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Off-duty officers encouraged to carry firearms

MPD and MCSCO emphasize life-saving potential and safety stemming from weapons

By Tyler White
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Off-duty Midland County deputies and Midland police officers have different policies regarding carrying their firearms while off the clock, but both agencies agree that having that weapon can save a life.

In light of the officer-involved shooting Friday at La Bodega Mexican Restaurant and Bar, Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said the incident is a reminder that off-duty officers are vital to the community's safety.

"(Residents) need to know that they are much safer when they have off-duty officers available," Painter said.

Related news

The suspect thought to be involved in a shooting that took place Saturday night has been caught. Also, read about a disturbance that took place at the crime scene Saturday night.

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Midland County deputies are required to carry their sidearms at all times in order to be prepared for any situation.

"A peace officer in Texas is an officer 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," Painter said.

He said the people who were at La Bodega Friday night were fortunate there was a Midland Police Department detective eating there at the time of the attempted robbery.

The detective, whose identity has not been released pending an investigation, shot and killed 35-year-old Nyocomus Garnett after he attempted to rob the restaurant.

Garnett entered the kitchen armed with a handgun, pointed the weapon at several employees and fired several rounds into the ceiling before the detective fired on him, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Garnett was pronounced dead at the scene. No restaurant employees or patrons were injured during the shooting.

MPD Deputy Chief Jeff Darr said all off-duty Midland police officers are encouraged to carry their sidearm so that they can be prepared for situations such as the La Bodega incident.

The detective involved in the shooting will be placed on paid administrative leave, according to department procedure. Darr said the leave is not a punishment, but is a means for both the officer and investigators to consider the officer's mental state and to process evidence.

"It's a very serious thing to take someone's life, and for the officer's well-being and for the public's well-being we need to look at it in a serious way," Darr said.

Complicated situation



James Cannon/Reporter-Telegram

Dan Moriarity of Edmonds International presents new Energy Towers plans to the City Council during a special session on June 23.

Energy Towers redesign prompts changes

■ Councilman says current incentive amount is "off the table"

By Joseph Basco
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Now that Energy Towers at City Center developers have redesigned the downtown project — with decreases in height, overall square footage and parking spaces — one City Council member expressed desire to renegotiate one of the incentive deals proposed, while others await further information before determining if the incentives need to be re-examined.

On June 24, Energy Related Properties, World Class Capital Group and Edmonds International updated council members in a special meeting with the project's latest design: Two smaller towers that retain most of the multiple uses proposed but lack the ambition of its original 53-floor concept, making the project blend in more with downtown Midland's existing but retro skyline.

The western building is proposed to have 22 above-ground stories that equate to 16 floors of office space, five levels of above-ground parking, and a ground retail floor with two underground floors for a movie theater. The eastern building's concept design is 20 stories above ground with convention space — likely to be a new Midland Center — hotel space and two stories underground for more parking. Centennial Park is slated to occupy the middle space between the buildings and may serve as another spot for retail space.

The less conservative, more major city-esque 869-foot-tall Energy Tower was conceptualized in April 2013 to have a top floor bar and restaurant, 28 office floors, one middle lobby floor, 12 residential floors, 12 hotel floors, an underground floor for retail and a movie theater, five underground floors for 2,920 parking spaces and a park and convention area to the east of the building.

For the original design, the city was going to provide to developers $15 million that had been allocated years ago for Midland Center renovations, $10 million in a 10 year period for infrastructure improvements via the Midland Development Corp., and up-to-$50 million in a tax reimbursement package, according to a September 2013 term sheet the council approved.

Unlike the other two city contributions that are already allocated from pre-existing funds, the $50 million incentive package would derive from 80 percent of property tax revenue, 80 percent of sales tax revenue, and 80 percent of hotel and motel tax revenue that the development would have to generate first. The remaining 20 percent in revenue of each tax would go back to the entity that collects it. In this case, the property tax would go to the downtown Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone and the sales and hotel and motel taxes would go to the city of Midland.

The development incentive, as it is called in the term sheet, is meant to help developers with improving utilities, constructing the parking garage, renovating the park area and developing the tower itself, in that order.

To reach the full $50 million reimbursement, the development would have to likely pay $187 million in taxes first, ERP estimated in April. The co-developer estimated a $1 rebate for every $3.75 the development generates in taxes.

During that time, ERP also announced the change from one building to two. ERP President William Meyer said at that time the change was made after the public responded to the skyscraper as being too tall and outside the scope of what Midlanders are comfortable with.

Last week, Edmonds International gave the public the first in-depth glimpse of the two towers.

Regarding future agreements in a post-two tower design, including the final one, between the city and developers, some council members such as District 2 Councilman John Love and District 3 Councilwoman Sharla Hotchkiss preferred to wait until further negotiations between the city and developers occur before determining if

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Despite boom, drilling company faces bankruptcy

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While large and small oil companies alike are undoubtedly reaping financial benefits throughout the Permian Basin, one company is auctioning its assets in Midland after filing for bankruptcy.

Sandia Drilling Co., Ltd. LLP filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in May 2013, about eight months after the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission sued the company for allegedly committing several racist and discriminatory acts.

The lawsuit — filed in September 2012 — is not yet settled, EEOC spokesman Joseph Olivares said Monday. The EEOC and other creditors are now waiting for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court to determine what will happen with Sandia Drilling's assets, he said.

Many assets — including four complete trailer-mounted drilling rigs and other equipment — are scheduled for auction at 10:30 a.m. today at the La Hacienda Event Center, 12600 Highway 191.

The auction, though hosted in Midland, is also accessible to those who are unable to attend. A webcast will stream live on www.bidspotter.com, according to Tiger Group, an asset valuation firm involved in the auction.

Tiger Group's Remarketing Services Division is teaming up with Auction Resolutions, LLC and PPL Group, LLC to conduct the live webcast auction that was ordered by the bankruptcy court.

Additionally, Sandia is ordered to sell four other drilling rigs after today's auction. Auctioneers will accept sealed bids following the live webcast auction. Bids are due before 3 p.m. on July 15. More details on the rigs for sale can be found at www.SoldTiger.com.

"Sandia spent considerable money upgrading and refurbishing their rigs and support equipment over the years," said Kelly Toney, Auction Resolutions president. "We are confident that buyers will find tremendous value in this auction opportunity."

Olivares could not confirm or deny whether Sandia's bankruptcy was a direct result of the EEOC lawsuit. But the spokesman said EEOC is listed as one of the creditors seeking funds in the bankruptcy case.

The lawsuit — filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas — accused multiple Sandia supervisors of making racially offensive remarks and actions toward African American employees working on an oil rig in northeast Texas.

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Mostly sunny
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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$105.37	▼ $0.37
WTI Posted	$101.75	▼ $0.50
WTS Posted	$93.15	▼ $0.50
Natural Gas	$4.401	▲ $0.052
Gasoline	$3.536	▼ $0.003

The big number
In 2012,
89 people
were killed by the West Nile virus. Page 3A.

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Coming Wednesday
The Tilted Kilt is coming to Midland.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Movie camp: "Turbo," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

■ Spanish Storytime and Tesoro Playgroup, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ Little Chefs Cooking Class, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. midlandtexas.gov.

City pool hours today

Doug Russell Pool, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon-7 p.m.

Washington Pool, 1601 E. Indiana, 1-7 noon-7 p.m. Family swim is 7-9 p.m.

Admission cost: Entry fee is $2; kids under 2 are free. For more information, call 685-7356.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

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

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

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

■ Parent Quest, for parents of special-needs children, meets 6-8 p.m., First Christian Church. For more information, contact Malissa Roach, SHARE program coordinator, at 349-1069.

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

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members; 520-4343.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.

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

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

Fourth of July activities

■ Freedom Run, 7:30 a.m., Midland County Courthouse. midlandtxchamber.com.

■ 52nd Annual Children's Sidewalk Parade, 10 a.m., corner of Baird Street and Illinois Avenue. fourthinmidland.com.

■ Free patriotic concert with Midland Community Band, 4 p.m., Wagner and Brown Auditorium, Midland College. facebook.com/pages/Midland-Community-Band.

■ Star Spangled Salute, 6 p.m., Centennial Plaza. midlandtxchamber.com.

Weather on the Fourth

Expect sunny skies with a high of 96 and a low of 71. There is no rain in the forecast.

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 from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight.

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

The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

Use of water to fill, refill or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight beginning on their designated watering days.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-6-9
Pick 3 day: 1-5-0
Pick 3 evening: 6-6-4
Pick 3 night: 5-5-1
Daily 4 morning: 3-6-3-0
Daily 4 day: 1-6-1-7
Daily 4 evening: 9-6-7-1
Daily 4 night: 6-7-3-7
Cash Five: 8-18-28-35-37
Texas Two Step: 9-10-20-28 BB: 18
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-4-7-11-15-16-17-20-22-23-24
All or Nothing day: 1-2-4-6-7-8-12-13-14-18-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-4-6-7-9-12-13-20-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-4-5-6-7-8-9-12-18-21-22-24

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, July 1, the 182nd day of 2014. There are 183 days left in the year. This is Canada Day.

On this date:

In 1963, the U.S. Postal Service inaugurated its five-digit ZIP codes.

In 1973, the Drug Enforcement Administration was established.

In 1984, the Motion Picture Association of America established the "PG-13" rating.

Today's birthdays: Rock singer Fred Schneider (B-52's) is 63. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 62.

Border Patrol arrests homicide suspect in Comstock

From staff reports

U.S. Border Patrol officers on Monday apprehended a 48-year-old man who was sought in connection with a shooting in Midland that left one woman dead and another man with life-threatening injuries, according to the Terrell County Sheriff's Office.

The U.S. Marshals Service confirmed that Carl Wayne Wiley, 48, was arrested at the Comstock checkpoint on charges of murder and attempted murder.

Border Patrol agents found Wiley in a stolen vehicle early Monday evening. He opened fire on the agents and was taken into custody shortly after, said Sara Higgins, Midland's public information officer.

No one was injured in the incident, she said.

Two days earlier, Wiley allegedly fled the scene of a shooting in the 500 block of South Clay Street in Midland.

When officers responded Saturday night in reference to a shooting, they found two victims. Latonya Lucille Anders, 41, was pronounced dead at the scene and a 52-year-old man was transported with life-threatening injuries to Midland Memorial Hospital, where he remains in critical condition.

Witnesses told police the shooter left the scene in a white Ford pickup. Border Patrol agents found the man, identified as Wiley, in Sanderson, where he led them and local law enforcement on a brief vehicle pursuit. Wiley abandoned his vehicle and fled on foot near a ranch about 9 miles west of Sanderson.

This is the third homicide investigation this year to occur in Midland County.

The most recent homicide investigation began following a May 15 shooting in the 500 block of West Cowden Avenue, where a 53-year-old Midland man was shot in the head by a 14-year-old male. The boy and 38-year-old Shermon Valentine Ranson were both arrested May 29 and charged with first-degree murder. Ranson allegedly supplied the boy with the weapon and drove the vehicle used to arrive and depart from the crime scene.

DPS: Midland man killed in police pursuit in Eastland County

From staff reports

A Midland man was killed Thursday in a motorcycle crash following a police pursuit in Eastland County, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Austin Russell Moon, 22, was pronounced dead at the scene at about 7:45 p.m. Thursday after his motorcycle collided with a law enforcement officer's vehicle on U.S. 183, about eight miles south of Cisco.

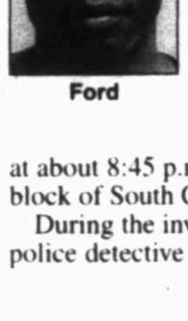
Moon and two police vehicle were southbound on U.S. 183 at about 5:46 p.m. Thursday, as Moon was evading police, according to DPS. Moon got behind one of the police vehicles and attempted to pass it, but collided with the left rear portion of the vehicle.

A police officer was treated and released at the scene.

DPS did not confirm the reason for the police pursuit in their report.

MPD: Man threatens detective at scene of homicide investigation

From staff reports


Ford

A Midland man was arrested Saturday at the scene of a homicide for allegedly threatening violence against a Midland police detective, according to court documents.

Blakely Lynn Ford, 49, was being held Monday on a $50,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of obstruction or retaliation.

Midland police officers responded to a shooting at about 8:45 p.m. Saturday in the 500 block of South Clay Street.

During the investigation, a Midland police detective arrived at the crime scene that was marked off in an effort to prevent contamination of evidence.

A man, identified as Ford, entered the crime scene without permission. The detective approached Ford and asked him to leave the area, but Ford refused, according to the arrest affidavit.

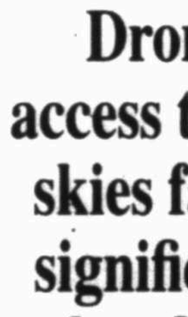
When the detective demanded that Ford leave, the man became angry. The detective walked away from Ford, who was yelling obscenities at the detective, according to the affidavit.

Justice of the Peace David Cobos then saw Ford raise his hand in a manner symbolizing a gun as the suspect said he was going to "shoot him," according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Ford faces up to 10 years in prison.

MPD: Man arrested for burglary, assault

From staff reports


Oduwole

A Midland man was arrested Friday for assaulting a man and breaking into his home after trying to collect money from him, according to court documents.

Odulaja Samson Oduwole, 40, was being held Monday on a $77,500 bond for a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation and a class A misdemeanor charge of assault-family violence causing bodily injury.

Midland police officers responded to a disturbance with weapons at about 6:15 p.m. Friday at the Hunters Glen Apartments, 1902 N. Midland Drive.

The officers learned that Oduwole and another man were involved in an altercation. Oduwole arrived at the complex to collect money from the man. He grabbed a glass bottle that was on the ground and hit the man twice on the shoulder, according to the arrest affidavit.

Oduwole then smashed the bottle on the ground before the alleged victim retreated to his residence and attempted to close the door. But Oduwole forced the door open and entered the home. The man ran into a bedroom, grabbed an ax and chased Oduwole from the residence, according to the arrest affidavit.

The suspect was detained and taken to Midland County jail.

If convicted, Oduwole faces up to 20 years in prison for the felony and up to one year for the misdemeanor.

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SEATTLE

Washington faces difficulties launching legal pot

Pete O'Neil saw Washington's legalization of marijuana in 2012 as a path to retirement, or at least to his kids' college tuition.

He's paid tens of thousands of dollars in rent on possible locations for a pot-shop chain, hired lawyers and picked out flooring. But now the nation's second legal recreational marijuana industry is about to start without him.

O'Neil struck out in Washington's lottery for coveted pot-shop licenses. He has unsuccessfully tried to buy companies that scored a lucky number. In frustration, he's turning what would have been his Seattle retail store into a medical marijuana dispensary.

"Our company is bleeding money, and I haven't sold a single joint," O'Neil says.

As Washington plows toward the legalization of pot, it's finding that getting the cannabis market off the ground has been even tougher than anyone imagined.

BANKRUPTCY

From 1A

"One day, the two black workers found hangman's nooses on their trucks, and despite reporting the incident to the supervisors, the company did nothing to investigate the matter," the federal agency alleged in a 2012 press release.

The commission also accused another supervisor of taunting a Hispanic employee almost daily on a separate rig in northeast Texas. The employee was fired soon after reporting the harassment to a Sandia superintendent, the EEOC release said.

The EEOC, in the lawsuit, sought compensatory and punitive damages on behalf of the alleged victims, and an injunction to prevent further discrimination by Sandia's companies.

"It is unconscionable that in the 21st century anyone should have to work in a racially hostile environment riddled with highly offensive acts of intimidation simply to earn a decent living," said Martin Ebel, deputy director of the EEOC's Houston District Office.

Auction details

Location: La Hacienda Event Center
Address: 12600 Highway 191, Midland
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Webcast: www.bidspotter.com
Sale catalog: www.SoldTiger.com

Drone access to US skies faces significant hurdles

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal effort to provide civilian drones regular access to U.S. skies faces significant hurdles and won't meet a September 2015 deadline set by Congress, a government watchdog said Monday.

Despite years of research, the Federal Aviation Administration hasn't figured out what kind of technology unmanned aircraft should use to avoid crashing into other planes, or how to prevent lost links with ground control stations, Matthew Hampton, the Transportation Department's assistant inspector general for aviation, said in a report.

The FAA also hasn't set standards for certifying the safety of drone designs and manufacture like those that exist for manned aircraft, the report said. Nor has the agency developed standard procedures for air traffic controllers to guide drones, partly because the FAA's air traffic control equipment wasn't developed with unmanned aircraft in mind. There is no adequate program for training controllers how to manage drones. And criteria for training "pilots" who remotely control drones from the ground have yet to be developed.

TOWERS

From 1A

the city incentives should change or not.

"It appears to me, as a new council member, that we have the opportunity for a whole new ballgame," Hotchkiss said.

But one council member is wanting to renegotiate the $50 million tax reimbursement incentive, as he believes the term sheet approved in September is null and void.

"As far as I'm concerned, the $50 million is off the table, " District 4 Councilman J.Ross Lacy said in front of the developers. "The scope of this project has changed too much."

On Friday, Lacy noted how the project's cost has decreased from $500 million to $300 million and the total scope has decreased 20 percent.

Additionally, developers revealed during the special council meeting that the residential condos plans have been scrapped, parking is now split into one above-ground lot and one underground lot, the number of parking spaces have decreased to 1,800, and the developers intend to make the parking garage privately owned.

The city and developers will likely be negotiating about parking if it is privately owned, as the city has interest in making some parking spaces public for Midland Center.

"If they do want to retain ownership, then obviously the deal does not look that good for the city of Midland like it did previously," said District 2 Councilman John Love.

Lacy said he is fine with the $15 million for Midland Center upgrades and the $10 million from the MDC but is against the $50 million tax incentive package, because the $75 million total would equate to the city participating in 25 percent of the total cost of the $300 million project. When the Energy Tower project was still a single tower and cost $500 million to build, the city's $75 million in contributions would have equated to a 15 percent participation level.

Lacy gave an amount range that the tax incentive package should decrease to, if any were to still be provided. If the city participation level is to remain at 15 percent, it would require the incentive package to decrease to about $20 million. If the package by itself were to remain at 10 percent of the total development cost, as how the current $50 million in tax incentives were to the $500 million project cost, then the amount would decrease to $30 million.

"If they move forward I think it would be a great addition," Lacy said, echoing his statements about Energy Tower when he was a candidate running for his seat. "I just do not support tax (incentives). I do not think they're necessary for a free market enterprise."

Love, on the other hand, said he is not concerned about having the incentive amount reduced.

"If it's warranted and needed, then it's fine," Love said. "But I don't have a position that says the deal has to be reduced. I want to do what's best for the deal, period."

On July 8, City Council will vote on continuing, terminating or modifying the three existing agreements between ERP and the city. The first agreement pertains to the sale of the former Midland County Courthouse property to ERP; the second pertains to the incentives and city contributions; and the third pertains to the asbestos abatement and demolition of the former courthouse and the Sept. 30 developer due diligence deadline .

The council was originally going to vote June 24 — as it had felt frustration from the lack of communication between itself and developers within the past six weeks — but instead deferred a vote because two councilmen were not present that day.

If the council decides to continue working with developers on the project, then both parties will work on completing a final agreement before the Sept. 30 due diligence deadline. The three agreements thus far are outlines to what the final agreement may look like.

If the council decides to terminate the agreements, then it would be another blow to the latest generation of efforts to revitalize downtown Midland into a place with more than just office space. Though the Wall Street Lofts near completion and Susie's South Forty Confections successfully relocated downtown, other downtown Midland projects that asked for some sort of public assistance have either stalled or failed.

At-large Councilman Scott Dufford said he does not know enough of the latest Energy Towers design in terms of the specific cost, but noted it is obvious the cost won't be as much now.

"With the redesign, there's going to be a re-trade on the incentives," Dufford said. "If we even agree to move forward as a council."

World Class Capital Group, the co-developer taking the lead in development of Energy Towers, preferred to wait until after the July 8 City Council meeting to comment.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Darcy K. Conley, 21, of Midland was charged Sunday with injury to a child, elderly or disabled person with intent to sustain bodily injury.

Allen M. Dailing, 33, of Midland was charged Sunday with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Adriel A. Franco, 19, of Midland was charged Sunday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Lauren P. Gonzalez, 18, of Midland was charged Sunday with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Levi J. Gonzalez, 20, of Midland was charged Sunday with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Victor I. Guajardo, 25, of Eagle Pass was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

James A. Overton, 20, of Midland was charged Sunday with failure to stop and render aid and criminally negligent homicide.

Omar A. Pando, 25, of Midland was charged Sunday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

David Reynosa, 19, of Midland was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Ricardo Rodriguez, 22, of El Paso was charged Sunday with abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence and assault.

Rachel E. Thompson, 23, of Midland was charged Sunday with injury to a child, elderly and disabled person with intent to sustain bodily injury.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Texas not responsible for cranes' deaths, appeals court rules

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A federal appeals court ruled Monday that Texas is not directly responsible for the deaths of nearly two dozen endangered whooping cranes from 2008 through 2009 because it could not have known its water management practices would kill the birds.

The ruling from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans overturned a March 2013 decision by U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack. The lawsuit had been filed in 2010 by the Aransas Project, an environmental group.

The 5th Circuit panel — Judges Edith Jones and Jerry Smith, and Senior Judge Emilio Garza — said the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality could not have known that issuing permits to draw water from rivers that flow into the San Antonio and Aransas bays would cause those Gulf of Mexico bodies of water to become saltier, leading to a lower supply of blue crabs and wolfberries.

The blue crabs and wolfberries are key foods for the last remaining flock of wild whooping cranes that travel from Canada to Texas every winter and arrive at their Gulf Coast habitat tired and hungry.

The federal law protecting endangered species indicates a person or authority must either foresee that their action will lead to the death of the animal, or do something intentional to harm them. But in this case, the judges wrote in a 34-page opinion, "every link of this chain depends on modeling and estimation."

The Aransas Project had argued that previous science clearly showed the cranes' reliance on this food supply and the harm done to it when the bays are salty. In 2008 and 2009, 57 cranes died, 23 of them during the winter months in Texas, according to the project.

The state welcomed the court's finding, saying the initial ruling would have significantly harmed water distribution and availability because it prevented the state from issuing certain permits.

"TCEQ remains committed to protecting the needs of the environment as part of its holistic evaluation of requests to appropriate state water," Bryan Shaw, the agency's chairman, said in a statement.

Charles Irvine, an attorney who represented the Aransas Project, said the group is disappointed, and is still evaluating the ruling. The group has 14 days to decide if it wants the 5th Circuit to rehear the case, and 90 days to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The court ruled the regulatory agency could not be held responsible. Irvine said, but backed the science presented by the Aransas Project. This could allow for another entity to be held legally responsible for the cranes' death, he added.

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Officials seek to ID body in West Texas field

Investigators are trying to identify a body found in a West Texas field by people on horseback.

The Ector County Sheriff's Office said the body was discovered Sunday morning near Odessa.

Authorities didn't have information on how long the body apparently had been in the field or the gender of the individual.

An autopsy has been ordered.

HOUSTON

4 death row inmates lose federal appeals

Two Texas death row inmates, including one condemned for the fatal shooting of a San Antonio police officer in 2001, lost appeals Monday at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Two other Texas men with death sentences lost appeals at a lower federal appeals court, also moving them closer to lethal injection.

None of the four prisoners has an execution date.

In the San Antonio case, the Supreme Court refused to take up the case of Manuel Garza Jr., 33, who argued he had deficient legal help at his 2002 Bexar County trial for the slaying of Officer John Riojas. A lower appeals court earlier had rejected arguments that Garza had deficient legal help at his trial.

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Judge Rucker honored with state bar foundation award

By Joseph Basco
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Judge Dean Rucker of the 318th District Court was recognized by the Texas Bar Foundation on Friday for his long-time career as a family court judge.

Rucker was this year's recipient of the Samuel Pessarra Outstanding Jurist Award, one of the annual awards the Texas Bar Foundation bestows on members of the legal community. Rucker is the first judge from Midland to win the annual award that dates to 1987.

"It is a tremendous honor to have been so recognized," Rucker said.

The St. Mary's University School of Law, Rucker's alma mater, received a $1,000 gift from the foundation.

Recipients of the award must have served on the bench for a minimum of 10 years and exhibit an outstanding reputation for competency, efficiency and integrity, according to the Texas Bar Foundation.

Rucker received the award six months before he is set to retire from the family court judgeship that he began on Feb. 18, 1988. He has handled cases involving family matters including divorce, annulment, child custody, child support, child abuse and neglect, termination and adoption.

Rucker extended his service to children and families as a past chair of the Texas Children's Justice Act Task Force and judicial advisor to the Family Law Council. He also helped with the creation of the local Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program and the CPS Child Protection Court in Midland.

Other than being the family court judge for the Midland community, Rucker is also the presiding judge of the Seventh Administrative Judicial Region of Texas and the past chair of the Texas Center for the Judiciary and the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas.

Rucker's past awards include Chair's Award of Excellence by the Texas Center for the Judiciary in 2006, a Jurist of the Year award by the Texas Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in 2005, and a Clayton E. Evans Judge of the Year award by Texas CASA in 1997.

After retiring as the 318th District Court judge, Rucker plans to become a senior district judge and hear cases assigned by the state's regional administrative judges. He also intends to be available for mediation and arbitration of cases.

"It (the award) is a very nice way to end my elected service as a judge," Rucker said. "I'm grateful that my fellow judges of Midland County nominated me for this honor."

West Nile virus threat for summer in Texas unknown

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press



AP file photo

Mosquitoes are sorted at the Dallas County mosquito lab in 2012. A cooler-than-normal spring has slowed the breeding season for mosquitoes, but experts warn this doesn't mean that Texans should let down their guard when it comes to protecting themselves from the West Nile virus.

LUBBOCK — A cooler-than-normal spring has slowed the breeding season for mosquitoes, but experts warn this doesn't mean that Texans should let down their guard when it comes to protecting themselves from the West Nile virus.

The threat of West Nile virus this summer is unknown. So far, the state's health department has had no reports of it in humans, though mosquitoes with the virus have been found in Harris, Montgomery and Dallas counties.

Even though breeding is about a month behind schedule, a good amount of rainfall after several dry years means the threat is there.

"We're certainly seeing more mosquitoes, and this is the time of year that we expect to see West Nile infections," health department spokesman Chris Van Deusen said.

West Nile virus, which mosquitoes spread from birds to people, was first diagnosed in Uganda in 1937, but no cases were reported in the U.S. until 1999 in New York. The virus gradually spread across the country.

Only about 1 in 5 infected people get sick. Early symptoms can include fever, headache and body aches. Some recover in a matter of days. But 1 in 150 infected people will develop severe symptoms including neck stiffness, disorientation, coma and paralysis.

In 2012, the virus killed 89 people in Texas and sickened 1,868 — the worst year ever for the state. Last year, there were 14 deaths and 183 cases of illness.

The southern house mosquito, which carries West Nile, will be around at dusk and dawn but is most active from 9 p.m. to midnight, said Joon Lee, a medical entomologist at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth.

To decrease the threat, health officials recommend draining standing water around homes and businesses, donning long pants and sleeves, and using insect repellant.

Texas' persistent dry conditions the past couple of years don't necessarily mean fewer mosquitoes. Baylor University biologist and mosquito researcher Richard Duhrkopf said mosquitoes can still find puddles, which contain foul water.

Lee, who does regular mosquito checks at 62 locations around Fort Worth, said cities' storm systems get plenty of runoff from sprinklers in times of drought, creating stagnant water — and good breeding environments — for mosquitoes. He attributes the high number of West Nile cases in 2012 to this.

While West Nile is the virus people are more familiar with, health officials nationwide are looking ahead to be prepared for the next mosquito-borne virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is also asking states to be on the lookout for chikungunya virus.

The CDC website says that as of June 24, there were no locally transmitted cases of the virus, but outbreaks have occurred in countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Indian and Pacific Oceans. In late 2013, the virus was first found in the Caribbean.

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Obama: I'll act on my own on immigration

By Erica Werner and Jim Kuhnhenn
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Conceding defeat on a top domestic priority, President Barack Obama blamed a Republican "year of obstruction" for the demise of sweeping immigration legislation on Monday and said he would take new steps without Congress to fix as much of the system as he can on his own.

"The only thing I can't do is stand by and do nothing," the president said. But he gave few hints about what steps he might take by executive action.

Even as he blamed House Republicans for frustrating him on immigration, Obama asked Congress for more money and additional authority to deal with the unexpected crisis of a surge of unaccompanied Central American youths arriving by the thousands at the Southern border. Obama wants flexibility to speed the youths' deportations and $2 billion in new money to hire more immigration judges and open more detention facilities, requests that got a cool reception from congressional Republicans and angered advocates.

The twin announcements came as the administration confronted the tricky politics of immigration in a midterm election year with Democratic control of the Senate in jeopardy. The fast-developing humanitarian disaster on the border has provoked calls for a border crackdown at the same moment that immigration advocates are demanding Obama loosen deportation rules in the face of congressional inaction.

Obama's announcement came almost a year to the day after the Senate passed a historic immigration bill that would have allocated billions to secure the border and offered a path to citizenship for many of the 11.5 million people now here illegally. Despite the efforts of an extraordinary coalition of businesses, unions, religious leaders, law enforcement officials and others, the GOP-led House never acted.

"Our country and our economy would be stronger today if House Republicans had allowed a simple yes-or-no vote on this bill or, for that matter, any bill," Obama said in the Rose Garden. "They'd be following the will of the majority of the American people, who support reform. And instead they've proven again and again that they're unwilling to stand up to the tea party in order to do what's best for the country."

Obama said that House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, informed him last week that the House would not be taking up immigration legislation this year.

A growing number of advocates and congressional Democrats already have declared immigration dead, the victim, in part, of internal GOP politics, with the most conservative lawmakers resisting the calls of party leaders to back action and revive the GOP's standing with Latino voters. The Central American migrant surge, along with the surprise defeat of House Majority Leader Eric Cantor at the hands of an upstart candidate from the right who accused him of backing "amnesty," helped kill whatever chances remain.

Boehner blamed Obama for the outcome.

"I told the president what I have been telling him for months: The American people and their elected officials don't trust him to enforce the law as written. Until that changes, it is going to be difficult to make progress on this issue," he said. Boehner called Obama's plan to go it alone "sad and disappointing."

Obama directed Homeland Security Department Secretary Jeh Johnson and Attorney General Eric Holder to present him by the end of the summer with steps he can take without congressional approval.

For now, the White House said he'd refocus resources from the interior of the country to the border, a move that would effectively further reduce the number of deportations in the country's interior by stressing enforcement action on individuals who are either recent unlawful border crossers or who present a national security threat, public safety, or border security threat.

On Monday, Johnson made his third visit Monday in the last six weeks to the Border Patrol's McAllen station in southernmost Texas. He toured the location with Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell. He said 150 more agents are being sent to the region to help deal with the surge.

Johnson has been weighing various additional steps to refocus deportation priorities on people with more serious criminal records, something the administration has already tried to do with mixed results. But advocates are pushing Obama for much more sweeping changes that would shield from deportation millions of immigrants now here illegally. The changes would expand a two-year-old program that granted work permits to certain immigrants brought illegally to the U.S. as children.

It's not clear if the administration will take such steps, but in a meeting with advocates before his announcement Monday Obama pledged to take "aggressive" steps, according to three people who attended who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private meeting.

Many of those same advocates reacted harshly to Obama's plan Monday to seek $2 billion emergency money from Congress that would, among other things, help conduct "an aggressive deterrence strategy focused on the removal and repatriation of recent border crossers."

The Border Patrol has apprehended more than 52,000 child immigrants traveling on their own since October.

"A policy that speeds up their return at the risk of their due process rights is both heartbreaking and immoral," said Kica Matos, director of immigrant rights and racial justice at the Center for Community Change.

Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, accused Obama of seeking a "blank check" with no real solutions. "President Obama created this disaster at our southern border and now he is asking American taxpayers to foot the bill," said Goodlatte.

Q&A: Next steps in the Benghazi case

By Eric Tucker and Calvin Woodward
Associated Press



Associated Press

This artist's rendering shows United States Magistrate, Judge John Facciola, swearing in the defendant, Libyan militant Ahmed Abu Khatallah, wearing a headphone, as his attorney Michelle Peterson looks on during a hearing at the federal U.S. District Court in Washington on Saturday.

WASHINGTON — In the court of public opinion, the 2012 Benghazi attack has been contentious. In the court of law, it's going to be a grind.

The suspect in the first prosecution arising from the attack is due back in court this week.

Questions and answers about what's ahead in the case of Ahmed Abu Khattala, charged in the assault that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens, security officers Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty, and information specialist Sean Smith:

Q: What's the next step?

A detention hearing Wednesday in the federal courthouse in Washington where Abu Khattala pleaded not guilty over the weekend.

Prosecutors may release more details of their case as they outline why he should continue to be held, not released on bond or under any condition. He will almost certainly be directed to remain in custody.

Q: What's the Justice Department doing?

Picking its steps carefully.

For the moment, Abu Khattala faces a one-count indictment accusing him of providing support to terrorists. That count is punishable with a life sentence, but the Justice Department has said it expects an additional indictment.

Q: What's his story?

Back when he was a free man in Benghazi, frequenting cafes and other public places, Abu Khattala acknowledged he had been at the scene of the attack but said he only went to help rescue trapped men. He said it was then that he learned the city had a U.S. consulate. A witness told AP he appeared to be directing fighters. The trial is sure to probe those conflicting accounts.

Q: Who's his lawyer?

Michelle Peterson, a veteran assistant federal public defender.

Peterson's clients have included Afghan drug trafficker Haji Bagcho, sentenced to life in prison in 2012, and Eric Justin Toth, a private school teacher who appeared on the FBI's list of most wanted fugitives. Toth was sentenced in March to 25 years in prison on child pornography charges.

Q: What's the government's story?

Much of it is under wraps.

Prosecutors on Saturday unsealed a two-page grand jury indictment charging Abu Khattala with conspiring to provide material support and resources to terrorists, knowing that they would be used to carry out a killing during an attack on a federal facility.

Earlier, the U.S. accused him of being a member of the group believed to be behind the attack, Ansar al-Shariah.

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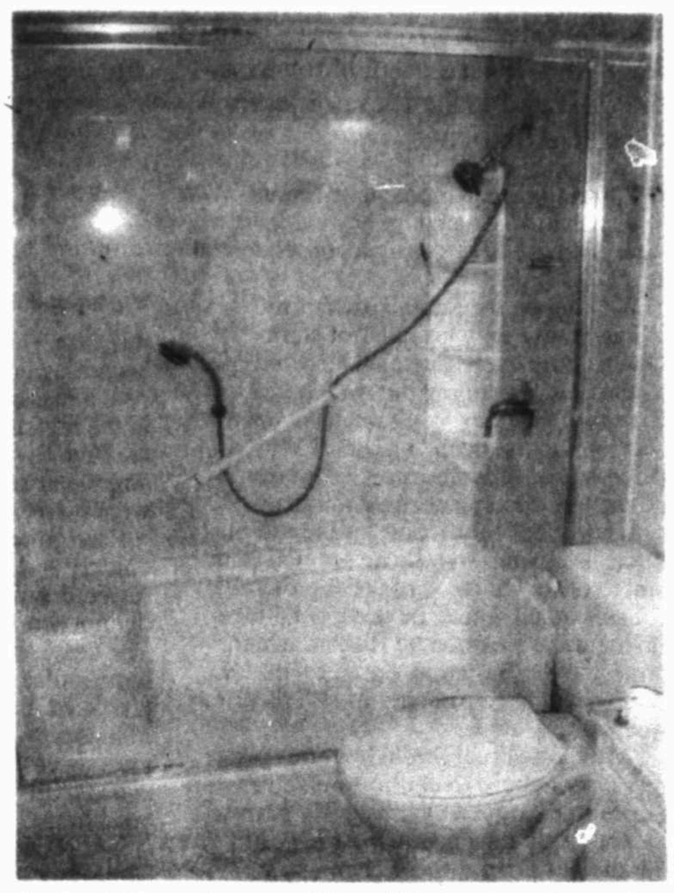
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OPINION

Weak position in Iraq means difficult choices

■ Obama must set goals for Middle East and make these objectives clear to Americans



MICHAEL GERSON
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The summary moment of Barack Obama's foreign policy came in August 2013 during a consequential stroll.

Walking on the South Lawn of the White House with his chief of staff, Obama effectively canceled airstrikes against the Syrian regime, which had used chemical weapons on civilians in defiance of an American "red line." With a deference usually unexpressed on domestic matters, Obama decided to request congressional permission for the use of force — raising a hurdle he seemed reluctant to clear. On the verge of (predictable) congressional defeat, he accepted a face-saving deal, brokered by Russia, which protected the Bashar al-Assad regime in exchange for its surrender of chemical weapons.

"My central goal throughout this process has not been to embroil ourselves in a civil war," argued Obama. "My narrow concern right now is making sure that Assad does not use these chemical weapons again."

On this foreign policy theory, challenges can be managed by narrowing them. Pick the solvable problem that relates most directly to American interests — in this case, chemical weapons — without becoming embroiled in broader conflicts. And a message was duly sent to friends in the region (the Gulf states, Jordan, the Free Syrian Army) that, apart from American humanitarian assistance, they were on their own.

Foreign policy theories seldom get so quickly and thoroughly tested. A narrowed definition of American interests did not actually serve American interests. The death, suffering and chaos of Syria have spilled out across the region, as many predicted. Syria's civil war fed Sunni militancy, which took advantage of Sunni grievances within Iraq. Lebanon and Jordan are vulnerable to the same sectarian brushfire.

In this case, "somebody else's civil war" has produced complex layers of global threat. The caliphate that Sunni radicals abortively declared in Iraq in 2005 has re-emerged, strengthened by freed prisoners, seized weapons and hard currency. The power struggle between the brutal leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, and al-Qaida's Ayman al-Zawahiri is not good news. What better way to gain street cred in the global jihadist movement than another attack on the American homeland? American and European officials have compiled a list of thousands of people who might be headed across the Turkish border to join radical groups, or returning from the fight. Those holding European passports would have an easier time entering the U.S. As usual, the impressive (and sometimes derided) professionals fighting terrorism must be right 100 percent of the time.

After a swift, brutal and profitable terrorist advance, America is arguably worse off — more vulnerable, more threatened — than before 9/11. The disorders of the Middle East are not ignorable. They can gather in strength, cross borders, gain new capabilities and ambitions, and threaten our citizens. This only sounds alarmist to those with fading memories of falling towers.

The Obama administration is now engaged in a major course correction, proposing half a billion dollars in aid to the Syrian rebels, sending hundreds of military advisers to help stiffen Iraqi resistance, encouraging the creation of a unity government with greater legitimacy, discouraging Iran and the Gulf states from turning Iraq into another endless proxy war. This is all welcome. It also has some unavoidable implications: That interests can't be drawn narrowly just to make them appear more manageable. That threats are best opposed before they fully emerge. That American leadership is irreplaceable in containing global aggression.

Obama is now likely to face some very difficult choices, even if an Iraqi unity government takes shape. There is little doubt that delay has weakened America's overall position (and the position of our friends in the region). Even the aggressive counterterrorism tactics conducted in Iraq circa 2007 — think Gen. Stanley McChrystal and the Joint Special Operations Command — won't be able to retake lost territory. A successful effort might more closely resemble the initial stage of the Afghan War in 2001, in which U.S. Special Operations and intelligence forces married up ground-based fighters (the Northern Alliance and Hamid Karzai's forces), supported by airstrikes.

Pursuing the Iraqi equivalent would require the president to do something he hasn't done much in an international context. Instead of checking a box — announcing a minor input, sufficient to avoid culpability — he will need to set out some national goals. If these include (as they seem to) a united, federated Iraq and the defeat of ISIS, Obama must make these objectives clear to Americans, do what is necessary to achieve them — and avoid a walk on the South Lawn.

OUR VIEW

City's problems aren't always due to new arrivals, rapid growth

Like many hundreds, if not thousands of our readers, we saw the immediate reaction to the posting of information from shootings at La Bodega Restaurant and Bar.

But there was one reaction that took us by surprise.

It was people's belief — even without knowing the details — that this gunman was an out-of-towner and this shooting wouldn't have happened if not for the growth occurring in Midland.

As we reported Saturday on mrt.com and in Sunday's print edition, the gunman had Midland ties going back at least a decade. We know he had spent time in jail in Midland at least three times. It appears he was a troubled man, but he was one of us — which brings us to the main point.

During this time of bustling economic activity, it has been easy to blame our problems on those who recently have made Midland their home.

We have heard it expressed that litter is the fault of people who recently moved here and don't appreciate our community. We've also heard that traffic problems are caused by people new to Midland who drive like maniacs and run red lights with little regard.

And now, the speculation is that violent crime, as well as the increase in crime, is a product of the tens of thousands of people who recently moved to our community.

In our view, growth brings challenges. And yes, whether it's litter, traffic or crime, there is reason to believe the increased population has had some impact. However, litter has been an issue as long as most of us can remember.

The volume of traffic, the increase in oil field traffic, our community's road system and the problem with distracted driving seem to outweigh where drivers call home.

And crime will be an issue during good times and bad. History says it's so.

Off-duty police officer comes through for Midlanders

We want to thank a yet-to-be named Midland Police Department detective for his actions in protecting Midlanders during Friday night's incident at La Bodega Mexican Restaurant and Bar.

We agree with the restaurant's manager that Midland is a community where people take care of one other, and the best-case scenario on Friday was that a law enforcement officer — even one off-duty — was inside the restaurant to deal with the gunman.

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What's in the cards for Rick Perry?

■ Whether as elder statesman or political candidate, governor probably is not going away quietly



CARL LEUBSDORF
Dallas Morning News

If he runs again in 2016, Texas Gov. Rick Perry hopes better physical and substantive preparation will enable him to avoid the mishaps that made his 2012 race "painful" and "very humbling." Initial results are distinctly mixed.

One of Perry's greatest assets is his engaging personal manner, reminiscent of Ronald Reagan. But he may have difficulty escaping the 2012 consensus he's not up to being president. As Will Rogers (or perhaps Mark Twain or Oscar Wilde) noted, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression."

Already, Perry has stirred one flap akin to those that marked his 2012 campaign, likening homosexuality to alcoholism. And he raised questions about his interest level by suggesting he may retire next January to California.

In any case, Perry says, 2012 taught him a lot.

"Preparation is the single most important lesson I learned out of that process and, over the past 18 months, I've focused on being substantially better prepared," he told reporters at a luncheon sponsored by the Christian Science Monitor last week. After 2011 back surgery, he's stopped running and wearing cowboy boots. And his schedule this year included the World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland.

But he cautioned reporters not take his preparation "as an indication I've made a decision on whether I'm going to run for the presidency or not."

Perry knows he needs to prevent a recurrence of the ill-considered comments and occasional inability to explain his own proposals that torpedoed his 2012 bid, exemplified by his brain cramp in an October 2011 television debate when asked the three Cabinet departments he proposed scrapping. The "Oops" he expressed came to epitomize his campaign.

But more extensive preparation has not yet made Perry accident-proof.

"I readily admit, I stepped right into it," he conceded at the lunch, referring to his controversial comments two weeks ago about homosexuality and alcoholism and adding he should have stuck to his main point: "Whether you're gay or straight, you need to be having a job."

During the Monitor session, Perry erroneously referred to Richard Fisher, president and CEO of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, as "the Federal Reserve chairman." While no one raised it, he might not be so fortunate in a televised debate.

Reporters raised three other potential problems.

First, his age. He'll turn 66 during the campaign, older than all likely Republican rivals (though three years younger than Hillary Clinton).

"Sixty-six is the new 46," he quipped, adding that "Age is less important than ideas or experiences," especially for Republicans "having watched this young, inexperienced president bumble from scandal to foreign policy debacle after debacle."

Second, his disagreement with the scientific consensus that human-created pollution is a major cause of global climate change. "That is not settled science," he insisted.

"Short term, I'm substantially more concerned about Iran changing the temperature in New York than I am some 50 years down the road that could be played by the environmental choices that are being made in the United States," he said.

Third, the political rise of a fellow Texas Republican, Sen. Ted Cruz, who outruns Perry in recent Texas and national polls.

He dismissed Cruz as "a junior senator," and, when asked about his defeat by Cruz in a straw poll at the recent state Republican convention, noted he trailed former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison by 30 points the year before he routed her in the 2010 gubernatorial primary.

Despite Perry's easy dismissal of those potential problems, he sometimes indicates an awareness that the presidency might not be in the cards. Mark Leibovich of The New York Times said Perry told him he loves California and might retire there after leaving office. And he told the Monitor luncheon his goal is remaining "a person of influence in some form or fashion. It may not take the role of a candidate.

"Not only is my eyesight beginning to fail, but I'm getting to be a bit of an elder statesman, so maybe that's the role" he added, alluding to the eyeglasses he now wears in what critics derided as an effort to look smarter. Whether he runs or not, he vowed: "I'm not going to ride off into the sunset."

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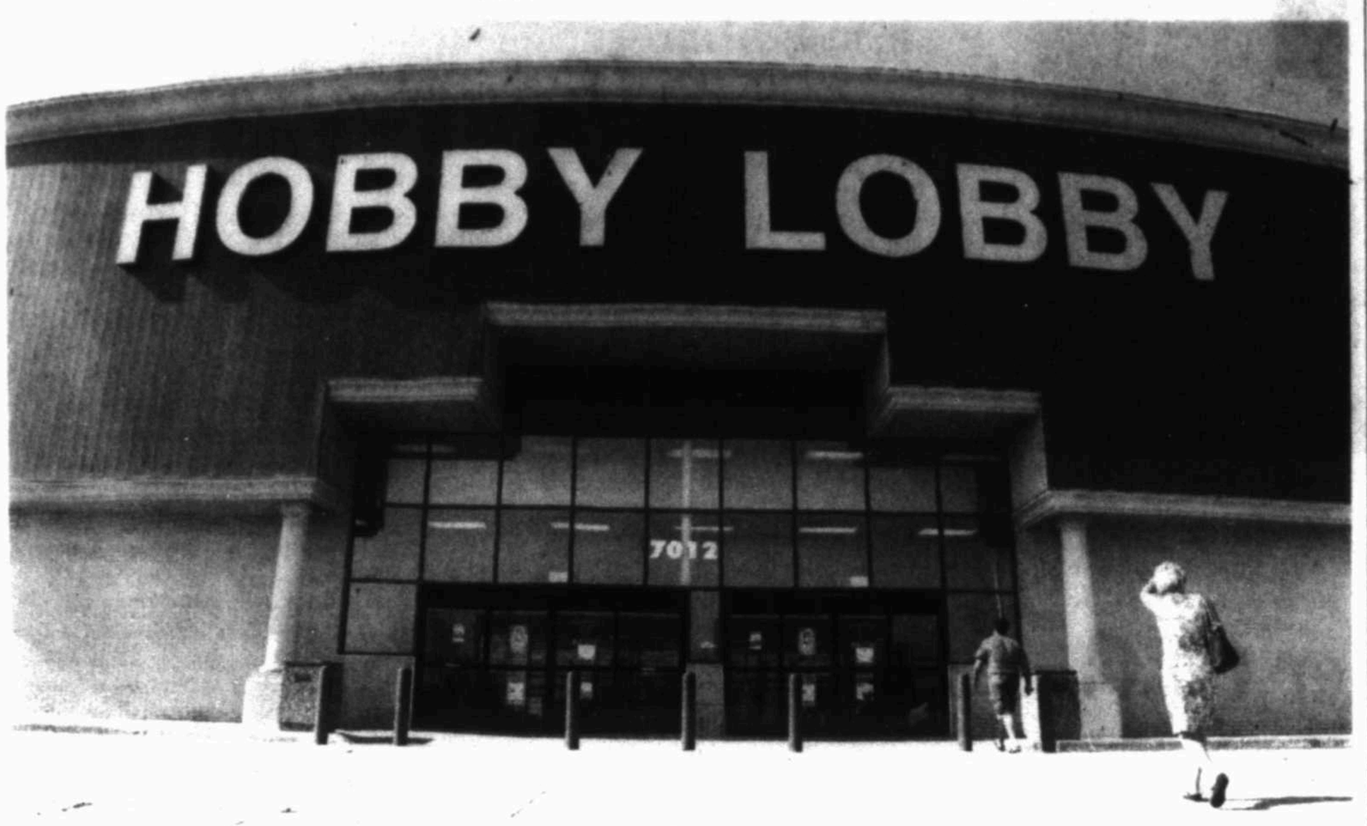
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Religion rules



Associated Press

Customers walk to a Hobby Lobby store in Oklahoma City, Monday. The Supreme Court ruled that employers can hold religious objections that allow them to opt out of the new health law requirement that they cover contraceptives for women. The Hobby Lobby chain of arts-and-crafts stores is by far the largest employer of any company that has gone to court to fight the birth control provision.

Court: Religious rights trump contraceptive rule

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A sharply divided Supreme Court ruled Monday that some companies with religious objections can avoid the contraceptives requirement in President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, the first time the high court has declared that businesses can hold religious views under federal law.

The justices' 5-4 decision, splitting conservatives and liberals, means the Obama administration must search for a different way of providing free contraception to women who are covered under the health insurance plans of objecting companies.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote in his majority opinion, over a dissent from the four liberal justices, that forcing companies to pay for methods of women's contraception to which they object violates the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act. He said the ruling is limited and there are ways for the administration to ensure women get the birth control they want.

But White House press secretary Josh Earnest said the decision creates health risks for women, and he said Congress should take action to make sure they get coverage.

"President Obama believes that women should make personal health care decisions for themselves rather than their bosses deciding for them," Earnest said. "Today's decision jeopardizes the health of the women who are employed by these companies."

Contraception is among a range of preventive services that must be provided at no extra charge under the health care law that Obama signed in 2010.

Two years ago, Chief Justice John Roberts cast the pivotal Supreme Court vote that saved the law in the midst of Obama's campaign for re-election. On Monday, Roberts sided with the four justices who would have struck down the law in its entirety, holding in favor of the religious rights of closely held corporations, like the Oklahoma-based Hobby Lobby chain of arts-and-craft stores that challenged the contraceptives provision.

Hobby Lobby is among roughly 50 businesses that have sued over covering contraceptives. Some, like the two involved in the Supreme Court case, are willing to cover most methods of contraception, as long as they can exclude drugs or devices that the government says may work after an egg has been fertilized.

But Monday's ruling would apply more broadly to other companies that do not want to pay for any of the 20 birth control methods and devices that have been approved by federal regulators.

Alito said the decision is limited to contraceptives. "Our decision should not be understood to hold that an insurance-coverage mandate must necessarily fall if it conflicts with an employer's religious beliefs," he said.

He suggested two ways the administration could deal with the birth control issue. The government could simply pay for pregnancy prevention, he said. Or it could provide the same kind of accommodation it has made available to religious-oriented, not-for-profit corporations.

Those groups can tell the government that providing the coverage violates their religious beliefs. At that point, creating a buffer, their insurer or a third-party administrator takes on the responsibility of paying for the birth control. The employer does not have to arrange the coverage or pay for it. Insurers get reimbursed by the government through credits against fees owed under other provisions of the health care law.

That accommodation is the subject of separate legal challenges, and the court said Monday that profit-seeking companies could not assert religious claims in such a situation.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, who was part of the majority, also wrote separately to say the administration can solve its problem easily. "The accommodation works by requiring insurance companies to cover, without cost sharing, contraception coverage for female employees who wish it," Kennedy said. He said that arrangement "does not impinge on the plaintiffs' religious beliefs."

Houses of worship and other religious institutions whose primary purpose is to spread the faith are exempt from the requirement to offer birth control.

In a dissent she read aloud from the bench, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg called the decision "potentially sweeping" because it minimizes the government's interest in uniform compliance with laws affecting the workplace. "And it discounts the disadvantages religion-based opt-outs impose on others, in particular, employees who do not share their employer's religious beliefs," Ginsburg said.

Leaders of women's rights groups blasted the decision by "five male justices," in the words of Cecile Richards, president of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

Bishop Sis goes on the record

"The U.S. Supreme Court's decision (Monday) finding in favor of Hobby Lobby, exempting it and other entities from an Affordable Healthcare Act requirement that would have required the providing of insurance coverage of morning-after pills and similar birth control methods and devices is a victory for the people of the United States and the most fundamental religious freedom issues this country has held sacred for over 200 years.

"The HHS Mandate is simply an unjust law. People of many faiths have stood together against this government coercion of conscience and its intrusion into religious affairs. The parties that have sued over this mandate include Evangelicals, Catholics, Mennonites and members of other religious groups, and their legal efforts have been supported in briefs submitted by Orthodox Jews, Hindus, Muslims and others.

"A society dedicated to freedom and diversity must respect the freedom of its citizens to live and work in accordance with their religious convictions. Hobby Lobby is very generous with its employees, providing good wages and strong health coverage. But because Hobby Lobby objected in conscience to covering only four objectionable drugs and devices Plan B and Ella, and two types of IUD (hormonal and copper) the government would have fined it $100 a day ($36,500 a year) per employee.

"Catholic teaching has long advocated some form of universal, accessible, and life-affirming health care. However, this portion of the HHS mandate would have harshly penalized us and others who cannot, in good conscience, provide drugs and services that violate our religious beliefs.

"This case was not about religious people trying to force their beliefs on others. It was about government officials trying to force their own beliefs on religious people. People do not give up their religious freedom when they open a family business. They should not have to check their values and religious convictions at the door when they enter the marketplace."

— Bishop Michael Sis, Diocese of San Angelo

Court: Public union can't make nonmembers pay fees

By Sam Hananel
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court dealt a blow to public sector unions Monday, ruling that thousands of home health care workers in Illinois cannot be required to pay fees that help cover a union's costs of collective bargaining.

In a 5-4 split along ideological lines, the justices said the practice violates the First Amendment rights of nonmembers who disagree with the positions that unions take.

The ruling is a setback for labor unions that have bolstered their ranks and their bank accounts in Illinois and other states by signing up hundreds of thousands of in-home care workers. It could lead to an exodus of members who will have little incentive to pay dues if nonmembers don't have to share the burden of union costs.

But the narrow ruling was limited to "partial-public employees" and stopped short of overturning decades of practice that has generally allowed public sector unions of teachers, firefighters and other government workers to pass through their representation costs to nonmembers.

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Supreme Court clears ban on gay conversion therapy

The U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way Monday for enforcement of a first-of-its-kind California law that bars psychological counseling aimed at turning gay minors straight.

The justices turned aside a legal challenge brought by supporters of so-called conversion or reparative therapy.

SAN FRANCISCO

Oyster farm owners eye options after ruling

The U.S. Supreme Court refused Monday to consider the appeal of a popular oyster farm that federal officials want to shutter and return to wilderness along the coast of Northern California.

The justices without comment left in place lower court rulings against Drakes Bay Oyster Co.

WASHINGTON

High court rejects Google appeal in snooping case

The Supreme Court has declined to hear Google's appeal of a ruling that it pried into people's online lives through their Wi-Fi systems as part of its drive to collect information for its Street View mapping project.

The justices did not comment Monday in leaving in place a ruling that Google employees violated the federal wiretap law when they rolled through residential streets with car cameras to shoot photos for Street View.

WASHINGTON

Court won't weigh Sept 11 claims vs. bin Laden kin

The Supreme Court says lawsuits by victims' families and survivors of the Sept. 11 attacks can proceed, but without relatives of Osama bin Laden and businesses that allegedly supported al-Qaida before the terrorist attacks as defendants.

The justices declined Monday to review a lower court ruling that dismissed claims against 25 defendants.

WASHINGTON

High court will hear government lawsuit deadline

The Supreme Court will consider how strict deadlines should be for people to sue the federal government for negligence.

The justices agreed Monday to hear two cases where lawsuits were filed too late. In both cases, a federal appeals court ruled it was fair to let them go forward anyway.

WASHINGTON

Court won't hear dispute over Calif. fuel standard

The Supreme Court won't hear a challenge to California's first-in-the-nation mandate requiring fuel producers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The justices on Monday turned away appeals from fuel makers that say the law discriminates against out-of-state producers.

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Robert McDonald, CEO and president of Procter & Gamble, speaks at the Clinton Global Initiative in New York in 2011. President Barack Obama selected McDonald as his choice to be secretary of Veterans Affairs, an administration official said Sunday. McDonald, 61, is a native of Gary, Ind., who grew up in Chicago.

Obama lauds former CEO as right choice to fix VA

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama sought to turn the page Monday on a humiliating chapter in the history of the Veterans Affairs Department, tapping former Procter & Gamble CEO Robert McDonald to take over the sprawling agency.

A former Army captain, McDonald would bring a blend of corporate and military experience to a bureaucracy reeling from revelations of chronic, system-wide failure and veterans dying while on long waiting lists for treatment. His selection reflects Obama's desire to put a tested manager in charge as the White House calls for a top-to-bottom overhaul of the VA.

"What especially makes Bob the right choice to lead the VA right now is his three decades of experience building and managing one of the world's most recognizable companies," Obama said at VA headquarters. "In short, he's about delivering better results."

McDonald, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, framed his new task in the context of his corporate experience. Joined by his wife and family for the announcement, McDonald said he planned to put veterans at the center of everything the VA does — a bureaucratic twist on the old adage that the customer is always right.

"At the VA, the veteran is our customer and we must all focus all day every day on getting them the benefits and the care that they have so earned," McDonald said. "That's the only reason we are here."

Contending that the VA scandal has "outraged us all," Obama said he's already moved to fire some of those responsible for falsifying patient records or tolerating the whitewashing, and may punish additional workers as the investigation continues. He called on the Senate to confirm McDonald quickly and reiterated his call for Congress to grant the VA secretary more authority to fire senior leaders if necessary.

"This is not going to be an easy assignment. Bob knows that," Obama said. "We've got to change the way the VA does business."

The VA operates the largest integrated health care system in the country, with more than 300,000 fulltime employees and nearly 9 million veterans enrolled for care. But the agency has come under intense scrutiny in recent months amid reports of patients dying while waiting for appointments and of treatment delays in VA facilities nationwide.

A scathing White House report commissioned by Obama and released last week charged the VA with "significant and chronic system failures" in the nation's health system. The report also portrayed the Veterans Affairs Department as a struggling agency battling a corrosive culture of distrust, lacking in resources and ill-prepared to deal with an influx of new and older veterans with a range of medical and mental health care needs.

Student loan interest rates to increase due to market ties

By Kimberly Hefling
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Interest rates go up today for students taking out new federal loans. This hike is relatively minimal but could foreshadow additional increases.

The change stems from a high-profile, bipartisan deal brokered last year by Congress and signed by President Barack Obama that ties the rates to the financial markets.

Interest rates go from 3.86 to 4.66 percent on undergraduate Stafford loans. Graduate student loans go from 5.41 percent to 6.21 percent. Interest rates on Plus loans for parents go from 6.41 percent to 7.21 percent.

For every $10,000 borrowed, the average borrower under the hike will pay back about $4 more every month when they begin paying back the money — about the price of a fancy latte.

If the economy continues to improve, however, these kinds of rate hikes could continue. Congress stipulated that the rates for new loans be reset annually, but that borrowers keep the rate they were given for the life of the loan.

The compromise in Congress was reached after rates doubled last July.

Students take out new loans each year, so by the time they graduate they could be repaying loans that have different interest rates.

Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of edvisors.com, estimates that by the time they graduate, today's freshman could potentially see rates the same or higher than they were when Congress acted. When Congress acted, rates for undergraduate students were at 6.8 percent.

"The real concern is that the interest rates have nowhere to go but up," Kantrowitz said.

The deal did include some caps. Interest rates will not top 8.25 percent for undergraduates. Graduate students will not pay rates higher than 9.5 percent, and parents' rates top out at 10.5 percent.

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Experts offer tips for safe summer for pets

By Steve Kuhlmann
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The Fourth of July holiday Friday means the time has come for barbecue, swimming and fireworks. But for pet owners, this is also a time to be particularly aware of their pet's wellbeing.

Dog owners in particular should be mindful of how their pet will react to the upcoming celebration, and know how to ensure their safety.

"The best tip we can give is to just make sure that your dog is secure," said Paul O'Neill , director of animal services in Midland. "If you're unsure how it is going to react to noises, (have the dog) wear collars if you are close to where fireworks are going off (or) bring them into the house."

Another option is to talk to your veterinarian about tranquilizers or anti-anxiety medications for your pet, said Dr. Linda Smetak of the Mesa Verde Animal Clinic.

Especially for those planning on leaving their pets home alone for the weekend, it is important to make sure pets are secured inside the house — like in a bedroom — or dropped off at a boarding facility, said O'Neill.

"A lot of times it's stressful when people leave town, and when you add in all the noise and everything else that happens on the Fourth of July, and a dog that somebody might have thought was fine does anything it can to get out of the yard," said O'Neill.

While some pets don't have issues with loud noises like those that accompany fireworks or thunder, others may be so frightened they will do anything to escape.

"Probably the worst thing is if they get really scared they may try to break in the window or scratch out

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The Dustbowl Animal Rescue adoption drive was held May 29, 2013, at the PetSmart in Odessa.

FUN'S A-POPPIN'



Photos by Tyler White/Reporter-Telegram

This Fourth of July fireworks can be purchased and used outside of city limits, in accordance with city ordinance. Anyone using fireworks must do so on their own property or have written consent from the property owner. From simple sparklers and collections that will cost a few hundred dollars, firecracker vendors will be ready for the holiday. Check out the Reporter-Telegram's guide "10 Fireworks to Buy this Fourth of July" at mrt.com. **ABOVE:** There are plenty of choices for the kids at Mr. W's fireworks. You can grab a great variety for a low price. **BELOW LEFT:** Show your patriotism with this array of colorful fireworks. This package can be purchased for $125. **BELOW RIGHT:** For $10 a tube, you can get a classic firework show with these night shells.





Pony bronc riding lets kids participate at rodeos



TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Big Spring storyteller

Shetland pony bronc riding is a rodeo event that is gaining popularity. It has been around for years but has not seen much action lately. That's all changing with Lonesome Dove Rodeo Company of Mullin. One of the owners, Heath Hohertz, is taking the little bucking ponies to rodeos around the state nearly every weekend. Contestants, ranging in age from 7 to 13, pay an entry fee of $50 or so to ride. Some of the young bronc riders can take home more than $200 a night if they have the best score.

"We bring a dozen to 20 ponies to the rodeo so that each rider will have a fresh mount," said Heath. "During a three-night rodeo run we'll have between five and seven contestants per night. We supply the rigging and helmets and safety vests. We don't want to get anybody hurt."

Twelve years ago he started supplying sheep to mutton bustin' events all over the country. He got into Shetland Bronc Riding four years ago, starting out with about 10 horses. He has 75 now.

"They're not all that easy to find. We use just about every source to get them, including Craigslist. We'll bring them home and see if they'll work. If they don't we'll trade 'em off for another one. We want these little horses to perform well to teach the kids how to ride and develop their skills and confidence to prepare them to ride bigger horses."

Don't let the size of these little horses fool you. They buck just like pro rodeo broncs. And the little kids hit the ground as hard as pro riders do. It is a beautiful sight to watch. The announcer treats the youngsters like real rodeo cowboys, calling their names and the names of their ponies and describing their six-second rides while exciting rodeo music fills the arena.

"It seems that in all phases of rodeo there's plenty of things to do for a kid 8 and under. It might be a boot race, mutton bustin' or a calf scramble. But we were missing having something for youngsters ages 8 to 13. Pony bucking gives big brother a chance to come out and ride so he doesn't have to just sit in the stands and watch his little brother ride a sheep. We try to do it as professional as we possibly can to make it fun to watch. We've got a lot of kids that follow us. A young rider might ride with his parents 400 miles to enter the Shetland Bronc Riding event."

In addition to the mutton bustin' and pony bucking, Heath has what he calls the amateur class for riders 13 to 17 that ride bigger broncs. They bring their own saddles and ride standard size ranch horses. He says he's trying to fill the gap so every kid who wants to can ride.

Videos of young riders are on the Lonesome Dove Rodeo Company website and Facebook.

Tumbleweed Smith writes about all things Texan. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

KNIFE & FORK

This week's columnist is Rich Lopez.
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Step up your daily bread with farmers market finds

Foodie culture has upped the ante on normal, everyday foods with gourmet tacos, organic ice creams and craft beer. But one trend has raised eyebrows and caused snickers. Some coffee shops are boasting $4 slices while food websites give innumerable recipes for toppings.

Plus, it's the easiest of the bunch I could try at home.

Midlanders, please meet the artisanal toast.

Yes. You read correctly. Toast has become a culinary trend that is taking foodies by storm and others by "are you kidding?"

The origins of the trend are quite heartwarming as detailed by John Gravois' Jan. 13 "A Toast Story" in the Pacific Standard.

A worthwhile read that proves trends aren't always borne by the notions of bored hipsters. There is drama and heart.

But also, I don't want to pay for toast. Thus, I made my own. Also, I really wanted to put my new toaster oven to use.

Using ingredients from my own kitchen, I set out to create my view of artisanal toast.

Of course, it's all about the bread and a normal loaf from the grocery store wouldn't suffice. I opted for Basin Bread's multigrain loaf from the Midland Downtown Farmers Market. Untoasted, it had a beautifully nutty flavor with dense texture.

Test toasting was a slight chore. By most accounts, shops were slicing their breads an inch thick, but this would affect proper toasting. With my own thick slices, I set my first test to medium setting at 450 degrees. The blackened surface was disheartening despite impressive grill marks.

The same medium setting at 350 degrees heated the bread nicely but with no real crunch. Finally, a light setting at 450 resulted in a perfectly crusted bread heated throughout with the inside retaining some softness.

The canvas was ready.

Looking over my stock, I started with a simple savory topping of avocado. I needed to use my quickly ripening fruit before it went brown. Halving and emptying the avocado into a bowl, I slightly mashed it with a dash of lemon juice to maintain its color, sea salt and cracked pepper. The result was a chunky concoction that I generously scooped onto the toast and topped with a slight dash of cracked pepper for additional aesthetic.

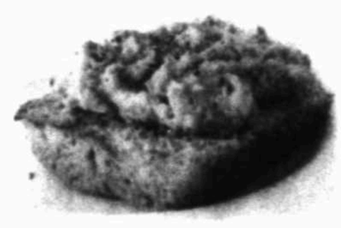
Using the salt, lemon and pepper only enhanced the avocado's natural flavor and by not mashing it into a guacamole texture, gave it completeness to the toast to eat as a whole.

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TOASTED TEMPTATIONS

PHOTOS BY RICH LOPEZ







Tips for protecting your pooch

Eight things you can do to protect your dog in the summer

1. Never leave your dog in the car.
2. Make sure your dog has unlimited access to fresh water.
3. Make sure your dog has access to shade when outside.
4. Take walks during the cooler hours of the day.
5. When walking, try to stay off of hot surfaces (such as asphalt) because it can burn your dog's paws.
6. If you think it's hot outside, it's even hotter for your pet — make sure your pet has a means of cooling off.
7. Keep your dog free of external parasites — fleas, ticks and heartworms. Consult your veterinarian about the best product for your pet.
8. Consider clipping or shaving dogs with long coats (talk to your veterinarian first to see if it's appropriate for your pet), and apply sunscreen to your dog's skin if it has a thin coat.

Pets

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the screens on windows or doors either to get in or to get out, whichever way they think is the safest," said Dr. Smetak. "We have had dogs breaking through the window and getting cut."

In addition to being aware of pet safety during Fourth of July festivities, the summer heat is also cause for concern. Ensuring that pets have a cool, shaded area with access to water is vital to their health and safety. Rapid heartbeat, panting, vomiting and collapse are just a few of the signs a pet may be experiencing a heat stroke.

"Some (dogs) are acclimated here, but we've got a lot of people who are moving here from other places, they may be moving from somewhere where the summers aren't quite as hot as here and they've got a dog with medium or long fur," said O'Neill. "It may take that dog a little bit of time to acclimate to the heat that we see."

Knife & Fork

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With local bread in the mix, why not get all farm-to-table with it? Pears and cheese are a winning combination. Slathering a healthy dose of El Camino de Las Cabras Goat Dairy from San Angelo, I added thin slices of red pear and drizzled with Midland-based Golden Bouquet's Wildflower Honey. The result made a refreshing rustic summer treat that could serve as an entire lunch or halved for a snack that would satisfy a sweet tooth without getting into dessert territory.

Of course what's toast without butter? For personal reasons I opt for vegan or low-fat butters, but if I'm already stepping up the bread itself, why not the butter itself? To go for a far sweeter take, I topped off my last slice with homemade cinnamon honey butter using the following recipe.

1/4 pound room temperature butter (unsalted is best)

Two to three tablespoons of Golden Bouquet honey to taste

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Pinch of sea salt

Combine all in a bowl and either with an electric mixer or simply a fork, mix the ingredients together.

I tried it first at room temperature but it melted fast over the warm toast and became a gloppy mess. Let the butter cool and harden in the refrigerator before spreading on toast. For added crunch, I topped with homemade granola, which can be found at vendors Flying Y Farm Specialties or Mimi's Granola.

Other easy toppings to consider are cream cheese with compote, almond butter with coconut flakes or go crazy and top with a fried egg, shredded gruyere and a sprinkling of dill herb.

Now, let the artisanal toast trend make the rounds in Midland — or just laugh it off.

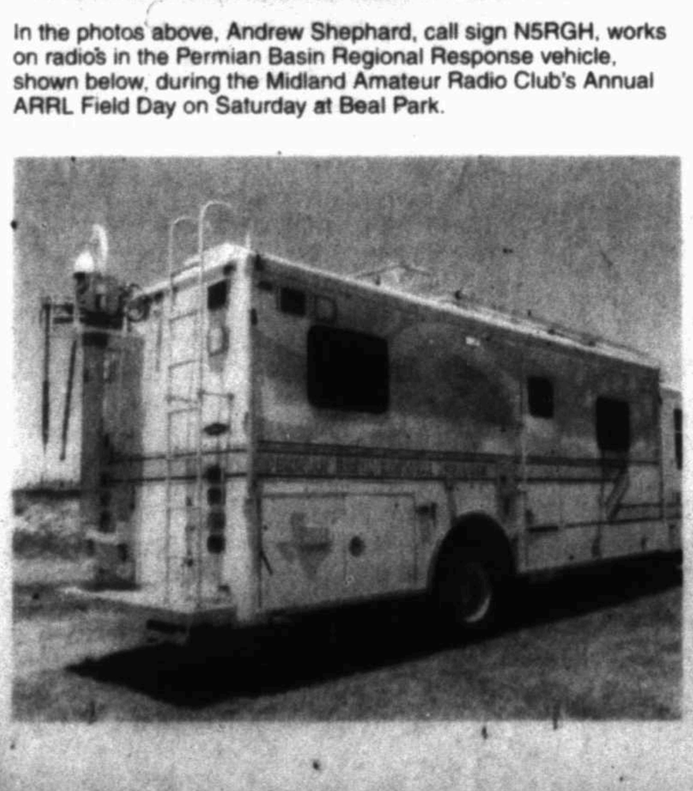
Annual radio field day

Photos by James Durbin | Reporter-Telegrm





In the photos above, Andrew Shephard, call sign N5RGH, works on radios in the Permian Basin Regional Response vehicle, shown below, during the Midland Amateur Radio Club's Annual ARRL Field Day on Saturday at Beal Park.



Obituaries



Austin Russell Morrow Moon

Austin Russell Morrow Moon, 22, of Midland, Texas, passed away on June 26, 2014, in Eastland County, Texas.

Austin was born in Midland, Texas, on March 6, 1992. He attended Lee High School and graduated from Richard Milburn Academy.

Austin worked at Affordable Pest Control with his father, and looked forward to running the company one day. He had a deep love for his friends, family, and absolutely lived life to the fullest.

While at Lee High, Austin played on the Junior Varsity baseball team. He always had a love for horses and his dog, Heartley. He was excited about his new horse and all of the upcoming rodeos he planned to enter.

He lived his life with fierce determination and by his own rules. He enjoyed riding his bike and hunting. He was fortunate in his young life to also travel. He had been to Canada, Brazil, Hawaii, and was looking forward to going to Fiji this year with his family.

Austin was such a huge presence in our lives. We are all deeply saddened by our loss, but take comfort in knowing that someday we will again be able to wrap our arms around our beloved son.

Austin is survived by his mother, Nancy Morrow and her husband Cruz; father, Rusty Moon and his wife Nora; sister, Lacy Morrow, and son Carter Lee; grandmother, Jean Morrow; grandfather, Alvin Moon; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A visitation is being held at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 2014, at Stonegate Fellowship, with Reverend Patrick Payton officiating.

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



Curtis Barber

Curtis Barber born June 11, 1935, in Stanton, Texas. He died Saturday June 28, in Midland.

He was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle and grandfather.

He was a hard worker, and at the age of 79 still worked for Armstrong Van Lines. He never had much to say, so if he spoke, we all knew we had better listen. He was a simple man that enjoyed time with his family, and friends and watching his westerns. Each one of the family will keep a piece of his legacy in their hearts.

Preceding him in death were eight brothers; and two sisters; and his loving wife Roberta.

To cherish his memory he leaves his daughter, Rachel Lights of Midland; two sisters, Ethel Daughtery of Stanton, and Hazel Hilliard of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Family viewing will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the Thomas Chapel Tuesday night.

Funeral Services Wednesday 11:00 a.m. at the Thomas Chapel. Burial in Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.



Martha Baulch Morris

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel for Martha Baulch Morris, 62, of Roswell who passed away after a long illness, on June 27, 2014.

Martha was born on January 21, 1952, in Kermit, Texas to James Wheeler Baulch, Jr. and Nada Ruth Baulch, who have both preceded her in death.

Martha graduated high school in Midland, Texas. She went on to receive her Master's degree in Library Science from University of North Texas.

She loved being a children's librarian and was an accomplished artist, photographer, writer, and a dear friend to all who knew her. Martha was President of the Morning Garden Club, a member of P.E.O., and a member of the Country Club Road Church of Christ.

Martha is survived by her sister, Sue Ellen Stone; her nephew, Sean Stone; niece, Melissa Stone-Harvey and husband John Paul; great-nephews, Jaxson Tyler and Trent Michael Harvey; cousins, Carol Buffington Myers, Mark Buffington, Pat Helton, and Beth Helton Watkins; her fiancée, Daniel Gonzales; and extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Martha's name to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales, New Mexico, at 1356 New Mexico 236; Impact Church of Christ in Houston, Texas at 1704 Weber St; or the Roswell Public Library in Roswell at 404 W 2nd St.

Family and friends may leave condolences at *www.lagronefuneralchapels.com.*

Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

Death Notices

Ethan Cole

Ethan Cole, 21, of Andrews passed away June 24, 2014.

He is survived by his father, Frank Cole; and his brother, Nathan Cole.

Funeral services will be 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at Calvary Baptist Church in Andrews. Burial will be in Andrews West Cemetery.

La Tonya L. Anders

Funeral service for La Tonya L. Anders, 42, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home. La Tonya Anders died June 28, in Midland, Texas.

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

Phillip Draper

Phillip Draper passed away on the evening of June 23, 2014, at his home in Midland, Texas.

Survived by his world, Mathew Cozart; one brother and two sisters.

He was cremated at American Heritage Funeral Home in Midland, Texas.

Richard Hahn

Richard Hahn, 50, of Odessa passed away Friday, June 27, 2014, in Midland.

He is survived by his son Joey Hahn; daughters, Jamie Roberge and Julie Hahn; and one brother.

A visitation with family & friends will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, 2014, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 3, 2014, at Mid Cities Community Church.

Ruby "Cuca" Juarez

Ruby "Cuca" Juarez, 71, of Big Spring, died Friday, June 27, 2014, in a local nursing home.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

She is survived by four sons, Arthur Juarez, Mark Juarez, Julio Sosa, and Rudy Ortega, Jr.; two daughters, Melinda Rios and Angie Anderson; three brothers and two sisters.

Travis W. Hunter

Travis W. Hunter, 68, of Lubbock, died Saturday, June 28, 2014, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith.

He is survived by two sons, Jon Hunter and James Hunter; one daughter, Milena Newell; and his father, Roy Hunter.

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Texas rule could threaten no-kill shelter movement

By Lauren McGaughy
Houston Chronicle

AUSTIN — Strict enforcement of a previously obscure state regulation is threatening the no-kill movement across Texas and could result in animal shelters euthanizing tens of thousands of additional pets each year, advocates warn.

A "clarification" of state rules by the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners last August already has sparked a court case and caused widespread confusion among city officials and private groups.

The Houston Chronicle reported at issue is the veterinary care provided to animals in municipal shelters and privately operated animal rescue organizations.

Under its rules, the board requires the same level of medical care and attention for shelter dogs and cats as they would receive from a private veterinarian. That means volunteers and fosters cannot perform routine care, such as administering intake vaccinations, without a trained vet present. It also means shelter veterinarians must provide individual care to each shelter animal upon intake.

Shelters said requiring a veterinarian at all times would bust their budgets and reverse efforts to reach and maintain no-kill status of euthanasia rates at or below 10 percent. Without full-time vet staff, advocates said, shelters eventually would fall back on euthanizing more animals because state law allows trained staff to administer lethal injections.

"There's no need for this policy," said Rep. Jessica Farrar, D-Houston, a leading animal advocate in the Legislature who has sponsored humane treatment bills. "We already have high-kill shelters, and this would just exacerbate that. They're just going to turn into euthanasia centers."

Nicole Oria, executive director of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, said the agency has interpreted the law in this way to protect public health and safety. Shelters, she said, will not be targeted by the agency because it only takes action when it gets a complaint.

But shelter veterinarians and their advocates worry that this could leave them open to investigations by disgruntled former employees, volunteers or rival groups. Some have found ways to circumvent the rule, at least in the short term.

San Antonio and Austin have passed ordinances that allow city shelter staff and volunteers to provide medical care by giving them caretaker status upon intake. Private groups have sought to be exempted from board oversight by taking ownership of animals. That excludes them from the rule because pets are classified as property under state law.

There is no such ordinance in Houston, where Greg Damianoff, director of BARC, the city's animal shelter and adoption facility, said the rule could affect its low-cost wellness services.

"It basically would shut down my wellness altogether because I can't afford to put a vet in there all the time," he said.

The board said it clarified the vet rule after receiving several complaints. In August, the agency said it "should not have any impact on legal veterinary practice in the shelters of Texas." But the board has tried to discipline Dr. Ellen Jefferson, executive director of Austin Pets Alive! and San Antonio Pets Alive!, under the rule.

The Austin vet has helped that city become a model for no-kill municipal shelters. But the board attempted to fine her $2,000 and suspend her license after it received two complaints about care at her San Antonio facilities.

The first involved a volunteer who said a dog she was fostering died after Jefferson failed to treat it in person, administering medical advice over the phone. The second came from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, which alleged animal cruelty at SAPA!'s kitten facility. A city investigation found no proof of wrongdoing.

Jefferson sued the board, saying she was exempted from its oversight because she owned all the animals at the shelter, including those being fostered. State and national organizations have come to her defense.

"This interpretation not only prevents quality shelter veterinary professionals from adhering to the community standard of care, but forces them to practice below the standard of care or risk violation of the TSBVME rules," wrote the Association of Shelter Veterinarians.

Jefferson and the board are in settlement talks.

Larry Tucker, a member of the Austin Animal Advisory Commission who helped spearhead the no-kill movement in that city, said he is concerned that the disciplinary action against Jefferson is retaliatory or an attempt to protect private veterinarians over those who practice at shelters.

"There is debate that they're overstepping their reach, and they don't even have the authority to enforce it," he said.

Oria, the board executive director, denied that the agency is favoring private vets. General counsel Kate Fite confirmed that the agency has taken action against two private vets for selling or donating medication to shelters.

Tucker chalked up at least some of the current fight to bad blood in the animal care community. Lisa Norwood of the city of San Antonio's Animal Care Services agreed, calling the local animal-rights community "a rumor mill" that hurts shared animal welfare goals: "How can we do that if we are riddled with infighting?"

Internal politics aside, Oria puts the onus for a fix on legislators.

"When the (Veterinary Licensing) Act was passed, no one had conceived of no-kill shelters," Oria said, adding the state law is vague. "It's our statute. It's our Legislature. Please go seek a legislative solution."

Farrar said she would be interested in sponsoring legislation to ensure shelters, both city and private, have the freedom to practice a more flexible type of medical care.

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	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) The Doctor...		★★★★ The Hunchback of Notre Dame				(:15) ★★★★ How Green Was My Valley?				Movie	
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		La impostora		En otra piel		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular	En otra piel	
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Cake Boss:Next Great "Empire State of Mind"		To Be Announced		Cake Boss:Next Great "Sugar High"		Bakery Rescue "Bing's Bakery"		Cake Boss:Next Great "Sugar High"		Bakery Rescue "Bing's Bakery"	
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Hell Hath No Fury"		Rizzoli & Isles "Goodbye"		Rizzoli & Isles "Too Good to Be True" (N)		Perception "Shiver" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "Too Good to Be True"		(:05) Perception "Shiver"	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Hot In	Jennifer	Loves Ray	Loves Ray
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Disrobed"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Scorched Earth"		Royal Pains "Steaks on a Plane" (N)		Covert Affairs "False Skorpion" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Royal Pains "Steaks on a Plane"	
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Salem "Cat and Mouse"		Salem "Cat and Mouse"		Met Your Mother	Parks and Rec

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San Antonio clinic devoted to after-hours care for animals

By Vincent T. Davis
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — The nights are hard at the Animal Emergency Room.

Doctors and technicians care for a multitude of dogs hit by cars. Feral cats test their bedside manner. They must take extra care to avoid bites and scratches from sick bats, raccoons and skunks that are potential carriers of rabies.

And then there are the emotional, late-night vigils with owners of pets ailing from devastating wounds and debilitating illnesses of old age.

Dr. Kim Buck, co-owner of the clinic, told the San Antonio Express-News that even after 25 years as a veterinarian, she still sees injuries that catch her off guard.

"It amazes me how animals can still be alive and how resilient they are," Buck said. "They'll have healed wounds and doing great, but you know they had some major trauma and managed to live through that by themselves."

Since 2000, the AER has been the first stop for many injured animals. Animal Care Services is one of three rescue partners that have a contract with the emergency room. The clinic provides care for pets that will be sent on to the city shelter.

ACS spokeswoman Lisa Norwood said the agency doesn't have a 24/7 medical staff.

"We partnered with AER to have a mechanism after hours to ensure if there's a critical case, such as a pet hit by a car or injured inside a home, we can aid it as quickly as possible," Norwood said.

On an average weeknight, the doctor on overnight shift — 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. — will treat from three to five injured animals brought in from across the city. On weekends, the number rises to as many as 20, as does the severity of injuries, staff said. The staff includes two full-time doctors, three part-time doctors and 10 technicians.

Buck said it's rewarding to save an animal's life, but there can't always be a positive outcome with emergency cases.

"Sometimes I feel, if I had to do a lot of euthanasias, just ... tired," she said, "But kind of like I helped that night. I helped the pets the best that I could."

Performing triage is the priority of the veterinarians, including Dr. Elissa Jackson, Dr. Christina Noltenius and Dr. Kirstin Hossalla.

"We make sure they're comfortable," Hossalla said. "We care for the animals and make sure they get love and care."

A year ago, Buck and her business partner, Dr. Michele King, bought the clinic from Dr. Danette Schweers, who founded the AER. Schweers, board-certified with American Board of veterinary practitioners, still works a Sunday shift.

Buck said she respects the ACS officers who bring the pets destined for the city shelter. She's heard how they've coaxed out wounded pets hiding in brush and chased a hurt dog in 95-degree weather for an hour to make sure he got help.

"They have a very tough job," Buck said. "I can't imagine doing the job they do."

One recent Wednesday night, ACS officers transported two American Staffordshire terriers that had been rescued by San Antonio firefighters from a house fire. Suffering badly from smoke inhalation, the dogs were stabilized by an AER veterinarian before they were transported to ACS for further care. In the morning, ACS chief veterinarian Dr. Marilyn Gotbeter and her staff continued treatment for possible cornea damage and burns in the windpipe. The brindle terrier was more stable than her black-and-white companion.

By Saturday morning, the critically injured dog's health had declined. The staff made the decision to have her humanely euthanized.

Gotbeter was quick to praise the emergency room team, saying the dogs would not have lived through the first night without their care.

Buck said although Animal Care Services contracts with AER, the emergency clinic is not part of the shelter, so residents can't bring injured strays to their office. She said residents can call 311 to report a hurt animal. But because of the client/patient relationship, she said, AER can't release information if someone calls to check on the status of an injured animal they reported.

The shifts range from slow to a frantic pace in the late hours. But the moments that linger take place in the reception area, where heartbreaking decisions are often made. Sometimes a family will fill an exam room, trying to decide the fate of a pet with a chronic disease. Some pet owners visit the ER at night with dying pets. Buck said, to spare longtime veterinarians who have bonded with their furry family members.

A big part of their job is being there for the pet owners, Buck said, as they struggle with decisions, financial worries or grieve about a pending loss.

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Each of the words below can be turned into another word on the list by changing one letter, and then rearranging them all to form a new word. For example, REGIMENT can be turned into STEERING by changing the M to an S, so they would be a pair.

Pairs

1. COUNT
2. PARTY
3. DOWEL
4. PEKOE
5. PUTON
6. CRYPT
7. WOULD
8. ELOPE

Yesterday's Answer: NINE, EIGHTY, SEVEN, THREE

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The smilax briar is hard to kill. It has massive root systems and tubers and very little leaf surface to absorb the herbicide. Plus, the leaves are quite glossy, and sprays tend to run off.

Neil Sperry



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Thorny vine doesn't respond to weedkiller

Dear Neil: How can I eliminate this vine? It has thorns on it above and below ground, and it has an extensive root system that is difficult to remove.

Answer: The wild vine is called smilax briar. Normally I would suggest using a broadleafed weedkiller spray to control any type of non-grassy weed like this. However, in this one case, sprays aren't of much value. The plant has massive root systems and tubers and very little leaf surface to absorb the herbicide. Plus, the leaves are quite glossy, and sprays tend to run off. So I have always used a very different approach, always with good results. I mow established thickets of it down using a tractor and heavy-duty mower. That eliminates probably 98 percent of it, as it tends to set the plants back so badly they don't try to regrow. I dig those few that do regrow by hand with a sharpshooter spade. Our little rural acreage was 80 percent smilax when we bought the property. I hired a neighbor to cut it, and I spent a year digging out the rest, a few plants at a time. It takes only 30 seconds per plant to dig and eliminate them.

Dear Neil: What would have caused the damage to the live oak tree in the attached photo? What should I do about it?

Answer: I don't know, but I'm willing to give it a try. Of course, I see ball moss and lichens growing on the bark. Both are epiphytes (non-parasitic). I also see rows of holes that a woodpecker has punched into the bark (also non-threatening). But the messy area in the middle looks like it has a couple of large holes going into the wood of the branch, and that normally points to some type of borers. Live oaks are rarely bothered by borers unless there are other problems going on. Because this case looks like a fairly aggressive insect has been at work, my very best advice would be to have a certified arborist look at your plant.

Dear Neil: I grew three pepper plants from the same pepper fruit, yet they look different now. What is causing the curled leaves, and what can I do about it?

Answer: This looks like the damage of chili thrips. They are a comparatively new insect pest to us, and we're still learning about their damage and our best control measures. I rarely provide links to websites here, but this time I need to do so. This University of Florida page will give you all of the details. http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/orn/thrips/chilli_thrips.htm And here is more useful information from Texas A&M: https://insects.tamu.edu/extension/publications/epubs/EEE-00041.pdf

Dear Neil: How can we get rid of cane in our backyard? Birds are roosting in the plants, and it's a mess.

Answer: Cane is a coarse-textured grass that looks like it would be much more difficult to eliminate than bamboo, but that's not the case. I would suggest applying a glyphosate-only weedkiller (no other active ingredient) to its vigorously growing blades. If it's too tall to spray at this point, cut it to the ground and spray the regrowth. At some point, you should have enough of it killed that you can go after the roots that remain with a heavy-duty, rear-tine rototiller.

Dear Neil: I have a friend whose wall is covered with fig ivy. Some of the plants produce leaves that are double the size of other plants on the same wall. Cutting out the stems with the large leaves has left big holes in the vine on the wall. What is the solution?

Answer: I believe you'll find the larger leaves are the adult leaves. Many species of vines start out with juvenile foliage when the plants are young, or when the vine has begun to ascend a vertical surface. You'll certainly see it with English ivy. Its juvenile foliage is the typical triangular shape that we all know, but after it has grown up walls or tree trunks, the leaves that develop are rounded and completely different looking. All of which is to say, the entire wall will eventually have these larger leaves.

Dear Neil: Please help me with squash vine borers. You mentioned it several months ago, but I didn't need the information at that point.

Answer: Once your squash plants have cropped up with squash vine borers in their stems, there is little you can do to extricate them. The better means of dealing with them is to practice good garden sanitation from the outset, including dusting the crowns of the younger plants with Sevin dust.

Dear Neil: I know most insecticides will control bagworms on junipers and other evergreens, and I know this is the time of year when I should be spraying, but I'm wondering if there is a particular time of the day that is better for spraying than others?

Answer: I am not familiar with any variation in the results of spraying bagworms in morning or evening. Both should work just fine. For others, early to mid-June are typically the prime times to be watching for bagworms, and Bacillus thuringiensis biological worm spray is a great control.

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Re-Leaf by Debbie Frost



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Triple-digit weather and knee-high weeds will make anyone throw in the towel. Combat weeds with weeding, mowing and mulching.

The rain we've been getting has been wonderful. But the resulting weeds are not so wonderful. Here are a few strategies for managing weeds.

Mulch! This garden miracle can help suppress weed growth. Mulch is a layer of organic material that acts like a blanket on the soil surface. In addition to weed suppression, mulch is great for keeping summer soil temperature cooler, which improves plant growth. Mulch also covers and preserves drip and soaker lines, conserves soil moisture, reduces soil surface salinity and provides a finished look for the landscape.

Mulch is especially good at preventing annual weed seed sprouting. Perennial weeds can still be a problem, but even they can be suppressed with a good layer of mulch.

Mulch materials include leaves, shredded tree limbs, shredded hardwood, shredded bark, pine needles, cotton seed hulls, newspaper or cardboard covered with mulch. Mulch pieces should be about one inch in size. Smaller sizes can quickly tie up available nitrogen and starve plants. Larger pieces don't decompose fast enough to add humus and nutrients to the soil.

Inorganic mulches like decomposed granite, crushed rock, river rock and other inorganic mulches can be helpful as well, but weeds will grow in these too. Even with landscape fabric, weeds will grow along the edges, seams and even through the fabric. Over time soil blows in on top of the rock and this provides a suitable place for weed seeds to germinate. Recommended pre-emergent herbicides or periodic spot spraying may be helpful.

For lawns, alleys, vacant lots and fallow areas where the weeds are hip high, consider shredding, string trimming or mowing. When weeds are this big, herbicides are not very effective and even if they are, weeds still have to be dealt with once they are dead.

If you choose herbicides remember small, seedling weeds are easier to control than large weeds. Less chemical is needed to treat seedlings versus large weeds. Sprays can be aimed toward the ground with seedlings rather than up in the air for larger weeds, so there's less drift and potential non-target damage. Choose the best and safest herbicide for your situation. Never use a long residual (soil sterilant) herbicide in or near landscape areas. Read and follow the label and limit the use of herbicides as much as possible. Pay attention to wind speed, air temperature and surroundings. You don't want the wrong herbicide drifting from your weeds to your neighbor's prize roses.

Weeding is an excellent way to control weeds. It can be overwhelming, so break it down into blocks of time. Water a day before weeding, if the ground is dry.

There's no escaping weeds, but you can get some re-leaf by using mulching, mowing and weeding.

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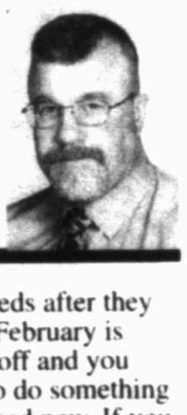


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Weeds around Midland are giving allerfy sufferers fits. Pigweed is the common name for several species of fast growing upright summer annual weeds. Some plants in the amaranth family produce pollen considered among the top 10 allergens in West Texas. The plant grows rapidly in warm moist soils, reaching more than 2 feet tall in less than a week.

Pigweed has allergy sufferers sneezing

Jeff Floyd



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Achooo! Bless you. Allergies got you down? It seems as if the last couple of weeks have been particularly trying for those who suffer from allergies. My lovely bride hasn't been able to squeak out a complete sentence for an entire week. Her throat slams shut every time she spends more than a few seconds in the front lawn.

One problem is the lawns in our neighborhood were only sparsely covered with turfgrass before the recent rainfall. All those bare spots have provided opportunities for pigweed seeds to develop into full-blown pollen producing factories.

Pigweed is the common name for several species of fast growing upright summer annual weeds. The species I've been seeing is Amaranthus palmeri. Some plants in the amaranth family produce pollen considered among the top 10 allergens in West Texas. The plant grows rapidly in warm moist soils, reaching more than 2 feet tall in less than a week.

The plants can become a real problem in a short time. According to research form Kansas State University in 2001, each pigweed plant is capable of producing between 10,000 and 45,000 seeds per square foot. After dropping to the ground, the seeds will remain dormant until conditions encourage sprouting.

The best way to prevent pigweed from developing is by creating a competitive advantage for your turfgrass. A healthy lawn crowds out the obnoxious invader by reducing light, which the seed needs to sprout. Pigweed is also easily damaged by close mowing.

The next best method to control pigweed is by applying a broadleaf pre-emergent herbicide in early February. Products containing the active ingredient pendimethalin are effective at controlling broadleaf weeds.

The least effective method of control is to treat the weeds after they germinate. February is a long way off and you may want to do something about pigweed now. If you have an entire lawn full of pigweed, I would recommend regular mowing until the problem subsides. If you have just a few, then you could spot spray them with 2,4-D or glyphosate.

Be warned that 2,4-D should not be used near any other broadleaf plants you want to keep such as trees, shrubs or ornamental flowers. Glyphosate is indiscriminate in its herbicidal properties, destroying virtually anything green it is sprayed on.

A weed is any plant that is out of place. In other words, it doesn't serve a purpose. Although my wife would disagree, around our home, amaranth may provide a little down time by keeping the noise to a minimum.

For more information contact Jeff Floyd by either emailing jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu or calling 686-4700.

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

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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 94 Low: 71

WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny High: 90 Low: 71

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 94 Low: 72

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 95 Low: 73

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 95 Low: 73

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 94 Low: 72

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 94 and a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. The chance of showers continues Wednesday and Thursday (30 and 20 percent chances respectively).

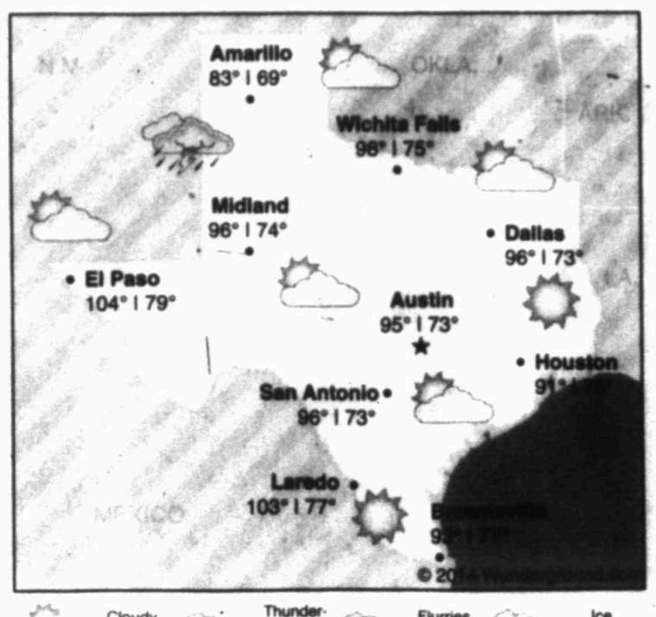
Highs in the mid-90s are expected throughout the week.

The high on Monday reached 99, while the low dropped to 76. The record high for June 30 is 106 set in 1994. The record low is 56 set in 1982.

Weather why

Q: There's supposed to be a type of cloud that is often confused with being a UFO. What kind of cloud is it?

A: It's most likely the lenticular cloud, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "One reason they may be mistaken for UFOs is their odd shape. Lenticular clouds are so-called because they often look like a camera lens, many times looking like huge pancakes stacked on top of each other. Also, lenticular clouds don't move like other clouds and tend to linger in one spot for a long time. They are often seen in the western U.S. but have been photographed all over the world."



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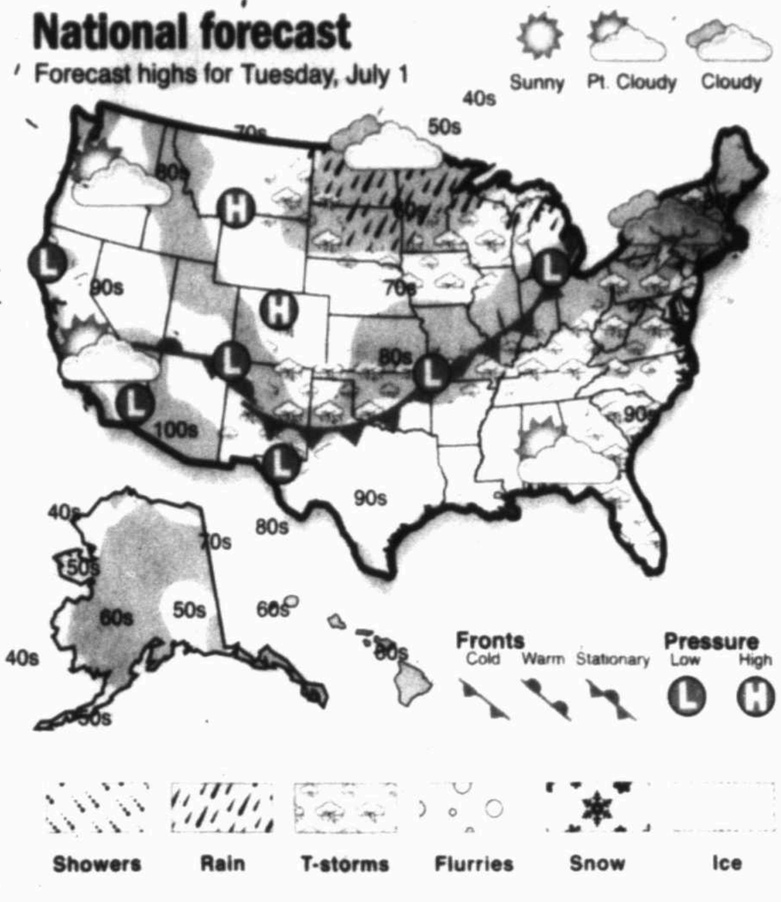
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.48 in.
Year total	3.64 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.06 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	99
Low	76
Normal high	95
Normal low	69
Sunrise	6:46 a.m.
Sunset	8:59 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, July 1



Woman who doesn't drink is weary of friends who do

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: My girlfriends are always trying to get me drunk. I don't need alcohol to have a good time, and in fact, I rarely drink. They say I'm "no fun," which is probably true. But that's just who I am.

Although they never drink and drive, they drink a lot and are embarrassing when they sing loud, stumble on the dance floor and slur their words. I'm afraid if I get drunk, I may say something hurtful to them, and they will no longer be my friends.

My boyfriend says they're not true friends if they want me to drink to excess. My college days are behind me. I am mature enough not to succumb to this peer pressure. Is my boyfriend right? Do I need new friends? — TEETOTALER IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR TEETOTALER: There are few things more unattractive than a person who is drunk. Your boyfriend may be right that you need some new friends, if yours can have a good time only if they use alcohol.

If I'm reading your letter correctly, it appears you may be their designated driver. My advice is to take yourself out of that equation, and if possible, socialize with them in situations that do not involve drinking. If that's not possible, then for your own sake, start cultivating friends with wider interests.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for 20 years. Before our two children started high school two years ago, we had a great marriage. Unfortunately, my wife has put our children's high school education above everything else. She's a classic "helicopter mom" who says that once the kids leave for college, our relationship will become great again.

As the months go by, I find myself being more of a father and a tutor than a husband and "intimate friend" to my wife. We have little in common with each other, little intimacy, and everything revolves around our children — not us.

I have talked to her about this, and we have seen a counselor and a priest who told my wife that what she's doing is wrong. But things are getting worse, not better.

Any suggestions on how to get the message across before we get totally separated or even divorced? Or am I the one who needs to see things differently? — NO HELICOPTER DAD

DEAR DAD: Your letter touches upon a conversation I have had several times over the last few years, and it involves whether helicopter parents are giving their children an advantage, or preventing them from developing social skills and independence. If your kids are having problems in school and need extra parental guidance, then I'm all for it. But if they aren't — and their teachers should be able to tell you that — then your wife isn't doing this because of their need but her own.

Because you say you're not sure your marriage will be intact by the time they graduate, I'm urging that you both have more marriage counseling NOW. I hate to see a 20-year marriage go down the drain, because that's where it's headed.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Important entry

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q J 9 2
♥ Q 5 2
♦ K J 5 2
♣ 8 6

WEST
♠ K 7 5 4
♥ 10 8
♦ 8 6 4
♣ Q 9 5 2

EAST
♠ A 8 6 3
♥ K J 9 7
♦ 10 7
♣ J 10 4

SOUTH
♠ 10
♥ A 6 4 3
♦ A Q 9 3
♣ A K 7 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Two of ♣

South had a difficult re-bid problem — two clubs would promise nine or more cards in the minors while two hearts would promise nine or more cards in the red suits. He chose two no-trump as the least of evils, and a sound contract was reached.

South won the opening club lead in hand and led the 10 of spades, which held the trick. Declarer could have gone after his ninth trick by leading toward dummy's queen of hearts, but he saw a better chance. Trusting the opening lead to be from a four-card club suit, he only needed a 3-2 diamond break to bring home nine tricks.

He led the ace of diamonds, then the nine of diamonds to dummy's jack, noting that both opponents followed. The queen of spades came next, won by East, who continued clubs. Declarer won and led the queen of diamonds, overtaking this with dummy's ace! The jack of spades was led from the table, losing to West's king. West could cash his two good clubs, but declarer's carefully preserved three of diamonds remained as an entry to dummy's five and the established nine of spades. Nine tricks and the contract!

Had West won the second spade and shifted to hearts, declarer would still have prevailed by playing low from dummy. South would continue as before, but when East won his ace of spades, there would be no established clubs to cash and the queen of hearts would be safe from attack.

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 1, 2014:

This year you often have a hard time finding clarity, but somehow you manage to see the light. You will learn from these confusing experiences. You also will become far more concerned with your image than you have in the past. If you are single, you are in a position where you can meet people with ease. You will enjoy the process of dating and getting to know others. If you are attached, the two of you tend to act like newlyweds. You are likely to make a major purchase or financial decision involving your joint funds this year. VIRGO can be prissy and difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You'll be able to handle a situation that pops up unexpectedly. Your imagination might go wild, so be willing to discuss what is on your mind. Communication will clear up a problem. Be more nurturing with an associate if you want a better performance. Tonight: Get into your day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You could go from being somewhat quiet and subdued to being wonderfully open and more willing to express your ideas with others. You might be ready for a change of pace, but either way you will flourish and adjust accordingly. Tonight: Spice up the night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Stay anchored, and know where you are coming from. Verbalize more of what you want from someone in your daily environment. Don't lose sight of what you want to do, and don't allow others to distract you. Tonight: Stay close to home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Communication will open doors that previously might have been closed. Ask questions if you think you are not hearing what someone else really intends to express. Realize that others also might need clarification. Tonight: Nibbles and friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You'll have a lot to say, and you will say it — but only at the right moment. Touch base with a friend who often supports you, but who also might feel free to make comments that are not always complimentary. Use caution with a financial matter. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Listen carefully to news, and make sure that you have processed this information before making any comments. You might sense a change in how you feel. You can clear out a problem effectively without any hassles, if that is what you decide. Tonight: Feel your Wheaties.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Your recent irritation seems to have mellowed out, which encourages a review of your choices. You have a lot of thinking to do. Take your time, but know that others might wonder why you have been so quiet. Start a discussion only if you want to. Tonight: Get some R and R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You're a force to be dealt with wherever you are. Others will want to hear your opinions and thoughts, so don't hesitate to open up. You might discover just how many supporters you have, and you could be taken aback. Listen to their comments. Tonight: With friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You will tend to look at the big picture. Listen to your instincts with an opportunity that might sound too good to be true. Others are more than willing to contribute. Pressure could build with an older person you respect. Tonight: Out late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Deal directly with a partner or dear friend who enjoys taking the opposite point of view from yours. This interchange could help you see a problem you might not have noticed otherwise. Reach out to someone at a distance. Tonight: Question your options.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ What starts out as a social happening could evolve into something more. One person in this group will stand out. You could find that he or she seems intense yet understanding. You will see a situation differently after having a much-needed talk. Tonight: Togetherness works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Others might feel a need to stay in control and have things happen a certain way. Understand that you don't need to ask questions; these people just need to see the results of their hard work. That is the only way they can grow. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

BORN TODAY

Princess Diana (1961), novelist George Sand (1804), pianist Thomas A. Dorsey (1899)

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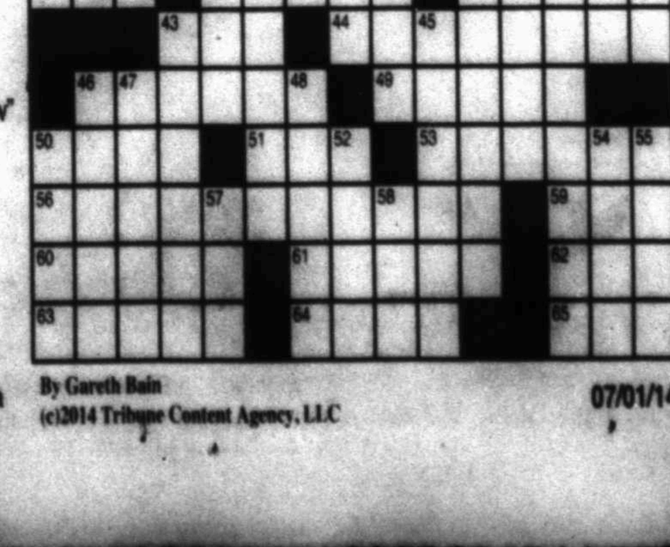
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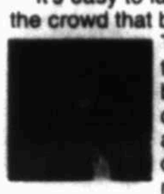


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SOUNDBITE

Reviews of recent release

PHISH
"Fuego"



It's easy to fall in line with the crowd that believes Robin Thicke's attempt to win back his wife by calling his new album "Paula" is desperate and ridiculous.

In some ways it is.

But if we're judging strictly on the music — and not on the over-the-top, awkward and somewhat creepy public pleas by Thicke everywhere from the BET Awards to the Billboard Music Awards — Paula Patton might want to reconsider.

The 14-track "Paula," where Thicke spills his feelings, confesses his sins and insists he's a changed man, is a return to Thicke's R&B roots. It is also a reminder that he was a talented, Grammy-winning singer-songwriter pre-"Blurred Lines" hysteria.

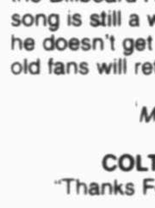
Thicke ditched the glossy electro beats and catchy hooks on last year's "Blurred Lines" for a more stripped-down, acoustic and simple sound on "Paula" — a much better fit for the 37-year-old crooner.

"Blurred Lines" made Thicke an international star and helped him tap into a younger audience that constantly streams music, buys digital tracks and can determine today and tomorrow's next pop star. But the song has also been a bit of a curse. It has pigeon-holed Thicke, propelled him to one-hit-wonder status (despite having success in the past) and alienated the singer from the R&B fans who help him reach platinum status. And the tracks on "Paula" don't sound like songs that will play on Top 40 radio per se.

"Get Her Back," the smooth lead single, has yet to chart on the Billboard Hot 100, but the song is still a winner. Even if he doesn't get Paula back, his old fans will return.

Mesfin Fekadu/AP

COLT FORD
"Thanks For Listening"



Country music's pre-eminent singer/rapper is out with his fifth studio album, a release thick with featured vocals from other artists and a keen ear toward the caricature of the country lifestyle.

This is mostly good old boy territory, with an occasional hip-hop backing beat thrown in for good measure. "The High Life," featuring Chase Rice alongside Ford, says as much. There's football-watching, hard-drinking and late-night living to be had, and Ford's having it all at high speed.

"Cut Em All" also delivers a mean country swagger, replete with four-wheeling and hunting. It even features vocals from Willie Robertson of the hit TV series "Duck Dynasty." It begins with a duck call and continues with a rapped laundry list of things that, for better or worse, define the American South.

Ford's lyrics aren't always the meatiest, but his approach is not to dwell too deeply on the human condition. He's here to have fun and let us all know how he had it.

Mission accomplished.

Ron Harris/AP



Year's best albums come from unexpected sources

By Glenn Gamboa
Newsday

Unexpectedly, 2014 has been more about looking back than looking ahead.

The best albums this year include some classic country from Miranda Lambert and old-school soul from 63-year-old Lee Fields. There's an emo comeback of sorts led, not by Taking Back Sunday, which has a strong rock album of its own, but by a new generation, including Modern Baseball and The Hotelier. And, in somewhat of a surprise, Mariah Carey looks to her early days for inspiration for her much-delayed new album.

Here's a look at the best of the year so far, and some thoughts we had about them when they were released:

Miranda Lambert, "Platinum" Lambert effortlessly bounces from the Western swing style of "All That's Left" with The Time Jumpers to the Def Leppard-style arena rock of "Somethin' Bad" with Carrie Underwood. It's clear that "Platinum" isn't about packaging Lambert as some sort of salable country star, which was an issue with her last album. This is about ripping away the packaging to let Miranda be Miranda.

Afghan Whigs, "Do to the Beast" This is a decidedly forward-looking album — from the way a club beat drops in at the saddest point of "Can Rova," thumping away as Greg Dulli declares, "You don't need me," to the industrial-tinged drums that drive "Matamoros" into Nine Inch Nails territory.

Cloud Nothings, "Here and Nowhere Else" It's so well-crafted that there's nothing to do but get swept up in the mosh-pit momentum.

Bob Mould, "Beauty and Ruin" The Bob Mould Renaissance continues ... Mould captures both hope and despair well here, raging like he did in his Hüsker Dü days in "Kid With Crooked Face" and "Tomorrow Morning," picking up some Foo Fighters-styled streamlining on "Little Glass Pill."

Black Keys, "Turn Blue" Everything here is tight and hard-hitting, still built on the solid bond between Dan Auerbach's distinctive bluesy vocals and rock guitar and Patrick Carney's inventive, dynamic drumming.

Jack White, "Lazaretto" Maybe it's no surprise that the leader of The White Stripes, The Raconteurs and The Dead Weather is eclectic, but it is a surprise how well-executed everything is here.

Joseph Arthur, "Lou" With only acoustic guitars and piano to support him, Arthur captures Lou Reed's grit and innocence, his unflinching storytelling and earnest dreaming throughout his career in classics like "Walk on the Wild Side" and "Heroin" and lesser-known gems like "Magic and Loss" and "Coney Island Baby."

SZA, "Z" Solana Rowe blends everything from Frank Ocean to Lana Del Ray, from Björk to Erykah Badu, to create something completely her own, hovering between hip-hop and neo-soul and EDM. When Kendrick Lamar drops by for "Babylon"? Well, that's just fire.

Ryan Star, "Angels + Animals" It's like he commandeered adult pop radio to tell his story, with "We Were Kings" as dramatic as Imagine Dragons, "My Life" as emotional as Passenger and the single "Impossible" using catchy rhythms and subtle guitar to build an inspirational sing-along.

Ed Sheeran, "X" The Pharrell-produced "Sing," with its Justin Timberlake-influenced falsettos and unshakable groove, is a musical shock from Sheeran. But he makes it work because, at his core, Young Ed is a storyteller, and "Sing" is a great story.

Mariah Carey, "Me. I Am Mariah ... The Elusive Chanteuse" After several high-profile delays and changes in direction, Carey heads back to her musical sweet spot on "Me. I Am Mariah ... The Elusive Chanteuse," with big R&B ballads that show off her powerful voice and its stunning range. While Carey, in recent years, has been concerned with sounding timely, on "Chanteuse," she goes for timeless, with grand results.

Sam Smith, "In the Lonely Hour" Sam Smith is going to be a superstar. The 22-year-old Brit's voice is just too special to be denied — bluesy one minute, soulful the next, moving effortlessly from fluttering falsetto to commanding pop.

Shakira, "Shakira." She starts with the megawatt duet with Rihanna, "Can't Remember to Forget You," that simply screams smash and follows with one clever pop twist after another.

Taking Back Sunday, "Happiness Is ... " "Flicker, Fade" sounds like classic TBS, but more excitement comes with the upbeat single "Stood a Chance" and the beat-driven "All the Way."

Modern Baseball, "You're Gonna Miss It All" Modern Baseball singer Brendan Lukens is not just a Drexel University student, but also a student of early-Aughts indie rock, mixing bits of Taking Back Sunday, Weezer and The Hold Steady to carry on emo traditions well with "Rock Bottom" and "Fine, Great."

How to Dress Well, "What Is This Heart?" Tom Krell (aka How to Dress Well) has a voice like Justin Timberlake, a love of James Blake-like electronic simplicity and open-ended song structure, and lyrics seemingly informed by both Miguel and his philosophy doctoral studies in nihilism at DePaul University.

Lee Fields and The Expressions, "Emma Jean" With a career spanning five decades, soul man Lee Fields may be reaching his peak with "Emma Jean," as his bluesy voice powers through gorgeously wrenching songs like "Don't Leave Me This Way" and "Just Can't Win."

Broken Bells, "After the Disco" While most of the album is designed to be the chillout that people put on to relax after a night of dancing, with pretty, acoustic-driven numbers like the haunting "Leave It Alone" and the charming, guitar-driven "Control," they still include some potent floor-fillers.

Beck, "Morning Phase" "Sea Change" was the gorgeously distraught sound of struggling to get out of bed after trauma. His new album, "Morning Phase," is the similarly lush, but far more determined, sound of being able to face the day again.

Twin Forks, "Twin Forks" With Twin Forks, which includes Bellmore's Suzie Zeldin on vocals and mandolin, Chris Carrabba leans toward the folk of Mumford & Sons and The Lumineers, especially on the driving "Can't Be Broken" and "Kiss Me Darling."

Pixies, "Indie Cindy" The point here is to move forward, even if it means trying new things like the Britpop-tinged "Ring the Bell" or the off-center pop of "Bagboy" that aren't as groundbreaking as the risk-taking, rebellious Pixies of old.

Ben Watt, "Hendra" For his first solo album in 31 years, Watt travels even further back — to the singer-songwriter '70s — for the influences on the acoustic beauties "Spring" and "Golden Ratio," even signing on Pink Floyd's David Gilmour to play guitar on the wrenching "The Levels."

Today's releases



Old Crow Medicine Show 'Remedy'



Seether 'Isolate and Medicate'



Hillsong Worship 'No Other Name'



Corrosion of Conformity 'IX'



Magic! 'Don't Kill the Magic'

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MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

JULY

1 **Jason Kane & The Hard Luck Rebels** @ Blue Max
1 **Goodtimers** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
2 **Brutally Frank and the Itch** @ Blue Max
2 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
2 **Blue Cats** @ Charla's
3 **Jason Boland & The Stragglers, Jonny Burke** @ Graham's
3 **Southbound 35, Blue Cats** @ Lone Star Bar
3 **Brian Milson** @ Rockin Rodeo
4 **Dan Fruehauf** @ Ranchland Hills
4 **Loudfinger** @ The Detour
4 **Cory Morrow, Blue Cats** @ Downtown Odessa 4th of July
4 **Texas Cadillac Jack Band** @ Lone Star Bar
4 **Buggaboo** @ Redneck's
4-5 **Chrome Molly** @ Your Place
4-5 **Grindstone** @ The Bar
5 **Noel Olivas** @ Lone Star Bar
5 **Stoneface Cowboys** @ Redneck's
6 **Blue Cats** @ Riley's
7 **Whiskey Shivers** @ Basin Burger House
8 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
9 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
9 **Big Perk** @ Jesus Connection Chirch
9 **Tessy Lou and the Shotgun Stars** @ Basin Burger House
9 **Chris Brazeal Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
10 **Phillip Hermans and the Blue Law Band** @ Lone Star Bar
10 **Everclear, Spacehog, Soul Asulum, Eve 6** @ La Hacienda
10 **Brant Travis Rockin Piano Man** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
11 **Shane Rogers Band** @ The Detour
11 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
11 **Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys** @ Lone Star Bar
11 **TJ Broscoff** @ Redneck's
11 **Rum Rebellion, Black Irish Texas** @ Blue Max
11 **Aaron Watson, Josh Ward** @ Graham Central Station
11 **Jumping Giants** @ Noel Heritage Park
11-12 **Crashing Pink Flamingos** @ Your Place
11-12 **Noel Olivas** @ The Bar
12 **The Greencards, Uncle Lucius, Wild Child, Doug Moreland, John Edward Baumann, Carl Miner** @ KD's
12 **Midwest Tragedy** @ Redneck's
12 **Steven Mann and the Statesboro Revue** @ Lone Star Bar
13 **Rory Payne** @ Museum of the Southwest
13 **Next 2 the Tracks** @ Riley's
13 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Music City Mall
13 **Tantric, Kingshifter, Kilter, Rear Naked Choke** @ Blue Max
13 **Building 429, Matt Maher** @ Security Bank Ballpark
15 **Kyle Wilson** @ Blue Max
15 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
16 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
16 **Flagship Romance** @ Shack in the Back
16 **Bass Line Blues** @ Blue Max
17 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club, VFW, Odessa
17 **Zach Walther** @ Rockin Rodeo
17 **The Rustybrothers** @ Lone Star Bar
17 **Genie Patterson** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
17 **Jason Eady** @ Basin Burger House
18 **Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone, Gary Puckett and the Union Gap** @ Wagner Noel
18 **Quebe Sisters Band** @ Noel Heritage Park
18 **Chad Sullins and the Last Call Coalition, Dan Patterson and The Dying Lights** @ Lone Star Bar
18-19 **The Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
18-19 **Bobby Champion and the New Revolution Band** @ Your Place
19 **Mark McKinney, Mike Hernandez** @ Lone Star Bar
19 **The Crooks** @ Basin Burger House

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JULY

15 **Chevelle** @ Lone Star Events Center

AUGUST

15 **Black Label Society, Wovenwar, Kyng** @ Lone Star Events Center

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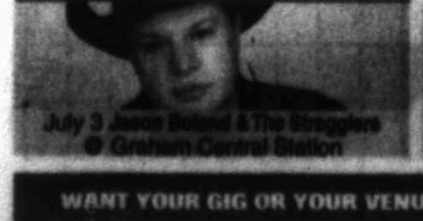
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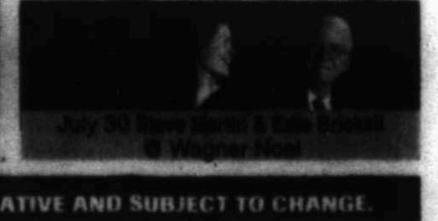
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July 3 Jason Boland & The Stragglers @ Graham Central Station


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Altidore, referee focus before US-Belgium game

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

SALVADOR, Brazil — They know the eyes of the United States will be on them from thousands of miles away, and they say they are ready.

The Americans try to reach the World Cup quarterfinals for the first time since 2002 when they play Belgium today.

"For some of the guys, it's the last opportunity, so we have to make the most of it," U.S. captain Clint Dempsey said. "And I'm sure if we play to the best of our ability, we'll get a positive result."

There were two bits of news on the eve of the match. Jozy Altidore has recovered sufficiently from his left hamstring strain to be available, although it appears he is unlikely to start. The forward has not played since the Americans' June 16 opener, when he was taken off on a stretcher during the first half.

The game

WORLD CUP ROUND OF 16
UNITED STATES VS. BELGIUM

When: 3 p.m. today
Where: Salvador, Brazil
TV: ESPN

"Just having him with us tomorrow is huge," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said Monday, adding Altidore's time on the field depends on "how much work is in his legs."

Klinsmann created a stir by saying he isn't happy with FIFA's choice of referee, Algeria's Djamel Haimoudi. His nation was eliminated by the U.S. in 2010, and Algeria played in the same first-round group as Belgium.

"Is it a good feeling? No," Klinsmann said at a news conference.

Belgium coach Marc Wilmots dismissed Klinsmann's comments, saying: "If we start going into this, it is looking for excuses ahead of the match."

The United States and Belgium haven't played in the World Cup since the first tournament in 1930, a 3-0 win by the Americans.

A lot more people are following now. The U.S. averaged more than 18

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Julio Cortez/AP

United States' Jozy Altidore, left, Fabian Johnson, center, and Jermaine Jones work out Monday during a training session in Salvador, Brazil. The U.S. plays Belgium today.

Burning the base paths

Burns leading the league in stolen bases

By Len Hayward
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Billy Burns isn't the happiest person when he is caught stealing.

Which means the Midland RockHounds center fielder and leadoff hitter has been pretty happy this season since he's only been caught three times this year.

"I get very upset with myself," Burns said before Sunday's game against Arkansas. "Depending on what happened, if it was my fault then yeah, I'd be really upset with myself. But if it was a great throw, I'd say hats off to the catcher."

Even when catchers make great throws, it's been tough to catch Burns this season.

Burns has stolen 40 bases in 2014 for the RockHounds and leads the Texas League by 10 in that category. But as Burns' first season in the Oakland Athletics organization has progressed, he knows that his game has to be more than just stealing bases.

Burns' speed is probably his most important tool. But to make that speed something that other teams have to worry about more he has to get on base.

Burns is hitting .251 this season with a .331 on base percentage and has 32 walks in 67 games, numbers that aren't quite up to his standards. In two of his previous three years in the minor leagues, Burns has

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Inside

See how the RockHounds did against Arkansas.

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland's Billy Burns gets on base during an April 18 game against San Antonio at Security Bank Ballpark. Burns leads the Texas League in stolen bases

Has conference realignment at last reached a lull?

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

The latest wave of major conference realignment lands ashore this week, bringing with it geographical contradictions, upended traditions and financial gains.

Welcome to the Atlantic coast, Louisville.

Time to get to know the Great Lakes, Maryland and Rutgers.

Meet your new neighbors, schools of the American Athletic Conference. The footprint of the former Big East now covers nine states, from Connecticut to Texas.

The change in league memberships has dominated college sports the last decade as much as the chase for national championships, with power conferences competing for multimedia revenue and recruiting exposure and the dominoes that fall in line behind them.

As of Tuesday, 12 more football teams in the NCAA's bowl subdivision will have new affiliations. The American replaces Louisville (Atlantic Coast) and Rutgers (Big Ten) with Conference USA-departing East Carolina, Tulane and Tulsa. Maryland, a 1953 ACC original, bolts for the Big Ten.

Of the 128 schools to play at the FBS level this season, more than 40 percent have made at least one move over the past decade. That figure doesn't even include the shake-ups of the mid-to-late 1990s that produced the Big 12, Conference USA and the Mountain West. Flip the calendar back 25 years and find only 48 teams that have stayed put. That means more than 62 percent of them switched during that span.

There aren't other major moves on the immediate horizon, though. Might this mean administrators, coaches, athletes and fans can finally take a deep breath and start getting used to the new landscape?

"Hopefully, we're starting one of those periods where we're all intact and can reach our full potential," ACC Commissioner John Swofford said.

Legal and practical reasons point to a lull. NCAA revenue sharing rights and the pay-for-play debate are the current attention-getters. All five major leagues — the Atlantic Coast, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and Southeastern conferences — have long-term television contracts in place. These "grant of rights" agreements generally prevent further departures and make additions that force revenue division into smaller shares less attractive.

The court fight between the ACC and Maryland offers another discouragement of destabilization. After the ACC filed a lawsuit over Maryland's

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No Americans in Wimbledon last 16 for first time in 103 years

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

LONDON — For the first time in more than a century, no American singles players reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon.

The last two of 23 U.S. entrants departed Monday. First, Madison Keys withdrew because of a strained left thigh before the scheduled resumption of her third-round match that was suspended because of darkness on Saturday. Then, No. 9 John Isner lost his third-round match despite hitting 52 aces, eliminated 6-7 (8), 7-6 (6), 7-6 (3), 7-5 by 19th-seeded Feliciano Lopez of Spain.

Not since 1911 had zero U.S. men or women participated in the round of 16 at Wimbledon, according to the International Tennis Federation. That year, no American women even entered the tournament and only three men did.

This year, there were 13 women from the United States, including No. 1-seeded Serena Williams, a five-time Wimbledon champion who lost her third-round match Saturday. There were 10 U.S. men in the field, but Isner was the only one ranked inside the top 65.

Told how long it's been without any Americans sticking around for the latter stages at the All England Club, Isner replied: "I didn't know that. Don't really care, either."

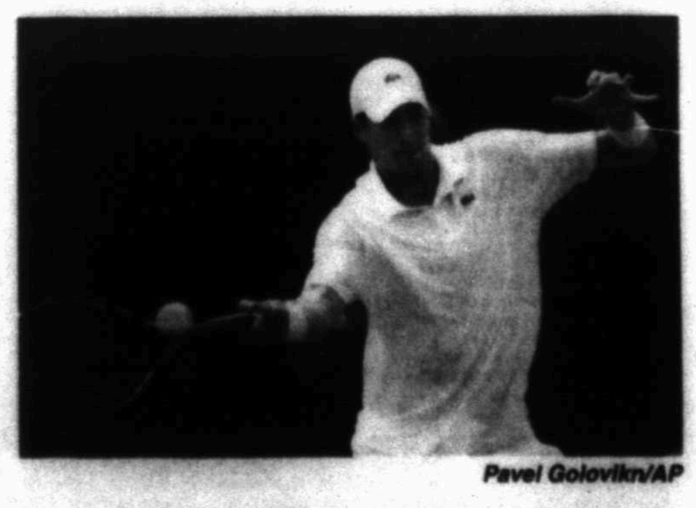
He could be excused for tiring of those sorts of statistics and questions, which have been adding up.

Last year at Wimbledon, no American men made it to the third round. No man from the country has played in the quarterfinals at any Grand Slam tournament since 2011, and the last to win a major championship was the now-retired Andy Roddick at the 2003 U.S. Open.

"Some of this is cyclical. Some of it is we've done a poor job," seven-time major champion John McEnroe, a TV analyst for ESPN and the BBC, said before Wimbledon began.

"We got, maybe, 'spoiled' is

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Pavel Golovkin/AP

John Isner plays a return to Feliciano Lopez on Monday during their men's singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London.

HOUNDSWATCH

MONDAY'S SCORE
Arkansas 4, Midland 3

WEDNESDAY'S GAME
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m., Arvest Ballpark,

RADIO/INTERNET
www.mlb.com
KCRS (550 AM)

RECORDS
Midland 5-6, NW Arkansas 8-7

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arkansas 3, Midland 1	Arkansas 4, Midland 3	Midland at NW Arkansas	Midland at NW Arkansas	Midland at NW Arkansas

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
MLB
Milwaukee at Toronto, Noon, MLB Network
Texas at Baltimore, 6 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Regional coverage, Oakland at Detroit or Colorado at Washington, 6 p.m., MLB Network
SOCCER
FIFA, World Cup, round of 16, Argentina vs. Switzerland, 11 a.m., ESPN
FIFA, World Cup, round of 16, Belgium vs. United States, 3 p.m., ESPN
TENNIS
Wimbledon, women's quarterfinals, 7 a.m., ESPN
Wimbledon, women's quarterfinals, 7 a.m., ESPN2
Wimbledon, women's quarterfinals, 10:30 a.m., ESPNEWS
WNBA
Indiana at Atlanta, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m., ESPN2

LOCAL SPORTS

ENTRIES AVAILABLE FOR WOMEN'S CITY GOLF TOURNEY

Entries are now being accepted for the 51st Annual Midland Women's City Golf Tournament, scheduled for July 14-17.

To be eligible for the tournament, contestants must have been a resident of Midland for a minimum of 30 days and have a Midland address.

Entry forms can be picked up at Midland Country Club, Green Tree Country Club, Hogan Park Golf Course, Ranchland Hills Golf Club and Nueva Vista Golf Course.

The entry fee is $30. Entries, along with a player's handicap index as of July 1 and entry forms can be mailed to Janet Garrett, 5113 Teakwood Trace, Midland, Texas 79707. Entries must be received by noon Wednesday, July 9.

Qualifying for players with handicaps of 16.9 or lower is set for July 14 at Hogan Park Golf Course, with first round of match play scheduled for July 15 at Ranchland Hills Golf Club. The semifinals are on July 16 at Midland Country Club and the finals on July 17 at Green Tree Country Club.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB — Suspended free agent minor league RHP Jose Pinerio 50 games after testing positive for Heptaminol, a prohibited stimulant in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Assigned RHP Jo Ilo Depaula to Bowie (El). Reinstated INF Michael Almanzar from the 60-day DL and designated him for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Ramon Ramirez from Norfolk (IL). Optioned RHP Evan Meek to Norfolk.
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Laser on a minor league contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Signed OF Raul Ibanez. Recalled INF Christian Colon from Omaha (PCL). Designated INF Pedro Ciriaco and OF Justin Maxwell for assignment. Traded LHP Donnie Joseph to Miami for cash considerations.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Reinstated INF Trevor Plouffe and INF Eduardo Nunez from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Pedro Florimon to Rochester (IL) and INF Jorge Polanco to Fort Myers (FSL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Agreed to terms with RHP Brett Graves, RHP Heath Fillmyer, SS Branden Cogswell, RHP Tyler Willman and 2B Trent Gilbert on minor league contracts.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned OF Stefen Romero to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled RHP Taijuan Walker from Tacoma.
TEXAS RANGERS — Purchased the contract of INF Adam Rosales from Round Rock (PCL). Optioned INF Luis Sardinas to Round Rock.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Claimed RHP Cory Burns off waivers from Texas. Designated RHP Angel Sanchez for assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS —Sent LHP Brett Cecil to Buffalo (IL) for a rehab assignment
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned RHP Gus Schlosser to Gwinnett (IL).
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned RHP Dallas Beeler to Iowa (PCL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed RHP Jhoulys Chacin on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 29. Recalled RHP Chad Bettis from Colorado Springs (PCL).
MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned OF Jake Marisnick and RHP Anthony DeSclafani to New Orleans (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Sent RHP Dillon Gee to Brooklyn (NYP) for a rehab assignment.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Designated RHP Sean O'Sullivan for assignment. Optioned RHP Luis Garcia to Lehigh Valley (IL). Selected the contract of INF Andres Blanco from Lehigh Valley.
ST LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned RHP Jorge Rondon to Memphis (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Reinstated OF Bryce Harper from the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Xavier Cedeno and RHP Blake Treinen to Syracuse (IL).
American Association
AMARILLO SOX — Released INF Kelly Brachold. Signed RHP Jordan Egan and RHP Adam Mason.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Sold the contract of SS Nate Samson to Arizona (NL).
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Acquired RHP Chandler Barnard from San Angelo (UL) for a player to be named.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed RHP Mitch Talbot. Traded RHP Casey Barnes to Kansas City (AA) to complete a previous trade.
Can-Am League
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Sold the contract of RHP Nick Sarandides to Arizona (NL).
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Released RHP Zach Petersmine.
FRONTIER GREYS — Released INF Donald Blunt, RHP Frank DeJulio and RHP Josh Hildebrand. Placed RHP Kyle Blair on the retired list.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Released LHP Jake Hermsen and RHP Santo Manzanillo.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Traded INF Jared McDonald to the St Paul (AA) for a player to be named. Signed RHP B.J. Hyatt
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DETROIT PISTONS —Declined to exercise the team option on G Chauncey Billups contract for the 2014-15 season.
MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Fired coach Larry Drew.
ORLANDO MAGIC — Waived G Doron Lamb and G Jameer Nelson.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Waived G James Anderson.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Declined to extend qualifying offers to F Robbie Hummel and G Othyus Jeffers, making them unrestricted free agents
FOOTBALL
National Football League
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed OL Daryn Colledge to a one-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed G Al Netter to a one-year contract.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed WRs Lamont Bryant and D.J. Coles.
TORONTO ARGONAUTS — Signed SB-KR Chad Owens and C Jeff Keeping to contract extensions through the 2015 season.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Placed DB Korey Banks on the suspended list.
Arena Football
ORLANDO PREDATORS — Acquired DL Michael Jamac from New Orleans to complete an earlier trade.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Bought out the contract of D Ed Jovanovski making him a free agent.
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Re-signed D Jeff Schultz to a two-year contract.
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Traded F Daniel Brière to Colorado for F Pierre-Alexandre Parenteau and a 2015 fifth-round draft pick.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Traded F Nate Thompson to Anaheim for 2015 fourth- and seventh-round draft picks.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Placed D Tim Gleason on unconditional waivers for the purpose of buying out his contract.
WINNIPEG JETS — Agreed to terms with D Adam Pardy on a one-year contract extension
ECHL
STOCKTON THUNDER — Re-signed D Ryan Constant.
UTAH GRIZZLIES — Re-signed D Mike Folkes to a one-year contract. LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
EDMONTON RUSH — Acquired a 2014 first-round (No. 1) draft pick, a 2015 second-round draft pick and G Tyler Carlson from Minnesota for a 2014 first-round (No. 3) draft pick and G Brodie MacDonald
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS — Named Seth Bacon senior vice president, media.
SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Released MF Alex Martinez. Recalled MF Mikey Lopez from his loan to OKC Energy FC (USL PRO)
COLLEGE
AUSTIN PEAY — Announced the resignation of men's basketball assistant coach Bret Campbell.
BROWN — Named Ralph Tomasso, Jesyka Burks-Wiley and Tyler Patch women's assistant basketball coaches.
DELAWARE — Named Ryan Newell women's assistant volleyball coach.
DUKE — Announced basketball G Alexis Jones will transfer.
HOLY CROSS — Named Ryan Klipstein men's assistant lacrosse coach.
MEMPHIS — Named Thomas Carner assistant athletic director for events and facilities.
MIDDLE TENNESSEE — Announced the resignation of women's assistant basketball coach Marsiska Harris.
PENNSYLVANIA — Named Colin Farrell men's lightweight rowing coach and Pat Myers men's assistant lacrosse coach.
ROSE-HULMAN — Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Jim Shaw. Promoted Rusty Loyd to men's basketball coach.
SAINT XAVIER — Announced the retirement of men's cross country and track & field coach Ed McAllister.
TEXAS STATE — Named Stephanie Stoglin-Reed women's assistant basketball coach.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Sprint Cup Points Leaders Through June 29 Points

1. Jeff Gordon, 618. 2. Jimmie Johnson, 594. 3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 594. 4. Brad Keselowski, 560. 5. Matt Kenseth, 555. 6. Carl Edwards, 536. 7. Joey Logano, 519. 8. Ryan Newman, 514. 9. Kevin Harvick, 509. 10. Kyle Busch, 508.
11. Paul Menard, 488. 12. Kyle Larson, 474. 13. Greg Biffle, 474. 14. Clint Bowyer, 473. 15. Kasey Kahne, 465. 16. Tony Stewart, 460. 17. Denny Hamlin, 455. 18. Austin Dillon, 455. 19. Brian Vickers, 442. 20. Marcos Ambrose, 438. Money

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Arkansas complete series sweep of 'Hounds

By Len Hayward
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The Midland RockHounds battled back from a four-run deficit to cut it to one run Monday. But they couldn't produce the hits and runs needed for a comeback in a 4-3 loss to the Arkansas Travelers at Security Bank Ballpark.

The RockHounds (5-6) hit the road mired in a five-game losing streak, but of the five games Midland has lost this week, Monday's was possibly one of the team's better performances at the plate.

The RockHounds struggled to string together hits against Arkansas starter Nate Smith, but in the seventh they were able to score some runs against reliever Carmine Giardina. The big hit was a two-run triple by Conner Crumbliss down the right-field line. Crumbliss then scored on an RBI ground-out by Billy Burns.

But the RockHounds couldn't come up with the equalizing run in the eighth or ninth.

The Travelers took a 3-0 lead in the third taking advantage of a hit batter and a Drew Granier throwing error. Maikol Gonzalez had an RBI double and Kaleb Cowart followed with a two-run single for the 3-0 lead.

Arkansas (8-4) scored with another run in the fifth when Kyle Hudson, who reached on an error, came in on a wild pitch for a 4-0 lead.

Midland reliever Murphy Smith came on in the sixth, though, and shut the Travelers down the rest of the game. Smith pitched four scoreless innings, giving up one hit with four strikeouts. Granier took the loss, pitching five innings and allowing four runs, two earned, on five hits with one strikeout and one walk.

Midland will have today off and then begin a six-day road trip at Northwest Arkansas on Wednesday.

'HOUNDS BITES: Arkansas' Alex Yarbrough received a rare day off on Monday. The hard-hitting second baseman has played in a league-high 80 games this season. Even though he didn't play, he left his mark on Midland in the two games he participated in. Yarbrough went 7-for-10 in the series, and is hitting .296 this season. ... Kaleb Cowart was 2-for-4 on Monday and is now hitting .451 against the RockHounds this year. ... Chad Oberacker had a six-game hit streak snapped Monday as he was 0-for-2 with a walk and a sacrifice. ... Shawn Haviland is schedule to start Wednesday's game in Northwest Arkansas. He will take on Andy Ferguson. Haviland is 4-5 this season with a 3.29 ERA. ... Rocky RockHound celebrated his 15 birthday on Sunday.

Travelers 4
RockHounds 3

Texas League
Second half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	8	4	.667	—
NW Arkansas	6	6	.500	2
Springfield	5	6	.455	2 1/2
x-Tulsa	5	6	.455	2 1/2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	7	4	.636	—
x-Frisco	5	5	.455	2
Midland	5	6	.455	2
Corpus Christi	4	7	.364	3

x-clinched first half

Monday's Scores
Frisco 9, Northwest Arkansas 2
San Antonio 7, Springfield 6, 10 innings, 1st game
Arkansas 4, Midland 3
San Antonio at Springfield, late
Corpus Christi at Tulsa, late
Today's Games
No games scheduled
Wednesday's Games
Tulsa at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.
Springfield at Corpus Christi, 7:10 p.m.

TRAVELERS 4, ROCKHOUNDS 3

Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi
Gonzalez 2b	4	1	1	1
Cowart 3b	4	0	2	2
Hernandez 1b	4	0	1	0
Bianucci dh	4	0	0	0
Melker rf	3	0	0	0
De la Rosa c	4	0	0	0
Held lf	4	0	0	0
Stamets ss	3	1	2	0
Hudson cf	2	2	0	0
Totals	32	4	6	3

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Burns cf	5	0	0	1
Russell ss	3	0	1	0
Muncy 1b	3	0	0	0
Martin 3b	2	0	0	0
Nakajima dh	3	0	2	0
Myers pr	0	0	0	0
Coleman 2b	2	0	0	0
Oberacker rf	2	1	0	0
Forsythe c	4	1	2	0
Crumbliss lf	4	1	1	2
Totals	28	3	6	3

Arkansas	.003 010 000—4
Midland	.000 000 300—3

E — Granier (2). Russell (2). DP — Midland. 1. LOB — Arkansas 4, Midland 7. 2B — Gonzalez (4), Cowart (12). 3B — Crumbliss (3). SB — Melker (6), Cowart (17). CS — Coleman (3), Nakajima (1). S — Oberacker, Coleman. Hudson

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arkansas						
N. Smith W, 4-1	6	3	0	0	5	4
Giardina	1	3	3	3	1	1
Diaz	1	0	0	0	1	0
Bednosian S, 10	1	0	0	0	0	1
Midland						
Granier L, 4-4	5.0	5	4	2	1	1
M. Smith	4.0	1	0	0	0	4

WP — Granier. HBP — by Granier (Stamets). T — 2:48. A — 3,344

BURNS

From 1C

had an on-base percentage above .400.

"This season for me, it's definitely just getting on base, and I'm struggling this year for my own standards of getting on base and becoming more of a part of each game," said Burns. "I just want to help the team."

Burns said getting on base is something he's been working on this season on an everyday basis.

That attitude of wanting to learn every day and get better, along with his speed, is something that impressed the A's during spring training, and he's certainly lived up to his billing as a player that can make things happen on the base paths this season in Midland.

Burns is currently eighth on the Midland franchise list for stolen bases. The record is 59, set by Ricky Baker in 1983 with the Midland Cubs.

"My managers have been great and they are pretty open to stealing when I want," Burns said. "It's awesome having their respect and their trust knowing I can do it. If I mess up they are not going to get on me too much."

RockHounds manager Aaron Nieckula said Burns has a phenomenal instinct for running bases and stealing, but he would like to see him be a little more aggressive on the base paths. It's not that Burns hasn't been aggressive, but Nieckula said he would like him to turn it up just a little more.

Burns is stealing bases at more than a 90 percent rate this season, but Nieckula said Burns can sometimes worry more about his stolen base percentage than just running bases. Plus, he'd like to see him more aggressive on a double steal and stealing third, along with other fine points of stealing bases.

"Sometimes you've got to take the risk and sometimes you get thrown out. I just don't want him to shut it down based on a number," Nieckula said. "I don't want him to get so wrapped up in the stolen base percentage. I want him to have quantity, the more he steals the higher chances we are going to have to score runs. And quite honestly, his success rate is going to be 80-85 percent at any level he goes to."

At the beginning of the season, Burns said he has had a green light to steal most every time he gets on base and he's been pretty successful at it. But he also wants to continue to make the improvements needed to move up through the A's organization, and he knows that by playing every day he gets that chance.

"You fail so many times in this game you get the opportunity to learn from it, and you are able to fix it eventually," Burns said. "Then you can take off. It's always a learning experience."

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Attention, shoppers! Free agency opens in the NBA

Associated Press

Free agency has opened in the NBA with LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony leading the available players.

Players and teams could begin negotiating just past midnight EDT on Tuesday morning, though contracts can't be signed until July 10.

James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, who joined together in Miami in 2010 and have led the Heat to two championships and four straight NBA Finals, all became free agents.

Though many expect that trio to stay with the Heat, Anthony could be persuaded to leave the New York Knicks for a team that he believes gives him a better chance to compete for a championship.

Longtime stars Paul Pierce and Dirk Nowitzki also are free agents, along with players such as Toronto's Kyle Lowry and Indiana's Lance Stephenson.

After the San Antonio Spurs dethroned James and the two-time defending champion Miami Heat with a max contract-shunning, throwback brand of selfless play, the allure of splurging on one big star will be too intoxicating for most teams to resist.

The Spurs have mastered the art of team building, with their three foundational pieces taking less money, playing in a system that limits their personal statistics and living in a market far from Broadway. But that's far easier to aspire to than to actually achieve. In a game where one star can have such a big impact on the fortunes of a franchise, most teams with any cap space will be chasing them like mad.

It's no secret that the Cavs would love to bring James back home, but the Heat are hoping to not only reunite their Big 3 but bolster the supporting cast around them to make another title run. Pat Riley is believed to be selling them on a Spurs-like model of taking less than they could make individually elsewhere to keep the core together.

"Being able to have flexibility as a professional, anyone, that's what we all would like," James said shortly after the finals.

The Houston Rockets have landed big-time players each of the last two summers, but even James Harden and Dwight Howard aren't enough. General manager Daryl Morey wants more star power to put the Rockets over the top in the mighty Western Conference, and he's willing to pay a hefty price to do it.

The Chicago Bulls should have Derrick Rose returning after two seasons derailed by knee injuries and Joakim Noah prowling the paint. But they're expected to jump into the market for the biggest names available in hopes of adding some scoring punch. The Indiana Pacers have been clear that they want Stephenson back.

The Phoenix Suns were one of the feel-good stories last year, a young team that rode chemistry, cohesion and exuberance to 48 wins. But GM Ryan McDonough knows the best way to expedite the resurgence in the desert is to add a marquee player to make things easier on Goran Dragic, Bledsoe (a restricted free agent) and the rest of a promising nucleus.

And, of course, there are the Los Angeles Lakers, a franchise that prides itself on bringing in big names to play in the bright lights. The last time they went big — trading for Dwight Howard two years ago — it didn't work out. Now they are armed with millions in cap space and GM Mitch Kupchak has made it clear that the Lakers aren't interested in rebuilding.

"As long as Kobe is on this team," Kupchak said, "we have to believe we can contend for a championship."

Kidd to Bucks after Nets agree to deal

NEW YORK — Jason Kidd had a seat in the coaching box and a jersey in the rafters.

He wanted more. And now his celebrated return to the Nets has turned into yet another ugly exit.

Kidd is set to become Milwaukee's coach after Brooklyn agreed to a deal Monday with the Bucks, who paved the way for Kidd's arrival by firing coach Larry Drew.

The Nets will receive second-round draft picks in 2015 and 2019. They said a search for a new coach would begin immediately.

Kidd went 44-38 in his only season as Nets coach, but then sought control of the basketball operations department and was denied. The Nets gave him permission to talk to other teams about a job.

Associated Press

Clippers sale hinges on legalities of family trust

By Tami Abdollah
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The $2 billion sale of the Los Angeles Clippers will hinge on the technicalities of family trust law and whether Donald Sterling's estranged wife had the right to unilaterally negotiate a deal with former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer.

The July 7 trial will look at the trust's terms alone and not focus on whether the 80-year-old Sterling is mentally incapacitated, Superior Court Judge Michael Levanas said Monday.

Attorneys will argue about whether Shelly Sterling properly followed the terms of the trust in declaring Donald Sterling to be mentally incapacitated.

Shelly Sterling struck a deal to sell the team to Ballmer in May after Donald Sterling's racist remarks to a girlfriend were publicized and the NBA moved to oust him as an owner.

She had two doctors examine her husband and they declared that he was mentally incapacitated and unable to act as an administrator of The Sterling Family Trust, which owns the Clippers. The terms of the trust say incapacitation can be determined by two licensed doctors without ties to the family who are specialists in their field.

In court filings, Donald Sterling's attorneys argued that he submitted to medical examination under false pretenses, and that the examination and letters regarding his mental capacity were defective and incomplete.

The judge said another issue likely to be front and center during the trial is what happens to a deal that hasn't been closed when a trust is revoked. Donald Sterling revoked the trust on June 9.

Shelly Sterling's attorneys say finishing the deal with Ballmer is part of winding down the trust's affairs. But Donald Sterling's attorneys say the revocation means probate court has no jurisdiction, and winding down affairs refers to passive actions, not a sale that markedly changes the assets in the trust and its value.

Timing has been an issue throughout the proceedings and Levanas did not allow the trial to be postponed as requested by Donald Sterling's attorneys. An expedited timetable was put forward from the beginning because NBA owners must approve the deal and they're schedule to meet July 15 to vote.

That's the same day Ballmer's offer is set to expire — and there is no deal without the judge's determination that a sale was properly done.

If the sale isn't completed by Sept. 15, the league said it could seize the team and put it up for auction.

Saunders struggles as Rangers fall to Orioles

Orioles 7
Rangers 1

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Joe Saunders' perfect record against the Baltimore Orioles disintegrated with a flawed performance that left the left-hander in a dour mood.

Saunders yielded four home runs, two in the first inning, and that was enough to send the Texas Rangers to a 7-1 defeat Monday night.

Saunders (0-5) came in with a 7-0 record against Baltimore. No one in history had more wins without a loss against the Orioles, but that mark is now history.

In his last three starts, Saunders has given up 20 runs in 15 2-3 innings.

"They have been miserable," he said. "It's tough man."

This one hurt a bit more than usual, because the Rangers desperately needed a win after losing nine of 11.

"You see your guys scuffling and you see your guys battling and playing hard. You try to pick them up and throw zeroes and instead you throw them in a hole the first inning," Saunders said. "It's not fun. It's not fun for me, it's not fun for them, it's not fun for anybody."

Steve Pearce hit two-run drives in the first and fourth innings to stake Baltimore to a 6-0 lead. It was the first two-homer game of his career.

Adam Jones and J.J. Hardy also homered for the Orioles, who hit a major league-leading 46 long balls in June. It was the first time Saunders yielded four homers in a game since June 30, 2009.

"The first home run to Pearce was a bad pitch, the other three were decent pitches," he said. "I have to get the ball down and get more groundballs, for sure."

Ubaldo Jimenez (3-8) allowed one run, none earned, and four hits with seven strikeouts in eight innings. The right-hander walked only one after issuing 30 free passes in his previous seven starts.

Signed to a four-year, $50 million contract in February, Jimenez was 0-4 in nine starts since May 8 and 0-6 with a 6.28 ERA in eight starts this season at Camden Yards.

This start, however, was a pleasure.

"It feels good, finally, to get the first win at home and finally being there for the team," Jimenez said. "I know it's been really tough for me in the first half, but I have a lot of confidence, a lot of faith, that things are going to change."

Saunders can only hope for a change, too. After giving up seven runs and nine hits in five innings, the left-hander is 0-8 over 12 starts since beating Houston last August.

"You try to handle it the best you can," he said. "You try to turn it around and turn the page real quick."

The Rangers' 10th loss in 12 games left them 9-17 in June. Texas has dropped six straight on the road, its longest skid since an 0-6 streak in August 2010.

"I have to tell my team to keep battling," manager Ron Washington said. "There are nights that go like this. Hopefully tomorrow we can do it to them."

Baltimore pounced on Saunders immediately. Nick Markakis drew a leadoff walk and Pearce followed with a drive to left. After Saunders got the first out, Jones hit a shot into the left-field seats.

One inning later, Hardy made it 4-0 with his second home run of the season. The shortstop hit 25 last year.

It was 6-0 before Texas got a run in the fifth on a throwing error by Chris Davis, who was playing third base for the first time since 2011 as a replacement for Manny Machado, who started a five-game suspension. Davis drew Pearce off first base with a hurried throw while Leonys Martin scored from third with two outs.

Caleb Joseph delivered a sacrifice fly in the bottom half.



Gail Burton/AP

Texas left fielder Shin-Soo Choo watches a ball hit by Baltimore's Steve Pearce sail into the stands for a home run Monday in the fourth inning in Baltimore.

Mariners hit 4 HRs in win over Astros

Mariners 10
Astros 4

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Robinson Cano had a three-run shot in the seventh inning, one of the Seattle Mariners' season-high four homers in a 10-4 win over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Mike Zunino had a two-run drive in the second, Michael Saunders added a pair on his long ball in the fourth and Brad Miller homered two batters later to help the Mariners to their eighth win in 10 games.

Heralded prospect Taijuan Walker (1-0) allowed homer runs to George Springer and Marwin Gonzalez early before settling down to strike out six in six innings in his season debut after dealing with a shoulder problem.

Rookie James Jones had a career-high four hits and his second three-steal game. He's the second player in franchise history and first since Ichiro Suzuki in 2004 to have at least four hits and three steals in a game.

Houston starter Collin McHugh (4-7) allowed five hits, five runs and tied a career high with three home runs in six innings.

Walker has started four major league games and three have come against the Astros. He picked up his second win on Monday night and the first since he also beat the Astros in his major league debut on Aug. 30. The 21-year-old made six starts at Triple-A Tacoma before he was recalled on Monday.

Houston's Jose Altuve went 0 for 3, but extended his franchise record by stealing a base in his seventh straight game. He leads the American League with 37 this season and his seven-game steal streak is the most in the majors since Chone Figgins did it in 2010.

He was plunked on the left elbow in the fifth inning, but appeared to be OK.

Alex Presley singled with one out in the first before Springer's towering shot, which bounced off the glass above the left field wall, gave Houston a 2-0 lead. It was the first career homer allowed by Walker and traveled an estimated at 445 feet, which is the longest ever hit to left field by an Astro.

Springer leads the Astros with 16 homers this season, which is a franchise record for a rookie before the All-Star break.

Logan Morrison drew a walk to start the second before Zunino's homer to the Crawford Boxes in left field tied it at 2-all.

Gonzalez put Houston back on top in the bottom of the inning with his two-out homer, which crashed off the foul pole in right field. Walker walked Jon Singleton after that, but he limited the damage when Matt Dominguez hit into an inning-ending double play.

Zunino struck out with one out in the fourth inning, but reached first on a wild pitch. Saunders gave Seattle a 4-3 lead with his homer to the second deck in right field.

McHugh struck out Dustin Ackley before Miller's fifth home run this month pushed the lead to 5-3.

The Mariners got consecutive singles by Endy Chavez and Jones in the seventh before Cano's home run off Josh Ezeil sailed into the Crawford Boxes to make it 8-3.



Pat Sullivan/AP

Houston's George Springer tosses his bat after striking out in Monday's game against the Seattle Mariners in Houston.

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American League

RAYS 4 YANKEES 3, 12 INNINGS

NEW YORK — Logan Forsythe hit a tiebreaking single with two outs in the 12th inning and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the New York Yankees 4-3 Monday night after squandering a late lead.

Matt Joyce and Kevin Kiermaier homered for the resurgent Rays, who have their first three-game winning streak since taking a season-best four in a row May 22-25. They've won five of six overall and no longer own the worst record in the majors, a distinction that had belonged to them every day since June 4.

Brian Roberts homered off Rays reliever Joel Peralta with one out in the ninth to tie it 3-all. As the ball cleared the right-field wall, Peralta crouched near the mound and pounded his fist into his glove.

But the struggling Yankees were unable to muster any more offense and lost for the seventh time in nine games.

ROYALS 6 TWINS 1

MINNEAPOLIS — Alcides Escobar tied a career high with four RBI on two doubles and Salvador Perez homered to lift the Kansas City Royals to a 6-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Monday night.

Danny Duffy (5-7) gave up one run and four hits in 5 2/3 innings and Mike Moustakas had two hits for the Royals. Kansas City (43-39) has won three of four and is off to its best start since 2003.

Yohan Pino (0-2) gave up four runs and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings for the Twins. Eduardo Nunez had two hits and an RBI in his return from the disabled list for Minnesota, which has lost six of its last seven games to drop into last place in the AL Central.

The Royals entered the night 3 1/2 games behind Detroit in the division and 1 1/2 games out of the AL wild card.

TIGERS 5 ATHLETICS 4

DETROIT — Rajai Davis hit his third career grand slam with one out in the ninth inning, giving the Detroit Tigers a 5-4 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Monday night.

Oakland closer Sean Doolittle (2-2) was given a three-run lead to work with in the ninth, but only managed one out. Nick Castellanos and Alex Avila started the inning with singles. Eugenio Suarez struck out but Doolittle walked Austin Jackson — just the second walk he has issued this season — to load the bases.

Doolittle then missed the strike zone with a curveball, then hung another one over the middle of the plate. Davis didn't make any mistakes, hitting his first career walkoff homer down the left field line.

Detroit's rally took Anibal Sanchez off the hook — he allowed two earned runs in seven innings to extend his unbeaten streak to 10 starts.

Blaine Hardy (1-0) earned his first career victory with a scoreless top of the ninth.

National League

BRAVES 5 METS 3

ATLANTA — Three errors by New York fueled Atlanta's comeback as the Braves scored four runs in the eighth inning and beat the Mets 5-3 for their fifth straight win.

Errors by reliever Jeurys Familia (1-3), center fielder Juan Lagares and third baseman Eric Campbell in the eighth helped the Braves rally from a 3-1 deficit.

Anthony Varvaro (3-1) pitched one scoreless inning to earn the victory. Craig Kimbrel recorded the final three outs for his 25th save.

The Braves announced late in the game that catcher Evan Gattis will be placed on the 15-day disabled list after an MRI revealed a bulging thoracic disk in his back.

Curtis Granderson had two hits, including a homer, for the Mets.

NATIONALS 7 ROCKIES 3

WASHINGTON — Adam LaRoche homered, Ryan Zimmerman had three hits and Ian Desmond added two doubles and three RBI as the Washington Nationals welcomed back Bryce Harper with a 7-3 win over the Colorado Rockies on Monday night.

Harper, who missed 57 games because of a torn ligament in his left thumb, went 1 for 3 with an RBI single — on Bryce Harper bobblehead night.

Jordan Zimmermann (6-4) allowed two runs in six innings as Washington won its third straight.

Justin Morneau had three hits for the Rockies, who have lost 12 of 14.

Yohan Flande (0-1), making his second start, was charged with three runs on six hits.

The Nationals trailed 2-1 before a five-run sixth, highlighted by Desmond's three-run, bases-clearing double into the left-field corner.

Interleague

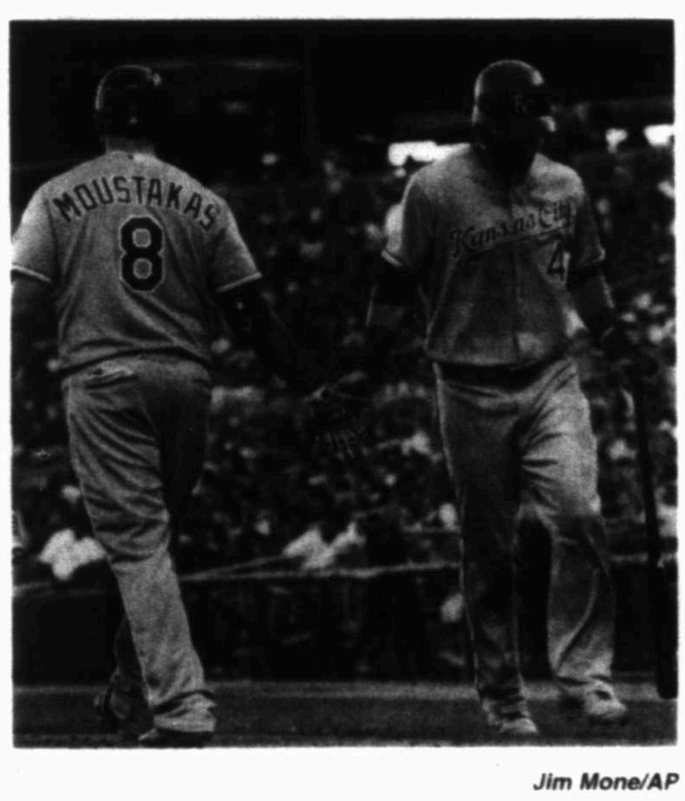
CUBS 2 RED SOX 0

BOSTON — Jake Arrieta held the Red Sox hitless until Stephen Drew singled with two outs in the eighth inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat Boston 2-0 on Monday night in the opener of only the second series between the teams at Fenway Park since 1918.

Six days after taking a perfect game into the seventh inning of his previous start at Wrigley Field against Cincinnati, Arrieta took his no-hit bid a little deeper at fabled Fenway. He allowed only Mike Napoli's fifth-inning walk before Drew line a clean single to right.

Arrieta (5-1) was lifted by Cubs manager Rick Renteria immediately following the hit that came on the right-hander's career-high 120th pitch.

The 28-year-old Arrieta was given a loud ovation before he even got to the foul line, tipping his cap to the Boston crowd. He tipped it again once he got across the line just before getting to the Cubs dugout.



Jim Mone/AP

Kansas City's Mike Moustakas, left, congratulates Alex Gordon after he scored on a single hit by Omar Infante in the fourth inning Monday in a game against the Minnesota Twins, in Minneapolis.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	45	39	536	—
Baltimore	43	39	524	1
New York	41	40	506	2 1/2
Boston	38	45	458	6 1/2
Tampa Bay	36	49	424	9 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	45	34	570	—
Kansas City	43	39	524	3 1/2
Cleveland	39	42	481	7
Chicago	39	44	470	8
Minnesota	37	44	457	9
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	51	31	622	—
Los Angeles	45	35	563	5
Seattle	45	38	542	6 1/2
Texas	37	45	451	14
Houston	36	48	429	16

Monday's Scores

Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 3, 12 innings
Baltimore 7, Texas 1
Detroit 5, Oakland 4
Chicago Cubs 2, Boston 0
Kansas City 6, Minnesota 1
Seattle 10, Houston 4
L.A. Angels at Chicago, ppd., rain
Cleveland at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games

Milwaukee (Estrada 7-4) at Toronto (Hutchison 5-6), 12:07 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Richards 8-2) at Chicago White Sox (Noesi 2-0), 4:10 p.m., 1st game
Tampa Bay (Price 6-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 5-5), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (N.Martinez 1-5) at Baltimore (McFarland 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mills 1-0) at Detroit (Porcello 10-4), 6:08 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 5-8) at Boston (Buchholz 3-4), 6:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Shields 8-3) at Minnesota (Nolasco 4-6), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Iwakuma 5-4) at Houston (Cosart 8-5), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 8-6) at Chicago White Sox (Carroll 2-4), 7:40 p.m., 2nd game
Cleveland (Masterson 4-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 5-4), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	45	38	542	—
Washington	44	38	537	1/2
Miami	39	43	476	5 1/2
New York	37	46	446	8
Philadelphia	36	46	439	8 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	51	33	607	—
Cincinnati	43	38	531	6 1/2
St. Louis	44	39	530	6 1/2
Pittsburgh	42	40	512	8
Chicago	35	46	432	14 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	46	36	561	—
Los Angeles	47	37	560	—
Colorado	36	47	434	10 1/2
San Diego	35	47	427	11
Arizona	35	49	417	12

Monday's Scores

Washington 7, Colorado 3
Chicago Cubs 2, Boston 0
Atlanta 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Cincinnati at San Diego, late
Cleveland at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games

Milwaukee (Estrada 7-4) at Toronto (Hutchison 5-6), 12:07 p.m.
Arizona (Miley 3-6) at Pittsburgh (Locke 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Friedrich 3-2) at Washington (Strasburg 6-6), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 5-8) at Boston (Buchholz 3-4), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Matsuzaka 3-2) at Atlanta (Minor 2-5), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (A.Burnett 5-7) at Miami (H.Alvarez 5-3), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 6-6) at San Diego (Kennedy 5-9), 9:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Masterson 4-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 5-4), 9:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Gonzales 0-0) at San Francisco (Lincecum 6-5), 9:15 p.m.

MONDAY'S AL WEST BOXES

ORIOLES 7, RANGERS 1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Choo lf	4	0	0	0	Markks rf	4	1	0	0
Andrus ss	4	0	1	0	Pearce 1b	5	2	2	4
C.Pena 1b	4	0	0	0	Flahrty 3b	3	0	0	0
ABeltre 3b	3	0	1	0	N.Cruz lf	4	0	0	0
Ros rf	4	0	0	0	A.Jones cf	3	1	2	1
LMartn cf	3	1	0	0	C.Davis 3b-1b	4	0	0	0
Chirins c	3	0	1	0	Dfrdng dh	4	0	1	0
Odor 2b	3	0	1	0	JHardy ss	3	2	2	1
Choice dh	3	0	0	0	Schoop 2b	4	1	2	0
					Clasph p	3	0	1	1
Totals	31	1	4	0	Totals	34	7	10	7
Texas					.000 010 000—1				
Baltimore					.310 210 00x—7				

E—A.Beltre (8), Andrus (9), C.Davis (3). DP—Texas 1, LOB—Texas 5, Baltimore 8. 2B—A.Beltre (18), Chirinos (9), Schoop (10). HR—Pearce 2 (8), A.Jones (15), J.Hardy (2). CS—Andrus (7). SF—C.Joseph.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
J.Saunders L,0-5	5	9	7	7	2	2
Sh.Tolleson	1	0	0	0	1	1
Rowen	1	1	0	0	1	1
S.Baker	1	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore						
U.Jimenez W,3-8	8	4	1	0	1	7
R.Ramirez	1	1	0	0	1	2

T—2:53. A—15,252 (45,971).

MARINERS 10, ASTROS 4

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
EnChnz dh	4	1	1	0	Altuve 2b	3	0	0	0
J.Jones cf	5	2	4	0	Presley cf	4	1	2	0
Cano 2b	5	2	2	3	Springr rf	3	1	1	2
Seager 3b	4	0	0	0	Singltn 1b	3	0	0	0
Morrsn 1b	3	1	1	1	MDmn 3b	4	0	1	0
Zunino c	5	2	1	3	JCastro c	3	1	0	0
MSndrs rf	4	1	1	2	Guzmn dh	4	0	1	0
Ackley lf	4	0	0	0	MGnzlz ss	4	1	1	2
JMiller ss	4	1	1	1	Hoes lf	4	0	0	0
Totals	38	10	11	10	Totals	31	4	6	4
Seattle					.020 300 302—10				
Houston					.210 000 001—4				

DP—Seattle 2. LOB—Seattle 6, Houston 5. 2B—Guzman (4). HR—Cano (6), Zunino (12). M.Saunders (5), B.Miller (6), Springer (16). Ma.Gonzalez (3). SB—J.Jones 3 (17), Altuve (37), Springer (3). CS—M.Saunders (4).

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
T.Walker W,1-0	6	5	3	3	2	6
Wilhelmsen S,1-3	3	1	1	1	2	0
Houston						
McHugh L,4-7	6	5	5	5	4	8
Zeid	1	3	3	3	0	0
Je.Williams	2	2	2	2	1	2

HBP—by T.Walker (Altuve). WP—McHugh. T—3:07. A—17,340 (42,060).

TIGERS 5, ATHLETICS 4

Oakland	Detroit
ab r h bi	ab r h bi
Crisp cf 5 0 2 0	RDavis lf 5 1 2 4
Jaso c 5 0 0 0	Kinsler 2b 5 0 0 0
Cespds lf 3 2 1 0	MCarr 1b 4 1 2 1
Gentry lf 1 0 0 0	JMrtnz dh 2 0 0 0
Moss rf 4 1 2 1	Tuiasi rf 4 0 0 0
Dnldsn dh 3 1 0 0	Collins 3b 3 1 1 0
Vogt 1b 4 0 1 0	Avila c 4 1 1 0
Lowrie ss 4 0 2 3	Suarez ss 4 0 0 0
Callasp 3b 4 0 0 0	Aucken cf 3 1 0 0
Sogard 2b 4 0 0 0	
Totals 37 4 10 4	Totals 31 5 7 5
Oakland	.000 001 030 —4
Detroit	.000 001 004 —5

One out when winning run scored.

E—Suarez (4), DP—Oakland 1, Detroit 1. LOB—Oakland 8, Detroit 7. 2B—Crisp (16), Moss (14), M.Cabrera (26). HR—R.Davis (6), Mi.Cabrera (14). SB—Vogt (1), R.Davis (22). Kinsler (9). Castellanos (2).

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kazmir	5 1-3	4	1	1	3	7
Otero	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Gregerson	1	0	0	0	2	0
Doolittle L,1-3	1-3	3	4	4	1	1
Detroit						
A.Sanchez	7	8	3	2	0	2
Chamberlain	0	2	1	1	1	0
Coke	1	0	0	0	0	0
B.Hardy W,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1

A.Sanchez pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. Chamberlain pitched to 3 batters in the 8th. HBP—by A.Sanchez (Cespedes).

T—3:23. A—42,477 (41,681).

MONDAY'S LINESCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RAYS 4, YANKEES 3, 12 INNINGS

Tampa Bay	101	000	010	001	—	4	9	0
New York	000	002	001	000	—	3	9	0

Archer, McGee (8), Jo.Peralta (9), Balfour (10), Boxberger (11) and Hanigan; Phelps, Warren (8), Betances (8), Dav.Robertson (9), Kelley (10), Ramirez (12) and McCann. W—Boxberger (1-1). L—Ramirez (0-2). HRs—Tampa Bay, Joyce (6), Kiermaier (7). New York, B.Roberts (4).

ROYALS 6, TWINS 1

Kansas City	020	101	020	—6	10	0
Minnesota	000	010	000	—1	9	2

Duffy, Crow (6), Bueno (7), K.Herrera (7), Madson (9) and S.Perez; Pino, Thielbar (6), Guerrier (7), Burton (8), Swarzak (9) and K.Suzuki. W—Duffy, 5-7. L—Pino, 0-2. HRs—Kansas City, S.Perez (10).

INTERLEAGUE

CUBS 2, RED SOX 0

Chicago	000	200	000	—2	5	0
Boston	000	000	000	—0	2	0

Arrieta, Strop (8), H.Rondon (9) and Castillo; Peavy, Badenhop (7), Breslow (8), Mujica (9) and D.Ross. W—Arrieta, 5-1. L—Peavy, 7-5. Sv—H.Rondon (10). HRs—Chicago, Schierholtz (4).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NATIONALS 7, ROCKIES 3

Colorado	000	002	010	—3	9	1
Washington	000	105	10x	—7	9	0

Flande, Scahill (6), Masset (8) and Rosario; Zimmermann, Storen (7), Barrett (8), Blevins (9) and W.Ramos. W—Zimmermann 6-4. L—Flande, 0-1. HRs—Washington, LaRoche (12).

BRAVES 5, METS 3

New York	111	000	000	—3	8	3
Atlanta	000	010	04x	—5	8	0

Z.Wheeler, Black (7), Edgin (7), Familia (8), Eveland (8) and d'Arnaud; A.Wood, Avilan (7), Varvaro (8), Kimbrel (9) and Bethancourt. W—Varvaro 3-1. L—Familia 1-3. Sv—Kimbrel (25). HRs—New York, Granderson (11).

Suarez apologizes for biting opponent at World Cup

By Mattias Karen
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — After a few days of reflection, Luis Suarez acknowledged what millions saw on TV — he did bite an opponent during a game at the World Cup. In addition, he said he's sorry about it, and promised it will never happen again.

Ending a unified protest in Uruguay by everyone from Suarez to teammates, fans and even the country's president that the star striker had done nothing wrong, the Liverpool player on Monday offered an apology to Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini.

"I deeply regret what occurred," Suarez said in a statement posted on Twitter. "I apologize to Giorgio Chiellini and the entire football family. ... I vow to the public that there will never again be another incident like (this)."

The Uruguay striker was banned for four months from all football by FIFA for biting the shoulder of Chiellini during the team's 1-0 win over Italy in their group-stage game in Brazil. The incident was not spotted by the referee, and the Uruguayans' victory sent them through to the second round while Italy was eliminated. It is the third time Suarez has been banned for biting an opponent, after similar incidents at both Ajax in the Dutch league and Liverpool in the English Premier League.


Suarez

Chiellini responded on Twitter shortly after Suarez posted his statement, accepting the apology.

"It's all forgotten," the Italian wrote in English. "I hope FIFA will reduce your suspension."

Suarez had originally denied wrongdoing in a written response to FIFA, and had been staunchly defended by teammates and Uruguayan officials. His apology could be taken into account by FIFA when it considers an appeal of the ban, which the Uruguayan federation has said it will file.

"After several days of being home with my family, I have had the opportunity to regain my calm and reflect about the reality of what occurred during the Italy-Uruguay match," the statement said. "(The) truth is that my colleague Giorgio Chiellini suffered the physical result of a bite in the collision he suffered with me."

Suarez was also suspended from Uruguay's next nine international matches — the first of which was a 2-0 loss to Colombia in the round of 16 on Saturday.

Suarez had already returned home to Uruguay by then, and has received an outpouring of support from Uruguayan fans and even the country's president, who blasted FIFA over the ban.

Germany edges Algeria in extra time

Germany 2
Algeria ..... 1 (ET)

By Andrew Dampf
Associated Press

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil — Substitute Andre Schuerrle and Mesut Ozil scored in extra time Monday to lead Germany over an aggressive Algeria 2-1 and into the World Cup quarterfinals.

Thomas Mueller provided a cross from the left flank that was slightly behind Schuerrle. The Germany forward dragged his left leg and backheeled the ball into the far corner in the 92nd minute, leaving goalkeeper Rais Mbolhi with no chance.

Ozil added the second in the 120th, and substitute Abdelmoumene Djabou pulled one back in injury time for Algeria.

Three-time champion Germany, which has now advanced past the second round at nine consecutive World Cups, will next face 1998 winner France on Friday at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro.

With the temperature a chilly 14 degrees Celsius (57 degrees Fahrenheit) and a light rain falling at times, the pace was high at the Estadio Beira-Rio but the goals didn't come until the end.


Thanassis Stavrakis/AP

Germany's Mesut Ozil, left, and Algeria's Mehdi Mostefa challenge for the ball Monday in a World Cup round of 16 match at the Estadio Beira-Rio in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Ozil thought he had put the result out of reach when he pounded in a rebound after a shot from Schuerrle was cleared off the line by defender Essed Belkalem, but Djabou volleyed in a minute later to make the last seconds count.

Perhaps inspired by the "Disgrace of Gijon" at the 1982 World Cup, when Germany and Austria supposedly conspired to oust Algeria in the group stage, the northern African nation outmatched Germany's intensity for long stretches in an entertaining match.

Algeria was playing in the second round of the World Cup for the first time and dominated early on. A goal from Islam Slimani was waved off for offside in the 17th, one of many opportunities for the Algeria striker.

At the start of the second half, Germany put Schuerrle on for Mario Goetze in an attacking midfield and came out better organized.

In the 55th, Germany captain Philipp Lahm unleashed a hard shot that an outstretched Rais did well to push wide with his fingertips.

Still, Algeria continued to produce dangerous counterattacks. In the 72nd, Neuer had to come out of his area to head away the danger with Slimani chasing.

In the 88th, Germany's inability to find the target turned theatrical for a moment when Mueller appeared to fall during a free kick.

BRAZIL BEAT

Waffle House vs Belgian waffles

Associated Press

SALVADOR, Brazil — Waffle House doesn't serve Belgian waffles and certainly won't start now.

The Georgia-based restaurant chain took to its Twitter account Monday to proclaim, "We don't believe in Belgium waffles." Or Belgian waffles, as a follower quickly corrected. But the sentiment, a riff on American fans' "I believe that we will win" chant, was popular a day before the U.S. faces Belgium in the World Cup.

Restaurant spokeswoman Meghan Irwin said it's all in good fun. Earlier, when a follower asked for the restaurant's opinion on Belgian waffles, it tweeted: "We dominate them."

Waffle House serves American-style waffles. Belgian waffles are bigger with a lighter batter.

In Belgium, waffles have been a part of the diet for centuries. But so-called Belgian waffles aren't really served in that country. There are Brussels waffles and Liege waffles.

CHEAP TRAVEL

SAO PAULO — Travel doesn't get any cheaper than the Argentine fans who have covered more than 1,000 miles in motor homes and vans for days even without having tickets.

Penniless musicians, hitchhikers and other devoted fans began arriving Monday at the parking lot of Sao Paulo's Sambadrome, a venue used for Carnival parades that the city opened for them to camp. Argentina is playing against Switzerland in the city's Itaquerao Stadium on Tuesday to advance to quarterfinals.

Some fans wearing light blue and white were making noodles in a shabby pot.

"That's what we have been eating every day," said 48-year-old Fritz Latzina, who called himself a "professional fan," putting nearly 2,361 miles on his RV since he left Buenos Aires on June 11.

Mariano Bellotti, 22, had been hitchhiking with his friend for the past six months traveling from their native Mar de Plata.

"We thought this year we will be champions, so let's make it a trip, work odd jobs and live it to the fullest from the start," he said.

They couldn't afford the tickets, but they will hit the Fan Fests to support the players.

One of the vans parked at the Sambadrome stands out because of a giant sticker on its hood of Pope Francis with an Argentine flag to his right and a Brazilian one to his left.

Anticipating a final between the South American rivals, van owner Jose Alberto Brizio, 63, said, "Let the best team win."

"But he is blessing the best one," said Brizio, showing with a cigarette in hand that the pope is waving at his country's flag.

WORLD CUP DOODLES

SAO PAULO — A bright blue letter G boots ball after ball through an O-shaped life preserver hanging from a palm tree in a makeshift version of a World Cup shootout. A red "e" lounges on the sand, sipping a tropical beverage through a straw.

The Google "Doodle Team," as it's called, is having a blast on-site in Brazil for this World Cup, offering up soccer-themed daily animations on the home page. Multiple versions each day, in fact.

This is the first time doodles are being created outside Google's Silicon Valley headquarters in Mountain View, California.

France beats Nigeria to advance to World Cup quarters

France 2
Nigeria 0

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil — After being touted as one of the World Cup's entertainers, it was a gritty performance which got France through to the quarterfinals in a 2-0 victory over Nigeria on Monday.

France's forward line had made headlines with eight goals in its opening two group games, but there was little flair on display in a hard-fought contest against the African champions.

France needed a late header from midfielder Paul Pogba and an injury-time own goal from defender Joseph Yobo to overcome a robust Nigeria.

The reward is a quarterfinal against Germany on Friday at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium, following the Germans' 2-1 victory over Algeria.

Pogba's goal in the 79th minute followed Nigeria's best spell of the match and came soon after France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris had made a crucial save to deny Peter Odemwingie.

"We're not the prettiest or the best, but we can do good things," France coach Didier Deschamps said after the game. "The deliverance came late. There was a lot of tension because we were up against a very athletic side and there were a lot of challenges."

Nigeria, which had a goal ruled out for offside in the 19th minute after Emmanuel Emenike poked home Ahmed Musa's cross from the left, wasted a lot of second-half possession.

Four years ago, France crashed out of the group stage, shamed a nation by going on strike and was jeered by its own fans and lambasted by politicians in the fallout from an embarrassing tournament.

It's very different situation now.

"I'm proud of my players because we're coming back from very far. I think we've given a lot of pleasure back to our fans," Deschamps said. "I think there were 5,000 here and millions back home who will feel proud."


David Vincent/AP

France's Mathieu Valbuena celebrates after Nigeria's Joseph Yobo scored an own goal Monday a World Cup round of 16 match at the Estadio Nacional in Brasilia, Brazil.

Pogba's crucial goal came after Nigeria goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama had just made a superb save to tip over Karim Benzema's header. But he he flapped at the ball from the ensuing corner and Pogba pounced in the 79th minute for his first World Cup goal.

That atoned for placing a volley too close to Enyeama in a scrappy first half.

Scoring such a crucial goal will boost his confidence heading into the last eight game.

"We have four days left to prepare for another battle," Deschamps said.

Yobo, who announced his international retirement after the game, turned the ball into his own net in stoppage time under pressure from France substitute Antoine Griezmann.

At the final whistle, France's relieved players danced in front of their fans as dreams of a repeat run to the final — just like in 2006 — moved a step closer.

"We had the whole country behind us," Pogba said. "It's one of the proudest moments of my life."

France started slowly and finished strongly in the second round match.

"I've yet to see a team play well over the whole 90 minutes," Deschamps said. "Nigeria dropped off a bit and that allowed us to get on top."

After Griezmann came on, Benzema finally came alive in the 70th, opening up the defense after a clever one-two with the France substitute. After Enyeama blocked Benzema's initial shot, his follow-up effort was hacked clear by Victor Moses. Video technology confirmed that the ball had not crossed the line.

France failed to show the attacking flair of previous games, with Giroud skewing a shot wide early on.

He also appeared to elbow John Obi Mikel in an off-the ball incident, having done the same in last week's 0-0 draw with Ecuador after coming on as a second-half substitute.

"The referee saw it and didn't even give him a warning. Not a yellow card, nothing," Mikel said. "The intention was there."

WORLD CUP GLANCE

SECOND ROUND
Saturday, June 28
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Brazil 1, Chile 1, Brazil advanced 3-2 on penalty kicks
At Rio de Janeiro
Colombia 2, Uruguay 0
Sunday, June 29
At Fortaleza, Brazil
Netherlands 2, Mexico 1
At Recife, Brazil
Costa Rica 1, Greece 1, Costa Rica advanced 5-3 on penalty kicks
Monday
At Brasilia, Brazil
France 2, Nigeria 0
At Porto Alegre, Brazil
Germany 2, Algeria 1, OT
Today
At Sao Paulo
Argentina vs. Switzerland, Noon
At Salvador, Brazil
Belgium vs. United States, 3 p.m.
QUARTERFINALS
Friday, July 4
At Rio de Janeiro
France vs. Germany, 11 a.m.
At Fortaleza, Brazil
Brazil vs. Colombia, 3 p.m.
Saturday, July 5
At Brasilia, Brazil
Argentina-Switzerland winner vs. Belgium-United States winner, 11 a.m.
At Salvador, Brazil
Netherlands vs. Costa Rica, 3 p.m.
SEMIFINALS
Tuesday, July 8
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Brazil-Colombia winner vs. France-Germany, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, July 9
At Sao Paulo
Netherlands-Costa Rica winner vs. Argentina-Switzerland—Belgium-United States winner, 3 p.m.
THIRD PLACE
Saturday, July 12
At Brasilia, Brazil
Semifinal losers, 3 p.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 13
At Rio de Janeiro
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

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million viewers on ESPN and Spanish-language Univision for its three first-round games, and viewing parties are scheduled for today in such places as Solider Field in Chicago to Veteran's Park in Redondo Beach, California.

"The country is paying attention in a way that it's never done before, and we have a chance to make some history," U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati said.

President Barack Obama even watched last week from Air Force One.

A victory against Belgium would put the U.S. in a Saturday quarterfinal against Argentina or Switzerland. With kickoff at 3 p.m.. People are expected to leave work early, take extended lunch breaks and sneak looks at online streams from their mobile phones and office desktops.

"It means a lot to us, the energy that comes from the United States," said Klinsmann, the former German star striker who moved to California in 1998. "You see where the game is going in the United States. You can't stop it anymore. It's breaking through."

The 13th-ranked Americans are in the knockout rounds of consecutive World Cups for the first time. Belgium, ranked 11th after missing the last two World Cups, has won three straight games at soccer's showcase for the first time.

But the Red Devils are banged up. Central defender Vincent Kompany (strained left groin) is questionable and left back Thomas Vermaelen (right hamstring) is out. Midfielders Moussa Dembele and Marouane Fellaini — known for his mop of bushy dark hair — have been slowed by calf injuries.

Fellaini is a former Everton teammate of American goalkeeper Tim Howard, who played with Belgian forwards Romelu Lukaku and Kevin Mirallas last season. Howard is also familiar with Eden Hazard, who was criticized for his play during the first round despite setting up go-ahead goals against Russia and Algeria.

"Probably one of the best players in the Premier League," Howard said. "He's shifty. He's crafty. He's everything you want in a winner."

Dempsey, 31, and 32-year-old defender DaMarcus Beasley are unlikely to be on the 2018 roster. Howard, 35, hasn't committed to another four-year cycle.

"I'm not at all sure it's his last World Cup," Gulati said.

Belgium is quite familiar with Klinsmann: He scored in Germany's 3-2 win over Belgium at Chicago's Soldier Field in the second round of the 1994 World Cup.

Klinsmann and Wilmots are friends, too. They had scheduled a training session between the teams June 12, but Wilmots called it off because he didn't want to get caught in Sao Paulo's traffic jams.

Last year, Belgium overwhelmed the U.S., 4-2, in an exhibition at Cleveland. But friendlies are different.

The Americans know they have to boost their offense, which was next to last in attacks during the first round.

"It's all about who wants it more," Beasley said. "You can't leave anything on the field for these type of games."

Tech CB reportedly punches women's basketball player

By Sarah Rafique and Don Williams
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech women's basketball star Amber Battle is expected to have surgery after she was hit in the face by an incoming Tech football player following an incident Saturday at Texas Tech's recreation center, the Avalanche-Journal has learned.

During a basketball game, freshman cornerback Nigel Bethel II reportedly punched Battle in the face, breaking a bone, the A-J has learned.

Blayne Beal, a Tech spokesman, confirmed there was an incident between two student athletes Saturday afternoon at the recreation center. Beal said campus officials are gathering information from both parties.

Tech women's basketball coach Candi Whitaker said she was unable to comment Saturday evening.

Following the incident, Battle posted to Twitter, "Pray for me y'all." She later posted, "Thank y'all for the calls, texts and visits."

From a Lubbock location Saturday evening, a Twitter account under the name Nigel Bethel II had a post that said, "Trouble always seems to find me ... "

Tech spokesman Chris Cook said a police report was not complete as of Saturday evening as the investigation is still ongoing.

"(It) likely won't be ready before Monday," he said.

Battle was the Lady Raiders' leading scorer last season, averaging 16.4 points per game. She also averaged a team-high 7.4 rebounds. She's a 5 foot, 9 inch guard from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and has one year of eligibility remaining.

Bethel is a 5-9 cornerback from Miami, Florida, Booker T. Washington High School. He signed with Tech in February and is one of the team's more highly regarded freshmen.

Realignment

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requirement to pay the full exit fee of approximately $52 million, Maryland filed a $157 million counterclaim against the league.

"Change is never easy. But I think over time people will accept it, and everything will level and even out," said former Minnesota athletic director Joel Maturi, who was a part of planning for the 2011 addition of Nebraska to the Big Ten that touched off the last big boom.

Four of the five second-tier FBS conferences — the American, Conference USA, Mid-American, Mountain West and Sun Belt — will play with odd numbers in 2014 and thus leave one or more teams out of league play every weekend all season.

And consider this quirk of a 14-team Big Ten: Minnesota opened TCF Bank Stadium on campus in 2009, and Indiana will make its first visit there in ... 2018. The Gophers will have played Middle Tennessee State, New Mexico State and San Jose State twice each at their new home before hosting the Hoosiers once. Minnesota's visit to Indiana in 2013 was the only one scheduled in a 12-season span.

The big winner in this, though, could be Louisville. The Cardinals have developed a top-tier football team to accompany the basketball powerhouse, and they'll introduce their flourishing programs and sparkling venues to the ACC this fall.

"It's just been remarkable what has been accomplished there. You couldn't help but pay attention to what was happening at Louisville," said Swofford, whose league now spans from Florida to Massachusetts, with more television households and total population than any other conference in the country.

With television at the heart of the matter, stability is never permanent. The industry of college sports is no different from the market-driven society in which it exists.

"To strive and thrive, you've got to get bigger. Conference realignment is about exactly that: having more economic value when you get bigger," said Chris Bevilacqua, a sports media consultant. "It's not going to stop, because the market forces are going to continue to incentivize and reward size. It's not just college. It's everything in the ecosystem. So will it settle down and pause for a while? My guess is probably. Will there be further consolidation and realignment? I think most definitely. When will that happen? That's hard to say."

Realignment

LASTEST WAVE
Atlantic Coast Conference
COMING: Louisville
GOING: Maryland
OLD/NEW TEAM TOTAL: 14/14

Big Ten Conference
COMING: Maryland, Rutgers
GOING: none
OLD/NEW TEAM TOTAL: 14/14
Big 12 Conference: no changes. 10 teams

Pac-12 Conference: no changes. 12 teams

Southeastern Conference: no changes. 14 teams

American Athletic Conference
COMING: East Carolina, Tulane, Tulsa
GOING: Louisville, Rutgers
OLD/NEW TEAM TOTAL: 10/11

Conference USA
COMING: Western Kentucky, Old Dominion
GOING: East Carolina, Tulane, Tulsa
OLD/NEW TEAM TOTAL: 14/13

Sun Belt Conference
COMING: Appalachian State (from FCS), Georgia Southern (from FCS), Idaho, New Mexico State
GOING: Western Kentucky
OLD/NEW TEAM TOTAL: 8/11
Army, BYU, Navy and Notre Dame remain independent.
OLD/NEW TEAM TOTAL: 0/4

LAST 10 YEARS
Atlantic Coast Conference
2004: 11 teams (Miami and Virginia Tech joined in 2004)
2014: 14 teams
CAME: Boston College (2005), Pittsburgh (2013), Syracuse (2013), Louisville (2014)
WENT: Maryland (2014)
Big Ten Conference
2004: 11 teams
2014: 14 teams
CAME: Nebraska (2011), Maryland (2014), Rutgers (2014)
WENT: none
Big 12 Conference
2004: 12 teams
2014: 10 teams
CAME: TCU (2012), West Virginia (2012)
WENT: Nebraska (2011), Colorado (2011), Missouri (2012), Texas A&M (2012)
Pac-12 Conference
2004: 10 teams
2014: 12 teams
CAME: Colorado (2011), Utah (2011), Pac-12 name (2011)
WENT: Pac-10 name (2011)
Southeastern Conference
2004: 12 teams
2014: 14 teams
CAME: Missouri (2012), Texas A&M (2012)
WENT: none
American Athletic Conference
2004: Teams like the Big East Conference)
2014: 11 teams (Navy joining in 2015)
CAME: Cincinnati (2005), Louisville (2005), South Florida (2008), Temple (2012), UCF (2013), Houston (2013), Memphis (2013), SMU (2013), East Carolina (2014), Tulane (2014), Tulsa (2014), American name (2013)
WENT: Boston College (2005), Temple (2005), West Virginia (2012), Pittsburgh (2013), Syracuse (2013), Louisville (2014), Rutgers (2014), Big East name (2013)
Conference USA
2004: 11 teams
2014: 13 teams (Charlotte joining in 2015)
CAME: UCF (2005), Marshall (2005), Rice (2005), SMU (2005), UTEP (2005), Tulsa (2005), Florida Atlantic (2013), Florida International (2013), Louisiana Tech (2013), Middle Tennessee (2013), North Texas (2013), UTSA (2013), Old Dominion (2014), Western Kentucky (2014)
WENT: Army (2005), Cincinnati (2005), Louisville (2005), South Florida (2005), TCU (2005), UCF (2013), Houston (2013), Memphis (2013), SMU (2013), East Carolina (2014), Tulane (2014), Tulsa (2014)
Mid-American Conference
2004: 14 teams
2014: 13 teams (Massachusetts leaving in 2016)
CAME: Temple (2007), Massachusetts (2012)
WENT: UCF (2005), Marshall (2005), Temple (2012)
Mountain West Conference
2004: 8 teams
2014: 12 teams
CAME: TCU (2005), Boise State (2011), Fresno State (2012), Hawaii (2012), Nevada (2012), San Jose State (2013), Utah State (2013)
WENT: BYU (2011), Utah (2011), TCU (2012)
Sun Belt Conference
2004: 9 teams
2014: 11 teams
CAME: Florida Atlantic (2005), Florida International (2005), Western Kentucky (2009), South Alabama (2012), Georgia State (2013), Texas State (2013), Appalachian State (2014), Georgia Southern (2014), Idaho (2014), New Mexico State (2014)
WENT: Idaho (2005), New Mexico State (2005), Utah State (2005), Florida Atlantic (2013), Florida International (2013), Middle Tennessee (2013), North Texas (2013), Western Kentucky (2014)
Western Athletic Conference
2004: 10 teams
2014: defunct
CAME: Idaho (2005), New Mexico State (2005), Utah State (2005), UTSA (2012), Texas State (2012)
WENT: Rice (2005), SMU (2005), UTEP (2005), Tulsa (2005), Boise State (2011), Fresno State (2012), Hawaii (2012), Nevada (2012), Idaho (2013), Louisiana Tech (2013), New Mexico State (2013), San Jose State (2013), UTSA (2013), Texas State (2013), Utah State (2013), the WAC's entire football existence (2013)

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To fax your information: send to 570-7650

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 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Eddie Arrizaga Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

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

Chaps Basketball Camps
When: For grades Kindergarten-8th grade 10 a.m.-noon. July 7-10. Offensive skills camp for grades Kindergarten- 12th grade 10 a.m.-noon July 28-31
Cost: $150 per camper each week
For more info: Contact Jordan Dreiling at 685-4577, jdreiling@midland.esc.edu or go to www.midland.educhapsbasketballcamp

Lady Chaps Varsity Team Camp
When: July 14-16
For more info: Go to ww.midland.edu varsityteamcamp

Lady Chaps Basketball Camps
When: July 17-19. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. FUNdamentals Camp. Shooting Camp: 4-6 p.m.
For: Grades 3-12. FUNdamentals Camp. Shooting Camp for grades 7-12
Cost: $60
For more info: Call coach Ron Jones at 685-4581 or rjones@midland.edu or Ginger Gaskill at 685-6469 or ggaskill@midland.edu. Also go to www.midland.edu/ladychapsbasketballcamp

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

CCM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade; community based organizations; parents and adults.
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member: free. YMCA Youth member: $5 and program participant: $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Midland College girls basketball camps
Where: Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Session I: Fundamental Camp
When: July 17-19. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
For: Grades 3-12
Session II: Shooting Camp
When: July 17-19. 4-6 p.m.
Cost: $60 (includes camp T-shirt)
For more info or to register: Go to www.gochaps.com/women_s_basketball/girls_basketball_camps.php

2014 MHS Strength and Conditioning Camp
When: Monday, June 9-Thursday, July 17 (Note: June 30-July 4 is a vacation week)
Cost: $75 for 5 weeks of workouts and instruction
Times: 9th-12th grades, 8-9:30 a.m.; 7th-8th grades, 10-11:30 a.m.
For more info: Contact Craig Yenzer at 689-1195 or 689-1193

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m. third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
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 520-8633

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 Omen at 631-2366

2014 Bulldog Football Camp
When: July 28-31
Times: 4th-6th grades 8-10 a.m.; 7th-8th grades, 9-11 a.m.; 9th grade, 10 a.m.-Noon. Registration is 30 minutes prior to first day's camp.
Where: Memorial Stadium
For: Incoming 4th throug 9th graders
Cost: $40
For more info: Contact Craig Yenzer at 689-1195 or 689-1193

Golf

Hogan Park Junior Golf Summer Program
When: Session II: July 7-11. Session III: July 21-25
For: Boys and girls ages 9-17
Times: Check in 9:30 a.m. first Monday. Clinic 10-11 a.m.
Cost: $100 per session
For more info: Call Hogan Park Golf Shop at 685-7360 or jon@hoganparkgolf.com

Hogan Park Pee Wee
When: Session II: July 7-9. Session III: July 21-23
For: Boys and girls ages 4-8
Times: Check in 8 a.m. first Monday. Clinic goes form 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Cost: $70 per session
For more info: Contact Hogan Park Golf Shop at 685-7360 or jon @hoganparkgolf.com

Big Spring Country Club Parent-Child
Format: 2-person scramble
When: 9 a.m. July 26. 1 p.m. July 27
Entry fee: $106 per team in the Open Division and $50 in the Trophy Division plus golf cart/ private carts are welcome.
For more info or to sign up call: 432 267-5354

Hockey

Jackalopes Amateur Hockey Association
Where: MCM Ice Rink, Odessa
Hockey 101/Skills & Drills
When: Tuesday nights through July 29
Cost: $15
For: 13-under: 7-8 p.m. 14-and-up: 8-9 p.m.
Power Skating
When: Saturdays through July 26th
Cost: $15
For: 13-under: 9-10:15 a.m. 14-under: 10:15 a.m.-Noon
Penalty Box Camp
When: Aug. 4-8
When: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-Noon
For more info: Call Donnie Margrethe at 661-3453

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, 684-7006 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 3501 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-Kempō-Kung-Fu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7487 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

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: 7 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woolers & Tweeters. 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at The Detour. Players must be signed in by 6:45 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpoker tour.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. 2-4 p.m. Sunday.
Cost: $50 down, $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred 770-7061 or Sam 349-3055

Rugby

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-6088

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 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland.
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Third Sunday from 1 p.m. Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m. Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are not 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 682-1420.

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 summer season; summer season
Where: Dunagan Park [illegible]
When: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Ismael [illegible] 557-7032 anytime or José Chavez at [illegible] after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 3-14
When: Spring Fall Games
Note: Adult information and registration; certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 430-0842

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.[illegible].com
For more info: Call [illegible] 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-[illegible] facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Men-Fastpitch or wvoltaspitch@gmail.com

USA Softball Jr. Men's National Fastpitch Team looking for players
For: Boys players born between 1997 and 1998
Note: No softball experience is needed.
For more info: Tim Lupo, 934-[illegible] National Team coach, 801-244-[illegible] or Dave Parker, West Texas Men's Fastpitch Association, 634-6474 or wvoltaspitch@gmail.com

Swimming

CCM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midwest Aquatic [illegible]
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to [illegible] or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-[illegible]

CCM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

CCM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels.
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month includes cardio training.
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners their advanced to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of CCM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets.
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of CCM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills national and international travel.
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for CCM Swim Team. Invites available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation in 4 hr. high quality aic pools and fitness room during specified hours.
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

CCM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leal Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: 10 a.m., Monday-Friday
For more info: Call Leal Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leal Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call [illegible] 682-7004

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: [illegible] tennis tournaments, [illegible] tennis leagues, USTA league programs, [illegible]
For more info: [illegible]

Bush Tennis Center Youth Clinics
What: [illegible] players ages 6-18 who want to learn [illegible] high school tennis team. [illegible] ages 6-8 will learn [illegible] stroke production, [illegible] Stars Orange and green ball, ages 10-12 [illegible] development at levels of adult programs.
When: [illegible]
For more info: Visit the Bush Tennis Center [illegible] or visit www.bushtennis.com and look on the programs [illegible] 682-6080.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: [illegible]
Where: [illegible]
For more info: [illegible]

Midland College tennis classes
When: [illegible]

Where: Midland College [illegible]
For more info: [illegible]

Youth Clinics
When: [illegible]
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-[illegible]

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: [illegible]

Midland Tennis Club
Where: Midland Tennis Club
Annual dues: [illegible]

For more info: [illegible]

MTC Tennis Tournaments
Where: Midland Tennis Club
When: [illegible]
For more info: [illegible]

WIMBLEDON

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an accurate word. We expected there would be more (Jimmy) Connors, Pete Samprases, (Andre) Agassis," McEnroe said. "Because of the worldwide interest in sports, if you go back to the '88 Olympics, when tennis became part of the Olympics again, more countries put more money and resources into it to allow more kids to play tennis, so more countries have more of an interest and they see the upside of it. That same thing hasn't happened for us in the U.S."

The Czech Republic, for example, has three women into the quarterfinals at Wimbledon. Canada has one woman that far, and one man in the fourth round.

Lopez gives Spain three men in the fourth round, along with Rafael Nadal and Tommy Robredo.

"When you beat players like John, when you go through a difficult match like this, you have to be proud of yourself," said Lopez, who hit 34 aces and saved the only two break points he faced. "To beat Johnny on that court is such is difficult task."

Lopez earned the only service break of the match in the next-to-last game with a cross-court backhand passing winner that he celebrated by leaping and punching the air. It was the only time Isner was broken during his three matches this year at the All England Club.

"I just couldn't get into his serve games. For me it was hard," said Isner, best known for winning the longest match in tennis history, 70-68 in the fifth set at Wimbledon in 2010. "I tried, I tried, and I just couldn't break through."

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

Monday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Purse: $42.5 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Third Round
Stan Wawrinka (5), Switzerland, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4
Kei Nishikori (10), Japan, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4
Feliciano Lopez (19), Spain, def. John Isner (9), United States, 6-7 (8), 7-6 (6), 7-6 (3), 7-5
Fourth Round
Marin Cilic (26), Croatia, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 7-6 (8), 6-4, 6-4
Andy Murray (3), Britain, def. (20) Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (6)
Grigor Dimitrov (11), Bulgaria, vs. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-4, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (14), France, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Women
Third Round
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Madison Keys, United States, 7-6 (7), 6-4, retired
Sabine Lisicki (19), Germany, def. Ana Ivanovic (11), Serbia, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.
Fourth Round
Lucie Safarova (23), Czech Republic, def. Tereza Smitkova, Czech Republic, 6-0, 6-2.
Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Caroline Wozniacki (16), Denmark, 6-2, 7-5.
Eugenie Bouchard (13), Canada, def. Alize Cornet (25), France, 7-6 (5), 7-5.
Petra Kvitova (6), Czech Republic, def. Peng Shuai, China, 6-3, 6-2.
Ekaterina Makarova (22), Russia, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, 6-3, 6-0.

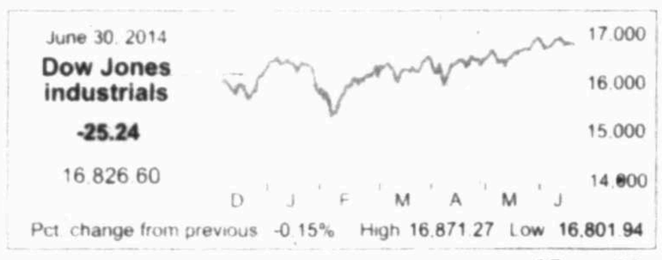
Doubles
Men
Second Round
Alexander Peya, Austria, and Bruno Soares (2), Brazil, def. Martin Klizan, Slovakia, and Dominic Thiem, Austria, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2
Julian Knowle, Austria, and Marcelo Melo (9), Brazil, def. Aleksandr Nedovyesov, Kazakhstan, and Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, 6-1, 7-6 (9), 6-3.
Michael Llodra and Nicolas Mahut (12), France, def. Johan Brunstrom, Sweden, and Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, and Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
Chris Guccione and Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Robert Lindstedt (7), Sweden, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.
Vasek Pospisil, Canada, and Jack Sock, United States, lead Rohan Bopanna, India, and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi (8), Pakistan, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (5), 6-3, susp., rain.
Women
Second Round
Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, and Zheng Jie (9), China, def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, and Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 6-4, 6-1.
Timea Babos, Hungary, and Kristina Mladenovic (14), France, def. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, and Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 6-1, 6-3.
Andrea Petkovic, Germany, and Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Jarmila Gajdosova and Anna Rodionova, Australia, 6-2, 7-5.
Julia Goerges and Anna-Lena Groenefeld (10), Germany, def. Eva Hrdinova, Czech Republic, and Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 6-4, 6-2.
Ashleigh Barty and Casey Dellacqua (6), Australia, vs. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-0, susp., rain.
Lyudmyla and Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, lead Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (2), Italy, 7-5, 2-4, susp., rain.
Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears (7), United States, lead Alize Cornet and Caroline Garcia, France, 5-4, susp., rain.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, vs. Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (5), Russia.
Julia Boserup, United States, def. Jamie Loeb and Jana Ignjacik, Poland, lead Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Peng Shuai (1), China, 3-1, susp., rain.
Third Round
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, and Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, lead Flavia Pennetta, Italy, and Sam Stosur, Australia, 6-1, 4-4, susp., rain.
Mixed
Second Round
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Chan Hao-ching (14), Taiwan, def. Tomasz Bednarek, Poland, and Vania King, United States, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Eric Butorac, United States, and Timea Babos, Hungary, def. Leander Paes, India, and Cara Black (4), Zimbabwe, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.
David Marrero and Arantxa Parra-Santonja (9), Spain, lead Neal Skupski and Naomi Broady, Britain, 6-2, 1-4, susp., rain.
Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Kristina Mladenovic (5), France, lead Lukas Dlouhy, Czech Republic, and Liezel Huber, United States, 7-5, 1-1, susp., rain.
Horia Tecau, Romania, and Sania Mirza (6), India, lead Mate Pavic, Croatia, and Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 4-3, susp., rain.

Junior Singles
Boys
First Round
Matteo Berrettini, Italy, def. Akira Santillan, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.
Peter Conkic, Serbia, def. Daniil Medvedev (16), Russia, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 2-1, retired.
Andrey Rublev (1), Russia, def. Henrik Wiershoin, United States, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.
Kamil Majchrzak (12), Poland, def. Joao Menezes, Brazil, 6-3, 6-4.
Tim van Rijthoven, Netherlands, def. Jumpei Yamasaki (15)-Japan, 6-1, 6-2.
Hans Boucher, Australia, def. Juan Jose Rosas, Peru, 6-2, 6-4.
Francisco Bahamonde Argentina, def. Bogdan Bobrov, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.
Noah Rubin, United States, def. Jaime Maria Britain, 6-2, 6-4.
Bogdan-Ionut Apostol, Romania, leads Chung Yunseong, South Korea, 6-2, 4-3, susp., rain.
Kang Ku Kwon, South Korea, leads Jaume Munar (4), Spain, 6-2, susp., rain.
Jan Choinski, Germany, leads Michael Mmoh (11), United States, 3-2, susp., rain.
Francis Tiafoe (7), United States, leads Martin Blasko, Slovakia, 5-4, susp., rain.

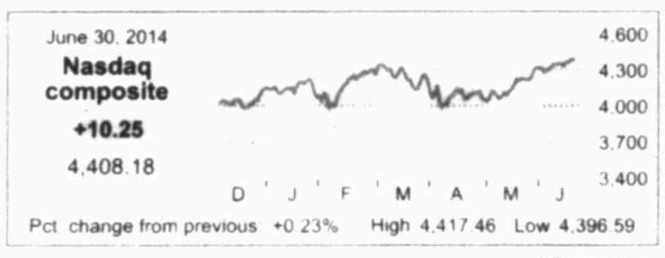
Girls
First Round
Markieta Vondrousova (12), Czech Republic, def. Freya Christie, Britain, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Simona Heichova, Czech Republic, def. Raveena Kingsley, United States, 7-6 (1), 6-4.
Paula Badosa Gibert, Spain, def. Luisa Stefani, Brazil, 6-3, 6-4.
Viktoria Kuzmova, Slovakia, def. Katrine Isabel Steffensen, United States, 6-4, 6-4.
Margot Yerolymos, France, def. Yolimar Ogando, Puerto Rico, 6-1, 7-6 (1).
Katie Boulter, Britain, def. Priscilla Hon (13), Australia, 6-3, 6-3.
Anhelina Kalinina (9), Ukraine, def. Hamet Dart, Britain, 2-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Francoise Abanda (7), Canada, def. Jaqueline Adina Cristian, Romania, 6-3, 6-2.
Rebeka Masarova, Switzerland, def. Kaitlyn Mc-Carthy, United States, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.
Jil Belen Teichmann (5), Switzerland, def. Fanny Stollar, Hungary, 6-2, 7-5.
Evgeniya Levashova, Russia, def. Bianca Turati, Italy, 6-3, 0-6, 6-3.
Ipek Soylu, Turkey, def. Jodie Anna Burrage, Britain, 6-4, 6-3.
Greetje Minnen, Belgium, leads Nakitha Sams (16), Australia, 6-3, susp., rain.
Sonya Mendez, Australia, leads Holly Hutchinson, Britain, 5-3, susp., rain.

BUSINESS & OIL

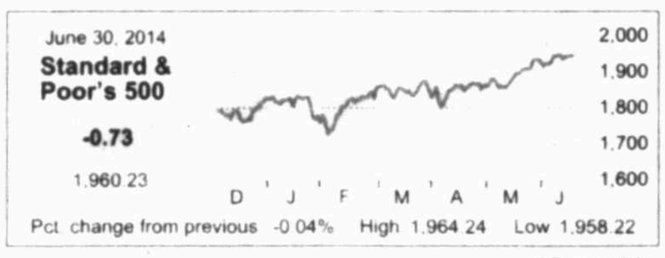
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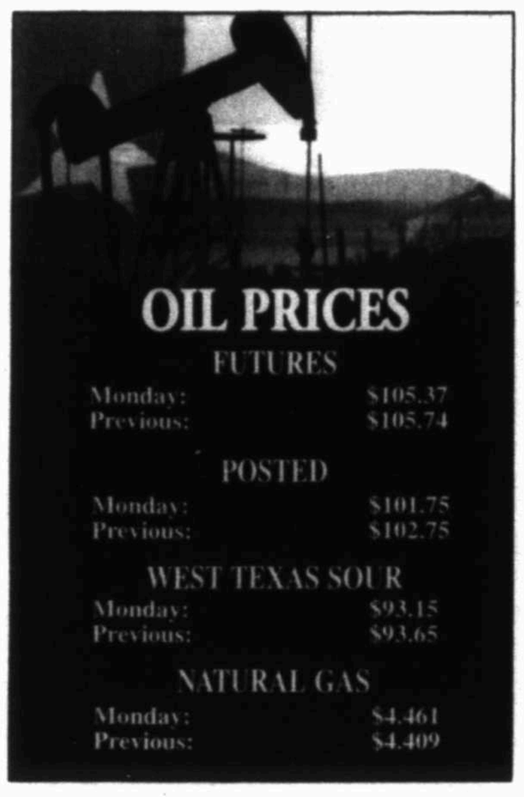
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GM safety crisis grows as recalls mount

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors' safety crisis worsened on Monday when the automaker added 8.2 million vehicles to its ballooning list of cars recalled over faulty ignition switches.

The latest recalls involve mainly older mid-size cars and bring GM's total this year to 29 million, surpassing the 22 million recalled by all automakers last year. The added recalls also raise questions about the safety of ignition switches in cars made by all manufacturers.

GM said the recalls are for "unintended ignition key rotation" and cover seven vehicles, including the Chevrolet Malibu from 1997 to 2005, the Pontiac Grand Prix from 2004 to 2008, and the 2003-2014 Cadillac CTS.

The company is aware of three deaths, eight injuries and seven crashes involving the vehicles, although it has no conclusive evidence that faulty switches caused the accidents.

CEO Mary Barra said the recalls stem from an extensive safety review within the company.

"If any other issues come to our attention, we will act appropriately and without hesitation," she said in a statement.

The announcement of more recalls extends a crisis for GM that began in February with small-car ignition switch problems. GM recalled 2.6 million older small cars worldwide because the switches can unexpectedly slip from "run" to "accessory," shutting off the engines. That disables power steering and power brakes and can cause people to lose control of their cars. It also stops the air bags from inflating in a crash. GM has been forced to admit that it knew of the problem more than 10 years, yet it failed to recall the cars until this year.

GM's conduct in the small-car recall already is under investigation by the Justice Department and both houses of Congress. Earlier this year, the company paid a $35 million fine to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for delays in reporting the small-car ignition switch problems.

On June 18, NHTSA opened two investigations of Chrysler minivans and SUVs as part of a widening inquiry into air bag and ignition switch problems across the U.S. auto industry.

NHTSA began asking automakers and parts suppliers for information on the interrelated issues after GM's small-car recall. NHTSA asked automakers and parts makers for information on switches and how long air bags will inflate after the keys are moved out of the "run" position to "accessory" or "off." In many cases, the answer is less than a second.

That led to the Chrysler inquiries. NHTSA said in a statement. "The agency examined all major manufacturers' air bag deployment strategies as they relate to switch position," the agency said in a statement. "NHTSA will continue to refine its knowledge of these systems."

GM's recalls on Monday bring this year's total so far to more than 40 million for the U.S. industry, far surpassing the old full-year record of 30.8 million from 2004.

The recalls come just hours after the company's compensation consultant, Kenneth Feinberg, announced plans to pay victims of crashes caused by the defective small-car switches. Attorneys and lawmakers say about 100 people have died and hundreds were injured in crashes, although Feinberg said he didn't have a total.

Feinberg said the company hasn't placed a limit on how much he can spend in total to compensate victims.

GM spokesman Alan Adler said that in the Cadillacs, the ignition can slip due to jarring from the road, a bump on the key from the driver's knee or from the weight of a heavy key chain. In the older model midsize Chevrolets, Pontiacs and Oldsmobiles, only jarring or heavy keys — and not a bump from the driver's knee — can knock the ignition out of position.

In all the cases, the ignition switches out of the "run" position and into the "accessory" or "off" position.

Adler said that, unlike GM's previous recall of 2.6 million Chevrolet Cobalts and other small cars, the ignition switch is made to GM's specifications. But the keys can slip too easily. The company will place inserts on the keys to fix the issues.

Adler said GM began investigating all of its ignition switches 60 days ago after the Cobalt recall revealed problems. This recall came out of that investigation.

GM is urging people to remove everything from their key rings until the recalled cars can be repaired.

Of the three people who died in crashes involving the newly recalled vehicles, it's unclear whether those deaths were ignition-related, Adler said. In each of the cases the air bags didn't deploy, but there are many reasons air bags don't deploy, including the angle the car is hit and whether or not the occupants were belted, he said.

Adler said victims in the newly recalled vehicles won't be included in the compensation fund that has been set up for the small-car case.

The Detroit company said it plans to take a $1.2 billion charge in the second quarter for recall-related expenses. Added to a $1.3 billion charge in the first quarter, that brings total recall expenses for the year to $2.5 billion.

GM also announced four other recalls Monday covering more than 200,000 additional vehicles. Most are to fix an electrical short in the driver's door that could disable the power locks and windows and even cause overheating.

Of the 29 million vehicles recalled this year, 17.1 million have been over ignition switches.

GM's stock fell 27 cents, or less than one percent, to $36.36 in late afternoon trading.

Oil slips

The price of oil declined for the third straight day Monday on signs that the insurgency in Iraq has been slowed and may be turned back.

Benchmark U.S. crude for August delivery fell 37 cents to close at $105.37 a barrel in New York. The contract has fallen for three days in a row and five out of the last six trading days after closing at 10-month high of $107.26 on June 20.

Brent crude, used to price international oils used by many U.S. refineries, fell 94 cents to close at $112.36 a barrel in London.

Oil prices were steady going into the weekend as markets grew accustomed to news reports of violence in Iraq where the Iraqi government is trying to wrest back some of the territory it has lost to insurgents, Desmond Chua, a market analyst at CMC Markets in Singapore, said in a commentary. The price of oil rose in recent weeks as investors worried that the surge of violence in OPEC's second-largest exporter would reduce global crude supplies.

While the situation in Iraq is far from resolved, it appears less likely that the insurgency will spread to important oil-producing regions in the south.

A preliminary reading of Chinese factory activity today will give investors the latest gauge of economic activity — and potential oil demand — in China, the world's biggest oil importer.

Gold rises

Gold for August rose $2 to $1,322 an ounce. Silver for September fell 8 cents to $21.06 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $137.37 Down 2.19

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $144.50 Up 2.46

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $28.65 Down 0.60

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $88.80 Up 0.11

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $31.24 Up 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $8.31 Down 0.42

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $33.06 Up 0.12

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $32.44 Up 0.14

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $17.45 Up 0.55

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	607269	195.72	-.10
BkofAm	459740	15.37	+.04
SPDR Fncl	355261	22.74	-.02
iShEMkts	309029	43.23	-.12
MktVGold	305401	26.45	+.47

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MillerEnR	6.40	+.93	+17.0
KingDEn n	20.55	+2.70	+15.1
TPG SpL n	21.83	+2.77	+14.5
TRC Cos	6.22	+.72	+13.1
DirGMnBull	27.65	+3.08	+12.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EKodak wt	9.44	-1.70	-15.3
EKodk wtA	9.17	-1.40	-13.2
DirGMBear	12.12	-1.68	-12.2
DB AgriDL	7.19	-.54	-7.0
GM wt C	2.51	-.17	-6.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,873
Declined	1,234
Unchanged	126
Total issues	3,233
New Highs	276
New Lows	10
Volume	2,910,159,405

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SynergyRs	57019	13.25	+.13
CheniereEn	40606	71.70	+1.75
NwGold g	35286	6.37	+.10
IsoRay	34857	3.12	-.06
Globalstar	30176	4.25	+.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AdmRsc	78.13	+5.95	+8.2
TanzRy g	2.26	+.15	+7.1
AskanoG g	2.59	+.17	+7.0
IGI Labs	5.31	+.31	+6.2
BarHarb s	27.88	+1.53	+5.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NewConcEn	3.31	-.53	-13.8
22ndCentry	3.07	-.35	-10.2
IncOpR	6.31	-.57	-8.3
AlterraAst	723.06	-65.44	-8.3
TherapMD	4.42	-.33	-6.9

DIARY

Advanced	189
Declined	206
Unchanged	30
Total issues	425
New Highs	12
New Lows	4
Volume	121,971,321

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc s	475028	92.93	+.95
SiriusXM	440970	3.46	-.03
MannKd	436211	10.96	+.96
MicronT	293378	32.95	+1.44
Microsoft	291534	41.70	.55

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
eLong h	21.94	+3.94	+21.9
HutchT	2.50	+.43	+20.8
RadiusH n	13.00	+2.18	+20.1
DiaernaP n	22.57	+3.73	+19.8
CathGn wt	7.99	+1.07	+15.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AccelrDiag	26.00	-4.08	-13.6
HuttigBld	4.72	-.73	-13.4
DivrsRest	4.77	-.73	-13.3
MokoSoc n	6.75	-.95	-12.3
RetOpp un	16.60	-2.10	-11.2

DIARY

Advanced	1,499
Declined	1,173
Unchanged	130
Total issues	2,802
New Highs	106
New Lows	23
Volume	1,784,918,555

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.36	-.05	+.6
Abraxas	...	**48**	**6.26**	**+.03**	**+92.0**
AdamsEx	**.84e**	...	**13.75**	...	**+5.2**
AMD		84	4.19	+.08	+8.3
Alcoa	.12	48	14.89	-.04	+40.1
AlonUSA	.24		12.44	-.23	-24.8
AmAirl n			42.96	-1.04	+70.1
AmApparel			.90	+.07	-26.8
Amgen	**2.44**	**19**	**118.37**	**-.22**	**+3.8**
AmicusTh			3.34	+.31	+42.1
Anadarko	**1.08f**	...	**109.47**	**-.03**	**+38.0**
Apache	**1.00**	**23**	**100.62**	**+.86**	**+17.1**
Apple Inc s	1.88f	16	92.93	+.95	+16.0
ApldMatl	**.40**	**32**	**22.55**	**+.15**	**+27.5**
ATMOS	**1.48**	**19**	**53.40**	**+.69**	**+17.6**
AutoData	1.92	27	79.28	-.20	-1.9
BP PLC	**2.26**	**8**	**52.75**	**+.15**	**+8.5**
BabsCCInv	1.20		15.27	+.10	+2.3
BakrHu	.68f	28	74.45	+.49	+34.7
BkofAm	.04	20	15.37	+.04	-1.3
BkNYMel	.68f	16	37.48	+1.25	+7.3
Barclay	.41e		14.61	-.23	-19.4
B iPVix rs			28.60	.26	-32.8
BasicEnSv			29.22	+.90	+85.2
BerkHa A	...	**161899**	**000.00**	**-659.00**	**+6.7**
BlkHillsCp	**1.56**	**26**	**61.39**	**+.88**	**+16.9**
BlackBerry			10.24	+.46	+37.6
BrMySq	**1.44**	**28**	**48.51**	**-.54**	**-8.7**
BrownFA	**1.16**	**34**	**92.34**	**+.09**	**+25.2**
BrownFB	**1.16**	**31**	**94.17**	**-.07**	**+24.6**
CBS B	.48	20	62.14	+.91	-2.5
CVS Care	1.10	19	75.37	.35	+5.3
Cameron	...	24	67.71	+.49	+13.7
Caterpillar	2.80f	19	108.67	-.11	+19.7
Celestic g	...	18	12.56	+.01	+20.8
CnlryLink	2.16	...	36.20	+.42	+13.7
ChesEng	.35	26	31.08	+.68	+14.5
Chevron	**4.28f**	**13**	**130.55**	**+.19**	**+4.5**
Chicos	.30	23	16.96	+.06	-10.0
Cimarex	**.64**	**27**	**143.46**	**+.66**	**+36.7**
Cisco	.76	17	24.85	+.15	+11.6
Citigroup	**.04**	**11**	**47.10**	**-.04**	**-9.6**
CloyEng	...	**60**	**137.37**	**-2.19**	**+67.6**
CocaCole	**1.22f**	**23**	**42.36**	**+.17**	**+2.5**
ColgPalm	**1.44**	**29**	**68.18**	**-.25**	**+4.6**
Comcast	.90	20	53.68	-.22	+3.3
ConAgra	**1.00**	**41**	**29.68**	**+.05**	**-11.9**
ConchoRes	...	**48**	**144.50**	**+2.46**	**+33.8**
ConocoPhil	**2.76**	**14**	**85.73**	**-.27**	**+21.3**
CrackerB	4.00f	19	99.57	-1.00	-9.5
CSVInSht rs			2.98	-.06	-60.3
CrosTim	**2.71e**	**13**	**33.10**	**-.27**	**+12.6**
DCP Mid	2.98f	42	57.00	-.06	+13.2
DTE	2.76f	18	77.87	+.13	+17.3
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8,256.79	5,952.18	Dow Jones Transportation	8,202.30	+26.78	+.33	+10.83	+31.41
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11,334.65	8,814.76	NYSE Composite	10,979.42	+4.99	+.05	+5.57	+19.76
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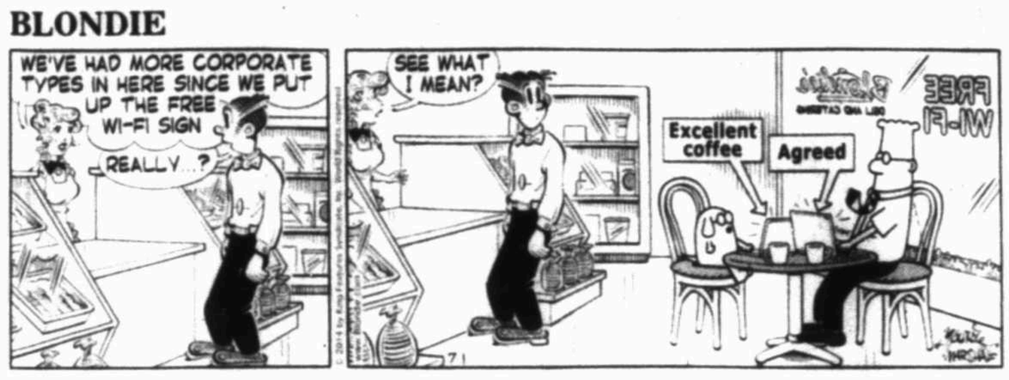
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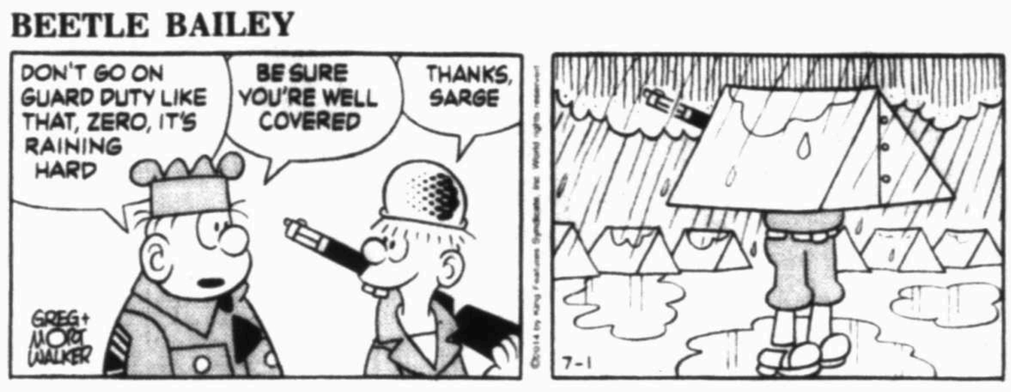
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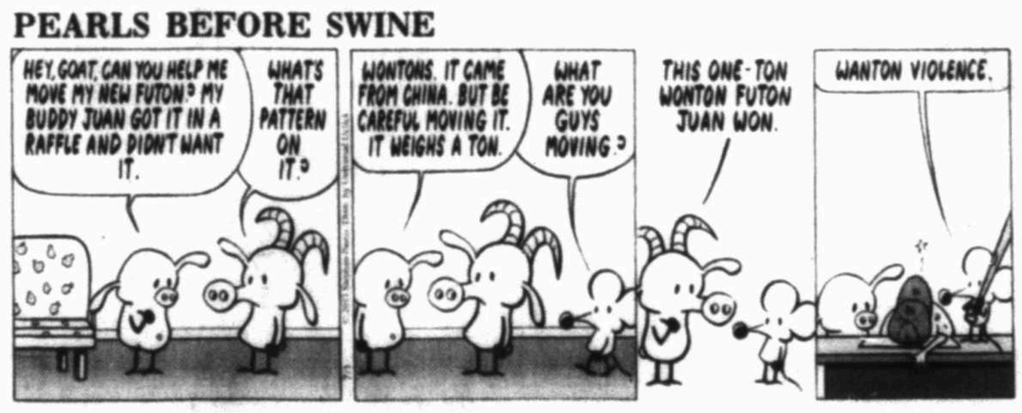
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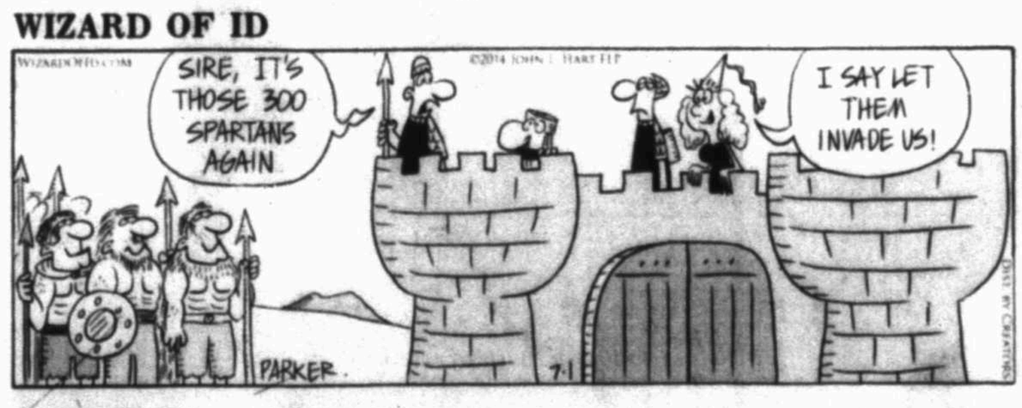
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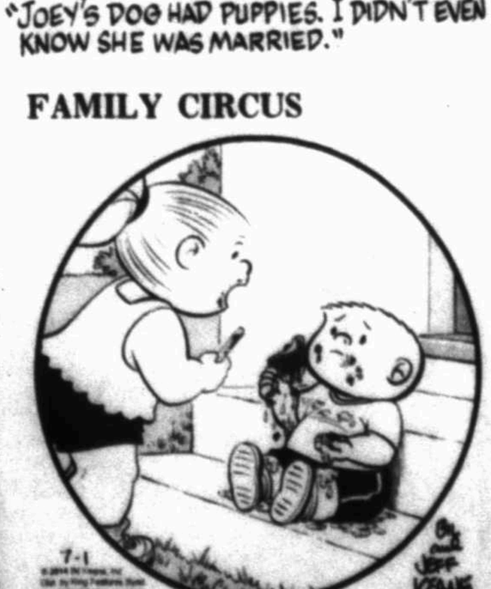
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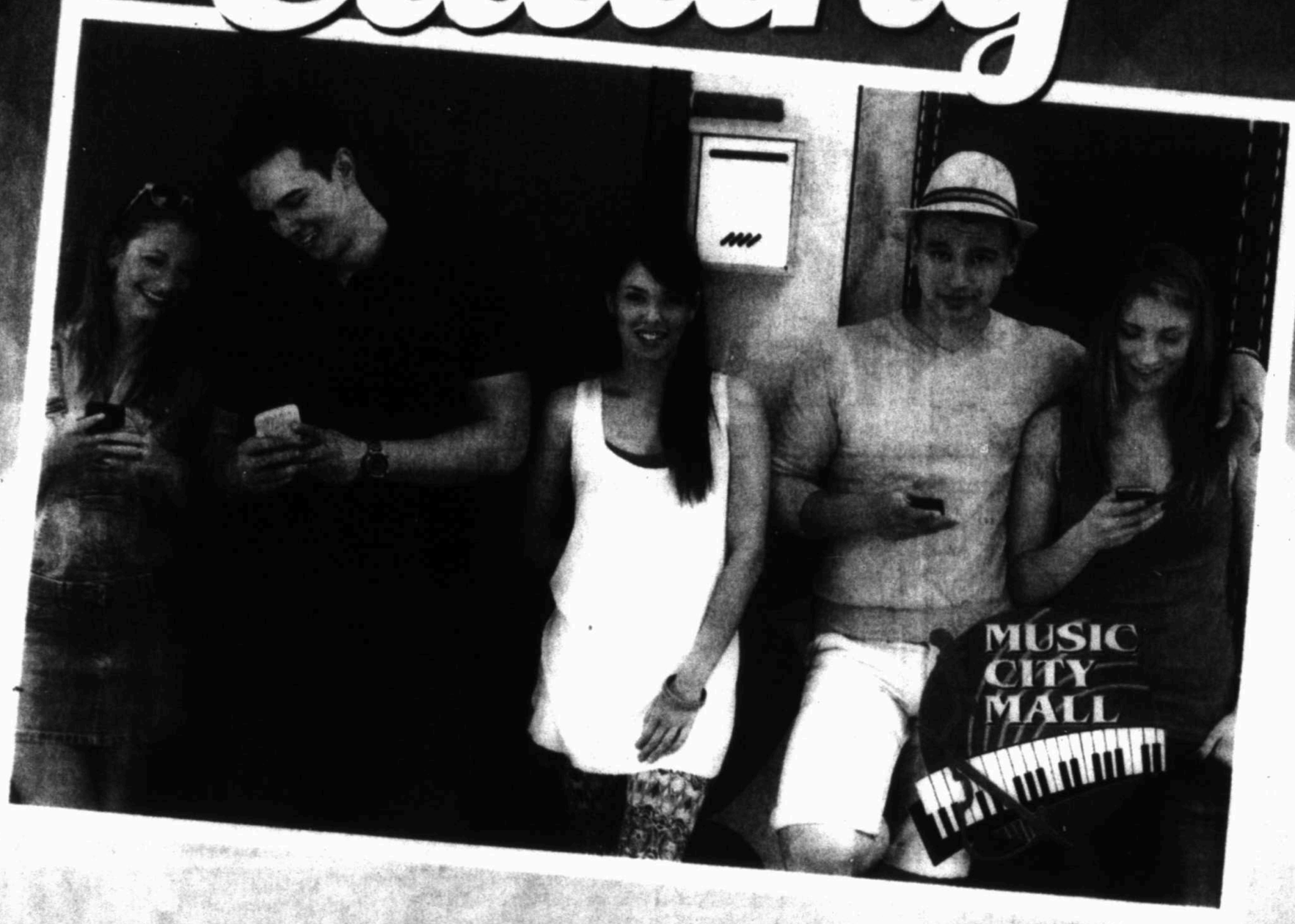
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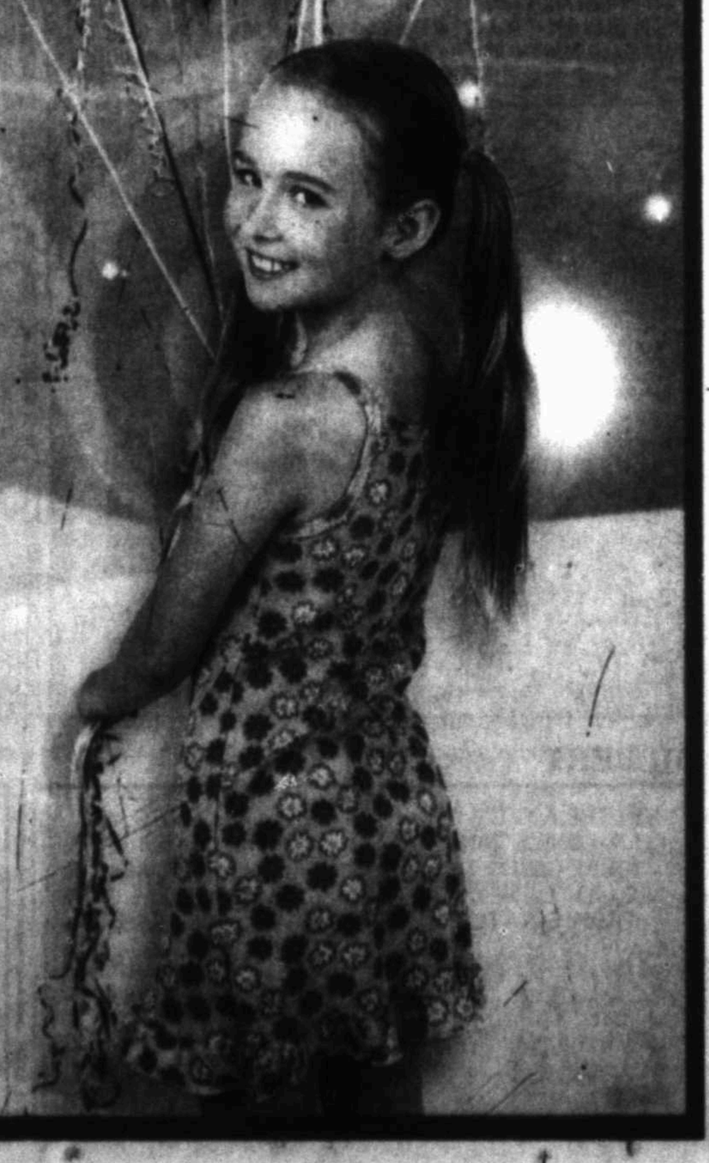
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To all persons interested in the estate of

RICHARD EDWARD MUNDY, Deceased
Cause No. **P17936**
in COUNTY COURT, Midland County, texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above-numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship in this estate on 6/19/2014, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **RICHARD EDWARD MUNDY**, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00a.m. **6/30/2014**, which is the first Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of posting this citation, at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court **by filing a written contest or answer** to this Application should they desire to do so. **To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing with the** County Clerk of Midland County, Texas **on or before the above-noted date and time**.

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XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to reenter a plugged and abandoned well and to obtain an injection permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clearfork Formation in the Goldsmith, C.A., Et al Lease, well number 659R. The proposed injection well is located 4 miles south from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith (Clearfork) Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969 - 7867 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Ronald Poynter, Deceased, were issued to Roberta Johnson Poynter on June 26, 2014 in Cause No. P17918, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Roberta Johnson Poynter
c/o Brandon W. Pinson
P. O. Box 8530
Midland, Texas 79708

DATED the 30th day of June, 2014.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

OXY USA Inc. is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Spraberry (Trend Area) formation, Mabee 139 lease, well numbers 1011, 1029, 1030, 1031, and 1033. The proposed injection wells are located 15 miles Northwest of Midland in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field in Martin County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 8,210 - 11,130 feet.

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It is against City ordinance to attach any notices or advertising matter to any utility pole. Please contact City of Midland Code Enforcement Office, 685-7410, for additional information

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John Conner Drissel, Deceased, were issued on June 10, 2014, in Cause No. P 17889, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Barbara Drissel. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Dick R. Holland**
Attorney at Law
TGAAR Tower
24 Smith Road, Suite 400
Midland, TX 79705

DATED the **30th** day of **June , 2014**

Dick R. Holland
Attorney for Barbara Drissel
State Bar No.: 09845050
TGAAR Tower
24 Smith Road, Suite 400
Midland, TX 79705
Telephone: (432) 686-7743
Facsimile: (432) 683-6229

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

2014 MERCEDES Benz GL450 BLACK, BLACK, SHOWROOM CONDITION. Loaded all options, 9k miles, non smoker, must see, must sell. WILL SACRIFICE $70k 432-413-0394

BMW 2009 328i silver with black leather, 64k miles, clean, garaged, new brakes, premium package, great car $15,500. Call or text 432-528-2686

BMW 2011 328i Loaded White 46K miles warranty to 55K miles or 2.15 Extended warranty available. All maintenance performed by BMW. One Owner. Perfect condition $24,000. 432-413-7618

CADILLAC 2001 El Dorado, mint condition. Power locks and windows, leather, one owner, 68K miles. Immaculate perfect car. Asking $6500. Call 432-770-7982

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Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Attention Readers
In Observance Of
Independence Day

The Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closed
Friday, July 4, 2014
ADVERTISING DEADLINES

CLASSIFIED WORD ADS

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Fri., July 4th	Thurs., July 3rd, 12 PM
Sat., July 5th	Thurs., July 3rd, 5 PM
Sun., July 6th	Thurs., July 3rd, 5 PM
Mon., July 7th	Thurs., July 3rd, 5 PM

CLASSIFIED DISPLAY ADS

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Fri., July 4th	Wed., July 2nd, 3 PM
Sat., July 5th	Thurs., July 3rd, 12 PM
Sun., July 6th	Thurs., July 3rd, 3 PM
Mon., July 7th	Thurs., July 3rd, 5 PM

RETAIL DISPLAY ADS

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Sun., July 6th (Oil Report/West Texas Living, Arts & Entertainment)	Tues., July 1st, 12 PM
Fri., July 4th	Tues., July 1st, 3 PM
Sat., July 5th	Wed., July 2nd, 12 PM
Sun., July 6th	Wed., July 2nd, 5 PM
Mon., July 7th	Thurs., July 3rd, 3 PM

CIRCULATION HOURS
Customer Service calls will be taken July 4th from 7 AM to 11 AM only.
We will re-open Monday, July 7th for regular business hours.

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

IMPACT! Chemical Technologies is seeking an **Accounting Assistant** to provide support with the daily accounting functions of our growing company. Candidates should display strong attention to detail and Excel skills are required. Excellent benefits. Please forward resumes and salary requirement to **tbohannon@impactchemtech.com** or mail to **PO Box 10887, Midland, TX 79702**.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Assistant

Immediate opening with a Midland nonprofit organization. Must have excellent computer skills, be dependable and enjoy working with people. Permanent position with advancement potential. Small office with good benefits and working conditions. Please send resume to: midlandcigas@gmail.com

Adminstrative Assistant

Immediate opening with a Midland Architectural firm. Good communicator with excellent computer and proofing skills a must. Permanent position with growth potential. Responsibilities include e-mail, mail distribution, generating Microsoft Word documents and PowerPoint presentations. Send resume to vga@vandergriff-group.com.

Part Time Clerical

CPA office looking for part-time clerical help. Position entails receptionist & secretarial duties as well as computer data entry. Experience with WORD and EXCEL a plus. Call to schedule interview 432-697-7588 or send resume to PO Box 8110 Midland, TX 79708. Will work with school schedule.

Secretary/Bookkeeper

Consulting Engineering firm is seeking a dependable full time person with experience in word,excel & quickbooks. Duties include but not limited to typing, filing, building reports, invoicing, payroll, copying, scanning, answering phone, and other general office duties. Oil & Gas knowledge a plus. competitive salary and benifits. Please send resume to: info@joecneal.com

Secretary

Secretarial position for oil field company. Experience with Excel, Adobe & Microsoft. Please send resume & salary requirements to P-120 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Caregiver

Animal Krackers **FT/PT**

Patient and driven employees needed to care for children. Flexible hours and good pay. Paid vacations & holidays. Part-time or Full-time, experience preferred. Needs to be available from 8:00 am-5:30 pm. Please call Amee Janna at **432-687-4000**.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

COMPRESSOR MECHANIC

Compressor Mechanic- Gas Plant needed immediately: 1 to 3 years experience required. Salary DOE. Location near Rankin, Tx. Fax resumes to 432-693-2132 or mail to Benedum Gas Plant, HC 34, Box 63, Midkiff, Tx. 79755

Electrician

Big Lake Anchor & Electric

has an opening for an experienced Electrician. Competitive pay based on experience, plus benefits. Must have valid Drivers License & pass pre-employment drug screen. May apply in person at 95 W 2nd Street, Big Lake, TX or Send resumes to: PO Box 444, Big Lake, Tx 76932.

Help Wanted

Need **experienced Equipment Operator** with CDL for Oilfield Construction for a Big Spring family owned oil company. Competitive pay & benefits. Send resume to **PO Box 1870, Big Spring, Tx 79721** or call **432-813-7376**.

Oilfield Positions

Oilfield Supply Store **FT**

Midland, TX

Hiring all position. Outside/Inside Sales. Hose Tech. Shop hands. Drivers. send resumes to cbelcourt@reliancеindustrial.com

REGIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGER-PERMIAN BASIN

Frontier Energy Services, LLC, a Tulsa-based full service midstream company is looking for a highly-skilled Regional Operations Manager for its crude oil gathering, storage and transportation operations in the Permian Basin.

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE:

10 years of relevant experience with crude oil systems, including a minimum of 5 years of hands-on Supervisory/Management experience.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS POSITION INCLUDE:

Seeking a candidate with strong verbal communication skills. This position will require extensive knowledge of all aspects of crude oil operations including: safety, operations, maintenance, regulatory, customer relations and more. Applicant will need to be a self starter and be able to actively participate during the engineering, procurement and construction portion of the project, lead the startup team and transition to manage the ongoing field operation. Will participate in the hiring of the initial key staff, then review and approve ongoing personnel requirements.

BENEFITS FOR THIS POSITION INCLUDE:

The company offers an excellent benefits, compensation and bonus package. Benefit package includes vacation, medical, dental, vision, life, 401(k) and a company assigned vehicle. This position will be based in Carlsbad, NM and will report directly to the VP of Operations in the Corporate Office located in Tulsa, OK.

If you feel you possess the necessary qualifications, please send your resume to:

hr@frontierenergyllc.com

Or Fax to HR Department at (918) 388-8437

www.frontierenergyllc.com

SAFETY MANAGER

WTG Gas Processing has a position open for a Safety Manager having 5-7 years' experience in gas processing industry safety and/or Fleet management systems for DOT Hwy. Regulations. Should be familiar with HSE standards and regulations for general industry and transportation. Mail resume to HS&E Dept., 211 North Colorado, Midland, TX 79701 or e-mail to employment@westtexasgas.com.

HEALTHCARE

LVN/ RN Position Available

Needed skilled LVN and RN for busy physician's practice. Bilingual preferred. Cardiology experience a plus. Full or part time. Email resumes to gacbecky@cableone.net.

Receptionist

Receptionist needed for busy Pediatric office some experience preferred but will train. Please send resume to Premier Physicians, Attn: Arita Routh, P.O. Box 5291, Midland, TX 79704 or fax to (432) 682-2284. No phone calls please.

P.O. BOR-8026

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Hiring All Positions

For our New **Holiday Inn Express I-20**, Midland, TX: **Assistant General Manager, Front Desk Manager, Front Desk Agents, Executive Housekeeping Manager, Night Auditors, Housekeeping, Houseman, Breakfast Host/Hostess, Maintenance.** Please E-Mail resumes to careers@insgramgmt.com, FAX resumes to 432.699.0979 or stop by 4410 N. Midkiff RD Suite D-212 to pick up application.

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Maintenance

Now hiring **Maintenance** position for **SpringHill Suites, Midland, TX. Please apply in person: 5716 Desuville BLVD Midland, TX.**

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

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

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstrp.com

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HEALTHCARE

OCEANS BEHAVIORAL HOSPITAL PERMIAN BASIN

***NEW ADOLESCENT UNIT** COMING SOON*

TO THE PERMIAN BASIN REGION

NOW HIRING ALL POSITIONS

- Masters Prepared Therapist,
- Adolescent/Patient Liaison, RN, LVN, MHTS
- Case Manager/Utilization Review Manager

(Adolescent Therapy and Treatment Experience Preferred)

APPLY ONLINE AT: OCEANSPERMIANBASIN.COM OR EAMIL RESUME TO: TEAMOCEANS@OHCG.INFO

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE

Villa Chateau Apartments Full time Maintenance needed. Must have own tools. Drug screen/Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

OTHER JOBS

Children's Program Director

Children's Program Director needed for established, fully staffed weekday program. Fulltime. Benefits. Must have experience, organizational skills, and knowledge of state regulations. Please send resumes Box P118 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

Cleaning Help

Cleaning Service now hiring for **CLEANING HELP**. Monday-Friday. **Please call 432-520-3707**.

Custodian

Established Protestant church seeking fulltime Church Custodian. Routine building maintenance and custodial duties. People and service oriented qualities a must. Flexible hours. Some weekends. Benefits. Please send resumes to Box P119 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

Distribution NOW

A leader in the Oil & Gas industry is HIRING!
Full time positions with great benefits and competitive pay
Looking for experienced candidates for the following positions

- Branch Operations Manager
- Sales Representative (Inside & Outside)
- Warehouse/DOT Drivers

Location: Midland TX
Email resume with desired position in subject line to:
Dezra.Felder@dnow.com

Fabricators/Installers

Accent Granite & Marble **FT**

Now hiring Fabricators/Installers. Tile/Carpentry experience a plus. Apply within 4309 SCR 1290 (Coors Rd.), Odessa, TX 79765. 563-8004 accentgranitemidland.com

Woolley Tool Inc.

Woolley Tool Inc. serving the Oil & Gas industry since 1933. Now excepting resumes to fill these positions: **Fishing Tool Supervisor, Dispatchers, and Outside Sales**. Experience is required. Benefits package includes vacation, health insurance, and retirement match savings. Salary depends on experience. Please submit resume by fax to 903-984-3556 or email to accounts@wftool.net (also cc:tevans@wftool.net).

General Labor/Welder Helper

Starting Pay: $16.00/hourly Hours: 45+/weekly. Requirements: Work to be performed inside and outside year round. Physical ability to lift 75 lbs. Must report to work on time and perform job responsibilities in a timely manner in order to meet scheduled deadlines. General working knowledge of torches, grinders, and use of other hand tools. Must be 18 years of age. All applicants will be subject to a pre-employment background check. Must reside in the area. Midland/Odessa. Call to schedule an appointment between 8:30-4:00 M-F. 432-697-7400.

Now Accepting Applications for Maids & Janitors

Perfect jobs for extra income! Hours are 5:30pm-8:30pm, Monday thru Friday. Apply in person at **1307 N Big Spring**.

Office Clerk & Maintenance Technician

QSN Realty: Needs Full Time Office Clerk & Maintenance Technician. Fax resume 432-520-9434, apply in person only at 5010 W. Loop 250 N.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

SAM

Surveying and Mapping, LLC, is a firm dedicated to delivering top-quality products and customer service. Our team of professionals delivers integrated geospatial solutions for surveying, aerial mapping, airborne, mobile, and terrestrial LiDAR, GIS, SUE, hydrographic surveying, and construction phase services. With over 600 employees and 120 field crews, including more than 90 license surveyors, engineers, and photogrammetrists, we provide services to a diverse range of clients across North America.

We are seeking the best qualified people to fill several positions in Midland, Texas:

- Survey Office Managers
- Senior PM's
- Project Managers
- Survey Technicians

Come join our growing team!
Please apply at www.sam.biz

QA & QUALITY CONTROL

Quality Control Inspector

Natural Gas Services Group **FT**

NCSG has immediate opening for a **Quality Control Inspector** for Flares and Compressor Packages. This individual is required to have knowledge of ASME and AWS Code, will arrange and document all radiographs, manage all hydrostatic testing, perform visual inspections and dimensional checks of fabricated equipment and outsourced equipment and able to read drawings. The ability to read P&IDs is a plus. CWI certification is a plus but not required. Excellent Salary and Benefit package. For more information or to submit your resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call (432) 262-2700.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

DOMINO'S PIZZA is now hiring Delivery Drivers! We are looking for Awesome Team Members that want to earn cash daily! Delivery drivers earn a great hourly wage while taking home their tips and delivery reimbursement daily! Do you like cash in your pocket? Have a vehicle with insurance? Have a decent motor vehicle record and background? Well this is the job for you! Not sure yet?

Email us at dominos@clearwire.net
with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you! As always, come on down to any of our Midland/Odessa locations and apply at any time!
Or apply at www.indeed.com
EOE
(coming soon: company delivery vehicles for you to drive! Apply today!)

Host, Bus Staff & Servers

The Garlic Press is hiring Host, Bus Staff and Servers. Flexible hours. Great work environment and benefits.
Apply in person at The Garlic Press in Oak Ridge Square at Wadley and Garfield. 11-2 only

WAITSTAFF, BUSSERS AND DISHWASHERS

The Racquet Club is seeking candidates for **Waitstaff, Bussers and Dishwashers**. Flexible hours, excellent working environment, and competitive pay. We offer 401K, paid vacation, and health insurance. Apply in person, **3009 Racquet Club Dr.** No phone calls please.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

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

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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SALES JOBS

Customer Account Reps & Assistant Managers
Get your new career started today at Rent A Center- Midland by applying online at www.rentacareers.net or call 972-801-1840.

SALES POSITION
Motorcycle sales, good hours, great pay & benefits. Apply @ Golden Suzuki Honda, 306 E. 2nd St,Odessa.

STORE MANAGERS and CASHIERS
Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

WAREHOUSE PERSONNEL NEEDED!
Apply in person at: Sims Plastics 2700 W. Front Midland, TX 79701

SKILLED LABOR

Danny's Asphalt Paving
Is seeking Loader Operators, CDL drivers, and Asphalt Laborers. Experience mandatory. Paid weekly, MVR background and drug testing required. Apply in person @ 12820 Hwy 191 Midland M-F 8-5

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

Heavy Equipment Mechanic
Permian Tractor Sales seeking **Experienced Heavy Equipment Mechanic** Must furnish own tools. Vacation, Insurance, 401K, Uniforms. Competitive pay. Apply in person **210 E 67th Odessa, TX. 432-367-8628.**

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS NEEDED
EXPERIENCE, REFERENCES & TDL REQUIRED. Call Brent @ 830-221-8666 or 830-837-0902. Monday through Friday 8am-5pm only. Acme Bridge is EOE

HVAC Duct Installers
TMI Mechanical FT
HVAC Duct Installers and **Experienced Helpers** needed for work on local job. Top pay depending on experience. 100% employer paid medical, paid vacations and holidays. Call **432-686-0002** for interview

Laborers, Well Attendants & Pumpers
NEEDED: hard working, eager to learn Laborers, Well Attendants, and Pumpers. Long term potential. 832-435-9124/281-996-1689

Licensed Plumbing Supervisor
Webb Plumbing Co Colorado City Project Call: 325-642-7099

Mud Engineer
Looking for someone who is a certified Mud Engineer who has been trained and has experience in oil based mud. On call 24 hours/7 days a week. Must have a good driving record and computer knowledge. Must live in or near Abilene, TX. Please email resume to bdh@clearwire.net

Operators
Operators Needed. South Environmental Services is hiring experienced Dozer and Maintainer operators. Must have clean driving records! Please apply at 2400 S. Loop 250 W. Midland Texas 79703

PRESSMAN
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Water Well Driller
Needed licensed Water Well Driller in Midland Texas. CDL required. Please call 940-456-3110

Welding Foreman
Natural Gas Service Group FT
NGSG has immediate opening for a **Welding Foreman**. The Welding Foreman is responsible for supervising a busy welding/fabrication shop. Duties include: Supervise and coordinate all shop personnel. Ensure all work assignments are completed. Assist with QC inspections. Handle all job related paperwork. Assist with various design, repair, welding, and fabrication. Must have minimum 5 years experience in a welding foreman position. CWI preferred. Excellent Salary and Benefit package. For more information or to submit your resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call (432) 262-2700

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Supplement your income by delivering newspapers for a few hours in the early mornings between 12:00am - 6:00am. The Midland Reporter-Telegram is currently seeking individuals who are interested in delivering newspapers in the residential areas in and around the City of Midland. If interested, MUST have a reliable vehicle, proof of automobile insurance in your name, a valid driver's license, must understand that this is a 7 day a week delivery commitment as an Independent Contractor.

THE PROFIT FOR THESE ROUTES IS ABOUT $650-$1,000 a month, depending on the size of the route. *This is a perfect way to generate the extra money you need.*

If interested in starting a newspaper route:
Please CALL CATHY at 432-687-9002 or stop by
The Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Driver
Horizon Transportation FT
Now hiring Class A CDL Drivers, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Please call 432-699-4468

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1894 for interview or online @ www.rockwaterenergy.com

DRIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
Regional Ice Manufacturer Seeking FULL-TIME Route Delivery Drivers for the Midland, TX area. Home Every Night. Class A or B CDL Required. Pre-Employment Drug Screen and Clean Driving Record a Must. Able to lift minimum a of 50 lbs. Pays an excellent hourly wage and commission. Full Benefits Package Available. Call 1-800-321-5558 or apply online at arcticglacier.com

Route Driver Position and Warehouse Person
Looking for an energetic people for the positions of **Route Driver** and **Warehouse** for Custom Food Group. **$500 bonus after 6 months of employment**. Apply in person at **2045 S. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX**. Call or Email Today to set up an appointment today. **806-231-0260. Justin.littlejohn@customfoodgroup.com**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES



Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)
MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD
SUNDAYS ONLY
IF INTERESTED CALL
TOMMY 967-2267

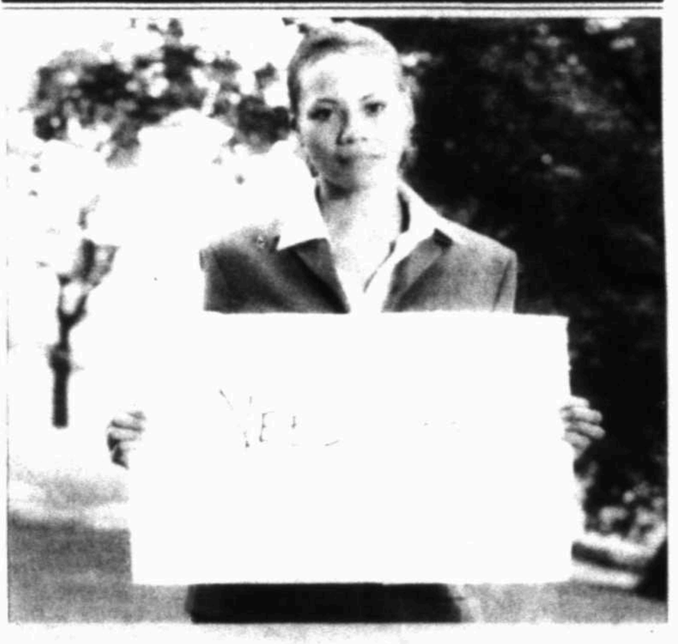
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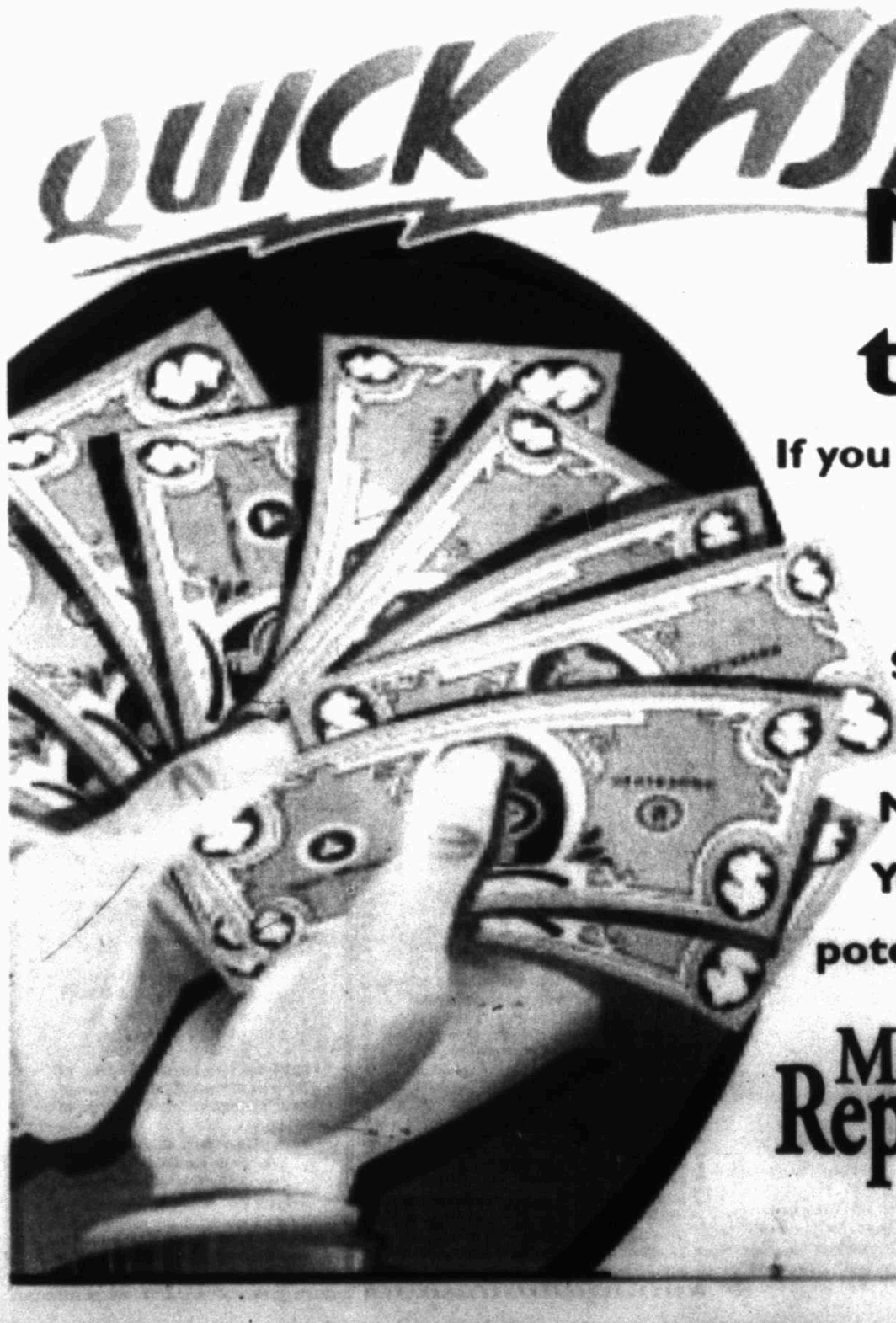
Do you have a reliable car with insurance and a phone?? Become an independent contractor delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Contact: Linda 687-8807



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Beats standing on the street corner!



Make Money the easy way

If you are like many people, you have items that are still perfectly good, just not things that you want to keep. Sell those items and make some fast money with a classified ad in the Midland Reporter-Telegram! Your ad will reach many potential buyers each and every day.

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Call 682-6222 Today

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... leading you to the best bargains in the Permian Basin

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Appliances

15- AAA Appliance Free pickup in 15min 556-0104 / 528-3046

Free Stuff

FREE 5yr old chocolate lab to good home. Great w/ kids & house broken. 432-638-8443

Appliances

We buy broken appliances w/ free removal. Also we repair appliances. 432-570-8278

Furniture

BEAUTIFUL BABY Dream company crib, dark brown, converts to a toddlers or single b ed. $350. Call 432-682-0793

QUEEN 4 poster bed, dresser, and tables, TV hutch, purchased at Ashley excellent condition $1,800. Leather sectional, mauve in color. $500 pictures available by text. 432-634-5605

Home Items

THREE SECTION (upper and lower) library/bookcase system - country colonial style. $500 call or text 432-559-5707.

Let "Sure Sell" Work For You! Call 432-682-6222

Miscellaneous for Sale



12X30 BARN steel low - E all heat insulator deflector inside wall. A wall divider one side 12x12 has a 4' door. Larger side has a regular door and a loft. Both sides have A/C, heater combo's and 4 windows total. It's a 2014 customers design. Not installed but can have all plugs boxes wiring breakers and breaker box. $10600, must move. Call 432-413-9190

Need Help Selling Your Vehicle Call the Classified Dept. 682-6222 to place ad

Miscellaneous for Sale

3 PLOTS in Sunset Memorial Gardens, in the desirable section of the Garden of Hope. Would consider a discount if purchasing all three. 806-577-8811

4 CEMETERY plots at Resthaven Memorial Park. Devotion Garden, Sec. G, Lot 140, spaces 1, 2, 3, & 4. $2250 each, $4250 for two, or $8000 for four. Call 432-362-4946.

Miscellaneous for Sale

RESTHAVEN MEM. Prk. Garden of Love. 4 plots. Mkt. val. $2,395 ea. Selling pairs only, $2,000 per plot. Email: m a m a - d i 4 7 @ sbcglobal.net 432-682-3974

Musical Instruments

TWO ANTIQUE pianos - one is a player piano (not working). Best offer-call or text 432-559-5707.

Need some cash? Call CLASSIFIED 682-6222

Industrial Products & Supplies

Heavy Equipment

2000 VERMEER Ditcher T555DT with 3,780 Hrs. & 2010 Eager Beaver 20XPT 20 ft. Heavy Equipment Trailer. $95,600. Contact: (806) 292-5120

Animals & Pets

Pets

AKC LABRADOR RETRIEVERS all colors $250.00. Ready to go home with you on June 27! Come pick your puppy! Call 432-528-1871 or 432-638-6768.

Pets

GREAT DANE puppies, full blooded Black with white markings. Six weeks old, first set of shots given $300. For more information please call or text 432-894-3968

LAB PUPPIES AKC & started dogs. Hips/eyes guaranteed. Training available. Pooles Labs. www.pooleslabs.com Call (806) 633-4364

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No 08-0290101
DATE OF ISSUANCE July 1, 2014 — Status/Permit No. 785243
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE 5:00 PM. Aug. 5, 2014
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax (512) 463-6780
Email SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 39, Blk. LEECH, L Survey, A-1035, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 14.1 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

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

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug. 5, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	TURNER H
Lease/Unit Well No.	3902H
Lease/Unit Acres	573.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	45.0

Lease Lines	373.0 F NORTH L.	530.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines	373.0 F NORTH L.	530.0 F EAST L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location:
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L; 675.0 F EAST L.

Terminus Location:
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 46 — Block — Abstract: 1038
Survey: LEECH, L.
Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L; 775.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L; 775.0 F EAST L.

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC. No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

IF COMPLETED IN THE SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC FIELD THE LEASE NAME WILL BE TURNER H. WELL NO. 3902H. ACRES 245.3. LOCATION:

Lease Lines	373.0 F NORTH L.	530.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines	373.0 F NORTH L.	530.0 F EAST L.

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

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/0. 80.0 acres.

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 467/0. 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10600 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969-3873.

Pickup Trucks

DODGE 2007 Ram 1500 single cab, 32,700 miles. White exterior with cloth seats. Good condition. $7,500. 432-699-5808

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RVs



2001 NEWMAR Dutch Star Class A Diesel Motorhome. M 3883. Freightliner chassis. 300 HP Cat Motor. Rear View Monitor, Hydrolic Jacks, 1 slide-out, Diesel generator, Corian ctr tops. 38.5 long Oak cabinets. 87K miles. Very clean! $54,500 OBO For More info call 575-760-1413

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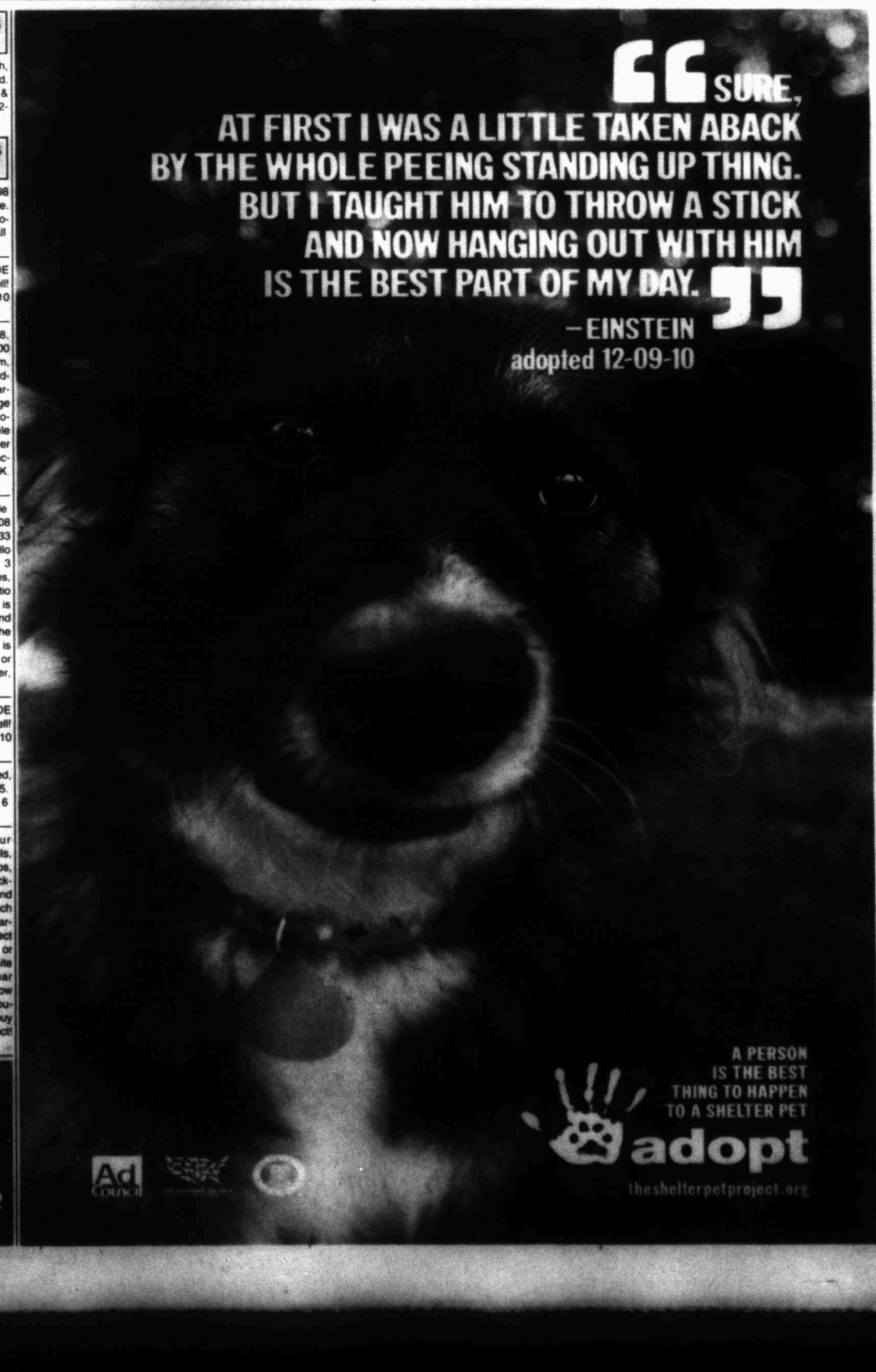
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POISON IVY

Steer clear of these toxic troublemakers

By Jane Brody
N.Y. Times News Service

I was once among those who claim, "I could walk through a field of poison ivy and not get it." One day I learned otherwise: On a hike, I needed to relieve myself in the great outdoors and ended up with an impossibly itchy, blistering rash on a most delicate body part.

Too late I learned that you can develop an allergic reaction to poison ivy after previously uneventful exposures, which induce a sensitivity to the plant's oily sap, urushiol. Once sensitized, your skin is likely to react to every subsequent exposure. Even people repeatedly exposed who appear to be immune may react to high concentrations of the toxin.

I also learned not to rely on the popular warning, "Leaves of three, let them be," to alert me to the presence of Toxicodendron radicans, as the poison ivy plant is aptly called by botanists. It is not just the leaves that can provoke a reaction; the stems, roots, flowers and berries all contain urushiol.

Touching or brushing against any of these plant parts, even if they are dead, can cause a reaction. The sap is hardy and can cause a rash in the dead of winter, or even a year after contaminating clothing or shoes that are not thoroughly cleaned.

Urushiol shows up elsewhere, including in the skin of mangoes (and the leaves and bark of the mango tree), as I discovered when I ate a mango still in the rind and ended up with a blistering rash on my mouth. Cashew shells also have the toxin, which is why cashews are sold shelled and processed (either roasted or in the case of "raw" cashews, steamed) at a temperature high enough to destroy urushiol. Poison ivy is not the only problem plant one might encounter while hiking, camping or simply strolling in the countryside. T. radicans has two relatives, poison oak and poison sumac, that don't always form the classic clusters but are equally toxic troublemakers.

Myths and misconceptions abound about these three plants and the reactions they can cause. Knowing the facts can help to spare you and your family considerable distress.

First, learn to recognize the plants in their various growth patterns. While poison ivy is most often encountered as a small ground plant, it also grows as a shrub and vine. The vines, which turn bright red in fall, were once used to adorn buildings in England.

Poison oak, which has compound leaves made up of three (or sometimes five) leaflets, usually grows as a shrub, but will form a vine in the Western states.

Poison sumac, which grows as a tall shrub or small tree, produces leaves with rows of paired leaflets and a single leaflet at the end. It likes a wet habitat, growing in peat bogs in the Northeast and Midwest and swamps in the Southeast.

Urushiol can penetrate cloth. Although long sleeves, pants and gloves can reduce the risk of exposure, they cannot guarantee protection. Even rubber gloves can be breached. If you must handle the plants or are likely to contact poison ivy when gardening, wear vinyl gloves.

You don't have to touch the plant directly to react to urushiol. Gardening tools, sporting equipment, even a pet that has been in a patch of poison ivy — all can cause a reaction. My brother, who has been sensitive to urushiol since childhood, once developed the rash on his arm after retrieving a baseball that had rolled through poison ivy.

Before possible exposure, use an over-the-counter skin-care product containing bentoquatam (IvyBlock) to prevent or reduce absorption of urushiol. The combination of this barrier product and protective clothing is your best defense against an inadvertent encounter.

But there is no scientific evidence that jewelweed, feverfew, plantain or other herbal remedies prevent or cure a urushiol-induced rash.

Nor do you become immune to urushiol through repeated exposures to small amounts. Quite the opposite. There is no way to desensitize a person to urushiol as there is with pollen and peanut allergies. Eating mangoes or cashews will not work.

Contrary to popular belief, a poison ivy rash is not contagious. It cannot be spread by oozing blisters, or by scratching or touching the rash. Only direct contact with urushiol causes a reaction. (Scratching can result in an infection, however.)

The rash can appear on different parts of the body at various times. This may happen because the parts were exposed at different times, or because areas with thicker skin are less easily penetrated by the oil. The delicate skin of the genital and perianal areas, for example, is more easily breached than tougher skin on the hands.

Repeated tilling or mowing can eventually kill poison ivy plants, as can repeated applications of an herbicide like Roundup. The latter should be applied with serious caution and only on a warm, sunny day with little or no wind when the plants are actively growing.

If you are highly allergic, or wary of applying herbicides, clearing your property of the plants may be best left to a professional. While goats are said to have a hearty appetite for poison ivy plants, they may eat everything else in the yard, too.

Never try to burn a poison plant. Burning releases the toxin, which may land on skin or, worse, be inhaled and cause a serious internal reaction.

Should you contact a urushiol-containing plant, the American Academy of Dermatology recommends washing your skin immediately. Lukewarm, soapy water is best, but even plain water can limit exposure to the sap. Take care in removing contaminated clothing, and wash it separately as soon as possible.

You can relieve a rash by applying cool compresses with an astringent like Burow's solution, soaking the affected area in colloidal oatmeal, or using calamine lotion; all are sold over the counter. Do not apply products containing a topical antihistamine, like Benadryl, which can cause a sensitivity reaction that makes matters worse.

Severe reactions may require medically prescribed treatment with an oral corticosteroid like prednisone.

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It appears the joke is on you, Ted, because your friends aren't talking about Ted the movie, they're talking about TED the website (www.ted.com). TED stands for Technology, Entertainment and Design and is a nonprofit whose goal is to spread ideas. Hmm, that reminds me of Inception:

What is the most resilient parasite? Bacteria? A virus? An intestinal worm? An idea. Resilient... highly contagious. Once an idea has taken hold of the brain, it's almost impossible to eradicate.

Starting out as a conference in 1984 (Coincidence? I don't think so!) that introduced the first compact disc and e-reader; TED has grown considerably in the past decade to include a multitude of initiatives. But they all share the same core idea: serving as a platform to spread ideas.

On the TED website this boils down to more than 1,700 presentations or talks, none exceeding more than 30 minutes, and covering a wide assortment of topics. Cancer to climate change. Fission to fusion. Online dating to online searching. Sting to Stephen Hawking. I guarantee there is something there that will pique your curiosity.

The site has a rudimentary search page, the best option of which allows you to look for talks by mood: beautiful, courageous, fascinating, funny, informative, ingenious, inspiring, jaw-dropping or persuasive. However, it doesn't allow you to combine these if you were, for example, in the mood for a jaw-dropping funny talk or an ingeniously informative talk. I find that discouragingly disturbing.

But the brevity of the talks makes them addictive. Once you start, it is hard to stop. Kind of like Lay's, you can't stop at just one.

TED also has a blog and few dozen e-Books, but I find the topics there far less engaging than the videos. There is also information about the 2015 TED conferences in Vancouver, Canada. But be warned, you will need a few grand available.

Remember all of the initiatives I mentioned earlier? Well, this is where TED is really becoming a household name. First there is TEDx, which is TED, but at the local level. Richmond had its very own TEDx back in March (www.tedxrva.com) and included eight speakers, all the presentations of which are available for you to view. Heck, if Minot, North Dakota can have a TEDx, why not your town?

Then there is TED-Ed, which is TED, but focused on education. A great tool for educators and students of any age. Another program, TED Prize, fits right in line with the renewed fascination with globally targeted, global improvement contests like XPRIZE (www.xprize.org). In one of the XPRIZEs, Google will give $30 million to the first group that puts a robot on the moon and beams back images.

For the TED Prize, you just need to come up with a really neat idea that will improve the world. You probably have at least a dozen of those in your back pocket after debating with your friends about what's wrong with the world. Now's your chance. Come up with that killer idea, structure it so it can be accomplished in about a year, and TED Prize will grant you $1 million to make that wish a reality. What are you waiting for?

I hope not the next Transformers movie. There is nothing I care to quote from those poor offerings from the human race.

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