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Painter comments on Perry's call to abolish gun-free zones

Sheriff still believes bans are right for bars and courthouses, disagrees in full elimination of the ban

By Brandon Mulder
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Former Texas Gov. and presidential hopeful Rick Perry said Sunday gun-free zones are a "bad idea."

Days after a shooting that left two dead in a Lafayette, Louisiana, movie theater, Perry called for change during a televised interview on CNN.

"I think that you allow the citizens of this country, who have been appropriately trained, appropriately backgrounded, know how to handle and use firearms, to carry them," Perry said. "I believe that, with all my heart, that if you have the citizens who are well-trained, and particularly in these places that are considered to be gun-free zones, that we can stop that type of activity, or stop it before there's as many people that are impacted as what we saw in Lafayette."

Last week's shooting occurred in the Grand Theater movie theater, which has a policy prohibiting firearms.

"I think it makes a lot of sense to send a message across this country — if we believe in the Second Amendment and we believe in the right for people to protect themselves and defend themselves and defend their family, that to tell them that they cannot carry a weapon that they are legally obliged to carry, that they have the training for, makes sense to me," Perry said.

His remarks generally reflect the stance of many elected state leaders, many of whom were dedicated throughout the last Legislative session to expand all gun rights in Texas.

However, many businesses are standing against new open carry laws. Earlier this month, Whataburger announced that it would not allow the open carrying of guns on its properties, claiming that it would make many of its customers and employees "uncomfortable," according to a statement on the company's website.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter, who has long voiced his support for expanding Second Amendment rights, concurs with Perry's remarks. But coming from a law enforcement perspective, he offers a more measured response to the contention over gun-free zones.

"I don't believe a weapon belongs in a bar, that's just causing trouble — you're just asking for it," Painter said. "Somebody in there walks in with a six-shooter strapped to their hip, and if somebody else has got one and if they get into an argument or a fight, somebody is going to want to settle it with a weapon."

Citing a shooting incident in the Tarrant County Courthouse that killed two lawyers in 1992, courthouses and government buildings are other settings Painter feels are too precarious for gun toting.

"The biggest thing I think is keeping them out of the courthouse, out of any judicial setting where there's a judge or a court involved," he said. "Any time you have a court action you've got a defendant and you've got a plaintiff. Somebody's going to lose and they're not going to be happy."

But in a scenario like what had occurred in Lafayette, or Aurora, Colorado, or Charleston, South Carolina, how would law enforcement handle a situation where gunmen and armed citizens alike are firing amid a frenzied, crowded situation?

"That's one of the problems you have with people who carry weapons. If you're in a crowded area certainly it could be a problem," he said.

Panic sets in, and every innocent bystander is vulnerable to getting shot by either the criminal gunman or vigilante citizen.

"That's where the training comes into play and the requirement of state law that you have to go onto a range and learn to hit a target, so that when you acquire a target you can hit that target," he said.

If such a situation should occur, a grand jury would decide to levy criminal charges on a gun-carrying good Samaritan, according to Painter, and victims could additionally file civil lawsuits for any negligent harm done.

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

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Cassandra Champion, center, regional director and Veterans rights attorney with Texas Civil Rights Projects, speaks Monday, with U.S. Army veteran Richard Vernon and Melvin Burdick, right, who is visually impaired.

People with disabilities still face challenges after ADA

By Rye Druzin
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The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 turned 25-years-old Sunday, but despite the quarter-century designation disabled Americans still face challenges in their daily lives.

The legislation, which was passed in 1990 and signed into law by then-President George H.W. Bush, prevents discrimination based on disabilities and "ensures equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in employment, state and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities and transportation," according to ADA.gov's website.

At a press conference at Midland College, Texas Civil Rights Project attorney Cassandra Champion discussed the difficulties that disabled people and veterans face with gaining access to proper accommodations.

"There's not a really good enforcement mechanism. People don't know what their options are," said Champion, who works out of the TCRP's Odessa office. "They are often on the margins of society, low income, not able to access public spaces or don't feel comfortable in public spaces to the point that they're very vocal about what they need."

One veteran present at the press conference was Richard Vernon, an eight-year Army veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. He and his wife, also a veteran, both have service dogs and live in on-campus family housing at Midland College.

Vernon returned to school after his service and said the on-campus family housing is the only affordable option for he and his wife while he goes to school. So when Midland College told him that their service dogs could not be in the residences he turned to Champion to get help. She said that the College is now working on creating a policy regarding service animals on campus.

The service dogs were prescribed to Vernon and his wife by a Veterans Affairs doctor to help them cope with PTSD episodes.

"There's this method called grounding where you can actually disassociate if you're having an episode … where your dogs will see you and my dogs know when I start to have an issue," Vernon said. "So they'll actually come up and if they see me having a hard time they'll sit on my lap and push against me or they'll sit there if I'm covering my face and they'll nose you. They know when something's going on and they let you know 'hey bud, it's OK, I'm here.'"

PTSD is one of several "invisible disabilities" or disabilities that may not

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1 dead in vehicle crash in N. Midland

From staff reports

A Midland man died early Monday morning after his vehicle was involved in a one-vehicle crash in north Midland, according to a press release from city spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz.

Leonel Galindo, 24, was traveling northbound on Midkiff Road around 12:35 a.m. when he lost control of his sedan at a Loop 250 intersection. According to the investigation, Galindo locked his brakes, slid through the intersection and struck a signal light pole. The press release said that officers believed that the light was red and they were investigating speed and alcohol as factors in the accident.

Next-of-kin has been notified, and the investigation continues.

The fatality is the 21st this year and the seventh for July, which is the deadliest month of the year for drivers on Midland's roads and tied for third deadliest in the last three years, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Coming into July, a person was dying on roads inside Midland County every 12.9 days. Through Monday, that rate is one every 9.9 days. If the current pace continues, 36 people will die on roads inside Midland County this year. That is less than the 44 in 2014 and 43 in 2013.

Six people have died in fatal accidents since July 15. The most recent fatality prior to Monday occurred around 2:40 a.m. on July 21 when an Odessa man rolled his SUV near the intersection of State Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788. The man was ejected from his vehicle and was found to have not been wearing a seatbelt.

Fatality count by month for 2015
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March : 1
April: 5
May: 0
June: 4
July: 7 (as of Monday)

Source: Reporter-Telegram records

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Prosecutor names committee to review Bland case

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD — A committee of outside attorneys will assist the Texas district attorney investigating the death of Sandra Bland, the black woman who authorities say hanged herself in her jail cell three days after a traffic stop by a white state trooper.

Authorities also released an initial toxicology report for Bland on Monday, a report that two experts who reviewed it for The Associated Press said raises the possibility that Bland may have used marijuana while in custody.

Bland died in the county jail after the traffic stop for failing to use a turn signal escalated into a physical confrontation. Authorities have said Bland hanged herself, a finding her family disputes.

"I don't know if we'll ever get an answer to all the questions," said attorney Lewis White of Sugar Land, one of the committee members. "But our job is to get answers. There are going to be answers some people don't like."

The panel will have full access to all evidence in the case and the authority to subpoena witnesses, according to White and another member of the committee, attorney Darrell Jordan of Houston.

The committee will make recommendations on possible criminal charges to Waller County District Attorney Elton Mathis, White said. If Mathis disagrees with them, the lawyers on the panel will have the authority to present their findings to the grand jury reviewing Bland's death, he said.

Two other lawyers are expected to be appointed soon. Both White and Jordan are black, and will be dealing with a case that has received international scrutiny and questions about whether Bland was treated differently due to her race.

At a news conference announcing the committee, Mathis declined to comment on the toxicology report, saying final findings were still being prepared.

The amount of THC, one of the active components of marijuana, in Bland's system was 18 micrograms per liter, the report said. That's more than three times the legal limit for drivers in Colorado and Washington, states that permit the recreational use of marijuana.

Robert Johnson, chief toxicologist at the Tarrant County medical examiner's office in Fort Worth, Texas, told the AP that a level that high suggests Bland "either had access to the drug in jail or she was a consistent user of the drug and her body had accumulated THC to the point that it was slowly releasing it over time."

But, Johnson added, "I have never seen a report in the literature or from any other source of residual THC that high three days after someone stops using the drug."

Another expert who reviewed the report, University of Florida toxicology professor Bruce Goldberger, said he believed Bland was impaired by marijuana at the time of her death. "I don't think it's possible to rule out the possibility of use while in jail," he said.

While Mathis wouldn't discuss the report Monday, one of his prosecutors, Warren Diepraam, said last week that he wouldn't rule out the drug being smuggled into the jail.

"It may be relevant as to her state of mind to determine what happened on the street," Diepraam said. "It may be relevant to her state of mind to determine how or why she committed suicide."

The Texas Rangers and the FBI are both reviewing the case. Jordan said he hoped to "provide another set of eyes" to the case and credited Mathis for opening up the investigation to extra scrutiny.

Mathis acknowledged the ongoing questions about Bland's death and the intense attention it has received, calling on people to await the findings of his office and other agencies involved in the investigation rather than speculation on social media.

Mathis said he wanted the committee to help the case move forward based on "credible evidence and not rumors."

Hundreds of people held a vigil and march for Bland on Sunday. Some carried signs that said "Justice for Sandra." Others called for a Justice Department investigation.

U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch didn't mention the Bland case at a previously scheduled speech in Houston, just 50 miles southeast of Waller County, but said one of her top priorities is ending an "epidemic of distrust" between communities and law enforcement.

PBS special 'The Bomb' seeks to tell story of atomic weapons

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The creation of the atomic bomb in a New Mexico secret city and newly restored and declassified footage will be featured in a new PBS special released as the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki approaches.

"The Bomb," which begins airing this week on most PBS stations, seeks to tell the story of a weapon that transformed history and continues to affect relationships among dueling world powers.

Filmmaker Rushmore DeNooyer said the project took a year and half to complete, since producers had to comb through footage and images only recently declassified by the U.S. Department of Defense.

That footage showed the "ironic beauty" of mushroom clouds detonating over the New Mexico desert and the Pacific while posing a serious threat, DeNooyer said.

"We're trying to take 70 years of history and tell it in two hours," DeNooyer said. "We probably spent the first six months just researching and reading."

The first atomic bomb test — the Trinity Test — took place in the southern New Mexico desert as part of the Manhattan Project, the secretive World War II program that provided enriched uranium for the atomic bomb.

The project involved three research and production facilities: Los Alamos, New Mexico; Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and Hanford, Washington.

"Everything was hush-hush ... go where you are told," said retired U.S. Army engineer and Trinity witness Roger Rasmussen. "They knew exactly who I was and why I was there. And that was better than I knew."

For years, only grainy black and white video footages of scientists working at the Trinity site and the blast were available to the general public. But DeNooyer and producers got access to a color-home video shot by a Los Alamos scientist, depicting life in the secret town. They also added color to old images and footage, providing a new way to look at the Trinity Test.

The film also shows the horrific effect on Japanese citizens and discusses John Henry's 1946 New Yorker essay on the victims of Hiroshima that shaped public opinion on the threat of nuclear weapons.

Besides the Trinity Test and bombings of Japan on Aug. 6 and Aug. 9, 1945, the film examines post-World War II nuclear tests and Cold War tensions, including the Cuban Missile Crisis.

DeNooyer said he believed the film was important given today's debate over the Iran nuclear agreement and fears that terrorists groups might try to obtain a nuclear bomb.

"We should care about it because the bomb is still there," DeNooyer said. "The danger is that we don't really think about it as much anymore. But we still have enough (bombs) to destroy human civilization."

Neighbors recall volatility of couple before wife found dead

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A Phoenix woman who police believe was decapitated by her husband was in a marriage that neighbors said was fraught with public fights.

The killing was discovered Saturday when a neighbor went to check on 49-year-old Trina Heisch.

Investigators say Heisch's 43-year-old husband opened the door nude and with several self-inflicted injuries, including a severed left forearm and a missing eye.

"I didn't realize his arm was cut off until probably a minute or two into the conversation,'" neighbor George Loney told The Arizona Republic (http://bit.ly/1etj1WB). "He told me he killed three of his family members but that God had forgiven him so it was OK. 'Let me have a drag of your cigarette' he kept telling me."

The husband's identity hasn't been released by police, who say he will be arrested once he is released from a hospital where he was listed in serious condition.

No motive for the killing has surfaced.

"I don't think that we are going to know the answer to that," police spokesman Trent Crump said, adding that the suspect acknowledged in an interview with investigators that he killed his wife and mutilated himself.

Police were called to the couple's apartment five times in recent months.

Officers dealt with a June 20 argument between Heisch's husband and a neighbor. In another instance, the husband claimed Heisch had stabbed him, but officers learned that wasn't true.

Two weeks later, Heisch was booked on suspicion of aggravated assault but no charges were filed.

Neighbor Heather Enderton told the Republic that she often saw the couple outside yelling and had called police numerous times.

After five calls in three months, she said, a comment from a dispatcher about taxpayer dollars discouraged her from making further calls.

"He made me feel as though there was nothing to be done," she said. "I felt like if an officer told me there was nothing for him to do, that there was no reason for me to report it any more. They weren't protecting her or us."

Enderton heard yelling Saturday but didn't call police.

"I assumed it was them. That was their thing; that's what they did," she said. "But I didn't do anything about it."

Mark Vinci, a 20-year resident of the neighborhood, told The Associated Press that the small apartment complex where the couple lived has been a problem over the years, including being a site of a meth lab that was busted about six years ago.

Court records show that Trina Heisch was sentenced to 10 years in a state mental hospital for stabbing her 15-year-old son in 2000 while he was sleeping. Her son suffered injuries that weren't life-threatening.

A judge found her to be "guilty except insane" of attempted second-degree murder and felony child abuse. The verdict spared her a prison sentence.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Alleged accomplice in Albuquerque motel shooting indicted

ALBUQUERQUE — A man suspected of being an accomplice to the would-be robber who was shot and killed by a former CNN staffer at an Albuquerque motel has been indicted.

A Bernalillo County grand jury on Monday indicted 30-year-old Skyy Barrs on attempted first-degree murder, aggravated burglary, kidnapping and other charges.

Barrs was arrested July 9 by Albuquerque police. He's being held on a $500,000 cash only bond.

Authorities say Barrs allegedly conspired with 27-year-old Tomorio Walton to rob former CNN anchor Lynne Russell and her husband, former CNN reporter Chuck de Caro.

They said Walton demanded money from the couple on June 30.

Walton and de Caro exchanged gunfire and Walton died in the motel's parking lot.

NEW MEXICO

Chimayo man arrested, accused in death of Arroyo Seco woman

SANTA FE — Authorities said a Chimayo man has been arrested in connection with the killing of a northern Santa Fe County woman.

County sheriff's criminal investigators were dispatched early Monday to Boneyard Road in Arroyo Seco after receiving a call about a suspicious death.

Sheriff's detectives said the body of 49-year-old Peggy Sue Padilla was discovered in a driveway on her property.

They said it appears she received injuries consistent with begin struck by a vehicle.

Homicide detectives said they have arrested 54-year-old Leonard Coriz on suspicion of an open count of murder.

He's been booked into the Santa Fe County Adult Detention Center.

Authorities didn't disclose a possible motive for the killing.

NEW MEXICO

Most expensive trips for Albuquerque employees reported late

ALBUQUERQUE — The city of Albuquerque is three months late in posting four of last year's most expensive employee trips to its transparency website.

The Albuquerque Journal reported the city spent about $3,400 to send four Cultural Services Department employees to the New Orleans Jazz Fest in April.

City employees have a week from the day they return from their trips to file taxpayer-funded travel expenses with the city clerk.

Chief administrative officer Rob Perry said having the city clerk operate the website means some expenses are incorrectly entered or added to the system late.

NEW MEXICO

Nephew of woman found dead shoots himself after standoff

ALBUQUERQUE — The nephew of a woman whose body was found in Bernalillo County is dead following an 8-hour SWAT situation.

The Albuquerque Journal reported Sgt. Aaron Williamson says the body of 65-year-old Ignacia Saiz was found Sunday by family members who said she had a gunshot wound to the head.

They say she'd gone to Pajarito Mesa to reclaim a camper from her son and nephew, 45-year-old Edward Jaramillo.

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STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WICHITA FALLS

North Texas city drops toilet water reuse project

A North Texas city has stopped using treated toilet water to supplement its water supply after a catastrophic drought was followed by heavy springtime rains.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that the city earlier this month cut off the 12.5-mile pipeline that blended a 50-50 mix of treated wastewater and lake water at its Cypress Water Treatment Plant.

Heavy rain in the area has helped restore lakes and reservoirs to near full levels following the crippling drought.

The direct potable reuse program will be replaced by a more permanent project known as indirect potable reuse, where treated wastewater will be pumped directly into Lake Arrowhead.

The city of more than 100,000 residents is under Stage 2 restrictions, which ban fundraising carwashes and watering sidewalks.

ABILENE

Police investigate woman's body near abandoned house

Investigators are seeking a cause of death for a body found outside an abandoned West Texas house.

Abilene police on Monday identified the victim as 39-year-old Latisha Hilley. Police are treating the Abilene woman's death as a homicide.

Police said some people riding an all-terrain vehicle came upon the body Sunday afternoon on a dirt trail near a wooded area. Police said the body was in an advanced state of decomposition.

Authorities have ordered an autopsy.

DALLAS

Former 41-pound fat cat slims down to 19 pounds

A former 41-pound cat dubbed Skinny has lost more than half of his weight to become the darling of a Dallas veterinary clinic.

Dr. Brittney Barton said the orange tabby she adopted in 2013 has slimmed to 19 pounds with exercise and a special diet. Barton calls Skinny the "resident cat" at her practice, HEAL Veterinary Hospital.

Barton said Friday that Skinny spends weekdays roaming the clinic. The ex-fat cat's weekends are spent at home with Barton and her family.

The vet said Skinny, who was found abandoned near Dallas in 2012 and ended up at a shelter, just had his annual checkup and he's healthy.

Barton said Skinny is living proof that while he's supposed to be a large cat, "he's not supposed to be an obese cat."

DALLAS

Former officer accused of rape pleads to lower charge

A former Dallas police officer accused of raping a sleeping woman at his home has pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of aggravated assault.

The Dallas Morning News reported that 41-year-old Oscar Araiza pleaded guilty Monday in exchange for prosecutors dropping the sexual assault charge, which carries a maximum 20-year prison sentence.

Araiza's attorney told the newspaper that her client maintains his innocence.

An 18-year veteran of the force, Araiza was fired in February 2014 after being arrested on a charge of sexual assault.

Internal investigators alleged Araiza raped the friend of a woman he had known for years after the three left a bar in 2013.

Lawyers: immigrant mothers coerced to wear ankle monitors

By Seth Robbins
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Lawyers representing immigrant mothers held in a South Texas detention center say the women have been denied counsel and coerced into accepting ankle-monitoring bracelets as a condition of release, even after judges made clear that paying their bonds would suffice.

In a letter Monday to Sarah Saldana, director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the leaders of a volunteer lawyers' project said they were "dismayed by the lack of transparency, and the coercion, disorganization, and confusion" surrounding recent releases. Among the irregularities cited were summons to courtrooms scrawled on yellow sticky notes, no counsel or judge present in court, and women being told that the prior word of immigration judges "has no value."

ICE spokeswoman Gillian Christensen said in a statement that the agency would review the claims and "respond directly" to the lawyers. "ICE takes very seriously the health, safety and welfare of those in our care," the statement added.

Between 70 and 100 women were called into courtrooms at the 50-acre Dilley campus last week and told by ICE officials that they could be released with ankle monitors in lieu of bond, according to a motion filed by R. Andrew Free, a Nashville lawyer working with the CARA Family Detention Pro Bono Project.

ICE appears to want ankle monitors, which use global positioning technology, on the majority of women released, Free said in an interview. The agency's actions "are misleading people about their rights," he said.

Three women wearing ankle monitors waited Monday in a San Antonio home for the bus tickets that would get them to family members in other cities. One woman, who asked to be identified only by her first name of Eliud out of fear of reprisals, said that she left Honduras with her two teenage sons, who were being forced into a gang.

She said she would rather not be wearing the ankle monitor, which itches her skin and keeps her up at night, but wasn't given a choice.

"When people see me, the first thing they see is this (ankle monitor) and they think I am a criminal," she said.

Laura Lichter, a Denver immigration attorney volunteering at Dilley, said that in her 20 years of practice she has never seen ICE add a monitoring device or impose other conditions after an immigration judge has set bond. She said the bracelet monitors were cumbersome, conspicuous, and required constant charging and were another tacit attempt at deterrence.

"There is a stigma," Lichter said. "Everyone is going to think that they are criminals."

Free said his client was among those called into a courtroom to sign the agreement, though a judge had recently reduced her bond from $7,000 to $1,500, which she'd planned on paying. A deportation officer said that even after her bond was paid, an ankle-monitoring device would also be placed on her, according to the motion. She asked to speak to her lawyer but was denied. Two similar situations were cited in affidavits, and Free added that he has heard of at least a dozen similar cases.

Free said he did not oppose women having the choice of a bracelet or bond but that "we want that choice free of coercion and duress." Pushing the monitors is an abuse of authority, he said, that "threatens the entire immigration court process."

After tens of thousands of migrant mothers and their children, mostly from Central America, crossed the Rio Grande last summer the administration opened two large detention centers, a 500-bed facility in Karnes City and the enormous 2,400-bed facility in Dilley, both south of San Antonio.

In recent weeks, in the face of mounting political pressure and a federal lawsuit challenging the detention of children, ICE began moving families through the centers faster, allowing many women to receive ankle monitors instead of paying bonds. Last Friday a federal judge in California ruled that detaining children in these centers did violate the terms of a 1997 settlement, and that families needed to be released rapidly.

The letter, signed by the American Immigration Lawyers Association and other immigrant rights groups, also says that the women are not receiving adequate information from ICE officers about their obligations in the immigration system and that the agency has not responded to the groups' request to have lawyers do pre-release orientations. They said this "sets up the women for failure." The lawyers say that similar tactics are happening in the facility in Karnes City. Until recently both Dilley and Karnes held about 2,000 people combined.

Last fall ICE privately acknowledged to a group of immigrant advocate organizations that about 70 percent of immigrant families released in the United States never showed up weeks later for follow-up appointments.

In an audio recording of a confidential meeting obtained by The Associated Press, an unidentified ICE official acknowledged the no-show figure while explaining the administration's decision in June 2014 to open a temporary detention facility at the Border Patrol training facility in Artesia, New Mexico. Two family jails were later opened in Texas, and the Artesia facility was closed down. There is a third smaller facility in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

The ICE official said during that meeting that it was necessary to detain families to ensure they didn't vanish.

Part of the government's original rationale for opening the detention centers was to deter more women and children from coming to the United States. Many of the families are fleeing escalating gang violence, as well as domestic violence in their home countries, and are seeking asylum here.

Recovery efforts continue from May flooding in Central Texas

By Richard A. Marini
San Antonio Express-News

SAN MARCOS — Pastor Todd Salmi's sermon Sunday was on the book of Nehemiah and the rebuilding of Jerusalem. With the Memorial Day weekend floods that damaged or destroyed more than 2,200 homes in this area still at the top of most people's minds, it was only natural that he'd segue to the ongoing recovery efforts.

"Just as Nehemiah was called to rebuild the temple of Jerusalem and the wall surrounding the city, we have been called to repair the damaged homes of our neighbors," the associate pastor of First United Methodist Church of San Marcos told the congregation.

The San Antonio Express-News reported two months after the floodwaters hit, those involved in the recovery efforts agree that there's plenty of work to be done and that volunteers are still very much needed.

"This recovery's going to take years," Salmi said after the service.

While initial efforts involved clearing water-swept debris from homes and yards, the focus now is shifting to repair and rebuilding. While all volunteers are welcome, as the recovery effort moves into the next stage, what's most needed is heavy equipment such as backhoes, trailers, chain saws — and people capable of operating them.

Also needed are plumbers, electricians, contractors and anyone else who knows his or her way around a construction site.

"The response we got those first few days was amazing," said Courtney Goss, a coordinator with the Wimberley Volunteer Response Center. "We had so many people show up to help, I think we may have scared some away."

The first wave of volunteers had the task of salvaging items such as furniture and clothing, sorting out personal effects and removing wallboard before it became covered with mold.

And everywhere, there was mud — up to several feet deep in places — to be shoveled.

In Hays County, where Wimberley is located, residents are racing against the clock to get debris out of their homes and yards. That's because the county has set an Aug. 2 deadline for free pickup of flood-damaged items. After that, homeowners will have to pay for hauling services.

"We send people where they're needed and help distribute donations," said Sabrina Paul a volunteer co-coordinator with the group.

Serve San Marcos was intended as an effort to connect with Texas State University students interested in volunteering. But it wasn't supposed to launch until the upcoming fall semester.

The flooding served as a "trial by fire" for the organization, according to Salmi.

"Within 48 hours, we had something like 250 people come out and help," he said. "They weren't trained volunteers. They just picked up mops and buckets and started cleaning."

Alli Beversdorf was one of 16 Austin-based employees from pharmaceutical company Lilly who recently volunteered to help in the cleanup efforts. The sales rep said she and the others had a personal reason for wanting to pitch in.

"Laura McComb was a sales rep in our Corpus Christi office," Beversdorf said, referring to a 34-year-old mother of two who, with her family, was swept away in flooding along the Blanco River. "I'd never worked with Laura, but my boss had."

McComb's husband, Jonathan, was severely injured but survived. The body of the couple's 7-year-old son Jonathan was later recovered from wreckage downstream. Their 4-year-old daughter Leighton remains missing.

The group helped clear a couple's home that is scheduled to be demolished, eventually building a 4-foot-high pile of dirt and debris to be picked up by the county, according to Beversdorf.

"While we were working, a neighbor came by with a service plaque the man had been awarded," she said. "He told us he'd found it in his yard and that he lived about a mile and a half away."

Courtney Goss from the Wimberley Volunteer Response Center said about 400 homes in Wimberley suffered water damage and that 70 were lifted completely off their slabs. So far, only seven have been "closed out," meaning they've either been demolished or have been cleaned out enough to begin renovation.

In the Wagon Wheel II neighborhood, hard by the now-placid Blanco River, Alice Wightman wandered through her flood-ravaged home. The house was designed by architect George L. Walling, and she'd hoped to have it recognized as a historic structure. Then came the flood.

The floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the river are all gone, smashed by the floodwaters. And while the distinctive cantilevered roofline survived, portions of the exterior brick walls have collapsed, revealing the wooden planks beneath.

"There were a lot of people here initially," she said. "One young man came and said he had a brand-new chain saw and wanted to help. He was here for days removing trees and branches from inside the house and across the yard. Now that the volunteers are gone, this is the loneliest part of the job."

She said she hopes that the local architecture community will take an interest in the home and that perhaps a buyer will come along with the means to return it to its former glory.

For now, all she has is a beautiful view of the river.

3 teens in Arkansas couple slaying investigation being returned to state

By Claudia Lauer
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Three teenagers sought for questioning in the fatal shooting of an Arkansas couple were on their way back to the state from Texas on Monday.

The three 17-year-olds were detained Thursday by Graham, Texas, police and have been held since then in the Young County jail, authorities said. Jim Budharf, chief deputy for the Young County Sheriff's Department, said the teens were released to Faulkner County, Arkansas, Sheriff's Department deputies about 4 p.m. Monday.

"The best I can say is that they are in the process of being returned to Arkansas," he said. "This morning, they were still in the jail. Until the Conway department's investigation is complete, we really can't disclose any information about them at all."

Prosecutor Cody Hiland said last week that he expected more arrests in the killings of Robert and Patricia Cogdell, both 66. The couple was found dead Wednesday behind their Conway home, about 35 miles north of Little Rock.

Police arrested the Cogdell's 14-year-old grandson, who lived with them, Thursday. He is being held without bond on two potential counts of capital murder. The Associated Press is not naming him because Hiland said he hadn't yet determined whether the boy would be charged as a juvenile or an adult or what charges he would face.

Conway Police spokeswoman LaTresha Woodruff said the teens in Texas, two boys and one girl all listed as runaways, were sought for questioning after their names "came up" during the investigation into the killings. She said as of Monday afternoon there were no pending charges against the teens.

Conway police found the bodies after Robert Cogdell's co-workers became concerned that he did not show up for work Wednesday as the public works director for the City of Maumelle. Police believe the couple was shot Tuesday night, Robert in the house and Patricia in the garage, before their bodies were dragged to the tree line behind their home.

The Graham Police Department announced the arrest of the three 17-year-olds in a news release Friday, calling them "persons of interest in (an) Arkansas murder."

The Graham police statement said the teens were stopped about 1:30 a.m. Thursday because the license plate of the car they were driving was thought to be connected to a possible kidnapping in Arkansas. Police later learned one of the teens had texted a relative to say they had been kidnapped, which prompted the original call to police.

Officers stopped the car coming into Graham. As the teens were stepping out of the car, one of them dropped a double-edged knife, police said.

Officers searched the car and found a second knife, drug paraphernalia and what officers believed to be marijuana, according to the release.

Police: Full impact of Austin's hands-free law still unclear

AUSTIN — Austin police say it's still too early to determine the full impact the city's ban on cellphone use while driving is having on traffic crashes.

Police Chief of Staff Brian Manley said that's largely because it's difficult to tell which crashes are actually caused by distracted driving. Unless a witness or driver reports that a crash involved a cellphone, Manley said there's no way to know whether using the device was to blame.

This year has seen an increase in overall crashes during its first six months, compared to the same period in 2014, but relatively few of the wrecks so far this year were cellphone-related. According to the Austin Police Department, only 48 crashes this year reportedly involved a cellphone. Many more fatal crashes were caused by intoxicated driving — 1,033 this year involved alcohol.

Although more than 2,600 citations have been issued since the hands-free policy went into effect, the number suggests that using electronic devices while driving is still a problem, Manley said.

Manley said police will continue to focus on enforcement and education about the law. For the policy to succeed in making roads safer, he said the community needs to realize the dangers of distracted driving.

"Success may be apparent when you can drive in the city and look to your left and look to your right and not see motorists actively using their hand-held devices," Manley said. "And as a city, we are not there yet."

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■ Summer Movie Camp "Mr. Peabody & Sherman," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., Petroleum Museum. petroleum-museum.org.

■ Brit Floyd, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Meeting

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

Pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, closed.

■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., noon to 9 p.m.; Family night is from 7-9 p.m.

This date in Midland

On July 28, 1949, Midland Community Theatre held the first performance of Summer Mummers at American Legion Hall

Hotel report for May

(Taxable receipts)
May 2015

Midland	$7,313,658
Odessa	$5,598,844
Abilene	$4,058,125
Lubbock	$8,551,604
San Angelo	$2,726,044

Midland in May 2014:	$8,803,463
Midland in May 2013:	$7,077,041
Midland in May 2012:	$6,078,115
Midland in May 2011:	$4,251,112
Midland in May 2010:	$2,460,365
Midland in May 2009:	$2,796,685
Midland in May 2008:	$3,290,761

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685-7314

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Watering schedule

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

Even numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Odd numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

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

The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

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Pick 3 day: 7-9-3
Pick 3 evening: 8-2-7
Pick 3 night: 2-8-6
Daily 4 morning: 4-6-4-4
Daily 4 day: 3-3-2-7
Daily 4 evening: 0-6-3-5
Daily 4 night: 9-3-2-2
Cash Five: 04-17-18-26-29
Texas Two Step: 01-24-28-33 BB: 29
All or Nothing morning: 01-03-04-06-09-12-13-14-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing day: 01-02-04-05-07-09-11-16-17-18-21-23
All or Nothing evening: 02-04-05-07-09-14-16-17-20-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 04-06-09-11-12-14-15-20-21-22-23-24

County road closed for month of August

By Cassie Burton
cburton@mrt.com

County commissioners formally acknowledged the upcoming closure of one of the main routes to the Greenwood area.

Commissioners at their meeting Monday said South County Road 1150 will close Saturday to allow the Midland County Road Department to repair the entire road within a 30-day period set to end Aug. 31.

The road stretches about 2 miles from Farm-to-Market Road 307 to State Highway 158 and acts as one of the main routes to the Greenwood area.

SCR 1150 has not had major base work done "in years," said County Judge Mike Bradford.

"It really needs repaired because it is so heavily traveled," Bradford said. "The only way to redo these roads is just to close them. It's safer for the workers and safer for people who live on them."

A re-routing plan has been devised by the road department. Residents can call 688-4155 for the plan and if they have any questions about the road closure.

On Monday, the board also heard testimonies from seven of the eight college and university students currently interning at various county offices through the end of next week. Students had positive remarks about their experiences and often included anecdotes to describe how their internships are shaping their future career paths.

This was the first year that the county offered paid internships.

The board also took action on upcoming changes to medical and dental plans offered to county workers. Among the changes were increasing the lifetime maximum of money for health care related to sleep disorders from $3,000 to $5,000. The board also passed a measure that would add an annual renewable maximum of $250 to patients in case their cost exceeded the lifetime maximum.

Other motions passed regarding the health plans were implementing a voluntary vision plan for the first time and adding a network of contracted dentists from which employees can choose for capped rates. These changes will be explained more fully in an upcoming edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

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Boy Scouts lift blanket ban on gay leaders, will allow exceptions

By Matt Pearce
Los Angeles Times

The Boy Scouts of America lifted a blanket ban on gay scout leaders Monday but will allow religious-backed scout groups to deny leadership positions based on sexual orientation.

Seventy-nine percent of the youth organization's national executive board voted to immediately lift the ban in a conference call Monday after the measure had been tentatively approved July 10.

"Due to the social, political and legal changes taking place in our country and in our movement, I did not believe the (ban on gay leaders) could be sustained," Boy Scouts President Robert M. Gates said in a statement after Monday's vote. "Any effort to do so was inevitably going to result in simultaneous legal battles in multiple legal jurisdictions and at staggering cost."

The best way for the Boy Scouts organization to press ahead while maintaining its "core values" was to "address the issue and set our own course," Gates said. "And that's what we've done."

The decision caps two years of public debate over the role of gays in one of the nation's largest youth organizations. It was greeted with concern by some religious groups.

In a statement, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — one of the Boy Scouts' biggest sponsors — said it was "deeply troubled" by the decision, and its "century-long association with Scouting will need to be examined."

"The church has always welcomed all boys to its scouting units regardless of sexual orientation," the church said. "However, the admission of openly gay leaders is inconsistent with the doctrines of the church and what have traditionally been the values of the Boy Scouts of America."

The church also objected that Monday's vote had been scheduled for July contrary to its requests, since many members of the church's governing councils were out of their offices and unable to meet during the month. (A Boy Scouts spokesman did not respond to a request for comment.)

"Today's vote by the Boy Scouts of America to allow gay, lesbian and bisexual adults to work and volunteer is a welcome step toward erasing a stain on this important organization," Human Rights Campaign President Chad Griffin said in a statement. "But including an exemption for troops sponsored by religious organizations undermines and diminishes the historic nature of today's decision. Discrimination should have no place in the Boy Scouts, period."

Brian Peffly, 35, who said he was dismissed as assistant scoutmaster from Scout Troop 192 in Ohio this year because he is gay, called the vote "a huge step forward."

On Monday evening, Peffly met with leaders of his troop in the greater Columbus area and said they supported him and gave him a form to register to rejoin the Boy Scouts.

"I am probably going to do it," Peffly said, even though he had felt "cut deeply" when the national organization ejected him.

Zach Wahls, the executive director of Scouts for Equality, a scouting advocacy group, said his two gay mothers were "very excited" by the decision.

The policy change ideally means that gay scout leaders "wouldn't have to worry about being found out and being reported," said Wahls, who said there have been "dozens" of gay people removed from Scouting posts because they had been "found out."

Wahls, an Eagle Scout from Iowa, has been an advocate for allowing gay scouts and troop leaders. He helped spearhead a petition that gained more than 2.2 million signatures calling on the Boy Scouts to end the ban on gays.

Jonathan Saenz, president of the conservative Texas Values advocacy group based in Austin, is a leader of a religiously chartered Scouts group and has two boys who are Cub Scouts. He said he was disappointed but not surprised by Monday's decision.

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From 1A

be apparent from simply looking at a person. Linda Belk, a hearing loss resource specialist at the Communication Axess Availability Group, said that as a wearer of a hearing aid she has personally felt frustration toward her due to her own hearing loss.

"I once had a coworker tell me that she was sick and tired of my hearing loss, that she was sick and tired of repeating and all of that," she said. "Well I could feel her pain. I was sick and tired of not being able to hear."

This experience was juxtaposed against another time when Belk suffered a broken shoulder and was limited in what she could do.

"People were very accommodating and … they could see that I needed help to open the door or to carry a tray. People could see that I needed help and they were ready to help me," Belk said. "But when you have hearing loss, it's an invisible disability where people are not as accommodating."

Belk's co-worker, deafness resource specialist Lucas Ward, said that one of the biggest challenges for deaf individuals is being provided qualified sign language interpreters at doctor's and dentist's offices. He did believe that things have improved since the passing of the ADA in 1990.

"There still is a resistance and presence of discrimination towards culturally deaf," Ward said. "I think it's getting better and easier and it's easier to educate now, especially with legislation like the ADA to back me up or the culturally deaf up in obtaining communication access."

When asked what employers, co-workers or acquaintances can do to help work with deaf people, Ward said, "first and foremost I would say be patient. Ask questions. Be willing to learn. Do not make assumptions."

"Ask what I can do to make communication better between us," Belk said, with Ward finishing the thought by saying "be open to compromise. Don't give up. Don't quit on trying to communicate."

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CRIMEBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MPD: Belligerent man causes damage to several vehicles

A 21-year-old Midland man was arrested Saturday morning after allegedly causing damage to various vehicles in a west Midland apartment complex and attempting to flee from police.

Brandon Stewart was being held Monday on a $10,000 bond for a state felony charge of criminal mischief causing damage less than $20,000, according to his arrest affidavit.

Residents of the Sinclair Place Apartments in the 4500 block of Sinclair Avenue allegedly saw Stewart throwing rocks through the windows of cars. He then ripped a satellite dish off an apartment building and used it to cause more damage to several other vehicles in the parking lot, including bashing a windshield of a passenger car, according to police records.

Stewart appeared highly intoxicated and belligerent when police arrived, and upon seeing officers, Stewart allegedly attempted to flee on foot through the apartment complex. When officers commanded him to stop, he turned around and sprinted toward one of the officers in a manner that suggested he was going to tackle him, according to his arrest affidavit.

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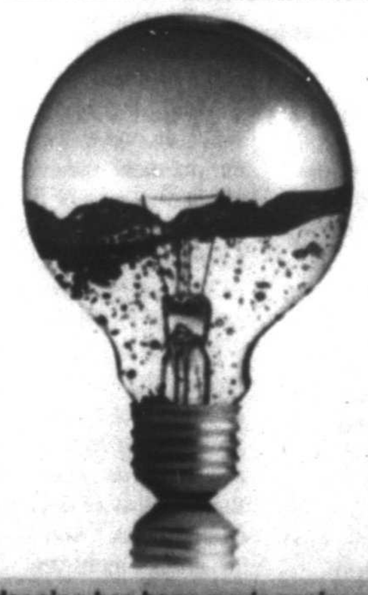

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Worldwide strengthening El Nino giveth and taketh away

By Seth Borenstein and Frank Bajak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In California, they're counting on it to end an historic drought; in Peru, they've already declared a pre-emptive emergency to prepare for devastating flooding. It's both an economic stimulus and a recession-maker. And it's likely to increase the price of coffee, chocolate and sugar.

It's El Nino — most likely, the largest in well over a decade, forecasters say. A lot more than mere weather, it affects lives and pocketbooks in different ways in different places.

Every few years, the winds shift and the water in the Pacific Ocean gets warmer than usual. That water sloshes back and forth around the equator in the Pacific, interacts with the winds above and then changes weather worldwide. This is El Nino. Droughts are triggered in places like Australia and India, but elsewhere, droughts are quenched and floods replace them. The Pacific gets more hurricanes; the Atlantic fewer. Winter gets milder and wetter in much of the United States. The world warms, goosing Earth's already rising thermometer from man-made climate change.

Peruvian sailors named the formation El Nino — the (Christ) Child — because it was most noticeable around Christmas. An El Nino means the Pacific Ocean off Peru's coast is warm, especially a huge patch 330 feet (100 meters) below the surface, and as it gets warmer and close to the surface, the weather "is just going to be a river falling from the sky," said biophysicist Michael Ferrari, director of climate services for agriculture at the Colorado firm aWhere Inc.

Around the world, crops fail in some places, thrive elsewhere. Commercial fishing shifts. More people die of flooding, fewer from freezing.

"El Nino is not the end of the world so you don't have to hide under the bed. The reality is that in the U.S. an El Nino can be a good thing," said Mike Halpert, deputy director of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center.

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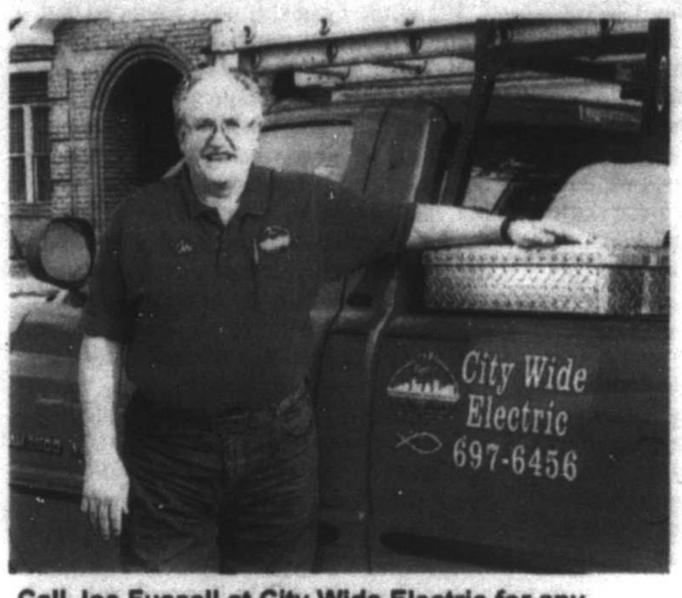

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Did you serve your country?

By Michael Melson
Melson and Associates

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The Veterans Pension, or more commonly known as "Veterans Aid and Attendance Benefit," can provide money to help offset long-term care costs at home, at an independent living facility, at an assisted living facility or a nursing home. Aid and Attendance can also be used to help pay for the veteran's spouse.

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By Paul Wiseman

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OPINION

Democrats set to coronate a wounded queen?

■ How Clinton reacts to alleged weakness could be telling

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

The most surprising revelation in recent presidential polling is not that Donald Trump has low favorability in key states — a welcome indicator of national sanity — but rather that Hillary Clinton's numbers are almost as bad. Put another way: A vacuous, gaffe-prone, xenophobic, conspiracy-minded reality television star whose nomination, by most accounts, would destroy the GOP has about the same approval ratings in Colorado and Iowa as the prohibitive favorite for the Democratic nomination.

A recognition begins to dawn: Democrats may be coronating a wounded queen.

Horse race polling conducted early in a presidential contest means very little, as President Fred Thompson and President Howard Dean can attest. But while early polls are not predictive of outcomes, they can be indicative of weaknesses. In a recent CNN/ORC poll, 57 percent of adults did not consider Clinton honest and trustworthy. According to an AP-Gfk poll, only 31 percent of likely voters think the word "honest" describes Clinton well. And in a recent Quinnipiac poll of key states, 59 percent of Iowa voters, 55 percent of Virginia voters and 62 percent of Colorado voters did not believe that Clinton is honest and trustworthy.

Clinton's response? "People should, and do, trust me." A statement not particularly worthy of trust.

One of the lively debates among conservatives over the past several months has been: Is Clinton a strong candidate or a weak one? I have been on the "strong" side. She is knowledgeable, tough, experienced and certainly imaginable as president. She has almost managed the remarkable achievement of clearing the Democratic field through a perception of her own inevitability and a reputation for remembering disloyalty.

But arguments on the "weak" side are getting stronger. Since her video announcement in April, perceptions of Clinton's character and leadership have worsened — which is not really the purpose of a campaign. Her vulnerability on the populist left — Sen. Bernie Sanders is supported by a majority of white Democratic liberals — has shifted Clinton's candidacy decisively to the left. And the candidate looks as comfortable in this overcorrection as Mitt Romney did in his "severely conservative" phase.

And then there are the emails — at least the ones that haven't been erased at her own discretion. Congressional investigations and referrals to the Justice Department "related to the potential compromise of classified information" will continue to be untieable loose ends. Clinton will find it impossible to contend she has nothing to hide while hiding her personal server from forensic scrutiny. (One imagines it is stored somewhere in the warehouse at the end of "Raiders of the Lost Ark.")

Clinton asserts she has violated no rules or laws. This brings back so many memories. During the Clinton era, rules were not generally violated; rather, they were skirted, reinterpreted, navigated, twisted, kneaded and massaged. Americans always cut Bill Clinton slack, giving him the benefit of many doubts. Hillary Clinton — lacking most of her husband's preternatural political skills — may not have the same luxury.

Senior Democrats are seeing what the rest of us see — a Clinton campaign that is burning money and losing ground. At what point do party leaders begin a panicked search for alternatives? Not yet. But when? "When public sentiment consistently falls in this (polling) category," a former Democratic official told me. "When people say enough is enough and can't deal with the Clinton psychodrama anymore. They [both Clintons] feel this is the normal condition."

This former official thinks that Clinton has the month of August to right her listing campaign. If that doesn't happen, Vice President Joe Biden's colorful trial balloon may rise. And when a candidate's main argument is inevitability — as Clinton's is — doubts are a crack in the ice that quickly spreads.

I'll admit, I am still not convinced that Clinton is a weak candidate, at least for her party's nomination. Biden, for all his dizzy charm, is less imaginable as president than Clinton. Also, she has a wicked inside political game. Nearly half of the Democratic congressional delegation has endorsed her. Her campaign has effectively courted the key Democratic interest groups. And, harder to quantify, Clinton has generated a network of loyalty by being a thoughtful, caring person in private. As we saw in 2008, she is most attractive as a politician when she is most vulnerable.

If adversity reveals a different side to Clinton — currently masked by the candidate's own wooden style — it could strengthen her candidacy. This challenge, while not expected so early, was inevitable. The test is either useful or politically fatal.

OUR VIEW

Law enforcement gets bad rap in today's cable news culture

The question seemed innocent enough. A local radio personality asked friends on Facebook if they believe local law enforcement has responded well to incidents that have happened to them.

The question followed with talk on the radio about how local law enforcement is doing. It was an open-ended question, so no harm, no foul, we suppose.

But here's the deal: With all the attention being given to what law enforcement has not done as well as some people would like, it feels law enforcement is under attack. Maybe that is overstating it, but something is up. How else do we go from one person locally not being pleased with response from police after a break-in to "is law enforcement doing their job well?"

Sheriff Gary Painter knows this can be a tricky time. He said local law enforcement handles a "massive" number of calls, and certain calls take priority based on the nature of the alleged offenses. He also said a person can slam law enforcement, but everything reverts to that person's observation and agenda. He also said anyone who has a call believes his or her call is the most important thing to law enforcement and expects it to be treated that way.

In our view, local law enforcement does its job well. We support — 100 percent — those striving to protect us, even if not all of those with a badge do their job as effectively as we would hope.

We regret that law enforcement has become a punching bag locally, statewide and across the nation, because it fits someone's agenda.

Our agenda is simple: What's best for the community and, in our view, what's best for the community is local law enforcement (Midland County Sheriff's Office, Midland Police Department, Department of Public Safety, etc.) doing their jobs by the books. We are displeased that some bad apples could make others in the business of protecting people more apprehensive about doing their job.

We would rather not have residents unnecessarily challenge law enforcement, becausem, if they push enough, it could create that next incident. Gotcha activism will not serve our community well. Today's cable news culture has made things worse.

Let us be clear: This newspaper will have no tolerance when local law enforcement has no regard for the rights of the members of our community. We will be active in reporting those failures, like we have in the past.

However, that is not what we are talking about right now. We realize the challenge of local law enforcement has been significant recently. We realize they, like the rest of us, are not perfect. We also believe our community is better because of the work they do and the leadership they provide.

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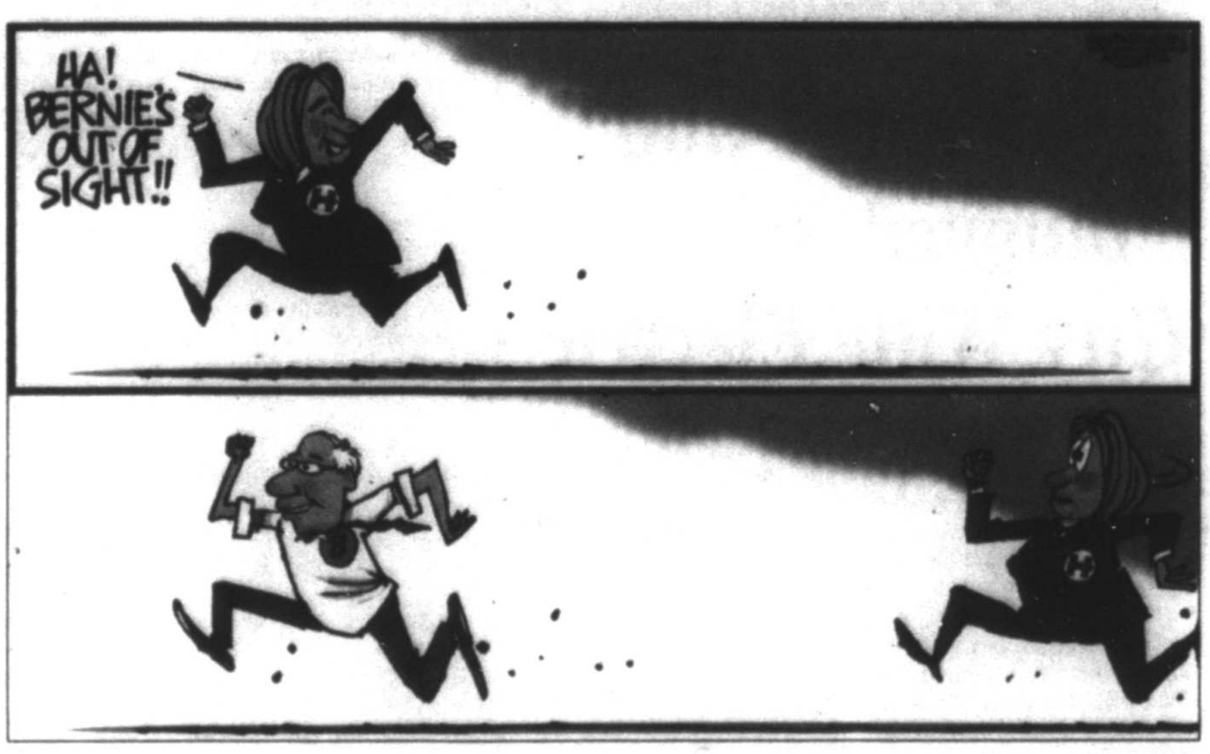

Alzheimer's fight starts immediately

■ Spend money now before we lose our minds and go broke

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

Current quibbling over what Jeb Bush meant when he said it's time to phase out and replace Medicare — as opposed to "attacking the seniors," as one woman at a recent event bellowed out — will soon seem quaint against the realities of our future.

Never mind projections that the program will only be able to finance 86 percent of its obligations by 2030. Or that by 2050, the number declines to 80 percent, according to a recently released Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees report.

These are relatively comforting numbers compared to new projections from the Alzheimer's Association. By 2050, the group says, 16 million Americans will have Alzheimer's at a cost of $1.1 trillion per year, mostly to Medicare and Medicaid.

Today, by comparison, 5.3 million have the disease.

"Basically, it will bankrupt Medicare," said Rob Egge, the Alzheimer's Association's chief public policy officer. I met with Egge and chief science officer Maria Carrillo during the association's recent international conference in Washington.

The 2015 cost of care for Alzheimer's and all other dementias is estimated at $226 billion, with 68 percent being paid by Medicare and Medicaid, said Egge.

This total includes only direct costs for the care of Alzheimer's sufferers — there currently is no treatment — and doesn't take into consideration unpaid care by families. Within the next 10 years, 19 states will see at least a 40 percent increase in the number of people affected.

Lest you feel overwhelmed by numbers — and demoralized by the reduction of human suffering to numerical values — suffice it to say that we are in a state of emergency. Yet, even with this obvious urgency, relatively few resources have been dedicated to research for prevention and treatment compared to other chronic diseases. This, despite the fact that Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Current federal funding is less than $600 million annually, while top scientists say they'll need $2 billion a year to meet the association's 2025 goal of prevention and effective treatment. There's cause for some hope. Last month, bipartisan House and Senate subcommittees approved increasing funding to the National Institutes of Health for Alzheimer's research by 50 percent and 60 percent, respectively.

If this funding becomes law — and the association's goals are met — costs could be reduced by $220 billion over the first five years and $367 billion in 2050 alone, according to an association report. Sixty percent of those savings would accrue to Medicare and Medicaid.

Among other scientific developments reported this week, researchers have isolated a "common ancestor" among all forms of dementia, including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Lewy body.

"All are caused by misfolding proteins," Carrillo explained to me. Two different "misfolded" proteins — amyloid beta and tau — are toxic to brain cells.

I am sad to report these proteins cannot be corrected with daily doses of a sturdy zinfandel. There is, however, a new drug that delivers a molecule scientists have created to "chaperone" these naughty proteins so that they fold correctly.

Carrillo doesn't want to overstate the value of this one-target-one-molecule approach, though it is promising. She suggests that eventually we'll treat Alzheimer's with a "cocktail" that will be created based on an individual's genetic makeup and other factors.

Other hope-inspiring developments include six diagnostic tools that, in combination, can be useful in predicting Alzheimer's. They include memory and thinking tests, as well as MRI scans that can measure the thickness of the brain's right entorhinal cortex and the volume of the hippocampus, both of which are important to memory.

It is reassuring that both policymakers and scientists are committed to tackling these diseases before we're all trying to remember what we were trying to remember. But women especially should be interested in the progress of dementia research. For reasons unknown, women suffer Alzheimer's at a higher rate — two-thirds of today's sufferers are women. And women's function declines twice as fast as men's. This fall, the association will issue an international call for research on why this is so.

In the meantime, Congress should waste no time in correcting the travesty of too-little funding for a devastating disease that demands our urgent attention. Otherwise, what to do about Medicare will be rendered irrelevant.

From the Left | Doonesbury

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Obama calls GOP criticism of Iran deal 'ridiculous,' 'sad'

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — President Barack Obama unleashed a blistering and belittling rebuke of Republican White House hopefuls Monday, calling their attack on his landmark nuclear deal with Iran "ridiculous if it weren't so sad."

Standing before television cameras during a trip to Africa, Obama suggested the bellicose rhetoric from some GOP candidates was an attempt to divert attention from Donald Trump, the wealthy businessman-turned presidential contender whose popularity is confounding the Republican field.

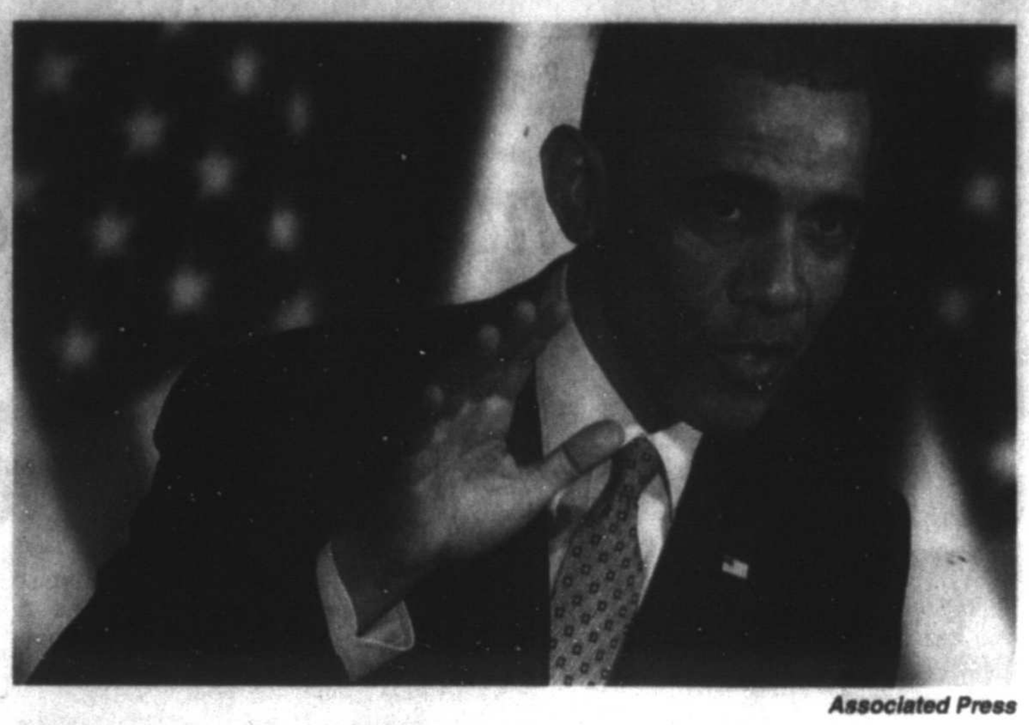
"Maybe it gets attention and maybe this is just an effort to push Mr. Trump out of the headlines, but it's not the kind of leadership that is needed for America right now," Obama said during a news conference in Ethiopia.

Obama's comments marked his most direct engagement in the race to succeed him. Until now, he's largely limited his commentary to policy differences with Republicans, often sidestepping the names of specific candidates.

But the president's unsparing criticism Monday — targeting candidates Mike Huckabee and Ted Cruz, as well as Trump — underscored his sensitivity to efforts to scuttle the Iran accord, which he hopes will be his signature foreign policy initiative. It also raised the prospect of an aggressive role for Obama in the 2016 presidential campaign.

"In 18 months, I'm turning over the keys," Obama said. "I want to make sure I'm turning over the keys to somebody who is serious about the serious problems that the country faces and the world faces."

The president was asked specifically about Huckabee's assertion that Obama had agreed to a nuclear deal that would "take the Israelis and basically march them to the door of the oven," a reference to crematoria in Nazi concentration camps during the Holocaust. The Israeli government staunchly opposes the agreement and views an Iranian nuclear program as a threat to its existence.



Associated Press

President Barack Obama speaks during a joint news conference with Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn, Monday at the National Palace in Addis Ababa. Obama is the first sitting U.S. president to visit Ethiopia.

Obama said the comments from Huckabee, a former Arkansas governor, were part of a broader pattern from Republicans. He also singled out Cruz, the Texas senator, for saying the nuclear deal makes Obama — not Iran — the leading state sponsor of terrorism.

"These are leaders in the Republican Party," Obama said, seeming incredulous. He suggested the GOP was breaking longstanding American tradition of not playing "fast and loose" with facts during serious foreign policy debates.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, the front-runner for the Democratic nomination, said she was "offended personally" by Huckabee's comments. His remarks should be "repudiated by every person of good faith," she said during a campaign stop in Iowa Monday.

Huckabee dismissed the criticism, arguing that what was "ridiculous and sad" was that Obama wasn't taking Iran's threats to destroy Israel seriously.

"I will stand with our ally Israel to prevent the terrorists in Tehran from achieving their own stated goal of another Holocaust," Huckabee said in a statement.

While Huckabee's comments were aimed at Obama, some members of the GOP field — Trump most notably — haven't held back in their criticism of each other as next week's initial Republican debate draws near. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush called on his colleagues Tuesday to tone it down.

"We have to campaign with joy in our hearts — not anger," Bush said during an event outside Orlando. "We shouldn't say outrageous things that turn people off to the conservative message. Our message is the one of hope and opportunity for everyone."

The White House is the midst of an intense lobbying campaign to prevent Congress from blocking implementation of the Iran deal. Lawmakers have until mid-September to review the accord, which aims to curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for relief from international economic sanctions.

The Republican candidates are united in their opposition to the deal, saying Obama has left Iran on the brink of building a bomb and done nothing to address Tehran's support for terrorism. Some, including Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, have vowed to immediately scrap the agreement if elected.

Obama's unprompted analysis of Trump's effect on the Republican field marks a shift for the president. He's largely steered clear of opportunities to weigh in on controversial statements Trump has made in recent weeks about Mexican immigrants and the war record of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who was taken prisoner in Vietnam.

Obama brought up on his own Trump's suggestion that McCain wasn't a war hero because he was captured. Praising McCain's heroism, the president said Trump's remarks grew out of a political culture where those types of comments are tolerated.

"When outrageous statements are made about me, a lot of people outraged about McCain were pretty quiet," he said.

Obama has a long history with Trump, who was a driver of the "birther" movement that claimed the president wasn't born in the U.S. Trump's claims pushed Obama to release a copy of his birth certificate in 2011.

For years, Trump has been a sought-after surrogate and fundraiser for GOP candidates. As a candidate himself, he's unexpectedly emerged this summer as a leading contender for the GOP nomination, tapping into voters' discontent with Washington.

While some GOP candidates stepped up their criticism of Trump after his comments on McCain — South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham called him a jackass — the businessman's standing with voters does not appear to have been significantly damaged. He is still expected to be among the 10 candidates who qualify for the first Republican debate on Aug. 6 based on their standing in national polls.

In New Jersey, Christie taps ex-classmates for plum posts

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has remained especially close to his high school friends.

He launched his campaign for president in his old high school gymnasium, checks in by phone and attends reunions. But he's also made a habit of selecting old classmates for plum state positions, judgeships among them.

An Associated Press review of his senior class yearbook, state payroll records, agency websites and state press releases found that nearly a half dozen of Christie's former high school classmates have ended up in state positions since he took office. That number increases at least to a dozen if Christie's classmates from Seton Hall law school are counted.

The hires include a name that haunts Christie. David Wildstein is a former ally and top staffer at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. He pleaded guilty to orchestrating the traffic jam scandal that has tarnished the governor's reputation. Christie has said the two barely knew each other at Livingston, although Wildstein was the statistician on the school's baseball team — Christie played catcher — and the two volunteered together on Tom Kean's campaign for governor.

The pattern also provides insight into how Christie, known for his fierce loyalty to his staffers, might approach hiring if he wins his longshot bid for the Republican nomination and makes it to the White House.

"It's quite unusual," said Craig Holman, a government affairs lobbyist for Public Citizen, a nonprofit consumer advocacy group based in Washington. "That is not a prudent or wise way of making political appointments or judicial appointments. One should look out to people who most deserve the appointments, not to close personal friends."

Christie defends his hiring choices.

"I know them, I trust them and they wanted to serve," he said in an interview before his 35th high school reunion this year. "I think you wind up with a lot of people who you meet at different stages of your life when you get to a position like this who, if you know them, you like them, you trust them and they want to serve, that you reach out to them."

Christie also said the state Senate had to confirm many of the jobs, "so there's certainly check-and-balance there." And the high school, former classmates said, was very large, with nearly 600 people in Christie's graduating class.

As governor, Christie is responsible for appointing or nominating 5,000 or more positions across the state, some uncompensated, according to spokesman Kevin Roberts.

In no case did Christie appear to appoint or nominate friends who were obviously not qualified or lacked relevant experience. But in several cases, he specifically cited his close relationships with them as among their qualifications.

In December, Christie stood at the front of an opulent courtroom at the Essex County Historic Courthouse in Newark to swear in Richard Sules as superior court judge.

"Rick and I grew up together," Christie said. "We met each other in high school and became instant friends." He added: "I've watched the way he deals with others now for 37 years. And what I know about him is that his heart is as impressive as his mind."

In an interview, Sules said he expressed an interest in a judgeship early in Christie's first term and it made sense for the governor to look to people with whom he had longstanding relationships.

"When you know someone that long, you get a pretty good sense of who they really are," Sules said.

A month later, Christie was speaking at another superior court judge's swearing-in ceremony — this time in Toms River, for Robert Brenner, another Livingston grad.

Christie told those gathered that he and Brenner had met as sophomores but really bonded as law-school study partners. They became so close that Brenner was in Christie's wedding party.

Others have found posts outside the courtroom.

Anthony Della Pelle, who attended both Livingston and Seton Hall, served on Christie's transition team and was appointed to the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority as a commissioner, which he noted was an unpaid volunteer position.

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NORTH CAROLINA

GOP official juxtaposes images of KKK, Hillary Clinton

RALEIGH — The chairman of the North Carolina Republican party has posted Twitter photos juxtaposing images of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and the Ku Klux Klan.

Hasan Harnett posted the images on the social media site Thursday. One shows Klansmen surrounding a burning cross; the caption says the KKK was created as the militant wing of the Democratic Party. The second photo shows Clinton winking.

WRAL-TV in Raleigh said Harnett declined to comment Monday. North Carolina GOP Executive Director Todd Poole told the station Harnett wouldn't give interviews. But Poole said that as the organization's first black chairman, Harnett believes it's important to learn from history.

Clinton's campaign didn't respond to the station's request for comment.

North Carolina Democratic Party spokesman Ford Porter said the comments encapsulate the GOP's inflammatory rhetoric.

OHIO

Lawmaker working as auctioneer is convicted of theft

PORT CLINTON — A northern Ohio lawmaker accused of stealing antiques and other items from a home while doing work as an auctioneer has been convicted on a felony theft charge and immediately removed from office under state law.

An Ottawa County jury on Monday convicted Rep. Steve Kraus of theft but acquitted him on a breaking and entering charge. A burglary charge was dismissed previously.

The Republican from Sandusky has maintained his innocence. His attorney has said he took items from a Port Clinton home to inventory them for auction at the request of a real estate agent.

House Republican spokeswoman Brittany Warner said Speaker Cliff Rosenberger is reviewing the verdict and working to establish a timeline for the GOP caucus to select Kraus' replacement.

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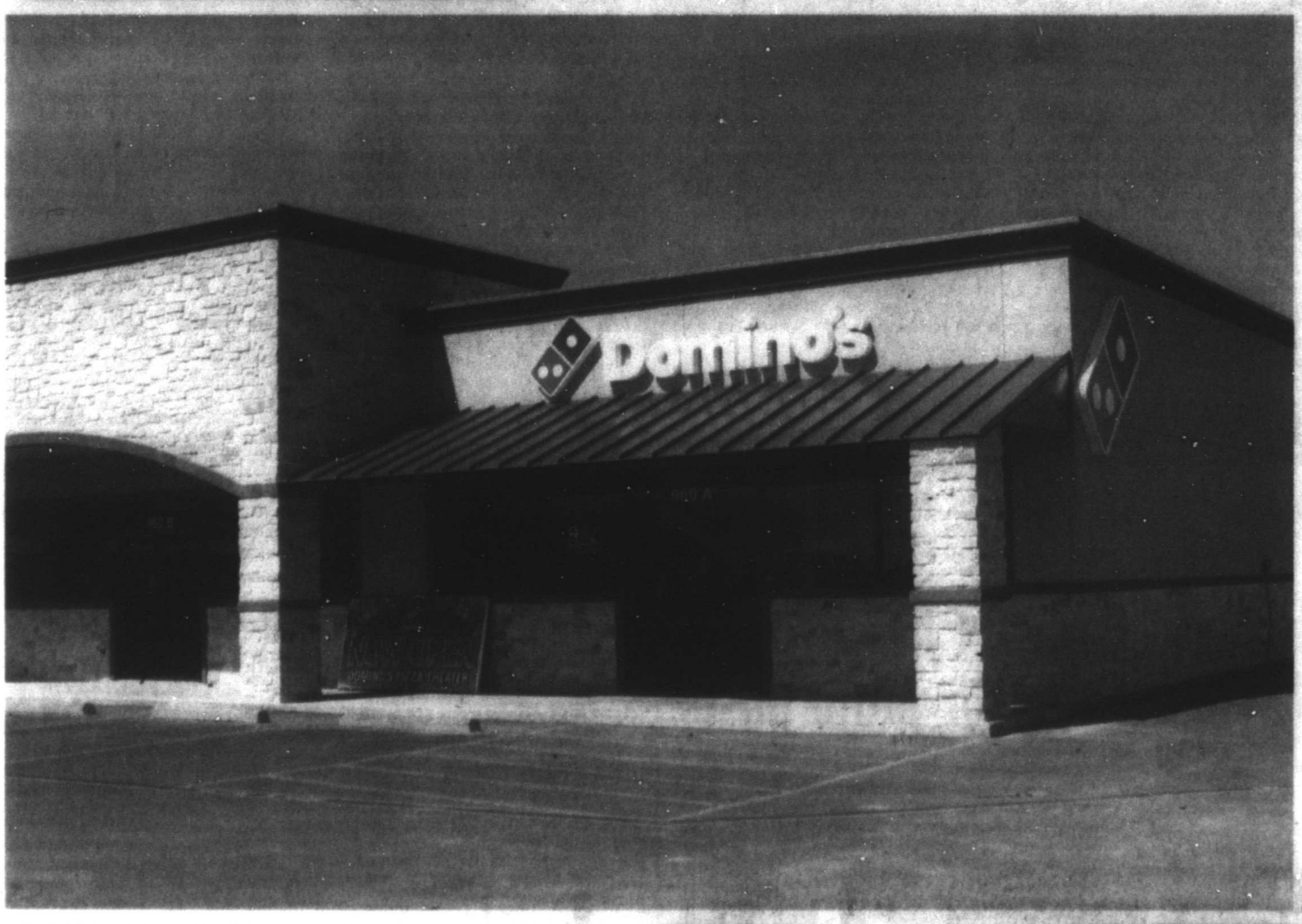

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Jim and his employees were thrilled with the news of being selected by MRT's Readers as the Silver Award winners; however, this company likes to push themselves and wants to earn Gold in 2016. The Domino's company motto is "Exceptional People on a Mission to be the Best Pizza Delivery Company in the World." The local Domino's team accepts this challenge every day and works to fulfill this mission by serving up a delicious variety of menu items to its customers.

There is more to the Domino's mission then being the Best Pizza Delivery Company. As Jim said, "You have to give back and support the community that supports you. We do this by actively supporting fundraising efforts and making donations to charities and non-profit organizations including St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Permian Basin Honor Flight, Toys for Cops, and Commemorative Air Force – High Sky Wing."

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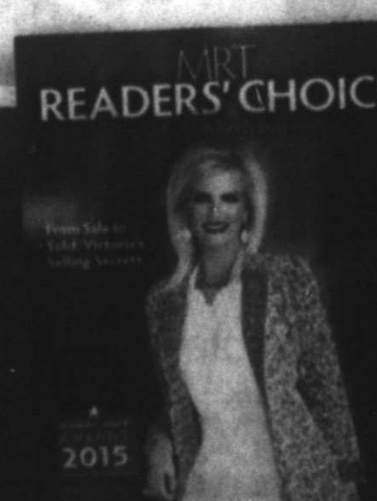

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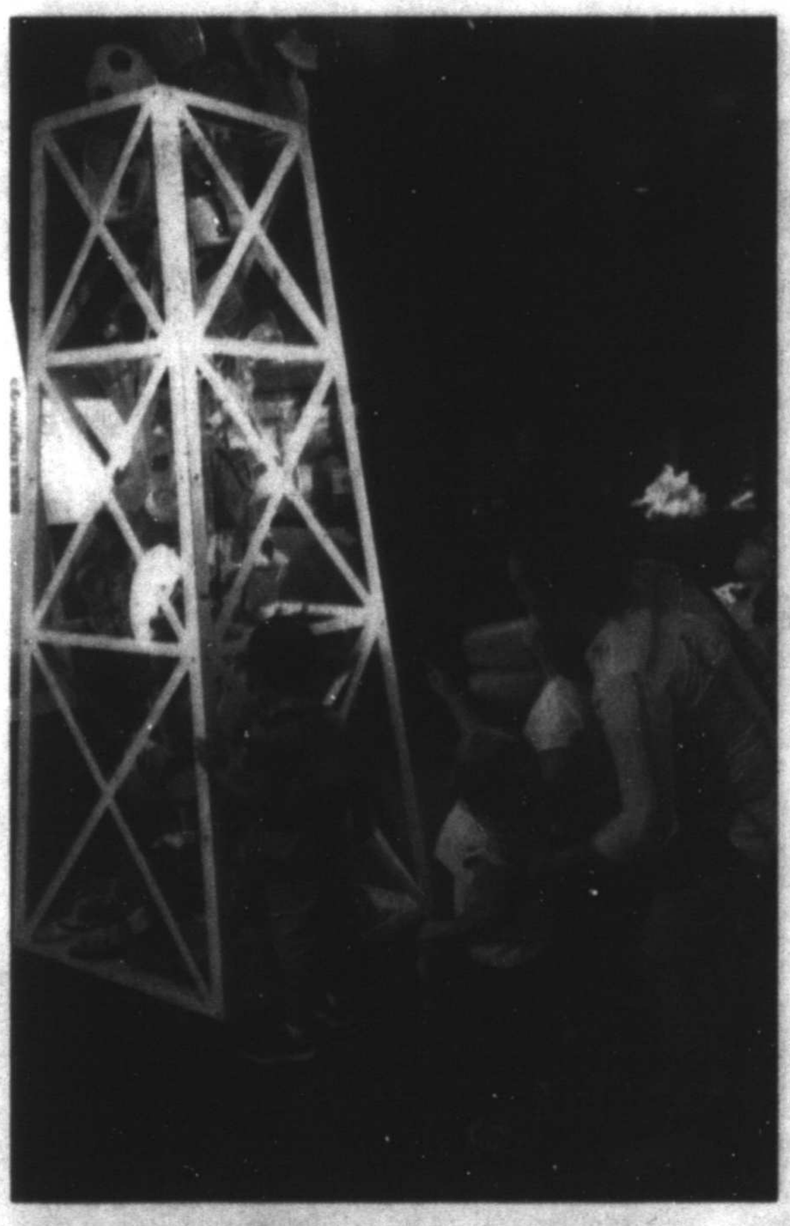

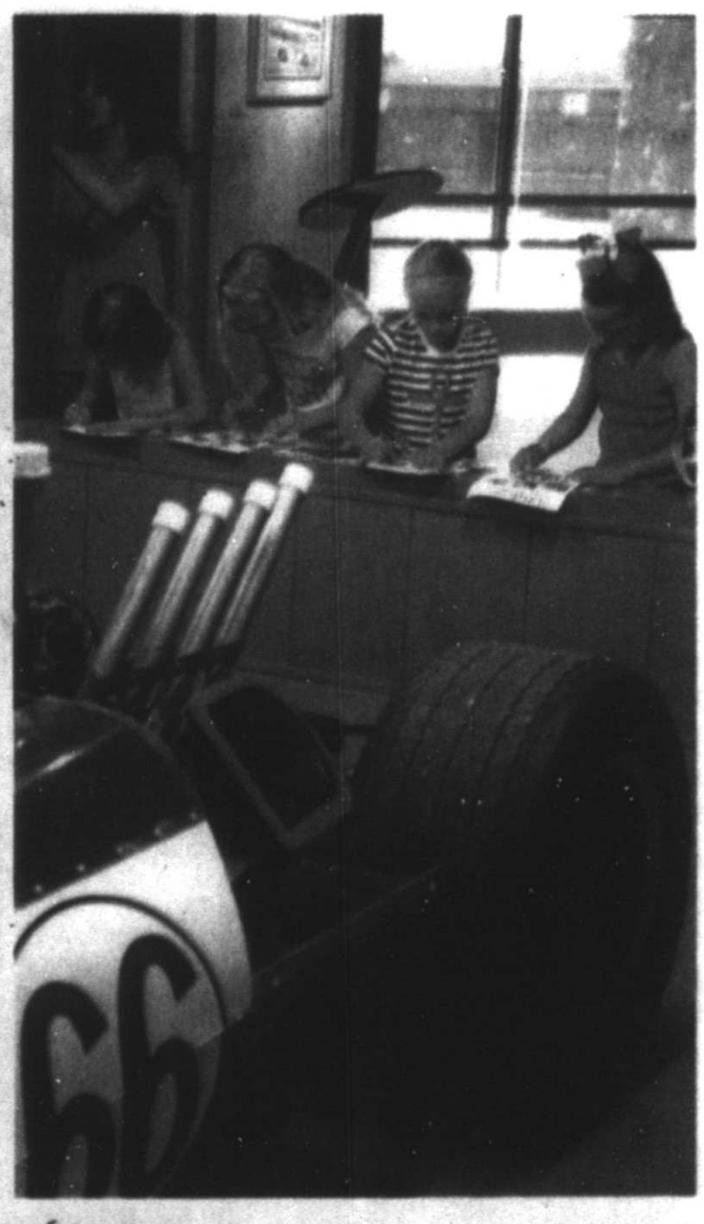

Health department urges parents to get children vaccinated early

By Erin Stone
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Midland Health and Senior Services (MHSS) is encouraging parents to bring their children in early for vaccinations to avoid the back-to-school rush.

"The issue is that a lot of times parents procrastinate and wait (until) two days before school starts to bring (their kids) in," said Sal Garcia, health manager at MHSS. "That's why we encourage parents to get their kids shots now to avoid long lines."

Immunizations are available between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to noon Friday at the MHSS location at 3303 W. Illinois Ave.

MHSS will provide the vaccinations at a cost of $10 and accepts insurance. MHSS also provides the meningitis vaccine, which is required by state law for all college students.

All students enrolling in Midland ISD must have up-to-date vaccinations as required by Texas' Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Students cannot attend classes until their immunizations are up to date.

The only students who will be exempt are those with written physician notes that the vaccine will be injurious to the child's health, or if parents have been granted an exemption for "reasons of conscience," which they must apply for through the DSHS Immunization Branch.

Required vaccinations from 2015-16 Texas minimum state vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12 are:

Diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap): For K-sixth grade: Five doses of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis vaccine; one dose must have been received on or after the fourth birthday. However, four doses meet the requirement if the fourth dose was received on or after the fourth birthday. For students 7 and older, three doses meet the requirement if one dose was received on or after the fourth birthday.

For seventh grade: One dose of Tdap is required if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.

For eighth-12th grade: One dose of Tdap is required when 10 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in place of Tdap if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists.

Polio: For K-12th grade, four doses of polio. One dose must be received on or after the fourth birthday. However, three doses meet the requirement if the third dose was received on or after the fourth birthday.

Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR): The first dose of MMR must be received on or after the first birthday. For K-sixth grade, two doses of MMR

Please see VACCINES/2B

MISD releases school year info

Midland ISD 2015 information for parents and families:

REGISTRATION

Returning students: Students who are returning to Midland ISD do not need to re-register, even if they are attending a different campus. However, all parents should complete a TxConnect Registration by clicking the Parents tab and Grades/Attendance at www.midlandisd.net.

New students: All campuses open for new student registration Aug. 3. In order to enroll, parents should bring a birth certificate, Social Security card, shot records and proof of residence (such as a utility bill or lease agreement). Parents can also contact the MISD Student Services Office, 615 W. Missouri Ave. For more information, call 240-1520.

* Please note that registration for Bunche, Fasken and Yarbrough elementary schools will be held at Central Office until the campuses are completed.

High school students: All Midland and Lee high school students should attend their assigned Dawg Days/Rebel Muster on Aug. 11 or Aug. 12. Midland and Lee high school offices are open. For more information, call 689-1100 (MHS), or 689-1600 (LHS).

Orientation activities begin on Aug. 11 for Early College High School at Midland College, 685-4641.

ATTENDANCE ZONES

View school Attendance Zones at www.midlandisd.net by clicking the Par-

Please see MISD/2B

Obituaries

Ardis Taylor

Ardis Tayor, 84, passed peacefully on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

A celebration of Life will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2015 at the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Mansfield. Interment will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at the Cook-Walden Capital Parks in Pflugerville, Texas.

She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Samuel L. Taylor; a daughter, Ruby Taylor; sons, Wilford (Rita) Taylor and Gayland (Audrey) Taylor; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Arlene Hope (Stockton) Dodds

Arlene Hope (Stockton) Dodds, 74, died Saturday, July 25, 2015 at Sweetwater Health Care Center.

No services are planned at this time. She had lived in Midland before moving to Roby, Texas.

She is survived by her husband, Weldon Dodds; two daughters, (one local - Jana Manley of Midland;) three sons; one sister; and 11 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

McCoy Funeral Home of Sweetwater is in charge of arrangements.

Douglas Nelson "Hopper" Hopkins

Douglas Nelson "Hopper" Hopkins went home to be with the Lord on July 24, 2015. The Lord called him home from his favorite place Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Doug was born in Jena, Louisiana, to Carlton Douglas "Dugan" Hopkins and Linda Nelson Hopkins on August 10, 1961. His family moved to Crane, Texas in 1971 where he attended school until his junior year. He then moved to Midland, Texas where he graduated from Midland Lee High School in 1979.

Doug attended Midland College, Texas Tech University, and Angelo State University where he graduated in 1984. His first day there he met his love and wife, Carrie Lynn York. They were married in 1989.

Doug worked in the oilfield from age 16, off and on, and was currently employed by Nova Star, LP.

Doug never met a stranger and had friends throughout the country. He helped anyone in need. He was a devoted and loving husband, dad, son, brother, uncle, and friend. He was an avid nature lover, who enjoyed being in the beautiful mountains of New Mexico and Colorado. He inherited his love of traveling the roads of America from his Mom and Pawpaw Nelson. He followed the weather and was always fascinated by it. Boxing was his passion, and he was an expert on it. He loved life and woke up joyously singing every morning.

He attended Homeline Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Carrie Hopkins of Stanton; his son, Samuel Hopkins of Stanton; his daughter, Sarah Hopkins of Stanton; his parents, Carlton Douglas Hopkins and Linda Nelson Hopkins of Midland; his sister, Lisa Holifield of Midland; his sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Craig Smith of Midland; and many beloved nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins whom he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Steve Holifield, Jr.; a niece, Hunter Ann Smith; and his grandparents; Elemena and Sam Hopkins, Joy, and Dave Nelson.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the West Texas Food Bank, 1008 E 2nd St, Odessa, Texas 79761, or the Homeline Baptist Church building fund, P.O. Box 8032 Midland, Texas 79708.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be held at 9:00 a.m. at Temple Baptist Church, with Rob Foreman officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

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Joe Vasquez

Joe Vasquez passed away at a local hospital on July 18, 2015. He was born on January 12, 1933.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ann, of Midland, Texas; three sons, Nick Vasquez of Dallas, Tony Vazquez of Midland, and Larry Miza of Jacinto, California; one granddaughter, Farrah Vasquez of Dallas; four sisters, Elva Ramirez of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Vickie Castaneda of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Minnie Vasquez of Lubbock, and Tony Aguilar of Artesia, New Mexico; two brothers, George Vasquez of Ruidoso, New Mexico and Armando Vasquez of Lubbock; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joe worked for many years in Midland as a produce salesman.

No services will be held.

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Lowell D. "Pete" Stewart

Lowell D. "Pete" Stewart, 85, of Midland, died Sunday morning, July 26, 2015 at Parks Nursing Home in Odessa.

Mr. Stewart was born, May 11, 1930, in Midland, Texas to Melvin and Rachel Stewart. He worked on the family farm until graduating from Midland High School in 1947. He learned the office machine business and was involved in all phases while working for West Texas Office Supply. He also served in the Texas National Guard entering the service in 1950 and had achieved the rank of sergeant upon his honorable discharge in 1956. Pete owned and operated Ector Office Equipment with stores in Midland and Odessa. He served as the District Governor of American Business Clubs and was the recipient of the National Mr. A.M.B.U.C. Award several years running.

Always the entrepreneur, he also started and operated S & T Feed Lot Company and ran his own small family farming operation. Businesses often change and grow over time with new opportunities and adventures. Pete became a manufacturer's representative, selling office machines and earned the distinction of Top National Sales Rep two years in succession. Pete retired from the office machine business in 1986 and began a new chapter in his life in the construction and real estate business in New Mexico; buying, remodeling, and selling properties until a second retirement in 1997.

Pete met his wife, Wanda Ruth Segelquist, in Goldthwaite, Texas and they were married on October 18, 1952.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Wanda Stewart of Midland; daughter, Cindy Allen and her husband, John, of Wheelock, Texas; son, Vic Stewart and his wife, Deva, of Midland, Texas; four grandchildren, Jonathan Allen and his wife, Amanda, of Waco, Texas, Rick Stewart of New Braunfels, Texas, Meghan Pimentel and her husband, Anthony, of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Ryan Stewart of Midland, Texas; and three great-grandchildren, Chase Pimentel of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Cadence and Pierce Allen of Waco, Texas.

Graveside services will be conducted at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at Resthaven Memorial Park, with the Reverend Christopher Hagger officiating.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jonathan H. Allen, Jr., Jonathan H. Allen, III, Patrick Scott Stewart, Ryan Douglas Stewart, Anthony E. Pimentel, and Jake Ussery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Compass Hospice, 3001 W Illinois Ave Ste 3A, Midland, TX 79701.

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

Nolan Hirsch

Nolan Hirsch, a long-time resident of Midland, died Friday, July 24, 2015 at his home.

Nolan Hirsch was born at Fort Clark, Brackettville, Texas, Horse Calvary Post, October 16, 1921 to Myrtle Blanche Nolan, daughter of a prominent ranching family and Lt. Col. Victor Hugo Hirsch. His father transferred to an army post in San Antonio. Nolan attended early schooling through high school in San Antonio, Texas, and graduated from Brackenridge High School. He attended on scholarship St. Mary's University and later transferred to the University of Texas at Austin. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology and was selected to the Honorary Fraternity, Sigma Gamma Epsilon.

Hirsch served in the United States Army in World War II, 96th Infantry Division in the South Pacific, including battles of Layte and Luzon in the Philippines. His service included the invasion and battle of Okinawa and he was selected after Okinawa to serve as part of the cadre in reorganizing the Philippines Scouts. Through his military service, he earned the Combat Infantry Badge, was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart in the battle of Okinawa, received three Bronze Battle Stars and one Arrow for an invasion in Okinawa.

After discharge from the United States Army in 1946, Hirsch came to Midland, Texas, worked for Stanolind Oil and Gas, Deep Rock Oil, Texas Pacific Coal and Oil in Midland and Fort Worth. Hirsch also served with independent oil company Keith Graham OMNI Exploration. Hirsch had been an independent geologist from 1968 to the present time. He formed and served as President of M.V.C. Inc. in oil and gas exploration and production. He is given credit for finding several oil and gas fields and field extensions in the Permian Basin and Eastern Shelf of West Texas.

He met Lila Sue Caruthers in Midland in 1947, a graduate of Texas Tech University. Hoping to overcome "volatile times," they declared a truce, and were married on "Armistice Day," November 11, 1950 (now called Veterans Day.) He and Sue were together for 51 years and raised three children, Melissa Hirsch, J.D., a local attorney for many years, now retired in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico and New York City; Victor Nolan Hirsch, Ph.D. of League City, Texas; and Cathy Hirsch Hamilton, Ph.D. of North Carolina. Hirsch is also survived by six grandchildren, Catherine Hamilton-Genson, Lila Frances Hamilton Grey, Nathanael Hirsch Hamilton, Victoria Lee Hirsch, Natalie Sue Smith, Santa Claire Hirsch; and three great grandchildren, Gabriel and Nolan Hamilton-Genson, Alder Grey, and with eager anticipation of Kayla Bailey Smith due in August.

Hirsch has been a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church and also served as Deacon in Saint Giles Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth.

Hirsch was a life-long avid hunter and fisherman. He belonged to various professional associations and clubs: Fort Worth Petroleum Club, Midland Petroleum Club, the Wildcatter Club of the Petroleum Club, and the Midland Exchange Club. He served more than 65 years as a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and he had been a long-time member of the Society of Independent Petroleum Earth Scientists. Hirsch was a charter member of Ranchland Hills Country Club and a member of the Midland Country Club. He could be found 11:30 a.m., two times a week, with his buddies at Luigi's and The Bar.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at *www.woundedwarriorproject.org* or to Lone Star Sanctuary at *www.lonestarsanctuary.org*.

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

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Tommyé Joyce Shoemake Castor

November 12, 1938 - July 25, 2015

Joyce Castor, 76, passed away suddenly in her home on Saturday, July 25, 2015. Joyce was born in Olney, Texas to Tommy and Mattie Lee Cumbie Shoemake on November 12, 1938. The family moved to Snyder, Texas where she grew up. She moved to Midland after a modeling stint in Dallas, where she met her husband, Robert J. Castor. They married on November 14, 1957 and just celebrated their 57 year anniversary last November.

They had two children, a daughter, Mica Castor Bergman, and a son, Alan Randall Castor. She has four grandsons that were the loves of her life and all were truly adored by her, Robert Andrew Bergman (Drew), Grant Joseph Bergman, William Spencer Bergman, and Graham Haydon Castor. She lived for her time with her boys and always had their favorite meals or desserts made when they visited, as well as a stocked cabinet of goodies for them. She taught them many things, one of them being how to cook those favorite meals. Her goal was to make sure they always had fun and had adventures at Marnie and PaPa's and traditions were made for them to carry on to their families.

Joyce was a jack of all trades, working as a hairstylist, oil and gas office assistant, interior designer, and later as a realtor and broker until her retirement. What Joyce treasured most was being a wife, mother, and Marnie to her grandsons. She loved to travel, cook, and create art collages, but more than anything else, she loved her family time. She loved sharing her Native American Cherokee history and folklore as well as music and art. She was an active volunteer in many organizations throughout her life. Joyce or Mom or Marnie loved her family and is greatly loved by her family in return. She will be sorely missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Tommy and Mattie Lee Shoemake; brothers, Howard, Bill, and Steve Shoemake; and her sisters, Barbara Adams Price and Carol Adams.

She is survived by her husband, Robert J. Castor; daughter, Mica Castor Bergman; son, Alan Castor; grandsons, Drew Bergman, Grant Bergman, Spencer Bergman, and Graham Castor; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Midland Fair Havens, www.mfh.org, or High Sky Children's Ranch, *www.highsky.org*.

"When the time comes for you to die, you need not be afraid because death cannot separate you from God's love." Charles H. Spurgeon

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 4:14

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

Death Notices

Drayton Earl Morris

Drayton Earl Morris, 95, of Midland, Texas, passed Sunday July 26, 2015.

A funeral service will be held Saturday at 3:00 p.m. on August 1, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

VACCINES

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are required.

Hepatitis B: For students 11-15, two doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) was received. Dosage (10 mcg/1.0 mL) and type of vaccine (Recombivax) must be clearly documented. If Recombivax was not the vaccine received, a 3-dose series is required.

Varicella: The first dose of varicella must be received on or around the first birthday. For K-12th grade, two doses are required.

Meningococcal: For 7th-12th grade, one dose is required upon enrollment. For students 11-12 entering seventh grade, one dose is required.

Hepatitis A: The first dose must be received on or around the first birthday. For K-sixth grade: two doses are required. Special note: a child will not be considered delinquent in this series until 18 months have elapsed since receiving the first dose.

For all vaccinations except hepatitis A, the receipt of the dose up to (and including) four days before the birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.

For MMR, hepatitis A and B and Varicella, evidence of immunity is acceptable in place of the vaccine.

For Varicella, a written statement from a physician, school nurse or the child's parent or guardian confirming previous illness is acceptable in lieu of any and all varicella vaccine doses required.

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ents tab, and Enrollment.

School calendar

View the 2015-16 School Calendar at www.midlandisd.net.

Uniforms/attire

Uniform guidelines are available under the Parents tab at www.midlandisd.net. For schools that are not uniform campuses, the MISD dress code applies. Please see the Handbook under the Parents tab. Also, see the campus Web page for information.

School lunches

Please click the Child Nutrition Services icon at www.midlandisd.net for payment or meal application assistance, or call the CNS Office at 240-1840.

Busing

Click Bus Routes under the Parents tab at www.midlandisd.net for information, or call the MISD Transportation Office at 240-1700.

Vaccination information

View the immunization checklist at www.midlandisd.net, under the Parents tab, Wellness and Health Services.

Open houses

Elementary schools: Aug. 24

Junior high schools: Sept. 3

Freshman schools: Sept. 14

High schools: Sept. 21

For additional events, click the Events tab and View Calendar at www.midlandisd.net. Also, see your campus Web page.

Volunteering

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

Connecting to MISD

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

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

Source: MISD

Drumstick maker Everett 'Vic' Firth dies at 85

Associated Press

BOSTON — Everett "Vic" Firth, a longtime timpanist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra who launched a successful drumstick company bearing his name, has died at 85.

Firth, who died Sunday of pancreatic cancer at his home in Boston, joined the Boston Symphony in 1952 and served for five decades as timpanist, performing for legendary conductors including Leonard Bernstein. He also led the percussion department at the New England Conservatory.

Firth began making drumsticks and mallets for himself and students at the New England Conservatory because he was unhappy with the warped utensils that were available at the time.

Eventually, he rescued a 65,000-square-foot plant from bankruptcy and began manufacturing them in Newport, Maine, where they're still made.

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TUESDAY PRIME TIME JULY 28, 2015

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

		G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Fresh Off the Boat	Black-ish	EM: Weight Loss: "Rachel" A dancer finds herself weighted down a food addiction. (N)				KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Blast From the Past"		Zoo "Blame It on Leo" (N)		NCIS: New Orl. "Le Carnivale de la Mort"		CBS 7 News	(:35) Hawaii Five-0 "Ua'Aihue"		(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the One-Eyed Witness"		McMillan and Wife
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Smarter-5th Grader "Christi/Shawn" (N)		Knock Knock Live (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Joe McGee	HaYesod	Update News	Mission: M25	Light of the Southwest				Exploring With the Scholarr		Ministerios Vida	Nueva
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		America's Got Talent Wayans joins 'AGT.' (N)		"Judge Cuts 3" Marlon		Hollywood Game Night (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Business (N)	Focus on Europe	The Bomb Explore the most baleful invention in human history. (N)				Uranium: Twisting 1/2 cont'd July 29 (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La sombra del pasado		Amores con trampa		Lo imperdonable		Yo no creo en los hombres		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto	Deportivo
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	Law:CI "Ill-Bred"		Law:CI "Fico Di Capo"		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H.
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575			165	(5:30) Eraserhead		★★★ Mimic ('97, Hor) Mira Sorvino.				An American Werewolf in ...			(:45) South of Heaven, West...		
	HBO	300	530	54	14		The Maze Runner Dylan O'Brien.				True Detective		Ballers	The Brink	★★ Tammy Melissa McCarthy.		Movie	
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:00) Escape Plan		Packed in a Trunk			LastWeek	Day/Hell	1stLook	Sex On//	WBC Boxing		
	HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:15) ★★★ Someone Like You Ashley Judd.				★★★★ This Is Where I Leave You				★★★ Horrible Bosses 2		Movie	
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:35) The Signal		(:15) ★★★ Super Troopers				★★ RoboCop			(:45) Sin City Diaries "Inside Out"		
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:15) ★★★ Reservation Road				★★ Disturbia Shia LaBeouf.		(:45) Femme Fatales			(:45) A Clockwork Orange		
	PLEX			96			(5:10) The Jane Au...		★★ The Love Letter			★★★ Little Man Tate			(:10) ★★★ Benny and Joon		Movie	
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(4:45) World Trad...		Masters of Sex		Ray Donovan		The Affair		Masters of Sex		★★★★ Swingers	
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(:20) ★★★ Dirty Pretty Things				★★★ Babel ('06, Dra) Cate Blanchett, Brad Pitt.						★★★ Where the Truth Lies	
CABLE	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Big Smo (N)	Big Smo (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★★ The Dark Knight ('08, Act) Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Christian Bale.								Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer			Movie
	BET	58	-		40		(5:00) To Be Announced			Desean	Nellyville (N)		Desean	Nellyville		Game	Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives		New York Social (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives		Watch (N)	Real Housewives		H.Wives
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	The New High		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit	
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Deadliest Catch (N)		Land Rush (N)		Deadliest Catch		Land Rush	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Dog Blog	Austin	KC Under	Jessie	Friends	Girl	Austin	I Didn't	Liv/Mad	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Olympics	30Shorts	E:60		E:60 Pictures		Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NFL Live		Streetball City Slam		Streetball City Slam		E:60		NFL Live		Baseball Tonight (L)	
	FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) A Cinderel...		Liar "Framed" (N)		Stitchers (N)		Pretty Liars "Framed"		The 700 Club		★★★ You Again	
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Insider (N)	Stars Insider	H.S. Baseball UIL Tournament 6A Final Arlington Martin vs. Houston Cypress Ranch					Hall of Fame	WPT Poker L.A. Classic		Bull Riding Championship	
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★★ Oblivion ('13, Act) Morgan Freeman, Tom Cruise.						Tyrant (N)		Tyrant		Tyrant	
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	Flip/ Flop	FlipFlop
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Counting	CountCars	Counting	Counting	Count. (N)	Count. (N)	(:05) Leepu (N)		(:05) The Woodsmen		Counting	Counting
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Dance Moms "Abby vs. Kira ... Again!"		Dance Moms (N)		Dance Moms (N)		Dance Moms (N)		Dance Moms "Two Girls, One Solo" (N)		Dance Moms	
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	43				Sailing America's Cup		Mecum Auctions "Houston"			Mecum Auctions: Collector Cars and More "Denver"						Rallycross
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	WitchWay Talia (N)		F.House	F.House	F.House		Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Mstr "Tut for Tat"		Ink Master		Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★ Jurassic Park III ('01, Sci-Fi) Sam Neill.				Face Off (N)		Geeks/	Reactor	Face Off		★ Deep Blue Sea	
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Clipped (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan Will Forte, Justin Willman		Clipped	Conan
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Leaving for a vacation to Alaska becomes a trip in itself

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

On one of our overseas trips, we bought a small luggage scale to make sure our luggage wasn't overweight. We hadn't used it in awhile and when we were getting ready to take our grandsons to Alaska, we got it out.

Dead battery.

A tiny screw secured the battery compartment case. No tool we had was small enough to turn that screw. After working with it an hour, I went to Radio Shack with the scale in hand. The girl behind the counter had a battery, but no tool to open the battery compartment.

I went to our local hardware store and told a clerk my dilemma. She went after it with a vengeance and ended up getting a drill and opening the compartment that way. She wouldn't let me pay for her labor. So, I bought a $2 screwdriver.

The baggage weighed OK, so we got ready to leave. After I locked the front door, the key broke inside the lock. Just broke into two pieces. My wife had left her keys in the house. I went to my office to get a pocket knife and, when I got back to the front door, it was open. I asked her how she did it. She said she just took the end of the key that separated, pushed it against the key with the teeth on it and pushed hard. It worked. She is a true fighter and will try anything to solve a problem. The key was still in the lock, however and we worked with that for a while. Finally I punched my knife against the top of the part of the key that was still in the lock and made a half turn with it. The key loosened, and I pulled it out.

We were elated. Shaken up, but elated. Our plane was to leave in three hours, and the airport was an hour away. Plenty of time. Thirty minutes into the trip, I asked her if she had put the carry-on bag in the car. I knew I hadn't. I pulled over, and sure enough, no carry-on bag. I turned around, hightailed it back home and there was the bag sitting in the driveway,

We made the flight fine, had airport changes in Las Vegas and Orange County, California, en route to Oakland, California, where were to retrieve our grandsons. They and our son, BZ, greeted us at the airport just before 6 p.m.

We waited at the baggage claim. And waited. And waited. No luggage. I recalled a travel expert saying there are two kinds of luggage: carry on and lost. I went to the baggage claim office and explained we were leaving from that airport early the next morning taking our grandsons to Alaska. The Southwest clerk was sympathetic, and I filled out a form while she put a tracer on the bags. She said they were to arrive on a flight in a couple of hours. We all went to eat. When we got back to BZ's house I called Southwest Baggage Claim and was put on hold for about 20 minutes. Finally they came on the line, and said, "the bags are right here." BZ and I went back to the airport, got the bags and we're on a ship now headed for Alaska.

My wife left her makeup bag at BZ's house. We'll see what happens next. A friend of mine said the word "travel" comes from the word "travail."

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Get the waffles! Maple syrup spills on highway

Associated Press

KEENE, N.H. — The only thing missing was the waffles.

Authorities in Keene, New Hampshire, were in for some sticky times when a load of maple syrup shifted in a tractor trailer and leaked very slowly all over a main highway.

Police Sgt. Thaddeus Derendal said about 220 gallons of the sweet-smelling pancake-topper from a Vermont producer oozed onto Route 101 on Monday afternoon.

Firefighters used squeegees to corral the mess and poured something like kitty litter on it to speed the drying process. The two eastbound lanes were reduced to one lane while the cleanup was underway.

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Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed. The BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles for each grid.

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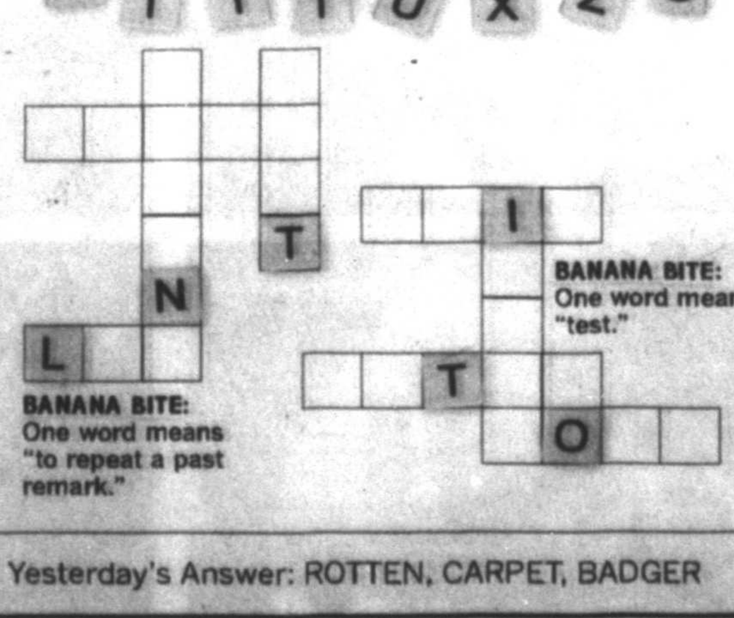

BANANA BITE: One word means "test."

BANANA BITE: One word means "to repeat a past remark."

Yesterday's Answer: ROTTEN, CARPET, BADGER

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Cameron Payne, 15, a Lee High School sophomore, created an "Ant-Man" costume and wore it to Regal Theater during the movie's opening. He is the son of Kerri Payne and the grandson of Janet and Ed Nicks. Cameron has an interest in Marvel Comics and aspires to be a movie director, according to his grandmother.

Rotary's efforts aim to eradicate polio

By Markian Hawryluk
Houston Chronicle

For the past eight years, Houston businessman Terry Ziegler has dutifully tracked the number of polio cases around the world, feeling elated as the numbers declined and dismayed when cases spiked.

But last week's report of no new cases — a rare occurrence in any year — had special meaning to Ziegler and the millions of Rotarians like him. It leaves Africa's most populous country poised for removal from the quickly shrinking list of countries where polio invades people's brains and spinal cords, causing paralysis. If no new cases are identified in the next four to six weeks, the World Health Organization could cross Nigeria off the polio-endemic list.

That brings the Rotary — a worldwide service organization — and its partners tantalizingly close to achieving a goal set decades ago. In 1978, the group took on the challenge of vaccinating some 6 million children to eradicate polio from the Philippines. They went on to tackle the ambitious goal of eradicating the disease worldwide. tackle the ambitious goal of eradicating the disease worldwide.

"The gains in global polio eradication have been impressive," said Dr. Peter Hotez, an infectious disease specialist at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital. "Rotary's efforts to take on Nigeria are absolutely essential. The milestone of a year free of polio in Nigeria is a huge one towards meeting global eradication targets."

Since the 1980s, Rotary has used its massive international infrastructure to raise more than $1.3 billion to eradicate polio and has immunized more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In Greater Houston alone, Rotary District 5890 has contributed more than $2.3 million toward the polio campaign.

"Rotary has been in it at the ground level," said Dr. Steve Co-chi, senior adviser for polio at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "They are considered the heart and soul of the global polio eradication initiative, and in Nigeria they have played a major role."

In 1988, WHO estimated an annual 350,000 cases of polio occurred across 125 countries. By 2013, that number dropped to 400 cases, and in 2015, a record-low 33 cases have occurred. Only three countries — Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria — remain on the endemic list.

While on the brink of being removed from that list, Nigeria and the rest of Africa must avoid any polio cases for two more years to be certified polio-free by 2017.

Native happy to help

Chris Ajayi has been involved in the efforts that have drastically reduced cases in his native Nigeria since he joined Rotoracts, the youth arm of Rotary, in 1995.

He had seen rates decline before, only to rise again after scandals over clinical trials in Nigeria and the emergence of the Boko Haram threat frightened the population away from vaccination campaigns. He believes the country would not have met this milestone without the Rotary efforts. Local members worked side by side with international volunteers, going door to door to immunize children in remote villages. Other Nigerian Rotarians donated funds or goods such as cookies and candy for the children. One effort involved handing out bars of soap to families who vaccinated their children.

Ajayi said eradicating the crippling disease has been his long-elusive dream.

"It is a thing of joy. I'm so elated," said Ajayi, who immigrated to the U.S. three years ago and works as nurse in Katy. "We've had some close shaves where we were going nine months (with no new cases) and then a case comes up and we go back to square one. But this? No, I wish I were back home in Nigeria to celebrate it."

Rotary's efforts on polio also have had major impacts on other vaccine-preventable diseases and health problems, and should pay dividends in the future for disease surveillance and public health interventions, experts said. The polio infrastructure in Nigeria is widely credited for reducing the spread of Ebola in the latest outbreak.

Concerted effort

Ziegler, who owns Big Z Lumber Company in Houston and chairs the district's Rotary Foundation Committee, started publishing a newsletter with polio statistics from WHO for the district in 2007. But more and more districts began asking for it, and now the weekly Polio Plus newsletter circulates worldwide. Many other Houstonians have been instrumental in polio fundraising efforts and some have helped with immunization campaigns in Nigeria and other countries.

"It's an accomplishment that some scientists told us would never happen, but it's great to prove them wrong," Ziegler said. "The fact that Rotary has stuck in there this long — we didn't think it would take this long or cost this much — is a real testament to the things we can do and the things we will be able to do in the future."

BASIN BURGER EATING CONTEST

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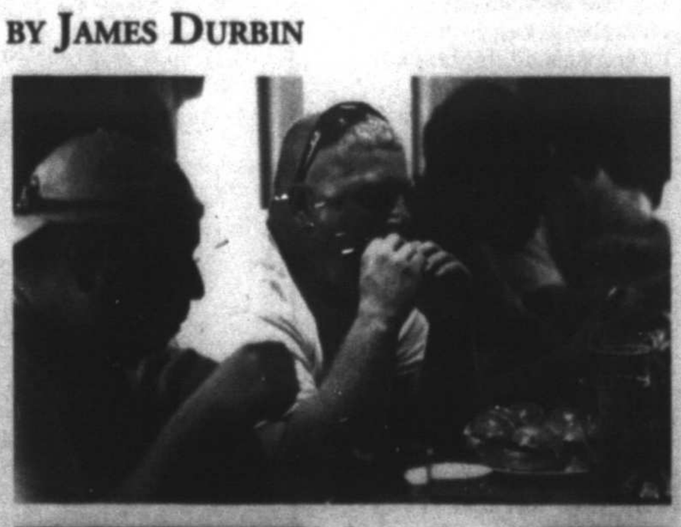

GUEST VIEW

State should eliminate artificial barriers for those taking high school equivalency exam

Houston Chronicle

Success or failure on the high school equivalency exam makes a big difference in the lives of many Texans. So it's important that the test be fair and appropriate. Pearson's General Education Development test — the GED — is the only high school equivalency exam offered in Texas.

Recently, this test, revamped in 2014, has come under fire for being too costly and too difficult. A sharp drop in the number of test-takers since the 2014 change highlights the fact that something may be amiss. The number of test-takers spiked in 2013, but in 2014 around 22,000 fewer people took the test in Texas than in 2012. To put this in perspective, that drop in the number of people taking the test is about the size of Angleton's population.

State officials must halt this trend. No one supports a diminution in the standards of the high school equivalency exam. Employers and community colleges need to be able to count on the exam to measure a certain level of proficiency. But a high school diploma is a key to finding a living-wage job and advancing in a career or up the academic ladder, and the State Board of Education cannot allow the test itself to erect artificial barriers in the path of individuals who would otherwise be qualified to earn this important certification.

A little healthy competition in the testing field is needed. Members of the board made progress this month when they voted to develop proposals from other vendors besides Pearson, the British education firm that developed the GED Testing Service in a joint venture with the nonprofit American Council on Education. Two other education corporations, ETS and CTB/McGraw-Hill, offer alternative exams that have been adopted in other states, including Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico.

Pearson's GED doesn't allow paper-based test-takers, and some research suggests that a computerized version of the test discourages test-takers who lack computer skills. The 2014 test represented about a 70 percent cost increase, according to Chandra Villanueva at the nonprofit Center for Public Policy Priorities. The other tests remain less expensive than Pearson's.

If the cost of the test serves to discourage test-takers, the board ought to develop a comprehensive strategy to make the test more affordable.

There are some challenges to moving away from the GED test. Many employers are familiar with its name and are unsure of the value of alternative tests. If another vendor proves acceptable, the board should take care to educate employers that the value of the equivalency certificate is the same even if the exam taken to earn it is different. A passing student will still earn a state-issued high school equivalency certificate.

We can't afford any sacred cows. Our state ranked 50th in the nation for its high rate of adults age 18 to 64 who lack a high school diploma or its equivalent in 2012. Our public officials should not countenance a monopoly in this testing arena that affects the lives of so many Texans.

Books protested in Florida school remain on Lubbock library shelves

By Karen Michael
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Parents in Florida are calling for two children's books by Jeanette Winter to be removed from the school curriculum, but the books are on the shelves at Lubbock libraries and have not attracted any similar protests.

Jane Clausen, director of the Lubbock Library, said no one has protested the presence of "The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq" and "Nasreen's Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan."

"We haven't had a formal complaint (about any book) in a couple of years, I would say," Clausen said.

"We rarely, rarely have any complaints about our materials."

According to The Florida Times-Union, another publication of Morris Communications which owns A-J Media, some parents and grandparents of students in the Duval County Public Schools have protested the inclusion of the two books in the third-grade reading list.

Dianne Haines Roberts, a grandparent in the Duval County district, called for parents to petition the books on the grounds that they "promote the Koran and praying to Muhammad." Her post on Facebook about the books was shared 206 times.

The books are available at Lubbock libraries, with "Nasreen's Secret School" available only at Mahon Library and multiple copies of "The Librarian of Basra" available at several Lubbock library locations.

"The Librarian of Basra" is the true story of a librarian who saved 70 percent of her library's books by sneaking them out and hiding them in a restaurant, her home and her friends' homes before the library was destroyed in the Iraq war in 2003.

The book does not mention prayer, but a quote from a New York Times news story on the librarian, Alia Muhammad Baker, says, "In the Koran, the first thing God said to Muhammad was 'Read.'"

The book also mentions that one of the Basra library's treasured books was a biography of Muhammad that was 700 years old.

"Nasreen's Secret School" is about the hardships faced by girls and women during the rule of the Taliban in Afghanistan, specifically during the time period of 1996-2001. Specifically, the book tells the story of Nasreen, whose parents disappeared during the time period, and her grandmother. Because she is concerned about her granddaughter's mindset after the disappearances, the grandmother finds a secret school for her granddaughter even though the Taliban forbids education of girls.

As the grandmother leaves her granddaughter at the school on the first day, she prays, "Please Allah, open her eyes to the world." That was the only mention of religion, except for the closing words, which say the Taliban can never close the windows that have opened for Nasreen, "Insha'Allah," or God willing.

According to The Florida Times-Union, some parents at a school board meeting said they were concerned about the serious content in the books, including war and references to Islam.

The superintendent of the Duval County Public Schools, Nikolai Vitti, said the debate over removing the books about saving books and getting an education is ironic.

"Ironically, it's the same themes that are discussed in the books themselves," Vitti said, according to The Florida Times-Union.

Clausen said the Lubbock library system has procedures for residents to request reconsideration of a book's inclusion on library shelves. But she said the library serves a diverse population.

TODAY: Sunny High: 100 Low: 76

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 98 Low: 73

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 95 Low: 73

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 96 Low: 74

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 96 Low: 75

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 96 Low: 75

Local forecast

The National Weather Service is calling for another high temperature at or above 100 degrees today — the 13th in 16 days. The NWS does bring the possibility of rain back into the forecast — a slight chance of showers on Sunday.

The record high for July 27 is 106 set in 1944, 1954 and 1995. The record low is 60 set in 1973. On July 27 of last year, the high was 100 and the low was 74.

Weather why

Q: What are the "dog days of summer?"

It's a slang term for the hottest time of the year, explained Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "In general terms, it's the time between early July and early September when the highest temperatures occur in the Northern Hemisphere," he said. "The ancient Egyptians named the brightest star in the sky Sirius, which they labeled the 'dog star' after one of their mythic gods. Sirius could be seen in the sky during this time and they believed it was responsible for the intense summer heat."

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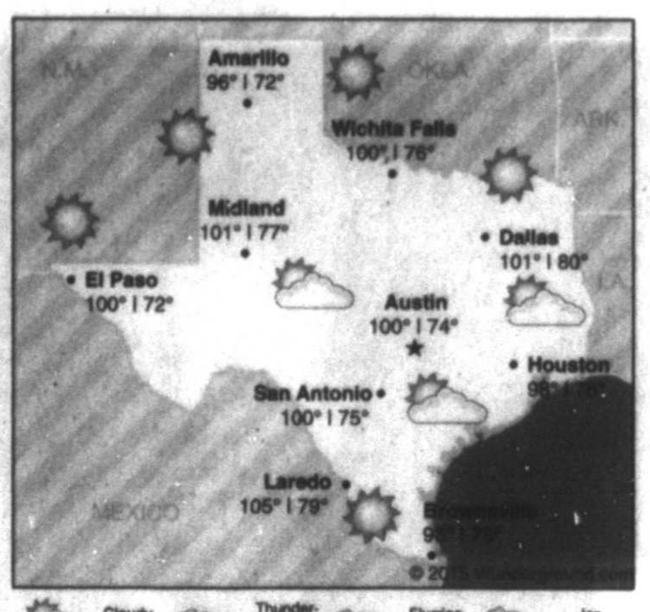

Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunder-storms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.52 in.
Year total	12.80 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.65 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	102
Low	79
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	7:01 a.m.
Sunset	8:49 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, July 28

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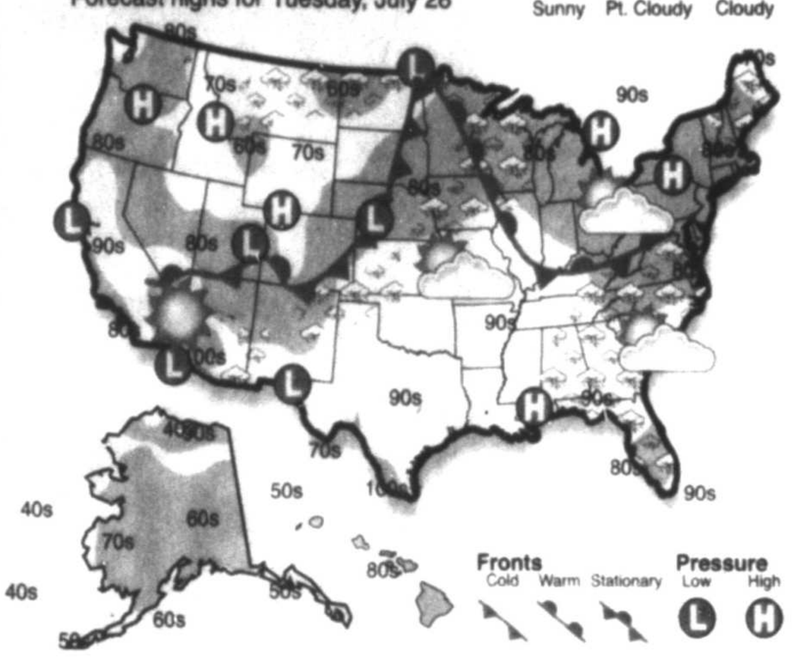

Woman discovers man's eyes aren't wandering by accident

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 a 58-year-old, twice divorced, hard-working, middle-class female. I spend most of my time working and involved with my three adult children. About a year ago, I started dating someone. He is 63, very helpful and claims he's madly in love with me and appreciates this opportunity for a normal, wholesome life.

Occasionally, I'll catch him staring at women's butts. It bothers me a bit, but oh, well, he's a man. Last week, our family went camping. At least a dozen times, I saw him position himself so that he could stare at my 40-year-old daughter's behind. Keep in mind, my daughter dresses VERY conservatively, and this trip was almost all jeans and T-shirts.

As we were packed up and ready to head home, she said she had to relieve herself and headed into the bushes (this is a remote campground). Instead of my boyfriend looking the other way, as we all did, he stared and gawked in her direction, obviously trying to sneak a peek!

Abby, I am devastated and disgusted. Please give me your take on this. — NORMAL OR NOT IN NEW YORK

DEAR NORMAL: For a man to look at women's body parts is normal, but what your boyfriend did goes beyond that. For him to try to sneak a peek at your daughter while she relieved herself indicates that he is a voyeur. Now you must determine whether he just takes advantage of an opportunity or he actively seeks it out, which could present a problem in the future.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is a 29-year-old new mother. I know times have changed since I was a new mom, but the restrictions my daughter has put on visiting her and my new grandson are unrealistic.

Since his birth three weeks ago, I have seen him only once — at the hospital. She has taken him on two outings: one where there were 10 people and another where there were more than 100. (My grandson has not yet received any of his childhood vaccinations.)

My daughter now says that when I visit, I must change into freshly washed clothes before entering her house. She's afraid that the second-hand smoke will harm him.

I'm not unintelligent. I have bought disinfectants to spray on myself, as well as breath strips. I also wash my hands, arms and face before I hold him. Am I unrealistic in thinking she's asking too much, or should I say something to her and let her know how much she has hurt me? — CRYING DAY AND NIGHT

DEAR CRYING: I do think you should talk to your daughter. What she may be trying to do is encourage you to quit smoking. I doubt that she's doing it to be hurtful.

Her motivation might be that she knows how unhealthy smoking is and would like you to be around until your grandchild is well into adulthood. The odds of that happening will be higher if you can find a way to give up tobacco. And when you do, consider putting all the money you save — and it will be plenty — into an education fund for your grandson.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Off-shape no-trump

East-West vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ K 7
♡ J 5
◇ A Q J 10
♣ K Q 10 5 3

WEST
♠ 8 6 2
♡ A Q 10 7
◇ 9 2
♣ 9 6 4 2

EAST
♠ J 5 3
♡ K 9 4 2
◇ 8 6 5 4
♣ A 8

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 9 4
♡ 8 6 3
◇ K 7 3
♣ J 7

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Two of ♠

Off-shape no-trump openings are becoming more and more common. Hands with 5-4-2-2 or 6-3-2-2 distributions were not supposed to open one no-trump in the good old days, but things are changing. The results are not always good.

Today's deal was played at the recent South American Championships. Many players opened one no-trump with the North hand and the result never varied. South transferred to spades and rebid three no-trump, ending the auction. A club lead and a heart shift ended matters quickly. It may seem harder for the defense on a heart lead, as West must shift to a club after four rounds of hearts, but North had to discard a club or two on the run of the hearts, helping the defense find the winning shift. Note that East cannot cash the ace of clubs at trick two before returning a heart, as declarer might hold three hearts to the queen.

Some players refused to open one no-trump with this distribution. They opened one club and reversed into two diamonds, if they judged the hand strong enough, or they bid as in the given auction. They all reached four spades needing only for the jack of trumps to fall in two or three rounds. This was quite a reasonable chance for success, as opposed to no chance at all in three no-trump. The old school wins!

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 28, 2015:

This year you see a change in how you feel and how you project those feelings. This trademark will become even more dynamic as the year goes on. Others will seek you out for your suggestions and ideas. If you are single, if you don't meet someone by mid-August, the people you meet afterward could be quite different and sometimes critical. You might decide to play the field for a while as a result. If you are attached, the two of you rely on each other more. You also learn to work together as a team. CAPRICORN can be a stick in the mud.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might feel the need to let others know that you will support yourself in getting what you want. Stay tuned in to what is happening around you, because an opportunity you will want to jump on could arise when you least expect it. Tonight: Don't hesitate to take the lead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You might not feel as sure of yourself in the morning as you would like. By midafternoon, you will feel as if you are nearly unstoppable. Use this moment to focus on what is important to you. Others finally bend in your direction. Tonight: Where you want to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your flexibility allows you to go from being quiet and passive to active and assertive. A key relationship will provide you with an opportunity to allow your full personality to come out. Careful diplomacy is advised. Tonight: Finish up any last-minute details.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You will know what to do in order to move a certain cause forward. You could be in a situation where you have to play a low-key role. You have some major changes ahead. Speak your mind, but be as diplomatic as possible. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your playful side emerges and allows you to make a difference in a challenging work-related situation. Once the tension dissolves, others' perspectives will change and the situation will become workable. Be more direct in what you decide to do. Tonight: Playful as ever.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might want to change your direction and respond more openly to your own needs. Stay on top of a problem, and you will do much better than you have in a while. You seem to be unusually confused about a personal matter; do nothing until you are sure. Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might be in a changeable and somewhat volatile situation. How you deal with a personal matter could evolve given some time, but you don't have that luxury right now. The resolution will come to you more easily than you had anticipated. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Deal with a financial matter now, before it deals with you. You will be relieved once you find the right response. Speak your mind. A friend steps forward and gives you support. You'll want to take news with a grain of salt; it might be too good to believe. Tonight: Play it easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Tap into your imagination in order to find the right solution to a money question. You might opt for a conservative response until you verify that a different course of action is right for you. Discomfort could result when trying out a new idea. Tonight: Relax at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating opens up a new possibility that you might not want to share at first. Listen to news with openness. You are more aware than others of what can happen with a loved one. You have the wherewithal to change this person's fate. Tonight: Listen to news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ A meeting will remind you that you have many supporters on a key project. A friend or loved one might be confused about which direction to head in. You could be in a situation where you don't have any choice but to take the lead. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your ability to bring others together emerges. Host a fun event if you can. A meeting initially could appear to be very serious, but that will change. Exchange ideas more freely. Touch base with a friend whom you don't see often. Tonight: The more friends, the merrier.

BORN TODAY

Former U.S. first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (1929), actress Lori Loughlin (1964), art critic Robert Hughes (1938)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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61 Flying speed boosters ... or, literally, what the ends of 17-, 21-, 38- and 55-Across can have
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2 Shows some backbone
3 Protective enclosures for divers
4 "Bang!"
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10 Place for a lawn mower
11 Alleviate
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18 Word after screen or scratch
22 Agency under FDR
25 "The wolf __ the door"
27 Folk legend Phil
29 Sudden changes in disposition
30 Wrist-to-elbow bone
31 Mom's guy
32 Mr. __ Dr Pepper rival
34 Kitchen bulbs
35 Tiny Dickens boy
37 Java Freeze maker
38 Poppycock
39 Stick-to-it-iveness
40 Flowerpot filler
46 Christmas tree choice
48 Seaside home selling point
49 Like some poetry
50 Yoga pose
51 Japanese, e.g.
53 Fluster
54 Lacquer ingredient
55 Wordless okays
56 On the roof of
57 1970s Chevy subcompact
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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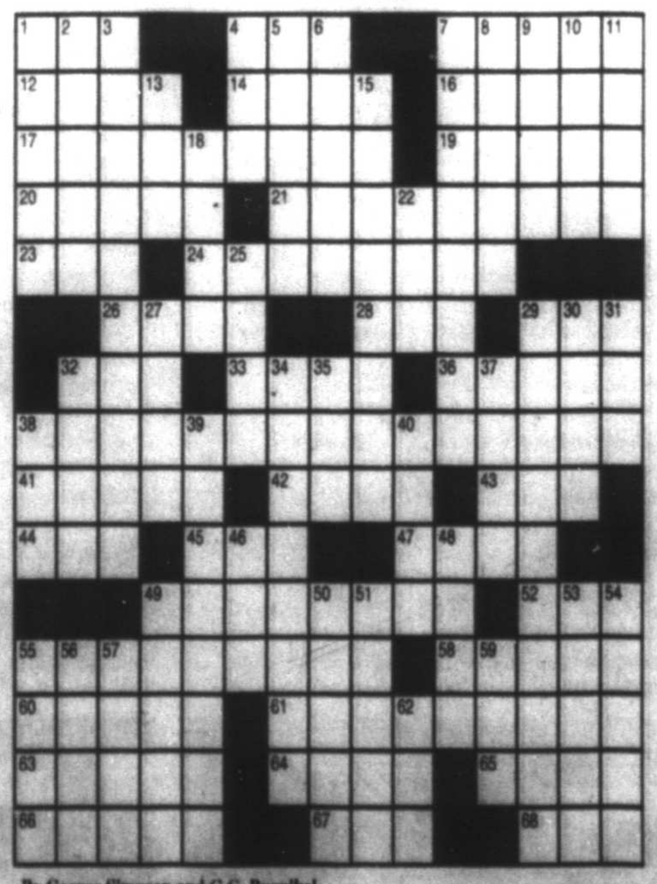

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NOTEWORTHY
Music in the news

NEW YORK

Madonna: It's just the beginning for Tidal

Madonna, who co-owns Tidal with Jay Z, Beyonce and others, says it's just the beginning for the streaming service that's had some troubles since its launch in March.

"It's just the beginning, so we're working out a lot of kinks and hopefully we're going to build something unique and amazing that's going to attract a lot of people," the 56-year-old singer said in a recent interview.

Tidal, which offers a basic subscription for $10 and a high-quality audio one for $20, hasn't made a splash like its announcement did a few months ago, when Rihanna, Kanye West, Daft Punk, Nicki Minaj, Jack White and others stood onstage in solidarity along with Madonna, Beyonce and Jay Z.

Since then, Tidal announced a family plan and discount for students. The company also lost its interim CEO last month.

"It's important that people understand we didn't create Tidal, we didn't put this together, we didn't all join forces because we're broke and we want more money. The idea is we want to support other artists and we want people to understand this is our heart, this is our work, and we want people to recognize that and we want other artists to have a chance," Madonna said.

"We live in a society now where everybody just expects everything to be for free, but you don't get a house for free; you have to pay somebody to build it," she said.

ATLANTA

Brown 'completely numb' after death of daughter

R&B singer Bobby Brown said Monday that his daughter, Bobbi Kristina Brown, was "an angel" and that the family must find a way to honor her memory.

Bobbi Kristina, the daughter of singer Whitney Houston, died Sunday in hospice care, six months after she was found face-down in a bathtub in her suburban Atlanta townhome. Authorities are investigating her death.

"Krissy was and is an angel," her father said in a statement. "I am completely numb at this time. My family must find a way to live with her in spirit and honor her memory. Our loss is unimaginable."

Drew Gurian/Invision/AP

Sevebteen-year-old rapper Silento poses for a portrait July 21 in New York. Silento's song, "Watch Me (Whip/Nae Nae)," has sold 892,168 tracks and boasts 150 million on-demand streams, according to Nielsen SoundScan. It has peaked at No. 3 on Billboard's Hot 100 songs chart, and No. 2 on the R&B/Hip-Hop songs and Rap songs charts, respectively.

Dance craze, hit song give rapper Silento a breakthrough

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Silento, the 17-year-old rapper who's having a pop culture moment with the dance craze to his debut song, says he wants to be a role model to the young kids who have posted videos dancing to his tune.

His "Watch Me (Whip/Nae Nae)" has continued to rise on the charts and gain millions of views on YouTube, becoming popular among children who have imitated the dances he references in the song, including Nae Nae and the Stanky Legg.

"I always wanted to be a role model," said Silento, born Ricky Hawke, in a recent interview. "I always (wanted) to be the one everybody look at and copy off of."

Silento's song has sold 892,168 tracks and boasts 150 million on-demand streams, according to Nielsen SoundScan. It has peaked at No. 3 on Billboard's Hot 100 songs chart and No. 2 on the R&B/Hip-Hop songs and Rap songs charts, respectively.

Fans — old and young — have posted videos dancing to the popular song. NBA player Stephen Curry and his wife posted a video last week of their daughter, Riley, dancing to the song as she celebrated her third birthday.

"I was just like, 'Wow! Wow!' That's all you can say," Silento said of the song's success. "I just be smiling. It looks like me when I was little. I used to do the same thing."

The performer, a senior in high school in Atlanta, said he came up with the idea for "Watch Me" at school. After recording the song, he uploaded it to SoundCloud in January and posted videos on Instagram of people dancing to the track. Capitol Music Group caught wind of the rising hit.

"They came like that second week. I got an email saying, 'I've seen your song last week and I see it this week and it exploded,'" recalled Silento, who signed with the record label. "I was like, 'Yeah, that's that message I was looking for.'"

He said that instead of releasing an EP or album, "first we're going to push out more singles," adding his next single is "going to be a record for the ladies."

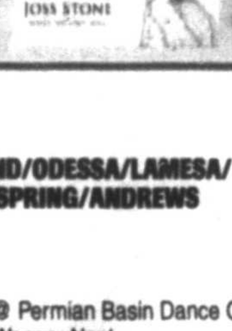
Silento, who grew up admiring Usher, Chris Brown, Mariah Carey, Ciara and Mary J. Blige, said his sound is a mix of rapping and singing.

"I might throw another dance song in there. I got a couple up my sleeve, but right now. I'm not trying to keep people too focused on me as a dancer, I'm trying to show them myself as an artist," he said.

And what does his stage name mean?

"I used to always tell people what I wanted to do and how I wanted to do it, so it's less talk and more action.

This week's releases



Joss Stone 'Water For Your Soul'

Saint Asonia self-titled

Insane Clown Posse 'Marvelous ∞ Missing Link'

Lianne La Havas 'Blood'

Titus Andronicus 'The Most Lamentable Tragedy'

LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/LAMESA/BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

JULY

28 **Dusty Creek** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
28 **Brit Floyd** @ Wagner Noel
29 **Jill Kinsey, Brigitte London & Brook Faulk** @ Blue Max
28 **MoneyShot Band** @ Shack in the Back
30 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
30 **3-OG** @ Cafe at Allredge Gardens
30 **Texas Renegade** @ Rockin Rodeo
30 **Two Tons of Steel** @ Basin Burger House
30 **Mobile Deathcamp, Carnivora, Neffarious** @ Blue Max
30 **The O's** @ Lone Star Bar
31 **Shotgun Josephine** @ Your Place
31 **Kathy Lollar, Soré** @ Muisc City Mall
31 **Lone Star Attitude** @ Noel Heritage Park
31 **Forgotten Road** @ The Detour
31 **Bad Seed Rising, Conflict of Interest, Adelitas Way** @ Blue Max
31 **Zane Williams, Aaron Watson, Ali Dee** @ Graham Central Station
31 **Jenni Dale Lord** @ Hot Shots
31 **Justin Langston** @ Beer Garden
31 **Noel Olivas, Jay Statham Band** @ Lone Star Bar
31 **CB Trickery** @ The Bar
31 **Hogg Maulies** @ Lamesa Rodeo
31 **Michael Player** @ Redneck's

AUGUST

1 **Charlie Robison, Thieving Birds, No Dry County** @ Kd's Bar-B-Q
1 **Shotgun Josephine** @ Your Place
1 **Hogg Maulies** @ Lamesa Rodeo
1 **CB Trickery** @ The Bar
1 **Stewart Martin and The Statesboro Revue** @ Basin Burger House
1 **Jenni Dale Lord** @ Hot Shots
1 **Cyrus James** @ Lone Star Bar
1 **Justin Langston** @ Cigar Frog's
2 **Mariachi Santa Cruz** @ Museim of the Southwest
2 **Insight** @ Ibiza
2 **Gary Nix and West Texas** @ The Detour
4 **Fifth Harmony, Debby Ryan** @ Wagner Noel
5 **Emperors & Elephants, Era 9, Sawyer Family, Elisium** @ Blue Max
5 **AWA (AsWeAre)** @ Calvary Midland
6 **Dalton Domino** @ Basin Burger House
6 **DJ Promote, Gideon, Wolves at the Gate, Fit for a King, Sleeping Giant, Project 86, For Today, Thousand Foot Krutch** @ Rock he Desert
7 **Michael Graves** @ Blue Max
7 **DJ Promote, Kaleidoscope, I Am They, Jared Scott Salas, KB, Family Force 5, Jimmy Needham, For King & Country** on main stage, **DJ Vow, Sive, Everfound, NF, Big Rich, Social Club, KJ52/Derek Minor, Family Force 5** in teen tent @ Rock the Desert
7-8 **The Unsweet Ts** @ Your Place
7-8 **MoneyShot Band** @ The Bar
8 **DJ Promote, Brightwork, V. Rose, OBB, Blanca, Building 429, Andy Mineo, LeCrae** on main stage, **DJ Vow, A Life Set Apart, Kaleidoscope, The Classic Crime, Jared Scott Salas, DaTruth** in teen tent @ Rock the Desert
8 **Thunderosa** @ Blue Max
8 **Eric Samuel Timm** @ First Baptist Church (Odessa)
8 **Kayla Ray** @ Basin Burger House
9 **Blind Pets** @ Blue Max
9 **Camila** @ Hacienda Event Center
9 **Jumping Giants** @ Museum of the Southwest
11 **Saving Abel** @ Blue Max
11 **Whitesnake, Bridge to Grace, The Dead Daisies** @ Wagner Noel
13 **Bri Bagwell** @ Basin Burger House
13 **Matt Kimvrow** @ Rockin Rodeo
14 **The Unsweet Ts** @ Ranchland Hills
14 **Stoney LaRue** @ Graham Central Station
14 **Mark McKinney** @ Lone Star Bar
14-15 **Twisted Texas** @ Your Place

LUBBOCK

AUGUST

12 **Trapt, Sons Of Texas, Poynte** @ Jake's Sports Cafe & Backroom

SEPTEMBER

24 **Jason Aldean, Cole Swindell, Tyler Farr** @ United Supermarkets Arena

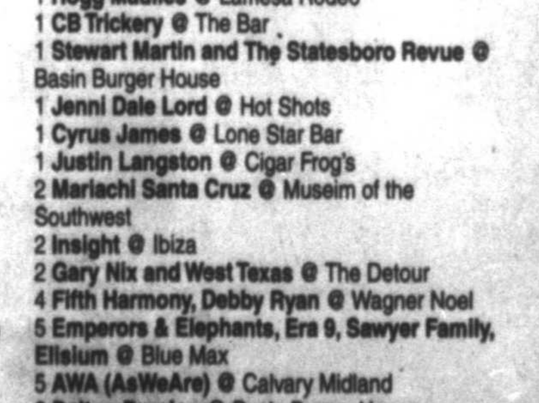
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

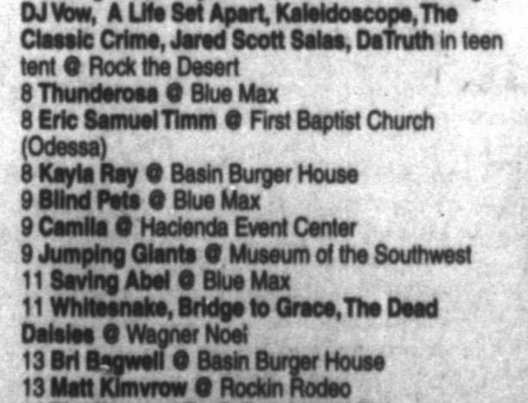
JULY

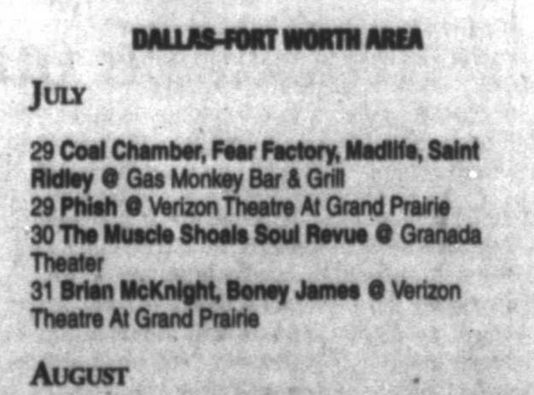
29 **Coal Chamber, Fear Factory, Madlife, Saint Ridley** @ Gas Monkey Bar & Grill
29 **Phish** @ Verizon Theatre At Grand Prairie
30 **The Muscle Shoals Soul Revue** @ Granada Theater
31 **Brian McKnight, Boney James** @ Verizon Theatre At Grand Prairie

AUGUST

1 **Jason Isbell, Randy Rogers Band, Stoney LaRue** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
1 **Tanya Tucker** @ Billy Bob's Texas







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MHS' Vliem makes verbal commitment to Sam Houston St.

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland High senior defensive end Traver Vliem had a difficult decision to make with 15 offers on the table from college football programs.

On Monday, Vliem narrowed his choices down to one when he announced that he was verbally committing to Sam Houston State, a Football Championship Subdivision power in Huntsville.

Vliem wrote on a typed-up attachment on Twitter: "After a lot of thought, prayer, consideration with my family, I am proud to announce that I am now committed to Sam Houston State University! I couldn't be happier to be a Bearkat!"

Vliem

Nevada, Toledo, Air Force and Stephen F. Austin were some of the other colleges Vliem said he strongly considered.

Vliem said Sam Houston State was recruiting him to play defensive end. The Bearkats play in the Southland Conference, and they reached the NCAA Division I FCS semifinals as recently as last year. Sam Houston State played in the FCS national championship game in both 2011 and 2012.

"It was definitely a college town," Vliem said of Huntsville. "When you drove around town, you saw so much Bearkat stuff around the town. The coaches were phenomenal. They have proven track records. Every single coach on staff came to say hi to me. It wasn't just a position coach. I liked that the whole coaching staff was genuinely interested. There's definitely a chance to win a national championship within the next four years."

In 2014, Vliem earned All-District 3-6A second-team honors during his junior season with the Bulldogs. The 6-foot-4, 240-pound lineman registered 50 tackles and three tackles for a loss.

Last week Midland High head coach Craig Yenzer said that college programs were drawn to Vliem because of his non-stop motor and high energy play.

Even though official signing day isn't until February and all verbal commitments are non-binding, Vliem felt it was time to let Sam Houston State know his intentions because that's where he wanted to play.

"Unfortunately, the way the recruiting process works, if you wait around too long, somebody else will make the decision for you by signing early, and you don't want be the guy left without a spot. I felt really at home," Vliem said. "Why wait whenever that felt like home?"

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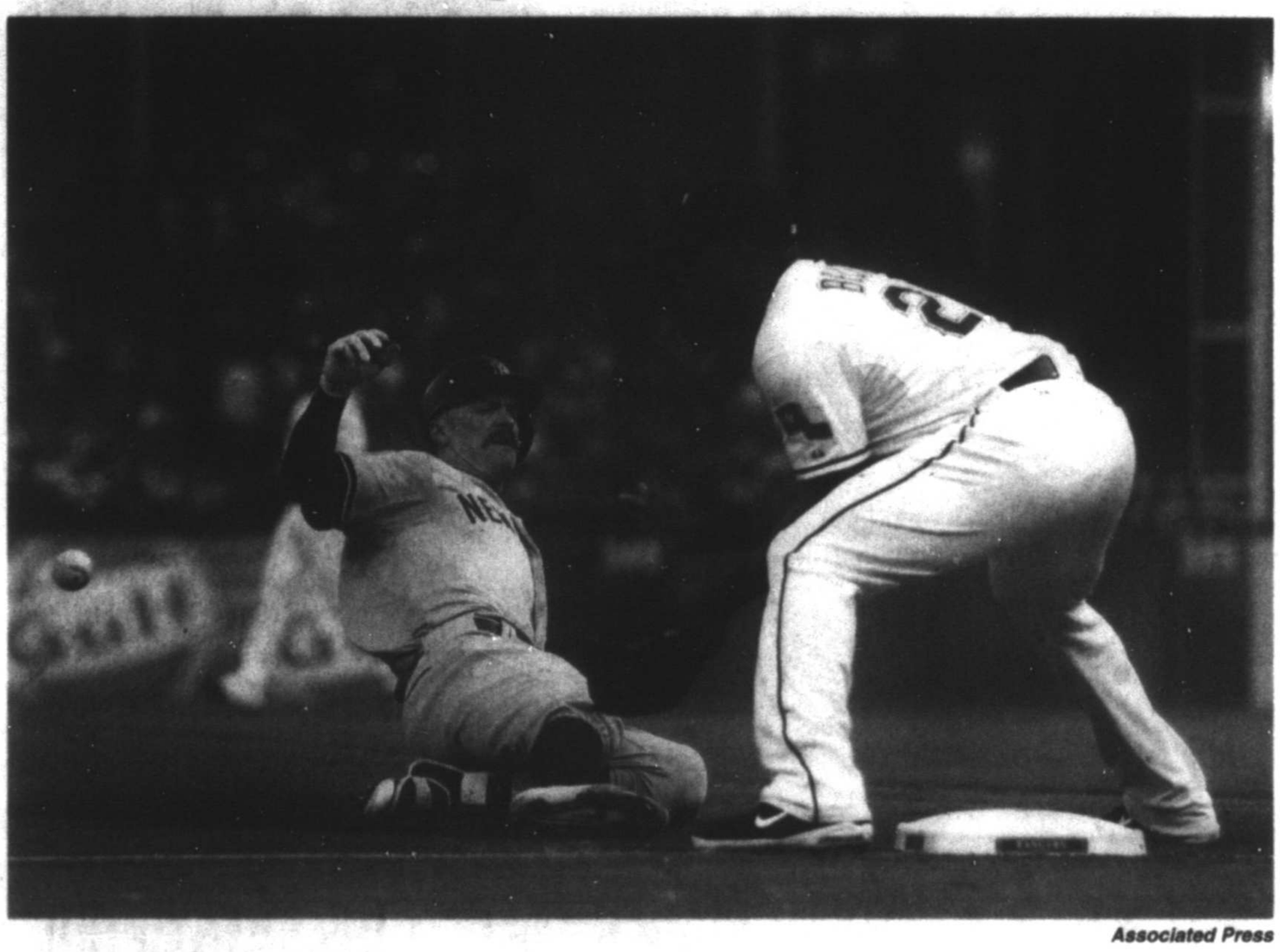
Associated Press

The New York Yankees' Brendan Ryan slides safely into third for a triple as the Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre reaches down for the throw in the third inning Monday in Arlington. The Yankees won 6-2.

Rangers score early but can't get past Yankees

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Alex Rodriguez homered on his 40th birthday, helping the New York Yankees beat the Texas Rangers 6-2 Monday night.

A-Rod's solo drive in the sixth off Matt Harrison (1-2) made him only the fourth player in major league history to homer both as a teenager and in his 40s, according to STATS, joining joined Ty Cobb, Rusty Staub and Gary Sheffield.

Rodriguez hit his big league-best sixth homer on his birthday, STATS said, breaking a tie with Todd Helton, Chipper Jones, Derrek Lee and Al Simmons.

It was Rodriguez's 24th this season and 678th of his career, and it came two days after he went deep three times against Minnesota, in his previous game.

When Rodriguez was traded to the Yankees before spring training in 2004, he was only three seasons into the $252 million, 10-year contract he signed with Texas after starting his career with Seattle from 1994-2000. He got a $275 million, 10-year deal from New York after the 2007 season.

Didi Gregorius had a career-high four RBIs and matched his best with three hits, including a two-run homer in the third. His two-run single in the seventh made it 6-2.

The AL East-leading Yankees won for the seventh time in eight games, and their seven-game division lead is their largest since leading by 7 1-2 games on July 29, 2012. New York's 15-5 record in July is best in the majors.

Yankees	6
Rangers	2

Inside

Find out how the RockHounds fared and read recaps and more from around Major League Baseball.

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Ivan Nova (3-3) allowed two runs and five hits in five innings, with three strikeouts and two walks. Chasen Shreve, Justin Wilson and Dellin Betances followed with hitless relief.

Harrison allowed six runs and six hits in six innings in his third start since coming back from spinal fusion surgery.

Josh Hamilton had a two-out single in the second and scored on Elvis Andrus' double for Texas before a single by Leonys Martin put Texas up 2-0.

The Yankees went ahead to stay when the Nos. 7-9 batters all had hits to start the third. Chase Headley singled, Gregorius homered and Brendan Ryan tripled before scoring on Chris Young's sacrifice fly.

Martin had two tremendous defensive plays in center field. He leaped with his glove near the top of the 8-foot wall to rob Mark Teixeira of a possible homer in the second, then Martin threw out Teixeira trying to score to end the eighth.

Trainer's room

Yankees: CF Jacoby Ellsbury was out of the starting lineup with a sore shoulder a day after slamming into the wall making a catch in Minnesota. But he entered the game as a defensive replacement in the eighth.

Rangers: LHP Derek Holland is set to begin his rehab assignment Thursday with Triple-A Round Rock. It will be his first game since hurting his shoulder in the home opener April 10.

Up next

Yankees: Adam Warren or Chris Capuano will make a spot start today in place of rookie RHP Bryan Mitchell, who was in line to make the start until an accident in the weight room last week. Mitchell is OK, but hit his head after falling backward while working with exercise bands attached to a door that someone opened.

Rangers: Lefty Martin Perez (0-1, 4.91) makes his third start since returning from Tommy John surgery. The Yankees are one of only two AL opponents the 24-year-old Perez hasn't faced.

Sources say NFL close to new football inspection rules

■ Changes include checking pressure of all balls before a game and at halftime

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

The NFL is preparing to send out instructions to game officials and teams explaining new rules for inspecting footballs.

Two people familiar with the league's plans told The Associated Press on Monday that proper inflation of the footballs will be documented as part of the new policy. But those people, speaking on condition of anonymity because the league has not released information on the new policy, said no instructions have been sent out yet.

Brady

Goodell

The first preseason game is Aug. 9, the Hall of Fame game between Minnesota and Pittsburgh in Canton, Ohio.

Among the details being considered for the new policy, having game officials appointed by the referee inspect the 48 footballs for each game more than two hours before kickoff. In the past, the referee inspected the footballs.

Also under consideration is checking pressure readings for every ball before the game and then again at halftime.

These changes stem from the use of underinflated footballs in the AFC championship game, which led to a four-game suspension for New England quarterback Tom Brady, a $1 million fine for the Patriots, and two draft picks.

Brady has appealed the suspension and is awaiting Commissioner Roger Goodell's ruling. The Patriots did not challenge their punishments.

Under the new guidelines, the official in charge of K balls used in the kicking game would handle all footballs after they pass inspection by the two chosen game officials. Ten minutes before the game, a member of the officiating crew and a security official will bring 24 balls, 12 for each team, to the field. The other 24 balls will remain in the officials' dressing room.

Those footballs would be used in the second half of games in which the first 24 balls are inspected at halftime. Those halftime inspections will be done randomly.

Data for all inspected balls, including the amount of air in each, will be sent to the league office for evaluation.

With Boston out, can Los Angeles revive a US Olympic bid?

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

Boston's bid to host the 2024 Olympics was undercut by its own mayor, its skeptical public and, finally, leaders of the U.S. Olympic Committee, who were tired of the city's ever-changing blueprint.

Next, it may be time to see if there's more Olympic love in Los Angeles.

After the USOC and Boston cut ties on Monday, CEO Scott Blackmun said the federation still wants to try to host the 2024 Games. The USOC has until Sept. 15 to officially name its candidate. Several Olympic leaders have quietly been pushing Los Angeles — the city that invented the modern-day template for the Olympics when it played host in 1984 — as the best possible substitute.

Approval ratings that couldn't sneak out of the 40s were the first sign of trouble for Boston, and it became clear the bid was doomed in the 72-hour period before the USOC board met with bid leaders Monday and they jointly decided to pull the plug.

On Friday, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker stuck to his previous position: That he'd need a full report from a consulting group before he would throw his weight behind the bid. On Monday morning, Mayor Marty Walsh slapped together a news conference to announce he wouldn't be pressured into signing the host city contract that essentially sticks the city and state with the burden of any cost overruns.

No governor. No mayor. No bid.

"Boston 2024 has expressed confidence that, with more time, they could generate the public support necessary to win the bid and deliver a great games," Blackmun said. "They also recognize, however, that we are out of time if the USOC is going to be able to consider a bid from another city."

The Boston bid started souring within days of its beginning in January, beset by poor communication and an active opposition group that kept public support low. At his news conference, Walsh said the opposition to the Olympics amounted to about "10 people on Twitter." He miscalculated, and the Internet

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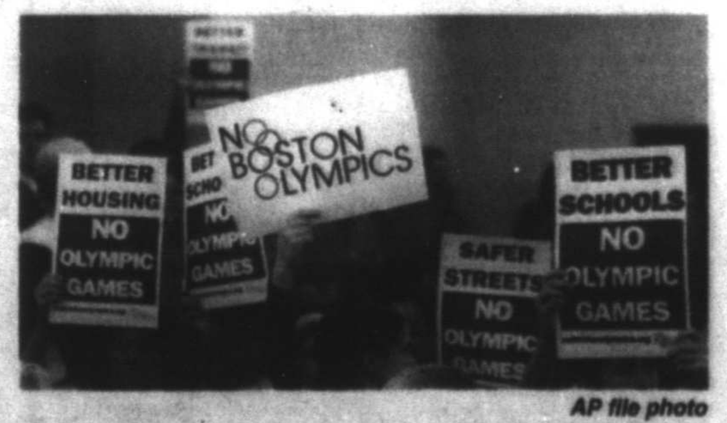

AP file photo

People hold up placards against the Olympic Games coming to Boston, during the first public forum regarding the city's 2024 Olympic bid, on Feb. 5 in Boston. Boston's mayor delivered a harsh blow to the city's effort to host the 2024 Olympics on Monday when he declared he wouldn't sign any document "that puts one dollar of taxpayer money on the line for one penny of overruns on the Olympics." That document is the host city contract that most in the Olympics consider crucial to any city's success.

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ON TV

Cape Cod Baseball
Brewster at Orleans, 6 p.m., FCSA

Major League Baseball
NY Yankees at Texas, 7 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP
LA Angels at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT
Oakland at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., MLB

Men's Soccer
Copa MX: CD Guadalajara vs Mineros de Zacatecas, 6:55 p.m., UDN
ICC: Chelsea vs FC Barcelona, 7 p.m., FS2/ESPNDEP
ICC: Club America vs SL Benfica, 9 p.m., FS2/ESPNDEP
Copa MX: Pumas de la UNAM vs CF Alebrijes de Oaxaca, 9 p.m., GALA
Copa MX: Atletico San Luis vs Club Leon, 9 p.m., UDN
Copa MX: Leones Negros vs Club Atlas, 1 a.m., ESPNDEP

Softball
USSSA at Chicago, 7 p.m., CBSSN

Special Olympics
6 p.m., ESPN

Tennis
World Team: Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., TENNIS
ATP: bet-at-home Open German Championships, 4:30 a.m., TENNIS

RADIO

Major League Baseball
NY Yankees at Texas, 7 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m., KCRS 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Traded OF Shane Victorino and cash considerations to the L.A. Angels for INF Josh Rutledge. Recalled OF Rusney Castillo from Pawtucket (IL)
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Assigned LHP Adam Wilk outright to Salt Lake (PCL)
NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned INF Gregorio Petit outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL)
OAKAND ATHLETICS — Traded RHP Tyler Clippard and cash considerations to the N.Y Mets for RHP Casey Meisner
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent LHP Drew Smyly to Durham (IL) for a rehab assignment
TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned RHP Anthony Bass to Round Rock (PCL). Recalled RHP Phil Klein from Round Rock. Designated RHP Ross Ohlendorf for assignment. Sent OF Antoan Richardson to Round Rock (PCL) for a rehab assignment
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned RHP Dominic Leone from Mobile (SL). Reinstated C Jarrod Saltalamacchia from the 15-day DL. Traded RHP J.C. Ramirez to Seattle for cash or future considerations.
CHICAGO CUBS — Released RHP Edwin Jackson.
CINCINNATI REDS — Recalled C Kyle Skipworth from Pensacola (SL). Designated OF Chris Dominguez for assignment
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHPs Chin-hui Tsao and Josh Ravin to Oklahoma City (PCL). Sent RHP Carlos Frias to Rancho Cucamonga (Cal) for rehab assignments
MIAMI MARLINS — Sent 2B Dee Gordon to Jupiter (FSL) for a rehab assignment
NEW YORK METS — Sent OF Cesar Puello to the GCL Mets for a rehab assignment
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Activated LF Nori Aoki from the 15-day DL. Designated INF Joaquin Arias for assignment
American Association
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released INF Sam Lind
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Released OF Kyle Robinson and LHP Blake Holobach
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed OF Cody Bishop. Released RHP Will Rankin
Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released INFs Vince Guglietti and Tyler Heil and RHP Jamaine Cotton
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed INF Brett Zazisk. Released INF Frank Salerno
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Released RHP Tommy Danczyk and LHP Will White
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Released INF Sam Klein
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Released C Jesse Baker
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Released LHP Kyle Bourman and OF Kelton Caldwell
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Traded RHP Richie Mirowski to Amarillo (AA) for a player to be named

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Re-signed G Matthew Dellavedova to a one-year contract
DALLAS MAVERICKS — Signed Fs Jamil Wilson and Brandon Ashley
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Traded F David Lee to Boston for F Gerald Wallace and G Chris Babb
INDIANA PACERS — Re-signed Fs Lavoy Allen and Shayne Whittington. Signed G/F Glenn Robinson III to a three-year contract and F Rakeem Christmas
MIAMI HEAT — Traded G Shabazz Napier to Orlando for a protected 2016 second-round draft pick, and G Zoran Dragic, a 2020 second-round draft pick and cash to Boston for a 2016 second-round draft pick
NBA Development League
AUSTIN SPURS — Agreed to terms with coach Ken McDonald on a contract extension.
Women's National Basketball Association
ATLANTA DREAM — Sent C Erika de Souza to Chicago, who sent a 2016 second-round draft pick to Atlanta and C Sylvia Fowles to Minnesota. Minnesota sent F Damiris Dantas, C Reshanda Gray and a 2016 first-round draft pick to Atlanta.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Named Levon Kirkland and Jen Welter assistant coaches.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived DL Tony Slaton.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Waived G Will Corbin. Signed OT Matt Hall.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Waived WR Nigel King.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed TE Kevin Brock and OL Cole Manhart. Released LB Junior Galette and C Michael Brewster
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed DE Da'Quan Bowers.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed RB Mack Brown.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES — Announced president Ted Black and the team have mutually agreed to part ways. Named Russ Crandon team president, along with his role as president of the Buffalo Bills. Signed D Brandon Guhle to a three-year, entry-level contract.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Named Jamal Mayers community liaison.
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Signed F Joey Hishon to a one-year contract.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed F Colin Wilson to a four-year contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Signed C Derek Stepan to a six-year contract.

MOTORSPORTS
INDYCAR — Rescinded the $500 fine of driver James Jakes assessed after the Iowa Corn 300 on July 18

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
CHICAGO FIRE — Signed F Didier Drogba and traded him to Montreal for allocation money. Claimed F Gilberto off waivers from Toronto.
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed M Shaun Wright-Phillips.

COLLEGE
CALIFORNIA — Named John Lovett cornerbacks coach.
CORNELL — Named Todd Kennett director of rowing and heavyweight rowing coach and Drew Bauslian assistant rowing coach.
DETROIT — Named Aaron Pauganen men's and women's tennis coach.
EDINBORO — Named Jack Corey part-time offensive line and tight ends coach and Joe Wanson quarterbacks and receivers coach.
EMORY & HENRY — Named Jared Eriksson and Kenny Sterne men's assistant soccer coaches.
MEMPHIS — Named Alex Winchell women's basketball video coordinator.
MICHIGAN STATE — Announced RB Delton Williams will returning to the team as a non-scholarship athlete. Promoted Dave Pruder to director of athletic equipment. Named Mellinda Hudkins associate director of athletic equipment and Dylan Marinez football athletic equipment manager.
NEBRASKA — Named Dr. Todd Stull director of sports psychology.
PENNSYLVANIA — Named Geoff Bond men's heavyweight rowing coach.
RUTGERS — Announced women's basketball G Natalie Parsons is transferring to Westminster (Utah).
SAN JOSE STATE — Named Chad Skorupka women's tennis coach.
ST ANDREWS — Named Yvette Sparks women's basketball coach.
TEXAS STATE — Named Karen Blair women's assistant basketball coach/recruiting coordinator.
VIRGINIA — Announced men's basketball F Austin Nichols has transferred from Memphis.

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through July 26
All-Around
1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas. $160,399
2. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas. $79,854
3. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas. $77,802
4. **JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas, $76,993**
5. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $70,616
6. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah. $68,500
7. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah. $64,293
8. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., $61,027
9. Clayton Hass, Terrell, Texas. $58,725
10. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore., $55,734

Bareback Riding
1. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France. $61,362
2. Bobby Mote, Stephenville, Texas. $64,807
3. Clint Cannon, Walter, Texas, $64,653
4. Seth Hardwick, Laramie, Wyo, $61,834
5. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa, $59,249
6. Kaycee Field, Spanish Fork, Utah, $58,693
7. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore., $57,796
8. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah, $57,289
9. Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La., $56,612
10. Jake Brown, Hillsboro, Texas. $55,790

Steer Wrestling
1. Hunter Cure, Holliday, Texas, $62,459
2. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont., $58,346
3. Luke Brenquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., $56,049
4. Tanner Milan, Cochrane, Alberta, $54,484
5. Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo., $53,814
6. Blake Knowles, Hoppner, Ore., $53,255
7. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis., $51,433
8. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore., $51,117
9. K.C. Jones, Decatur, Texas, $49,832
10. Olin Hannum, Malad, Idaho, $47,878

Team Roping (header)
1. Clay Tyler, Billings, Mont., $60,684
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, $65,714
3. Derrick Begay, Sacaton, Ariz., $60,075
4. Jake Barnes, Scottsdale, Ariz., $58,536
5. Aaron Tsingine, Tuba City, Ariz., $55,723
6. Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M., $55,276
7. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla., $53,712
8. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn., $53,046
9. Colby Lovell, Madisonville, Texas, $52,742
10. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz., $52,666

Also
12. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas, $47,322

Team Roping (heeler)
1. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev., $60,684
2. Patrick Smith, Lipan, Texas, $65,714
3. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev., $60,075
4. Junior Nogueira, Scottsdale, Ariz., $57,959
5. Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan., $53,712
6. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz., $52,666
7. Rory Koontz, Stephenville, Texas, $50,600
8. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla., $50,006
9. Rollin VanAlyn, Blanchard, Okla., $50,399
10. Travis Woodard, Stockton, Calif., $49,366

Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Cody DeMoss, Kaplan, La., $100,370
2. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., $74,386
3. Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah, $70,929
4. Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville, Texas, $70,044
5. Chuck Schmidt, Keldron, S.D., $64,608
6. Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah, $64,113
7. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb., $62,458
8. Isaac Diaz, Desdemona, Texas, $56,350
9. Wade Sundell, Colman, Okla., $54,621
10. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah, $51,258

Also
20. Sam Spreadborough, Snyder, Texas, $35,866

Tie-down Roping
1. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas, $71,521
2. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla., $70,403
3. Monty Lewis, Hereford, Texas, $70,063
4. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas, $68,947
5. Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas, $67,979
6. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, $64,360
7. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas, $64,004
8. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas, $63,071
9. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, $58,707
10. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., $57,343

Steer Roping
1. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla., $50,527
2. **Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas, $47,815**
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, $43,796
4. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, Texas, $42,554
5. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., $42,159
6. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D., $41,962
7. Neal Wood, Needville, Texas, $40,361
8. Cody Lee, Gatesville, Texas, $36,765
9. Shay Good, Midland, Texas, $34,346
10. Chet Herrin, Pashuska, Okla., $31,854

Also
11. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas, $28,049

Bull Riding
1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla., $88,675
2. Wesley Silcox, Santaquin, Utah, $84,531
3. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla., $82,028
4. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash., $68,091
5. Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont., $54,260
6. Brett Basl, Detroit Lakes, Minn., $53,299
7. Cody Teel, Kountze, Texas, $51,419
8. Chandler Bowers, Lubbock, Texas, $50,207
9. Reid Barker, Comfort, Texas, $48,273
10. Tanner Learmont, Cleburne, Texas, $46,361

Barrel Racing
1. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., $150,247
2. Callie Duperier, Boerne, Texas, $128,796
3. Sarah Rose McDonald, Brunswick, Ga., $104,088
4. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., $90,104
5. Fallon Taylor, Collinsville, Texas, $86,828
6. Mary Walker, Ennis, Texas, $76,865
7. Nancy Hunter, Nicole, Utah, $75,623
8. Taylor Jacob, Carmine, Texas, $68,671
9. Cassidy Kruse, Gillette, Wyo., $66,289
10. Carley Richardson, Pampa, Texas, $62,861

AP file photo

Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel looks to pass during an NFL organized training activity in Berea, Ohio, on May 26. Browns coach Mike Pettine said Monday that veteran Josh McCown will open training camp as the team's No. 1 quarterback but that Manziel, the former Heisman Trophy winner who had a disastrous rookie season, still has a chance to win the job based on his performance.

Former Aggie Manziel still No. 2 for Browns

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Johnny Manziel had an uneventful summer, but his improved behavior hasn't changed his position on Cleveland's depth chart.

Browns coach Mike Pettine said Monday that veteran Josh McCown will open training camp as the team's No. 1 quarterback, but Manziel, the former Heisman Trophy winner who had a disastrous rookie season, still has a chance to win the job based on his performance.

Meeting with reporters in advance of the team opening camp later this week, Pettine said McCown likely will start the season opener against the New York Jets on Sept. 13. However, Pettine said Manziel can potentially unseat McCown.

"I don't think anything's changed," Pettine said. "The repetitions will be handled that way, with Josh as the 1. I wouldn't say I'm guaranteeing today that Josh McCown is going to be the starter against the Jets. A lot can happen in a preseason."

Manziel, who spent 10 weeks during the offseason in a Pennsylvania rehab facility specializing in drug and alcohol addiction, reported to the team's facility on Monday. Unlike last summer, Manziel did not make any headlines with his off-field conduct and Pettine was impressed that the QB recently worked out in Florida with former NFL coach and TV analyst Jon Gruden.

"This was vacation time for a lot of guys, so the fact that he sought out Jon and went down there and worked with him and was thinking about football, to me I see that as nothing but a positive," Pettine said.

Pettine said the team "felt very comfortable" with Manziel's plans for the offseason and reiterated that the Browns won't micromanage their players. The Browns made sure their players followed a prescribed conditioning program and the team's position coaches occasionally checked in on their players.

Pettine said he didn't worry about Manziel having a slip-up.

"We weren't going to beat him up, hover over him, making sure he was doing the right thing," Pettine said. "He's a professional athlete. I did not spend one day of my vacation, it never popped into my head, 'Hmmm, I wonder where Johnny is right now and what he's doing?'"

Pettine addressed a number of other issues heading into his second camp, including former Oakland quarterback Terrelle Pryor's transition to wide receiver. The Browns signed Pryor, the former Ohio State star, earlier this summer and are intrigued by what he might be able to provide for a team looking for offensive playmakers.

"We're going to throw him right into the mix," Pettine said of the 6-foot-4, 225-pound Pryor. "I know that's not an easy transition, but if anybody has the skill set to do it, he does. From an athletically gifted standpoint, he has the skill set to do it. This is a big guy that can run, from what I understand has good hands, but we'll see."

NFL BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MINNESOTA

Torn pecs make Vikings take closer look at lifting regimen

MANKATO— These weren't common football injuries, all these torn pectoral muscles, so the Minnesota Vikings took a closer look.

Right guard Brandon Fusco (13 games missed) and right tackle Phil Loadholt (five games missed) each needed season-ending surgery after theirs occurred while blocking during games last year. Defensive end Brian Robison was able to avoid such a procedure after getting hurt while weightlifting in May, and so was cornerback Josh Robinson after a freak fall during practice in June. But there was enough to be concerned about that coach Mike Zimmer and his strength and conditioning coach and head athletic trainer initiated an extensive evaluation.

"We've monitored a lot of things, and a lot of people have told us, 'It's just freak luck.' But sometimes when we're bench pressing if a guy bounces and it bounces off his chest, that's where they get the tears," Zimmer said. "Sometimes we're going to work on strengthening the rotator cuffs much more than we have. We're going to warm up better than we have. So we've addressed that. Always, when you get more than one type of injury, and especially pectoral, it's more of an unusual injury, you have to figure it out."

Loadholt told Zimmer he "felt great" working out the week leading up to him getting hurt. Robison said he wasn't fatigued; his injury occurred during the second set of a bench press. Robinson's was "the straw that broke the camel's back," Zimmer said.

Under Zimmer and strength and conditioning coach Evan Marcus, the Vikings switched last year to a free-weight-based program and more Olympic-style lifts designed to increase explosiveness. Zimmer said he didn't think the new system was a problem.

"I changed the weight program because I want our football team to have a certain type of mentality and a certain type of aggressiveness. I believe that's a lot about mindset, as well," Zimmer said.

NORTH CAROLINA

Panthers' Martin considers retirement after injury

CHARLOTTE — Carolina Panthers offense tackle Jonathan Martin, the lineman harassed during the Miami Dolphins' 2013 bullying scandal, is contemplating retirement following a back injury.

Martin's agent Ken Zuckerman told The Associated Press his client recently injured his back during a workout. Zuckerman says doctors informed Martin he's not allowed to do any activity for six weeks and needs surgery.

Zuckerman says he advised Martin "not to rule anything out," but says his client would rather retire than have surgery.

The agent says Zukerman "tells me he's not going to play. I told him to never say never (because) there are always medical advancements."

The 25-year-old Martin signed with Carolina earlier this offseason. He's been working as a backup. Martin made national headlines in 2013 when he left the Dolphins after being bullied by teammates.

MINNESOTA

Vikings eat free at Mankato pizza joint

MANKATO — The owner of a pizzeria that's offering free food for Minnesota Vikings players training in Mankato isn't worried their big appetites will bankrupt him.

The owner, after all, is a Vikings player himself — tackle Matt Kalil. The St. Paul Pioneer Press said Kalil and his dad own three Pieology Pizzeria restaurants in Minnesota, including two others in St. Paul and Maple Grove.

With 21 players on the Vikings roster weighing in at more than 300 pounds, Kalil is confident in his business plan. The way Kalil figures it, any Vikings players eating at his pizzeria will only bring in more customers.

The pizza place is just a block from the practice fields at Minnesota State Mankato. Monday was the second day of training camp for the Vikings.

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Hall of Famer Martinez to have '45' retired at Fenway

Associated Press

BOSTON — Pedro Martinez's Hall of Fame career took off in the late 1990s in a ballpark usually know for offensive numbers.

From Ted Williams to Carl Yastrzemski to Jim Rice, the Boston Red Sox have retired numbers — placing them along the facade of the right-field roof deck in hitter-friendly Fenway Park.

The seven retired Red Sox numbers are all of everyday players.

That all changes tonight when the club will place the first number of a pitcher along with the other Red Sox greats — retiring Martinez's number 45.

Martinez's number will be retired in a pregame ceremony before Boston faces the Chicago White Sox.

Martinez was inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame on Sunday along with Randy Johnson, John Smoltz, and Craig Biggio.

Now, he'll be honored in place where his flamboyant style and dominating pitching earned him a place in Copperstown.

"As excited as I am about the Hall of Fame, I'm equally excited about having my number retired," Martinez said when he learned of the decision. "I think it's a great honor. I don't have enough words to thank the Red Sox."

Martinez won five ERA titles in an offensive-rich era, dominating hitters putting up crazy numbers.

One of his biggest moments was in the 1999 All Star Game — in Fenway, no less — when he started and struck out five of the six NL hitters he faced. Each of them were putting up gaudy offensive numbers.

"The fact that he was so elite in an offensive era, he was as dominate as anyone at any stage of the game's history," Red Sox manager John Farrell said over the weekend.

But it wasn't just his pitching that his teammates remember. Slugger David Ortiz, a teammate with Martinez on the 2004 team that ended an 86-year World Series drought, felt like he learned so much just being with the right-hander.

"Pedro is the most unbelievable human being that I've ever been around," Ortiz said after a career-best, seven-RBI night Sunday. "Everything he told me made me a better player, a better person."

Now, the Red Sox and their fans will get to honor him where the 43-year-old right-hander shot onto the scene.

Associated Press

National Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Pedro Martinez is introduced during an induction ceremony at the Clark Sports Center on Sunday in Cooperstown, N.Y. The Red Sox will retire his number tonight.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

WHITE SOX 10
RED SOX 8

BOSTON — Adam Eaton had three hits and drove in two runs to lift the Chicago White Sox to a 10-8 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Monday night.

It was the fifth straight win for the White Sox, coming off a four-game sweep at home over Cleveland.

Eaton had a triple, double and single to key Chicago's 15-hit night.

Boston's David Ortiz homered for the third time in two games, hitting a two-run shot after a career-best, seven-RBI night that included two three-run homers in a win Sunday.

Mookie Betts added three hits and two RBIs for the Red Sox, who have lost 10 of 12.

In a seesaw contest that saw both teams squander leads, the White Sox broke a 7-all tie in the seventh against Robbie Ross Jr. (0-1).

Matt Albers (1-0) got five outs in scoreless relief. David Robertson pitched the ninth for his 22nd save.

RAYS 5
TIGERS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Curt Casali homered twice, Nathan Karns took a shutout into the seventh inning and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Detroit Tigers 5-2 Monday night.

Casali's first homer came on the first pitch of the third inning by Anibal Sanchez, who lost for the first time in nine starts since June 3. Casali added a towering two-run homer off Bruce Rondon in the sighth.

Detroit lost for the seventh time in 10 games.

Consecutive doubles by Steven Souza Jr. and Kevin Kiermaier made it 2-0 in the fourth, and Logan Forsythe had a two-out RBI single off Sanchez (10-8) in the fifth.

Karns (6-5) gave up three hits and no walks in six-plus innings.

Yoenis Cespedes led off the seventh with his 16th home run to pull the Tigers to 3-1. Victor Martinez followed with a single to chase Karns.

Brad Boxberger pitched the ninth for his 25th save.

ROYALS 9
INDIANS 4

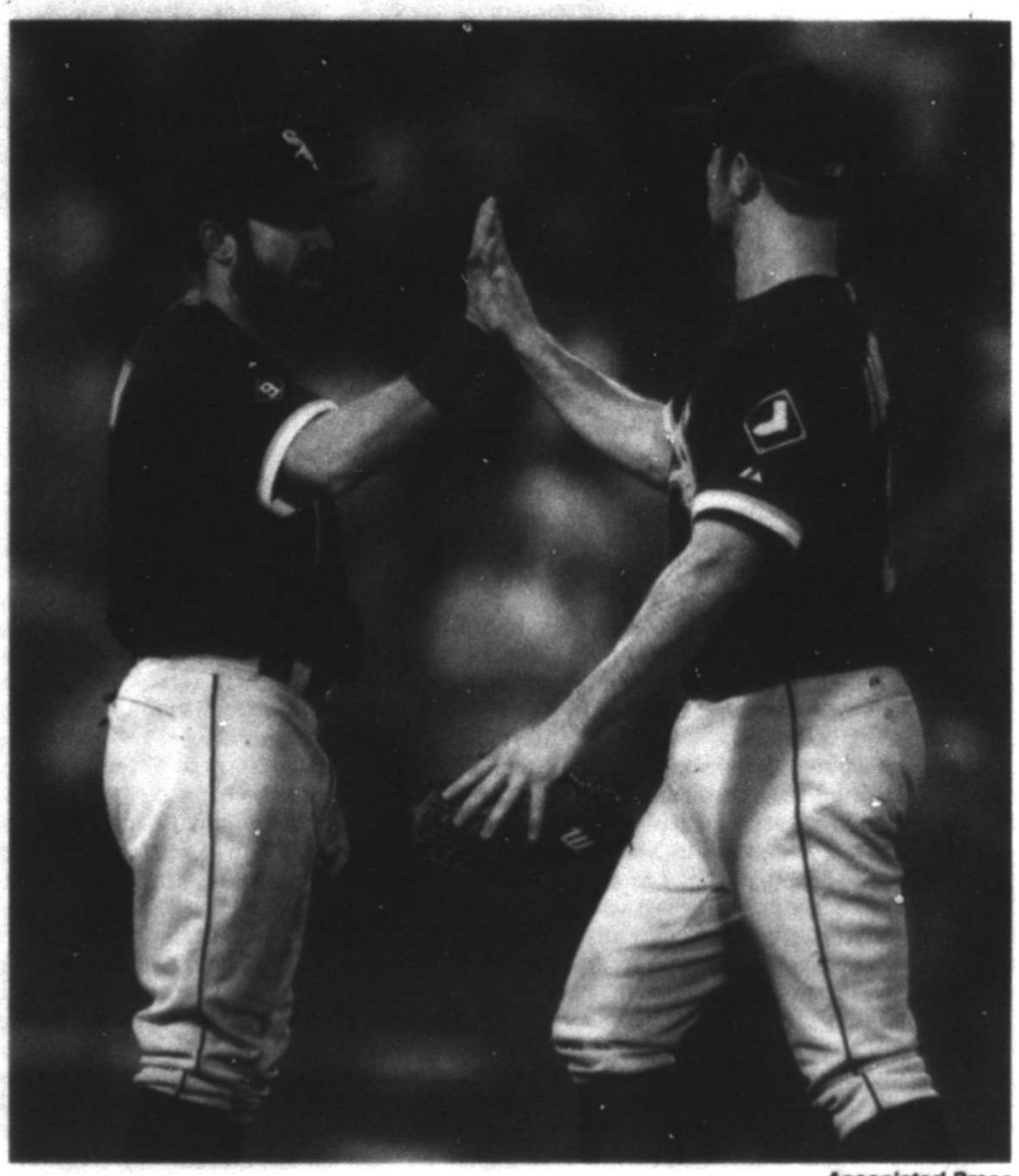
CLEVELAND— Eric Hosmer drove in four runs, Kendrys Morales added three RBIs and the Kansas City Royals opened a 10-game road trip with a 9-4 victory over the spiraling Cleveland Indians on Monday night.

Hosmer connected for a three-run homer in the first inning off rookie Cody Anderson (2-2) as the Royals rolled to their AL-leading 60th win and improved to 15-5 in their last 20 games.

Edinson Volquez (10-5) worked into the seventh inning for Kansas City, which will welcome newly acquired ace Johnny Cueto on today.

Rookie Francisco Lindor hit a three-run homer and Carlos Santana had a solo shot for the Indians, who have dropped five straight.

Joe Blanton gave up Lindor's homer, but worked three innings for his second save.



Associated Press

Chicago White Sox designated hitter Adam Eaton, left, high-fives pitcher David Robertson after defeating the Boston Red Sox 10-8 in Boston on Monday. Eaton had three hits, driving in two runs and Robertson earned a save in the win.

MLB trade

ANGELS ACQUIRE VITORINO FROM RED SOX

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Los Angeles Angels have acquired veteran outfielder Shane Victorino and cash from the Boston Red Sox in a trade for infielder Josh Rutledge.

The Angels announced the deal Monday.

Associated Press

National League

CUBS 9
ROCKIES 8

CHICAGO — Kris Bryant's two-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning lifted the Chicago Cubs to a 9-8 victory over the Colorado Rockies 9-8 on Monday night.

Colorado had taken an 8-7 lead in the ninth inning on a two-run home run by Carlos Gonzalez, but Bryant hit the second pitch he saw from John Axford (3-4) over the wall in left-center to give Chicago a dramatic victory and snap a three-game skid.

Trailing 7-4, the Rockies scored four times in the ninth to move ahead. Jason Motte started the ninth by allowing a pinch-home run to Daniel Descalso, a single to Charlie Blackmon and a double to D.J. LeMahieu.

Rafael Soriano (1-0), added to the roster July 20, then came on and gave up Troy Tulowitzki's run-scoring grounder before Gonzalez roped a two-run home run into right to put Colorado in front.

CARDINALS 4
REDS 1

ST. LOUIS — Kolten Wong hit a grand slam that backed Lance Lynn and led the St. Louis Cardinals over the Cincinnati Reds 4-1 Monday night.

Wong connected on a 3-2 fastball from rookie Raisel Iglesias (1-3) with two outs in the fourth, putting St. Louis ahead 4-1. Wong's second career grand slam easily cleared the right- field wall, landing in the home bullpen.

The Cardinals have won six of seven, are a big league-best 64-35 record and lead the NL Central by 6 1/2 games.

Lynn (8-5) allowed one run and five hits in seven innings, improving to 7-3 against the Reds. He has won five of his last six decisions overall.

Trevor Rosenthal earned his 31st save in 33 chances after getting two days off.

Interleague

ORIOLES 2
BRAVES 1, 11 INNINGS

BALTIMORE — Matt Wieters homered leading off the 11th inning, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Atlanta Braves 2-1 Monday night for their third straight victory.

Wieters hit a 1-0 pitch from Luis Avilan (2-4) over the center-field wall. It was Wieters' fourth home run, the first since June 25, and his teammates celebrated by dousing him with a bucket of water at the plate.

Brad Brach (4-2) worked the 11th for the Orioles, who hadn't won three in a row since late June.

Marlins Park proves a challenge for home run hitters

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — The weekend before the Reds' Todd Frazier won the All-Star Home Run Derby, he couldn't slug his way out of Marlins Park.

Marlins right-hander Dan Haren counted two or three balls hit by Frazier in the four-game series that would have been homers in Cincinnati but came down short of the distant fences in Miami. Haren said the vast dimensions cost the Reds four or five homers, including a couple in the game he pitched and won.

"I love Marlins Park," Haren said.

Most pitchers do. The ballpark's colorful home-run sculpture doesn't get much use because Marlins Park is the toughest place in the majors to hit a homer.

Giancarlo Stanton, Miami's $325 million slugger, has long contended the park doesn't play fair. But visiting managers say they find the contrast to bandboxes elsewhere refreshing, and Marlins officials have thus far resisted calls to move in the fences.

This year has been a huge disappointment for the injury-ravaged Marlins, but team president David Samson said the organization's recipe for success remains pitching and defense, with ballpark dimensions to match. While changes will be considered after the season, it's possible the fences will remain as they are, even with the Home Run Derby coming to town in 2017, Samson said.

"There is certainly evidence it's a ballpark favorable for pitchers," Samson said. "However, we believe it's a pretty fair ballpark. After the initial thought from some players that it played too big, there is certainly evidence it plays big, but that it plays fair."

As Miami begins a homestand Tuesday against the Nationals, only 60 homers have been hit this season at Marlins Park, the second-lowest total in the majors ahead of Atlanta's Turner Field with 59. There have been 96 homers in Miami's road games.

Since Marlins Park opened in 2012, it has yielded the fewest homers in the majors — 361 in 290 games, an average of 1.2 per game. And that's with Stanton on the home team.

"This place plays big," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said. "You've got to earn it to get it out."

The power alleys are distant — 384 feet to left-center field, 392 to right-center and 422 to center. The wall is high, ranging from 11 1/2 to 13 1/2 feet. And the ball doesn't carry well under a retractable roof that is almost always closed.

The Rockies' Charlie Blackmon counted himself fortunate to homer during his visit to Miami this year. His ball cleared the wall near the 335 sign down the right-field line.

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 12,
ROUGHRIDERS 9
At Dr Pepper Ballpark,
Frisco

TOP HITTERS: Midland first baseman Matt Olson led the RockHounds by going 2-for-4 with two home runs, five RBI, two runs scored and a walk. ... Four other RockHounds collected two or more hits on Monday, namely designatad hitter Rangel Ravelo, who finished 2-for-4 with a homer, two RBI, three runs scored and a walk. ... Right fielder Zach Cone paced Frisco with a 3-for-5, four-RBI performance.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland reliever Andres Avila came in for starter Jonathan Joseph with one out in the bottom of the sixth inning. ... The right-hander tossed 1 2/3 innings in relief, allowing only one hit and striking out two.

HIGHLIGHTS: With the game locked at 1-1 in the top of the fourth inning, Olson blasted a two-run home run on a line drive to right center to give Midland a 3-1 advantage. ... Zach Cone's RBI double cut Frisco's deficit to 3-2 in the bottom of the inning, but then Olson struck again in the top of the fifth with a three-run long ball to right, scoring Chad Oberacker and Ravelo. ... Cone came up with his second RBI double — this one of the bases clearing variety — in the bottom of the sixth. ... In the Midland half of the seventh, Ravelo homered to extend the RockHounds' lead to 8-5. ... Midland then blew open the game with a four-run eighth inning, capped off by Colin Walsh's RBI single. ...Frisco closed the gap with a four-run ninth inning headlined by Drew Robinson's two-run single.

NOTES: With his 2-for-4 night, Walsh extended his hitting streak to 15 games. The longest hitting streak in the Texas League this season is 18 games, set by Chad Pinder and Springfield catcher Mike Ohlman. ... Eight of Midland's 12 hits on Monday went for extra bases. ... Today's starter for Midland is Parker Frazier, who is coming off of an eight-inning, three-hit shutout in his last start against San Antonio on Thursday. Frazier has only given up one run in 20 1/3 innings over three starts so far with the RockHounds ... Midland now has a two and a half game lead over Frisco for first place in the TL South second half standings.

TODAY'S PROBABLES:
Midland — RHP Parker Frazier (2-0, 0.44); Frisco — LHP Frank Lopez (3-3, 4.02)

ROCKHOUNDS 12, ROUGHRIDERS 9

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Oberacker cf	5	2	2	1
Walsh 2b	4	2	2	2
Ravelo dh	4	3	2	2
Olson 1b	4	2	2	5
Pinder ss	5	1	2	0
R. Healy 3b	4	0	0	1
Brugman lf	4	0	0	0
Whitaker rf	4	1	1	0
Maxwell c	4	1	1	1
Totals	38	12	12	12

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Williams cf	5	1	1	0
Cordell dh	5	2	2	2
Mazara lf	4	2	2	0
Burg 1b	4	1	1	0
Adams 2b	5	2	1	0
Robinson ss	4	0	1	2
Cone rf	5	0	3	4
Mendez 3b	4	1	1	0
Cantwell c	4	0	0	0
Totals	40	9	13	8

Midland	100	230	340	—	12				
Frisco	100	103	004	—	9				

E — R. Healy (8). LOB — Midland 3, Frisco 7. 2B — Ravelo (4), Maxwell (9), Oberacker (23), Cone 2 (2), Mendez (7). 3B — Pinder (2). HR — Walsh (12), Olson 2 (12), Ravelo (2), Cordell (4). SB — Adams (4). CS — Robinson (8). SF — R. Healy.

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Joseph W, 7-4	5.1	7	5	5	2	6
Avila	1.2	1	0	0	0	2
Frankoff	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Duran	0.1	4	4	4	1	0
Dull S, 12	0.2	1	0	0	0	2
Frisco						
Thompson L, 0-6	6.0	8	6	6	2	5
James	1.2	4	5	5	1	1
Hernandez	1.1	2	1	1	0	1

WP — Duran, Thompson. T — 2:54. A — 3,548.

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	17	14	.548	—
Springfield	16	15	.516	1
Tulsa	14	17	.452	3
x-Northwest Arkansas	11	19	.367	5½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	20	11	.645	—
Frisco	17	13	.567	2½
x-Corpus Christi	16	15	.516	4
San Antonio	12	19	.387	8½

x-clinched first half

Monday's Scores

San Antonio 13, Corpus Christi 7
Midland 12, Frisco 9
Tulsa 6, Springfield 2
Arkansas 4, Northwest Arkansas 3

Today's Games

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

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	58	42	.571	—
Toronto	50	50	.500	7
Baltimore	49	49	.500	7
Tampa Bay	50	51	.495	7½
Boston	44	58	.440	13
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	60	38	.612	—
Minnesota	52	46	.531	8
Detroit	48	51	.485	12½
Chicago	47	50	.485	12½
Cleveland	45	53	.459	15
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	55	43	.561	—
Houston	55	45	.550	1
Texas	47	51	.480	8
Seattle	45	53	.465	9½
Oakland	44	56	.440	12

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	52	45	.539	—
New York	51	48	.515	2
Atlanta	49	53	.485	7
Miami	41	58	.414	12
Philadelphia	37	63	.370	16½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	64	35	.646	—
Pittsburgh	57	41	.582	6½
Chicago	52	46	.531	11½
Cincinnati	43	54	.443	20
Milwaukee	43	56	.434	21
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	58	44	.580	—
San Francisco	54	44	.551	1
San Diego	47	52	.475	8½
Arizona	46	51	.474	8½
Colorado	42	55	.433	12½

Monday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago White Sox 10, Boston 8
Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 2
Kansas City 9, Cleveland 4
N.Y. Yankees 6, Texas 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 1
Chicago Cubs 9, Colorado 8
Arizona at Seattle, late
Milwaukee at San Francisco, late

INTERLEAGUE

Baltimore 2, Atlanta 1, 11 innings
Arizona at Seattle, late

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia (Morgan 1-2) at Toronto (Doubront 1-0), 6:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 7-5) at Boston (Miley 8-8), 6:10 p.m.
Detroit (Price 9-3) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 5-6), 6:10 p.m.
Kansas City (C.Young 8-6) at Cleveland (Bauer 6-7), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Capuano 0-4) at Texas (M.Perez 5-1), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 8-7) at Houston (McHugh 11-5), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

San Diego (Shields 8-3) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 4-5), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 8-5) at Miami (Fernandez 3-0), 6:10 p.m.
Colorado (Flande 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Beeler 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 8-5) at St. Louis (Jai Garcia 3-3), 7:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (W.Peralta 1-5) at San Francisco (M.Cain 2-1), 9:15 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE

Atlanta (Teheran 6-5) at Baltimore (U.Jimenez 7-6), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Morgan 1-2) at Toronto (Doubront 1-0), 6:07 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Morton 6-4) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 5-7), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Gray 10-4) at L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 5-5), 9:10 p.m.
Arizona (Godley 1-0) at Seattle (Iwakuma 2-1), 9:10 p.m.

Texas box score

YANKEES 6, RANGERS 2

New York	ab	r	h	bi
Gardnr cf-lf	4	0	0	0
C.Young lf-rf	4	0	1	1
A.Rdrgz dh	5	1	1	1
Teixeir 1b	4	0	1	0
BMcCn rf	4	0	1	0
Beltran rf	2	1	0	0
Ellsbry cf	0	0	0	0
Headly 3b	4	2	3	0
Gregrs ss	4	1	3	4
B.Ryan 2b	4	1	1	0
Totals	35	6	11	6

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Odor 2b	5	0	0	0
Choo rf	4	0	0	0
Fielder dh	4	0	1	0
Morlnd 1b	2	0	1	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	0	0
J.Hrndn lf	3	1	1	0
Andrus ss	3	1	1	1
J.Martn cf	3	0	1	1
Chirino c	3	0	0	0
Tolls ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	5	2

New York	000	001	200	—4
Texas	020	000	000	—2

E—B.McCann (8). OP—Texas 1. LOB—New York 6, Texas 9. 2B—Headley (16), Moreland (17), Andrus (18), 3B—B.Ryan (2). HR—A.Rodriguez (24), Gregorius (5). SB—L.Martin (14). SF—C. Young.

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Nova W,3-3	5	5	2	2	2	3
Shreve H,9	2	0	0	0	1	4
Ja.Wilson	1	0	0	0	1	1
Betances	1	0	0	0	1	1
Texas						
M.Harrison L,1-2	6	6	6	6	2	2
S.Freeman	1	1	0	0	0	0
Klein	2	4	0	0	1	1

M.Harrison pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
HBP—by Nova (Andrus), WP—Ja.Wilson.
T—3:01. A—33,691 (48,114).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RAYS 5, TIGERS 2

Detroit	000	002	110	—2	5	0
Tampa Bay	001	110	02x	—5	12	0

An.Sanchez, Albuquerque (8), Krol (9), A.Wilson (7), B.Rondon (8) and Avila; Karns, Jepsen (7), McGee (8), Boxberger (9) and Casali. W—Karns 6-5. L—An.Sanchez 10-8. Sv—Boxberger (23). HRs—Detroit, Cespedes (16). Tampa Bay, Casali 2 (5).

WHITE SOX 10, RED SOX 8

Chicago	401	011	201	—10	15	2
Boston	220	210	001	—8	12	1

Danks, M.Albers (5), Duke (7), Petricka (7), Dav.Robertson (9) and Flowers; J.Kelly, Breslow (4), Ogando (5), Ross Jr. (6), Tazawa (8), Layne (9) and Hanigan. W—M.Albers 1-0. L—Ross Jr. 0-1. Sv—Dav.Robertson (22). HRs—Boston, Ortiz (20).

ROYALS 9, INDIANS 4

Kansas City	310	030	200	—9	11	0
Cleveland	010	000	300	—4	9	1

Volquez, Blanton (7) and S.Perez; Co.Anderson, Rzepczynski (6), Manship (7), A.Adams (8) and Y.Gomes. W—Volquez 10-5. L—Co.Anderson 2-2. Sv—Blanton (2). HRs—Kansas City, Hosmer (10), Infante (1). Cleveland, C.Santana (11), Lindor (4).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CARDINALS 4, REDS 1

Cincinnati	001	000	000	—1	5	0
St. Louis	000	400	00x	—4	7	0

R.Iglesias, Badenhop (7), Ju.Diaz (8) and B.Pena; Lynn, Siegrist (8), Rosenthal (9) and Molina, T.Cruz. W—Lynn 8-5. L—R.Iglesias 1-3. Sv—Rosenthal (31). HRs—St. Louis, Wong (11).

CUBS 9, ROCKIES 8

Colorado	002	200	004	—8	13	1
Chicago	000	001	002	—9	10	1

J.De La Rosa, Friedrich (4), Kahnle (6), Belisario (8), Axford (9) and McKenry; Hendricks, Grimm (8), Strop (7), H.Rondon (8), Motte (9), Soriano (9) and Schwarber, D.Ross. W—Soriano 1-0. L—Axford 3-4. HRs—Colorado, Ca.Gonzalez 2 (20), Descalso (3). Chicago, Bryant (14).

INTERLEAGUE
ORIOLES 2, BRAVES 1 (11 INNINGS)

Atlanta	000	000	001	00	—1	9	0
Baltimore	000	000	001	01	—2	7	0

A.Wood, Frasor (8), J.Johnson (9), Vizcaino (10), Avilan (11) and Laughrey; Gausman, Matusz (8), Britton (9), O'Day (10), Brach (11) and Wieters. W—Brach 4-2. L—Avilan 2-4. HRs—Atlanta, Ad.Garcia (2). Baltimore, Wieters (4).

NASCAR blew it on Indy rules package

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Run, NASCAR, don't walk, back to the drawing board to figure out how to liven up racing. The rules package used for the Brickyard 400 was a failure no matter how the race is dissected.

The high-drag aerodynamic package was supposed to improve passing at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It was clear from the first practice session for one of the most important races of the season that NASCAR did not meet its desired result.

Yet nothing was changed before Sunday's race, which featured just 16 lead changes. In fairness, that was one more lead change than last year's race at the Brickyard, but it was still the second fewest since 2011. NASCAR's statistics also showed that green-flag passes were down by 587 from last year.

When the race finally ended, the drivers were less than complimentary of the event. Kevin Harvick called the rules package "a huge science project," and Matt Kenseth called it "terrible."

Even race winner Kyle Busch had issues in traffic.

"Whether you were behind a guy or behind a group of cars, you were horrible," he said. "It was just absolutely so hard to handle in traffic. You don't want to feel like you're going off into the corner and you're going to crash every time."

Behind the scenes, teams fumed all weekend that Gene Stefanyshyn, NASCAR's vice president of racing development and the architect for the Indianapolis aero package, was on a family vacation and not even at Indy. The reality, though, is that his presence wouldn't have changed the outcome.

NASCAR has struggled valiantly to create a rules package that produces dramatic racing. If there was a way to bottle what IndyCar does on ovals, NASCAR would buy it in truckloads. But the route NASCAR followed has failed, and the series is stubbornly staying the course despite the results.

Series officials listened to what the drivers wanted and used a low-downforce package at Kentucky. Maybe it was a better race, maybe it wasn't. But most of the drivers raved about the final product, and almost every measurable statistic showed the competition was better.

Two days later, NASCAR Chairman Brian France threw cold water all over Kentucky by downplaying any noted improvement. Like his employees entrusted to fix the racing, he looked forward to Indianapolis and the package designed by NASCAR.

France made it clear: He wants pack racing, he wants cars making slingshot passes and he wants excitement.

He didn't get it Sunday.

NASCAR vice chairman Mike Helton on Monday said series officials will take some time to digest the race and the rules package, which is also scheduled to be used Aug. 16 at Michigan.

Roddick breaks from retirement for Atlanta

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Even retirement couldn't stop Andy Roddick from one last chance to play doubles with his friend Mardy Fish in this week's Atlanta Open.

Roddick is returning to help escort Fish into his retirement.

Roddick, 32, says Atlanta served as the "bookends" of his career. It's where he won his first tour title in 2001 and his last in 2012. He retired in 2012, and being back, if only for a week, left him feeling "awkward."

"I feel like the kid who's too old to go back to the high school dance," Roddick said Monday before playing a late singles exhibition against Frances Tiafoe, 17, a top young American player.

Roddick and Fish are a wild-card entry in the doubles draw and play later in the week.

Fish, who won the Atlanta tournament in 2010-11, recently announced he will retire after the U.S. Open. He plans to play in Washington and Cincinnati before the U.S. Open.

Fish also is in the singles draw in Atlanta.

Fish has battled health problems since March 2012 when his heart started racing uncontrollably the night after he lost a match at Key Biscayne, Florida.

Roddick said he can see a change in Fish since he announced his retirement plans.

"It seems like since he made his announcement and he can kind of see the finish line, it's almost a weight has been lifted off his shoulders a little bit," Roddick said. "If I can be a small part of kind of helping him this week, I'm happy to do it. We have a very long history. It's something I wanted to do."

Roddick said it was "so hard" to watch Fish try to play through health issues others didn't understand.

"You wanted to shout from the rooftops the fact he was going through something very serious," Roddick said. "That's not the way he wanted to go about the process. It wasn't my decision to decide how it got out there."

Fish and Roddick have a 19-6 career record and last played together in 2012.

The reunion with Fish was Roddick's primary reason for returning to Atlanta. The exhibition with Tiafoe, No. 274 in the world rankings, provided an added test.

"I guess I'm a glutton of punishment playing a young guy," Roddick said, who then was told he was one of Tiafoe's favorite players.

"That's normally what the kids say right before they want to beat you," he said.

Associated Press

Andy Roddick speaks during a press conference Monday at the Atlanta Open tennis tournament, in Atlanta. Roddick is coming out of retirement to play doubles with friend Mardy Fish in the Atlanta Open.

AUTO RACING GLANCE

Sprint Cup

Points Leaders
Through July 26

1. Kevin Harvick, 777.
2. Joey Logano, 708.
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 677.
4. Jimmie Johnson, 675.
5. Martin Truex Jr., 668.
6. Brad Keselowski, 638.
7. Matt Kenseth, 615.
8. Kurt Busch, 612.
9. Jamie McMurray, 602.
10. Denny Hamlin, 591.
11. Jeff Gordon, 575.
12. Ryan Newman, 563.
13. Paul Menard, 558.
14. Kasey Kahne, 558.
15. Clint Bowyer, 538.
16. Carl Edwards, 519.
17. Aric Almirola, 508.
18. Greg Biffle, 462.
19. Austin Dillon, 453.
20. Kyle Larson, 452.
21. Casey Mears, 451.
22. Danica Patrick, 433.
23. AJ Allmendinger, 423.
24. David Ragan, 412.
25. Sam Hornish Jr., 385.
26. Tony Stewart, 382.
27. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 380.
28. Trevor Bayne, 366.
29. David Gilliland, 320.
30. Justin Allgaier, 317.
31. Cole Whitt, 314.
32. Kyle Busch, 294.
33. Brett Moffitt, 266.
34. Alex Bowman, 245.
35. Michael Annett, 230.
36. Matt DiBenedetto, 205.
37. Josh Wise, 188.
38. Michael McDowell, 124.
39. Jeb Burton, 111.
40. Alex Kennedy, 71.
41. Bobby Labonte, 39.
42. Brian Vickers, 32.
43. Reed Sorenson, 31.
44. Michael Waltrip, 26.
45. Mike Wallace, 8.
46. Eddie MacDonald, 7.
47. Will Kimmel, 6.
48. Ron Hornaday Jr., 2.

Xfinity Series

Points Leaders
Through July 25

1. Chris Buescher, 651.
2. Chase Elliott, 626.
3. Ty Dillon, 621.
4. Regan Smith, 600.
5. Elliott Sadler, 594.
6. Darrell Wallace Jr., 568.
7. Daniel Suarez, 559.
8. Brendan Gaughan, 537.
9. Brian Scott, 527.
10. Ryan Reed, 526.
11. Jeremy Clements, 454.
12. Dakoda Armstrong, 437.
13. J.J. Yeley, 425.
14. David Starr, 410.
15. Ross Chastain, 401.
16. Ryan Sieg, 388.
17. Landon Cassill, 354.
18. Blake Koch, 340.
19. Cale Conley, 327.
20. Eric McClure, 315.
21. Brennan Poole, 304.
22. Joey Gase, 300.
23. Harrison Rhodes, 273.
24. Peyton Sellers, 228.
25. Ryan Blaney, 213.
26. Mike Harmon, 172.
27. Derrike Cope, 157.
28. Mike Bliss, 141.
29. Jeffrey Earnhardt, 128.
30. Mario Gosselin, 117.
31. Ben Rhodes, 92.
32. Derek White, 91.
33. Martin Roy, 73.
34. Dylan Lupton, 72.
35. Josh Reaume, 71.
36. Jenny Wiltiir, 69.
37. Jamie Dick, 68.
38. Carl Long, 61.
39. Jeff Green, 56.
40. Morgan Shepherd, 54.
41. Boris Said, 47.
42. Todd Bodine, 40.
43. Benny Gordon, 39.
44. Ross Kenseth, 39.
45. Chris Cockrum, 38.
46. Stanton Barrett, 35.
47. Brandon Gdovic, 32.
48. Bobby Gerhart, 30.
49. Kenny Wallace, 27.
50. C.J. Faison, 25.

Camping World Truck Series

Points Leaders
Through July 22

1. Matt Crafton, 452.
2. Tyler Reddick, 438.
3. Erik Jones, 426.
4. Johnny Sauter, 381.
5. John Wes Townley, 360.
6. Cameron Hayley, 351.
7. Daniel Hemric, 347.
8. Timothy Peters, 343.
9. Spencer Gallagher, 335.
10. Ben Kennedy, 329.
11. Ray Black Jr., 318.
12. Tyler Young, 281.
13. Austin Dillon, 255.
14. Korbin Forrister, 250.
15. Brandon Jones, 241.
16. Jennifer Jo Cobb, 236.
17. Mason Mingus, 207.
18. Norm Benning, 203.
19. Travis Kvapil, 195.
20. John Hunter Nemechek, 170.
21. Austin Theriault, 168.
22. Cole Custer, 159.
23. Matt Tifft, 153.
24. Jordan Anderson, 151.
25. Timmy Hill, 131.
26. Joe Nemechek, 129.
27. Ryan Ellis, 124.
28. Tyler Tanner, 121.
29. Caleb Holman, 117.
30. Christopher Bell, 114.
31. Austin Jennings, 101.
32. James Buescher, 100.
33. Wendell Chavous, 85.
34. Bryan Silas, 73.
35. Brandon Brown, 64.
36. B.J. McLeod, 61.
37. Tommy Regan, 55.
38. Bobby Pierce, 43.
39. Jake Griffin, 35.
40. Ken Schrader, 33.
41. Cody Ware, 31.
42. Donnie Neuenberger, 29.
43. Chris Fontaine, 28.
44. Austin Hill, 28.
45. Gray Gaulding, 27.
46. Garrett Smithley, 26.
47. Jody Knowles, 26.
48. Cody Coughlin, 24.
49. Sean Corr, 24.
50. Tim Viens, 21.

IndyCar

Points Leaders
Through July 19

1. Juan Pablo Montoya, 445.
2. Graham Rahal, 403.
3. Scott Dixon, 397.
4. Hélio Castroneves, 391.
5. Will Power, 390.
6. Sebastien Bourdais, 366.
7. Marco Andretti, 358.
8. Josef Newgarden, 352.
9. Tony Kanaan, 324.
10. Simon Pagenaud, 294.
11. Carlos Munoz, 281.
12. Ryan Hunter-Reay, 278.
13. Charlie Kimball, 275.
14. Takuma Sato, 240.
15. James Jakes, 213.
16. Gabby Chaves, 211.
17. Jack Hawksworth, 202.
18. Sage Karam, 172.
19. Luca Filippi, 161.
20. Stefano Coletti, 160.
21. James Hinchcliffe, 129.
22. Tristan Vautier, 123.
23. Ryan Briscoe, 108.
24. Conor Daly, 81.
25. Ed Carpenter, 75.
26. Simona de Silvestro, 66.
27. Sebastian Saavedra, 61.
28. Pippa Mann, 59.
29. J.R. Hildebrand, 57.
30. Justin Wilson, 51.
31. Rodolfo Gonzalez, 40.
32. Francesco Dracone, 38.
33. Townsend Bell, 32.
34. Carlos Huertas, 31.
35. Alex Tagliani, 27.
36. James Davison, 10.
37. Oriol Servia, 10.
38. Bryan Clauson, 10.

Formula One

Points Leaders
Through July 26

1. Lewis Hamilton, 202.
2. Nico Rosberg, 181.
3. Sebastian Vettel, 160.
4. Valtteri Bottas, 77.
5. Kimi Raikkonen, 76.
6. Felipe Massa, 74.
7. Daniel Ricciardo, 51.
8. Daniil Kvyat, 45.
9. Nico Hulkenberg, 24.
10. Romain Grosjean, 23.
11. Max Verstappen, 22.
12. Felipe Nasr, 16.
13. Sergio Perez, 15.
14. Pastor Maldonado, 12.
15. Fernando Alonso, 11.
16. Carlos Sainz Jr., 9.
17. Jenson Button, 6.
18. Marcus Ericsson, 6.

NHRA

Points Leaders
Through July 26

TOP FUEL: 1, Tony Schumacher, 1,126. 2, Antron Brown, 1,041. 3, Larry Dixon, 920. 4, Doug Kalitta, 880. 5, Richie Crampton, 846. 6, Spencer Massey, 788. 7, Brittany Force, 782. 8, Shawn Langdon, 748. 9, Steve Torrence, 728. 10, J.R. Todd, 703.

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NBABRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CLEVELAND

Cavs trade Haywood, Miller to Blazers

The Cleveland Cavaliers have traded forward Mike Miller and center Brendan Haywood to the Portland Trail Blazers to create salary-cap room and save luxury-tax money.

The Cavs have been shopping Haywood's expiring $10.5 million contract for weeks and worked out a deal with the Blazers, who will also get two second-round picks from Cleveland. Both teams confirmed the trade on Monday.

The Blazers are expected to cut Haywood, who barely played for Cleveland last season. Miller was signed last summer, bringing playoff experience and 3-point shooting to the Cavs, but he was hardly used in the playoffs.

Haywood, a 13-year NBA veteran, has averaged 6.8 points and six rebounds during stints with Washington, Dallas, Charlotte and Cleveland.

Miller, a 15-year veteran, has averaged 11.3 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.7 assists with stops in Orlando, Memphis, Minnesota, Washington, Miami and Cleveland.

The moves will allow the Cavs to create trade exceptions for $10.5 million and $2.85 million to sign players.

The Blazers were able to absorb the contracts of both players because the team is under the salary cap.

It is believed that Portland will waive Haywood before his contract becomes guaranteed on Saturday. Miller, whose $2.8 million salary next season is guaranteed, will reportedly seek a buyout and become a free agent.

WISCONSIN

State Assembly leader: New Bucks arena has votes to pass

MADISON — A $500 million plan for a new Milwaukee Bucks arena has enough votes to pass the state Assembly with help from Democrats, Republican Majority Leader Jim Steineke said Monday.

If approved without any changes by the Assembly, the bill would then head to Republican Gov. Scott Walker for his consideration.

Under the proposal up for a vote Tuesday, half of the $500 million cost would initially be paid by state and local taxpayers. That cost would increase to $400 million over 20 years when interest is added. The other $250 million would come from current and former Bucks owners. The deal also includes a $2 ticket surcharge on events at the current Bradley Center.

Walker, a presidential candidate, has been supportive of public financing to keep the Bucks in Milwaukee. The Senate passed the measure on a bipartisan 21-10 vote on July 15.

At least 30 Republicans plan to vote for the plan, along with about 15 Democrats, Steineke said.

"I think things are trending the right way," Steineke said.

Assembly Minority Leader Peter Barca was more circumspect, saying after a closed-door meeting with fellow Democrats that he didn't know whether there would be enough votes to pass the measure.

"You have a lot of issues still floating out there," Barca said.

Typically 50 votes are needed to pass a bill, but about a dozen representatives are expected to be unable to attend Tuesday's session, Steineke said. That would lower the needed "yes" votes to around 45, depending on the number of lawmakers who are gone. Republican and Democratic Assembly leaders were going to meet Monday night, Steineke said.

He wasn't anticipating any changes to the bill. If there are, then the Senate would have to vote again.

"Obviously that makes life more difficult for everybody," Steineke said.

The Legislature has been trying to reach a deal to pay for a new arena for months. Republicans hold a majority of seats, but they need Democratic support for the bill because some in the GOP refused to have any taxpayer subsidy for a private arena, especially when funding is being cut for other public assets, including the University of Wisconsin.

Supporters argue the economic benefits outweigh the cost of losing the team and the income taxes paid by NBA players and staff. Bucks President Peter Feigin told the Legislature's budget committee earlier this month that if construction on a new arena doesn't begin this year, the NBA will move the team, possibly to Las Vegas or Seattle.

Walker, who announced his presidential campaign two weeks ago, originally proposed borrowing $220 million for the arena. But conservatives said it was too much borrowing.

BOSTON

From 1C

struck back. The hashtag (hash)10peopleonTwitter started trending.

The chairs of No Boston Olympics planned a celebration at a Boston pub.

"We need to move forward as a city, and today's decision allows us to do that on our own terms, not the terms of the USOC or the IOC," they said in a statement. "We're better off for having passed on Boston 2024."

Boston 2024 chairman Steve Pagliuca said the move was made "in order to give the Olympic movement in the United States the best chance to bring the Games back to our country in 2024."

The United States hasn't hosted a Summer Olympics since the Atlanta Games in 1996, or any Olympics since the Salt Lake City Winter Games in 2002. Bids for 2012 (New York) and 2016 (Chicago) both ended in fourth-place embarrassments.

The USOC spent nearly two years on a mostly secret domestic selection process for 2024 that began with letters to almost three dozen cities gauging interest in hosting the games. The thought was that the long gap between Olympics, combined with the USOC's vastly improved relationship with international leaders, would make this America's race to lose. Instead, the federation ran into trouble before getting to the starting line.

There's still time to save face if chairman Larry Probst and Blackmun make quick phone calls to leaders in Los Angeles, including Mayor Eric Garcetti and agent/power broker Casey Wasserman. Garcetti released a statement saying he'd had no contact with the USOC, but was willing to talk.

Los Angeles, a finalist in the domestic bid process along with San Francisco and Washington, has already hosted the 1932 and 1984 Olympics.

The '84 Games, with former USOC chairman Peter Ueberroth helping call the shots, came in the wake of the 1980 Moscow boycott and a bidding process in which only one other city — Tehran — expressed serious interest. Los Angeles reinvigorated the struggling Olympic brand. Some of the venues, including the L.A. Coliseum, are already in place and could be spruced up for the 2024 Games.

Still, when the USOC was going through its vetting process, some in the International Olympic Committee chafed at a possible return to a sprawling, traffic-choked city that the Olympics had been to twice already. But as the Boston bid tanked, Los Angeles started looking better.

Probst will get a first-hand feel for it all later this week when he attends an IOC meeting in Malaysia.

Meanwhile, the Boston bid will never see where it stands against Rome, Paris, Hamburg, Germany, and, quite possibly, Toronto, which is considering a bid. The bid's one and only public disclosure report, released in March, said they spent $2 million over the initial months of the bid.

Boston's initial bid team talked a big game, but made empty promises. Recently released documents show organizers' underestimated the amount of opposition and downplayed the possibility of a statewide referendum on the games.

Most of that bid team was replaced, though the new team, led by Pagliuca, didn't fare much better. Their new plan took a blowtorch to the popular idea of a compact, walkable Olympics, instead spreading venues around the metro area and the state. There was no firm plan for a media center, considered one of the biggest projects at any games. Even though complex insurance policies were in place, claims that the public wouldn't be on the hook for the multibillion-dollar sports event never gained traction.

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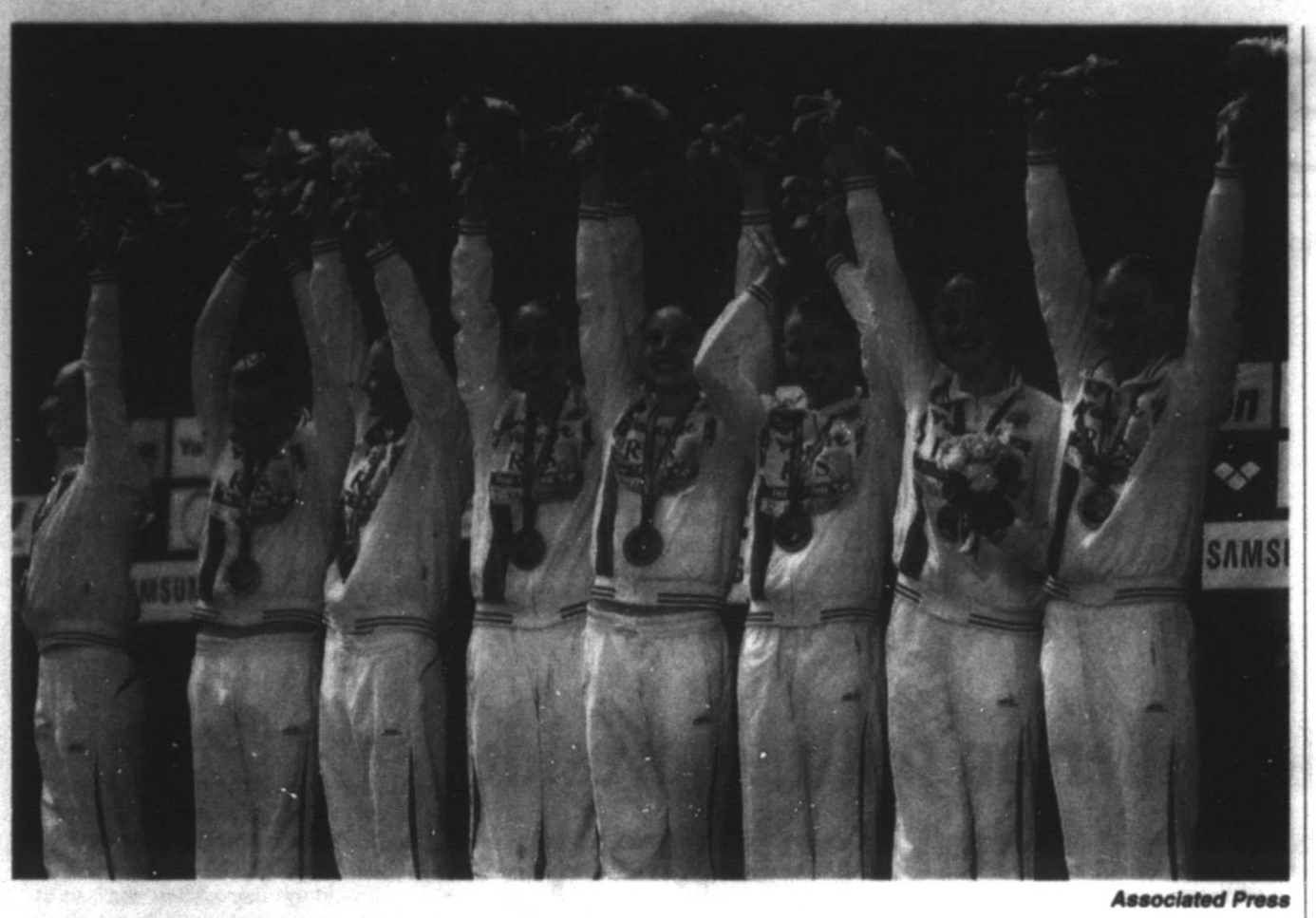

Associated Press

The members of the gold medalist team of Russia wave during the medal ceremony for the synchronised swimming team technical final at the Swimming World Championships in Kazan, Russia, on Monday.

Russia's synchro dynasty faces new rivals

By James Ellingworth
Associated Press

KAZAN, Russia — For years they've been the queens of the pool, but now Russia's synchronized swimming stars are having to get used to something new — a fight for the gold.

So far this century, no-one has won an Olympic gold medal in synchronized swimming but the Russians. In the absence of any real rival for gold, they took to measuring success and failure not by the finishing position — it was almost always first at every competition — but by how vast the gap to second place was.

Now, ahead of next year's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, one of the most dominant dynasties in sports is coming under pressure.

"It's really difficult to keep up the leadership for so many years and it's getting harder and harder," says team captain Anzhelika Timanina, an Olympic gold medalist who became a nine-time world champion Monday.

The sport — synchro to its devotees — has changed rapidly in recent years. This year sees men competing at the world championships for the first time in a mixed duet, and on Sunday the U.S. pair of Christina Jones and Bill May handed Russia its first worlds defeat for six years. Allowing men into the pool had been strongly opposed by many Russian swimmers and even politicians, with Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko saying last year it would damage what should be "a purely feminine sport."

The mixed duet is not yet an Olympic event, but competition is hotting up for the Russian women too. Always a tough test of fitness, routines are getting faster and faster, with rapid underwater elements placing athletes' bodies under increasing strain on a limited air supply.

On Monday, Russia retained its team technical title at the world championships, but withstood a tough challenge from China, taking the victory by 1.2852 points in front of a huge passionate home crowd at a pool installed inside a soccer stadium. Timanina suggested Russia's women had been pushed close to the limit of what was possible in synchro, with a winning program performed at "crazy speed."

The Russian women's years of dominance have put targets on their backs, says Clara Camacho of Spain, one of the countries trying to chase Russia down.

"We train six days a week, always two sessions of 5 hours each session, and it's very, very hard, mentally and physically," she told The Associated Press. "I hope that with all the training we will beat Russia."

Still, Spain and Russia's other rivals face an uphill struggle.

Camacho admits Spain has only "a little bit of money" to train and travel to competitions, and they are up against a Russian program with lavish government funding. At their training base near Moscow, the Russian team lives at a hotel next to their training pool, spending long hours in the water and in the gym.

At competitions, the Russians are known for their calm approach and tendency to stay aloof from the other teams, but it's wrong to see them as ice maidens, insists team member Alla Shishkina. "If it seems like we're not worried, it's not true," she says. "We're really worried ahead of every competition, and without that you can't have the right spirit."

Generations of Russian synchro gold medalists have come and gone, but the one constant is head coach Tatyana Pokrovskaya, who has run the team since 1998. "She's like gold to us," Russian swimmer Svetlana Kolesnichenko told the AP. "If we didn't have her, we'd have nothing."

Named a Hero of Labor for her successes — a Soviet-era title revived in 2013 by Russian President Vladimir Putin — Pokrovskaya admits Russia's swimmers are in for a tougher fight than before.

"I'd say everyone's got better and us too," she said. "The level of synchro swimming's really grown."

Other sports may have their dirty tricks and saboteurs, even figure skating, but not synchro, she insists. "It's very friendly. You don't have anything like people blunting each other's skates."

Landon Donovan stays connected to the game

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. — There's nothing like a visit to the field to get Landon Donovan's competitive juices flowing again.

The former Major League Soccer star will make his coaching debut in the Chipotle MLS Homegrown Game on Tuesday in Commerce City, Colorado, part of All-Star Week.

"At the end of my career, I very much enjoyed working with kids of that age. So, when this opportunity came up I thought it would be really fun," Donovan said. "I remember at the All-Star Game last year we all had the opportunity to watch the Chipotle Homegrown Game and see all the different kids that had come up through these youth systems.

"And it's going to be really special for me and I hope the kids get a lot out of it, too, because I would like to help them in any way I can even if only for a couple of days."

While there's plenty of things Donovan said he's glad he doesn't have to deal with anymore since retiring at the end of last year as the top goal-scorer in MLS history — all that travel, so many public appearances, the rigorous schedule — there's one thing he longs for.

"I miss the games," he said.

Donovan, who played a major role in building MLS into what it is today, attended the debut earlier this month of Steven Gerrard, the English midfielder who joined the LA Galaxy following Liverpool's season in England's Barclays Premier League.

"It was really fun to be there and watch, and I sat next to David Beckham, whom I hadn't seen for a long time, and we sat and talked and he said the same thing and it was interesting. Because you get there and the energy in the stadium, and I think that's what you can't really replicate anywhere else."

New partnership lets MLS players earn college degrees

By Holly Ramer
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Major League Soccer is striking a multiyear deal with Southern New Hampshire University that will provide full scholarships for players and internship opportunities for the school's current students.

The partnership being announced Monday is the first of its kind for the 20-year-old league, which has 20 clubs throughout the United States and Canada. The university — which has 3,000 students at its Manchester campus and 57,000 enrolled in online programs — will provide 125 scholarships a year through 2018 for developmental, current and former players, as well as league staff. In return, the league will offer four internships to Southern New Hampshire University students at its New York office each year, six internships with three teams and a yet-to-be determined number of online internships.

"What we wanted to be able to do was find a way that young players who have chosen to pursue a professional career after high school can still find a way to get a high-quality education," Mark Abbott, president and deputy commissioner of the league, told The Associated Press ahead of the announcement. "I think it's tremendously innovative, and it's just great for these young players."

WESTTEXASSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or email your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

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Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2439

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 689-8080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Private lessons
For more info: Call Mike Mungia 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
What: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Tex Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Midland College Girls Volleyball Camps
Session I: Girls Volleyball PLAYdemental Camp for grades 7th-9th; Session II: Girls Volleyball Advanced Competition Camp for grades 8th-12th
When: Session I, July 27-29, 9 a.m.-noon; July 27-29, 1-4 p.m.
Cost: $80 per session
For more info: Visit www.gochaps.com or contact Tammie Jimenez at 432-685-4800 or Holli Reyna at 432-685-6747

West Texas Lacrosse Clinics
When: Every Saturday between June 20-Aug. 22 with the exception of July 4. Boys aged 8-13: 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Boys 14 and up: 10:30 a.m.-noon.
Where: Hogan Park South
Cost: $10 per clinic.
For more information: Visit our website www.westtexaslacrosse.org, e-mail info@westtexaslacrosse.org or follow us on Twitter @WestTexLacrosse.

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Janier for clinics and lessons at jjanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Beak Park Ranch House, 5200 W. Wall Street, Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Lacrosse

Summer 2015 Lacrosse - Learn-2-Play Clinics
When: Every Saturday from June 20-Aug. 22 (not July 4), 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (boys ages 8-13), 10:30 a.m.-noon (boys ages 14 and up)
Where: Hogan Park South (across from Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave.)
Cost: $10 per clinic
For more information: Go to Facebook page, Twitter @WestTexLacrosse, go to website at www.westtexaslacrosse.org or email info@westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men-Women-Children
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When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Sanfilippo at (915) 240-1030

Physicals

High school physicals available
Where: Dr. Don Floyd's office, West Texas Orthopedics, at 4304 Andrews Hwy.
When: Aug. 1 and Aug. 22 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Cost: $25, cash only. Checks and credit cards will not be accepted
For more info: Call 432-520-3020

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001. or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Royes-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info: call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0998

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on 6th Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032, anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodfort Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration
What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online
Fees: T-ball ($75), 8U-18U ($100). late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play T-ball
The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division
To register: go to Midlandfastpitch.com or registration will also be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
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COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
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What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
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COM Learn to Dive
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What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
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Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

Third Annual Battle in the Basin
What: Tennis tournament for 12 and under juniors, 18 and under juniors and adults
When: July 30-Aug. 2
Where: Ratliff Tennis Courts and Permian High School, Odessa
Entry fees: Juniors ($20 singles, $40 doubles); Adults ($25 singles, $50 doubles)
Entry deadline: Friday, July 24
For more info: Please contact us at 432-664-2532. All participants will receive a free tournament t-shirt and raffle ticket. Trophies will be rewarded for first and second and medals will be given out for first in consolation. Juniors will play Thursday and Friday and adults will play on Saturday and Sunday.

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
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Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (8th-8th grade: freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults). Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtennniscenter.com and/or call 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
For more info: 559-7208

MTC Tournaments
What: Singles, doubles, mixed
When: July 25, Sept. 12, Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 1
To enter: Call 687-4048 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Track & Field

Midland Crusaders Track Club Summer Track & Field
For: Boys and girls age 7-18
When: 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays May 21-Aug. 2
Where: Lee High Track, 3500 Neely Ave.
For more info: Call Tony Goyang 432-694-2424 or 349-1125

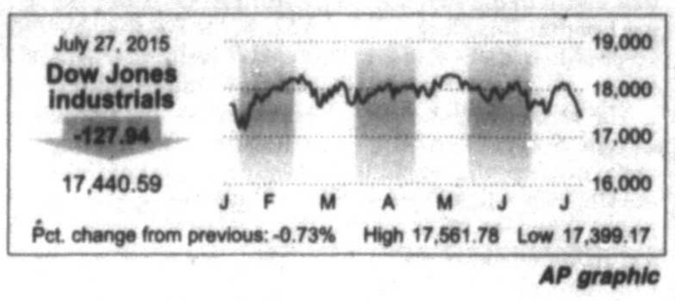
Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-258-9139

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Monthly 10K walks: Aug. 15 at Big Spring State Park, Bags. 12 UTPB walk, Oct. 10 Stanton, Nov. 21 Members choice, Dec. 20 Christmas walk
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-0588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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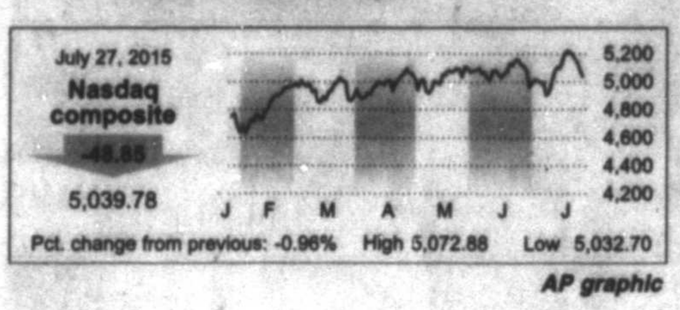

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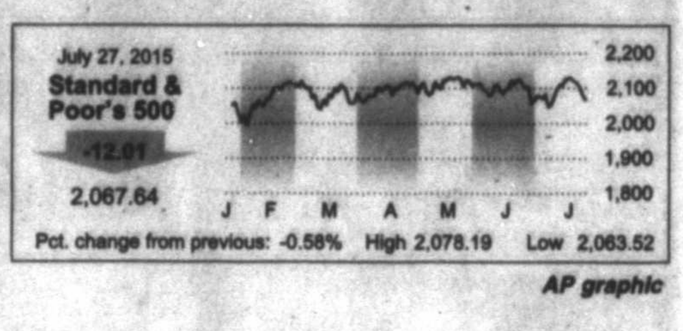

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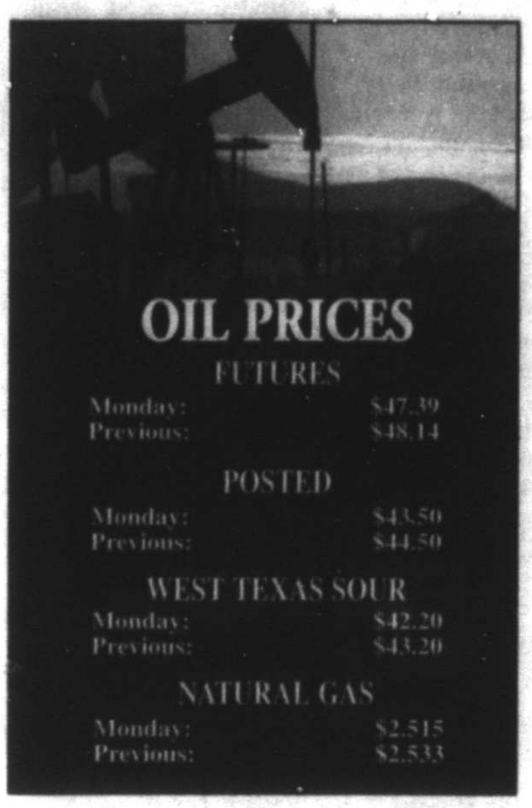

OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $47.39
Previous: $48.14

POSTED

Monday: $43.50
Previous: $44.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $42.20
Previous: $43.20

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $2.515
Previous: $2.533

Midlander on path to preside over national bank group

By Rye Druzin
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The chairman of FirstCapital Bank of Texas, Ken Burgess, has been put on the path to the chairmanship of the American Bankers Association.

Burgess, who along with other investors began the community bank in 1998, has been nominated for election to become the ABA's vice chairman at its annual convention in November. The ABA represents the nation's $15 trillion banking industry, including small, regional and large banks, according to a press release.

"There's not a whole lot of people who have started a bank, so you gain a little more experience starting from scratch because you have to put a lot of things in place that a lot of times … you take for granted," Burgess said. "I have a little more experience all the way from soup to nuts on what it takes to run a bank because you have to put all the pieces together."

Burgess will spend one year as vice chairman of the ABA, then will be chairman-elect for a year before finally ascending to the chairmanship of the organization. He is currently chairman of the Texas Bankers Association, a regional organization of the ABA.

In his role as chairman of the ABA, Burgess will be an advocate for the banking industry, which has undergone significant regulation by the federal government since the banking crisis of the Great Recession. Burgess hopes to roll back some of those regulations, saying that they have unfairly targeted community banks and stifled lending.

"The mortgage rules that were put in place in 2010 after the financial crisis (that were) intended to stop some of the mortgage practices really didn't target the right groups," he said. "The community banks in our country were not the ones who caused the financial crisis. But the community banks are having to fall under the same rules, and those rules are significantly reducing who can qualify for mortgage loans now. We have very credit-worthy borrowers who come in to borrow money on a house and they have a hard time qualifying now in some cases."

Burgess said that retirees and small-business owners are some of the people most impacted by these new regulations because they do not have a monthly income to report, which makes it harder to qualify. He emphasized that community banks, such as FirstCapital, were not the epicenter of the financial crisis, but is was the less-regulated larger financial institutions that caused problems in the financial markets. He believes that regulations should be lessened to relieve pressure on smaller banks.

"My point is, for the majority of the banks in the country, I think the rules should be rolled back to pretty much where we were because we were underwriting in a very safe and sound manner, and that didn't need to change. That's not where the problem came from," he said.

FirstCapital Bank of Texas began in November 1998 in Midland and now has branches in Amarillo, Horseshoe Bay and Lubbock.

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Israel's Teva buys Allergan generic drug company for $40.5B

By Daniel Estrin
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. said Monday it is purchasing Dublin-based Allergan PLC's generic pharmaceuticals business for $40.5 billion, in what Israeli analysts called the largest-ever acquisition by an Israeli company.

Statements from both companies say the deal will see Allergan receive $33.75 billion in cash and shares of Teva valued Monday at $6.75 billion. In light of the acquisition, Teva said it was withdrawing its $40 billion-plus takeover offer for pharmaceuticals company Mylan N.V.

Word of the acquisition saw Teva shares shoot up 13 percent in pre-opening trading on the Nasdaq. Trading in Teva shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange halted over the news of the sale.

The Israeli pharmaceutical giant is the world's largest generic drugmaker. It said in a statement that the acquisition would provide patients with more access to affordable medicines.

Brent Saunders, CEO and president of Allergan, said in a statement the sale would help his company enhance its "global-branded pharmaceutical business and strengthen our financial position."

A deal like this would allow the drugmaker to improve its profitability by cutting jobs and other overlapping costs from the combined businesses. It also would increase its leverage in negotiating drug prices with insurers and other payers, an ever-important piece of leverage in key markets like the United States, where insurers, employers and other payers are pushing to hold down rising costs that have outpaced inflation for years.

Generic drugs are less expensive than name-brand drugs, but the prices of some generics have soared because of a lack of competition or shortages brought on by manufacturing problems.

Global markets lower

The worst drop in China's stock market in eight years helped drag down other markets around the world Monday.

The tough day follows declines in U.S. markets last week, when the three major indexes fell more than 2 percent as a number of big companies reported disappointing earnings.

Faced with a drop in stock prices in Asia, Europe and the U.S., investors moved into traditional safe havens. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note fell to 2.22 percent from 2.26 percent on Friday. The price of gold rose 1 percent.

Dividend-heavy stocks, like utilities, also gained. Investors favor high-dividend companies during times of volatility because they provide a reliable income stream.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 127.94 points, or 0.7 percent, to 17,440.59. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 12.01 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,067.64 and the Nasdaq composite lost 48.85 points, or 1 percent, to 5,039.78.

Precious metals prices up

Precious metals prices rose Monday. Gold was up $10.90, closing the trading day at $1,096.50 per ounce. Silver finished the day at $14.584 per ounce, up 11.7 cents. Platinum increased $8.10 to $990.50 per ounce.

Copper fell 3.1 cents to $2.305 per pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $36.94 Down 2.92

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $99.19 Down 3.82

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.21 Up 0.10

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $63.30 Down 0.60

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $8.65 Up 0.29

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.57 Down 0.47

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $18.78 Down 0.53

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $22.91 Down 0.68

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $8.69 Down 0.07

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.00 Down 0.76

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1160366	206.79	-1.21
BkofAm	903002	17.67	-.23
iShEMkts	707899	36.36	-.70
MrkVGold	668990	43.57	-.51
B iPVixST	668561	17.72	+.88

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
XueliaEd	4.82	+1.62	+50.6
TevaPhrm	72.00	+10.15	+16.4
Accuride	4.02	+.51	+14.5
SeaBulk g	3.92	+.37	+10.4
GoodrP pfD	3.69	+.34	+10.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CastleAM	3.05	-.87	-22.2
EKodk wtA	2.10	-.55	-20.8
Drx300Chin	27.24	-5.81	-17.6
FMajSilv g	3.08	-.51	-14.2
MVEMQDv	44.05	-6.46	-12.8

DIARY

Advanced	868
Declined	2,288
Unchanged	83
Total issues	3,239
New Highs	18
New Lows	486
Volume	3,756,560,234

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	40855	2.12	-.07
CheniereEn	32100	63.90	-.15
Globalstar	31151	2.12	-.09
BarcGSOil	27964	9.22	-.26
B2gold g	26044	1.07	-.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TransEnix	3.48	+.33	+10.5
Pfenex	22.34	+1.75	+8.5
IncOpR	8.81	+.46	+5.4
IGI Labs	8.47	+.40	+5.0
SynthBiol	3.35	+.16	+5.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EnerJex pf	4.35	-2.22	-33.8
LucasE rs	2.16	-.56	-20.6
TmsatPet	2.56	-.64	-20.0
MexcoEn	2.57	-.47	-15.5
MilestnSci	2.90	-.37	-11.3

DIARY

Advanced	129
Declined	275
Unchanged	15
Total issues	419
New Highs	2
New Lows	63
Volume	77,149,206

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	543710	3.84	-.04
Apple Inc	427921	122.77	-1.73
Intel	417576	28.35	+.29
Microsoft	388006	45.35	-.59
Facebook	376326	94.17	-2.78

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NymoxPh	2.54	+1.27	+100.0
Magnetek	49.52	+17.27	+53.6
Lumrtm wi	20.85	+3.85	+22.6
CryoPort rs	2.64	+.39	+17.1
OncoGenex	3.60	+.47	+15.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Bellerph n	3.39	-4.26	-55.7
RepubAir	3.77	-4.73	-55.6
CorbusPhm	2.05	-.53	-20.5
VestRM rs	3.52	-.65	-15.6
CathGn wt	11.37	-2.08	-15.5

DIARY

Advanced	806
Declined	1,992
Unchanged	146
Total issues	2,944
New Highs	16
New Lows	289
Volume	1,890,933,898

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	34	34.32	+.03	+2.2
Abraxas	...	3	1.77	-.18	-39.8
AdeDvsEq	1.17e	...	14.05	-.05	+2.7
Alcoa	.12	14	9.62	-.19	-39.1
AlonUSA	.60f	20	18.15	-.74	+43.3
Ambev	.24e	...	5.56	-.09	-9.9
Amgen	**3.16**	**22**	**165.54**	**+6.95**	**+3.9**
Anadarko	**1.04**	**...**	**69.99**	**-1.62**	**-15.2**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**44.51**	**-.57**	**-29.0**
Apple Inc	2.08	14	122.77	-1.73	+11.2
ApldMatl	**.40**	**17**	**17.38**	**+.01**	**-30.3**
ATMOS	**1.56**	**18**	**54.29**	**+.49**	**-2.6**
AutoData	1.96	27	79.72	-.06	-4.4
BP PLC	**2.40**	**40**	**36.05**	**-.52**	**-5.4**
BabcCClnv	1.20	...	16.54	+.12	+4.1
BakrHu	.68	60	57.74	-.92	+3.0
BkofAm	.20	19	17.67	-.23	-1.2
B iPVixST	...	...	17.72	+.88	-43.6
BarrickG	.20	43	6.90	-.35	-35.8
BasicEnSv	...	...	5.39	-.28	-23.1
BerkHa A	**...**	**172107**	**25.00-1307.00**		**-6.8**
BlkHillsCp	**1.82**	**14**	**40.92**	**+.73**	**-22.9**
BrillySq	**1.40**	**60**	**64.30**	**-1.68**	**+8.9**
BrownFA	**1.26**	**35**	**110.56**	**-.44**	**+26.0**
BrownFB	**1.26**	**32**	**102.67**	**+.34**	**+16.9**
CVS Health	1.40	27	109.77	-.72	+14.0
Cameron	...	13	49.42	-.17	-1.1
Caterpillar	3.08f	13	75.32	-.78	-17.7
Celestic g	...	15	12.48	-.34	+6.3
Cemex	.40t	...	7.83	-.20	-20.1
CntryLink	2.16	21	28.12	+.09	-29.0
ChesEng	...	...	8.37	+.09	-57.2
Chevron	**4.28**	**10**	**99.14**	**-1.46**	**-20.5**
Chicos	.31	34	14.97	-.23	-7.6
Cimarex	.64	...	99.95	-3.25	-5.7
Cisco	.84	16	28.21	-.19	+2.1
Citigroup	.20	15	57.96	-.74	+7.1
ClayEng	**...**	**32**	**36.94**	**-2.92**	**-42.1**
CocaCola	**1.32**	**24**	**40.54**	**+.10**	**-4.0**
ColgPalm	**1.52**	**27**	**67.30**	**+.30**	**-2.7**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**29**	**43.53**	**-.14**	**+20.0**
ConchoRes	**...**	**25**	**99.19**	**-3.82**	**-.6**
ConocoPhil	**2.96f**	**13**	**59.65**	**-1.44**	**-28.7**
CrackerB	4.40f	23	148.59	-.77	+5.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CSVLgNGs	...	...	2.01	+.01	-49.5
CSVLgCrde	...	...	1.53	-.11	-68.7
CSVelIVST	...	...	43.75	-2.45	+40.5
CSVixSh rs	...	...	7.03	+.67	-74.5
CrosTim	**2.02e**	**6**	**15.22**	**...**	**-12.1**
DCP Mid	3.12	11	29.23	-.31	-35.7
DTE	2.92f	16	78.68	+1.32	-8.5
Dataram	...	...	2.00	+.06	+17.6
DevonE	**.96**	**...**	**48.83**	**-.57**	**-20.2**
DxGldBull	...	...	3.33	-.41	-70.2
Disney	**1.32f**	**25**	**118.25**	**-.86**	**+25.5**
DowChm	**1.60**	**13**	**45.63**	**-.34**	**...**
eBay s	...	15	28.00	-.23	+20.1
EMC Cp	.46	21	26.04	+.42	-12.4
EOG Resc	**.57**	**14**	**73.19**	**-1.97**	**-20.5**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**16**	**22.38**	**+.54**	**-24.7**
EnCana g	.28	31	7.42	-.46	-46.5
Energen	.08	32	55.20	-.99	-13.4
EngyTsfr	4.06f	65	50.46	+.22	-22.4
EnPro	**.80**	**69**	**50.25**	**-.71**	**-19.9**
EntPrdPt s	1.52f	21	28.18	+.79	-22.0
Ericsson	.39e	...	10.75	-.01	-11.2
ExterranH	**.80**	**17**	**23.79**	**-.92**	**-27.0**
ExxonMbl	**2.92f**	**12**	**79.26**	**-.68**	**-14.3**
Facebook	...	91	94.17	-2.78	+20.7
FordM	.60	19	14.55	+.16	-6.1
FrptMcM	.20a	...	11.37	-.92	-51.3
FrontierCm	.42	...	4.59	+.05	-31.2
GATX	**1.52**	**10**	**50.63**	**-.04**	**-12.0**
GabelliIT	**1.05e**	**...**	**8.87**	**-.21**	**-11.4**
GAInv	**3.50e**	**...**	**33.89**	**-.36**	**-3.2**
GenElec	**.92**	**...**	**25.95**	**+.20**	**+2.7**
GenMotors	1.44f	12	31.05	-.01	-11.1
GileadSci	1.72	13	110.54	-2.29	+17.3
Goldcrp g	.60	...	12.61	-.67	-31.9
GtPlainEn	**.96**	**16**	**26.19**	**+.45**	**-11.3**
Groupon	...	...	4.93	-.04	-40.3
HaliconRes	...	...	.87	-.06	-51.1
HeliBrtn	**.72**	**18**	**40.98**	**-.74**	**+4.2**
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	28.05	-.45	-23.3
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.70	-.05	+13.0
iSTaiwn	.29e	...	14.41	-.29	-4.6
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	40.13	-1.61	-3.6
iShEMkts	.84e	...	36.36	-.70	-7.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	63.42	-.47	+4.2
iShR2K	1.66e	...	120.57	-1.01	+.8
Intel	**.96**	**12**	**28.35**	**+.29**	**-21.9**
InterDig	.80	...	55.63	-.93	+5.2
JPMorgCh	1.76f	12	68.01	-.90	+9.4
JohnJn	**3.40**	**17**	**98.28**	**-.87**	**-6.0**
KimbClk	**3.52**	**60**	**112.36**	**+.52**	**-2.8**
KindMorg	1.96f	46	35.22	+.37	-16.8
LegacyRes	1.40	...	8.65	+.29	-24.3
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**4.94**	**-.08**	**+8.6**
MVJrGold	...	...	18.81	-.68	-21.4
MktVGold	.12e	...	13.57	-.51	-26.2
MktVRus	.64e	...	16.52	-.43	+12.9
McDnlds	3.40	21	96.04	-.06	+2.5
Merck	1.80	15	56.99	-.42	+.4
MeritMed	**...**	**39**	**25.18**	**+.01**	**+45.3**
MexcoEn	...	...	2.57	-.47	-52.7
MicronT	...	6	18.12	-.22	-48.2
Microsoft	1.24	31	45.35	-.59	-2.4
Mylan NV	...	26	56.37	-9.57	...
Nabors	.24	8	11.18	-.26	-13.9
NatGrid	**3.36e**	**...**	**65.16**	**+.32**	**-7.8**
NOIVarco	1.84	8	41.65	-.57	-36.4
NvMAd	**.79e**	**...**	**13.15**	**+.06**	**-3.7**
NvPMI	**.82e**	**...**	**13.06**	**+.07**	**-6.5**
NuvPI	**.82e**	**...**	**13.17**	**+.03**	**-5.0**
NSTPI3	**.98e**	**...**	**13.89**	**-.05**	**-3.9**
NTXQI	**.85e**	**...**	**13.70**	**+.05**	**-5.3**
NymoxPh	...	...	2.54	+1.27	+535.0
OcciPet	**3.00**	**17**	**67.76**	**-.66**	**-15.9**
Oracle	.60	17	38.51	-.49	-14.4
ParTech	**...**	**...**	**4.46**	**-.23**	**-27.2**
ParkDrl	**...**	**6**	**2.57**	**-.09**	**-16.3**
PattUTI	**.40**	**37**	**15.72**	**-.39**	**-5.2**
PayPal n	...	...	36.39	-.61	-.9
PeabdyE	.01	...	1.06	-.18	-86.3
PermianRE	**.84**	**...**	**21.87**	**-.04**	**-5.4**
Pmian	.59e	8	6.60	-.07	-30.9
PetbrasA	...	...	5.68	-.36	-25.1
Petrobras	...	...	6.25	-.40	-14.4
Pfizer	**1.12**	**24**	**34.34**	**+.08**	**+10.2**
PioNtrl	.08	24	121.41	-2.10	-18.4
PlainsAAP	**2.78f**	**19**	**41.89**	**+1.16**	**-19.0**
PwShs QQQ	1.50e	...	110.18	-.92	+6.7
Praxair	**2.88**	**20**	**111.82**	**-1.16**	**-13.7**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PrmEgy	**...**	**-...**	**$4.20**	**-1.74**	**-85.5**
PUVixST rs	...	...	32.15	+3.04	-74.4
ProctGam	**2.65**	**25**	**79.97**	**-.32**	**-12.2**
ProUShSP	...	...	20.83	+.25	-5.5
Qualcom	1.92	17	61.98	+.34	-16.6
RangeRs	.16	17	42.24	-.08	-21.0
RegionsFn	.24	15	10.41	-.15	-1.4
RiteAid	...	23	8.59	-.13	+14.2
Rowan	.40	...	16.48	-.31	-29.3
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	53.89	-.49	-19.5
SpdrDJIA	3.67e	...	174.23	-1.29	-2.1
S&P500ETF	4.03e	...	206.79	-1.21	+.8
SpdrLehHY	2.26	...	37.52	-.16	-2.8
SpdrOGEx	.71e	...	37.44	-1.15	-21.8
SabnR	3.68e	8	32.99	-1.15	-7.8
SanderFm	**.88e**	**5**	**66.93**	**+.15**	**-20.3**
SandRidge	**...**	**...**	**.53**	**-.04**	**-71.1**
Schlmbrg	2.00	22	81.76	-1.14	-4.3
SigmaAld	**.92**	**34**	**139.43**	**-.12**	**+1.8**
SiriusXM	...	43	3.84	-.04	+8.7
Smucker	2.68f	29	105.96	+.39	+5.0
Sprint	...	...	3.10	-.34	-25.3
SP Engy	1.99e	...	68.51	-1.00	-13.5
SPDR Fncl	.43e	...	24.94	-.16	+.8
SunocoLog	1.75f	...	35.53	-.17	-15.0
TeleFEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**14.93**	**-.06**	**+5.1**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Tesoro	1.70	14	97.11	-1.83	+30.6
TevaPhrm	1.35e	23	72.00	+10.15	+25.2
3M Co	4.10	19	148.71	-.62	-9.5
Torchmark	**.54**	**15**	**61.21**	**-.96**	**+13.0**
TriContl	**.80e**	**...**	**20.98**	**-.10**	**-2.0**
Twitter	...	...	34.70	-.72	-3.3
TylerTech	**...**	**86**	**134.14**	**-2.07**	**+22.6**
USWX	**1.28**	**21**	**41.67**	**-.25**	**+11.3**
US OilFd	...	...	15.65	-.38	-23.1
USSteel	.20	33	16.80	+.55	-37.2
Vale SA	.80e	...	4.99	-.06	-39.0
ValeroE	1.60	9	64.38	-1.32	+30.1
VangEmg	1.10e	...	37.53	-.86	-6.2
VerizonCm	2.20	19	45.83	-.21	-2.0
VulcanM	**.40**	**85**	**86.24**	**-1.55**	**+34.2**
WEC Engy	1.69	18	47.68	+.56	-9.6
WalgBoots	1.44f	32	94.38	-.73	+23.9
Weathlntl	...	...	10.23	-.41	-10.7
WellsFargo	1.50f	14	57.59	-.19	+5.1
WstnRefin	1.36	7	43.85	-1.44	+16.1
WhitingPet	...	9	21.13	-1.80	-36.0
WmsCos	2.36f	94	51.89	-.75	+15.5
XOMA	...	...	.82	-.12	-77.0
XcelEngy	**1.28**	**18**	**33.34**	**+.48**	**-7.2**
Xerox	**.28**	**19**	**10.62**	**-.32**	**-23.4**

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	17,440.59	-127.94	-.73	-2.15	+2.70
9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,059.64	-12.93	-.16	-11.82	-3.28
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	570.87	+8.13	+1.44	-7.94	+1.31
11,254.87	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	10,858.81	-65.34	-.61	-1.98	-3.01
5,231.94	4,116.60	Nasdaq Composite	5,039.78	-48.85	-.96	+6.41	+13.38
2,134.72	1,820.88	S&P 500	2,067.64	-12.01	-.58	+.42	+4.48
1,561.28	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,464.97	-11.77	-.80	+.86	+4.39
22,537.15	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	21,761.67	-145.08	-.66	+.42	+4.15
1,296.00	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,214.69	-11.30	-.92	+.83	+6.60

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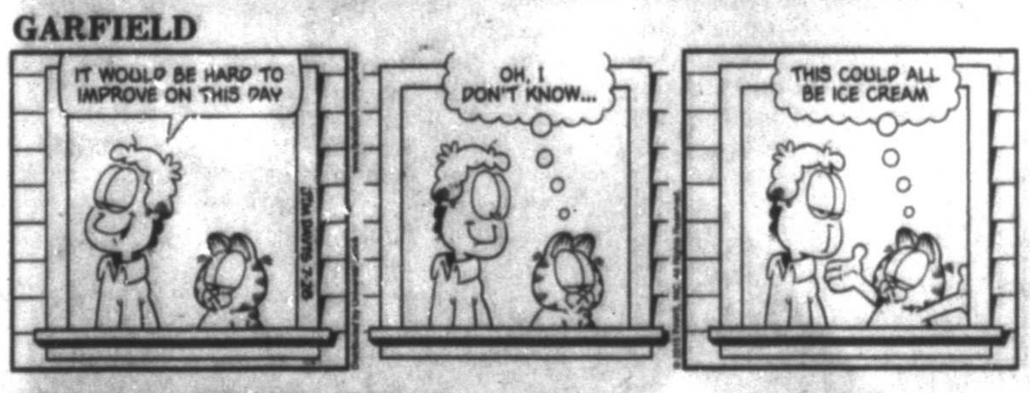

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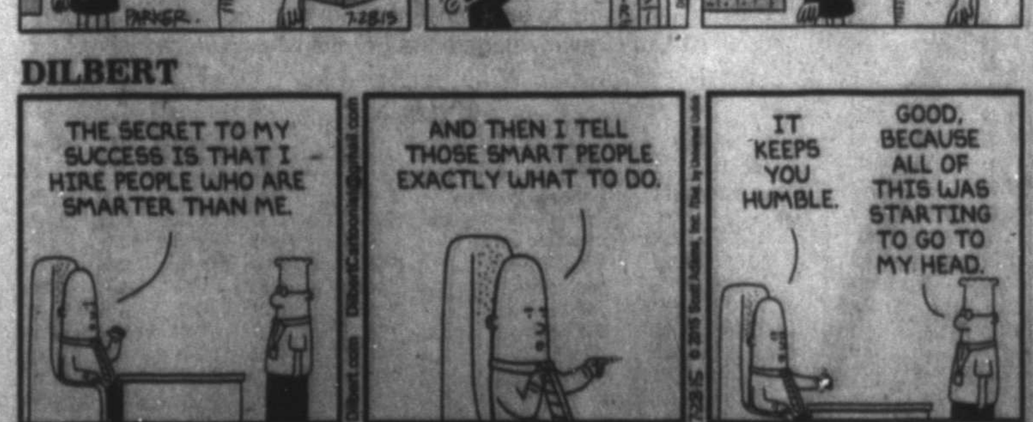

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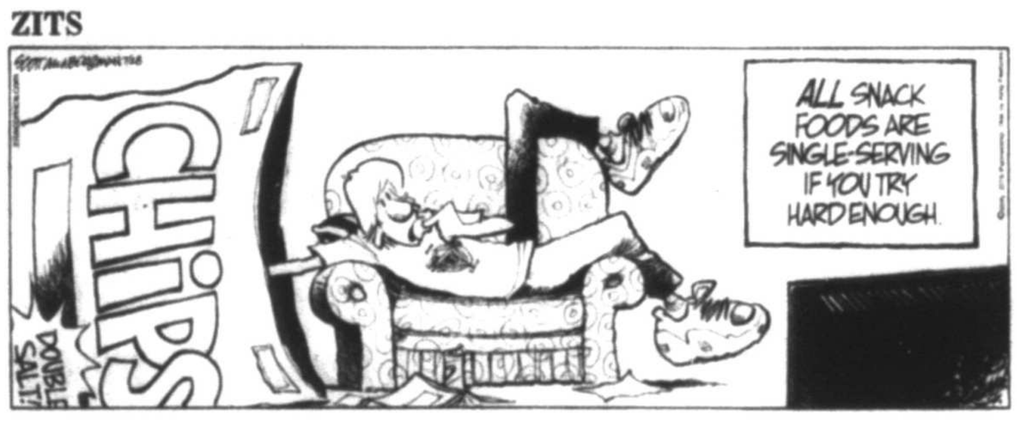

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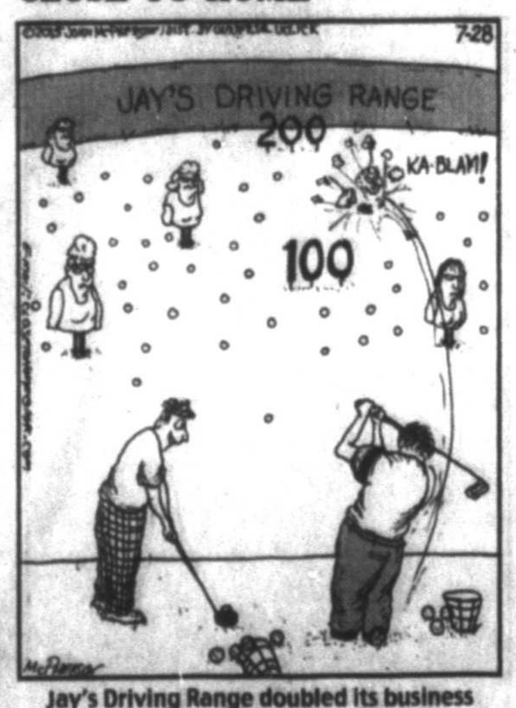

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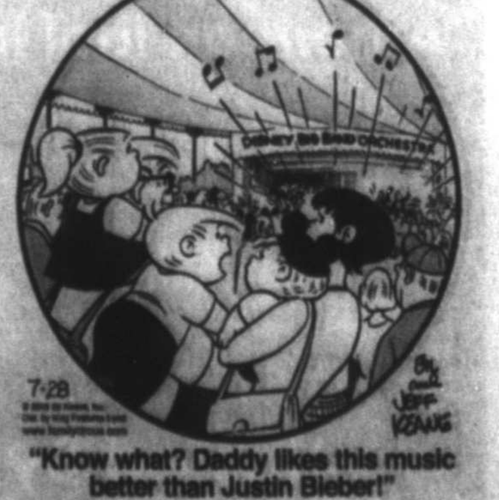

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NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

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

$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifiting 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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NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

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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HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

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OTHER JOBS

Sales & Events Manager

Insignia Hospitality Group is now hiring full time Sales & Events Manager. Send resumes to rachel@insigniamgmt.com

BANKING & MORTGAGE

New Accounts/Loan Secretary Position

The First National Bank of Stanton

Taking applications for a New Accounts/Loan Secretary position. Some experience is preferred. Candidate should possess a professional appearance, excellent communication skills, strong working knowledge of various computer software programs (such as Microsoft Word and Excel) the ability to organize and multi-task and must possess the ability to interact well with the public and fellow employees.

Applications should be submitted by mail to P.O. Box 10 Stanton, TX 79782 or in person at 119 N St Peter, Stanton, TX

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

PT Office Assistant

America' s Storage Center in Midland is currently hiring for a part time office assistant to work less than 30 hours a week. Must have great customer service and be willing to work Monday through Saturday. submit resumes in person or by email to: ascmidland@gmail.com. Please NO phone calls.

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UPPER GRADE TEACHER

The qualified candidate will need to possess an excellent MATH teaching background.

Candidate is required to have a current teaching certificate.

This position will be available for the fall semester 2015.

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The Hillander School
Attention: Karen Rhodes, Principal
1600 West Wadley
Midland, Texas 79705

Fax to 432-684-3863
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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Pipeline Operations Supervisor

Medallion Midstream is hiring a Pipeline Operations Supervisor. We are one of the fastest growing pipeline companies in the Permian Basin area. Finding the right people to forge our success is a critical step, and we have created an organization rich in opportunities. If you are a highly motivated individual with a passion for success, we invite you to apply today. Please email your resume to info@medallionmidstream.com

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The MRT Media Group, a Hearst Corporation company, is looking for full-time creative, energetic person to join our Advertising Operations Team. Duties include providing support to the Advertising team, expediting print and online ad creation, page planning/pagination of daily newspaper and special publications.

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- Proficient with Adobe software suites - particularly Indesign, Photoshop and Illustrator.
- Experience with MAC OS 10, Explorer and Windows software.
- Knowledge of advertising design, layout and typography preferred but not required.
- Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment.
- Excellent organization skills and ability to work independently with minimal supervision required.

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OTHER JOBS

APC

ABO Petroleum Corporation

Abo Petroleum Corporation has an opening in Artesia, NM for a Landman

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Process Authority for Expenditures (AFE's) for non-operated expenditures and Division Orders
- Understand values of mineral/royalty property and negotiate terms for sale or leasing of interests
- Interpret, prepare, and negotiate various Oil & Gas contracts including but not limited to Oil & Gas Leases, Farmout Agreements, stipulations, quit claim deeds, mineral deeds, release of oil and gas leases
- Calculate net revenue interest and working interest for wells, acquisitions, divestitures and leasing
- Check chain of title ownership at County, State and Federal levels
- Communicate with attorneys concerning any Land issues that may arise
- Handle all land related work regarding grazing leases

QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- College degree and Minimum 3 years' experience in Oil & Gas Land work at Landman Level
- CPL certification a plus but not required
- Will consider Minimum 7-year's O&G Landman level experience in lieu of Degree or CPL
- Must be computer literate with working knowledge of O&G Land Systems, Microsoft Word, and Excel
- Enertia Data Systems Land Module Experience a plus but not required

SKILLS

- Working knowledge of Federal and State Leases and Units, as well as fee leases and titles
- Must be able to manage multiple projects simultaneously
- Must be a self-starter with good organizational skills and attention to accuracy
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- Must have excellent oral and written communication skills
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SALES JOBS

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Individual must be outgoing, energetic, self-motivated, and able to travel throughout the West Texas and the New Mexico area.
Minimum 3 years' experience in Artificial Lift and pump parts sales with a track record of increasing customer base and revenue.
Proficient in Microsoft Office and basic business system. Other helpful skills include communication, reporting and forecasting. Must have Clean driving record and insurable.

Full benefit package includes 401K, health, dental and eye insurance, and PTO time, Expense account and company vehicle.

Send Resumes to: Box M-1, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

SKILLED LABOR

AC Drive Rig Electricians

Impulse Electric is looking for AC Drive Rig Electricians with experience. Great benefits including health insurance. Apply in person at 7101 N. County Rd West, Odessa, 432-362-1131

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Basin Engine and Pump
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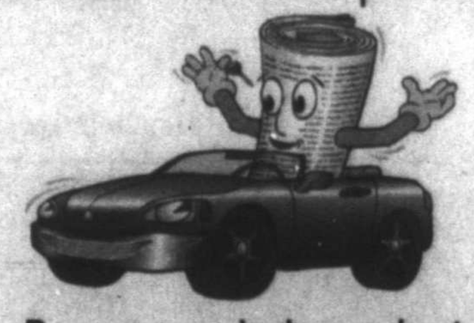

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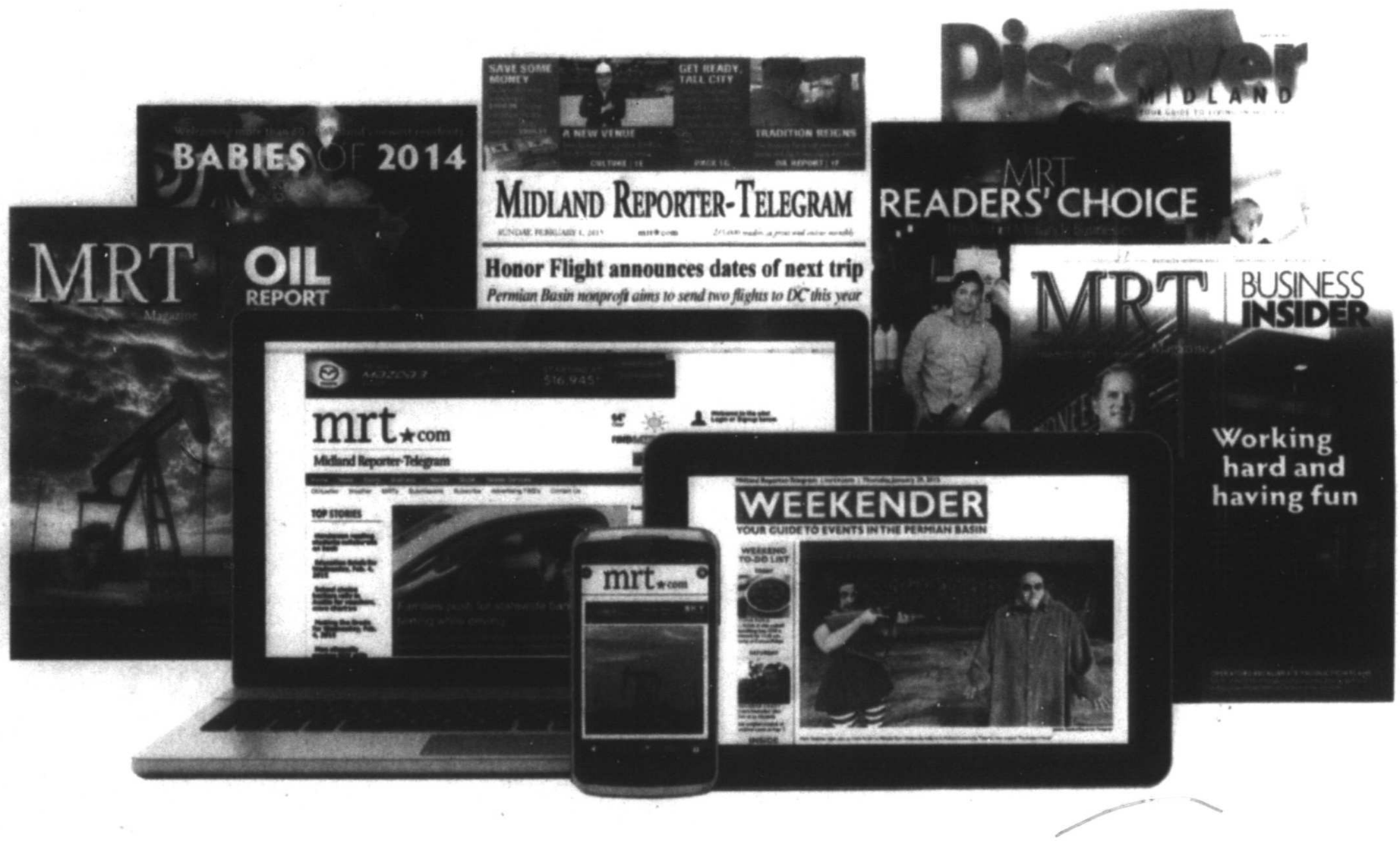

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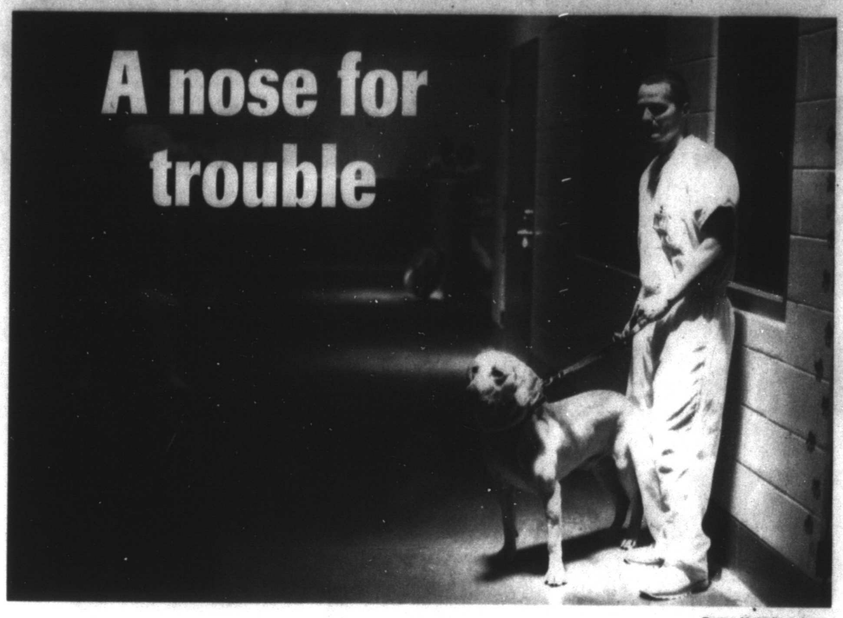

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An inmate and his dog are shown at Coffee Prison on July 9, where there is a training program to teach dogs to sniff out bombs, narcotics or other threats, in Nichols, Ga. The program, run by Auburn University, breeds and trains the dogs with help from inmates, before they're probably placed with a government agency or a private security firm.

Dogs trained by inmates to protect lives

By Ethan Hauser
N.Y. Times News Service

OPELIKA, Ala. — All dressed up in a shiny new red shirt, little Opelika could not stand still in the anteroom of the City Council chambers. And who could blame her? In a few minutes, she would meet the mayor of this Alabama city for which she is named. Her meltingly calm mother, Lily, ignored her fidgeting.

They were being honored this day for their community service, and midway through the presentation, as little ones will do, Opelika stole the show from the starchy lawmakers: She barked.

Opelika and Lily, yellow Labrador retrievers, are part of the Canine Performance Sciences Program at Auburn University, which breeds and trains dogs to use their powerful sense of smell to keep people safe. After a year of preparation, Opelika will probably be placed with a government agency or a private security firm to sniff out bombs, narcotics or other threats.

For about half of that year, she will live in a state prison, where inmates who have earned the right to work with the program's dogs lavish time and attention on them to hone their detection skills and reinforce basic socialization.

It's a lot for a 6-week-old puppy like Opelika to take on; most dogs spend their early months learning little more than how not to gnaw on the living room furniture. But program organizers said the regimen produces highly disciplined dogs whose abilities rival or surpass cutting-edge technology.

The dogs, mostly Labradors — a breed chosen for its sociability and physical resilience — emerge from the prisons "more mature mentally," said Jeanne Brock, a chief instructor at Auburn. "They have more stamina and endurance." And along the way, moments of startling humanity come to light: One older inmate, Brock recalled, cried when he met his puppy. "I haven't touched a dog in 40 years," he told her.

Moving targets

A couple of miles from the verdant quadrangles of Auburn's main campus sits the Canine Performance Sciences building. Its otherwise humdrum conference room is crowned with the skin of a 13.5-foot python caught in the Florida Everglades, where Auburn dogs stalked invasive snakes.

For many years, dogs here were trained to find improvised explosive devices — homemade bombs — that had been planted in a parked car or stashed in a village bazaar. That focus changed somewhat about eight years ago, when Auburn's scientists and trainers were approached with a new challenge: how to detect an IED that is on the move, carried by a would-be bomber.

"The first application we were pointed toward was mass transit," said Paul Waggoner, a program co-director. The idea was to preserve crowd flow while identifying suspicious individuals. If you make people walk through checkpoints like the kind in airports, Waggoner explained, then "mass transit becomes nonmass transit."

What was the most effective way, Waggoner and his colleagues wondered, for dogs to patrol crowded areas? They found their answer in the work of Gary Settles, a mechanical engineering professor at Penn State whose research had shown that humans produce thermal plumes that emanate from our bodies and entrain gaseous particles. Most of these particles, like traces of perspiration or perfume, are benign, but the plume can also betray contact with hazardous materials, like those used in bombs. Instead of screening each person, then, the dogs could inspect the "human aerodynamic wakes" that trail behind people in motion and alert a handler to the presence of explosives.

If that sounds fairly straightforward, "it's a bigger challenge than you think," Waggoner said. "Dogs naturally want to interrogate things and people, and not open space."

Among the first animals trained under the new protocol were dogs deployed by Amtrak in 2007, and the rail service has used more than 70. Dogs schooled in vapor wake detection have also guarded the New York City subway system, presidential inaugurations and sporting events at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

Buoyed by the dogs' advances in tracking air currents, Waggoner and Craig Angle, a co-director of the Canine Performance Sciences Program, began experimenting with even more elusive targets, including pathogens. In a video shown to a visitor, a dog named Baxter sniffs at the cabinets in a vacant house used as a research site, alerting when he finds a swab of a nasty cattle virus. Researchers are interested in, among other things, whether dogs can be used to find viruses that affect livestock, in the hope that ranchers would no longer need to destroy entire herds to eliminate a few infected animals.

No one knows precisely what makes a dog's sense of smell so sensitive, but Waggoner and others say olfaction may be "the most 'preserved' sense — it's probably the most ancient one." Dogs' eyes and ears remain closed for about 14 days after birth, Waggoner said, but "pups come out smelling; that's how they interact and get around the world."

By most estimates, dogs have 40 times as many olfactory receptors as humans do — 220 million versus 5 million. Studies using rats, another animal with superior smelling abilities, have indicated that even when 95 to 98 percent of the receptors are degraded, a sharp sense of smell remains intact.

Fetal tissue often used in medical research

N.Y. Times News Service

Videos released by an anti-abortion group during the last two weeks have drawn attention to a little-known practice: the buying, selling and research use of fetal tissue acquired from abortion clinics.

The group behind the tapes accuses Planned Parenthood of selling fetal tissue for profit, which is illegal and which Planned Parenthood denies doing. House Republicans plan to investigate. This may be just one more battle in the nation's long war over abortion, but the dispute has raised questions about who the buyers and sellers are, what fetal tissue is used for and what the law allows.

Scientists at major universities and government labs have quietly been using fetal tissue for decades. They said it is an invaluable tool for certain types of research, including the study of eye diseases, diabetes and muscular dystrophy. Nevertheless, some agree to talk about it only if their names and their universities' names are withheld, because they have received threats of violence from abortion opponents. Companies that obtain the tissue from clinics and sell it to laboratories exist in a gray zone, legally. Federal law says they cannot profit from the tissue itself, but the law does not specify how much they can charge for processing and shipping.

The National Institutes of Health spent $76 million on research using fetal tissue in 2014 with grants to more than 50 universities, including Columbia, Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford, Yale and the University of California in Berkeley, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. It expects to spend the same amount in 2015 and 2016.

Researchers said fetal tissue is a uniquely rich source of the stem cells that give rise to tissues and organs, and that studying how they develop can provide clues about how to grow replacements for parts of the body that have failed.

"Think of fetal tissue as a kind of instruction booklet," said Sheldon Miller, the scientific director of the intramural research program at the National Eye Institute.

Stem cells derived from adult tissue might eventually replace fetal ones, researchers say, but the science is not there yet.

Eye tissue from fetuses has played a crucial role in studies aimed at finding treatments for degenerative diseases of the retina that are a major cause of vision loss in people as they age, according to Miller.

"We couldn't get this information any other way," Miller said. He said the eye institute bought fetal tissue from a company, created specialized cultures of retinal tissue from it and sent them to other researchers.

Social sites and apps help teens cope with those awkward years

Dear PropellerHeads: My daughter is a young teenager and I remember that being a tough time in life. Is there anything out there for when she doesn't want to chat with Mom and Dad about her challenges?

A: Ah, the teenage years. Filled with exciting new opportunities, new friends, scoring the winning TD at homecoming, being prom king … wait, that was a movie I was watching. I spent most of that time feeling awkward and playing games with twelve-sided dice.

The fact of the matter is no matter where your kid ranks in the coolness pecking order, they will all go through the same fun uncertainty about themselves, their social circles, and of course, why their crush hasn't texted back in five minutes. While there are some things they'll bend Ma and Pa's ears about, it never hurts to have some alternatives for them when they're dealing with issues they don't feel comfortable talking about to you or their friends.

Online chat rooms and social media have been around for years. It's still largely the wild west, with unregulated posts, good and bad people trying to connect with you, and 24/7 access to a lot of peoples' lives. A couple of decades ago, if someone was having a rough spell, they could find solace once school was out and they were back

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home. These days, problems can find their way to you anywhere, anytime. Fortunately, there are some resources that are geared specifically to help teens deal with the modern world.

Social media is a great place to be able to express yourself, but it can leave you open and vulnerable posting about your problems on Facebook or Twitter. Moodswing (moodswing-app.com) is a social network where people post their "mood" at any given time. This can be shared publicly, to a restricted group of friends, or privately to just one other user. It's moderated to prevent abusive behavior and bullying and is a simple way to connect with others when you need support or when you have time to provide it to others.

Sometimes talking to a stranger is cathartic, and that's where Kindly (kindlychat.com) comes in. It is an app on the iTunes store that allows people to be connected to other people ready to listen to your concerns. Users can vent their problems to active listeners and Life Coaches that try to help you work through things. These are not licensed therapists, but they have had training on how to help individuals deal with issues through active listening and supportive chat. It's currently limited to only iOS devices.

Another similar service that we recommend is 7 Cups of Tea (7cupsoftea.com). This site was created in July of 2013 and within one year had amassed 17,434 active listeners that speak 129 languages in 146 countries. Similar to Kindly, 7 Cups of Tea connects people that need someone to talk to about their problems with any one of their screened and trained active listeners. This is a volunteer group, many of whom started out with the site seeking help themselves (and wished 7 Cups a happy birthday — youtu.be/8mgVqj1Qf70).

Once you register (for free), you can opt to join a group discussion/support chat or speak one-on-one with a trained active listener. That listener can be random, one that you choose from previous chats, or one you pick by browsing their directory. It's anonymous and the listeners are grouped into those trained to chat with teens and those that chat with adults (18 plus). If you choose to chat with someone randomly, a friendly bot name Noni asks you a few questions to help find the right match for your problem. 7 Cups of Tea is available for use on a web browser, iOS app, and Android app. I encourage you to check it out yourself and even chat with one of their listeners about the stresses that come along with raising a teen.

None of these apps/sites are qualified to deal with real emergencies. They are meant to help people vent, get some encouragement from a sympathetic ear, and to help deal with life's burdens in a safe but anonymous way. If your teen (or one you know) is in danger, please seek a qualified resource to assist them. The National Suicide Prevention Hotline (800-273-8255) and ChildHelp National Child Abuse Hotline (800-422-4453) are two important numbers to know.

Hopefully, this gives you some tools that can help both you and your teen during these fun, but volatile years. And don't worry about little Joey wearing all black and dark eye make-up, I totally grew out of it.

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