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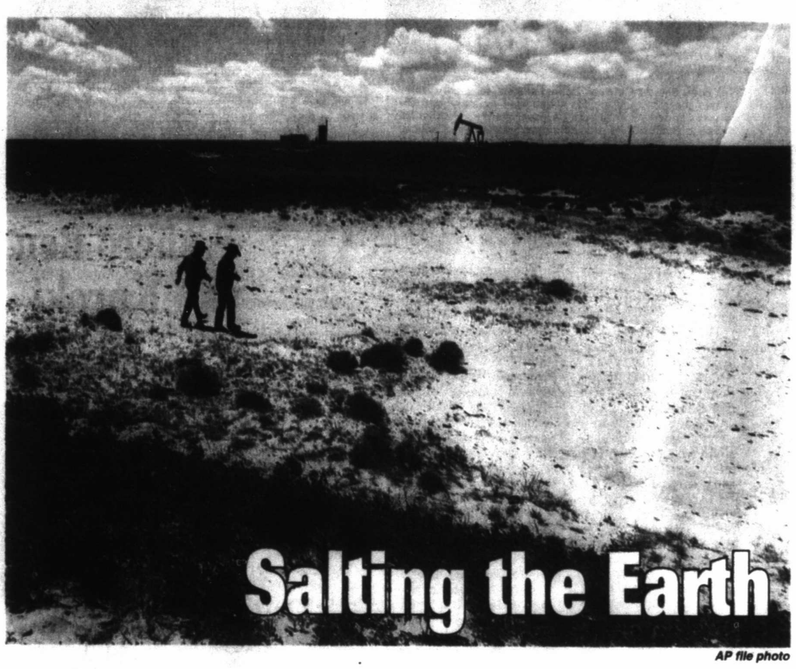

Salting the Earth

AP file photo

Carl Johnson, left, and his son, Justin, walk across a stretch of pasture left barren after an oilfield wastewater spill on their ranch near Crossroads, N.M., on April 24. The ranchers have been fighting oil companies for decades over spills of briny, polluted water.

Drilling boom brings rising number of harmful waste spills

By John Flesher
Associated Press

CROSSROADS, N.M. — Carl Johnson and son Justin are third- and fourth-generation ranchers who for decades have battled oilfield companies that left a patchwork of barren earth where the men graze cattle in the high plains of New Mexico. Blunt and profane, they stroll across a 1 1/2-acre patch of sandy soil — lifeless, save for a scattering of stunted weeds.

Five years ago, a broken pipe soaked the land with as much as 420,000 gallons of oilfield wastewater — a salty and potentially toxic drilling byproduct that can quickly turn fertile land into a dead zone. The leaked brine killed every sprig of grama and bluestem grasses and shinnery shrubs it touched.

For the Johnsons, the spill is among dozens that have taken a heavy toll: a landscape pockmarked with spots where livestock can no longer graze, legal fees running into the tens of thousands and worries about the safety of the area's underground aquifer.

"If we lose our water, that ruins our ranch," Justin Johnson said. "That's the end of the story."

Their plight illustrates a largely overlooked side effect of oil and gas production that has worsened with the past decade's drilling boom: spills of wastewater that foul the land, kill wildlife and threaten freshwater supplies.

An Associated Press analysis of data from leading oil- and gas-producing states found more than 180 million gallons of wastewater spilled from 2009 to 2014 in incidents involving ruptured pipes, overflowing storage tanks and other mishaps or even deliberate dumping. There were some 21,651 individual spills. And these numbers are incomplete because many releases go unreported.

Though oil spills tend to get more attention, wastewater spills can be more damaging. And in seven of the 11 states the AP examined, the amount of wastewater released was at least twice that of oil discharged.

Spilled oil, however unsightly, over time is absorbed by minerals in the soil or degraded by microbes. Not so with the wastewater — also known as brine, produced water or saltwater. Unless thoroughly cleansed, a costly and time-consuming process, salt-saturated land dries up. Trees die. Crops cannot take root.

"Oil spills may look bad, but we know how to clean them up and ... return the land to a productive state," said Kerry Sublette, a University of Tulsa environmental engineer and specialist in treating the despoiled landscapes. "Brine spills are much more difficult."

In addition to the extreme salinity, the fluids often contain heavy metals such as arsenic and mercury, plus radioactivity. Even smaller discharges affecting an acre or two gradually add up for landowners — "death by a thousand bee stings," said Don Shriber of Farmington, New Mexico, a cattleman who wrangled with an oil company over damage.

For animals, the results can be fatal. Ranchers, including Melvin Reed of Shidler, Oklahoma, said they have lost cattle that lapped up the liquids or ate tainted grass.

"They get real thin. It messes them up," Reed said. "Sometimes you just have to shoot them."

The AP obtained data from regulatory agencies in Texas, North Dakota, California, Alaska, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Kansas, Utah and Montana — states that account for more than 90 percent of the nation's onshore oil production. Officials in ninth-ranking oil producer Louisiana and second-ranking gas producer Pennsylvania said they could not provide comprehensive spill data.

The spill total increased each year, along with oil and gas production. In 2009, there were 2,470 reported spills in the 11 states; by 2014, the total was 4,643. The amount of wastewater spilled doubled from 21.1 million gallons in 2009 to 43 million in 2013 before dipping to 37.6 million last year.

The extent of land or water contamination is unknown; state and federal regulators make no such assessments. Texas, the nation's biggest oil and gas producer, had the most incidents, 4,783, and the highest volume spilled, 62 million gallons.

Industry groups and regulators said much of the waste is recovered during cleanup operations or contained by berms near wells. Still, they acknowledged a certain amount soaks into the ground and can flow into waterways.

"You're going to have spills in an industrial society," said Katie Brown, spokeswoman for Energy In Depth, a research and education arm of the Independent Petroleum

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Questions and answers about damaging oilfield wastewater

As U.S. oil and gas production increased this past decade, so, too, did spills of salty oilfield wastewater that can foul the land, kill wildlife and threaten freshwater supplies. An Associated Press analysis of 11 states found more than 180 million gallons of wastewater spilled from 2009 to 2014. Questions and answers about this damaging byproduct of energy production:

What is it?

Oilfield wastewater is the fluid that comes to the surface when oil and gas are pumped out of the earth. Some is salty residue from ancient seas in underground rock formations. The rest is fresh water that was mixed with chemicals and sand and injected underground to crack open subterranean rock, the drilling process known as "fracking." The industry usually calls the liquid waste "produced water," but other common terms include brine, saltwater and flowback.

How much is there?

In a typical year, about 10 times as much wastewater is produced as crude oil itself, according to one study by a group of state groundwater agencies. In 2012, for example, roughly 840 billion gallons of wastewater were produced from onshore wells. Offshore wells generated another 26 billion gallons.

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Council to vote on millions for tourism

From staff reports

The Midland City Council will decide the fate of more than $3.6 million in contracts on organizations that promote the hotel industry and others that promote growth and development.

Check-distribution day at today's City Council meeting — set for 10 a.m. at City Hall — includes more than $3 million for groups that support tourism and the hotel industry in Midland. The funding will be approved with the adoption of the 2015-16 operating budget.

More than $2.5 million of that $3 million-plus is set to go to the Midland Chamber of Commerce. The council will first authorize more than $1.7 million for the chamber — broken down as $1.248 million for the Convention and Visitors Bureau, $250,000 for the Sports and Entertainment Association of Midland (SEAM), $145,000 for the Visitors Center and $75,000 for the Star-Spangled Salute.

The council is also set to authorize $824,000 for the management of Midland Center and Centennial Plaza. What might come up for discussion here are the questions and comments about the need for so much funding if the council decides to tear down Midland Center and build a new facility in the upcoming fiscal year. City officials had hoped to save money by tearing down and building a new facility at the same time as Hotel Santa Rita. Officials with the hotel project last week said

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Showdown oil show focuses on efficiency

By Corey Paul
Odessa American

Organizers of an upcoming oil show said they hope the depressed oil prices will help exhibitors and attendees by turning a focus toward efficiency.

Roseland's West Texas Showdown on Sept. 16 and 17 will be the first oil and gas expo for Tyler-based Roseland Oil and Gas, which began as an industry publication before expanding into trade show promotion.

Planning began last year, as an oil price slide was underway that today leaves benchmark prices below $40 per barrel. As quickly as the start of 2015, Roseland organizers started refining their pitch.

"We felt like operators and producers would begin to focus more on efficiency, and that actually did occur, and so our message to customers is: This is your opportunity to really get their attention," said Denny Pilcher, Roseland's general manager. "When prices are good, people aren't always looking to improve as they are when prices are more stressed."

The promoter is targeting 250 exhibitors and 3,500 attendees for the show, which is scheduled for the Horseshoe complex, Pilchner said. Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick is scheduled as the keynote speaker for 2 p.m. Sept. 17.

To help encourage that turnout, Pilcher said the company cut some deals.

Industry people who want to attend, for example, can get around the $50 admission fee by asking an exhibitor for one of the free passes that Roseland distributed to exhibitors.

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Military selects rarely used charge for Bergdahl case

By Jonathan Drew
Associated Press

AP file photo

Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the soldier held prisoner for years by the Taliban after leaving his post in Afghanistan is shown here. Observers wondered for months if Bergdahl would be charged with desertion. But military prosecutors have reached into a seldom used section of military law to charge Bergdahl with misbehavior before the enemy.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Military prosecutors have reached into a section of military law seldom used since World War II in the politically fraught case against Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, the soldier held prisoner for years by the Taliban after leaving his post in Afghanistan.

Observers wondered for months if Bergdahl would be charged with desertion after the deal brokered by the U.S. to bring him home. He was — but he was also charged with misbehavior before the enemy, a much rarer offense that carries a stiffer potential penalty in this case.

"I've never seen it charged," Walter Huffman, a retired major general who served as the Army's top lawyer, said of the misbehavior charge. "It's not something you find in common everyday practice in the military."

Bergdahl could face a life sentence if convicted of the charge, which accuses him of endangering fellow soldiers when he "left without authority; and wrongfully caused search and recovery operations."

Huffman and others say the misbehavior charge allows authorities to allege that Bergdahl not only left his unit with one less soldier, but that his deliberate action put soldiers who searched for him in harm's way. The Pentagon has said there is no evidence anyone died searching for Bergdahl.

"You're able to say that what he did had a particular impact or put particular people at risk. It is less generic than just quitting," said Lawrence Morris, a retired Army colonel who served as the branch's top prosecutor and top public defender.

The Obama administration has been criticized both for agreeing to release five Taliban operatives from the Guantanamo Bay prison and for heralding Bergdahl's return to the U.S. with an announcement in the White House Rose Garden. The administration stood by the way it secured his release even after the charges were announced.

The military has scheduled an initial court appearance known as an Article 32 hearing for Bergdahl on Sept. 17 at Fort Sam Houston. The proceeding is similar to a civilian grand jury, and afterward the case could be referred to a court-martial and go to trial.

Misbehavior before the enemy was used hundreds of times during World War II, but scholars say its use appears to have dwindled in conflicts since then. Misbehavior before the enemy cases were tried at least 494 times for soldiers in Europe between 1942 and 1945, according to a Military Law Review article.

Legal databases and media accounts turn up only a few misbehavior cases since 2001 when fighting began in Afghanistan, followed by Iraq less than two years later. By contrast, statistics show the U.S. Army prosecuted about 1,900 desertion cases between 2001 and the end of 2014.

The misbehavior charge is included in Article 99 of the military justice code, which is best known for its use to prosecute cases of cowardice. However, Article 99 encompasses nine different offenses including several not necessarily motivated by cowardice, such as causing a false alarm or endangering one's unit — the charge Bergdahl faces.

The complexity of Article 99 may be one reason it's not frequently used, said Morris, who published a book on the military justice system.

"It is of course more complicated than the desertion charge, not as well understood, a higher burden on the government to prove," he said.

Huffman, now a law professor at Texas Tech University, said another reason may be that different parts of military law already deal with similar misconduct, including disobeying orders and avoiding duty.

Recent prosecutions under the misbehavior charge include a Marine lance corporal who pleaded guilty after refusing to provide security for a convoy leaving base in Iraq in 2004. A soldier in Iraq was charged with cowardice in 2003 under Article 99 after he saw a mangled body and sought counseling, but the charges were later dropped.

The specification that Bergdahl faces appears in the 1971 case of an Army captain accused of endangering a base in Vietnam by disobeying an order to establish an ambush position. The captain was found guilty of other charges including dereliction of duty.

Another case cited in a 1955 military law journal says an Army corporal was convicted under Article 99 of endangering his unit in Korea by getting drunk on duty. The article says he "became so drunk that it took the tank company commander thirty minutes to arouse him."

For Bergdahl, the Article 99 offense allows the prosecutors to seek a stiffer penalty than the desertion charge, which in this case carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

Bergdahl's attorney, Eugene Fidell, has argued his client is being charged twice for the same action, saying in a previous television interview that "it's unfortunate that someone got creative in drafting the charge sheet and figured out two ways to charge the same thing."

The scholars say that's a valid issue for Fidell to bring up in court, but it may not sway military authorities.

"The question is: Is it a piling on?" said Jeffrey K. Walker, a St. John's University law professor, retired Air Force officer and former military lawyer. "It does almost look like you're trying to get two bites at the same apple."

Obituaries

Lois Williams

Lois Williams 92, passed away in Midland, Texas on September 4, 2015. Lois was born to James and Lottie Roberts on September 19, 1922 in Rush Springs Oklahoma.

Services will be held Wednesday, September 9, 2015 in Hobbs at 10am at Chapel Of Hope Funeral Home with burial following at Prairie Haven Memorial Park. Arrangements under the direction of Chapel Of Hope.

WWII hero Ben Kuroki dies

Associated Press

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Ben Kuroki, who overcame the American military's discriminatory policies to become the only Japanese American to fly over Japan during World War II, has died. He was 98.

Kuroki died Tuesday at his Camarillo, California, home, where he was under hospice care, his daughter Julie Kuroki told the Los Angeles Times on Saturday.

The son of Japanese immigrants who was raised on a Hershey, Nebraska, farm, Kuroki and his brother, Fred, volunteered for service after the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor.

They were initially rejected by recruiters who questioned the loyalty of the children of Japanese immigrants. Undeterred, the brothers drove 150 miles to another recruiter, who allowed them to sign up.

At the time, the Army Air Forces banned soldiers of Japanese ancestry from flying, but Kuroki earned his way onto a bomber crew and flew 58 bomber missions over Europe, North Africa and Japan during the war. He took part in the August 1943 raid over Nazi oil fields in Ploesti, Romania, that killed 310 fliers in his group. He was captured after his plane ran out of fuel over Morocco, but he managed to escape with crewmates to England.

Because of his Japanese ancestry, he was initially rejected when he asked to serve on a B-29 bomber that was to be used in the Pacific. But after repeated requests and a review of his stellar service record, Secretary of War Harry Stimson granted an exception.

Crew members nicknamed him "Most Honorable Son," and the War Department gave him a Distinguished Flying Cross. He was saluted by Time magazine in 1944 under the headline "HEROES: Ben Kuroki, American."

He was hailed a hero and a patriot at a time when tens of thousands of Japanese Americans were confined at internment camps amid fears of a Japanese invasion of the West Coast.

After the war, Kuroki enrolled at the University of Nebraska, where he obtained a journalism degree. He published a weekly newspaper in Nebraska for a short time before moving to Michigan and finally to California, where he retired as the news editor of Ventura Star-Free Press in 1984.

In 2005, he received the U.S. Army Distinguished Service Medal, one of the nation's highest military honors.

"I had to fight like hell for the right to fight for my own country," Kuroki said at the award ceremony in Lincoln, Nebraska. "And I now feel vindication."

Martin Milner, 'Adam-12' and 'Route 66' star, dies at 83

By Dennis McLellan,
Los Angeles Times

Martin Milner, who drove a Corvette across America for four years as the co-star of TV's "Route 66" and later traded in the iconic convertible for a police patrol car as a star of "Adam-12," died Sunday at his home in Carlsbad, Calif.. He was 83.

His death after a long illness was confirmed by his son, Stuart.

The red-haired, freckle-faced Milner had more than a dozen years of work in films and television behind him in 1960 when he began plying the highways and byways of America on "Route 66," portraying Yale dropout Tod Stiles opposite George Maharis' streetwise New Yorker Buz Murdock.

The hourlong dramatic series on CBS, in which the two young men became involved in the problems of the people they met as they crisscrossed the country and worked a variety of jobs, was shot on location.

"We didn't pretend to be on 66 either," Milner told the Chicago Tribune in 1992. "We always said where we were. If we were in Vermont or in Texas, the audience knew it."

"We'd start late in the summer in the north, say in Cleveland, or in New England," recalled Milner. "Then we'd go south as the winter came, so we'd be warmer."

The series was called "Route 66," Milner said, because that highway had become symbolic of American wandering and of the "search for a new life."

A director on the series once described Milner as having a "sunny personality," as opposed to Maharis' "glowering sex appeal."

Sex appeal clearly gave the dark-haired Maharis the edge over Milner in terms of youthful fan appeal: On a good month, according to a 1963 TV Guide story, Maharis' fan mail reached 5,000 letters, compared to Milner's average of about 1,800.

Sterling Silliphant, the series' co-creator who wrote the majority of the scripts, told the magazine that "the teenagers are crazy about (Maharis), but he bores their parents stiff. He's too primitive. The adults like Marty because he's a gentleman. They only tolerate George because Marty seems to like him."

Milner, whose wife and children often traveled with him on location, reportedly had an evolving off-camera relationship with his Corvette sidekick.

"Maharis and I got along fine — until I found out he didn't like me," Milner told TV Guide after Maharis exited the series after a bout with infectious hepatitis and an ensuing battle with the show's producers, whom he complained overworked him so much after he returned to the show that he had a relapse.

Glenn Corbett took over as Milner's new traveling companion — as returning Vietnam War veteran Linc Case — in 1963 and remained with the show until it ended in 1964.

Over the next few years, Milner did TV series guest shots, appeared in a few movies, including "Ski Fever" and "Valley of the Dolls," and appeared on Broadway with Dyan Cannon in "The Ninety Day Mistress," which had a brief run in 1967.

Kentucky clerk appeals her jailing over gay marriage

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Attorneys for the Kentucky clerk who was jailed last week because of her refusal to issue marriage licenses to gay couples said Monday they have filed an emergency motion with a federal court that they hope will result in Kim Davis' freedom.

The filing seeks to have Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear accommodate Davis' "religious conviction," and not compel her to grant licenses to gay couples, Liberty Counsel said in a statement.

"The motion requests an injunction pending appeal for an exemption from the Governor's mandate that all county clerks issue marriage licenses," said the statement by Liberty Counsel, which is representing Davis.

The same injunction request was denied last month by U.S. District Judge David Bunning, who jailed Davis on Thursday.

Charla Bansley, communications director for Liberty Counsel, said Davis could be released from jail immediately if the motion were granted by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit ordering Beshear to issue Davis an "accommodation" — allowing her to remove her name and title from official marriage certificates issued in Rowan County.

By doing that, Davis would not be sanctioning any same-sex unions and her conscience would be satisfied, they say.

On Monday, about 30 protesters lined the sidewalk outside Bunning's home in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, carrying signs that read "Free Kim Davis." Fort Thomas Police Lt. Casey Kilgore said the group gathered around 2 p.m., and the protest stretched on several hours. He said the group sang and waved their signs; they broke no laws and no one was arrested. He did not know if Bunning was home.

Davis, an apostolic Christian, said gay marriage is a sin. She also said it would be a sin for her to issue a marriage license to a same-sex couple because the licenses are issued under her authority. She tried in vain to have state lawmakers change the law as a legal challenge to Kentucky's same-sex marriage ban wound its way through the federal appeals court.

Davis stopped issuing all marriage licenses in June the day after the U.S. Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage nationwide. Two gay couples and two straight couples sued her. Judge Bunning ordered Davis to issue the licenses and the Supreme Court upheld his ruling.

But Davis still refused to do it, saying she could not betray her conscience or her God.

Thursday, Bunning ruled Davis was in contempt of court for disobeying his order and sent her to jail. Her deputy clerks then issued marriage licenses to gay couples Friday with Davis behind bars.

Bunning indicated Davis will be in jail at least a week. She could stay longer if she continues to not obey the judge's order. Bunning had offered to release Davis from jail if she promised not to interfere with her deputy clerks as they issued the licenses. But Davis refused.

Kentucky law requires marriage licenses be issued under the authority of the elected county clerk. Davis views issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples as a stamp of approval of something she believes is a sin. She has said she will not issue marriage licenses until the state legislature changes the law so the licenses can be issued under someone else's authority.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MARBLE FALLS

San Antonio-area police investigate 2 players who hit ref

A San Antonio-area police department is investigating two football players who rammed into a referee during a high school game.

Marble Falls, Texas, police said in a statement Monday there have been no arrests.

The Northside Independent School District is conducting its own investigation into the incident Friday and has suspended the two players from the school and the team.

Video showed the referee watching the play, and his head snapping back when he is leveled from behind. The other player then dove on top of him. The team from John Jay High School in San Antonio was playing Marble Falls High School in Marble Falls, located about 90 miles north of San Antonio.

The names of the players and the referee have not been released.

TEMPLE

Police investigating vandalism at cemetery

Police in the Central Texas town of Temple are investigating after grave markers and headstones were damaged at a cemetery.

Police said Monday that the damage was done sometime between Saturday evening and Sunday at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Brenda Coley, Hillcrest Cemetery Association president, tells the Temple Daily Telegram that so far she'd counted more than 35 damaged graves.

Headstones were pushed over, vases and statues broken and artificial flowers and flags strewn on the grounds.

Coley notes that some areas weren't bothered at all. She noted there are more than 18,000 people buried there. She says, "It's a blessing they didn't do more damage."

The cemetery's website says that many graves there date before 1881, when the city began.

VICTORIA

Body of 52-year-old man found in Southeast Texas lake

Officials say a man whose body was recovered from a Southeast Texas lake is believed to have died in a boating accident.

John Miller, Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4, said the body of the 52-year-old man from Victoria was recovered from Saxet Lake near Victoria on Saturday afternoon. He says officials had gotten a call Friday afternoon about a boat that had been abandoned.

Game Warden Travis Haug said the man's death is under investigation. An autopsy has been ordered.

LUBBOCK

Police say kids OK after suspect steals car

Lubbock police say a suspect stole a car with two children inside but then dropped the children off unharmed.

Police tell the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that a man had left his children — ages 6 and 3 — in a running vehicle in the driveway of his home Saturday when someone took the car.

The suspect then dropped the children off about a mile away and fled the scene in the stolen car.

Police say the children were physically unharmed and returned to their parents.

Officers later located the car abandoned in an alley.

SAN ANTONIO

Man fatally shot in drive-by shooting

San Antonio police are searching for a suspect or suspects after a 66-year-old man was killed in a drive-by shooting.

Police tell the San Antonio Express-News that Allen Smith was inside his car Saturday night when he was shot several times in the chest.

He was taken to a hospital, where he later died.

The Bexar County medical examiner said Smith died from gunshot wounds to the trunk and neck. The death was ruled a homicide.

LEANDER

Former spouses dead after Central Texas shooting

Two former spouses have been shot to death in what police say was a domestic disturbance in Central Texas.

Police in Leander, located just north of Austin, say that the Saturday evening shooting remains under investigation but they are not searching for a suspect.

Police say 47-year-old Nury Velez-Derivera and her ex-husband, 48-year-old Mauna Jaimes Alcantara, died in the shooting at Velez-Derivera's home.

Leander police Lt. Derral Partin tells the Austin American-Statesman that Velez-Derivera died at the scene and Alcantara died on the way to the hospital.

PORT ARTHUR

Man who died in refinery accident identified

Authorities have identified the man who died at a Southeast Texas refinery after the bulldozer he was operating fell into a pit filled with 200-degree byproduct wastewater.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office said Sunday that 66-year-old Thomas Courts of the North Texas town of Denton died Saturday at the Total facility in Port Arthur. Officials said Courts was a contract worker with Kinder Morgan.

Marc DeRouen, Jefferson County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2, said a co-worker used his machine to pull out the bulldozer, but Courts was already dead. DeRouen has ordered an autopsy to determine cause of death.

Carroll said the victim likely was pushing petroleum coke, a byproduct of crude refining which is like fine graphite, into the pit. The bulldozer somehow overtopped the levee.

DALLAS

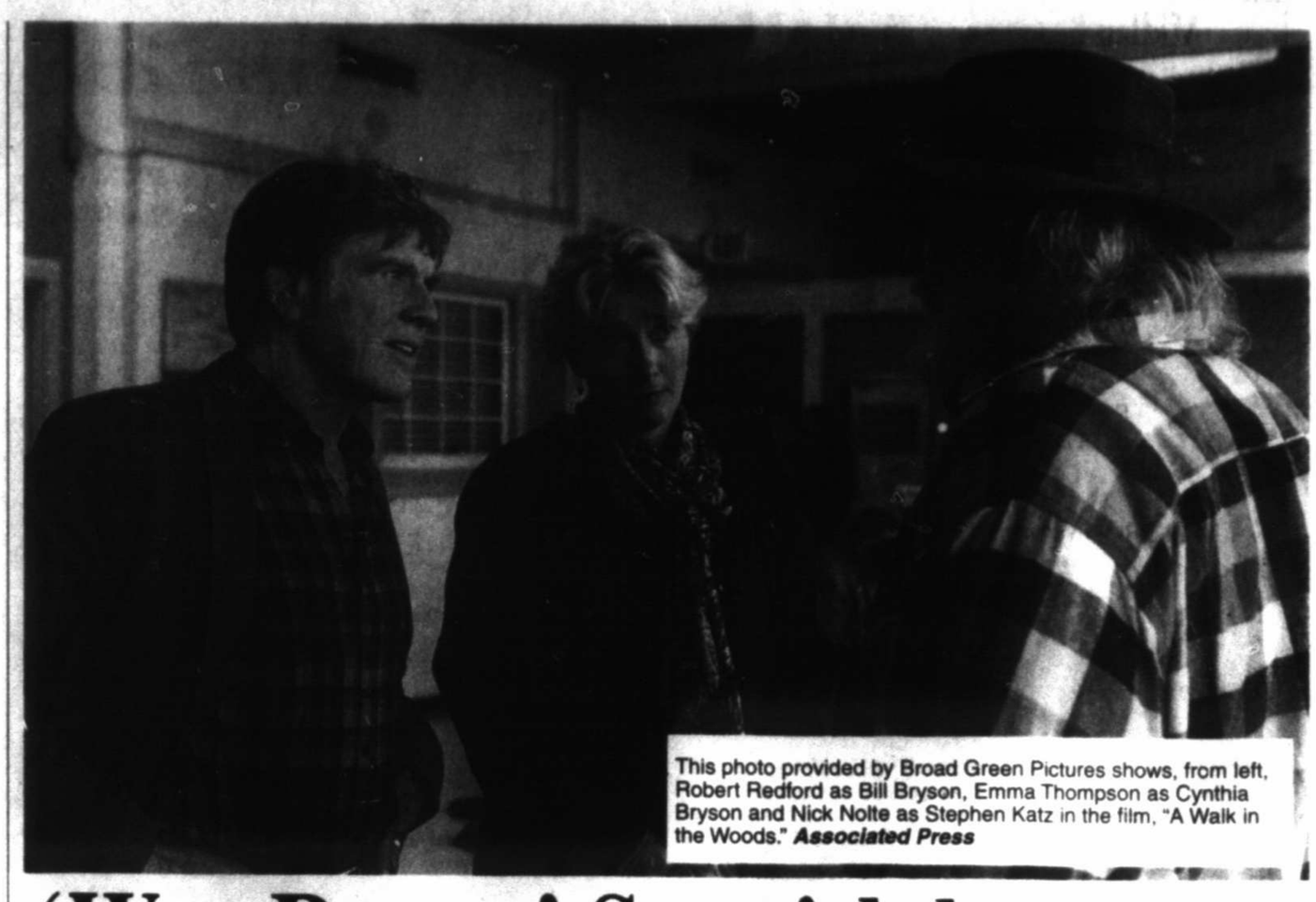
Man, 19, charged in crash that killed 4 women

Dallas police say a 19-year-old man has been charged with four counts of accident involving death after four women were killed when his pickup slammed into the side of their car.

Senior Cpl. Monica Cordova said Monday that Jose Lule has been charged in the Saturday crash. It was unclear whether he had an attorney.

Police said Lule was arrested near the accident scene after trying to flee. Three others in his truck also ran but were caught.

Cordova said Lule and his three passengers will each be charged with failure to stop and render aid.



This photo provided by Broad Green Pictures shows, from left, Robert Redford as Bill Bryson, Emma Thompson as Cynthia Bryson and Nick Nolte as Stephen Katz in the film, "A Walk in the Woods." *Associated Press*

'War Room,' Spanish language cartoon stand out at box office

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Summer blockbusters gave way to the small and highly targeted over a sleepy Labor Day weekend at the box office, with notable performances from the faith-based "War Room" and the Spanish language cartoon "Un Gallo con Muchos Huevos."

Sony's "War Room" fought its way to first place in its second weekend in release, earning $12.6 million across the four-day holiday weekend, according to Rentrak estimates on Monday. The micro-budget family drama, which cost only $3.5 million to produce, has grossed $27.9 million to date.

Financial success for faith-based films is not exactly a surprise at this point, but "War Room's" impressive hold from its opening weekend is significant.

Paul Dergarabedian, Rentrak's senior media analyst, attributes "War Room's" second weekend success to heightened awareness after it nearly usurped "Straight Outta Compton" last weekend.

Also, word of mouth is strong for "War Room." Dergarabedian said according to exit polling, 75 percent of the audience said they would definitely recommend the movie — a substantial and interesting contrast to the dismal critical reception for the film.

"It's just a great story of a film that really filled a void in the marketplace, with a message that the audience could really get behind," he said.

New release "A Walk in the Woods," debuted in third place, behind previous champ "Straight Outta Compton," with $10.5 million from 1,960 screens. The buddy dramedy based on Bill Bryson's memoir starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte cost a reported $8 million to make and has taken in $12.2 million since its Wednesday opening.

The action pic "The Transporter Refueled," meanwhile, opened in fifth with a lackluster $9 million from over 3,400 screens. Costing only $21 million to produce, this franchise outing subbed in a relatively unknown actor, Ed Skrein, for star Jason Statham, who had helped the previous three films succeed.

Dergarabedian said while both films will likely perform decently in theaters, their VOD earning potential is great.

"Both of those movies will end up being profitable on the small screen down the road," he said.

But, it was Pantelion's Spanish-language animated film "Un Gallo con Muchos Huevos," that truly stood out among the pack, taking in $4.4 million from just 395 locations over the four-day weekend. Although it doesn't come close to the sensational $10.4 million Labor Day weekend debut of Pantelion's 2013 film "Instructions Not Included," it does still illustrate the significant power of an underserved audience.

"Latinos represent 17 percent of the population and buy 24 percent of movie tickets. They go to the movies all the time and they go to movies as families. If we can create a film that resonates with families over a holiday weekend, it tends to do well," said Paul Presburger, CEO of Pantelion.

"Where Hollywood releases big movies that appeal to everyone, we release movies that specifically and culturally appeal to the Latino audience," he added.

They relied on grassroots marketing to get the word out about the film and plan to expand to over 580 locations next weekend.

"It's the highest per-theater average of any film in national release, that film, like 'War Room,' filled a void in the marketplace," said Dergarabedian. "Hollywood is creating a lot of diverse product. It's all about people relating to what's going on on-screen."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Monday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Final domestic figures will be released Tuesday.

1."War Room," $12.6 million.

2."Straight Outta Compton," $11.1 million.

3."A Walk in the Woods," $10.5 million.

4."Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation," $9.3 million.

5."The Transporter Refueled," $9 million.

6."No Escape," $7 million.

7."Inside Out," $4.5 million.

8."The Man From U.N.C.L.E.," $4.4 million.

9."Un Gallo con Muchos Huevos," $4.4 million.

10."Sinister 2," $4.3 million.

Study: Are we shifting to fewer, weaker Atlantic hurricanes?

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new but controversial study asks if an end is coming to the busy Atlantic hurricane seasons of recent decades.

The Atlantic looks like it is entering in to a new quieter cycle of storm activity, like in the 1970s and 1980s, two prominent hurricane researchers wrote Monday in the journal Nature Geoscience.

Scientists at Colorado State University, including the professor who pioneered hurricane seasonal prognostication, say they are seeing a localized cooling and salinity level drop in the North Atlantic near Greenland. Those conditions, they theorize, change local weather and ocean patterns and form an on-again, off-again cycle in hurricane activity that they trace back to the late 1800s.

Warmer saltier produces periods of more and stronger storms followed by cooler less salty water triggering a similar period of fewer and weaker hurricanes, the scientists say. The periods last about 25 years, sometimes more, sometimes less. The busy cycle that just ended was one of the shorter ones, perhaps because it was so strong that it ran out of energy, said study lead author Phil Klotzbach.

Klotzbach said since about 2012 there's been more localized cooling in the key area and less salt, suggesting a new, quieter period. But Klotzbach said it is too soon to be certain that one has begun.

But he said he thinks the answer is yes. He says the busy cycle started around 1995 and probably ended in 2012; in 2005 alone, Katrina, Rita and Wilma killed more than 1,500 people and caused billions of dollars of damage. The quiet cycle before that went from about 1970 to 1994 and before that it was busy from 1926 until 1969, he said.

Klotzbach doesn't take into account where a storm hits, but how strong storms are and how long they last regardless of whether they make landfall. So even though no major hurricane hit the United States in 2010, its overall activity was more than 60 percent higher than normal. And just because it's a quiet season doesn't mean a city can't be devastated, Klotzbach said. Hurricane Andrew hit South Florida in an otherwise quiet 1992 season as a top-of-the-scale storm.

"I think they're pretty much wrong about this," said MIT meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel, who also specializes in hurricane research. "That paper is not backed by a lot of evidence."

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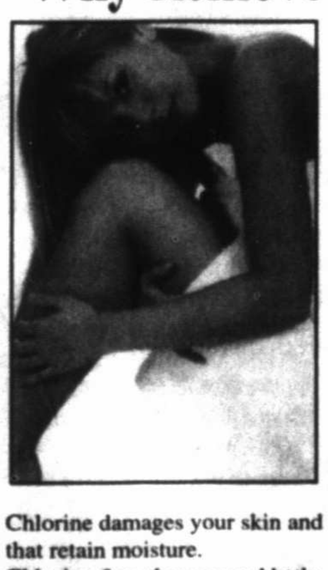

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I-20 closure

Westbound interstate 20 will be detoured at exit 156 near Stanton from 9:30 a.m. to noon today at the request of the Department of Public Safety.

Meetings

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

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club, 11:30 a.m., Midland Memorial Hospital Scharbauer Tower meeting room. Don at 221-4864 or Joanna at 682-4229.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's; 685-7486.

■ ACT IX, 6:30 p.m., Cole Theater; Carolyn Schoolcraft, 685-7416.

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

■ Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7 p.m., Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor;559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com.

■ Midland Quilters Guild meets 7 p.m , Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

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

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; 520-4343.

Military support groups, clubs

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

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

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their memner of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:

■ Show of Support (687-2167)
■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177), Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

What's on the radio

News talk
■ KCRS (AM 550)
6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Verlei
9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local news reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
Web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com

■ KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
6-10 a.m. Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon, Herman Cain
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
Web: http://www.kwel.com

Sport talk
■ KMND (AM 1510)
6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
9 a.m.-noon Dan Le Batard Show
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

Other options
■ Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7), KLVW (FM 90.5)
■ NPR: KOCV (FM 91.3)

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Today in history

On this date:
In 1892, an early version of "The Pledge of Allegiance," written by Francis Bellamy, appeared in "The Youth's Companion."

DRILLING

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Association of America. "But there are programs in place to reduce them."

Wastewater spills have dogged the oil industry from its earliest days more than a century ago, borne witness by barren sites from the Great Plains to the Pacific. A notorious symbol is the "Texon scar," where brine from a well drilled in 1923 near that tiny West Texas town created a desolate 2,000-acre swath dotted with dead mesquite trees. Efforts to restore the land continue to this day, said range conservationist Joe Petersen.

Concentrated brine, much saltier than seawater, exists naturally in rock formations thousands of feet underground, a remnant of prehistoric oceans. When oil and gas are pumped to the surface, the water comes too, along with fluids and chemicals injected to crack open rock — the process known as hydraulic fracturing. Production of methane gas from coal deposits also generates wastewater, but it is less salty and harmful.

The spills usually occur as oil and gas are channeled to metal tanks for separation from the wastewater, and the water is delivered to a disposal site — usually an injection well that pumps it back underground. Pipelines, tank trucks and pits are potential weak points.

Accidents range from the mundane to the freakish; in 2010, a storage tank near Ardmore, Oklahoma, overflowed after a snake slithered into a panel box and blew a fuse. Most spills are caused by equipment malfunction or human error, according to state reports reviewed by the AP.

Though no full accounting of damage exists, the scope is sketched out in a sampling of incidents:

■ In North Dakota, a spill of nearly 1 million gallons in 2006 caused a massive die-off of fish, turtles and plants in the Yellowstone River and a tributary. Cleanup costs approached $2 million. Two larger spills since then scoured vegetation along an almost 2-mile stretch and fouled a creek and a river.

■ Wastewater from unlined pits seeped beneath a 6,000-acre cotton and nut farm near Bakersfield, California, and contaminated groundwater. Oil giant Aera Energy was ordered in 2009 to pay $9 million to grower Fred Starrh, who had to remove 2,000 acres from production.

■ Brine leaks exceeding 40 million gallons over decades on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana polluted a river, private wells and the municipal water system in Poplar. "It was undrinkable," said resident Donna Whitmer. "If you shook it up, it'd look all orange." Under a 2012 settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, oil companies paid $320,000 for new water wells and other improvements. Drinking water tainted with oilfield brine can cause high blood pressure, dehydration and other health risks, EPA spokeswoman Sarah Teschner said.

■ In Fort Stockton, Texas, officials in February accused oil company Buglington Energy of illegally dumping 3 million gallons of wastewater in pastures. Paul Weatherby, general manager of the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District, said he fears contamination of the area's groundwater table. The district levied a $130,000 fine but the company hasn't paid, contending the district overstepped its authority.

■ A pipeline joint failure caused flooding on Don Stoker's ranch near Snyder, Texas, in November 2012 and turned his hackberry shade trees into skeletons. Vacuum trucks sucked up some saltwater and the oil company paid damages, but Stoker said his operation was in turmoil. "I had to stay out there three days and watch them while they were getting the saltwater out, to make sure they didn't totally destroy the whole area."

Government agencies acknowledge having a limited view of the accidents, which often happen in remote places and, unlike oil spills, don't produce dramatic images of birds flailing in black goo and tourist beaches fouled. Regulators rely on private operators to notify them, and it's not always required. For example, Oklahoma exempts reporting of most spills of less than 10 barrels, or 420 gallons.

The loudest whistleblowers are often property owners, who must allow drilling access to their land if they don't own the mineral rights.

"Most ranchers are very attached to the land," said Jeff Henry, president of the Osage County Cattlemen's Association in Oklahoma. "It's where we derive our income, raise our families. It's who we are."

A big reason why there are so many spills is the sheer volume of wastewater extracted: about 10 barrels for every barrel of oil, according to an organization of state ground water agencies, or more than 840 billion gallons a year.

Sometimes, the exact cause is never determined. The Johnsons have yet to learn why an underground line ruptured in at least two places on the state-owned land they lease for ranching. A salty, oily odor wafted heavily on the breeze when Justin Johnson reached the site in October 2010.

"I was just totally and thoroughly disgusted," he said.

New Mexico Salt Water Disposal Co. acknowledged responsibility. No fines were levied because the leak was accidental. Vice President Rory McGinn blamed practices and materials the company no longer uses, saying in an interview that "an enormous amount of money" has gone into upgrades.

The company said much the same in 2005 after earlier spills, telling the state in a letter obtained through a records request it had spent nearly $250,000 on higher-grade pipe, tanks and valves and "our objective and goal is to be 100 percent maintenance and environmentally safe in our operation."

The company has had a dozen spills since 2003, said Larry Behrens of the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources.

Despite such incidents, relatively few farmers and ranchers complain publicly. Some get royalty checks for wells on their property. Others don't want to be seen as opposing an industry that is the economic backbone of their communities.

"If they treat us right, we're all friends of oil," said Mike Artz, a grower in North Dakota's Bottineau County who lost a five-acre barley crop in 2013 after a saltwater pipeline rupture. "But right now, it's just a horse running without the bridle."

Oil and gas developers said they have everything to gain from stopping spills, which cost them money for cleanup and soil restoration.

Sara Hughes, spokeswoman for pipeline operator Kinder Morgan, said her company has lowered water injection pressure and installed additional leak-detection devices on its lines since its spill on Stoker's land.

"We are committed to public safety, protection of the environment and operation of our facilities in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations," Hughes said.

In North Dakota, where the spills increased at a higher rate than the well count during the boom years of 2009-'14, pipelines near waterways must have leak prevention devices but not those elsewhere; critics said that shows the oil industry's political clout. Lynn Helms, director of the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources, said more devices would be costly and wouldn't necessarily catch small leaks.

AP file photo

Justin Johnson looks at a torn lining at a tank and pipeline station adjacent to his ranch near Crossroads, N.M., on April 24. Trucks bring oilfield wastewater to the station, where it is pumped through pipelines to a disposal well. The lining is intended to prevent wastewater from seeping into the ground in the event of a leak, but it is in poor condition.

More questions and answers

How harmful is it?

That depends partly on the geological formation where it originates.

Salinity varies from place to place. In its least potent form, such as wastewater generated by coal-bed methane production in Wyoming, it can be safe enough for livestock watering.

In its most potent form, oilfield wastewater is at least 10 times saltier than ocean water.

The liquid also can contain metals such as barium and iron, oil and grease, and radioactive materials such as radium.

Wastewater spills have killed fish in streams and ponds, and cattle that drank contaminated water. Brine-flooded land won't grow crops or other plants.

Can it be recycled?

More than 90 percent of wastewater from onshore wells is pumped back underground — far below the aquifers that supply drinking water.

Much of it helps stimulate additional oil and gas production. Of the remaining fluids, some are treated and reused for fracking or dumped in evaporation pits.

Small amounts can be discharged into the environment if saline levels are low enough, or spread on dirt roads to limit dust.

How do spills happen?

Spills occur at various points in the production process: Pipelines that carry the wastewater to injection wells can rupture because of corrosion or bad connections.

Storage tanks or surface pits can leak or overflow. And in some cases, workers illegally dump the liquid to avoid the expense of proper disposal.

Why haven't we heard more about the spills?

Wastewater spills tend to happen in remote areas, often on ranch and farm land.

And unlike big oil spills, they don't generate heart-rending photos of otters or pelicans coated with black goo.

But experts say brine can be more damaging to land than oil, creating sterile moonscapes unless properly treated.

Source: Associated Press

SHOWDOWN

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If an attendee cannot find a free pass but wants to visit the expo in search of business deals, Pilchner said Roseland will help. (The show is closed to people outside the oil and gas industry).

The show will also offer free certification training in areas such as working around poisonous H2S gas.

Organizers eliminated fees for helping exhibitors set up equipment and offered exhibitors outdoor space to showcase equipment at no additional cost.

Organizers also extended the hours of the show on Sept. 16 to last until 8 p.m. so that workers unable to leave during the business day can come to scout wares.

"The overall message that we are trying to deliver is we are aware that times are tough, and we are doing things differently than any other company like ours, so that customers cannot only survive but thrive," Pilcher said. "We are not making any more money."

Some of the already-registered attendees represent major companies, such as Apache Corp. and National Oilwell Varco.

But many are smaller businesses, such as Permian Production Equipment, operating out of Midland for about 40 years.

Permian Production Equipment specializes in compressors that help operators manage gas pressure on producing wells, with the goal of boosting production, said Mark Lancaster, the company's vice president of operations.

One of these compressors, trademarked as The Green Machine, feeds off the power source of pumping units.

The company counts big public oil companies as customers, but many are small local businesses, Lancaster said.

And these companies might not be drilling new wells, but they could own old and low-producing wells.

If those so-called "stripper wells" could produce a few more barrels per day, the windfall could be significant for a small company, so the thinking goes.

Usually, Lancaster said Permian Production Equipment markets at a few oil shows per year. At the Roseland show, they expect a good return.

"I would think during low oil prices, attendance would be higher than it would be normally," Lancaster said.

"For the last couple years, when prices were high, people weren't able to get off work to go to an oil show.

Now, they are trying to keep their jobs, and one of the ways they do that is finding new ways to increase efficiency. They are looking for a better mousetrap, and that's something we offer.

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COUNCIL

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construction could start as early as Feb. 2.

Other possible commitments related to the promotion of tourism include $50,000 for the High Sky Wing of the Commemorative Air Force, $20,000 for the Midland County Fair (a county event), $85,532 for the Midland County Public Library Foundation, $113,750 for Midland Softball Association and $45,040 for Midland United Girls Softball.

According to an early version of the city budget, hotel/motel tax revenues for fiscal year 2015-16 are estimated to decrease by approximately 4.77 percent compared to FY 2014-15. Revenues are budgeted at $6.45 million. Expenditures increased by 39.73 percent.

The Midland City Council is also set to execute more than $599,500 in contracts with groups that promote growth and development.

They include $98,000 for Midland Sports Inc. (the Midland RockHounds) for professional marketing, promotion and management services at the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

The city is also set to give $100,000 to Midland College, $75,000 to the Permian Basin Community Centers for mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services; $150,000 to the Arts Council of Midland for promotion, improvement and education of the arts in the city, $27,000 to COM Aquatics for promotion and solicitation of aquatic activities and $100,000 to Keep Midland Beautiful for litter reduction, education and beautification programs.

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Holiday guests are coming—is your bath an embarrassment?

It's great to host family and friends during the holidays. Lots of laughs, lots of smiles, tons of Facebook photos. But whether guests stay a few hours or a few days, someone's likely to step into your bath. If there's a smile there, will it be because your bath is beautifully updated or because it's humorously rusty, stained and out of style?

Don't worry, with Re-Bath of West Texas, if you act soon, there's still time to turn your bath nightmare into a quiet place of refreshment—if you don't wait too long.

If you're thinking, "I don't want to start a long bath remodel right before the holidays," you're right, you don't. Bur with Re-Bath, it won't be that long.

With Re-Bath the system is simple. You can go by their showroom at 6121 State Highway 191 on the east side of Odessa, or call them at 432-848-4300 and arrange for owner George Wiebe or one of his staff to come to your home. Talk about how you'd like your bath to look and feel—color, patterns, if you want to replace the tub with a spacious shower, if you want to move fixtures to create a more open feel—all that's very possible with Re-Bath.

Once you've selected just what you want to create your dream bath, the Re-Bath folks will measure you existing bath and send all that to Re-Bath headquarters. There, craftsmen will make most of the parts you'll need, and ship them to George and company.

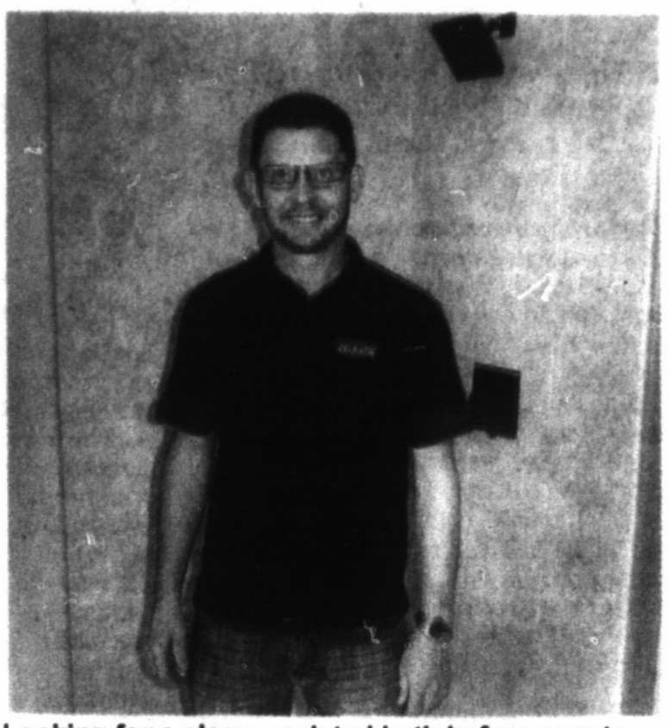
That way, much of the work is already done. Even though you'll have the look and feel of tile, if you want, there's no time-consuming tile installation. All Re-Bath walls are single sheets of easily cleaned material that won't chip or peel or need regrouting—ever! Most remodels are done in just a few days, with minimal interruption of your busy schedule.

Once it's all done, your only question will be, "Why did I wait so long to do this?" You can take a relaxing shower, soaking up not only the warm water but also the serenity of the ambiance around you. You won't be kicking yourself for delaying regrouting, cleaning of mold or replacing cracked tiles because there won't be any.

Okay, you may want to invite only your best friends and closest family—because overnight guests may want to stay an extra day or so if it's the guest bath that you've done. And they'll want to know who did the work.

All this happens in a timely manner if you call and schedule your Re-Bath remodel soon. So call George and company at Re-Bath of West Texas today!

Re-Bath of West Texas is owned and operated by George and Mary Wiebe. Call them at 432-848-4300 or go by their showroom at 6121 SH 191on the Midland side of Odessa. Their website is www.rebathofwest-texas.com.



Looking for a clean, updated bath before guests arrive for the holidays? It can happen if you call Re-Bath of West Texas very soon. The phone number is 432-848-4300.

Fashion Cleaners cares for your draperies

When was the last time you had your draperies cleaned? If you can't remember if they've ever been cleaned, here's a simple test you can perform to see if they need cleaning now.

Make sure there's plenty of light in the room—sunlight if possible—and gently shake or fluff the draperies. If you see a cloud of dust, it would be a good idea to take your draperies down and drop them off at Fashion Cleaners.

"Draperies need to be cleaned at least once a year," recommends Fashion's Philip McCain. It's also wise to vacuum them regularly between cleanings.

Rotating them from one window to another varies the exposure to light, which can keep one set from fading much sooner than another. The color issue also makes it a good idea to have all your draperies dry cleaned at the same time, along with any matching bedspreads or furniture covers.

Dry cleaning is not harmful to fabrics, notes Philip—explaining rather that atmospheric soils and fumes are what weaken fabrics and may cause permanent stains. Frequent cleaning actually helps prolong the life of your draperies.

Areas on your draperies that have gotten wet (as from condensation on the window during the winter) will often show up as rings after being drycleaned. These are called watermarks— and they are very hard to remove.

Sizing and finishes in drapery fabrics tend to turn yellow with age from the combined effects of moisture, light, heat, smoke fumes and other atmospheric soils. The outside folds receive greater exposure, which can show up as yellow streaks.

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By Paul Wiseman

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History indicates Kim Davis is no Rosa Parks

■ There will be times for religious people to contend for their rights; this isn't one of them

MICHAEL GERSON
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Rosa Parks is an American hero, but her case was not an accident. Other African-Americans had shown similar defiance (ask Claudette Colvin, who refused to give up her seat nine months before Parks). Civil rights leaders had spent years looking for a favorable case to challenge the segregation of Montgomery buses. Parks' trip on bus 2857 was not premeditated, but it was opportune. She was already an activist — known, respected and impressive. Elevating her case was one of the best and most strategic things that the civil rights movement ever did.

Kim Davis — the Kentucky clerk who was jailed for refusing to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples — has been compared by some conservatives to Parks. Presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, with typical understatement, has described her case as "the criminalization of Christianity in this country." He compares Davis to Lincoln because "he disregarded [the] Dred Scott 1857 decision that said black people weren't fully human."

Bluntly put: Whatever their intentions, these people are doing great harm to the cause of religious liberty and to the reputation of their faith. Davis' defiance is the wrong test case for the protection of religious freedom.

The Supreme Court's far-reaching Obergefell decision legalizing gay marriage will have radiating consequences for people who hold traditional moral views on marriage and family. Some challenges will concern religious institutions — colleges, social service providers, aid organizations — that interact in various ways with government. Other controversies will concern the ability of closely held businesses to refrain from providing services.

But there is no serious case to be made for the right of public officials to break laws they don't agree with, even for religious reasons. This is, in essence, seizing power from our system of laws and courts. The proper manner to change the law, in this instance, is to work for the election of a president who will appoint Supreme Court justices with a different view, and for the election of senators who will confirm such justices. Or to propose and pass a constitutional amendment. Davis may be impatient with this system, but it is the one we have. Personally assuming the role in Rowan County, Kentucky, of a Supreme Court majority is not an option. The available alternatives are to implement the law (as public servants across red America have overwhelmingly done), or to resign in protest (as some have done as well).

Huckabee will need to look elsewhere than Lincoln for inspiration on this issue. This is from Lincoln's speech on the Dred Scott decision in 1857: "We believe, as much as Judge Douglas, (perhaps more) in obedience to, and respect for the judicial department of government. We think its decisions on constitutional questions, when fully settled, should control, not only the particular cases decided, but the general policy of the country, subject to be disturbed only by amendments of the Constitution as provided in that instrument itself. More than this would be revolution. But we think the Dred Scott decision is erroneous. We know the court that made it, has often overruled its own decisions, and we shall do what we can to have it to overrule this."

Lincoln may be overstating his case. As a conservative, I believe that facts and circumstances matter, and often complicate simple rules. A sheriff or magistrate in New Hampshire in the late 1850s would have been justified in choosing to look the other way rather than enforce the Fugitive Slave Act. Some Northern juries flatly refused to implement that law.

But those were choices made at the foggy extremes of political theory. Whatever your view of Justice Anthony Kennedy's ruling on marriage, granting a wedding license is not in the same category as participating in a legal system that supported chattel slavery. It is, rather, participation in a legal system supporting liberal notions of individual rights. Davis believes that one of those rights is misapplied and misused. That is not the moral or legal equivalent of turning over Dred Scott to the slave catchers.

The Davis case is important, but mainly as a warning. Over the next few years, some religious institutions will be subject to legal challenges that are encouraged by Obergefell. This will not amount to religious persecution, but it will raise serious questions about the nature of religious pluralism. Some religious people will properly contend for their rights and interests.

But it is worth remembering: Legal arguments are not won by elevating bad cases. And public arguments are not won with unhinged historical hyperbole.

GUEST VIEW

At what point will the nation's leaders take on the debt issue?

Orange County Register

As former Illinois Republican Sen. Everett Dirksen is credited with saying, "A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking real money." Roughly 50 years later, the federal government's spending binge has added some zeroes to its debts, and we now talk about liabilities in the trillions of dollars. The U.S. Congressional Budget Office's latest budget and economic outlook does not inspire much confidence that the government will ever get a handle on its debts.

The CBO projects a budget deficit of $426 billion this fiscal year — $60 billion less than it estimated in March. The CBO's budget outlook predicts annual budget deficits to remain a little under half a trillion dollars through 2018, then grow to $1 trillion by 2025.

In all, the CBO projects that the nation will add $7 trillion to the national debt over the next decade.

The national debt officially stands at about $18.3 trillion, yet this ignores many unfunded liabilities, and critics such as Boston University economist Laurence Kotlikoff contend that a full accounting of the nation's liabilities and expected tax and other receipts reveal a gap of more than $200 trillion.

Debt held by the public will constitute about 74 percent of U.S. gross domestic product by the end of the year, which the CBO notes is "slightly less than the ratio last year but higher than in any other year since 1950." This share is expected to grow to 77 percent of GDP by 2025.

"The growth in debt is not sustainable," CBO Director Keith Hall explained. "At some point, it's going to get to a very high level. Obviously, you can't predict tipping points, but at some point this becomes a problem."

Though self-serving politicians, ever eager to spend the public's money, like to act as if debt does not matter, it has real consequences. Just ask Greece. Debt service payments, which will increase markedly if and when the Federal Reserve eventually bumps up interest rates, crowd out the private savings and investment that drive economic growth.

Like the Greeks, the U.S. government has racked up massive debts it will never be able to repay. A Greece-like blowup is not likely just around the corner, but it would be foolish to think that such an event could never happen here if we continue down this path.

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Who's lawless — Davis or Cruz?

■ The Kentucky county clerk is in jail, and GOP candidates are encouraging people to ignore its laws

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What Kim Davis did was troubling. What Ted Cruz did was downright alarming.

Davis, a county clerk in Kentucky, refused to issue marriage certificates to gay couples. She said she was operating "under God's authority," but she now sits in jail for ignoring federal authority.

Davis, at least, is facing the consequences of her actions. Not so Cruz, senator from Texas and Republican presidential candidate.

"Today, judicial lawlessness crossed into judicial tyranny," he said. "Today, for the first time ever, the government arrested a Christian woman for living according to her faith. ... I stand with Kim Davis. Unequivocally."

Tyranny? Our system of government gives the Supreme Court final say over constitutional matters, and, though Cruz doesn't like it, the court ordered states to recognize same-sex marriages. In fact, the high court specifically declined to give relief to Davis, and the federal judge who ordered her jailed for contempt of court is a George W. Bush appointee and son of a former Republican senator.

Now Cruz, who took an oath of office to "support and defend the Constitution," wants people to defy the Supreme Court's authority? Who is the lawless one?

Cruz isn't the only Republican candidate seeking the nation's highest office while encouraging people to ignore its laws. Mike Huckabee, the former Arkansas governor, declared: "I thank God for Kim Davis, and I hope more Americans will stand with her."

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, too, supported Davis, and Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky called her jailing "absurd" and said stands such as Davis' are "an important part of the American way." Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker said that "you have the freedom to practice religious beliefs out there. It's a fundamental right."

True. And there's a proud American tradition of defying unjust laws with civil disobedience. But nobody is denying Davis freedom to believe what she wishes; she's merely being ordered to do what she swore to do: "faithfully execute the duties of my office without favor." Refusing to do so doesn't make her Martin Luther King Jr. It makes her George Wallace.

"When they put their personal beliefs above their responsibilities as public servants, that's not civil disobedience, it's abuse of power," says Michael Keegan of the liberal group People for the American Way, which tracks such actions by public officials. "Elected officials who feel like they can't in good conscience fulfill their duties have an honorable way to proceed: They can find another line of work."

Defenders of Davis, a Democrat, cite President Obama's "lawlessness" — but even his expansive view of presidential power doesn't include ignoring court orders. They cite San Francisco's "lawless" sanctuary-city statute — but the ordinance has survived 26 years without being invalidated.

Jeb Bush, to his credit, said Davis "is sworn to uphold the law." But a large number of Republican officeholders are encouraging people to ignore a variety of laws.

When Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy last year undertook an armed standoff against the federal government, Paul, Ben Carson (also now a GOP presidential candidate), Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., and others took Bundy's side.

Huckabee and Rick Santorum, another GOP presidential candidate, signed a pledge not to "respect an unjust law that directly conflicts with higher law." Huckabee is on record saying that "the Supreme Court is not the Supreme Being, and they cannot overturn the laws of nature or of nature's God." Huckabee floated the notion of using federal troops to block people from getting abortions. He also said: "I will not acquiesce to an imperial court any more than our Founders acquiesced to an imperial British monarch."

Paul recently sounded a call to arms against the city of Houston over a rescinded attempt to subpoena local pastors. "That's at the point at which civil resistance is in order," he said. Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, for his part, said last year that his state wouldn't comply with a federal prison-rape law.

Davis got support for her law-breaking from Matt Bevin, the Republican candidate for governor of Kentucky, and from her husband Joe, one of three men to whom she has been married. Ominously, he said he's not afraid of harassment by gay-marriage supporters, and he invoked his gun-toting rights under the Second Amendment. "I'm an old redneck hillbilly, that's all I've got to say," he said. "Don't come knocking on my door."

It's fitting that, as Kim Davis undermines the rule of law, Joe Davis threatens violence. When you lose the former, all you're left with is the latter.

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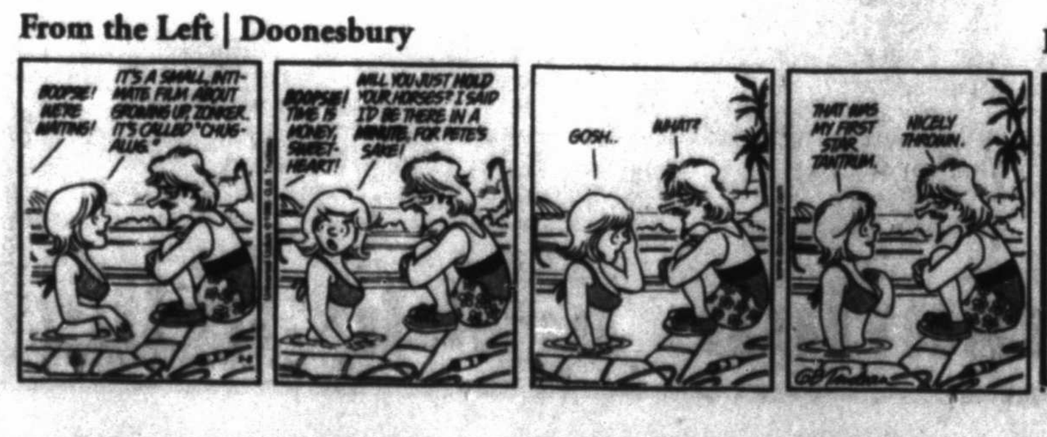

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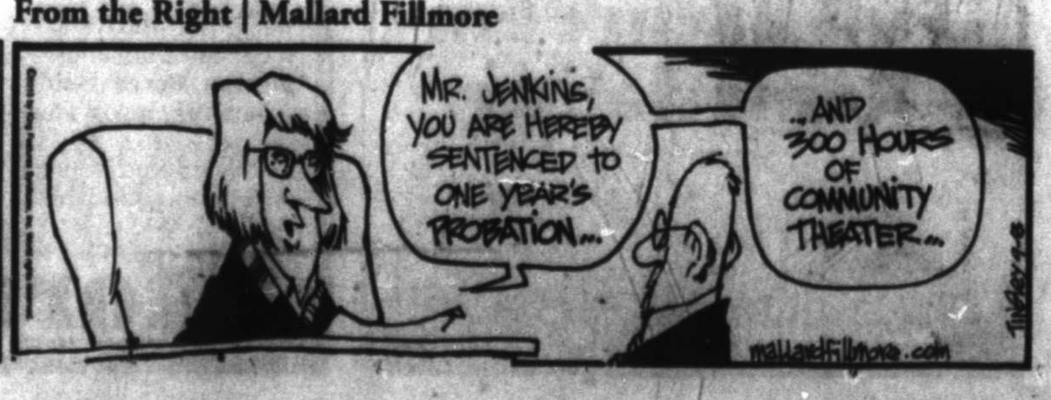

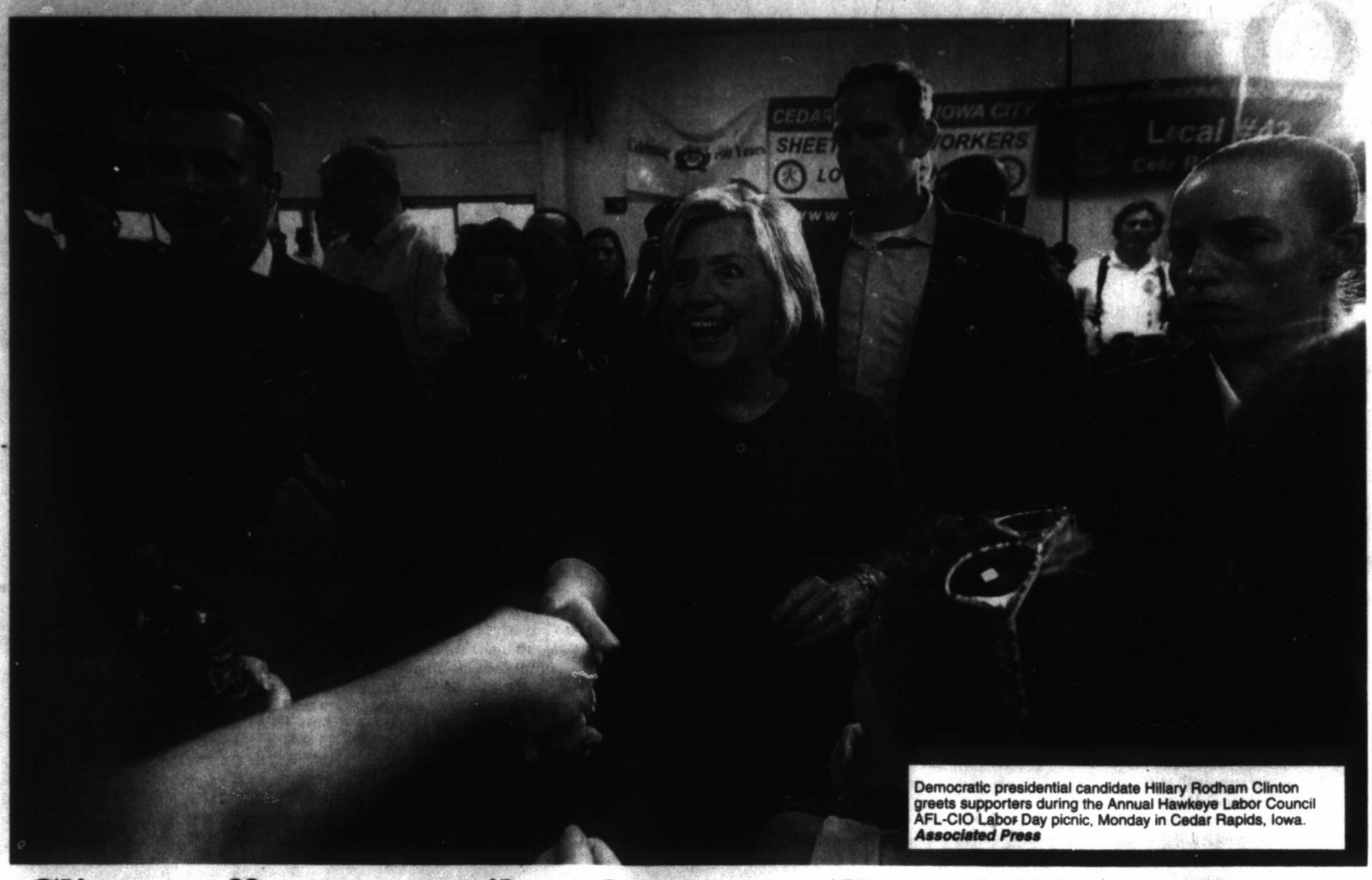

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton greets supporters during the Annual Hawkeye Labor Council AFL-CIO Labor Day picnic, Monday in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. *Associated Press*

Clinton offers no email apology: says 'What I did was allowed'

By Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday she does not need to apologize for using a private email account and server while at the State Department because "what I did was allowed."

In an interview with The Associated Press during a Labor Day campaign swing through Iowa, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination also said the lingering questions about her email practices while serving as President Barack Obama's first secretary of state have not damaged her campaign.

"Not at all. It's a distraction, certainly," Clinton said. "But it hasn't in any way affected the plan for our campaign, the efforts we're making to organize here in Iowa and elsewhere in the country. And I still feel very confident about the organization and the message that my campaign is putting out."

Yet even in calling the inquiry into how she used email as the nation's top diplomat a distraction, Clinton played down how it has affected her personally as a candidate.

"As the person who has been at the center of it, not very much," Clinton said. "I have worked really hard this summer, sticking to my game plan about how I wanted to sort of reintroduce myself to the American people."

As she has often said in recent weeks, Clinton told AP it would have been a "better choice" for her to use separate email accounts for her personal and public business. "I've also tried to not only take responsibility, because it was my decision, but to be as transparent as possible," Clinton said.

Part of that effort, Clinton said, is answering any questions about her email "in as many different settings as I can." She noted she has sought for nearly a year to testify before Congress about the issue, and that she is now slated to do so in October.

The one-on-one interview with AP was the second for Clinton in the past four days. On Friday, she did not apologize for using a private email system when asked directly by NBC, "Are you sorry?" Asked Monday by the AP why she won't directly apologize, Clinton said: "What I did was allowed. It was allowed by the State Department. The State Department has confirmed that.

"I did not send or receive any information marked classified," Clinton said. "I take the responsibilities of handling classified materials very seriously and did so."

Clinton's efforts to address the email issue comes as her chief rival for the Democratic nomination, independent Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, exits the summer surging in still-quite-early public opinion polls and drawing massive crowds to his rallies and events.

Asked for an example of how she differs with Sanders on policy, Clinton demurred. "I'm going to keep laying out what I would do as president, what I stand for. ... I'm very much looking forward to the debates that we're going to have and we'll have plenty of time to draw those contrasts."

Asked when she might start, Clinton said: "I don't have any timing. I'm talking about what I would do as president: where I stand, what I believe."

Late Monday, Clinton picked up the endorsement of Iowa Rep. Dave Loebsack, adding to a growing collection that includes the nod Saturday from New Hampshire Sen. Jeanne Shaheen. Loebsack told a rally in Hampton, Ill., there was "nobody more qualified" to be president.

Last year, Clinton turned over roughly 55,000 pages of emails to the State Department that she sent and received using a home-brew email server set up at her home in suburban New York while serving as secretary of state from 2009 to 2013.

Clinton has said she set up her own system instead of using a State Department account for the convenience of using a single hand-held email device.

The State Department is currently reviewing and publicly releasing those emails, some showing that Clinton received messages that were later determined to contain classified information, including some that contained material regarding the production and dissemination of U.S. intelligence.

"There is always a debate among different agencies about what something should be retroactively (marked classified)," Clinton told the AP on Monday. "But at the time, there were none. So I'm going to keep answering the questions and providing the facts so that people can understand better what happened."

Last month, Clinton gave the server to the FBI, along with a thumb drive kept by her attorney that contained copies of the emails.

"It is not a criminal investigation, it is a security review," Clinton said. "People are asked to provide any copies of any of these materials that are the subject of the debate. So, I immediately said, 'turn over everything.'"

Clinton added, "I don't know anything technical about servers. But I am informed it doesn't have anything on it. But for safekeeping, turn it over as part of the security review."

'Give it a go, Joe': Pittsburgh union crowd cheers on Biden

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Hearing chants of "run, Joe, run," Vice President Joe Biden marched in Pittsburgh's annual Labor Day parade on Monday as speculation swirled about a potential late entry into the Democratic presidential campaign.

The vice president donned a black-and-gold United Steelworkers union hat and told hundreds of union members that the gap between the wealthy and poor was hurting the nation.

"The tax code's not fair. It's simply not fair," Biden said in a city long associated with organized labor. "The wealthy aren't paying their fair share. There used to be one America."

Biden later walked along the city's downtown with a large contingent of steel workers, hearing encouraging words along the parade route.

"Give it a go, Joe!" shouted one woman.

Biden is seriously considering a late entry into the 2016 Democratic presidential campaign. His entry could jumble a Democratic contest that has seen frontrunner Hillary Rodham Clinton's lead diminish in early states against Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, an independent who describes himself as a democratic socialist.

Underscoring the volatile nature of the race, an NBC News poll released Sunday showed Sanders gaining an advantage over Clinton in New Hampshire, a state where Bill and Hillary Clinton have maintained deep ties during their political careers.

Biden, however, said last week he wasn't certain if he and his family had the "emotional energy" for another campaign.

But the campaign was clearly on the minds of his audience. During a speech before a few hundred steelworkers, Biden said the media liked to portray him as a populist. "They'll probably say (I'm) competing with Bernie Sanders, who is doing a helluva job by the way."

When one man shouted that Biden should run for president, the vice president responded, "You gotta talk to my wife about that. I gotta talk to my wife about that." His wife, Jill Biden, is said to share some of her husband's misgivings about whether the family should pursue another presidential bid following the death of their 46-year-old son, Beau Biden.

AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, who joined Biden at the parade, said the vice president got a strong response from the city's workers.

Clinton also sought union support on Labor Day during stops in Iowa and Illinois, vowing to fight for collective bargaining rights and to protect pension benefits and Social Security.

"We're going to make it harder and harder to stop what should be the right of every American to join a union," said Clinton, who was endorsed by Rep. Dave Loebsack, an Iowa Democrat.

Obama visits Boston for Labor Day to reinforce union ties

Associated Press

BOSTON — President Barack Obama made a Labor Day visit to Boston on Monday to reinforce ties with unions, fellow Democrats and the city he knew as a law student.

Speaking at the annual union breakfast, Obama announced an executive order requiring federal contractors to give their workers paid sick leave. It comes two months after a Massachusetts state sick leave law took effect.

The president got a bipartisan greeting at Logan International Airport from Republican Gov. Charlie Baker and Boston's Democratic mayor, Marty Walsh. Democratic U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who has sometimes clashed with Obama on economic issues, warmed up the breakfast crowd before he arrived.

Outside the breakfast, transit union workers protested Baker's plan to privatize some MBTA bus routes, and picketing cab drivers demanded regulation of ride-hailing services such as Uber.

Obama, speaking in a casual button-down shirt, referred to the city's most popular union member, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, whose four-game "Deflategate" league suspension was successfully challenged in court last week by the players' association.

Obama recalled his days as a Harvard Law School student stuck in the library most of the time and his warm welcome at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston as "an unknown state senator with a funny name."

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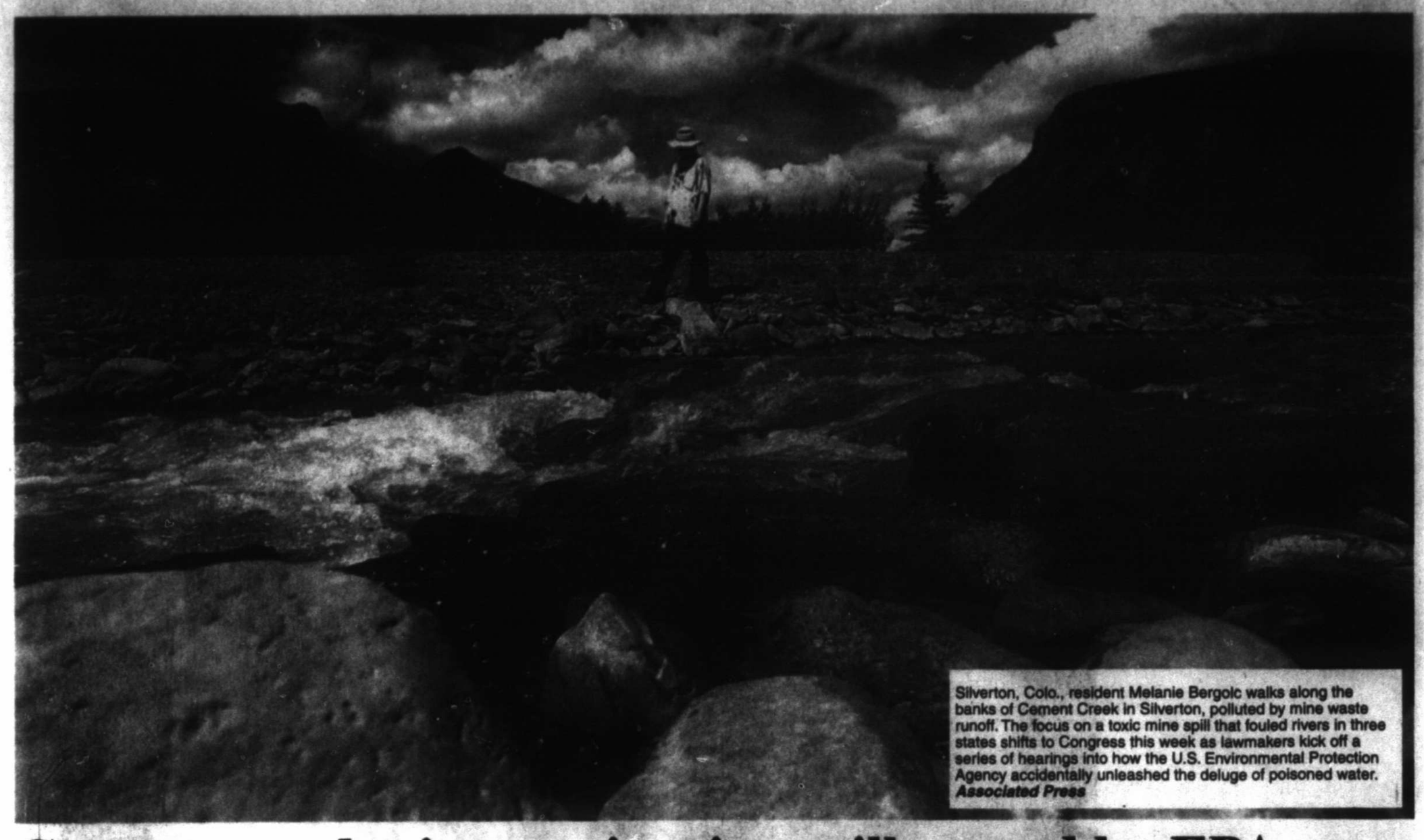

Silverton, Colo., resident Melanie Bergoic walks along the banks of Cement Creek in Silverton, polluted by mine waste runoff. The focus on a toxic mine spill that fouled rivers in three states shifts to Congress this week as lawmakers kick off a series of hearings into how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency accidentally unleashed the deluge of poisoned water. *Associated Press*

Congress wades into toxic mine spill caused by EPA crew

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — The focus on a toxic mine spill that fouled rivers in three Western states shifts to Congress this week as lawmakers kick off a series of hearings into how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency accidentally unleashed the deluge of poisoned water.

Republican committee leaders in the House and Senate said EPA officials were frustrating their attempts to investigate the spill by withholding documents that could explain what went wrong when a cleanup team doing excavation work triggered the release of 3 million gallons of rust-colored sludge from the inactive Gold King Mine near Silverton, Colorado.

Mining industry critics and some Democrats have their own agenda: They want to use the August 5 accident as leverage for proposals to make companies pay for the cleanup of thousands of abandoned mines across the U.S.

Against that political backdrop, uncertainty lingers over the long-term dangers to public health and the environment from an event that tainted rivers in Colorado, New Mexico and Utah with heavy metals. A month after the spill, EPA claims that the threat has eased are still met with skepticism from the Navajo Nation, whose president said many farmers have lost a season's work and trust in the EPA has evaporated.

U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith suggested the upcoming hearings offer a chance for the agency to dispel growing suspicions over its actions. The first session is scheduled Wednesday before the House Science Committee, which the Texas Republican chairs.

"We are still, a month later, waiting for a real assessment of the health care risk to those who live near the river or might consume water from the rivers. That is inexcusable," Smith told The Associated Press.

Since the mine water plume washed through, turning the Animas and San Juan rivers a disturbing orange, EPA crews have collected hundreds of water and sediment samples from the two waterways.

Concentrations of arsenic, lead and other toxins initially spiked, in some locations measuring hundreds of times higher than recommended for drinking water, according to EPA results. But federal officials have since announced significant improvements, allowing treatment plants to start drawing water from the rivers again and for advisories against fishing, boating and other recreational activities to be lifted.

EPA Assistant Administrator Mathy Stanislaus, who has overseen the response to the spill, said federal officials were "being as diligent as we can, as responsive as possible."

He added that pending investigations from the U.S. Interior Department and the EPA Inspector General should provide guidance on how the agency can avoid a repeat of the Gold King accident.

On the Navajo Nation, where some irrigation systems remain shut down, President Russell Begaye said his administration was waiting to receive results from its own water and sediment tests rather than relying on the EPA. As a result, thousands of acres of crops have gone dry within the Navajo's largest farming area, he said.

"They've written off this year's crops," Begaye said.

Included in the Obama administration's 2016 budget proposal is a fee on uranium and metal mines to pay for cleanup work on other abandoned mines across the country. The fee would raise $1.8 billion over the next decade, according to the Interior Department.

A similar program exists for abandoned coal mines. For some Democrats, the Gold King spill underscored the urgency of expanding that effort to include so-called hardrock mining.

"What happened in the Animas has the potential to happen all over the West," said Rep. Raul Grijalva of Arizona, the ranking Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee, which plans a September 17 hearing on the mine accident. "Who has liability if it's not the mining industry?"

Mining industry representatives contend the proposal would unfairly penalize companies now in business for misdeeds that occurred decades ago.

House Science Committee Chairman Smith dismissed the cleanup fund as "something to try to change the subject."

That sentiment was echoed by the chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Republican John Barrasso of Wyoming, who plans a September 16 hearing into the spill's impacts on the Navajo and the Southern Ute tribe of Colorado.

Republicans also have sought to capitalize politically. The spill came two days after the unveiling of the administration's plan to limit greenhouse gases from coal-fired power plants and amid a controversy over a new EPA rule meant to protect streams and wetlands.

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To enter the contest, drop off your entries at Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas.

Weekly deadline for entry is 2 p.m. on Thursdays.

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM PRESENT

Classroom Pioneers

CELEBRATING INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL LEADERS

Patrice Compton

PARKER ELEMENTARY COUNSELOR

Your character and who you are as a person plays a huge role in the success you will achieve.

That's the lesson Parker Elementary Counselor Patrice Compton strives to impart on every student she meets.

"I truly want kids to know that being a good human being is an important factor in being a 'success' at life. I try to focus on who a child wants to be as much as what a child wants to be when they grow up," said the career educator.

Compton is in her ninth year as a school counselor and 30th year in education. She has worked in Midland ISD for the last 14 years.

She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education, with an early childhood endorsement, from the University of Tennessee, special education certification and a master's in counseling from Western Kentucky University.

Compton and Mark, her husband of 32 years, have two children — Susan Compton Seay and Witt Compton. She is the proud grandmother to Cooper and Crawford Seay.

Q&A with the Pioneer

How, and why, do you make a difference in Midland's educational landscape?

Sometimes making a difference can be the smallest of things. School supplies on the first day when mom doesn't get paid until next week; holding a child's hand down the hall to a new classroom when they arrived late or comforting words to a parent when they have anxiety about their child being at school. Unfortunately, many of the challenges our kids face are much more significant and require time and a toolbox of ideas and experience to make a positive impact. I can't even begin to claim to be the super hero — it takes an effort of a team of people working together. I work very closely with a great team of teachers and support staff at Parker. And my fellow MISD counselors have helped me get through some really tough losses at school as well.

Why did you choose a career in education?

My parents, grandmother and great-grandfather were teachers. I guess it is just in my blood. I used to teach pretend school in my mother's kitchen for the younger neighborhood children.

How have you moved beyond the basic curriculum and found innovative ways to reach your students?

I have taught in five states and almost every grade level from pre-K through eighth grade, and special education. Innovation is simply a way of life for an educator. When you start over in a new grade level or move to a new place, you never know what will be available to you, so you make do with what you have and learn new things constantly to add to the tools you already have. I am always looking for the next best thing to improve lessons and to engage the students in school activities. I believe that I help move the student population beyond the basic curriculum by involving them in service projects, community events and learning about people, including themselves.

How do you inspire your peers, colleagues and others aiming to make a difference in Midland ISD?

I hope that I inspire with a genuine care for people and a positive attitude.

What are your professional goals for the future?

My professional goals for the future are to continue with any training and education that will help me to serve my students at Parker.

What is the greatest challenge to being an educator in Midland today?

The greatest challenge to being an educator today is poverty and seeing the cycle of poverty as a way of life. If we are going to educate students it has to change. There is no motivation in a child who sees nothing better in their future. We must give them a sense of hope.

What support can Midlanders provide you and other educators?

One of the greatest assets we have at Parker are our 30-plus mentors each year from Pioneer Natural Resources. We partner together and match a student with an employee who visits them on a regular basis at school just to offer encouragement and support on a consistent basis. Most of these students do not have a person at home who asks how they are doing at school. If Midlanders want to make a difference they can. Encourage a child. Support a student. There are multiple organizations and schools you can find a niche in that works for you.

A catalyst to building strong community relationships

Patrice Compton has been the counselor at Parker Elementary for four years. She has been a strong beam in the lives of Parker students and is committed to building the emotional, social and academic stability of our Parker students. Patrice is that one staff person who touches the lives of every student and staff person on campus through counseling presentations in every classroom and by providing staff with professional development. She sees a need and develops a small group to assist a specialized group of students with skills to be successful at school and at home. Patrice coordinates and supports the sixth-grade Parker Chiefs, a campus program designed to build young leaders who practice self-monitoring responsibility. She creates opportunities for sixth-graders to help with announcements, campus and classroom projects and assist younger students. Patrice's vision for our young learners raises the bar on student achievement. Have you ever seen that campus leader who is witty and always has a brilliant answer to help parents, students and staff with their bigger-than-life problems? Patrice fits that mold and beyond. Once a parent, student or staff person steps into her office in tears, distress or panic, they all seem to exit with a sigh of relief, at peace and many times glowing with smiles. Patrice is gifted in having real talk with the community she serves and those who are blessed with her presence receive options and relevant solutions to their problem. Her giftedness also impacts the Partners in Education program. Patrice Compton is a catalyst to building strong community relationships and a constant strong beam that supports the success of the Parker community.

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Fuel Your School aims for broad impact

Chevron program furnishes materials to teachers based on gasoline sales

By Cassie Burton
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While Chevron has made its mark on the oil industry, it's looking to expand its services in a less advertised market: public schools.

On Sept. 1, Chevron announced the launch of its 2015 Fuel Your School Program, a collaboration with DonorsChoose.org that allows teachers in Midland and Ector counties to get help with eligible classroom projects with up to $200,000 in funding.

Beginning Sept. 1, public school teachers in Midland and Ector counties can post eligible classroom projects on donorschoose.org. From Oct. 1 to Oct. 31, Fuel Your School program will donate $1 to help fund those projects when consumers purchase at least eight gallons of fuel at participating Chevron and Texaco stations.

It marks the third year for Chevron's Fuel Your School program and the second year in Midland County. Last year, 17,060 local students in 169 classrooms benefitted from the program, according to a press release from Chevron.

One change that differs from past year is that while Chevron used to fund up to $2,000 worth of materials for a project, the amount will now be $1,000. In addition, teachers now will receive materials instead of cash.

"The idea is for more teachers in classrooms to be impacted," said Laura Dishman, local Chevron representative and parent. "I was so excited that last year was the first year that Chevron participated in Midland County. It's the first project that I've seen that benefits the teachers to teach our children."

Signs will be posted at the participating stations. A rotation system will be put in place where one classroom project per school will be chosen to fund until every school has at least one classroom project funded, and then the system will start from the beginning until the $200,000 cap is hit, according to a Chevron spokeswoman.

Chevron chose $200,000 as the cap based on market analysis, according to a Chevron spokeswoman.

Dishman said that last year, she knew of a music teacher at Santa Rita who received funding for new musical instruments for the first time in 18 years because of Fuel Your School.

"I'm very proud that Chevron is sponsoring it," Dishman said. "It's (a program) I take great pride in."

Shay Hogan, a fifth-grade teacher at Santa Rita Elementary, was another. Hogan received a writing table and listening center that came with listening equipment and audio books and CDs for an entire year.

"I appreciate them doing it, especially with budget cuts," Hogan said. "We really appreciate the community businesses helping us out."

Teachers have until the end of September to submit projects. While Chevron will donate to as many projects as necessary, all projects posted on donorschoose.org are available for public viewing. Midland County residents can view the projects and donate at will.

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JOINING THE CLUB

Elizabeth Green holds a respitory manneguin Wednesday as Kristen Crouch demonstrates how to insert an intubation tube at the respitory therapy program table during Midland College club fair.

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Jenae Dowson fills out forms to get more information on Baptist Student Ministries.

Students line up to get some information on student government.

Stacey Wilson with Choose Life Midland speaks with students.

Belgium trip offers view of different culture

■ Local Lions clubs sponsor LHS senior

Editor's note: Lee High School senior Jennifer Taylor had the opportunity to visit Belgium through the Lions International Youth Exchange program. Taylor, the daughter of Jeffery and Margarita Taylor, was sponsored by the Midland Downtown and Suburban Lions clubs.

By Jennifer Taylor

Belgium is a place that keeps its ties with the past, even though it is the capital of the European Union and a country of the 21st century. One of the ways it does this is by having the architecture of every building in the style of the 18th century.

The Midland Downtown and Suburban Lions clubs sent me to Belgium for four weeks as part of the Lions International Youth Exchange program. I spent two weeks with host families and two weeks at the Belgium Pallieter Youth camp.

At the camp, there were 34 exchange students from 26 different countries. During camp, we toured Belgium and visited Luxembourg for two days. The camp was in Lier, a city in the northern Dutch-speaking part of Belgium, and from there we rode a bus to visit cities around the country.

One of the cities we visited was Brussels, the capital of the country and of the European Union. In Brussels we visited Atomium — the symbol of Belgium — toured the Parliament building and the Royal Palace. We also visited Brugge, the most romantic city in Belgium, where we took a boat ride on the river that winds its way through the city. Another great city was Antwerp, the city of hands, so named because of a legend that giants had taken over and the hero only defeated them after severing the hand of the biggest giant. We took a two-hour bike tour in Antwerp. We also spent two days in the country of Luxembourg, where we took a city

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A castle in Luxembourg was among the sights Jennifer Taylor saw while on a Lions Club exchange program trip in July.

PATRICIA MAURER
Trinity School

Childhood should be protected zone where innocence is never lost

The word "nostalgia" is most certainly a noun. Recently, however, I found myself checking the dictionary just to be sure. Why, you ask? Well, of late, to me, nostalgia just seems to be a verb. I am regularly and actively immersed in sentimental, wistful yearning for the past. Maybe it's my age, but I'm not sure that's the complete story. I've even gone so far as to ask, 'Do I like old things and old-fashioned ideas because I am old, or do I like old things and old-fashioned ideas because they were better?" Now, there's a question to ponder.

In October 1989, the Life magazine cover story was titled "101 Things Worth Saving." I kept this issue because the question of what things or ideas have lasting value has always intrigued me. It goes without saying that those things that we value are those things that we will be more likely to protect. I recently reread the article, and buried in the middle between automobile window vents and root beer floats was the word "innocence." Now, there's an idea worth revisiting, an idea worth saving, especially when it comes to our children.

Everywhere I go, I am surrounded by children. Using old-fashioned standards, however, some are scarcely recognizable. Many have been literally consumed by a headlong rush to adulthood. Look at their clothes, listen to their speech, check out their interests and preferences and you find mini-grownups. Who in the world, for example, thought that manufacturing high-heeled shoes for girls under the age of 13 was appropriate?

What happened to saddle oxfords, one-piece bathing suits, modest shorts and skirts, cap sleeves in lieu of spaghetti straps and covered midriffs? When did our children become walking advertisements for the latest Disney enterprise, PG-13 movie, or even rock star? With sparkles from head to toe and even make-up made "especially" for children, their childhood has been served up on a platter of tasteless marketing. Can you tell I am passionate about this idea? And, the outward trappings are just the beginning of the story.

We need to say, "Enough!" It's time to build a wall and close the door to the adult world long enough for our children to develop the reasoning skills necessary to make discriminating choices. Without those skills securely in place, and without sufficient moral instruction to support them, children do not have the ability to determine what is good and what is not good. "Childhood" needs to be a protected zone where children have time to mature, time to learn, time to become the people that they were intended to be and not just a cheap copy of someone else's image.

In order to accomplish this objective, we need to accept the fact that there are some things that children just should not know, just should not wear, just should not have, and just should not see. One adult-themed movie may be one too many. One adult-themed television episode may be one too many. One X-rated bumper sticker or T-shirt may be one too many. One violent video game may be one too many. One explicit magazine cover may be one too many. Even one graphic television newscast may be one too many. Once the door is opened, it can never be closed again. Time and again, I hear people say, "Oh, it is not that bad!" I don't agree. Innocence lost is very bad.

Many young children have a difficult time separating reality from fiction. They see things in a fictionalized format and they sometimes fast-forward the story and

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank		Agents of SHIELD "S.O.S." 2/2		Extreme Weight Loss "Hannah" (SF) (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Neverland"		Zoo "Eats, Shoots and Leaves" (N)		Zoo "Wild Things" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) S.Colbert George Clooney, Jeb Bush		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Ceasefire"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Glittering Goldfish"		McCloud
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Smarter-5th Grader "Jason" (SF) (N)		Brooklyn "USPIS"	Last Man on Earth	Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot In Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Joe McGee	HaYesod	Update News	Mission: M25	Light of the Southwest				Exploring Scholars	With the	Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		America's Got Talent "Semifinal 2" Eleven semi finalists perform live. (N)				Hollywood Game Night (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Business (N)	Focus on Europe	In Their Own Words "Muhammad Ali" (N)		The Civil War "A Very Bloody Affair - 1862"		The Civil War "Forever Free - 1862"			PBS Previews	Newsline	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX	340	575		165		★★★ Meet Joe Black ('98, Dra) Sir Anthony Hopkins, Brad Pitt.								(:05) ★★★ The Illusionist Edward Norton.		★ Failure to Launch	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:00) ★ The Good Lie		★★★ Draft Day ('14, Spt) Kevin Costner.				Hard Knocks '15		★ The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Ar...			
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	H.Knock	1stLook /(:40)	★★★★ The LEGO Movie		LastWeek	Bill Maher			Real Sports		★ Wedding Cras...	
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:55) ★★★ Emma Gwyneth Paltrow.				★★★ The Departed ('06, Thril) Leonardo DiCaprio.				(:25)	★★★★ Lone Survivor		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:35) ★ Larry Crowne		(:15) ★★ Evolution David Duchovny.				★★ Get Shorty John Travolta.		(:50)	★★ 16 Blocks		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	(:25) ★ As Above, So Below			★★★ Maps to the Stars John Cusack.				LifeTop	(:25) ★★★ The Insider		
PLEX			96			(5:20) ★ Best of the ...		★ The Chosen One				(:40) ★ Let It Ride		(:20)	★★ MacShayne: Winner Takes All		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:15) Jimi Hendrix		60 Minutes Sport (N)		To Be Announced				NotreDam	Inside the NFL		60 Minutes Sports
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ The Inkwell		★★ Tapped Out ('14, Spt) Michael Biehn.				★★ Next Day Air			★ Nas: Time Is Il...		Movie
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ Predator		★★★ Con Air ('97, Act) John Cusack, Nicolas Cage.						★★ Air Force One ('97, Act) Harrison Ford.			
BET	58	-		40		(5:00) ★★ Set It Off		Jada Pinkett Smith.		The BET Life of (N)		Husbands	Punk'd	Husbands	Punk'd	Wendy "Dr. Phil"	
BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Below Deck (N)		My Fab 40th (N)		Watch (N)	Below Deck		H.Wives
CNBC	46	52		39	72	West Texas Investors		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		West Texas (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Newsroom	
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DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Jessie	Friends	★ Spy Kids 2: Island of Lost ...				(:50) Best Friends	Liv/Mad	I Didn't	Jessie '	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	ITF Tennis U.S. Open Site: USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (L)								SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SportsCenter				FIFA Soccer International Friendly Bra./USA (L)				FIFA Soccer International Friendly (L)			Tonight
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Freaky Friday		Monica Medium (N)		Nxt Step: NYC (N)		Startup U (N)		The 700 Club		★ Along Came Polly	
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FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ Mission: I...		★★★ White House Down ('13, Act) Jamie Foxx, Channing Tatum.						★★★ White House Down Channing Tatum.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Bargain	Bargain	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	House (N)	House (N)	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
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LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(4:00) ★★ We Are Marshall		★ To Be Announced						★★★ Gone (2012, Drama) Daniel Sunjata, Jennifer Carpenter, Amanda Seyfried.		★ To Be Announced	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				To Be Announced						To Be Announced		TBA	NASCAR	To Be Announced	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	H.Danger	iCarly	iCarly	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Mstr	Tattoo	Ink Master	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★ The Haunting in Connecticut 2: Ghosts ...		Face Off (N)				Face Off		Face Off		Geeks/	Geeks/
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld "The Bris"	Seinf. "The Lip Reader"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan		Office "Niagara"	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(4:45) ★ The Champ		★★★ Across the Pacific				(:45) ★ Report Fr...		(:45) ★ San Pietro	Let There Be Light		Movie
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Avenida Brasil		Bajo el mismo cielo		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Bajo el mismo cielo	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Cake Boss "Momma's Birthday Surprise"		Cake Boss LIVE Event "All in the Famiglia" (N)				Little People, Big World (N)		Cake Boss "All in the Famiglia" Buddy Valastro kicks off a new season of Cake Boss.			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(5:30) ★★★ The Dark Knight Rises Anne Hathaway. Batman makes his return to Gotham when a new terrorist threatens the city.						Morals "O'Bannon's Wake" (N)		Public Morals "O'Bannon's Wake"		CSI: NY "Jamalot"	
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USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Playing House (N)	Playing House (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows
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MAURER

From 2B

worry about something similar happening in their own lives. As an example, desensitized to violence and the horrors of war by exposure in film, newscasts and video games, many children have come to think that killing people is somehow a normal part of everyday life. There is nothing normal about war, or murder, or violence or mayhem of any kind.

I have to admit that I have not always drawn the line as clearly as I should have in my own household, both with my now-grown children, and even with my grandson. If a child absolutely loves dinosaurs, the lure of *that* movie is very seductive, and saying "no" can become a battleground if you're not careful. The argument that "everyone else has seen it" can cause even the most stalwart of parents to question whether or not they are being overprotective. Check out www.kids-in-mind.org, and you can preview the eight documented acts of gore and violence included in the latest version. Mayhem is a mild word to describe the intensity of the film.

I do not think we should keep our children in a bubble, but there is more than one kind of safety to consider. I'd never let a child ride in my car without a seat belt, pedal down the street on a bike without a helmet, swim without supervision, or play in traffic. I'd venture to guess anyone reading this article would agree with those statements. However, while boundaries related to physical safety are easy to see, boundaries related to psychological safety and emotional well-being can be muddied when the line between childhood and adulthood is blurred. PG-13 is PG-13, and Rated R is off limits.

I recently came across a lovely picture book, one I recommend to anyone who loves children: "What Do You Do with an Idea?" written by Kobi Yamado and illustrated by Mae Besom. The last line of the book literally took my breath away. Having wrestled with the question throughout the story, the little boy says, "And then I realized what you do with an idea … You change the world."

I've met a lot of ideas in my lifetime, and the one I've been talking about today has the potential to change the world as we know it and to make it a better place through that change. It's an old-fashioned idea, the idea of innocence, but it's a powerful idea. Webster's Dictionary defines it as "freedom from guilt or sin as a result of being unacquainted with evil." I hope to live long enough to see a renewed commitment in our homes, in our community and in our nation to the idea of protecting the innocence of childhood. Old-fashioned, maybe, but it is also a very good thing.

Patricia Maurer is head of preschool and lower school at Trinity School.

Meet Patricia Maurer

School/position: Trinity School of Midland. Head of preschool and lower school.

What led you to a career in education: After all these years, I can't really say what led me to be a teacher, but I do know that I cannot imagine a better place to spend a lifetime than in the company of young children.

Years in education: 48.

Family: Husband, Dr. Bill Maurer, executive director of the Bynum School, two precious grown children and one well-loved grandson.

Name three people you'd like to invite to a dinner party: Marion Wright Edelman, Jimmy Carter, Robert Frost.

Favorite book: "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak.

Favorite vacation destination: Galveston (love that muddy Texas Gulf Coast).

Favorite school supply: new crayons.

Favorite smartphone app: "Words with Friends."

Guilty pleasure: crime novels with no redeeming literary value.

TAYLOR

From 2B

tour and explored the city in groups.

Before the camp, an exchange student from Finland and I stayed with a really nice family in Lens-Saint Remy, the southern French-speaking part of the country. With that family, I went to Hans, the only place in Belgium with caverns and an animal preserve, and we got up close and personal with wild horses and other animals. The family also took us to see different historical sites and to witness the Tour de France.

After the camp, two other exchange students — one from Brazil and another from Mexico — and I stayed with a great family in Brugge, a city in northern Belgium where they speak Dutch. Unfortunately, while we were there, it rained, so we didn't get to see much but they showed us the non-tourist side with the different culture and all the local haunts.

This trip to Belgium was amazing and helped me learn about a culture that is so different from the U.S. I am so thankful to the Midland Downtown and Suburban Lions clubs for sponsoring this once-in-a-lifetime trip. It was a great learning experience and I hope that I can repeat it again someday.

BANANAGRAMS!

LEVEL

Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents, and then rearrange the letters to spell a six-letter word. For example, in HH?RTY the ? could be an H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q or R. Here it represents an M, which can be combined with the other letters to spell RHYTHM. We've given you the first letter as a hint.

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A ? P T U Y
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Yesterday's Answer: WHEAT, GRAPES, CARROT 9.8

A disturbing portrait of Teach for America emerges

ESTHER J. CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

After all the media fawning over the nonprofit Teach for America, there are some veterans of the program who are now telling a different story.

"Teach for America Counter-Narratives: Alumni Speak Up and Speak Out" contains 20 essays with anecdotes that seem too crazy to make up.

Edited by T. Jameson Brewer and Kathleen deMarrais, this volume is filled with explosive and jaw-dropping insights into the organization whose stated mission is to "enlist, develop and mobilize as many as possible of our nation's most promising future leaders to grow and strengthen the movement for educational equity and excellence."

Teach for America (TFA) has drawn much praise for its cream-of-the-crop college grads valiantly taking a short sabbatical from their rising-star careers to teach inner-city children.

But some education policy wonks know that in the last two years there has been a bit of a backlash against TFA from alumni of the teacher corps. But what started as ex-TFA teachers coming forward in personal essays in education-focused publications, knocking the so-called modern-day version of the Peace Corps, took on a new flavor once school districts started severing their contractual relationships with TFA.

As a preface to the critiques about how TFA grinds out masses of newbie teachers just in time for the start of school each fall — and then all but burns them out in the first few weeks — Brewer and deMarrais explain what they see as the program's recent change in strategy.

"While the first 20 years of TFA were billed as working toward a viable solution for addressing teacher shortages, the organization has slowly transformed into acting on [TFA founder Wendy] Kopp's second assumption, that traditionally trained teachers are not as qualified or as intelligent as they should be;" write Brewer and deMarrais. "(That) her cadre of Ivy League, predominantly white and affluent corps are innately better suited to become teachers because education majors have low SAT scores. This change is evident in the organization's recent shift away from rhetoric about teacher shortages to an argument that the 145 hours of training corps members receive during TFA's Summer Institute — only 18 hours of which are 'teaching' hours — is superior to the traditional four-year college degree and student teaching semester."

Even firm proponents of brighter, better-educated teachers would agree that there's no SAT score high enough to prepare someone with no background in pedagogy to be effective in a classroom full of real students — much less students from low-income communities.

The essays eviscerate the myth of TFA's unmitigated success by detailing the organization's high-pressure bait-and-switch recruitment tactics, an emphasis on prestige and future career prospects, inspirational slogans overlaying inadequate preparation, and the fear instilled in corps members who do not perform up to metrics-mandated standards.

The book also describes hard-core classroom management edicts, highly scripted lesson plans and scant, rushed "training." But you'd expect that from an organization that prides itself on churning out earnest, ultra-smart "teachers" ready to take the helm of classrooms on day one.

What you wouldn't expect is that TFA has done such a poor job of accurately representing to recruits what turns out to be a tightly prescribed out-of-the-box teaching job (how else could young adults with zero teaching experience be expected to get through the job?) that increasing numbers of alumni are becoming publicly opposed to the program.

"The person leading curriculum sessions taught us 'Compliance leads to freedom,'" wrote Jay Saper, who said he was dismissed from TFA after vocally advocating for community input in school-reform measures. "That night, my roommate pointed out that a sign with those words would look good hanging on the walls of a sweatshop."

Saper clearly wasn't a good cultural fit for a highly corporatized organization that, in his telling, requires compliance to stand in for experience — which in and of itself underscores the failing each essay points to: TFA's educational tactics are not good for the people they are foisted on.

You may agree or disagree with such a conclusion — TFA acknowledged this book on its blog and said "We're proud of the impact we're having, but like any organization, we always have room to grow" — but in stark contrast to TFA's own slick narrative, these troubling first-person accounts should give pause to anyone interested in how major education policy players shape reform movements through money and great marketing.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TASA honors MISD board

The Texas Association of School Administrators announced Wednesday that Midland ISD's board of trustees will be recognized as one of 11 regional honor boards Oct. 2 at the the TASA/TASB Convention in Austin.

The selection committee's decisions were based on specific criteria, including support for educational performance, support for educational improvement projects, commitment to a code of ethics and maintenance of harmonious and supportive relationships among board members.

ODESSA

UTPB lecturer is recognized

University of Texas of the Permian Basin lecturer Michael Crain is one of 15 UT System faculty members to be recognized for their performance in the classroom.

Crain, a lecturer in Management, has received the 2015 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award, which includes a $25,000 prize.

The award, established by the UT Board of Regents in 2008, is presented to faculty members at the system's nine academic institutions and six health institutions.

MISDINFORMATION

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Connecting to MISD

Enter Midland ISD in your device's application search box to download the free MISD App.

Enter Midland ISD in your Facebook search box for the district's page.

Open houses/events

Remaining open house evenings:
Freshman schools: Monday
High schools: Sept. 21
(For additional events, click the Events tab and View Calendar at www.midlandisd.net. Also, see your campus web page.)

Volunteering

Visit www.joinpta.org to join the PTA. Call your campus for more information.

GUEST VIEW

School finance needs decisive state leadership, not more dithering

The Beaumont Enterprise

Editor's note: The following editorial ran on Sept. 1

When the Texas Supreme Court begins hearing oral arguments today in the endless saga over school finance, here's one number that should stand out in the multitude of numbers that both sides will cite: More than 60 percent of the 5.2 million students in public schools now come from economically disadvantaged homes. Worse yet, that number has been increasing in recent years and shows no signs of slowing down.

That number means one thing: This is not somebody else's problem. If you live in Texas, it's your problem. If large numbers of students are living in poverty and getting an inferior education, the entire state will suffer.

When those students leave high school — or worse, drop out — many won't have the skills for further education or good careers. At a time when their future should be bright, they could be stuck on a path toward just getting by on low-wage jobs. That's bad for them, and for the rest of the state too because Texas won't have the work force it needs for the jobs of the future or the economic ripple effect of those higher paychecks.

The governor and Legislature need to stop kicking this can down the road. If the court's justices — all of whom are Republican, it should be noted — rule that the school funding system is unconstitutional, Gov. Greg Abbott should call a special legislative session in 2016 to fix this problem once and for all. The issue can't wait until the next regular session in 2017, and there is too much going on then anyway. Lawmakers need a special session to focus on this challenge.

That won't be easy. It will require some concessions to the Democrats in both chambers, and it probably will require more money. But this is the only way the Legislature can get the job done. The alternative is having the courts write up a plan that could impose unpopular taxes and rules on Texans.

Our elected state leaders can avoid that, but only by bold action, not more inaction.

Facebook to develop education software

N.Y. Times News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Facebook, which transformed communication with its social networking service, now wants to make a similar impact on education.

The Silicon Valley company announced Thursday that it was working with a local charter school network, Summit Public Schools, to develop software that schools can use to help children learn at their own pace. The project has been championed by Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's co-founder and chief executive, and one of his top lieutenants, Chris Cox.

Schools face incomplete data after Common Core test troubles

By Sally Ho
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Last school year, Common Core-aligned standardized tests marched forward, going from paper-and-pencil to the computer to allow for questions to adapt in difficulty based on a student's answer. A new baseline of testing data was expected as a result. However, many states had technical issues with the electronic form that left them unable to complete the testing. Others saw an unprecedented spread of refusals. That means a new school year without complete testing data in many areas.

Below, we look at the impact of the incomplete data on teachers, students and districts:

What is Common Core, and why is it so controversial?

Common Core is a set of standards that determine what kids should learn and when. It's not a curriculum and doesn't determine how kids learn.

Adopted in 42 states, it was developed by governors and state school superintendents with the input of teachers, experts and community members in hopes that it could align the basics of education across the country.

It's been controversial because it's backed by the Obama administration, which has tied No Child Left Behind waivers to the adoption of standards like Common Core. Opponents see this as the U.S. Department of Education strong-arming states into accepting Common Core, which has caused a political uproar among those who say it is tantamount to federal government overreach.

What happened last school year?

In Nevada, Montana and North Dakota, widespread problems with the test makers stopped the exams, and schools were given leeway if they didn't finish. Nevada was the most severely impacted because the Las Vegas-based Clark County School District — home to half of the state's students and the fifth-largest school system in the country — was crippled. Only a third of all Nevada students completed the test.

Meanwhile, thousands of students refused to take the test in a rebellion against standardized testing and the Common Core initiative. Opt-outs happened in New York, Colorado, Maine, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Washington.

Has anything like this happened before?

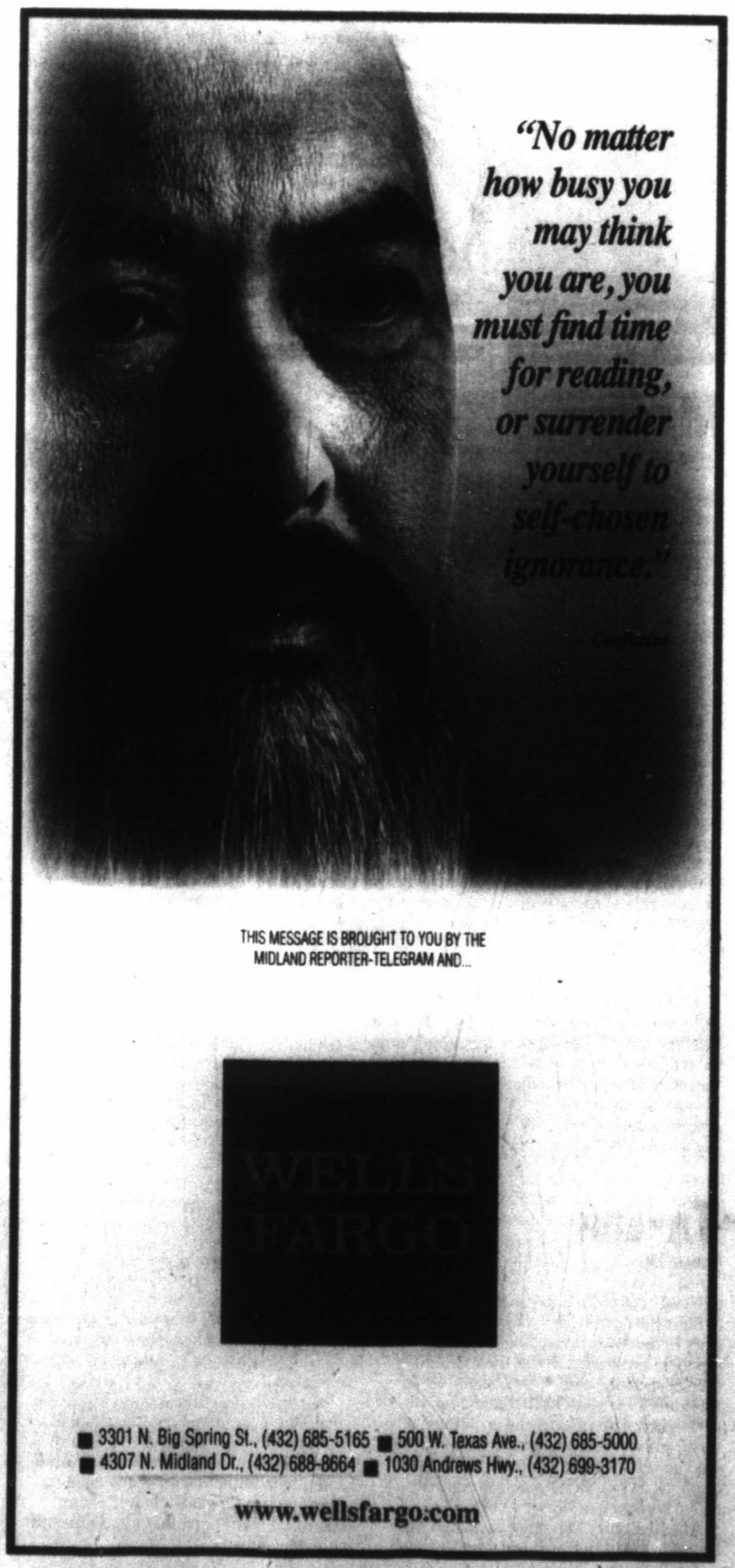
There was incomplete testing data in Kansas in 2014 and Wyoming in 2010, although Wyoming's test was not Common Core-aligned at that time. In those cases, students finished the test but the states felt the validity of the scores were too compromised or questionable because of Kansas' cyber-attack and Wyoming's technical issues. They were both given waivers from the U.S. Department of Education.

How are test scores usually used?

States are required to test all students and use their scores to determine how the school systems are doing, which can affect funding. Some states use the data for a "ratings" system. A few are using it as a part of teacher evaluations. In the classroom, schools generally share the data with teachers who use it to guide curriculum decisions and measure individual students.

What's next?

Federal compliance and funding questions are pending, and some states are also waiting on studies looking at the validity of what student scores they do have. If it's determined that the known disruptions compromised the controlled testing experience, it could undermine even the incomplete testing data that exists.



TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 87 Low: 74

WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny High: 90 Low: 70

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 88 Low: 67

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 90 Low: 68

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 87 Low: 63

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 87 Low: 65

Local forecast

The National Weather Service is calling for a 30 percent chance of showers tonight and Wednesday. The chance of showers drops to 20 percent Wednesday night and all day Thursday.

The record high for Sept. 7 is 102 set in 2012. The record low is 51 set in 2011. On Sept. 7 of last year, the high was 78 and the low was 63.

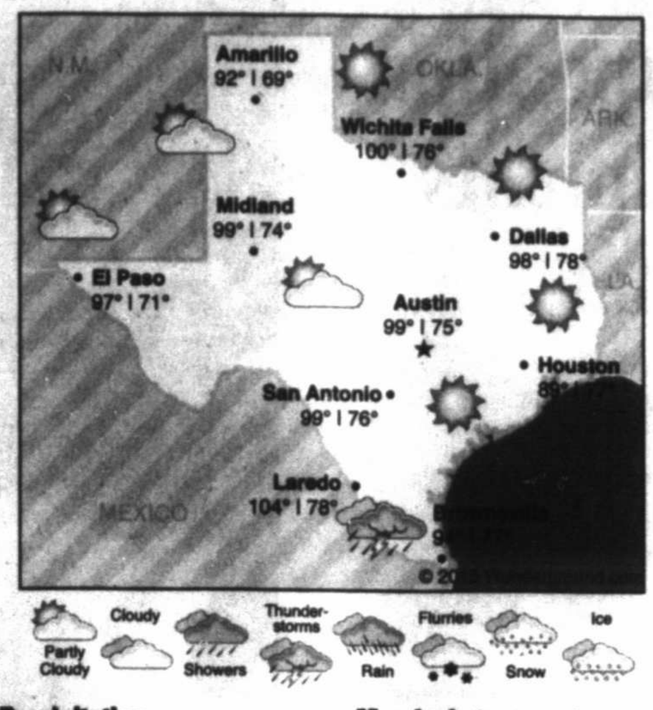
Weather brief

MIAMI — Tropical Storm Grace is expected to weaken to a tropical depression in the next couple of days.

The storm's maximum sustained winds Monday are near 45 mph. The U.S. National Hurricane Center says Grace is centered about 910 miles west of the Cape Verde Islands and is moving west near 18 mph.

Meanwhile in the eastern Pacific, Hurricane Linda had maximum sustained winds near 105 mph with additional some strengthening. But weakening is expected to begin today.

The hurricane is centered about 365 miles south-southwest of the southern tip of Mexico's Baja California peninsula and is moving northwest at about 12 mph.



Precipitation

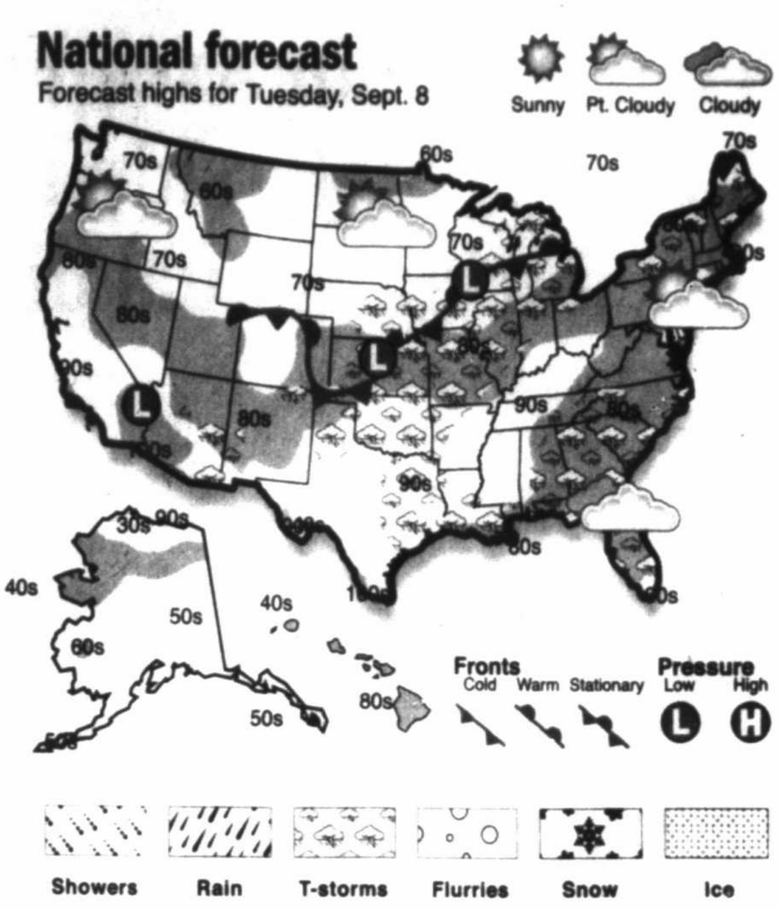
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	14.01 in.
Normal total (year to date)	10.18 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	97
Low	72
Normal high	89
Normal low	65
Sunrise	7:28 a.m.
Sunset	8:04 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Sept. 8



Mom's surprise pregnancy is not pleasant for one of her girls

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I am 44 and my husband of 20 years is 48. On a recent second honeymoon trip to Sweden, I became pregnant. We already have two beautiful, intelligent daughters, 17 and 14. One started university this fall while the other's a high school sophomore.

My problem is not so much the high-risk pregnancy, but rather that both of my girls strongly oppose the idea of us keeping the baby. Not only were they not thrilled when I broke the news to them, but they also cried.

My younger daughter is now giving me the cold shoulder. She doesn't like change and thinks having a sibling will disrupt our life. My older girl said she is glad she will be at the university so she won't have to have anything to do with the baby.

I am deeply hurt by their reactions. I need help to talk to them. Please give me some advice. — EXPECTING IN CANADA

DEAR EXPECTING: Far more important than how your immature and self-centered daughters feel about your pregnancy is how you and your husband feel about it. Teenagers don't like to consider their parents as sexual beings, which may be part of the reason for their reaction.

Not knowing your girls, I'm not sure what they need to hear other than you love them and hope at some point they will become mature enough to accept the situation. But do not allow them to put you on the defensive. You don't owe them an apology. As a matter of fact, they owe you and their father one.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law was in a car accident a few months ago and her car was totaled. Since then, my husband takes her food shopping and wherever else she has to go. She has made no effort to buy a new car. She's content with calling him for every need.

She wasn't injured and she isn't disabled. If she doesn't want to do something, her excuse is, "I'm an old lady. I can't do it." It's annoying. She doesn't come visit or call to check on us. She makes us feel like our family has to do everything for her — while she claims she's "independent."

This has been an issue for a while and I'm sick of it. I suggested she do her grocery shopping online and have it delivered to her house. Once again, she gave the same excuse.

I think she needs a man so I can have my husband back. What do you think? — OVER IT IN PHILADELPHIA

DEAR OVER IT: From the tone of your last remark it's clear you and your mother-in-law aren't close and probably never were. Philadelphia has a very large transit system. Surely there is alternate transportation for her — buses, taxis, Uber and Lyft come to mind. If she was so traumatized by the accident that she's afraid to get behind the wheel again, she may need a therapist to overcome it.

Whatever the reason, this won't stop until you and your husband quit enabling her. Give her a list of what's available and "suggest" she use it the next time she calls wanting a ride. If she needs groceries, offer to order them online for her yourself if she isn't computer literate. And your husband should also offer to help her find a new car.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Either way

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 10 7 5
♡ Q
◇ A 9 7 5 4
♣ K 7 4

WEST
♠ K J 9 8 6 4
♡ 8 7 5
◇ J 8 2
♣ 5

EAST
♠ Q 3
♡ 9 6 2
◇ K 10 3
♣ A J 10 9 3

SOUTH
♠ 2
♡ A K J 10 4 3
◇ Q 6
♣ Q 8 6 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2◇	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	All pass

*Game forcing

Opening lead: Five of ♣

South's decision to bid three hearts, rather than two no-trump, would not meet with universal approval. Indeed, nine tricks at no-trump would have been easy on this deal. South was a world class player, however, so system might have dictated his choice.

The opening club lead went to East's nine and South's queen. There were nine top tricks. The clubs looked to be with East, so the only chance for a tenth trick was the queen of diamonds. Should South cross to dummy with the queen of hearts and lead toward the diamond queen, East could rise with the king and shift to spades, killing the entry to the diamond ace.

Declarer decided that his best chance was an end-play against East, so he set about eliminating spades from the East hand. He led a spade to the ace and ruffed a spade, followed by a low heart to the queen and another spade. East ruffed with the nine, hoping to promote something in West's hand, but South over-ruffed and drew trumps. East had to find a discard on the third round of hearts, and he chose a low club. Declarer simply exited with a club. East could take three club tricks, but then had to lead away from his king of diamonds and South had his contract.

Had East discarded a diamond, instead, South could play the ace and another diamond. East would then be forced to give dummy the king of clubs. Well played!

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015:

This year you often waver between being a social butterfly and being a recluse. Both work for you. You are seeking a balance between these two polarities. If you are single, you can expect to be surrounded by admirers. Check out potential suitors, as one of them could be significant to your life's history. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy your friends enormously. However, make sure that you still have enough private time as a couple. LEO understands you very well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Use your resourcefulness with a child or loved one who seems to be driving a hard bargain. Your sensitivity remains high, but remember not to push beyond your natural limits. Knowing your objective will help point the way. Tonight: Stay close to home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Consider the past few days before you start any project. You will want to accomplish a lot more quickly, though you could be more tired than you realize. Stay close to home, if possible. A situation might arise that could encourage you to rethink a friendship. Tonight: Make it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is going on, yet you might need to handle a personal matter first. Don't settle for anything less than what you feel is right. Listen to someone else's tale of woe and recognize the tension it has created. Tonight: Let the party begin.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You see a personal matter differently from how many other people see it. The reason is that you understand people's feelings better than others. Open up to a new possibility. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with a confusing situation. Tonight: Treat yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Be honest when you are feeling out of sorts. Sometimes you would be best off retreating and not putting on your sunny face. Everyone needs some time off — even you. Take a day just for you, and you will see the difference. Tonight: Take a nap, then decide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You can't continue to pressure yourself as you have. If you feel up to it, push yourself today, but plan on getting some downtime very soon. You seem to have been angry about a situation, and could lose your temper. Have a discussion instead. Tonight: Make it an early night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be more forthright in how you deal with another person. Your sense of humor emerges once more when dealing with an irritable yet funny friend. Accomplish what you must before you socialize. You will hear a lot of news. Tonight: Be prepared for a fun happening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Continue to be uninvolved with a complex situation. You understand the dynamics involved better than the majority of people, but that does not mean you need to deal with this matter. Open up to new possibilities and new ideas. Tonight: Catch up on emails and calls.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ An associate will sense your fatigue, even if you don't. Understand your limits, and attempt to tune into your inner voice and energy. You need to take more time for yourself. Listen to this person's news, but know that you don't need to agree. Tonight: Let the party begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You are respected and known to give good advice. Listen to the nature of the questions you are being asked. You might notice that something is afoot. Just observe and get more information. Try not to let others know what you know! Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might be too tired to continue to push so hard. Be aware of what is going on around you. Perhaps someone unintentionally is creating more work for you than you would like to handle. Have a conversation, if need be. Tonight: The later it gets, the more fun you have.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You have a lot to share, and share you will. However, your creativity and imagination could point you in a new direction. A child or loved one delights you with his or her responses. Make the most of your time together. Tonight: The party goes on and on.

BORN TODAY

Actor David Arquette (1971), singer/songwriter Pink (1979), U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (1941)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Ponzi scheme, e.g.
5 Diplomat's specialty
9 Tire pattern
14 Word of amore
15 Worker protection org.
16 Wheel spokes, geometrically
17 "Am I supposed to take this seriously?"
20 Catholic sacrament of confession and forgiveness
21 Least healthy
22 LAX posting
23 British peer
25 "Alice" diner owner
26 Cloistered sister
27 Four-song discs, briefly
29 Cut with acid
33 Post-spill carpet spot
36 Clean vigorously
38 Weed chopper
39 "Oops, thought you wouldn't hear that"
42 Pound sound
43 Lugged
44 Bill's attorney general
45 __ estate
47 Estonia or Ukr., once
48 Ten, in Toulouse
49 Tuna in a sushi bar
51 Shortest-shadows time
53 "Liquor not provided" letters
56 Starts to melt
60 Aged at the brewery
62 Nursery rhyme plum finder's boast
64 Started the pot
65 Shipping option
66 Nights of anticipatory revelry
67 Like poorly drained rock gardens
68 Family map
69 Word of admonition

DOWN

1 Suffix with land or sea
2 Insertion mark
3 Sports venue
4 Early Yucatán settler
5 Bird on a Froot Loops box
6 "Jeopardy!" contestant
7 Windy City station, on Amtrak skeds
8 Little boys
9 Split second
10 Rub the wrong way
11 Slight advantage
12 Gets in one's sights, with "at"
13 Cola request from a calorie watcher
18 Blood bank quantity
19 Chinese appetizer
24 Speaker's stand
26 Suffix with no-good
28 Cattle poker
30 In those days
31 Old King or Nat King
32 Test the weight of
33 Marquee name
34 Button on a deli scale
35 __ Romeo: sports car
36 Superiors of cpls.
37 "Heavens to Betsy!"
40 Snooping (around)
41 Jazz band instrument
46 Foam-topped coffeehouse drinks
48 Not impossible
50 Intoxicating, as wine
52 Any Everly Brothers tune, now
53 Curtain call cry
54 Red Sea country
55 Pindar, notably
56 Did pool laps
57 "It can't be!"
58 "Minnesota" pool legend
59 Place in order
61 Gave the once-over
63 Rowboat mover

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

H	I	S	S	Y		S	E	L	M	A		S	T	Y
E	L	A	T	E		P	R	I	O	R		L	Y	E
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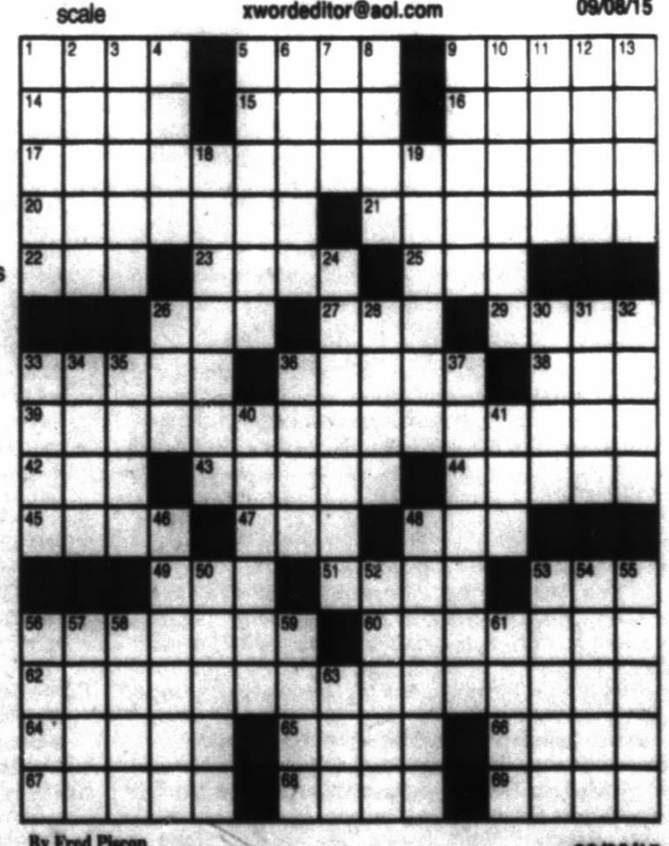

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Permian Basin Area Foundation honors scholarship recipients during annual dinner

The Permian Basin Area Foundation recently presented more than half a million dollars during its annual scholarship dinner at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

Sharing in the $539,161 were the following students:

Midland

Association of Energy Service Cos. Scholarship: Jacob Smith, Alexandra Williams; Tyler Berry Memorial Soccer Scholarship: Sarah Krisa, Joshua Sherman; Candy Sue Bowers Memorial Scholarship: Catherine Reber; Geraldine Longbotham Bowers Memorial Scholarship: Wendi Locklar; Linda Ann Bowers Scholarship: Caleigh Anuszkiewicz; Della and Tom Campbell Family Scholarship: Madison McClain; Patricia Cobb Memorial Scholarship: Anne Bergman, Victoria Reyna, Austen Wade; Connell Family Scholarship: Aaron Perez; Frank Cowden Jr. Memorial Scholarship: Jared Harland; Dawson Geophysical Scholarship: Thawng Bik, Zachery Byars, Max Firkins, Laura Raines, Katherine Smith; Bob & Dorothy Deavenport Scholarship: Maria Jimenez; Decker Family Scholarship/Texas Christian University: Alex Mata; Decker Family Scholarship/University of Oklahoma: Taylor Looper; Mary Frances "Chan" Driscoll Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarship: Haley Madewell; Nancy Jo Mims Geers Memorial Scholarship: Avery Sauer; Marie Hall Scholarship: Erwin Baquirin, Leah Bell, Viviana Perez, Haley Rhodes; John & Rose Marie Healy Memorial Scholarship: Sarah Jones.

Also, Elizabeth Henry Memorial Scholarship: Marie Ament, Michael Bell; Clayton Welch Henson Memorial Scholarship: Jeffery Franklin, Mayson Thompson; Daniel Parker Herd Memorial Scholarship: Navy Butler, Ashley Cross, Jessica Hernandez; Prentiss & Leona Hightower Memorial Scholarship: Nathanael Garlington; Bob & Bobbie Hill Scholarship: Gerald Adkins, Samuel Harryman, Viviana Perez; Wally Kleine Bulldog Excel Scholarship: Albert Cano, Ariel Sanchez; Shannon S. Lea Memorial Scholarship: Blythe Lary; Randy Lee Scholarship: Amanda Bell, Allison Hymel, Hattie Miller; Mashburn Legacy Scholarship: Aaron Perez, Jonathan Ramos; Midland Reunion 2000 Scholarship: Kristen Dunlap; Midland Texas Tech Alumni Scholarship: Marcus Hernandez; Bill Mims Memorial Scholarship: Joseph Hernandez, Ethan Smith; Katy & Paul Morrow Scholarship: Aubrie Elliott, Allison Hymel; Ann & Roy Northern Memorial Scholarship: Tailar Jones-Nobles, Catherine Reber; Tommy Norwood Memorial Scholarship: Lauren Bell, Timothy Snell; Grace Osadchuk Memorial Merit Scholarship in Music: Kaitlyn Flud; Joe M. Parsley Engineering Scholarship: Mason Montgomery.

And, Permian Basin Scholarship for Petroleum Engineering: Axel Durham, Corbin McCullough, Robert McDonnold; Permian Honor Scholarship: Katherine Boyd; James C. Pitts Jr. Memorial Scholarship: Michael Bell; Blanche Plunkett Memorial Scholarship: Megan Sitzman, Natasha Thio; Jacob Power Fighting Rebel Memorial Scholarship: Brady Roper, Jonathan Schwalbach; Rankin Community Education Scholarship: Kassandra Baltazar, Mariah Gaston; Ted G. Roden Memorial Scholarship of Standards Sales Co.: Sunita Heeraman; Brian A. Semple Memorial Scholarship: Sherry Chen, Kathryn McGowan, Juan Rodriguez, Alexandra Williams; Sharyland Utilities Scholarship: Cohen Clark, Axel Durham; Todd Shiplet Memorial Scholarship: Amy Farley, Joseph Flores; Mary Spannaus Medical Education Memorial Scholarship: Raven Sanchez; Daffy Tabor Memorial Scholarship: Lauren Barnes, Samantha Kail; Patrick Wayland Memorial Scholarship: Matthew Gallegos, Sam Grimes, Jackson Lancaster; Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship: Amanda Bell; Barbara Yarbrough Scholarship: Wendi Locklar; Galberson Zachery Scholarship: Javier Valdes.

Area

Andrews

Kristin Corbin Memorial Scholarship: Morgan Cook, Rebekah Hall; Frank Cowden Jr. Memorial Scholarship: Nicolas Orona; Amy Gardner Memorial "Louis Armstrong" Scholarship: Jacqueline Lujan, Dakota Velasquez; Donnie Munsell Memorial Scholarship: Jace Cordell; Permian Honor Scholarship: Zana Guest, Dakota Velasquez.

Big Lake

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship: Tania Salas.

Big Spring

Frank Cowden Jr. Memorial Scholarship: Nathan Jimenez; Marie Hall Scholarship: Ashley Lugo, Marcela Norman, Kelli Schaedel, Leksey Yarbar; Roy & Clarice Martin Scholarship: Kaitlyn Nichols; Permian Honor Scholarship: Nathan Jimenez, Antonio Solis; Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship: Hope Allen, Carlee Daniel, Hunter Hill, Kelli Schaedel.

Crane

Marie Hall Scholarship: Trevor Davis;Permian Honor Scholarship: Selena Baiza.

Gardendale

Ted & Von Dean Lawson Memorial Scholarship: Danielle Lucero; Mary Spannaus Medical Education Memorial Scholarship: Lauren Viscaino.

Lamesa

Lamesa Golden Tornado Jubilee Scholarship: Elijah Vasquez; Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship: Bessie Rhodes.

Lenorah

Mashburn Legacy Scholarship: Kristen Blocker, Jack Kennady; Johnny Peugh Memorial Scholarship: Bryce Blocker; Gordon and Inez Stone Memorial Scholarship: Jack Kennady; Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship: Milagros Rodriguez.

McCamey

Thelma Windham Scholarship: Kellsy Drgae.

Midkiff

Rankin Community Education Scholarship: Joel Gomez, Cody Phillips.

Monahans

Association of Energy Service Companies Scholarship: Melanie Pogue; Marie Hall Scholarship: Brady Lujan; Stephen Neace Memorial Scholarship: Haylie Hicks, Crystal Ruiz; Permian Basin Geophysical Society Scholarship: Brady Lujan; Permian Honor Scholarship: Melanie Pogue, Cassidy Taylor, Victor Torres, Madelyn Woods; Alan Ruth Memorial Scholarship: Jacob Lair; Ward County Community Scholarship: Hadlie Green, Gregory Huber, Jace Rives, Courtney Rodriguez.

Odessa

Association of Energy Service Cos. Scholarship: Larry Del Bosque, Kaleb Stephenson, Brittani Weber; Della & Tom Campbell Family Scholarship: Cheerilyn Chapman, Emiteria Rodriguez, Bailey Tate; Marie Hall Scholarship: Angelica Mijares, Amber Stewart; Daryl Lynn Hunt Memorial Scholarship: Ajahcia Powell, Robert Thomas; Cindy B. Jenkins Scholarship: Marcela Hernandez Garcia, Brianna Johnson, Mariana Veloso; Grace & Bob King Scholarship: Matthew Hansen, Greg Palacios, Emily Thomas, Cristina Valenzuela; Madhuri Vindhya Kumar Memorial Scholarship: Kameryn Herron, Alexandra Rathbun, Katie Reeves, Rilee Ann Rimke, Hailey Shafer, Ivey Ward; Madhuri Vindhya Kumar Memorial Nursing Scholarship: Araceli Macias, Samantha Nunez, Marissa Rodriguez; Permian Basin Scholarship for Petroleum Engineering: Daniel Carrasco; Permian Honor Scholarship: Natalie Baeza, Melissa Benson, Alyssa Chavira, Ayra Monica Cirilo, Dogan Ervin, Daniel Galindo, Maloree Hinesly, Parker Hinesly, Victoria Inman, Katarina Kerr, Hope Lopez, Reyna Luna, Valerie Ramos, Chelcee Robinson, Alberto Rodriguez, Skyler Self, Pedro Torres; Curtis Pool Scholarship: Alexandra Rathbun; Daffy Tabor Memorial Scholarship: Kameryn Herron.

Pecos

Judge Lucius Bunton Memorial Law Scholarship: Michael Price.

Penwell

Permian Honor Scholarship: Sawyer Benavidez.

Rankin

Rankin Community Education Scholarship: Josiah Exum, Nathanial Hill, Kelsey Hubbard, Jamie Hughes, Andrew Hutchens, Damion Luca, Allison Reid, Kevin Reid, John Rodriguez, Courtney Stanford, Amye Templeton, Kolton Trice, Shania Valadez, Catherine Ward, Lesley Watson, Amber Zapata; Thelma Windham Scholarship: Josiah Exum, Amye Templeton.

Stanton

Connell Family Scholarship: Rachel Billett, Laci Dugan, Ethan Mauldin; J. Alex & Ruby Haggard Scholarship: Skyler Church; Marie Hall Scholarship: Jackelina Martens; Gene Douglas Hawley Memorial Scholarship: Kyle Inman; Clayton Welch Henson Memorial Scholarship: Sterling Allen, Shelby Holland; Grace Loveless Jones Scholarship: Sarah Baker, David Ramsey, Drew Snellgrove; Jimmie & Dorothy Mashburn Scholarship: Gabriela Flores, Celeste Ramirez, Natalie Rangel; Mashburn Legacy Scholarship: Sarah Baker, Bayli Barnhill, Rachel Billett, Levi Bryand, Andres Chavez, Rachel Franklin, Gabrielle Garza, Shelby Gordon, Jackelina Martens, Sarah Matthews, Ethan Mauldin, Celeste Ramirez, Selah Ramsey, Drew Snellgrove; Nettie Millhollon Scholarship: Tara Hernandez, Kyle Inman, Amber Peterson, Weston Phelps; Gordon & Inez Stone Memorial Scholarship: Bayli Barnhill, Hannah Franklin; Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship: Amber Peterson; J.M. Yater Memorial Scholarship: Sarah Matthews, Joshua Quaid.

Wink

Marie Hall Scholarship: Katelyn Shackelford; Permian Honor Scholarship: Katelyn Shackelford.

Statewide

Ackerly

Nettie Millhollon Scholarship: Elizabeth Martinez; Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship: Elizabeth Martinez.

Aledo

Association of Energy Service Companies Scholarship: Emily Dye.

Austin

Mark Nicholas Scholarship for Athletics: Samantha Chin.

Balmorhea

Marie Hall Scholarship: Karly Mondragon.

Bangs

Association of Energy Service Companies Scholarship: Madisen Browning.

Beeville

Permian Basin Geophysical Society Scholarship: Kasey Howard.

Brownwood

Association of Energy Service Companies Scholarship: Dalton Simmons.

Burleson

Ted & Von Dean Lawson Memorial Scholarship: Taylor Hogan.

College Station

Permian Basin Geophysical Society Scholarship: Qifan Liu.

Dallas

Permian Basin Geophysical Society Scholarship: Madeline Jones.

Denver City

Association of Energy Service Cos. Scholarship: Karla Olivas.

El Paso

Permian Basin Geophysical Society Scholarship: William Seelig.

Fort Stockton

Association of Energy Service Companies Scholarship: Kimberlee Lujan; Permian Honor Scholarship: Abril Ibarra.

Houston

Mark Nicholas Scholarship for Engineering:Alan Nieto; Permian Basin Geophysical Society Scholarship: Zuralmy Camacho-Carrera, John Hornbuckle, Andrea Paris Castellano, Zhenchen Zou.

Katy

Ted & Von Dean Lawson Memorial Scholarship: Alec Ritzell; Permian Basin Geophysical Society Scholarship: Veronica Guzman.

Loop

Ted & Von Dean Lawson Memorial Scholarship: Hannah Hand.

MuleshoeFloyd & Mary Burris Memorial Scholarship: Braden Bessire.

San Angelo

Association of Energy Service Cos. Scholarship: Shelby Roach, Sarah Theriot; Dawson Geophysical Scholarship: Walter Reed; Ted G. Roden Memorial Scholarship of Standard Sales Co.: Garrett O'Brien, Kayla Ordiway.

San Antonio

Mark Nicholas Scholarship for Athletics: Mauricio Craig.

Santa Anna

Association of Energy Service Cos. Scholarship: Genia Jones.

Slaton

Ted G. Roden Memorial Scholarship of Standard Sales Co.: Taylor Polk.

Sweetwater

Association of Energy Service Cos. Scholarship: Micaela Reschman.

Tarzan

Mashburn Legacy Scholarship: Victoria Hunt; Johnny Peugh Memorial Scholarship: Ariel Arnold; Dan & Billye Saunders Scholarship: Victoria Hunt.

Tyler

Grace Loveless Jones Scholarship: Morgan McDonald; Mashburn Legacy Scholarship: Morgan McDonald.

Nationwide

Colorado

■ Ignacio

Ted G. Roden Memorial Scholarship of Standards Sales Co.: Jayce Stricherz, July Stricherz.

■ Pueblo

Ted G. Roden Memorial Scholarship of Standard Sales Co.: Zachary Acosta, Sydney Gettel, Tanner Gettel, Leigha Summers.

Illinois

■ Mattoon

Laura Catherine Van Gundy Young Memorial Scholarship: Michael Brand, Paul Weber.

■ Neoga

Laura Catherine Van Gundy Young Memorial Scholarship: Steven Morgan.

Mississippi

■ Olive Branch

Ted G. Roden Memorial Scholarship of Standard Sales Co.. Brittany Bynum.

■ Southaven

Ted G. Roden Memorial Scholarship of Standard Sales Co. : Tolcheyanne Beckworth, Cullen Richardson.

Oklahoma

■ Drumright

Charliene Giddeon Cox Memorial Scholarship: Krissy Hitch.

■ Edmond

Association of Energy Service Cos. Scholarship: Breanne DeLeon

Courtesy photos

Danna Gallegos, from left, Matthew Gallegos, Carole and David Wayland.

Brad Jones, from left, Katherine Smith, Brady Lujan, Nichele Raines and Terry Knighton.

Mike and Bonnie Brumley, from left, Gerry Adkins and Bobbie Hill.

Randy and Lupe Decker, from left, Doris Webb and Alex Mata.

Spencer and JoAnn Sipko, from left, Andy and Betty Shaffer and Cicki and Bob Rice.

Sue Ann Campbell, from left, Bailey Tate and Dick Campbell.

Trinity's Baiano impresses on six-man field

By Oscar LeRoy
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Baiano

Vincent Baiano has been around the Trinity offense long enough to have everything the Chargers do on the field becomes almost second nature for him.

Maybe that's a reason that the Chargers are scoring points by the bunches against solid six-man opponents, with the latest win coming in a 93-48 romp of Rankin last Friday.

Baiano, the senior quarterback, was the catalyst by completing 21 of 31 passes for 326 yards, six touchdowns and one interception, to go with 127 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 12 carries as the Chargers beat the Red Devils for the first time in 10 tries.

■ Area player of the week

For his performance, Baiano is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Player of the Week.

"The receivers kept finding these open spots on the field, so it made it easy just to play catch," Baiano said. "It was awesome to be the team that finally beat Rankin for the first time."

Baiano and the Chargers have been having a lot of fun this season, which started off with a school record-breaking 114-66 victory over Loraine.

But don't expect Baiano to rest on past success. The way he sees it, there is plenty of room for improvement and his team has yet to reach its peak.

"I set a level for myself and I need to get better at what I did," he said. "I think I need to improve on defense. On offense, I still need to make decisions faster, and there are other things I still need to work on before district starts."

Trinity coach Antwan Alexander that the way Baiano is running the offense is almost like a senior at the college level who's been in the same system for four years — he knows it by heart.

"We go over everything over and over again in practice," said Baiano of his team's preparation. "We just keep getting (all the plays) in our head to the point where it's just a reaction to everything. It's not just thinking, it's do it."

Alexander said Baiano is playing well and also acknowledged that his quarterback can still improve.

"What we expect from him is to have the ability to see the play before it happens and just developing overall as a player and quarterback," Alexander said. "There are still things he can work on to get better, as far as not second guessing himself whenever he has to change a play

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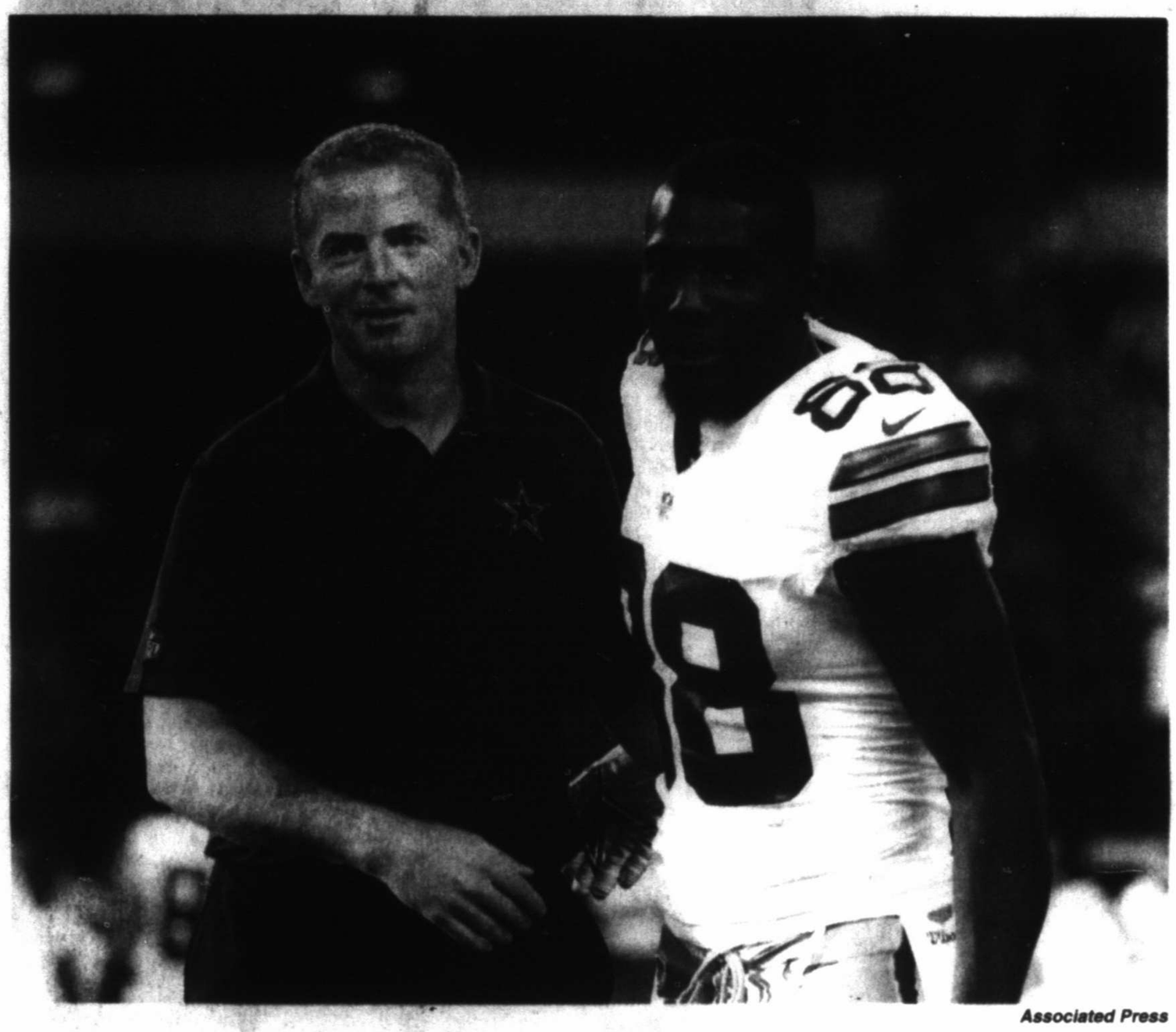
Looking at the season ahead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Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett and wide receiver Dez Bryant (88) greet before a preseason NFL football game against the Houston Texans Thursday in Arlington.

Cowboys tempering Super Bowl talk coming off NFC East title

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Owner Jerry Jones tamped down expectations a year ago when the Dallas Cowboys had plenty of questions and seemingly not very many answers.

Now that they're defending NFC East champions looking for multiple playoff wins for the first time since the last of three Super Bowl wins in four seasons 20 years ago, the ever-optimistic Jones isn't trying to pump up things. Neither is his son.

"No, I think he's been out of that business for a while," executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said. "We need to go get something before we can start talking too optimistic. We got a little bit more to prove before we can take that next step."

Tony Romo and Dez Bryant haven't taken a snap in a game together since the All-Pro receiver's crucial catch that wasn't in a playoff loss to Green Bay last January. Same thing for all five members of an offensive line being touted as the key to replacing NFL rushing champion DeMarco Murray, who left for Philadelphia in free agency.

Bryant missed the offseason in a contract dispute and injured his hamstring early in training camp, practicing sporadically after that and missing all four exhibition games. Four of the five blockers battled mostly minor injuries during camp, but all are expected to be ready for the opener Sunday night against the Giants.

"Obviously I would have liked to have had more reps," said right guard Zack Martin, who played just one preseason game because of a neck injury, and is coming off the team's first rookie All-Pro season since running back Calvin Hill in 1969. "But I've got to take advantage of what I've done and take advantage of this week coming up to prepare for New York."

While Murray's franchise-record 1,845 yards rushing played a big role in the most efficient season of Romo's career, Bryant's presence was huge. He led the NFL with 16 touchdowns receiving and is now paid like the receiver off to the best start in franchise history.

The 26-year-old signed a five-year, $70 million contract. Now Bryant has to find a way to reconnect with his quarterback quickly.

"Obviously when Dez Bryant comes back, he's a tough matchup for any team and dictates coverage sometimes," said Romo, who played six series over two games in the preseason. "But when anybody's out, when I'm out, you've got to go execute, and that's all I have got to do."

Things to consider for the Cowboys:

Suspended pair

Defensive end Greg Hardy (domestic violence case) and linebacker Rolando McClain (substance abuse violation) will

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Mustangs make many positives out of loss

By Christopher Hadorn
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McClendon

Midland Christian head football coach Greg McClendon is a competitive guy. McClendon hates losing.

Even though the outcome didn't go his way, McClendon had a positive outlook about the Mustangs' first showing in their 29-3 loss to Houston Bellaire Episcopal in Waco last Friday.

MCS led 3-0 for much of the first half before surrendering 15 points to the opposing Knights right before halftime.

Episcopal was a squad loaded with Division I talent and claimed the SPC large school state championship in 2014.

■ Private school report

The Knights (2-0) defeated TAPPS Division I power Plano Prestonwood in week 1, while the Mustangs (0-1) were suiting up for the very first time.

"That team is loaded with talent," McClendon said. "I think if you talked to them, they know that we played their tails off. Physically, we matched them, which is something I felt like was extremely important. I thought we did that really well. I thought they limped off the field, not us. As much as I hate losing with all my guts, 29-3 was no indicator of what the ballgame was played like."

McClendon characterized Midland Christian's performance as typical for a team playing its first game.

MCS lost the turnover margin by a 3-0 difference. The Mustangs fumbled the ball three times, losing two of them. McClendon said MCS fumbled twice on the goal line, costing the team a chance to score two touchdowns.

On defense, the Mustangs hung tough until yielding a 94-yard touchdown pass and a 52-yard scoring run in the third quarter.

"I don't think our kids walked off the field with their heads down," McClendon said. "They hate losing, but they know right now, we fix a few things, we have a chance to be a really special team."

O-line impresses

McClendon was pleased with how the Mustangs' offensive line fared against Episcopal's college-sized defensive front. The Knights' defensive line included five-star recruit Marvin Austin, a 320-pound defensive tackle.

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Jess Good Candy wins All American Futurity; Sky Bo Dash 5th

■ Jess Good Candy raced the 440 yards of All American Futurity in :21.414

From staff reports

RUIDOSO DOWNS, N.M. – The Estate of Carl Pevehouse's Jess Good Candy raised his record to four-for-four with a spotless, professional win in the Grade 1, $3 million All American Futurity on Monday at Ruidoso Downs Race Track before a record 24,815 fans.

Sky Bo Dash, owned by Midland's Bobby Simmons, finished fifth in the race.

The All American Futurity pays the largest purse of any two-year-old horse race in the world.

Pevehouse — who died in April, 2014 — had been one of the most respected owner/breeders in Oklahoma. Horses Pevehouse bred are easily recognized because they carry "Candy" in their names. Pevehouse was the breeder of Jess Good Candy.

"This means everything," Pevehouse's daughter said in a shaky voice with tears. "This means the program that my dad started years ago has come to fruition. It's amazing."

Jess Good Candy raced the 440 yards in :21.414 to win by a neck over One Fabulous Eagle. Ivan Carnero, 23, was aboard for his first All American Futurity win.

Tf Im That Guy took third, one length behind One Fabulous Eagle.

Jess Good Candy, the first horse trainer Clinton Crawford qualified for the All American Futurity, was in tight quarters at the start and then the horses next to him moved away from Jess Send Candy. He had a clear path and pushed his way to the front. Then he surged to get the win over a very game One Fabulous Eagle.

A son of Good Reason Sa and Jess Send Candy, Jess Good Candy was making his stakes debut. He easily won his maiden at first asking at Remington Park back in April and then came to Ruidoso and won his trial to the Grade 1, $750,000 Ruidoso Futurity in his local debut. He won by three quarters of a length, but his time was not fastest enough to earn a spot in the futurity.

"He got away good in the Ruidoso trials and he won the race, but he got a little green," Crawford said. "(Jockey) G.R. Carter Jr. had to check him just a little bit at the wire and we got knocked out by two one hundredths of a second from qualifying. We had another filly in the Juvenile. I told her let's just wait. I'll have him ready."

Crawford waited until the All American Futurity trials in August to run Jess Good Candy again and he came through with the third-fastest qualifying time on the second day of trials.

There were 34 trials to the All American Futurity with 17 trials of each day. The horses with the five-fastest times on each day competed for the record $1.5 million first-place check in the All American Futurity.

Darling Farm's One Fabulous Eagle, the 2-1 favorite, was the fastest qualifier on the first day of trials with a :21.452 time for the 440 yards. The One Famous Eagle son dominated his trial by one-and-three-quarter lengths.

Midway through the race, the saddle slipped on Giving It All and the horse started bucking. Jockey Ramon Sanchez jumped off and sustained a sore right shoulder. He was not taken to the hospital and walked back into the jockeys' room.

Earlier in the program, the $200,000 All American Juvenile was held for horses who did not qualify for the All American Futurity. The purse was raised from $100,000 last year.

By Midnite Express owned the last half of the 440-yard juvenile and sped away to a three-quarter-length win with a :21.588 time. B. Russel Hadley was aboard.

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MONDAY'S SCORE
Midland 6
Frisco 4

WEDNESDAY'S GAME
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.

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ON THE AIR

ON TV

Basketball

FIBA Americas: Venezuela vs Uruguay, 2:20 p.m., NBAtv

FIBA Americas: Mexico vs Canada, 8:20 p.m., ESPNDEP

Boxing

Austin Trout vs Josey Hernandez, 8 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP

Golf

Presidents Cup Captains' Picks, 4 p.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball

Chic. Cubs at St. Louis, 7 p.m., MLB

Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., FSSW

Houston at Oakland, 9 p.m., ROOT

Men's Soccer

UEFA Euro Qualifier: England vs Switzerland, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2/ESPNDEP

UEFA Euro Qualifier: Macedonia vs Spain, 1:30 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP

UEFA Euro Qualifier: Sweden vs Austria, 1:30 p.m., FS2

UEFA Euro Qualifier: Belarus vs Luxembourg, 1:30 p.m., FOXSOC+

Friendly: Ecuador vs Honduras, 3:50 p.m., beIN2

Friendly: Brazil at USA, 7:15 p.m., ESPN2/UniMas/UDN

CONCACAF World Cup Qualifying: El Salvador vs Curacao, 8:30 p.m., NBCU

Friendly: Mexico vs Argentina, 9:30 p.m., ESPN2/UniMas/UDN

Tennis

US Open, Quarterfinals, 11 a.m., ESPN

US Open, Quarterfinals, 6 p.m., ESPN

Women's College Volleyball

South Dakota State at North Dakota, 7 p.m., FCSC

RADIO

Major League Baseball

Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS TENNIS

MHS at Andrews, 4:30 p.m.

HS VOLLEYBALL

Seminole at MHS, 6 p.m.

Lee at Wolfforth Frenship, 6 p.m.

Trinity at Greenwood, 6 p.m.

MCA at Brownfield, 6 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Oliver Drake and OF Junior Lake to Norfolk (IL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Selected the contracts of RHPs Jobs Chamberlain and Louis Coleman from Omaha (PCL). Designated RHP Yohan Pino and INF Dusty Coleman for assignment.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Selected the contract of LHP Chris Capuano from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Recalled LHP Jacob Lindgren from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and placed him on the 60-day DL.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled RHP Danny Farquhar from Tacoma (PCL). Optioned LHP Edgar Olmos to Tacoma.

TEXAS RANGERS — Recalled RHP Nick Martinez from Round Rock (PCL). Activated C Robinson Chirinos from the 15-day DL.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Recalled RHP Carl Edwards, Jr. and LHP Zac Rossoup from Iowa (PCL).

NEW YORK METS — Recalled RHP Logan Verrett, INF Dilson Herrera and C Johnny Monell from Las Vegas (PCL).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Reinstated 1B-OF Travis Ishikawa from the 15-day DL.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Recalled RHP Brett Bochy from Sacramento (PCL). Reinstated 2B Joe Panik from the 15-day DL.

American Association

JOPLIN BLASTERS — Exercised the 2016 contract option on RHP Jorge Martinez.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed CB Cornel Brooks, OT Rob Crisp, LB Gabe Martin, G Antoine McClain, WR Jason Shipley, RB Back Kerwynn Williams, TE Brandon Bostick, CB Leon McFadden, CB Robert Nelson and DE Lawrence Okoye to the practice squad.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Claimed C Gino Gradkowski off waivers from Buffalo. Released C Joe Hawley. Signed LB Derek Akunne, OT Pierce Burton, TE Marcel Jensen, CB Akeem King, LB Brandy Maponga, NT Joey Mbu, QB Matt Simms and LB Tyler Starr to the practice squad.

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed DT Andre Fluellen. Signed LB K' Enemkpali, T Chris Martin, DE Cedric Reed, QB Alex Tanney and CB Jaylen Watkins to the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LB Jonathan Anderson, LB Lamin Barrow, DT Nick Becton, DL Brandon Dunn, CB Jacoby Glenn, RB-FB Paul Lasike, WR Jalen Saunders, TE Gannon Sinclair, WR Emanuel Sanodua and DL Terry Williams to the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Suspended offensive line coach Andy Moeller indefinitely for an unspecified incident. Signed QB Austin Davis. Signed OL Garth Gerhart and DL Dylan Wynn to the practice squad. Placed DB Charles Gaines injured reserve-return.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Claimed OT Jordan Mills off waivers from Chicago. Waived LB Jasper Brinkley. Signed QB Jameill Showers, LB Dalcorey Johnson, S Tim Scott and OT John Wetzel to the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed DT Jermelle Cudjo. Placed CB Alex Carrier on reserve/injured-designated to return. Signed CB Stanley Jean-Baptiste to the practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed WR James Jones. Released WR Myles White. Signed WR Jared Abbrederis, LB Carl Bradford, RB John Crockett, CB Robertson Daniel, TE Justin Perillo, DT Christian Ringo, G Matt Rotheram, LB James Vaughters and OT Jeremy Vujnovich to the practice squad.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed LS Jon Weeks to a contract extension. Waived-injured S Terrance Parks. Signed G Karim Barton, WR Alan Bonner, LB Max Bullough, S Kurtis Drummond, CB Zac Dysert, RB Kenny Hilliard, S Corey Moore, DE Dan Pettinato, TE Eric Tomlinson and WR Chandler Worthy to the practice squad.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Waived LB Josh Martin. Signed OL Jah Reid. Signed WR Da'Ron Brown, DT Hebron Fangupo, OT Laurence Gibson, CB Jeremy Harris, DL David Irving, C Daniel Munyer, G Jarrod Pughsley, TE Ross Travis, FB Spencer Ware and WR Fred Williams to the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed DE Zach Moore to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed OL Chris Barker, OL Blaine Clausell, TE Asante Cleveland, LB Xzavier Dickson, LB Darius Fleming, LB Brandon King, WR Nathan Palmer, DT Jimmy Staten, DB Dexton Swanson and WR Kenbrell Thompkins to the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed S Craig Dahl. Released S Stevie Brown. Signed TE Will Tye and DE Monton Hughes to the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed S Rontez Miles to the practice squad.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Claimed DE Lavar Edwards off waivers from the Dallas. Placed CB Chimdi Chekwa on injured reserve. Signed RB George Atkinson III, G Mitch Ball, CB SaDwan Edwards, QB Garrett Gilbert, DE Shelby Harris, OT Dan Kistler, S Tevin McDonald, DT Leon Orr, LB Josh Shirley and DE Max Valles to the practice squad.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed CB Justin Coleman, CB Kevin Short and DE Robert Thomas to the practice squad.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed CB Tim Jennings. Placed OT Demar Dotson on injured reserve-return.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Re-signed TE Chase Coffman. Placed RB David Cobb on injured reserve-return.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed TE Anthony McCoy. Signed FB Ray Agnew and LB Ryan Delaire to the practice squad. Waived CB Deshazor Everett.

Indoor Football League

SPOKANE SHOCK — Signed OL Malcolm Spelter, OL Ahongalu Fusimalohi and OL Michael Boyello.

COLLEGE

UTAH — Reinstated CB Dominique Hatfield from suspension.

SPORTS ODDS

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FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	SLEEPER
at NEW ENGLAND	6½	7	(52)	Pittsburgh
Sunday				
Green Bay	3½	6½	(50)	at CHICAGO
at HOUSTON	2½	1	(40½)	Kansas City
at NY JETS	2½	3	(40)	Cleveland
Indianapolis	2½	2½	(46)	at BUFFALO
Miami	1½	3½	(43)	at WASHINGTON
Carolina	2½	3½	(41)	at JACKSONVILLE
Seattle	4½	4	(41)	at ST. LOUIS
at ARIZONA	3	2½	(48)	New Orleans
at SAN DIEGO	2	3	(46)	Detroit
at TAMPA BAY	2½	3	(41)	Tennessee
Cincinnati	3	3½	(43½)	at OAKLAND
at DENVER	4	4½	(49)	Baltimore
at DALLAS	5	6	(51½)	NY Giants
Monday				
Philadelphia	1	3	(55)	ATLANTA
Minnesota	+4½	2½	(41)	at SAN FRANCISCO
COLLEGE FOOTBALL				
at W. KENTUCKY	3	2	(65)	Louisiana Tech
Friday				
Miami-Fl	16½	17½	(55)	at FAU
at UTAH	12½	13½	(44)	Utah St
Saturday				
at FLORIDA ST	29	27½	(53½)	South Florida
at Michigan	4½	4	(56)	at GEORGIA SO.
at PENN ST	16½	20½	(49)	Buffalo
at CONNECTICUT	6½	7½	(48)	Army
at FLORIDA	13	20	(54½)	East Carolina
at LOUISVILLE	12½	12	(54)	Houston
at MISSISSIPPI	20½	28	(56)	Fresno St
at CINCINNATI	6½	7	(52½)	Temple
Lsu	2½	3½	(49½)	a MISSISSIPPI ST
at WISCONSIN	33	33	(53)	Miami-Oh
Kansas St	22½	18	(51)	at TEXAS-SA
Marshall	4	3½	(59½)	at OHIO
at OHIO ST	38	38	OFF	Hawaii
at SYRACUSE	5½	4½	(43½)	Wake Forest
at CLEMSON	21	17	(58)	Appalachian St
Missouri	13	11½	(58½)	at ARKANSAS ST
at WYOMING	11	13½	(56½)	Eastern Michigan
at COLORADO	14	12½	(62½)	Massachusetts
Minnesota	5	6	(53½)	at COLORADO ST
at MICHIGAN	14	14½	(47½)	Oregon St
at GEORGIA TECH	27½	28½	(54½)	Idaho
Georgia	17½	19½	(55½)	at VANDERBILT
Boise St	1½	2½	(54)	at BYU
Notre Dame	10	11½	(48½)	at VIRGINIA
Iowa	4	3½	(52½)	at IOWA ST
at CAL	7½	12	(61)	San Diego St
Memphis	9	13½	(56)	at KANSAS
at ARKANSAS	21	21	(53)	Toledo
at ALABAMA	34	34	(55½)	Middle Tenn St
at AIR FORCE	7	6½	(50½)	San Jose St
Pittsburgh	11½	13	(50½)	at AKRON
at MARYLAND	10	7½	(66½)	Bowling Green
Arizona	10½	11½	(62)	at NEVADA
at SOUTH CAROLINA	9	7	(58½)	Kentucky
at SMU	PK	4½	(56)	North Texas
at TEXAS A&M	26	28½	(62½)	Ball St
at TEXAS TECH	16½	20½	(65½)	Utep
at RUTGERS	5½	PK	(61½)	Washington St
Oklahoma	3	PK	(61)	at TENNESSEE
at TEXAS	16	15½	(50½)	Rice
at NEW MEXICO ST	4	6½	(63)	Georgia St
at NEBRASKA	27	25½	(54)	South Alabama
at MICHIGAN ST	PK	3½	(67½)	Oregon
at INDIANA	7½	7½	(52½)	FIU

Murray's major QF streak ends with US Open loss to Anderson

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andy Murray watched a 130 mph ace zoom by to create a two-set deficit at the U.S. Open, and then sat in his changeover chair and cursed at himself, over and over and over.

A little later, Murray cracked his racket against the court once, breaking the frame, and went to the sideline and mangled his equipment even more, before meandering over to hand it to someone in the stands.

Often able to spur himself by letting out some anger, the two-time Grand Slam title winner only briefly managed to get into this match. The third-seeded Murray lost before the quarterfinals at a major for the first time since 2010, beaten 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (0) by 15th-seeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa in the fourth round at Flushing Meadows on Monday.

For the 6-foot-8 (2.03-meter) Anderson, known mainly for a booming serve but terrific off the ground in this 4-hour, 18-minute victory, it marked a real breakthrough: He entered with an 0-7 record in fourth-round matches at majors, including when he had a two-set lead against Novak Djokovic before losing at Wimbledon two months ago.

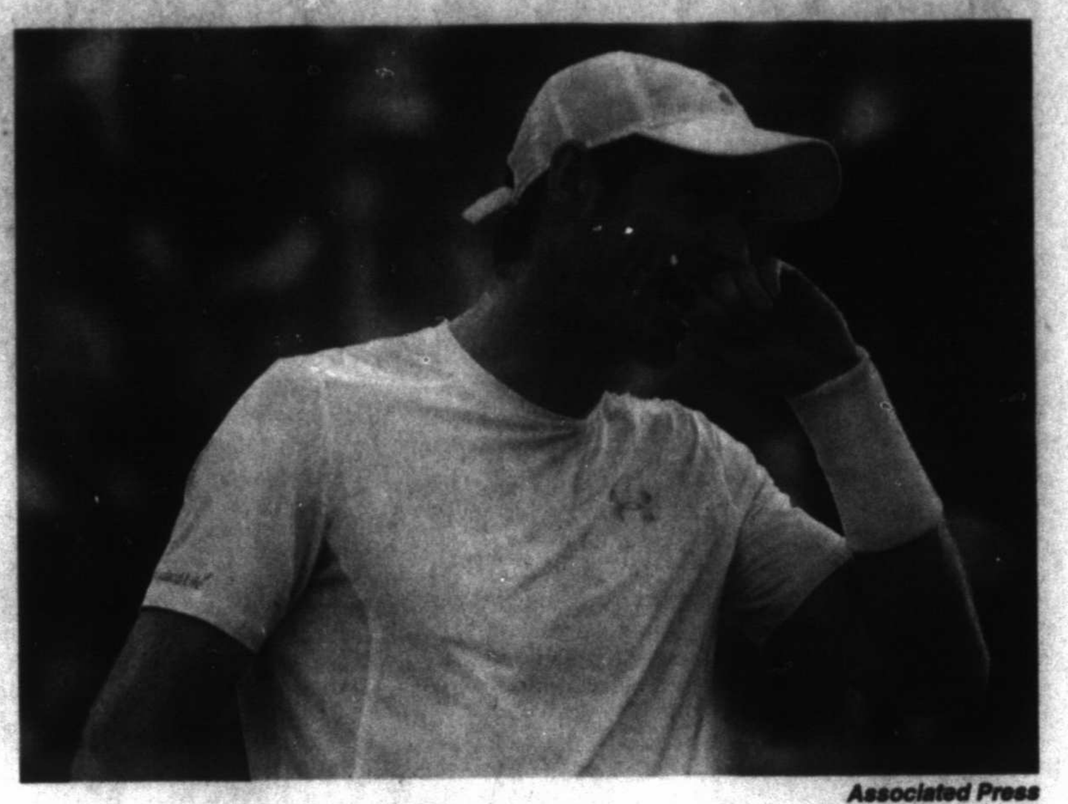
This time, Anderson held it together, with the help of 25 aces and 81 total winners.

"I'm a little lost for words right now," the 29-year-old Anderson said. "I just managed to keep my composure throughout."

Murray, meanwhile, heads home much earlier than usual.

He had reached at least the quarters at his previous 18 Grand Slam tournaments, a streak that included championships at the U.S. Open in 2012 and Wimbledon in 2013, along with four runner-up finishes.

Adept at comebacks — in the second round, he recorded his eighth victory in a match after dropping the opening two sets — Murray did push Anderson to a fourth set, but that was the extent of the rally this time.



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Andy.Murray, of the United Kingdom, reacts after a shot to Kevin Anderson, of South Africa, during the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday in New York.

U.S. Open Show Court Schedules

Tuesday
At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
New York
Play begins at 11 a.m.
Arthur Ashe Stadium
Kristina Mladenovic, France, vs. Roberta Vinci, Italy
Not before 12:30 p.m.: Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (19), France, vs. Marin Cilic (9)
Night Session (8 p.m.)
Serena Williams (1), United States, vs. Venus Williams (23), United States
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, vs. Feliciano Lopez (18), Spain

While Murray continued trying to rile up himself — and the crowd — as the fourth set carried on, even reaching over to slap the extended palm of a front-row spectator, Anderson limited his signs of emotion to one uppercut after winning one point by tracking down a lob and conjuring up a sky-hook winner from the baseline.

And he was perfect at the end, hitting one ace at 135 mph, another at 138 mph, while Murray couldn't get his strokes to land where he wanted them to.

"I wish," Anderson said, "I could play every tiebreak like that."

In Anderson's first major quarterfinal, he will face yet another two-time major champion, Stan Wawrinka, who eliminated 68th-ranked American Donald Young 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Another quarterfinal matchup was to be determined later Monday, when No. 2 Roger Federer faced No. 13 John Isner, the last American man in the tournament, while No. 6 Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic met No. 12 Richard Gasquet of France. Berdych and Gasquet were scheduled to play each other in Louis Armstrong Stadium after Murray vs. Anderson finished, so they were not able to get on court until after 9 p.m.

Two women's quarterfinals will be No. 2 Simona Halep of Romania against No. 20 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, and No. 5 Petra Kvitova against No. 26 Flavia Pennetta of Italy.

Azarenka has won two Australian Open titles and twice was the runner-up at the U.S. Open. Kvitova has won Wimbledon twice. Halep was the runner-up at last year's French Open. And Pennetta? Well, she is into her sixth U.S. Open quarterfinal in the last seven years.

Pennetta was a 6-4, 6-4 winner against 2011 champion Sam Stosur, the last woman to beat Serena Williams at Flushing Meadows. Kvitova moved into her first quarterfinal in New York, a place she freely admits is too noisy and busy for her liking, by defeating British qualifier Johanna Konta 7-5, 6-3.

Azarenka eliminated 46th-ranked American Varvara Lepchenko 6-3, 6-4 while wearing gauze wrapped around both biceps. Why? Calling the reason "so weird" and "really a little bit embarrassing," Azarenka said the skin on the inside of both arms was bothered by rubbing against her top.

U.S. OPEN RESULTS

Monday
At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
New York
Purse: $42.3 million
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Fourth Round
Stan Wawrinka (5), Switzerland, def. Donald Young, United States, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Kevin Anderson (15), South Africa, def. Andy Murray (3), Britain, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (0).

Women
Fourth Round
Victoria Azarenka (20), Belarus, def. Varvara Lepchenko, United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Simona Halep (2), Romania, def. Sabine Lisicki (24), Germany, 6-7 (6), 7-5, 6-2.
Flavia Pennetta (26), Italy, def. Sam Stosur (22), Australia, 6-4, 6-4.
Petra Kvitova (5), Czech Republic, def. Johanna Konta, Britain, 7-5, 6-3.

Doubles
Men
Third Round
Rohan Bopanna, India, and Florin Mergea (6), Romania, def. Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (9), France, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-3.
Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau (3), Romania, def. Eric Butorac and Scott Lipsky, United States, 7-6 (3), 7-5.
Marcin Matkowski, Poland, and Nenad Zimonjic (4), Serbia, def. Raven Klaasen, South Africa, and Rajeev Ram (15), United States, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Steve Johnson and Sam Querrey, United States, def. Michael Russell and Donald Young, United States, 6-2, 6-4.

Women
Third Round
Alla Kudryavtseva and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (12), Russia, def. Karin Knapp and Roberta Vinci (17), Italy, 7-6 (2), 2-6, 6-2.
Lara Arruabarrena, Spain, and Andreja Klepac (15), Slovenia, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, and Kristina Mladenovic (3), France, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Mixed
Quarterfinals
Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Rohan Bopanna (2), India, def. Heleh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Henri Kontinen, Finland, 7-6 (7), 5-7, 13-11.
Martina Hingis, Switzerland, and Leander Paes (4), India, def. Simona Halep and Horia Tecau, Romania, walkover.

Prince Ali believes he can win fresh FIFA presidential poll

By Rob Harris
Associated Press

MANCHESTER, England — Prince Ali bin al-Hussein gave a strong indication Monday that he would be standing for the FIFA presidency again.

"If the election is done correctly, cleanly and properly, I believe I can win," the prince said at the SoccerEx conference.

The Jordanian surprisingly denied Sepp Blatter a majority in the first round of voting in May but stepped aside before the second round. Blatter, though, announced his plans to quit four days later as separate U.S. and Swiss criminal inquiries into soccer corruption escalated.

The deadline for Prince Ali and other candidates to gain the five required nominations from federations to stand in the February election is Oct. 26.

"I am talking to national associations and listening to their opinions," the prince said. "Right now we need a candidate who is forward thinking, with new ideas who is not tainted by the past."

The appearance by the prince in front of global football executives on Monday was the first of three planned speaking engagements this week in Britain where he launched his manifesto for the May election.

The former FIFA vice president said favorite Michel Platini is the wrong person for the job, given that the UEFA president helped Blatter first get elected in 1998. The prince is turning on Platini despite the former France great being his key supporter before the May election.

"FIFA is in a crisis right now and we need a new beginning," the prince said. "Michel Platini's introduction into football governance was as a protege of Sepp Blatter, that's a reality."

The prince said FIFA requires a candidate who "really believes in reform and true transparency, not as a slogan because that is very fashionable right now."

Expanding on what transparency should look like at FIFA headquarters in Zurich, the prince told delegates: "You take the locks off the doors and open the windows. There is no need for secrecy."

Photo credit

Texas Rangers' Rougned Odor is greeted by teammate Elvis Andrus, left, after scoring a run against the Seattle Mariners during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Monday in Seattle. The Rangers won 3-0.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RANGERS 3 MARINERS 0

SEATTLE — Adrian Beltre lined a two-run, bases-loaded single in the sixth inning and Yovani Gallardo pitched into the sixth as the Texas Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 3-0 Monday.

Texas picked up a game on AL West-leading Houston, which lost to Oakland 10-9. The Astros lead the Rangers by 2 games.

The Rangers' go-ahead rally began with Delino DeShields drawing a one-out walk from Roenis Elias (4-8). Shin-Soo Choo followed with a single to center, and Elias than hit Prince Fielder with a pitch, loading the bases.

Beltre worked a full count, then punched a fastball to right, scoring DeShields and Choo.

Mariners shortstop Ketel Marte prevented further damage with a nifty grab of a one-hop grounder by Elvis Andrus that he turned into a double play.

Gallardo (12-9) picked up the victory, working 5 1-3 innings. He allowed five hits, struck out four and walked two.

YANKEES 8 ORIOLES 6

NEW YORK — Rookie Greg Bird hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer off Brian Matusz in the seventh inning, and New York rallied past reeling Baltimore.

Alex Rodriguez and John Ryan Murphy also homered for the Yankees (77-59), who overcame a 4-1 deficit and improved to 18 games over .500 for the first time since 2012. With his 29th home run this season, A-Rod got his 3,054th career hit and passed Rod Carew for sole possession of 22nd place.

Jonathan Schoop and Manny Machado homered for the Orioles (65-72), who have lost 15 of 18 since and faded from AL wild-card contention.

Justin Wilson (5-0) got the win, Andrew Miller pitched the ninth for his 32nd save in 33 chances, allowing Chris Davis' two-out single, his 101st RBI.

RED SOX 11 BLUE JAYS 4

BOSTON — Jackie Bradley Jr. had four hits with a two-run home run and four RBIs, Rick Porcello pitched into the eighth inning and Boston outslugged AL East-leading Toronto.

The Blue Jays lost for just the fourth time in 16 games. They had their lead atop the East sliced to a half game over the New York Yankees, who beat Baltimore 8-6.

Bradley added two singles and a double, and Travis Shaw hit a two-run homer for Boston, which posted its fourth straight win and eighth in 11 games.

Josh Donaldson and Justin Smoak each hit solo homers for Toronto. Donaldson's was his 37th.

Porcello (7-12) had his third consecutive strong start since coming off the disabled list following a right triceps strain. He allowed four runs — three earned — and eight hits over 7 1-3 innings.

Mark Buehrle (14-7) allowed five runs in 3 1-3 innings.

INDIANS 3 WHITE SOX 2

CHICAGO — Ryan Raburn hit a pair of solo home runs and Trevor Bauer pitched two-hit ball for seven innings as Cleveland beat the White Sox, ending Chicago's four-game winning streak.

Raburn has eight multi-homer games in his career, four of them against the White Sox. He connected both times against Chris Sale (12-8) and is 10 for 33 with four home runs lifetime versus the lefty ace.

Sale (12-8) struck out eight in seven innings. He has fanned 247 this year, nearing the single-season team record of 269 set by Ed Walsh in 1908.

Bauer (11-11) shrugged off a lack of command early to allow two runs on two hits in seven innings. He walked five and struck out six.

TIGERS 5 RAYS 4

DETROIT — Rajai Davis homered twice in a game for the second time in his career and Detroit beat Tampa Bay.

With the temperature rising through the low 90s as the game progressed on a humid day, there were five homers, all to left field.

James McCann homered for the Tigers, connecting off former college batterymate Drew Smyly. Detroit won for just the fourth time in 17 games.

Evan Longoria and J.P. Arencibia homered for the Rays, who have lost four of five while trying to stay in the AL wild-card race.

Al Alburquerque (4-1) picked up the win and Bruce Rondon got two outs for his fourth save. Tampa Bay loaded the bases with a single and two walks in the ninth, and the final out needed a review to confirm that second baseman Ian Kinsler stayed on the bag for a game-ending force play.

National League

METS 8 NATIONALS 5

WASHINGTON — Yoenis Cespedes homered and doubled twice, David Wright hit a go-ahead single in the seventh inning and New York ended Washington's five-game winning streak Monday to open a key NL East series.

Michael Conforto and Wilmer Flores also homered for New York, which increased its division lead to five games over the Nats with 25 remaining. The teams play twice more in this set.

Dario Alvarez (1-0), pitching in the majors for the first time this season, faced only one batter — Bryce Harper — and struck him out to get his first major league win. Five Mets relievers combined for 5 2-3 scoreless innings, with Jeurys Familia closing for his 37th save.

Wilson Ramos hit a grand slam for Washington.

CUBS 9 CARDINALS 0

ST. LOUIS — Dexter Fowler had a leadoff home run and two-run double in the first two innings and Dan Haren worked seven innings for Chicago in a win over St. Louis.

The NL Central-leading Cardinals maintained a 5 1/2-game lead over Pittsburgh, which lost 3-1 to Cincinnati. The Cubs are 7 1/2 games back.

Addison Russell's three-run homer capped a five-run third that made it 8-0. The Cubs have won four in a row and got an 11-game trip off to a rocking start.

Haren (9-9) had five strikeouts and two walks. He contributed a single and sacrifice fly in Chicago's second victory in eight games in St. Louis this season.

Lance Lynn (11-9) surrendered six runs in 2 1-3 innings on nine days rest after getting extra time to recover from a sprained ankle in his last start.

BREWERS 9 MARLINS 1

MIAMI — Hernan Perez had three hits and three RBIs and Zach Davies earned his first major league win as Milwaukee beat Miami.

Khris Davis homered and drove in two and Jonathan Lucroy had two doubles and knocked in a run for the Brewers, who have won seven of eight.

Davies (1-0) pitched seven innings, allowing one run and four hits in his second start. He struck out four.

Davies retired 11 straight batters after giving up a leadoff single to Dee Gordon.

The Brewers pounded out 15 hits, including seven extra-base hits.

Marlins manager Dan Jennings was ejected in the seventh by home plate umpire Marvin Hudson for arguing balls and strikes. It was the third ejection of the season for Jennings.

Justin Nicolino (3-3) allowed five runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings for the Marlins.

ROCKIES 6 PADRES 4

SAN DIEGO — Kyle Kendrick pitched five innings and hit his first major league home run and the Colorado Rockies beat the San Diego Padres 6-4 on Monday.

Kendrick (5-12) allowed three runs, seven hits and two walks as the Rockies won for the first time in seven games at Petco Park.

John Axford, the seventh Rockies pitcher, worked the ninth for his 20th save in 25 chances.

San Diego has lost four straight and six of its last seven in falling eight games under .500 (65-73).

REDS 3 PIRATES 1

CINCINNATI — Anthony DeSclafani pitched effectively into the eighth inning and Cincinnati took advantage of porous Pittsburgh defense to knock off the wild card leader in the opening of a three-game series.

DeSclafani (8-10) didn't allow a Pittsburgh baserunner past second base until the eighth. He didn't walk a batter in 7 1-3 innings, allowing seven hits with six strikeouts.

The Pirates broke up the shutout in the eighth on Jaff Decker's leadoff pinch-hit double and Neil Walker's one-out single to right. Reliever Jumbo Diaz walked Andrew McCutchen before getting Jung Ho Kang to hit into an inning-ending 3-6-1 double play.

Aroldis Chapman pitched the ninth for his 29th save and second in two days as the Reds won back-to-back games for the first time since Aug. 12-13. Chapman hit Sean Rodriguez with a pitch but picked him off first base, a call that was confirmed after a replay review.

DIAMONDBACKS 6 GIANTS 1

PHOENIX — Patrick Corbin threw six scoreless innings, Phil Gosselin and A.J. Pollock homered and the Arizona Diamondbacks snapped a four-game losing streak by beating the fading San Francisco Giants 6-1 on Monday.

Corbin (5-3), who missed all of last season following Tommy John surgery, scattered six hits, struck out five with no walks and had an RBI single.

Gosselin's three-run shot was his second home run since being activated from the 60-day disabled list (fractured left thumb) eight days earlier.

Mike Leake (9-8) allowed six runs and 11 hits in 5 2-3 innings to fall to 0-3 in his five starts since being acquired from Cincinnati.

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 6, ROUGHRIDERS 4 at Dr. Pepper Ballpark, Frisco

TOP HITTERS: Midland's Matt Olson was 2-for-3 with a double, home run, two RBI and a run scored. ... Wade Kirkland and Chad Oberacker each added two hits for the RockHounds. ... Luis Marte was 3-for-4 with two RBI for Frisco.

TOP PITCHER: Kris Hall got the win in relief of Jonathan Joseph, who was limited to just three innings and 39 pitches, by allowing just one hit and one walk to go with three strikeouts in two innings of work.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland had a pair of three-run innings in the second and in the seventh. The third inning was highlighted by a two-run home run by Olson. Kirkland highlighted the eighth as he stole home.

TL HONORS: Midland's Renato Nunez has been named Texas League Player of the Week, while pitcher Sean Manaea has been named TL Pitcher of the Week for the week of Aug. 31-Sept. 6.

For the week, Nunez was 11-for-27 with three doubles, two grand slams and a 12 RBI. Meanwhile, Manaea struck out 13 batters in six innings or work in a 4-1 win over San Antonio on Sept. 3.

NOTES: In RockHounds transactions made before Monday's game, infielder Junlor Mendez was removed from the roster, while infielder Chad Pinder was activated from the temporary inactive list. ... The RockHounds finished the regular season with an 83-57 record, the most regular season wins in franchise history. Midland was also 48-22 in the Texas League second half. ... The South Division Championship Series begins at 7:05 p.m. Wednesday as the RockHounds visit Corpus Christi in the first game of a best-of-five series.

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-z-Arkansas	35	35	.500	—
Springfield	34	36	.486	1
Tulsa	32	39	.457	3
x-Northwest Arkansas	29	40	.420	5½

South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-z-Midland	48	22	.686	—
x-Corpus Christi	41	29	.586	7
Frisco	31	38	.449	16½
San Antonio	29	41	.414	19

x-clinched first half
y-clinched division (refers to second half)
z-clinched playoff spot

Monday's Scores

Springfield 6, Tulsa 3
Arkansas 3, Northwest Arkansas 2
Corpus Christi 12, San Antonio 8
Midland 6, Frisco 4

Wednesday's Games

Arkansas at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Oberacker cf	5	0	2	0	Cone cf	5	0	1	
Brugman lf	4	1	1	1	Profar dh	2	1	1	
Walsh lf	0	0	0	0	Vodolato rf	1	0	0	
Alcott 1b	5	0	1	1	Cordell 3b	5	0	1	
Nunez 3b	5	0	1	0	Wise 1b	4	0	1	
Pinder ss	5	1	1	0	Beck rf-p	4	1	0	
Olson rf	3	1	2	2	Stack p	1	0	0	
Whitaker dh	4	0	0	0	Adams lf	3	1	1	
Taylor c	2	1	1	0	Mendez 2b	4	0	1	
Kirkland 2b	4	2	2	1	Degian c	2	0	1	
Valencia ph-c	1	0	0	0	Marte ss	4	2	3	
Totals	37	6	11	5	Totals	35	4	11	3

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Frisco.....001 001 020—4

E — Cordell (5). DP — Midland 2, Frisco 1. LOB — Midland 8, Frisco 9. 2B — Oberacker (27), Pinder (32), Kirkland (8), Olson (37), Nunez (23), Profar (11). HR — Olson (17), Kirkland (5), Marte (3). SB — Brugman 2 (11), Kirkland (5). SF — Profar.

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Joseph	3.0	5	3	3	1	3
Hall W, 5-0	2.0	2	1	1	0	1
Duran	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Frankoff	2.0	3	2	2	0	1
Doolittle S, 4	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Frisco						
Quintana L, 0-1	5.0	5	3	3	2	3
Smith	2.0	4	2	2	0	2
Werner	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Beck	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Stack	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

WP — Joseph. Balk — Hall (Olson). T — 2:53. A — (-,-).

Mike Fiers loses as first-place Astros fall to A's 10-9

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — After falling behind by six runs, the Houston Astros showed something to manager A.J. Hinch, even if they fell a little short.

AL West-leading Houston nearly fought back against the Oakland Athletics in a 10-9 loss Monday, but it was unable to overcome a big sixth inning in which pinch-hitter Coco Crisp hit a go-ahead two-run double after Oakland chased Mike Fiers.

"There's a lot of reasons we're a good team, and one of them is because we play 'til the end," Hinch said.

Fiers (2-1) allowed consecutive walks to start the inning before giving way to Josh Fields, who gave up Billy Butler's single to load the bases for Crisp.

Fiers said he felt fine pitching on eight days rest in his second start since throwing 134 pitches in a no-hitter against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Aug. 21. He shouldered much of the blame for this result.

"Falling behind in counts, giving up free bases isn't how I'm supposed to pitch. ... I just need to be better mentally right there," he said. "Just bad command that sixth inning. I put two guys on and put our team in a bad situation. If I eliminate that, we probably win that game."

Pinch-hitter Jonathan Villar hit a home run halfway up the second deck in left leading off the seventh for the Astros, then Carlos Correa added a three-run drive, but the Astros missed a chance to move a season-high-tying 14 games over .500.

Houston began the day with a three-game lead on Texas in the AL West.

Josh Phegley hit a two-run drive in the seventh for the A's after Houston had pulled within 8-6 in the top half. Houston's Jake Marisnick added a two-run shot in the eighth as 15 of the game's 19 runs came from the bottom of the sixth and after.

"We're going to play hard 'til the last out, that's what we do," Correa said.

Lefty Felix Doubront (3-1) worked six-plus innings to win consecutive starts. Sean Doolittle, the fourth reliever, tossed a 1-2-3 ninth for his first save in an injury-shortened year.

"It was awesome. The adrenaline was definitely flowing," the lefty said. "It was right up there with my debut and when I came off the DL as far as the energy level and the atmosphere."

Doubront is someone the A's consider a strong candidate for the 2016 rotation after he "exceeded expectations," according to manager Bob Melvin, with his performance during the season's second half as a fill-in for an injury-plagued pitching staff.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	78	59	.569	—
New York	77	59	.566	½
Tampa Bay	67	70	.489	11
Baltimore	65	72	.474	13
Boston	65	72	.474	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	82	54	.603	—
Minnesota	70	66	.515	12
Cleveland	67	68	.496	15
Chicago	65	71	.478	17
Detroit	63	74	.460	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	75	63	.543	—
Texas	72	64	.529	2
Los Angeles	69	67	.507	5
Seattle	66	72	.478	9
Oakland	59	79	.428	16

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	76	61	.555	—
Washington	71	66	.518	5
Miami	67	71	.413	10½
Atlanta	55	83	.399	21½
Philadelphia	53	85	.384	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	87	50	.635	—
Pittsburgh	81	55	.596	5½
Chicago	79	57	.581	7½
Milwaukee	61	76	.445	26
Cincinnati	57	79	.419	29½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	78	58	.574	—
San Francisco	71	67	.514	8
Arizona	68	72	.486	11
San Diego	65	73	.471	14
Colorado	57	80	.416	21½

Monday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

N.Y. Yankees 8, Baltimore 6
Detroit 5, Tampa Bay 4
Boston 11, Toronto 4
Cleveland 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Oakland 10, Houston 9
Texas 3, Seattle 0
Minnesota at Kansas City, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE

N.Y. Mets 8, Washington 5
Milwaukee 9, Miami 1
Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 1
Chicago Cubs 9, St. Louis 0
Colorado 6, San Diego 4
Arizona 6, San Francisco 1
Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 2

INTERLEAGUE

L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, late

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore (Bauman 2-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 11-6), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (E.Ramirez 10-5) at Detroit (Boyd 1-5), 6:08 p.m.
Toronto (Dickey 10-10) at Boston (Owens 2-2), 6:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 12-9) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 6-9), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 9-9) at Kansas City (Volquez 12-7), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Kazmir 7-9) at Oakland (S.Gray 12-7), 9:05 p.m.
Texas (Hamels 2-1) at Seattle (T.Walker 10-7), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta (Weber 0-0) at Philadelphia (Nola 5-2), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 12-7) at Washington (Zimmermann 12-6), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Jungmann 9-5) at Miami (Conley 3-1), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Liriano 9-7) at Cincinnati (R.Iglesias 3-6), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hammel 7-6) at St. Louis (Wacha 15-6), 7:15 p.m.
San Francisco (T.Hudson 6-6) at Arizona (Ch. Anderson 6-5), 8:40 p.m.

Colorado (J.Gray 0-0) at San Diego (Ries 2-2), 9:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE

L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 12-6) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 6-2), 9:05 p.m.

Texas box scores

RANGERS 3, MARINERS 0

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
DShlds cf	2	1	0	0	KMarte ss	4	0	1	0
Strsnyr lf	0	0	0	0	KSeagr 3b	3	0	1	0
Choo rf	3	1	1	0	Trumo dh	4	0	1	0
Fielder dh	2	0	0	0	Cano 2b	4	0	2	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	2	S.Smith lf	3	0	0	0
Napoli 1b	4	0	3	0	Morrsn 1b	4	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0	BMiller cf	4	0	1	0
Odor 2b	3	1	1	0	J.Hicks c	3	0	0	0
BWilsn c	2	0	0	0	OMally rf	2	0	1	0
Morlnd ph	1	0	0	0					
Chirins c	0	0	0	0					
Stubbs lf	1	0	0	0					
Venale ph-cf	2	0	0	0					
Totals	29	3	6	2	Totals	32	0	7	0

Texas.....000 002 100—3
Seattle.....000 000 000—0

DP—Seattle 2. LOB—Texas 6, Seattle 7. 3B—B.Miller (4). CS—DeShields (7), Napoli (2), K.Marte (2), K.Seager (6). S—B.Wilson.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gallardo W,12-9	5 1-3	5	0	0	2	4
Faulkner	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	3
S.Dyson	1	1	0	0	0	1
Sh.Tolleson S,30-32	1	0	0	0	0	1
Seattle						
Elias L,4-8	5 1-3	5	2	2	2	6
Guspie	1	1	1	1	0	0
Rasmussen	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
D.Rollins	1	0	0	0	0	1
Pamplher	1	0	0	0	1	1

HBP—by D.Rollins (Choo), by Elias (Fielder). WP—S.Dyson, Rasmussen 3. Balk—Pamplher. T—3:00. A—18,469 (47,574).

ATHLETICS 10, ASTROS 9

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Springr rf	4	2	1	0	Burns cf	5	1	2	2
Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0	Canha 1b	4	1	2	2
Correa ss	5	1	1	4	Reddck rf	4	0	0	0
COomz cf	5	0	2	0	Valenc 3b	2	2	1	1
Gattis dh	4	1	0	0	Lawrie 2b	4	1	2	1
MGnzlz 3b-1b	4	1	2	0	BButler dh	4	2	1	0
Carter 1b	1	0	0	0	Smnsk lf	2	0	0	0
Villar ph-3b	2	1	1	2	Crisp ph-lf	2	1	1	2
Stassi c	2	1	1	0	Phegly c	4	1	1	2
Lowrie ph	1	1	1	0	Semien ss	2	1	0	0
Conger c	0	0	0	0					
Mrnick lf	3	1	2	3					
Totals	35	9	11	9	Totals	33	10	10	10

Houston.....110 000 430—9
Oakland.....100 106 20x—10

E—Carter (8), Lawrie (22). LOB—Houston 4, Oakland 8. 2B—Springer (15), C.Gomez (7), Ma.Gonzalez (17), Crisp (6). 3B—Lowrie (3). HR—Correa (17), Villar (2), Marisnick (9), Canha (13), Phegley (9). SB—C.Gomez (7), Marisnick (18), Burns (26). CS—Marisnick (7), Valencia (2). S—Altuve, Stassi. SF—Marisnick.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fiers L,2-1	5	5	4	4	4	5
J.Fields	1-3	4	4	4	1	0
Thatcher	0	0	0	0	1	0
Velasquez	1	1	2	2	2	1
M.Feliz	1 2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Oakland						
Doubront W,3-1	6	8	4	4	1	3
Fe.Rodriguez	1	1	1	1	2	1
Pomeranz	2-3	2	3	0	0	0
Mujica	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Doolittle S,1-2	1	0	0	0	0	1

Doubront pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. Fiers pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. Thatcher pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. T—3:53. A—22,214 (35,067).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
YANKEES 8, ORIOLES 6

Baltimore.....040 000 101 —6 9 1
New York.....101 020 30x —8 12 0

W-Chen; J.Rondon (6), Matusz (7), Britton (8) and Joseph; Pineda, Ju.Wilson (7), Betances (8), A.Miller (9) and J.Murphy. W—Ju.Wilson 5-0. L—J.Rondon 0-1. Sv—A.Miller (32). HRs—Baltimore, Schoop (12), M.Machado (27), New York, A.Rodriguez (29), J.Murphy (3), Bird (5).

TIGERS 5, RAYS 4

Tampa Bay.....000 220 000 —4 12 1
Detroit.....002 200 10x —5 11 0

Smyly, B.Gomes (6), Andriese (8) and Arencibia; Wolf, VerHagen (5), Alburquerque (7), A.Wilson (8), B.Hardy (8), B.Rondon (9) and J.McCann. W—Alburquerque 4-1. L—B.Gomes 2-5. Sv—B.Rondon (4). HRs—Tampa Bay, Longoria (19), Arencibia (3). Detroit, R.Davis 2 (6), J.McCann (7).

RED SOX 11, BLUE JAYS 4

Toronto.....100 010020— 4 9 0
Boston.....012 20312x— 11 17 0

Buehrle, Loup (4), Tepera (4), Hendriks (6), Francis (8) and Ru.Martin; Porcello, No.Ramirez (8), A.Ogando (9) and Swihart. W—Porcello 7-12. L—Buehrle 14-7. HRs—Toronto, Donaldson (37), Smoak (14). Boston, Bradley Jr. (8), T.Shaw (8).

INDIANS 3, WHITE SOX 2

Cleveland.....000 201 000 —3 8 0
Chicago.....000 000 002 —2 3 0

Bauer, B.Shaw (8), Allen (9) and Y.Gomes. Sale, M.Albers (8), Da.Jennings (9) and Flowers. Ga.Soto W—Bauer 11-11. L—Sale 12-8. Sv—Allen (29). HRs—Cleveland, Aviles (5), Raburn 2 (7).

TWINS 6, ROYALS 2

Minnesota.....100 003
200—6 10 0
Kansas City.....100 000
100—2 9 0

Milone, May (8), Jepsen (9) and K.Suzuki; Ventura, K.Herrera (6), Chamberlain (7), M.Almonte (8), L.Coleman (9) and S.Perez. W—Milone 8-4. L—Ventura 10-8. HRs—Minnesota, A.Hicks (10).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
METS 8, NATIONALS 5

New York.....020 111 300 —8 11 0
Washington.....000 000 500 —5 10 0

Niese, C.Torres (4), Goeddel (5), D.Alvarez (6), Robles (7), Familia (9) and d'Arnaud; Scherzer, Treinen (7), Rivero (7), Janssen (7), Thornton (7), Ra.Martin (8) and W.Ramos. W—D.Alvarez 1-0. L—Treinen 2-3. Sv—Familia (37). HRs—New York, Conforto (6), K.Johnson (13), Cespedes (13). Washington, W.Ramos (13).

BREWERS 9, MARLINS 1

Milwaukee.....000 153 000 —9 15 0
Miami.....000 010 000 —1 6 0

Z.Davies, Thornburg (8) and Lucroy; Maldonado, Nicolino, Ellington (5), Cordero (6), Urena (6), Lazo (9) and Realmuto. Tels, W, 2-0. Davies, 1-0. L—Nicolino 3-3. HRs—Milwaukee, K.Davis (18).

REDS 3, PIRATES 1

Pittsburgh.....000 000 010 —1 7 4
Cincinnati.....030 000 00x —3 4 1

Locke, J.Hughes (6), Cumpiano (7), Bastardo (8) and Stewart. DeSclafani, Ju.Diaz (8), A.Chapman (9) and Barnhart. W—DeSclafani 8-10. L—Locke 7-10. Sv—A.Chapman (29).

CUBS 9, CARDINALS 0

Chicago.....125 010 000 —9 12 0
St. Louis.....000 000 000 —0 7 1

Haren, Edwards Jr. (8), Rosscup (9) and M.Montero, D.Ross. Lynn, Maness (3), Lyons (4), Choate (6), Socolovich (7), M.Harris (8), Broxton (9) and Molina. Stanley, W—Haren 9-9. L—Lynn 11-9. HRs—Chicago, Fowler (17). A.Russell (13).

ROCKIES 6, PADRES 4

Colorado.....203 100 000 —6 9 1
San Diego.....200 101 000 —4 11 2

K.Kendrick, B.Brown (6), Friedrich (6), J.Miller (8), Ja.Diaz (8), Logan (8), Axford (9) and Garneau; Kennedy, Vincent (6), Quackenbush (7), Rzepczynski (8), B.Norris (9) and Hedges. De.Norris, W—K.Kendrick 5-12. L—Kennedy 8-13. Sv—Axford (20). HRs—Colorado, K.Kendrick (1). San Diego, Kemp (19).

DIAMONDBACKS 6, GIANTS 1

San Francisco.....000 000 010 —1 10 0
Arizona.....030 201 00x —6 12 0

Leake, Kontos (6), Vogelsong (7) and Ja.Williams; Corbin, Delgado (7), D.Hudson (8), Ziegler (9) and W.Castillo. W—Corbin 5-3. L—Leake 9-8. HRs—Arizona, Gosselin (2), Pollock (16).

BRAVES 7, PHILLIES 2

Atlanta.....200 300 002 —7 12 0
Philadelphia.....001 010 000 —2 6 0

W.Perez, Markebery (8), Vizcaino (9) and Pierzynski; Harang, Neris (6), J.Gomez (8), Murray (9) and Rupp. W—W.Perez 5-8. L—Harang 5-15. HRs—Atlanta, F.Freeman (16), Olivera (1). Philadelphia, Bogusevic (1).

Big 12 coaches looking to Week 2 for improvements

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen was talking about things his team needs to clean up on offense, defense and special teams. Bill Snyder spoke about Kansas State leaving a lot to be desired in its opener.

Holgorsen and Snyder are the Big 12 coaches whose teams opened the season with shutout victories, and among eight of the 10 who are 1-0 in 2015.

Welcome to Week 2, the time of the season when most coaches look for their teams to make their biggest improvement — between the first and second games. For the first time since 2010, every Big 12 team is playing on each of the first two weekends of the season.

"It doesn't matter who you play, in Week 2, you're going to be searching for improvement," Holgorsen said Monday during the Big 12 coaches teleconference. "It may not have affected the game on specific things, but there's still plenty of things we need to look at to get better."

The Mountaineers, after a 44-0 opener over Georgia Southern, stay home to play FCS team Liberty on Saturday. Kansas State goes to Texas-San Antonio after a 34-0 win over South Dakota.

"Collectively, across the board, we just made an awful lot, an inordinate amount of mistakes," Snyder said.

Kansas lost coach David Beaty's debut after a late bobbled snap prevented an attempt at a long tying field goal. Texas opened its second season under Charlie Strong with an embarrassing 38-3 loss at Notre Dame.

"The whole effort, we could have played much better, expected to play better," said Strong, whose team will try to rebound in the home opener against Rice. "We're just a better football team than we showed."

Also from the Big 12 coaches conference call:

Enough players

Beaty has about 20 fewer scholarship players at Kansas than the NCAA limit of 85, but said that is no excuse after a 41-38 loss to South Dakota State.

"We've got enough players here to give us the competition we need to be able to be competitive," said Beaty, whose team trailed 31-7 before halftime.

The new coach said the first game was the "next step" in the program, finally putting players in a game for the first time.

Extra points

■ No. 19 Oklahoma plays its second game at No. 25 Tennessee. Coach Bob Stoops expects an "exciting atmosphere" and notes that his team has "been on a stage before" with recent nonconference games against the likes of Florida State and Notre Dame.

■ TCU coach Gary Patterson said the opening 23-17 victory at Minnesota "turned out the way I needed it to turn out." He hopes that will help the No. 2 Horned Frogs when they play five Big 12 games on the road later in the season.

■ Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury said it was "very difficult" to pick between Patrick Mahomes and Davis Webb as the starting quarterback. Mahomes emerged and was the Big 12 offensive player of the week, throwing for 425 yards and four TDs. Kingsbury said Mahomes was poised in the opener.

■ Oklahoma State sophomore quarterback Mason Rudolph finally gets to play at home for the Cowboys. His first three games were on the road at the end of last season, including a bowl victory, and the Cowboys opened this season at Central Michigan. "I know he has to be excited to play a home game," coach Mike Gundy said.

Associated Press

Ohio State safety Tyvis Powell (23) celebrates an interception with teammate defensive back Cam Burrows (16) during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., Monday.

Miller, No. 1 Ohio St. take care of Virginia Tech, 42-24

By Hank Kurz Jr.
Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Braxton Miller looks very comfortable at wide receiver, and Cardale Jones picked up right where he left off last season.

No. 1 Ohio State is loaded.

Miller scored two touchdowns, including an electrifying 53-yard run, and the star-studded Buckeyes began their title defense with a 42-24 victory over Virginia Tech on Monday night.

Jones, whose status as the starter was not known until he came out for the first offensive series, threw for two touchdowns and ran for another score as Ohio State avenged a 35-21 home loss to Virginia Tech last season and earned its 14th straight win overall.

The Hokies, meanwhile, lost more than the game, with quarterback Michael Brewer shelved by a left shoulder injury in the third quarter. Brewer is key to Virginia Tech's hope for a resurgent season.

Virginia Tech trailed 21-17 and had driven into Buckeyes territory when Brewer went down, but it had trouble moving the ball after Brenden Motley took over behind center.

And the Hokies just couldn't stop Miller and Co. in the second half.

Miller, a two-time Big Ten offensive player of the year at quarterback, missed last season with a shoulder injury. With the talented Jones and J.T. Barrett at quarterback, Miller converted to wide receiver in the offseason and had an immediate impact in his new position.

First, he had a 54-yard touchdown reception to erase a 17-14 halftime deficit. Then he had a dazzling spin move on his long scoring run that lifted the Buckeyes to a 28-17 lead with 2:05 left in the third.

The Buckeyes got off to a fast start, but the Hokies battled right back.

Curtis Samuel made a great adjustment to haul in a 24-yard touchdown reception from Jones, and Ezekiel Elliott had an 80-yard scoring run, all in the first 10 minutes.

Virginia Tech responded with 17 straight points. Sam Rogers took a short pass from Brewer 51 yards for the Hokies' first touchdown. Virginia Tech then used an interception to set up a field goal and a fumbled punt to set up a go-ahead touchdown 15 seconds before halftime on Brewer's second touchdown pass.

Baiano

From 1C

at the line, and to just have more confidence. And if he does make a mistake that he's all right with making a mistake."

Alexander added that Baiano, like the rest of the Chargers, is following the standard that was set by the coaching staff at the beginning of the year of doing their job and being where they supposed to be.

The Chargers (2-0), ranked as the top TAPPS Division I team by sixmanfootball.com, next play at Grandfalls-Royalty on Friday. The Cowboys are also off to a 2-0 start after a 44-12 win over Fort Hancock.

It should be a tough game for the Chargers, but with the way Baiano and his teammates are approaching it, they're focused on only getting better from the Rankin win.

"It certainly a good start. It's just going to get better from here," Baiano said.

Other notable performances from last week:

■ Coahoma junior quarterback **Kody Barber** helped the Bulldogs get their first win of the season by defeating McCamey 28-9 as he completed 17 of 21 passes for 194 yards, two touchdowns and an interception, to go with 159 yards rushing and two TDs on 19 carries.

■ Andrews junior quarterback **Triston Williams** had another big game for the Mustangs as he was 16-of-28 passing for 224 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions in a 48-35 victory over Lubbock High.

■ Big Spring junior running back **Preston Alexander** helped Big Spring defeat Monahans 32-13 by rushing for 157 yards and four touchdowns on 21 carries.

■ Forsan quarterback **Jesse Cervantes** helped the Buffaloes roll past Plains 54-6 as he rushed for 153 yards and three touchdowns on 12 carries.

■ Garden City's **Riley Eggemeyer** rushed for 111 yards and three touchdowns in the Bearkats' 50-0 victory over Eden.

Mustangs

From 1C

"I thought our offensive line, for the most part, played really well," McClendon said. "They handled the big All-American nose. They blocked all three (linemen) well."

The MCS' offensive line has four experienced starters in Luke Fisher, Bryson Breeding, Corey Joe Potter and Ryan Wilson, who average 278 pounds based on listed weights.

"I feel like our offensive line is as good of an offensive line as we've had," McClendon said.

Road warriors

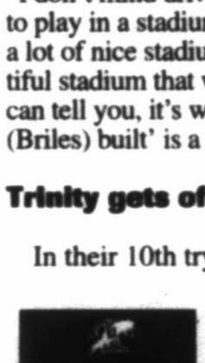
At 11 a.m. Saturday, the Mustangs hit the road again as they meet Dallas Madison at Eagle Stadium in DeSoto. MCS plays its first four games on the road before its home opener against district foe Addison Trinity on Oct. 2.

Last Friday, the Mustangs met Episcopal at Baylor's McLane Stadium, which opened in 2014.

"If we're going to go on the road, we might as well play in some great venues," McClendon said. "I don't mind driving five, five-and-a-half hours to play in a stadium like Baylor. We've played in a lot of nice stadiums, but that was the most beautiful stadium that we've played in to this point. I can tell you, it's well built. 'The house that Art (Briles) built' is a nice place to call home."

Trinity gets off the Schneider

In their 10th try, the Chargers earned their first-ever victory in school history over Rankin with a 93-48 victory at Coombes Field on Friday.



Alexander

While it ended as a 45-point win, the visiting Red Devils led Trinity, 22-16, after one quarter, and trailed by a surmountable 12-point margin at halftime.

Chargers head coach Antwan Alexander said halftime adjustments were key in the win.

"We made lot of mental mistakes," Alexander said. "There was a lot going on during the first half. Our kids were too amped up. We had to control their energy and get them focused."

The Chargers (2-0) outscored Rankin (0-2), 45-12, after intermission.

Skill position players shine

Trinity senior Peter Rodenko had his second straight 100-yard receiving game as he made nine catches for 150 yards and five touchdowns.

Chargers sophomore running back Treydan Seay needed only six carries to rush for 88 yards, averaging 14.7 yards an attempt.

"He's elusive," Alexander said of Seay. "Even though he's a small back, he packs a lot of power when he collides with defenders. He brings different styles of running."

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MIDLAND CHRISTIAN STATS

2015 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN STATISTICS

	(0-1, 0-0)			
Opponents	0	15	14	0—29
Midland Christian	3	0	0	0—3

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
McLane Mannix	19	50	2.6	0
Luke Sheppard	7	31	4.4	0
Lukas Singh	4	16	4.0	0
Weslin Elliott	1	-4	-4.0	0
Totals	31	93	3.0	0

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Weslin Elliott	10	17	1	133	0
Totals	10	17	1	133	0

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Ty Young	1	46	46.0	0
Blake Ray	3	35	11.7	0
McLane Mannix	3	19	6.3	0
Tyson Banks	1	19	19.0	0
Bryan Nguyen	1	16	16.0	0
Lukas Singh	1	-2	-2.0	0

Totals	10	133	13.3	0

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
McLane Mannix	0	0	0	1	3

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	S	TFL	FC	FR	INT	PD
Threadgill	4	12	0	2	0	0	0	0
Hart	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomason	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Troglin	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mannix	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
McKinney	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	0
Crews	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garrett	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eddeah	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breeding	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nguyen	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sheppard	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Potter	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hooper	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fisher	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Singh	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schmidt	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, S - sack, TFL - tackle for loss, FC - fumble caused, FR - fumble recovery, INT- interception, PD - pass defended.

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
93	93.0	133	133.0	226	226.0

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
153	153.0	203	203.0	356	356.0

AREA FOOTBALL STANDINGS

DISTRICT 3-6A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Abilene High	2	0	70	30	1.000
Odessa Permian	2	0	133	21	1.000
San Angelo Central	2	0	85	42	1.000
Lee	1	1	60	49	.500
Odessa High	1	1	71	60	0.500
Midland High	**0**	**2**	**42**	**63**	**.000**

Last week's scores

El Paso Montwood 28, Midland High 14; Lee 46, El Paso Coronado 28; San Angelo Central 43, Trophy Club Bryan Nelson 42; Lubbock Coronado 28, Odessa High 27; Mission Memorial at Odessa Permian 63, Mission Veterans Memorial 7; Abilene High 35, San Antonio Warren 9

This week's games

Lee at Southlake Carroll, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa, 7:30 p.m. Friday; El Paso Americas at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Abilene Cooper at Abilene High, 7:30 p.m. Friday;

San Angelo Central vs. El Paso Franklin at Monahans, 7 p.m. Friday; Midland High vs. Hurst L.D. Bell at Arlington's AT&T Stadium, 5 p.m. Saturday

DISTRICT 2-4A DIVISION I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	2	0	97	69	1.000
Clint	2	0	52	13	1.000
Fabens	1	1	42	35	.500
Mountain View	1	1	35	36	.500
San Elizario	1	1	33	59	.500

Last week's scores

Andrews 48, Lubbock High 35; Clint 38, El Paso Austin 0; Mountain View 21, El Paso Irvin 14; Fabens 42, Chaparral, N.M. 21; El Paso Ysleta 53, San Elizario 0

This week's games

Andrews at Levelland, Clint at El Paso Horizon; El Paso Parkland at Mountain View; El Paso Riverside at Fabens; Chaparral, N.M. at San Elizario

DISTRICT 3-4A DIVISION I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Brownwood	2	0	87	69	1.000
Ab.Wylie	1	1	53	43	.500
Big Spring	1	1	38	75	.000
Snyder	1	1	63	51	.500
Stephenville	1	1	36	68	.500

Last week's scores

Big Spring 32, Monahans 13; Abilene Wylie 43, Burnet 23; Brownwood 59, Graham 53; Stephenville 28, Gatesville 21; Snyder 27, Staton 13

This week's games

Abilene Wylie at Graham; Liberty Hill at Brownwood; Monahans at Snyder; Everman at Stephenville

DISTRICT 2-4A DIVISION II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sweetwater	2	0	92	21	1.000
Greenwood	1	1	75	63	.500
Monahans	1	1	49	53	.500
Pecos	1	1	62	52	.500
Lamesa	0	1	14	48	.000
Fort Stockton	0	2	26	48	.000

Last week's scores

Brownfield 48, Greenwood 41; Big Spring 32, Monahans 13; San Angelo Lake View 22, Fort Stockton 12; New Deal 48, Lamesa 14; Pecos 38, Kermit-19; Sweetwater 38, Muleshoe 14

This week's games

Greenwood at Shallowater; Monahans at Snyder; Lamesa at Childress; Pecos at Alpine, Sweetwater at Breckenridge; Fort Stockton is open

DISTRICT 3-3A DIVISION II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Coleman	2	0	80	41	1.000
Post	2	0	67	00	1.000
Ballinger	1	1	41	63	.500
Coahoma	1	1	64	62	.500
Colorado City	1	1	33	56	.500
Stanton	1	1	47	42	.500

Last week's scores

Wink 35, Stanton 28; Coahoma 28, McCamey 9; Brady 41, Ballinger 0; Coleman 46, 27; Colorado City 14, Crane 7; Post 42, Tahoka 0

This week's games

Forsan at Stanton; Reagan County at Coahoma; Winters at Ballinger; Early at Coleman; , Colorado City at Clyde; Denver City at Post

DISTRICT 3-2A DIVISION I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Forsan	2	0	107	32	1.000
Anthony	1	1	41	27	.500
Christoval	1	1	64	58	.500
McCamey	0	2	09	51	.000
Ozona	0	2	05	100	.000

Last week's scores

Forsan 54, Plains 6; Iraan 56, Ozona 8; Coahoma 28, McCamey 9; Anthony 34, Academia Juarez 7; Christoval 56, Winters 14

This week's games

Forsan at Stanton; Anthony at Tornillo; Christoval at Iraan; McCamey at TLCA; Crane at Ozona

DISTRICT 4-1A DIVISION I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Borden Co.	2	0	120	48	1.000
Klondike	2	0	94	28	1.000
Grady	1	1	79	81	.500
O'Donnell	1	1	107	68	.500

Last week's scores

Ira 51, Grady 26; Borden County 62, Luders-Avoca 0; Klondike 24, Rotan 0; O'Donnell 67, Dawson 18

This weeks' games

Grady at Lubbock Kingdom Prep; Borden County at Rankin; Anton at Klondike; Loop at O'Donnell

DISTRICT 5-A DIVISION I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	2	0	139	28	1.000
Marfa	2	0	102	29	1.000
Fort Davis	1	1	61	67	.500
Rankin	0	2	64	147	.000

Last week's scores

Garden City 50, Eden 0; Trinity 93, Rankin 48; Balmorhea 61, Fort Davis 8; Marfa 52, Sanderson 8

This week's games

Borden County at Rankin; Sterling City at Garden City; Fort Hancock at Fort Davis; Balmorhea at Marfa

TAPPS DIVISION I, DISTRICT 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Bishop Dunne	1	0	45	17	1.000
Bishop Lynch	1	0	54	18	1.000
Argyle Liberty	1	1	48	45	1.000
Add. Trinity	0	1	33	49	.000
Mid. Christ.	0	1	18	54	.000
Prestonwood	0	1	42	53	.000
FW Nolan	0	2	41	75	.000
John Paul II	0	2	23	91	.000

Last week's scores

Houston Bellaire Episcopal 29, Midland Christian 8; Argyle Liberty Christian 26, Springtown 10; Lancaster 47, Fort Worth Nolan Catholic 31; FW All Saints 49, Addison Trinity Christian 33; Irving Cistercian 47, Plano John Paul II 13; Dallas Bishop Lynch, Plano Prestonwood and Dallas Bishop Dunne were open

This week's games

Dallas Bishop Lynch at Sachse (Thursday); Argyle Liberty Christian at Melissa; FW Nolan Catholic at Saginaw; Addison Trinity at Denison; Sherman at Plano Prestonwood; Dallas Christian at Plano John Paul II; Midland Christian vs. Dallas Madison at DeSoto (Saturday); Dallas Roosevelt at Dallas Bishop Dunne (Saturday)

TAPPS SIX-MAN DIVISION I, DISTRICT 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Harvest Christ.	2	0	113	34	1.000
Trinity	2	0	227	114	1.000
Dal. Lutheran	1	1	92	133	.500
Rock. Heritage	1	1	96	92	.500
Ab.Christ.	1	1	104	103	.500
Ovilla Christ.	0	2	58	158	.000

Last week's scores

Trinity 93, Rankin 48; Gorman 64, Dallas Lutheran 12; Watauga Harvest 58, Covington 0; Rum 52, Rockwall Heritage 32; Abilene Christian 59, Austin Brentwood Christian 51; Lucas Christian 64, Red Oak Ovilla 14

This week's games

Trinity at Grandfalls-Royalty; Abilene Christian at Strawn; San Antonio Lutheran at Dallas Lutheran; Red Oak Ovilla Christian at Plano CHANT; Fort Worth THESA at Watauga Harvest; Rockwall Heritage is open

TEXAS AP HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLL

Here is The Associated Press high school poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, and the team's ranking in last week's poll:

Class 6A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Allen (20)	(2-0)	239	1
2. Katy (2)	(3-0)	207	2
3. Cedar Hill	(2-0)	185	3
4. Euless Trinity (2)	(2-0)	168	4
5. Cibolo Steele	(2-0)	145	5
6. Dallas Skyline	(2-0)	110	6
7. Spring Westfield	(2-0)	81	10
8. Converse Judson	(2-0)	67	8
9. Lake Travis	(2-0)	35	NR
10. Arlington Martin	(1-1)	21	9

Others receiving votes: 11, Austin Westlake 13. 12, Manvel 12. 13, Dickinson 11. 14, DeSoto 7. 14, Pearland 7. 16, Denton Guyer 6. 17, Odessa Permian 4. 18, SA Reagan 2. 19, Klein Collins 2. 20, Southlake Carroll 1.

Class 5A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Cedar Park (23)	(3-0)	239	1
2. Crosby	(2-0)	193	4
3. George Ranch	(2-0)	187	5
4. Austin Vandegrift	(1)(3-0)	154	6
5. Ennis	(1-1)	119	2
6. Aledo	(1-1)	97	7
7. Longview	(2-0)	82	9
8. Temple	(1-1)	76	3
9. Houston Stratford	(2-0)	68	10
10. Mans Timberview	(1-1)	55	8

Others receiving votes: 11, Kerrville Tivy 32. 12, Lancaster 17. 13, Port Bend Ellins 11. 14, Mansfield Lake Ridge 9. 15, Everman 7. 16, Cedar Park Vista Ridge 6. 17, Georgetown 5. 18, Lufkin 4. 19, Canyon 1. 19, Hutto 1. 19, Hallsville 1.

Class 4A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Navasota (22)	(2-0)	238	1
2. Argyle (1)	(2-0)	211	2
3. Gilmer (1)	(2-0)	184	3
4. West Orange-Stark	(2-0)	152	5
5. La Grange	(2-0)	142	6
6. Celina	(3-0)	118	7
7. Kennedale	(2-0)	100	8
8. Stephenville	(1-1)	33	T9
9. Graham	(1-1)	31	4
10. Sinton	(2-0)	26	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Sweetwater 14. 12, Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 11. 13, Brownwood 10. 14, Henderson 8. 14, Gladewater 8. 14, Carthage 8. 17, China Spring 6. 17, Van 6. 19, Geronimo Navarro 4. 19, Abilene Wylie 4. 21, Pittsburg 2. 22, Bridge City 1. 22, Cuero 1. 22, Giddings 1. 22, Liberty Hill 1.

Class 3A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Cameron Yoe (24)	(2-0)	240	1
2. Mineola	(2-0)	212	2
3. Shallowater	(2-0)	169	4
4. Brock	(2-0)	167	5
5. Franklin	(2-0)	115	6
6. East Chambers	(2-0)	97	8
7. Newton	(1-1)	74	3
8. Weslaco	(2-0)	55	NR
9. Wall	(2-0)	50	NR
10. Pottsboro	(2-0)	45	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Teague 19. 12, Rockdale 10. 13, East Bernard 9. 14, Odem 7. 14, Kirbyville 7. 16, Cisco 6. 16, Blanco 6. 18, Midland 5. 19, Hughes Springs 4. 19, Eastland 4. 19, Elysian Fields 4. 22, Bellinger 2. 23, Jones 1. 23, Post 1. 23, Muleshoe 1. 23, Spearman 1.

Class 2A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Canadian (21)	(2-0)	235	1
2. Bremond (2)	(2-0)	205	2
3. Refugio (1)	(2-0)	198	3
4. Mason	(2-0)	154	4
5. Seagraves	(2-0)	135	5
6. Albany	(2-0)	123	6
7. Shiner	(2-0)	65	7
8. Meri	(2-0)	65	9
9. Alto	(2-0)	57	9
10. Bryan	(2-0)	29	10

Others receiving votes: 11, Iraan 6. 12, Stratford 6. 13, Iola 4. 13, Crawford 4. 15, Price Carlisle 2. 16, Crosbyton 1. 16, Falls City 1. 16, Junction 1.

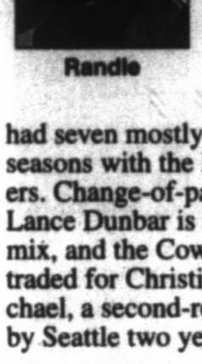
COWBOYS

From 1C

miss the first four games on suspensions. Both will be eligible to return Oct. 11 against New England, and Tom Brady should be there as well after a federal judge tossed his four-game ban.

After Murray

Joseph Randle, Murray's backup for two years as a fifth-round pick, will likely be the starter in the opener ahead of Darren McFadden. The top 10 pick by Oakland in 2008 had seven mostly mediocre seasons with the Raiders. Change-of-pace back Lance Dunbar is in the mix, and the Cowboys just traded for Christine Michael, a second-round pick by Seattle two years ago.



Randle

Young talent

While Hardy is out, Dallas' second-round picks from the past two seasons, DeMarcus Lawrence and Randy Gregory, should get plenty of chances. Gregory, a projected first-rounder who slid because of conduct issues, had a sack in each of the first three preseason games.

Witten milestone

Jason Witten, the franchise leader in receptions, needs 57 catches to join Tony Gonzalez as the only tight ends in NFL history with 1,000 career grabs. But he was less of a focal point last season, a trend likely to continue with the number of receiving threats available to Romo.

Cornerback concern

A season-ending knee injury to Orlando Scandrick in camp puts more pressure on Brandon Carr, an expensive free agent, and Morris Claiborne, a top 10 pick in 2012, to play better than the past two seasons. Morris missed most of last season with a knee injury. Scandrick's absence also is an opportunity for second-year undrafted player Tyler Patmon in the slot.

Associated Press

Houston Texans quarterback Tom Savage (3) goes to huddle against the Dallas Cowboys during the first half of a preseason NFL football game Thursday in Arlington.

Watt leads Texans' defense, but questions abound on offense

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — J.J. Watt was unstoppable in winning his second NFL Defensive Player of the Year award. Houston has added reinforcements to play with the superstar, and there's little doubt that defense will be the strength of this team.

So can the offense do enough to get the Texans back to the postseason after a two-year layoff?

The Texans signed Brian Hoyer in the off-season and he beat out Ryan Mallett at quarterback. Hoyer started 13 games for the Browns last season and threw 12 touchdowns with 13 interceptions. Many wonder if he's a long-term solution to Houston's quarterback woes.

"We all need to give Brian Hoyer a chance," coach Bill O'Brien said. "He's got an opportunity here. He's got an opportunity to go in there as a starter and make the most of his opportunity. I believe in him. I believe in his ability to run our offense efficiently. I believe in his experience in our offense. I think he's shown in the past that he can be a successful starting quarterback."

He'll have to do it early without a big weapon: running back Arian Foster (groin) is out indefinitely. Second-year player Alfred Blue and Jonathan Grimes are expected to fill in until he gets healthy.

Watt didn't play a single snap in the preseason because O'Brien thought it was unnecessary. But the Texans have no doubt he'll be ready when Houston opens the season Sunday against the Chiefs. He'll have one prominent new face with him in veteran nose tackle Vince Wilfork, who joined the Texans after spending 11 seasons in New England.

The defense should also get a boost from the return of outside linebacker Jadeveon Clowney, and the addition of first-round pick cornerback Kevin Johnson. Clowney, the first overall pick in last year's draft, played just four games before having season-ending microfracture knee surgery in December.

Watt was asked about how good the defense looks on paper.

"We don't play games on paper," he said. "We have to go out there and we have to execute. We have to go out there every single day and be the best that we can be. It's one thing to look great on paper, it's another one to go out there and prove it every day. That's what our defense is working to do."

Some things to know about the 2015 Texans:

What will Watt do next?

Football fans are curious to see what Watt will do next. He comes off one of the finest seasons ever by a defensive player, finishing with 20 ½ sacks to become the first player in NFL history with 20 or more in two seasons. He also had 78 tackles, 29 tackles for losses, 50 quarterback hits, forced four fumbles and swatted 10 passes. Perhaps most impressive: the five touchdowns he scored. Watt had an interception return for a touchdown, ran in a fumble for another score, and caught three TD passes lining up as a tight end.

He was second in MVP voting to Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers with 13 votes, the most for a defender since 1986, when Lawrence Taylor won the award.

High hopes for Hopkins

Longtime star receiver Andre Johnson is gone, leaving DeAndre Hopkins as the team's undisputed top target. He already started to move into that role last season when he led the team with a 1,210 yards receiving. Now that Johnson plays for the Colts, has Hopkins, who is entering his third season, changed how he approaches his work?

"No, never," he said. "I've still got the mindset I had since I was a rookie, and that's to come out here and dominate."

Consistency at cornerback

While the focus on defense is on Watt and the big guys up front, Houston also has a solid secondary led by veteran cornerbacks Kareem Jackson and Johnathan Joseph. The pair has started together for four years since Joseph joined the team after spending five years with the Bengals. Their consistency should help the defense be stingier.

Year 2 for O'Brien

O'Brien helped the team to a seven-game improvement in his first season as an NFL head coach. He's looking for more from the Texans in Year 2 now that they're more familiar with his system, and he and his coaching staff are better acquainted with their personnel.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
y-New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
y-Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
x-Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
y-Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
y-Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
x-Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
y-Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
y-Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	.000	0	0

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Game
Pittsburgh at New England, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Green Bay at Chicago, 12 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 12 p.m.
Seattle at St. Louis, 12 p.m.
Cleveland at N.Y. Jets, 12 p.m.
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 12 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 12 p.m.
Carolina at Jacksonville, 12 p.m.
New Orleans at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Detroit at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
Tennessee at Tampa Bay, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:10 p.m.
Minnesota at San Francisco, 9:20 p.m.

Thursday, Sep. 17
Denver at Kansas City, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday, Sep. 20
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 12 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 12 p.m.
Arizona at Chicago, 12 p.m.
Houston at Carolina, 12 p.m.
San Francisco at Pittsburgh, 12 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 12 p.m.
San Diego at Cincinnati, 12 p.m.
Tennessee at Cleveland, 12 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Giants, 12 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 12 p.m.
Baltimore at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Miami at Jacksonville, 3:05 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 3:25 p.m.
Seattle at Green Bay, 7:30 p.m.

RACING GLANCE

NASCAR

SPRINT CUP BOJANGLES' SOUTHERN 500
RESULTS
Sunday
At Darlington Raceway
Darlington, S.C.
Lap length: 1.366 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (13) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 367 laps, 47 points.
2. (1) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 367, 44.
3. (6) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 367, 42.
4. (4) Joey Logano, Ford, 367, 41.
5. (3) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 367, 40.
6. (2) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 367, 39.
7. (10) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 367, 38.
8. (28) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 367, 36.
9. (7) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 367, 35.
10. (16) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 367, 35.
11. (11) Aric Almirola, Ford, 367, 33.
12. (15) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 367, 33.
13. (22) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 367, 31.
14. (20) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 367, 30.
15. (17) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 367, 30.
16. (5) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 367, 28.
17. (26) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 367, 27.
18. (24) Greg Biffle, Ford, 367, 26.
19. (19) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 367, 25.
20. (31) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 367, 0.
21. (14) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 367, 23.
22. (29) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 367, 22.
23. (34) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 367, 21.
24. (35) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 367, 20.
25. (25) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 367, 19.
26. (12) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 367, 18.
27. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 367, 18.
28. (39) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 367, 16.
29. (32) Cassy Mears, Chevrolet, 366, 15.
30. (9) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 366, 0.
31. (41) Jeb Burton, Toyota, 364, 13.
32. (42) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 363, 0.
33. (27) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 354, 11.
34. (36) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 348, 0.
35. (18) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 342, 9.
36. (40) Brett Moffitt, Ford, 332, 8.
37. (43) T.J. Bell, Ford, 325, 7.
38. (8) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 313, 6.
39. (30) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 300, 5.
40. (21) David Ragan, Toyota, accident, 275, 4.
41. (23) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, accident, 227, 0.
42. (33) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, accident, 160, 2.
43. (37) Cole Whitt, Ford, accident, 5, 1.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 111.993 mph.
Time of Race: 4 hours, 28 minutes, 35 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.902 seconds.
Caution Flags: 10 for 69 laps.
Lead Changes: 24 among 11 drivers.
Lap Leaders: B.Keselowski 1-62; C.Edwards 63-65; K.Kahne 66-67; D.Hamlin 68-109; K.Harvick 110; D.Hamlin 111-117; B.Keselowski 118-157; K.Harvick 158-190; B.Keselowski 140-193; Ku.Busch 194; B.Keselowski 195-202; Ku.Busch 203-208; K.Larson 209-211; T.Stewart 212-221; D.Hamlin 222-225; K.Harvick 226-247; J.Logano 248-268; Ky.Busch 267-269; J.Logano 270-279; K.Harvick 280-302; D.Gilliland 303; B.Keselowski 304-344; C.Edwards 345; B.Keselowski 346-356; C.Edwards 357-367.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): B.Keselowski, 6 times for 190 laps; D.Hamlin, 3 times for 57 laps; K.Harvick, 4 times for 44 laps; J.Logano, 2 times for 29 laps; C.Edwards, 3 times for 15 laps; T.Stewart, 1 time for 10 laps; Ku.Busch, 2 times for 7 laps; Ky.Busch, 1 time for 3 laps; K.Larson, 1 time for 3 laps; K.Kahne, 1 time for 2 laps; D.Gilliland, 1 time for 1 lap.
Wins: Ky.Busch, 4; J.Johnson, 4; M.Kenseth, 3; J.Logano, 3; Ku.Busch, 2; D.Earnhardt Jr., 2; C.Edwards, 2; K.Harvick, 2; D.Hamlin, 1; B.Keselowski, 1; M.Truex Jr., 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. K.Harvick, 948; 2. J.Logano, 906; 3. D.Earnhardt Jr., 855; 4. B.Keselowski, 837; 5. J.Johnson, 817; 6. M.Truex Jr., 806; 7. M.Kenseth, 776; 8. D.Hamlin, 754; 9. Ku.Busch, 752; 10. J.McMurray, 726; 11. R.Newman, 714; 12. C.Edwards, 713; 13. J.Gordon, 700; 14. P.Menard, 692; 15. C.Bowyer, 682; 16. A.Almirola, 653.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

SPRINT CUP LEADERS
Through Sept. 6
Points

1, Kevin Harvick, $8,844,088; 2, Joey Logano, $8,099,730; 3, Jimmie Johnson, $8,328,805; 4, Denny Hamlin, $4,884,857; 5, Dale Earnhardt Jr., $4,586,660; 6, Brad Keselowski, $4,584,645; 7, Matt Kenseth, $4,488,605; 8, Jeff Gordon, $4,298,465; 9, Martin Truex Jr., $3,986,606; 10, Clint Bowyer, $3,920,800.

11, Ryan Newman, $3,852,988; 12, Greg Biffle, $3,800,299; 13, Jamie McMurray, $3,714,280; 14, Aric Almirola, $3,692,910; 15, Austin Dillon, $3,616,579; 16, Trevor Bayne, $3,547,280; 17, AJ Allmendinger, $3,409,502; 18, Kyle Larson, $3,340,912; 19, David Ragan, $3,328,618; 20, Kurt Busch, $3,308,771.

XFINITY POINTS LEADERS
Through Sep. 5

1, Chris Buescher, 674.
2, Ty Dillon, 645.
3, Chase Elliott, 639.
4, Regan Smith, 600.
5, Elliott Sadler, 593.
6, Darrell Wallace Jr., 566.
7, Daniel Suarez, 559.
8, Brian Scott, 556.
9, Brendan Gaughen, 536.
10, Ryan Reed, 532.
11, Jeremy Clements, 507.
12, J.J. Yeley, 573.
13, Ross Chastain, 555.
14, Dakoda Armstrong, 553.
15, Ryan Sieg, 550.
16, David Starr, 533.
17, Blake Koch, 470.
18, Landon Cassill, 453.
19, Cole Custer, 453.
20, Eric McClure, 410.
21, Joey Gase, 387.
22, Brennan Poole, 334.
23, Ryan Blaney, 325.
24, Harrison Rhodes, 303.
25, Peyton Sellers, 238.
26, Derrike Cope, 233.
27, Mike Harmon, 208.
28, Dylan Lupton, 165.
29, Ben Rhodes, 161.
30, Boris Said, 157.
31, Mike Bliss, 141.
32, Jeffrey Earnhardt, 128.
33, Mario Gosselin, 126.
34, Derek White, 97.
35, Morgan Shepherd, 87.
36, Jeff Green, 82.
37, Josh Reaume, 81.
38, Todd Bodine, 80.
39, Jimmy Weller, 80.
40, Justin Marks, 76.
41, Martin Roy, 73.
42, Carl Long, 71.
43, Michael Self, 69.
44, Jamie Dick, 66.
45, Brandon Gdovic, 63.
46, Kenny Habul, 61.
47, Kenny Wallace, 56.
48, Stanton Barrett, 53.
49, Andy Lally, 52.
50, Benny Gordon, 46.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK POINTS LEADERS
Through Aug. 30

1. Erik Jones, 580.
2. Matt Crafton, 567.
3. Tyler Reddick, 575.
4. Johnny Sauter, 535.
5. Daniel Hemric, 500.
6. Cameron Hayley, 489.
7. Timothy Peters, 470.
8. John Wes Townley, 468.
9. Spencer Gallagher, 452.
10. Ben Kennedy, 451.
11. Ray Black Jr., 408.
12. Tyler Young, 403.
13. Korbin Forrister, 332.
14. Jennifer Jo Cobb, 322.
15. John Hunter Nemechek, 309.
16. Mason Mingus, 304.
17. Brandon Jones, 299.
18. Travis Kvapil, 287.
19. Norm Benning, 285.
20. Justin Boston, 255.
21. Jordan Anderson, 236.
22. Cole Custer, 235.
23. Matt Tifft, 210.
24. Ryan Ellis, 177.
25. Austin Theriault, 166.
26. Justin Jennings, 165.
27. Tyler Tanner, 148.
28. Wendell Chavious, 143.
29. Timmy Hill, 131.
30. Caleb Holman, 130.
31. Joe Nemechek, 123.
32. Christopher Bell, 114.
33. B.J. McLeod, 108.
34. James Buescher, 100.
35. Garrett Smithley, 94.
36. Bryan Silas, 73.
37. Brandon Brown, 64.
38. Gray Gaulding, 60.
39. Tommy Regan, 55.
40. Todd Peck, 53.
41. Cody Coughlin, 46.
42. Bobby Pierce, 43.
43. Caleb Roark, 40.
44. Jake Griffin, 35.
45. Dalton Sargeant, 34.
46. Ken Schrader, 33.
47. Brian Wong, 32.
48. Cody Ware, 31.
49. J.J. Haley, 30.
50. Donnie Neuenberger, 29.

NHRA Results

NHRA RESULTS
Monday
At Lucas Oil Raceway Park
Brownsburg, Ind.
Final Finish Order
TOP FUEL

1, Morgan Lucas, 2, Dave Connolly, 3, Shawn Langdon, 4, Brittany Force, 5, Antron Brown, 6, Richie Crampton, 7, Doug Kalitta, 8, Billy Torrence, 9, Khalid alBalooshi, 10, Leah Pritchett, 11, Larry Dixon, 12, Pat Dakin, 13, J.R. Todd, 14, T.J. Zizzo, 15, Tony Schumacher, 16, Steve Torrence

FUNNY CAR

1, Jack Beckman, 2, Robert Hight, 3, Del Worsham, 4, Tommy Johnson Jr., 5, John Force, 6, Courtney Force, 7, Tim Wilkerson, 8, Ron Capps, 9, Alexis DeJoria, 10, Cruz Pedregon, 11, John Bojac, 12, Tony Pedregon, 13, Matt Hagan, 14, John Hale, 15, Bob Bode, 16, Chad Head

PRO STOCK

1, Erica Enders, 2, Drew Skillman, 3, Greg Anderson, 4, Vincent Nobile, 5, Larry Morgan, 6, Shane Gray, 7, Bo Butner, 8, Jason Line, 9, Allen Johnson, 10, Jeg Coughlin, 11, Alex Laughlin, 12, V Gaines, 13, Chris McGaha, 14, Deric Kramer, 15, Jonathan Gray, 16, Aaron Stanfield

PRO STOCK MOTORCYCLE

1, Jerry Savoie, 2, Chip Ellis, 3, Hector Arana Jr., 4, Angelle Sampey, 5, Eddie Krawiec, 6, Steve Johnson, 7, Andrew Hines, 8, Matt Smith, 9, Karen Stoffer, 10, LE Tonglet, 11, Jim Underdahl, 12, Shawn Gann, 13, Hector Arana, 14, Scotty Pollacheck, 15, Angie Smith, 16, Chaz Kennedy

Final Results

Top Fuel — Morgan Lucas, 3.864 seconds, 319.90 mph def. Dave Connolly, 6.235 seconds, 83.47 mph.

Funny Car — Jack Beckman, Dodge Charger, 4.058, 310.77 def. Robert Hight, Chevy Camaro, 4.045, 309.77.

Pro Stock — Erica Enders, Chevy Camaro, 6.611, 209.75 def. Drew Skillman, Camaro, 6.606, 209.98.

Pro Stock Motorcycle — Jerry Savoie, Suzuki, 7.011, 193.02 def. Chip Ellis, Buell, foul.

Pro Modified — Rick Snavely, Chevy Camaro, 5.890, 257.53 def. Mike Janis, Camaro, 5.945, 242.50.

Top Alcohol Dragster — Joey Severance, 5.314, 271.90 def. Cameron Ferre, 12.155, 87.81.

Top Alcohol Funny Car — Andy Bohl, Ford Mustang, 5.621, 259.17 def. Annie Whiteley, Chevy Camaro, 5.636, 262.25.

Competition Eliminator — Greg Kamplain, Dragster, 6.845, 194.02 def. Craig Bourgeois, Dragster, 6.912, 189.39.

Super Stock — Jeff Rosti, Ford Mustang, 6.560, 135.54 def. Jimmy DeFrank, Chevy Cobalt, 6.822, 152.19.

Stock Eliminator — Kyle Rekstad, Pontiac Firebird, 10.609, 120.55 def. Tom Rambo, Chevy Camaro, 11.194, 113.44.

Super Comp — Luke Bogacki, Dragster 9.265, 129.18 def. Anthony Fetch, Dragster 10.731, 70.05.

Super Gas — Lee Klingensmith, Ford T, 9.896, 136.33 def. Francis Ross, Chevy Camaro, 9.882, 165.60.

Final Round-by-Round Results

TOP FUEL

ROUND ONE — Morgan Lucas, 3.787, 323.89 def. Leah Pritchett, 3.816, 320.05. Dave Connolly, 3.820, 324.59 def. Khalid alBalooshi, 3.809, 326.08; Doug Kalitta, 3.808, 317.42 def. Larry Dixon, 3.819, 326.16; Billy Torrence, 3.804, 326.16 def. T.J. Zizzo, 4.001, 255.29; Antron Brown, 3.796, 318.17 def. J.R. Todd, 3.905, 311.34; Richie Crampton, 4.159, 205.51 def. Steve Torrence, 4.666, 201.79; Brittany Force, 3.853, 318.99 def. Pat Dakin, 3.901, 314.17; Shawn Langdon, 3.841, 313.44 def. Tony Schumacher, 4.264, 212.83.

QUARTERFINALS — Langdon, 3.913, 292.33 def. Kalitta, 5.125, 146.24; Force, 4.058, 284.29 def. B. Torrence, 7.422, 58.71; Connolly, 3.828, 323.74 def. Brown, 3.825, 317.72; Lucas, 3.902, 297.42 def. Crampton, 3.899, 302.62.

SEMIFINALS — Lucas, 6.181, 189.08 def. Force, DQ; Connolly, 4.149, 231.36 def. Langdon, 7.063, 95.67.

FINAL — Lucas, 3.864, 319.90 def. Connolly, 6.235, 83.47.

FUNNY CAR

ROUND ONE — Jack Beckman, Dodge Charger, 4.047, 302.55 def. Bob Bode, Toyota Solara, 5.022, 157.65; Robert Hight, Chevy Camaro, 4.078, 315.78 def. John Bojac, Solara, 4.384, 285.41; Tommy Johnson Jr., Charger, 4.054, 312.42 def. John Hale, Charger, 4.777, 177.32; Del Worsham, Toyota Camry, 4.345, 237.46 def. Chad Head, Camry, 6.626, 83.41; Tim Wilkerson, Ford Mustang, 4.270, 259.91 def. Tony Pedregon, Camry, 4.511, 198.88; Courtney Force, Chevy Camaro, 4.064, 316.67 def. Alexis DeJoria, Camry, 4.085, 307.02; John Force, Camaro, 4.079, 316.15 def. Cruz Pedregon, Camry, 4.086, 307.72; Ron Capps, Charger, 4.490, 211.63 def. Matt Hagan, Charger, 4.528, 237.34.

QUARTERFINALS — Johnson Jr., 4.093, 309.13 def. C. Force, 4.117, 312.93; Beckman, 4.057, 311.41 def. Capps, 4.918, 219.54; Hight, 4.084, 312.57 def. J. Force, 4.085, 316.52; Worsham, 4.130, 309.56 def. Wilkerson, 4.132, 306.33.

SEMIFINALS — Hight, 4.047, 313.58 def. Johnson Jr., 8.885, 81.08; Beckman, 4.058, 307.72 def. Worsham, 4.189, 299.20.

FINAL — Beckman, 4.058, 310.77 def. Hight, 4.045, 309.77.

PRO STOCK

ROUND ONE — Bo Butner, Chevy Camaro, 6.650, 209.10 def. Jeg Coughlin, Camaro, 6.626, 208.84; Jason Line, Camaro, 6.626, 208.59 def. Deric Kramer, Dodge Dart, 6.665, 208.42; Shane Gray, Camaro, 6.624, 209.69 def. Chris McGaha, Camaro, 6.641, 209.17; Larry Morgan, Camaro, 6.603, 209.85 def. Allen Johnson, Dart, 6.621, 208.17; Erica Enders, Camaro, 6.604, 209.49 def. V. Gaines, Dart, 6.637, 209.10; Greg Anderson, Camaro, 6.602, 209.85 def. Aaron Stanfield, Dart, DQ; Vincent Nobile, Camaro, 6.630, 209.59 def. Jonathon Gray, Camaro, foul; Drew Skillman, Camaro, 6.605, 209.59 def. Alex Laughlin, Camaro, 6.632, 209.33.

QUARTERFINALS — Nobile, 6.621, 209.30 def. Line, foul; Skillman, 6.619, 209.30 def. S. Gray, 6.614, 209.85; Enders, 6.617, 209.01 def. Morgan, 6.613, 209.52; Anderson, 6.605, 209.39 def. Butner, 6.633, 209.04.

SEMIFINALS — Skillman, 6.619, 209.88 def. Nobile, 6.655, 209.75; Enders, 6.618, 209.39 def. Anderson, 6.591, 210.41.

FINAL — Enders, 6.611, 209.75 def. Skillman, 6.606, 209.98.

PRO STOCK MOTORCYCLE

ROUND ONE — Chip Ellis, Buell, 6.880, 195.59 def. Angie Smith, foul; Jerry Savoie, Suzuki, 6.877, 194.46 def. Chaz Kennedy, Buell, broke; Hector Arana Jr., Buell, 6.904, 195.36 def. Jim Underdahl, Suzuki, foul; Angelle Sampey, Buell, 6.910, 192.99 def. Karen Stoffer, Suzuki, 6.911, 194.69; Andrew Hines, Harley-Davidson, 6.916, 193.82 def. Scotty Pollacheck, Buell, 7.121, 188.33; Steve Johnson, Suzuki, 6.946, 193.38 def. Hector Arana, Buell, 6.977, 194.83; Eddie Krawiec, Harley-Davidson, 6.873, 193.96 def. LE Tonglet, Suzuki, 6.919, 195.56; Matt Smith, 6.915, 192.85 def. Shawn Gann, Buell, foul.

QUARTERFINALS — Sampey, 7.000, 190.46 def. M. Smith, 6.960, 190.03; Savoie, 6.896, 194.30 def. Johnson, 6.945, 192.30; Arana Jr., 6.953, 194.07 def. Hines, 6.952, 192.93; Ellis, 6.900, 195.05 def. Krawiec, 6.923, 194.13.

SEMIFINALS — Ellis, 6.877, 196.47 def. Sampey, 7.130, 175.53; Savoie, 6.878, 194.77 def. Arana Jr, 6.963, 195.48.

FINAL — Savoie, 7.011, 193.02 def. Ellis, foul.

IndyCar

POINTS LEADERS
Through Aug. 30

1. Scott Dixon, 556
2. Juan Pablo Montoya, 556
3. Will Power, 493.
4. Graham Rahal, 490
5. Helio Castroneves, 453
6. Ryan Hunter-Reay, 436
7. Josef Newgarden, 431
8. Tony Kanaan, 431
9. Marco Andretti, 429
10. Sebastian Bourdais, 406
11. Simon Pagenaud, 384
12. Charlie Kimball, 372
13. Carlos Munoz, 349
14. Takuma Sato, 323
15. Gabby Chaves, 281
16. James Jakes, 257
17. Jack Hawksworth, 256
18. Ryan Briscoe, 205
19. Stefano Coletti, 203
20. Sage Karam, 197
21. Luca Filippi, 180
22. Tristan Vautier, 172
23. James Hinchcliffe, 129
24. Justin Wilson, 108
25. Sebastian Saavedra, 96
26. Rodolfo Gonzalez, 94
27. Ed Carpenter, 88
28. Conor Daly, 81
29. Pippa Mann, 76
30. Simona de Silvestro, 66
31. J.R. Hildebrand, 57
32. Orio Servia, 46
33. Mikhail Aleshin, 40
34. Francesco Dracone, 38
35. Townsend Bell, 32
36. Carlos Huertas, 31
37. Alex Tagliani, 27
38. James Davison, 10
39. Bryan Clauson, 10

Fowler rallies to win Deutsche Bank

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Rickie Fowler delivered all the right shots Monday at the Deutsche Bank Championship, and then he delivered some champagne.

He stood near the wood railing overlooking a dozen rows of reporters, hoisting an empty bottle in one hand and a microphone in the other.

"Let's finish off the year right," Fowler said.

He certainly showed he is capable after a tense duel with Henrik Stenson at the TPC Boston.

Trailing by three shots early on the back nine, Fowler rolled in a 40-foot putt on the 14th hole to pull within one and then seized control when Stenson hit a towering tee shot that came down short and into the water for double bogey on the par-3 16th.

That combination sent Fowler to another big win. He closed with a 3-under 68 for a one-shot victory that assured him of a spot in the top five at the Tour Championship and a clear shot at the $10 million bonus in the FedEx Cup.

Fowler won The Players Championship in a three-hole playoff in May. He won the Scottish Open with three birdies on the last four holes.

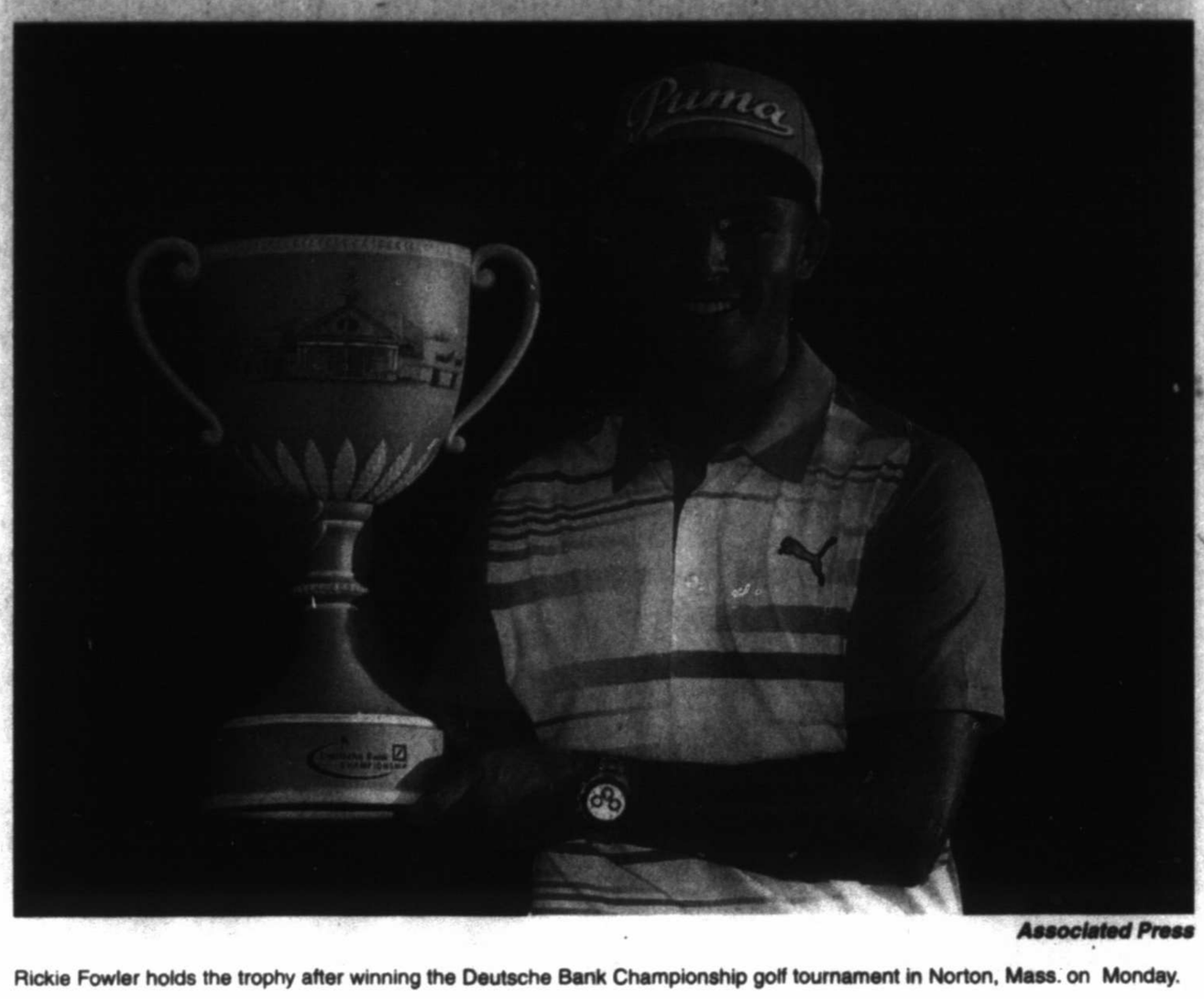
"Being in those positions before, I definitely felt very calm out there," he said. "I knew what I was trying to do. Knew what I had to do. And was very much ready to do it."

Fowler moved to No. 5 in the world, not quite part of the "Big Three" this year of Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy and Jason Day, but perhaps on the cusp of it.

"They've clearly played the best out of anyone over the past few months to couple of years," Fowler said. "So I'm trying to be a small fourth thrown in there. But there's a lot of other really good young players playing well right now, as well."

Stenson was a runner-up in a FedEx Cup playoff event for the second straight week, and this one figures to sting.

He holed a 15-foot birdie putt on No. 10 for a three-shot lead. And when Fowler hit a bold 5-wood to 10 feet for birdie on No. 11 for a two-shot swing, the Swede answered with a 35-foot birdie on the 12th to restore the cushion to two shots.



Associated Press

Rickie Fowler holds the trophy after winning the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Mass. on Monday.

It all changed quickly and dramatically on the par-3 16th.

"I obviously pulled the wrong club on 16 and was trying to get the most out of a 7-iron into the wind and ballooned that one a little bit and that was the crucial mistake. Making double there was really a killer," Stenson said. "I tried to get those two shots back or at least one to force a playoff on the last two holes and couldn't manage to do it."

The final hour was every bit as tense as The Players Championship in May, except instead of five players having a chance to win, this was a duel with Stenson the entire back nine. Fowler didn't make any birdies after his long putt on the 14th, but he didn't have to. Where he thrived was off the tee and his iron play into the greens. Swinging freely, he was never really out of position until he went just long of the green on the par-5 closing hole with his second shot.

He played it safe with a putter to 10 feet, putting pressure on Stenson to the very end.

Fowler finished at 15-under 269 and moved to No. 3 in the FedEx Cup behind Day and Spieth, with Stenson at No. 4 and Bubba Watson at No. 5.

Charley Hoffman bounced back from a 76 to close with a 67 and finish alone in third.

One of the loudest cheers was for a player who had no chance to win. William McGirt was on the verge of being eliminated from the FedEx Cup when he holed a 7-iron from the fairway on No. 17 for eagle. A par on the 18th hole allowed him to sneak into the top 70 and advance to the third playoff event north of Chicago in two weeks.

Hunter Mahan kept his streak going by closing with a 70 to tie for fourth, moving him from No. 91 to No. 52. Mahan is the only player who has never missed a FedEx Cup playoff event since this series began in 2007. Jerry Kelly made birdie on the last hole for a 72 to get into the top 70. Keegan Bradley also got in.

Two other players imploded on the back nine to end their season.

Kevin Streelman appeared to be safe in the top 70 until he shot 42 on the back nine for a 77. Carlos Ortiz of Mexico had four straight birdies and was making a late bid for Chicago until he took triple bogey on No. 9 and then shot 41 on the back nine for a 71.

There were no changes to the Presidents Cup, though Matt Jones of Australia squandered a great chance. He only needed third place to make the International team, but he made two double bogeys in three holes to start the back nine and finished in a five-way tie for fourth.

Stenson now has been runner-up four times this year without winning, and this was every bit as good a chance to win as Bay Hill.

"It's in the right direction, for sure," Stenson said. "Always disappointing when you can't finish the job when you're in good position. But you have to take the positives."

Bolt pulls out of Van Damme, all focus on 2016 Olympics

By Raf Casert
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — With three more gold medals in the bag and his superiority proven beyond doubt, Usain Bolt declared his season over on Monday.

The Jamaican pulled out of Friday's Van Damme Memorial, unwilling to risk any injury problems that might compromise his preparations for next year's Rio de Janeiro Games, where he will seek a third Olympic sprint treble in a row.

Bolt

"I am already thinking about next year and the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio," he said in a statement.

After winning three gold medals at the world championships in Beijing, Bolt was supposed to focus on the season's top time in the 200 meters at the Diamond League meet in Brussels. The King Baudouin Stadium has extra wide curves that half-lap racers love and Bolt has never profited fully from the track facilities. Friday would have been the ideal opportunity.

Bolt has the world record of 19.19 seconds, but his best time at the Van Damme only stands at 19.57. In comparison, his teammate Yohan Blake ran the second fastest half lap there by clocking 19.26.

But after two seasons of injuries and a drawn-out recovery, Bolt now knows the preparations for a big event like the Olympics starts a year in advance. The 29-year-old Bolt said in a statement he was "happy to end the season without any injuries and ready to go for 2016."

And Brussels meet organizer Wilfried Meert said in a statement that "Bolt felt tired after Beijing and also was troubled by his left leg, with a pain radiating from his hip."

Bolt beat Justin Gatlin both in the 100 and 200 meters in Beijing before anchoring Jamaica to gold in the 4x100 relay.

GOLF RESULTS

PGA Tour

Deutsche Bank Championship Scores
Monday
At TPC Boston
Norton, Mass.
Purse: $8.25 million
Yardage: 7,242; Par 71
Final

Rickie Fowler (2,000)	67-67-67-68—269
Henrik Stenson (1,200)	67-68-65-70—270
Charley Hoffman (760)	67-63-76-67—273
Jim Furyk (416)	71-65-70-70—276
Matt Jones (416)	67-67-68-74—276
Hunter Mahan (416)	69-73-64-70—276
Sean O'Hair (416)	68-67-67-74—276
Patrick Reed (416)	72-67-67-70—276
Jerry Kelly (300)	71-66-68-72—277
Matt Kuchar (300)	69-72-65-71—277
Daniel Summerhays (300)	71-68-70-68—277
Daniel Berger (221)	68-69-68-73—278
Kevin Chappell (221)	67-67-71-73—278
Jason Day (221)	68-68-73-69—278
Harris English (221)	67-74-68-69—278
Brian Harman (221)	70-70-71-67—278
Kevin Kisner (221)	71-71-66-70—278
Russell Knox (221)	70-65-68-75—278
William McGirt (221)	73-70-66-69—278
Louis Oosthuizen (221)	73-67-67-71—278
Gary Woodland (221)	68-70-69-71—278
Brendon de Jonge (192)	65-68-73-73—279
Zach Johnson (192)	69-65-74-71—279
Rory Sabbatini (192)	69-74-66-70—279
Keegan Bradley (178)	71-66-74-69—280
Ben Martin (178)	73-68-70-69—280
Hideki Matsuyama (178)	71-65-69-75—280
Kyle Reifers (178)	71-73-69-67—280
Chris Kirk (162)	74-69-67-71—281
Rory McIlroy (162)	70-74-71-66—281
Pat Perez (162)	71-71-70-69—281
Bubba Watson (162)	73-69-71-68—281
Fabian Gomez (142)	76-68-73-64—282
Danny Lee (142)	70-68-69-77—282
Ian Poulter (142)	67-72-69-74—282
John Senden (142)	76-68-67-70—282
Hudson Swafford (142)	68-69-68-76—282
Camilo Villegas (142)	72-72-69-69—282
Sangmoon Bae (120)	69-70-69-75—283
Alex Cejka (120)	70-70-72-71—283
Luke Donald (120)	67-71-72-73—283
Troy Merritt (120)	74-67-68-74—283
Robert Streb (120)	69-72-72-70—283
J.B. Holmes (86)	74-68-69-73—284
Dustin Johnson (86)	70-70-68-76—284
Colt Knost (86)	67-73-75-69—284
Davis Love III (86)	69-75-67-73—284
Carl Pettersson (86)	72-70-69-73—284
Webb Simpson (86)	74-69-70-71—284
Brandt Snedeker (86)	71-73-68-72—284
Brendan Steele (86)	70-67-73-75—284
Brendon Todd (86)	70-74-70-70—284
Cameron Tringale (86)	75-69-69-71—284
Johnson Wagner (86)	72-73-72-67—284
Nick Watney (86)	72-70-69-73—284
Charles Howell III (54)	70-70-70-75—285
Spencer Levin (54)	73-71-69-72—285
Justin Thomas (54)	72-70-69-74—285
Boo Weekley (54)	74-71-72-68—285
Zac Blair (36)	70-69-71-76—286
Jason Dufner (36)	69-70-74-73—286
Bill Haas (36)	73-71-70-72—286
Kevin Na (36)	72-68-72-74—286
Scott Pinckney (36)	75-70-68-73—286
Phil Mickelson (18)	70-73-70-74—287
Carlos Ortiz (18)	74-67-70-76—287
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WEST TEXAS SPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or email your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

To fax your information, send to 570-7650 or you can email it to sports@mrt.com.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0098 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-8080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com, facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland, 413-0329

Private lessons
For more info: Call Mike Mungia 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

Basketball
Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 686-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzaniud-de@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-9177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics
Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Ianier for clinics and lessons at jianer@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Beak Park Ranch House, 5200 W Wall Street, Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call 682-2551

Stonegate Flag Football Coaches Registration Meeting
When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17
Where: Stonegate Fellowship Church

Stonegate Flag Football League
Team fee: $450 to be paid on Sept. 17
For more info: Contact Joe Russo at jrusso@stonegatefellowship.com

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Golf

Vamonos Muchachos! Benefit Golf Tournament for Mario Gonzales and Moces Armendariz
When: Sunday, Sept. 27
Where: Hogan Park Golf Course
Time: Shotgun starts at 8 a.m.
Cost: $75 per player or $150 per team
What: Two-man scramble tournament that will have closest to the pin contest in both flight divisions. Deadline to register is Thursday, Sept. 24. A meal will be provided following the tournament.
For more information: Please contact Coon Moreno at 432-210-2302 or Paul Armendariz at 432-488-6124.

The 28th Annual SPE Permian Basin Golf Tournament
Format: Four-person scramble
When: Friday, Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. (shotgun starts)
Where: Hogan Park Golf Course
Entry fee: $675 per team or $700 if paying with credit card
For more information: contact Gina Bayle at 432-640-7023 or email gbale@treyresources.net

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez. 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

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Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Halley, president at halleyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on 8th Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Claays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Grat and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6847 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 694-6574 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration
What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online.
Fees: Tball ($75), 8U-18U ($100), late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play Tball. The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division.
To register: go to MidlandUnitedch.com or registration will also be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midkiff Aquatic Center
Cost: $40 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
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COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
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COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

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COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
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COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
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Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtennniscenter.com and or call, 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-6610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Woman's Tennis Association
For more info: 559-7208

MTC Tournaments
What: Singles, doubles, mixed
When: Sept. 12, Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 1
To enter: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-208-0139

Walking

Midland Wednesday AWA Club Meetings
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Monthly 10K walks: Sept. 12 UTPB walk, Oct. 10 Stanton, Nov. 21 Members choice, Dec. 20 Christmas walk
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-0588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

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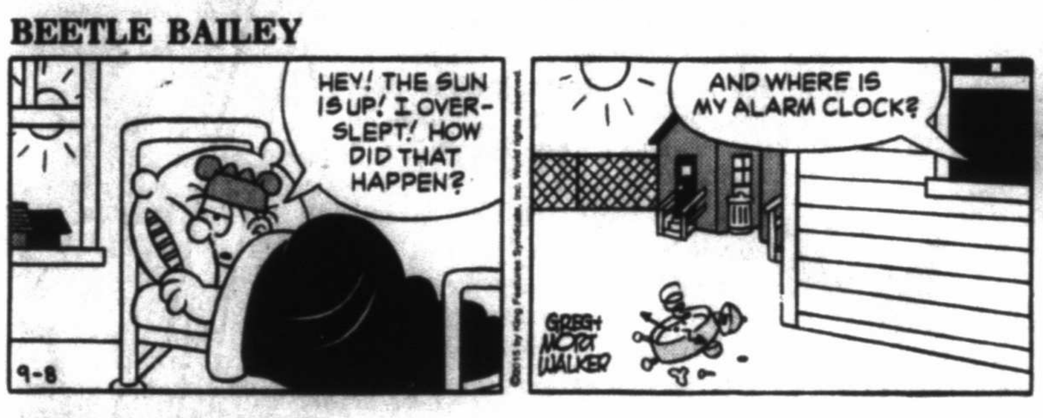

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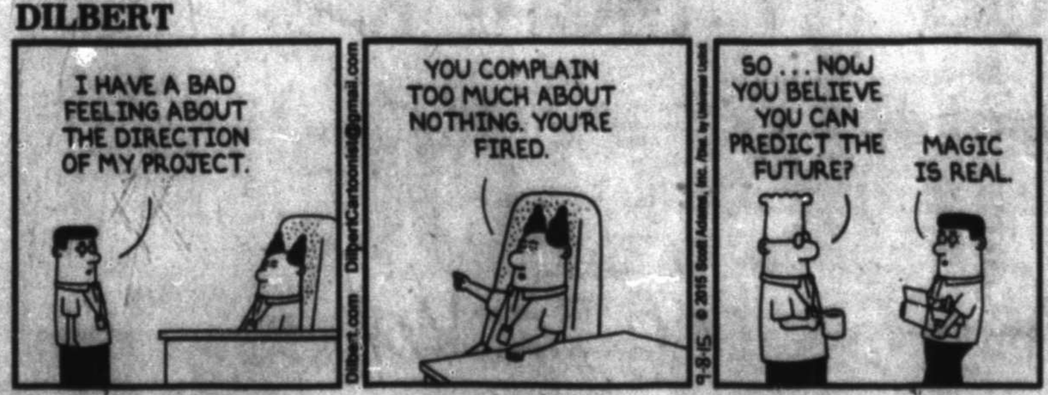

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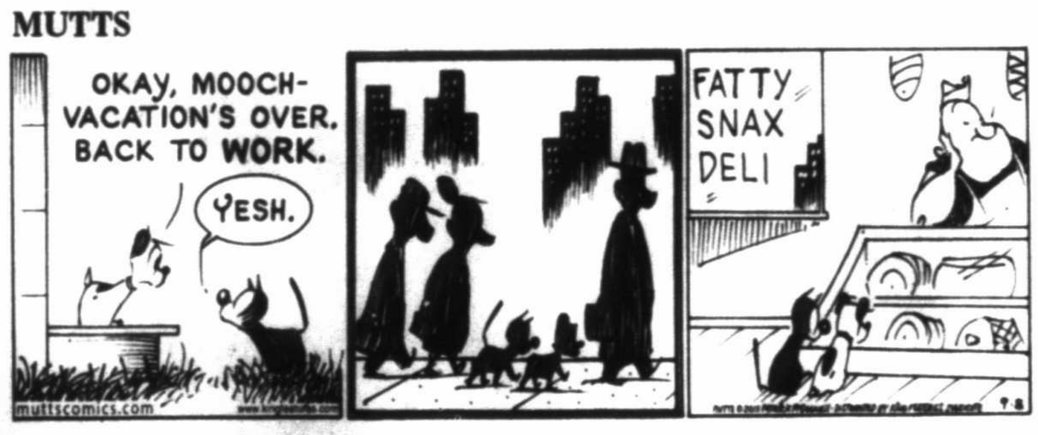

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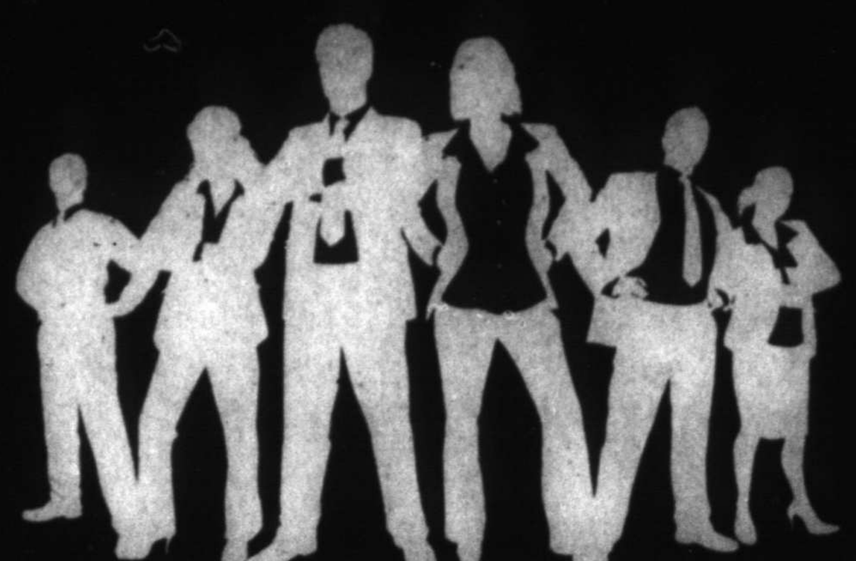

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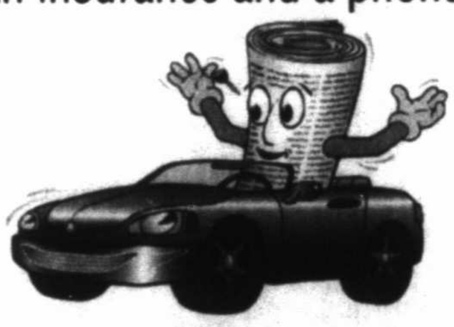

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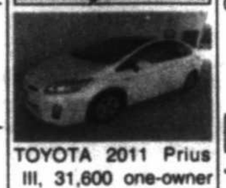

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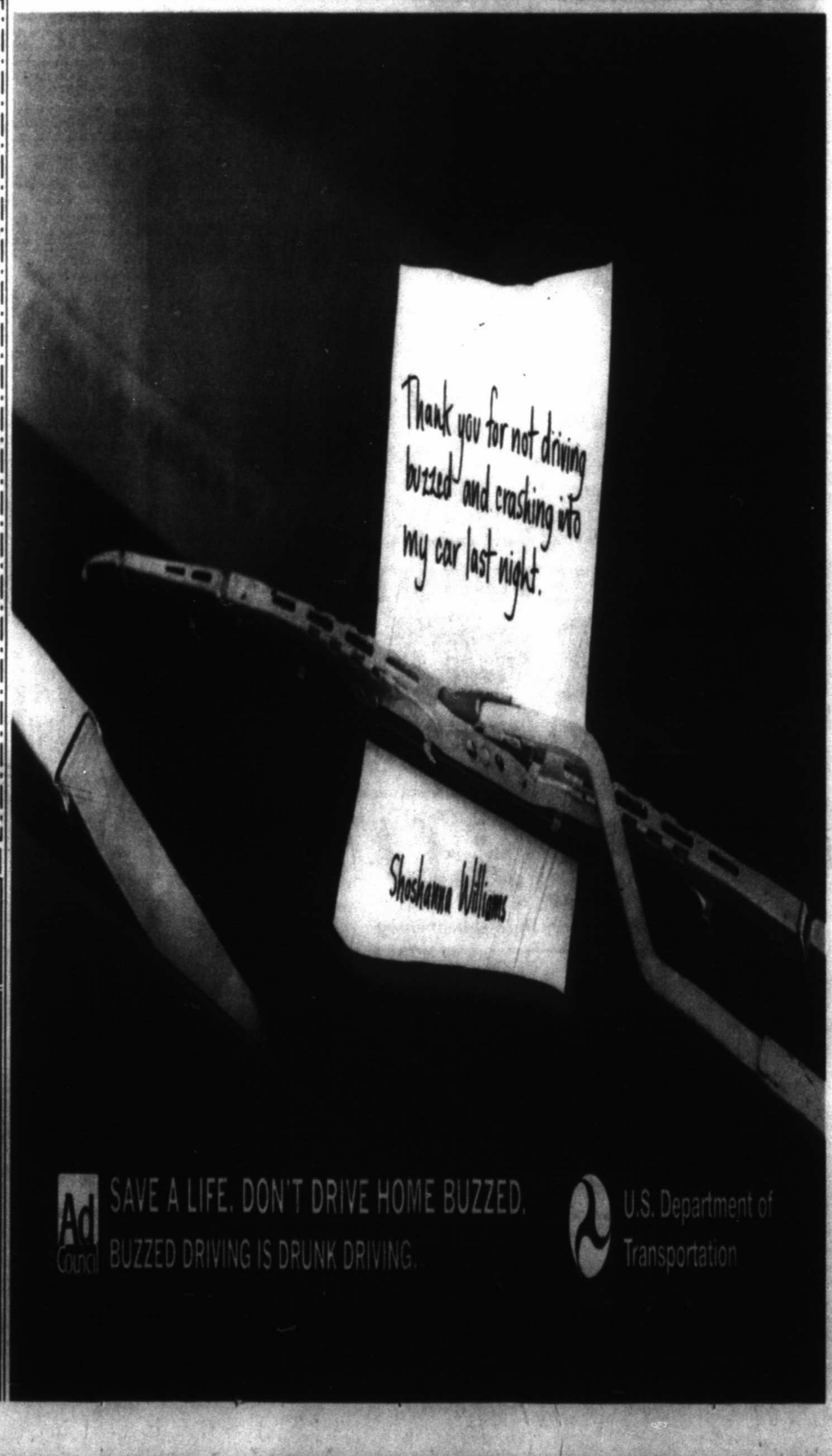

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In rough terms, mortgage rates at this time look like this: 30-year fixed-rate loans at this writing are priced at 4.33 percent while 5/1 ARMs – loans that have a fixed-rate for five years and then adjust annually – have a start rate of 3.23 percent, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Let's say you want to borrow $150,000. The monthly cost for principal and interest with the fixed-rate loan will be $745 per month, while the 5/1 ARM will set you back $651. That's a monthly difference of $94, or $1,128 per year. Over five years the difference amounts to $5,640.

What happens with the ARM after five years is anyone's guess. The rate can rise or fall. This means there's additional risk for the borrower in the form of higher costs. There's also less risk for the lender because the mortgage rate is not fixed, so if inflation hits the lender will get a larger return.

In their self-interest lenders should prefer ARMs because such loans protect them against what's called "interest-rate risk."

However, you may not be working with a "lender" in the sense of a company that wants to keep the loan. Instead you may be working with a company that will make the loan and then sell it immediately after closing. It doesn't really care what happens in five years because long before then the mortgage will be owned by an investor. What it cares about is maximizing the market value of an asset – the loan it's making to you and then selling. This lender has apparently concluded that its best option is to sell fixed-rate loans into the "secondary market," the electronic arena where loans are bought and sold.

The real question is: What's good for you? For instance, at this writing there are lenders offering FHA ARMs at 3.5 percent with 3.5 percent down. However, with FHA financing you generally have to pay a 1.75-percent mortgage insurance premium up front, plus an annual premium of 1.35 percent on the unpaid balance.

Given this background, the best option is to shop around. While your lender may not offer ARMs with 10 percent down other lenders might be very happy to suggest such financing, especially in a marketplace where loan origination volume is falling nationwide. Ask lenders to provide rate quotes at "par" (with zero points for easy comparisons) and 10 percent down for fixed-rate loans, 5/1 ARMs and FHA ARMs. Or, look into something a little more exotic, such as a 15/15 ARM, a loan with a 15-year start rate. If you have the cash also consider 20 percent down, the magic number in lending because it means no mortgage insurance is required.

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THE OUTSIDE IS BACK IN

AS HOMES TAKE ON A SMALLER INTERIOR FOOTPRINT, FRONT PORCHES ARE SEEING A RENAISSANCE

By ERIK J. MARTIN
CTW Features

A curb appeal-boosting outdoor amenity that fell out of favor for years in new single-family home construction appears to be on the rebound. It's the front porch, and it's in greater demand today than it has been in years.

In fact, the U.S. Census Bureau revealed in June of this year that nearly two-thirds of new detached homes built in 2013 included porches, a dramatic rise since 1992, when only 42 percent of new construction single-family residences had them.

The reasons for the porch resurgence are multifold, says Lisa Frushone, broker with Lisa James Otto Properties in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

"Many homebuyers are attracted to the charm of an old house but want to purchase a brand-new home. A porch adds that desired element of charm, and builders are paying more attention to this," Frushone says. "Also, buyers today want smaller homes … The desire for an extended, covered or wrap-around porch goes along with this trend, since a front porch becomes an extension of the main house for family members to enjoy themselves or when hosting social gatherings."

In short, a porch adds usable overall living space, even if interior square footage is lessened. And, it's cheaper to build than indoor living space. For years, many builders quit building front porches as a cost-saving measure and to devote more lot space to the rear yard.

"Porches fell out of popularity because everyone was looking to maximize indoor square footage," says Maria Zendejas, Realtor/CEO of Realty World Golden Era in Oxnard, California. "But the new trend of healthy living is encouraging outdoor space and community-style living, where you want to be part of a community and know your neighbors."

John Egnatis, CEO/co-founder of Grenadier Homes, a Dallas-based homebuilding firm, agrees that many buyers currently prefer quality over quantity and now place a higher emphasis on architectural details.

"Front porches are more attractive and can yield a higher resale value," Egnatis says. "They're particularly appealing to baby boomers, because many are now empty nesters looking for new ways to enjoy fresh air and connect with family members and neighbors in a shaded area that is somewhat protected from extreme weather conditions."

In 2014, home hunters seeking snazzier porches are looking for many preferred options and extras, including stucco walls, ceiling fans, wood floors, teak finishes, wicker furniture, retractable screens/shades, and enhanced lighting, says Joe Sale, a Realtor with Smith and Associates Real Estate in Tampa, Florida. These and other amenities not only add to the home's comfort and style and can make a huge impact on curb appeal, as it's the first thing people see on a finished house, he says.

Egnatis suggests a porch with a minimum of 6 to 8 feet of shade cover.

"The wider you make it, the more options you have to customize the porch, and wider porches are more popular right now," he says. "The materials and overall look and feel of the porch should also complement the room that's attached to it."

But, if you're building a new home from scratch, be careful not to sacrifice too much backyard space to accommodate a porch, which could hurt your resale, says Zendejas.

Lastly, once built, be prepared to keep the porch looking great.

"Anything inviting that makes a house stand out in a good way is always desirable, and a front porch can do that. But it can instantly detract from the home if the porch is in disrepair or used as more of a storage area," adds Frushone.

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WHERE THE FIRST-TIME BUYERS ARE

Current housing conditions have kept out some young buyers, but certain markets have prime conditions for Millennial buyers

The homeownership rate fell to 64.7 percent in the second quarter of 2014, matching a nearly 20-year low, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. One reason: fewer first-time buyers.

The percent share of first-time buyers in July was 29 percent, according to the National Association of Realtors, up 1 percent from June but still well below historical standards, which the NAR puts around 40 percent.

Rising home prices and tight credit are among the constraints keeping younger first-time buyers out of the market. Yet, some metro areas are well positioned to see an increase in Millennial first-time buyers in years to come – especially in the West and Midwest.

The NAR analyzed housing conditions, job creation and population trends in metropolitan statistical areas to pinpoint the best markets for Millennial first-time buyers. Austin, Texas, and Salt Lake City were the top metros for Millennials, with young adult populations, solid job-growth rates and affordable home prices.

The homeownership rate for young adults under age 35 peaked at 43 percent in 2005; it was 36 percent in first quarter of 2014, according to the NAR.

Based on the NAR analysis – which looked at 100 metro areas with a strong Millennial presence, solid job market, strong migration patterns of young adults moving to the area, and housing inventory affordability and inventory — the 10 best purchase markets for potential Millennial homebuyers are, alphabetically:

- Austin, Texas
- Dallas
- Denver
- Des Moines, Iowa
- Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Minneapolis
- New Orleans
- Ogden, Utah
- Salt Lake City
- Seattle

Other strong markets for attracting Millennial buyers include:

- Madison, Wisconsin
- Nashville, Tennessee
- Omaha, Nebraska
- Raleigh, North Carolina
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GREEN PLANET

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On July 25, 2014, vegetation grows among trees burned by the Rim Fire, near Groveland, Calif. More than 3 trillion trees now grow on Earth, more than seven times greater than scientists previously thought. But it's also trillions fewer than there used to be, a new study concludes.

Lots of trees to hug: Study counts 3 trillion trees on Earth

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 3 trillion trees now grow on Earth, seven times more than scientists previously thought. But it's also trillions fewer than there used to be, a new study concludes.

A United Nations-affiliated youth group had a goal of planting one billion trees and Yale forestry researcher Thomas Crowther was asked if planting that many trees would do anything to help combat human-made climate change. Trees capture and store heat-trapping carbon dioxide.

Crowther said he first had to figure out how many trees are on Earth and that number was far more than anyone expected: 3.04 trillion trees, according to a study published Wednesday in the journal Nature.

The previous estimate was 400 billion trees and that rough count was based on satellite images peering down from space. Crowther and colleagues used 429,775 ground-based measurements along with satellite measurements and computer models to get a more accurate figure.

"These things really dominate our planet," Crowther said. "They are the most prominent organisms on our planet and there are 3 trillion of them."

But Earth used to be covered with far more trees. Using computer models, Crowther and colleagues estimated that before human civilization Earth had about 5.6 trillion trees. So the number of trees on Earth has been chopped nearly in half.

Crowther mostly blames people. His study found that 15 billion trees are cut down each year by people, with another 5 billion trees replanted. That's a net loss of 10 billion trees a year. At that rate, all of Earth's trees will be gone in about 300 years.

"Humans are diminishing that huge population on such a global scale," Crowther said.

Nearly 1.4 trillion of Earth's trees are in tropical and subtropical forests, but that's also where the rate of forest loss is the highest, the study found.

So if there are so many trees on the planet, the planting of a billion trees wouldn't do too much to fight climate change on its own, Crowther conceded. But he said that didn't stop the tree planters group; they just upped their goal. On its website, Plant for the Planet says the objective is now 18 billion

Now that's over many decades, and it might be hard to find space, but it can be done, Crowther said.

Outside scientists such as Norm Christensen of Duke University said the way the study was conducted made sense and is well executed. But he wonders how useful it is to know the number of trees. Former U.S. Forest Service chief Mike Dombeck said the same thing, adding the issue is more than a number but the big picture of what trees do to help Earth and local ecosystems.

Crowther said he and his colleagues all wondered the same thing, but the detailed maps of forest density can help conservation efforts. For example, if a jaguar needs a certain number of trees to survive, this can help in rebuilding the right habitat for the large cat, Crowther said.

Also, it spurs people to realize how important it is to take care of and replant forests, Crowther said.

Solution to avoid catching a cold might be something to sleep on

By Karen Kaplan
Los Angeles Times

To ward off a cold, ditch the vitamin C and get some shut-eye instead.

Thanks to the efforts of 164 intrepid adults who allowed investigators to drop particles of rhinovirus into their noses and conduct detailed examinations of their nasal cavities, researchers have determined that sleeping for only six hours a night — or less — will make you much more vulnerable to the common cold.

Compared to study participants who slept for more than seven hours a night, those who slept for five to six hours were 4.24 times more likely to develop a laboratory-confirmed cold. Even worse, those who snoozed for less than five hours a night were 4.5 times more likely to get sick after being deliberately exposed to the virus.

The people who slept for 6.1 to seven hours a night also were more susceptible than their longer-sleeping counterparts, but their risk of a cold was only 66 percent higher, according to a study published this week in the journal Sleep.

Researchers from UC San Francisco, Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh considered a variety of other factors that might influence one's vulnerability to a cold. For instance, they asked study participants about their smoking and drinking habits, whether they were stressed out, how much money they made and how much exercise they got. They included standard demographic information like age, gender and body mass index. And they ran tests to see if the study participants had preexisting antibodies to rhinovirus 39, the strain used to infect them during the experiment.

Even when they took all these things into account, they still found that sleep duration was the most important factor in predicting a person's risk of becoming sick.

"It goes beyond feeling groggy or irritable," study leader Aric Prather of UCSF said in a statement. "Not getting sleep fundamentally affects your physical health."

Some of Prather's co-authors had previously found that people who got "short sleep" were more vulnerable to colds. However, that study relied on self-reported sleep data from study participants who might have overestimated their hours of shut-eye.

So this time, they outfitted people with Actiwatches, which provided an objective measure of their sleep for seven consecutive nights before being exposed to the cold virus.

For the study participants, that was the easy part. To be included in the study, they had to give three blood samples and submit to other medical tests to be sure they were virus-free. They were interviewed every day for two weeks so that the research team could assess their "positive emotions."

They agreed to spend six days quarantined in a hotel and submitted to a nasal examination and daily nasal lavages. They collected their used tissues so that researchers could weigh them and figure out how much mucus they had produced. Most importantly, they let researchers administer nasal drops teaming with rhinovirus.

Among the 164 people, 76 percent became infected with rhinovirus, and 29 percent came down with "a biologically verified cold," the researchers found. But the risk wasn't spread evenly among all 164 participants. Instead, the statistical analysis showed that the less they slept, the more likely they were to get sick.

The results are in line with other studies showing that sleep deprivation takes a toll on the immune system, in part by handicapping T cells. Although the study doesn't prove that short sleep directly caused people to catch a cold, its design ruled out the possibility that the opposite was true (i.e., that a cold caused people to have trouble sleeping).

An editorial that accompanied the study described the results as "the first solid scientific evidence that sleep makes us more resistant to the common cold."

Prather, whose research focuses on how sleep relates to physical and mental health, said he hoped the findings would discourage people from burning the midnight oil.

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'Green cars' have been around a lot longer than most think

Dear PropellerHeads: So, I think I finally figured out that my Hummer is not really improving my carbon footprint or my game with the ladies. If I decide to upgrade to something green, what should I buy?

Well, do you prefer forest green, or is chartreuse more your speed? Just kidding! "Green cars" are part of the standard car-buying experience these days. With hybrid, hydrogen, electric, and diesel powertrains all available, there are many "green" or at least "greener" vehicles available on the market today or in various stages of improvement and development.

Electric cars are not new. Robert Anderson of Scotland invented the first electric car — basically a horseless carriage — around 1835. Other electric cars were soon to follow. In 1900, more electric cars were sold in the U.S. than any other type. But with more roads being built, the discovery of Texas crude oil (which made gasoline cheaper), and the desire to travel longer distances, gas-powered automobiles quickly outnumbered electric cars.

Seriously, we figured this stuff out a long time ago, right? I mean, everything comes back in fashion at some point.

Around Earth Day every year, Kelley Blue Book publishes a list of the best "green" car-buying options, focusing not just on fuel efficiency, but also practicality and price — bit.ly/1OI1441.

If you're really trying to lessen your environmental impact, check out the list at bit.ly/1hsaghc.

Trust us, size does matter. Chicks dig a small carbon footprint.

Speaking of size, if you need something to ease your transition from tank to matchbox-sized, check out this list of the best hybrid SUVs on the market: bit.ly/1EtxWMS

If you're managing your car-buying research the way you do your OkCupid account, check out these options, determining the best looking of the crop: bit.ly/1LFTDZP.

So even though it's taken you a while to figure out your current ride is environmentally and socially unfriendly, you are still not ridiculously late to the dance. Yes, there are so many more choices in the green car market that even a handful of years ago, but the demand is still small in comparison to standard car sales.

Last year, about 118,500 plug-in electric cars were sold in the U.S., out of total vehicle sales of 16.5 million, the highest total since 2006. It's estimated to take another 10 years or so for these sales to hit the million mark annually, so there are lots of others still clinging to their gas guzzling ways.

Personally, my favorite shade of green is MONEY, so I want to be selective on how I spend it. If you want to know what is going now in the green car market, you can find out sales, trends, and what to expect next by checking out sites like greenercars.org and greencarreports.com.

Also, if you are currently driving one of the elusive Hummer Hybrid H3s, I guess I owe you an apology. I'm sorry you tried to make a smarter environmental choice, and still made the wrong one. Hopefully, some of these lists will get you behind the wheel of something meaner and greener in the near future. Happy shopping.

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