-for-4 with a pair of home runs and three RBI. ... RockHounds third baseman Matt Chapman hit his Texas League-leading 18th home run of the season and finished 2-for-4 with two runs scored. ... Naturals designated hitter Frank Schwindel was 2-for-4 with two RBI.

TOP PITCHERS: RockHounds starter Ben Bracewell earned his fourth win of the season after allowing three runs (two earned) on six hits over five innings. He struck out three and walked one. ... Midland reliever Kyle Finnegan pitched a scoreless and hitless eighth inning, striking out two.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Naturals grabbed a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first, courtesy of a double to right field by Schwindel. ...In the bottom of the second, Blair belted his first home run of the season to right to cut Northwest Arkansas' lead to 2-1. ... Logan Moon's RBI single restored the Naturals' two-run lead in the fourth, before Chapman's solo blast to right center in the fifth brought Midland within 3-2. ... Blair's second long ball of the night — a two run shot — gave Midland a 4-3 lead in the sixth. ... In the ninth, Beau Taylor scored Midland's fifth run on a fielding error by Naturals' center fielder Bubba Starling.

NOTES: The RockHounds turned four double plays in Thursday's win. ... Midland has now won five of its first seven second-half games and holds a half-game lead on Corpus Christi for first place in the TL South. ... The RockHounds continue their three-game series with the Naturals at 7:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Daniel Gossett (0-2, 3.65); Northwest Arkansas — RHP Ashton Goudeau (2-5, 2.97)

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Dodgers)	4	3	.571	—
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	4	3	.571	—
Springfield (Cardinals)	3	3	.500	1
Arkansas (Angels)	2	4	.333	2½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland (Athletics)	5	2	.714	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	4	3	.571	1
San Antonio (Padres)	3	4	.429	2
Frisco (Rangers)	2	5	.286	3

Thursday's Scores
Midland 5, Northwest Arkansas 3
Springfield 3, Corpus Christi 1
San Antonio 6, Tulsa 2
Arkansas 2, Frisco 0

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

ROCKHOUNDS 5, NATURALS 3

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	NW Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi
Barreto ss	5	0	0	0	Toups 2b	4	0	0	0
Sportman lf	4	0	0	0	Starling cf	3	0	0	0
Ross 1b	4	0	0	0	Ramos 3b	4	1	1	0
Marinov rf	2	1	0	0	Lopez pr	0	0	0	0
Blair c	4	2	2	3	O'Hearn 1b	3	1	2	0
Chapman 3b	4	2	2	1	Schwindel dh	4	0	2	2
Munoz 2b	4	0	1	0	Gallagher c	4	1	1	0
Rodriguez dh	3	0	1	0	Arteaga ss	4	0	0	0
Vertigan cf	3	0	0	0	Moon rf	4	0	2	1
Taylor ph	1	0	0	0	Gore lf	3	0	2	0
Oh pr-cf	0	0	0	0	Evans ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**5**	**6**	**4**	**Totals**	**34**	**3**	**10**	**3**

Midland	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1 — 5
Northwest Arkansas	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0 — 3

E — Midland 2, Northwest Arkansas 1. DP — Midland 4. LOB — Midland 5, Northwest Arkansas 6. 2B — Chapman (13), Schwindel (7). HR — Blair 2 (2). Chapman (18). SB — Gore 2 (17).

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bracewell W, 4-1	5.0	6	3	2	1	3
Cochran-Gill	2.0	3	0	0	0	1
Finnegan	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
Wahl S, 2	1.0	1	0	0	0	2
Northwest Arkansas						
Strahm L, 2-7	5.0	4	4	4	2	9
Best	2.0	1	0	0	1	2
Nina	1.0	1	1	0	0	2

HBP — By Bracewell (Starling). WP — Nina.
T — 2:38. A — 3,493.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

WHITE SOX 6
TWINS 5

CHICAGO — J.B. Shuck's two-out single scored the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning and Todd Frazier hit his 23rd home run for Chicago.

Fernando Abad (1-2) got the first two batters in the eight before consecutive walks. Shuck's career high-tying third hit of the game to left scored Avisail Garcia from second.

Nate Jones (4-2) allowed a hit while getting four outs and David Robertson worked around a single in the ninth for his 21st save.

INDIANS 4
BLUE JAYS 1

TORONTO — There hasn't been any comfort at home for R.A. Dickey this season.

Dickey allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings in the Toronto Blue Jays' 4-1 loss to the Cleveland Indians on Thursday night.

Carlos Carrasco struck out a season-high 14, Jason Kipnis and Rajai Davis hit solo home runs and the Indians matched a franchise record by winning their 13th consecutive game.

Dickey (5-9) has allowed six home runs in his past two starts, all of them solo shots. The knuckleballer is 0-6 with a 5.14 ERA in eight home starts.

"If I keep pitching well, it's going to turn," Dickey said. "I just have to keep doing my part."

Toronto has scored just 12 runs for Dickey in his starts at Rogers Centre.

TIGERS 10
RAYS 7

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Cameron Maybin capped a dramatic eight-run ninth inning with a tiebreaking three-run double, and the Detroit Tigers overcame a five-run deficit to beat the Tampa Bay Rays 10-7 on Thursday night.

Detroit trailed 7-2 entering the ninth and opened the inning with four consecutive hits off Ryan Garton, including Victor Martinez's RBI single.

Erasmo Ramirez (7-7) replaced Garton and allowed Justin Upton's run-scoring single, Steven Moya's sacrifice fly and an RBI single to Jarrod Saltalamacchia that made it 7-6.

National League

DODGERS 8
BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE — Trayce Thompson, Yasmani Grandal and Corey Seager hit home runs to lead Los Angeles.

Kenta Maeda (7-5) held the Brewers to one run over six innings.

Thompson put the Dodgers in front in the second with a two-run homer off Zach Davies (5-4). Grandal extended the Dodgers' lead in the fourth with a solo blast over the left-field bullpen. Seager's homer in the fifth accounted for two of the Dodgers' three runs in the inning.

Interleague

ROYALS 4
CARDINALS 2

ST. LOUIS — Kendrys Morales homered and recorded his sixth straight multi-hit game to lead the Kansas City Royals to a 4-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday night.

Kansas City won for the fourth time in five games and took the two-city, four-game series three games to one.

Brandon Moss and Jhonny Peralta homered for the Cardinals who have lost their last seven home games — their longest losing streak since Aug. 2-15, 1983.

Wade Davis recorded his 19th save in 21 opportunities.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	47	30	.610	—
Boston	42	36	.538	5½
Toronto	43	38	.531	6
New York	39	39	.500	8½
Tampa Bay	33	45	.423	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	48	30	.615	—
Kansas City	42	36	.538	6
Detroit	41	38	.519	7½
Chicago	40	39	.506	8½
Minnesota	25	53	.321	23

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	51	29	.638	—
Houston	42	37	.532	8½
Seattle	39	39	.500	11
Oakland	35	43	.449	15
Los Angeles	32	47	.405	18½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	48	32	.600	—
New York	41	37	.526	6
Miami	41	37	.526	6
Philadelphia	35	45	.438	13
Atlanta	26	52	.333	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	51	27	.654	—
St. Louis	40	39	.513	11
Pittsburgh	38	41	.481	13½
Milwaukee	35	43	.449	16
Cincinnati	29	51	.363	23

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	49	31	.613	—
Los Angeles	44	37	.543	5½
Colorado	37	41	.474	11
Arizona	36	45	.444	13½
San Diego	33	46	.418	15½

Scores & schedule

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Thursday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees 2, Texas 1
Chicago White Sox 6, Minnesota 5
Cleveland 4, Toronto 1
Detroit 10, Tampa Bay 7
Kansas City 4, St. Louis 2
San Francisco at Oakland, late
Baltimore at Seattle, late

Today's Games
Cleveland (Tomlin 9-1) at Toronto (Stroman 6-4), 12:07 p.m.
Kansas City (Kennedy 6-6) at Philadelphia (Hellickson 5-6), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Fulmer 7-2) at Tampa Bay (Smyly 2-6), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Chacin 3-6) at Boston (Wright 9-5), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 1-3) at Houston (Fiers 5-3), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Perez 7-4) at Minnesota (Santana 2-7), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 7-5) at Oakland (Gray 3-6), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 1-5) at Seattle (LeBlanc 0-0), 9:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 6-5) at San Diego (Rea 4-3), 9:40 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Thursday's Scores
L.A. Dodgers 8, Milwaukee 1
Washington 13, Cincinnati 4
Miami at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets 4, Chicago Cubs 3
Kansas City 4, St. Louis 2
San Francisco at Oakland, late

Today's Games
Cincinnati (DeSclafani 2-0) at Washington (Roark 7-6), 5:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Kennedy 6-6) at Philadelphia (Hellickson 5-6), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hammel 7-4) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 3-4), 6:10 p.m.
Miami (Nicolino 2-4) at Atlanta (Teheran 3-7), 6:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 1-0) at St. Louis (Garcia 5-8), 7:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Cueto 11-1) at Arizona (Miller 2-7), 8:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 7-5) at Oakland (Gray 3-6), 9:05 p.m.
Colorado (De La Rosa 5-4) at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 6-5) at San Diego (Rea 4-3), 9:40 p.m.

Texas Box

YANKEES 2, RANGERS 1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	4	1	1	1	Ellsbry cf	2	0	0	0
Desmond cf	4	0	0	0	Gardner lf	4	0	0	0
Mazara lf	4	0	1	0	A.Rdrgz dh	4	0	2	0
Beltre 3b	3	0	1	0	B.McCrm p	4	0	1	0
Fielder dh	3	0	0	0	Tisdns 1b	4	0	0	0
Odor 2b	4	0	0	0	Headley 3b	3	1	1	0
Profar ss	3	0	0	0	Grgrius ss	3	1	1	1
Mreland 1b	3	0	1	0	A.Hicks rf	2	0	0	0
Chirinos c	3	0	0	0	Trreyes 2b	2	0	0	0
Beltran ph	0	0	0	0					
S.Cstro pr-2b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**31**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**Totals**	**29**	**2**	**5**	**1**

Texas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 — 1
New York	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1 — 2

LOB—Texas 6, New York 8. HR—Choo (4). Gregorius (6). SB—A.Rodriguez (3). CS—A.Hicks (2). S—Gregorius (3).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Griffin	5	2	1	1	2	8
Tolleson	1 2-3	3	0	0	0	1
Diekman	1 1-3	0	0	0	2	0
Barnette L,5-3	2-3	0	1	0	2	0
New York						
Pineda	6	2	1	1	3	12
Betances	1	1	0	0	0	2
Miller	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chapman W,2-0	1	1	0	0	0	1

WP—Pineda. PB—Chirinos.
T—3:12. A—39,934 (49,642).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
WHITE SOX 6, TWINS 5

Minnesota	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	— 5 8 1
Chicago	0	0	1	0	0	0	1x	x	—2 10 0

Milone, N.Ramirez (4), Pressly (7), Abad (8) and Suzuki; Rodon, Albers (8), Duke (7), Jones (7), Robertson (9) and Navarro. W—Jones 4-2. L—Abad 1-2. Sv—Robertson (21). HRs—Minnesota, Dozier (13), Grossman (8). Chicago, Frazier (23).

INDIANS 4, BLUE JAYS 1

Cleveland	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1 —4 10 0
Toronto	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0 —1 3 0

Carrasco, Shaw (8), Allen (9) and Gimenez; Dickey, Cecil (8), Schultz (9) and Thole, Martin. W—Carrasco 4-2. L—Dickey 5-9. Sv—Allen (17). HRs—Cleveland, Kipnis (11), Davis (8). Toronto, Donaldson (19).

TIGERS 10, RAYS 7

Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	8 —10 11 1
Tampa Bay	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0 —7 14 0

Zimmermann, Sanchez (7), F.Rodriguez (9) and Saltalamacchia, J.McCann; Odorizzi, Andriese (6), Garton (8), E.Ramirez (9), Farquhar (9) and Conger. W—Sanchez 5-8. L—E.Ramirez 7-7. Sv—F.Rodriguez (22).

INTERLEAGUE
ROYALS 4, CARDINALS 2

Kansas City	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0 —4 7 0
St. Louis	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0 —2 3 3

Young, Gee (5), Hochevar (7), Herrera (8), W.Davis (9) and S.Perez; Leake, Lyons (8), Rosenthal (9) and Pena. W—Gee 3-2. L—Leake 5-8. Sv—W.Davis (19). HRs—Kansas City, Morales (11). St. Louis, Peralta (3), Moss (17)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
DODGERS 8, BREWERS 1

Los Angeles	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	5	0 —8 14 2
Milwaukee	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0 —1 4 0

Maeda, Flen (7), Howell (9) and Grandal; Davies, Blazek (5), Barnes (6), Marinez (8), Boyer (9), Torres (9) and Maldonado. W—Maeda 7-5. L—Davies 5-4. HRs—Los Angeles, Thompson (12). Grandal (7), Seager (17).

NATIONALS 13, REDS 4

Cincinnati	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0 —4 9 0
Washington	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	5x —13 11 0

Finnegan, Smith (3), Lorenzen (5), B.Wood (8) and Barnhart; G.Gonzalez, Belisle (7), Rivero (8) and Ramos. W—G.Gonzalez 4-7. L—Finnegan 3-7. HRs—Cincinnati, Votto (14). Washington, Zimmerman (11), Espinosa 2 (15).

METS 4, CUBS 3

Chicago	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0 —3 9 1
New York	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3x —4 8 0

Lackey, Jo.Peralta (7), Strop (7), Cahill (8) and Contreras; Matz, Goeddel (6), Reed (8), Blevins (8), Familia (9) and d'Arnaud. W—Goeddel 1-0. L—Jo.Peralta 1-1. Sv—Familia (27). HRs—Chicago, Baez (8), Bryant (22). New York, Cespedes (19).

Howard College names new head baseball coach

From staff reports

BIG SPRING — Howard College announced on Thursday that it has hired former Hawks All-American and assistant coach Rob Martinez as its new head baseball coach.

Martinez takes over for Britt Smith, who resigned after 13 seasons at the helm to take a position at Perfect Game, a baseball scouting service. Smith led the Hawks to the 2009 NJCAA national title as Howard went a remarkable 63-1 that season.

Martinez, who is originally from El Paso, played for the Hawks from 2003-2004, garnering first team NJCAA All-American status. He went on to play at the University of West Alabama and earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Education.

"I'm very excited to continue the tradition that Coach Smith has built here at Howard College," Martinez said in a press release. "This is my dream job after playing here. Being able to coach here means the world to me."

With Smith leaving, the job as athletic director is also open, but college officials have not made a final decision on how that will be replaced.

CWS

From 1C

Haug swung and missed. Cunningham turned to his dugout, beat his chest with his first three times and saluted before flipping his glove away to start the celebration.

"The last three innings, all I've been doing in the dugout is folding my hands and praying to God that this is His will," Gilmore said.

Arizona's Bobby Dalbec (11-6) also worked 5 2/3 innings, with all the runs coming against him. He struck out eight to increase his CWS total to 25 in 20 innings.

The championship also was the first in a team sport in the 33-year history of the Big South Conference. The Big South could savor the accomplishment for only about eight hours. The Chanticleers become members of the Sun Belt Conference on Friday.

"This program has been a lot better than people give it credit for," Gilmore said. "They thought we played in a small conference and couldn't get this done. This bunch wanted to prove everybody wrong."

Arizona, which came into the day with just two errors in seven CWS games, saw second baseman Cody Ramer commit two on the same play in the sixth inning. Ramer couldn't get a handle on Zach Remillard's grounder, allowing David Parrett to score from third. Then Ramer tried to get Michael Paez running from second to third, but he overthrew Kyle Lewis. That allowed Paez to come home. G.K. Young then launched a no-doubt homer into the seats above the right-field bullpen for a 4-0 lead.

"It's the best feeling of my life," Young said. "I'm trying not to cry right now. Just dreaming of that in my head since I was 10 years old, hitting a home run in the College World Series. I never would have thought it would come in the championship game."

All four runs in the sixth were unearned, and Dalbec was relieved by Cameron Ming after facing one more batter. Before the sixth inning, Ramer hadn't committed an error in 17 games.

The Wildcats cut the lead in half with two unearned runs in the bottom half of the sixth against a tiring Beckwith. An error on first baseman Kevin Woodall Jr. and a walk loaded the bases before Jared Oliva's two-RBI single knocked out Beckwith. Bobby Holmes relieved and struck out No. 9 batter Louis Boyd to end the inning.

Coastal Carolina caught a break in the third inning after Ramer sent a liner into right field that got under Connor Owings' glove and rolled to the wall. Ramer made it to third on the two-base error. Zach Gibbons then hit a comebacker to Beckwith, who went home as Ramer tried to score. After catching Beckwith's wide throw, catcher Parrett reached back to put the tag on Ramer, who was called out on an extremely close play.

Arizona's first two batters in the bottom of the ninth reached base against Cunningham, and Gibbons' sacrifice fly made it a one-run game with two outs. Ryan Aguilar then doubled into the left-field corner, but Ramer was held at third to bring up Haug.

'Slow talker' David Pierce taking reins at Texas baseball

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — For over 100 years, Texas had just four head coaches lead one of the most successful college baseball programs in the country. The last two left a legacy of winning national titles and thousands of career victories.

Now the Longhorns turn the program over to David Pierce, a self-described "slow-talking Texan" who doesn't yet have 200 total wins in a career spent mostly as an assistant and just five seasons as a head coach.

Texas introduced Pierce at a campus news conference on Thursday, a day after hiring him away from Tulane after just two seasons there. The former Texas high school coach and player called landing the Longhorns' job at age 53 "a special day, a special journey."

"I hope you can handle a slow-talking Texan, because that's what you got," Pierce said.

How fast he speaks will be of little importance to Texas fans so long as he quickly returns the program to the College World Series.

Texas reassigned former coach Augie Garrido — the winningest coach in college baseball history — after 20 years and with a year still left on his contract because the Longhorns had missed the NCAA postseason three times in the last five years. Garrido liked to say "Omaha is the standard" at Texas.

Pierce said he's ready to embrace that expectation, although he didn't make any immediate promises and insisted he won't be consumed by the pressure for postseason success.

"There's absolutely no waiting," Pierce said. "If you view it as greater than it is, it will control you."

Pierce noted his Texas roots, serving as director of the state high school coaches association. He's also been a pitching and hitting coach at the college level.

"All these stops along the way truly set me up for this," Pierce said. "I've done everything, including dragging the dirt."

Pierce spent nine seasons as an assistant at Rice before head coaching jobs at Sam Houston State and Tulane. He won four conference titles in five seasons as a head coach. His teams made the NCAA postseason every year but he's yet to reach a super regional.

Texas fans expected the program to name one of the big-name coaches in the country and got nervous as athletic director Mike Perrin's job search lasted for a month.

Perrin said Pierce was the only coach he offered the job, but joked that his search resulted in pay raises for several coaches at other top programs in recent weeks.

USOC increases anti-doping funding by nearly 25 percent

Associated Press

The U.S. Olympic Committee has approved a nearly 25 percent funding increase to the country's anti-doping agency, choosing money over words in an effort to fix a worldwide system that CEO Scott Blackmun says is broken.

The USOC board on Thursday approved the increase starting next year from $3.7 million to $4.6 million annually for the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which is tasked with testing American Olympic athletes, along with international competitors who train in the United States.

The money will have little impact on Russia, which is the focal point of a doping crisis that threatens the country's participation in the Rio Games.

But it's one of the true, tangible moves the federation could take in the anti-doping fight.

Blackmun said the system's dysfunction is a threat to the Olympic system.

SPORTSBRIEFS

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FORT WORTH

Ex-Cowboy Spillman convicted of sexual assault in Texas

Former Cowboys special teams player C.J. Spillman has been convicted of sexual assault in a 2014 incident at a Dallas-area hotel.

A Tarrant County jury deliberated less than two hours Thursday before returning the guilty verdict.

Prosecution spokeswoman Samantha Jordan says the punishment phase will resume Friday morning, when Spillman could be sentenced to 2 to 20 years in prison.

Grapevine police say a woman reported Spillman raped her Sept. 20 at the Gaylord Texan Resort, where he was staying. Testifying in his own defense Thursday, Spillman acknowledged having sex with the woman but insisted it was consensual.

Spillman became a free agent in March 2015.

SAN ANTONIO

Seattle QB, TCU-ex Boykin takes plea over Alamo Bowl fracas

Former TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin has pleaded no contest to resisting arrest over an incident that led to his suspension for his final college game at the Alamo Bowl.

The Bexar County District Attorney's Office said Thursday that Boykin, who signed with Seattle as an undrafted free agent, received a one-year probation that could result in dismissal of the misdemeanor charge.

McCLAIN

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pass rusher available with a chance to have an immediate impact.

Lawrence missed half his rookie season after breaking his right foot in training camp, but showed promise late. The former Boise State player had a team-leading eight sacks in his second season last year.

Gregory was limited by an ankle injury early in his rookie year and finished without a sack.

Figuring out the pass rush will be a high priority at training camp for the Cowboys. Benson Mayowa, signed to an offer sheet that Oakland didn't match, had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee in June and may not be ready when camp opens.

MANZIEL

From 1C

team was seeking a plea deal, and Hinton wrote of concerns over Manziel's ability to adhere to drug-testing conditions. Manziel faces a misdemeanor assault charge that carries a penalty of up to a year in jail and a $4,000 fine.

Hinton resigned from Manziel's case soon after the AP report was published.

The domestic allegations stem from a night out on Jan. 30. Crowley alleged Manziel accosted her at a Dallas hotel, a confrontation that continued downstairs to the valet station. She said he forced her into a car and that a valet disregarded her pleas for help.

The two eventually drove to where her car was parked in front of a Dallas bar, she said in an affidavit She said Manziel got into the driver's seat and began to drive. Crowley said Manziel stopped when she tried to jump out of the car, but that he then dragged her back inside and hit her.

AP file photo

Oklahoma City Thunder's Kevin Durant watches during the closing minutes of the second half in Game 5 of the NBA Western Conference finals against the Golden State Warriors in Oakland, Calif., on May 26. Durant and others are ready to decide their NBA futures, with free agency beginning today.

NBA free agency now just hours away and all eyes are on Durant

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Miami President Pat Riley is a big fan of the symbolic 12:01 a.m. phone call to his team's top targets. San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich says he would rather be sleeping at that moment. And more than $1 billion in deals will likely be hammered out in the next couple of days alone.

Free agency has returned to the NBA, and this July 1 is unlike any other.

Sure, there's the annual list of superstars who could take their talents elsewhere — Kevin Durant will hear sales pitches designed to talk him into leaving Oklahoma City, Dwyane Wade is prepared to leave Miami if he doesn't get a deal to his liking, and it seems LeBron James will make the Cleveland Cavaliers dig even more deeply into their pockets to reward him for the city's first NBA title.

All this comes with a backdrop of an enormous jump in the salary cap, going from $70 million this past season to likely somewhere close to $95 million when the league announces the actual number early next week.

So the spending will be out of control. That's for certain.

Just about everything else is uncertain, starting with Durant's status.

"My message to him is just try to get through this, don't make a decision based off anybody else, make your own decision," New York Knicks forward and Durant's Olympic teammate Carmelo Anthony said. "Because at the end of the day, you're the one that has to live with that."

Durant, true to his nature, is tight-lipped about how his decision-making process will actually work.

"I'll factor in everything that's important to me, which is playing basketball at the end of the day, and we'll see what happens," Durant said.

Durant plans on going to New York — not to play, but to deliberate. Some teams have been granted invites to meet with Durant in the New York area this weekend, and Miami center Hassan Whiteside is planning to meet with teams there as well on Friday. There's been no indication how quickly Durant will reveal if he's staying with the Thunder or moving on, but in Whiteside's case the answer could come on Day 1.

"I'm not calm. Look at me. Woooo!" Whiteside shrieked earlier this week in Miami, when he talked about the looming decision that will take him from someone who made just under $1 million this past season — pocket change by NBA standards — to quite probably more than $20 million in each of the next four seasons. "I'm excited, man. C'mon, man. Free agency time."

Whiteside will strike it rich without going to a single All-Star Game first. Bismack Biyombo (who made $2.8 million this season and is expected to at least quintuple that going forward) will probably do the same, and that comes with him not even having been a full-time starter in Toronto.

This is the new NBA. And it's not changing.

The cap will take another giant leap next season, too. Basketball Hall of Famer Gary Payton stopped playing less than a decade ago; he made about as much in his entire career as Whiteside will likely make in the contract he can sign starting July 7.

Payton equates free agency today to a lottery, with a lot of sweepstakes winners.

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 86-90 degrees; 1.66' low. Black bass are fair early on clear topwaters, wacky worms and Texas rigs on points. Crappie are fair. Catfish are fair on perch and goldfish.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 85-89 degrees; 0.38' low. No reports on black bass. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows in the shallows. Catfish are good on worms and stinkbait.

COLORADO CITY: 20.64' low. No report available.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 84-88 degrees; 0.12' high. Black bass are fair on topwaters, chatterbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 85-90 degrees; 0.49' low. Black bass are fair to good on buzzbaits and Pop-Rs early, later switching to Texas rigs, Carolina rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

NASWORTHY: 84-89 degrees; 0.61' low. Black bass are fair to good on Zara Spooks early, later switching to Texas rigs, jigs and wacky rigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 84-88 degrees; 10.52' low. Black bass are fair on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs, crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs in the shallows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 86-90 degrees; 33.65' low. Black bass are fair to good on weightless flukes, jigs, medium running shad pattern crankbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 84-90 degrees; 0.13' high. Black bass are fair on wacky rigs, Texas rigs, jigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on split shot weighted live minnows. White bass are fair to good on Road Rooster Tails. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

SPENCE: 53.74' low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 0.04' low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 83-89 degrees; 22.24' low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 84-89 degrees; 17.36' low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 83-87 degrees; 24.39' low. Black bass are good on topwaters, crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and soft plastic frogs. Striped bass are fair on topwaters and large jerkbaits. White bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and throwlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water murky; 81-85 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water murky; 78-82 degrees; 25.34' high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water murky; 79-83 degrees; 0.09' high. Black bass are good on soft plastics, buzzbaits, and spinnerbaits over grass. Hybrid striper are fair on shad. White bass are good on minnows and U1 Parties off lighted docks at night. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 79-83 degrees; 0.06' high. Black bass are fair on watermelon flukes, Texas rigged watermelon worms, and topwaters off secondary points early. Striped bass are fair on small crankbaits and Zara Spooks early. White bass are fair trolling on Pirk Minnows over brush piles. Crappie are good on minnows and Curb's crappie jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on live bait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines baited with goldfish.

CANYON LAKE: Water murky; 78-82 degrees; 1.81' high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

COLEMAN: Water murky; 80-84 degrees; 0.14' low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available.

FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

GRANBURY: Water murky; 79-83 degrees; 0.08' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastic worms and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are slow White bass are good on minnows and pel spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers, chicken livers, and stinkbait.

GRANGER: Water murky; 79-82 degrees; 4.16' high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ: Water stained; 79-83 degrees; 0.65' low. Black bass are fair on small topwaters and watermelon Curb's jigs in 8-16 feet early. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows over brush piles in 15 feet. Channel catfish are fair on minnows. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water murky; 78-82 degrees; 9.38' high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 79-83 degrees; 13.45' high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

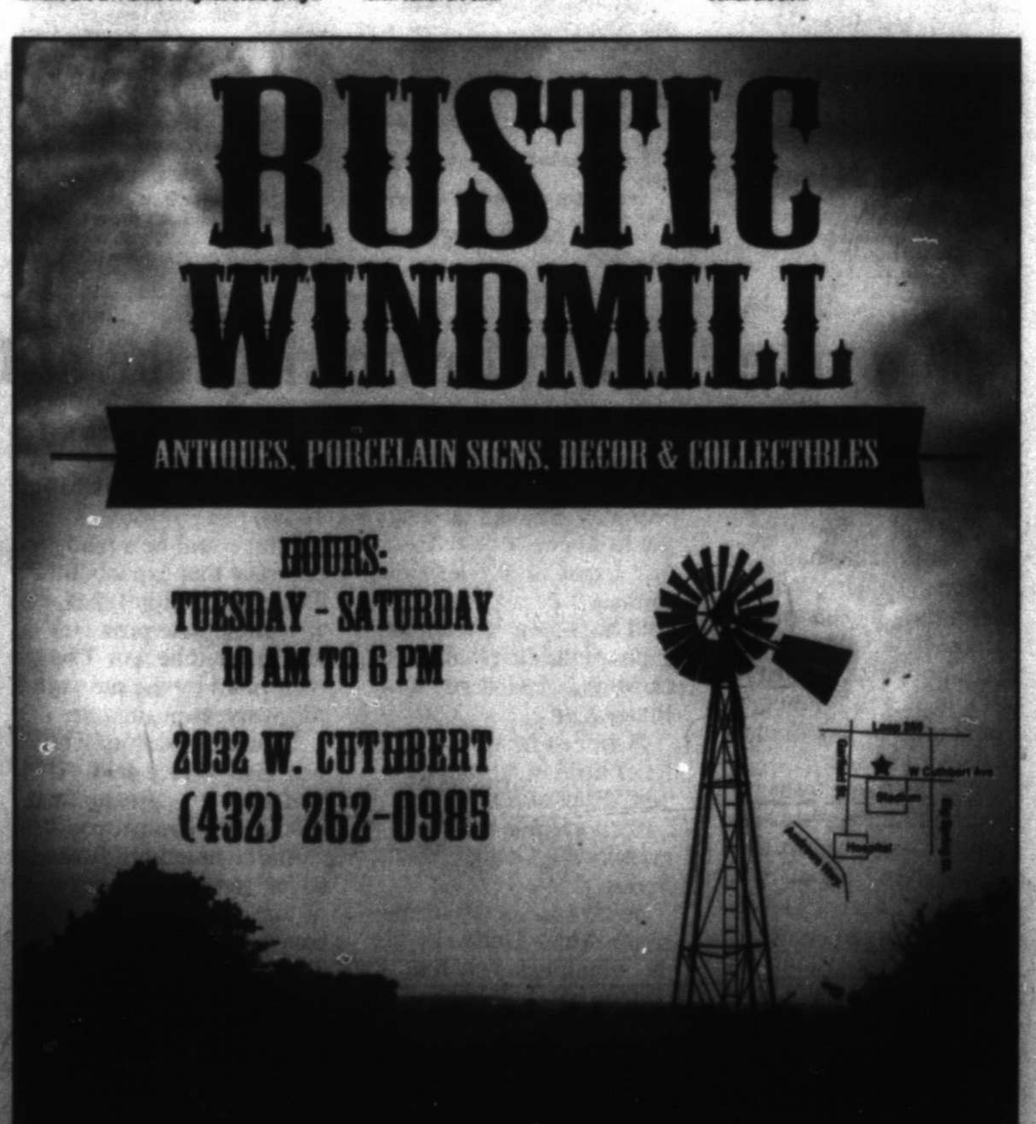
SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 80-84 degrees; 17.50' high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE: Water murky; 79-83 degrees; 13.50' high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water murky; 81-85 degrees; 0.12' high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water murky. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water murky; 79-83 degrees; 13.88' high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.



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CNBC	46	52		39	72	Boss "Choice Hotels"		Undercover Boss		Boss "Buffets, Inc."		Under Boss "Vivint"		West Texas		West Texas	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Anthony Bourdain		Anthony "Okinawa"		Anthony "Thailand"		Inside Man (N)		Anthony "Vietnam"		A. Bourdain "Tokyo"	
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FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	Movie	★★ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Johnny Depp.					Dead of Summer		The 700 Club		★ Twitches Too	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Insider (N)	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Minnesota Twins Site: Target Field -- Minneapolis, Minn. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Rangers Insider	Texans Huddle	Game 365
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) ★ The Hangov...		★ Grown Ups 2 ('13, Com) Kevin James, Adam Sandler.				★ Grown Ups 2 ('13, Com) Kevin James, Adam Sandler.					
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Home I.	Home I.	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ ★ Chandler		★ ★ Rattles		(:15) ★ ★★★ Gone With the Wind ('39, Epic) Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh.							
TELE	20	-	10	20		★ The Last Airbender		(10, Act) Noah Ringer.		★ Hansel y Gretel: Cazadores de brujas				Al rojo	Boxeo		
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Celblock 6: Female "Will I Get Out Today?"		Women in Prison		Prison "Student and the Rebel"		Prison "Teacher and the Medic"		Women in Prison		Prison "Student and the Rebel"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Survivor in the Soap"		★★ The Lincoln Lawyer ('11, Dra) Marisa Tomei, Ryan Phillippe, Matthew McConaughey.				(:15) ★ ★ Enemy of the State ('98, Act) Will Smith. A successful lawyer is pursued by a treacherous National Security Agency official.					
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN	19	85				★ ★★★★ Scarface ('83, Cri) Michelle Pfeiffer, Steven Bauer, Al Pacino. A Cuban refugee pursues the American dream by moving to the top of the Florida drug trade.						★ ★ Swordfish (2001, Thriller) Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, John Travolta.					Met Your Mother

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Earnhardt hopes new Chevrolet gets him a Daytona victory

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Amelia is in the graveyard located in the woods of Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s property in North Carolina, where he collects ruined race cars.

The beloved Chevrolet failed Earnhardt in the Daytona 500 and again at Talladega. He thought he'd drive Amelia to another victory in both races — after all, she'd won four times in six restrictor-plate starts over a 13-month period — but he crashed in both superspeedway races this season.

After the Talladega wreck, he retired Amelia and added her to his eclectic graveyard.

So when NASCAR's most popular driver races Saturday night at Daytona International Speedway, it will be in a new Chevy built by Hendrick Motorsports that won't have a name.

"We're not going to be naming cars anymore," Earnhardt said Thursday. "I knew as soon as we did that, it sort of took off and put a lot of pressure on that car and the team. These cars just don't stick around long enough to get names. You used to race cars for years and years and they would show a personality.

"These days, you only keep a car for maybe a year before it's unrecognizable or it's cut out of the herd."

In fact, Earnhardt believes Amelia probably outlived her worth. In hindsight, he doesn't think he should have raced her at Daytona or Talladega.

"There are newer ideas and theories and better ways to do things that that car didn't have," he said. "We assumed, hey, it was doing so well, why wouldn't it keep going? It seems like over the offseason there's so much improvement and gains made by every organization that you can't afford to rest on what you did the year before."

While it's true that a driver is only as good as his car, Earnhardt has proved to excel at restrictor plate races. Of his 26 career Sprint Cup victories, Earnhardt has won 10 times at Daytona and Talladega. He's the defending race winner here at Daytona, and he won an exhibition race in February. Counting non-points events, Earnhardt has won 11 times at the famed speedway.

He's done it with an aggressive driving style that he possibly inherited from his late father, Dale Earnhardt, who won 13 points races at Daytona and Talladega before he was killed on the last lap of the 2001 Daytona 500.

"You've got to get yourself out there and put yourself in some pretty compromising situations that are touch and go," Earnhardt said. "If you want to go up there and win the race, you've got to put yourself in some situations that are really sketchy.

"Sometimes in plate racing it's as hairy as you can stand. It's about as much excitement and nerve-wracking anxiety as you can stomach."

Earnhardt will likely drive that way on Saturday night when he seeks his first victory of the season. He sits 12th in the standings — only behind teammate Chase Elliott among drivers inside the top 16 still looking for a win.

But 12 drivers already have wins this season with 10 races remaining to set the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship field. A win should essentially lock a driver into the Chase — unless there are more than 16 winners.

So Earnhardt isn't very comfortable with his current position, especially since there have been eight different winners in the last eight races. He admitted being frustrated over his May races — he didn't have a finish higher than 14th — but is encouraged by what speed crew chief Greg Ives has seemed to find.

"Where we are in points is very frustrating," he said. "It creates a lot of anxiety between me and Greg. I think that we both are not happy with where we are in the points. We are wondering and worrying about trying to make the Chase — it shouldn't be something that this team is concerned with.

Associated Press

Dale Earnhardt Jr., second from left, chats with his crew in the garage during NASCAR Sprint Cup auto racing practice at Daytona International Speedway on Thursday in Daytona Beach, Fla.

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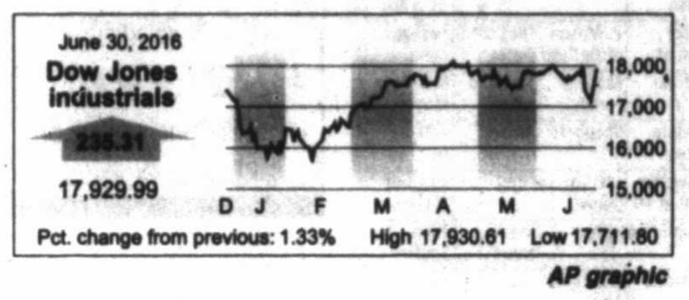

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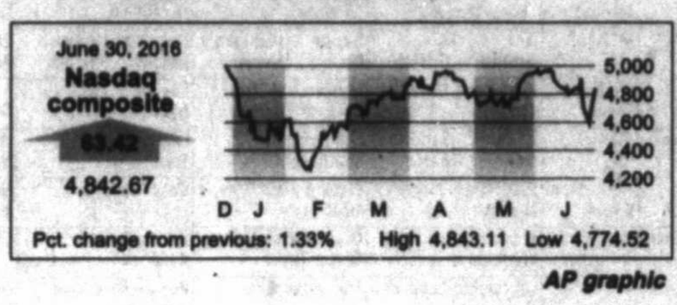

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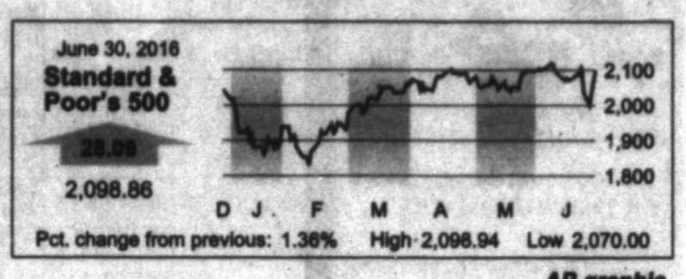

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Thursday: $48.33
Previous: $49.88

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Thursday: $44.75
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Thursday: $41.15
Previous: $42.90

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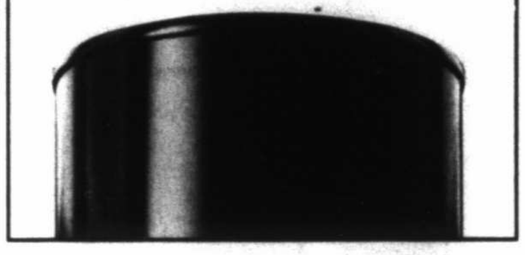
Thursday: $2.924
Previous: $2.863



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1385608	208.48	+2.82
BkofAm	1204069	13.27	+.08
iShEMkts	857715	34.36	+.34
B iPVixST	852477	13.81	-.46
iShJapan	732506	11.50	-.10

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FiveStar	2.34	+.67	+40.1
Care.com	11.88	+3.21	+37.9
HgharOne	5.11	+1.36	+36.3
StoneEng rs	12.06	+2.24	+22.8
SunTr wtB	4.28	+.89	+19.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Costamre	7.67	-1.36	-15.1
DnbHCreBr	34.55	-4.45	-11.4
EP Energy	5.18	-.60	-10.4
NatRePt rs	14.35	-1.42	-9.0
Danaos	2.72	-.27	-9.0

Diary

Advanced	2,440
Declined	649
Unchanged	78
Total issues	3,167
New Highs	394
New Lows	16
Volume	4,458,991,736

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MGT Cap	179863	3.82	-.22
AmpioPhrn	126576	1.29	-2.03
Globalstar	49745	1.21	+.08
SynergyRs	43470	6.66	-.23
NwGold g	42225	4.38	+.05

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NovaBay rs	2.50	+.24	+10.6
BG Staffing	18.92	+1.43	+8.2
YumaE pfA	3.85	+.26	+7.1
SupDrilg	2.18	+.14	+7.0
StrPathCm	27.67	+1.68	+6.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PowrREIT	6.98	-.72	-9.4
Innsuites	2.15	-.14	-6.1
Gastar pfA	13.50	-.77	-5.4
MGT Cap	3.82	-.22	-5.4
NatwrTch	2.66	-.14	-5.0

Diary

Advanced	225
Declined	157
Unchanged	19
Total issues	401
New Highs	29
New Lows	3
Volume	133,998,091

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVxSh rs	584727	2.18	-.10
SiriusXM	437505	3.95	+.03
MicronT	426577	13.76	+.57
Apple Inc	344206	95.60	+1.20
Intel	334129	32.80	+.87

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Anavex rs	6.11	+.86	+16.4
AlanisBios	3.22	+.44	+15.8
CoLucidP n	8.17	+1.08	+15.2
TerraVia	2.62	+.30	+12.9
Dynatronic	2.97	+.34	+12.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AccVIXup rs	10.07	-2.16	-17.7
XploreTch	2.40	-.50	-17.2
OraSure	5.91	-1.17	-16.5
EuroTech	2.46	-.39	-13.7
EXFO g	3.46	-.53	-13.3

Diary

Advanced	2,018
Declined	828
Unchanged	154
Total issues	3,000
New Highs	105
New Lows	31
Volume	2,080,928,187

Visa, MasterCard $5.7 billion pact tossed as merchants win

Bloomberg

A federal appeals court rejected a $5.7 billion settlement of claims that Visa Inc. and MasterCard Inc. improperly fixed credit-card swipe fees, potentially renewing years of litigation with millions of U.S. merchants.

The ruling is a blow to credit-card firms that sought to put an end to bitter court battles over fees amounting to tens of billions of dollars annually. The lawsuit, brought on behalf of 12 million merchants nationwide, was filed a decade ago after earlier disputes over the fees. The rejection of the deal raises the prospect that it will have to be renegotiated or the case may go to trial.

Dozens of big retailers who opposed the accord cheered the decision, in which the appeals court said provisions barring merchants from suing over fees were unfair. The U.S. Court of Appeals in Manhattan also said that lawyers who represented retailers nationwide didn't do enough to protect their interests.

"This is not a settlement; it is a confiscation," U.S. Circuit Judge Pierre Leval said in one of two opinions in the case. The judge said he was particularly troubled by the broad litigation release that "binds in perpetuity, without opportunity to reject the settlement, all merchants who in the future will accept Visa and MasterCard, including those not yet in existence."

Visa declined 2.3 percent to $74.94 at 11:58 a.m. in New York, while MasterCard slipped 2 percent to $90.29. The world's largest payment networks were the worst performers in the 68-company S&P 500 Information Technology Index.

"We are disappointed by today's ruling," Seth Eisen, a spokesman for MasterCard, said in an emailed statement. "We believe we presented a clear case to the court that the settlement was fair and appropriate based on more than four years of negotiation and the close involvement of the district court. We are reviewing the decision to determine our next steps."

Connie Kim, a spokeswoman for Visa, declined to comment.

Large retailers including Wal-Mart Stores, Amazon.com and Target, as well as major airlines, health insurers and other consumer businesses, had criticized the deal. On Thursday, the Retail Industry Leaders Association, a trade group that represents more than 200 merchants, praised the ruling, saying the settlement would have denied retailers the ability to bring lawsuits over interchange rules and rate setting. The group had formally opted out and objected to the deal two years ago.

U.S. District Judge John Gleeson in Brooklyn, New York, approved the accord on Dec. 13, 2013, saying he was satisfied with the settlement, which was estimated to be the largest-ever U.S. antitrust deal. Gleeson stepped down from the bench earlier this year.

Once owned by groups of major banks, Visa and MasterCard had defended themselves for decades against legal claims that they operated price-fixing schemes. Swipe, or interchange, fees are set by card companies and paid by merchants when consumers use credit or debit cards.

Hershey board rejects $23 billion takeover bid from Mondelez

Bloomberg

Hershey snubbed a preliminary takeover offer from Mondelez International for $107 a share in cash and stock, turning down a deal that would have created the world's largest candy company.

The offer, which would have valued the company at about $23 billion, was rejected unanimously, according to a statement Thursday. Hershey's stock pared its earlier gains after the company released the remarks, though the shares remain near an all-time high — a sign investors are still holding out hope for a deal. After rising as much as 21 percent on reports of the Mondelez bid, Hershey was up 15 percent at $111.81 as of 2:47 p.m. in New York.

"The company's board of directors, after receiving input from the company's management and its outside financial and legal advisers, carefully evaluated the indication of interest," Hershey, which is controlled by a family trust, said in the statement. The board and management "are committed to enhancing value for all stockholders in accordance with the company's strategic plan."

The move deals a blow to Mondelez Chief Executive Officer Irene Rosenfeld, who is seeking to balance out the Oreo maker's overseas-focused business. Hershey generated almost 90 percent of its revenue in North America last year, with the majority of that coming from selling chocolate in the U.S. The combination also would have vaulted Mondelez past Mars Inc. as the world's biggest confectioner, according to Euromonitor International.

"From a geographic perspective, the move makes sense," said Jack Skelly, an analyst at Euromonitor. "Mondelez has achieved its position as the second-largest confectionery manufacturer in the world without any sizable presence in the U.S."

US stock indexes extend rally to a 3rd day

Companies that make packaged foods and other consumer goods led a broad rise in U.S. stocks Thursday afternoon, extending a rally into a third day. Investors also continued to drive U.S. bond prices higher, a sign that some traders remain cautious about the possible ramifications of Britain's vote to leave the European Union.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 208 points, or 1.2 percent, to 17,903 at 2:15 p.m. Eastern Time. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 23 points, or 1.1 percent, to 2,094. The Nasdaq composite added 46 points, or 1 percent, to 4,825.

Cable channel Starz soared 11 percent after agreeing to be acquired by Lions Gate Entertainment, which owns the "Orange Is The New Black" Netflix series and the "Hunger Games" movies. Starz jumped $3.19 to $31.44. Lions Gate rose 74 cents, or 3.5 percent, to $21.69.

Hershey surged 15.2 percent following a published report that snack company Mondelez has made an overture to acquire the candy maker. Hershey was the biggest riser in the S&P 500 index, adding $14.73 to $111.87 before trading was halted.

Metals end mixed

In metals trading, gold lost $6.30 to $1,320.60 an ounce, silver gained 22 cents to $18.62 an ounce and copper added 1 cent to $2.20 a pound.

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Closing Price $119.27 Down 1.23

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Closing Price $8.15 Up 0.40

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $91.21 Up 0.42

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.62 Down 0.15

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.47 Down 0.08

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.90 Up 0.46

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $34.89 Up 0.27

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $8.82 Down 0.32

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.65 Down 0.37

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92	18	43.21	+.67	+25.6
Abraxas	...	...	1.13	-.01	+6.6
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.67	+.16	-1.2
AMD	...	...	5.14	+.01	+79.1
Alcoa	.12	25	9.27	+.17	-6.1
AlliantEg s	...	23	39.70	-.12	...
AlonUSA	.60	...	6.48	+.04	-56.3
Amgen	4.00	16	152.15	+2.05	-8.3
Anadarko	.20	...	53.25	+.06	+9.5
Apache	1.00	...	55.67	-.14	+25.2
Apple Inc	2.28f	11	95.60	+1.20	-9.2
ApldMatl	.40	22	23.97	+.41	+28.4
ArcelorMit	...	...	4.66	+.12	+44.9
Archrock	.38m	...	9.42	+.12	+25.3
ATMOS	1.68	25	81.22	+2.85	+29.0
AutoData	2.12	28	91.67	+2.74	+8.4
BP PLC	2.40e	...	35.51	+.72	+13.6
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	17.97	-.13	+4.2
BakrHu	.68	...	45.13	+.02	-2.2
BkofAm	.20	10	13.27	+.08	-21.2
Barclay	.39e	...	7.60	...	-41.4
B iPVixST	...	...	13.81	-.46	-31.3
BasicEnSv	...	...	1.68	+.07	-37.3
BerkHa A	...	...	152166975.03	+4330.00	+9.7
BlkHillsCp	1.68f	38	63.04	+.81	+35.9
BrMySq	1.52	81	73.55	+.85	+28.9
BrownFA	1.36f	34	106.03	+4.88	-1.9
BrownFB	1.36f	30	99.76	+3.76	+.5
CVS Health	1.70f	19	95.74	+1.33	-2.1
Caterpillar	3.08	19	75.81	+1.58	+11.6
Celestic g	...	9	9.30	+.17	-15.7
Cemex	.29t	...	6.17	+.27	+15.2
CntryLink	2.16	15	29.01	+.56	+15.3
ChesEng	...	...	4.28	-.14	-4.9
Chevron	4.28	...	104.83	+1.41	+16.5
Chicos	.32	43	10.71	+.15	+.4
Cimarex	.32	...	119.32	+1.22	+33.5
Cisco	1.04	14	28.69	+.43	+6.5
Citigroup	.20	11	42.39	+.27	-18.1
ClevEng	...	...	27.46	-1.14	-7.1
CocaCola	1.40f	26	46.33	+.89	+5.5
ColgPalm	1.56	26	73.20	+1.34	+9.9
CokPpln n	.52	...	25.49	+.01	+27.5
ConAgra	1.00	27	47.81	+.21	+13.4
ConchoRes	...	...	119.27	-1.23	+28.4
ConocoPhil	1.00	...	43.60	-.31	-5.6
CrackerB	4.60f	24	171.47	+.16	+35.2
CSVelNYST	...	...	24.99	+.66	-3.1
CSVxSh rs	...	...	2.18	-.10	-55.2
CrosTim	1.16e	11	18.13	+.14	+39.4
CypSemi	.44	20	10.55	+1.00	+7.5
DCP Mid	3.12	26	34.49	-1.23	+39.8
DTE	2.92	22	99.12	+2.02	+23.6
Dataram h	...	...	.61	-.04	-8.3
DevonE	.24	...	36.25	-.44	+13.3
DirDGBr rs	...	...	7.93	-.50	...
Disney	1.42	17	97.82	+.84	-8.9
DowChm	1.84	16	49.71	+.31	-3.4
EMC Cp	.46	21	27.17	+.02	+5.8
EOG Resos	.67	...	83.42	-.02	+17.8
EmpDist	1.04	25	33.97	+.20	+21.0
Energen	.08	...	48.21	+.89	+17.6
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	38.07	-1.00	+12.9
EnPro	.84	...	44.39	+.48	+1.3
EntProPt	1.56f	23	29.26	+.36	+14.4
Ericsson	.46e	...	7.68	+.12	-20.1
ExxonMbl	3.00f	30	93.74	+1.28	+20.3
Facebook	...	54	114.26	+.12	+9.2
FordM	.60a	8	12.57	+.02	-10.8
FrptMcM	...	...	11.14	+.37	+64.5
GATX	1.60	9	43.97	+.87	+3.3
GabelliET	.94e	...	7.05	+.06	-6.0
GalenaBio	...	...	.47	+.12	-68.3
GAInv	1.15e	...	30.82	+.19	-3.5
GenElec	.92	40	31.49	+.93	+1.1
GtPlainEn	1.65	21	30.49	+.85	+11.3
HalconRs rs	...	...	.46	-.02	-63.2
Hallibrtn	.72	60	45.29	+.70	+33.0
Hershey	2.33	27	113.49	+19.35	+27.1
HuntBnsh	.28	11	8.94	+.43	-19.2
iShGold	...	...	12.76	+.05	+24.7
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	30.18	+.49	+45.9
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.50	-.10	-5.1
iShSilver	...	...	17.87	+.50	+35.4
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	34.22	+.46	-3.0
iShEMkts	.84e	...	34.36	+.34	+6.7
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	55.82	+.82	-4.9
iShBdHYB	5.09	...	84.70	+.57	+5.1
iShR2K	1.73e	...	114.98	+2.10	+2.1
Intel	1.04	14	32.80	+.87	-4.8
InterDig	.80	17	55.68	+1.34	+13.5
IsauUnibH	.45e	...	9.44	+.32	+45.2
JPMorgCh	1.76	11	62.14	+.94	-5.3
JohnJn	3.20f	20	121.30	+1.97	+18.1
Keycorp	.34f	11	11.05	+.23	-16.2
KimbClk	3.68	38	137.48	+2.78	+8.0
Kinross g	...	...	4.89	-.14	+168.7
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.62	-.15	-7.4
LionsGt g	.36	30	20.23	-.71	-37.5
Lubys	...	...	5.02	+.03	+12.3
MGT Cap	...	...	3.82	-.22	+1599.9
McDnld's	3.56f	23	120.34	+.85	+1.9
Merck	1.84	21	57.61	+.56	+9.1
MeritMed	...	36	19.83	+.39	+6.7
MexcoEn	...	...	2.47	-.08	-23.5
MicronT	...	15	13.76	+.57	-2.8
Microsoft	1.44	36	51.17	+.63	-7.8
Mobileye	...	...	46.14	+4.18	+9.1
Mondelez	.68	10	45.51	+2.54	+1.5
MorgStan	.60	11	25.98	+.75	-18.3
Nabors	.24	...	10.05	+.32	+18.1
NatGrid	3.35e	...	74.33	+2.14	+6.9
NOblVarco	1.84	18	33.65	+.72	+.5
Nike$ s	.64	26	55.20	+.07	-11.7
NvPhil	.75e	...	15.07	+.02	+10.3
NuvPI	.82e	...	15.43	+.07	+0.4
NSTFI3	.55e	...	15.87	+.10	+9.1
NTXQI	.65	...	15.67	-.04	+8.6
OcciPet	3.00	57	75.86	+.47	+11.8
Oracle	.60	20	40.93	+.38	+12.5
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PerkDrl	...	...	2.29	-.01	+28.8
PetroTl	.08m	...	21.22	+.50	+41.4
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Pmian	.31e	21	7.33	+.08	+44.9
Petrobras	...	...	7.16	-.02	+66.5
Pfizer	1.20	18	35.21	+.20	+8.1
PioNtrl	.06	72	151.21	-.42	+20.6
PlainsAAP	2.80	20	27.49	+.10	+19.0
Potash	1.00m	13	16.24	+.20	-5.1
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	107.54	+1.23	-3.9
Praxair	3.00	22	112.39	+1.74	+9.8
PrmEgy	...	...	80.76	+.16	+14.6
PUVixST rs	...	...	9.43	-.66	-66.7
ProctGam	2.68f	26	84.67	+.76	+6.5
ProUShSP	...	...	17.81	-.48	-10.6
RangeRs	.08	...	43.14	-.85	+75.3
RegionsFn	.28f	12	9.51	+.09	-11.4
RiteAid	...	...	7.49	-.16	-4.5
Rowan	.40	24	17.66	-.16	+4.2
RoyDShlA	3.76	84	55.22	+.98	+20.6
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	179.00	+2.36	+2.9
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	209.48	+2.82	+2.7
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	35.69	+.30	+5.2
SabnR	2.10e	13	33.41	-.36	+27.2
SanderFm	.88e	14	86.64	+4.02	+11.8
Schlmbrg	2.00	29	79.08	+1.25	+13.4
Schwab	.24	23	25.31	+.01	-23.1
SiriusXM	...	36	3.95	+.03	-2.9
Smucker	2.68	22	152.41	+3.30	+23.6
SwstnEngy	...	...	12.58	-.45	+76.9
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	55.15	+1.21	+9.2
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	22.86	+.36	-4.1
SP Inds	1.12e	...	56.01	+1.05	+5.7
SP Util	1.55e	...	52.47	+1.11	+21.2
SunocoLog	1.92f	38	28.75	+.09	+11.9
TECO	.92f	34	27.64	-.01	+3.7
TeleTech	1.80e	...	9.49	+.23	-14.3
Tesoro	2.00	5	74.92	-.56	-28.9
3M Co	4.44	22	175.12	+3.60	+16.3
Torchmark	.56	15	61.82	+1.59	+8.4
Towerstm h	...	...	.17	-.01	-55.8
Transcon	...	23	11.89	+.27	-4.0
TriContl	.82e	...	30.54	+.17	+2.8
Twilio n	...	...	36.50	-.58	+26.8
TylerTech	...	67	166.71	+1.57	-4.4
UBSI	1.32	19	37.51	+1.16	+1.4
US OilFd	...	...	11.57	-.22	+5.2
Vale SA	.29e	...	5.06	+.21	+53.8
ValeroE	2.40	7	51.00	-.92	-27.9
VanEGold	.12e	...	27.71	+.56	+102.0
VangEmg	1.10e	...	35.23	+.35	+7.7
VerizonCm	2.28	13	55.84	+.76	+20.8
Visa s	.56	26	74.17	-2.57	-4.4
VulcanM	.80	53	130.36	+1.71	+26.7
WEC Engy	1.98f	22	65.30	+1.14	+27.3
WalgBoots	1.44	25	83.27	+.06	-2.2
WellsFargo	1.52f	12	47.33	+.36	-12.9
WstnRefin	1.52f	6	20.63	+.06	-42.1
WhitingPet	...	...	9.26	-.40	-1.9
WmsCos	2.56	...	21.63	+.79	-15.8
XcelEngy	1.36	21	44.78	+.83	+24.7
Xerox	.31	20	9.49	+.29	-10.7
Zynga	...	...	2.49	+.07	-7.1

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,167.93	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,929.99	+235.31	+1.33	+2.90	+1.13
8,530.82	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,485.13	+72.18	+.97	-.31	-7.85
704.28	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	716.52	+15.40	+2.20	+24.00	+27.89
11,032.61	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,489.76	+139.22	+1.35	+3.41	-3.45
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,842.67	+63.42	+1.33	-3.29	-3.32
2,132.82	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,098.86	+28.09	+1.36	+2.89	+1.06
1,526.81	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,496.50	+29.30	+1.99	+7.00	-.81
22,495.40	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	21,711.37	+285.84	+1.37	+2.57	-1.09
1,275.40	943.08	Russell 2000	1,151.92	+20.31	+1.79	+1.41	-7.72

TODAY: Mostly sunny — High: 94 Low: 73

SATURDAY: Partly sunny — High: 93 Low: 75

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 100 Low: 77

4TH OF JULY: Mostly sunny — High: 99 Low: 77

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 99 Low: 76

WEDNESDAY: Sunny — High: 98 Low: 76

Local forecast

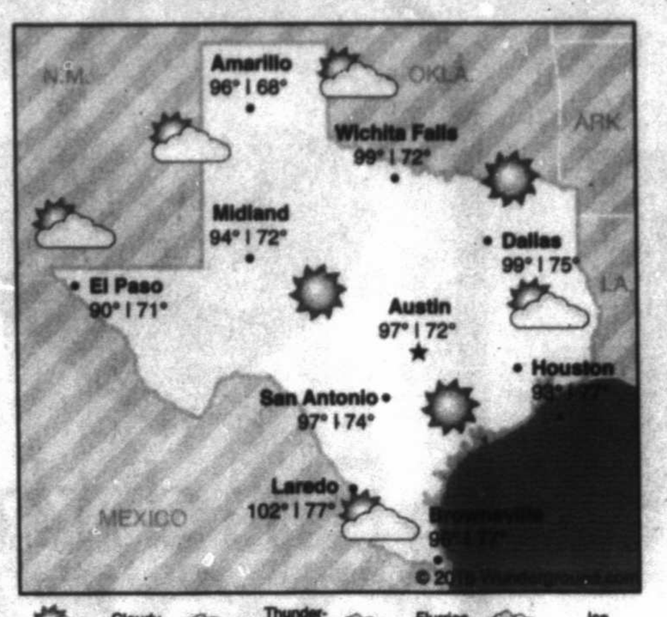
The high could hit triple digits on Sunday, according to the National Weather Service. There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms Saturday and Sunday and a slight chance Tuesday.

The record high for June 30 is 106 set in 1994 . The record low is 56 set in 1982. On June 30 of last year, the high was 86 and the low was 63.

Weather brief

A cold frontal boundary shifted over the northern tier of the country Thursday, while a separate frontal boundary stalled out over the Southeast.

An area of low pressure shifted over the upper Great Lakes and southeast Canada. A cold frontal boundary associated with this system extended west southwestward over the upper Midwest and the northern Plains. Rain and thunderstorms fired up along and ahead of this frontal boundary over a handful of states. Carroll, Iowa., reported a midday total of 2.73 inches of rain. Isolated thunderstorms also popped up across parts of the central Plains and the middle Mississippi Valley.



Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunder-storms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Precipitation

Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	3.17 in.
Year total	6.91 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.06 in.

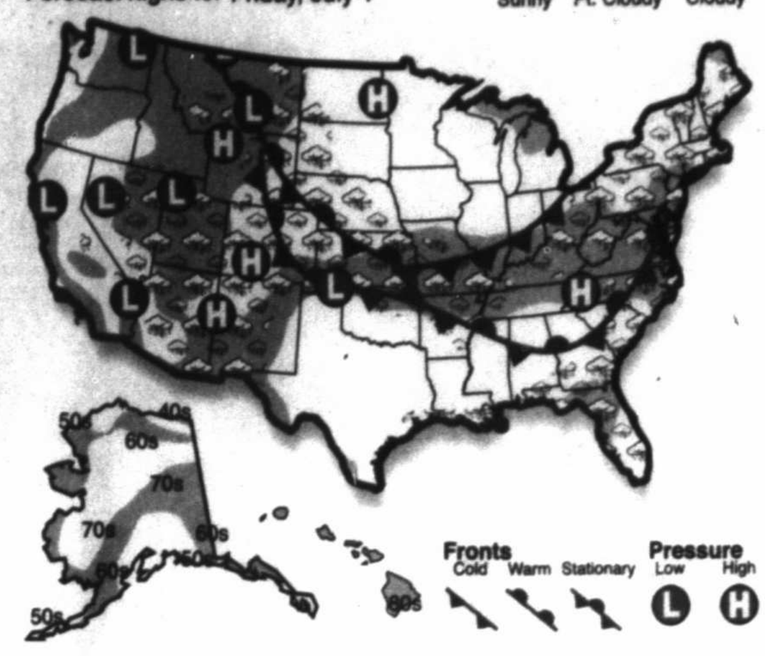
Thursday's temperatures

High	96
Low	70
Normal high	95
Normal low	69
Sunrise	6:47 a.m.
Sunset	8:59 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, July 1

Sunny · Pt. Cloudy · Cloudy



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Teen sees trouble in photo of shirtless young cousins

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I'm concerned about a photo my uncle posted to Facebook. It features my two female cousins, ages 6 and 2, shirtless. I know no harm was intended in posting the photo, as they are both adorable girls. However, I find it inappropriate that the 6-year-old — who is going into first grade — was shirtless in the photo. Now that it is on the internet, it could be easily seen by a pedophile.

How do I express my concern to my uncle about this without coming off like I am trying to parent for him? I'm only 17 and don't want to overstep my boundaries, but as a caring family member, I am concerned. — NIECE IN COLORADO

DEAR NIECE: Because you are nervous about approaching your uncle about this, consider discussing your concerns with the children's mother. If your uncle is a single parent, then mention it to your own parents and, if they agree with you, ask them to mention to your uncle that his semi-nude pictures on the web may endanger his daughters.

P.S. Your uncle should be made aware that he can customize his account settings and make his profile private. That way, only family and selected close friends will be able to see his timeline.

DEAR ABBY: My neighbor is taking care of her grandchildren. She seems responsible and the courts have allowed her to be their foster mother. Her own children not only steal, but are also physically abusive. The court ordered the mother of the kids (my neighbor's daughter) to have no contact with them. Their father is in prison.

I am friendly with this neighbor and her grandchildren. I wish I had a way to tell her that her constant shouting and screaming at the kids is unhealthy. How can I help this family and these little ones? Should I just come out and say what's on my mind — that yelling at them undermines their self-esteem and does no good whatsoever? — KIND NEIGHBOR IN MICHIGAN

DEAR KIND NEIGHBOR: Have a chat with your neighbor about it, if you can manage it without coming across as judgmental (i.e., accusing her of "undermining their self-esteem"). When you do, tell her you know she is carrying a lot of responsibility on her shoulders and she might be yelling because she's stressed. Then offer to watch the grandchildren for her once or twice a month, so she can have some quiet time for herself. If you do, you would be doing her and her grandchildren a great favor.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 28 and have been a licensed practical nurse since 2007. Although I've been a nurse for nine years, I feel incompetent and like I haven't learned much over the years. I pray every day I go to work that no serious situations arise because I'm afraid I won't be able to handle them correctly. Many people have suggested I further my education and become an RN, but I feel it would be a waste because I don't feel smart enough. What should I do? — WARY IN OHIO

DEAR WARY: I think you should challenge yourself and take some of those classes to further your education. If you do well in them, continue. If not, you can look for another line of work then.

However, before you do anything else, please talk with a licensed mental health professional to get to the reasons for your low self-esteem. Those feelings of inadequacy may be what are holding you back and preventing you from enjoying the important work you do.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Safe, from the safe side

North-South vulnerable, South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 9
♡ A J 7 6 4
♢ 9 7 3
♣ 8 4 2

WEST
♠ 10 7 6 4 3
♡ Void
♢ A 10 5
♣ 10 9 7 5 3

EAST
♠ J 8 2
♡ Q 10 8 5
♢ Q J 8 6
♣ J 6

SOUTH
♠ A Q 5
♡ K 9 3 2
♢ K 4 2
♣ A K Q

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2NT	Pass	3♡*	Pass
4♡	All pass		

*Transfer to hearts

Opening lead: Ten of ♣

Today's deal illustrates several important points. First, note the importance of playing this contract from the South hand. Had North been declarer, an opening lead of the queen of diamonds would have netted the defense the first three tricks before declarer had a chance to tackle the trump suit. Score one for transfer bids.

The opening club lead from West puts South in with a chance — a chance that will fail if South starts trumps by leading the king. Declarer can discard one diamond from dummy on the spades, but he still must hold his trump losers to one. That will be no problem should the missing trumps split 2-2 (no losers) or 3-1. Declarer must take precautions against a possible 4-0 split.

The correct safety play, to insure against two trump losers with this combination, is well known. Declarer must start the suit by playing the ace rather than the king. Should both opponents follow suit, declarer just plays a heart to the king and takes the diamond discard on the spades. Should East show out, declarer can lead a heart to the king and another back toward the jack. Declarer can finish drawing trumps while the king of diamonds is still protected. Should West show out on the first heart, as here, declarer can lead back toward the king-nine, forcing East to put up his 10. South will win this with the king, take the diamond discard, and then lead a heart to the jack. Declarer can finish drawing trumps later while holding his diamond losses to two tricks.

A safety play from the safe side of the table. Well done!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 1, 2016:

This year you have an innate sense of independence. You will have opportunities to make certain situations more to your liking. You often gain support from friends, and as a result you feel very confident. If you are single, friendship will play a significant role in the meeting or development of your next relationship. This person could already be in your life. If you are attached, check in with your significant other frequently to confirm that you are on the same page. Get behind a key mutual project together, and you might be surprised by how quickly the two of you can achieve that goal. TAURUS can be very stubborn!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You will be quite talkative and open to feedback. Someone could be testy, and might attempt to withhold his or her feelings. Give this person space to open up. You will need to get feedback from others, but you might not like what you hear. Tonight: Speak your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Be aware of the costs of spending as freely as you have been. Your creativity surges, and you'll speak your mind. Extremes mark any financial decisions. You could be involved in a tense situation in which someone makes a demand that you can't meet. Tonight: Ask questions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your personality allows you to jump over any hassles. Stay centered. You might witness a quick change with someone you see nearly daily. If you notice that your temper flares, why not try to share what ails you in a way that others can hear you? Tonight: Go for what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Know when to back off and not get involved in a touchy situation. Be forgiving when someone shares news in a way that might be offensive. You could be tired and want to withdraw from much of the conversation of the day. Take some time for you. Tonight: Make it early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You could be disappointed by what is going on between you and a loved one. Everyone has off days, even you, but perhaps you do a better job of covering up your mood than many others. You have the ability to separate your professional and personal lives. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Responsibilities beckon, especially where your time and attention are concerned. Fatigue or a need to close down to some extent at home emerges. How you project has little to do with the impression you give. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ In some sense, how you visualize a particular situation might be very hard to create today. You could hit a wall when trying to get an agreement. Take a break for now; work on this goal at a later date. Tonight: Look beyond the obvious in a conversation with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Consider what is best to do in an emotional situation that emerges from you helping someone with a financial matter. Your instincts sound a warning. You have an excellent sense of what to do and when to do it. Tonight: Togetherness works, as long as you keep it light and easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Your sense of direction might be off. Some of you have a tendency to nix any offbeat ideas. On the other hand, the rest of you won't discriminate, and will just go with the flow. Tonight: Call it an early night — you need some personal time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You might not be at your best today. Recognize these periods, as they are marked by a tendency to want to reflect and analyze. Opt to do little decision-making, or test out a recent idea before you act on it. Tonight: Make it easy

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ If you look around, you'll notice that you are one of the few signs making the most of various situations. You smile and refuse to take comments from a boss or supervisor to heart. Tonight: And the party goes on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your sense of direction is unparalleled by many people. You could have difficulty connecting with a supervisor, and might decide to make the best choices you can. Trust yourself. A family member will demonstrate his or her enthusiasm. Tonight: Head home and take a break.

BORN TODAY

Princess Diana (1961), actress Pamela Anderson (1967), actor Dan Aykroyd (1952)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Mimic
4 Dreidel stakes
8 "The Avengers" co-star
12 Droops
14 Two-dimensional figure
15 2013 Literature Nobelist
16 With the circled letter over, self-ruled entity
18 "Breakfast at Tiffany's" co-star
19 Website revenue source
20 "Now wait just a sec ... "
22 Some bling
23 Where many kids squirm
24 Passage
26 One who really gets in your head?
30 Where a "cluck and grunt" might be ordered
31 Response to an order
32 With the circled letter over, humanitarian goal
35 Corp. bigwigs
37 "Double Fantasy" artist
38 "I got it"
39 With the circled letter over, undercover missions
44 Favorable, as a contract
45 Some aides
46 Actors change them often
48 Old Ford minivan
50 Product of Ptolemy
51 Stop
52 Dude (up)
53 Illusions
57 Take care of
59 With the circled letter over, concern of the Fed
61 "Citizen Kane" poster name
62 Mercyhurst University city
63 Draw guffaws from
64 "Hey, you!"
65 Nik Wallenda need
66 Color

DOWN

1 On the briny
2 Took care of
3 Silly Putty holders
4 2007 Acer acquisition
5 Often-named stretches
6 Service to be redone
7 Workout portmanteau
8 Sticking point
9 Skinny
10 Wrestling style
11 Dead man walking
13 Rowling teacher
15 Like steres
17 Drifted off
21 Indic language
24 French poet executed by Robespierre
25 Digging
26 Delicacy
27 Revelations
28 Female in the wild
29 Home run __
33 Bad end
34 Barclays Center hoopsters
36 Lily variety
40 Lie atop
41 About
42 Runner in a race
43 Pencil maze instruction
47 Pro and Mini
48 "Sour grapes" coiner
49 1973 resignee
53 Israel's Iron Lady
54 Fix
55 Owner of StubHub
56 Ophthalmologist's concern
58 One of the small fry
60 Test for one on the DL, perhaps

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

K	N	E	A	D		S	L	I	M		U	Z	I	S
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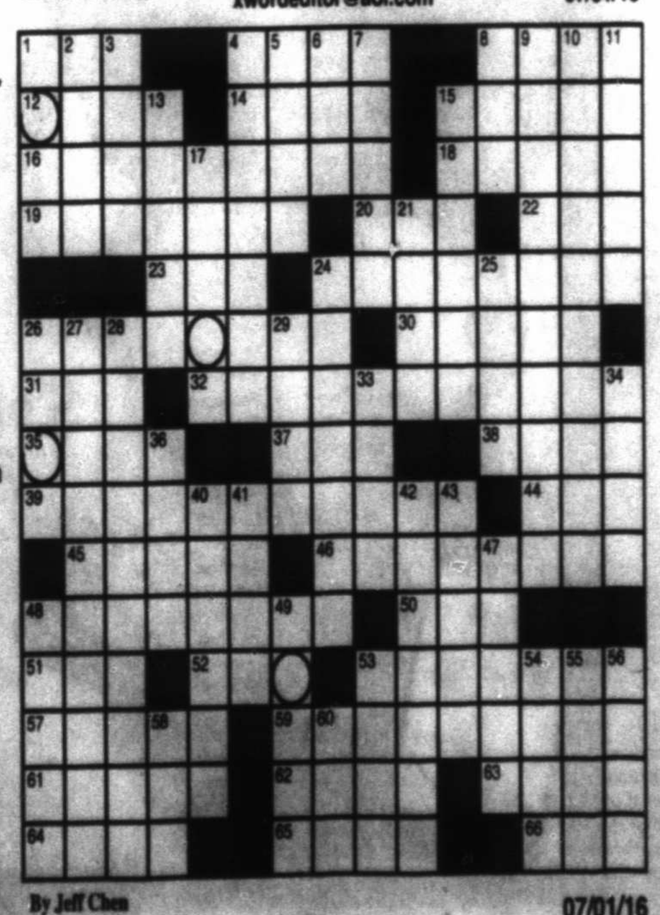

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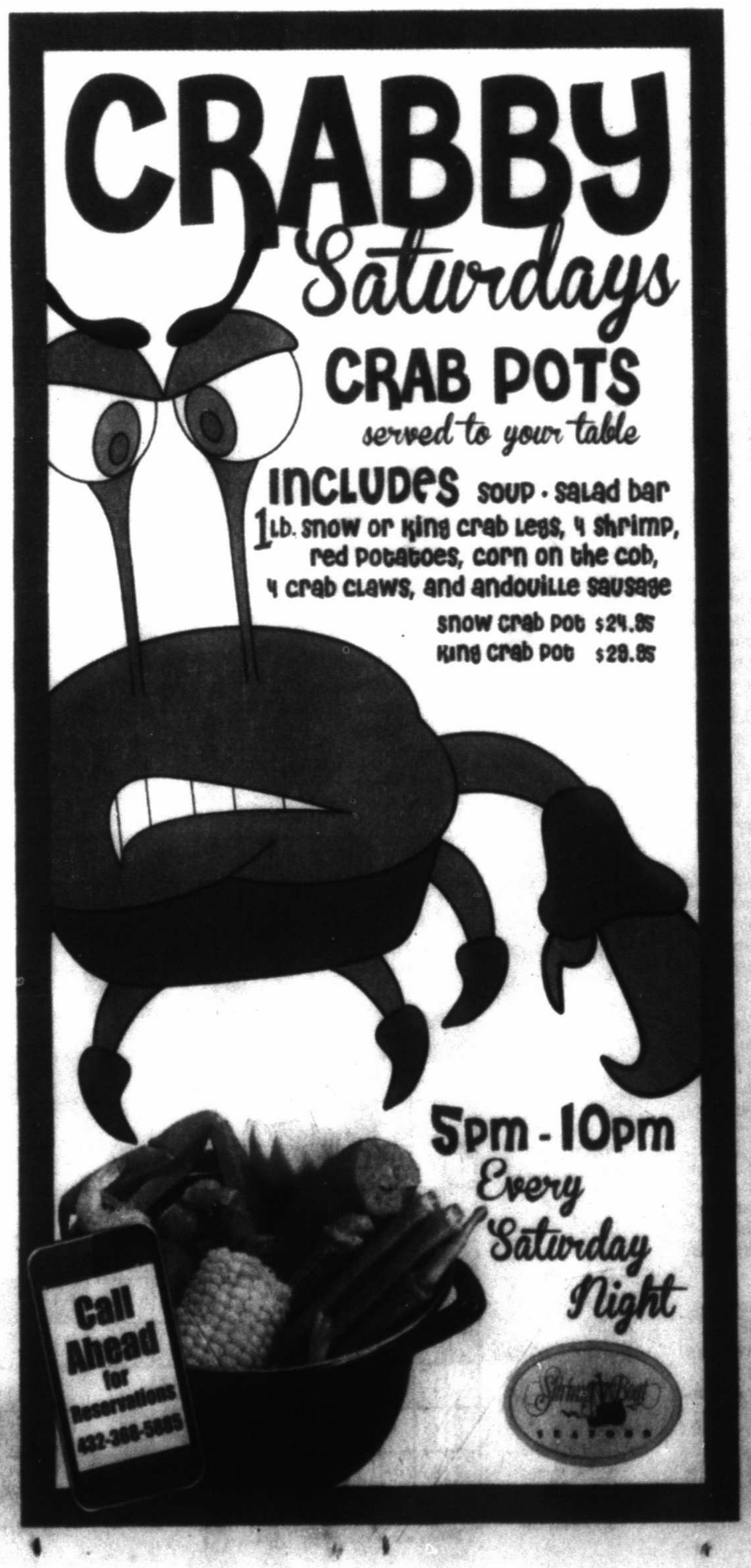

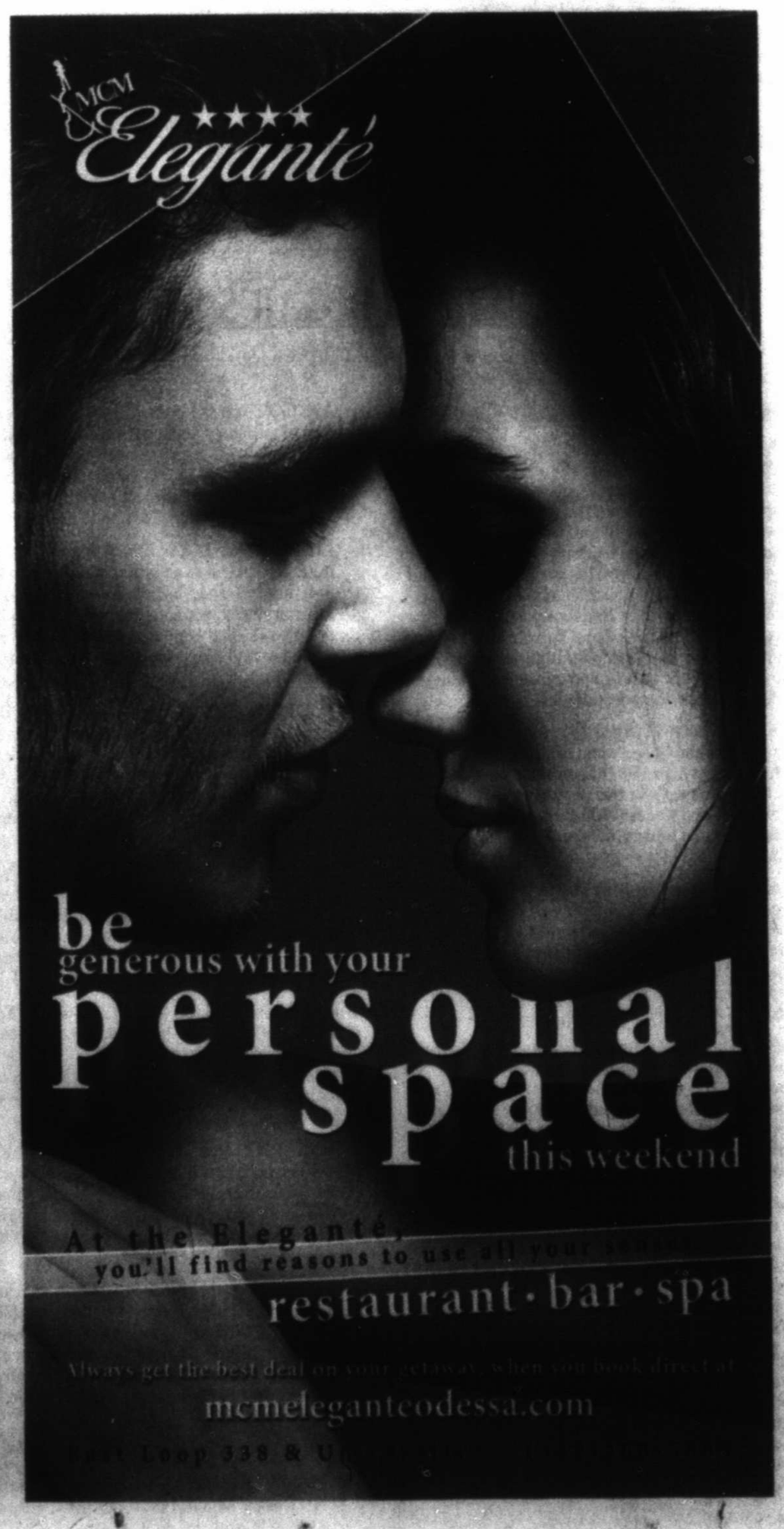

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Line Cook

The Petroleum Club of Midland is hiring for the positions of Line Cook.

We are seeking individuals whom are skilled, detail oriented and highly motivated. Individuals must also be able to work split shifts, work in a fast paced environment and be a people person.

EOE, drug testing required. We also offer insurance, 401K, Christmas bonus, vacation and sick pay. Please send resume to Joey Neusch at joey@pcmidland.com or apply in person at 501 W. Wall Street, between 9am -11 am or 2pm-4pm. NO Phone calls please.

Manager & General Managers

Which Wich Superior Sandwiches, we growing in the Midland area and looking for qualified Managers & General Managers, great work environment and a 5 day work week. Must have previous food service management experience. Send resume to tom.granger@bnbventures.com

Sous Chef

Newly renovated Country Club looking for an experienced Sous Chef. Previous experience in a Private Country Club preferred but not a must. We are a growing club with two hundred fifty members. Excellent opportunity for upward mobility. Must have a proven track record of positive revenue growth and communication skills. Must be Available to work nights and weekends with reliable transportation. Job type: Full time. Salary: $35,000.00/year. Required education: Associate. Required experience: Kitchen Experience: 3 years. **Send Resume to michael@bigspringcountry.club**

SALES JOBS

Outside Sales Rep

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram is looking for someone with excellent communication skills to provide outstanding customer service to our Retail Advertising customers. Responsibilities include prospecting new clients, working closely with new and existing clients to develop multi-media advertising campaigns that provide outstanding results, tracking sales activity, and meeting/exceeding established monthly sales goals.

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Salesperson

Basin Engine and Pump

Experienced pump salesperson needed. Excellent compensation and benefit plans provided. Email resume to Todd@basinengine.com.

SKILLED LABOR

Field Mechanics

Basin Engine & Pump

Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Must be experienced working on centrifugal & positive displacement pumps. Furnish your own tools. Uniforms provided. Benefits package includes vacation, health insurance and retirement match savings. Salary depends on experience. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email toTodd@basinengine.com. Applications can be filled out at 1914 S. County Rd. 1083, Midland, TX 79706.

LABORER WITH CDL LICENSE & FOREMAN

Foreman needed to lead crews in the field. Only qualified people with valid driver license need to inquire. Minimum 2-3 years experienced polyurea sprayer. **Please contact Calvin Koontz at 432-488-9771.**

Landscape / Maintenance Help Needed

Starting Pay $12 per hour. Must pass Drug & Background Screening. Apply in person at: **Hunter's Ridge Apartments, 4201 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703**

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Truck Driver

CDL Driver needed flat bed pipe hauler. Houston to Midland. Good pay. Apply in person Midland Pipe, 2809 S. Rankin Hwy. 432-683-3033

CDL Truck Drivers

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DRIVERS & SPOOLERS

JW Enterprise is looking for **Drivers & Spoolers** with Class A CDL. Must have good driving record and pass drug screen. Competitive wages and on the job training for spooling. Pay DOE. Contact 432-770-1190 or 432-664-3408 for more information. Serious inquires only.

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Now hiring experienced pump truck drivers. Must have current Class A CDL, tanker endorsement, clean driving record, 2 year's experience and be at least 21-years old. Excellent pay. Positive work atmosphere. Every other weekend off. Benefits include: paid health insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays and furnished uniforms. Family medical and dental insurance also available. APPLY at 2324 FM 715, Midland Texas 79706. CALL 432-620-0040 or fax resumes to 423-620-0035. Email resumes to: johnlozano@socind.net. An equal opportunity company.

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Now hiring experienced vacuum truck drivers. Must have current Class A CDL, tanker endorsement, clean driving record, 1 year experience and be at least 21 years old. Excellent pay. Positive work atmosphere. Every other weekend off. Benefits include: paid health insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays and furnished uniforms. Family medical and dental insurance also available. Apply at 2324 FM 715, Midland Texas 79706, fax resumes to 423-620-0035 or call 432-620-0040. Email resumes to: johnlozano@socind.net. An equal opportunity company.

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Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Beer & Wine License by Reed Bowling & Entertainment dba Reed's Super Bowl, to be located at 3920 W. Wall Street, Midland, Texas, Midland County, Texas. Officers of said LLC are Kevin Reed, Owner/ Member & Evan Reed, Owner/ Member.

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., July 20, 2016 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

16003527 Frictional Asphaltic Surface Preservation Treatment Project

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

General Announcements

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Lost & Found

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FOUND: MUSICAL instrument - Call to IDENTIFY. 432-1329

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Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off Premise Permit by Elizabeth Villa dba Vaquero's Depot, to be located at 10207 E Highway 80, Midland, Midland, Texas. Officers of said are Elizabeth Villa, owner.

Legal & Public Notices

JUST US GIRLS LLC DBA BREW ST IS MAKING APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR A WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S PERMIT LOCATED AT 4610 N GARFIELD #D-1A, MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS. ALEXANDRA M BIXLER IS PRESIDENT. JULIE ANN KENT IS SECRETARY.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0300313
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 8, 2016 — Status/Permit No. 815090
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 13, 2016
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. 0. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DISCOVERY OPERATING, INC., [RRC Operator No. 220865] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 22, Bk. 41 T4S, T&P RR CO / RANKIN, 0 G Survey, A-1144, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 21.2 miles W direction from MIDKIFF, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission' s Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6791.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION' S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jul 13, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	:	GERONIMO(SA) A
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	2701LS
Lease/Unit Acres	:	1217.5
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	258.0
Lease Lines Survey Lines	:	600.0 F S (offlease) L, 1610.0 F W (offlease) L
	:	600.0 F S (offlease) L, 1610.0 F W (offlease) L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 600.0 F S (OFFLEASE) L
1610.0 F W (OFFLEASE) L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 34 Block: 41 T4S ABSTRACT: 764
Survey: T&P RR CO/RANKIN, 0 G
Lease Lines : 2660.0 F S L
2000.0 F WEST L

Survey Lines: 2650.0 F NORTH L
2000.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10200 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant' s representative, Lisa Hunt, at (432)684833.

The Bottom Line

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Source: Scarborough Research, 2005

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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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Monday, July 4 2016

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Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Sat. July 2nd	Fri. July 1st 12pm
Sun. July 3rd	Fri. July 1st 3pm
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Sun., July 3rd	Wed. June 29th 12 pm
(Oil Report/West Texas Living, Arts & Entertainment)	
Sat. July 2nd	Fri. July 1st 12pm
Sun. July 3rd	Fri. July 1st 3pm
Mon. July 4th	Fri. July 1st 3pm
Tues. July 5th	Fri. July 1st 3pm

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Customer Service calls will be taken July 4th from 7 AM to 11 AM only.

We will re-open Tuesday, July 5th for regular business hours.

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Pickup Trucks

TOYOTA TACOMA, 2001,TRD 4x4 Crew Cab 4 Door, Auto, 170K miles, no accidents, clear title, $3200 Please call at 347-746-8632.

TOYOTA TUNDRA 5.7, auto, 2010 TRD 4X4, CrewMax cab. 88,000 miles. One owner. Excellent condition. $22,000. 432-556-2228.

Vans & Minivans

2003 E150 Cargo work van with shelving 125K miles, good condition. $4,000 OBO Clear title. 432-425-8476

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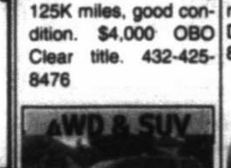

NISSAN 2005 Armada LE 8 Passenger SUV, 126,500 miles. Looks Great, Runs Great, Clear Title, Asking $7,200.00, Please Call 432-556-6229.

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Heavy Equipment

HYDROTEST TRUCKS for sale, comes complete with tools. Field ready. Call Tim at 307-680-4741 for more information.

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Recreational Vehicles

1967 CESSNA 182K Skylane. Western Skyways Gold Seal engine w/ 328 hrs. TTAF 4467. G430 WAAS., coupled HSI, GPSS SAM. Century 2000 digital AP. $69K. Call owner at 432-587-3015.

2004 HiLo 28C. Well maintained, clean interior. White/tan graphics. $9500. 432-520-9520 or 250-0645.

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2013 KEYSTONE RV Sprinter Series M-272BHS, 30' Bumper Pull w Stabilizer. Excellent condition, everything works like new! Great central AC&Heat, Fiberglass exterior with Extreme Thermal Insulation Package, Great family layout, sleeps 8 with large bathroom. New 15' electric awning. One owner. $21,900. Call 432.770.6370.

2013 MONTE CARLO 37' travel trailer. 2 slides, washer & dryer. 2 airs, excellent condition. No pets, non smoker. Reasonably priced. Self contained. 740-404-2211.

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Recreational Vehicles

2008 NOMAD fifth wheel trailer, model 2305. Fiberglass exterior w/ rubber roof. 24 foot 10 in. exterior length. Weight: 5200 pounds empty. Queen size bed (memory foam). Sleeps 6. Super clean, one owner, non-smoker. Trailer has always been under a cover. Priced below NADA retail price. We are down sizing, our pain is your gain @ $12,500. Call or text 432-413-1204, leave a message.

Miscellaneous for Sale

Classified Ads - For Sale
Auction #2016-005

An online auction of Midland College surplus property will be held by Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. The auction will begin on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 and close on Monday, July 18, 2016. Items will be available for viewing and bidding on the auctioneer's website: http://www.renebates.com. The College will be auctioning a 24' flatbed trailer. For additional information, contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all auction bids. For a complete list of instructions, or to participate in the online auction go to http://www.renebates.com.

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Yard & Garage Sales

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4311 HARLOWE Friday, & Saturday 7am-? Something for everyone.

Yard & Garage Sales

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1116 S. Fairgrounds. Fri., Sat. & Sun. 7am-7pm, until gone! **HUGE ESTATE SALE** 50 years accumulation! Jewelry, antiques, collectibles, clothes, shoes, household & kitchen items.

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4TH OF JULY Blow-Out Garage Sale!! Tons of treasures!!!! 2600 Sentinel-- Saturday 8am-12pm

Yard & Garage Sales

79701

1404 MURRAY. Fri. 10am - 1pm, Sat. 8am - ?. Huge fund raiser. Lots of everything. Clothes from baby to adults (boys, girls, men, women). Furniture, home goods, camping stuff, 2 free bicycles (need a lot of fix). Come and see!

Yard & Garage Sales

79703

BIG Garage Sale- 204 Canyon Dr. Friday Only! 7 am-1 pm. Multi Family yard sale. Clothes, shoes, dryer, patio set, dining table, tv stand, home décor, miscellaneous - and much more!!

79705

1703 WARD Street Saturday 8am-12pm. Moving Sale. Everything must go. Furniture, appliances, books, clothing, home decoration, yard pottery, & lots of miscellaneous.

1939 ENGLISH Drive Friday & Saturday 8am-3pm. Couch, dryer, clothes, pictures & lots of miscellaneous.

2815 METZ Dr. Saturday, July 2nd 8am-12pm. Lots of home decor, furniture, clothes and more!

5 STUTZ Court Saturday 8am-? Sofa, chair, crib to college, 2 twin bed frames, household items, clothes & more.

79706

3412 S CR 1185. Friday & Saturday 7:30am - 3pm. Lots of men's, women's & kid's clothes. Tennis shoes. Name brand stuff, like Coach purses. Some furniture.

3 STORAGE UNITS! 3300 South County Rd. 1210. Thur.-Sat. 8:30am-Dark. Furniture, tools, fishing, tables, chairs, pocket knives, tires. Too many items to list! Some items free!

Yard & Garage Sales

79706

904 Candlestick Dr. Friday 8 am to ??? Baby crib, baby walker, queen headboard, TV stand, bookcase, washer, kids clothes, toys and much more.

79707

3405 BOYD Ave. Saturday 8:30am-1pm. Clothing, surround sound, headache rack & lots of miscellaneous.

3601 MEADOWRIDGE Lane. Saturday 8am-? Multi family! Patio furniture, designer clothes, shoes, teenage boy clothes & too much to list, lots of good stuff.

4101 DAWN Circle, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8am-noon. Perfume, cologne, entertainment center, storage cabinet, sleeper sofa, Oak dining table, corner desk, futon frame, queen headboard & footboard, womens bike, large ABC rug, childrens games, puzzles & books, school supplies, tons of miscellaneous. Everything must go, we need help with medical expenses.

6320 PRAIRIE Ridge Drive Saturday 8am-12pm. Furniture, decor, baby gear, clothes & much more...

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Furniture

BEAUTIFUL LIKE NEW SOFA with 2 throw pillows. Palamino brown. Must see! $500.00 Call 432-250-1563.

BONANZA RECLINING sofa and two matching recliners from Furniture Row. Retail $4,000 asking $2,500. Only used 3 months, like brand new! 432-288-0504.

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Miscellaneous for Sale

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Sporting Goods

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Pets

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TINY MALTESE male white fluff ball. Champion blood line. Dad weighs 3 1/2 lbs. He will be ready 4th of July week. Now taking deposit. 806-786-6404.

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Real Estate Rentals & Sales

Residential Rentals

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