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Texas, the biggest red state, isn't feeling Republican love

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

■ ANALYSIS

The largest red state of them all is effectively sitting on the sidelines as Republicans begin their national convention in Cleveland.

Texas holds 38 electoral votes. This presidential election cycle started with four Republican candidates with strong ties to the state. Former Gov. Rick Perry, U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz and Rand Paul, and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush were all reared in the state and at least partly schooled here. They've got fundraising networks in Texas, and Perry and Cruz have won statewide elections here.

You might think, even with those guys out of the race, that the winner or the Republican Party would be seeking their counsel or their influence. It's true that Perry has been pulling for Donald Trump ever since Cruz left the race. And Cruz, who hasn't hitched his wagon to the nominee, will have a speaking part in Cleveland.

If there's a courtship going on here, it's an odd one. Just look at where the Texas delegation is seated — in the back and off to the side.

Why would the Republicans court their biggest electoral prize anyhow? The state is basically in the bag. Texas hasn't voted for a Democrat in a presidential election since 1976, and only the Watergate scandal

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A splash of heat

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Kids play in the splash pad at Security Bank Ballpark in June when temperatures were above average. Temperatures have heated up in July, which is threatening to be one of the hottest months on record in Midland.

Will this be the hottest month recorded in Midland?

By Stewart Doreen
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July 2016 is on its way to being the hottest month ever recorded at Midland International.

The month is more than halfway through, and the National Weather Service reports the average temperature (an average of the high and low temperatures) is 89.6 degrees, which is nearly 2 degrees more than the hottest month in the city's history. In June 2011, the NWS reported an average temperature of 88.0 degrees.

Through Sunday, the NWS reports an average high temperature of 103.3 degrees and average low of 75.9. The average high has been a little higher thanks to the nine days with temperatures at or above 105 degrees. The NWS also reports high temperatures at or above 100 degrees during 14 of the past 15 days (through Sunday).

And while the NWS does have lower — albeit still above average — temperatures in the forecast, the highs in the first half of the month have created enough of a spread that a new average temperature record for Midland might be inevitable. Factoring in the forecasted high and low temperatures through Saturday (average high around 99 and average low of 74) and the average temperature for the month (through July 23) will still be around 88.8 degrees. The typical average high for the entire month of July is 82.2 degrees.

What does this intense heat mean? So far, the impact hasn't been that extreme. The Climate Prediction Center doesn't show any drought conditions in the region nor does it expect drought conditions in the U.S. Drought Monitor's monthly or seasonal outlooks. The level of

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Warmest months in Midland history

1. June 2011	88.0 degrees
2. August 2011	87.8 degrees
3. August 1964	87.2 degrees
4. July 2011	87.0 degrees
5. July 1964	86.9 degrees

Note: The average for July 2016 through Sunday was 89.6 degrees.

Source: National Weather Service

P&Z commissioners again question restaurant's alcohol permit

■ Request revisited because previous notice was not properly given

By Mella McEwen
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Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission again considered a request from SB Hospitality Corporation for a specific use permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages at its Chuck E Cheese's location on Loop 250.

The permit was approved 3-1, with commission member Brad Bullock voting against the request.

"It's hard for me to wrap my head around since it's specifically marketed towards children to want to sell alcohol," Bullock explained after the meeting.

P&Z revisited three applications, including Chuck E Cheese's at Monday's meeting. The applications were revisited because they had not been properly posted on the front door of City Hall prior to the July 5 meeting, explained Jessica Carpenter, Planning Division manager.

Bullock said he also looked to the City Council's denial of an alcohol permit to Regal Cinemas in making his decision.

Acknowledging that he missed the July 5 meeting, he said he did some research and found 70 to 75 percent of Chuck E Cheese's locations also sell alcohol. "But I don't find it appropriate."

He said the City Council will have the final say on whether the Chuck E Cheese's location receives an alcohol permit.

Commissioners unanimously approved a request from Midland Piano Partners for a zone change from Planned District for a shopping center to Local Retail District 2 (LR-2) as they plan to open a piano bar in the location Chelsea Rae's is vacating.

"Because it was a zone change, I voted for it," Commission member Warren Ivey said. "We are concerned about access to the property from the alleyway, but that's not relevant to this request."

When a site plan for the property is brought before the commission, those concerns will be brought up, he said.

Bullock said he looks forward to

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The big number
According to a recent poll,
72 percent of U.S. border residents
are against building a wall along the Mexico border. Read more on Page 3A.

Word of the Day: internecine
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Obituaries

Raymond Ray Winkler

Raymond Ray Winkler, 90, passed away peacefully in his sleep early July 16, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

Raymond was born January 16, 1926 in Potosi, Taylor County, Texas to Frank and Zora Winkler.

They moved to Midland in January 1936 to work in South Midland county on the JJ Willis Ranch, working a 320-acre farm.

Growing up in Midland County, he worked many odd jobs like Coal Park east of Midland and the Midland Airfield prior to entering the military.

He proudly served in World War II as a T5 Corporal in the Construction Engineers division in both Europe and Japan until the war ended.

After the war, he returned to West Texas to work in the oil industry working the Spraberry field, until his work took him to Lafayette Louisiana. There he met and married the love of his life, Nell Borel, where they started a family. They were married in September 1954 and were married almost 50 years.

After returning to Midland in 1964, he was employed for many years by West Texas Vending Company and later by Coke a Cola, from where he retired.

He was proceeded in death by his wife, parents, and several siblings - sisters, Ovie Kennedy and Lonna Wise, and brothers, Leonard, Duward "Peanut," Troy, and Joe Winkler.

He is survived by his sister, Zella Glover; and brothers, Billy, Adon and Gaylon Winkler.

He is also survived by his daughter, Patricia Winkler of Midland; and son, Errol Winkler and his wife Mary from Magnolia, Texas.

Raymond was a kind and gentle man that loved all children, especially his grandchildren - Chelse Martinez from Dallas, Zachary Mungia from Austin, and Alyssa and Jaden Gutierrez from Houston; plus his two great-grandchildren, Julian and Emily Martinez from Dallas. He didn't see a baby he didn't love or loved him.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to ask people to honor Raymond by spending their hard earned money on their family or favorite charity.

Nothing was more important to Raymond in this world than family!

The family would also like to thank the staff at Brookdale Assisted Living and Manor Park for making his final time here more comfortable.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

The funeral service will be held at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

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Vata Williams

Vata Williams parted this life peacefully on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 in Midland, Texas at the age of 102.

On June 10, 1914, in the piney woods and green grass of Neches, Texas, Vata Williams was born to Willie and Louisa Robinson. As custom, she attended the little Baptist Church on the hill in Neches for 70 years and taught Sunday school and was involved in other activities. She also took her children to church with her and taught them the way of the lord.

She moved to Midland due to health issues and was taught the gospel, accepted the truth, and was baptized in Christ at Lamesa Rd. Church of Christ where she remained faithful unto the Lord. In the last few years of her life, she was unable to attend but she still sent her contribution to church.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Walter Williams, Sr. who was called away in 1999; a son, Walter Williams, Jr.; three sisters, Willie Bell Spurlock, Gertrude Cook, and Addarene Howard; and by one brother, Hardie Robinson.

Vata Williams was the lone survivor of Willie and Louisa Robinson.

To cherish her memories, she leaves five sons, Kernell (Jenell) Williams of California, Archie Williams, Arthur (Artelia) Williams, Melvin (Blanca) Williams, all of Midland, and Luther (Ethel) Williams of North Carolina; five daughters, Barbara Conner, Jennel Christian, Annie (James) Jackson, all of Midland, and Bernice (Archie) Hutson and Phyllis Bedford, both of Dallas, Texas; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

Special thanks to her caregivers, hospice, and the family for such great care.

Vata Williams was loved and will be missed by all that knew her. She always had a beautiful smile and continued to show her strong and quiet strength day by day, never complaining.

Visitation will be held at Thomas Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The funeral service will be held at Lamesa Rd. Church of Christ on Wednesday July 20, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be held at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Death Notices

Abel Ybarra

Abel Ybarra, 47, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2016.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery /Funeral Home/Crematory.

Rocky Rey Anaya, Jr.

Rocky Rey Anaya, Jr., newborn, of Odessa, Texas was born and passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2016.

He is survived by his parents, Rocky and Kimberly Anaya.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at American Heritage Cemetery /Funeral Home /Crematory, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

A burial will follow immediately at American Heritage Cemetery.

Roger Leon (Buddy) Boyd

Roger Leon (Buddy) Boyd, of Midland, Texas, passed away on July 16, 2016.

There will be a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel, where friends are invited to join the family in celebration of Buddy Boyd.

Survivors include his wife, Janis L. Boyd; children, Roger Michael Boyd and Beth Flinks; and two sisters.

Wesley H. Groom, Jr.

Wesley H. Groom, Jr., 88, of Midland, passed away on July 18, 2016.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at Kelview Heights Baptist Church on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

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Police: Gunman who killed 3 was 'seeking out' officers

By Mike Kunzelman and Melinda Deslatte
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — A former Marine dressed in black and carrying extra ammunition set out to ambush police in Baton Rouge, authorities said Monday, a day after three law enforcement officers were killed in the attack.

The gunman's "movements, his direction, his attention was on police officers," state police Col. Mike Edmonson said. He would not elaborate but said the shooter was definitely "seeking out" police.

Three other officers were wounded Sunday, one critically. The gunman was identified as Gavin Long of Kansas City, Missouri, who was black. He turned 29 on the day of the ambush and was killed in a gunbattle with police.

In online posts, a man using an alias of Long's said protests alone do not work, and that people must fight back after the deaths of black men at the hands of police.

Documents show that Long sought to change his name last year to Cosmo Setepenra.

A website using that name links to online books about nutrition, self-awareness and empowerment. The man describes himself as a "freedom strategist, mental game coach, nutritionist, author and spiritual advisor."

In a video posted July 10, the person making the post says he's speaking from Dallas after five police officers were fatally shot there during a protest of the deaths of black men in encounters with law enforcement.

The man also discusses protests in Baton Rouge and what he perceived as oppression.

He says: "You've got to fight back. That's the only way a bully knows to quit." In an earlier video, the man says that if anything ever happens to him, he doesn't want to be linked to any groups and mentioned once belonging to Nation of Islam.

In documents seeking the name change, Long also referred to himself as a member of a black separatist group known as the Washitaw Nation.

The attack unfolded less than two weeks after Baton Rouge police fatally shot a black man in a confrontation that reverberated nationwide.

The shooting less than a mile from police headquarters added to the tensions across the country between the black community and police.

It was the fourth high-profile deadly encounter in the United States involving police over the past two weeks. In all, the violence has cost the lives of eight officers, including those in Baton Rouge, and two civilians and sparked a national debate over race and policing.

Long served in the Marines from 2005 to 2010, reaching the rank of sergeant. He deployed to Iraq from June 2008 to January 2009, according to military records.

While in the military, Long was awarded several medals, including one for good conduct, and received an honorable discharge. His occupational expertise was listed as "data network specialist."

Although he was believed to be the only person who fired at officers, authorities were investigating whether he had any help.

Long attended classes at the University of Alabama for one semester in the spring of 2012.

A school spokesman said university police had no interactions with him.

He was also briefly enrolled at Clark Atlanta University during the 2012-13 academic year, the school said.

Long sought to change his name last year in a document filed in May 2015 with the recorder of deeds in Jackson County, Missouri.

He also said he was a member of the Washitaw de Dugdahmoundyah, or the Washitaw Nation.

The group describes itself as a sovereign nation composed of blacks descended from ancestors who settled in North American before Columbus, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

The name-change document ends: "Standing firm on the Ancient Principles of, LOVE, TRUTH, PEACE, FREEDOM AND JUSTICE."

The shooting began at a gas station and convenience store where, according to radio traffic, police answered a report of a man with an assault rifle and were met by gunfire. For several long minutes, they did not know where it was coming from.

The radio exchanges were made public Sunday by the website Broadcastify. The recording lasts about 17 minutes and includes urgent calls for an armored personnel carrier called a BearCat.

The store was an ideal target for someone wanting to catch police off-guard because uniformed officers constantly go there during morning hours, said Frank Cooper, who works at a garage just yards from the shooting scene.

"It's a convenient place for them to stop and get their coffee and buns," Cooper said.

Buildings at the scene were scarred with at least eight apparent bullet marks. Investigators examined a hole in a window at a fitness-supply business, and wood covered another window that was shot out.

Brady Vancel, who installs floors, was arriving for work at a nearby group home when he heard gunfire.

Despite the danger, he began walking toward the noise and saw a man in black with an assault rifle running across a grassy field directly toward him.

"He saw me and went the other way," said Vancel. "I was in shock, and he was acting impulsively. I'm just glad he didn't shoot me."

The gunman was moving in on two other officers when he was fatally shot by a SWAT team member, Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux said.

If not for that shot from 100 yards away, "we would have had two other slain deputies and that individual would have had the opportunity to get into his car and go after other targets," the sheriff said.

Agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were trying to determine where Long obtained the guns — two rifles and a 9 mm handgun.

Of the officers who survived the shooting, one was released from the hospital Monday. Two others remained hospitalized, one in critical condition.

Two of the slain officers were from the Baton Rouge Police Department: 32-year-old Montrell Jackson, who had been on the force for a decade, and 41-year-old Matthew Gerald, who had been there for less than a year.

The third fatality was Brad Garafola, 45 and a 24-year veteran of the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office.

All three of the slain officers lived in Denham Springs, a racially mixed city outside Louisiana's capital.

Police-community relations in Baton Rouge have been especially tense since the death of 37-year-old Alton Sterling, a black man killed by white Baton Rouge officers after a scuffle at a convenience store. The killing was captured on cellphone video.

It was followed a day later by the shooting death of another black man in Minnesota, whose girlfriend livestreamed the aftermath of his death on Facebook. The next day, a black gunman in Dallas opened fire on police.

Baton Rouge police killer: A former Marine from Kansas City

By Holbrook Mohr, Heather Hollingsworth and Mike Kunzelman
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Gavin Long considered himself a spiritual leader and revolutionary, a man willing to take action while others focused on protests.

Long, who killed two police officers and a sheriff's deputy in Baton Rouge on Sunday, was a college-educated former Marine sergeant who served in Iraq, receiving a medal for good conduct. But he also created an erratic online persona known as Cosmo Setepenra, ranting about what he considered oppression and advocating for violence.

"You've got to fight back. That's the only way a bully knows to quit. He doesn't know words ... The serious ones, the real ones, the alpha ones, we know what it's going to take. It's only fighting back, or money. That's all they care about, revenue and blood," he said in one recent video.

The black man whose last known address was in Kansas City, Missouri, carried out the attack on his 29th birthday. Police say he was seeking out law enforcement officers and ambushed them, wounding three other officers before he was killed in the latest in a string of violent encounters involving police.

Long expressed his intention to legally change his name to Cosmo Setepenra in a non-binding document filed in May 2015 with the Jackson County Recorder of Deeds Office. He never made the name-change request in court as is required, Jackson County spokeswoman Brenda Hill said.

YouTube via AP

This frame grab made from a video posted on YouTube on July 10 shows Gavin Eugene Long speaking as his online persona Cosmo Setepenra. Long killed law enforcement officers Sunday in Baton Rouge, La.

In the document, he also says he belongs to the Washitaw de Dugdahmoundyah, also known as the Washitaw Nation.

The Southern Poverty Law Center said on its blog that the Washitaw Nation is a black anti-government group whose members believe they are indigenous to the United States and beyond the federal government's reach.

In the document filed in Jackson County, Long writes: "Under common law, an adult or emancipated person has the right to change his or her name without legal formality or permission of court to any name he or she lawfully chooses."

It also says: "I AM restored to my own aboriginal-indigenous appellation ... without colorable law (legal) contract from GAVIN EUGENE LONG to Cosmo Ausar Setepenra in accord with the laws, customs, religious practices, traditions, distinct identities, characteristics and divine principles and language(s) of my Ancestors ..."

Asked about Long's ties to the Washitaw Nation, FBI spokeswoman Bridget Patton said it's too early to draw conclusions about motive.

Posting online as Setepenra, Long called himself a "Freedom Strategist, Mental Game Coach, Nutritionist, Author and Spiritual Advisor" who wrote online books he described as lessons about nutrition, self-awareness and empowerment.

And in rambling online videos and written posts, he discussed topics ranging from what he considered the extermination of Native Americans to the United States' fight for independence. He said that it is celebrated when "Europeans" fight oppression, "but when an African fights back, he's wrong."

In a video posted July 10, Long said he was speaking from Dallas after another black man killed five police officers there. He said he had already decided to travel to the city before the shooting, and guessed that "the spiritual was just telling me it was the right place to come."

Long also discussed protests in Baton Rouge. He urged listeners to question their "mindsets" and fight back, insisting that protests alone don't work.

"You see, that's what separates me from the 7 billion. And that's why I'm so powerful because I stand on my rights," he said.

While little is known about his early life, military records show that Long was a Marine from 2005 to 2010, attaining the rank of sergeant. He served in Iraq from June 2008 to January 2009, and records show he received several medals during his military career,

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Internecine
[in-ter-nee-seen]
adjective
1. mutally destructive.
2. of or relating to conflict or struggle within a group: *an internecine feud among proxy holders.*
3. characterized by great slaughter; deadly.

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Poll: US-Mexico border residents feel ignored, oppose wall

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Residents along the U.S.-Mexico border are feeling ignored in the midst of a U.S. presidential election in which immigration, border security and a proposed wall are being hotly debated, a poll released Monday suggests.

A Cronkite News-Univision News-Dallas Morning News border poll found a majority of urban residents surveyed on both sides of the border are against the building of a wall between the two countries and believe the campaign's tone is damaging relations.

Residents feel Democrats and Republicans are ignoring their concerns and aren't proposing solutions to help their economies or combat drug trafficking and human smuggling, journalists who gathered reaction to the poll found.

According to the poll, 86 percent of border residents in Mexico and 72 percent of those questioned in the U.S. were against building a wall.

The economy/jobs and crime/drugs tied at 37 percent each for the most important issue for border residents, the poll found.

The poll surveyed 1,427 residents in 14 border sister cities to assess attitudes and opinions on the local economy, immigration and border security. It was conducted in April and May.

AP file photo

A U.S. Border Patrol agent drives near the U.S.-Mexico border fence Jan. 4 in Sunland Park, N.M. A new Cronkite News-Univision News-Dallas Morning News Border Poll released Monday says a majority of residents surveyed on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border are against the building of a wall between the two countries. The poll also suggests residents feel Democrats and Republicans are ignoring their concerns and aren't proposing solutions to help their economy and combat drug trafficking and human smuggling.

The majority of interviews were done in Spanish on both sides of the border, and the margin of error was 2.6 percent.

Michael Baselice, president and CEO of Baselice & Associates Inc., the Texas-based public research opinion firm that conducted the survey, said he didn't believe the predominance of Spanish speakers who participated in the survey skewed the results. He said around the same percentage of Spanish speakers were surveyed in a similar border poll in 2001.

Baselice said residents on the U.S. sides were randomly chosen and surveyed by telephone. Residents in Mexico were randomly selected from targeted neighborhoods in certain cities and surveyed face-to-face, he said.

Among the questions asked: "Should the U.S. build a wall between Mexico and the U.S. in an effort to secure the border?" And "Please describe in your own words the three most important issues or problems facing you and your family."

The survey comes as Donald Trump prepares to accept the GOP presidential nomination. While earning praise from some conservatives, Trump has drawn scrutiny from immigration activists and others for promising to build a wall and deport immigrants who are in the country illegally.

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, a Republican and the nation's only Latina governor, has denounced Trump for some of his comments about Mexican immigrants and said she strongly opposes a wall.

The two-term governor has worked for years with her counterparts south of the border to build an international economic hub in the region. A border wall would hurt trade and not get to the root causes of illegal immigration and drug trafficking, she has said.

Many residents expressed concerns over security but want to be better connected to the other side of the border, said Alfredo Corchado, a former Dallas Morning News Mexico City bureau chief who now serves as an editor on the Borderlands desk at Cronkite News.

"And walls are not going to do that," Corchado said.

Angela Kocherga, director of the Borderlands Bureau of Cronkite News, said the residents surveyed already live in areas with border fences.

"(The wall) is too simplistic a solution," she said. "They aren't asking for open borders, but they are asking for real solutions, real thoughtful approaches to the issues along the border."

The survey included seven pairs of sister cities along the border, from California/Baja California to Arizona/Sonora and Texas/Tamaulipas.

Gov't watchdog: HUD secretary violates Hatch Act

By Joan Lowy
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Days before Hillary Clinton is scheduled to accept the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, a government watchdog says the nation's housing secretary violated a law prohibiting government officials from using their office for partisan politics when he promoted her candidacy during a media interview.

Julian Castro "impermissibly mixed his personal views with official government agency business" in violation of the Hatch Act during an interview with Yahoo Global News anchor Katie Couric at the Department of Housing and Urban Development's broadcast studio earlier this year, Carolyn Lerner, head of the Office of the Special Counsel, said in a report. The report was sent to President Barack Obama on Monday.

Castro has endorsed Clinton and is a surrogate speaker for her campaign, which is permitted as long as he presents his views as personal and doesn't use the trappings of his office.

In the interview, Castro discussed HUD programs for about 7 minutes before Couric asked him about his endorsement.

"Now taking off my HUD hat for a second and just speaking individually, it is very clear that Hillary Clinton is the most experienced, thoughtful and prepared candidate for president we have this year," Castro told Couric, according to the report. He went on to offer further praise of Clinton. Asked about Donald Trump, now the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, Castro said Trump wasn't prepared for the office of president and didn't understand what leadership or being president is all about.

Lerner said Castro's attempt to separate his official position from his political views during the interview didn't go far enough. The HUD seal behind him, Castro was introduced as the HUD secretary by Couric, who repeatedly referred to him as secretary.

"That disclaimer could not negate the fact that he was appearing in his official capacity for the rest of the interview, as the official HUD seal remained behind him and his political comments were bracketed by statements concerning official HUD policies and programs," the report said.

The report also notes that following his appointment in July 2014, Castro received four briefings on the Hatch Act. Emails between Yahoo News and HUD's public affairs office on arrangements for the interview made it clear that Couric would ask about the presidential campaign.

Castro acknowledged the mistake in a letter to Lerner released Monday, saying that at the time he believed his disclaimer that he was speaking "individually" was "what was required by the Hatch Act."

"However, your analysis provides that it was not sufficient," Castro wrote. "When an error is made — even an inadvertent one — the error should be acknowledged. Although it was not my intent, I made one here."

Investigators identify inmate suspected in prison guard's death

By Johnathan Silver
Texas Tribune

An inmate who worked in the kitchen area of the French Robertson Unit 10 miles northeast of Abilene killed correctional officer Mari Johnson, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice alleged in a statement Monday.

Inmate Dillion Gage Compton, 21, who worked in the prison's kitchen area, attacked Johnson when she entered a storage area, according to the department. Johnson, 55, was found unresponsive early Saturday and later pronounced dead.

Compton is serving a 25-year prison sentence related to a 2011 conviction in Dallas County of aggravated sexual assault of a child under the age of 14, according to the agency.

Following the attack on Johnson, Compton was transferred from the Robertson Unit, a maximum security, all-male facility, to "an undisclosed maximum-security TDCJ unit," according to the agency.

Investigators with the department's inspector general's office are continuing to gather evidence in Johnson's death, and plan to eventually present their findings to the Jones County district attorney's office. The office is investigating the incident as a homicide.

Johnson's death comes almost exactly a year after rookie prison guard Timothy Davison, 47, was beaten to death by an inmate inside the Barry B. Telford Unit in New Boston in northeastern Texas.

Davison was escorting Billy Joel Tracy, 37, on the morning of July 15 when the handcuffed inmate freed one hand from his restraints and began beating the officer. After pulling him to the ground, Tracy began beating Davison with a two-foot "pry bar" tool that guards carry to unlock the small meal tray openings in cell doors.

In 2007, correctional officer Susan Canfield, 59, was killed during an escape attempt at the Wynne Unit in Huntsville.

Gov. Greg Abbott on Saturday afternoon issued a statement in which he said the state of Texas was mourning for Johnson, saying that she "was senselessly murdered."

Abbott added, "Texas will ensure the perpetrator receives swift justice, and TDCJ has been instructed to take all necessary measures to enhance the safety of their staff to prevent such tragedies."

MARINE

From 2A

including one for good conduct. Long, who received an honorable discharge, was listed as a "data network specialist" in the Marines.

In San Diego, Long attended a location of Central Texas College at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and also took online classes from 2007 to 2011, receiving an associate of arts degree in general studies, according to Bruce Vasbinder, a spokesman for the school that has locations around the world. Vasbinder said he did not have disciplinary records at hand and wasn't aware of any problems with Long.

After the Marines, Long attended the University of Alabama for one semester, in the spring of 2012, according to university spokesman Chris Bryant. University police had no interaction with Long during that time, Bryant said. He was also briefly enrolled at Clark Atlanta University during the 2012-13 academic year, the school said.

Long said in posts attributed to Cosmo Setepenra that he had also spent time in Africa.

In the last message sent from his Twitter account on Saturday, Long wrote: "Just be you wake up every morning doesn't mean that you're living. And just be you shed your physical body doesn't mean that you're dead."

Sunday's attack was the latest in a series of deadly encounters in the United States involving police and black men that have prompted a national debate over race and policing. It also came less than two weeks after 37-year-old Alton Sterling, a black man, was fatally shot by police in Baton Rouge in a confrontation that sparked nightly protests. Police-community relations in Baton Rouge have been especially tense since Sterling's death.

In southeastern Kansas City, police converged on a small turquoise frame house listed under Long's name.

HOT

From 1A

precipitation at Midland International (6.92 inches) through Sunday is still close to the average through July 17 (7.06 inches).

Upton County Extension Office agent Raymond Quigg said Monday that farm land, especially dryland cotton fields, will be impacted by the warmer conditions if there isn't more moisture. The end result will be limited production, he said.

As for the future, expect more of the same. The Climate Prediction Center is expecting about a 60 percent chance of above-average temperatures during the next two weeks. The CPC also expects the warming trend to remain in August and through October. There is a 40 percent chance of above-average temperatures next month and a close to 40 percent chance of above-average temperatures through October.

P&Z

From 1A

hearing from representatives of Midland Piano Partners on what the bar's hours will be and how many customers they plan to serve.

Commissioners also approved a zone change request from Manor Park for a zone change to planned district for a housing development for a site at Sinclair Avenue and N. Loop 250 W., where 75 housing units are planned. One neighbor, while supportive of Manor Park, expressed concern about a wall being constructed right behind her property. She was reassured the current action was for a zone change only and any platting issues would be addressed.

Finally, commissioners also unanimously approved a request from Strategic Restaurant Concepts for a specific use permit allowing it to serve alcohol at its Bubba's 33 restaurant currently under construction on the north side of Midland Park Mall's parking lot facing the Loop 250 access road and near Genghis Grill.

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Things to do

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■ Little Chefs Basics for children age 6-12, 2 p.m., MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. $1.

■ Kid's Summer Cooking Classes: Ice Cream and Frozen Treats, 3:30-5 p.m., Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. Participants ages 4-14 can learn to cook, bakes or prepare a variety of eats with throughout the summer. $50. hightfoods.com.

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

■ Kevin Costner and Modern West, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $50-$70. wagnernoel.com.

■ $2 Tuesdays bowling after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

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

Support groups, groups 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.

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group, noon, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

■ National Active & Retired Federal Employees, 6 p.m., Jack E. Brown Dining Hall at Midland College. For information, call 634-7826.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 7-8 p.m., B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ PDAP meetings at 7-8 p.m.: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church

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

■ Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Mid-Iliff Camp No. 1441, 7 p.m., Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex; Tom Owens, tmowens44@juno.com or 697-6955.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands, 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m., St. Stephen's ballroom, 4601 Neely St. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Military support groups

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.

■ 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 Auxiliary Unit No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

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

VFW Post 4149 Motorcycle Group 4, 7 p.m., 409 Veterans Airpark Lane, 684-9226.

Swimming pools schedule

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center is closed.

■ Washington Aquatic Center, located at 1601 E. Indiana Ave., is open from noon to 7 p.m. today (family night will take place from 7-9 p.m.)

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

For more information, please visit www.midlandtexas.gov/pools.

Source: City of Midland

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 member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Tip a Cop Night

Police officers and Law Enforcement Torch Run members from Midland will serve tables 5-9 p.m. Thursday at Texas Roadhouse for Tip a Cop Night. The tips they collect will be donated to Special Olympics Texas.

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Daily 4 evening: 0-7-1-7
Daily 4 night: 3-5-2-6
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Triple Chance: 3-6-11-19-37-38-42-47-54-55
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The lure of "Pokemon Go": Respite from a summer of violence

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

Niantic, Inc. via AP

This screen grab provided by Niantic, Inc. shows the "Pokemon Go" smartphone game. The game's appeal stems partly from how easy it is to play.

NEW YORK — It's easy to see the appeal of "Pokemon Go."

Coming out of nowhere in what's been an otherwise soul-crushing summer filled with endless shootings and other horrors, the smartphone game offers an escape, without removing us completely from the real world.

I started playing it for the same reason I devoured the Harry Potter books, tended virtual cows on "FarmVille" and suffered through all three "50 Shades of Grey" books, plus a movie.

It was pure, objective intellectual curiosity about a popular cultural phenomenon, the latest involving traipsing to real-life places to pick up virtual red-and-white balls to throw at on-screen monsters.

Put another way, everyone else was doing it.

It hasn't gone smoothly, yet I can't stop.

I'm not one for tutorials or how-to guides . Give me a gadget or app, and have it work. Someone had to explain that you get transported to a virtual Poke-world only when there are digital monsters called Pokemon nearby.

Until then, you see the world through a digital map, similar to Google's or Apple's. You walk around collecting "Poke Balls" from "PokeStops," which are based on real-life landmarks — or often like pseudo-landmarks, such as an old church doorway no one else cares about.

The game turns into a virtual tour guide, as it forces me to notice little sights along my daily route, ones I've been too preoccupied to see until now — probably because my eyes were glued to my phone.

For instance, our midtown Manhattan office has a lot of weird little plaques and markers nearby, such as "Gold Leaf on Printing Cards Building," whatever that is. There's also a community garden called Alice's Garden just blocks away. Without "Pokemon," I probably wouldn't have noticed a mural near home dedicated to Wu-Tang Clan founding member Ol' Dirty Bastard, who died 12 years ago.

The game gets intense when Pokemon — these cute, sometimes-angry monsters with magical powers — appear in the vicinity. Time freezes, and I'm transported inside the Poke-world, ignoring everything around me as I try to capture Pokemon by flicking Poke Balls. I've bumped into people. Others have twisted ankles or gotten into car accidents.

On the flip side, "Pokemon Go" has sparked spontaneous conversations with fellow players and others curious about the phenomenon. These are folks I might have otherwise ignored while texting or playing the far-more-solitary "Candy Crush." Because it's based on real-world surroundings, "Pokemon" boosts interactions rather than shuts people out.

Having reached Level 5, I am now part of a team. I chose Instinct over Mystic and Valor. Instinct seems not to overthink stuff, though my best friend joined Mystic and declared our friendship over.

I can now visit "gyms" to train creatures and fight Pokemon captured by other players. I haven't gathered up the courage yet to enter a Poke-world gym, much like in real life as of late. My boyfriend assures me that I need to go to the gym to train. Um ... OK.

From what I hear, Poke-world gyms can also be social as strangers converge around real-life locations. Sometimes, too real. The Auschwitz memorial has banned the game on its grounds, for good reason.

The game seems to get more complex as you move along, and I'm not sure how long I will keep playing if it does.

As a busy working mother, I like that I don't have to take time out from my day to play it. I can look for Poke Balls during my commute. I can chase Pokemon while strolling around my neighborhood with the baby, grocery shopping with the baby or going to the park with the baby.

I don't particularly want to battle with others. I don't want my cute pocket-monsters to evolve into scary giant monsters, much in the same way I'm apprehensive about my baby evolving into a teenager.

For now, though, I am having a great time collecting a growing array of strange creatures, along with 185 Poke Balls, three sets of incense to lure Pokemon, and some potions and medicines I don't quite understand yet — I'm sure they'll be useful at some point.

I welcome the ability to take my mind off police shootings, the gay nightclub massacre in Florida, horrific attacks on civilians in France, a coup attempt Turkey, a mosquito-borne Zika virus causing brain damage in the womb and a fraught, divisive U.S. election season. Plus, the death of my cousin at 42, three weeks after he found out he had cancer.

I'll stop before I'll make us all depressed.

"Pokemon Go" is a surprise hit for many of us not versed in this massive Japanese gaming, cartoon, toy and comic book franchise. The characters are meant for children, yet adults are using them to lighten our world for a little bit.

There is a sense of joyous accomplishment in catching a Pokemon at times when everything else seems too overwhelming.

Taylor Swift defends herself in latest salvo in Kanye battle

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's Taylor vs. Kanye, part 242, with a dash of Kim Kardashian.

West's famous wife stirred the pot of beef between Taylor Swift and Kanye West on Sunday, when on Snapchat, she posted video of a phone call between the rapper and pop superstar about his song "Famous."

Upon its release in February, West was condemned by many for the line. He insisted Swift had given her blessing to the lyric, but she denied ever hearing the lyric.

On Twitter on Sunday, Kardashian teased: "Do u guys follow me on snap chat? u really should ;-)"

Then, she unleashed a series of Snapchat videos that threatened to break the internet.

On them, a smiling West tells Swift he's working on a song and wants to use the lyric: "I feel like me and Taylor might still have sex."

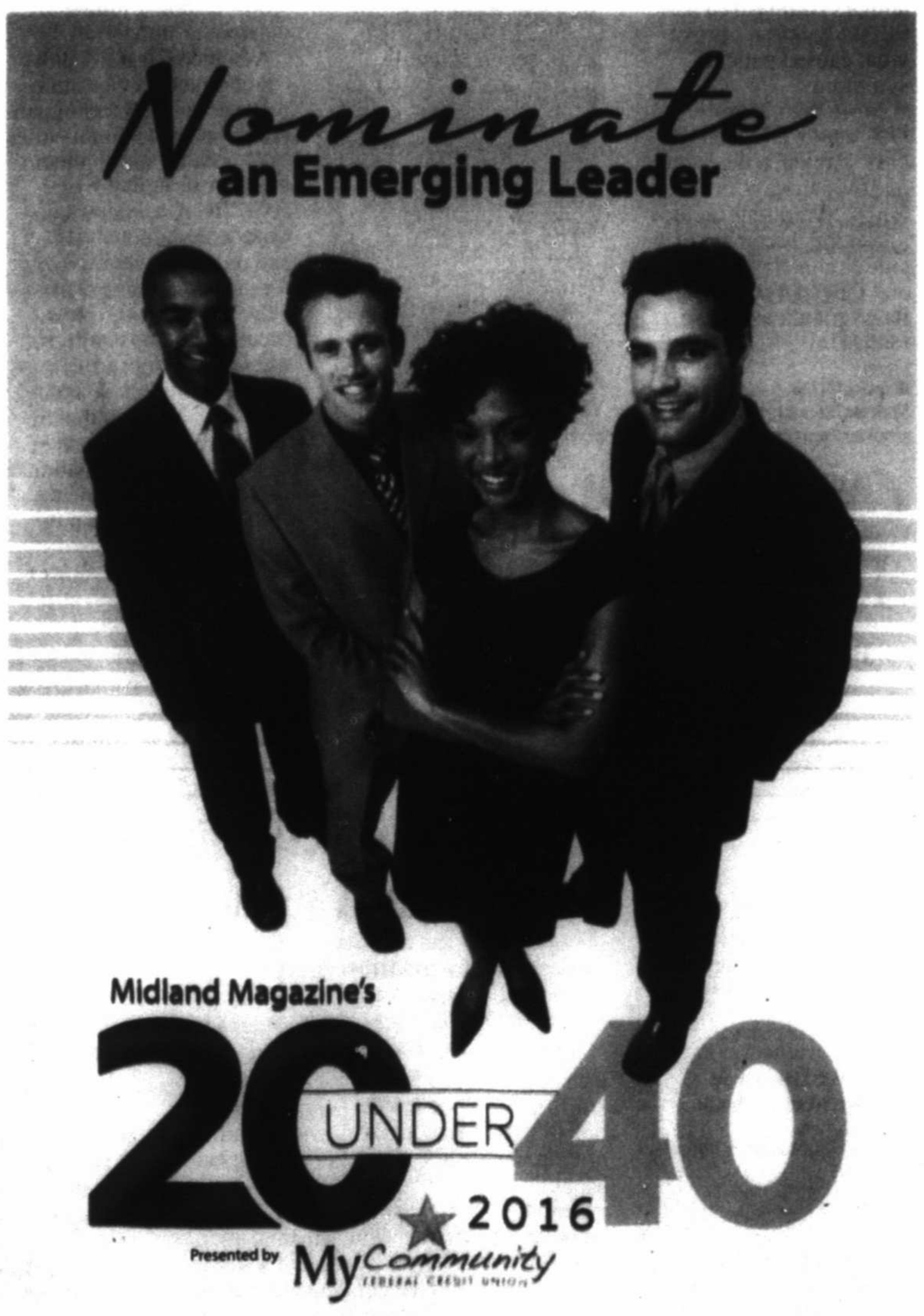
In response, Swift is heard saying she worries about overexposure, but West says the lyric would be good exposure. In the end, she appears to give her blessing.

"It's like a compliment," she says. "I really appreciate you telling me about it, that's really nice."

"I just had a responsibility to you as a friend. Thanks for being so cool about it," he responds.

Swift also is heard saying it's a tongue-in-cheek line anyway, and that she would let people know she knew about it in advance. She also says, "I'm always going to respect you."

But when the song came out, the entire line was: "I feel like me and Taylor might still have sex, Why? I made that b—h famous." In a statement released at the time, Swift's rep said: "Kanye did not call for approval, but to ask Taylor to release his single 'Famous' on her Twitter account. ... She declined and cautioned him about releasing a song with such a strong misogynistic message. Taylor was never made aware of the actual lyric."



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Fracturing might worsen asthma for nearby residents, study says

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Fracturing may worsen asthma in children and adults who live near sites where the oil and gas drilling method is used, according to an 8-year study in Pennsylvania.

The study found that asthma treatments were as much as four times more common in patients living closer to areas with more or bigger active wells than those living far away.

But the study did not establish that fracturing directly caused or worsened asthma. There's also no way to tell from the study whether asthma patients exposed to fracturing fare worse than those exposed to more traditional gas drilling methods or to other industrial activities.

Fracturing refers to hydraulic fracturing, a technique for extracting oil and gas by injecting water, sand and chemicals into wells at high pressure to crack rock. Environmental effects include exhaust, dust and noise from heavy truck traffic transporting water and other materials, and from drilling rigs and compressors. Fracturing and improved drilling methods led to a boom in production of oil and gas in several U.S. states, including Pennsylvania, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado.

Sara Rasmussen, the study's lead author and a researcher at Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health, said pollution and stress from the noise caused by fracturing might explain the results. But the authors emphasized that the study doesn't prove what caused patients' symptoms.

More than 25 million U.S. adults and children have asthma, a disease that narrows airways in the lungs. Symptoms include wheezing, breathing difficulties and chest tightness, and they can sometimes flare up with exposure to dust, air pollution and stress.

Previous research has found heavy air pollution in areas where oil and gas drilling is booming.

Industry groups responding to the new research said air samplings measured by Pennsylvania authorities near natural gas operations during some of the study years found pollutant levels unlikely to cause health issues. But samplings were limited and didn't reflect potential cumulative effects of emissions from the drilling sites.

The new study was published Monday in JAMA Internal Medicine.

The researchers noted that between 2005 and 2012, more than 6,200 fracking wells were drilled in Pennsylvania. They used electronic health records to identify almost 36,000 asthma patients treated during that time in the Geisinger Health System, which covers more than 40 counties in Pennsylvania. Evidence of asthma attacks included new prescriptions for steroid medicines, emergency-room treatment for asthma and asthma hospitalizations.

During the study, there were more than 20,000 new oral steroid prescriptions ordered, almost 5,000 asthma hospitalizations and almost 2,000 ER asthma visits.

Those outcomes were 50 percent to four times more common in asthma patients living closer to areas with more or bigger active wells than among those living far away.

The highest risk for asthma attacks occurred in people living a median of about 12 miles from drilled wells. The lowest risk was for people living a median of about 40 miles away.

Dr. Norman H. Edelman, senior scientific adviser for the American Lung Association, called the study "interesting and provocative." But he said it only shows an association between fracturing and asthma, not a "cause and effect," and that more rigorous research is needed.

"Asthma is a huge problem," he said. "Anything we can do to elucidate the causes will be very useful."

Confidential text eases Iran nuke constraints

By George Jahn
Associated Press

VIENNA — Key restrictions on Iran's nuclear program imposed under an internationally negotiated deal will start to ease years before the 15-year accord expires, advancing Tehran's ability to build a bomb even before the end the pact, according to a document obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

The document is the only text linked to last year's deal between Iran and six foreign powers that hasn't been made public, although U.S. officials say members of Congress have been able to see it. It was given to the AP by a diplomat whose work has focused on Iran's nuclear program for more than a decade, and its authenticity was confirmed by another diplomat who possesses the same document.

The diplomat who shared the document wiath the AP described it as an add-on agreement to the nuclear deal.

But while formally separate from that accord, he said that it was in effect an integral part of the deal and had been approved by the U.S., Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany, the six powers that negotiated the deal with Tehran.

Details published earlier outline most restraints on Iran's nuclear program meant to reduce the threat that Tehran will turn nuclear activities it says are peaceful to making weapons.

But while some of the constraints extend for 15 years, documents in the public domain are short on details of what happens with Iran's most proliferation-prone nuclear activity — its uranium enrichment — beyond the first 10 years of the agreement.

The document obtained by the AP fills in the gap. It says that as of January 2027 — 11 years after the deal was implemented — Iran can start replacing its mainstay centrifuges with thousands of advanced machines.

Centrifuges churn out uranium to levels that can range from use as reactor fuel and for medical and research purposes to much higher levels for the core of a nuclear warhead.

From year 11 to 13, says the document, Iran can install centrifuges up to five times as efficient as the 5,060 machines it is now restricted to using.

Those new models will number less than those being used now, ranging between 2,500 and 3,500, depending on their efficiency, according to the document.

But because they are more effective, they will allow Iran to enrich at more than twice the rate it is doing now.

The U.S. says the Iran nuclear agreement is tailored to ensure that Iran would need at least 12 months to "break out" and make enough weapons grade uranium for at least one weapon.

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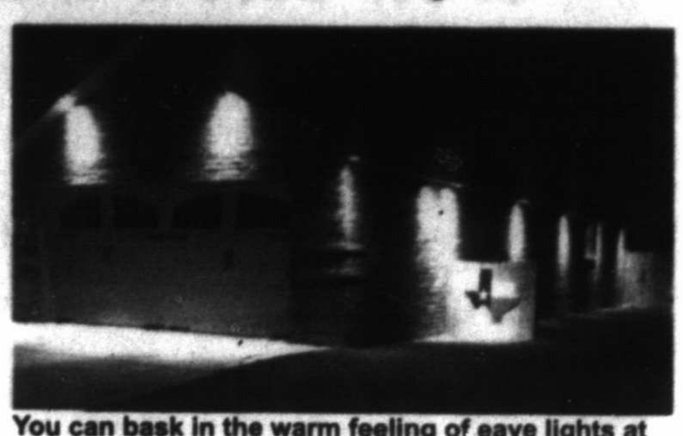

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OPINION

Did Rick Perry make his grand finale?

■ Ex-governor's path to national stage could involve man he once said was 'cancer on conservatism'

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Sad just isn't the right word. James Richard Perry (you've known him as Rick since the mid-'80s when he first came to the Texas Legislature as a conservative Democrat) doesn't do sad. He is, at least for public display, the epitome of happy warrior.

For many years, in many winning campaigns, there was no cause for anything else. Then he ran for president. Twice.

So did we see the last, somewhat sad act of our former governor on the big political stage Monday during a decidedly low-profile appearance at the Republican National Convention?

And, in perhaps a reminder of the cruelty of politics, it was scheduled for Monday in the arena that hosted Perry's first and only debate appearance (and he was in the undercard debate) in the 2016 race on Aug. 6, 2015. His campaign was toast by the second debate in Simi Valley, Calif., on Sept. 16.

But he was in long enough to say bad stuff about Donald Trump, bad stuff that lives on at rickperry.org in a release touting his July 2015 remarks at a forum in Washington. Trump, he said back then, "offers a barking carnival act ... a toxic mix of demagoguery, mean-spiritedness and nonsense that will lead the Republican Party to perdition if pursued."

"Let no one be mistaken — Donald Trump's candidacy is a cancer on conservatism, and it must be clearly diagnosed, excised and discarded," Perry said.

My Statesman colleague Jonathan Tilove and I ran into Perry as he checked into the Texas delegation hotel Sunday evening.

"Dr. T," he greeted Tilove, apparently using his constitutional powers as ex-gov to confer a medical degree or advanced college degree on Tilove. (FYI, Dr. T is closer to accurate for Tilove than Mr. T would be.)

I asked Perry about his role at the convention, which was not announced until the weekend.

"My very short, quick role will be to introduce a Texas legend, a young man who was the lone survivor of an operation up in the mountains of Afghanistan, Marcus Luttrell," he said.

Many of you know Luttrell's story and how the Perry family helped him recover from the scars of war. It's a great story. Luttrell was a key speaker when Perry announced his second presidential run last year in Addison.

Perry said he'd offer no politics from the convention podium, which was fine with him.

"They already know my policy," he said. "We win, they lose. That's the only policy I need to talk about."

And he explained that Aggies root for the Longhorns when UT is playing for the national football title and he'd expect 'Horns to do the same for Aggies.

"So this is the national championship. Their team versus our team. Supreme Court decisions. That's really all you need to know," he told us.

Perry gave a longer, more passionate version of that spin, complete with full Trump endorsement, during his Monday speech at the Texas delegation.

"Hell, Donald Trump wasn't my first choice," Perry told delegates. "I was my first choice."

After the morning speech, reporters brought up the bad stuff he'd said about Trump.

"This is really simple," he told us. "Hillary Clinton. Donald Trump. Supreme Court."

"Is Donald Trump as conservative as Rick Perry? Is Donald Trump as conservative as Rick Santorum? Is Donald Trump as conservative as Ted Cruz? People know the answer to that. He wasn't, but he's our nominee so we're kind of over that," he said.

Have we seen the last of Perry on the government payroll? He hopes not, and his ticket back involved the man he once decried as a cancer on conservatism.

"They know that I will come and help if the role is something I'm passionate about, that I'm knowledgeable about. But that's pretty limited," he said. "I told them, 'Listen, I'm not your guy to be vice president because I don't know the Washington insider legislative game.'

"The place that I'm passionate about is our veterans and about our military. So somewhere in that area is where I would be."

Sunday night, at the hotel, I asked Perry if we might see him in Iowa in four years if it doesn't work out for Trump.

"Yes," said the woman for whom he was signing an autograph.

"I think it's going to work out for Trump," said Perry.

And in the odd world of politics that means it also could work out for a man who once accused him of being a carnival barker.

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OUR VIEW

After more shootings, church can help restore nation's sanity

Another three police officers are dead.

We are sad for the people of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. At the same time, we are concerned that officers of another community will be next — victims of those who heed the venom being spewed toward law enforcement.

Our nation has lost its way. Why is this? Maybe it is because we have lost our collective soul. We have forgotten what is holy. We no longer trust in a higher power that we can lean on when we don't understand what we see on TV and on our social media devices.

In our view, mental health starts with — to borrow from a pair of principles from a 12-step program — making sure our lives are manageable and that we have come to believe that a power greater than ourselves can restore us to sanity. We don't think our divided nation has correctly managed the race issue or that people across the land are leaning on a higher power to "restore us to sanity."

There are too many among us who have lost their way from the church or belief in something greater than themselves. Social media typically doesn't lead one back. We know cable news and talk radio don't lead in that direction. Unity and support take a back seat to divide and conquer. All media is guilty of highlighting the strife of people versus their government. We show, talk about or Facebook the conflict rather than provide a road map to a better way. We must change.

Last weekend, the Rev. Roy Smith, True-Lite Fellowship pastor, offered a strong take about race and the church. It is a must-read and can be found at mrt.com.

We are proud to live in Midland where the church — no matter the denomination — is such an integral part of the community. If you haven't found your home, give it another shot. If you know someone in need, lead them to a proper home.

For those who don't see the church as an option, we hope there is a stabilizing force for you to lean on during these turbulent times, which we expect will continue. The system is rigged to divide rather than unite. Information overload is way too easy, and so much of that information doesn't lead us to a better place.

It is time for our nation to find its way. And the journey, we believe, starts not far from home.

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Trump tries to expand the map

■ Donald Trump's top adviser confirms he might go after Connecticut. But why?

AARON BLAKE
Washington Post Analysis

At this point, it's difficult to find a blue state Donald Trump doesn't plan to compete in and win.

California? Yep. His home state of New York? Of course. New Jersey? How could Trump not do well in New Jersey? Oregon, Washington and Michigan? Check, check and check. Illinois? He's going to win it even as Sen. Mark Kirk, R-Ill., loses re-election, somehow.

So it perhaps shouldn't come as a surprise that top Trump adviser Paul Manafort confirmed Sunday night that his candidate might go after Connecticut.

"Connecticut is in play," Manafort told Fox News' Sean Hannity. "Maybe New Jersey, because the dynamics of the Rust Belt states that are moving in favor of our campaign are also there in New Jersey."

He elaborated on Monday morning: "One of my bigger problems coming out of convention is narrowing the list of states I should be focusing on," Manafort said on MSNBC's "Morning Joe." "Not just Connecticut; I've got polling data that shows in Oregon that that's a possibility."

Oregon is a state that Republicans have competed for this century; Connecticut is not. In fact, the GOP hasn't even come within single digits there since 1992.

Trump himself has said before that the state is winnable, but the impetus for the most recent Trump team assessment appears to be a Hartford Courant story that examined just how likely a GOP victory there might be. We could go into a statistical analysis about whether it's actually within the realm of possibility. Suffice it to say that it was the 10th bluest state in the 2008 and 2012 elections, giving President Obama 61 percent and 59 percent, respectively, and it doesn't have a single Republican in major office — congressional or statewide. Yet this isn't even the first time the Trump team has floated the Nutmeg State as a possibility.

So this isn't really all that new or surprising. What's more interesting here, though, is the member of team Trump who is talking about such things. It's Manafort — the guy who is supposed to be the studied, sober-minded, experienced political hand guiding a novice politician through the very serious business of a presidential election. To hear Trump muse about such things are par for the course. It's what he does. But to hear Manafort say it suggests he's been partaking in some Trump-stirred Kool-Aid.

Look, we've seen enough unpredictable things this election cycle to swear off making political predictions altogether. And so I won't say Trump can't win Connecticut. Who knows!?

What I will say is that attempting to win it would very likely be a waste of time. That's because it wouldn't make the difference in putting Trump over the top and delivering him 270 electoral votes and the presidency. It would much more likely give him electoral voters 320 through 326 or even 394 through 400. There is just no conceivable way that Trump wins Connecticut without also winning states like Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. All three of those states were at least five points better for Republicans in 2012 and have the same kind of working-class electorate that is supposed to be Trump's ticket in Connecticut. If he wins those states, he's very likely already won the presidency.

It would also be a highly curious strategy from a financial standpoint. That's because competing in Connecticut very likely means advertising in the New York City media market, which is, well, hugely expensive. (But I guess if they are already advertising there for New York and New Jersey, might as well do Connecticut, right?)

Is Trump actually going to go after Connecticut? Of course not. Manafort knows it, too. He's making the case that Trump is a wholly different kind of politician who will rip up the presidential map as it currently exists. That's how the Trump campaign will argue it can win even if the national polls don't look good.

But there is a downside to publicly tilting at windmills and suggesting you are pursuing a less-than-sound strategy: It doesn't inspire confidence from the donors or establishment figures that the Trump campaign is trying to woo to unite the party.

And Manafort is supposed to be the guy who speaks to that portion of the party and helps Trump understand it.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

The GOP is picking an incompetent candidate

By Jennifer Rubin
The Washington Post

■ COMMENTARY

As we head to Cleveland, we certainly have been reminded that the GOP electorate picked someone as its nominee who is not only unfit to govern but entirely incapable of running a national campaign.

As to the governance, the attempted coup in Turkey — a NATO ally essential in the war against the Islamic State and headed by a problematic, increasingly authoritarian President Recep Tayyip Erdogan — coupled with the horrific attacks in Nice, France, and police deaths in Louisiana, reminds us that Donald Trump has no real understanding of the world, no respected advisers around him and atrocious foreign policy judgment.

If he had been president this week, one could imagine him blundering along, leaping from one talk show to another spouting inflammatory rhetoric that would only upset allies and swell the ranks of jihadist training camps. What would he have done if the coup occurred on his watch? We have no idea — and, we fear, neither does he.

The past four days, however, were more about Trump's utter incompetence as a candidate.

His VP rollout was marred by reports that he really wanted someone else. He's been slammed for his flustered decision to postpone the Pence announcement and by embarrassing details of Trump's indecision and agonizing up through Thursday night. According to news reports, the family had to prevail upon Trump to understand he was picking the next in line to the president, not a new best friend. Oy.

It is not surprising, then, that on Sunday a respected conservative finally said he'd throw his hat into the ring if Trump got booted. Quin Hillyer reported that former senator Tom Coburn, R-Okla., would agree to let the convention delegates draft him under such circumstances.

"Coburn, a solid conservative with a long-established reputation for probity and personal decency, reportedly is appalled by many aspects of Trump's candidacy," Hillyer wrote. "In February, Coburn said Trump was 'perpetuating a fraud on the American people.' He elaborated that Trump's 'empty promises, bullying and bloviating rhetoric will only deepen the frustration and disillusionment that gave rise to his campaign. He simply lacks the character, skills and policy knowledge to turn his grandiose promises into reality.'"

This is the ultimate Hail Mary, but it would not be an issue if Trump had not already embarrassed his party. The Clinton campaign quickly leaped at the opportunity to mock Trump with a devastating ad detailing his excruciating VP deliberation.

The Trump team was then unprepared Friday to present Indiana Gov. Mike Pence's record, provide basic biographical info, deflect Clinton attacks or even update its website. Student body election campaigns have been better organized than this.

Let's not forget the money. The Republican National Committee is scrambling, falling short of its funding just for the convention and then embarrassing itself with an error-plagued letter to Sheldon Adelson pleading for more money. Isn't Trump the billionaire candidate? He's either a cheapskate who is taking the party for a ride or is not all that rich — probably both.

Even worse, Trump is getting clobbered in the overall money race. Bloomberg reports, "As wealthy donors supporting Hillary Clinton pummel Donald Trump with negative ads, the Republican presidential candidate's own backers are struggling to return fire, hurt in part by a late start and conflicting signals from the campaign." The Wall Street Journal reports:

"Donald Trump's joint fund with the Republican National Committee raised $25 million in the second quarter of 2016, but just $2.2 million of that was transferred to the presumptive nominee's campaign, according to a report filed Friday with the Federal Election Commission. ...

"Of the $81 million Mrs. Clinton's joint fund with the DNC raised in the second quarter, about $20 million was transferred to her campaign, according to the FEC report.

"Mrs. Clinton also has plenty of other cash under her direct control: Her campaign raised $280 million through June."

The fundraising deficit is unconscionable and unprecedented, reflecting on both Trump and the RNC's decision to back him unconditionally and demonstrate contempt for anti-Trump delegates and voters.

And finally, Trump's ground game in critical states is threadbare. The Associated Press reports, "Ohio Republicans thought they were going to see 220 paid staffers by May; in reality there are about 50. Plans for Pennsylvania called for 190 paid staffers; there are about 60. Iowa's planned ground force of 66 by May actually numbers between 25 and 30. In Colorado, recent staff departures have left about two dozen employees, far short of the 80 that were to have been in place."

Clinton reportedly has 100 offices around the country in 45 states. In a race where neither candidate is liked, the importance of staff on the ground to identify and drag unenthusiastic voters to the polls cannot be overstated.

Trump, who used to flaunt his ability to hire the best people and win every deal, is showing why his reputation as a skilled businessman is wildly exaggerated. "Rather than magisterial and decisive, Trump the actual boss swings wildly between micromanaging meddler and can't-be-bothered, broad-brush, big-picture thinker," Politico reports. "He is both impulsive and intuitive, for better and for worse." Just what you want in a president, huh?

The race, which could have been a referendum on the Obama presidency and on Clinton's record and ethics, is now about Trump — his ignorance, his extreme views, his narcissism, his dishonesty and his political incompetence. That is precisely the election Clinton wanted and probably the only one she could win. If the RNC delegates finally came to their senses and stopped listening to the Trump-RNC bullies, they'd discover that once they get rid of Trump virtually any other Republican (Coburn, Pence, et al.) would become the front-runner.

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Florida delegate Dana Daugherty holds her Trump doll during an interview on the opening day of the Republican National Convention on Monday.

Poll: Trump supporters see the world very differently than other Republicans

By Adam Taylor
The Washington Post

AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

A Donald Trump supporter wears an elephant-shaped hat during the opening day of the Republican National Convention on Monday in Cleveland.

It has been a remarkable few weeks around the world.

Britain voted to leave the European Union. China rejected an international court's ruling on the South China Sea dispute. A truck rammed into a crowd in Nice, France, killing 84 people, in an attack for which the Islamic State subsequently claimed responsibility. And, to top it all off, a coup attempt in Turkey during the weekend has reignited debate about the country's continued membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Given all these developments, many are wondering how presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump would handle such events if he became president. Trump is a businessman with no real political record. It has becoming increasingly clear that Trump views the world very differently than the U.S. foreign policy establishment.

And, perhaps more importantly, so do his supporters.

A poll from the Chicago Council on Global Affairs released Monday contrasts the views of Trump's core supporters and Republicans who wanted another candidate to win their party's nomination. It reveals a remarkable divergence of opinion about the world and America's place in it among supporters of the same party.

When looking at the difference in opinions between those who name Trump as their "top choice for president" (31 percent) and those who name a different candidate (65 percent), a few themes

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and the backlash against a Republican president broke a red streak that actually began in 1968 — the year Lyndon Johnson didn't seek re-election.

Six of the seven presidential ballots after that 1976 race had a Texan named Bush in either the first or second spot. The Republicans won with them on the ballot, and with them off of it.

When it came time to pick a running mate, Trump ignored the state. No need to court Texas voters; everyone assumes they'll vote for the GOP candidate, no matter who it is. Cruz or Perry might have helped sew up some factions where Trump is weak, but he decided on Indiana Gov. Mike Pence for that.

Texas is an essential piece of a Republican win. On the other hand are some wistful Democrats who imagine what a lock they would have on national politics if Texas could be flipped to their side.

It would be expensive to win, however, even though it has proved to be cheap to hold. National Republican campaigns don't have to advertise here, which is great for them since Texas is big and expensive. And Democrats can't afford to advertise here; their money is better spent in swing states where their chances are better.

If there's a courtship going on here, it's an odd one.

That leaves Texas off to the side, a political wallflower at the presidential dance. Only three Texans have been named as speakers at the convention: Cruz, U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Austin, and former Navy SEAL Marcus Luttrell.

Cruz could easily make a splash in Ohio. He was the last candidate with a big following to leave the race for the Republican nomination and one of the most prominent conservatives withholding a Trump endorsement.

But this doesn't feel like a convention with a lot of Texas seasoning, like past conventions where Bushes and people from their political circles were sitting at the head table.

If political conventions featured financial players like they feature orators, that might be flipped. Texans are hugely important on the financial side of these races even if the voters aren't being fed and watered. Those quieter Texans are, as usual, all over the race; early reports are that Trump raised $7.8 million on a Texas finance swing last month, for instance.

Texas could have a more visible presence later in the month, when the Democrats meet in Philadelphia. We'll know when they announce their speaker lineup. It's a cheap way — no advertising costs! — to make a play for Texas voters, just in case something politically seismic is coming in November.

Maybe, maybe not. The state itself seems to have landed in the same position as its candidates: Also ran.

We probably shouldn't feel bad. California isn't getting much love, either. It's the single biggest pot of electoral votes. While it hasn't been as consistent in its politics as Texas, the Golden State is solidly in the blue column.

It's easy to take the big states for granted this year. Consistency has made them unworthy of much attention.

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Convention to show GOP's love-hate for Trump

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican Party consummates its love-hate relationship with Donald Trump at its national convention this week in Cleveland. Don't expect the typical four-day love fest.

The presumptive nominee is unpredictable and prone to veer off-message. Plenty of party faithful arrive carrying reservations about the nominee along with their luggage. There are #NeverTrump-ers still hoping to alter the course of history. Protesters may be out in force. And a large swath of GOP regulars will simply sit this one out.

Some things to watch for this week:

Whither Trump?

For months, say-anything Trump has been promising to be more presidential when the time is right. His speech to the convention Thursday night is the moment to prove he can do it. But Trump's had mixed success with past efforts to rein in his run-on mouth. He's not a natural with a teleprompter and can come across as rather flat when he's reading from a script. Watch to see if he can find a comfortable middle ground — maintaining the tell-it-like-it-is style that has endeared him to some voters while toning down the excesses that have turned off others.

Whips and chains

A conservative cabal hoping to derail Trump's nomination is on life support. There were jokes that the convention's rules committee had employed chains, whips and muzzles last week as it crushed an effort to let delegates back the candidate of their choice. The dissidents may make a last-ditch effort to get the full convention to revisit that idea. And there is sure to be an extra element of drama to the roll call of the states meant to deliver the nomination to Trump. All sides will be watching for lingering evidence of dissent. And there's always the possibility that protesters will try to do something disruptive inside the convention hall.

Mike who?

The convention will be a coming-out of sorts for Trump's vice presidential pick, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence. The former congressman is well known to GOP insiders as a steady conservative, but he's far from a household name to the American public at large. In a recent CBS News poll, 86 percent of respondents said they didn't know enough about Pence to have an opinion. Pence, who once described his style as "Rush Limbaugh on decaf," is expected to offer a calming contrast to Trump but can be hard-hitting when he wants. Watch what role he chooses to play in his Wednesday night speech at the convention: Democratic attack-dog? Christian standard-bearer? Congressional wheeler-dealer? All of the above? And keep an eye on what the chemistry — if any — looks like between Pence and Trump. They barely know each other.

Paging Goldilocks

House Speaker Paul Ryan, the convention chairman, has run hot, cold and lukewarm on Trump. He endorsed the GOP's presumptive nominee belatedly and subsequently denounced Trump for "racist" comments. Ryan will be on difficult terrain at the convention, trying to unify the fractured party while holding himself at arm's distance from its combative nominee. He'll be shooting for a Goldilocks moment — not too hot, not too cold — with his policy-focused speech tonight. Plenty of other GOP legislators will be trying to navigate similarly difficult pathways.

Got a note from mom?

Given the GOP's conflicted relationship with its nominee, the list of convention no-shows could be as notable as the lineup of speakers and attendees. Check out the explanations offered by those steering clear of Cleveland. Some will be up-front about wanting to keep their distance from Trump; others will deliver dog-ate-my-homework excuses to be elsewhere.

Could be awkward

Remember when all eyes were on the likes of Jeb Bush, Scott Walker and Ted Cruz as top contenders to win the Republican presidential nomination? While Bush, John Kasich and some other vanquished hopefuls will avoid the convention hall, those who do show up will face the somewhat awkward task of completing their transformation from anti-Trumps to cheerleaders. Cruz, Walker, Chris Christie, Ben Carson and Mike Huckabee all are in the Cleveland speaker's lineup. You can bet Trump critics will dredge up all the nasty things they said about Trump during the primaries.

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stand out. First, almost 70 percent of supporters of other potential candidates said they favored the United States playing an active role in world affairs, but only 55 percent of core Trump supporters agreed.

Trump supporters are also more likely to question foreign policy orthodoxy, with only 34 percent saying that maintaining existing alliances is a very effective way to achieve U.S. foreign policy goals.

That pattern continues with regard to NATO, one of the world's longest-lasting and most important military alliances. Only around four in 10 core Trump supporters say that NATO is essential to U.S. security vs. 61 percent of those who favored other candidates.

These concerns are reflected in ideas about trade, too. Only half of core Trump supporters say globalization is good for the country, while 62 percent of those who preferred other candidates do. Trump supporters are also more concerned about protecting American jobs (86 percent deem it very important, compared with 72 percent of other Republicans), and less than half (47 percent) supported the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement, as opposed to 58 percent of supporters of other candidates, the poll found.

Attitudes to immigration also diverge. Almost seven out of 10 core Trump supporters say legal immigration should be decreased, compared with 45 percent of other Republicans. Trump backers are also more than 20 percentage points less likely to express a favorable view of Middle Eastern and Mexican immigrants currently in the United States and a whopping 93 percent favor building a wall on the border with Mexico, vs. 72 percent of other Republicans.

Core Trump supporters are more likely to say that controlling the flow of refugees and migrants will be effective in countering terrorist attacks; 86 percent believe this, compared with 74 percent of other Republicans.

And they are also more likely to say that the use of torture can be effective.

The poll was conducted between June 10 and June 27, with a national sample of 2,061 adults. The Chicago Council on Global Affairs says the margin of error varies between plus 2.2 and plus 3.5 points depending on the question.

AP Photo/Mary Altaffer

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump gestures to supporters as he leaves the stage with his wife Melania after a news conference at the Trump National Golf Club Westchester on June 7 in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. Melania Trump insists she's her own person, more than an accessory in her husband Donald Trump's run for the White House..

Melania Trump insists she's her own person: So who is she?

By Scott Bauer
Associated Press

Melania Trump insists she's her own person, more than window dressing in her husband Donald Trump's run for the White House.

That's one thing the Slovenian-born former model has made clear, even as she's stayed largely in the background as her husband's No. 1 fan ahead of the Republican National Convention where Trump is poised to accept the party's nomination for president.

So who is she? According to her official biography on the Republican National Committee's website, Mrs. Trump is an "aqua-eyed beauty" with "natural elegance" who has "a passion for the arts, architecture, design, fashion and beauty."

But most Americans probably know her better as Trump's third wife who is 24 years his junior and who once posed pregnant in a gold bikini on the steps of her husband's jet.

"I have my own mind," she told Harper's Bazaar in an interview published in January. "I am my own person, and I think my husband likes that about me."

Mrs. Trump's prime-time speaking slot Monday, her highest profile appearance to date, will give her a chance to tell Americans what type of first lady she would be — something she's mostly steered clear of doing so far.

If Trump were to be elected president, Mrs. Trump would be the only first lady who is the third wife of a president and the first to be born and raised in a communist nation, according to Carl Anthony, historian at the National First Ladies' Library.

She wouldn't be the first model — Pat Nixon and Betty Ford had modeled, too. And Louisa Adams, who was born in England, was the first president's wife to be born in another country.

Mrs. Trump remains a mystery to many. Dressed in high fashion couture, even on the campaign trail, she has tried to stay out of the spotlight.

But she briefly became an issue in the race in March, when an anti-Trump super PAC released an ad showing a risque photo of her from a GQ photo shoot, showing her handcuffed to a briefcase, lying on a fur blanket.

"Meet Melania Trump. Your Next First Lady," the ad said.

Trump responded by re-tweeting side-by-side images of Sen. Ted Cruz's wife, with an unflattering grimace, and Mrs. Trump in a gauzy, glamorous pose.

Mrs. Trump, 46, is often seen, but rarely heard. Instead of taking a leading public role, she has instead focused her time on the couple's 10-year-old son, Barron.

She didn't make her first appearance on the campaign trial until November, joining other family members on the stage at a rally.

"Isn't he the best?" Mrs. Trump asked the crowd in heavily accented English. "He will be the best president ever. We love you!"

The glitter and glitz of being Donald Trump's wife, and joining him in the run for president, is a far cry from the sleepy southeastern industrial town of Sevnica, where she was born in 1970 as Melanija Knavs.

Her father, Viktor Knavs, was a car dealer while her mother, Amalija, worked in a textile factory.

The family lived in an eight-story building right next to their daughter's brightly painted primary school.

Then a part of Communist Yugoslavia, she grew up in apartment blocks overlooking a river and smoking factory chimneys.

She found an escape through modeling.

Her fashion career became a reality after she moved to the Slovenian capital, Ljubljana, to attend high school, and a photographer spotted the 5-foot-11 blue-eyed teen in the street. At age 16, she took modeling jobs in Milan, Paris and other fashion hubs, becoming proficient in English, German, French and Italian in addition to Slovenian and Serbo-Croatian, which was spoken all across Yugoslavia.

She changed her name to Melania Knauss and settled in New York in 1996. Two years later, she met her future husband at a party in Manhattan.

Tumult at GOP convention over effort to stop Trump

By Julie Pace and Alan Fram
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Republicans cast Donald Trump as the right man for turbulent times as they opened their presidential convention Monday against a backdrop of unsettling summer violence and deep discontent within their own party.

Tumult broke out on the convention floor after party officials adopted rules by a shouted voice vote, a move aimed at blunting anti-Trump forces seeking to derail the presumptive nominee.

Delegates erupted in competing chants in a televised dispute Republican leaders had hoped to avoid.

"I have no idea what's going on right now. This is surreal," said Utah Sen. Mike Lee, who had helped lead the efforts to force a state-by-state roll call vote on the rules.

Republican leaders hope the convention centers instead on the glue that does unite the party's factions: disdain for Hillary Clinton. Convention speakers planned to relentlessly paint the presumptive Democratic nominee as entrenched in a system that fails to keep Americans safe.

While safety and security was the focus of Monday's opening session, Trump was also trying to shore up Republican unity, in part by assuring party leaders and voters alike that there's a kinder, gentler side to what many see as merely a brash businessman. Trump's family is playing a starring role, beginning Monday with an evening speech by his wife, Melania Trump, who has kept a low profile throughout the campaign.

In a surprise, Trump announced he would come to Cleveland and go onstage on opening night to introduce her.

The convention comes amid a wrenching period of violence and unrest, both in the United States and around the world.

On the eve of the opening, three police officers were killed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the city where a black man was killed by police two weeks ago.

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus welcomed delegates with a brief acknowledgement of the "troubling times" swirling outside. The chairman called for a moment of silence out of respect for "genuine heroes" in law enforcement.

"Our nation grieves when we see these awful killings," he said.

In a matter of weeks, Americans have seen deadly police shootings, a shocking ambush of police in Texas and escalating racial tensions, not to mention a failed coup in Turkey and gruesome Bastille Day attack in Nice, France.

Trump has seized on the instability, casting recent events as a direct result of failed leadership by President Barack Obama and by Clinton, who spent four years in the administration as secretary of state. But Trump has been vague about how he would put the nation on a different course, offering virtually no details of his policy prescriptions despite repeated vows to be tough.

Campaign chairman Paul Manafort said Trump would "eventually" outline policy specifics but not at the convention.

Clinton, during remarks Monday at the NAACP's annual convention, said there was no justification for directing violence at law enforcement.

'As president, I will bring the full weight of the law to bear in making sure those who kill police officers are brought to justice," she said.

Clinton was expected to be a frequent target of the eclectic group of lawmakers, military service members and entertainers headlining opening night of the convention.

They include Sens. Joni Ernst of Iowa and Jeff Sessions of Alabama, actor Scott Baio and Willie Robertson, star of Duck Dynasty, as well as immigration advocates and a Marine who fought in the Benghazi attack that occurred during Clinton's tenure at the State Department.

The line-up of speakers and no-shows for the four-night convention was a visual representation of Trump's struggles to unify Republicans.

From the party's former presidents to the host state governor, many leaders were staying away from the convention stage, or Cleveland altogether, wary of being linked to a man whose proposals and temperament have sparked an identity crisis within the GOP.

Trump's team insists that by the end of the week, Republicans will plunge into the general election campaign united in their mission to defeat Clinton. But campaign officials undermined their own effort Monday by picking a fight with Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who is not attending the convention and has yet to endorse Trump.

Manafort called Kasich "petulant" and said the governor was "embarrassing" his party in his home state.

Even some of those participating in the convention seemed to be avoiding their party's nominee. When House Speaker Paul Ryan spoke to Wisconsin delegates Monday morning, he made no mention of Trump in his remarks.

Ryan, asked at a later event whether Trump was really a conservative, said: "Define conservative; he's not my kind of conservative."

The summer disturbances had tensions running high outside the heavily secured convention site in Cleveland.

Hundreds of Trump supporters and opponents held rallies a half-mile apart, with a few of the Trump supporters openly carrying guns as allowed under Ohio law.

The president of the police union had asked Kasich to suspend the law allowing gun owners to carry firearms in plain sight. But Kasich said he didn't have that authority.

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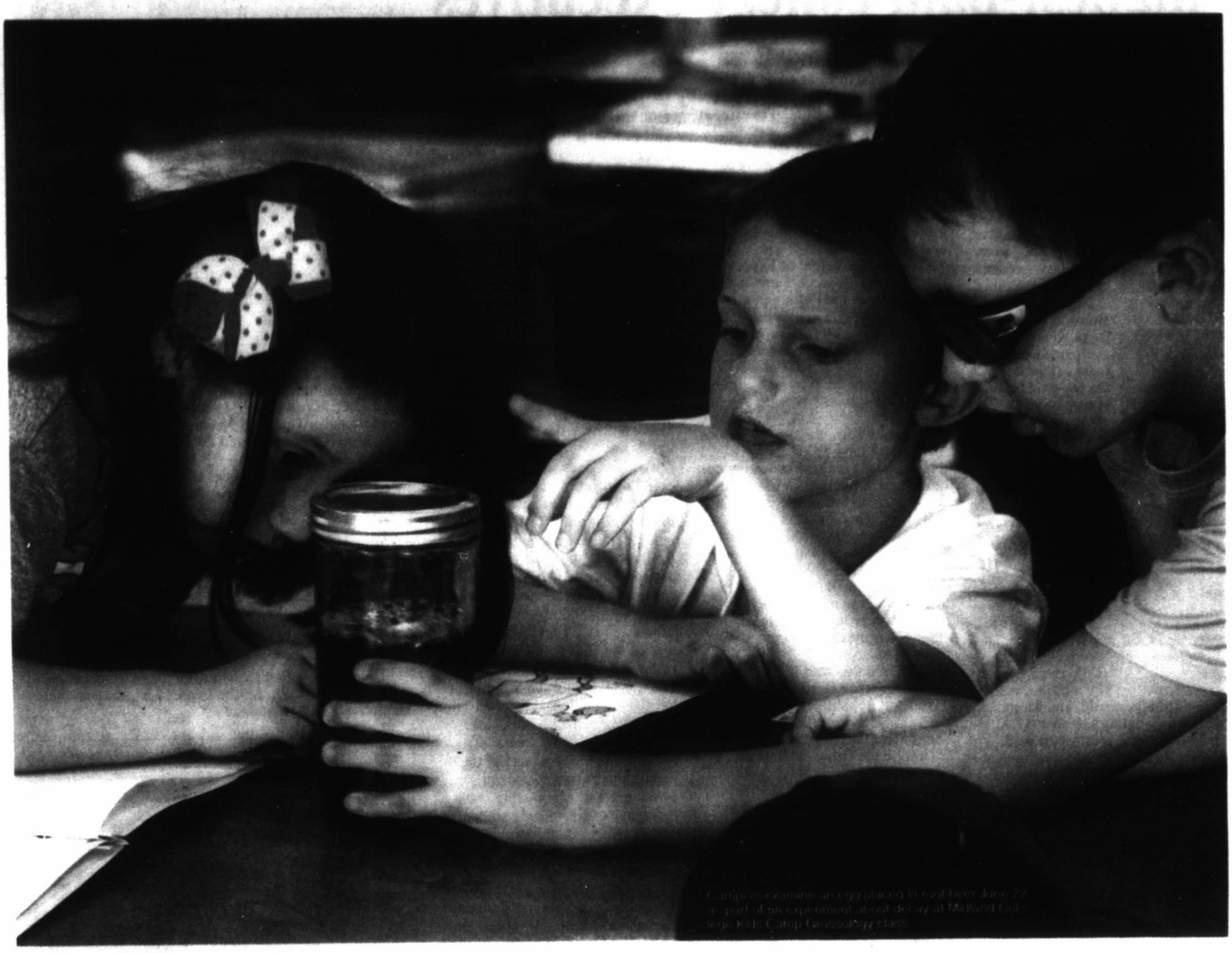

GROSSOLOGY

Part of Kids College at Midland College

Photos by Tim Fischer | Reporter-Telegram

Campers mix together baking soda, water and vinegar as part of an experiment to make a burp bag.

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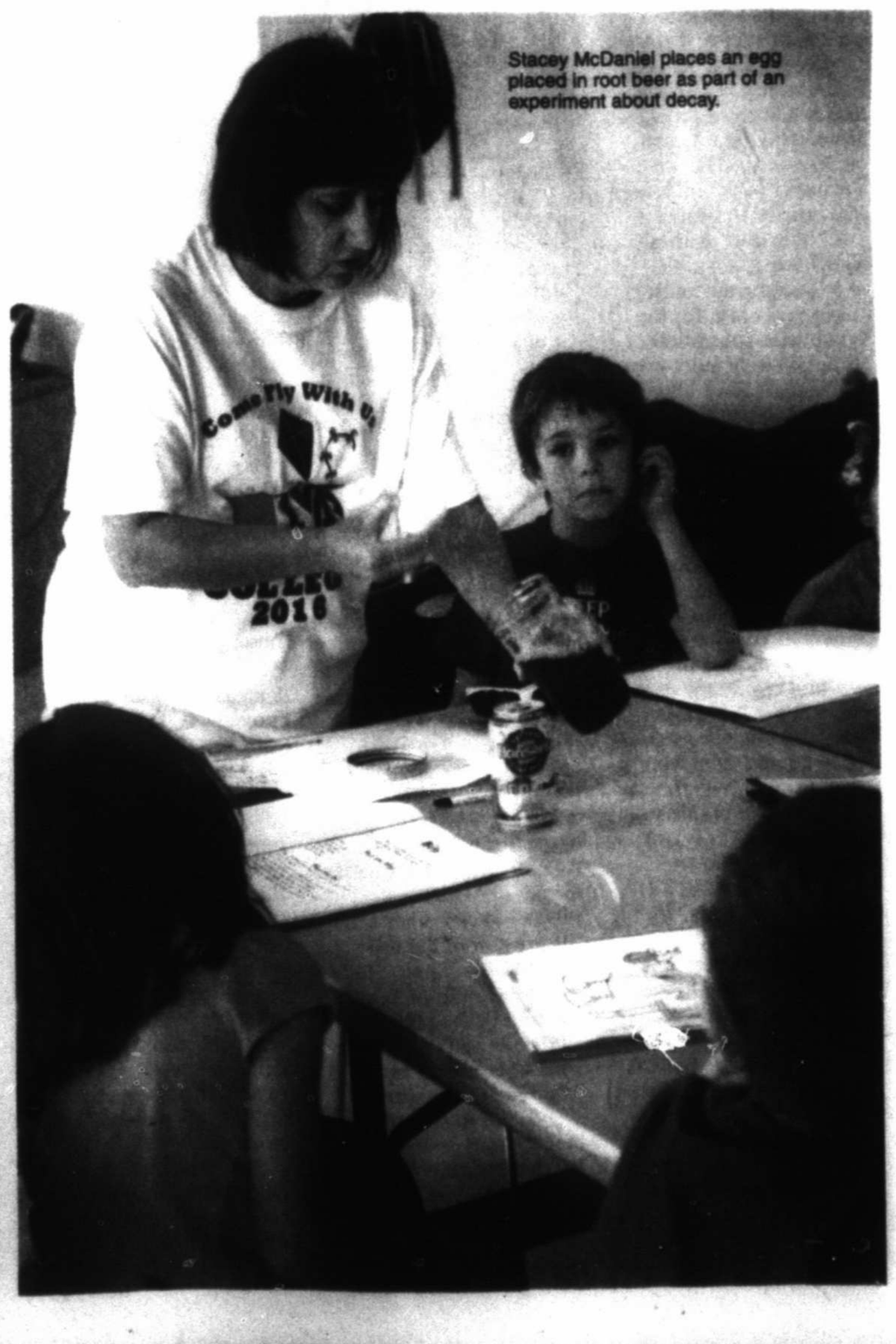


Stacey McDaniel places an egg placed in root beer as part of an experiment about decay.

Texas has 3 of nation's 5 highest-paid college executives

By Benjamin Wermund
Houston Chronicle

Rising executive pay at U.S. colleges last year crested in Texas, home to three of the nation's five highest-paid public college leaders, each of whom made more than $1 million, according to a new analysis of executive compensation.

Khator

Young

McRaven

University of Houston Chancellor Renu Khator, who is also president of the main campus, was the top-paid public university leader in the country in 2015, earning $1.3 million, according to an annual ranking of college executive pay by the Chronicle of Higher Education. Texas A&M President Michael Young and University of Texas Chancellor William McRaven also are among the top five earners. Young, who made a little more than $1.1 million, was the third-highest paid, and McRaven, who made slightly less than $1.1 million, was the fourth-best paid. Escalating administrative salaries at universities nationwide has been a sticking point for those who worry college is becoming too expensive even for students from middle-class families.

The latest compensation analysis comes on the heels of Texas political leaders leveling sharp criticism at the state's public universities after several decided this spring to raise tuition again after years of increases.

Texas was home to more college executives who earned at least $600,000 last year than any state in the nation, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education's analysis. That figure was well above the 2015 median compensation for college presidents of $431,000. In Texas, university systems are led by chancellors and individual universities are led by presidents. The analysis did not differentiate between the two.

What's more, the base salary of at least $1 million that both Young and McRaven are set to make in 2016 — the first full years leading Texas public colleges for each of them - will be the highest salaries paid to a university leader since 2009, said Dan Bauman, a data reporter at the Chronicle of Higher Education who worked on the analysis.

'Height of hypocrisy'

Texas universities are shelling out more to lure the nation's best college leaders, in what many in higher education have referred to as an academic arms race. But the salaries at the top have increased much faster than most faculty and staff salaries. And colleges are paying more to their top administrators, even as they make perennial pitches to the state for more education funding and charge students higher tuition and fees to attend.

"It's just the height of hypocrisy," said William G. Tierney, the co-director of the Pullias Center for Higher Education at the University of Southern California's Rossier School of Education. "For me as a citizen ... when I look at this, it erodes trust in the (college) administration. And that's the real problem, I think."

For years now, universities across the country have faced scrutiny over the seemingly endless mounting cost of college in the face of what some see as administrative bloat.

In April, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a Houston Republican, blasted Texas college leaders for raising tuition by 147 percent since 2003.

Patrick claimed that administrative costs at the universities have risen 149 percent in that time, while classroom costs have increased just 65 percent.

"The optics around it are not really good," state Rep. John Zerwas, a Houston Republican who chairs the Texas House higher education committee, said in an interview.

Despite the optics, higher education is an increasingly competitive market, and universities say they need to pay more to hire the best leadership. In Texas, Khator, Young and McRaven are all at the helm of large universities competing nationally for top students and faculty.

"If it takes this kind of money to get the results we're expecting ...it's how the business is," Zerwas said. "They would be a real catch for any university out there."

'Worth the investment'

When Texas A&M hired Young, the A&M system Chancellor, John Sharp, promised to make Young one of the best-paid college presidents in the nation. With a $1 million base salary, Young was just that in 2015.

McRaven, meanwhile, leads the University of Texas system — one of the largest higher education systems in the nation, with 14 institutions and 210,000 students.

This year, UT is paying McRaven — the former head of the U.S. Special Operations Command who managed the team that killed Osama bin Laden in May 2011 — a base salary of $1.2 million.

"When the Board of Regents selected Bill McRaven to be the next chancellor of The University of Texas System, he had recently retired as a four-star Navy admiral after a very distinguished career in the military and was a highly sought-after leader. He served two U.S. presidents in key positions and continues to be honored for his leadership by national and international organizations," Paul Foster, chairman of the UT System board of regents, said in a statement.

"We believe a leader of Chancellor McRaven's caliber is worth the investment for a complex system with global reach, and that the people of Texas will benefit from his time at the UT System for generations to come."

Also, a UT spokeswoman said about $70,000 of state funds are used to pay the chancellor's annual salary, while the remainder is paid through private donations to the university.

The University of Houston's board of regents has fought to hold on to Khator, who has guided UH through a recent renaissance of sorts in her eight years at the helm. While Khator made the most money of any public college leader in 2015, she makes less each year in base salary — $700,000 — than the chief executives at UT and A&M. She topped the U.S. public college compensation list last year after making a $200,000 bonus and bringing in $400,000 in deferred compensation.

During Khator's tenure since 2008, UH has lured several professors who are members of the prestigious national academies of science and engineering. And incoming undergraduate students earned better grades in high school and scored higher on the SAT than previous classes. Those students are returning at a higher rate, a sign that the university's sluggish graduation rate could pick up. UH broke into a national list of top-tier academic universities in 2011.

Khator's dual role

"I can say unequivocally that Chancellor Khator's salary is appropriate based on her stellar track record and the achievements she has helped the UH System and the University of Houston obtain," Tilman Fertitta, chairman of UH's board of regents, wrote in a letter to the Chronicle of Higher Education in regard to its 2015 pay analysis.

Khator serves a dual role at UH, leading the full UH System — which has four universities — as well as the main campus. She oversees an organization that serves more than 70,000 students, operates with an annual budget that exceeds $1.6 billion, and has a $3.5 billion-plus economic effect on the Houston area each year, Fertitta wrote.

Textbook reignites studies flap in Texas

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

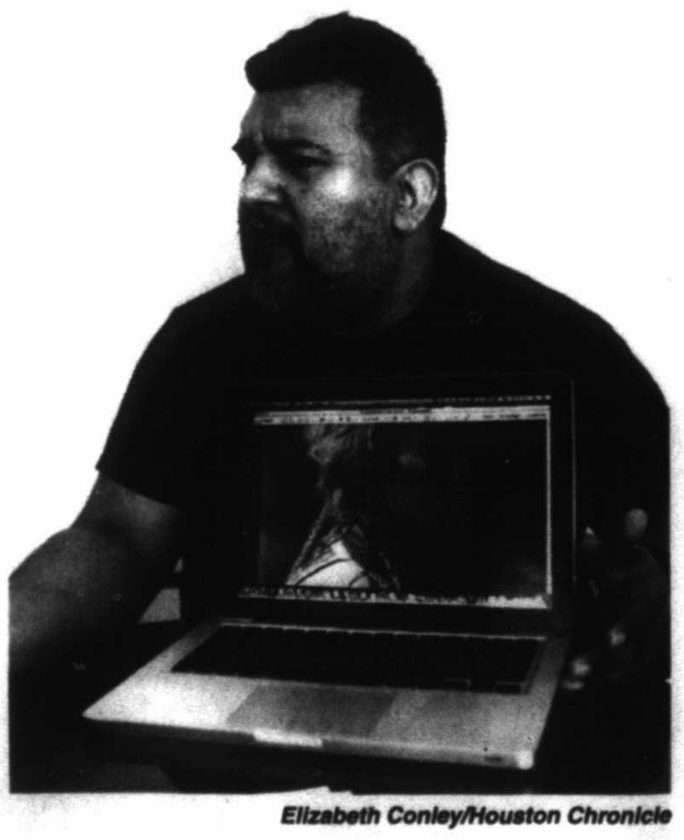
AUSTIN — Activists and educators on Monday called a Mexican-American studies textbook proposed for use across Texas biased and poorly researched and argued that its contents are especially offensive in a state where a majority of public school students are Hispanic.

A battle over the high school text is shaping up to become the latest ideological clash for the Republican-controlled Texas Board of Education. Its members have long waged high-profile debates over the teaching of evolution, climate change and Christianity's influence on America's Founding Fathers to more than 5.2 million public school students statewide.

Democrats, who are outnumbered 10-5 on the board, pushed unsuccessfully two years ago to create a full Mexican-American studies program. Instead, publishers were asked to submit textbooks on a variety of ethnic studies topics that the board could consider for use beginning in the 2017-18 academic year.

Texas got one submission: Virginia-based publisher Momentum Instruction offered a textbook titled "Mexican American Heritage." But the book is now being decried as racist and inaccurate by many of the same advocates who had wanted a broader Mexican-American studies course.

"What we have now is a deeply-flawed and a deeply offensive textbook," Celina Moreno, an attorney with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said at a news conference in the lobby of the Texas Education Agency, where the board meets.


Elizabeth Conley/Houston Chronicle

Lupe Mendez talks about his issues with a controversial textbook proposed for Mexican American studies on Monday in Houston. Mendez is among a group of critics who say the textbook is racist.

Moreno and other activists are part of the new Responsible Ethnic Studies Text Coalition, which scrutinized the proposed textbooks and detailed what it described as "multiple factual errors." The coalition said those included suggesting that Mexican culture promotes laziness, linking Mexican-Americans to immigrants who are not in the country legally, and characterizing leaders of the Chicano movement that advanced Mexican-American civil rights in the 1960s and '70s as adopting "a revolutionary narrative that opposed Western civilization and wanted to destroy this society."

"Industrialists were very driven, competitive men," the textbook says, according to excerpts. "In contrast, Mexican laborers were not reared to put in a full day's work so vigorously. There was a cultural attitude of 'manana,' or 'tomorrow.'"

A phone number for Momentum Instruction rang unanswered Monday. The liberal watchdog group Texas Freedom Network says the textbook publisher is controlled by Cynthia Dunbar, a former Texas Board of Education member who has advocated for state curriculum standards downplaying the constitutional separation of church and state.

Hispanics now make up 52 percent of Texas public school students, with most being Mexican-Americans.

The education board plans to vote in November on whether to approve the "Mexican American Heritage" textbook. Texas' more than 1,000 school districts don't have to use board-sanctioned classroom materials, but most do.

As a result, Texas has an outsized influence on school textbooks nationally. Its market is so large that edits made by publishers to meet the state's curriculum standards can wind up altering content in textbooks sold elsewhere.

David Bradley, a social conservative and veteran Board of Education member, said Monday that activists who forced Texas to solicit proposed ethnic studies textbooks are now angry with the results.

"You ought to be careful what you ask for. You got it," Bradley, a Republican from Beaumont, said in a phone interview.

He said Texas should focus on basics like reading, writing and math before worrying about more specialized courses.

"I'm Italian, Irish and French," Bradley said. "And I feel like I'm being discriminated against when we only have an exclusive minority studies program in Texas."

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Midlander **Antonio Molina** was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at The Citadel.

To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.2.

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WHEATON, Ill. — Midlander **William Barrett** was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Wheaton College.

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

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MURFREESBORO, N.C. — Midlander **Darius Joseph Johnson** graduated in May from Chowan University.

He received a bachelor of science in exercise science.

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HAYS, Kan. — Midlander **Leeann Elizabeth Thon** recently graduated from Fort Hays State University.

She received a bachelor of general studies (education).

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DENTON — Five Midlanders recently graduated from the University of North Texas.

The graduates and their degrees are:

Cristin E. Cornal, bachelor of fine arts in communication design; **Hadyn Olivia Evans,** bachelor of arts in theater; **Hyun Kyung Lee,** doctor of musical arts in performance; Tina **Gail Newton,** BA in radio, television and film; **Anthony Jerard Olgin,** BA in social science.

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TROY, N.Y. — Midlander **Olivia Fryt** has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the spring semester at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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

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DENTON — Four Midlanders were named to the honor rolls for the spring semester at Texas Woman's University.

Named to the Chancellor's List were **Kayla Beattie, Erica Hughes** and **Morgan Lane**. Named to the Dean's List was **Cheyenne Folger.**

To be eligible to the Chancellor's List, students must maintain a 4.0 GPA; for the Dean's List, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5.

Associated Press

Students at a summer reading academy at Buchanan elementary school work in the computer lab at the school in Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma Supreme Court on Monday rejected an anti-tax group's constitutional challenge to a proposed 1 percent sales tax increase to help fund public education

Oklahoma Supreme Court gives education tax new ballot title

By Tim Talley
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma Supreme Court on Monday rejected an anti-tax group's constitutional challenge to a proposed 1 percent sales tax increase to help fund public education, but rewrote the measure's ballot title, ruling that the original one was misleading.

The decision is the latest hurdle the education tax proposal has cleared to remain on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. In January, the state's highest court rejected claims that the measure unconstitutionally combines multiple subjects into a single vote.

Both challenges were filed by OCPA Impact, the lobbying arm of the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs, a conservative think-tank opposed to higher taxes. A spokesman for the group, Dave Bond, said the rewritten ballot title should help voters understand that the measure "is a lot more than just a penny you might find in the couch cushions or under the floor mats in your car."

It's a major tax increase of over $260 dollars a year on every middle-income Oklahoma family," Bond said in a statement.

The challenge in question Monday, filed last month, argued that a brief description of the proposal that appeared on signature pages known as the gist was insufficient and the measure's proposed ballot title was misleading. The Supreme Court said the challenge of the gist was untimely because the signatures had already been submitted and counted.

But the justices agreed the 200-word ballot title was misleading because it did not mention the state Board of Equalization's role in limiting appropriations under the measure, and exercised their legal authority to rewrite it.

"In addition, the ballot title should refrain from partiality and should clarify the amount of the sales and use tax as well as its allocation," the ruling states.

The sales tax measure, spearheaded by University of Oklahoma President David Boren, a former Democratic governor and U.S. senator, is expected to generate $615 million annually, with about 70 percent designated for a pay raise for Oklahoma teachers and other funding for K-12 schools.

Nearly 20 percent of it, or $120 million, would go to state colleges and universities, with the rest earmarked for early-childhood education and career-technology centers.

In a statement, Boren said the proposal will provide funds for teacher salaries and public education "because we can no longer allow public education to be dismantled brick by brick."

Amber England, executive director of Stand for Children, an education group that supports the proposal, State Question 779, said the group was pleased that, "Oklahomans will get an opportunity to vote this November on a comprehensive solution to begin addressing the education crisis."

The average salary for a K-12 teacher in Oklahoma was $45,317 in 2014-15 — ranked 48th among the 50 states and District of Columbia, according to a 2016 report from the National Education Association. The nationwide average teacher salary was $57,420.

The sales tax hike would give Oklahoma the highest combined state and local tax rate in the nation at 9.82 percent, according to the Tax Foundation, a Washington, D.C.-based think-tank that advocates for broad-based, low-rate tax policies.

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As divided US views conventions, NBC promotes Olympic unity

By Rachel Cohen
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Disillusionment. Fear. Rage.

In a divided America, the political conventions are sure to arouse those sensations among the millions of viewers tuned in. Then in a commercial break, an electric guitar will blare the final lines of the "The Star-Spangled Banner" over images of a diverse group of U.S. athletes tearing up as they heard their national anthem during 2012 Olympic medal ceremonies.

The words flash by on the screen, white on a black background, between the shots of sobbing and beaming champions: "FOR 17 DAYS ... WE ARE ALL ... UNITED." The 30-second spot closes with a rising American flag, the graphic for NBC's Rio Games coverage and the date of the opening ceremony.

NBC is buying ad time on other networks during both conventions the next two weeks, seeking a receptive audience for a not-so-subtle message.

"The country is more partisan, seemingly, than it's ever been," said John Miller, the chief marketing officer for NBC Olympics. "And for 17 days, we say we're all united. For 17 days, we all root for Team USA. We've got to put everything aside for a minute."

The ad debuted March 15, the day of crucial primaries in Ohio and Florida, and aired on CNN and Fox News along with NBC networks. It appeared frequently during NBC's coverage of the Olympic trials, but it will again accompany non-sports fare at the conventions.

"Any place they're talking about politics, that's the spot we're going to run," Miller told The Associated Press last week.

With so much bleak news over the past few weeks — terrorist attacks, shootings and political division — another NBC ad promotes the message of global unity, with athletes narrating scenes of competitors from different countries embracing.

"I don't know of anything else in the world," the voiceover goes, "that brings people together and empowers people so purely as the Olympics does."

The motivation for NBC in these spots isn't just to lure in viewers hoping for a break from the news of the day. It's also to seek to frame the Olympics as a "pure," inspiring event amid the troubles swirling around the Rio Games — from the Zika virus to Brazilian political turmoil, from polluted waters to doping scandals.

Miller, once the executive behind NBC's classic "must-see TV" campaign, was looking to counteract those sorts of concerns before the 2008 Games when he first produced an ad with these themes. Beijing brought its own set of worries, from human rights issues to air pollution.

This is the part of the story where Miller mentions Yoko Ono. He went to John Lennon's widow to buy the rights to "Imagine" for a 60-second spot with a message of global unity.

NBC tested the commercial with potential viewers, and Miller expected it to do well with an older audience. The way the network sells advertising for the Olympics, what matters is the number of households tuned in more than the demographics. So Miller wouldn't have been too alarmed if the spot captivated older viewers but flopped with younger ones.

"I specifically made it a little schmaltzy to capture that older audience," he recalled.

To his shock, the ad, while popular with all ages, tested best with the 18-to-34-year-old range. As he summed up the explanation those younger viewers would relate: "The country had been at war at least half of their memorable lives."

"That notion of American unity, as well as global unity, is extraordinarily strong and resonates with the young as well as the old," Miller said. "But it even resonates more strongly with the young."

So the theme became a valuable one for NBC to promote both Summer and Winter Games, a way to connect with younger viewers who will one day make up the main audience under the network's lengthy contract to broadcast the Olympics. Miller acknowledged NBC is probably pushing that refrain even harder this time around.

"It seems to be more appropriate now than ever," he said.

NBC dives deep into its research of Olympic viewership, though it's never looked specifically into whether depressing news in the real world makes viewers more likely to tune in. As it happens, the Beijing Games marked the start of an upswing for Olympic ratings in the United States.

Jim Bell, the executive producer for NBC Olympics, doesn't have any numbers to prove why exactly viewers tune in, but he does know what he keeps hearing from acquaintances who tell him they're looking forward to the Rio Games: "How they need a break — whether it's from their job, or the news cycle, or their kids."

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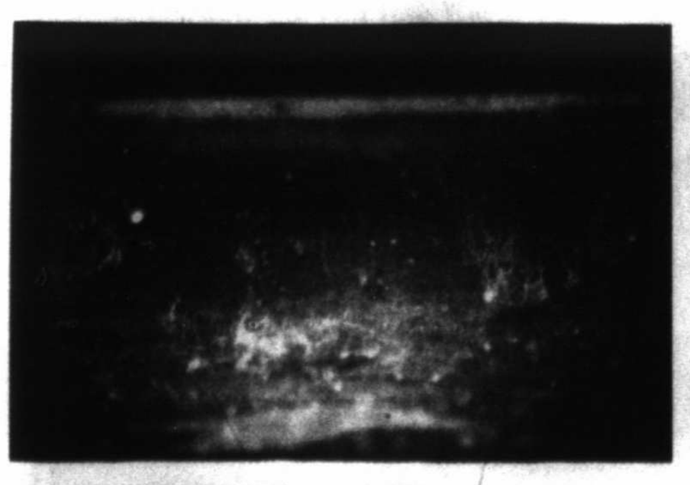

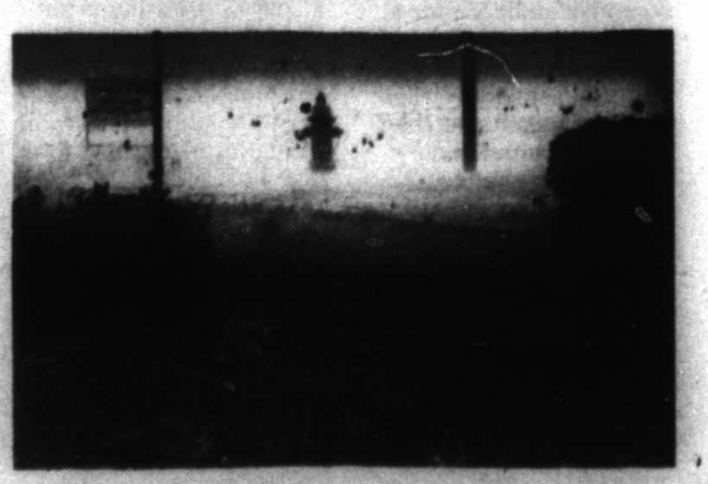

New Baylor AD Rhoades sees opportunities

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Mack Rhoades doesn't pretend to fully understand the mistakes Baylor has made. The school's new athletic director is just intent on doing his part to make sure they don't happen again.

Rhoades

Rhoades was formally introduced Monday by Baylor, a program reeling from allegations that it didn't properly handle sexual assault claims against some football players.

"There are just certain things that we won't tolerate and moving forward, you know, everybody will be on that same page," Rhoades said. "And when I say everybody, that's the university, that's the athletics department, that's our coaches, our student-athletes. Everyone."

His introduction came on the first day of Big 12 football media days, and a day before interim president David Garland and two Baylor regents make a presentation to the league's board of directors and answer questions. That board, made up of league presidents and chancellors, could possibly levy sanctions against Baylor.

Garland said Baylor officials will tell board members all they know from the external independent review by the Pepper Hamilton law firm that accused football coaches and staff of interfering with investigations into sexual assault complaints against players, and even impeding potential criminal proceedings.

Big 12 board members already have a copy of the 13-page findings of fact prepared by Pepper Hamilton, the only written report about the investigation. Baylor regents were also given a more extensive oral report.

Rhoades, who won't start full-time at Baylor until Aug. 15, said the best thing is for the school to be transparent and forthright.

"I want a culture where we understand that there is no one entity, anything bigger than Baylor University itself," Rhoades said.

At least three lawsuits have been brought against Baylor by women who claim the school was indifferent to or ignored claims of sexual assault and didn't enforce federal gender discrimination protections under Title IX.

When Baylor released the Pepper Hamilton report in May, football coach Art Briles was immediately suspended and was gone a month later after reaching a mutual agreement with the school. Baylor president Ken Starr was demoted and AD Ian McCaw later resigned.

"Sexual violence is a topic throughout our country and it certainly happens on other campuses, and this is an opportunity for Baylor University, and certainly the athletics department, to be a leader in how we deal and handle sexual violence," Rhoades said. "I've got three unbelievably beautiful daughters that I love, and if you ask what's your motivation, there's my motivation."

Rhoades then pointed out his daughters, ranging in age from 18 to 22, sitting in the front row.

The 50-year-old Rhoades had been Missouri's athletic director for 15 months. Before that, he was AD for nearly six years at Houston, where he hired former

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BIG 12 MEDIA DAYS

Associated Press

Texas Tech head football coach Kliff Kingsbury responds to questions during Big 12 Media Days on Monday in Dallas.

TCU, OK State expected again to chase OU

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy knows Mason Rudolph has to feel better physically, even without talking to the junior quarterback about how he feels.

Rudolph played the second half of a game with a broken foot late last season, then got in only one series in the regular-season finale against Oklahoma before playing far from fully healthy in the Sugar Bowl. The Cowboys lost all three of those games after a 10-0 start.

"When we finished spring ball, he was very close to being pain free," Gundy said Monday, the first day of Big 12 Football Media Days.

"I would guess that he feels like he did prior to the injury, and he's had a really good summer. ... He looks really good. His strength levels are the highest they've ever been."

While the Cowboys get a healthy Rudolph back, TCU has former Texas A&M transfer Kenny Hill and sophomore Foster Sawyer competing to succeed dual-threat quarterback Trevone Boykin.

"It's going to be a healthy (competition). They improved this spring," Horned Frogs coach Gary Patterson said. "I'm kind of excited about this season."

Oklahoma State and TCU finished tied for second in the conference last season behind champion Oklahoma, which is the overwhelming preseason pick this season to win its 10th Big 12 title after last season becoming the league's first team to make the new College Football Playoff. The Horned Frogs and Cowboys are picked to finish second and third, respectively, in that media poll.

The Sooners will be among five teams to take part Tuesday in the second day of media days, joining Baylor, Kansas State, Texas and West Virginia.

Baylor was still prominent Monday, with Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby addressing several questions about the sexual assault scandal that led to the departure of coach Art Briles, plus the demotion of school President Ken Starr and resignation of athletic director Ian McCaw.

Mack Rhoades, who had been at Missouri the past 15 months, was introduced as Baylor's new AD in Dallas.

Also Monday at Big 12 Football Media Days:

HEAVY HEART: Second-year Kansas coach David Beaty, whose late father was a retired Dallas police officer, said he was excited to be home, but that his heart hurts for Dallas and other communities across the country that are suffering and in pain.

The Big 12 Media Days are at the Omni Dallas, a downtown Dallas hotel only a couple of blocks from where a shooter killed five officers on July

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Earnhardt the example of putting health first

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — There was a time when drivers raced injured, when nothing could get them to climb out of their seat.

The rules didn't allow racers to be hurt, sitting out a week would be catastrophic in the point standings, and, ultimately, the payout. Not being able to drive with broken bones, blisters, burns, illness, any ailment at all, could derail a season. Even worse, it could cost a driver his job.

So it's a testament to NASCAR that Dale Earnhardt Jr. felt strong enough last week to take himself out of his car because he couldn't shake symptoms that could be concussion-related. NASCAR's most popular driver benched himself for Sunday's race at New Hampshire and he will await further tests to see if he's able to drive this weekend at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

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Earnhardt said he's battling balance issues and nausea and is uncertain when he will be back in a race car.

"My mind feels real sharp," he said in a podcast recorded Sunday night. "I've struggled with my balance over the last four, five days and I definitely wouldn't be able to drive a race car (last weekend). Making the right decision was out of the question. I made the decision I had to make. It's just going to take a lot of patience."

Tales of drivers racing hurt date back to the beginning of nearly every series. On the same day Earnhardt was watching someone else drive his car in New Hampshire, IndyCar ace Josef Newgarden was powering through on the street course at Toronto with a broken hand. When he wrecked late in the race, his in-car camera caught Newgarden in serious pain and favoring his broken hand.

Don't forget when Ricky Rudd raced with his swollen eyes taped open in the Daytona 500 or Richard Petty driving for weeks with a severe neck injury or the late Dale Earnhardt winning the pole at Watkins Glen with a broken collarbone. More recently, Denny Hamlin twice raced immediately after tearing the ACL in one of his knees and Brad Keselowski won at Pocono a week after breaking his foot.

About 15 years ago, Earnhardt Jr. revealed in an interview that he thought he'd driven with concussion symptoms several times in 2001. His admission led to a tightened medical review policy in which Earnhardt had to be seen by a doctor before he could race after he was briefly knocked unconscious in a 2002 crash at Dover.

As the years went on, Earnhardt became smarter about his health. He missed two races during the 2012 Chase because of a pair of concussions suffered in a six-race stretch, and sitting out those

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Former Cardinals exec sentenced to prison for hacking Astros

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A federal judge sentenced the former scouting director of the St. Louis Cardinals to nearly four years in prison Monday for hacking the Houston Astros' player personnel database and email system in an unusual case of high-tech cheating involving two Major League Baseball clubs.

Christopher Correa had pleaded guilty in January to five counts of unauthorized access of a protected computer from 2013 to at least 2014, the same year he was promoted to director of baseball development in St. Louis. He was fired last summer and now faces 46 months behind bars and a court order to pay $279,038 in restitution. He had faced up to five years in prison on each count. Correa will remain free on bond until he reports to federal prison within about six weeks.

Correa read a letter in court before he was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Lynn Hughes and he said he was "overwhelmed with remorse and regret for my actions" that cost him his career and his home.

"I violated my values and it was wrong. I behaved shamefully," he said. "The whole episode represents the worst thing I've done in my life by far."

The judge scolded Correa for his continued blaming of the Astros for his actions, saying Correa was acting like he was in middle school. Hughes did not elaborate on this information — part of a sealed presentencing report — but when he pleaded guilty in January, Correa had maintained he found proprietary Cardinals' information in the Astros' database.

Hughes said Correa's actions were primarily about a loss of trust.

"The loss is that every baseball team has much tighter security, making it harder for honest people to go about their daily lives ... A lot of little people whose lives were adversely affected by the cost taken to defend against people like you," Hughes said.

MLB could discipline the Cardinals, possibly with a fine or a loss of draft picks, but has said only that it looked forward to getting details on the case from federal authorities.

"Now that the criminal process has been completed, Commissioner (Rob) Manfred has asked the Department of Investigations to conduct a complete investigation of the facts in this matter, including requesting information from the appropriate law enforcement authorities," the league said. "The commissioner hopes that the investigation can be completed promptly to put him in a position to take appropriate action."

Cardinals Chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. had blamed the hack on "roguish behavior" by a handful of individuals.

"As we did with the government during its investigation, we intend to fully cooperate with the commissioner's office in connection with its investigation so that this matter can finally be resolved," DeWitt said in a statement Monday.

Kenneth Magidson, the U.S. Attorney in Houston, said he was pleased with the sentence, which he added concludes his office's investigation. No one else was charged in the case.

"This is a very serious offense and obviously Judge Hughes saw it as well," Magidson said.

Giles Kibbe, the Astros' general counsel, called it "a sad day for baseball." He added that despite what Correa had claimed, the Astros were not using any proprietary information from the Cardinals.

"The Astros were the victim in this case," Kibbe said.

The data breach was first reported in

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'HOUNDSWATCH

MONDAY'S SCORE
Corpus Christi 3, Midland 2

TODAY'S GAME
Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m.

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Corpus Christi 12-12

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Corpus Christi 3, Midland 2	Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Big 12 Media Days, 8 a.m., LHN
Big 12 Media Days, 9 a.m., FSSW, FS2, FCSC
College Football Media Days, Noon, ESPNU

MLB
NY Mets at Chic. Cubs, 6 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Texas at LA Angels, 9 p.m., FSSW
Houston at Oakland, 9 p.m., ROOT
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 9 p.m., MLB

MEN'S SOCCER
Copa MX: Club Tijuana vs. Deportivo Toluca FC, 8:50 p.m., GALA
Copa MX: Cruz Azul FC vs. Deportivo Coras Tepic FC, 8:50 p.m., UDN

TENNIS
ATP: Citi Open, 1 p.m., TENNIS

WNBA
Los Angeles at Indiana, 7 p.m., ESPN2

ON RADIO

MLB
Texas at LA Angels, 9 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

Baseball

Midland Northern vs. McAllister Park, 9 a.m., Texas West State Little League Tournament, Abilene

GILLILAND GETS GOLD

MIDLANDER GILLILAND TAKES FIRST AT FINA GRAND PRIX

BOLZANO, Italy — Midland's Tarrin Gilliland teamed up with partner Zach Cooper to win a gold medal in the mixed synchronized 10-meter event at the FINA Grand Prix diving meet July 15-17.

Gilliland and Cooper scored 294.60 points for first place, outperforming runner-ups Noemi Batki and Maicol Verzotto of Italy (277.80).

Gilliland paired with Delaney Schnell for the first time ever in competition and the duo earned silver with a second-place finish (291.24) in the women's synchronized 10-meter.

Gilliland finished ninth overall with 278.90 points in women's 10-meter. The 13-year-old qualified for the women's 10-meter semifinals at the meet.

LOCAL SPORTS

MIDLANDERS COMPETE IN GOLF TOURNEY

FORT WORTH — Green Tree Country Club's Stuart Hendley and Hogan Park Golf Course's Greg Sikes both shot a 73 to sit in a tie for 18th place following Monday's first round of the Telepacific Communications Western Championship at Mira Vista Country Club.

Hendley and Sikes are six strokes back of co-leaders John Sikes and Brian Norman (67).

Big Spring Country Club's Larry Bryan shot a 77 to finish in a tie for 53rd; Midland Country Club's Lee Rhind is in a tie for 62nd after shooting a 79; and Midland Country Club's Steven Young carded an 80 to finish the day in a tie for 67th.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Sent C Alex Avila to Charlotte (IL) for a rehab assignment.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Placed C Yan Gomes on the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Cody Anderson to Columbus (IL). Reinstated C Roberto Perez from the 60-day DL. Recalled LHP Kyle Crockett from Columbus.
DETROIT TIGERS — Reinstated RHP Warwick Saupold from the 15-day DL and optioned him to Toledo (IL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Claimed RHP Nick Tepesch off waivers from Oakland and optioned him to Omaha (PCL). Transferred RHP Kris Medlen to the 60-day DL.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Sent OF Craig Gentry to Salt Lake (PCL) for a rehab assignment. Selected the contract of C Juan Graterol from Salt Lake (PCL). Placed C Geovany Soto on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 16. Transferred INF Cliff Pennington to 60-day DL.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Fired general manager Terry Ryan. Promoted assistant general manager Rob Antony to interim general manager.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Reinstated OF Mason Williams from the 60-day DL and optioned him to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned LHP Edwin Escobar to Reno (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Optioned OF Brandon Nimmo to Las Vegas (PCL). Recalled OF Michael Conforto from Las Vegas.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed INF Brett Wallace on paternity leave. Reinstated OF Melvin Upton Jr. from the bereavement list.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Sent 2B Joe Panik to Sacramento (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
American Association
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released RHP Zach Staniewicz.
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Released C Jack Wielapach.
LAREDO LEMURS — Released RHP Scott Garner.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed INF Trevor Adams.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed RHP Ray Hanson.
Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released RHP Nate Roe.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball League
MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Re-signed C Miles Plumlee to a four-year contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS — CB Charles Tillman announced his retirement.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed LB Justin Durant to a one-year contract.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed RB Arian Foster to a one-year contract.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed WR Dez Stewart.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Named Brian Sandy president of Tucson (AHL).
BOSTON BRUINS — Named Kevin Dean coach of Providence (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Re-signed D Reece Scarlett to a one-year, two-way contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Traded C Derick Brassard and a 2018 seventh-round draft pick to Ottawa for F Mika Zibanejad and a 2018 second-round draft pick. Agreed to terms with F Robin Kovacs on an entry-level contract.
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Signed F Matt Nieto to a one-year contract.
American Hockey League
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Signed Gs Kent Simpson and Nathan Lieuwen to one-year contracts.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS — Suspended Columbus D Harrison Afful one game for the red card issued for serious foul play in the July 16 match against D.C. United.
PORTLAND TIMBERS — Transferred G Adam Kwarasey to Rosenborg BK (Tippeligaen-Norway).

COLLEGE
ALABAMA — Suspended football G Alphonse Taylor indefinitely after he was arrested on DUI.
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE — Named Amanda Shannon women's assistant basketball coach.
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON — Named Barb Sherwood assistant softball coach.
NEW MEXICO — Named Ben Dunbar men's tennis coach.
OHIO STATE — Dismissed RB Bri'onte Dunn from the football team for a violation of team rules.
RANDOLPH-MACON — Named Phil Nicolades defensive coordinator and defensive pass game coordinator.
SAINT ELIZABETH — Named Randy Velasco women's soccer coach.
SOUTH CAROLINA — Named Melanie Balcomb offensive analytics director for women's basketball.
UTEP — Named Kris Baumann men's assistant basketball coach.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	7	.708	—
Atlanta	12	11	.522	4½
Chicago	10	12	.455	6
Indiana	10	12	.455	6
Washington	9	13	.409	7
Connecticut	6	16	.273	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	20	2	.909	—
Minnesota	19	4	.826	1½
Phoenix	10	13	.435	10½
Dallas	9	14	.391	11½
Seattle	8	14	.364	12
San Antonio	5	17	.227	15

Scores and schedules

Sunday's Scores
New York 83, Connecticut 76
Atlanta 91, Los Angeles 74
Minnesota 98, Dallas 97, OT
Chicago 91, Seattle 88

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Today's Games
Los Angeles at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York City FC	9	6	6	33	34	35
Philadelphia	8	6	6	30	34	28
New York	8	8	4	28	32	27
Montreal	6	5	8	26	30	29
Toronto FC	6	7	6	24	21	22
New England	5	7	8	23	28	39
D.C. United	5	7	7	22	18	21
Orlando City	4	5	10	22	30	33
Columbus	3	7	9	18	24	30
Chicago	4	9	5	17	17	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	12	6	4	40	34	30
Colorado	10	8	7	37	32	13
Los Angeles	8	3	8	32	32	18
Real Salt Lake	8	6	6	30	29	30
Vancouver	6	3	5	29	33	36
Portland	7	6	8	29	32	31
Kansas City	8	10	4	28	24	25
San Jose	6	8	7	25	21	22
Seattle	6	11	2	20	20	24
Houston	4	9	6	18	23	26

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Scores and schedule

Sunday's Scores
Portland 3, Seattle 1
New York City FC 3, Montreal 1
New York 2, Philadelphia 2, tie

Friday's Game
San Jose at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.

Troon trumps Turnberry with better golf

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Associated Press

Henrik Stenson celebrates as he wins the British Open Golf Championships, after putting out on the 18th green at the Royal Troon Golf Club, in Troon, Scotland, on Sunday.

TROON, Scotland — Turnberry had the bigger stars. Troon had the better golf.

That, along with 20 miles of Ayrshire coastline, might be all that separates two of the most compelling duels in 156 years of the British Open.

To compare anything with the 1977 British Open used to be sacrosanct. For the last four decades, the "Duel in the Sun" was the gold standard for head-to-head battles in a major championship, which are rare. Jack Nicklaus was the best in golf with 14 majors, nearing the end of his prime at 37. Tom Watson was the emerging star, 10 years younger, who won his second major earlier that year by holding off Nicklaus to win the Masters.

For two days, they put on a spectacular show.

Both shot 65 in the third round and shared the lead. Nicklaus finished with a 40-foot birdie putt for a 66 and a 269, a score that would have won any major in history to that point. That lasted only as long as it took Watson, who hit a 7-iron to about 2 feet on the final hole at Turnberry, to tap in his birdie for a 65 and a 268.

"This is what it's all about, isn't it," Watson said to Nicklaus on the 16th hole when they were tied.

Turnberry entered the conversation Sunday at Royal Troon after four holes, when it was clear Henrik Stenson and Phil Mickelson had something special going.

Mickelson began with an approach that danced near the cup for a tap-in birdie. Stenson answered with two straight birdies from 15 feet to regain the lead. Stenson hit his approach on the par-5 fourth hole onto the green for a two-putt birdie. Mickelson carved a long iron into 8 feet for an eagle, and they were tied again.

It never stopped the rest of the way.

The greater the pressure, the better the golf until Stenson had broken one record, tied three others and won his first major.

Nicklaus doesn't watch a lot of golf on television, but he considers himself fortunate to have watched "every second" of this one.

"Phil Mickelson played one of the best rounds I have ever seen played in the Open, and Henrik Stenson just played better — he played one of the greatest rounds I have ever seen," Nicklaus posted to social media. "Phil certainly has nothing to be ashamed of because he played wonderfully. ... Henrik was simply terrific."

And how did it measure up with his duel at Turnberry?

"Our final round was really good," Nicklaus said, "but theirs was even better."

On his own, Stenson could have claimed the greatest closing round in a major. He made four birdies over the last five holes for a 63, the same score Johnny Miller shot in the final round when he won the 1973 U.S. Open at Oakmont.

Miller came from six shots behind. Stenson played in the final group over the last two rounds.

Stenson played such a perfect round that he putted for birdie on every hole, three-putting from 80 feet just off the first green and three-putting from 40 feet on No. 11. Even so, he made 10 birdies amid relentless pressure of trying to win his first major.

"We'll never see perfection on a links like that ever again in our lives," Nick Faldo said. "There's no way."

Stenson, however, had company.

Without Mickelson there to push him, there's no telling how this final round would be remembered.

Mickelson made six birdies against no bogeys for a 65. Even when Stenson took a two-shot lead by rolling in a 50-foot birdie putt across the 15th green, Mickelson answered with a 3-wood up the narrow front in the green to 30 feet. His eagle putt just turned away at the right, and he ran out of holes.

Their better-ball score — remember, they were in the final group — would have been 59.

Their worst-ball score would have been 69.

Small wonder that Mickelson calls it the "best I've played and not won."

Imagine if this had been Mickelson and any of the "Fab Four" a generation or so behind him. That's what Turnberry had. Stenson is a popular champion, though his career has been slowed by two slumps, and the 40-year-old Swede had never won a major. That's why the edge goes to Turnberry for star power.

For golf? Nothing touches Troon.

Imagine a perfection-seeker like Stenson trying to beat Mickelson at his best, making two bogeys and still shooting 63 with little margin for error.

Stenson and Mickelson were never separated by more than two shots for 40 consecutive holes until Stenson's final birdie to win by three. They were in the final group for both days on the weekend. Over those 36 holes, they were tied after 15, Stenson led after 13 of them and Mickelson led after eight of them.

The golf was never better. The champion never more deserving.

And it will be a long time — just like after Turnberry — before this will be topped.

Russia's participation in Rio uncertain after doping report

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

A scathing report outlining a state-sanctioned doping system in Russia prompted immediate calls for the nation's entire team to be sidelined from the Summer Games, raising the possibility that the Olympics could go on without a sports superpower for the first time since the 1980s.

The investigation released Monday confirmed a scheme run out of the anti-doping lab in Moscow that ensnared 28 summer and winter sports, from track to snowboarding to table tennis. It lasted at least four years and involved at least 312 positive tests that went unreported at the behest of higher-ups in the country's sports ministry.

"A mind-blowing level of corruption within both Russian sport and government," said Travis Tygart, the CEO of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

The World Anti-Doping Agency swiftly called for the International Olympic Committee to consider a full ban of the Russian team from the Summer Olympics, which start Aug. 5 in Rio de Janiero. IOC president Thomas Bach said the committee wouldn't hesitate to apply the toughest sanctions available.

The IOC executive board will meet Tuesday to begin sorting through options.

It's no sure thing the Russians will receive a blanket ban. It's a decision filled with political ramifications that involve a key Olympic country. It puts the IOC in the position of ruling against against one of its biggest supporters, a nation that spent more than $50 billion hosting the Winter Games in Sochi just two years ago. Not since the back-to-back boycotts by the United States in 1980, then the Soviet Union in 1984, have the Olympics been contested without one of its biggest players.

Bach has frequently spoken about the fine line between "collective responsibility and individual justice." And for every anti-doping agency and athlete group calling for a full ban, there's seemingly another sports organization or leader urging restraint.

"The right to participate at the games cannot be stolen from an athlete, who has duly qualified and has not been found guilty of doping," said Bruno Grandi, president of gymnastics' international federation. "Blanket bans have never been and will never be just."

Gymnastics was not among the sports listed in the report. Wrestling, meanwhile, accounted for 28 of the 312 unreported positives. The head of that international federation, Nenad Lalovic of Serbia, told The Associated Press "we will absolutely follow the decisions of the IOC."

But in making decisions about Russia's team as a whole, the IOC could put onus on the international sports federations to determine the penalties.

In the ongoing case involving Russia's track team, it was that sport's federation, the IAAF, that ultimately banned the team from the Olympics. But 68 Russian track-and-field athletes are appealing this week to the Court of Arbitration for Sport to compete in Rio, with a decision due Thursday. In a move that accentuates how complicated the matter can become, the IOC has said there is no contingency for a large group of Russians competing under a neutral flag — that Russians should compete for the Russian team if they're allowed in.

Monday's report, commissioned by WADA and written by arbitrator Richard McLaren, said allegations made by Moscow's former anti-doping lab director about sample switching at the Sochi Olympics went much as described in a New York Times story in May. That program involved dark-of-night bottle tampering in order to switch dirty samples with clean ones; it prevented Russian athletes, including more than a dozen medal winners, from testing positive.

But McLaren said the bottle tampering in Sochi was a one-shot deal. Meanwhile, he described tactics he labeled "disappearing positive methodology" that began in 2011, shortly after Russia's disappointing performance at the Vancouver Olympics. It included the 2013 track world championships in Moscow and was in place as recently as the 2015 swimming world championships in Kazan — when everyone in Russian sports knew they were under the doping microscope.

Russia's deputy minister of sports, Yuri Nagornykh, who was also part of Russia's Olympic Committee, would direct workers at the Moscow lab of which positive samples to send through to be reported to WADA and which to hold back. Assisting the plan was Russia's national security service — the FSB, the current version of the Soviet Union's KGB.

"The Moscow laboratory was effectively caught up in the jaws of a vice," the report said. "It was a key player in the successful operation of a state imposed and rigorously controlled program, which was overall managed and dictated by the (Ministry of Sport)."

Yes, McLaren wrote, it could be made to seem as though workers at the laboratory were acting alone. But his investigation undercut that theory.

"The Moscow Laboratory personnel acted as they did because, as (one) witness expressed, if they did not, they would no longer be employed there," he concluded.

On Monday, Russian President Vladimir Putin said officials named as directly responsible in the doping scheme would be suspended. He asked for more information from WADA so Russia could conduct its own investigation.

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Championship banners are removed from the ceiling of the Edward Jones Dome, former home of the St. Louis Rams football team, in St. Louis on Jan. 14. Upheaval is the buzzword for the NFL as training camps open.

Peyton? Retired. Rams? In LA

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

Peyton Manning is retired. Tom Coughlin is gone. Heck, the Rams no longer are in St. Louis.

Upheaval is the buzzword for the NFL as training camps open. At least until big-name players get big-time injuries, or major holdouts end, or tackling and blocking for real begin, the departures of a likely Hall of Fame player and coach will be front and center.

Not to mention the first shifting of an NFL franchise since the Oilers moved to Tennessee in 1997.

Manning's retirement doesn't exactly leave a void at the top of the quarterback ranks with Aaron Rodgers, Tom Brady, Ben Roethlisberger, Cam Newton and, oh yeah, Peyton's little brother Eli still around. It does, however, create a huge chasm to fill in Denver.

With Von Miller's messy contract situation settled — it got ugly at times — Denver still must deal with the defections of Malik Jackson and Danny Trevathan from the brilliant defense via free agency. So change hasn't exactly been positive for the champion Broncos.

"Nothing's smooth about what we do," coach Gary Kubiak has said. "There's always things happening. But the most important thing is what we do out there on that field and how we get ready to play.

"So, I think we've done a good job of sorting through distractions and various things that are going on with our football team and staying focused on football."

The Giants have a new look on the sideline as the often red-faced Coughlin resigned (before he was forced out) after a dozen seasons. Whether his gesticulations or his coaching acumen will be most missed is anyone's guess, but Ben McAdoo steps in for his first top job in the pros.

McAdoo's first challenge is getting the team out of a four-year rut of not making the playoffs. General manager Jerry Reese and team owners spent big in free agency to provide McAdoo with the tools to turn around the Giants.

"We have talented players. It is just a matter of getting the most out of their ability, letting them make plays and letting everyone step up and do their job," quarterback Eli Manning said.

"I think we made a big jump this offseason," linebacker Devon Kennard adds. "It is a great group of guys that came in through the draft and free agency and jelling with the guys who have already been here."

We'll see.

Other new head coaches are Adam Gase in Miami, Hue Jackson in Cleveland, Doug Pederson in Philadelphia, Dirk Koetter in Tampa, and Chip Kelly in San Francisco. Mike Mularkey has moved from interim to head coach in Tennessee.

Los Angeles, meanwhile, returns to the NFL roster at the expense of St. Louis, where the Rams previously resided for two decades. Things won't look much different with the Rams, however — they left the LA area (Anaheim, actually) in 1995 — as they call the aging LA Coliseum home until their palace in nearby Inglewood is ready in 2019.

While NFL owners clearly were eager to get back to Hollywood, it remains questionable how enamored of the NFL fans in SoCal will be.

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

HOOKS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 2
At Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Hooks left fielder James Ramsay went 2-for-3 with an RBI, a run scored, a stolen base and a walk. ... J.D. Davis had two hits and a run scored for Corpus Christi. ... RockHounds center fielder J.P. Sportman reached base safely in three of four plate appearances with a double and two walks. ... Midland leadoff batter Brett Vertigan had two hits and an RBI.

TOP PITCHERS: Corpus Christi left-hander Kent Emanuel improved to 3-0 after tossing seven scoreless innings of four-hit ball. Emanuel struck out five RockHounds, while walking one. ... Midland starter Daniel Gossett took a tough-luck loss despite holding the Hooks to one earned run, four hits and three walks over 6 1/3 innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Hooks scored two runs in the top of the second inning. Ramsay got Corpus Christi on the scoreboard with an RBI single that plated Davis. Ramsay stole second base, advanced to third base on a throwing error by Midland catcher Andy Paz and scored from third base on a wild pitch by Gossett. ... Corpus Christi scored what proved to be the game-deciding run in the top of the eighth inning when Conrad Gregor drove home Chan Jong Moon with a sacrifice fly. Moon pinch-ran for Chase McDonald, who led off the frame with a double. ... Midland scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth as Wade Kirkland, Paz and Vertigan led off the stanza with singles. Vertigan's hit scored Kirkland.

NOTES: Paz and Kirkland each had two errors for Midland, while the Hooks didn't commit an error. ... Vertigan extended his hitting streak to six games. Vertigan has gone 11-for-21 during that span. ...

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	16	10	.533	—
Tulsa (Dodgers)	13	10	.565	½
Arkansas (Angels)	10	10	.500	2½
Springfield (Cardinals)	9	15	.375	5

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland (Athletics)	16	9	.627	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	12	13	.500	4
San Antonio (Padres)	11	13	.458	5
Frisco (Rangers)	10	14	.417	6

Monday's Scores
Arkansas 5, Springfield 1
Corpus Christi 3, Midland 2
Arkansas 6, Springfield 4
Tulsa 7, Northwest Arkansas 2
San Antonio 4, Frisco 3

Today's Games
Arkansas at Springfield, 6:00 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

The RockHounds are 10-8 versus Corpus Christi this season, including a 5-5 mark at home.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Corpus Christi — RHP Cy Sneed (4-2, 3.62 ERA); Midland — RHP Joel Seddon (3-8, 5.58).

HOOKS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 2

Corpus	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Vasquez rf	4	0	1	0	Vertigan rf	4	0	2	1
Fontana ss	4	0	0	0	Sportman cf	2	0	1	0
Fisher cf	3	0	0	0	Marrincow rf	4	0	0	0
McDonald dh	4	0	1	0	Chapman 3b	4	0	0	0
Moon pr-dh	0	1	0	0	Rosa dh	4	0	0	0
Davis 3b	4	1	2	0	Munoz ss	4	0	1	0
Gregor 1b	3	0	0	1	Rodriguez 1b	3	0	0	0
Ramsay lf	3	1	2	1	Kirkland 2b	4	1	1	0
Hyde 2b	3	0	0	0	Paz c	3	1	2	0
Stubbs c	4	0	1	0					
Totals	32	3	7	2	Totals	32	2	7	1

Corpus Christi .....020 000 010 —3
Midland .....000 000 020 —2

E — Paz 2 (2), Kirkland 2 (8). DP — Corpus Christi 2. Midland 1. LOB — Corpus Christi 8. Midland 6. 2B — McDonald (10), Sportman (18). SB — Ramsay (3), Vasquez (8). S — Vasquez. SF — Gregor.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Corpus Christi						
Emanuel W, 3-0	7.0	4	0	0	1	5
West	1.0	3	2	2	1	0
Cotton S, 1	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
Midland						
Gossett L, 2-4	6.1	4	2	1	3	1
Bracewell	1.2	3	1	1	1	1
Sanchez	1.0	0	0	0	0	0

WP — Gossett 2, Bracewell. PB — Stubbs (2).
T — 2:40. A — 2,905.

Twins fire general manager Terry Ryan

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Twins owner Jim Pohlad's reverence for Terry Ryan has been evident for almost two decades, steadfastly supporting his general manager with a commitment uncommon in today's game.

As the struggles on the field piled up over the last five years, even that enduring respect wasn't enough to keep Ryan with the Twins.

Ryan was fired on Monday with the team holding the worst record in the American League and on pace to lose 100 games. The Twins entered the day 33-58, 21 games out of first place in the AL Central. Only Atlanta had a worse record in the majors.

"Sometimes you may have to do things that are hard," Pohlad said. "I never try to shy away from hard decisions. I own this decision. We like to bring people from within up the organization. If we have to go outside we go outside. There's new ways of thinking. They're not tied into old organizational ways of thinking."

Ryan said he is leaving with "immense pride in being part of the Twins organization for the better part of three decades."

Rob Antony, in his 29th season with the organization and ninth as the team's assistant general manager, will take over on an interim basis. Pohlad said he would be considered for the permanent job.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

TIGERS 1
TWINS 0

DETROIT — Matt Boyd (1-2) allowed three hits in six innings, sending last-place Minnesota to another loss just hours after it announced the firing of general manager Terry Ryan.

Justin Upton homered in the second. Three relievers finished for the Tigers, with Francisco Rodriguez pitching a hitless ninth for his 26th save.

YANKEES 2
ORIOLES 1

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez hit his 696th career homer — his first since June 18 — Ivan Nova (7-5) grinded through six innings and Aroldis Chapman hit 105 mph while locking down his 19th save.

The No Runs DMC triad, possibly in its final days with Andrew Miller and Chapman rumored to be on the trade block, covered the final three innings to extend its scoreless streak to 22 innings. The Yankees are 18-1 when all Dellin Betances and the other two relievers pitch in the same game.

Kevin Gausman (1-7) also allowed Brian McCann's sacrifice fly in the third and fell to 0-1 in three starts against New York this season despite a 1.31 ERA over 20 2/3 innings.

National League

REDS 8
BRAVES 2

CINCINNATI — Zack Cozart, Joey Votto and Eugenio Suarez all homered in the fourth inning of a matchup between the NL's two worst teams.

The Reds (35-58) have taken three of five this season against the Braves, who have the majors' worst record (32-61). Atlanta is 19-31 at Great American Ball Park, including five losses in its last six games.

Matt Wisler (4-9) has given up five homers in his last two starts.

Brandon Finnegan (5-7) allowed two runs and seven hits in five-plus innings.

CUBS 5
METS 1

CHICAGO — Anthony Rizzo hit a three-run homer, Jon Lester pitched 7 2/3 innings and the Chicago Cubs stopped an eight-game losing streak against the New York Mets with a 5-1 victory on Monday night in a rematch of last year's NL Championship Series.

With one out and two on in the third inning, Rizzo fouled off five straight 2-2 pitches from Steven Matz before driving a changeup deep into the right-center bleachers for his 22nd homer.

Lester (10-4) allowed one run — Wilmer Flores' leadoff homer in the seventh — and four hits in his first win in a month. Matz (7-6) was charged with four runs and eight hits in five-plus innings, dropping to 0-5 in his last nine starts.

MARLINS 3
PHILLIES 2

PHILADELPHIA — Jose Fernandez tied a career-high with 14 strikeouts, and Martin Prado hit a solo homer off Brett Oberholtzer (2-2) in the 11th.

Fernandez pitched 6 1/3 innings and became the pitcher to reach 500 strikeouts in the fewest innings: 400.

Christian Yelich hit an RBI double off Jeanmar Gomez with two outs in the ninth and scored on Marcell Ozuna's single.

Kyle Barraclough (6-2) pitched one inning, and A.J. Ramos finished for his 30th save, retiring Maikel Franco on a game-ending flyout to the warning track.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	53	38	.582	—
Boston	51	39	.567	1½
Toronto	52	42	.553	2½
New York	46	46	.500	7½
Tampa Bay	35	56	.385	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	54	36	.587	—
Detroit	49	44	.527	5½
Kansas City	47	45	.511	7
Chicago	45	46	.495	8½
Minnesota	33	59	.359	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	55	38	.591	—
Houston	50	42	.543	4½
Seattle	48	46	.500	8½
Los Angeles	40	52	.435	14½
Oakland	40	52	.435	14½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	58	37	.602	—
Miami	50	42	.543	5½
New York	49	43	.533	6½
Philadelphia	43	51	.457	13½
Atlanta	32	61	.344	24

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	58	36	.609	—
St. Louis	44	44	.522	8
Pittsburgh	47	45	.511	9
Milwaukee	39	51	.433	16
Cincinnati	35	58	.376	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	57	36	.613	—
Los Angeles	52	42	.553	5½
Colorado	42	49	.462	14
San Diego	41	52	.441	16
Arizona	40	53	.430	17

Scores & schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Monday's Scores

N.Y. Yankees 2, Baltimore 1
Detroit 1, Minnesota 0
Kansas City 7, Cleveland 3
Tampa Bay at Colorado, late
Houston at Oakland, late
Texas at L.A. Angels, late
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, late

Today's Games

Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 7-8), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milone 2-2) at Detroit (Sanchez 5-10), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Peavy 5-7) at Boston (Porcello 11-2), 6:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Salazar 10-3) at Kansas City (Young 2-8), 7:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Snell 1-4) at Colorado (Chatwood 8-5), 7:40 p.m.
Toronto (Sanchez 9-11) at Arizona (Godley 2-0), 8:40 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 6-9) at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.
Texas (Ramos 3-3) at L.A. Angels (Lincecum 1-3), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 7-8) at Seattle (Miley 6-6), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Monday's Scores

Chicago Cubs 5, N.Y. Mets 1
Miami 3, Philadelphia 2, 11 innings
Cincinnati 8, Atlanta 2
St. Louis 10, San Diego 2
Tampa Bay at Colorado, late

Today's Games

L.A. Dodgers (Kazmir 7-3) at Washington (Lopez 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia (Velasquez 8-2), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Guerra 6-2) at Pittsburgh (Taillon 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 9-4) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 12-4), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Jenkins 0-1) at Cincinnati (Reed 0-4), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Peavy 5-7) at Boston (Porcello 11-2), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Pea 5-3) at St. Louis (Martinez 8-6), 7:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Snell 1-4) at Colorado (Chatwood 8-5), 7:40 p.m.
Toronto (Sanchez 9-1) at Arizona (Godley 2-0), 8:40 p.m.

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TIGERS 1, TWINS 0

Minnesota .....000 000 000 —0 3 0
Detroit .....010 000 00x —1 3 0

Nolasco, Rogers (7) and K.Suzuki; Boyd, Wilson (7), Greene (8), F.Rodriguez (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Boyd 1-2. L—Nolasco 4-8. Sv—F. Rodriguez (26). HRs—Detroit, Upton (10).

YANKEES 2, ORIOLES 1

Baltimore .....001 000 000 —1 5 0
New York .....011 000 00x —2 7 1

Gausman, Hart (7), Roe (8) and Wieters; Nova, Betances (7), Miller (8), Chapman (9) and McCann. W—Nova 7-5. L—Gausman 1-7. Sv—Chapman (19). HRs—Baltimore, Schoop (16). New York, Rodriguez (9).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CUBS 5, METS 1

New York .....000 000 100 —1 6 1
Chicago .....003 001 01x —5 10 0

Matz, Lugo (6), Goeddel (8) and d'Arnaud; Lester, Strop (8), Edwards (9), Rondon (9) and Ross. W—Lester 10-4. L—Matz 7-6. Sv—Rondon (16). HRs—New York, Flores (9). Chicago, Rizzo (22).

MARLINS 3, PHILLIES 2, 11 INNINGS

Miami .....000 000 00201 —3 6 0
Philadelphia .....100 000 10000 —2 4 0

Fernandez, Phelps (7), Wittgren (8), Rodney (9), Barraclough (10), A.Ramos (11) and Realmuto; Nola, E.Ramos (7), Neris (8), Gomez (9), D.Hernandez (10), Oberholtzer (11) and Rupp. W—Barraclough 6-2. L—Oberholtzer 2-2. Sv—A. Ramos (30). HRs—Miami, Prado (3). Philadelphia, Joseph (12).

REDS 8, BRAVES 2

Atlanta .....000 101 000 —2 9 1
Cincinnati .....000 501 20x —8 12 0

Wisler, De La Cruz (6), O'Flaherty (7), Ma.Cabrera (8) and Recker; Finnegan, Wood (6), R.Iglesias (7), Ohlendorf (9) and Barnhart. W—Finnegan 5-7. L—Wisler 4-9. HRs—Atlanta, Garcia (8). Cincinnati, Suarez (16), Cozart (15), Votto (15).

HACKING

From 1C

June 2014 when Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow told reporters the team had been the victim of hackers who accessed servers and published online months of internal trade talks. Luhnow had previously worked for the Cardinals.

Federal prosecutors say the hacking cost the Astros about $1.7 million, taking into account how Correa used the Astros' data to draft players. Kibbe said that in the two years Correa was in the Astros' system, he accessed the team's network about 60 times.

The FBI said Correa was able to gain access using a password similar to that used by a Cardinals employee who "had to turn over his Cardinals-owned laptop to Correa along with the laptop's password" when he was leaving for a job with the Astros in 2011. The employee was not identified, though Luhnow left St. Louis for Houston in December of that year to become general manager.

Prosecutors have said Correa in 2013 improperly downloaded a file of the Astros' scouting list of every eligible player for that year's draft. They say he also improperly viewed notes of trade discussions as well as a page that listed information such as potential bonus details, statistics and notes on recent performances and injuries by team prospects.

The Astros rely heavily on sabermetrics in their evaluation of players and use a database called Ground Control to house proprietary information.

Authorities say that after the Astros took security precautions involving Ground Control following a Houston Chronicle story about the database, Correa was able to still get into it. Authorities say he hacked the email system and was able to view 118 pages of confidential information, including notes of trade discussions, player evaluations and a 2014 team draft board that had not yet been completed.

Luhnow was a key figure in the Cardinals' own database, called Redbird. At least one former Cardinals employee — Sig Mejdal, a former NASA employee and analytics expert — had joined Luhnow in Houston.

Luhnow has not commented in detail about the case, though he's denied using any of the Cardinals' intellectual property or information from Redbird to create Houston's database.

The Cardinals are among baseball's most successful franchises on and off the field. Only the New York Yankees have more World Series titles than the 11 won by St. Louis. The Astros and Cardinals were rivals in the National League Central until Houston moved to the American League in 2013.

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Game 3: Waco Midway 16, Midland Northern 10
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 4: McAllister Park 14, East Brownsville 2
Monday, July 18
Loser's bracket final
Game 5: Waco Midway 15, East Brownsville 5
Tuesday, July 19
Championship
Game 6: McAllister Park vs. Waco Midway, Field 2, 9 a.m.
If necessary game
Game 7: McAllister Park vs. Waco Midway, Field 2, TBA

9-11 Year Olds
Saturday, July 16
Game 1: McAllister Park 20, Corpus Christi Oil Belt 7
Game 2: Midland Northern 20, Abilene Dixie 8
Sunday, July 17
Loser's bracket
Game 3: Abilene Dixie 5, Corpus Christi Oil Belt 1
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 4: Midland Northern 18, McAllister Park 9
Monday, July 18
Loser's bracket final
Game 5: McAllister Park 9, Abilene Dixie 8
Tuesday, July 19
Championship
Game 6: Midland Northern vs. McAllister Park, Field 1, 9 a.m.
If necessary game
Game 7: Midland Northern vs. McAllister Park, Field 1, TBA

Junior Baseball
Saturday, July 16
Game 1: Breckenridge 4, San Antonio 5 Diamonds 0
Game 2: Corpus Christi Padre 15, Big Spring 1
Sunday, July 17
Loser's bracket
Game 3: San Antonio 5 Diamonds 18, Big Spring 13
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 4: Corpus Christi Padre 11, Breckenridge 4
Monday, July 18
Loser's bracket final
Game 5: Breckenridge 13, San Antonio 5 Diamonds 1
Tuesday, July 19
Championship
Game 6: Corpus Christi Padre vs. Breckenridge, Field 4, 9 a.m.
If necessary game
Game 7: Corpus Christi Padre vs. Breckenridge, Field 4, TBA

'People are scared of him': Sagan wins any way he chooses

By Andrew Dampf
Associated Press

BERN, Switzerland — Peter Sagan can win practically any way he chooses: Breakaways, sprints, fearless downhill attacks, and now a bike throw at the line.

The world champion from Slovakia showed off his all-around qualities by perfectly timing a sprint to win the 16th stage of the Tour de France in a photo finish on Monday.

Sagan edged Alexander Kristoff of Norway at the line after the race crossed into Switzerland.

Kristoff thought he won and pumped his fist in celebration, only to learn seconds later he hadn't.

"I was lucky I threw my bike," Sagan said. "I was certain I would finish second. ... Alexander made his jump very late on the line."

Chris Froome held on to the yellow jersey after a relatively calm day for the overall leader before the race's second and final rest day.

Froome got animated when he was asked about Sagan.

"Phenomenal rider," Froome said of the long-haired rider with the Tinkoff team. "Most people in the peloton are scared of him, just his abilities. He can do everything. He chooses when he wants to go in the breakaway, how he wants to ride the finish."

Froome profited from Sagan's abilities by following him into a breakaway in Stage 11 to gain time on all of the other overall contenders.

"I was just surprised he didn't attack on that last climb and ride away today but he still managed to win the stage," Froome added.

The rolling 130-mile stage from Moirans-en-Montagne to the Swiss capital of Bern resembled the route of a single-day classic, with a section on cobblestones before a slight uphill finish.

Sagan is a specialist at stages like this, which exalt his unique blend of characteristics: He's a punchy rider able to ride strong over short climbs, leave rivals behind on daredevil descents, and a top sprinter.

It was Sagan's third stage win in this Tour and the seventh of his career.

Sondre Enger, another Norwegian, crossed third.

Sagan was greeted at the finish by a large contingent of fans waving Slovakia flags.

"For two years I did not win anything at the Tour, and now I'm winning again," Sagan said. "That's life."

Sagan also won Stage 2, which followed a similar course, in a sprint. And he took the world title with a late breakaway in the U.S. last year.

Froome kept his 1-minute, 47-second lead over Dutch rider Bauke Mollema, with Britain's Adam Yates in third, 2:45 back.

The race resumes on Wednesday with four punishing stages of climbing in the Alps before Sunday's mostly ceremonial finish in Paris.

Aiming to secure his third title in four years, Froome rejected talk that he had already sealed victory.

"Other teams have said they're going to attack this week in the Alps and I expect they will," Froome said. "To say the Tour is won and I don't have any rivals, that's rubbish. A lot can happen in four days in the mountains. All you need is one bad day in the mountains and you can lose minutes."

TOUR DE FRANCE RESULTS

Monday
At Bern, Switzerland
16th Stage

129.9 miles from Moirans-en-Montagne to Bern, Switzerland with a single Category 4 climb near the finish.

1. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Tinkoff, 4 hours, 26 minutes, 2 seconds.
2. Alexander Kristoff, Norway, Katusha, same time.
3. Sondre Holst Enger, Norway, IAM Cycling, same time.
4. John Degenkolb, Germany, Giant-Alpecin, same time.
5. Michael Matthews, Australia, Orica-BikeExchange, same time.
6. Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland, Trek-Segafredo, same time.
7. Sep Vanmarcke, Belgium, LottoNL-Jumbo, same time.
8. Maximiliano Richeze, Argentina, Etixx-QuickStep, same time.
9. Edvald Boasson Hagen, Norway, Dimension Data, same time.
10. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, BMC Racing, same time.
11. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movistar, same time.
12. Patrick Konrad, Austria, Bora-Argon, same time.
13. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.
14. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, same time.
15. Louis Meintjes, South Africa, Lampre-Merida, same time.
16. Sebastian Reichenbach, Switzerland, FDJ, same time.
17. Roman Kreuziger, Czech Republic, Tinkoff, same time.
18. Richie Porte, Australia, BMC Racing, same time.
19. Adam Yates, Britain, Orica-BikeExchange, same time.
20. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Trek-Segafredo, same time.

Also

22. Tejay Van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, same time.
25. Joaquim Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, same time.
26. Fabio Aru, Italy, Astana, same time.
28. Daniel Martin, Ireland, Etixx-QuickStep, same time.
29. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, same time.
112. Peter Stetina, United States, Trek-Segafredo, 2 minutes, 54 seconds behind.
145. Brent Bookwalter, United States, BMC Racing, 4:18.
160. Alex Howes, United States, Cannondale, 7:23.
167. Lawson Craddock, United States, Cannondale, 8:18.

EARNHARDT

From 1C

events immediately ended any title shot.

Dashed championship hopes would still be the case for any driver injured during NASCAR's 10-race playoffs, but the sanctioning body has made it easier for drivers to admit they are hurt. By allowing teams to apply for a waiver so the driver will still be eligible to make the playoffs, NASCAR made it possible for Earnhardt to take himself out of the car.

Granted, playoff hopes shouldn't trump health issues — especially concussions, something that could cause long-term damage — but this very small step has given flexibility in a system that previously had none.

Team owner Rick Hendrick made it clear he doesn't want a driver to sacrifice his health to stay in the race car.

"Our guys know that the most important thing is their health, and if they're in an accident and they feel like they've had a concussion, there's a protocol and they need to go through it," Hendrick said before Sunday's race. "It's hard to get out of the car, but we want (Earnhardt) for the long haul. He wants to race for a long time, so we are going to let the doctors make those decisions.

"It's really hard at first, and then the more you think about it, it's the right thing to do for him and it's the right thing to do for the team. We will just take it day-by-day."

SPRINT CUP POINTS LEADERS

Through July 17

1. Kevin Harvick, 639
2. Brad Keselowski, 622
3. Kurt Busch, 602
4. Carl Edwards, 587
5. Joey Logano, 571
6. Kyle Busch, 556
7. Martin Truex Jr, 540
8. Matt Kenseth, 521
9. Jimmie Johnson, 514
10. Danny Hamlin, 505
11. Chase Elliott, 499
12. Ryan Newman, 497
13. Austin Dillon, 489
14. Jamie McMurray, 474
15. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 461
16. Trevor Bayne, 447
17. Ryan Blaney, 445
18. Kasey Kahne, 439
19. Kyle Larson, 436
20. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 420
21. AJ Allmendinger, 418
22. Greg Biffle, 395
23. Paul Menard, 388
24. Danica Patrick, 354
25. Aric Almirola, 347
26. Clint Bowyer, 339
27. Casey Mears, 293
28. Tony Stewart, 287
29. Landon Cassill, 284
30. David Ragan, 274

Associated Press

Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby addresses attendees during Big 12 media day, Monday in Dallas. With expansion still an unsettled issue for the Big 12 Conference, Commissioner Bowlsby gave his annual state of the league address to open football media days. And a day later he meets with the league's board of directors.

Bowlsby: Big 12 schools currently committed to ending sexual assaults

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said Monday that league members are committed to the difficult task of "eradicating sexual assault" on their campuses in the aftermath of a scandal at Baylor that has damaged the image of the conference.

Baylor is reeling from allegations that its staff failed to properly handle accusations of sexual assault involving some of its former football players.

"We are very committed as a group of 10 schools to eradicating sexual assault on our campuses," Bowlsby said at the start of football media days. "It almost goes without saying that when you combine alcohol and drugs and raging hormones and the experiences of 18-22 year olds, it's probably unrealistic to think that these kinds of things are never going to happen."

When the Big 12's presidents and chancellors meet privately Tuesday in Dallas, Baylor interim President David E. Garland and two Baylor regents, including the board's chairman, will make a presentation to the board.

At least three lawsuits have been brought against Baylor by women who claim the school was indifferent to or ignored claims of sexual assault and didn't enforce federal gender discrimination protections under Title IX.

The Big 12 has asked Baylor for a full accounting relative to the alleged sexual assaults on campus and the university's response. Bowlsby described that as an "ongoing process" and it was too early to know what action, if any, the league's board could take against the private school in Waco.

"There are certainly those among our board that have felt the image of the Big 12 and the other members of the Big 12 have been sullied as a result of this incident," Bowlsby said. "When one member's reputation is damaged, I think all of our images are damaged."

A 13-page findings of fact from the Pepper Hamilton law firm released by Baylor in May accused football coaches and staff of interfering with investigations into sexual assault complaints against players, and even impeding potential criminal proceedings. Bowlsby said he recently had a one-hour meeting with Garland and the regents chairman, during which the commissioner said he received a "modest amount" of additional information not in the 13-page report or the 10 pages of recommendations from the external independent review by Pepper Hamilton.

School officials have repeatedly said that is the only written report from the review that led to the demotion of Baylor President Ken Starr and the departures of athletic director Ian McCaw and football coach Art Briles.

The other Big 12 presidents and chancellors will get their chance to directly address questions to Baylor officials today.

"I think our CEOs will ask different questions than I posed. I expect to learn more tomorrow," Bowlsby said. "This is going to be a process. It isn't going to go away soon, and I don't know how to characterize it other than that."

After his opening comments Monday, Bowlsby took eight questions to wrap up his 45-minute session. Five of those questions were in reference to the Baylor situation, and he answered even more when talking to reporters in the hallway afterward.

Here are some of the other issues addressed by Bowlsby:

■ When answering a question about the potential of player boycotts of events or protests on campus possibility affecting events, Bowlsby said the Big 12 staff has put a protocol together. He also brought up a more sobering thought.

"You know, I think the other thing is, we've seen acts of terror that have come where large groups of people gather and there's probably nothing more than symbolic of the American spirit than some of our public assembly venues, and frankly, I'm somewhat surprised that they haven't been targeted," he said.

■ At the end of its spring meetings last month, the league announced it is bringing back its football championship game in 2017 and effectively ended talk about a league-wide television network. But there was no resolution on the topic of expansion, and if the league should expand by two or four teams — or at all. Bowlsby said conference composition is part of the board's agenda today.

"I don't want to presume what the board is going to do, but I've said publicly that I would like us to resolve these matters and that we need to not have the outstanding issues continuing to bubble," he said.

■ Bowlsby expects that the Big 12 will split into divisions for football with the division champions "likely" playing each other in the championship game. He also said the title game will be played at a neutral site. A three-member advisory group will be put together to make recommendations to athletic directors that will have to be approved by the league board of directors.

BIG 12

From 1C

7, after police-involved shootings in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Minnesota the previous two days. Then on Sunday, three Baton Rouge law enforcement officers investigating a report of a man with an assault rifle were killed.

"I pray that we will begin to listen to one another, love one another and get to the hard work of healing our nation, to the issues that we're facing right now," Beaty said.

"I believe that college football can be an example in the midst of our struggles in America. Young men from all walks of life, different backgrounds coming together, listening to one another, working hard together, learning from one another, fighting together for a common goal. I think society can learn a lot from these young and I'm excited about working with some of them at KU."

OFF THE DIAMOND: Patrick Mahomes has gone from two-sport athlete at Texas Tech to standout starting quarterback.

After leading the nation with 393 total yards per game last season, the dual-threat quarterback gave up baseball to focus solely on the gridiron. Coach Kliff Kingsbury expects that to make Mahomes a more refined, athletic and polished quarterback.

"It's the first full offseason he's ever had as a football player ... the weight room, film with his teammates, working on mechanics and working on his footwork," Kingsbury said.

"He worked on becoming a better all-around quarterback and last year made spectacular plays, really carried us at times, moving around and making things happen. This year, we're going to work on things with him, when the ordinary play is there let's take it. When you have to be extraordinary, you have that ability to go do it."

Mahomes' father, Pat, played for six different teams over 11 seasons in Major League Baseball.

The younger Mahomes, who appeared in three Tech baseball games during the 2015 season, threw for 4,653 yards while 36 touchdowns last fall while running for 456 yards and 10 touchdowns.

NEW KID IN TOWN: Matt Campbell was introduced last November as Iowa State's head coach on his 36th birthday, and is the youngest head coach for any Power Five conference team.

Campbell, 35-15 in the past four-plus seasons at Toledo, supplanted Kingsbury as the youngest Power Five coach. Kingsbury turns 37 next month, more than 3 1/2 months before Campbell's next birthday.

RHOADES

From 1C

Ohio State offensive coordinator Tom Herman as head coach of the Cougars. He was the athletic director at Akron from 2005-09 and worked in the athletic departments at UTEP, Marquette and Yale.

"Much has been written about my motivations for coming to Waco. Let me be clear: This is an opportunity," he said. "An opportunity to help lead one of the world's leading Christian universities in our familiar Texas. A state where we came to love many, many years ago. A state where my grandfather, my hero, was born and raised."

Garland called Rhoades a relationship builder who cares about people campus-wide and strives to know them.

"I'm confident that he's going to build the kind of partnerships that we need to make the improvements that Baylor is committed to make," Garland said. "Mack is a man of faith and he believes in and is excited about the mission of Baylor University that is 170 years old."

TODAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny
High: 97 Low: 77	High: 97 Low: 75	High: 96 Low: 74	High: 99 Low: 76	High: 100 Low: 76	High: 99 Low: 76

Local forecast

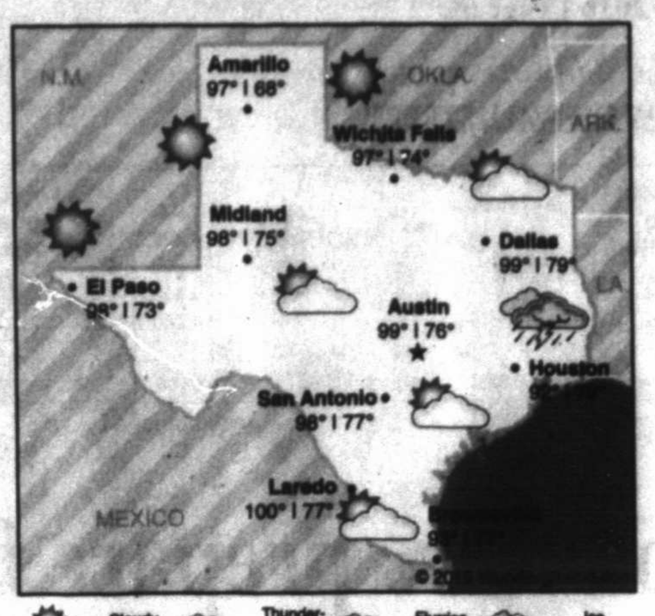
Forecasted highs will be in the upper 90s for most of the week, and could hit triple digits again by Saturday, according to the National Weather Service. There isn't any rain in the forecast for the next several days.

The record high for July 18 is 111 set in 1989. The record low is 60 set in 1986, 1955 and 1936. On July 18 of last year, the high was 101 and the low was 70.

National weather

Active weather impacted the Northeast on Monday, while a hot weather pattern affected the Plains and the Mississippi Valley.

A cold frontal boundary stretched southwestward from southeast Canada to the central Plains. This frontal boundary collided with a warm and humid air mass, which generated widespread thunderstorms across New England, the northern Mid-Atlantic, the Midwest and the central Plains. Severe thunderstorm warnings were issued in a handful of states extending from northern Virginia to Maine. Allenwood, Pennsylvania, reported 1.75-inch sized hail. Kingfield, Maine, also reported 1.75-inch sized hail. Flood warnings were issued in parts of the Plains, the Midwest and the Northeast.



Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.02 in.
Year total	6.92 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.12 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	99
Low	75
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:56 a.m.
Sunset	8:54 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, July 19

Story of son's abuse taints wife's memories of husband

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 in shock. My grown son, "Ryan," recently told me he was molested by his late father when he was a young boy. I had no idea, but I believe him. Ryan is an only child and has recently started seeing a counselor.

I loved my husband very much and I believed he loved me, but I no longer know what to think or how to feel. If he were still alive, I would most likely leave him. But what do I do with more than 40 years of mostly good memories? When I think about my late husband now, I just feel numb. Please help. — NOT A CLUE IN INDIANA

DEAR NOT A CLUE: That your son didn't tell you sooner, while you could have intervened, is regrettable. And that he is now seeing a counselor about it is laudable — you should give him all the love and support you can. I don't blame you for having mixed emotions, but at this point it is too late for you to change anything. Hang onto the good memories and let them comfort you, because you can't change history.

DEAR ABBY: I saw myself in the Jan. 15 letter from "Diana in San Diego," the lifelong compulsive nail biter who wants to stop. I was diagnosed with trichotillomania (hair pulling and skin picking) three years ago, and it is closely related to nail biting. The trichotillomania learning center website, www.trich.org, is worth checking out for treatment options such as medications, behavioral therapy and support groups. — ERICA IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR ERICA: Thank you for the information. I received a deluge of helpful, caring responses to Diana's letter, and several readers mentioned trichotillomania in the more severe cases. Some had taken my advice to keep an emery board and cuticle scissors nearby a step further, by learning to do a full manicure and suggested she paint her nails a dark or bright color to help her stop biting.

Buffing was mentioned as a way to smooth imperfections that could be "triggers." A reader in Virginia added decorations to her nails — decals, stencils and rhinestones — that served as an impediment and cured her of the habit.

Other readers have used artificial (acrylic) nails as a way to allow their natural fingernails to grow out. James in Delaware helped his ashamed then-fiancee hide her bitten-off, stubby nails when showing off her engagement ring by suggesting she put on artificial ones. While she proudly showed off the ring to everyone, her own nails grew out beautifully and she never chewed them again.

Additional growing-out tips mentioned by readers were: coating the nails with a hardening solution, keeping the cuticles moist with petroleum jelly, cuticle cream — even lip balm. A reader reassured Diana that there are indeed "bad-tasting" products that successfully work as a deterrent.

Keeping the hands busy has helped many readers. Breaking off a corner of one of her front teeth stopped Pat in Texas. Others found addressing a vitamin deficiency did the trick for them. Wearing a tight rubber band around the wrist to snap when the urge hits can give a nail-biter the incentive to stop. And from Sandi in San Francisco: "A teacher showed me an enlarged picture taken from a microscope of what was under fingernails. Now I don't even think about biting!"

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, July 19, 2016:

This year you will be juggling a lot of different ideas and people. Your ability to interact with many people at once will come through. You might consider simplifying your life in some ways. If you are single, you probably won't want to commit to anyone for a while. Don't worry, you will know when Mr. or Ms. Right comes along. If you are attached, the two of you will go back and forth on how to handle finances, as well as other matters. Rather than trying to figure out who is right, try looking at the issues more deeply. Try out different ideas. CAPRICORN has many opinions, and could try to offer you advice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might feel as if you are having a more copacetic day than you have had in a while. Loosen up and worry less. Know that you are building a reputation as being somewhat unpredictable. You and your mind can't be put into a box. Tonight: Make a graceful exit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Being exasperated by all the drama around you is normal. You might want to have an easy day, but you are unlikely to get it. Good luck comes in through a loved one. A partner could say something hurtful; ignore this person's behavior. Tonight: Adapt, and you will be content.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Others might seem aloof and/or stern to you. Just because you woke up on the right side of the bed doesn't mean that those around you did. A friend or a meeting could add some unanticipated tasks to your schedule. Tonight: Keep your finances out of a problem.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You'll witness what happens as a forceful and commanding person in your life lets you know where he or she is coming from. The unexpected creates a hassle that could involve this person. Avoid an argument; be creative in resolving this issue. Tonight: So many choices!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Accomplish as much as you can. You could be overwhelmed by a money venture and its implications. If you need to back out, by all means, do. You could feel as if two people are pushing you in two different directions. Detach for now. Tonight: Follow-through counts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Allow your creativity to flourish. A lot of opportunities become available to you, as you seem open and refuse to take a negative stance. You know that what you want is possible. A partner or close friend becomes erratic in a discussion. Tonight: Have an animated discussion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You will be pushed, and could decide to dig in your heels at the last moment. Opt to stay out of the present flurry of activity. You seem to need a quiet space for thinking. You could be overwhelmed by someone's unpredictability. Tonight: Decide to join a friend or loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Speak your mind and willingly get past a problem. Don't run interference with yourself. Zero in on your priorities, and complete as much as you can. You have high energy and are close to unstoppable. Focus on positive outcomes. Tonight: Don't stay out too late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You can be a cynic, although you tend to be overly optimistic. Work on trying to be more realistic. A child or loved one surprises you. If you don't like what you see, say little. Your opinion could change quickly. Tonight: You might feel pulled in two different directions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Others could be negative and touchy. You might want to detach in order to see where they are coming from. Be more in tune with what is happening around you. Once in a while, people need to give you a little resistance. Honor their need to have a say. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might be conserving your energy and observing how others are dealing with various issues. You will be more content relating to one individual than many. Your stance won't last long, as you are likely to react to a surprise. Tonight: Expect to be full of get-up-and-go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Be aware of what is happening in a meeting or within a group of friends before you jump in. You could find yourself in the hot seat before you know it. Others will make a get-together so appealing that you won't be able to turn down an offer to join in. Tonight: Make it early.

BORN TODAY

Animator Max Fleischer (1883), artist Edgar Degas (1834), musician Brian May (1947)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

No way out

North-South vulnerable, South deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 5
♡ A J 5
♢ Q 9 4 3
♣ A K 5 2

WEST
♠ A K 9 4 3
♡ 10
♢ J 10 8 7 5
♣ J 7

EAST
♠ 8 6 2
♡ K Q 7 6 4 2
♢ Void
♣ 10 9 8 3

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

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♢	1♠	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

*Limit raise (10-11) or better in diamonds

Opening lead: Four of ♠

South's decision to open the bidding on his 4-3-3-3 distribution with only 12 points would not meet with universal approval. North had 14 points, rather than just 12, so the game contract had reasonable play.

South won the opening spade lead in hand with the jack and cashed the ace of diamonds. The 5-0 split of the opponents' diamonds was a serious setback. Nine tricks would have been easy had the diamonds split 3-2, the percentage split. West holding a likely 5-5 hand with spades and diamonds made a 3-3 split of the missing clubs a long shot, but South had nothing better to do than try it. He cashed the queen, king and ace of clubs and paused to plan the rest of his play when West showed out.

Declarer hoped that West had started with 5-1-5-2 distribution. This was certain as long as West had five spades for his overcall. 6-0-5-2 distribution was also possible, but South couldn't do anything about that. West would have no way out if he held exactly five spades. Declarer cashed the ace of hearts, extracting West's singleton, and exited dummy with the 10 of spades. West could take his four spade tricks but then had to lead a diamond from his jack-10-eight, allowing declarer to take the last three tricks. Well played!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Accessory for Batman or Robin
5 Bleating babies
9 Nasty marketing campaign
14 "Jeopardy!" first name
15 Run __: go haywire
16 Kind of jacket named for a Hindu leader
17 "The San Francisco Treat"
19 Ordered pizza, say
20 Covert fed. group
21 Current "American Dad!" network
23 Slices of history
24 "Ouch!"
28 Makes up (for)
30 Life-of-the-party types
31 Color in four-color printing
33 Fever and chills
34 Spider trap
35 Jury makeup
37 Super __: game console
38 *Decor for part of a floor
40 Moose kin
42 Actress Witherspoon
44 Half-pint
45 Color in four-color printing
46 *This bears repeating ..."
48 Solitary
49 Zagreb natives
50 On the way
52 Sharp comment
53 Taste
55 Batteries in TV remotes
56 Frozen pop treats
58 Site of the hammer, anvil and stirrup ... and a hint to the hidden word in the answers to starred clues
63 Deep opera voice
64 Ronny Howard role
65 Category
66 Anti-wrinkle treatment
67 Swerve
68 Start of an idea

DOWN

1 Jaguar, e.g.
2 "Rumble in the Jungle" champ
3 Bench press target, briefly
4 Carry out, as a task
5 Gold purity unit
6 Texter's "I feel"
7 "Please stop!"
8 Commonly seen Colorado airport luggage
9 Santa __ winds
10 Cold War thaw
11 *Question to a stranded driver
12 Operatic solos
13 Stocking woes
18 Makes public
22 Take on a challenge
24 Shah's realm, once
25 Kellogg's Tony, e.g.
26 *Confinement that might involve an ankle monitor
27 Neverland pirate
29 10 C-notes
32 Ancient counters
34 Takes forcibly (from)
36 Slope
38 Home to billions
39 Short on manners
41 Leg joint
43 Paul Anka title meaning "That Kiss"
45 Hanger hangouts
47 "I, Robot" author Isaac
48 Severely damaged sea
49 Chocolate source
51 Consumer advocate Ralph
52 Tender lettuce
54 Sherlock Holmes' smoke
57 Chicago team, for short
59 Yahtzee cube
60 Hurricane center
61 Gorilla, for one
62 Embarrassed

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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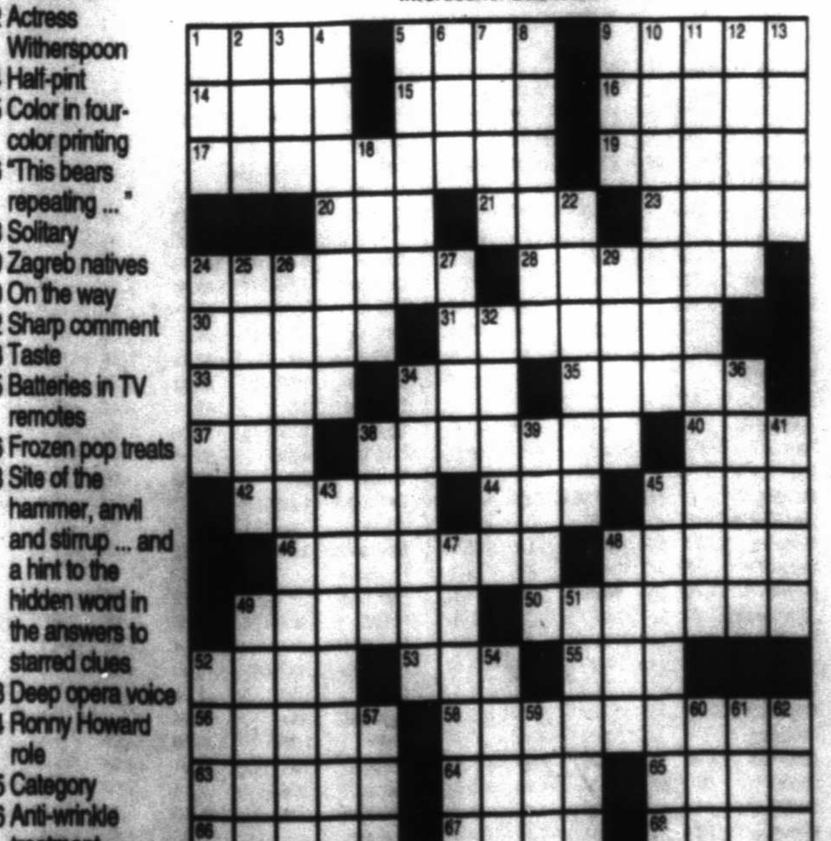

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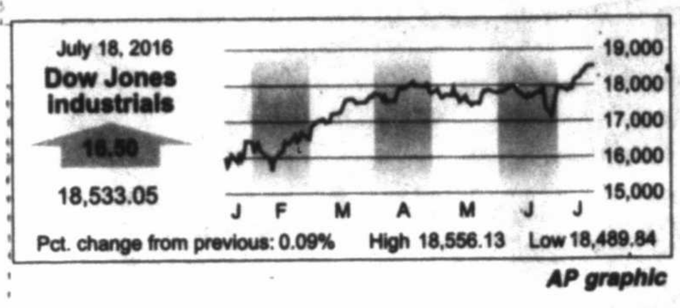
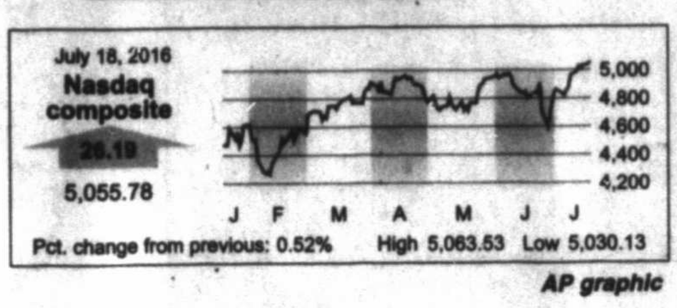
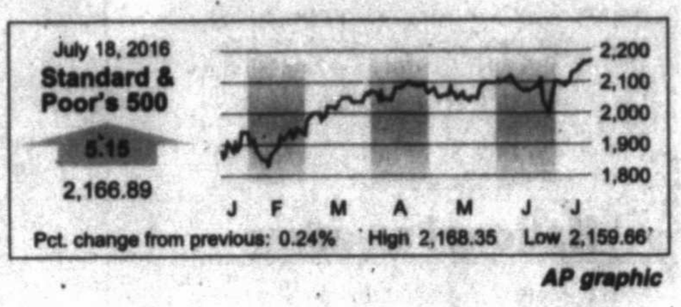






OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $45.24
Previous: $45.95

POSTED

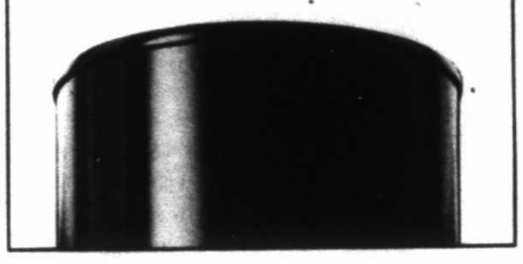
Monday: $41.50
Previous: $42.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $37.95
Previous: $38.95

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $2.722
Previous: $2.756



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BioAm	1760439	14.11	+.45
iShEMkts	734386	36.01	+.32
Sprint	553706	4.75	-.25
B iPVixST	496466	11.48	-.20
S&P500ETF	486707	216.41	+.58

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChbXFash	2.06	+1.00	+94.3
ArcLoglst	14.74	+1.75	+13.5
Cenveo rs	7.25	+.75	+11.5
CNX Coal n	11.08	+1.06	+10.6
BioAm wtA	3.67	+.30	+8.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PSBMatDL	6.19	-1.61	-20.6
Ferro	12.64	-1.63	-11.4
Oi SA C	4.57	-.43	-8.6
3D Sys	13.48	-1.23	-8.4
DrxHCreBr	31.17	-2.83	-8.3

Diary

Advanced	1,928
Declined	1,109
Unchanged	94
Total issues	3,131
New Highs	182
New Lows	5
Volume	2,921,753,067

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Vicon	71572	1.12	+.44
GoldStr g	54761	1.03	+.07
NwGold g	31741	4.76	+.07
GtPanSilv g	31468	1.32	-.04
B2gold g	23382	2.96	+.02

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CCA Inds	3.55	+.30	+9.4
Compx	13.26	+.65	+5.2
MexcoEn	3.00	+.14	+5.0
IntelligSys	3.88	+.18	+4.9
Suprmind	14.97	+.68	+4.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NTN Buzz rs	5.69	-.51	-8.2
StrPathCm	36.41	-2.86	-7.3
MastchHld	6.52	-.37	-5.4
CRH Med	4.00	-.20	-4.8
RxVrmxWk	17.95	-.81	-4.3

Diary

Advanced	199
Declined	170
Unchanged	21
Total issues	390
New Highs	16
New Lows	4
Volume	94,499,853

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVxSh rs	473118	1.44	-.08
SiriusXM	429635	4.17	+.01
Apple Inc	359504	99.83	+1.05
ArmHld	338870	66.17	+19.09
Microsoft	299228	53.96	+.26

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ParkrVis rs	5.98	+2.42	+67.8
BallardPw	2.01	+.62	+44.6
ArmHld	66.17	+19.09	+40.5
BostPrv wt	6.00	+1.00	+20.0
CarverBcp	5.01	+.78	+18.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EvokePhm	2.89	-7.84	-73.1
Zais Grp	2.84	-1.09	-27.7
SkyPFPJce	5.56	-1.99	-26.4
OceanPw rs	6.39	-1.90	-22.9
KuraOnc n	4.39	-.80	-15.4

Diary

Advanced	1,548
Declined	1,253
Unchanged	191
Total issues	2,992
New Highs	133
New Lows	21
Volume	1,524,904,044

Oil producers prepare for slump as rally sputters

By Asjylyn Loder
Bloomberg

Oil producers aren't betting on the rally. After surviving two years of low prices, they're gearing up for a third by buying protection against a renewed downturn. Laredo Petroleum Inc. said July 14 that it hedged more than 2 million barrels of 2017 output earlier this month. Drillers have increased bets on falling prices by 29 percent this year.

Crude has declined more than 10 percent since hitting a 2016 peak in early June, stoking fears of another second-half slump. It was July that broke the back of last year's bull-run, with oil plummeting 21 percent. The prospect of a repeat has drillers doing everything they can to raise cash, from selling stocks and bonds to adding fresh hedges.

"The producers have sold the hell out of this rally," said Stephen Schork, president of Schork Group Inc., a consulting firm in Villanova, Pennsylvania. "The companies that did survive, they've been hedging into this rally. And they're counting their blessings."

Hedging has become a critical cash lifeline for companies that have so far survived a bust that has claimed dozens of their competitors. Since the start of 2015, 85 North American oil and gas producers have gone bankrupt, according to law firm Haynes & Boone.

Producers increased bets on falling prices for a third consecutive week in the seven days ended July 12, according to data from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Short wagers rose by 8,566 futures and options combined, or 1.6 percent.

Drillers are also taking advantage of the rally to tap the capital markets. U.S. oil and gas producers have been selling shares at record speed, using the cash to repay debt or buy oil and gas prospects, bolstering the asset side of the balance sheet. So far this year, companies have raised more than $16 billion in equity, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

"They're trying to generate cash to stay alive and fight another day," said John Kilduff, partner at Again Capital, a New York hedge fund focused on energy.

If this year is anything like the last two, producers might be grateful they shored up their finances. Oil dropped 38 percent in the second half of 2015 and 49 percent in 2014. There are already signs that a gasoline supply glut may back up into the crude markets, damping demand.

Gasoline inventories are so swollen that at least five sea tankers hauling the fuel to New York were turned away over the past few weeks, according to traders and ship-tracking data compiled by Bloomberg. U.S gasoline stockpiles rose 0.5 percent to 240.1 million barrels, an all-time seasonal high, in the week ended July 8, the Energy Information Administration reported last week.

The peak-driving season in the U.S. has so far failed to erode those stockpiles, which may send crude tumbling below $40 a barrel again, according to Schork.

US says fuel economy likely won't meet 2025 targets

Associated Press

DETROIT — The U.S. government says fuel economy of the nation's fleet of cars and trucks won't meet its targets in 2025 because low gas prices have changed the types of vehicles people are buying.

Under standards set in 2012, automakers' fleets were expected to get an average of 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025. But in a report issued Monday, the government says that's more likely to be between 50 miles per gallon and 52.6 miles per gallon, depending on the price of gas.

A summary of the report — by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the California Air Resources Board — was obtained by The Associated Press.

The report is part of a review that will decide whether to relax the standards or keep them in place. A final decision is expected by 2018.

When the government issued the latest standards, in 2012, the average price of a gallon of gas was $3.68. This week, it's $2.36.

The agencies say they believe automakers can meet the targets set in 2012 using primarily advanced gasoline engines, not hybrids or electrics. They're already making good progress; the government says that 100 car, SUV, and pick-up truck versions on the market today already meet fuel economy standards targeted for 2020 or later.

But since the fuel economy standards are weighted by sales, and people have been buying larger and less fuel-efficient models as gas prices fall, the initial targets likely won't be met. This year, sales of the Toyota Prius hybrid were down 25 percent through June, for example, while sales of SUVs and other light trucks were up 9 percent.

Stocks rise

Stocks ticked higher Monday as investors looked past this weekend's failed coup attempt in Turkey and nudged the Standard & Poor's 500 index to another record.

The S&P 500 rose 5.15 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,166.89. It was the fifth time in the last six days that the index set a closing high. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 16.50, or 0.1 percent, to 18,533.05. The Nasdaq composite rose 26.19, or 0.5 percent, to 5,055.78.

The stock market has been on a mostly upward swing since February, notwithstanding a few setbacks, after shrugging off worries about fragile economies overseas, weaker profits at home and sundry other challenges. Add one more to the list: Friday's military uprising in Turkey.

Currency traders had the first chance to react to the attempted coup, which caught investors' attention after most stock markets were closed late Friday, and the initial reaction was one of fear. But by the time stock markets around the world opened for trading Monday, most reacted with a shrug, and the Turkish lira recovered some of its steep losses.

Metal prices end mixed

Precious and industrial metals prices ended mixed. Gold rose $1.90 to $1,329.30 an ounce, silver lost 9 cents to $20.08 an ounce and copper edged up less than 1 cent to $2.24 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $30.84 Up 1.43

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $122.15 Down 0.83

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $8.06 Down 0.08

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $90.57 Down 0.36

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.77 Up 0.02

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.00 Up 0.14

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.36 Up 0.74

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $34.97 Up 0.01

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $8.25 Up 0.09

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.78 Down 0.28

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	...	5.82	+.22	+159.8
AT&T Inc	1.92	18	42.85	-.04	+24.5
Abraxas	...	...	1.20	-.01	+13.2
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	13.05	+.03	+1.7
AMD	...	...	5.51	+.37	+92.0
Alcoa	12	33	10.92	...	+10.6
Alibaba		31	82.65	+1.40	+1.7
AlonUSA	.60	...	6.81	+.28	-54.1
Ambev	.19e	...	5.83	+.05	+30.7
Amgen	4.00	17	162.93	-.35	+.4
Anadarko	.20	...	55.10	+.09	+13.4
Apache	1.00	...	56.33	-.79	+26.7
Apple Inc	2.28f	11	99.83	+1.05	-5.2
ApldMatl	.40	24	26.60	+.26	+42.5
ArcelorMit	...	...	5.78	+.14	+79.8
Archrock	.38m	...	9.94	+.10	+32.2
ArmHld	.39e	...	66.17	+19.09	+46.3
ATMOS	1.68	24	76.90	-.16	+25.7
AutoData	2.12	29	94.93	-.13	+12.1
BP PLC	2.40e	...	36.17	-.39	+15.7
BabcOCInv	1.20	...	18.20	-.05	+5.5
BakrHu	.68	...	46.86	+.94	+1.5
BallardPw	...	...	2.01	+.62	+28.8
BioAm	.20	11	14.11	+.45	-16.2
B iPVixST	...	...	11.48	-.20	-42.9
BarrickG	.08	62	21.61	+.21	+192.8
BasicEnSv	...	...	1.41	+.06	-47.4
BerkHa A	...	15219900.00	+910.00	+11.2	
BtcHlleCp	1.68f	38	62.67	-.15	+35.0
BrStlySq	1.82	53	75.96	-.04	+10.4
BrownPA	1.36f	33	104.85	-.65	-4.8
BrownFB	1.36f	30	98.16	-.50	-1.1
CVS Health	1.70f	20	95.87	-.22	-.9
Caterpillar	3.08	20	79.82	-.11	+17.5
Celestic g	...	10	9.82	+.05	-11.0
Cemex	.29t	...	7.09	+.30	+32.4
CntryLink	2.16	16	30.92	-.40	+22.9
ChesEng	...	...	4.60	+.15	+2.2
Chevron	4.28	...	106.09	-.94	+17.9
Chicos	.32	47	11.69	+.12	+9.6
ChbXFash	...	...	2.06	+1.00	+15.7
Cimarex	.32	...	118.31	-1.14	+32.4
Cisco	1.04	15	29.91	+.09	+11.0
Citigroup	.20	12	44.57	+.24	-13.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ClayEng	...	...	30.84	+1.43	+4.3
CocaCola	1.40f	26	45.63	...	+6.2
ColgPalm	1.56	27	74.50	-.22	+11.8
ConAgra	1.00	27	48.06	+.06	+14.0
ConchoRes	...	...	122.15	-.83	+31.5
ConocoPhil	1.00	...	42.71	-.23	-8.5
CrackerB	4.60f	21	153.26	-.63	+20.8
CSVelnVST	...	...	30.08	+.61	+16.6
CSVLgCrd rs		...		...	25.62	-1.17
CSVlzSh rs	...	...	1.44	-.06	-77.0
CrosTim	1.16e	12	19.65	-.29	+51.0
DCP Mid	3.12	27	35.55	+.25	+44.1
DTE	2.92	22	97.98	+.32	+22.2
Dataram rs	...	...	1.68	+.12	-15.2
DevonE	.24	...	38.11	-.18	+19.1
DirDGlBr rs	...	...	5.82	-.09	...
Disney	1.42	18	100.15	+.35	-4.7
DowChm	1.84	17	52.60	+.54	+3.2
eBay s	...	19	26.49	+.15	-3.6
EMC Cp	.46	21	27.54	-.01	+7.2
EOG Resck	.57	...	83.25	-.85	+17.8
EmpDist	1.04	25	33.82	-.21	+20.5
Energen	.08	...	49.11	-.12	+19.8
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	15	17.00	+.66	+23.7
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	38.34	+.47	+13.7
EnPro	.84	...	47.93	-.06	+8.3
EntProPt	1.60f	23	28.61	+.23	+15.8
Ericsson	.46e	...	7.54	-.23	-21.5
ExxonMbl	3.00f	30	84.82	-.30	+21.6
Facebook	...	55	119.37	+2.51	+14.1
FiatChrys	...	...	6.73	-.02	-26.8
FordM	.60a	6	13.65	+.08	-3.1
FrptMcM	...	...	13.14	+.03	+94.1
FrontierCm	.42	87	5.20	+.03	+11.3
GATX	1.60	9	47.96	+.36	+12.8
GabMultT	.94e	...	7.34	...	-3.1
GAInv	1.15e	...	32.06	+.09	+.4
GenElec	.92	42	32.91	+.03	+5.7
Gerdau	.07e	...	2.14	+.07	+78.3
GtPlainEx	1.05	21	30.10	-.11	+10.2
Groupon	...	...	3.85	+.36	+25.4
HallibrRs rs	...	...	.42	+.01	-66.7
Halliburtn	.72	60	45.61	+.15	+34.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Herbalife	...	14	64.78	-.47	+20.8
IAMGold g	...	16	4.86	+.15	+243.7
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	32.80	+.57	+57.6
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.91	+.03	-1.7
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	35.75	+.29	+1.3
iShEMkts	.84e	...	36.01	+.32	+11.9
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	57.10	+.14	-2.8
iShR2K	1.73e	...	119.90	+.20	+6.5
Intel	1.04	15	35.05	-.02	+1.7
InterDig	.80	17	57.19	+.15	+16.6
JD.com	...	...	22.14	+.73	-31.4
JPMorgCh	1.76	11	63.98	-.22	-2.5
JohnJn	3.20	20	123.14	+.14	+19.9
KimbClk	3.68	36	135.11	-1.06	+6.1
KindMorg	.50	35	21.76	+.73	+45.8
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.77	+.02	+1.1
LendingCb	...	51	4.60	+.11	-58.4
Lulys	...	...	4.89	-.07	+4.9
MarathnO	.20	...	15.18	-.03	+20.6
McDnlds	3.56f	24	123.80	+.19	+4.8
Merck	1.84	22	59.02	-.61	+11.7
MerMMed	...	39	20.51	...	+10.3
MexcoEn	...	...	3.00	+.14	-7.0
MicronT	...	43	13.34	+.21	-5.8
Microsoft	1.44	38	53.96	+.26	-2.7
MorgStan	.60	12	28.21	+.20	-11.3
Nabors	.24	...	9.83	+.12	+15.5
NatGrid	3.35e	...	73.25	+.30	+6.3
NOVArco	1.84	19	33.26	-.46	-.6
Netflix s	...	...	98.81	+.42	-13.6
NokiaCp	.16e	...	5.85	-.07	-16.7
NvPMI	.76e	...	14.85	+.10	+8.7
NuvPI	.82e	...	15.22	+.13	+7.9
NSTFltI	.55e	...	15.60	+.06	+7.3
NTXQI	.65	...	15.35	+.10	+6.4
OcelPet	3.04f	58	76.77	-.55	+13.5
ParTech	...	82	5.17	-.00	-23.2
ParkDrl	...	...	2.23	+.01	+22.5
ParkrVis rs	...	...	5.98	+2.42	+156.7
PetbrUTI	.09m	...	21.13	-.12	+40.1
PennaRE	.84	...	23.04	+.16	+5.3
Pmian	.31e	20	7.08	-.06	+39.9
PetrbrsA	...	...	7.08	+.32	+107.8
Petrobras	...	...	8.39	+.26	+95.1
Pfizer	1.20	19	36.64	-.13	+13.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PioNtrl	.08	74	156.85	+.15	+25.1
PlainsAAP	2.80	21	29.59	+.59	+28.1
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	112.54	+.74	+.6
Praxair	3.00	23	118.66	-.33	+15.9
PrmEgy	...	...	60.27	...	+13.7
PUVixST rs	...	...	6.44	-.25	-77.3
ProctGam	2.68	26	85.93	-.08	+8.2
RangeRs	.08	...	43.56	+.46	+77.0
RegionsFn	.26f	13	9.16	+.04	-4.6
RiteAid	...	...	7.01	-.18	-10.6
Rowan	.40	24	17.80	+.04	+5.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	84	55.71	+.50	+21.7
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	185.08	+.20	+6.4
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	216.41	+.58	+6.2
SabnR	2.28e	14	35.49	+.06	+35.1
SanderFm	.88e	14	94.64	-.75	+9.2
Schlmbrg	2.00	29	78.70	+.35	+14.3
SiriusXM	...	38	4.17	+.01	+2.5
Smucker	3.00f	23	152.74	-.02	+23.8
Sprint	...	...	4.75	-.25	+31.2
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	55.64	-.06	+10.2
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.60	+.08	-1.0
SP Util	1.55e	...	52.15	+.15	+20.5
SunocoLog	1.92f	38	28.39	+.70	+10.5
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	9.67	-.06	-12.6
Tesoro	2.00	5	76.82	+1.41	-27.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
3M Co	4.44	23	181.11	-.29	+20.2
Torchmark	.56	15	62.45	-.10	+9.5
Transocn	...	24	12.26	+.11	-1.0
TrContl	.52e	...	21.13	+.11	+6.5
21stCFoxA	.30	23	28.02	-.01	+3.2
Twitter	...	...	18.65	+.57	-19.4
TylerTech	...	67	165.62	+.85	-5.0
UBSI	1.32	20	38.88	-.33	+5.1
US OilFd	...	...	10.82	-.17	-1.6
Vale SA	.29e	...	5.44	+.08	+65.3
ValeantPh	...	...	23.50	+.84	-76.9
ValeroE	2.40	6	50.43	+.49	-28.7
VanEGold	.12e	...	29.98	+.11	+118.5
VangEmg	1.10e	...	36.88	+.32	+12.7
VulcanM	.80	55	124.99	+.19	+31.6
WEC Engy	1.98f	22	64.25	+.29	+25.2
WalgBoots	1.50f	25	82.78	+.27	-2.8
WealthInt	...	...	6.13	+.11	-26.9
WellsFargo	1.52f	12	48.28	+.57	-11.2
WstnRefin	1.52	6	20.37	+.75	-42.8
WhitingPet	...	...	8.76	+.26	-7.0
WmsCos	2.56	...	24.57	+1.13	-4.4
XcelEngy	1.36	21	43.86	+.10	+22.1
Xerox	.31	20	9.72	+.07	-8.6
Yahoo	...	...	37.95	+.23	+14.1
Zynga	...	...	2.85	+.02	+6.3

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,557.43	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	18,533.05	+16.50	+.09	+6.36	+2.39
8,530.82	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,972.86	-12.31	-.15	+6.16	-3.50
723.83	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	711.29	+1.17	+.16	+23.10	+24.10
11,032.61	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,793.16	+20.04	+.19	+6.41	-1.61
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,055.78	+26.19	+.52	+.97	-3.12
2,169.05	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,166.89	+5.15	+.24	+6.02	+1.81
1,551.60	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,545.07	+1.44	+.09	+10.47	+2.49
22,466.40	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	22,441.18	+52.31	+.23	+6.02	+.13
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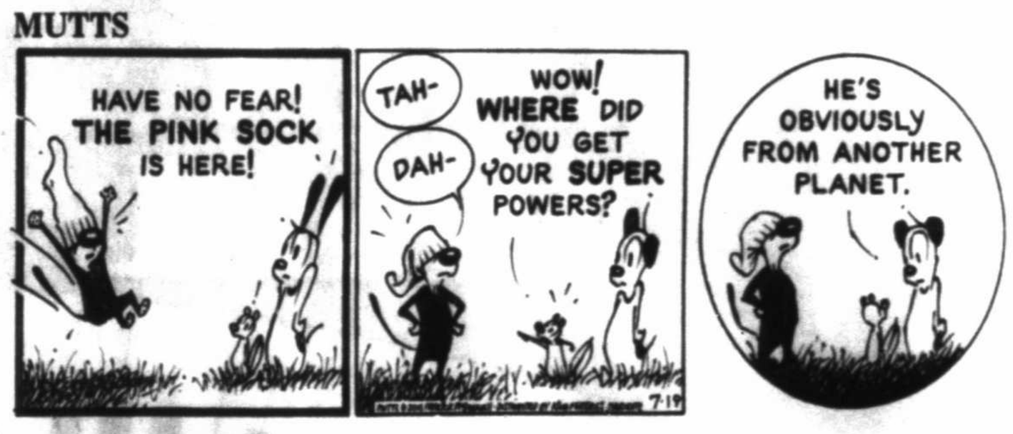

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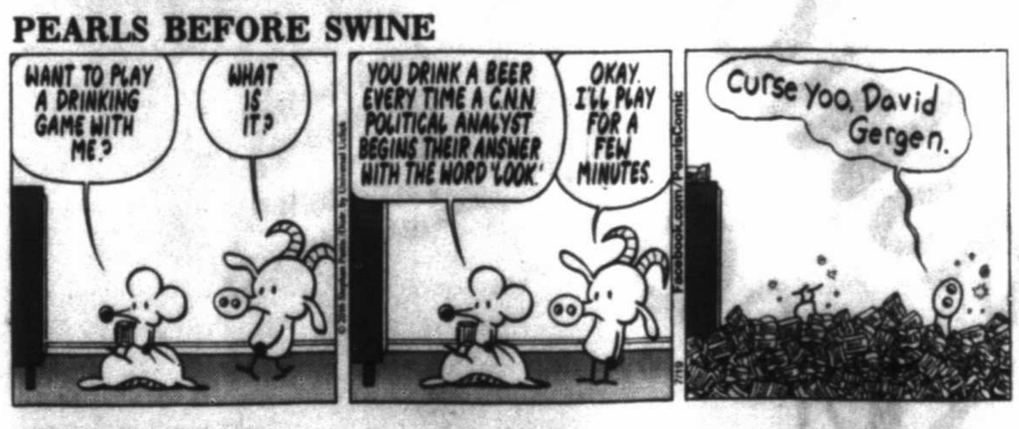

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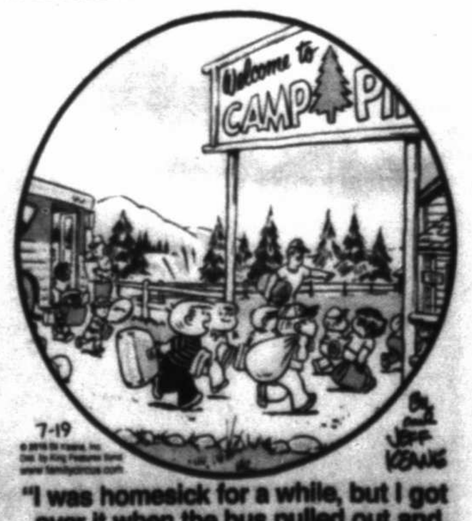

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Administrative Assistant

Midland-based independent E&P seeks Administrative Assistant. Prefer O & G experience. Pay DOE, Insurance & 401(K). Resumes: davidp@petroplexenergy.com

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MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

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OTHER JOBS

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Facilities Assistant

Facilities Assistant position available. Helps manage 60,000 sq.ft. facility. Must possess knowledge of HVAC, security and fire systems. Electrical and computer skills needed. Rotates weekend duty. Assists with evening functions as required. Salary commensurate with experience. **Send resume to Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West, Midland, Texas 79701**

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Instrument Man

Topographic Land Surveyors is looking for an experienced Instrument Man. GPS experience is required. Salary DOE. Interested candidates please send you resumes along with references and salary requirements to: angelica.rodriguez@topographic.com

Pump Technician

Clear Water is looking for an experienced pump technician to work in the general Pecos TX area. All applicants must have valid DL and at least four years experience (rig operators). Apply via email at jgrissom@cwtexas.net or by phone, 806-894-6404.

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Outside Sales Rep

Midland Reporter-Telegram

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Qualified candidate must be a self-starter and possess excellent communication and organizational skills, be detail oriented and assertive, excel in spelling/grammar/punctuation, excel in time management, and possess a positive attitude.

We are willing to train and offer a competitive compensation and benefits package, guaranteed commission for three months, a cell phone allowance and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you want to join a **GREAT TEAM** and are ready to **SUCCEED**, please send a resume to:

Jeri Houston, Director of Advertising, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701 or **jhouston@mrt.com**. No phone calls please.

REAL ESTATE

Regional Property Manager

Modular Housing Solutions a multi-family/ workforce housing company is currently seeking a regional property manager. Must manage apartments, modular housing communities, and workforce housing. We seek a career oriented individual with a one year property management/ real estate experience. Bachelors degree preferred. Position is based in Odessa. Must be able to travel to Pecos and Kermit as needed. We offer a host of benefits including 30-50K salary, DOE depending on experience, three weeks paid time off. Paid training. Housing available.
Contact Greg Burgeson at 916-995-4928 or gwburgeson@sbcglobal.net

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Salesperson

Basin Engine and Pump

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Diesel Mechanic

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Drillers, Derrickmen & Floorhands

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Basin Engine & Pump

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

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers

Local trucking company Now hiring Class A CDL Drivers, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, Midland, Texas 79706.

CDL Drivers

Purity Oilfield Services, LLC (EOE) is now hiring Class A CDL drivers with winch and/or vac truck experience. Competitive pay and excellent benefits. Please contact 432-699-8600 for more information, submit a resume at mkiker@purityoilfieldservices.com, or stop by in person to apply at 11109 West CR 46, Midland, TX 79707.

PUMP TRUCK DRIVER

SOC INDUSTRIES LLC

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CALL 432-620-0040 or fax resumes to 432-620-0035
Email resumes to: johnlozano@socind.net. An equal opportunity company.

Yard Technicians

Purity Oilfield Services, LLC. is now hiring for Yard Technicians. Prior oilfield experience a plus. Competitive salary and great benefits. Please contact 432-699-8600 for more information or stop by in person to apply at 11109 West CR 46 Midland, TX 79707.

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Midland Reporter-Telegram
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Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

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These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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OTHER JOBS

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Midland Reporter-Telegram
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Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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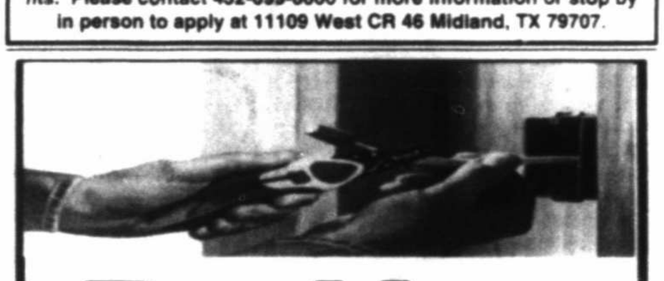

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Teresa Wright, Deceased, were issued on July 12, 2016, in Docket No. P18701, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Stacy Wright.

The mailing address of the Independent Executor is Stacy Wright, 3204 Ma Mar Ave., Midland, Texas 79705.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

James J. Napper
P.O. Box 1370
Stanton, Texas 79782
Attorney for the Estate

Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

Request for Oil and Gas Lease Proposal

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFP #06-014 - Request for Oil and Gas Lease Proposal** through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, **Texas at 3:00 PM C.S.T. on August 9, 2016.** Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. There will be a non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at the MISD Administration Building, located at 615 W. Missouri, Midland, Texas, Room 624. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of George Eric Eng, Deceased, were issued on July 8, 2016, in Docket Number P18730, pending in the County COUrt of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, to Kelly Mark Eng, Independent Executor.

The address of record for Kelly Mark Eng is c/o Kerr & McLaughlin, PLLC, P.O. Box 11241, Midland, Texas 79702.

All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2016.

Kerr & McLaughlin, PLLC
By: Brian T. McLaughlin
Attorneys for Kelly Mark Eng, Independent Executor of the Estate of George Mark Eng, Deceased

Passenger Cars

CADILLAC " 2004 DeVille 4 dr, with low mileage, excellent condition w/leather interior and loaded with extras, $8,000. Call Dustin 432-813-4805

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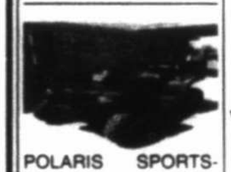

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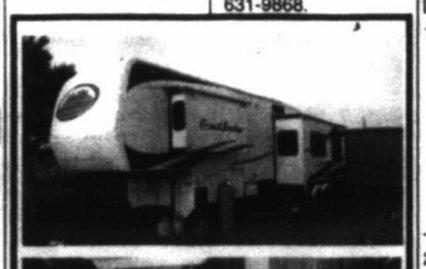

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Residential Rentals

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Large luxury home located in Green Tree Country Club, in quiet exclusive area with easy access to Golf course $2,250 month call 432-557-1972.

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

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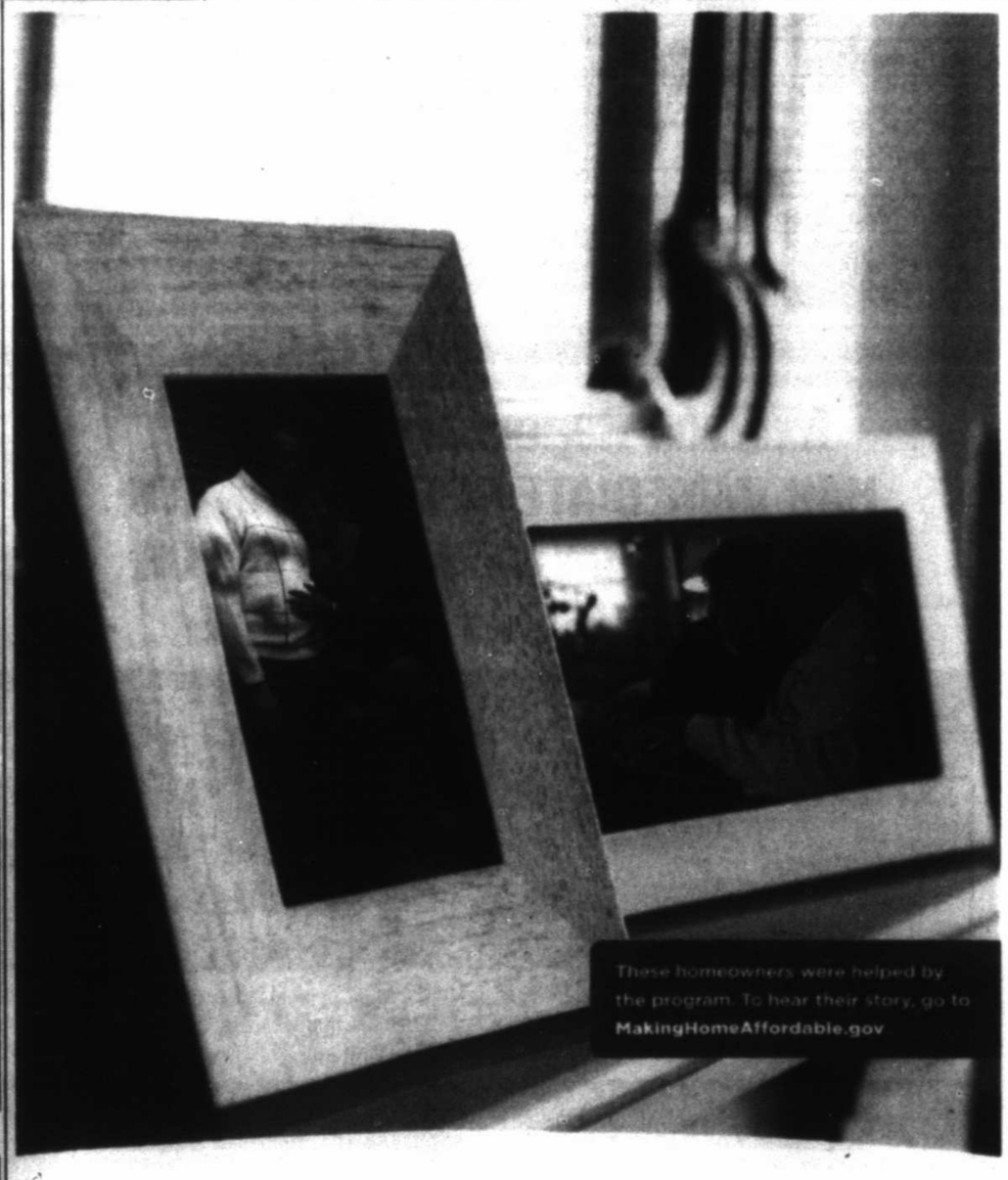

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Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Director John Tubbs, left, and U.S. Forest Service Regional Forester Leanne Marten, second from right, sign an agreement Monday allowing the state to play a bigger role in forest management on federal lands as Montana Gov. Steve Bullock, center, and U.S. Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie, standing, look on outside Helena, Mont.

State signs forest management deal with federal government

By Matt Volz
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — Montana Gov. Steve Bullock signed an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service on Monday for the state to play a bigger role in forest management on federal lands, which officials say will speed up backlogged logging projects.

Forest management and the declining timber industry have emerged as major issues in this year's governor's race, with Weyerhaeuser announcing last month that it would close a Columbia Falls lumber and plywood mill. The closure will put about 100 people out of work in addition to 100 administrative jobs that are being eliminated or moved with Weyerhaeuser's purchase of Plum Creek Timber.

With the Chessman Reservoir as a backdrop, Bullock, Forest Service Regional Forester Leanne Marten and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Director John Tubbs signed the Good Neighbor Authority agreement, which was authorized under the 2014 federal Farm Bill.

The agreement will allow the state to work on behalf of the Forest Service on federal land, such as conducting environmental analyses for logging projects. Forest management, including logging trees for fuel reduction, is important as fire seasons grow longer and more intense, U.S. Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie said.

But most of the Forest Service's budget is being spent fighting fires, and the number of non-fire Forest Service employees has dropped 39 percent since the 1990s, Bonnie said.

"This allows us to get more work done more quickly," Bonnie said of the agreement.

Two logging and restoration projects in the Flathead National Forest and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest will be the first conducted under the signed agreement, but Bullock said two other projects have been undertaken without a formal deal.

The Chessman Reservoir project, which logged more than 400 acres of trees killed by the recent mountain pine beetle outbreak from Helena's main water source, was the first example of a federal-state logging and restoration partnership, Tubbs said.

"We're already out there doing this," Tubbs said.

Greg Gianforte, Bullock's Republican opponent in the November election, criticized Bullock for waiting so long to sign the agreement after it was authorized in 2014. At least 18 other states have already entered into similar agreements, the Bozeman businessman said.

"We've already lost 600 timber jobs under his watch, including 100 job losses just announced last month in Columbia Falls," Gianforte said.

Bullock dismissed Gianforte's comments as part of the "silly season" of election politics, and said the state and federal forest collaboration was happening long before Monday's signing.

"We've been doing the work even without a piece of paper signed," Bullock said.

Mysterious case of Zika raises new fears of person-to-person transmission

By Melissa Healy
Los Angeles Times

Experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are investigating a worrisome case of Zika virus transmission after the caregiver of a Zika-infected patient who died was found to be infected as well.

In late June, an elderly Utah resident who had visited a country where the Zika virus was widely circulating died. Lab tests showed the patient, who suffered from other medical conditions as well, had a viral load more than 100,000 times higher than that usually seen in people infected with Zika.

A family member who had cared for the patient was also discovered to be infected, prompting the CDC's investigation.

The family member recovered quickly after a mild illness, as is expected. But how the caregiver contracted the infection remains a mystery.

Unlike the deceased person — referred to by investigators as "the index patient" — the caregiver had not visited an area where the Zika virus was known to be circulating. Nor had the caregiver had sexual contact with anyone known to be infected with the virus.

Of the 1,306 cases of Zika infection that have been reported in the United States, nearly all are thought to have been transmitted outside the U.S. by the bite of an Aedes egypti mosquito. In 14 cases, transmission was by sexual contact with an individual who was infected outside the country. A single case has been deemed an accidental laboratory infection.

Two mosquito species capable of carrying and transmitting the Zika virus are known to be circulating in some tropical corners of the U.S. But so far, no case of infection here is thought to have originated in the country. And no Zika-infected mosquitoes are believed to have reached Utah.

"This is a very unique situation that we haven't previously seen," said Dr. Satish Pillai, who is leading the CDC's Zika Response team in Utah, in a news conference Monday. "There's a lot we don't know about Zika virus and we are still doing a lot of investigation to determine whether Zika can be spread from person to person."

That would be a potentially ominous development in the unfolding epidemic. Since its arrival in Brazil in 2013, the virus has plowed through several Latin American countries where populations have no immunity to it. Transmitted by two strains of mosquitoes — Aedes egypti and Aedes albopictus — the Zika virus has sickened millions with a mild illness characterized by rash, muscle aches and mild fever. In rare cases, infection leads to a potentially deadly complication called Guillain-Barre syndrome, in which the peripheral nervous system comes under attack, causing temporary partial paralysis.

For pregnant women, the bite of a Zika-carrying mosquito has come to be especially feared. The virus can cross the placental barrier and infect a developing fetus, often causing miscarriage or severe brain abnormalities. To date, Zika has been linked to the birth of some 1,600 babies with microcephaly — a condition in which a newborn's head and brain are stunted and unusually small.

In recent months, researchers have learned that Zika virus lingers in blood, semen, saliva, urine and breast milk and could, in principle, be transmitted through any of those fluids.

Apps and programs can help save time on the job

Dear PropellerHeads: I love my office job, but I'm usually the last person to leave. Do you have any tips to help me shave half an hour off my typical workday?

A: We'll assume you've already tried all the easy stuff, like eating lunch at your desk, avoiding water cooler social activity, and eliminating bathroom breaks (adultdiapers.org). If your problem is trying to squeeze 8.5 hours of work into an 8-hour workday, you may be able to do that just by focusing on efficiency.

The first thing you'll want to do is eliminate distractions. People who brag about their multi-tasking abilities might as well say "I'm great at losing focus on the task at hand!"

Start by silencing your phone. Use "Do Not Disturb" settings on your iPhone or the Silent Hours app for Android phones (bit.ly/29gN4Qk). If your phone has a notification light that blinks when you get an email or Facebook message, disable it or move the phone out of sight. Do the same for audio notifications.

On your computer, turn off popup notifications from Outlook, Gmail, and other programs. Instead, set a schedule for checking and responding to email (like

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every day just before lunch and before you leave). Turn off chat or instant messaging apps and ask people to use email to get in touch with you instead.

Close any browser tabs that display a count of unread messages (like Gmail and Twitter). If you have to keep programs open that are unrelated to the current task, use virtual desktops to keep distractions in a separate area from your main work. Windows 10 has these built-in (hit Windows Key + Tab), as does the Mac (hit F3 to launch Mission Control). For older Windows versions, check out Dexpot (http://dexpot.de).

If your job allows it, work offline — unplug the network cable or disconnect from the wireless network. If you're using a laptop and the distractions are coming from environmental sources (co-workers, the radio), move to a break room or coffee shop for a few hours.

Once you've dispatched with the distractions, the second step is to "get in the zone" or "achieve flow." This is a real thing with research behind it — it's a focused mental state that can improve performance and make work more enjoyable, especially if there's a creative element to the work you're doing (bit.ly/1t3fepl).

Different people get there different ways, but putting on headphones and listening to music is a favorite technique among programmers. If music is too distracting, try background sounds, like coffee shop activity (coffitivity.com), rain (rainymood.com and raining.fm), or a coffee shop in the rain while waves crash against the shore and birds chirp near a crackling fire (soundrown.com). Of course, you don't have to play all those sounds at once, but you could.

Another favorite of programmers is to use two or more monitors. If you find yourself switching back and forth between two or three large windows most of the day, consider adding a second screen to your setup. With each program getting its own dedicated monitor, you can concentrate on the task at hand and not on sizing, finding, and moving windows around — it's the computer equivalent of enlarging your work surface, and not as costly as you might think. A good, medium-sized monitor can be had for under $200 nowadays.

And if that's not nerdy enough for you, start learning keyboard shortcuts so you can zip around your desktop with ease. A handful of shortcuts work the same way across most programs — "Control + C" and "Control + P" for copying and pasting, "Control + Home" and "Control + End" for moving to the top and bottom of a document, etc. A few of these will save you minutes a day in Microsoft Office alone. If you really want to go crazy, check out AutoHotKey.com for a way to create your own shortcuts for just about anything.

For the sake of everyone in the office, give these tips a try and add bathroom breaks back into your daily routine. Just be sure and take your laptop in there so you can get some work done.

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