MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM

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GET FULL ON FOURTH

Independence Day is this weekend, and all of Midland seems to be getting in on the festivities. You don't even have to wait for the Saturday holiday to start celebrating. Head inside for a breakdown of the goings on throughout Fourth of July weekend.

Weekender

Officials seek second murder charge in shooting

Painter wants 'murder case' against New York man in Hankins' death

By Brandon Mulder
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Brandon Hampton arrived at the Midland County jail Thursday from Canandaigua, New York, where he was arrested in connection with the death of Midlander Amanda Hankins, 26, whose body was discovered three weeks ago.

Now, county officials are working to charge Hampton with first-degree murder for allegedly helping bury the woman's body.

"We're still working on gathering the evidence and being able to present it to the District Attorney's Office to confirm that we do need a murder warrant," said Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter. "We intend to get the murder case."

Earlier this week, Painter attempted to charge Hampton with murder, but it was dismissed by the district attorney for a lack of evidence, Painter said.

Hampton is being held on a $500,000 bond on a charge of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Brandin Conley, who has been charged in Hankins' death, is being held on a $750,000 bond. He confessed to having shot Hankins in the back of the head after authorities found her body buried in a shallow grave in the northeast corner of Midland County, and Hampton confessed to having taken part in burying the body when questioned by New York authorities, according to previous Reporter-Telegram articles.

While Hampton seemed cooperative when Midland County officials questioned

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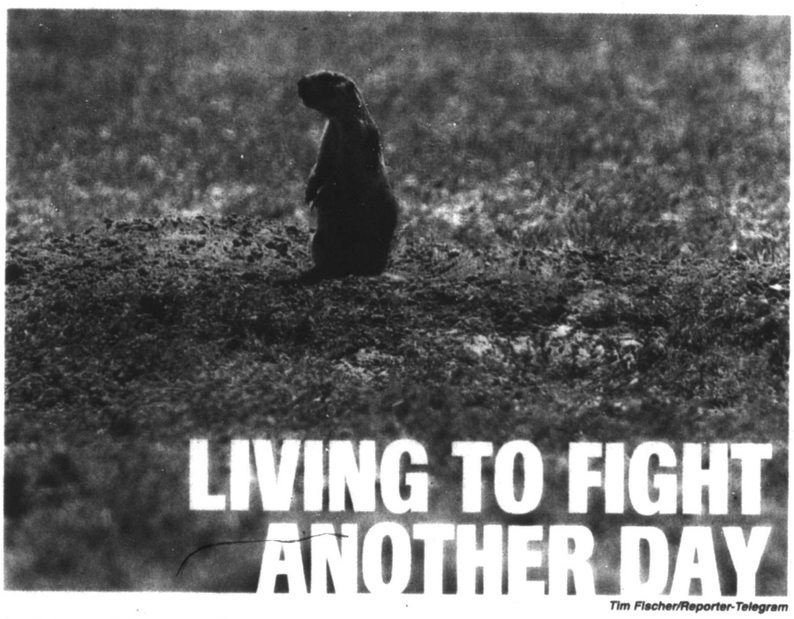

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A prairie dog inspects the area Monday. The city of Midland determined Wednesday afternoon it will not disturb an area where prairie dogs currently reside ahead of Saturday's Fourth of July festivities at Hogan Park

City has troubles with prairie dog issue at Hogan Park before July 4 event

■ Backlash over overflow lot area, city's eradication efforts leaves officials scrambling

Editor's note: Please see coverage of the Star-Spangled Salute and other Fourth of July activities in today's Weekender (section B) and in Saturday's Reporter-Telegram

By Stewart Doreen
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Long live the prairie dogs.

The city of Midland determined Wednesday afternoon it will not disturb an area where prairie dogs currently reside ahead of Saturday's Fourth of July festivities at Hogan Park.

The reason the city had to deal with the prairie dogs was that an overflow parking area is planned across Lamesa Road from the location where the Star-Spangled Salute would take place.

People attending the celebration can still park there, but plans to level the area — and possibly disrupt the prairie dogs' colony — with a backhoe apparently were scrapped.

"We understand this is a sensitive issue," said a message on the city's Facebook page, "and we want to you to know we have heard your messages regarding the prairie dogs in the area of parking for the event."

There was some backlash from the public Wednesday about disturbing the prairie dog community. City spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz said the city had even talked with animal rights group PETA and Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife in recent days about the situation. The conversations came after the city used the "Rodent-ator" to inject oxygen and propane into the ground to create an explosion that was supposed to knock the prairie dogs unconscious and have the soil collapse on them.

A petition was also started Wednesday on change.org to "Stop killing native

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FBC cuts personnel because of budget constraints

■ Members voice strong concerns over decisions

By Rye Druzin
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First Baptist Church council, in a meeting with members in a nearly full church hall Wednesday night, cited low oil prices, falling tithes and dropping membership as the main reasons for cutting $1.3 million from the current year's fiscal budget. Thirteen positions were cut, and 10 positions have been left vacant.

The budget cuts came as the church faced a deficit of at least $925,000, according to the council's presentation and minutes obtained from FBC's website. Art Hobbs, vice chairman of the church council, made the hour-long presentation about the fiscal situation, saying that the staff reductions, along with other cuts, shed more than $1.3 million in costs. An emotional Hobbs was given a standing ovation at the end of his presentation.

Church council members said that the staff, who were officially cut Wednesday, will continue to receive pay until the current fiscal year ends on Sept. 30. Staff members facing layoffs could choose to leave immediately or stay with the church, but, regardless of their decision, they would be granted the two months' pay, according to the presentation. None of the church council members elaborated on how the church would be able to close its budget hole while still paying the laid-off staff for two months. The Reporter-Telegram did not receive comment as of press time.

Additional cuts included $237,000 in savings from a change in the church's insurance plan and an across-the-board 10 percent salary cut for each

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Obituaries

Evelyn June Holcombe

Evelyn June Holcombe, 81, passed away on June 29, 2015 in Midland. June was born in Pampa, Texas on February 6, 1934 and spent her childhood years in Kellerville, Texas.

In 1955, she married Billy C. Holcombe, her husband of 60 years. They moved to Midland in 1957 where they raised their family. June worked 35 years as the receptionist for Dr. Richard G. Klempnauer and Dr. Reed Collins before retiring.

She enjoyed flowers, nature and traveling, especially her yearly trips to the Indian Market in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Her most treasured time was spent with her grandchildren and family.

Mrs. Holcombe was preceded in death by her beloved son, Stephen Todd Holcombe; her parents, Ernest Clifford and Mabel Simpson West; her brother, Ernest West; and her sister, Marjie Holland.

June is survived by her husband, Billy C. Holcombe of Midland; her daughter, Tamara Webb and husband Bryan Webb of Midland; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Holcombe of Denver, Colorado; her grandchildren, Tyler Webb and wife Vicky Bakhos Webb of Midland; Taylor Brignon and husband Andy Brignon of Katy, Texas; Emily Holcombe Bassil and husband Chris Bassil of Denver, Colorado; and Keisey Holcombe Hurst and husband Mark Hurst of Houston, Texas; and by her great grandchildren, Charli Brignon, Houston Brignon, and Stella Bassil.

Survivors also include June's sister, Zelda McClellan of McLean, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

June was quite unassuming and was affectionately known as Mee Mee to her loved ones. Mee Mee loved nature and the beauty that it revealed to her heart. The beauty of a simple butterfly or the serenity of a morning sunrise in Santa Fe provided her happiness. She had love and patience for those she held close to her heart; most importantly, her family and the many people whom she helped each day at the doctor's office. June's love was kind. She lived a life of love, marked by kindness, tenderness, sympathy and consideration for others. Simply, she saw the need to be tender and she saw the tenderness in all that surrounded her. Through nature, God is able to teach us, and speak to us and provide for us.

Graveside services will be held at 9:00 a.m., Friday, July 3, 2015, Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

June's family wishes to thank Manor Park Younger Center and Home Hospice, both of Midland. Memorials may be made to Home Hospice, 200 W Illinois, Ste 190, Midland, TX 79701 and/or the Alzheimer's Association, 4400 N Big Spring St #32 Midland, TX 79705.

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

Marian B. Matthews

Marian Burchett Matthews went to be home with her Lord and Savior on June 29, 2015. She was born on September 19, 1918 in Waco, Texas to Earl Duff and Ruth Burchett. She was raised in Dallas, Texas and graduated from Highland Park High School in 1935. She graduated from Southern Methodist University with a B.S. in Accounting in 1939. She was a Tri Delta at SMU. She worked for the War Department in Washington, D.C. for a year after graduation. She came back to Dallas to marry the love of her life, Clifford W. Matthews, and taught accounting at SMU.

They moved to Norman, Oklahoma while Clifford pursued a Master's degree and coached at OU. They also lived in Borger, Texas, Ardmore, Oklahoma and moved to Midland in 1956 to settle for the rest of their lives.

She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Midland, which became Trinity Presbyterian and ultimately moved to Grace Presbyterian.

She loved to teach little ones in school. She taught at Jack and Jill, Memorial Christian Church, and Hillander Schools. She also loved playing the piano for the kids and playing it for own enjoyment forever.

Marian enjoyed many years with Geo Wives, the Midland Women's Club, Tri Deltas of Midland, MSUW, Anime Book Club, P.E.O., and Daughters of the American Revolution, Col. Theunis Dey Chapter of Midland, along with playing bridge and tennis. She and Cliff enjoyed many years of worldwide travels and good times with their children and grandchildren and friends, especially to Hawaii.

Marian was preceded in death by her parents, Duff and Ruth Burchett; her husband, Clifford W. Matthews; and by her sister and brother-in-law, Francis and Clyde Thomas.

She is survived by her children, C. Wayne Matthews and Molly Matthews Rogers; son-in-law, Thomas M. Rogers; her grandchildren, Michelle A. Mitchell, Kimberly M. Jackson, Jonathan T. Rogers, and Steven M. Rogers; four great grandchildren; and one great, great grandchild.

She will be remembered by all of her family and friends for her kindness, loving nature, wonderful sense of humor, caring and generosity of her life.

Visitation for friends and family will be at Ellis Funeral Home on Thursday, July 2, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Services will be held at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, July 3, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Interment services will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 West Texas, 79701.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellis funerals.com.*

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Richard Lynn Goode

Richard Lynn Goode, 55, had a heart attack and died in Wylie, TX., Saturday, June 27, 2015. He was born in San Angelo, TX., on March 30, 1960 to Louise and W.L. "Boots" Goode.

Rick was raised in Midland, TX. He graduated from Midland High School, where he played football three years. In 1977, as a center and in 1978 as a defensive tackle, he was selected to the All-district football teams. He also played varsity baseball three years. In the summers, Rick and his brother, William, were certified baseball umpires for Midland Little League through the High Junior League. They were selected to umpire most of the Midland league championships games for several years.

In 1982, Rick graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a BS in Geology, where he was active in the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He returned to Midland to work for Hexad Oil Company and later joined his father as an independent geologist.

In 1990, Rick completed a second BS degree, graduating from the University of Texas Permian Basin, in computer programming. He married Brenda Osborn on September 22, 1990 in Midland and adopted her two girls, Vanessa Van Alstyne of Dallas and Katie Goode of Austin. The family moved to Dallas, where Rick did computer programming for various companies, ending his career at MedAssets Inc.

Rick was preceded in death by his brother, William Goode, and all his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Homer Goode and Mr. & Mrs. Louis Gayer of San Angelo.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda of Wylie, TX., his daughters, and his parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Jail Ministry, at First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave., Midland, TX. 79701 or to Habitat for Humanity, 305 E. Texas, Midland, TX. 79701 or to a favorite charity of their choice.

Sharon Goodwin

On June 29, 2015, the heavens opened up and received God's precious child, Sharon Goodwin of San Angelo, Texas.

Sharon was born June 19, 1950 in San Angelo, Texas. She was an active member of the Hobbs High School Band where she received the title of 1st chair all state flute and had the honor of marching in President Nixon's inauguration.

After high school, Sharon met and married Erwin Tisdale of Hobbs, New Mexico. Together they had one child, a daughter, Paula. Sharon become a blessed member of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1983. Today, members celebrate her graduation from this life clean and sober.

Sharon loved singing along with and dancing to country music, Elvis Presley, and The Beatles-often the life of the party. She mostly loved animals, showering them with her love.

Sharon is preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Lena Hall.

She leaves behind her sister and brother-in-law, Henry and Betty Holguin of Odessa, Texas; her daughter and son-in-law, Shawn and Paula Smith of Midland, Texas; one grandson, Joshua Smith of Midland; and multiple nieces, nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Gentiva Hospice of San Angelo, Texas and the staff of Sterling County Nursing Home at Sterling City, Texas.

In lieu of services and flowers, Sharon and the family request respects be made by embracing your loved ones; donations can be made to your local animal shelter.

James E. Hobbs

James E. Hobbs, 66, of Midland, Texas, passed away on June 28, 2015 in Midland, Texas

Jim was born on June 1, 1949 to Homer Buel Hobbs and Ida Maxine Hodges in Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

Shortly after, they moved to Portales, New Mexico. Jim began working at a very early age. He flagged airplanes in Portales for crop dusters and worked for Jessie Porter doing odd jobs at the farm if it got slow at the gas station.

At the station, he fixed flats, did minor repairs and washed cars. Portales is home to ENMU. Some college students drove very nice cars that they would bring to be washed. One kid brought a muscle car in to be washed and Jim washed it. Jim decided he needed to test drive it and he took it up and down the one-way street. Some frat guys saw him hot rodding the car and called the guy who owned the car who called Jessie at the gas station, "Is someone hot rodding my car out there?" the man said. By then, Jim was back and his boss told him he had better go back to the farm and work for a week.

By the time he reached the 11th grade, he felt school had no more to offer. He was married at that time and he and his first wife had two children. They moved to Texas and he began to work in the oilfield until he went to work at Curley's Machine Shop in 1969. He discovered his love for machining and the opportunity it brought. In 1981, he left Curley's and started J-Hobbs Machine Corp. He created the same sense of family at J-Hobbs that he had experienced at Curley's. One of his first hires had an alcohol problem. Jim paid for him to check into a rehab facility and after rehab, brought him back to work. While that did not work out, Jim has gone above and beyond the call of duty to take care of every person that ever walked through the door. J-Hobbs is truly family.

In 1989, he married Terri Sue. Soon after that, he obtained his pilot's license and a love for aviation and astronomy began. Many times friends and family would get a text saying the space station was flying over or a meteor shower would be visible that night. There was a period in his life where golf became an obsession. He had an amazing eye for architecture and detail. There was nothing he could not envision or build. While he let others slide, he demanded nothing less than perfection of himself. Even after his diagnosis, he continued working until three months ago.

His parents preceded him in death.

Jim is survived by his wife, Terri Sue Hobbs of Midland; daughter, Tammy Black of Ruidoso, New Mexico; son, Shane Hobbs and his wife Sheri of Midland; daughter, Roxane Bock and her husband, Tim of Midland; sister, Bobbie Dean Victor and her husband Bobby of Dora, New Mexico; grandchildren, Alec Black, Zach Black, Maggie Black, Colton Bock, Brandon Bock, and Lily Bock; great grandson, Aaron James Black; and nephew, Dewayne Tucker and his wife Tanya of Portales.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Dr. Jimmy Braswell officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send family condolences please visit our website at *www.sunsetodessa.com*.

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Joseph Blunt Cumbest, Sr.

Joseph Blunt Cumbest, Sr. (Joe) was born in Baltimore, Maryland on January 22, 1942. Joseph was married to Glenda Maydee Cumbest on July 2, 1961, and remained a devoted husband for 54 years.

Joe was employed at American Smelting and Refining Corporation for 41 years at both the Baltimore and Amarillo refineries. Joe had a passion for golf, woodworking and hunting. He demonstrated his passion for golf later in life by his active participation in the senior golf group at Hogan Park Golf Course, and marshalling at Hogan.

Joe also was an accomplished woodworker who designed, built, and made functional all wood clocks. Joe's life revolved around his devoted wife, children, and grandchildren. His grandchildren will miss their beloved Pop-Pop, and his children will miss their beloved father, counselor, and friend.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Elsie and Elias James Cumbest, and his sister Delores Velton.

Joe is survived by his loving wife and mother of his children, Glenda; his three children, Joseph Blunt Cumbest, Jr. (Joey), James Hubert Cumbest (Jimmy), and Melissa Cumbest deKeratry (Missy).

Joe is also survived by his older brother, Elias James Cumbest, Jr.; nine grandchildren, Joseph, Jr.'s children - Cydney Marie Potter, Joseph Blunt Cumbest, III (Trey), Erin Marie Cumbest; James's children - James Hubert Cumbest, Jr., Lacie Suzanne Cumbest, Dacie Breanne Cumbest, and Alexander Alvin Cumbest; and Melissa's children - Lindsay deKeratry and Meredith deKeratry.

Graveside service will be at 11:00 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park on Friday, July 3 with a memorial service following Friday, July 3 at 12:00 p.m. at Christ Church Midland with Father Henry Pendergrass officiating.

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

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William Malone

William H. "Bill" Malone stepped over the border of eternity on Monday, June 29, 2015. That journey began when he was "saved" as a young boy at Ceta Glen Christian Camp, near Happy, Texas.

Bill Malone was known as a football official, a banker, a golfer, and a friend of Bill Wilson.

Born January 11, 1931, in Plainview, Texas, Bill was the son of R.C. and Bessie May Malone. He was the seventh of nine children. He was raised in Plainview, except for the time his father was pastoring a church in Coolidge, the summer he hitchhiked to Kansas to work the wheat harvest, and the year he lived in Groesbeck with his older sister, Lucille, who was also his school teacher that year.

During the Korean War, he served our country in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. Everglades. He served for "3 years 7 months and 21 days," but who's counting? He learned that he could get an early discharge if he went back to school. He wrote Baylor University and 30 days later he was out of the Navy.

Bill's freshman year at Baylor, Skippy Clemens "pranced into English class wearing a yellow Athenian Sorority pledge dress." After courting her, working on Athenian homecoming floats, driving many times through Cameron Park and passing the David Clemens brother-in-law test, Bill and Skippy married in 1956. Bill and Skippy graduated from Baylor in 1957 and moved to Midland.

Bill worked for Texas Electric until a proposed transfer pointed him to Commercial Bank and Trust as Vice President of Public Relations. He is remembered by many as "the man who gave me my first loan." Bill earned a Master's degree in banking from SMU School of Business. As Commercial Bank merged with Texas American, Bill continued his career in banking and later worked for the FDIC.

While in the Navy, he was assigned to officiate a football game on a Caribbean island between the deck hands and the engineers. He was given a shore badge, a billy club and a whistle. That led to later officiating football in all parts of Texas before being tapped by the Western Athletics Conference.

He was named Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1963 and Midland Centennial Citizen in 1985. He served as President of Midland Jaycees, President of Downtown Lions, and Chairman of the United Way. He also served on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce and was one of the founding trustees of Manor Park. He enjoyed volunteering as banker at the Lion's Pancake Breakfast and worked tirelessly for the Lion's eyeglasses recycling project.

Bill Malone was a longtime member of First Baptist Church and sang with the Faithful Men.

Bill is survived by his wife Skippy, son David and his wife Shannon, daughter Robin and her husband Jeff Darr, granddaughters Malone Sams and Elizabeth Darr, a brother Doyle Malone and his wife Jean; a sister Ann Chaddick and her husband Russ, two brothers-in-law Larry Carroll and David Clemens, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings; R.C. Malone, Orba Lee Malone, Dawson Malone, Lucille Bailey, Evelyn Wood, and Lecia Carroll.

The family will receive friends to celebrate Bill's life Wednesday, July 1st from 4:30-6:30 at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home, 3800 N. Big Spring.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, July 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 2104 W Louisiana.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to Manor Park, the Paul Malone Scholarship fund at Baylor University, the R.C and Bessie Malone Scholarship at Wayland Baptist College, or the charity of your choice.

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

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Bush Center displays rare Honus Wagner baseball card

Associated Press

DALLAS — One of the rarest, most valuable specimens of sports memorabilia is at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Southern Methodist University.

The T206 Honus Wagner baseball card went on display Wednesday. It's regarded by collectors as the "Holy Grail" of baseball cards. An example recently sold at auction for $1.3 million.

Wagner was one of the first five players chosen for the National Baseball Hall of Fame in recognition of his long, stellar career as shortstop for the National League's Louisville Colonels and Pittsburgh Pirates.

His baseball cards were offered as premiums on cigarette packs until Wagner objected.

A Bush Center statement says the card will be displayed through Aug. 17 as part of its exhibit "Baseball: America's Presidents, America's Pastime."

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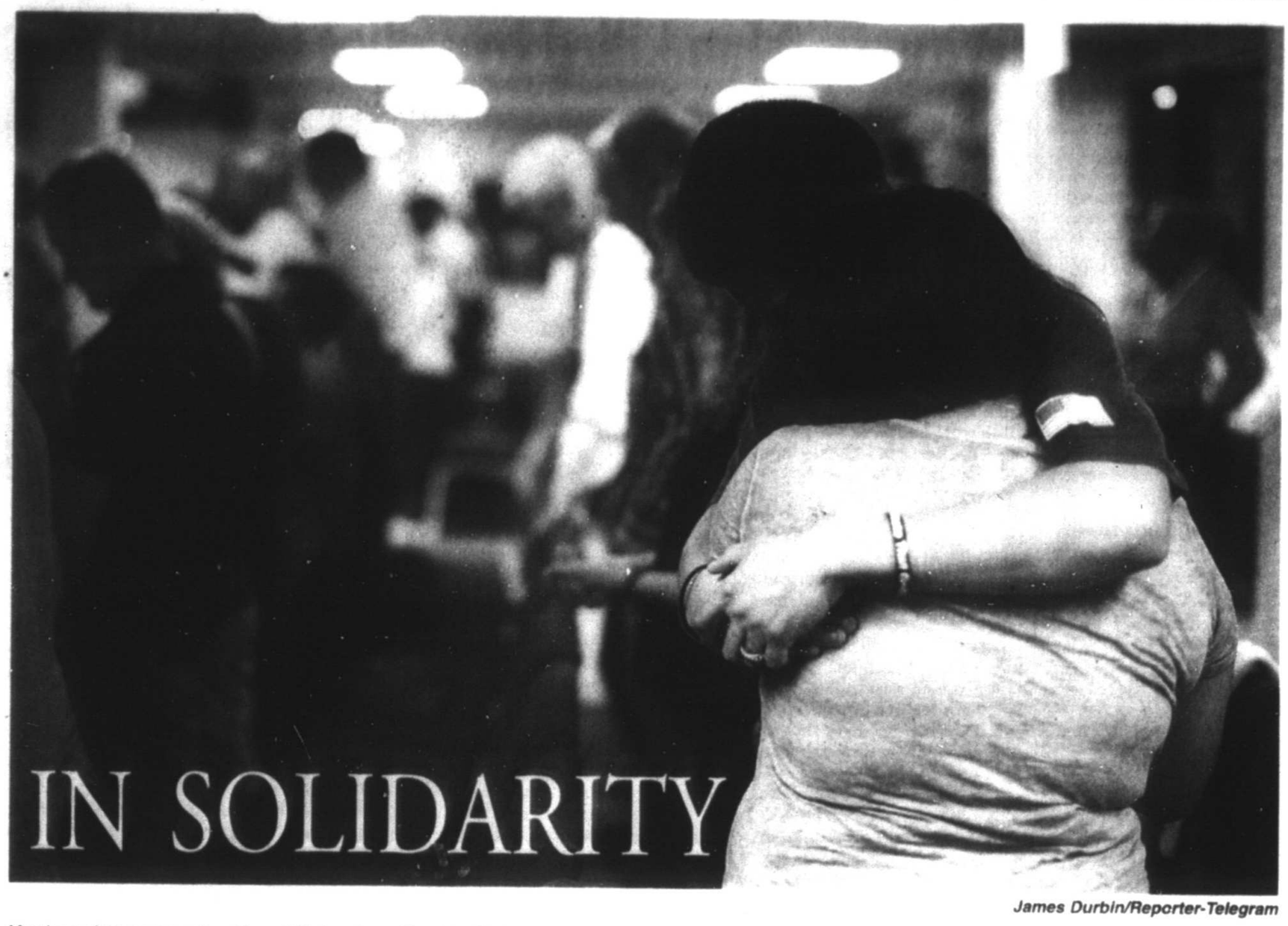


James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Members of the community gathered Wednesday at True-Lite Christian Fellowship to pray for victims of the Charleston shooting and discuss ways to unite the city.

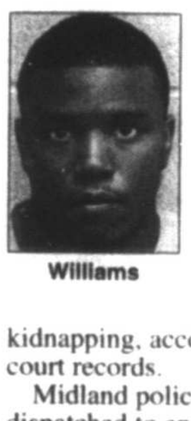
CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man shoots one person, kidnaps another

An 18-year-old Midland man was arrested Tuesday afternoon after allegedly shooting someone in the leg and kidnapping a woman in a car with a firearm during a drug deal.

Latyrum Williams was being held Wednesday on bonds totaling $100,000 for two first-degree felony charges of aggravated robbery and aggravated kidnapping, according to court records.


Williams

Midland police were dispatched to an area just south of Hogan Park. Police discovered that the pair had met two men at Ranchland Apartments earlier that morning to buy some marijuana, according to police records.

The two men got into the vehicle's back seat to broker a deal for the drugs. Williams put a gun to the head of the woman — who was in the driver's seat — demanding drugs, according to the arrest affidavit. Upon seeing the weapon, the passenger got out of the vehicle and was shot in the leg by Williams, according to the affidavit. The other male allegedly fled the scene leaving Williams and the woman in the vehicle.

Williams then allegedly held the gun to her head and demanded that she drive. She then dove out of the vehicle to look for help, according to the affidavit. Williams then fled the scene, but was later identified and apprehended.

MPD: Woman chases man, stabs door with knife

A Midland woman was arrested after allegedly chasing a man with a butcher knife and trying to stab through the door that he was hiding behind, according to court documents.

Morgan Buley, 27, was charged with a first-degree felony of aggravated assault of a date, family or house member with a weapon. She was being held Wednesday on a $100,000 bond, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Police officers were called out to the 200 block of East Stokes Avenue about 10:40 p.m. Tuesday for a disturbance call. A man and Buley got into an argument over Buley's phone, and Buley allegedly grabbed a butcher knife from the kitchen and chased the man, according to the arrest affidavit. Buley attempted to get into the bedroom where the man was hiding and stabbed the door multiple times, according to the affidavit.

Buley

The man allegedly wrestled Buley to the floor, removed the knife from her possession, and threw it under the bed. The man took video of when Buley was stabbing the door, according to the affidavit.

Buley allegedly admitted to chasing the man with the knife and stabbing the door. Officers found the knife underneath the bed and puncture marks on the door, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Buley faces between two and 99 years in prison.

Texas creates state website for children with special needs

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A Texas task force has created what officials call a first-of-its-kind website designed to help families who have children with disabilities and special needs.

NavigateLifeTexas.org will be formally announced Monday. It was created by a task force that's part of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

The commission said the site is meant to provide accurate, comprehensive health care information for special needs children, or those with disabilities. Officials say the site was "designed by parents, for parents," but can also help caregivers, clinicians, professionals, and support groups.

The task force was created by the Texas Legislature. It's charged with improving the quality, efficiency and coordination of health care for children with disabilities and special needs.

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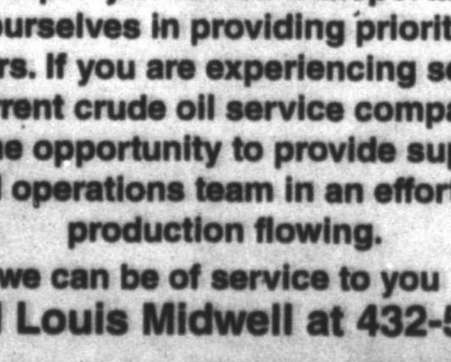

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Summer Picnic hosted by Midland County Public Library, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Chris Davidson Opportunity Park, www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Lowdown at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

■ Two Cow Garage, 7:30-10 p.m., Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Pools open today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon to 9 p.m. Family night hours are from 7-9 p.m.

■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., noon to 7 p.m.

Meetings schedule

■ New Beginnings cancer support group, 8:30 a.m., Texas Oncology - Allison Cancer Center, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Suite 100, 218-8714, fatima@giftsofhopemidland.org.

■ Children's Service League, 9:30 a.m., Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center; Brooke Mueller, 498-2053

■ Newcomers Club, 10 a.m.; Stephanie Sparkman at 684-8065 or Freida Robertson at 218-7239.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

■ Sun Country Gentlemen, 7 p.m., Rea Greathouse Room at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 553-1952 or 425-5662.

■ West Texas Iris Society meets 7 p.m., Community & Senior Services Center, 3301 Sinclair Ave. For more information, call 352-5483.

Weather report for June

Average high	91.7
Average low	67.8
Average temperature	79.7
Typical average for July	80.4
Days in the 100s	1 (June 11)
Rainfall	3.29 inches
Average rainfall in June	1.8 inches
Days of measurable rain	4

Wettest Junes in Midland

1. 1940	5.10
2. 1944	4.47
3. 1938	4.30
3. 1941	4.30
5. 2010	3.97
6. 1949	3.96
7. 1991	3.50
8. 1986	3.42
9. 2015	3.29
10. 1997	3.27

Source: National Weather Service

Community calendar

New Beginnings cancer support group will meet for six sessions beginning today at Allsion Cancer Center, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway. Topics include nutrition, mental and financial well-being, spiritual comfort and relaxation techniques.

For more information, contact Fatima at 218-8714 or fatima@giftsofhopemidland.org.

Correction

In a story "Lower prices help astronomers see clearly" the company that contributed to the McDonald Observatory's efforts is Pioneer Energy Services. A previous version of the story referenced a different company.

When it's open

■ **Midland County Courthouse**
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688-4310

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301 W. Missouri Ave.
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688-4320

■ **Centennial Branch Library**
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9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Return bins available 24 hours a day
742-7400

■ **Midland County Tax Assessor/Collector**
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8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday
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All or Nothing day: 1-5-6-7-9-13-16-17-18-21-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-7-10-12-14-17-18-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-3-5-8-9-10-11-12-15-16-22-23

Today in history

Today is Thursday, July 2, the 183rd day of 2015. There are 182 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

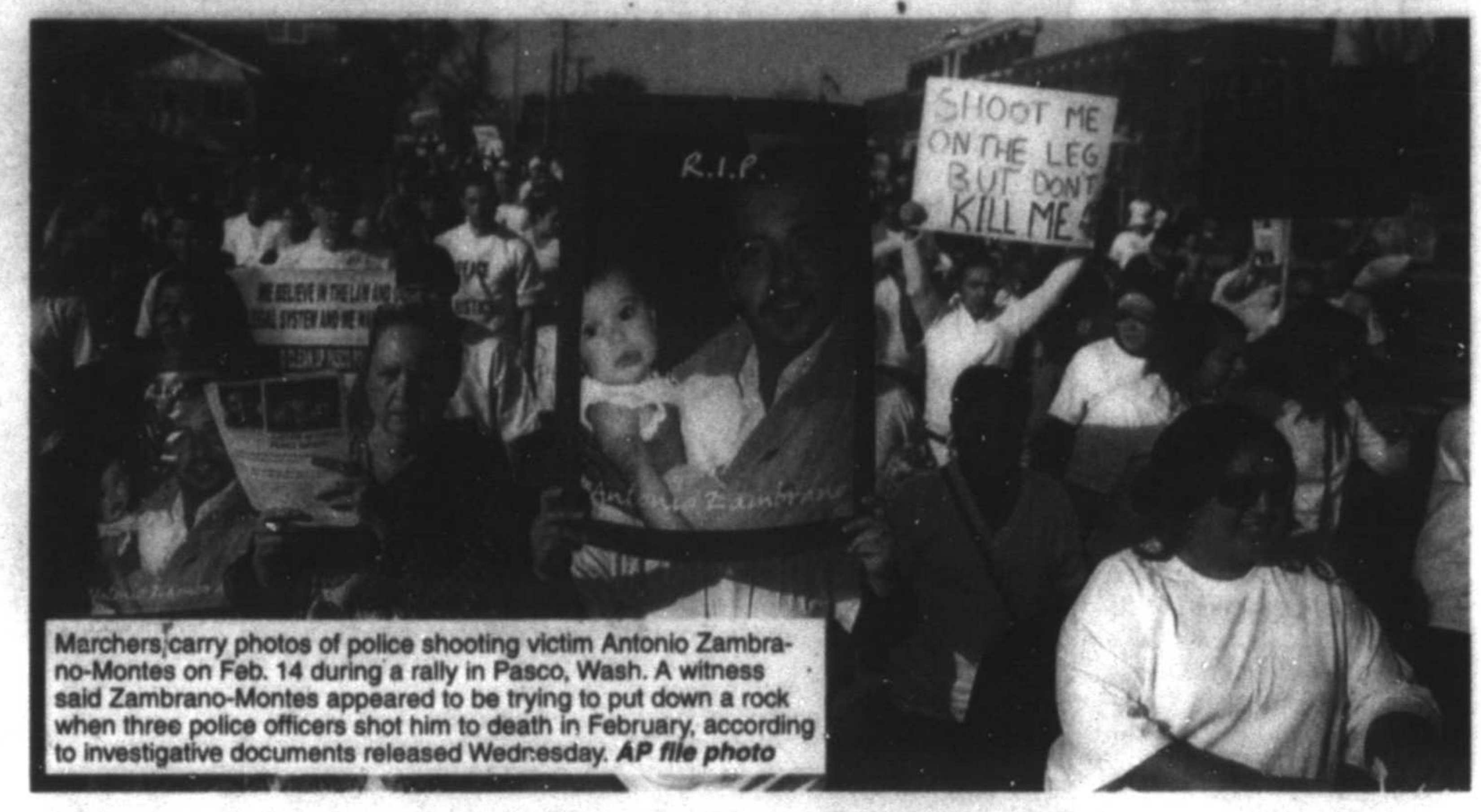
On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

On this date:

In 1881, President James A. Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau at the Washington railroad station; Garfield died the following September. (Guiteau was hanged in June 1882.)

Witness: Man killed by police told officers 'shoot me'

By Nicholas K. Geranios and Rebecca Boone
Associated Press



Marchers carry photos of police shooting victim Antonio Zambrano-Montes on Feb. 14 during a rally in Pasco, Wash. A witness said Zambrano-Montes appeared to be trying to put down a rock when three police officers shot him to death in February, according to investigative documents released Wednesday. ***AP file photo***

SPOKANE, Wash. — Two witnesses said an unarmed Mexican immigrant fatally shot by police in Washington state fought with an officer, threw rocks and told officers to shoot him before they opened fire, documents released Wednesday show.

Witness Miguel Estrada, who was interviewed the day after the Feb. 10 shooting in Pasco, said he saw Antonio Zambrano-Montes throw rocks at officers then run away.

In the files released by authorities, Estrada said Zambrano-Montes screamed at officers: "'If you are gonna shoot me, shoot me.'"

The death of the 35-year-old Zambrano-Montes was captured on video and sparked months of protests in the agricultural center in Eastern Washington.

A prosecutor is deciding whether the three officers who shot Zambrano-Montes should face criminal charges, a process likely to take months.

Another witness, Chris Pirtle, also told authorities Zambrano-Montes dared officers to shoot.

"He kept on throwing the rocks, and the cop was telling him, 'Hey, put down the rock,'" Pirtle said.

Zambrano-Montes didn't comply, witnesses said.

"He just kept telling him, 'Shoot me, kill me,'" Pirtle said.

The newly released data included video from witnesses and raw audio files.

In one audio file, witness Benjamin Patrick told investigators he yelled at officers after Zambrano-Montes was shot.

"Why did you just shoot him?" Patrick said he shouted. "He was trying to get away. What are you guys doing?"

Patrick later said during questioning he wanted to apologize to the officers for his outburst. He did not explain why.

Authorities say Zambrano-Montes had been throwing rocks at passing motorists and police, and a stun gun failed to subdue him before he was shot.

Cellphone video showed three officers chasing Zambrano-Montes before shooting him as he turned around.

Franklin County Prosecutor Shawn Sant issued a statement with the document release, saying he was still deciding if the three officers would be charged with any crimes.

One, Ryan Flanagan, has resigned in a move his lawyer said was unrelated to the shooting. The other two, Adam Wright and Adrian Alaniz, remain on paid leave. They have not commented publicly on the shooting.

"The right decision is more important than a quick decision," Sant said about the possibility of filing charges.

Patrick told investigators he saw Zambrano-Montes pick up what appeared to be a dirt clod and throw it at officers.

Patrick recalled two bursts of gunfire from the officers, even though he said Zambrano-Montes "wasn't acting very violent at that time."

Just before the second round of shots, the officers yelled at Zambrano-Montes to put down the rock, he said.

"He looked like he was trying to put it down," Patrick said.

An independent autopsy commissioned by attorney Charles Herrmann, who represents Zambrano-Montes' parents, showed the man suffered seven entrance wounds, including one to his buttocks and one to the back of his right arm. The other wounds were in the front.

The officers fired a total of 17 shots.

Patrick said he was upset by the shooting because it did not appear the officers were in danger. "I think they could have done something else," Patrick said.

Zambrano-Montes appeared to be high or drunk, he said, noting that he recognized Zambrano-Montes as a regular in the neighborhood.

Attorney George Trejo Jr., who represents Zambrano-Montes' estranged wife and daughter, said the prosecutor's decision seems simple.

"This is not a complex case, yet the decision on this case continues to be delayed," Trejo said. "The decision to charge the officers either with first- or second-degree murder should be made now."

In other witness accounts, Mark Faith said he saw a policeman and a barefoot man fighting then breaking apart from each other. Zambrano-Montes then picked up some rocks or dirt clods and threw them.

Faith said Zambrano-Montes did not seem to respond to commands from officers.

"He looked like he was mental or he was on something," Faith said.

Witness Idalia Hinojosa Marin said Zambrano Montes seemed angry after officers arrived on the scene.

After one officer used a Taser, Zambrano-Montes "stood up again, looking angry, and started throwing rocks," Marin said.

Veronica Rivera also said Zambrano-Montes was not deterred by Tasers.

"Three cops were there, just on him, and they were all, 'Just shoot him, just shoot him!'" Rivera said. "And so the guy was like walking, you know, with his back to them, and all they did was just, bam-bam-bam-bam, just shot him down."

PRAIRIE DOGS

From 1A

prairie dogs." The petition had collected nearly 380 signatures in a few hours. Bustilloz rejected the idea the city was "killing prairie dogs."

The city's Facebook message provided clarification as it read, "We want to make it clear that NO prairie dogs have been killed throughout this process, and brief efforts to eradicate them last week were unsuccessful."

Officials didn't want people parking in that area and then stepping in a prairie dog hole and possibly being injured. Plans remain to use temporary lights, attendants and signage in the area so people can see where they are going after Saturday night's fireworks show.

"We have come to the agreement with event officials that this is the best approach to balancing the safety of both attendees and wildlife," the Facebook message said.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

A prairie dog investigates the area Monday.

The Midland Chamber of Commerce picked Hogan Park after the decision was made to move the event from downtown.

As for the prairie dogs, Paul O'Neill, director of Animal Services, said if there is interest to make that area just to the west of Hogan Park — or any area in Midland — a prairie dog sanctuary — similar to Prairie Dog Town at MacKenzie Park in Lubbock — then plans must be worked out with Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife.

"That is what that area is now," O'Neill said.

CHARGE

From 1A

him on details days after he had arrived in their custody, Painter suspects that he is withholding information to protect other people.

"We know he has more. We got to run down other information, make further contacts and then ferret out what other information that he is not forthcoming with — and make sure the case is complete."

Investigators are still awaiting autopsy results, which are now expected to be returned in about eight weeks.

"We're almost there, but we have to finish getting everything back from the pathologist and from the toxicologist," Painter said. "Once that complete autopsy is returned to us with the results of the forensics, then we'll be able to do something. It's just time."

Hankins had been missing for about two weeks before deputies received a tip from an undisclosed source that led to the discovery of her body early in the morning on June 11. The tip led law enforcement to where to look and what to look for: a grave with a depth of about 3 feet. At about 8 a.m., investigators excavated the body, which, by Painter's estimate, showed four to five days of decomposition.

Hankins had been living with Conley in a trailer about 10 yards away from her grave. The property, located in a neighborhood off West County Road 60, was owned by Conley's parents, Painter said.

"When we told him we found the body, we asked, 'What happened?' He said, 'Well, we got in an argument. Whenever she turned her back, I shot her in the head with a pistol,'" Painter said.

That next week, Midland officials issued a warrant for Hampton's arrest and that same day, Ontario County, New York, deputies arrested him at his residence without incident, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

FIRST BAPTIST

From 1A

department's salaried employees. Senior Associate Pastor Bill Billups took a 15 percent cut in salary.

After multiple presentations from the church council, members of First Baptist were allowed to comment or ask questions but were limited to one minute in accordance with pre-set rules. Many members expressed their dissatisfaction with the time limit, complaining that responses to their questions were granted two minutes. One member said that he was throwing the first stone, as he placed a stone down on a table in front of the pulpit.

Some of those employees who had been let go spoke of their love for the church and its members and were given standing ovations. Multiple members came to the microphones in an emotional state. Some had been there as long as 40 years, and others as few as six. One man said jokingly that he had been attending First Baptist for 32 years, back when "many of you still had color in your hair."

Almost all of the members spoke of their concerns about the suddenness of the layoffs and their concerns about how the church council conducts business, and one even called for taking back the church by its members.

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Confederate names remain at Lee High School

Editor's Note: The Reporter-Telegram is running this story to show how other media represent Midland. We don't agree with the notion that Confederate flags are used to show support for the Lee football team inside the stadium. Una Voz Unida is an Odessa-based organization.

In our view

Don't expect outsiders to be able to pressure MISD to rename LHS. Read more about our take on the issue.

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By Matthew Watkins, Mallory Busch and Annie Daniel
Texas Tribune

At Midland's Robert E Lee High School — where 31 percent of the student body is white — the football team is nicknamed the Rebels, and fans sometimes fly Confederate flags to show their support. But a civil rights group has called for change.

Across the state at Houston's Lee High School, which is 4 percent white, district leaders dropped the "Robert E." from the school's title years ago to distance the school from the Confederate general.

Those schools are two of many across the state grappling with old Confederate names. Many of those school names are decades old. But many of those schools' populations represent the new Texas – with nonwhites making up more than half of their students.

The Texas Tribune identified 28 public schools in Texas named after Confederate leaders Lee, Jefferson Davis, Stonewall Jackson and Albert Sidney Johnston. Of those, five have a majority of white students. Across the nation, there has been greater scrutiny of Confederate symbols and tributes after last month's fatal shooting of nine people inside a black church in South Carolina. Stores have stopped selling Confederate flags, statues on college campuses have been vandalized and names have been reconsidered.

Some changes have already been made at the Texas schools. In Midland, the Confederate flag was eliminated as a school symbol in 1991. But Marisa Kent, a 2012 graduate, said many fans and supporters still use it, with some white students hanging it in their truck windows.

Days after the Charleston shooting, the civil rights group Una Voz Unida called on the Midland ISD to change Lee High School's name. District offices are closed this week, and administrators couldn't be reached for comment on whether that's a possibility. But Kent said she thinks a change is unlikely. Many students and alumni value the tradition of the name, she said.

"People say he was a general in the war and his bravery needs to be recognized," she said, adding that she'd like to at least see a discussion.

Cries for change are more popular in urban areas. Lee Elementary in Austin was founded in 1939. Now, the man the school is named for is rarely mentioned in classrooms, though a portrait of the general remains in a hallway.

"You rarely see or hear the full name, except on the big sign on the top of the building," said Dave Junker, a white parent whose black adopted children attend the school. "There has clearly been ambivalence about it over the last few years."

The school is 63 percent white. It's diverse, but less so than the rest of Austin ISD, said Junker. He's part of a committee of parents, teachers and administrators that plans to meet next month to consider dropping the name.

That kind of discussion will also happen at Houston ISD, which has four schools named after Confederate leaders, including Lee High School. School board president Rhonda Skillern-Jones has said she plans to propose renaming the schools soon, but nothing has been made official.

"We are looking into this issue and are certainly open to having conversations about it," said district spokeswoman Holly Huffman.

Episcopalians vote to allow gay marriage in churches

By Brady McCombs and Rachel Zoll
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Episcopalians overwhelmingly voted Wednesday to allow religious weddings for same-sex couples, solidifying the church's embrace of gay rights that began more than a decade ago with the pioneering election of the first openly gay bishop.

The vote came in Salt Lake City at the Episcopal General Convention, just days after the U.S. Supreme Court legalized gay marriage nationwide. It passed in the House of Deputies, the voting body of clergy and lay participants at the meeting. The House of Bishops had approved the resolution Tuesday by 129-26 with five abstaining.

The Very Rev. Brian Baker of Sacramento said the church rule change was the result of a nearly four-decade long conversation that has been difficult and painful for many. Baker, chair of the committee that crafted the changes, said church members have not always been kind to one another but that the dynamic has changed in recent decades.

"We have learned to not only care for, but care about one other," Baker said. "That mutual care was present in the conversations we had. Some people disagreed, some people disagreed deeply, but we prayed and we listened and we came up with compromises that we believe make room and leave no one behind."

AP file photo

Bishop Gene Robinson addresses the congregation May 1, 2005, at Christ Church in Philadelphia. Robinson, now retired, said he is breathless about how quickly the gay rights movement has progressed since he was getting daily death threats and forced to wear a bulletproof vest to his consecration 12 years ago. Episcopalians voted Wednesday on allowing religious weddings for same-sex couples, just days after the U.S. Supreme Court legalized gay marriage nationwide.

Baker said the denomination's House of Bishops prayed and debated the issue for five hours earlier this week before passing it on to the House of Deputies.

During debate on Wednesday, several deputies spoke in support of the move, with some saying it was long overdue. Opponents spoke too, including Jose Luis Mendoza-Barahona of Honduras, who gave an impassioned speech in Spanish against the change, saying it goes against the biblical basis of the church and would create a chasm in the church.

The vote eliminates gender-specific language from church laws on marriage so that same-sex couples could have religious weddings. Instead of "husband" and "wife," for example, the new church law will refer to "the couple." Under the new rules, clergy can decline to perform the ceremonies. The changes were approved 173-27. The convention also approved a gender-neutral prayer service for marriage on a 184-23 vote.

The measures take effect the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29.

Many dioceses in the New York-based church of nearly 1.9 million members have allowed their priests to perform civil same-sex weddings, using a trial prayer service to bless the couple. Still, the church hadn't changed its own laws on marriage until Wednesday.

The Episcopal Church joins two other mainline Protestant groups that allow gay marriage in all their congregations: the United Church of Christ and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The 3.8-million-member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America lets its congregations decide for themselves, and many of them host gay weddings.

The United Methodist Church, by far the largest mainline Protestant church with 12.8 million members, bars gay marriage, although many of its clergy have been officiating at same-sex weddings recently in protest.

The Episcopal Church is the U.S. wing of the Anglican Communion, an 80 million-member global fellowship of churches. Ties among Anglicans have been strained since Episcopalians in 2003 elected Bishop Gene Robinson, who lived openly with his male partner, to lead the Diocese of New Hampshire.

On the eve of the U.S. vote, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, spiritual leader of the world's Anglicans, issued a statement expressing deep concern about the move to change the definition of marriage.

Faith groups across the spectrum of belief, from the Episcopal Church to the Southern Baptists, have been losing members as more Americans say they identify with no particular religion. The Episcopal Church has shrunk 18 percent over the last decade, after more than a generation of steady decline.

After the Supreme Court ruling last week, many conservative churches, including the Southern Baptists and the Mormons, renewed their opposition to gay marriage.

The gay marriage decision is the second major news to come from the convention, the top policymaking body of the church. The church elected its first black presiding bishop last weekend, with Bishop Michael Curry of North Carolina winning in a landslide.

GAYMARRIAGEINTEXAS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Benefits offered for same-sex spouses of Texas state workers

The Employees Retirement System of Texas said it's now allowing state workers to enroll their same-sex spouses for benefits following last week's U.S. Supreme Court decision, which paved the way for gay marriage nationwide.

The system said Wednesday that it will start accepting applications from state workers to sign up their same-sex spouses for employment and retirement benefits.

The Supreme Court's decision was opposed by Texas Republican leaders, including Gov. Greg Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton. They both have moved to protect government employees who oppose gay marriage on religious grounds.

Employees have 30 days after a wedding to enroll a spouse, and couples who were previously married outside of Texas will have 30 days from Friday's court ruling to add a same-sex spouse.

"Someone who married the same gender will be able enroll their spouse in all of our insurance programs," said Cathy Terrell, the group's director of governmental affairs.

The system includes all state employees and higher-education workers not employed by the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems. Those two university systems said that enrollment will begin Wednesday for similar benefits for their employees.

Same-sex marriage licenses are available in 115 of the state's 254 counties, providing home-county access for around 84 percent of the state's population, according to Equality Texas, an advocacy group for lesbians, gays, bisexual and transgender Texans.

Hood County Clerk Katie Lang initially said she wouldn't issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples due to her religious opposition to gay marriage. In a statement posted on the county clerk's website, she cited a legal opinion by Paxton that said clerks wouldn't have to issue gay marriage licenses if doing so would violate their religious beliefs. However, in a statement Wednesday on the county website, Lang says her office will comply with the U.S. Supreme Court decision.

FORT WORTH

Some county clerks in Texas emailed after same-sex ruling

Texas county clerks have been exercising plenty of free speech lately.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported some are angry at Gov. Greg Abbott and state officials who — quoting one clerk — "hung us all out to dry" with no advice or forms for issuing same-sex marriage licenses after last week's U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

In a review of Hood County Clerk Katie Lang's emails obtained through an information request, her comments to staff were strident: "We are not issuing them because I am instilling my religious liberty in this office."

She relented Tuesday and said her office will issue the licenses.

Most clerks on a statewide email list seemed surprised at the court decision and lack of help.

"We were the first people to be affected and the last ones to be contacted," wrote Deborah Rushing from Yoakum County. "No one had our back."

After Attorney General Ken Paxton — the state's civil lawyer, not a primary legal authority on county matters — advised clerks to defend religious freedom but expect lawsuits, Ellis County Clerk Cindy Polley wrote: "Does it seem to anyone else the AG is putting it back on us?"

"HELP!" Brewster County Clerk Berta Rios Martinez wrote. "I just had my first gay couple come in for a marriage license and I ran them off!! Did I do right? HELP!!!"

Shelby County Clerk Jennifer Fountain wrote her "vent" after a resident told her that issuing the licenses was "taking Shelby County to the fires of hell".

"Why didn't (Abbott) say 'The state of Texas WILL NOT ISSUE same sex marriage licenses. If you want to sue, sue the State.' Instead, he hung us all out to dry, threw us under the bus."

Fountain went on: "I've issued marriage licenses to couples that I've had in court for beating each other up. I've issued to people that have lived together for 20 years. Did I get ugly phone calls and blasted on (Facebook) for issuing them? No!!"

Lang's other emails declined interviews and quoted Paxton. When she wrote about "instilling my religious liberty," Hood County Commissioner Butch Barton wrote telling her to "hang in."

On Friday, when the decision was announced, Lang had emailed her staff: "The U.S. Supreme Court has just voted to allow gay Marriages but we as County Clerks are to follow the Law as stated in Texas."

Most clerks' comments were more like Red River County Clerk Shawn Weemes'.

"I (am) so not looking forward to Monday."

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Some GOP candidates becoming unhinged

■ Court's decisions could force candidates to clarify thinking about judiciary's role

GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

In 1824, in retirement 37 years after serving as the Constitutional Convention's prime mover, James Madison, 73, noted that the 1787 "language of our Constitution is already undergoing interpretations unknown to its founders." He knew that the purport of the text would evolve "with the changeable meaning of the words composing it."

Now, 147 years since ratification of the 14th Amendment, its guarantees of "equal protection of the laws" and "due process of law" mean that states, which hitherto controlled marriage law, must recognize same-sex marriages. Anthony Kennedy's opinion for the court said: "The generations that wrote and ratified the Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment did not presume to know the extent of freedom in all of its dimensions, and so they entrusted to future generations a charter protecting the right of all persons to enjoy liberty *as we learn its meaning*." (Emphasis added.)

Many conservatives detect in those five words a dismaying intimation of a "living Constitution" too malleable to limit government because it conforms to whatever shape serves transitory political and cultural impulses. Conservative wariness is wise. So too, however, is recognition that Chief Justice Warren was not wrong when, in a 1958 case concerning the Eighth Amendment's proscriptions of "cruel and unusual punishments," he said: "The amendment must draw its meaning from the evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society."

Such evolution is real and relevant. No one today thinks that branding and ear cropping, which were punishments practiced when the Eighth Amendment was ratified, are today compatible with this amendment.

During April's oral arguments, Chief Justice John Roberts said that people seeking same-sex marriage are "not seeking to join the institution" but are "seeking to change what the institution is." But this institution has been changed by American attitudes and behavior. Marriage in America will be, over time, what Americans say it is, and last week's decision came with almost three in four Americans already living in states where same-sex marriage is legal.

The decision came after Roberts showed conservatives the reality of judicial deference that they have often, and often thoughtlessly, advocated. Deferring to "what Congress meant to do," Roberts rescued the Affordable Care Act from what he called Congress' "inartful" means of doing it. The marriage and ACA decisions should cause the 2016 contest for the Republican presidential nomination to force candidates to clarify their thinking about the judiciary's appropriate role in our constitutional system.

Although there is no interesting debate about this (or anything else) among Democrats, among Republicans there is a lively debate about whether the judiciary's primary duty is to facilitate majorities' powers or to protect individuals' rights. Which makes this a perilous moment for Republican candidates, who might compete to propose constitutional amendments that dramatize their dismay about the same-sex marriage decision.

Scott Walker's minimalist amendment, concerning process rather than policy, would restore the traditional state control over marriage law.

Others endorse an amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Ted Cruz also endorses "judicial retention elections":

"Every justice, beginning with the second national election after his or her appointment, will answer to the American people and the states in a retention election every eight years. Those justices deemed unfit for retention by both a majority of the American people as a whole and by majorities of the electorates in at least half of the 50 states will be removed from office and disqualified from future service on the court."

Cruz's idea is congruent with the 1912 proposal of another rambunctious Ted, former president Theodore Roosevelt. Running as a full-throated Progressive (against another progressive, Democrat Woodrow Wilson, and the conservative Republican president and future chief justice William Howard Taft), TR advocated not just the recall of judges but also "the review by the people" of "certain" judicial decisions. TR embraced the core progressive belief that the ideal of limited government, and hence the reality of the separation of powers, are anachronisms.

It is, therefore, especially disheartening that Cruz, who clerked for Chief Justice William Rehnquist and who is better equipped by education and experience to think clearly about courts, proposes curing what he considers this court's political behavior by turning the court into a third political branch. Imagine campaigns conducted by justices. What would remain of the court's prestige and hence its power to stand athwart rampant executives and overbearing congressional majorities? Sixteen months before the election, some candidates are becoming too unhinged to be plausible as conservative presidents.

Disclosure: This columnist's wife, Mari Will, works for Scott Walker.

OUR VIEW

Don't expect outsiders to be able to pressure MISD to rename LHS

On today's front page of the Reporter-Telegram, there is a story about Confederate names at majority-minority schools. The point of running the story was to show how other media represents Midland.

We are not surprised that a group would try to use the political momentum of the Confederate flag issue to take shots at Midland ISD. Someone saw an opening and ran with it.

For decades, Midland ISD has spoken — and pretty unanimously, at least in the open — about its feelings for the name Robert E. Lee High School. It has the support of the community, and until we hear a reason from community members, it is hard to envision that the name will be changed anytime soon.

One thing we do disagree with is the Texas Tribune article's claim that the Confederate flag is used at sporting events to show support for teams. The school district in the early 1990s put an end to the use of the flag as a school symbol and those who have followed the teams for at least the last decade to 15 years believe the Tribune story misrepresents the community's use of the flag with the statement "fans sometimes fly Confederate flags to show their support (for the football team)."

As conversations about the Confederate flag take place nationwide, Midlanders should not be surprised that the occasional television, newspaper or Internet story mentions Midland. The Tribune story wasn't the first and won't be the last. Midland's Lee High School isn't the only school in Texas named after Robert E. Lee, but it is arguably the most prominent. Our Lee High School also is based in conservative Midland, which makes it an easy target for those looking to see a certain agenda pushed forward. It also happens to be the lone Lee High School in Texas that calls its mascot the Rebels.

Enter Una Voz Unida, an Odessa-based civil-rights group. Some may remember the political activist group for its very public battle with Show of Support founder Terry Johnson before and after the Show of Support's concert in August with Ted Nugent. Una Voz Unida recently called on the Midland school district to change Lee High School's name.

In our view, Midland ISD is not going to change the name of any school because of a media article or because some group not even based in our community raises its voice in protest. The school district doesn't operate that way. Our community doesn't operate that way. Our leaders will make changes because it's the law or the right thing to do. And that type of a change is only possible if it comes from inside the community, not because of a news report or a group with little or no connection to our community.

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Cruz relies on political hyperbole

■ Rulings don't top list of 'some of the darkest 24 hours in our nation's history'

KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

A few weeks back we cringed at Sen. Ted Cruz's mindless and heartless joke about Vice President Joe Biden during that difficult period between when Biden's son Beau died and when he was buried.

To his credit, Cruz, who seems to careen into stump-speech autopilot at times, quickly apologized for the ill-timed quip.

Cruz now is defending a more recent comment that is worthy of our scrutiny. Texas' junior senator is very unhappy about U.S. Supreme Court rulings last week upholding a key Obamacare provision and the right of same-sex couples to get married.

"How are you, senator?" Fox News Channel host Sean Hannity asked Friday in beginning an interview with Cruz, a rock-solid conservative trying to out-rock-solid-conservative the other rock-solid conservatives seeking the GOP presidential nomination.

"Sean, how are you doing?" Cruz replied. "Today is some of the darkest 24 hours in our nation's history."

To which Hannity affirmed, "I couldn't say it more eloquently."

It seems darkness, like beauty, is in the eyes of the beholder. And it's understandable that Cruz and Hannity, from where they do their beholding, beheld darkness in last week's rulings.

But to rate the Supreme Court rulings as producing "some of the darkest 24 hours in our nation's history" we have to review other dark moments in our nation's history.

The relative merits of Obamacare, same-sex marriage and how the Supreme Court came to its rulings are certainly arguable. But I'd say that to get near the top of the list of "darkest 24 hours in our nation's history" you probably should look at things about which sane people cannot argue. Here are some:

■ Pearl Harbor (2,400 deaths).
■ 9/11 (2,977 deaths).
■ Each and every 24-hour interval during legal slavery in the U.S.
■ Hurricane Katrina (1,836 deaths).
■ Selected 24-hour periods during the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Vietnam and other wars in which American lives were lost.
■ The 1900 Galveston hurricane (6,000-12,000 deaths).
■ The 1906 San Francisco earthquake (3,000-6,000 deaths).
■ The 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings (26 student and faculty deaths).
■ The June shootings at a Charleston church (nine deaths).
■ The 2012 shootings at a Colorado movie theater (12 deaths).
■ The 2007 shootings at Virginia Tech University (32 deaths).
■ The 1966 University of Texas tower shooting (16 deaths).
■ The 2009 shootings at Fort Hood (13 deaths).
■ The assassinations of Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.
■ Any 24 hours during the many years of legal segregation.

Only such hyperpartisans as Cruz can put losses on topics that engender legitimate differences of opinion on a list of the "darkest 24 hours in our nation's history."

Katie Couric of Yahoo News on Monday asked Cruz about his Friday comment, telling him "some people thought that sounded slightly hyperbolic."

Cruz didn't back down, tying his comment to justices "violating their judicial oath."

"They stopped being umpires calling balls and strikes. Instead they joined a team," he said of the Obamacare ruling that went against his team. "They put on bright blue Obama jerseys, and they rewrote the law."

The marriage decision, he said, was "fundamentally illegitimate" and "judicial activism." The latter, of course, is what you call any court order you don't like.

And if you're running for president, you talk about courthouse losses for your team as "some of the darkest 24 hours in our nation's history."

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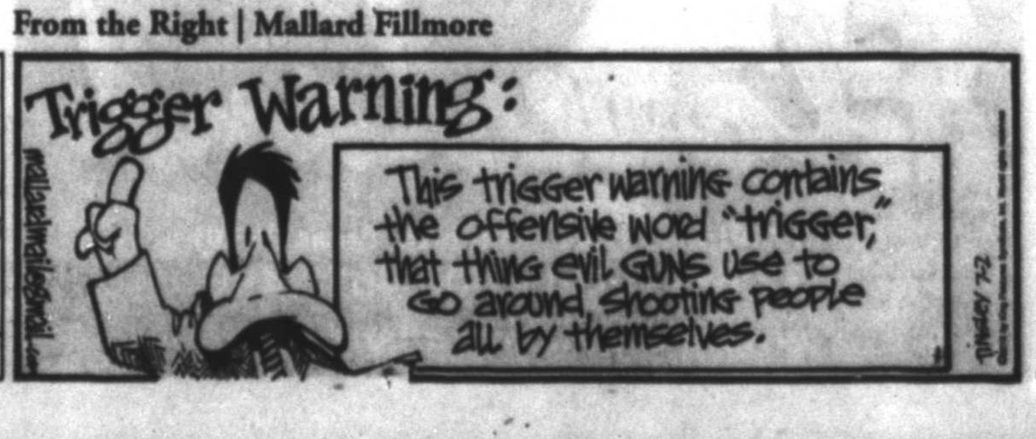

Overcoming hostilities, US and Cuba to open embassies

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After more than a half-century of hostility, the United States and Cuba declared Wednesday they will reopen embassies in each other's capitals this month, marking a historic full restoration of diplomatic relations between the Cold War foes.

For President Barack Obama, the opening of the U.S. Embassy in the heart of Havana is one of the most tangible demonstrations of his long-standing pledge to engage directly with U.S. adversaries. Heralding the embassy agreement, Obama declared: "This is what change looks like."

Cuban television broadcast Obama's statement live, underscoring the new spirit. In a letter to Obama, Cuban President Raul Castro praised the embassy announcement as a way to "develop respectful relations and cooperation between our peoples and governments."

Despite the historic step, the U.S. and Cuba are still grappling with deep divisions and mistrust.

The U.S. is particularly concerned about Cuba's reputed human rights violations. Cuba is demanding an end to the U.S. economic embargo, the return of the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay and a halt to U.S. radio and TV broadcasts aimed at the island.

Obama wants Congress to lift the embargo, but staunch Republican opposition makes that unlikely in the near future. Republicans, as well as a handful of Democrats, say Obama is prematurely rewarding an oppressive government that jails dissidents and silences political opponents.

"The Obama administration is handing the Castros a lifetime dream of legitimacy without getting a thing for the Cuban people being oppressed by this brutal communist dictatorship," said House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Republican presidential contenders had their say, too. Sen. Marco Rubio, son of a Cuban immigrant, said Obama was making concessions to an "odious regime;" former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush said the plan was "legitimizing the brutal Castro regime," and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz said it was a "slap in the face of a close ally" to put an embassy in Havana before Jerusalem.

Indeed, the historic thaw in U.S.-Cuba relations is seen by the White House as a central part of the president's foreign policy legacy. Obama has long argued that the U.S. policy of isolating Cuba, a country just 90 miles south of Florida, has been ineffective in forcing the kind of change opponents demand.

"We don't have to be imprisoned by the past," Obama said.

The U.S. cut off diplomatic relations with Cuba in 1961 after Fidel Castro's revolution. The U.S. spent decades trying to either overthrow the Cuban government or isolate the island, including toughening the embargo first imposed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

But after months of secret talks aided by the Vatican, the U.S. and Cuba announced in December that they were moving to end Cold War hostilities. Since then, officials have been locked in negotiations over terms for opening embassies.

While details of those terms remained vague, Obama administration officials said they were satisfied with the level of access Cubans will have to the U.S. Embassy and the level of restrictions placed on U.S. diplomats in Havana. While Americans won't have unfettered freedom of movement, officials said they would now only notify the Cuban government of travel outside of Havana, not seek permission.

The embassy restrictions are similar to those in countries run by authoritarian governments including China, Russia, Myanmar, Zimbabwe and Belarus.

Full diplomatic relations with be restored on July 20. Secretary of State John Kerry will travel to Cuba this summer to raise the U.S. flag over the embassy, the first trip to the island by the top American diplomat since 1945.

Obama did not nominate an ambassador Wednesday and there was no indication that he planned to do so quickly. White House officials acknowledged that an eventual nominee would likely face opposition from critics of the president's broader Cuba policy.

"It would be our strong preference that once an ambassador has been nominated, for that individual to be treated fairly by the United States Senate and confirmed in bipartisan fashion," Obama said.

Since the late 1970s, the United States and Cuba have operated diplomatic missions called interests sections in each other's capitals. The missions are technically under the protection of Switzerland, and do not enjoy the same status as embassies.

With diplomatic infrastructure already in place, administration officials said any efforts by Congress to block funding for an embassy would be unsuccessful in preventing an upgrade to the American post in Havana.

The Republican-led House Appropriations Committee voted last month to curb Obama administration efforts to work on an embassy in Cuba unless the White House certifies that Havana is meeting the terms of a 1996 law aimed at pushing the island nation's government toward democracy. That law's conditions include Cuba's extradition of people who are accused of crimes in the U.S.

In its budget request last February, the Obama administration asked Congress for $6 million in 2016 for the U.S. mission in Havana to "expand its presence and transition to embassy status to handle more extensive operations."

Even without specific congressional approval, the State Department could well be able to access the money it requested because agencies are permitted to shift relatively small amounts of money among budget accounts, according to congressional aides.

Emails show top officials aware of Clinton's private address

By Lisa Lerer and Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senior Obama administration officials, including the White House chief of staff, knew as early as 2009 that Hillary Rodham Clinton was using a private email address for her government correspondence, according to some 3,000 pages of correspondence released by the State Department late Tuesday night.

The chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, requested Clinton's email address on Sept. 5, 2009, according to one email. His request came three months after top Obama strategist David Axelrod asked the same question of one of Clinton's top aides.

But it's unclear whether the officials realized Clinton, now the leading Democratic presidential candidate, was running her email from a server located in her home in Chappaqua, New York — a potential security risk and violation of administration policy.

The emails, covering March through December 2009, were posted online as part of a court mandate that the agency release batches of Clinton's private correspondence from her time as secretary of state every 30 days starting June 30.

The regular releases of Clinton's correspondence all but guarantee a slow drip of revelations from the emails throughout her primary campaign, complicating her efforts to put the issue to rest. The goal is for the department to publicly unveil 55,000 pages of her emails by Jan. 29, 2016 — just three days before Iowa caucus-goers will cast the first votes in the Democratic primary contest. Clinton has said she wants the emails released as soon as possible.

A Republican-led House panel investigating the deadly 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya, also is examining emails of Clinton and other former department officials, raising the possibility of further revelations into 2016. The State Department provided more than 3,600 pages of documents to the committee on Tuesday, including emails.

Pushing back, the Clinton campaign released a video on Wednesday that argues that seven previous investigations have debunked the conspiracy theories surrounding the attacks that killed four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens, and the panel's sole purpose is to rough up Clinton politically ahead of the presidential election.

"How long will Republicans keep spending tax dollars on this political charade?" the video asks.

The emails ranged from the mundane details of high-level public service — scheduling secure lines for calls, commenting on memos and dealing with travel logistics — to an email exchange with former President Jimmy Carter and a phone call with former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Carter mildly chided Clinton about how to handle the release of two hostages held in North Korea, while Clinton recounted that Rice, her predecessor, "called to tell me I was on strong ground" regarding Israel.

One day in November 2009, aide Huma Abedin forwarded Clinton a list of 11, back-to-back calls she was scheduled to make to foreign ministers around the world.

"Can't wait. You know how much I love making calls," Clinton responded.

In one email, Clinton tells Abedin, "I heard on the radio that there is a Cabinet mtg this am. Can I go? If not, who are we sending?" Clinton was later informed it wasn't a full Cabinet meeting.

The emails also reflect the vast scope of Clinton's network, after several decades in Washington. She advises her future 2016 campaign chairman John Podesta to wear socks to bed, and passes on advice from former campaign strategist Mark Penn with the note "overlook the source."

Clinton's emails have become an issue in her early 2016 campaign, as Republicans accuse her of using a private account rather than the standard government address to avoid public scrutiny of her correspondence. As the controversy has continued, Clinton has seen ratings of her character and trustworthiness drop in polling.

The newly released emails show Clinton sent or received at least 12 messages in 2009 on her private email server that were later classified "confidential" by the U.S. government because officials said they contained activities relating to the intelligence community.

Texas Democrats to scrap 'Two-Step' presidential primary for 2016

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas' Democratic presidential primary is set to shift to allocating delegates based solely on voting results, after national party leaders rejected the state's traditional "Two-Step" method that had also included post-election caucuses.

America's second most populous state votes March 1 as part of the 2016 presidential election's "Super Tuesday."

While the exact state tallies may still vary, Texas is expected to have more than 250 Democratic delegates, making it the largest electoral prize of the 12 states planning to vote that day. Only California and New York have more potential delegates, but neither are scheduled to hold "Super Tuesday" primaries.

In previous cycles, two-thirds of Texas' Democratic presidential delegates were awarded among candidates based on primary results. The rest were selected by caucuses held later.

But high caucus turnout in 2008 allowed Barack Obama to take more Texas Democratic presidential delegates than Hillary Clinton, despite Clinton winning the primary election vote.

Some party voters raised concerns then that the two-tiered system was confusing. But Texas nonetheless sought a Democratic National Committee waiver to continue it — only to have it denied last week.

The new, more straightforward system will be submitted for national party approval next week.

It mandates that candidates capture at least 15 percent of the vote in a Texas Senate district to win a delegate from that district, and that they be allocated at-large delegates by taking at least 15 percent of the statewide vote.

Texas Democratic Party Executive Director Crystal Perkins says the new plan means "individual Democratic primary voters will have more power in the selection of their nominee."

"Unfortunately, the Texas Two-Step will not take place this election cycle," Perkins said in a statement Tuesday. "However, Texas Democrats will have an important voice in selecting that nominee."

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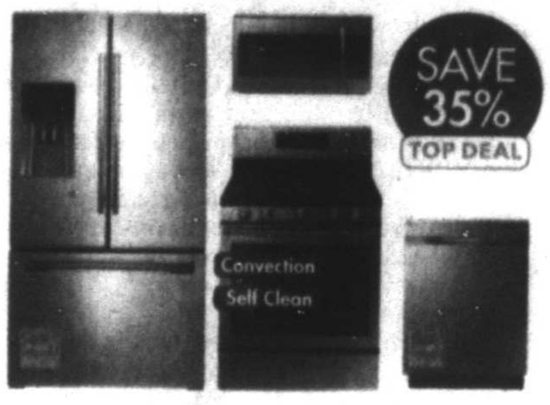

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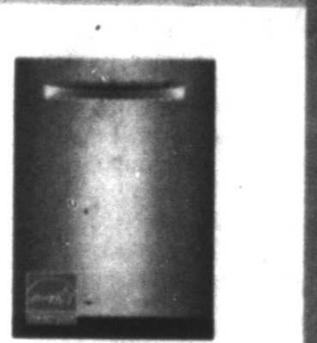

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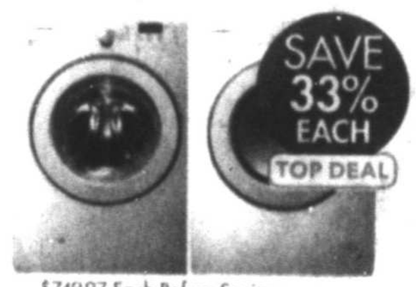

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WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

WEEKEND TO-DO LIST

TODAY

AT THE GARDENS Jeanie Patterson to perform at Café at the Gardens.

FRIDAY

ART FIX Kamiposi's monthly First Fridays features art by Dan Lam and Stewart Parker.

SATURDAY

MUM'S THE WORD Summer Mummers continues at the Yucca Theatre.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

ONLINE

SUMMER NIGHTS Fun isn't reserved for the weekends. Now that school's out, the goings-on continue throughout the week.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Magic Mike XXL," "Terminator Genisys"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Magic Mike XXL," "Terminator Genisys"

BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Opening: "Terminator Genisys"

STAYING IN? Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. **Page 3**

COMING SOON

ALL ABOUT THE BLUES Tall City Blues Fest takes over downtown Midland next weekend.

FIREWORKS AT SECURITY BANK BALLPARK

Fourth of July across the Basin and beyond

By Rich Lopez
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Being that Independence Day falls on the weekend, all of Midland seems to be getting in on the festivities. You don't even have to wait for the Saturday holiday to start celebrating. Events kick off as early as today.

Here's a breakdown of the goings on throughout Fourth of July weekend.

TODAY

Midland County Public Library's Youth Services will jumpstart the holiday weekend with a Fourth of July Picnic at Opportunity Park today with hot dogs, chips and drinks provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring water toys and towels for added festivities. The event is free and open to all ages of the public.

2701 N. "A" St. at Ventura Ave. July 2. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

The Midland RockHounds will host post-game fireworks at their two games this weekend against the Arkansas Travelers at Security Bank Ballpark. Cheer on the home team and then stick around on either Friday or Saturday night's game for some lights in the sky.

5514 Champions Drive. 7 p.m. $9-$16. midlandrockhounds.com.

SATURDAY

Star Spangled Salute is THE Fouth of July event in Midland, only this time it's moved locations. Formerly downtown at Centennial Plaza, the celebration has moved this year to Hogan Park, but all the festitvities are intact. The Salute will feature the children's sidewalk parade, the 5K and 10K Freedom Run, an expanded beer garden and food and beverages and, of course, fireworks. Allison Firefly performs in concert. The location isn't the only thing new this year. The event now has a free mobile app on iTunes and Google Play to help navigate the goings-on. The Family Fun Zone will be open to all ages and food vendors will be open for the morning activities. All patrons really need is a chair and sunscreen.

1201 E. Wadley Ave. Morning activities: Freedom Run 10k 7:30 a.m., Freedom Run 5K 8 a.m. Children's Sidewalk Parade 10 a.m. Evening activities: Food court 5 p.m. Fun Zone 6 p.m. Allison Firefly concert 7 p.m. Fireworks 9:55 p.m. fourthinmidland.com.

The Midland Community Band performs its annual Patriotic Concert at Midland College. While the Star-Spangled Salute shifts to evening, catch this concert of traditional band music with marches, holiday standards and ROTC rifle drill demonstration. Free.

Allison Fine Arts Building, 3600 N. Garfield St. 2 p.m.

The new Tiki Island Water Park hosts Red, White and Blue Crush on Saturday. Park guests can float under the fireworks or partake in one of the many inflatable water slides. The first 500 guests will receive a free pair of 3D fireworks glasses. Free admission for active military and veterans.

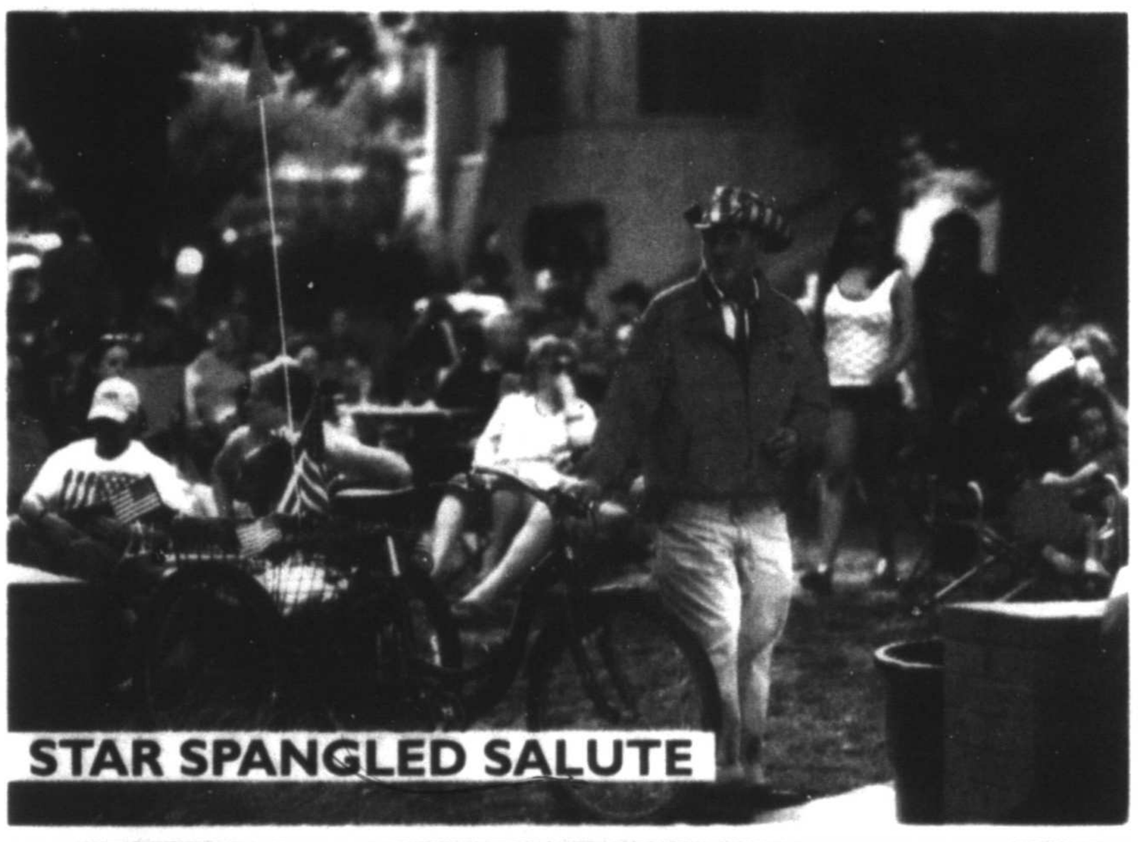
5514 Champions Drive. 5-10 p.m. $9.99-$14.99. tikiislandwaterpark.com.

The Beer Garden at Garden View takes a different approach to Independence Day. On Saturday, the new drink spot will host its first Garden Luau complete with a pig roast. Coconut bras and grass skirts are encouraged but not mandatory. After all the beer and nosh, live music will go on at 9 p.m.

7112 W. Business 20. Noon. Midlandbeergarden.com.

If you prefer to stay in but still want to join in some festivities, the Freedom Over Texas celebration in Houston will be broadcast live on the local ABC channel KMID-TV at 8 p.m. From the comfort of your own home, watch Clint Black and Josh Turner perform topped off by a finale of fireworks.

Check your local listings for more information.



STAR SPANGLED SALUTE

COMMUNITY BAND PATRIOTIC CONCERT

AROUND THE AREA

BIG SPRING

The Big Spring Symphony performs Friday at the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater. A night of Pops in the Park will also feature food vendors and a pre-show. The night ends with a bang of fireworks.

310 Nolan St., Big Spring. 5-11 p.m. visitbigspring.com.

MARATHON

Marathon is in store for a busy Fourth of July weekend starting with the three-day long Mustang and Cowboy Chili Cookoff and the annual Fourth of July Post Park Dance. The dance will feature the Craig Carter Band, and visitors are encouraged to reserve rooms early. The event is that big for Marathon.

543 Post Road, Marathon. $8-$15 for the dance and $6 for the dance's barbecue. marathontexas.com.

ODESSA

The annual Firecracker Fandango celebrates 20 years in downtown Odessa. The event

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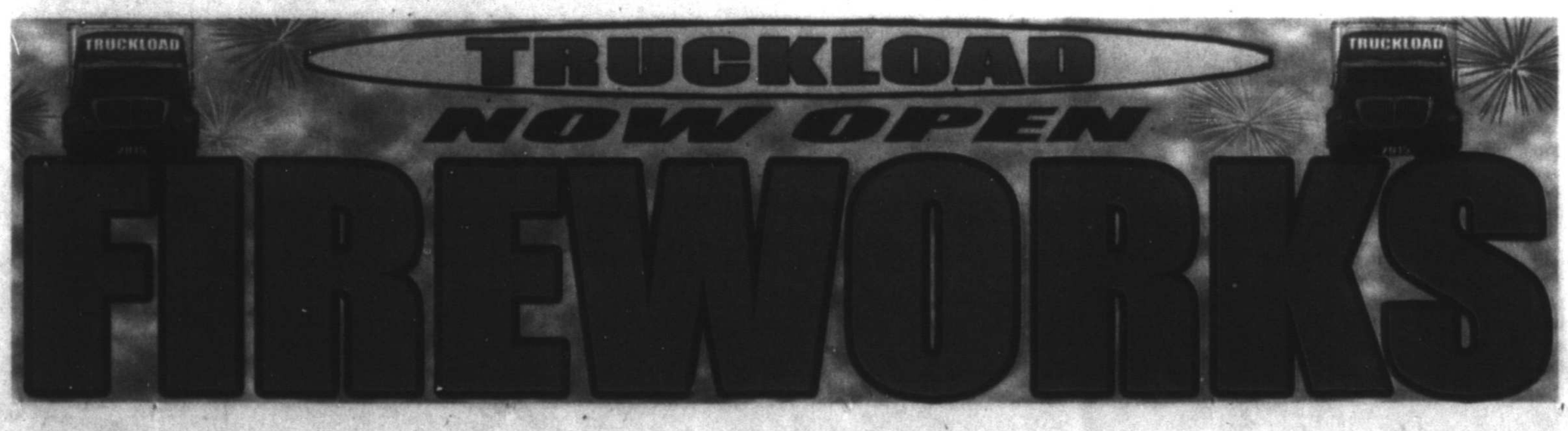

CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MUSIC

Lowdown, July 2 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Two Cow Garage, 7:30-10 p.m. July 2 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

3OG, 7:30-10 p.m. July 4 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

ART & DANCE

First Friday with Dan Lam and Stewart Parker, 6 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi. facebook.com/kamiposi.

GAMES & SPORTS

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

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

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

Free skateboarding lessons, noon-1:30 p.m. Saturdays at RTD Skatepark. rtdskatepark.com.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

"Nacho Libre" screening for Flash Back Fridays, 5 p.m.-midnight July 3 at RTD Skatepark. 235-7001.

"Annie Get Your Gun," through July 19 at Theatre of the Big Bend in Alpine. sulross.edu/tobb.

Summer Mummers "Masked Mummers in Midtropolis ... or No News is Good News" Fridays and Saturdays through Sept. 5 at the Yucca Theatre. summermummers.com.

EVENTS

Summer Picnic hosted by Midland County Public Library, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. July 2 at Chris Davidson Opportunity Park. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Tex-Mex Barrel Race, July 3-5 at the Horsehoe Arena. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Freedom Run, 7:30 a.m. July 4 at Hogan Park. fourthinmidland.com.

Star Spangled Salute, 5 p.m. July 4 at Hogan Park. fourthinmidland.com.

KID-FRIENDLY

53rd annual Children's Sidewalk Parade, 10 a.m. July 4 at Hogan Park. fourthinmidland.com.

Bush Tennis Center summer camps, sessions through Aug. 11 at Bush Tennis Center. bushtenniscenter.com.

Camp Fire West Texas summer day camp, 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. June 1-Aug. 14 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. campfirewtx.org.

Storytime for preschool, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Dome shows, throughout the week at Marian Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org 683-2882.

"Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs" through July 26 at Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum and the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. museumsw.org.

BOULEVARD NIGHTS CAR SHOW

COMING SOON

JULY

Camp Tiki: Diggin' for Dinos, July 6-9 at Tiki Island Water Park. tikiislandwaterpark.com.

Summer Movie Camp "The BoxTrolls," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. July 7 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Dinosaur Dig, 2:30 p.m. July 7 at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Lowdown, July 9 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Graham Wilkinson, 7:30-10 p.m. July 9 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Improv at the Yucca, 8 p.m. July 9 at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Family Fridays: Tell Me a Story, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 10 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

"Bubble Boy" screening for Flash Back Fridays, 5 p.m.-midnight July 10 at RTD Skatepark. 235-7001.

Murder-mystery dinner "Murder at the Juice Joint," 6:30 p.m. July 10 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

West Texas Triangle 2015 Features Artist Ben Woitena opening reception, 7 p.m. July 10 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Kimberly Dunn, 7:30-10 p.m. July 10 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Hot Summer Nights: Jumping Giants, sundown July 10 at Noel Plaza in Odessa. facebook.com/odessaarts

West Texas Salseros Latin Night, 9 p.m. July 10 at DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza. wtxsalseros.com.

"Rear Window" screening, 7:30 July 10-11 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

Tall City Blues Fest, July 10-12 at Centennial Plaza. tallcitybluesfest.com.

Pickwick Players' "All Shook Up," July 10-18 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Summers on the Green movie series: "American Graffiti," July 11 at Hotel Settles lawn. 263-8235.

158 Breakdown, July 11 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Unsweet Ts, 7:30-10 p.m. July 11 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Rory Payne at Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts, 7:30 p.m. July 12 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Double Diamond Equestrian summer riding camps, July 13-17, July 20-24 and Aug. 3-7 at Double Diamond Equestrian Center. doublediamondequestriancenter.com.

Summer Bug Camp, July 13-17 and Aug. 17-21 at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Midland Festival Ballet's Swan Lake Camp, 1-3 p.m. July 13-16 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Camp Tiki: Finding Tiki: Into the Depths of the Ocean, July 13-16 at Tiki Island Water Park. tikiislandwaterpark.com.

YMCA Mini Camp: Basketball Camp, 1-4 p.m. July 13-17 at Midland YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Summer Art Camp for students with visual challenges, July 13-17 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

RTD Ramp Camp, July 13-19 at RTD Skatepark. 235-7001.

Summer Movie Camp "The Lego Movie;" 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. July 14 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Backyard Basics: Home Egg Production free class, 6-9 p.m. July 14 and 9 a.m.-noon July 15 at Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Office in Odessa. 498-4071.

Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading event with special guest author Jaden Evans, 4:30 p.m. July 16 at George W. Bush Childhood Home. 685-1112.

Lowdown, July 16 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Brant Croucher, 7:30-10 p.m. July 16 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Mini Day Camp: Blast from the Past, 9 a.m.-noon July 17 at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Summer Science Class "Cultivating Science," 9 a.m.-noon July 17 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Family Fridays: Travel Through Time, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 17 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

"Napolean Dynamite" screening for Flash Back Fridays, 5 p.m.-midnight July 17 at RTD Skatepark. 235-7001.

An Evening with Linda Davis, Lang Scott and Bill Whyte, 8 p.m. July 17 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

West Texas Salseros Latin Night, 9 p.m. July 17 at DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza. wtxsalseros.com.

Hot Summer Nights: Mariachi Armonia, sundown July 17 at Noel Plaza in Odessa. facebook.com/odessaarts.

Boulevard Nights Car Show, July 17-18 at Horseshoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Diva and Dino, July 18 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Seamus Stout, 7 p.m. July 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Sense Amelia at Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts, 7:30 p.m. July 19 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Camp Tiki: Shipwrecked: An Island Adventure, July 20-23 at Tiki Island Water Park. tikiislandwaterpark.com.

Summer Art Camp: Painting and 3D Design, July 20-24 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

YMCA Mini Camp: Indoor Soccer Camp, 1-4 p.m. July 20-25 at Midland YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Summer Movie Camp "101 Dalmations," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. July 21 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Fun Fit Kids with the West Texas Food Bank, 2-4 p.m. July 22 at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

SciFriday Show: "Tremors," 8 p.m. July 23 at Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

Lowdown, July 23 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Mini Day Camp: Magnificent Birds of Prey, 9 a.m.-noon July 24 at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Summer Science Class "Dig Into Science," 9 a.m.-noon July 24 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Family Fridays: The Final Frontier, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 24 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series with Commisioner David Porter on the Texas Railroad Commission, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. July 24 at the Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

"The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" screening for Flash Back Fridays, 5 p.m.-midnight July 24 at RTD Skatepark. 235-7001.

Hot Summer Nights: Eddie Irving and The Classic Swing Band, sundown July 24 at Noel Plaza in Odessa. facebook.com/odessaarts.

"Bonnie and Clyde" screening, 7:30 p.m. July 24-25 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

West Texas Kennel Club Dog Show, July 24-26 at Horseshoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

West Texas Salsa Festival, July 24-26 at DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza. wtxsalseros.com.

Ernesto Calderon, July 25 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

B— — Sons of Johnny Cash, 7:30-10 p.m. July 25 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

WWE Live: SummerSlam Heatwave Tour, 7:30 p.m. July 25 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

JazzBird at Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts, 7:30 p.m. July 26 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Camp Tiki: Amazaon Jungle Safari, July 27-30 at Tiki Island Water Park. tikiislandwaterpark.com.

Summer Art Camp: Creatures and Textiles, July 27-31 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

YMCA All Sports Camp, 1-4 p.m. July 27-31 at YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Summer Movie Camp "Mr. Peabody & Sherman," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. July 28 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Brit Floyd, 8 p.m. July 28 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Two Tons of Steel, 7:30-10 p.m. July 30 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

FOURTH EVENTS

CHILDREN'S SIDEWALK PARADE

FOURTH

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begins with the Jaycees Independence Day Parade at 10 a.m. The Fandango moves to the evening with the street festival, live entertainment, children's activities and food booths.

Downtown Odessa. 6 p.m.-midnight. facebook.com/firecrackerfandango.

SAN ANGELO

The annual 3rd of July Pops concert will feature the San Angelo Symphony performing with United States Air Force on accompaniment with a flyby at the River Stage. The community band will open the show and fireworks begin at dark.

16 E. Ave. A. Friday. 7 p.m. Free. Sanangelosymphony.org.

The Fourth of July fireworks display will take place Saturday at Lake Nasworthy at sundown. Fort Concho will perform artillery salutes in honor of Independence Day from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the hour. The exhibitions are free but park admission is $1.50-$3. The PaulAnn Baptist Church will host Freedom Fest at the Foster Field lot with tailgating starting at 8:30 p.m.

Visit visitsanangelo.org for more information on these events.

LIVE WIRE

If you prefer to celebrate with live music, here are a list of shows happening throughout the weekend.

Today: Jeanie Patterson at Café at the Gardens, 3300 Fairgrounds Road. 7 p.m. alldredgegardens.com.

Two Cow Garage at Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St. 7:30 p.m. basinburgerhouse.com.

Lowdown at The Wine Rack, 4610 N. Garfield St. 6:30 p.m. winerackofmidland.com.

Friday: Thom Shepperd at the Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St. 9 p.m. midlandlonestarbar.com.

The Hill Country Outlaws featuring Lefty at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St. 9 p.m.

Three Lit Pigz at Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. 9 p.m.

Saturday: 30G at Basin Burger House. 7:30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS

Kamipost's First Fridays show will feature works by Dan Lam and Stewart Parker. First Fridays is the gallery's monthly event that features a new art show for the month. The night will include refreshments, food and music.

510 S. Big Spring St. 6 p.m. facebook.com/kamipost

Summer Mummers will continue as planned with its 67th season show "Masked Mummers in Midtropolis or No News is Good News" on Friday and Saturday at the Yucca Theatre. Load up on the popcorn and beverages for this Midland tradition. Tickets go fast, though.

208 N. Colorado St. 8 p.m. Through Sept. 5. $12-$25. summermummers.com.

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MOVIES & MUSIC

FILM CAPSULES

"Avengers: Age of Ultron" (PG-13) When Iron Man's plan to develop an artificially intelligent peacekeeping force backfires, he and his fellow Avengers must save the world from a megalomaniacal android. With Robert Downey Jr., James Spader, Chris Evans and Scarlett Johansson. Written and directed by Joss Whedon. In 3-D and Imax.

"Dope" (R) For a trio of geeky Inglewood, Calif., teens, a chance invitation to an underground party sets them on a drug-dealing adventure. With Shameik Moore, Tony Revolori and Kiersey Clemons. Written and directed by Rick Famuyiwa.

"Inside Out" (PG) An 11-year-old girl and her family move to a new city, prompting her five personified emotions help guide her through the transition, in this animated film. With the voices of Amy Poehler, Bill Hader, Lewis Black and Mindy Kaling. Written by Pete Docter, Meg LeFauve and Josh Cooley. Directed by Docter and Ronnie del Carmen.

"Insidious Chapter 3" (PG-13) A gifted psychic reluctantly agrees to contact the dead to help a teenage girl targeted by a supernatural entity in this horror prequel. With Dermot Mulroney, Stefanie Scott and Angus Sampson. Written and directed by Leigh Whannell.

"Jurassic World" (PG-13) At an island theme park where dinosaurs have been resurrected through science, a new genetically engineered specimen escapes confinement and plunges the park into chaos. With Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard and Vincent D'Onofrio. Written by Derek Connolly and Colin Trevorrow. Directed by Trevorrow. In 3-D.

"Magic Mike XXL" (R) Three years after bowing out of the stripper life, an ex-dancer hits the road with his former colleagues for one last blowout performance in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. With Channing Tatum, Matt Bomer and Joe Manganiello. Written by Reid Carolin. Directed by Gregory Jacobs.

"Max" (PG) When his handler is killed on the frontlines in Afghanistan, a troubled military dog is shipped back to the U.S. and taken in by the soldier's family, and both begin to heal. With Josh Wiggins, Lauren Graham and Thomas Haden Church. Written by Boaz Yakin and Sheldon Lettich. Directed by Yakin.

"Pitch Perfect 2" (PG-13) After a mishap mars their performance for the president, the Barden Bellas enter an international a cappella competition to redeem themselves. With Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin and Rebel Wilson. Written by Kay Cannon. Directed by Elizabeth Banks.

"San Andreas" (PG-13) When a massive earthquake strikes California, a helicopter pilot and his estranged wife travel from Los Angeles to San Francisco to save their daughter. With Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino and Alexandra Daddario. Written by Carlton Cuse. Directed by Brad Peyton. In 3-D.

"Spy" (R) When her partner falls off the grid and another top agent is compromised, a deskbound CIA analyst is sent into the field to infiltrate the world of a deadly arms dealer. With Melissa McCarthy, Jason Statham and Rose Byrne. Written and directed by Paul Feig.

"Ted 2" (R) A potty-mouthed teddy bear that's been magically brought to life wages a legal battle to prove his humanity in this sequel to 2012's "Ted." With Mark Wahlberg, Amanda Seyfried and the voice of Seth MacFarlane. Written by MacFarlane, Alec Sulkin and Wellesley Wild. Directed by MacFarlane.

"Terminator Genisys" (PG-13) When a soldier from the future is sent back in time to protect the eventual leader of humanity's war against sentient machines, an unexpected turn of events fractures the timeline and alters his mission. With Jai Courtney, Emilia Clarke and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Written by Laeta Kalogridis and Patrick Lussier. Directed by Alan Taylor.

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Lotsa grinding, little plot in 'Magic Mike XXL'

By Jocelyn Noveck
Associated Press

REVIEW

There's an early scene in "Magic Mike XXL" that hints at what this much ballyhooed sequel woulda, coulda, shoulda been.

Mike Lane, played by the well nigh irresistible Channing Tatum, is alone in his furniture workshop. As he saws, measures and sands, the beat of the music he's listening to starts to transport him. He can't stop himself: he begins to dance all around the shop, over and under the tools, a guy who just can't keep those limbs from moving.

Tatum's a great dancer and a wonderfully physical actor. We'd watch him do this all night. But we don't get to.

Instead, we get almost two hours of often rambling setup, finally leading to a long-awaited climax when Tatum, fellow chiseled stud Matt Bomer and their buff male stripper cohorts take the stage to bump, hump, grind and swivel tirelessly as gleeful women rain dollar bills onto their oiled skin. Yes, we admire this tirelessness. But is it treasonous to suggest that eventually it becomes tireSOME, too?

Those who fondly remember the original "Magic Mike" will be sad to realize that Matthew "Alright Alright Alright" McConaughey is missing this time around. So is director Steven Soderbergh, though he's back as cinematographer and editor; his associate Gregory Jacobs has taken the reins. What's most obviously missing in this sequel, though, is a real plot. What there is can be summed up in five words: Road Trip to Stripper Convention. Or maybe six: LONG Road to Stripper Convention.

We begin three years after Mike traded the stripper life for his long-held dream of setting up his own custom furniture company. It's not going as well as he'd planned.

Suddenly, Mike gets a call. It's a ruse, but it brings him back to his old buddies from the Kings of Tampa, planning one last big stab at glory before retiring their act at the convention in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

One last show: Hardly an original premise. Still, there are moments of fun. One of these comes at a gas station convenience store manned by a young woman with an apparent inability to smile. Mike, seeking to convince Big Dick Richie (Joe Manganiello) that he has the creativity to move out of his stock fireman character, challenges him to find a way to make the young lady grin. He does, and gets his mojo back.

But too often, the gang's stops on the way to the contest — sort of a male stripper-themed "Little Miss Sunshine," when you think about it — start well and then just go on forever. This is true of a visit to a private Savannah strip club, whose owner, Rome (Jada Pinkett Smith) has an unresolved past with Mike.

Rome and Mike? The idea is intriguing. But we never learn much about what happened. Things get sewn up quickly, and we move on. The same happens with the oddly unsatisfying (for us) relationship Mike strikes up with a pretty photographer (Amber Heard) he meets one night. We'd like to know more; she's still there at the end of the movie, and we don't really know why.

But maybe all that's beside the point. The only thing that really matters is the giant show at the end, where each man gets his moment to shine, though frankly, we'd have been happy just to fast forward to Tatum. But even when the star takes the stage, some of us might wish he'd do a little less, uh, simulating, and a little more actual dancing.

By the end, we're somewhat exhausted. Surely "XXL" in the title wasn't meant to indicate the length of the movie, but it rather feels like it. Sometimes a medium is a better fit.

"Magic Mike XXL," a Warner Bros. release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America "for strong sexual content, pervasive language, some nudity and drug use." Running time: 115 minutes. Two stars out of four.

LIVE WIRE

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Reele & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

Little-known indie thriller deserves big audience

PICK O' THE WEEK

"The Living" (R) Terrific indie thriller in the tradition of the brilliant "One False Move" and "A Simple Plan" doesn't pull any punches and keeps its audience guessing right up to its shocking ending. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"The Forger" (R) It is not only troubling seeing a film that is little more than a regurgitated version of 1989's "Family Business," but shocking to see John Travolta playing the father of a terminally ill son so soon after the death of his own son, Jett. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Before I Disappear" (R) Insightful film is more than a vanity project for Shawn Christensen, the frontman for Stellastarr* who wrote, directed and starred. From indie music to indie films, Christensen is adept at both. **B+**

"Bravetown" (R) Lucas Till, a young Texan who bears an uncanny resemblance to Matt Damon, turns in a star-making performance in this film with little else going for it, despite an impressive cast that includes Maria Bello, Tom Everett Scott and Josh Duhamel. **B-**

"Cas & Dylan" (not rated) Jason Priestly makes his feature film directorial debut in this formulaic comedy starring Richard Dreyfuss, an Oscar winner who deserves better than this. Granted, Priestly's direction can't be faulted, nor can Dreyfuss' acting. They're just stuck im a silly film they should have known better than to have signed on for to begin with. **C+**

"If There Be Thorns" (TV-14) The series of Lifetime network films based on the V.C. Andrews books continues as we find the happily-wed siblings — to each other, as you may recall, ew — dealing with a problem child and the return of their estranged mother. This is the third in the series. A fourth, "Seeds of Yesterday," will be released later this month, sigh. But aside from Heather Graham's laughably bad performance and the whole incest thing — again, ew — there is, at the root of it all, nothing more than a troubled little boy turning into a psycho. **C**

"Old Fashioned" (PG-13) The sweet sentiment in this faith-based love story is ruined by the sexism. **C-**

"Pound of Flesh" (R) Jean-Claude Van Damme has all but disappeared from most filmgoers' radar, but the Muscles from Brussels has been quietly forging some of the best straight-to-DVD action films in the genre. This film may begin with the urban legend of having a kidney stolen and waking up in an ice bath, but soon transcends the formula and offers one of Van Damme's patented splits to boot. **B-**

"Survivor" (PG-13) The unsettling nature of the terrorist acts in this film will dissuade many from watching, but the plot is not overly complicated, as many of these movies are, and seeing Pierce Brosnan playing such a sociapath only enforces my belief that he was not only the best James Bond but one of the most underrated actors around. **B**

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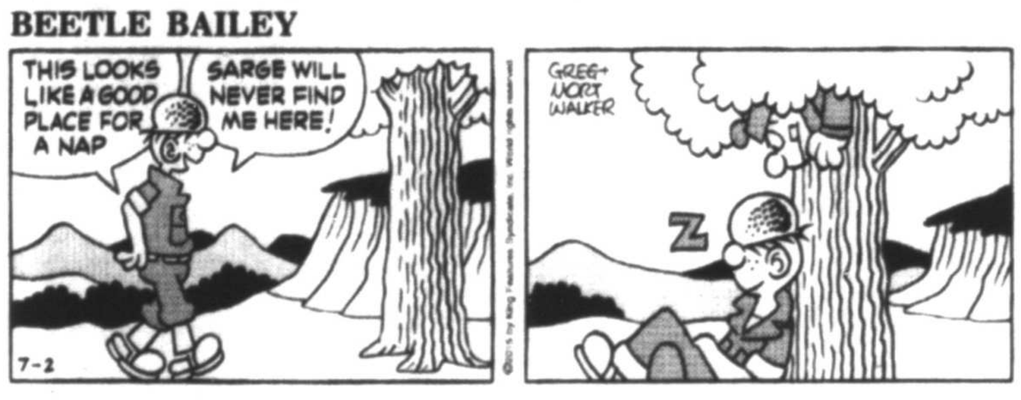

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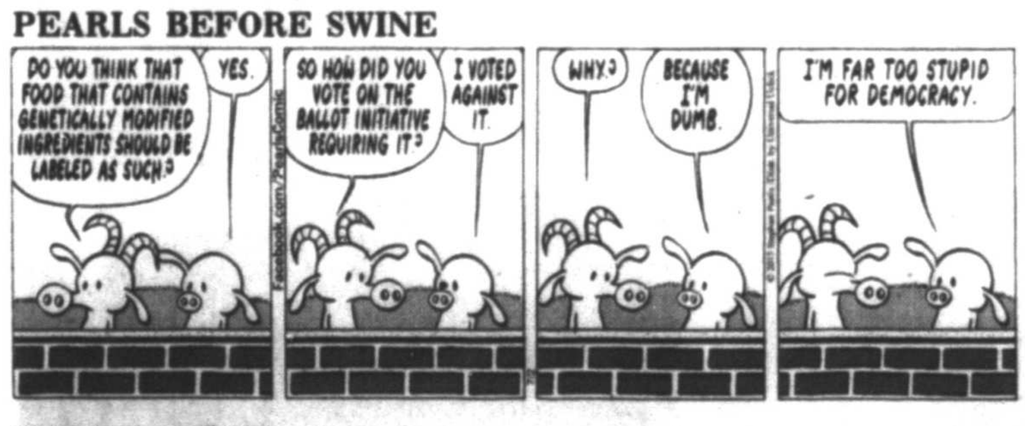

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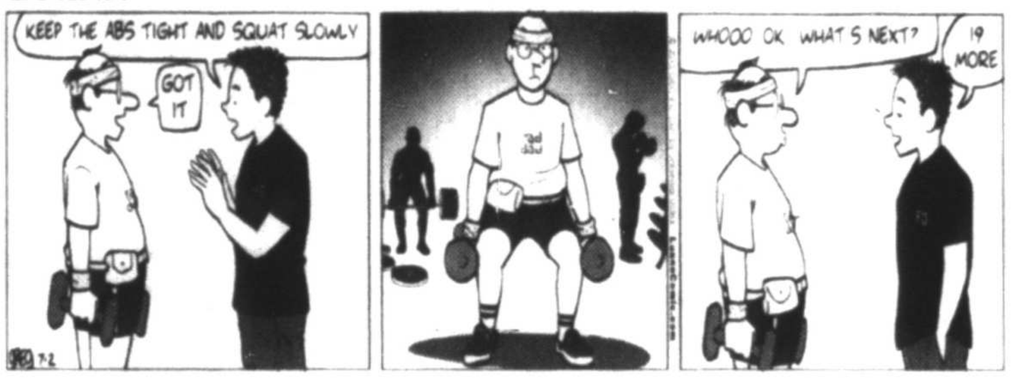

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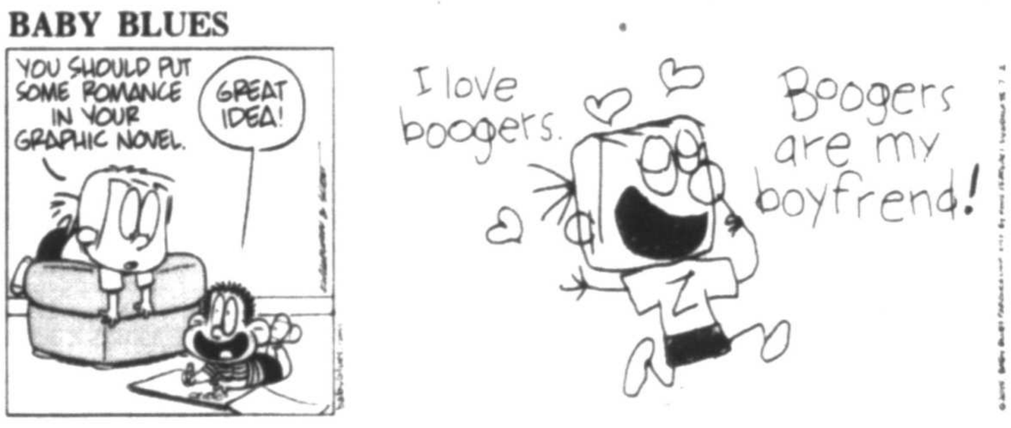

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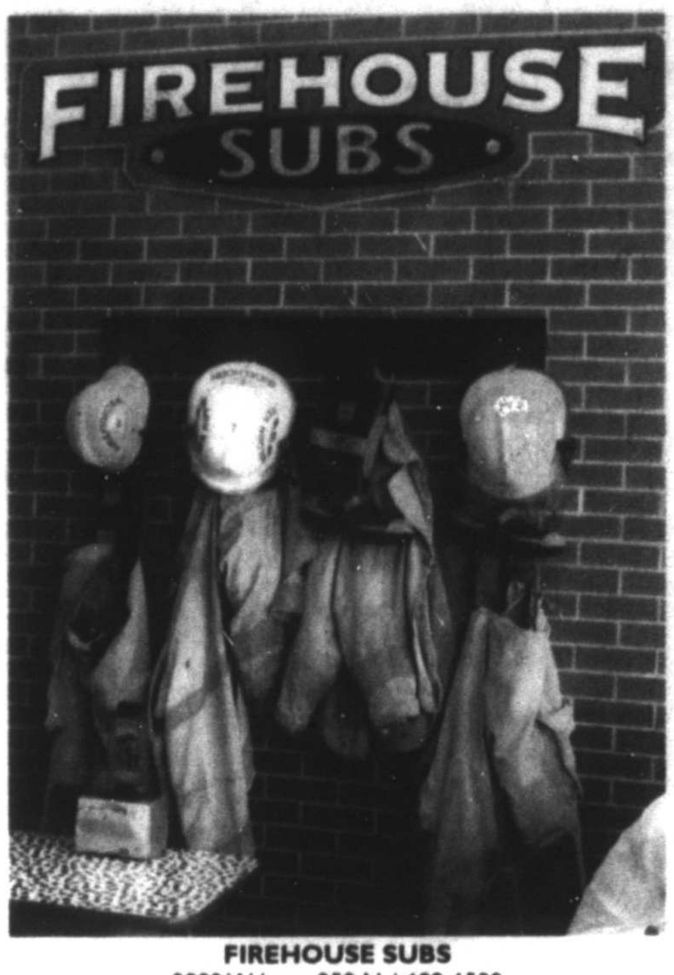

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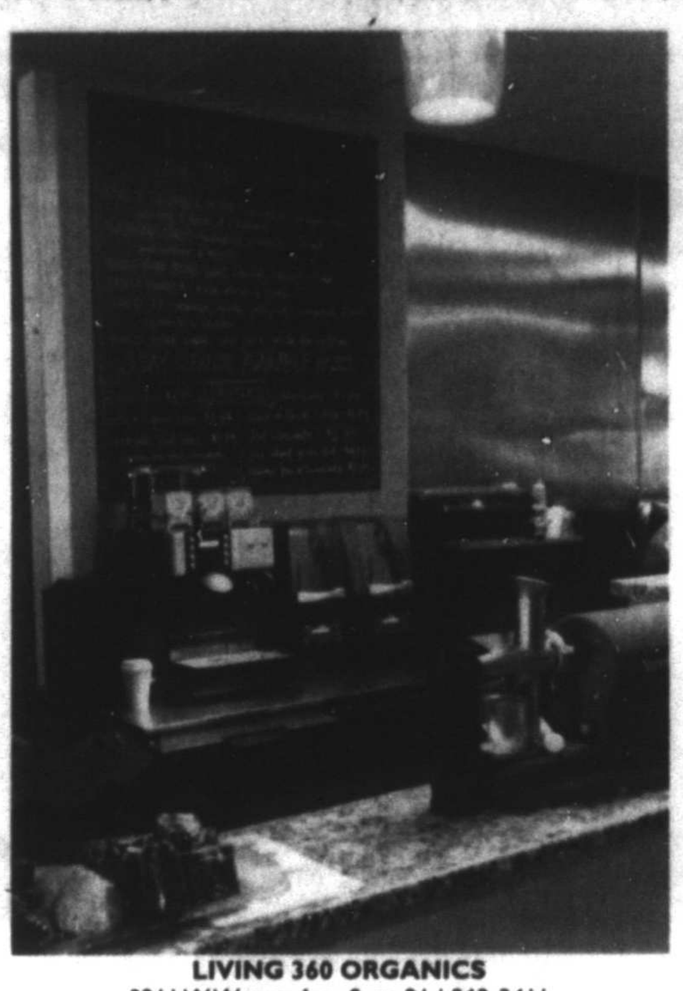

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FIREHOUSE SUBS National chain with tribute to local firefighters. Try the meatball sub or the Italian. Order it "fully involved" if you want all the veggies, mayonnaise, mustard and a pickle slice. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. 689-6500 www.firehousesubs.com | $ | 4 spoons

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JASON'S DELI National chain has a salad bar that's hard to beat and a nice selection of sandwiches and soups. Plenty of vegetarian, organic and gluten-free options. 4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B 682-2200 www.jasonsdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

LIVING 360 ORGANICS All organic, non-GMO menu includes juices, smoothies and acai bowls. Soups change daily. Sandwiches, wraps and a la carte items are available. Try the cold quinoa salad and a cup of soup. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. Suite 21 | 262-3411 | living360organics.com | $ | 4 spoons

McALISTER'S DELI Hot and cold sandwiches, salads and soups. Combo options let you customize your meal and watch your calorie count. Two Midland locations. 2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100. 687-0880 | 4415 W. Wadley Ave. 694-1800 www.mcalistersdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

MURRAY'S You're sure to spot someone you know at this Midland lunch hotspot. Try the cheese soup or the turkado with curly fries. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 697-3433 | $ | 5 spoons

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AMERICAN & GRILL

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BUFFALO WILD WINGS Grill and Bar Sports bar with more than 40 TVs inside serves wings, burgers, sandwiches and snacks. Try one of the wraps with your choice of more than 14 sauces. Smoking allowed inside. 5107 W Wadley Ave. 694-9400 | $ | 3 spoons

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CLEAR SPRINGS CAFE One of the few places in Midland specializing in seafood claims to have the best onion rings and catfish in "Texas, the World and the known Universe." This Texas chain also has locations in Tyler, New Braunfels, Nacogdoches and San Antonio. Seafood, steaks, burgers, salads. 5707 Andrews Highway 522-1188 www.clearspringscafe.com | $$ | 3 spoons.

DENNY'S Open 24 hours a day, Denny's is one of very few options for people looking to grab a bite to eat at 3 a.m. Breakfast, burgers, snacks, pies and coffee. 3701 W. Wall St. 520-5306 www.dennys.com | $ | 2 spoons

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GRAHAM PHARMACY Refreshingly simple menu makes this a hot spot for lunch. Good luck finding a parking space. Try the pimento cheese sandwich and treat yourself to homemade fudge for dessert. 1601 W. Wall St. 684-5756 www.grahampharmacy.com | $ | 3 spoons.

JOJO'S EATERY Possibly the best desserts in town. Buy pies and cakes by the slice or take one home. Oh yeah, and the sandwiches, salads and burgers aren't bad either. Downtown inside the Petroleum Building. 214 W. Texas Ave. 682-3134 | $ | 3 spoons.

LORI'S CAFÉ Homestyle, diner cooking with a few surprises like wild boar sausage served with two eggs and toast. Breakfast items, lunch menu. Lori's uses locally-sourced food when available. 2201 W. Wall St. 570-1701 www.loriscafe.net | $ | 3 spoons.

THE RANCH HOUSE Stop by for a sandwich or pick up a whole ham or turkey for holidays. Sandwich options include chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked brisket and barbecue. 5103 W. Wadley Ave. 699-0695 www.goldenglazedhams.com | $ | 3 spoons.

STANTON DRUG AND OLD-FASHIONED SODA FOUNTAIN Drive about an hour away from Midland for a hamburger or sandwich at Stanton Drug Store. Get there early. The owners close shop when they run out of meat for the day. 201 N. St. Peter, Stanton. 432-756-3731 | $ | 3 spoons

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TATER WORLD The menu centers around this local restaurant's namesake. If you're hungry, go for the huge baked potatoes stuffed with brisket or steak. The menu has more than just potatoes. Ask around town and you'll hear Tater World has some of the best catfish in Midland. 802 S Garfield St. 682-9111 | $ | 4 spoons

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3303 N. MIDKIFF ROAD | 247-1487

INDIAN

SHAHI TANDOOR In a hotel lobby off of West Wall Street, Shahi Tandoor offers a authentic Indian cuisine to West Texans and visitors. The lunch buffet offers a variety of salads, meats and vegetarian dishes. Try the sag paneer or chicken tikka masala. Order the garlic naan from the menu. Evening is menu service only. 3400 W. Wall St. | 618-9090 | www.indianfoodmidland.com | $$ | 4 spoons

GREEK

ATHENIAN RESTAURANT The only Greek restaurant in Midland features classics like dolmades, spanakopita and gyros along with Greek-style burgers for lunch and an extensive menu of seafood, lamb, beef, chicken and vegetables for dinner. Whatever you choose, try the Greek potato salad on the side. 4610 N. Garfield St. Suite B | 247-5280 | $$ | 4 spoons

VENEZUELAN

CAFE UNIQUE Chef-Gabriel Alvarado hails from Venezuela and serves Midlanders a varity of arepas, empanadas and other Venezuelan specialities. Try any of the arepas. Our favorite is stuffed with black beans, shredded beef, sauteed plantains and white cheese. 3303 N. Midkiff Road | 247-1487 | $ | 4 spoons

Djokovic, Williams win on Wimbledon's hottest day

By Stephen Wilson
Associated Press

LONDON — Down a break at 3-1 in the first set, defending champion Novak Djokovic kept his cool on the hottest day in Wimbledon history.

Running off 13 points in a row, Djokovic seized command and stayed in front the rest of the way on Centre Court as he beat Finland's Jarkko Nieminen 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 on Wednesday to reach the third round of Wimbledon on a sweltering day at the All England Club.

With temperatures soaring into the mid-90s F, former champions Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova and French Open winner Stan Wawrinka also won in straights sets.

Exiting the tournament were fifth-seeded Kei Nishikori, who pulled out with a calf injury before his second-round match, and No. 7 Ana Ivanovic, who fell in straight sets to American qualifier Bethanie Mattek-Sands.

Nieminen started fast, breaking serve in the opening game and going up 3-1. But the top-ranked Djokovic won the next three games, including two at love, and never let Nieminen — playing in his final Wimbledon before retirement — back into the match.

"He came out firing some incredible shots," said Djokovic, who also won the title in 2011 and is going for a ninth Grand Slam title. "He made, I think, four winners in the first game, four or five in the second game. He was a break up but I managed to regroup, play some good tennis and get the control on my side."

Players wrapped ice towels around their necks during changeovers and spectators used umbrellas to block out the sun as temperatures soared to record levels at a tournament known more for its rain delays than summer conditions.

The Met Office, Britain's official weather service, said temperatures reached 96.26 degrees F at Kew Gardens, the closest observation site to the All England Club.

The previous record was 94.3 F in the summer of 1976. The Met Office also said it was "the hottest July day on record" in London, with 98.1 F recorded at Heathrow Airport.

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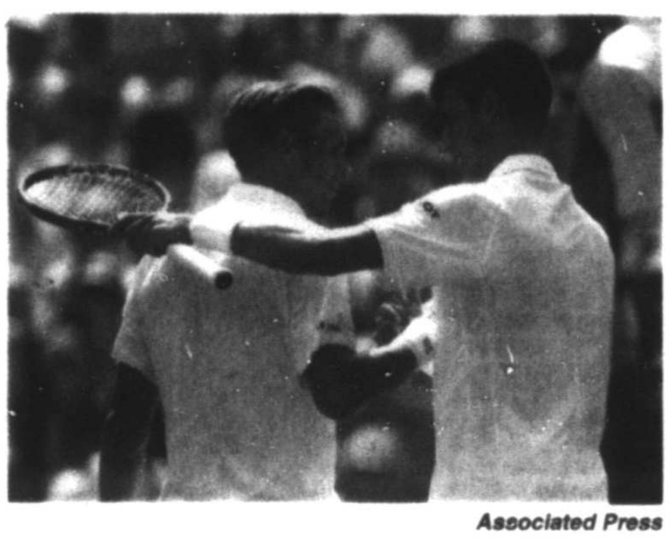

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Novak Djokovic, right, embraces Jarkko Nieminen after their singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, on Wednesday.

Slow and steady wins

Associated Press

U.S. goalie Hope Solo and Meghan Klingenberg (22) celebrate after the team defeated Germany in a semifinal in the Women's World Cup tournament on Tuesday in Montreal.

Defense helps US team to the Women's World Cup final

By Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press

MONTREAL — It used to be that the U.S. women's national team was known more for its fierce attack. For the Women's World Cup in Canada, the Americans are finding success with a locked-down defense.

Goalkeeper Hope Solo, beleaguered at the start by new revelations in her domestic violence assault case last year, has been nearly perfect with five straight shutouts.

Her latest came on Tuesday night when the United States defeated top-ranked Germany in the semifinals before a raucous pro-American crowd at Montreal's Olympic Stadium.

Normally so focused to the point of almost appearing stern, the television cameras caught Solo break into a smile late in the match when it appeared the United States had guaranteed its place in the final.

Now it's on to the title match set for Sunday at BC Place in Vancouver. The United States will face the winner of the other semifinal Wednesday night between defending champion Japan and England in Edmonton.

Four years ago in Germany, Japan defeated the United States on penalty kicks after a 2-all draw for its first World Cup title.

The U.S. women have won two World Cups, but the last championship came in 1999. This will be the team's fourth appearance in the final.

The team's success so far in the tournament has been boosted not only by Solo's spectacular work in goal but by a stellar backline of Meghan Klingenberg,

Please see **FINAL**/2C

All ingredients in place for mouthwatering Tour de France

By Samuel Petrequin
Associated Press

PARIS — The Tour de France is like a good bouillabaisse, the traditional Mediterranean seafood stew. Take out one ingredient, and it does not taste the same.

The Tour starting on Saturday has all the ingredients in place:

- A nervy first week on treacherous roads.
- Towering mountains passes to climb.
- The grandest of finales up 21 hairpin bends to the Alpe d'Huez ski station.
- Four genuine contenders, the most in years, all at the top of their game.

This is the recipe for an appetizing three-week feast of cycling.

"The way the Tour is structured this year, it is really going to be an epic battle between the big rivals," 2013 champion Chris Froome said. "Probably the biggest battle we've seen for years in the Tour de France. It's really exciting."

The race between Froome, defending champ Vincenzo Nibali, two-time winner Alberto Contador, and 2014 Giro d'Italia champ Nairo Quintana promises to draw eyeballs from the very first stage, a 8 1/2-mile individual time trial in the Dutch city of Utrecht, the only solo stage against the clock.

Following an anti-clockwise path, the route takes the peloton across Belgium and through World War I battlefields before heading to the cycling-mad Brittany region.

The second half of the race features three days in the Pyrenees, and four in the Alps, with a climax at the Alpe d'Huez before the ceremonial ride leading to the final sprint on the Champs Elysees.

Organizers have drastically reduced the distance of time trials to ensure the Tour remains open until the final Alpine stage featuring the punishing climb to the ski resort.

There's a short team time trial in Brittany at the end of the first block of racing, a nine-day window filled with traps. During that time, Nibali and Co. will tackle cobblestones portions in northern France, make sure they don't get caught by bordures on roads open to crosswinds

Please see **TOUR**/4C

MCC's Young qualifies for PGA Championship

From staff reports

FLOURTOWN, Penn. — Midland Country Club assistant pro Steven Young has qualified for next month's PGA Championship in Wisconsin.

Young

Young, who is also a former Midland College golfer, qualified thanks to finishing in a tie for 16th at the PGA Professional National Championship at the Philadelphia Cricket Club on Wednesday.

Young finished with a 69-71-72-73--285 total and was six shots behind the winner Matt Dobyns.

The PGA Championship takes place Aug. 10-16 at Whistling Straits golf course in Kohler, Wisconsin.

Young and fellow Midland Country Club assistant pro and also ex-MC Chap Lee Rhind were among 312 golf professionals competing in the event this week for only 20 spots in the PGA Championship. Rhind just missed making the final cut as he finished with a three-round 223 total.

AP source: Spurs, Danny Green agree on 4 years, $45 million

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

When the San Antonio Spurs turned their eyes toward prized free agent LaMarcus Aldridge, it seemed to be a signal Danny Green might have to leave the franchise that helped turn him into one of the best two-way shooting guards in the league.

Not so fast.

One of the top shooters and perimeter defenders on the market has agreed to terms with the Spurs on a four-year contract worth $45 million, a person with knowledge of the agreement told The Associated Press on Wednesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been officially announced. Per league rules, it cannot be signed until July 9.

"Looks like I'm back for four more years SA!!!" Green tweeted.

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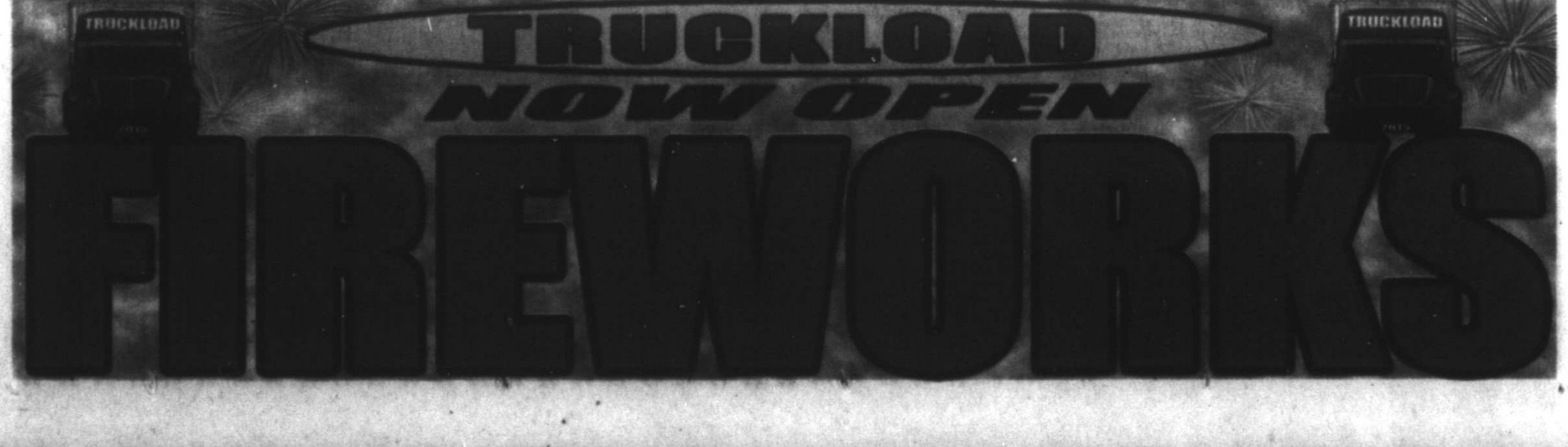

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TUESDAY'S SCORE
TL North 9, TL South 4

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Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.

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TL North 9, TL South 4	Arkansas at Midland	Arkansas at Midland	Arkansas at Midland	NW Arkansas at Midland

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

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AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL
Collingwood Magpies vs. Hawthorn Hawks, 4:30 a.m., FS2

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Winnipeg Blue Bombers, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2

COLLEGE BASEBALL
TD Ameritrade Home Run Derby, 7:30 p.m., ESPN

GOLF
Web.com: Nova Scotia Open, 1st Round, 11:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: Greenbrier Classic, 1st Round, 3 p.m., GOLF
European PGA: Alstom Open de France, 2nd Round, 3:30 a.m., GOLF

MLB
Chic. Cubs at NY Mets, Noon, MLB
Texas at Baltimore, 6 p.m., FSSW
San Diego at St. Louis, 6 p.m., MLB

MAJOR LEAGUE LACROSSE
New York Lizards at Chesapeake Bayhawks, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+

MEN'S SOCCER
Brazil: Fluminense vs. Santos, 6:50 p.m., ESPNDEP

MOTORSPORTS
FIA: Poland, 1 p.m., MAVtv

RUGBY
Super League: Warrington vs. Wigan, 1:30 p.m., FOX-SOC+
NRL: Penrith Panthers vs. South Sydney Rabbitohs, 4:40 a.m., FOXSOC+

SOFTBALL
Sparkler Futures Championship Game, 5 p.m., CBSSN
Fireworks Power Pool Championship, 7:30 p.m., CBSSN

TENNIS
Wimbledon, Day 4, 6 a.m., ESPN

WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES
Men's Volleyball: USA vs. Czech Republic 11 p.m., ESPNU

ON RADIO

MLB
Texas at Baltimore, 6 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m., KCRS 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Designated OF Delmon Young for assignment. Recalled RHP Tyler Wilson from Norfolk (IL). Agreed to terms with RHPs Kory Groves and Steven Klimek and LHPs Xavier Borde and Will Shepley on minor league contracts.
BOSTON RED SOX — Sent OF Shane Victorino to Portland (EL) for a rehab assignment.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned RHP Junior Guerra to Charlotte (IL). Reinstated LHP Dan Jennings from the 15-day DL.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with RHP Triston McKenzie on a minor league contract.
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with SS Austin Simcox on a minor league contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with OF Daz Cameron and RHP Thomas Eshelman on minor league contracts.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned RHP Cam Bedrosian to Salt Lake (PCL). Reinstated RHP Mike Morin from the 15-day DL.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned INF Kennys Vargas to Chattanooga (SL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned RHP Esmil Rogers outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Selected the contract of OF Taylor Dugas from Trenton (EL). Agreed to terms with OF Joseph Falcone on a minor league contract.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned 1B Max Muncy to Nashville (PCL). Agreed to terms with SS Richie Martin on a minor league contract.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned RHP Kirby Yates to Durham (IL). Designated RHP Ronald Belisario and 2B Steve Tolleson for assignment. Recalled RHP Preston Guilmet and LHP C.J. Riefenhauser from Durham. Sent 1B James Loney and RHPs Andrew Bellatti and Jake Odorizzi to Charlotte (FSL) for rehab assignments.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Tyler Phillips on a minor league contract. Sent LHP Matt Harrison to Round Rock (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Designated 2B Steve Tolleson for assignment.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Sent RHP Raisel Iglesias to Louisville (IL) for a rehab assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed RHP Christian Bergman on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Monday. Recalled RHP Justin Miller and LHP Yohan Flande from Albuquerque (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent OF Carl Crawford to Rancho Cucamonga (Cal) for a rehab assignment. Agreed to terms with RHPs Nolan Long and Imani Abdullah on minor league contracts.
MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned LHP Justin Nicolino to New Orleans (PCL). Reinstated RHP Bryan Morris from the 15-day DL. Agreed to terms with C Matthew Foley and RHP Ryan Hafner on minor league contracts.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Sent OF Khris Davis to Wisconsin (MWL) for a rehab assignment.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Assigned OF Jose Tabata outright to Indianapolis (IL). Sent 1B Corey Hart to Indianapolis for a rehab assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Sent LHP Cory Luebke to El Paso (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Sent RHP Aaron Barrett to Potomac (Carolina) for a rehab assignment. Agreed to terms with SS Max Schrock and 2B Jake Jefferies and Melvin Rodriguez on minor league contracts.

American Association

AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed RHP Bryan Grieg. Released INF Danny Steinstra.
GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS — Signed RHP Dakota Watts.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed C Chris Robinson. Traded INF Tony Delmonico to Sioux City for cash.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed LHP J.C. Romero. Announced RHP Mickey Jannis has been signed by the N.Y. Mets, who assigned him to Port St. Lucie (FSL).
SUGAR LAND SKEETERS — Signed OF Joe Benson.

Can-Am League

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed RHP Laetten Galbraith. Released OF Francisco Sosa. Traded LHP Dan Meyer to Quebec for future considerations.
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed RHP TJ Hunt.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed C Dane Phillips.
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed RHP Byron Minnich. Released LHP Jordan Sechler.
ROCKFORD AVIATORS — Signed C Joshua Davis and LHP Cory LaPeze.

BASKETBALL
Premier Basketball League

ROCHESTER RAZORSHARKS — Named Chris Daleo coach.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed OT Wayne Hunter.

Canadian Football League

TORONTO ARGONAUTS — Signed K Ronnie Pfeffer.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Agreed to terms with D Kevin Bieksa on a two-year contract extension.
ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed F Brad Richardson and D Dakota Mermis to three-year contracts, D Zbynek Michalek, C Antoine Vermette and F Dustin Jeffrey to two-year contracts; G Anders Lindback and F Steve Downie to one-year contracts and D Dylan Reese to a one-year, two-way contract.
BUFFALO SABRES — Signed C Jack Eichel.
CALGARY FLAMES — Signed RW Michael Frolik to a five-year contract and G Karri Ramo to a one-year contract.
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Bought out the contract of F Alexander Semin. Agreed to terms with D Rasmus Rissanen on a one-year, two-way contract and D Jaccob Slavin on a three-year, entry-level contract. Signed RW T.J. Hensick to a one-year, two-way contract.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with F Artem Anisimov on a five-year contract extension through the 2020-21 season and C Viktor Tikhonov on a one-year contract.
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Signed D Francois Beauchemin to a three-year contract.
DALLAS STARS — Signed F Patrick Eaves to a one-year contract and LW Curtis McKenzie to a two-year contract.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Re-signed C Andy Miele and G Tom McCollum to one-year contracts. Signed D Mike Green to a three-year contract and C Brad Richards to a one-year contract.
EDMONTON OILERS — Signed D Andrej Sekera to a six-year contract and C Mark Letestu to a three-year contract.
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Bought out the contract of RW Brad Boyes. Signed G Mike McKenna to a two-year, two-way contract and F Shane Harper and D Sena Acolatse to one-year, two-way contracts. Acquired F Reilly Smith and the contract of F Marc Savard from Boston for F Jimmy Hayes.
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Signed G Jhonas Enroth to a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA WILD — Signed C Mikael Granlund and D Mike Reilly to two-year contracts.
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Traded LW Brandon Prust to Vancouver for RW Zack Kassian and a 2016 fifth-round draft pick.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed F Mike Ribeiro to a two-year contract. Acquired F Max Reinhart from Calgary for a conditional 2016 fourth-round entry draft.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Signed F Blake Coleman to a two-year, entry-level contract; D John Moore to a three-year contract, F Paul Thompson to a two-year, two-way contract, and F Jim O'Brien to a one-year, two-way contract.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Signed D Thomas Hickey to a three-year contract, G Thomas Greiss to a two-year contract and F Kirill Petrov to a one-year, entry-level contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Signed D Raphael Diaz and Fs Jayson Megna and Matt Lindblad. Agreed to terms with F Viktor Stalberg and F Brian Gibbons. Named Jeff Gorton general manager and Jim Schoenfeld senior vice president/assistant general manager and general manager of Hartford (AHL).
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Signed G Michal Neuvirth to a multiyear contract.
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Signed F Jori Lehtera to a three-year contract extension, D Chris Butler to a one-year contract and F Cody Beach to a one-year, two-way contract.
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Signed D Paul Martin to a four-year contract.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Signed RW Erik Condra to a three-year contract and D Matt Taormina to a one-year, two-way contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Traded RW Phil Kessel to Pittsburgh for Fs Nick Spaling and Tyler Biggs, D Scott Harrington and Tim Erixon, RW Kasperi Kapanen and undisclosed conditional draft picks. Signed D Matt Hunwick to a two-year contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Re-signed RW Stanislav Galiev to a two-year contract. Signed D Taylor Chorney to a one-year contract and Fs Carter Camper and Sean Collins and D Mike Moore and Aaron Ness to one-year, two-way contracts.
WINNIPEG JETS — Agreed to terms with F Matt Halischuk on a one-year, two-way contract; D Adam Pardy on a one-year contract; and F Alexander Burmistrov on a two-year contract.

COLLEGE

ALBANY (N.Y.) — Named Nick Bochette women's associate head soccer coach.
AUSTIN PEAY — Named Jay Bowen men's assistant basketball coach.
CLEMSON — Named Kevin Lawrence assistant diving coach and Margaret Richards women's assistant basketball coach.
HIGH POINT — Named Hailey Yohn director of women's basketball operations.
LANDER — Named Glen Crawford softball coach.
LEES-MCRAE — Named Kiko Magana women's soccer coach.
LIMESTONE — Promoted Joe Stockton to offensive coordinator. Named Michael Enoch defensive line coach and Josh Davis wide receivers coach.
NEW MEXICO — Named Terrence Rencher men's assistant basketball coach.
RUTGERS — Named Bradly Derechailo communications assistant.
SAN JOSE STATE_Named Mike Waller senior associate athletics director for business operations.
TENNESSEE — Named Abigi Id-Deen track and field sprints coach.
XAVIER (NO) — Announced the resignation of men's assistant basketball coach Alfred Williams to become head coach at Harris-Stowe.
YALE — Named Erica LaGrow women's lacrosse coach.

TEXAS LEAGUE

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	4	2	.667	—
Arkansas	3	3	.500	1
Springfield	3	3	.500	1
x-Northwest Arkansas	2	4	.333	2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	4	2	.667	—
x-Corpus Christi	3	3	.500	1
Frisco	3	3	.500	1
San Antonio	2	4	.333	2

x-clinched first half

Tuesday's Score
TL North 9, TL South 4
Corpus Christi 7, Frisco 2

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

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

Own goal gives Japan 2-1 win over England in World Cup semi

By John Wawrow
Associated Press

Japan	2
England	1

EDMONTON, Alberta — Laura Bassett scored into her own net during second-half stoppage time, giving Japan a 2-1 victory over England in a Women's World Cup semifinal.

The decisive goal Wednesday came when Japan's Nahomi Kawasumi drove up the right side and sent a cross into the middle for Yuki Ogimi. Bassett reached out with her right foot and caught the ball flush, inadvertently sending it toward her net. The ball struck the crossbar and bounced in just before goalkeeper Karen Bardsley could get across.

The defending champions advanced to play the United States in the championship game at Vancouver on Sunday. It's a rematch of the 2011 championship game in Germany, when Japan won on penalty kicks after a 2-2 draw.

The U.S. is 24-1-6 against Japan.

"However we played in this game, the fact is, we're going to the final," Japan coach Norio Sasaki said through an interpreter. "And I'd like to congratulate the players for that. ... We should really cherish this moment that we are going to the final."

Bassett was inconsolable at the end of the match, lying flat on the ground, her face in the turf. She then needed assistance from teammates and her coach before leaving the field.

"This team can't be afraid to cry," England coach Mark Sampson said. "There's nothing wrong with that at all."

It was a torturous finish for the sixth-ranked Lionesses, who have made their deepest run in four World Cup appearances. England had never won an elimination game until this year.

"Of course, when there's a huge disappointment there's going to be an outcry," Sampson added. "But it'll sink in soon what they've achieved and how proud everyone is of their teammate ... and what we've done to put football in our country to a place it's never been before."

England will remain in Edmonton to play top-ranked Germany in the third-place match Saturday. Germany lost 2-0 to the United States on Tuesday.

England lost despite controlling much of the second half against the fourth-ranked Japanese. And that was despite what Sasaki had said a day earlier, when he suggested his players were "superior."

FINAL

From 1C

Becky Sauerbrunn, Julie Johnston and Ali Krieger.

The United States has gone 513 minutes without conceding a goal. Only Australia, in the first half of the group-stage opener, has managed to score against the Americans.

"It's a spectacular stat, to be honest with you. I always tell the team, we just need one more than our opponent if we keep a clean sheet," coach Jill Ellis said. "And it's not just our goalkeeper and our back four. I think this team has embraced the accountability and responsibility of defending on every line. It's something we ask of them, but they deliver. They understand that it's important."

Klingenberg pulled off a big save in the highly anticipated group stage match against No. 5 Sweden, led by former U.S. coach Pia Sundhage. The diminutive defender leaped to head away a shot by Caroline Seger. The ball hit the crossbar and caromed away from the goal. Goal-line technology was used to confirm the ball never crossed the line.

The save in the 77th minute preserved the 0-0 draw and the United States went on to finish atop the group stage heading into the knockout round.

Solo, who won the Golden Glove award for the 2011 World Cup, leads all goalkeepers in the tournament with 12 saves to one goal against.

She has not spoken to reporters covering the event since brief remarks following the opener against the Matildas. Just before the World Cup got under way, ESPN revealed new details about Solo's arrest last June for domestic violence assault. The misdemeanor charges stemmed from an altercation with her half-sister and 17-year-old nephew at a party in Washington.

The charges against Solo were dropped earlier this year.

Solo has talked about her play via videos released by U.S. Soccer.

"I've said it all along, that you have a young player like Julie Johnston, who was ready for the big stage. She was ready for this type of tournament, she's come a long way in the last year. You put her besides somebody as calm as Becky Sauerbrunn and it makes the perfect mix," Solo said. "Obviously our wingers are incredible."

Johnston, who made just three appearances with the national team last year before emerging as a starter in matches leading up to the World Cup, has undeniably been a success story in the tournament. But she admittedly made a mistake in Tuesday's match when she fouled Germany's Alexandra Popp inside the box in the 59th minute. It was a foul that could have garnered her a red card.

But Celia Sasic, the World Cup's top scorer with six goals, missed the penalty kick wide. The United States went on to score twice, on Carli Lloyd's penalty kick and Kelley O'Hara's late goal.

Solo and Sauerbrunn both pulled a teary-eyed Johnston aside after the foul to tell her they had her back.

"I think it's important for me to learn from it," Johnston said. "I don't want that to ever happen again. It was on my shoulders. That's my fault and I put that all on me," Johnston said. "We have one more game and I need to focus on and do what I need to do for the team."

Clearly, that was a hint of the accountability Ellis referred to.

World Cup glance

QUARTERFINALS
Friday, June 26
At Montreal
Germany 1, France 1, Germany won 5-4 on penalty kicks

At Ottawa, Ontario
United States 1, China 0

Saturday, June 27
At Edmonton, Alberta
Japan 1, Australia 0

At Vancouver, British Columbia
England 2, Canada 1

SEMIFINALS
Tuesday
At Montreal
United States 2, Germany 0

Wednesday
At Edmonton, Alberta
Japan 2, England 0

THIRD PLACE
Saturday
At Edmonton, Alberta
Semifinal losers, 3 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday
At Vancouver, British Columbia
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

Ex-Cowboy Spillman charged with sexual assault

Associated Press

GRAPEVINE — Former Cowboys special teams player C.J. Spillman has been arrested on a sexual assault charge in an alleged 2014 incident at a Dallas-area hotel.

Tarrant County jail records show Spillman surrendered early Wednesday and was freed on $15,000 bond.

Grapevine police say a grand jury indicted Spillman on Monday after the alleged assault of a woman last Sept. 20 at the Gaylord Texan Resort, where he was staying.

Sgt. Robert Eberling says the woman filed a complaint within days of the incident. Eberling declined to provide further details on the investigation.

Spillman became a free agent in March.

His agent, Ron Slavin, declined comment Wednesday about the criminal case and says Spillman no longer lives in the Dallas area.

The Cowboys also declined comment.

SPURS

From 1C

Green was one of the most coveted perimeter players on the market, with suitors lining up to try to land him. He may have taken a little less money to remain in San Antonio, but he couldn't turn his back on the team that helped him grow from a thrice-cut nobody barely hanging on to a pro career into a sharp-shooting mainstay for the league's model franchise.

Minutes after free agency opened at midnight Eastern on Wednesday, the Spurs locked up Kawhi Leonard with a five-year, $90 million max extension, then turned their attention to Aldridge, one of the biggest stars on the free-agent market.

While GM R.C. Buford, coach Gregg Popovich, Tim Duncan and Leonard were preparing to meet face-to-face with Aldridge, they worked quickly to keep Green, who averaged 11.2 points, 4.2 rebounds and shot 41.8 percent from 3-point range for the Spurs last season.

"Now all we need is the one last piece and it could get interesting," Green tweeted in a recruiting pitch to Aldridge. "Lol ... @aldridge12."

Green was a second-round draft pick of the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2009, but the former North Carolina Tar Heel struggled mightily to find his footing early in his career.

Green was waived by Cleveland before his second season and picked up by the Spurs. He lasted less than a week, but was brought back for the final month of the season before the NBA lockout left him without a team that summer. Green went overseas to play in Slovenia and labored through NBA Development League stints with Reno before getting another shot with the Spurs.

"Some days you wake up and don't realize where you're at and you go, 'What the hell am I doing here?'" Green said during the NBA Finals in 2013. "That happened in a couple of cities, places. Reno, some places overseas."

Popovich and Tar Heels coach Roy Williams harped on him constantly to refine his game. He worked tirelessly with Spurs player development specialist Chad Forcier to improve his shooting form, and it all paid off.

Green became a starter on the team that went to back-to-back finals and captured the organization's fifth championship when they beat LeBron James and Miami in 2014.

"I've seen the talent he had," James said during the finals in 2013. "He showed the talent when he was in North Carolina. Once he got to Pop, Pop gave him confidence. You get the opportunity, you go out and make the most of it."

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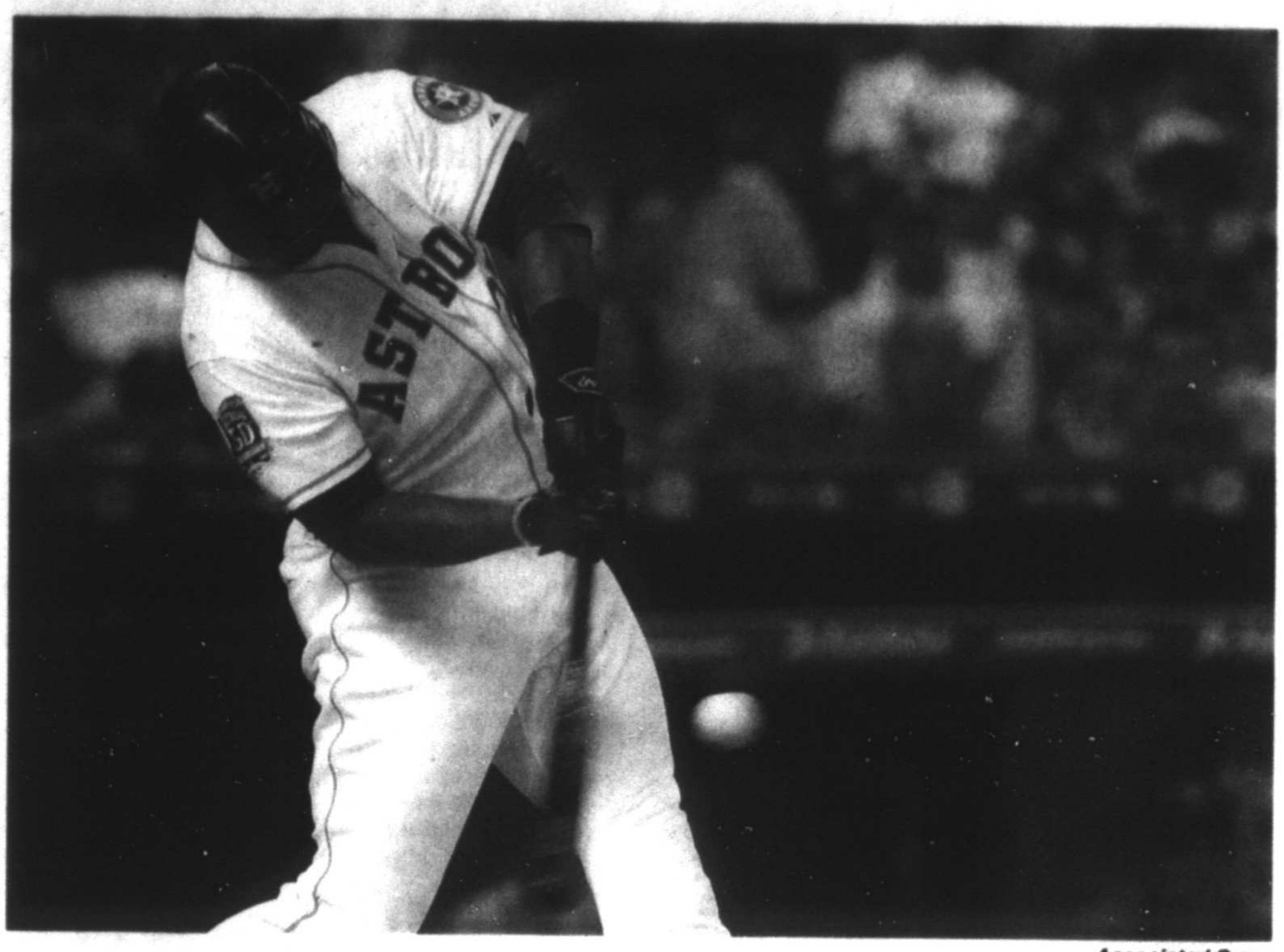

Associated Press

The Houston Astros' Chris Carter connects for a solo homer against the Kansas City Royals in the fourth inning on Wednesday in Houston.

Altuve helps Astros sweep Royals

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

Astros	6
Orioles	5

HOUSTON — Jose Altuve had three hits and scored the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning to help the Houston Astros complete a three-game sweep of the Kansas City Royals with a 6-5 win on Wednesday night.

The game was tied at 5 in the seventh when Kelvin Herrera (1-2) plunked Altuve on the forearm. Altuve stole second and reached third on a lineout. He put Houston on top when he beat the tag at the plate on a fielder's choice by Chris Carter.

The play was reviewed and upheld.

The Astros trailed early before taking a 5-3 lead after a four-run fifth inning. A two-run triple by Jarrod Dyson off Josh Fields tied it in the seventh before Altuve scored the go-ahead run.

Luke Gregerson (3-1) pitched a perfect ninth for the win.

Carter and Marwin Gonzalez hit solo homers for Houston and Evan Gattis drove in two runs.

The Astros have the most wins in the American League at 47-34, but the Royals have the best winning percentage in the AL at 44-31.

Houston rookie starter Vince Velasquez yielded five hits and four runs with seven strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings but did not factor into the decision. He hasn't recorded a decision in any of the first five starts of his career to tie an MLB record set by three others, the last time coming in 1997 by Chris Brock.

Kendrys Morales hit a two-run homer in the first to give Kansas City an early lead and Alex Rios drove in a run in the second.

Velasquez retired 13 in a row after the hit by Rios, with Kansas City's next hit coming with on a single by Lorenzo Cain with one out in the sixth inning. But the rookie still faced the minimum in that inning thanks to a double play.

Edinson Volquez tied season highs with eight hits and five runs in five-plus innings. He struck out six and allowed a season-high two homers.

Orioles hit 2 HRs to back Chen in victory over Rangers

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

Orioles	4
Rangers	2

BALTIMORE — J.J. Hardy hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the seventh inning to back an effective pitching performance by Wei-Yin Chen and carry the Baltimore Orioles past the Texas Rangers 4-2 on Wednesday night.

Jimmy Paredes homered and had two RBIs for the Orioles, who yielded eight home runs in losing the first two games of the series.

The Rangers went deep twice more — solo shots by Shin-Soo Choo and Ryan Rua — but that was the extent of their offensive output.

Chen (4-4) allowed two runs, four hits and a walk over eight innings to win his third straight decision. The Taiwanese left-hander is 5-0 with a 1.80 ERA lifetime against the Rangers.

Zach Britton struck out the side in the ninth for his 23rd save.

Nick Martinez (5-5) gave up four runs, three earned, and seven hits in 6 2/3 innings. He has lost three straight starts.

With the score tied at 2, Chris Davis led off the Baltimore seventh with a single and with one out Hardy hit a 1-1 pitch into the seats in left field.

Although Baltimore leadoff hitter Manny Machado went 0 for 4 to end his 12-game hitting streak, he contributed in the field with several exceptional plays at third base. In the seventh, he dived to his left to snare a grounder by Choo, made the throw while on his back and got the runner by a step.

Choo put the Rangers up 1-0 in the third inning by homering in a third straight game. He pulled off that feat once before — in April 2013 with Cincinnati. He is the first Texas player to do it since Adrian Beltre in September 2012.

Rau made it 2-0 with a drive to right in the fourth.

Paredes countered with his 10th homer in the Baltimore half. A double by Ryan Flaherty, an error by Beltre at third base and a run-scoring grounder by Paredes tied it in the sixth.

Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton was given the night off after returning from a hamstring strain Tuesday and playing in his first game since May 31.

"We had scheduled that this was going to be a down day for him," manager Jeff Banister said, adding that the plan is for Hamilton to return to the starting lineup in the series finale Thursday night.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

BLUE JAYS 11
RED SOX 2

TORONTO — Justin Smoak homered from both sides of the plate, Mark Buehrle won his fourth straight decision and Toronto ended Boston's winning streak at three.

Jose Bautista, Edwin Encarnacion and Josh Donaldson all connected and Jose Reyes had four hits as the Blue Jays scored more runs than they had in their previous four games combined, giving a Canada Day crowd of 45,392 plenty to cheer about.

Buehrle (9-4) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings. He hasn't lost since May 23 against Seattle.

INDIANS 8
RAYS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Carlos Carrasco came within one strike of throwing the Cleveland Indians' first no-hitter since 1981 on Wednesday night, giving up an RBI single to Joey Butler over leaping second baseman Jason Kipnis' glove in an 8-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

For the third straight night, the Indians took a perfect game into the sixth inning against the Rays. This time, Carrasco retired the first 19 batters before walking Butler with one out in the seventh.

Washington's Max Scherzer lost his perfect game with one strike to go on June 20 but finished with a no-hitter, the second in the major leagues this season.

National League

MARLINS 6
GIANTS 5

MIAMI — Justin Bour hit a three-run homer with no outs in the ninth inning, and Miami overcame three errors and a flurry of double-play grounders to rally past San Francisco.

The Marlins squandered a 3-1 lead and tied a franchise record by hitting into five double plays. But they came back in the ninth against Santiago Casilla (4-2), who blew a save for the fourth time in 24 chances.

BREWERS 9
PHILLIES 5

PHILADELPHIA — Adam Lind homered, Scooter Gennett doubled twice, tripled and drove in three runs and hot-hitting Milwaukee won its season-best fourth straight game.

Ryan Braun and Aramis Ramirez each doubled and had two RBIs for Milwaukee. Gerardo Parra and Kyle Lohse had three hits apiece for the Brewers, who had a season-high 17 hits.

Interleague

MARINERS 7
PADRES 0

SAN DIEGO — Taijuan Walker pitched one-hit ball for six innings, Robinson Cano and Nelson Cruz homered and Seattle beat punchless San Diego.

Cano had four hits and drove in three runs. Cruz connected for his 20th homer on his 35th birthday.

Walker (7-6) combined with four relievers on a three-hitter for Seattle's second straight shutout of San Diego. The Padres have been blanked 13 times this year.

REDS 4
TWINS 1

CINCINNATI — Johnny Cueto made his best start yet since returning from a sore elbow, allowing four hits in eight innings, and Cincinnati beat Minnesota to take the interleague series.

The game started 12 hours after the Twins' 8-5 win on Tuesday night following a long weather delay. Minnesota played several rested backups in the quick turnaround, with Torii Hunter among those out of the lineup.

Cincinnati took two of three in the series.

Cueto (5-5) pitched into the eighth inning for the first time in six starts since he returned from an inflamed right elbow. He struck out eight, walked one and gave up an RBI groundout to Eddie Rosario.

Aroldis Chapman retired the side in the ninth for his 16th save in 17 chances.

ATHLETICS 4
ROCKIES 1

OAKLAND, Calif. — Billy Butler hit his first triple in nearly three years and also singled, Jesse Hahn pitched six solid innings and Oakland beat Colorado.

Hahn (6-6) improved to 4-1 over his last six starts after giving up one run on four hits. He walked two and struck out six.

Tyler Clippard retired the final four hitters for his 14th save.

Pioneering 16-year-old breaking baseball barriers for women

By John Leicester
Associated Press

PARIS — Simply by playing ball, Melissa Mayeux is busting through barriers.

Becoming the first ever woman on Major League Baseball's international registration list, making her eligible to be signed by pro teams, is just the latest trail blazed by the 16-year-old shortstop from France. Previously, she successfully got a "no-girls-allowed" rule abolished so she could keep playing baseball with French boys.

Even on a scratchy Skype call from the pitching and hitting clinic in Germany where she's working on her swing this week with two-time All-Star Steve Finley, Mayeux's drive shines through.

A baseball pioneer from the land of Tour de France cycling and the 1998 World Cup champions: Who'd have thought it? France saw its first baseball game played in the shadow of the-then unfinished Eiffel Tower in 1889 but never grew into a hotbed for the sport.

Mayeux's baseball ambitions started out simple enough: Her older brother, Dylan, played and "I just wanted to do everything the same."

"I followed him everywhere. We're very close, so we did everything together. He started baseball at age 5. I was 3. When he went to training, I always wanted to go with him, to play, to run. So I started training at age 3 and played my first championship at 5," she said in the Associated Press interview.

In all her youth teams, Mayeux was always the only girl who stuck with baseball. But a French federation rule barred girls from continuing to play with boys beyond age 15.

She says people would remind her and her parents that she'd have to switch to softball. Their reasoning, she said with an audible snort, was that girls have slower reflexes than boys and so she would be at greater risk of injury as pitchers threw increasingly fast with age.

"It's blah-blah," she said. "Just excuses to keep girls out of baseball."

"I wouldn't listen. It just made me more determined to continue, to change things," she recalled. "I always wanted to keep on playing because I knew it was the sport for me and because being a girl was no justification for me to stop. I couldn't understand that."

Neither could Didier Seminet, who took over as president of the French federation in 2010. Mayeux credits him for strongly backing her efforts — "I wrote letters. My parents helped me a lot," she said — to rescind the rule. That finally — only — happened last year and would have taken longer if not for Mayeux, Seminet acknowledged.

"It takes generations to change generations," he said. "What I really like about this story is how she is thumbing her nose at the boys. You ask: 'Why this didn't happen 10 years ago?' Because ours is a chauvinist society."

Every day brings fresh examples of that in sports: At the Women's World Cup in Canada, played on artificial turf that would never be inflicted on the men's tournament, or in lack of discussion about why there is zero chance of Sepp Blatter's successor at FIFA being a woman. Inequality in sports remains so normalized that it is often overlooked until athletes like Mayeux remind people of the obstacles women still face.

Where will Mayeux's spirit of adventure carry her? Not even she knows for sure. She hopes to catch team scouts' eyes at an elite MLB European camp in August where she'll work with Hall of Fame shortstop Barry Larkin. She dreams, of course, of becoming MLB's first female player but also knows there are more barriers to overcome.

MLB AT A GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	42	36	.538	—
New York	42	37	.532	½
Tampa Bay	42	38	.525	1
Toronto	42	38	.525	1
Boston	36	44	.450	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	44	31	.587	—
Minnesota	41	37	.526	4½
Detroit	39	38	.506	6
Cleveland	36	41	.468	9
Chicago	33	42	.440	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	47	34	.580	—
Los Angeles	41	38	.519	5
Texas	40	39	.506	6
Seattle	36	42	.462	9½
Oakland	36	45	.444	11

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	43	34	.558	—
New York	40	39	.506	4
Atlanta	36	41	.468	7
Miami	33	46	.418	11
Philadelphia	27	53	.338	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	51	25	.671	—
Pittsburgh	44	33	.571	7½
Chicago	41	35	.539	10
Cincinnati	36	41	.468	15½
Milwaukee	32	48	.400	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	44	35	.557	—
San Francisco	42	37	.532	2
Arizona	37	40	.481	6
San Diego	37	43	.463	7½
Colorado	34	44	.436	9½

Wednesday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto 11, Boston 2
N.Y. Yankees 3, L.A. Angels 1
Baltimore 4, Texas 2
Cleveland 8, Tampa Bay 1
Houston 6, Kansas City 5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee 9, Philadelphia 5
Chicago Cubs 2, N.Y. Mets 0, 11 innings
Miami 6, San Francisco 5
Washington at Atlanta, late
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, late

INTERLEAGUE

Cincinnati 2, Minnesota 1
Oakland 4, Colorado 1
Seattle 7, San Diego 0
Pittsburgh 9, Detroit 3
Chicago White Sox at St. Louis, late

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland (Kluber 3-9) at Tampa Bay (M.Moore 0-0), 11:10 a.m.
Texas (Gallardo 7-6) at Baltimore (Gausman 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Miley 7-7) at Toronto (Boyd 0-1), 6:07 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 5-6) at Kansas City (C.Young 7-3), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Elias 4-5) at Oakland (Kazmir 4-5), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

San Francisco (M.Cain 0-0) at Miami (Fernandez 0-0), 11:10 a.m.
Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 7-5) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 8-5), 12:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 4-10) at Philadelphia (Billingsley 0-2), 5:35 p.m.
Washington (Scherzer 9-5) at Atlanta (Banuelos 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (T.Ross 5-7) at St. Louis (Cooney 0-0), 6:15 p.m.
Colorado (Rusin 3-2) at Arizona (Hellickson 5-5), 8:40 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE

Pittsburgh (Liriano 4-6) at Detroit (K.Ryan 1-1), 12:08 p.m.

Texas box scores

ORIOLES 4, RANGERS 2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Alberto 2b	3	0	0	0	MMchd 3b	4	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0	Pareds dh	4	1	2	2
Fielder dh	4	0	0	0	A.Jones cf	4	0	2	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	0	C.Davis rf	4	1	1	0
Morlnd 1b	4	0	0	0	Parmel 1b	3	0	0	0
Rua lf	3	1	1	1	JHardy ss	4	1	1	2
Choo rf	3	1	1	1	Snider lf	3	0	0	0
Chirins c	2	0	0	0	Lough lf	0	0	0	0
LMartn cf	3	0	1	0	Joseph c	3	0	1	0
Flahrty 2b	3	1	2	0					
Totals	30	2	4	2	Totals	32	4	9	4

Texas .... 001 100 000—2
Baltimore .... 000 101 20x—4

E—Beltre (7). DP—Texas 2. LOB—Texas 3, Baltimore 5. 2B—A.Jones (11), Flaherty (6). HR—Rua (2), Choo (11), Paredes (10), J.Hardy (4). S—Alberto.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
N.Martinez L,5-5	6 2-3	7	4	3	1	5
Patton	1-3	2	0	0	0	0
S.Freeman	1	0	0	0	0	2
Baltimore						
W.Chen W,4-4	8	4	2	2	1	2
Britton S,23-24	1	0	0	0	0	3

Patton pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
T—2:18. A—23,019 (45,971).

ASTROS 6, ROYALS 5

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
AEscor ss	4	0	0	0	Springr cf	2	1	1	0
Mostks 3b	4	0	0	0	DoSntn ph-cf	2	0	0	0
L.Cain dh	4	1	2	0	Altuve 2b	4	2	3	1
KMoris 1b	3	1	1	2	Gattis lf	4	0	1	2
S.Perez c	3	1	0	0	Valuen 3b	3	0	0	0
AGordn lf	4	1	1	0	Carter dh	4	1	1	2
Rios rf	4	1	2	1	Singltn 1b	4	0	1	0
Infante 2b	4	0	0	0	Tucker rf	4	0	1	0
JDyson cf	3	0	1	2	MGnzlz ss	4	1	1	1
JCastro c	3	1	1	0					
Totals	33	5	7	5	Totals	34	6	10	6

Kansas City .... 210 000 200—5
Houston .... 000 140 10x—6

DP—Houston 1. LOB—Kansas City 3, Houston 8. 2B—J.Castro (10). 3B—L.Cain (4), J.Dyson (4). HR—K.Morales (10), Carter (15), Ma.Gonzalez (5). SB—Rios (4), Springer (14), Altuve 2 (23).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City						
Volquez	5	8	5	5	1	8
F.Morales	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Madson	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
K.Herrera L,1-2	1	0	1	1	1	1
W.Davis	1	1	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Velasquez	6 1-3	5	4	4	1	7
J.Fields BS,2-2	2-3	2	1	1	0	0
Thatcher H,6	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Neshek H,20	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Gregerson W,3-1	1	0	0	0	0	1

Volquez pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.
HBP—by Volquez (Springer), by K.Herrera (Altuve), by Neshek (K.Morales). WP—Velasquez.
T—3:21. A—25,848 (41,574).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 11, RED SOX 2

Boston .... 000 000 110 —2 6 1
Toronto .... 521 001 02x—11 16 0

Porcello, Ross Jr. (3), Aro (6) and S.Leon; Buehrle, Loup (8), Cecil (9) and Ru.Martin. W—Buehrle 9-4. L—Porcello 4-9. HRs—Boston, Betts (9). Toronto, Encarnacion (17), Smoak 2 (7), Bautista (16), Donaldson (19).

YANKEES 3, ANGELS 1

New York .... 001 001 010 —3 12 0
Los Angeles .... 000 000 010 —1 6 0

Eovaldi, Shreve (6), Ju.Wilson (8), Betances (8) and B.McCann; Shoemaker, C.Ramos (6), Salas (7), J.Alvarez (8) and Iannetta. W—Eovaldi 8-2. L—Shoemaker 4-7. Sv—Betances (7). HRs—New York, G.Jones (5). Los Angeles, Trout (21).

INDIANS 8, RAYS 1

Cleveland .... 022 100 030 —8 10 0
Tampa Bay .... 000 000 001 —1 1 1

Carrasco, A.Adams (9) and R.Perez; Colome, Riefenhauser (8), Guilmet (8) and Casali. W—Carrasco 10-6. L—Colome 3-4. HRs—Cleveland, Moss (13).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BREWERS 9, PHILLIES 5

Milwaukee .... 202 202 010 —9 17 2
Philadelphia .... 000 200 201 —5 10 0

Lohse, Cotts (7), Broxton (8), Knebel (9) and Maldonado; Harang, Diekman (6), Araujo (8), J.Gomez (9) and Ruiz. W—Lohse 5-9. L—Harang 4-11. HRs—Milwaukee, Lind (12).

MARLINS 6, GIANTS 5

San Francisco .... 001 102 100 —5 14 0
Miami .... 003 000 003 —6 8 3

Heston, Strickland (7), Lopez (8), Casilla (9) and Posey, Susac; Haren, S.Dyson (6), B.Morris (8), Cishek (9) and Realmuto. W—Cishek 2-5. L—Casilla 4-2. HRs—San Francisco, B.Crawford (11). Miami, Bour (8).

CUBS 2, METS 0

Chicago .... 000 000 00002 —2 9 1
New York .... 000 000 00000 —0 7 0

Lester, Strop (8), H.Rondon (9), Motte (10), J.Russell (11), Grimm (11) and D.Ross. M.Montero; B.Colon, Parnell (8), Familia (9), Robles (10), C.Torres (11), Gilmartin (11) and Plawecki. W—Motte 6-1. L—C.Torres 2-4. Sv—Grimm (1).

INTERLEAGUE

REDS 2, TWINS 1

Minnesota .... 000 001 000 —1 4 1
Cincinnati .... 001 010 00x —2 6 1

May, A.Thompson (7), Graham (7) and Herrmann, K.Suzuki; Cueto, A.Chapman (9) and B.Pena. W—Cueto 5-5. L—May 4-7. Sv—A.Chapman (16).

ATHLETICS 4, ROCKIES 1

Colorado .... 000 100 000 —1 5 1
Oakland .... 011 010 10x —4 8 1

Bettis, Friedrich (6), J.Miller (7) and Hundley; Hahn, Pomeranz (7), Clippard (8) and Vogt. W—Hahn 6-6. L—Bettis 4-3. Sv—Clippard (14).

MARINERS 7, PADRES 0

Seattle .... 000 001 114 —7 9 0
San Diego .... 000 000 000 —0 3 1

T.Walker, Nuno (7), Lowe (7), Rodney (8), Wilhelmsen (9) and Zunino; Shields, Garces (7), Quackenbush (8), Mateo (9) and De.Norris. W—T.Walker 7-6. L—Shields 7-3. HRs—Seattle, Cano (5), N.Cruz (20).

PIRATES 9, TIGERS 3

Pittsburgh .... 005 001 030 —9 21 1
Detroit .... 010 001 001 —3 11 2

Burnett, J.Hughes (8), Caminero (9) and Cervelli; Simon, Alburquerque (6), Chamberlain (8), B.Hardy (8) and J.McCann. W—Burnett 7-3. L—Simon 7-5. HRs—Pittsburgh, N.Walker 2 (6), S.Marte (13), P.Alvarez (11). Detroit, J.McCann (4).

Wimbledon

From 1C

Organizers kept the retractable roof over Centre Court closed in the morning to keep out the heat, then had it partially covering the spectators behind the baselines to give them shade.

Medical officials treated nearly 100 people by mid-afternoon for heat-related issues but no major incidents were reported. A ball boy collapsed during a match on Court 17 and was taken off on a stretcher but was reportedly recovering well after treatment.

Despite the unusual heat, most players said they weren't particularly bothered.

"It wasn't as bad as I thought," Djokovic said. "People were talking about it and predicting really difficult conditions. But I didn't find it as difficult as I thought it might be."

Djokovic gave the 33-year-old Nieminen a warm embrace at the net and joined the Centre Crowd in applauding for the Finn after his last match at Wimbledon. Nieminen waved to the crowd and kissed his fingers and patted the grass before leaving the court.

"It's his last Wimbledon, so I was just congratulating him on a terrific career," Djokovic said. "He's been around for so many years. A very, very nice guy, one of the nicest guys off the court."

Williams, the top-ranked five-time champion, won her 23rd consecutive Grand Slam match, serving 12 aces in a 6-4, 6-1 win over Timea Babos of Hungary in a late Centre Court match.

"I hope I'm not playing my best. I have a lot of room to improve," said Williams, who next faces Britain's Heather Watson as the American bids for a fourth straight Grand Slam title and 21st overall.

Wawrinka, seeded No. 4, held serve throughout and beat Victor Estrella Burgos of the Dominican Republic 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

In one of the day's biggest surprises, 158th-ranked Mattek-Sands upset Ivanovic 6-3, 6-4. Mattek-Sands, who was out for six months last year with a left hip injury, had 32 winners, more than twice the number for Ivanovic, a former No. 1 player who reached the semifinals in 2007.

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

Wednesday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Purse: $42.1 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Second Round

Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, def. Kei Nishikori (5), Japan, walkover.
Grigor Dimitrov (11), Bulgaria, def. Steve Johnson, United States, 7-6 (6), 6-2, 7-6 (2).
David Goffin (16), Belgium, def. Liam Broady, Britain, 7-6 (3), 6-1, 6-1.
Bernard Tomic (27), Australia, def. Pierre-Hugues Herbert, France, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Richard Gasquet (21), France, def. Kenny de Schepper, France, 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.
Milos Raonic (7), Canada, def. Tommy Haas, Germany, 6-0, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4).
Nick Kyrgios (26), Australia, def. Juan Monaco, Argentina, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-4.
John Isner (17), United States, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-2, 7-6 (8), 6-4.
Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, def. John Millman, Australia, 6-7 (5), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 8-4.
Denis Kudla, United States, def. Alexander Zverev, Germany, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
Fernando Verdasco, Spain, def. Dominic Thiem (32), Austria, 5-7, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.
Leonardo Mayer (24), Argentina, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Kevin Anderson (14), South Africa, def. Marsel Ilhan, Turkey, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-4.
Marin Cilic (9), Croatia, def. Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 7-5.
Stan Wawrinka (4), Switzerland, def. Victor Estrella Burgos, Dominican Republic, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

Women
First Round

Madison Keys (21), United States, def. Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-4.
Elizaveta Kulichkova, Russia, def. Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 3-6, 7-6 (6), 10-8.
Second Round
Sam Stosur (22), Australia, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 6-3, 6-4.
CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, def. Karolina Pliskova (11), Czech Republic, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan, def. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, 7-5, 6-1.
Maria Sharapova (4), Russia, def. Richel Hogenkamp, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-1.
Irina-Camelia Begu (29), Romania, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 7-5, 6-7 (4), 7-5.
Heather Watson, Britain, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-2.
Belinda Bencic (30), Switzerland, def. Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, 7-5, 4-6, 6-0.
Andrea Petkovic (14), Germany, def. Mariana Duque-Marino, Colombia, 6-3, 6-1.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, def. Ana Ivanovic (7), Serbia, 6-3, 6-4.
Victoria Azarenka (23), Belarus, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 6-3, 6-3.
Sloane Stephens, United States, def. Lauren Davis, United States, 6-4, 6-4.
Kristina Mladenovic, France, def. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, 6-4, 7-5.
Lucie Safarova (6), Czech Republic, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 6-2, 6-3.
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, 6-4, 6-1.
Venus Williams (16), United States, def. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, def. Sara Errani (19), Italy, 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-2.

Tour

From 1C

along the Dutch coast, and negotiate two short but difficult climbs: The Mur de Huy, the traditional finish of the Fleche Wallonne, and the Cote de Mur de Bretagne, which is nicknamed the Alpe d'Huez of Brittany.

"That first week really is going to be crucial, the first nine days actually until we get up in the mountains on stage 10," Froome said. "In my mind, it's almost as if each one of these nine stages is like a classic race in its own right."

The Team Sky leader has good reason to be worried about possible early pitfalls. As the defending champ last year, he was forced out during the fifth stage after two falls.

"There is a lot less pressure on my shoulders, (I'm) a lot more relaxed not coming as the defending champion," said Froome, who won the Criterium du Dauphine, the traditional Tour dress rehearsal.

"Things are looking good personally, my condition feels good, and the whole team is buzzing after winning the Dauphine. That's lifted everyone's morale."

But his main rivals are also in great shape, although there are question marks surrounding Quintana.

Given the hilly race profile — seven mountain stages including five summit finishes —the diminutive climber is expected to cause damage in the second half of the Tour in the Alps and the Pyrenees. But he comes in having raced only four days over the last two months, following a big block of training back home in Colombia.

Quintana, who made his breakthrough at the Tour in 2013 when he was runner-up to Froome, said preparing at home for the race was his best option.

"Things are less difficult when you're with your family. I had a month feeling comfortable, training well in a nice temperature, at altitude. It was good for me," said Quintana, who is sharing the Movistar lead with Spanish veteran Alejandro Valverde.

With Astana allowed to keep its WorldTour licence despite multiple doping offenses within the Kazakh-funded outfit, Nibali — a winner of all three Grand Tours — will be backed by arguably the strongest team in the field in his bid to defend his title. Like in 2014, the Italian has been discreet, saving himself for the Tour.

Contador has opted for a completely different approach in a bid to become the first rider since the late Marco Pantani in 1998 to achieve a Giro-Tour double. After recovering from his success in Italy, and spending days training in altitude, the Tinkoff-Saxo leader recently won the Route du Sud, where he defeated Quintana.

"The Route du Sud ... doesn't change anything in view of the Tour de France," Contador said. "It would be a mistake to change the mindset right now, thinking that this win would give me more confidence."

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Astronaut Wives "Retroattitude" (N)		Mistresses "Into the Woods" (N)		Rookie Blue "Perfect Family" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Mom	Big Brother		Under the Dome "Redux" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) CSI: Crime "Under My Skin"		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Welcome Kotter	Welcome Kotter	Welcome Kotter	Welcome Kotter	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason "The Case of the Sulky Girl"		McCloud
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	BOOM! "Macaroni and Cheese Bomb" (N)		Wayward Pines "Betrayal" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Rik Wadge	Rocks/M-anuscripts	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Doug Stringer	Called Out	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Fighters "I'm Bringing the Spice" (SP) (N)		Aquarius "Cease to Resist" (N)		Hannibal "Contorno" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Business (N)	America and World	Tracks Ahead	Daytripper TV	Sacred Journeys "Kumbh Mela"		The Forsyte Saga		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La sombra del pasado		Amores con trampa		Lo imperdonable		Que te perdone Dios... Yo no		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	Mental. "Flame Red"		The Mentalist		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H.
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:30) Deception		★★ Color of Night Bruce Willis.				(:05) ★★★ Sea of Love Al Pacino.				★★ Hart's War	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:15) ★★★ X-Men	The Brink	Ballers		This Is Where I Leave You			1stLook	Taxicab Confessions		Vice	(:45) Detect
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:30) Gone Girl ('14, Myst) Ben Affleck.				★★★ Miami Vice ('06, Act) Colin Farrell.				(:15) X-Men: Days of Future Past			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:20) ★★ Alex and Emma Kate Hudson.				Bill Maher		LastWeek	★ Disconnect ('13, Thril) Jason Bateman.				The Brink
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(4:25) Prisoners		★★ Wonder Boys Michael Douglas.				★★ R.I.P.D. Ryan Reynolds.			LifeTop	LifeTop	Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★ RoboCop Kurtwood Smith.				★★ Blades of Glory			(:35) Spring	(:05) Spring	(:40) ★★ Dreamgirls		
PLEX			96			(5:15) ★★ K-9		★★★ Who's Harry Crumb?			(:35) ★★ Tap ('89, Dra) Gregory Hines.				★ Best of the Best		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie	(:25) ★★★ Ray ('04, Bio) Kerry Washington, Jamie Foxx.					Penny Dreadful		3AM (N)	HAPPYish	3AM	Hughley
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) Inside Llew...		Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom ('13, Bio) Idris Elba.					★★★ Dirty Pretty Things			(:10) Cleanskin	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Hot Ride/ Debt Collector"		Scared Straight "Oneida County, NY"		Beyond Scared Straight (N)		American Takedown "Dog Fighting" (N)		The First 48 "Birthday Girl"		Scared Straight "Oneida County, NY"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Movie	★★★ Back to the Future II ('89, Sci-Fi) Michael J. Fox.					★★★ Back to the Future III Michael J. Fox.					Movie
BET	58	26		40		(4:30) To Be Ann...		Game	Frankie	To Be Announced						Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		(5:00) TBA		★★ Cheaper by the Dozen 2				★★ Cheaper by the Dozen 2				To Be Announced	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Profit "Tonnie's Minis"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit		Rich	Rich	Rich	Rich
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		The Seventies		The Seventies		The Seventies		The Seventies	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid (N)		Sharktacular		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	KC Under	Austin	KC Under	How to Build a Better Boy			(:45) Mickey	Friends	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SprtC	Baseball Tonight (L)		NCAA Baseball Home Run Derby (L)					SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NBA Free Agency (L)		NFL	CFL Football Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Winnipeg Blue Bombers (L)						NFL	Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★★ Step Up Channing Tatum.				★★ Step Up 2: The Streets				The 700 Club		Step Up 3	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped "Fig Out"		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Baltimore Orioles Site: Camden Yards -- Baltimore, Md. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Aggies Preview	Longhorns Preview	Outdoor SW (N)	Ultimate Insider	SportsDay OnAir
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:30) Rise of the ...		★★★ Avatar (2009, Fantasy) Sam Worthington, Giovanni Ribisi, Zoe Saldana.							★★★ Avatar Zoe Saldana.		
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		H.Hunt	House	H.Hunt	House	Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Mountain Men		Mountain Men		Mountain Men (N)		(:05) Alone (N)		(:05) Forged in Fire		Mountain Men	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Hoarders: Family Secrets "Ruthann"		Hoarders: Family Secrets		HoarderFamilySecrets "David/ Nora" (N)		Hoarders		Hoarders: Family Secrets		Hoarders: Family Secrets	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NASCAR Auto Racing Classics 2001 Pepsi 400				NASCAR Racing Classics 2004 Daytona 500				Whelen Series		Mecum "Seattle"	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	One Crazy Cruise Sydney Park.			F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Tough Enough (N)		WWE Smackdown! (N)				Killjoys		Olympus "Truth" (N)		Dark "Episode Three"	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Jane Lynch, Conor McGregor		The Office	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ The Terror		Hawaiian	Johnny Tremain			Liberty Story		The Living Desert		(:15) The Great ...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Avenida Brasil		Tierra de reyes		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular	Tierra de reyes	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Donald's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Christina's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Tara's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Charity's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Donald's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Christina's Story"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Countdown" Pt. 2 of 2		★★ Cowboys and Aliens (2011, Action) Harrison Ford, Olivia Wilde, Daniel Craig.				★★ The Expendables (2010, Action) Eric Roberts, Steve Austin, Jet Li.				CSI: NY "Death House"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Gilligan	Gilligan	Mother	Mother	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Lead"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Ballerina"		Complica "Immune Response" (N)		Graceland "Chester Cheeto" (N)		(:05) Suits "Compensation"		(:05) Complications "Immune Response"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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IndyCar CEO: Rules package was off for Fontana race

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

The CEO of IndyCar said Wednesday that the series went too far with the rules package for last weekend's race at California, where many drivers sharply criticized what they said was dangerous pack racing.

Despite the admission, chief executive Mark Miles warned that criticism of IndyCar by its teams and drivers won't be tolerated going forward.

The Saturday race at Fontana was largely considered one of the most entertaining races in recent memory because of the flag-to-flag competition. At times, drivers were five wide, dicing for position as IndyCar saw a record number of passes for the lead.

But there were multiple complaints about the dangers of pack racing on an oval track, with competitors questioning the safety and evoking the 2011 crash in Las Vegas that killed Dan Wheldon.

Miles called the criticism "damaging" to IndyCar — particularly following an event that was embraced by fans. He said IndyCar has been too lax until now about allowing stakeholders to damage the brand.

The race was breathtaking in that the drivers raced almost start to finish in close quarters at high speeds that led to several banging wheels. The conditions were created in part by the rules package set by IndyCar, which made a change in the downforce levels to combat expected high temperatures.

Indianapolis 500 winner Juan Pablo Montoya warned the day before the race that the rules were going to create pack racing, but an unofficial poll by IndyCar of other drivers indicated few thought it would be too dramatic.

Instead, the racing was exactly what Montoya had predicted, and he was one of the many drivers who complained after Graham Rahal's victory. Wheldon was killed in the opening laps of the 2011 season finale when his car sailed airborne into a fence at Las Vegas, launched over spinning cars from an accident in the pack ahead of him.

Miles said IndyCar's competition officials agree the series was too aggressive with the rules.

The race has created a divide between drivers who find the pack racing too tense and too much of a reminder of Wheldon's death, and fans who simply loved the compelling action. Not all drivers railed against the racing. Among the supporters is Ed Carpenter, the stepson of series founder Tony George Jr., who indicated his rivals should retire if they don't like close racing.

AUTO RACING GLANCE

NASCAR
SPRINT CUP
COKE ZERO 400

Site: Daytona Beach, Florida.

Schedule: Friday, practice (NBC Sports Channel, 2-3 p.m. 4-5 p.m.); Saturday, qualifying (NBC Sports Channel, 3:30-5:30 p.m.); Sunday, race, 7:45 p.m. (NBC, 6-10 p.m.).

Track: Daytona International Speedway (tri-oval, 2.5 miles).

Race distance: 400 miles, 160 laps.

Last year: Aric Almirola won the rain-delayed and rain-shortened race, putting Richard Petty's famed No. 43 in Victory Lane for the first time since 1999.

Last week: Kyle Busch won at Sonoma in his fifth Cup race since breaking his right leg and left foot in February in the Xfinity race at Daytona. Brother Kurt Busch was second in their first 1-2 finish.

Fast facts: Jimmie Johnson has a series-high four victories. Defending season champion Kevin Harvick has won twice and leads the standings, 53 points ahead of Martin Truex Jr. ... Joey Logano won the season-opening Daytona 500. ... Jeff Gordon is making his final career start at Daytona. He has six Cup victories at the track, winning the Daytona 500 in 1999, 1999 and 2005 and the July race in 1995, 1998 and 2004.

Next race: Quaker State 400, July 11, Kentucky Speedway, Sparta, Kentucky.

Online: http://www.nascar.com

XFINITY
SUBWAY FIRECRACKER 250

Site: Daytona Beach, Florida.

Schedule: Friday, practice (NBC Sports Channel, 1-2 p.m., 3-4 p.m.); Saturday, qualifying (NBC Sports Channel, 3:30-5:30 p.m.), race, 6:30 p.m. (NBC Sports Channel, 6-9 p.m.).

Track: Daytona International Speedway (tri-oval, 2.5 miles).

Race distance: 250 miles, 100 laps.

Last year: Kasey Kahne edged JR Motorsports teammate Regan Smith at the finish line.

Last race: Erik Jones won at Chicagoland on June 21 for his second series victory of the year. The 19-year-old Jones also won the Truck race June 19 at Iowa.

Fast facts: Jones is driving Joe Gibbs Racing's No. 54 Toyota. ... Chris Buescher leads the standings, 29 points ahead of Ty Dillon and 43 in front of Chase Elliott. Buescher won at Iowa and Dover. ... Ryan Reed won the season-opening race at the track.

Next race: Kentucky 300, July 10, Kentucky Speedway, Sparta, Kentucky.

Online: http://www.nascar.com

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Next race: UNOH 225, July 9, Kentucky Speedway, Sparta, Kentucky.

Last race: Erik Jones won at Iowa on June 19 for his first series victory of the year. The 19-year-old Jones won the Xfinity race at Chicagoland on June 21 to complete a weekend sweep.

Online: http://www.nascar.com

FORMULA ONE
BRITISH GRAND PRIX

Site: Silverstone, England.

Schedule: Friday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 8-9:30 a.m.); Saturday, practice, qualifying (CNBC, 7-8:30 a.m.; NBC Sports Network, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.); Sunday, race, 7 a.m. (CNBC, 6:30-9:30 a.m.; NBC Sports Network, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.).

Track: Silverstone Circuit (road course, 3.667 miles).

Race distance: 190.6 miles, 52 laps.

Last year: Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton won his home race for the fifth of his 11 2014 victories en route to the season title.

Last race: Mercedes' Nico Rosberg won in Austria on June 21 for his third victory of the year. Hamilton was second.

Fast facts: Hamilton has four victories in the first eight races and leads the standings, 10 points ahead of Rosberg. ... Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel won in Malaysia. He's third in the standings, 49 points behind Hamilton.

Next race: Hungarian Grand Prix, July 26, Hungaroring, Budapest, Hungary.

Online: http://www.formula1.com

NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING
SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT NHRA NATIONALS

Site: Norwalk, Ohio.

Schedule: Friday, qualifying; Saturday, qualifying (ESPN2, 9 p.m.-11 p.m.); Sunday, final eliminations, (ESPN, noon-3 p.m.).

Track: Summit Racing Equipment Motorsports Park.

Last year: John Force won the Funny Car final, beating Ron Capps. Antron Brown won in Top Fuel, Erica Enders in Pro Stock, and Andrew Hines in Pro Stock Motorcycle.

Last event: Matt Hagan won the Funny Car final in the Thunder Valley Nationals on June 21 in Bristol, Tennessee, for his first victory on his home track. Richie Crampton won in Top Fuel, and Enders topped the Pro Stock field.

Fast facts: The 66-year-old Force has victories this year in Las Vegas and New Hampshire to push his record total to 143. ... Hagan tops the Funny Car standings, 87 points ahead of Capps and 153 in front of the third-place Force. Brown leads in Top Fuel, two points ahead of Tony Schumacher. Enders has the Pro Stock lead, and Eddie Krawiec is No. 1 in Pro Stock Motorcycle.

Next event: Route 66 NHRA Nationals, July 9-12, Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, Illinois.

Online: http://www.nhra.com

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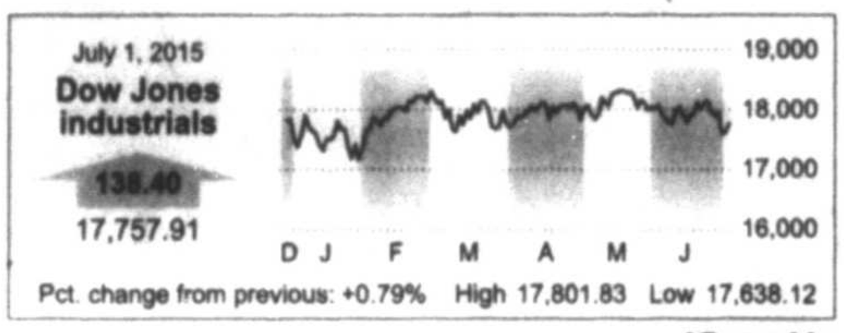

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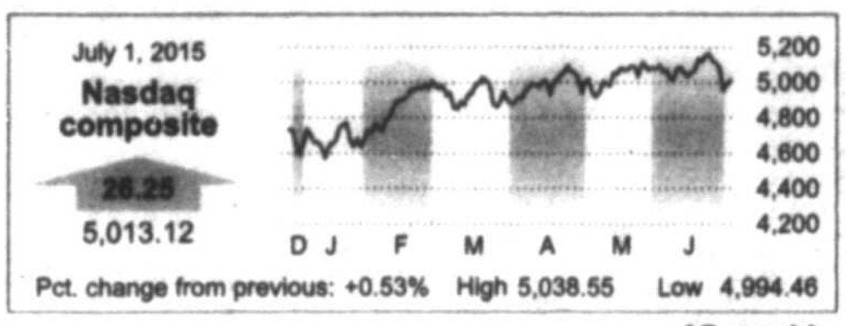

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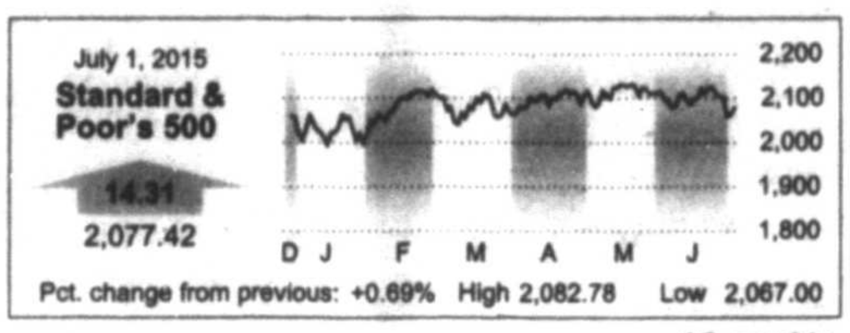

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $56.96
Previous: $59.47

POSTED

Wednesday: $53.50
Previous: $56.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $52.20
Previous: $53.10

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $2.783
Previous: $2.832

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1196431	207.50	+1.65
CSVLgCrde	1084638	2.88	-.38
PeabdyE	722520	1.78	-.41
B iPVixST	636981	18.77	-1.33
BkofAm	602970	17.22	+.20

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Chubb	119.99	+24.85	+26.1
Fitbit n	42.38	+4.15	+10.9
NBGre pfA	6.96	+.57	+8.9
Dycom	63.48	+4.63	+7.9
HartfFn wt	36.40	+2.60	+7.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ComstkRs	2.66	-.67	-20.1
EKodak wt	3.40	-.66	-16.3
PionEnSvc	5.40	-.94	-14.8
DxNGBll rs	17.91	-3.03	-14.5
PUVixST rs	37.83	-6.13	-13.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,965
Declined	1,177
Unchanged	92
Total issues	3,234
New Highs	68
New Lows	192
Volume	3,621,103,949

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BarcGSOil	50695	11.50	-.55
NwGold g	30739	2.71	+.02
CheniereEn	30222	68.73	-.53
Globalstar	25899	2.11	
SynergyRs	24672	10.81	-.62

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
KaisoTch g	3.26	+.28	+9.4
AmpioPhm	2.50	+.13	+5.5
BowlA	15.05	+.77	+5.4
LiberMed	2.37	+.10	+4.4
TherapMD	8.18	+.32	+4.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EmerldO rs	3.83	-.42	-9.9
NthnO&G	6.11	-.66	-9.7
AsteriasB n	4.20	-.40	-8.7
TriangPet	4.62	-.40	-8.0
GastarExp	2.85	-.24	-7.8

DIARY

Advanced	174
Declined	217
Unchanged	32
Total issues	423
New Highs	6
New Lows	18
Volume	75,877,312

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	291879	126.60	+1.18
Microsoft	276486	44.45	+.29
SiriusXM	273935	3.75	+.02
Intel	264729	30.18	-.24
MicronT	247233	18.78	-.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LibGLiC wi	83.50	+45.50	+119.7
LibGLiA wi	80.42	+42.91	+114.4
WPCS Intl rs	3.02	+1.48	+96.1
AirT Inc	25.66	+4.71	+22.5
BassettF	34.53	+6.12	+21.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DeltaTch n	3.53	-1.32	-27.2
SeaSpine wi	19.11	-4.90	-20.4
XenonPh n	9.53	-2.00	-17.3
EgaletCp	12.10	-2.33	-16.1
AtaraBio n	45.33	-7.43	-14.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,470
Declined	1,287
Unchanged	167
Total issues	2,924
New Highs	80
New Lows	107
Volume	1,749,384,753

US probing possible airline collusion that kept fares high

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government is investigating possible collusion among major airlines to limit available seats, which keeps airfares high, according to a document obtained by The Associated Press.

The civil antitrust investigation by the Justice Department appears to focus on whether airlines illegally signaled to each other how quickly they would add new flights, routes and extra seats.

A letter received Tuesday by major U.S. carriers demands copies of all communications the airlines had with each other, Wall Street analysts and major shareholders about their plans for passenger-carrying capacity, or "the undesirability of your company or any other airline increasing capacity."

The Justice Department asked each airline for its passenger-carrying capacity both by region, and overall, since January 2010.

On a day when the overall stock market was up, stocks of the major U.S. airlines ended the day down 1 to 3 percent on news of the investigation.

American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines all said they received a letter and are complying. Several smaller carriers, including JetBlue Airways and Frontier Airlines, said they had not been contacted by the government.

The airlines publicly discussed capacity early last month in Miami at the International Air Transport Association's annual meeting. After hearing about that meeting, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., requested a Justice Department investigation.

The department had tried to block the most recent merger, the 2013 joining of American Airlines and US Airways, but ultimately agreed to let it proceed after the airlines made minor concessions.

Some Wall Street analysts argue that to remain financially strong, airlines should not expand capacity faster than the U.S. economy.

In that 4-year period, capacity on domestic flights was virtually flat while the U.S. economy grew about 2.2 percent per year. From January 2014 to January 2015, however, the airlines expanded by 5.5 percent, topping the economy's 2.4 percent growth for 2014.

Thanks to a series of mergers starting in 2008, America, Delta, Southwest and United now control more than 80 percent of the seats in the domestic travel market. They've eliminated unprofitable flights, filled more seats on planes and made a very public effort to slow growth to command higher airfares.

It worked. The average domestic airfare rose an inflation-adjusted 13 percent from 2009 to 2014, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. And that doesn't include the billions of dollars airlines collect from new fees. During the past 12 months, the airlines took in $3.6 billion in bag fees and $3 billion in reservation-change fees.

That has led to record profits. In the past two years, U.S. airlines earned a combined $19.7 billion.

This year could bring even higher profits thanks to a massive drop in the price of jet fuel, airlines' single highest expense. In April, U.S. airlines paid $1.94 a gallon.

That worries Wall Street analysts and investors. Cheap fuel has led airlines to make money-losing decisions in the past, rapidly expanding, launching new routes and setting unrealistically low fares to lure passengers. Airlines already flying those routes would match the fare, and all carriers would lose money.

SUVs, muscle cars help auto industry

Associated Press

DETROIT — Americans again bought vehicles that sit up high and come loaded with features like backup cameras and smartphone capabilities in June. Horsepower was also in; gas-sipping not so much.

SUVs of all sizes continued to fly off dealer lots. Sales of the larger Ford Explorer rose 30 percent; Nissan's Rogue small SUV posted a 54 percent jump; and sales of the Jeep Cherokee gained 39 percent.

Total sales rose 3.9 percent over last June to 1.48 million, according to Autodata Corp. For the first half of the year, sales gained 4.4 percent to 8.5 million.

Buoyed by the momentum, the National Automobile Dealers Association this week raised its full-year sales forecast to 17.2 million vehicles from just under 17 million. The last time auto sales topped 17 million was in 2001.

Most automakers reported gains for June, led by Nissan with an increase of 13 percent. General Motors' sales fell, largely because the company cut back on sales to rental-car companies.

Consumers are finding a number of reasons to buy, including an improved job market, low interest rates, a robust stock market and low gas prices. Automakers are also helping themselves by introducing new vehicles faster and loading them up with desirable features. The average new vehicle cost an estimated $31,948 in June, according to the car-buying site TrueCar.com.

US stocks gain again ...

Hopes that a deal could be reached between Greece and its creditors pushed stocks higher Wednesday.

The U.S. market opened higher, following strong gains for European stocks, after Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras wrote a letter to the nation's creditors and appeared to make concessions. Greece failed to repay a loan to the International Monetary Fund that was due on Tuesday after talks between the nations and its creditors broke down late last week.

Investors are worried that Greece could leave the euro region if no agreement is reached.

"The developments in Greece ... seem to be driving sentiment more than anything," said Phil Orlando, chief equity strategist at Federated Investors. "What we're seeing now is a little bit of a bounce back based on a sentiment that we're getting close to a resolution."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 14.31 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,077.42. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 138.40 points, or 0.8 percent, to 17,757.91. The Nasdaq composite gained 26.26 points, or 0.5 percent, to 5,013.12.

... while metals fall

In metals trading, gold dropped $2.50 to $1,169.30 an ounce. Silver was little changed at $15.55 an ounce and copper rose 1.2 cents to $2.64 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $59.23 Down 6.52

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $111.61 Down 2.25

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.80 Up 0.10

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $72.82 Down 2.56

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $8.51 Down 0.06

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.58 Down 0.09

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.00 Down 0.82

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $26.93 Down 1.18

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.06 Down 0.13

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.99 Down 0.70

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	32	35.57	+.05	+5.9
Abraxas	...	5	2.77	-.18	-5.8
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	14.05	+.08	+2.7
AMD			2.42	+.02	-9.4
Alcoa	.12	18	11.07	-.08	-29.9
AllegTch	.72		30.12	-.08	-13.4
AlonUSA	.60f	20	18.82	-.08	+48.5
AmAirlines	.40	8	38.80	-1.14	-27.7
Amgen	3.16	21	154.99	+1.47	-2.7
Anadarko	1.08	...	77.18	-.88	-6.4
Apache	1.00	...	56.08	-1.55	-10.5
Apple Inc	2.08f	16	126.60	+1.18	+14.7
ApldMatl	.40	19	19.51	+.29	-21.7
ATMOS	1.56	17	51.48	+.20	-7.6
AutoData	1.96	28	80.89	+.66	-3.0
BP PLC	2.40	43	39.27	-.69	+3.0
BabsCCInv	1.20		16.07	...	+1.1
BakrHu	.68	30	60.01	-1.69	+7.0
BkofAm	.20	26	17.22	+.20	-3.7
B iPVixST			18.77	-1.33	-40.4
BasicEnSv			6.88	-.67	-1.9
Baxalta n			31.50	-.44	-6.0
Baxter s		9	38.86	+1.33	-1.2
BerkHa A	...	17	206365.00	+1515.00	-8.7
BlkHillsCp	1.62	15	43.54	-.11	-17.9
BrMySq	1.48	50	67.67	+1.50	+14.6
BrownFA	1.26	35	111.57	+.15	+27.1
BrownFB	1.26	32	101.58	+1.40	+15.6
CVS Health	1.40	26	105.71	+.83	+9.8
Cameron	...	12	50.81	-1.56	+1.7
Caterpillar	3.08f	13	83.95	-.87	-8.3
Celestic g	...	14	11.68	+.04	-.5
CntryLink	2.16	22	29.57	+.19	-25.3
ChesEng	.35	...	10.55	-.62	-46.1
Chevron	4.28	11	96.09	-.38	-14.3
Chicos	.31	38	16.67	+.04	+2.8
Chubb	2.28	14	119.99	+24.85	+16.0
Cimarex	.64	...	108.00	-2.31	+1.9
Cisco	.84	16	27.35	+.10	-1.0
Citigroup	.20f	22	55.68	+.44	+2.9
ClayEng	...	81	59.23	-6.52	-7.2
CocaCola	1.32	25	39.50	+.27	-6.4
ColgPalm	1.52	26	66.16	+.75	-4.4
Comcast	1.00	19	62.25	+2.11	+7.3

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ConAgra	1.00	30	44.60	+.88	+22.9
ConchoRes	...	28	111.61	-2.25	+11.9
ConocoPhil	2.92	15	60.03	-1.38	-13.1
CrackerB	4.40f	23	151.57	+2.41	+7.7
CSVLgNGs	...	...	2.04	-.09	-48.7
CSVLgCrde	...	...	2.88	-.38	-41.1
CSVelIVST			43.30	+2.69	+39.0
CrossTim	2.15e	7	15.91	-.59	-8.1
DCP Mid	3.12	12	30.00	-.69	-34.0
DTE	2.92f	15	75.24	+.60	-12.9
Dataram	...	...	2.00	-.01	+17.6
DeltaAir	.36	13	40.27	-.81	-18.1
DevonE	.96	...	57.73	-1.76	-5.7
DxGldBull	...	..	7.48	-.63	-33.0
DrxSCBear	...	...	9.58	-.08	-20.2
Disney	1.32f	25	115.13	+1.65	+22.2
DowChm	1.68	16	51.39	+.22	+12.7
EMC Cp	.46	21	26.42	+.03	-11.2
EOG Rescs	.67	16	85.77	-1.78	-6.8
EmpDist	1.04	16	21.99	+.19	-26.1
Energen	.08	39	66.50	-1.80	+4.3
EngyTsfr	4.06f	67	51.94	-.26	-20.1
EnPro	.80	78	56.95	-.27	-9.3
EntPrdPt s	1.50f	21	29.09	-.80	-19.5
Ericsson	.39e	...	10.49	+.05	-13.3
ExterranH	.60	23	31.58	-1.07	-3.1
ExxonMbl	2.92f	12	82.37	-.83	-10.9
Facebook	...	84	86.91	+1.15	+11.4
Fitbit n	...	...	42.38	+4.15	+42.8
FordM	.60	19	14.99	-.02	-3.3
FrptMcM	.20a	...	18.40	-.22	-21.2
FrontierCm	.42	...	4.95	...	-25.8
GATX	1.52	11	52.80	-.35	-8.2
GabMultT	1.05e	...	9.19	+.02	-8.2
GAInv	3.50e	...	35.01	+.20	...
GenElec	.92	...	26.66	+.09	+5.5
GenMotors	1.44f	15	33.04	-.29	-5.4
GtPlainEn	.98	16	24.51	+.35	-13.7
HalconRes	...	...	1.09	-.07	-38.8
Hallibrtn	.72	15	41.56	-1.51	+5.7
HewlettP	.70f	12	30.52	+.51	-23.9
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.90	+.09	+14.8
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	45.73	-.37	+9.9
iShEMkts	.84e	...	39.59	-.03	+.8

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iS Eafe	1.70e	...	63.90	+.41	+5.0
iShiBxHYB	4.82	...	88.42	-.38	-1.3
iShR2K	1.59e	..	125.23	+.37	+4.7
Intel	.96f	13	30.18	-.24	-16.8
InterDig	.80	...	56.96	+.07	+7.7
JPMorgCh	1.76f	12	68.07	+.75	+9.5
JetBlue	...	13	20.06	-.70	+26.5
JohnJn	3.00f	18	98.47	+1.01	-5.8
KimbClk	3.52	27	107.85	+1.88	-6.7
Kinross g	...	...	2.22	-.10	-21.3
LVSands	2.60	17	54.18	+1.61	-6.8
LegacyRes	1.40m	...	8.51	-.06	-25.5
Lubys	...	...	4.93	+.08	+8.4
MBIA	...	3	5.88	-.13	-38.4
MktVGold	.12e	...	17.28	-.48	-6.0
McDnlds	3.40	21	95.76	+.69	+2.2
Merck	1.80	15	57.60	+.67	+1.4
MeritMed	...	36	21.41	-.13	+23.5
MexcoEn	...	...	4.58	-.09	-15.7
MicronT	...	6	18.78	-.06	-46.4
Microsoft	1.24	18	44.45	+.29	-4.3
Nabors	.24	9	13.75	-.68	+5.9
NBGreece	...	...	1.13	+.08	-36.9
NatGrid	3.35e	...	64.17	-.40	-9.2
NOilVarco	1.84	9	46.95	-1.33	-28.4
NobleCorp	1.50	...	14.95	-.44	-9.8
NvMAd	.79a	...	12.99	-.01	-4.9
NvPMI	.82a	...	12.90	...	-7.7
NuvPI	.82a	...	13.15	+.01	-5.1
NSTFI3	.56a	...	13.84	+.12	-2.8
NTXQI	.65a	...	13.69	-.02	-5.3
OcciPet	3.00f	20	75.95	-1.82	-5.8
Oracle	.60	18	40.24	-.06	-10.5
ParTech	...	...	4.85	-.06	-21.1
ParkDrl	...	10	3.20	-.12	+4.2
PattUTI	.40	19	17.74	-1.08	+6.9
PeabdyE	.01	...	1.78	-.41	-77.0
PennaRE	.84	...	21.75	+.41	-7.3
Prmian	.66e	9	7.93	-.13	-17.0
PetrbrsA	...	...	7.74	-.42	+2.1
Petrobras	...	...	8.65	-.40	+18.5
Pfizer	1.12	23	33.69	+.16	+8.2
PioNtrl	.08	27	136.23	-2.46	-8.5
PlainsAAP	2.74f	19	42.40	-1.17	-17.4
PwShs QQQ	1.50e	...	107.92	+.85	+4.5

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Praxair	2.86	21	119.28	-.27	-7.9
PrmEgy	...	...	56.00	...	-23.0
PUVixST rs	...	...	37.83	-6.13	-69.9
ProctGam	2.65f	25	79.72	+1.48	-12.5
Qualcom	1.92f	15	62.90	+.27	-15.4
RangeRs	.16	20	47.82	-1.56	-10.5
RiteAid	...	23	8.41	+.06	+11.8
Rowan	.40	...	20.03	-1.08	-14.1
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	56.29	-.72	-15.9
SpdrDJIA	3.68e	...	177.40	+1.58	-.3
S&P500ETF	4.03e	...	207.50	+1.65	+1.0
SabnR	3.75e	9	37.04	-.71	+3.5
SanderFm	.88a	6	74.54	-.62	-11.3
SandRdge	...	...	.85	-.03	-53.5
Schlmbrg	2.00	21	84.30	-1.89	-1.3
SeadrillLtd	...	3	9.79	-.55	-18.0
SigmaAld	.92	34	139.44	+.09	+1.6
SiriusXM	...	42	3.75	+.02	+7.1
Smucker	2.56	30	109.21	+.80	+8.2
SwstAirl	.30f	16	32.62	-.47	-22.9
SP Engy	1.99e	...	74.20	-.96	-6.3
SPDR Fncl	.43e	...	24.75	+.37	+.1
SunocoLog	1.68f	...	37.86	-.17	-9.4
TaiwSemi	.73e	...	22.93	+.22	+2.5
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	14.22	+.02	+.1
Tesoro	1.70	13	88.54	+4.13	+19.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
3M Co	4.10	21	155.65	+1.35	-5.3
Torchmrk s	.54	14	58.91	+.69	+8.8
Transocn	.60m	...	15.59	-.53	-14.9
TriContl	.80e	...	21.35	+.16	-.3
Twitter	...	...	35.40	-.82	-1.3
TylerTech	...	68	129.94	+.56	+18.7
UBWV	1.28	22	41.94	+1.71	+12.0
UtdContl	...	9	51.69	-1.32	-22.7
US OilFd	...	...	19.10	-.78	-6.2
Vale SA	.60e	...	5.76	-.13	-29.6
ValeroE	1.60	9	64.47	+1.87	+30.2
VangTSM	2.13e	...	107.72	+.70	+1.6
VangEmg	1.10e	...	40.88	...	+2.1
VerizonCm	2.20	21	47.00	+.39	+.5
VulcanM	.40	82	85.32	+1.39	+29.8
WEC Engy	1.69	18	45.93	+.96	-12.9
WalgBoots	1.35	34	85.77	+1.33	+12.6
WellsFargo	1.50f	14	56.91	+.67	+3.8
Wendys Co	.22	42	10.88	-.40	+20.5
WstnRefin	1.36f	8	45.21	+1.59	+19.7
WhitingPet	...	13	31.50	-2.10	-4.5
WmsCos	2.36f	...	57.51	+.12	+28.0
XcelEngy	1.28	18	32.50	+.32	-9.5
Xerox	.28	14	10.68	+.04	-22.9
Zynga	...	...	2.84	-.02	+6.8

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	17,757.91	+138.40	+.79	-.37	+4.60
9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,103.86	+11.58	+.14	-11.34	-1.56
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	553.58	+3.26	+.59	-10.44	-1.18
11,254.87	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	10,858.99	+53.79	+.50	+.18	-1.73
5,164.36	4,116.60	Nasdaq Composite	5,013.12	+26.25	+.53	+5.85	+12.46
2,134.72	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,077.42	+14.31	+.69	+.90	+5.21
1,551.28	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,508.57	+6.40	+.43	+3.86	+5.02
22,537.15	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	21,968.09	+126.34	+.58	+1.38	+4.62
1,296.00	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,256.40	+2.45	+.20	+4.29	+4.74

TODAY: Mostly sunny — High: 91 Low: 71

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 91 Low: 71

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 92 Low: 73

SUNDAY: Sunny — High: 94 Low: 73

MONDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 95 Low: 73

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 95 Low: 73

Local forecast

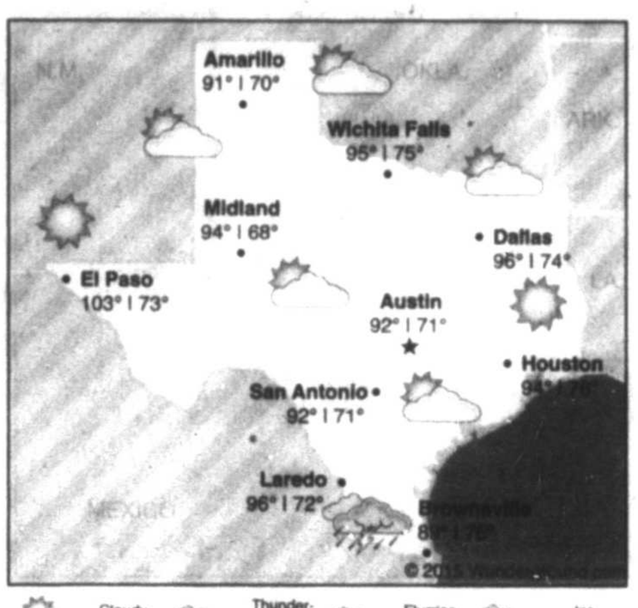
Approaching the July 4th weekend, expect mostly sunny skies with a high near 91 and a low around 71 on Thursday, with winds out of the southeast between 5 and 15 mph. For Independence Day weekend, skies will be mostly sunny with highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.

On Wednesday, the mercury climbed to a high of 89. The low was 69. The record high for July 1 is 107 set in 1994, while the record low of 60 was set in 1967.

National forecast

A zone of heavy showers and thunderstorms will extend from the middle Mississippi Valley to the Tennessee and lower Ohio Valleys to the Mid-Atlantic coast today. This moisture is a result of a stalled front. The rainfall may aggravate existing flooding over the central states. Some of the storms have the potential to bring flash flooding and damaging winds in the Central and Mid-Atlantic states.

The front will separate expanding cool and dry air from the Great Lakes to the Northeast from typical warmth and high humidity in the South.



Precipitation

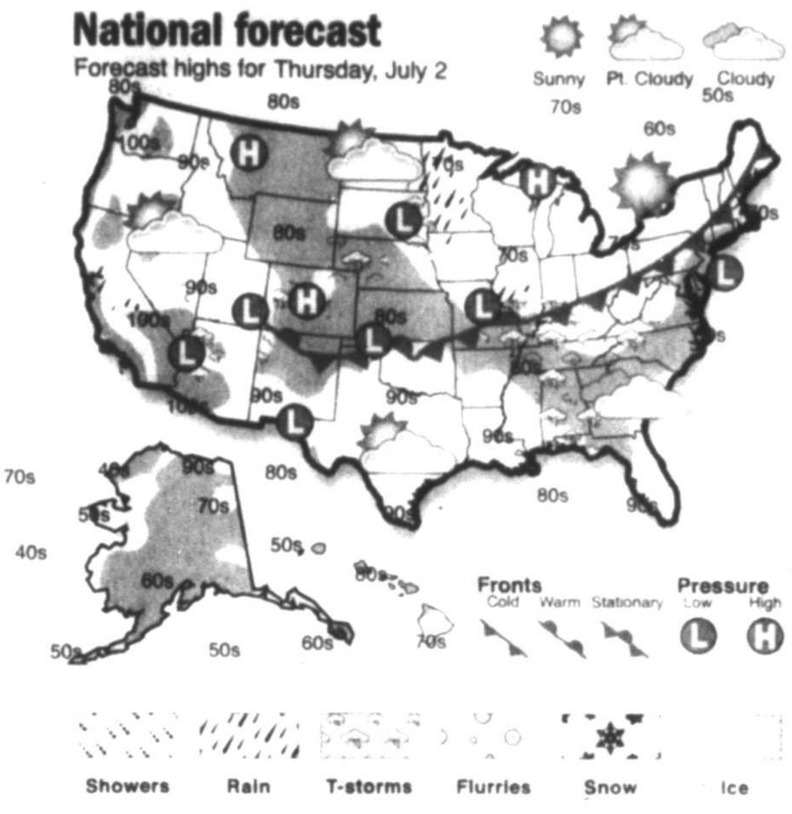
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	1.94 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	12.28 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.12 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	89
Low	69
Normal high	95
Normal low	69
Sunrise	6:47 a.m.
Sunset	8:59 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, July 2



Readers defend parents who disapprove of cohabitation

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 READERS: On May 5, I printed a letter from a parent, "Against the Tide in New Jersey." He said his "independent, intelligent, loving" daughters (both in their late 20s) have dated their boyfriends for five years and had recently moved in with them. The man also said he and his wife approve of the young men.

One daughter is planning to have an open house and invited her parents. The writer said his daughter is upset because he and his wife refuse to attend because cohabitation is against their beliefs. He said he and his wife "understand her decision," but their daughter doesn't appear to respect theirs. He asked, "Are we wrong?"

I responded yes, because it's no longer unusual for couples to cohabit before marriage. I asked how long they plan to continue punishing the daughter and said I don't think they have anything to gain by doing so. Thousands of angry readers wrote to comment. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Cohabitation is NOT a substitute for matrimony. I realize it is "not unusual for couples today to live together." However, you must certainly be aware that many religious people regard doing so as a sin against God. Should the parents compromise their beliefs to attend simply because their daughter's relationship is "progressing nicely"? Why do you feel that standing up for their beliefs is "punishing" their daughter and her live-in? I wish you would address this again. — DIANNE IN LUBBOCK

DEAR DIANNE: I try to deal with things as they are, and not as some people think they ought to be. Today, many couples have chosen to live together before marriage. Some are trying to avoid the unhappiness they saw in their parents' marriages. Others realize that you don't really know someone until you have lived with him or her. Divorce is messy, not to mention expensive on many levels, and they want to avoid the pain if possible — although few separations are painless.

I believe that parents should choose their battles carefully after their children become adults. What these parents are doing may eventually isolate them from their daughters. Acting as they are, there may be other happy occasions they'll be skipping. This one is just the first.

DEAR ABBY: If the letter writer and his wife accept an invitation to someone's house, do they check first to make sure their hosts share their "values," that they vote the same way, are against gay marriage, have the same religious beliefs? If they don't take that same care with everyone they know, they are being unfair to their daughters.

For five years they were apparently comfortable with the daughters living at home or in their own apartments and having sex with their boyfriends on the sly. Now that the young women are honestly acknowledging the sexual relationship and formalizing it by living together openly, suddenly there's a problem. There's a stench of hypocrisy here. — ONLINE DEAR ABBY READER

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 Thursday, July 2, 2015:

This year you open up to many new opportunities, though they seem to come all at once, forcing you to make a decision more quickly than you might want to. You often wonder how much to do for a key person in your life, as he or she might be quite demanding. Many of you will travel, while others will become armchair travelers. If you are single, after August, your social life will take off. It is quite possible you will meet someone who could knock your socks off. If you are attached, the two of you often juggle your different needs. Make it OK to sometimes not do everything together. CAPRICORN can be very serious.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Pressure builds, and you might not have any clue whether you can change a situation. You can, however, adjust your attitude about the matter. You could be uncomfortable expressing an idea that is very important to you. Tonight: Serious talks transform into fun chatter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You have the ability to read between the lines and understand more of what is happening. Detach and gain a greater perspective. As a result, you will see a situation differently. Be receptive to someone's compassion as well as his or her ideas. Tonight: Happy close to home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal situation. A conversation with a close associate will prove to be unusually caring. You'll become more aware of a superior's thoughts. Try not to make a commitment about money while others are so emotional. Tonight: Dinner and a chat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might want to defer to someone else and find out what is going on with him or her. Honor your feelings, and know full well that most of the time you are right-on. Indulge in getting yourself a little something that you have been wanting. Tonight: Make it your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You are like a flare of light in the middle of a chaotic Full Moon. You might not like someone's ideas or some of the comments you are hearing. Your kind ways tend to open others up, but you might want to hold off for now. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might get into today's Full Moon more than most signs. Your relationships could come to the forefront. You probably will find yourself juggling friends and a potential loved one. Don't allow any exaggerated statements to get to you. Tonight: Enjoy the friskiness of the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might be overwhelmed by everything you have to do. A loved one might be taken aback by what is happening within your immediate circle. Your sense of well-being might be tested by a roommate or by a situation around you. Tonight: Join a friend for munchies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by all the calls you are receiving on top of all the requests heading your way, plus what you have to get done. Avoid blowing a fuse, find a favorite person and relax. Use the calmer moments to squeeze in some calls and a visit. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Use caution with any financial or emotional dealings. You can be sure that not everyone sees the issue the same way you do. In a discussion, someone might do or say something radical that he or she doesn't really mean. Remain caring and centered. Tonight: Among the crowds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You might not be aware of how hard you are pushing to have matters play out a certain way. One-on-one relating can ease some of the pressure you experience with one person. You might be delighted by a gift or gesture that he or she offers you. Tonight: Make nice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Listen to your instincts when trying to get past a problem. You would be best off keeping your own counsel for now. Someone might express his or her true feelings about a matter that is important to you; be careful not to react. Tonight: Head home and get a good night's sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Zero in on what is important to you. Today's Full Moon will pave the way to success, though you can expect some ups and downs. Understand that you might not see eye to eye with a loved one. Let it go — the two of you will agree later. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

BORN TODAY

Actress Lindsay Lohan (1986), wrestler Bret Hart (1957), former U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall (1908)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The double duck

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A K Q J 9
5 3 2
10 9
♣ Q J 3

WEST
♠ 10 8 5 3
J 6
K 7 6
♣ A 10 9 4

EAST
♠ 7 6 2
A Q 9 8 7
8 3 2
♣ 7 2

SOUTH
♠ 4
K 10 4
A Q J 5 4
♣ K 8 6 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♡*	Dbl
2NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

*Fourth suit forcing, artificial game force

Opening lead: Jack of ♡

One of the rules for opener after partner makes a "fourth-suit forcing" bid is that he must have a stopper in the fourth suit in order to bid no-trump. That is always true, not just when the next opponent makes a lead-directing double. South dutifully bid two no-trump, which denied three-card spade support in addition to showing a heart stopper, and was raised to game by North.

The opening jack of hearts lead was correctly ducked by East. Had South won his king on this trick, his fate would have rested on the diamond finesse. Knowing from the double that East held the ace of hearts, South also ducked the first trick! West's jack held the trick, but the defense was helpless. The contract could not be defeated as long as West held the ace of clubs. The location of the diamond king didn't matter. Should East have held the ace of clubs, the contract would need for East to also hold the diamond king with no more than two low diamonds along with it.

A "duck" in bridge is just another name for the "hold-up" play. The main purpose is to sever communications between opponents, but there are also other uses. Note that in today's deal, East's duck at trick one was to maintain communication with partner — South's duck severed it.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 "Elementary" network
4 Eponymous obstetrician Fernand
10 "Oh, go on!"
14 __ provençale
15 Part of the plot
16 Gardening tool
17 *Serious swearing
19 Banded gemstone
20 Dorm room item
21 Really trouble, with "at"
23 Help on the way up
24 *Hunt's rival
29 31-Down, for one
31 Former Honda model
32 Honda division
33 Perform for
36 Target of some sprays
37 *Brunch choice
41 Ref. book
42 Come to light
43 Not from a bottle
45 Expected amt. of repairs
46 It may be blessed
51 *Camera attachment
53 Hip bones
54 Modern detective fiction pioneer
55 Captain's heading
58 Shade similar to bright turquoise
61 Cocktail garnish, and a hint to letters hidden in the answers to starred clues
64 Managing ed.'s concern
65 List closing
66 Burns negative
67 Adjust for space, say
68 Webster's shelfmate
69 Come to a conclusion

DOWN

1 Longtime maker of convertibles
2 Have a tantrum
3 Solution for contacts
4 Trunk projection
5 Actress Heche
6 Attitude
7 Santa __
8 Proactiv target
9 Great-aunt of Drew
10 Diplomatic code
11 John, in Scotland
12 __ blue
13 Bewitch
18 MIT grad, often
22 Doctor's org.
24 Sarcastic quality
25 Use a threat to get
26 Like Botticelli's Venus
27 Easy pace
28 Place for a plug
30 Rental ad abbr.
31 "Habanera" singer
34 Jeans giant
35 "Wow!" in texts
37 Skid row regular
38 Plasm lead-in
39 Statute opposed by the Sons of Liberty
40 Wide size
41 Dairy dept quantity
44 Mideast initials
47 Mountaintop allure
48 "Airplane!" heroine
49 Xterra maker
50 Covered in ink, with "up"
52 Conger catcher
55 Former North Carolina senator Elizabeth
56 Cohesive group
57 Cockpit announcements, briefly
58 Solitaire base card
59 Four times a day, in an Rx
60 Ocean State sch. with "up"
62 WWII arena
63 GQ, e.g., briefly

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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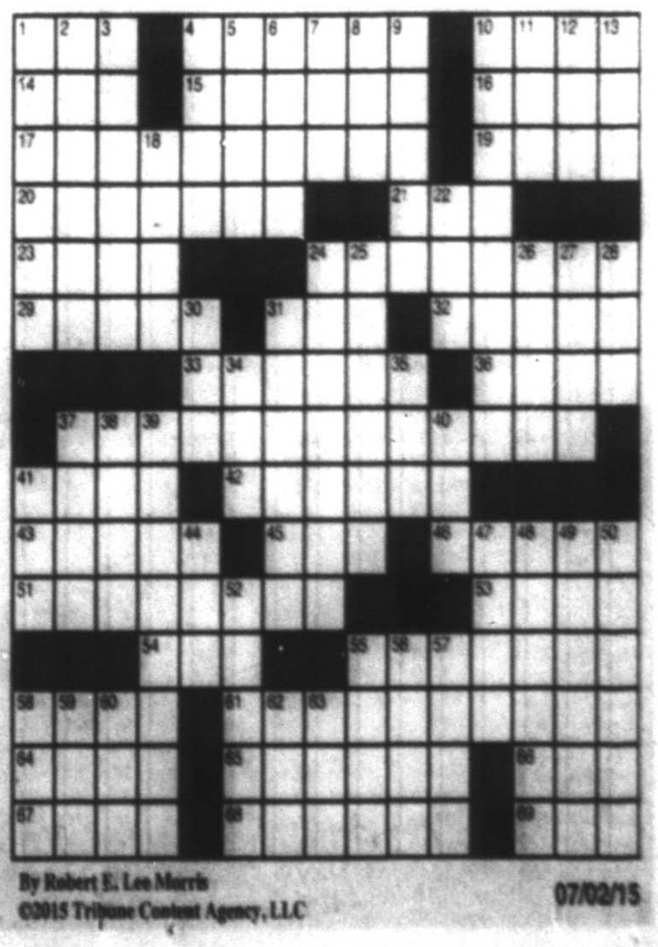

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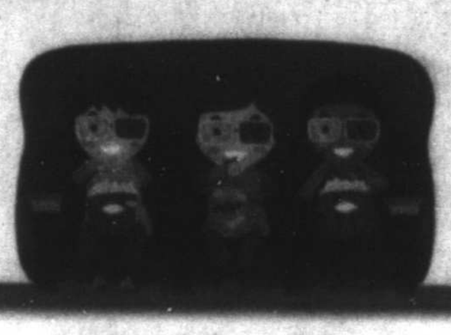

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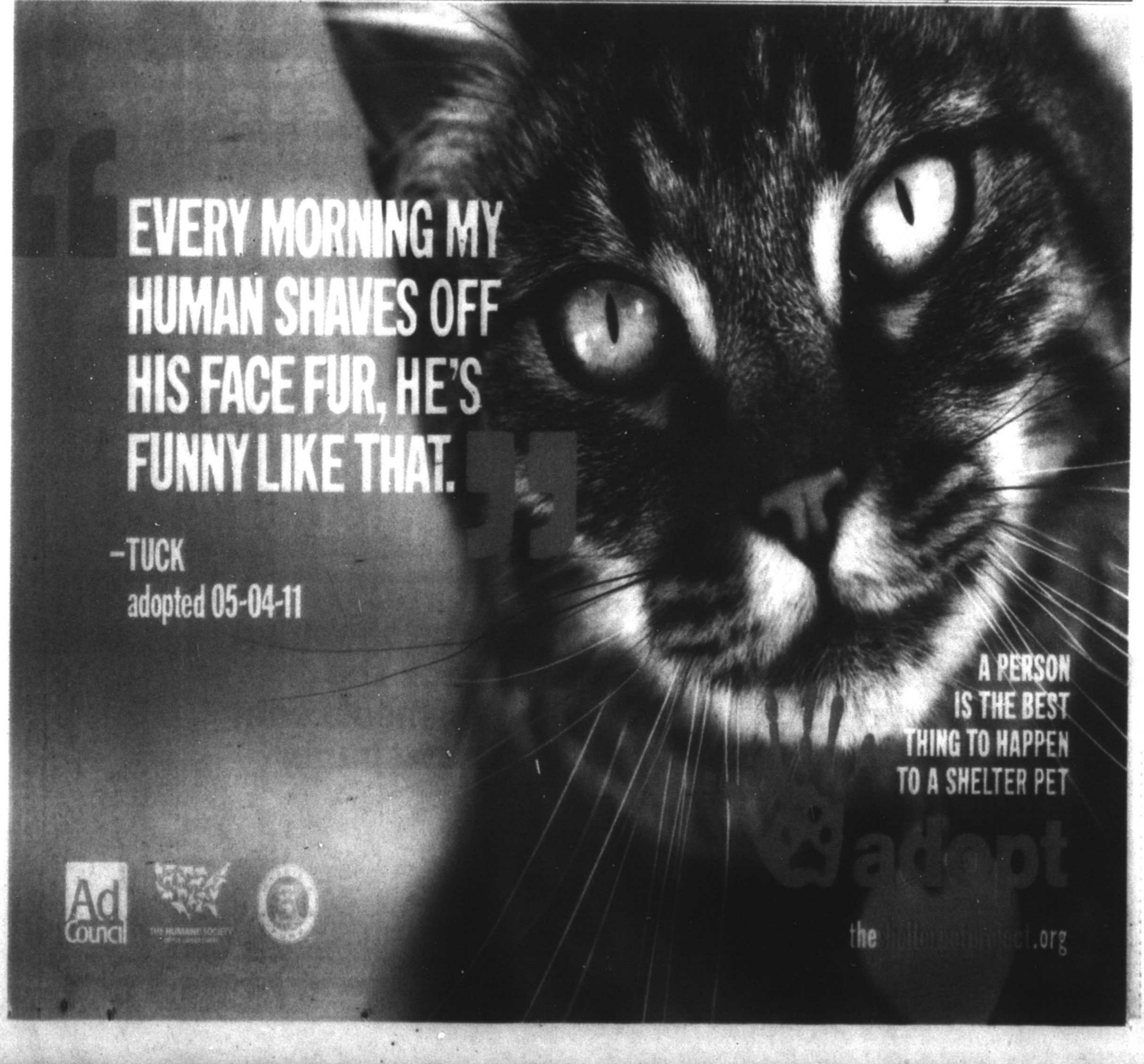

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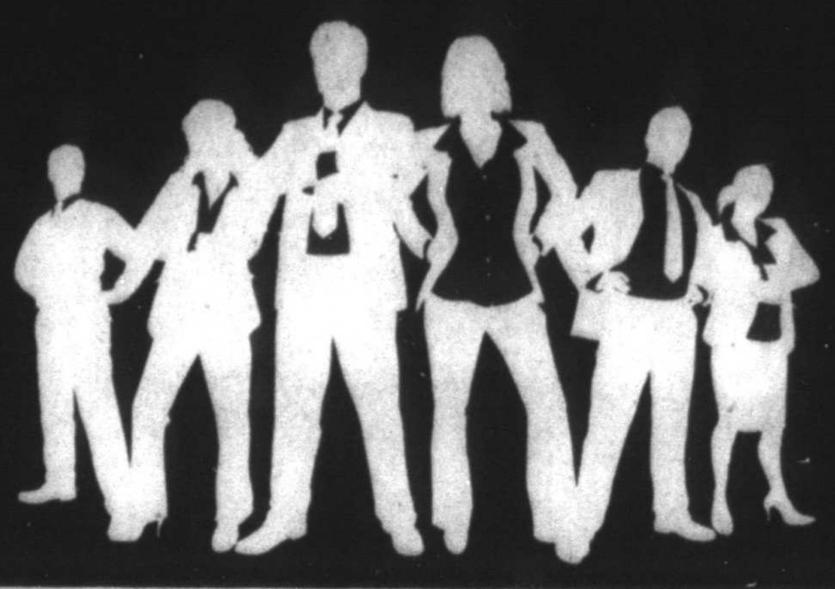

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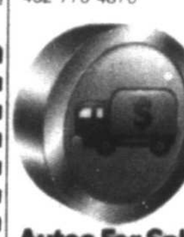

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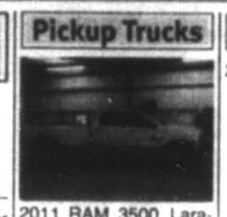

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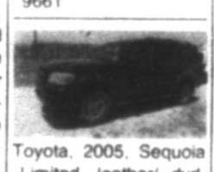

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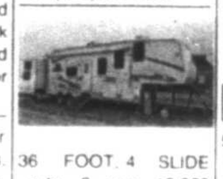

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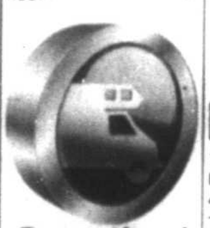

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Buzz Words

Meet My Family!

by Nellie Fly
WORLD'S SMALLEST REPORTER

I come from a very large family. There are more than 120,000 species of flies in the world!

Flies of Fortune

In ancient Egypt, flies were symbols of bravery. Brave soldiers were given golden flies.

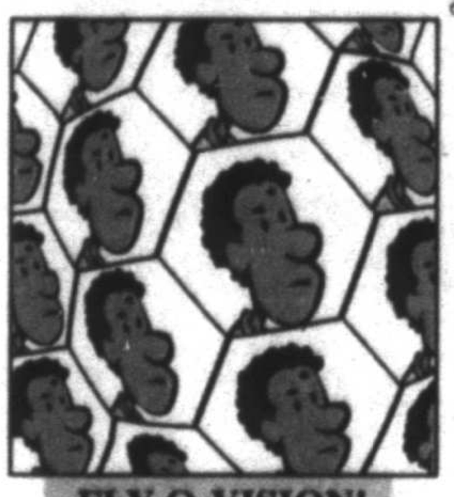
For many years, flies were seen as a sign of wealth and good fortune. The more livestock a person had, the more flies buzzing around.

How many flies can you find on today's page in 60 seconds? Have a friend try. Who found more?

Fly Eyes

Most of a housefly's head is covered by its eyes. Houseflies have **compound eyes**, which means that each eye is actually made up of 3,000 to 6,000 simple eyes.

Each simple eye has its own nerve and six-sided lens. When a housefly looks at an object, it doesn't see one smooth picture, but a mosaic made up of thousands of pieces of that picture.

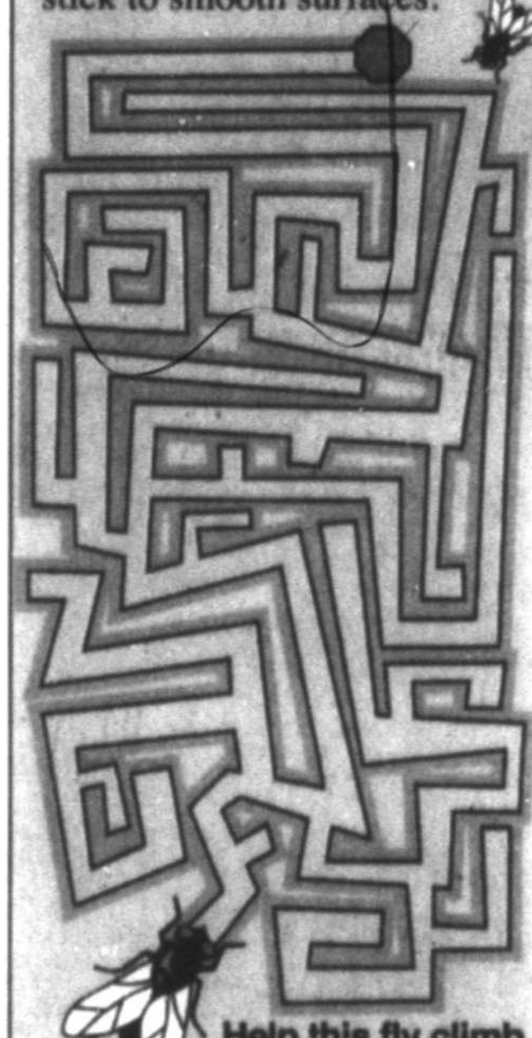

FLY-O-VISION!

Compound eyes permit a fly to see in many directions at once. Each lens points in a slightly different direction, making it possible for a housefly to see above, below and to the sides, as well as to the front. That is why it is hard to sneak up on a housefly!

Wall Walkers

How does a housefly walk upside down on a ceiling and straight up slick glass windows?

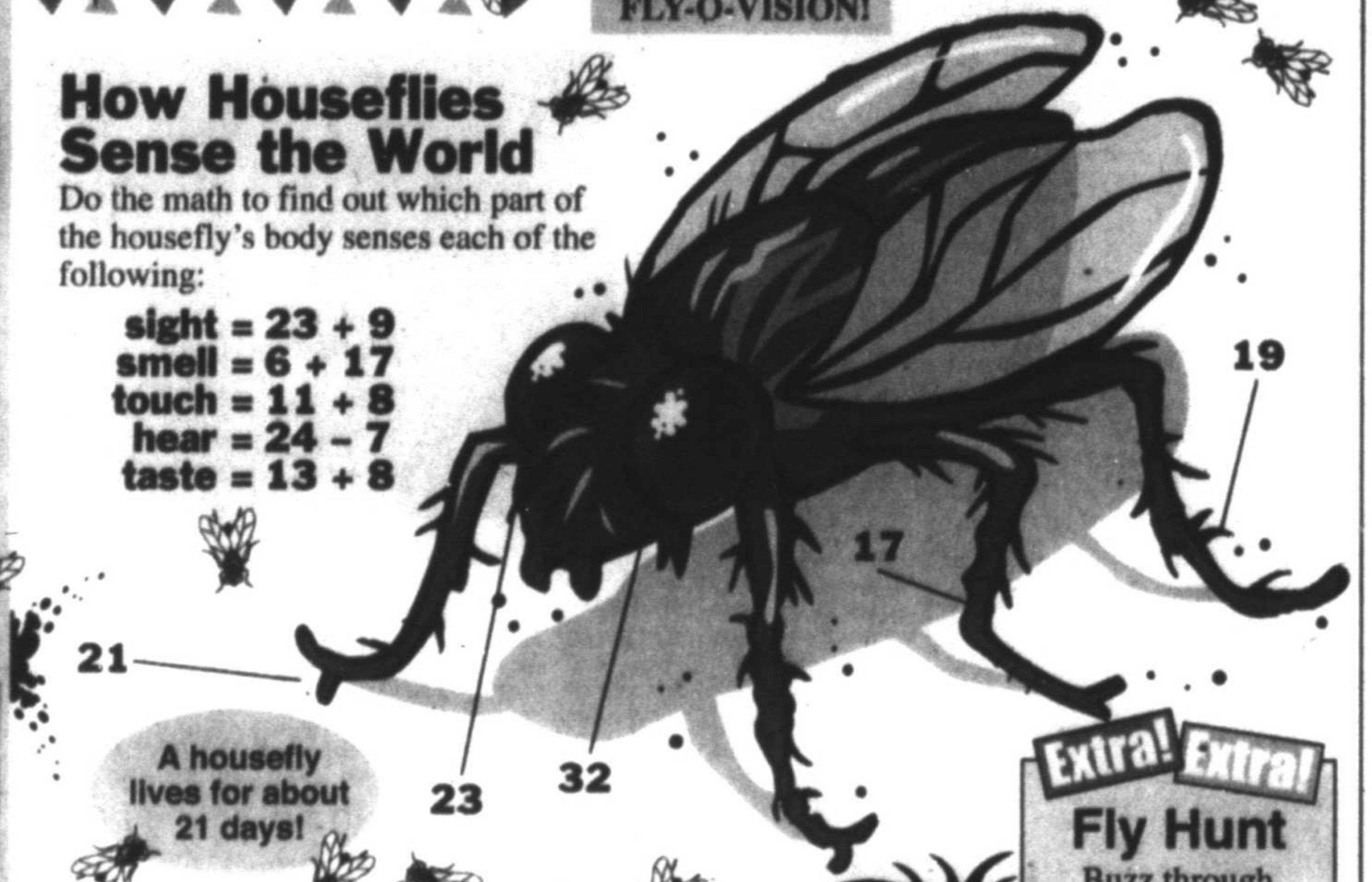
At the end of a fly's foot are two tiny, sticky suction cups called **pulvilli** (pull –VIL-eye) and two claws. The claws help the housefly grab onto rough surfaces and the pulvilli allow the fly to stick to smooth surfaces.


Help this fly climb up the wall.

How Houseflies Sense the World

Do the math to find out which part of the housefly's body senses each of the following:

sight = 23 + 9
smell = 6 + 17
touch = 11 + 8
hear = 24 – 7
taste = 13 + 8



A housefly lives for about 21 days!

Liquid Diet

Houseflies have no teeth. Everything they eat must be liquefied. If a housefly wants to eat something solid, such as a sugar crystal, it must first dissolve the food with saliva. Then it can suck the liquid up its proboscis. The **proboscis** is a hollow tube that extends out of its mouth.

Houseflies eat all kinds of things – manure, garbage, human food and dead, decaying animals. That's why it's important to keep houseflies away from your food; they can leave behind germs.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that living organisms have distinct structures and body systems that serve specific functions in growth, survival and reproduction.

Extra! Extra! Fly Hunt

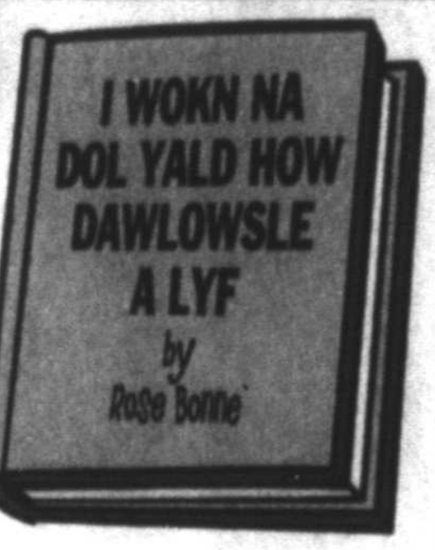
Buzz through today's newspaper and find:

- three adjectives that describe houseflies
- something a housefly might eat
- numbers that add up to the number of days a housefly normally lives
- three things that can fly

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Catch the Reading Bug at Your Library This Summer!

This is the story about a lady who swallows a fly, spider, bird, cat, dog, goat, cow and horse. Do you think she lives?



Unscramble the title of this book. Then, check it out at your local library this summer!

- Bert Bookworm

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read age-appropriate texts in a variety of genres.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

HOUSEFLY
COMPOUND
SUCTION
LENS
SIMPLE
EGYPT
PULVILLI
GOLDEN
TOUCH
MOSAIC
SIGN
EYES
SENSES
CUPS
DOWN

D	N	S	Y	A	T	O	U	C	H
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W	I	U	F	N	G	M	Y	I	E
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O	D	A	H	S	E	S	N	E	S
G	L	M	O	S	A	I	C	T	H

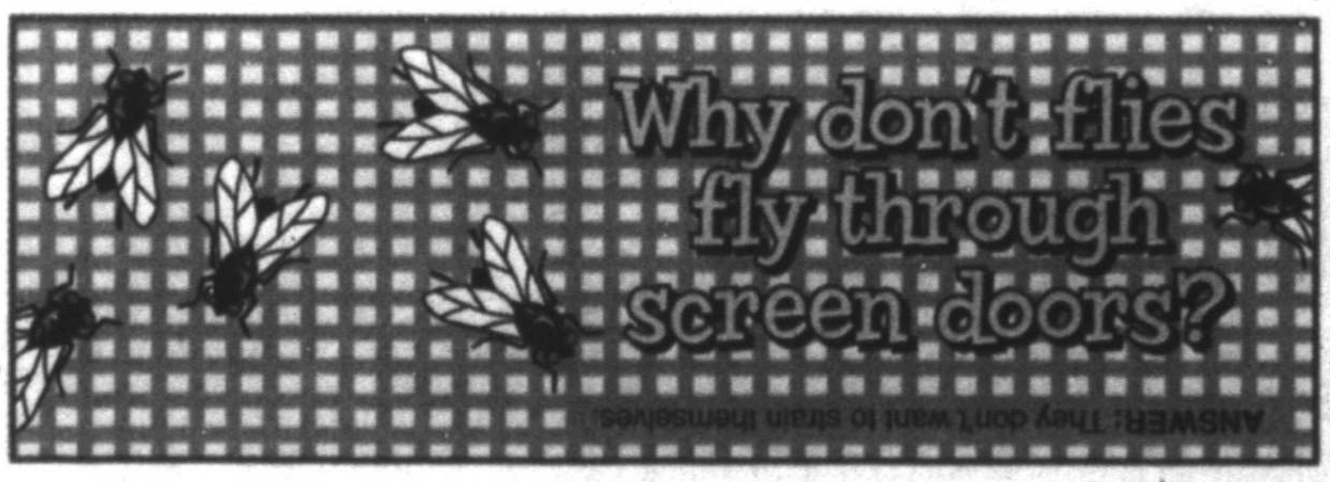
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Compounded

Look through the newspaper for words that make up compound words. Cut these words out and glue them onto another piece of paper to make compound words. Can you make more than ten compound words?

Standards Link: Spelling: Students understand that compound words are composed of two separate words.



Weekly Writing Corner

A Fly on the Wall

Students describe what it would be like to be a fly on the wall.

If I were a fly on the wall, I would buzz my little wings right on over to the president's house. I would like to know what kind of stuff they do because in some ways, that family could be considered royalty. I want to know how different their daily lifestyle is from mine.
Mara, 5th grade

If I were a fly on a wall, I would watch my teacher write my grades down, so I would know if I should kiss up to my parents.
Lauren, 6th grade

If I were a fly on the wall, I would spy on my parents to see what they are getting me for Christmas.
Kaylah, 6th grade

If I were a fly, which would be unfortunate, I would spy on my brother. My oldest brother is so mysterious with his life. He calls it his private life. When my cousins come over, they whisper in each other's ears and start to laugh. I wonder what they talk about? If I were a fly, I would love to hear their conversation.
Carla, 6th grade

If I were a fly on the wall, I would go to performances and concerts and get front row seats! I would also like to fly high up over the treetops and into the sky. That would be a wonderful experience!
Calia, 6th grade

If I were a fly on the wall, I would fly to a musical and get a front row seat, and then I would eat some food or someone's ice cream! I would also go and listen to Gwen Stefani in concert!
Harland, 6th grade

If I were invisible, I would like to spy and hear my friends. It might be that their conversation is interesting. Maybe my friend might be talking on the phone and it might be top secret. Spying and hearing others might be fun!
Andrea, 5th grade

If I were a fly on the wall, I would go to Area 51 to actually see if there are alien bodies in Area 51.
Anders, 6th grade

I would like to be a fly because I could go to the kitchen to see what my mom is cooking and take some without her knowing.
Ixchel, 6th grade

If I were a fly on the wall, I would be in my sister's room to see what she says behind my back. I think it would be very useful to be practically invisible.
Drew, 5th grade

If I were a fly, I would listen and see what people were talking about and if they would say something bad about one of my friends, I would simply bite them.
Cambria, 5th grade

Write On!

School Closed Forever?

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