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If Iran gets to export crude, Texas should, too

Repealing the ban could result in diminished power of OPEC

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ ANALYSIS

Now that the international community plans to lift the embargo on Iranian oil, it's time for Congress to lift the one on U.S. oil.

For 40 years, the United States has banned almost all exports of U.S. crude in the mistaken belief that energy independence is the same thing as energy security. The result is that U.S. oil companies are forced to sell their product at a substantial discount to prevailing international prices to U.S. refiners who then export gasoline, diesel and jet fuel at a significant profit.

Congress needs to repeal this misguided federal ban so that U.S. crude can become another source in the international marketplace and diminish the power of OPEC, and Iran in particular, from manipulating it. Depending on how quickly the agreement is implemented, Iran could add 250,000 barrels a day early next year to the global market and add a million more barrels in three years.

When a nation that many lawmakers consider an enemy can sell crude more easily than Texas, there is something wrong in Washington.

There are lawmakers who understand the imperative. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, and Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, are leading the battle to lift the ban, but they are finding that too many Americans, including members of Congress, believe some old myths that need to be dispelled once and for all.

First, many Democrats believe that allowing oil exports will increase the price of U.S. gasoline. While that may sound logical because exports will likely raise the price of American crude while lowering the price of foreign crude, the truth is that U.S. refineries have never given Americans a discount.

"The global oil price is what sets the price of gasoline," explained Anthony Starkey, energy analysis manager for Bentek Energy, an analytics and forecasting unit of Platts. "U.S. refiners already produce above and beyond what U.S. consumers need or demand. ... We already export our crude, we just do it through the refined product market."

In fact, several studies show that adding U.S. supply to the market will bring down international prices, and therefore bring down U.S. gasoline prices.

The second myth is that we can keep U.S. oil within our borders and stop importing oil from elsewhere and achieve energy independence. This survivalist view is strong in the more paranoid corners of the Republican Party. It's also out of touch with reality.

1973 embargo

Advocates of energy independence point to the OPEC oil embargo in 1973 as proof of America's vulnerability. But since then, the market has become much more fractured and sophisticated. Arab members of OPEC once controlled the majority of the world supply, but now they manage only about 25 percent. The U.S. also doesn't buy that much from them anymore.

If Arab countries decided not to export to the U.S., it would drive the price up a little bit, but there are plenty of other sources that would keep us supplied. That is called energy security, and the more suppliers in the market, the better for us.

West Coast refineries can buy crude from Canada, East Coast companies can buy from Africa and the Middle East and

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DEVELOPING FUTURE

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Work on the former Midland County Courthouse is underway at Wall and Colorado streets. Asbestos will be removed before demolition begins, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. The structure served as the county courthouse from the late 1920s to September 2010. It is being torn down to allow for future development of downtown.

City Council to host 'texting-while-driving' forum

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland City Council is hosting at 6 p.m. today the first of two public meetings for residents to provide input on a proposed texting-while-driving ordinance.

Today's forum will be held at Abell Junior High. The second forum will take place 6 p.m. Aug. 3 at the MLK Jr. Community Center. The public meetings will precede the council's final vote on the ordinance, which is set for the meeting on Aug. 11.

The proposed ordinance applies to mobile phones, tablets and laptops. The ordinance could go into effect on Oct. 1 if passed, and failure to comply could result in a $500 fine.

In advance of the public meetings, here are a few things we will keep an eye on.

Will you turn out?

There have been people who complain about the mid-morning starting time of the regular council meetings. They believe it shuts out the average resident who works for a living. That is the reason for the 6 p.m. forums — the council wants your input, and we appreciate that. Now it is up to you.

We are going to be curious to see the turnout. In the past couple of years, we have said that people were so busy that participation in government was bound to take a hit. Will that change?

We expect a good turnout will mean that the council will find it necessary to schedule more of these public meetings to consider the biggest issues of the day.

How will Midlanders weigh in?

At Tuesday's council meeting, four people spoke out in favor of the ordinance and two spoke out against it. Many on the council said that their constituents are basically unanimous in support of a texting-while-driving ban. So far, the ratio of those on the record is 2-to-1 in favor of an ordinance.

We also look forward to hearing more reasons for support or opposition. Public safety dominates the reason for an ordinance. Reasons against the ban include difficulty of enforcement, already having reckless-driving rules in the books and potential racial profiling ramifications.

What's the argument that will sway this council?

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City spokeswoman: Alcohol, excessive speed likely factors in train-pickup crash

From staff reports

Midland Police Department's investigation revealed that excessive speed and alcohol likely were contributing factors in the crash between a Union Pacific train and a Dodge pickup Saturday evening, according to a press release from the city's spokeswoman.

The pickup's driver, Paul Thompson, 61, of Midland failed to control speed, approached the railroad crossing too fast to stop and slid through the crossing gate at Front and Carver streets, according to the release from Sara Bustilloz. The truck came to a stop on the tracks, at which point it was struck by the train. Alcohol is also being investigated as a contributing factor, she said.

Thompson died at the scene. Two passengers — one male and one female, both 54 — were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with life-threatening injuries, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

Thompson was the second person to die on roads in Midland County on Saturday.

The other death took place at about 12:30 a.m. when a pedestrian died after he was hit by a pickup on South County Road 1310, according to a press release from the Department of Public Safety.

A Ford pickup was headed southbound on SCR 1310 approaching the Interstate 20 frontage road about 7 miles east of Midland. The pickup hit James Lynn White, 50, of Odessa, who was walking on 1310, according to the press release. He died at the scene.

The driver, a 22-year-old Laredo man, was not injured, according to the release. The incident is under investigation, Elena Viramontes, with DPS, said Sunday.

White and Thompson were the third and fourth people to die on roads in Midland County since Wednesday, the fourth and fifth this month and the 18th and 19th since Jan. 1, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

The other two fatal crashes last week occurred Friday and Wednesday, according to previous Reporter-Telegram articles.

A 52-year-old Big Spring man died early Friday afternoon when his car was hit by a pickup at State Highway 349 and West County Road 60, and a 26-year-old Midland man died early Wednesday morning in a motorcycle wreck on Loop 250.

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Texas residents condemn plan for Muslim cemetery

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — Muslims say they're looking for a place to bury their dead. Locals say it's a plot to gain a foothold in their small rural Texas town.

A proposal to bring a Muslim cemetery to Farmersville has stoked fears among residents who are vehemently trying to convince community leaders to block the project. The sentiment reflects an anti-Muslim distrust that has been brewing over the last year in parts of Texas, most notably 25 miles away in Garland — the scene of a deadly May shooting outside a cartoon contest lampooning the Prophet Muhammad.

"The concern for us is the radical element of Islam," David J. Meeks, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, told The Dallas Morning News. He said he thinks the cemetery would be the first step toward a broader Muslim expansion in town.

"How can we stop a mosque or madrassa training center from going in there?" he asked, referring to a type of Islamic school.

The issue is flaring up as Farmersville leaders consider a 35-acre development request from the Islamic Association of Collin County, which faces a shortage of space to bury members of its faith. Although the area already has a Buddhist center and Mormon church, residents showed up in force at a recent town meeting to oppose allowing a Muslim cemetery, which would include an open-air pavilion and small retail component that would run along a busy highway through town.

"There's just a basic concern or distrust about the cemetery coming into town," said Mayor Joe Helmberger, who calls the townspeople's worries unwarranted.

He said the cemetery would be approved as long as the town's development standards are met, pointing out that the U.S. was founded on religious freedom and that the association is simply trying to secure a burial site.

Concerns over Muslim cemeteries gained national attention in 2010 when the town of Sidney Center in New York voted to investigate how Muslims were burying their dead. The issue was quickly dropped after local leaders received widespread criticism.

Many residents of Farmersville, a predominantly white community of approximately 3,500 residents about 35 miles northeast of Dallas, are pushing their leaders to take a similar stand.

Some oppose the project because it would attract Muslims, while others expressed concern that Muslim burial practices — Muslims traditionally don't bury their dead in caskets — would present health risks for residents.

"When somebody dies, they bury them at that time," Farmersville resident Troy Gosnell told KTVT-TV. "You don't know whether they were shot, diseased or anything else. All they do is wrap them in a sheet, throw them in the grave and bury them."

Burial experts dismiss such concerns and comments as nonsense.

Khalil Abdur-Rashid, a spokesman for the Islamic association, said misinformation and confusion are fueling critics. He said shrouded bodies would be placed in caskets and entombed in vaults underground, and that the plans for the cemetery have more to do with "human dignity" than religion.

"Some thought it was a mosque going to be built, others thought it was a training ground," Abdur-Rashid told WFAA-TV. "We want to be very clear that this is a cemetery."

There are about five Muslim cemeteries in North Texas and they have little remaining space, so the association needs more land for burial, said Alia Salem, executive director of the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

Salem told The Associated Press that state rules limit the places where a new cemetery can be placed, and Farmersville was one of the few options open to the association. The purchase of the land was completed this week, she said.

"We do want to take this opportunity to address misconceptions," she said, explaining that in many cases residents are simply seeking answers.

"The questions about what this means for them, that's legitimate."

Arizona law stakes claim over unauthorized campaign signs

By Terry Tang
Associated Press

PHOENIX — With city elections in Phoenix next month and 2016 races around the corner, Arizona regulators are warning people that they might need to pull up stakes on the many campaign signs on lawns and street corners.

Signs that were installed without prior inspection could create danger around utility lines and bring hefty fines, according to a long-time state law.

The Arizona "Blue Stake" law mandates that anyone doing excavation must have utility lines marked first. It's a law that was enacted in 1974 and has been enforced by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Recently, the commission has been reminding campaigns and campaign supporters that the law applies to signs staked into turf. Anyone who wants to plant a sign must call 811, the nonprofit call center that arranges for utility locators to mark the locations of utility lines at no charge. The wait is normally about two days.

Arizona 811 spokeswoman Kimberly Noetzel said the call center receives about 505,000 calls annually from individuals and companies.

Robert Miller, the commission's program manager who oversees the state's various pipelines, said there is a common misconception that even digging a couple of inches won't cause any harm.

"Honestly, that is a statement that we hear on a very, very regular basis — not just from the owners but even professional excavators, people who do this for a living," Miller said. "That's why the law does not address any depth specifically. Utilities can just be barely under the surface or 3 or 4 feet deep."

There is potential of causing serious injury or damaging utility, gas or fiber-optic lines, Miller said. Even nicking a pipe could cause damage that could have impact years later, he added. The only exception to the Blue Stake law is the use of yard tools for gardening, he said.

Representatives for Southwest Gas, Salt River Project and Arizona Public Service said they can't recall incidents where campaign signs caused significant damage. But all three encouraged using the 811 service.

The commission only pursues violators if they receive complaints or spot anyone in the act. Usually, first-time offenders get a warning. Subsequent offenses are subject to a fine between $250 and $5,000. Miller estimates that his office issues $30,000 to $50,000 in fines each year.

The managers of a Phoenix campaign for an initiative to expand the city's transportation systems had no idea the law applied to campaign signs. The MovePHX campaign has been handing out hundreds of free "Proposition 104" signs before the Aug. 25 vote. The 18-by-24-inch signs use lightweight metal stakes that are more than a foot long. Miller said metal stakes are risky to install because they could go through coaxial cables that provide cable and fiber optic services.

Bill Scheel, MovePHX's campaign manager, said he disagreed with the signs being hazards.

"I'm amused by this. They are saying if I want to play croquet in my backyard, I need to 'blue stake' it," Scheel said.

He has no plans to start mentioning the law every time someone takes a sign.

"These people request a sign. They put it in their yard. I'm sure they know where their coaxial cable is," Scheel said.

Miller said he wishes campaigns would urge voters to follow the law.

"They're not required, but it should be their responsibility to ask their people campaigning to do it safely," Miller said. "And that's all we're concerned about — safety."

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARIZONA

Man struck by car at Tempe bus stop has leg amputated

TEMPE — Authorities say a man who was hit by a car at a Tempe bus stop has lost his leg.

Tempe fire officials say the incident happened shortly before 5:30 a.m. Sunday on Priest Drive between US Highway 60 and Baseline Road.

They said the vehicle that hit the victim rolled over. A man and woman inside the car suffered minor injuries.

Tempe police say the injuries to the pedestrian's leg were quite severe and it had to be amputated.

Police do not know yet if driver impairment played a role in the crash.

The investigation is ongoing.

Priest Drive had to be closed for several hours.

ARIZONA

Cities northwest of Phoenix pounded by monsoon storms

WICKENBURG — Several communities northwest of Phoenix were trying to put themselves back together Sunday after monsoon storms flooded streets and bent steel utility poles like aluminum cans.

The National Weather Service said between 1 and 4 inches of rain fell in and around Wickenburg Saturday afternoon in a 90-minute period.

The nearby cities of Wittman and Morristown were also battered.

Rain flooded at least two washes in Wickenburg, sending floodwaters into neighborhoods.

Some homes were flooded but there have been no reports of injuries. Arizona Public Service said more than 2,000 customers lost power.

As of Sunday, about 100 were still waiting for service to be restored.

Obituaries

Wilburn Boyd Reece, Jr.

"Precious is the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15

Wilburn Boyd Reece, Jr., was blessed to make his passage to join his heavenly father and his precious family who have gone before him on July 17, 2015 at the age of 87. In his passing, he was surrounded by his family who were blessed to be holding him as he made his journey.

Boyd was preceded in death by his parents, sister, son, Barry Reece, and daughter, Brenda Byrne and his lovely wife of 62 years, Norma Jean Reece.

Boyd had a strong faith in God that increased throughout his life. He attended Golf Course Road Church of Christ for many years, until Norma's and his health declined. At that time, their fellowship with the Lord was with family and friends around their kitchen table. His favorite book of the bible was Ecclesiastes. Boyd was born on December 20, 1927 at home in Deport, Texas to Opal and W.B. Reece, Sr. This was during the Depression and as his story goes, his dad made $12/week and lived in a 7x14 house, but never lacked for anything.

He attended San Angelo High and Angelo Jr. College, where he was a star basketball player. Boyd worked for Southland Royalty, Co. for thirty years, retiring at the age of 55. He then pursued his passion for growing pecans. He was a member of the Pecan Growers Association and participated in pecan shows for 20 years. He won many awards at the highest level in the state of Texas. One of his highest honors was Texas A&M naming a tree "The Reece Variety" after him!

Another love in his life was the game of softball. He worked many years with Midland College pitchers and taught private lessons at his home until the age of 84. This was one of his greatest legacies and enjoyments in life. Boyd and Norma hosted an annual end of school BBQ and fishing party for the CP Center at Reece's Pond for many years until their health began to decline. They looked forward to this celebration each year. Boyd was such a colorful character. He touched many lives and had numerous friends from all walks of life.

His survivors include two daughters, Linda Williams and her husband, Don, and Pam Reece; daughter-in-law, Tonya Reece; son-in-law, Tommy Byrne; grandchildren, Robin and her husband, David Poole, Alex Byrne, and Julie Byrne; great-grandchildren, Alyssa Byrne, Kayla Byrne, Caiden Reece, Kambel Reece, Carter Poole; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards the many friends he developed during his time at Manor Park, Sammy and William-thank you. A very special thank you to Tina Higgins, who became an adopted daughter in the last year of his life. Thank you Hospice of Midland. Thank you Rue Landon, Richard Dearstein, and Martha Davis for loving our daddy. There are just too many other angels to name, but you know who you are.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Manor Park's Employee Fund, Hospice of Midland, or to a charity of one's choice.

Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 9:00 am at Resthaven Memorial Park with Pastor Joe Chavez officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Don Williams, Rex Pallard, Tom Byrne, Paul Carpenter, Jimmy Carpenter, Richard Dearstein, Jay Watson, Bill Chrane, Earl Selman, and Eli Padilla.

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

Death Notices

Lurline Evans

Lurline Evans, 78, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2015.

Memorial services are pending.

Survivors are her husband, Bob Evans; sons, Joe Evans and Rex Evans; daughters: Linda Rodriguez and Renvy Smith.

Billy the Kid death certificate sought by retired academic

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — A retired Arizona State University professor is taking his pursuit of a death certificate for Billy the Kid to New Mexico's highest court.

Historian Robert J. Stahl filed a petition Friday with the New Mexico Supreme Court to order the state's medical examiner to create the document for the legendary outlaw, the Santa Fe New Mexican reported.

Stahl said he hopes the court will order the Office of the Medical Investigator to consider the evidence and determine whether William H. Bonney's death can be certified.

According to most accounts, the Kid was fatally shot by Lincoln County Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner in 1881. But some claim Garrett shot someone else and the Kid took up ranching or escaped to Texas under an alias.

Stahl is a member of the nonprofit Billy the Kid Outlaw Gang, an organization formed to protect the "true" history of the Kid. He wants to silence rumors that Bonney escaped the sheriff's bullet.

An official death certificate would end the attention that has been given to impostors claiming they were the Kid, like Ollie "Brushy Bill" Roberts of Hico, Texas, said Stahl.

No one in Fort Sumner ever denied that the Kid was shot by Garrett, said Stahl, and six members of the jury appointed to investigate the case knew the Kid and saw his body.

The jury unanimously found Garrett's shooting of the Kid to be "justifiable homicide."

The retired professor also wants to correct the coroner's report on Bonney's death. Stahl has been researching frontier topics since 2003 with help from his wife and sister and believes the date on the report is wrong.

An English translation of the coroner's report says the Kid died minutes after being shot, around midnight on July 14, 1881. But Stahl believes the Kid actually died at about 12:30 a.m. on July 15, citing an account by George Miller, who was staying in Fort Sumner that night.

Miller wrote in the Las Vegas Optic on July 18 that the shots woke him and he immediately checked his watch.

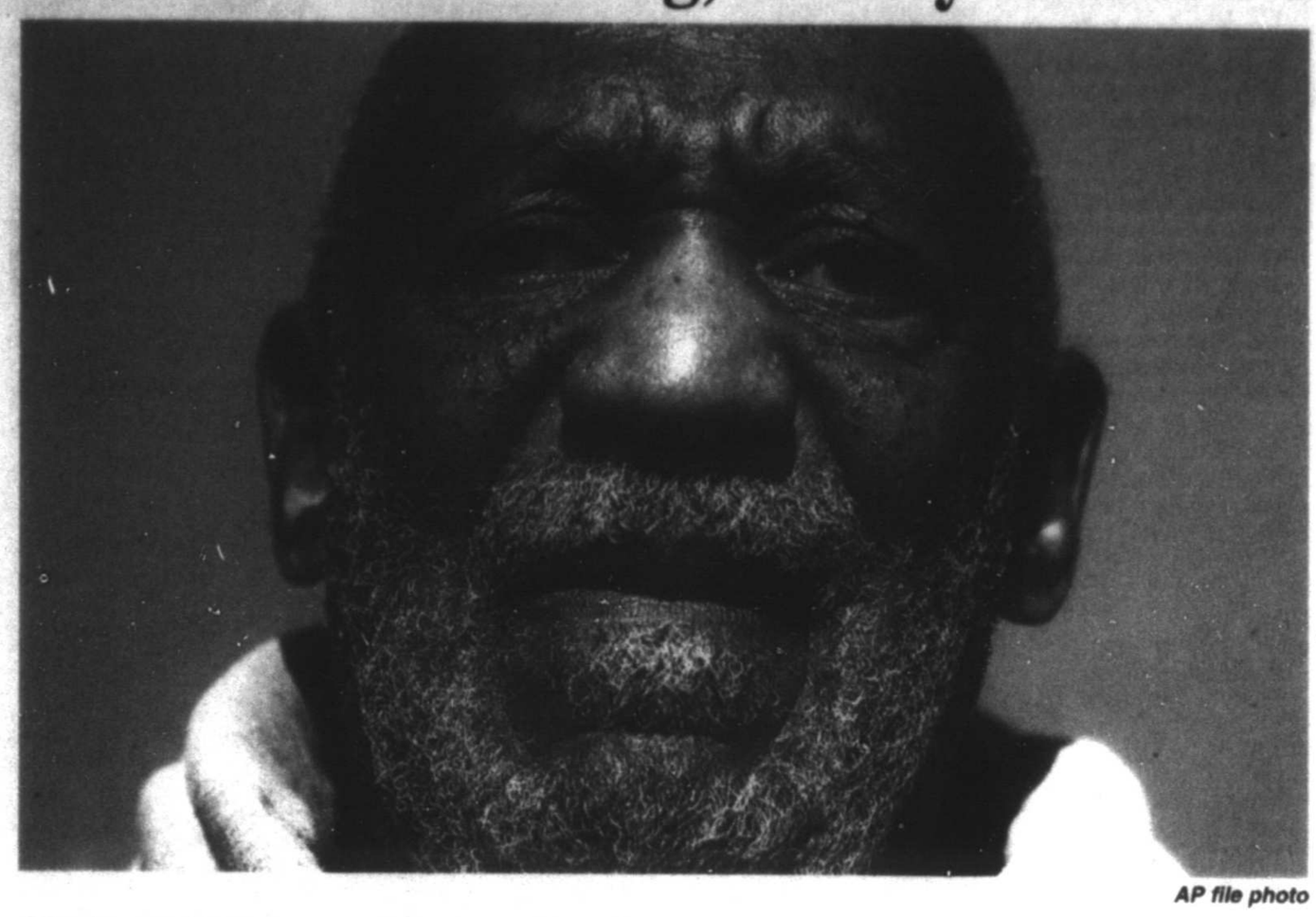
Stahl's previous efforts to get the Office of the Medical Investigator to create a death certificate have failed. He submitted a written request that was denied earlier this year.

Stahl was told he'd need a court order for a death certificate to be issued.

The medical investigator did not return calls seeking comment on Stahl's latest efforts.

Cosby detailed his womanizing, secrecy efforts a decade ago

By Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press



AP file photo

In this Nov. 11, 2014, file photo, comedian and Navy veteran Bill Cosby speaks during a Veterans Day ceremony in Philadelphia. Cosby says he paid women after having sex with them and went to great lengths to hide his behavior and the payments from his wife, The New York Times reported Saturday, after obtaining a copy of a transcript from a deposition Cosby gave a decade ago.

Under oath in a hotel — away from the TV cameras and the soapbox where he did his public moralizing — Bill Cosby sketched a very different image of America's Dad: a philanderer who plied young women with quaaludes, claimed to be adept at reading their unspoken desires and used his wealth to keep "Mrs. Cosby" in the dark.

The portrait comes from Cosby's own words in a transcript of a 2005-06 deposition taken in Philadelphia. It is the only publicly available testimony he has given in response to accusations he drugged and sexually assaulted dozens of women over four decades. Cosby has denied the allegations, calling the sexual contact consensual.

In his testimony, the comedian told of how he tried to gain women's trust and make them comfortable by talking about their families, their education and their career aspirations.

He seemed casual about his affairs, describing his relationship with one woman this way: "We had sex and we had dinners and sex and rendezvous."

Asked how it ended, he said: "Stopped calling for rendezvous."

Why? "Just moving on."

There's no clear-cut evidence in the documents that he committed a sex crime, but his testimony adds to the unsavory details that have all but wrecked his nice-guy reputation as TV's Dr. Cliff Huxtable and made a mockery of his preaching about decency and personal responsibility.

The full transcript, obtained by The Associated Press on Sunday, is from a lawsuit filed by a former Temple University employee who accused the comedian of drugging and molesting her. Earlier this month, a judge unsealed small excerpts from the transcript as a result of a lawsuit from the AP.

The New York Times was the first to obtain the entire transcript, after learning it was publicly available through a court reporting service.

In the deposition, Cosby said that on one occasion, he reached into Temple employee Andrea Constand's pants and fondled her, taking her silence as a green light.

"I don't hear her say anything. And I don't feel her say anything. And so I continue and I go into the area that is somewhere between permission and rejection. I am not stopped," he said.

He said she then groped him in return. Later that night, he said, he tried to have more sexual contact with her, but she said no, and "I pull back."

He said that he avoided intercourse with her, suggesting he was afraid she would become too attached to him. Intercourse, he said, "is something that I feel the woman will succumb to more of a romance and more of a feeling, not love, but it's deeper than a playful situation."

He said Constand was not upset when she left that night, and he assured his questioner: "I think I'm a pretty decent reader of people and their emotions in these romantic sexual things, whatever you want to call them."

Cosby's lawyers and representatives did not respond Sunday to email and telephone calls.

The 78-year-old comic has never been charged with a crime. In most cases, the statute of limitations has run out, though at least one case, from 2008, is still under investigation in Los Angeles. Constand settled her lawsuit under confidential terms a decade ago.

During the four days of questioning, Cosby and his lawyer often clashed with Constand's attorney, with Cosby himself debating his questioner over the definitions of words.

Constand has accused Cosby of drugging her with something powerful and molesting her on a different occasion. Cosby, however, testified that he gave her three half-pills of the cold and allergy medicine Benadryl, telling her: "I have three friends for you to make you relax." He denied assaulting her.

"I think Andrea is a liar, and I know she's a liar because I was there," he said under oath.

Cosby testified that in the 1970s, he received about seven prescriptions for quaaludes from a Los Angeles doctor who has since died. He acknowledged he obtained them with the intention of giving them to young women he wanted to have sex with.

He denied giving women the powerful sedatives without their knowledge. He said he used quaaludes "the same as a person would say, 'Have a drink.'"

Constand's lawyer, Dolores Troianai, asked Cosby about his wife's knowledge of his affairs.

He said his wife, Camille, to whom he has been married since 1964, learned about the Constand case and others in which he was accused of wrongdoing. But he said he hid cases from her, funneling hush money to women through accounts that "Mrs. Cosby" would not see.

Bruce Castor, the suburban Philadelphia prosecutor who declined to bring charges in the Constand case a decade ago, told the AP earlier this month that if he is elected again he will review the unsealed court documents to see if Cosby committed perjury.

The AP generally does not identify people who say they have been sexually assaulted unless they agree to have their names published, as Constand has done.

Ex-President George H.W. Bush leaves hospital after fall

Associated Press

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine — Former President George H.W. Bush was released from a Maine hospital on Sunday, four days after the 91-year-old fell at his summer home and broke a bone in his neck.

Bush spokesman Jim McGrath said that "a very grateful" Bush returned home to Kennebunkport from Maine Medical Center after treatment for a fractured vertebra.

"He is in good enough condition that they can continue his recovery at home," McGrath told The Associated Press.

Doctors say Bush didn't suffer nerve damage when he fell Wednesday. They said they anticipate the 41st president will recover fully in three or four months.

Doctors said Bush, the oldest living former president, did not suffer any neurological damage.

McGrath said Bush never lost consciousness. He fractured his C2 vertebra, the second one below the skull, but it didn't affect his spine.

A day after the fall, Dr. William D'Angelo, a neurosurgeon who is treating Bush, said the former president was in good spirits and his "excellent" physical shape lead doctors to anticipate a full recovery.

The family declined to say how Bush fell.

Bush, who has a form of Parkinson's disease and uses a motorized scooter or a wheelchair for mobility, has suffered other recent health setbacks. He was hospitalized in Houston in December for about a week for shortness of breath. He spent Christmas 2012 in intensive care at the same Houston hospital for a bronchitis-related cough and other issues.

Still, he has taken skydives on at least three of his birthdays since leaving the White House and celebrated his 90th birthday by making a tandem parachute jump in Kennebunkport.

The Republican served two terms as Ronald Reagan's vice president before being elected president in 1988. He served one term then lost to Democrat Bill Clinton in 1992.

Bush was a naval aviator in World War II, and his torpedo plane was shot down over the Pacific. He also served as ambassador to the United Nations, envoy to China and CIA director.

He is the father of Republican former President George W. Bush. Another son, Republican former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, is running for president in 2016.

During the winter, Bush and his wife, Barbara Bush, live in Houston.

1 dead, 1 injured in shooting at Wyoming detox center

Associated Press

RIVERTON, Wyo. — A gunman walked into a rear door at an alcohol detoxification center in Riverton and began shooting, killing one person and seriously injuring another, authorities said.

Witnesses described a chaotic scene Saturday in which the gunman went through the Center of Hope Alcohol Detoxification Center aiming at clients and firing shots, then left the building and surrendered to police.

Officers converging on the building around 4 p.m. surrounded a shirtless, heavyset man who held his hands in the air, the Riverton Ranger newspaper reported. Police didn't identify the man, and no motive has been released, but they said the suspected gunman is not affiliated with the detox center.

The injured man was in "pretty bad shape," police Capt. Eric Murphy said.

Police did not return phone calls Sunday seeking more details.

Police were called about a report of an "active shooter," and residents of the facility were told to hide in a bathroom to protect themselves, the Ranger reported.

One man told the newspaper the gunman tried to break into his room. The man said the shooter looked through a window at him, pointed his gun at him through the window, and attempted to open the door.

The unidentified man said the shooter wasn't able to open the door and he proceeded to another part of the building, armed with what the witness identified as a .45-caliber handgun. The witness said he saw shell casings on the floor outside his room.

After the shootings, authorities gathered the center's remaining occupants on the sidewalk across from the building. Many were upset, and several told the newspaper they would refuse to reenter the center that night, even if it meant defying a court order.

The facility offers three days of close observation, 14 days of social detoxification, and up to three months of transitional living to its residents, including some people who are sent there by judges.

Truck driver pleads not guilty in limo crash that killed 4

By Vivian Yee and David Goodman
N.Y. Times News Service

GREENPORT, N.Y. — The driver of a pickup truck that crashed into a limousine, killing four women and injuring several other people here on the North Fork of Long Island, was arraigned in his hospital bed on Sunday on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated, the authorities said.

The driver, Steven Romeo, 55, of Southold, New York, was injured in the crash, which occurred Saturday evening. He remained hospitalized at Eastern Long Island Hospital in Greenport.

Romeo pleaded not guilty. Bail was set at $500,000 cash or $1 million bond.

"Right now, we're continuing the investigation and looking into upgrading the charges significantly," Elizabeth Miller, an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County, said.

Outside the hospital, Romeo's lawyer, Daniel O'Brien, denied that his client was intoxicated or had fled the scene as some news reports had said. O'Brien would not comment on where his client had been before the collision, saying only, "That's got to be developed."

The limousine had been carrying a bride-to-be and seven of her friends, who were celebrating her upcoming wedding, Miller said. The driver was making a U-turn at an intersection along Route 48 in Cutchogue, New York, shortly after 5 p.m. when the pickup truck struck the side of the limousine, the Southold police said, nearly punching completely through the vehicle.

The group was made up of six women from Suffolk County, one from the New York City borough of Brooklyn and another from Scarsdale, New York. The bride-to-be was one of the four passengers who survived the crash.

The four who died were identified by the authorities as Brittany M. Schulman, 23, and Lauren Baruch, 24, of Smithtown; Stephanie Belli, 23, of Kings Park; and Amy R. Grabina, 23, of Commack.

Miller declined to say what Romeo's blood alcohol level was, where he had been before the crash or whether he had fled the scene. She said the driver of the limousine, Carlos Pino, 58, of Bethpage, would not be charged. He was also injured in the crash.

The Suffolk Times said the limousine was leaving Vineyard 48, a winery on Route 48. The road where the crash occurred is dotted with vineyards in a part of Long Island where tourists frequently travel in limousines as part of winery tours.

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CALIFORNIA

Rare Southern California summer storm breaks rainfall record

A second day of showers and thunderstorms in southern and central California is expected to again set new regional records for monthly rainfall.

Sunday's warm rain is a remnant of tropical storm Dolores off Baja California, which has carried warm, muggy conditions northward.

National Weather Service meteorologist Joe Sirard says Saturday's rainfall broke at least 11 regional records for daily rainfall in July, including five records for any day in July.

July is typically the driest month of the year in Southern California. Saturday's 0.36 inches of rainfall downtown broke the July 14, 1886, record of 0.24 inches — a nearly 130-year record, Sirard said.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

Basin PBS' "Treading West Texas Waters" screening, 11:30 a.m., Sibley Nature Center. basinpbs.org.

Meetings

County commissioners
9 a.m.
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine Ave.

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Midland-Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR)
5 p.m.
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive

Pools hours today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon to 7 p.m.
■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., closed.

Camp Fire after-school program

Registration begins today for Camp Fire West Texas' after-school program at six Midland ISD elementary schools — Jones, Henderson, Emerson, Fannin, Bush and Parker. The after-school program includes homework help, games, arts and crafts and outdoor recreation.

The fee is $40 a week, plus a $20 registration fee. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until all spots are filled. To register, go to www.campfirewtx.org or call 570-4144.

Job fair

Experience Works hosts a job fair for workers 55 and older 9 a.m.-noon Mondays at Midland Workforce Solutions, 3600 N. Garfield St., Technology Center Room138. The agency focuses on people who desire to learn new skills.

For more information, call toll free 855-307-1171, or email liz_cox@experienceworks.org.

Club meetings today

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

Summer camps

■ Double Diamond Equestrian summer riding camps, Monday through Friday and Aug. 3-7 at Double Diamond Equestrian Center. doublediamondequestriancenter.com.
■ Summer Art Camp: Painting and 3D Design, Monday through Friday at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.
■ YMCA Mini Camp: Indoor Soccer Camp, 1-4 p.m., Monday through Saturday at Midland YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Animal Service hours

Starting today, Midland Animal Services will be closed for lunch to allow for full staffing during all hours the shelter is open, according to a press release from the city. The new schedule of operations is 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1:30-5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1:30-4:30 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call 685-7420.

What's on the radio

News talk
■ KCRS (AM 550)
6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Verlei
9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local news reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
Web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com
■ KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
6-10 a.m. Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon, Herman Cain
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
Web: http://www.kwel.com

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

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

How to submit

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Today in history

Today's highlight:
On July 20, 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after reaching the surface in their Apollo 11 lunar module.

TEXTING

From 1A

Public meetings are nice, but they are necessary only if the council is still open-minded to the comments from members of the community. Even as the council voted unanimously for the ordinance on first reading, we still believe that is the case.

We believe the council can still be swayed with logical arguments against the ordinance in place and a lopsided number of residents stating their opposition against the current ordinance.

Momentum is on the side of an ordinance happening in Midland. Midland's state Rep. Tom Craddick, the former speaker of the Texas House, was the author of legislation that was overwhelmingly approved by the House before being held up procedurally in the Senate by the so-called "liberty caucus."

Also, there are at least 40 cities with texting-while-driving ordinances, according to the Texas Legislative Council.

Is an ordinance really bigger government?

We look forward to the conversation bound to take place about the ordinance being an example of "bigger government." The two biggest proponents of the ordinance are At-large Councilman Scott Dufford and District 4 Councilman J.Ross Lacy, two of the more conservative members of the council.

On a statewide level, Craddick doesn't take a back seat when it comes to his conservatism.

In a city that prides itself in its conservative nature, can anyone make the argument against the ordinance based on a conservative/liberal argument?

What about the police?

Police officers will be able to text while driving as long as it is part of police business, according to the ordinance. After the meeting Tuesday, there was some discussion about the texting portion of the police exemption.

Police have laptops in their vehicles and radios on their person, so it remains to be seen why the ability to text is needed.

Will "apps" remain in the ordinance?

Today's application software, or "app," is a huge part of today's mobile phone usage. As an example, some use apps for their music, including the music played while operating a vehicle. Apps are part of the discussion likely to continue as the community debates an ordinance that will have to change as technology evolves.

What constitutes an offense?

Using a wireless communication device (for example, mobile phone, tablet, laptop computer, etc.) to view, send or compose an electronic message or using the device to interact with apps, while operating a motor vehicle on a public roadway.

Are there exceptions?

There are seven exceptions or defenses to prosecution under the proposed ordinances. There would be exceptions if the person used the device:

(1) while the vehicle was completely stopped at a location other than in a traffic lane on a public roadway;

(2) strictly to engage in a telephone conversation, including dialing or deactivating the call;

(3) solely as a global positioning or navigation system;

(4) to contact police, fire, or emergency medical personnel in order to report a traffic accident, medical emergency, serious traffic hazard or crime in progress, or to prevent a crime that the driver reasonably believed was about to be committed;

(5) in the reasonable belief that a person's life or safety was in immediate danger;

(6) that was permanently installed inside the vehicle; or

(7) in conjunction with voice-operated technology, a push-to-talk function or a hands-free device.

What is the fine for texting while driving?

The fine can be up to a maximum of $500.

Can I still talk on my phone when I drive within the city limits?

Yes.

When will the proposed ordinance take effect if it is approved?

Oct. 1.

If I am stopped for texting while driving, can the police look at or go through my phone?

The proposed ordinance explicitly prohibits a peace officer who stops a motor vehicle for an alleged violation of the ordinance from taking possession of or inspecting a phone for the purposes of determining the violation.

Grand jury to begin probe of Tulsa County sheriff's office

By Justin Juozapavicius
Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — A grand jury will begin investigating allegations of wrongdoing against the Tulsa County sheriff's office, which came under scrutiny after a reserve deputy shot and killed an unarmed and restrained suspect because he says he mistook his firearm for a stun gun.

Among the accusations that the grand jury is expected to consider after convening today is whether Sheriff Stanley Glanz gave special treatment to the reserve deputy, Robert Bates, who was a close friend of Glanz's and had served as Glanz' campaign manager in 2012.

Bates, a wealthy 73-year-old insurance executive who has since left the force, is charged with second-degree manslaughter in the April 2 killing of Eric Harris, who had run from deputies after allegedly being caught in an illegal gun-sale sting.

Harris' death quickly led to scrutiny of the management of the sheriff's office, and particularly the relationship between Glanz and Bates, who also has donated thousands of dollars in cash and equipment to the sheriff's office.

A civil rights group, We The People Oklahoma, gathered the thousands of signatures required to empanel a grand jury after a after a 2009 memo was leaked that called into question whether Bates was qualified to do his job.

The grand jurors will be asked to consider whether they believe Glanz neglected his duties or showed special treatment to Bates or other reservists who gave gifts to his office. They will hear testimony from witnesses whose appearances are coordinated by a legal adviser detailed to the case. Both the adviser and jurors ask questions of witnesses and the panel decides when it meets and for how long.

It would require 9 of the 12 grand jurors — three alternates will also be chosen — to recommend an indictment or make an accusation for removal from office. The grand jury's findings are read in open court.

The grand jury process allows residents a direct way to pursue grievances against their government, said John David Luton, a prosecutor with the Tulsa County District Attorney's Office. His office recused itself from the case.

"It's a right of the people that doesn't require the assistance or the aid of a public official or someone related to the government to make a decision to take certain action," Luton said. "This is action the people can take themselves."

Glanz has said he is eager to tell his side of the story to a jury. However, his attorneys tried for weeks to prevent the grand jury investigation. The Oklahoma Supreme Court ruled Thursday that the investigation could proceed.

Terry Simonson, a spokesman for Glanz, didn't respond to phone messages or emails seeking comment.

Marq Lewis, who helped organize the petition drive, said that regardless of what the grand jury decides, the process has shown citizens that the legal system can work.

"If nothing comes out, we don't have our heads to hang. We'll just accept what the findings are," Lewis said.

Computer pros volunteer to teach girls how to program

By Janet McConnaughey
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — When organizers of a summer camp that includes a number of disadvantaged high-school girls asked about career plans, none of the girls talked about computer programming — work that pays well and has a shortage of women.

Now five are learning basic programming and 15 are in level 2 of the 7-week program created by a national nonprofit called Girls Who Code and taught at a church near Shreveport's airport in northwest Louisiana.

Shaniah Hutcherson, the 13-year-old daughter of a Shreveport Fire Department administrator, said in a phone interview that she'd never thought about programming before her pastor's wife asked girls if they wanted to join.

She said she did so "just for my church" but is now thinking of majoring in computer technology.

"Before I started I thought it was going to be like hard. Sometimes it will be difficult. Sometimes it makes you want to quit," she said. "But you just keep going and it gets better and better."

Programming and other computer technology jobs are overwhelmingly held by white and Asian men. Advocates say more women and minorities should have access to one of the economy's best-paying and fastest-growing sectors. Tech executives say they need more diversity if their products are to appeal to a diverse audience.

But nationwide, less than 1 percent of high school girls say they're interested in majoring in computer science, and female computer science graduates have dropped from 37 percent of the total in 1984 to 18 percent today, according to Girls Who Code. The group aims to increase the number majoring and working in the field by teaching girls in grades 6 through 12 how to program.

Those learning at Praise Temple Full Gospel Baptist Church are among two public Girls Who Code clubs in Louisiana. Most of the girls in the club are from low-income neighborhoods, said Wanda Brandon, the pastor's wife and faculty adviser for the club run by the nonprofit Northwest Louisiana Community Development Council.

A second club in Shreveport is held at the Shreve Memorial Library. It's taught by programmers for William Joyce's Moonbot Studios, home of the Oscar-winning animated short, "The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore."

The third Girls Who Code Club in Louisiana is for students at the Louise S. McGehee School for girls in New Orleans.

The national list of clubs changes year-to-year, spokesman Mitchell Schwartz said. Nationwide there were 269 clubs in 33 states last school year, including 79 in California and 70 in New York. At the end of the last school year, there were none in Mississippi, Arkansas or Alabama.

An unrelated program, Black Girls Code, has chapters just in eight cities: Memphis, Tennessee; California's Bay area; Raleigh, North Carolina; and New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit and Washington, founder Kimberly Bryant said in an email.

A number of the 19 girls in the first group dropped out, many because of transportation problems, but 11 completed the first level and seven of them have signed up for the second, according to Heather Shrewsbury, a Moonbot programmer who teaches programming at the library.

They include club president Arianne Soriano, 16 and a rising junior at Loyola College Preparatory High School.

"I've always loved playing video games. I'm active in school; I like math and I like art. So I wanted to give it a try," she said. Even girls who aren't interested in computer science should try it, she said: "You never know what you like unless you've tried it."

CRUDE

From 1A

There are also thousands of grades of oil and petroleum products. We need some types of foreign heavy oil, and we have too much light, sweet crude. We need to trade, and the ability to buy the right kind at the best price from the right supplier is what makes free markets great.

The export ban distorts the market.

"If it makes sense for shale producers to sell to the domestic market, then they can and should," Starkey said. "If it makes more sense to sell to the international market, then they should."

Bentek produced a white paper this year explaining that U.S. refineries can take only so much U.S. oil because they are configured for heavier foreign oil. That means U.S. oil is going into storage while refiners import heavier grades to keep operating.

Profit margins

U.S. refiners are processing more barrels per day than at anytime since 1982, reaching near maximum capacity and registering the largest profit margins in more than a decade, according to Bloomberg News. Holding a monopoly on refining American oil has been a windfall for these companies, and they are leading the fight against exports.

A lobby group called Consumers & Refiners United for Domestic Energy is working hard to keep the ban in place, rallying the Republican-leaning owners of the refineries and the Democrat-leaning Steelworkers who operate them. Their main tactic isn't to defend the distorted market but to obfuscate and delay.

"The export issue is so complex, with so many ramifications, and such a lack of broad consensus on both a regional and partisan basis, now is simply not the time to consider repealing our long-standing energy independence law," the group says, touting the benefits of keeping U.S. oil prices low.

The problem is that low prices are killing U.S. drilling. The Energy Information Administration reports that shale drillers cannot generate profits at current prices and U.S. production will soon drop.

If we want to keep the industry alive, we need to let it sell to the international market and generate higher revenues.

Markets are complex, and trying to manipulate them is foolish. That's why we must lift the export ban and let capitalism work. It will make our oil industry stronger and the global energy market more secure.

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

OKLAHOMA

26-year old Durant resident dies in drowning accident

DURANT — Authorities have recovered the body of a 26-year-old Durant man who is believed to have drowned this weekend while swimming under a bridge on Lake Texoma.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says in a statement that Peter D. Buckner's body was recovered Sunday at about 7:15 a.m. Buckner disappeared underwater Saturday evening after he began swimming under the Railroad Bridge at Rock Creek.

The patrol says witnesses heard Buckner yelling for help, then saw him go underwater without resurfacing.

OKLAHOMA

June 26 death of 2-year-old girl classified as homicide

TULSA — Tulsa police say the death last month of a 2-year-old girl who had been left with a young family member while the child's mother left the house will be classified as a homicide.

Police Sgt. Dave Walker says the girl's death was the city's 33rd for the year. A drive-by shooting on Friday that killed a 16-year-old girl was the 34th.

Police say the 2-year-old was left in the care of a 13-year-old family member on June 26 while the child's mother left the home. Police say the 13-year-old eventually discovered the child unresponsive and left the house to get help.

The mother has been charged with child neglect and was still in jail Sunday on a $50,000 bond. There was no attorney information listed in jail records for her.

OKLAHOMA

Zarrow Foundation gives $5M for Alzheimer's research

TULSA — The Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation has donated $5 million to the Alzheimer's Association Oklahoma Chapter for research.

The Tulsa World reported that the recent gift is the largest research donation ever given to the Alzheimer's Association.

The money will be used to fund Zenith Fellows — researchers with a proven track record of success who have received money from the Alzheimer's Association before.

Quarter of listeria cases in Texas not tracked or recorded

Associated Press

HOUSTON — About one-fourth of Texas cases involving listeria, which contaminated Blue Bell ice cream and forced a crippling national recall in April, are not submitted to public health officials as required by law and go untracked, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Texas is not alone: Many state health departments in the U.S. don't receive samples in 10 to 40 percent of confirmed listeria cases to enter into databases, which can leave regulators unable to trace an outbreak, leave deadly food on the market and help companies avoid responsibility, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The Blue Bell outbreak could have been identified sooner had listeria reporting been better around the country, said Richard Danila, assistant state epidemiologist for the Minnesota State Health Department. Blue Bell ice cream was linked to 10 listeria illnesses in four states, including three deaths in Kansas.

Submitting bacterial cultures can be an afterthought to doctors focused on saving patients, and shipping pathogens comes with expensive and complex requirements.

"The clinical laboratory is there for the diagnosis and treatment of the patient," said Shari Shea, director of food safety for the Association of Public Health Laboratories. "There's not always appreciation for the way it fits into the public health system."

At least 19 states don't have laws requiring laboratories to submit confirmed listeria samples, or "isolates," to state health officials. Of those that do, Texas hovers around the middle of the pack in states missing samples in confirmed cases, according to the Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response.

But despite Texas requiring laboratories to submit samples, the state has never enforced the mandate. Texas Department of State Health Services spokeswoman Carrie Williams said the agency instead prefers to work with labs and health providers to educate them and bring them into compliance.

Penalties are almost never enforced in any state, said Craig Hedberg, epidemiologist at the University of Minnesota. He said part of the reason is that public health departments depend on relationships with laboratories.

No date has been given for when Blue Bell products could be back in stores.

'Colton's Law' kept $3M but not child protection measures

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety has received nearly $3 million to look for children in immediate danger even though state troopers won't actually be doing so, frustrating relatives of a slain toddler who teamed with lawmakers to create "Colton's Law."

The bill signed by Republican Gov. Greg Abbott is named after 2-year-old Colton Turner, who was found buried last year in a shallow grave in Austin. The boy had been missing on and off for a year, and both his mother and her boyfriend have been charged with injury to a child.

Lawmakers who sponsored Colton's Law say the safety measures will save lives, but the bill is a far cry from the sweeping reforms originally proposed, the Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday.

The law was substantially diluted during the legislative process, where it appears to have faced quiet opposition from DPS, according to the newspaper. The bill would have required DPS to search for children in immediate danger, but that provision was stripped from the bill late in the session. Still, DPS was given $2.7 million for work it now doesn't have to do.

DPS officials "unequivocally reject" allegations that their troopers fought against the bill in any way, agency spokeswoman Summer Blackwell said.

"It would be completely false for anyone to insinuate that the department is not committed to enhancing efforts to protect children in Texas," she said.

State budget officials say they neglected to remove funding for the bill and are now talking with DPS about what to do with the money.

Emails obtained by the newspaper show that after the original bill passed a House committee, the state's director of child welfare investigations told a co-worker that "DPS is not happy." Williamson County Justice of the Peace Bill Gravell said he saw two Texas Rangers outside the hearing room pull aside several law enforcement officials who had supported the bill.

"It was my understanding that they were saying the legislation was bad and it would be very difficult to do and it wasn't good for DPS," Gravell said.

DPS officials forcefully insist that they never lobbied anyone. Texas law bars state employees from lobbying for or against legislation in their official capacity.

The legislators behind Colton's Law, Sen. Charles Schwertner and Rep. Marsha Farney, say no one ever pressured them to dilute the bill and that it evolved into something stronger and more enforceable.

Among the new mandates are additional training for DPS troopers and state caseworkers on how to use a database of missing children.

Colton's family members say the law doesn't go as far as it should.

"What infuriates me is why we gave up what we did because there was no reason for it," said Raquel Helfrich, the boy's great-aunt.

Suicide possibility in cobra owner's death

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Police are investigating whether an 18-year-old Texas pet shop worker who was believed to have been bitten by a cobra took his own life.

Austin police Detective Derek Israel said they are investigating Grant Thompson's death as a possible suicide after talking to family members and venomous snake experts. A justice of the peace will make the final determination after an autopsy review.

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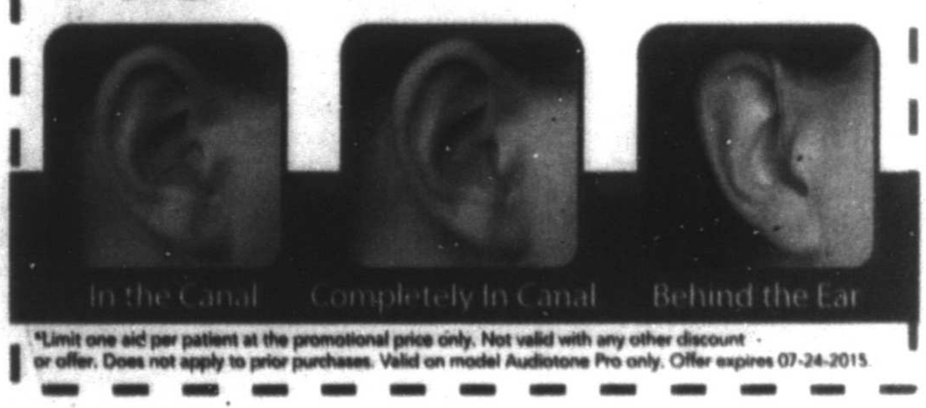

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President rises above Confederate flag wavers

■ Obama's talk about race in America is appropriate and needed

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When President Obama arrived in Oklahoma City on Wednesday, a vulgar sight awaited him: About 10 demonstrators across the street from his downtown hotel waving Confederate battle flags as the motorcade pulled up.

Such a greeting of the nation's first black president would have been appalling under any circumstance. It was all the more repugnant because of what it followed -- last month's black-church massacre in South Carolina — and by what it preceded: Obama's visit to a prison Thursday to showcase the problem with sentencing policies that have filled our prisons with nonviolent offenders who are disproportionately African-American.

"People of color are more likely to be stopped, frisked, questioned, charged, detained," he told the NAACP last week. "African-Americans are more likely to be arrested. They are more likely to be sentenced to more time for the same crime. ... Around 1 in 9 African-American kids has a parent in prison."

Oklahoma was just the latest reminder of how little progress has been made in what was naively greeted with Obama's election seven years ago as "post-racial America." In May, Obama joined Twitter — and was met by a flood of racist tweets. In June, a South Carolina man who had posed with the Confederate flag and posted a racist manifesto online allegedly killed nine at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church.

This month, just as South Carolina finally took down the Confederate flag at its State House, Republicans in Congress proposed protecting it on federal lands. Meantime, Donald Trump's popularity among Republicans has surged since he began his campaign of racially charged rhetoric on immigration.

Following an endless stream of police violence against unarmed black men, it's enough to drive one to despair. The gloom comes through in a deeply pessimistic new book, "Between the World and Me," in which The Atlantic's Ta-Nehisi Coates holds out little hope for white Americans, who, he says, deceive themselves by living an idyllic "dream" of prosperity made possible by structural racism. "The plunder of black life was drilled into this country in its infancy and reinforced across its history, so that plunder has become ... a default setting to which, likely to the end of our days, we must invariably return," he writes.

Of white Americans, he advises: "Do not pin your struggle on their conversion. The Dreamers will have to learn to struggle themselves, to understand that the field for their Dream, the stage where they have painted themselves white, is the deathbed of us all."

But the recent ugliness has coincided with a change in Obama's public approach to race. He had been shy about race for much of his presidency, and when the president did speak, as The Washington Post's Janell Ross recently noted, he would often "lecture black America about its behavior." Now, she wrote, Obama may sound "something like the black president some white Americans across the political spectrum feared (or hoped for)."

I'm one of those white Americans who had hoped for it. It's not Obama's job to end racism, and he is probably in a no-win position on race (as illustrated by his "If I had a son, he'd look like Trayvon" Martin remark) but I'm buoyed to have the president speaking as loudly as the haters.

In a June 22 podcast with comedian Marc Maron, Obama said ending racism is "not just a matter of it not being polite to say 'nigger' in public." Last Tuesday before the NAACP, he spoke of the "legacy of hundreds of years of slavery and segregation, and structural inequalities that compounded over generations." In between, on June 26, came his eulogy in South Carolina — perhaps the best rhetoric of his presidency, but also a call for action over words. "Every time something like this happens, somebody says we have to have a conversation about race," he said. "We don't need more talk."

What we need, for one thing, is the sentencing reforms he spoke about last week. As more nonviolent drug offenders (often black) have been put away, the United States now has 5 percent of the world's population but 25 percent of its prisoners. The issue has Republican support, which raises the possibility of rare late-term legislative achievement.

Nobody thinks such a law will erase racism. But, as Obama said last week, "If we keep taking steps toward a more perfect union, and close the gaps between who we are and who we want to be, America will move forward."

GUEST VIEW

Texas must close the mental health care gap

Dallas Morning News

Mental illness is difficult enough for families without having to drive hours to find a trained psychologist or psychiatrist. Unfortunately, in rural Texas, long drives and long waits for mental health services are common.

State officials hope to ease this problem with an old-fashioned incentive — cash. This spring, lawmakers created a $3 million program to help mental health professionals pay off their student loans — if they agree to practice in underserved areas, such as the Rio Grande Valley and Permian Basin. It is a great idea that we hope begins to chip away at the state's mental health care deserts.

Loan repayment programs aren't unusual. They've been used to attract teachers, young doctors and lawyers to fill shortages in remote areas or tough working environments. With Texas expected to double in population by 2050, mental health services need this added focus. "It is really an important step forward," says Andrew Keller, executive vice president of policy and programs for the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for Texas. "It primarily addresses the distribution, but not necessarily the supply, but it is a start."

The shortage and distribution of mental health professionals are among the state's most serious health care challenges. Gov. Greg Abbott has highlighted this fact, and GOP state Sen. Charles Schwertner of Georgetown, the program's author, has made improving access to mental health services a personal calling.

Schwertner, whose mother spent over 25 years as a nurse in Texas' mental health system, says that without an adequate number and better distribution of mental health professionals, "we will continue to see those suffering from mental illness cycle through our jails and emergency rooms at great expense to the taxpayer."

The magnitude of the problem is staggering. About 200 of Texas' 254 counties are considered Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas, a federal designation indicating there are more than 30,000 people per psychiatrist. If that ratio sounds overwhelming, it is.

At that level, it is almost impossible for someone needing mental health services to obtain a referral to a mental health specialist. And, if that's not stunning enough, consider this: Only about 1,933 psychiatrists are actively licensed and offering direct patient care in Texas; more than half of them will be of retirement age by 2023.

Mental health problems cost taxpayers and the state millions in lost productivity, the expense of treatment in emergency rooms and jail hospitals, and even homelessness. Obviously, more needs to be done on the mental health care front, but lawmakers deserve credit for trying to end mental health deserts.

By the numbers

■ 66.8 percent of primary care physicians are unable to refer their patients to high-quality mental health specialists.

■ 46.4 percent of adults experience mental illness in their lifetime.

■ 26.2 percent of adults experience mental illness annually.

■ 39 percent of people with mental illness receive needed treatment.

■ 10.8 percent of people with substance abuse issues receive needed mental health treatment.

SOURCE: Texas Department of State Health Services, The Mental Health Workforce Shortage in Texas February, 2014. Figures are national estimates.

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Obama still has to sell Iran deal

■ President has hurdles to clear concerning Iran nuclear agreement

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Dallas Morning News

Long after Barack Obama has left office, the newly minted nuclear agreement with Iran will stand as one of the defining moments of his presidency, along with such successes as the Affordable Care Act and unsolved problems including the rise of terrorist threats after U.S. withdrawal from Iraq.

The agreement will ultimately be judged by whether it halts Iran's nuclear ambitions and perhaps improves broader U.S. relations with Tehran. But its immediate success will depend on Obama's ability to manage the political fallout to ensure American acceptance.

The president got off to a strong start Tuesday morning with a comprehensive 14-minute statement countering major opposition arguments. He said, "This deal meets every single one of the bottom lines that we established," and he warned that "no deal means no lasting constraints on Iran's nuclear program."

But his words won't forestall a bitter battle in the two months Congress set for review. Republican congressional leaders and presidential hopefuls were almost unanimously critical, as was Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, their close ally. Democratic leaders backed Obama, but others expressed concerns.

Obama said he would veto any congressional effort to scuttle the agreement, meaning opponents would need two-thirds of both houses to block it. That may be difficult, since it requires a significant number of Democrats.

Over the coming months, three key questions will be crucial:

Can experts make the case that the agreement will achieve its goal of preventing Iranian development of a nuclear weapon for at least a decade?

Critics have long had questions about the degree to which Iranians would have to dismantle their nuclear program, the extent of international inspections to ensure compliance, the timetable for dismantling economic sanctions and the future of the international arms embargo on Iran.

Obama said Iran must reduce its nuclear stockpile "to a fraction of what would be required for a single weapon." Under the plan, international inspectors will have "24/7 access to Iran's key nuclear facilities," sanctions relief will be phased in "as Iran takes steps to implement this deal," and Iran must show compliance before embargoes are lifted, in five years for conventional arms and eight for missiles, he said.

"If Iran violates the deal, all of these sanctions will snap back into place," Obama added.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said it "will have to be enforced vigorously, relentlessly."

Is the administration right to claim right that this is the best possible deal and that the alternative would give Iran the go-ahead to develop a nuclear weapon?

Critics argued that Obama was too eager to reach an agreement and that stricter economic sanctions would have forced further Iranian concessions. But the Iranians faced domestic political pressures against yielding more, and U.S. allies opposed stiffer sanctions. More likely, failure to agree would remove any barrier to Iranian nuclear weapons development.

Some hard-liners favor a military attack to destroy Iran's nuclear facilities, but military experts question the efficacy. Clinton adviser Jake Sullivan, a key figure in the initial talks with Iran, signaled what may become the administration's bottom line, noting at a breakfast sponsored by The Christian Science Monitor, "I believe this deal is the best and most effective way of keeping Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon."

Can Obama counter predictable opposition from Israel and its congressional allies by mobilizing enough public support to prevail?

Facing virtually solid Republican opposition, Obama may have difficulty preventing the GOP-controlled Congress from rejecting the deal. That would be embarrassing but not conclusive. He counts on holding enough Democrats to sustain any veto.

Initial congressional reaction illustrated his problem. Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., the thoughtful Foreign Relations Committee chairman, said on MSNBC that "there's a lot of skepticism" among senators. The ranking Democrat, Sen. Ben Cardin of Maryland, called it "an historic agreement" but added that the panel needs to explore "areas of concern."

On one thing supporters and opponents agree: Iran remains a major sponsor of international terrorism, guilty of what Clinton understatedly called "bad behavior." A new Monmouth University poll showed that, while nearly half favored the nuclear talks, a majority doesn't expect Iran to abide by any agreement.

That may be the biggest barrier toward approval of an agreement Obama sought from the outset of his presidency and is on the verge of achieving.

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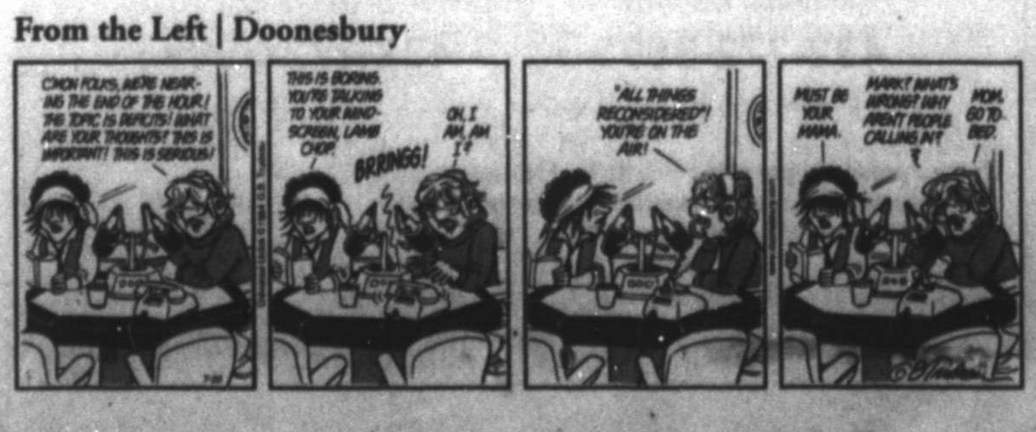

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Trump basks in McCain takedown, says rivals envious of rise

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans' swift condemnation of Donald Trump's disparaging comments about Sen. John McCain's military service marks a turning point in the party's cautious approach to the billionaire-turned-presidential candidate.

But Trump simply might not care; indeed he seemed to bask in his McCain takedown.

After dismissing McCain's reputation as a war hero because he was captured in Vietnam and "I like people who weren't captured," Trump declared "I will say what I want to say." He insisted he would stay in the GOP primary field, despite rivals who say he's now shown he doesn't merit the presidency.

"It's not just absurd," Florida Sen. Marco Rubio said. "It's offensive. It's ridiculous. And I do think it is a disqualifier as commander in chief."

Numerous other GOP candidates, including Jeb Bush, Rick Perry and Scott Walker, were similarly critical of Trump. The Republican National Committee also put its thumb on the scale, issuing a statement saying "there is no place in our party or our country for comments that disparage those who have served honorably."

As the furor unfolded, Trump spoke dismissively of his rivals and the GOP establishment in an interview with The Associated Press, recalling his years of helping to bankroll candidates.

"You know the Republican Party — of course, I was one of their darlings when I was a contributor," he said. "I went from a darling to somebody that they're not happy with because I'm not a politician."

Asked whether he now thought McCain was a war hero, Trump merely referred to his previous day's comments, when he said "perhaps" he was while seeming to mock McCain for being captured.

Until now, Republicans have been largely cautious in their handling of Trump and his provocations.

AP file photo

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks July 11 at FreedomFest in Las Vegas. Trump criticized Sen. John McCain's military record at a conservative forum Saturday, saying the party's 2008 nominee and former prisoner of war was a "war hero because he was captured. I like people who weren't captured." McCain spent 20 years in the Navy, a quarter of it in a Vietnamese prisoner of war camp after his jet was shot down over Hanoi during a bombing mission Oct. 26, 1967.

While officials privately fretted about the damage he could do to the party, they are also worried about alienating voters drawn to his celebrity, brashness and willingness to take on establishment Republicans. He's emerged as one of the favorites early in a race that is bound to see shifts in the standing of many of the candidates.

Trump has made other eyebrow-raising comments since declaring his candidacy, most notably his assertion that Mexican immigrants are rapists and drug dealers. Many GOP candidates were slow and halting in their response to those comments, underscoring a continuing struggle to hit the right notes on immigration when they want to appeal to Hispanics without alienating traditional GOP voters.

But for a party that prides itself on its support for the military, Trump's comments about McCain were an easy opening. McCain, the 2008 GOP presidential nominee, spent more than five years as a prisoner of war, enduring torture and refusing release ahead of fellow captives.

Democrats reminded voters about the tepid response to his earlier bombast. Democratic presidential contender Hillary Rodham Clinton said it was shameful "that it took so long for most of his fellow Republican candidates to start standing up to him."

Trump noted he got a standing ovation after his remarks to a religious conservative forum in Iowa and told AP, "When I left the room, everybody thought I gave the best presentation of anybody." But his comments about McCain drew a smattering of boos, his rivals received standing ovations, too, and when some of them spoke up for McCain in their remarks, they got hearty applause.

To some Republicans, Trump will have a detrimental effect on other candidates.

"It's all Trump, all the time," said Matt Strawn, the former Iowa GOP chairman. For candidates still introducing themselves to voters and trying to qualify for the party's first debate Aug. 6, Strawn said, "it is all but impossible for them to cut through the Trump noise." Although polls this early in a presidential contest are of dubious reliability, they are being used to determine who can come to the debate, and Trump appears likely to make the cut.

Pennsylvania GOP chairman Rob Gleason doesn't mind the fuss kicked up by Trump.

"Now there's more people interested in what the Republican Party has to say," Gleason said. "It's all good."

Also looming over the GOP: The prospect Trump could run as a third-party candidate if he doesn't win the GOP nomination. Trump declined to rule that out Saturday.

GOP pollster Frank Luntz said Trump could siphon off enough votes as a third-party candidate to cost the party the White House.

"If you tell me Trump is running as an independent, I will tell you that the next president will be Hillary Clinton," said Luntz, a moderator at the Iowa forum who asked Trump about McCain being a war hero.

Rick Perry, one of the few veterans running for president, said Trump has demonstrated he has neither the character nor the temperament for the White House. "Over the top," the former Texas governor said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "Really offensive." Bush tweeted, "Enough with the slanderous attacks."

Trump pressed ahead Sunday with his critical remarks on McCain, who had no comment. He said the senator has been "all talk, no action" on looking after military veterans. McCain stirred Trump's anger last week when he said Trump's comments about immigrants had "fired up the crazies" at a Phoenix rally.

Demonstrators disrupt forum at Netroots event

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Democratic presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Martin O'Malley arrived at the annual Netroots Nation convention hoping to impress some of the party's most influential liberal activists. Things didn't exactly go as planned.

Demonstrators protesting cases of police brutality and the treatment of black Americans by law enforcement disrupted a presidential forum Saturday as O'Malley, a former Maryland governor, was interviewed on stage. The group later heckled Sanders.

The raucous scene unfolded when a large group of protesters streamed into the convention hall chanting, "Black lives matter!" As O'Malley and interviewer Jose Antonio Vargas looked on, one of the group's leaders took over the stage and addressed the audience as the largely female group of demonstrators railed against police-involved shootings, the treatment of immigrants and Arizona's racial history.

Before departing, O'Malley told the convention: "Black lives matter. White lives matter. All lives matter," prompting some heckles and boos in the crowd.

He later apologized at an immigration event. "I meant no insensitivity by that and I apologize if that's what I communicated," he told reporters. "That was misstated. What I intended to say was that we're all in this together — that black lives do matter and we have a double-standard of justice in this country."

Sanders tried to address the roughly 3,000 Netroots activists as many of the protesters shouted at him and disrupted his remarks. At one point, Sanders said: "Black lives of course matter. I spent 50 years of my life fighting for civil rights and if you don't want me to be here, that's OK."

During an abbreviated 20-minute appearance, the self-described democratic socialist from Vermont spoke about the need to address wealth and income inequality, noting that blacks and Hispanics face high rates of unemployment. Sanders was scheduled to meet with representatives of the organization Black Lives Matter after the speech, but his campaign manager, Jeff Weaver, attended the meeting instead, spokesman Michael Briggs said.

Sanders later addressed police brutality at a large rally Saturday night, telling a crowd of more than 11,000 it is unacceptable for young black men to be beaten and killed while walking down the street.

"When a police officer breaks the law, that officer must be held accountable," Sanders said. He later quoted the 19th century black abolitionist Frederick Douglass: "Freedom doesn't come without struggle."

Sanders and O'Malley are vying to become the Democratic alternative to front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton, who was campaigning in Iowa and Arkansas on Saturday and did not attend Netroots. Sanders has risen in polls in recent months and sought to broaden his appeal to minorities and a more diverse section of the Democratic electorate, addressing immigration and criminal justice.

Yet some liberal groups panned the appearances. Anna Galland, the executive director of MoveOn.org Civic Action, said the responses showed that all Democratic candidates have work to do to understand the black lives movement.

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WASHINGTON

Scott Walker on the Boy Scouts' ban on gay leaders

Republican presidential contender Scott Walker is struggling with the issue of gay Boy Scout leaders.

The Boy Scouts of America has taken steps to end the blanket ban on gay adult leaders and let Scout units set their own policy.

That prompted Wisconsin's governor to express support for the ban. The governor told the Independent Journal Review website the ban "protected children and advanced Scout values."

Afterward, he tried to clarify the statement, saying he did not mean physical protection from gay leaders but protection of boys from the public debate.

Now, though, he's no longer saying the ban should remain. He says that's for the scouting organization to decide.

Speaking on CNN's "State of the Union," Walker also said he doesn't know whether being gay is a choice.

INDIANA

Young: Trump comments on McCain insult all veterans

INDIANAPOLIS — U.S. Rep Todd Young says Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's criticism of Sen. John McCain's military record is insulting and uncalled for.

The southern Indiana Republican released a statement Sunday saying Trump's comments at a conservative forum in Iowa Saturday "are an insult to everyone who ever has served their country in uniform."

Trump said McCain is "not a war hero. He is a war hero because he was captured. I like people who weren't captured."

Young and McCain are the only two U.S. Naval Academy graduates currently serving in Congress.

Young said "every Naval Academy grad knows the story of John McCain's sacrifice and heroism under extreme conditions. ... His service record speaks for itself: He is a war hero, period."

Young is running for the U.S. Senate.

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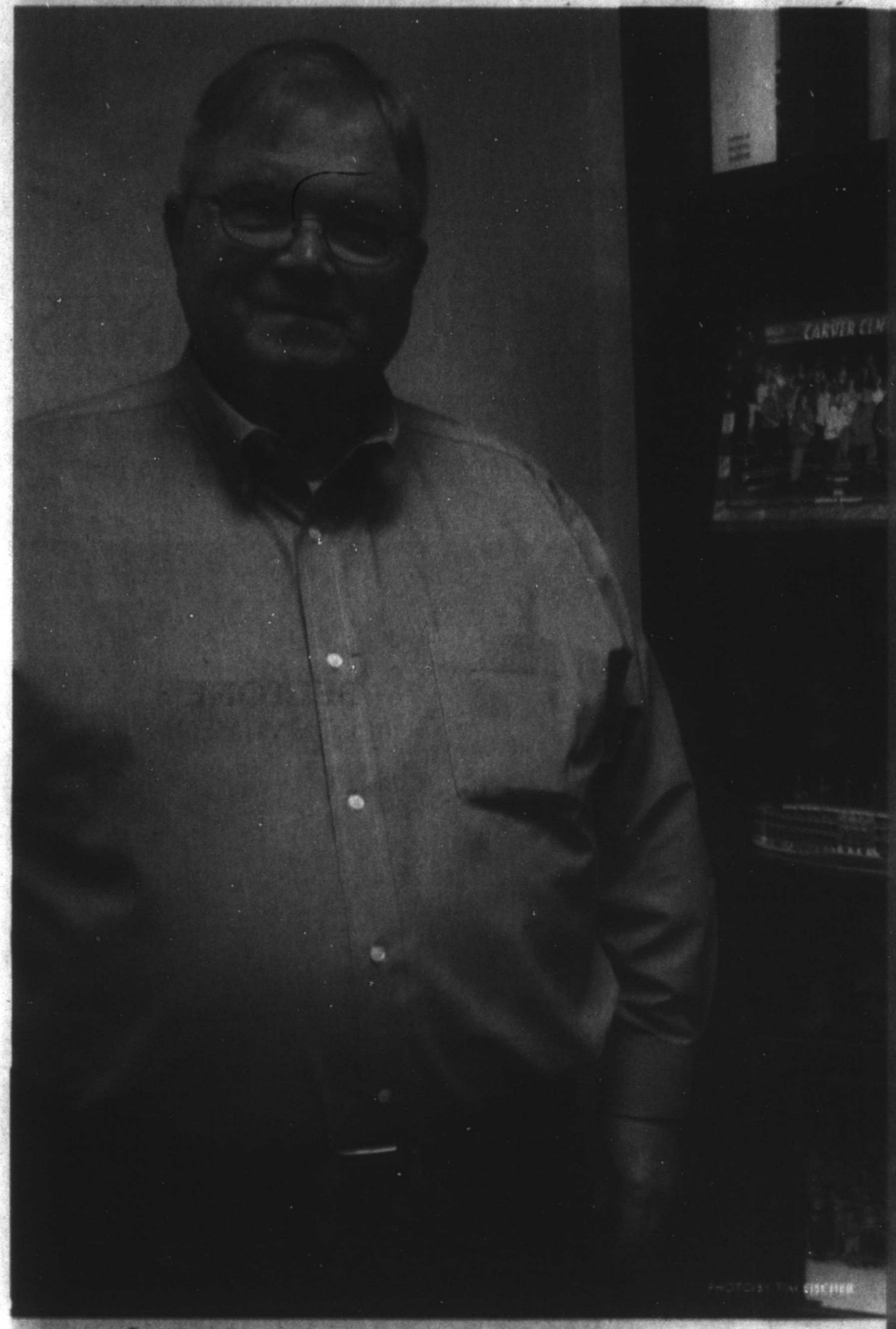

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SID SMITH

SUPPORTER OF SCHOOLS AND MIDLAND'S YOUTH

Why is it important for you to volunteer with children and in schools?

Unfortunately, you always hear about the "bad" in today's schools and about today's children, i.e., shootings, violence, terrible behavior, etc. Having no children of my own, I have been incredibly impressed with the quality of the youth here in Midland, the dedication of their parents, and the quality of our local teachers. Not wanting to become mired in all things "bad," I committed to seeking out the good in our community and honoring it with my time and efforts. Having met MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren and listening to our trustees' goals for better education for the children of Midland, I remain inspired to help meet those goals. Meeting those goals includes small steps that range from sponsoring a book fair, to helping fund a library, to bringing history to life for a child. Every time one of our local students is inspired to ask the next question or show up to school on time, or gets interested in Ben Franklin and goes to the library to learn more, it's helps every other student also succeed in our community. Every time one of our youth succeeds, we all succeed.

For someone else looking to make a difference but doesn't know how, what would you recommend?

- Don't hold back.
- Be willing to take a role in the community.
- Seek advice from others to identify needs and which resources are needed to meet those needs.
- "Giving" can take place at any level and in any form.
- Ask questions. Lend a hand. Give a smile. Sometimes the smallest of efforts make the biggest of impacts.

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"LEADING CHANGE IN OUR SCHOOLS"

Mr. Sid Smith is one of Midland ISD's biggest supporters. He has taken Carver Center under his wing. When Carver became a full-time school four years ago, Sid Smith made it his mission to have Carver's library filled with books. As a donor and advocate, within two years, the Carver Center library was filled with books for students, teachers and parents. After the library project, Sid began seeking supporters for the Carver Center Star Lab. The Star Lab is an inflatable planetarium used in Carver's science and social studies classes. The Star Lab idea was presented to PTA and less than a year later, Std ensured that Carver Center had what it needed. Mr. Smith attends PTA meetings, CEIC meetings, school board meetings, and he visits campus regularly. He sees the importance of educating students and involves himself in campus and district projects. He has dressed up as Santa Claus and visited classrooms, and last year he dressed up as Benjamin Franklin, delivering a speech to more than 400 Carver students about the Constitution. Following his address to the students, he provided each student with pocket-sized copies of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. These were purchased by Sid and the Carver PTA. Sid's eagerness and willingness to support students and teachers is evident in everything he does at our schools. Mr. Smith sees the value in education and the importance of his community involvement. Sid Smith is a community member leading change in our schools.

Amanda Magallan, *Carver Center principal*

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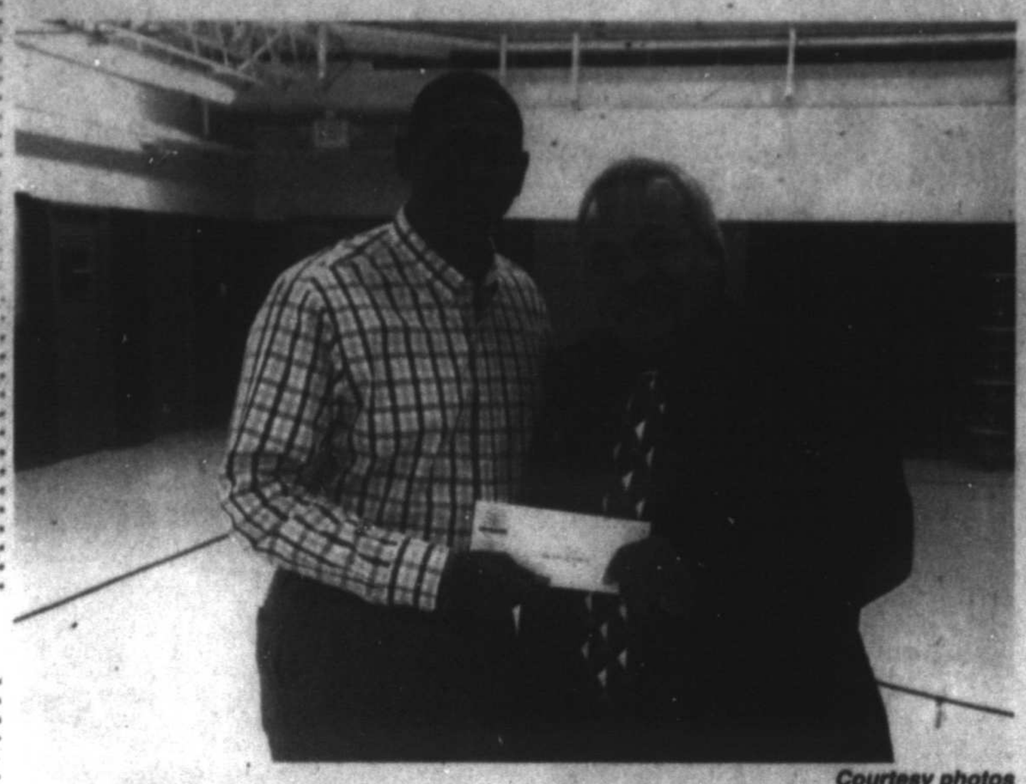

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Dathan Jones, left, and Raul Marquez, Big Sprinbg YMCA.

Carolyn Tripp, left, and Kenda Prather.

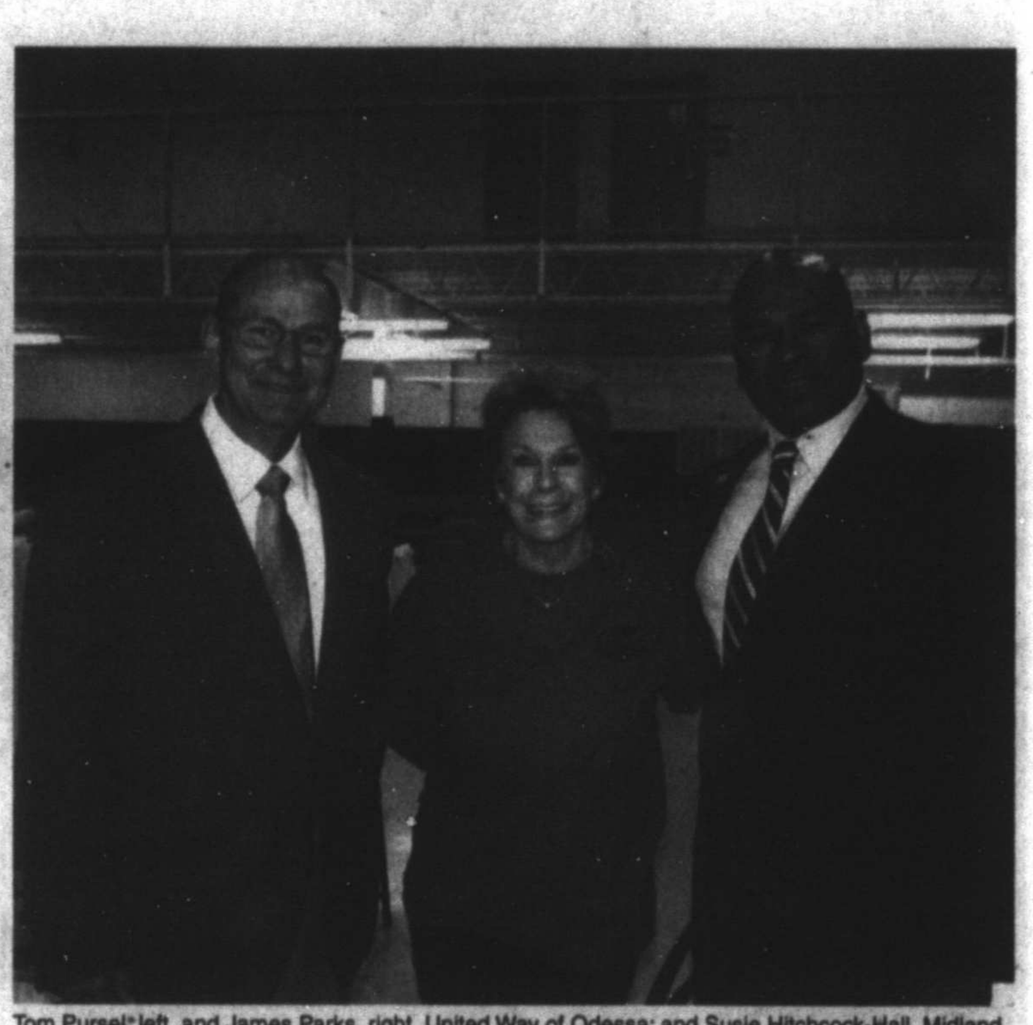
PB AREA FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Permian Basin Area Foundation earlier this month presented more than $1.1 million in grants to 32 nonprofit organizations:

AphasiaAccess, Big Spring YMCA, Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Bush Tennis Center, Bynum School, CASA of West Texas, Cassatt in the Basin, Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute, The Crisis Center, Family Promise of Midland, Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest, Greater Ideal Family Life Center, Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin, Learning Ally, Make-A-Wish Foundation and Martin County Convent.

Also, Midland African American Roots Council, Midland/Odessa Area AIDS Support, Midland Downtown Lions Club, Midland Festival Ballet, Midland Humane Coalition, Midland Opera Theater, Midland Teen Court, Midland West Rotary Club. Parcels of Hope, Permian Basin Be the Change, Rock the Desert Ministries, SHARE, Teen Challenge of the Permian Basin, United Way of Odessa, Unlock Ministries and Who We Play For.

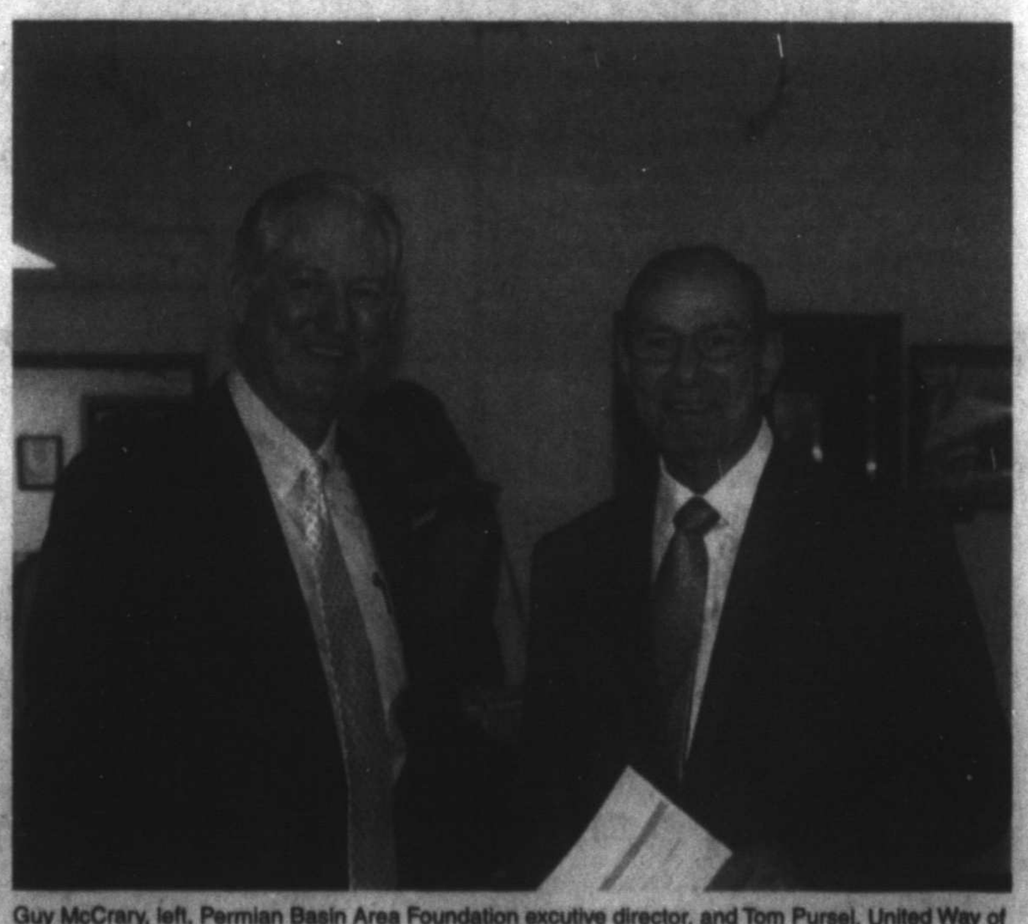
Darlene Mays, left, and Liz McCrary.



Tom Pursel, left, and James Parks, right, United Way of Odessa; and Susie Hitchcock-Hall, Midland Humane Coalition.

Rosalind Perkins, left, and Darlene Mays, Greater Ideal Family Life Center.

Kathryn Shelley, left, AphasiaAccess, and Carolyn Tripp, grants committee.



Guy McCrary, left, Permian Basin Area Foundation excutive director, and Tom Pursel, United Way of Odessa.

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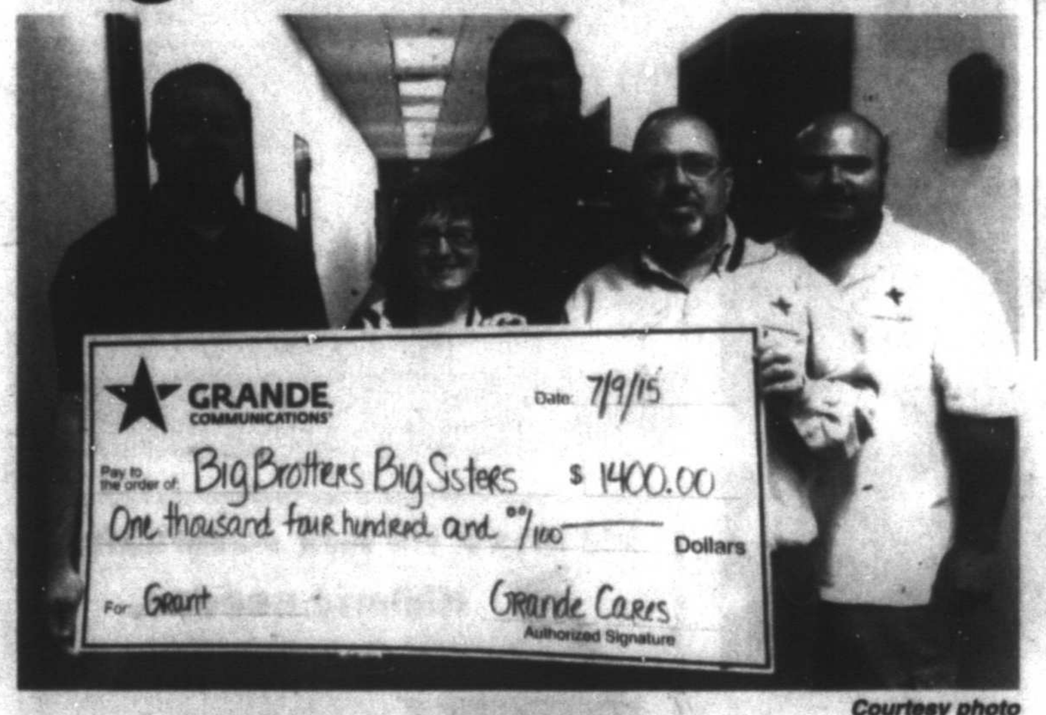

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Grande Communications recently presented a check for $1,400 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland. The donation was made on behalf of its employee philanthropy club, Grande Cares. On hand for the presentation were Jim Lucas, from left, Grande's director of operations; Kay Crites, BBBS executive director; Casey Ryburn, head end tech and Grande Cares board member; Tommy Pate, Grande's field operations supervisor; and Freddy Morales, Grande's territory manager.

Newest Habitat homeowner

Courtesy photos

Jazmine Perez is owner of Midland Habitat for Humanity home No. 131, which was dedicated Tuesday at 1604 N. Jackson St. **LEFT:** Perez embraces her mother during the ceremony. **RIGHT:** Lavonda Johnson, a minister at Community Worship Center and a Habit homeowner since 2004, performed the blessing of the home and shared some advice with Perez. Perez and her son reside in the last home to be built in the Sparks Park neighborhood, according to a Habitat spokeswoman.

BRIDGE RESULTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Permian Bridge Club

July 6

Flo Curry-Marlene Blumentritt, Gloria Jackson-Ann Servatius, Dorothy Brenneman-Helen South, Sarana Savage-Belle Harris, Nancy Ward-Kay Sewell, Don Troy-Dorothy Baird, Kay Arrell-Marilyn Higgins, Ann Brooks-Mary Tift

July 7

Sandy Thomas, Blumentritt, Servatius, Janet Stoltz, Arrell, Leilani Matthews, Patti Heard

July 8

Richard Stein-Troy, Charlie Grimes-Servatius, Ann Parish-Harris, Jackson-Higgins, Paula Baggett-Brenneman

July 9

Jackson-Servatius, Georgia Temple-Higgins, Helen Davis-Frances Levin, Les Neal-Terri Melton, Trudie Thomason-Stein, Marty Massie-Matthews, Dorothy Blair-Baird

July 12

Bob Bacon, Servatius, Tommie Strack-South-Jean Pistole, Brenneman, Linda Scarpelli

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HONORING NEIL FLORER

Midlander Neil Florer was honored Thursday with the Buffalo Trail Council's first Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his impact on the council, especially his support of the council's Boy Scout ranch in the Davis Mountains. Numerous friends and family members attended a banquet at the Petroleum Club.

Photos courtesy of Elaine DePrang

HAVE YOU HEARD

BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON

WILD BUNCH DANCE

Alfred Salda, from left, Royce Glenn, Tommy Scales and Kelly Hastey.

WILD BUNCH DANCE

Marilynn Wheeler, front row from left, Ruth Robinson and Dean Robinson; and Jean Wadsworth, back row from left, Josie Brenner and Shirley Stephenson.

WILD BUNCH DANCE

Nelis Byer, left, and Celia Munoz.

WILD BUNCH DANCE

Tracy and Randy Davis.

WILD BUNCH DANCE

Veterans John Harm, from left, Kermit Steria, Don Jones, Mike Luloff, Jerry Wadsworth, Richard Botts, Bud Arlett, Robert Lathrop, Tito Arencibia, John Griffin, Dean Robinson, Bub Hull, Al Palmer, Jerry Wilkerson, Ted Grisham and Don Sheldon.

HOUSTON TRIP

Holly Rowland, from left, Jessica Conner and Derek Conner.

WILD BUNCH DANCE

The Wild Bunch, a group of Midland women who love to dance, host two large dances a year. One dance is on the Fourth of July and the other, traditionally, is the first Saturday of December.

This year's Independence Day event was at St. Stephen's Catholic Church gymnasium and more than 130 people attended. Cadillac Jack of Lubbock provided the music.

During intermission, service veterans were called to the stage and honored as Shirley Stephenson read the poem, "The Old Tattered Flag."

Several years ago, Ruth Robinson and Stephenson began holding dances for a small group of friends in Stephenson's garage. So many people wanted to join in their favorite pastime that the women agreed to host two dances each year.

Among those helping with the planning are Josie Brenner, Mary Zamora, Sharla Terry and Lois Guthrie, Sharri Pruett and Tito Arencibia, Frances and Ken Rushing, Dean Robinson, Elizabeth Arencibia, Jean and Jerry Wadsworth and Marilynn Wheeler.

HOUSTON TRIP

Kathy and Roger Hill and their daughters and sons-in-law, Holly and Jeff Rowland and Jessica and Derek Conner, enjoyed a fun-filled Fourth of July weekend in Houston. They were joined by Kathy Hill's brother, Floyd Ireland, who works in China but was at his home in Kingwood for the holiday.

A highlight of their trip was getting to hear legendary country music star Garth Brooks perform at Toyota Center.

"Seeing Garth in concert was on all of our bucket lists," Holly Rowland said. "So we were excited to be able to check it off. It was fantastic. He played all his hits and was great with the crowd."

In addition, the Hills and Ireland toured the Museum of Natural History, and Kathy Hill stocked up on fun games and fossils for her fourth-grade math and science classes at South Elementary. They also visited NASA, where they saw the actual control room used during the time of the Apollo 13 mission.

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Keuchel strikes out 13, Astros blank Rangers

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Astros ace Dallas Keuchel said he didn't appreciate the approach Texas second baseman Rougned Odor took the previous night.

So he made the Rangers pay for it on Sunday.

Keuchel struck out a career-high 13 in seven scoreless innings, leading the Astros over the Rangers 10-0.

Odor and Houston catcher Hank Conger began jawing the plate in the ninth inning of Texas' 7-6 win Saturday night, and it escalated into a shouting match between the managers.

Conger said he thought Odor was taking too long to get in the batter's box and told him so.

Astros	10
Rangers	0

Earlier in the game, Odor had taken out Astros star second baseman Jose Altuve with a slide.

"When you don't show respect to other players, there's guys who will take offense to that," Keuchel said. "You don't disrespect the game of baseball. I felt like we got disrespected. I wasn't (on the field) for it, but at the same time I knew what I had to do."

Keuchel (12-4), the starting pitcher for the American League in the All-Star Game last Tuesday night, retired 18 straight batters during one stretch. He improved to 9-0 at home to become the first pitcher in franchise history to win his first nine decisions at home in a season.

"It was vintage Dallas Keuchel with a few more strikeouts," manager A.J. Hinch said. "That's our guy. There's no way around it. He's been doing it like this the whole year. A couple games where he hasn't been this dominant. Dallas Keuchel, he's arrived. He's a threat every time he goes out to put up a game like this."

The Rangers piled up a total of 29 hits in the first two games of the series, but couldn't do anything against Keuchel. He leads the AL with a 2.12 ERA.

"He utilized the strike zone and we didn't make adjustments," Texas manager Jeff

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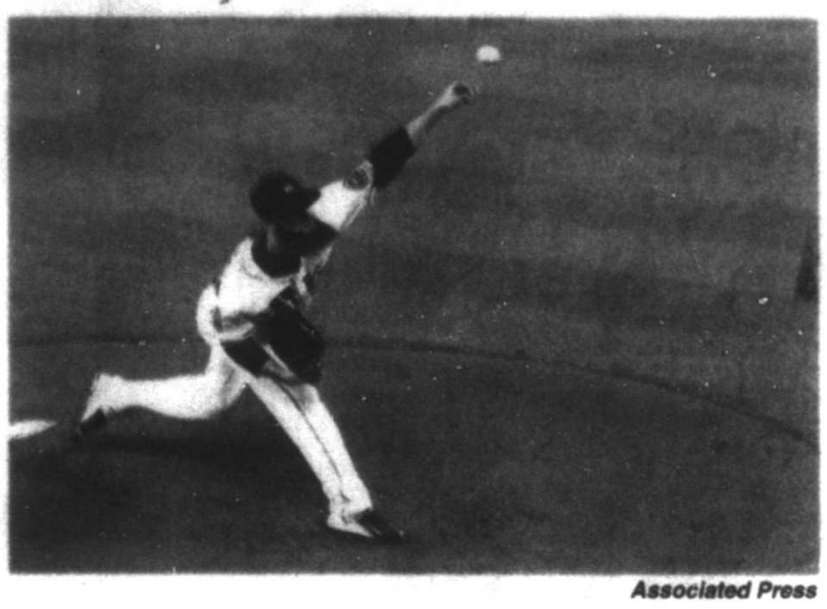

Associated Press

The Houston Astros' Dallas Keuchel delivers a pitch against the Texas Rangers in the first inning on Sunday in Houston.

All eyes on the prize

Associated Press

Jordan Spieth drives the ball from the 18th tee during the third round of the British Open Golf Championship at the Old Course in St. Andrews, Scotland, on Sunday.

Spieth, Dunne eye history at St. Andrews

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — For a place dripping with centuries of history, St. Andrews got more than it could have wanted Sunday.

Jordan Spieth punched his golf bag in frustration after a careless bogey, perhaps sensing the British Open was slipping away. Just like that, and because this is what Spieth does in big moments, he salvaged his bid for a Grand Slam. He made three straight birdies. He took 10 putts on the inward nine. And when he walked off the 18th green, he had a 6-under 66 and was one shot behind with one round left.

"I'm going to play to win," Spieth said. "I'm not playing for a place. I don't want to place third tomorrow. I want to win."

But if there is history in the making at the home of golf, it no longer has to come from just Spieth.

Fans who filled the two-story grandstand and watched from the tops of buildings on Golf Place witnessed a moment not seen at St. Andrews in 88 years — an amateur in the lead going into the final round of the British Open.

Paul Dunne, the 22-year-old from Ireland, rolled in putts like this was the prestigious St. Andrews Links Trophy for amateurs instead of the oldest championship in golf. He played bogey-free for a 66 and shared the lead with former Open champion Louis Oosthuizen and Jason Day.

Bobby Jones is the last amateur to win the British Open in 1930 when he came from one shot behind in the final round. He was the last amateur to lead after 54 holes three years earlier at St. Andrews, and he won the claret jug that year, too.

Can it happen again?

"It's surreal I'm leading the Open, but I can easily believe that I shot the three scores that I shot," Dunne said. "If we were playing an amateur event here, I wouldn't be too surprised by the scores I shot. It's just lucky that it happens to be in the biggest event in the world.

"Hopefully, I can do it again tomorrow," he said. "But whether I do or not, I'll survive either way."

The way the weather-delayed Open ended on Sunday, expect just about anything.

Oosthuizen, the last player to lift the claret jug at St. Andrews in 2010 and a runner-up at the U.S. Open last month, birdied three of his last five holes for a 67. Day is just as big of a threat. He shot

Please see ST. ANDREWS/4C

Kyle Busch races to 3rd win of year, moves closer to Chase

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Stuck in a hospital, Kyle Busch could only think about a comeback, not championship contention.

Busch

Could Busch imagine, days after a horrific crash, he would become a title contender?

"Yeah, right," he said. "You're crazy."

Nothing seems preposterous these days for Busch, whose dormant-to-dominant run over the last two months has not only made him a regular in victory lane, but steamrolled him toward the cusp of a Chase berth.

Busch rolled on Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, winning for the second straight weekend and the third time in the last four NASCAR Sprint Cup races.

"This is something I'm not sure we ever would have expected," Busch said.

Busch isn't where he needs to be in the standings quite yet. His three wins are certainly enough to earn a Chase for the Sprint Cup championship berth. He's still outside the top 30 in points, which is the second major qualifier to race for the title in the final 10 races of the season.

Busch won at Sonoma Raceway and last week at Kentucky Speedway and is 33rd in the standings, 58 points behind David Gilliland for 30th.

Cole Whitt is 31st and Brett Moffitt 32nd, easy pickings for Busch.

"I'm not sure we've unleashed the beast at all," Busch said.

Busch broke his right leg and left foot in a crash the day before the season-opening Daytona 500. He missed the first 11 races of the season, then returned in late May determined to earn a playoff spot.

Busch, who last won at New Hampshire in July 2006, said Friday he still is bothered by the leg injuries. The aches hardly seemed to matter in the No. 18 Toyota.

"We've got to keep doing our deal," Busch said. "Every week it keeps getting better and better."

Busch has gained 70 points on the 30th spot over the last two races and is not only a threat to qualify for the Chase

Please see BUSCH/4C

Big 12 media days likely won't be as intense as SEC equivalent

■ ANALYSIS

By Tim Griffin
San Antonio Express-News

DALLAS — Fans won't be lined up outside the Omni Hotel today dressed up as their favorite historical coaches like they did last week at the Southeastern Conference's meetings to welcome their favorite current players and coaches.

The Big 12's preseason media gathering should be more sedate. Those watching at home might need to strain their channel selectors to find the Big 12's media day broadcast, compared to all of the hype that boomed across all of ESPN's platforms from the SEC's media day last week.

The national spotlight won't be as intense for the Big 12, which will kick off the hype for its 20th season with expectations that would be stunning only a few years ago.

Baylor and TCU are the favorites to win the conference and challenge for the College Football Playoffs, claiming all of the first-place votes in last week's media poll.

All of that early speculation left Texas and Oklahoma as preseason afterthoughts. The Sooners and Longhorns didn't garner a first-place vote — a first in the history of the conference — as both are expected to be watching the Bears and Horned Frogs challenge for the national championships they used to routinely battle for.

UT coach Charlie Strong will be grilled about his team's apparent lack of production. And OU coach Bob Stoops will be asked whether he has lost his mojo after the most disappointing season of his Sooners coaching tenure.

Their declines will be only an item among a series of discussion points during the two-day meetings.

Recent expansion rumblings will be a prime topic when Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby makes his annual "state of the conference" address to kick off Monday's proceedings.

Despite Bowlsby repeatedly maintaining a lack of interest in expansion throughout recent years, Oklahoma president David Boren stoked the fire last month after saying the conference was "psychologically disadvantaged" trying to compete against Power Five peers with its current 10-team format.

Boren's timing was curious, coming in the middle of the summer when it made immediate national headlines. But it doesn't mean it's any closer to happening.

All of the Big 12's coaches and Bowlsby likely will be starting a unified spin boosting the conference's strength. It will be important, particularly after the conference was snubbed from a spot in last season's initial College Football Playoff.

Highlighting Monday's attendees will be TCU coach Gary Patterson, who is basking in more national attention as the Horned Frogs are a consensus top-four pick in most preseason polls.

Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury also will be attending, but the spotlight won't be nearly as bright for him. After starting his coaching career in 2013 by winning his first seven games, Kingsbury has gone 5-13 since then, diminishing some of his coolness factor with each loss.

Tuesday will be highlighted by the appearance of Baylor coach Art Briles, who should arrive with a chip on his shoulder after his team was picked second after winning the Big 12 title outright in 2013 and sharing the title with TCU last season.

The league's decline in quarterback

Please see BIG 12/2C

'HOUNDSWATCH

SUNDAY'S SCORE
Corpus Christi 9, Midland 4

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Corpus Christi, 6:05 p.m.

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Midland 14-9,
Corpus Christi 12-11

Saturday	Sunday	Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
San Antonio 11, Midland 10	Corpus Christi 9, Midland 4	Midland at Corpus Christi	Midland at Corpus Christi	Midland at Corpus Christi

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Big 12 Media Days, 9 a.m., FS2/FSSW/FCSC
Big 12 Media Days, 10 a.m., LHN

CYCLING
Tour de France, Stage 16: Bourg-de-Peage to Gap, 7 a.m., NBCSN

MLB
NY Mets at Washington, 6 p.m., ESPN
Texas at Colorado, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

MEN'S SOCCER
Supercopa MX: Pueba vs Monarcas Morelia, 5:30 p.m., AZTECA/UniMas/UDN
Champion of Champions: America vs Santos Laguna, 8:30 p.m., AZTECA/UniMas/UDN
ICC: AS Roma vs Manchester City, 5 a.m., FS1/ESPNDEP

NBA SUMMER LEAGUE
LV Championship: Semifinal 1 vs Semifinal 2, 8 p.m., NBAtv

PAN AMERICAN GAMES
Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Men's Soccer, Taekwondo, Women's Basketball, Women's Volleyball, 9 a.m., ESPNDEP
Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Men's Soccer, Taekwondo, Women's Basketball, Women's Volleyball, 6 p.m., ESPN2

ON RADIO

MLB
Texas at Colorado, 7:30 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

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

LOCAL SPORTS

SOCKERS PLAYOFF SET

The Premier Development League playoff soccer game for the Sockers FC is set for 5 p.m. Friday as the Sockers will travel to Jackson, Mississippi, to face the Ocala Stampede in the Southern Conference Semifinals.

Ocala comes in with an 8-3-3 record, while the Sockers are 6-5-3 after losing their last two regular season games.

If the Sockers win, they will play either the Mississippi Brilla or FC Miami City Champions in the Southern Conference Finals.

MCC PARENT CHILD RESULTS

Here are the results of the Third Annual Jason Lindgren Memorial Parent Child Golf Tournament played Sunday at Midland Country Club.

Low Ball Division — 1. John Mark Peterson and Leroy Peterson; 2. Cade Parkinson annd Scott Parkinson; 3. Joe Smith and Charlie Ray

18 Hole Pts Flight 1 - 1. Thomas Zenner and Steve Jumper; 2. Carter Smith and Cameron Smith; 3. Henry Friez and Leroy Peterson

18 Hole Pts Flight 2 — 1. Steven Stoltz and Mike Stoltz; 2. Brantley Harrington and Ron Harrington

9 Hold Pts Flight — 1. Brodie McHugh and Jay McHugh; 2. Caston Griffin and Ben Griffin; 3. Blayde McHugh and Jay McHugh

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Designated 3B Conor Gillaspie for assignment. Reinstated RHP Matt Albers from the 15-day DL.

DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned SS Dixon Machado to Toledo (IL). Reinstated 1B Marc Krauss from paternity leave.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned LHP Brandon Finnegan to Omaha (PCL). Recalled RHP Yohan Pino from Omaha.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned 2B Rob Refsnyder to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Reinstated OF Carlos Beltran from the 15-day DL.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed RHP Chase Anderson on the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Enrique Burgos to Reno (PCL). Recalled RHP Matt Stites and OF Danny Dorn from Reno.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent RHP Brandon Cunniff to Gwinnett (IL) for a rehab assignment.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed RHP Chad Bettis on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Eddie Butler from Albuquerque (PCL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Returned RHP Zach Lee to Oklahoma City (PCL).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed OF Gorbys Hernandez on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Monday. Recalled RHP Wilfredo Boscan from Indianapolis (IL).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed C Andrew Susac on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Hector Sanchez from Sacramento (PCL).

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned RHP Taylor Jordan to Syracuse (IL). Sent 1B Ryan Zimmerman to Harrisburg (EL) for a rehab assignment.

American Association

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed C Steve Sulcoski.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Released OF Jon Weber.

Can-Am League

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed LHP Nate Baker.

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released INF Joel Sebastian. Signed OF Will Walsh and INF Tyler Hall.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released LHP Travis Reckling.

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Traded INF Ryan Pineda to Fargo-Moorhead (AA) for INF Frank Salerno.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	10	5	.667	—
Chicago	10	6	.625	½
Washington	8	6	.571	1½
Indiana	8	7	.533	2
Connecticut	7	7	.500	2½
Atlanta	7	9	.438	3½
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	12	3	.800	—
Phoenix	9	6	.600	3
Tulsa	10	7	.588	3
Seattle	5	12	.294	8
San Antonio	4	12	.250	8½
Los Angeles	2	12	.143	9½

Sunday's Scores
Minnesota 79, Tulsa 72
Chicago 93, San Antonio 82
Washington 89, Connecticut 82

Today's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Indiana at San Antonio, 11:30 a.m.
Washington at Tulsa, 11:30 a.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 7 p.m.
New York at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C. United	10	7	5	35	24	20
Columbus	8	7	6	30	31	30
New York	8	6	5	29	29	23
Toronto FC	8	7	3	27	28	28
New England	7	9	6	27	27	33
Orlando City	6	8	6	24	23	26
Philadelphia	6	11	4	22	26	34
Montreal	6	8	3	21	24	27
New York City FC	5	9	6	21	24	28
Chicago	5	11	3	18	20	28
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
FC Dallas	10	5	5	35	28	24
Los Angeles	9	6	7	34	36	25
Vancouver	10	8	3	33	24	21
Sporting Kansas City	9	3	6	33	28	18
Seattle	10	9	2	32	25	20
Portland	9	7	5	32	23	24
Real Salt Lake	6	7	8	26	21	26
San Jose	7	8	4	25	21	24
Houston	6	8	6	24	24	26
Colorado	5	6	9	24	18	19

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

Sunday's Scores
Columbus 3, Chicago 1

Friday's Game
Sporting Kansas City at Real Salt Lake, 11 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Toronto FC at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Montreal, 7 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Houston, 8 p.m.
Portland at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 79-86 degrees; 1.3 feet high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, Senkos and medium running shad pattern crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

APPROPHEAD: Water off color; 78-87 degrees; 0.27 feet high. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.

COLORADO CITY: 17.75 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 80-88 degrees; 5.71 feet low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 81-89 degrees; 17.2 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 79-87 degrees; 17.3 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on buzzbalts early, later switching to Texas rigs and crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 79-88 degrees; 40.03 feet low. Black bass are good on Yellow Magics early, later switching to Texas rigs, Senkos and crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 79-87 degrees; 0.35 feet high. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs, jigs and medium running crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on Road Runners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 57.69 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 5.16 feet low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 79-88 degrees; 27.59 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 80-87 degrees; 14.42 feet low.No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 79-89 degrees; 27.40 feet low. Black bass are good on topwaters, jerkbaits, spinnerbaits, swimbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on Red Fins and large topwaters. White bass are fair on crankbaits and small topwaters. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines, droplines, and throwlines on live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water stained; 79-85 degrees. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastic worms with chartreuse tails. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water stained; 79-87 degrees; 6.14 feet high. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and soft plastic worms early and late. Hybrid striper are fair on chrome slabs with buckalls. White bass are fair but small on minnows and chrome slabs with buckballs at night. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with snails and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are fair on juglines baited with live perch.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 78-86 degrees; 0.98 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and white or shad Lil Fishies in 9-12 feet. Channel catfish slow. Blue catfish are excellent on juglines baited with cut perch and shad in 10-12 feet.Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch and goldfish in 8-18 feet.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 79-87 degrees; 12.07 feet low. Black bass are good on chartreuse JDC Skip-N-Pop topwaters, Texas rigged pumpkinseed worms, and watermelon flukes along secondary points in 10-18 feet. Striped bass are fair on chartreuse Rat-L-Traps, Zara Spooks, and shad colored crankbaits near the dam early and late. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and green tube jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on live bait and shrimp. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

Associated Press

Clint Dempsey celebrates his goal against Cuba during the first half of a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer quarterfinal match on Saturday in Baltimore.

Clint Dempsey displays his 'hungry' mindset in the US rout of Cuba

By Andrew Keh
N.Y. Times News Service

BALTIMORE — Lest anyone still be wondering about Clint Dempsey's state of mind on the soccer field these days, his coach and his fellow members of the U.S. men's national team spent some of their Saturday night wielding similar gastric imagery to characterize his temperament.

"He's a guy who is hungry and determined to make big plays, hungry and determined to score goals," midfielder Michael Bradley said after Dempsey's three goals had powered the team to a 6-0 rout of Cuba in a Gold Cup quarterfinal.

Midfielder Alejandro Bedoya said: "He has that hunger. He wants the ball."

Coach Jurgen Klinsmann said, "He's hungry for goals, first of all, and that helps us," and then Klinsmann extended the digestive metaphor a step further to describe the games ahead: "He has two more meals ahead of him."

The appetite has been apparent. Dempsey, as he has this entire tournament, set the tone and tempo for the team on Saturday, opening the scoring with a cool header, closing things with a hustling finish sliding on his backside, and nonchalantly chipping in a penalty kick in between.

"I didn't know that was his first hat trick" in international competition, Klinsmann said when informed of Dempsey's milestone. He paused a second for comedic effect and then said, "It took him a long time."

Jokes aside, it could not have come at a better time.

Having scored six goals in four games, Dempsey has gained considerable ground on Landon Donovan, who retired last year as the team's career leading scorer. Donovan finished with 57 goals; Dempsey has 47.

But even more important, Dempsey's recent spree has helped recalibrate his personal narrative since he reached one of the lower points of his career last month. In a U.S. Open Cup match June 16 with his club team, the Seattle Sounders, Dempsey expressed his displeasure with the referee by ripping the official's notebook to pieces. The behavior earned Dempsey, 32, a two-year suspension from that tournament and a three-game ban in Major League Soccer.

Two weeks later, Klinsmann removed Dempsey as captain of the national team, giving the designation to Bradley. Klinsmann said at the time that the change was meant to get some of the "heat off" Dempsey. "We need him to be in a good mood," Klinsmann said then.

The nuanced dynamic between Klinsmann and Dempsey has been an absorbing storyline the last few years. In January 2013, a year and a half after Klinsmann took over the national team, he used a series of interviews with the news media to point out in blunt terms that, in the grand scheme of things, Dempsey had much more to accomplish as a professional. A few months after that, Klinsmann named Dempsey his captain.

Interestingly, Klinsmann's actions, perceived as motivational tactics, were directed at a player who had already cultivated a persona of having a perpetual chip on his shoulder. "People can say whatever they want," Bedoya, one of Dempsey's closer friends on the team, said of Dempsey's attitude, "but as a striker, as a player, you need to have that, and he's always had that."

Still, Klinsmann has his own perspective on players' mentalities, formed from his own years as an elite player (although he never scored a hat trick for Germany). On Saturday, he ruminated on the mindset of a striker, describing a person who spends his waking hours singularly obsessed with tallying goals. He lived that way, and he said Dempsey lived that way as well.

Before the game against Cuba, Klinsmann revealed to Dempsey one of his regrets from his playing career: that he did not score more goals in a 1990 World Cup game between West Germany and the lowly United Arab Emirates team. Klinsmann's team won that game, 5-1, and went on to win the tournament. But Klinsmann still thinks about whether he could have been the World Cup's top scorer that year had he simply taken the game more seriously and notched more goals.

It was a comparable situation against Cuba — a lopsided game that could have been won with subpar effort — and Dempsey seized the moment, scoring the first of the team's six goals before 4 minutes had passed. Cuba's defense was amateurish, but Dempsey's consistent movement ensured it was exploited.

Mexico tops Costa Rica 1-0 in Gold Cup

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Andres Guardado scored on a penalty kick in the second and final minute of stoppage time in extra time to give Mexico a 1-0 victory over Costa Rica in the CONCACAF Gold Cup quarterfinals Sunday night.

Roy Miller was whistled for a questionable foul on Oribe Peralta with the game seconds from going to penalty kicks. Guardado converted to send six-time champion Mexico to the semifinals, where it will face Panama on Wednesday night in Atlanta.

Mexico had dominated play but was unable to score until the final moments. Angry Costa Rica fans — heavily outnumbered by Mexico fans in the crowd of 74,187 at MetLife Stadium — threw bottles toward the field in protest.

Gold Cup glance

QUARTERFINALS
Saturday
At Baltimore
United States 6, Cuba 0
Haiti vs. Jamaica, late
Sunday
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Trinidad and Tobago 1, Panama 1. Panama advanced 6-5 on penalty kicks
Mexico 1, Costa Rica 0, ET
SEMIFINALS
Wednesday
At Atlanta
United States vs. Haiti-Jamaica winner, 6 p.m. or 9 p.m.
East Rutherford quarterfinal winners, 6 p.m. or 9 p.m.
THIRD PLACE
July 25
At Chester, Pa.
Semifinal losers, 4 p.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 26
At Philadelphia
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

BIG 12

From 1C

development will be highlighted as only TCU's Trevone Boykin, Iowa State's Sam Richardson and Oklahoma's Trevor Knight, a Reagan High graduate, will appear.

It's a long way from the conference's glory days when offenses routinely rang up pinball numbers.

Boykin should challenge for the Heisman Trophy in TCU's high-powered offense, but the perception is that the Big 12 isn't as competitive as it was a few years ago.

And it will remain that way as long as UT and OU remain out of title contention.

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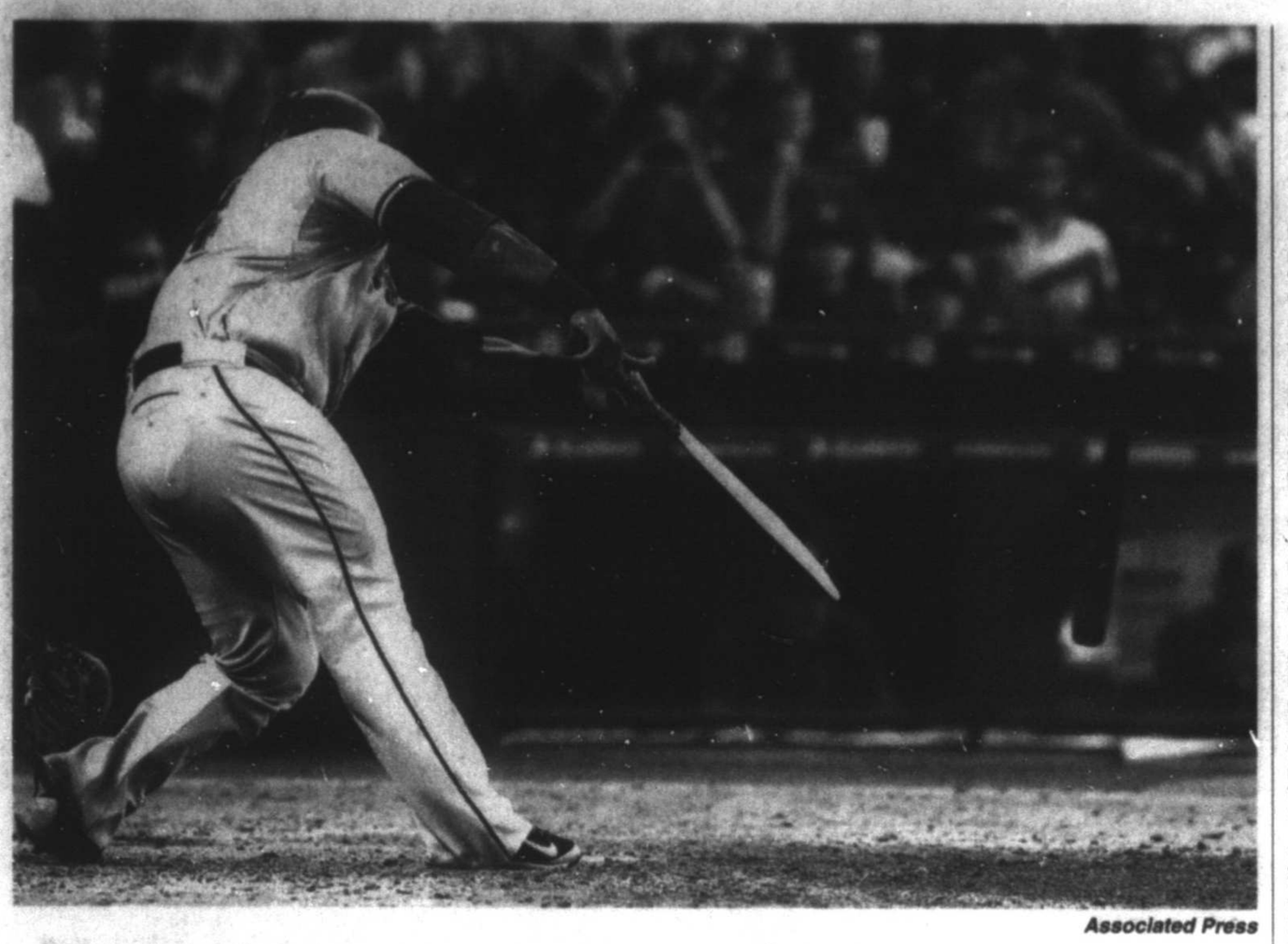

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The Texas Rangers' Prince Fielder breaks his bat on a ground-out to end a game against the Houston Astros on Sunday in Houston.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

YANKEES 2
MARINERS 1

NEW YORK — Mark Teixeira homered with two outs in the eighth inning, and the New York Yankees rallied for a victory over the Seattle Mariners for a series win.

On a steamy day with a game-time temperature of 92 degrees — a thermometer in the photographers' well down the first-base line read over 100 — both Cy Young Award winning starters, CC Sabathia and Felix Hernandez, were done after six impressive innings with the score tied 1-all.

Teixeira connected on a 1-2 pitch from former closer Fernando Rodney (2-4), who had a new copper-colored beard and hairdo. Dellin Betances (6-2) walked two in the eighth, but got Mark Trumbo to pop out to end the threat. Andrew Miller finished for his 20th save in 20 chances.

ORIOLES 9
TIGERS 3

DETROIT — Jonathan Schoop hit a three-run homer — part of Baltimore's six-run fourth inning against Justin Verlander — and the Orioles routed the Detroit Tigers.

Adam Jones also homered for the Orioles, and J.J. Hardy added a two-run double. Verlander (0-3) allowed seven runs and eight hits in 3 2/3 innings, another ugly start for a Detroit rotation that has suddenly become a weak link.

ROYALS 4
WHITE SOX 1

CHICAGO — Danny Duffy took a shutout into the ninth inning in the longest outing of his career, and the surging Kansas City Royals beat Chris Sale and the Chicago White Sox.

Lorenzo Cain and Paulo Orlando homered as Kansas City (55-35) moved a season-high 20 games above .500. The AL Central leaders took three of four in the weekend series and have won 11 of 14 overall.

Duffy (4-4) gave up rookie Tyler Saladino's leadoff drive in the ninth for his first career homer. Joe Blanton then came in and got the last three outs for his first career save in his 278th major league game.

Sale (8-5) was tagged for a season-high 11 hits in 6 1/3 innings. The All-Star lefty gave up four runs, struck out six and walked one.

ATHLETICS 14
TWINS 1

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jake Smolinski homered twice for four RBIs, Josh Reddick hit a grand slam and the Oakland Athletics slugged past the Minnesota Twins.

Billy Butler and Josh Phegley hit two-run homers for the A's, who cleared the fences a season-high five times to boost their 2015 total to 80.

BLUE JAYS 4
RAYS 0

TORONTO — Marco Estrada pitched eight shutout innings to outduel Chris Archer, Chris Colabello and Jose Bautista each hit two-run homers and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Tampa Bay Rays.

The Blue Jays snapped a streak of four straight series losses.

Estrada (7-5) allowed just two hits through the first seven innings, with both runners erased trying to steal.

Archer (9-7), who is winless in four starts, allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings.

National League

DODGERS 5
NATIONALS 0

WASHINGTON — Zack Greinke extended his scoreless streak to 43 2/3 innings, striking out a season-high 11 through the eighth and leading the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Washington Nationals 5-0 on Sunday.

Greinke's string is the longest in the majors since Orel Hershiser set the major league record of 59 shutout innings in 1988 with the Dodgers. Greinke (9-2) leads the big leagues with a 1.30 ERA. He scattered three singles, walked one and threw 119 pitches in eight innings.

This was his sixth straight scoreless start, all of them lasting at least six innings. Last Tuesday night, Greinke started the All-Star Game and gave up a leadoff homer to Mike Trout, but that run doesn't count in the regular-season statistics.

Max Scherzer (10-8) gave up one run in six innings.

METS 3
CARDINALS 1, 18 INNINGS

ST. LOUIS — Ruben Tejada hit a sacrifice fly in the 18th inning and the New York Mets outlasted the St. Louis Cardinals despite stranding 25 baserunners.

The Mets went 1 for 26 with runners in scoring position, yet still won the majors' second-longest game this season. Boston beat the Yankees in 19 innings in April. It took 5 hours, 55 minutes for the Mets to top the NL Central-leading Cardinals and avoid a three-game sweep.

PHILLIES 8
MARLINS 7

PHILADELPHIA — Jeff Francoeur's two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning lifted the Philadelphia Phillies over the Miami Marlins.

Ryan Howard and Freddy Galvis also homered for the Phillies. Philadelphia ace Cole Hamels was roughed up for the second straight outing, giving up five runs and eight hits in three innings. The left-hander, considered to be a top candidate to be dealt at the trading deadline, gave up a career-worst nine runs in 3 1/3 innings in his last outing.

A.J. Ramos (0-2) walked Carlos Ruiz to lead off the ninth and Francoeur homered to give the Phillies just their second sweep of the season. Hector Neris (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth to earn the win.

BREWERS 6
PIRATES 1

MILWAUKEE — Rookie Taylor Jungmann pitched seven strong innings, Khris Davis hit a two-run double and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates for a sweep.

Jungmann (5-1), added to the Brewers' roster in early June, won his third straight decision. He gave up one run and five hits.

Pittsburgh had won 13 of 16 going into the All-Star break before losing three straight at Miller Park. Jeff Locke (5-6) allowed three runs in 7 1/3 innings.

Pirates shortstop Jordy Mercer was carted off the field after colliding with Carlos Gomez while trying to make a tag in the second inning. Mercer couldn't put pressure on his leg and was helped onto the cart.

GIANTS 2
DIAMONDBACKS 1

PHOENIX — Madison Bumgarner and four relievers scattered nine hits and Justin Maxwell homered, helping the San Francisco Giants beat the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Bumgarner (10-5) pitched five innings for the win, allowing a run and four hits with three strikeouts and a walk in his first start since July 10. The Giants won their sixth straight game and swept their second straight three-game series.

CUBS 4
BRAVES 1

ATLANTA — Jake Arrieta pitched seven dominant innings and Jorge Soler homered to help the Chicago Cubs beat the Atlanta Braves.

Arrieta (11-5) gave up three hits, three walks and struck out 10, throwing 73 of his 112 pitches for strikes. Over his last six starts, the right-hander is 5-0 with a 0.96 ERA.

Interleague

INDIANS 5
REDS 3, 11 INNINGS

CINCINNATI — Yan Gomes drew a bases-loaded walk to drive in the tiebreaking run in the 11th inning and the Cleveland Indians beat the Cincinnati Reds.

Jason Kipnis added a sacrifice fly in the 11th for Cleveland, which scored its first four runs on walks.

Pedro Villareal (1-3) gave up singles to Mike Aviles, Michael Bourn and Brandon Moss to open the 11th and load the bases. He then walked Gomes for force in the Indians' go-ahead run and Kipnis followed with his sacrifice fly.

Marc Rzepczynski (2-3) pitched two-thirds of an inning to get the win, and Zach McAllister got the last two outs for his first career save.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	50	41	.549	—
Baltimore	46	45	.505	4
Tampa Bay	47	47	.500	4½
Toronto	47	47	.500	4½
Boston	42	49	.462	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	55	35	.611	—
Minnesota	50	42	.543	6
Detroit	45	46	.495	10½
Cleveland	44	47	.484	11½
Chicago	42	48	.467	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	50	40	.556	—
Houston	51	43	.543	1
Texas	43	48	.473	7½
Oakland	43	51	.457	9
Seattle	42	50	.457	9

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	49	41	.544	—
New York	46	44	.522	2
Atlanta	43	49	.467	7
Miami	39	54	.413	12
Philadelphia	32	62	.340	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	58	34	.630	—
Pittsburgh	53	36	.592	4½
Chicago	49	41	.544	9
Cincinnati	40	49	.449	16½
Milwaukee	41	52	.441	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	53	40	.570	—
San Francisco	49	43	.533	3½
San Diego	43	49	.467	9½
Arizona	42	48	.467	9½
Colorado	39	51	.433	12½

Sunday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y. Yankees 2, Seattle 1
Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 0
Baltimore 9, Detroit 3
Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 1
Houston 10, Texas 0
Oakland 14, Minnesota 1
Boston at L.A. Angels, ppd.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
L.A. Dodgers 5, Washington 0
Philadelphia 8, Miami 7
Milwaukee 6, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 3, St. Louis 1, 18 innings
San Francisco 3, Arizona 1
Colorado at San Diego, ppd., rain
Chicago Cubs 4, Atlanta 1

INTERLEAGUE
Cleveland 5, Cincinnati 3, 11 innings

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston (E.Rodriguez 5-2) at L.A. Angels (Santiago 6-4), 4:05 p.m., 1st game
Seattle (Happ 4-5) at Detroit (Simon 8-6), 7:08 p.m.
Boston (S.Wright 3-2) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 3-0), 9:05 p.m., 2nd game

NATIONAL LEAGUE
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 8-6) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Richard 1-0) at Cincinnati (Lorenzen 3-4), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Beachy 0-1) at Atlanta (Wisler 3-1), 7:10 p.m.
Miami (Phelps 4-5) at Arizona (R.De La Rosa 6-5), 9:40 p.m.
San Francisco (T.Hudson 5-7) at San Diego (Kennedy 4-9), 10:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE
Tampa Bay (M.Moore 1-0) at Philadelphia (D.Buchanan 0-5), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Burnett 7-3) at Kansas City (Ventura 4-6), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (N.Martinez 5-5) at Colorado (Rusin 3-3), 8:40 p.m.

Texas box score

ASTROS 10, RANGERS 0

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
DShields cf-lf	4	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	5	1	1	0
Odor 2b	4	0	0	0	MGonzlz 2b	0	0	0	0
Fielder dh	4	0	1	0	Tucker lf	5	3	3	2
Beltre 3b	3	0	0	0	Correa ss	3	3	2	1
Jrmnsn cf	3	0	1	0	CRivas rf	4	2	1	2
LMartn cf	0	0	0	0	Hoes rf	0	0	0	0
Rua lf-rf	3	0	0	0	Gattis dh	3	1	2	0
Andrus ss	3	0	0	0	Valuen 3b	5	0	4	4
Rosales 1b	3	0	1	0	Singltn 1b	3	0	0	1
Chirins c	2	0	0	0	Mrnck cf	4	0	0	0
Telis ph-c	1	0	0	0	JCastro c	4	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	3	0	Totals	36	10	13	10

Texas ..... 000 000 000—0
Houston ..... 003 023 20x—10

LOB—Texas 3, Houston 16. 2B—Fielder (20), Rosales (3), Altuve (19), Tucker (13), Correa (11), Valbuena (10). HR—Tucker (6), Col.Rasmus (12). SF—Singleton.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Gallardo L,7-9	4	7	5	5	3	1
Ramirez	3	5	5	5	3	4
Bass	1	1	0	0	0	0
Houston						
Keuchel W,12-4	7	2	0	0	0	13
Qualls	1	1	0	0	0	1
R.Hernandez	1	0	0	0	0	0

Gallardo pitched to 2 batters in the 5th.
HBP—by Ramirez (Gattis).
T—2:56. A—38,532 (41,574).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
YANKEES 2, MARINERS 1

Seattle ..... 000 010 000 —1 7 0
New York ..... 000 001 01x —2 6 0
F.Hernandez, Nuno (7), Rodney (8) and Zunino; Sabathia, Ju.Wilson (7), Betances (8), A.Miller (9) and B.McCann. W—Betances 6-2. L—Rodney 2-4. Sv—A.Miller (20). HRs—New York, Teixeira (23).

BLUE JAYS 4, RAYS 0

Tampa Bay ..... 000 000 000 —0 4 0
Toronto ..... 000 020 02x —4 6 0
Archer, B.Gomes (8), Cedeno (8) and Rivera. Estrada, Osuna (9) and D.Navarro. W—Estrada 7-5. —Archer 9-7. HRs—Toronto, Colabello (9), Bautista (19).

ORIOLES 9, TIGERS 3

Baltimore ..... 100 600 000 —9 14 0
Detroit ..... 001 010 010 —3 14 0
Mi.Gonzalez, Roe (6), Matusz (8), O'Day (9) and Wieters; Verlander, A.Wilson (4), B.Rondon (6), Krol (7), Albuquerque (8), N.Feliz (9) and Avila. W—Mi.Gonzalez 8-6. L—Verlander 0-3. HRs—Baltimore, A.Jones (15), Schoop (6).

ROYALS 4, WHITE SOX 1

Kansas City ..... 100 001 200 —4 13 1
Chicago ..... 000 000 001 —1 6 0
D.Duffy, Blanton (9) and S.Perez; Sale, M.Albers (7) and Flowers. W—D.Duffy 4-4. L—Sale 8-5. Sv—Blanton (1). HRs—Kansas City, L.Cain (10), Orlando (4). Chicago, Saladino (1).

ATHLETICS 14, TWINS 1

Minnesota ..... 000 000 001 —1 7 3
Oakland ..... 025 040 03x—14 12 0
Milone, Graham (3), Boyer (6), Fien (7), May (8) and Pryor; Chavez, Mujica (7), O'Flaherty (8), Scribner (9) and Phegley. W—Chavez 5-8. L—Milone 5-2. HRs—Oakland, Phegley (6), B.Butler (9), Smolinski 2 (3), Reddick (12).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILLIES 8, MARLINS 7

Miami ..... 000 000 030 —7 14 0
Philadelphia ..... 050 000 102 —8 10 2
Haren, B.Morris (7), Dunn (7), Capps (8), A.Ramos (9) and Mathis; Hamels, De Fratus (4), Alvarez (6), L.Garcia (7), Giles (8), Neris (9) and Ruiz. W—Neris 1-0. L—A.Ramos 0-2. HRs—Philadelphia, Howard (16), Galvis (4), Francoeur (8).

DODGERS 5, NATIONALS 0

Los Angeles ..... 000 100 004 —5 15 1
Washington ..... 000 000 000 —0 5 0
Greinke, Howell (9) and Grandal; Ellis, Scherzer, Rivero (7), Barrett (7), Janssen (8), Treinen (9), Solis (9) and W.Ramos. W—Greinke 9-2. L—Scherzer 10-8.

BREWERS 6, PIRATES 1

Pittsburgh ..... 000 010 000 —1 6 2
Milwaukee ..... 000 000 24x —6 11 0
Locke, J.Hughes (8), Caminero (8) and Cervelli; Jungmann, W.Smith (8), Jeffress (8), Cotts (9) and Lucroy. W—Jungmann 5-1. L—Locke 5-6.

METS 3, CARDINALS 1
New York ..... 000 000 000 002 100 002—3 15 0
St. Louis ..... 000 000 000 000 100 000—1 13 1
Niese, Parnell (8), Mejia (10), Robles (12), Familia (13), Gilmartin (14); C.Torres (17) and Plawecki; Cooney, Maness (6), Choate (7), Tuivailala (8), Siegrist (9), Socolovich (10), Villanueva (11), C.Martinez (15) and Molina. W—C.Torres 3-4. L—C.Martinez 10-4. HRs—St. Louis, Wong (10).

GIANTS 2, DIAMONDBACKS 1

San Francisco ..... 011 000 000 —2 5 0
Arizona ..... 010 000 000 —1 9 0
Bumgarner, Kontos (8), Lopez (8), Strickland (8), Casilla (9) and Posey; Corbin, Delgado (6), D.Hudson (8), Chafin (9) and W.Castillo. W—Bumgarner 10-5. L—Corbin 1-2. Sv—Casilla (24). HRs—San Francisco, Maxwell (7).

CUBS 4, BRAVES 1

Chicago ..... 021 000 001 —4 9 0
Atlanta ..... 000 000 001 —1 5 1
Arrieta, Strop (8), J.Russell (9), Motte (9) and D.Ross; S.Miller, Avilan (7), Aardsma (8), Vizcaino (9) and Pierzynski. W—Arrieta 11-5. L—S.Miller 5-6. HRs—Chicago, Soler (5).

INTERLEAGUE
INDIANS 5, REDS 3

Cleveland ..... 010 101 000 02 —5 13 0
Cincinnati ..... 010 000 011 00 —3 10 1
Carrasco, B.Shaw (7), Allen (8), Marship (10), Rzepczynski (10), McAllister (11) and R.Perez; Y.Gomes; Cueto, Ju.Diaz (5), Matthews (6), M.Parra (6), Hoover (8), A.Chapman (9), Villarreal (11) and B.Pena. W—Rzepczynski 2-3. L—Villarreal 1-3. Sv—McAllister (1). HRs—Cincinnati, Suarez (5).

SATURDAY'S LATE LINESCORES
ANGELS 3, RED SOX 0

Boston ..... 000 000 000 —0 2 1
Los Angeles ..... 011 010 00x —3 5 0
Porcello, Masterson (6) and Hanigan; Richards and C.Perez. W—Richards 10-6. L—Porcello 5-10. HRs—Los Angeles, Calhoun 2 (12).

ATHLETICS 3, TWINS 2

Minnesota ..... 000 000 002 0 —2 6 0
Oakland ..... 000 000 101 1 —3 10 1
P.Hughes, Boyer (8), O'Rourke (8), Perkins (9), Fien (10) and K.Suzuki; Kazmir, Clippard (9), Romanes (10) and Vogt. Phegley W—Romanes 4-3. L—Fien 2-4. HRs—Oakland, B.Butler (8).

GIANTS 8, DIAMONDBACKS 4

San Francisco ..... 004 300 010 —8 14 0
Arizona ..... 010 011 100 —4 10 1
Peavy, Strickland (7), Osich (8), Romo (8) and Susac; Peralta, Ch.Anderson, D.Hernandez (4), Collmenter (6), Burgos (8), G.Perez (8) and O.Hernandez. W—Peavy 1-4. L—Ch.Anderson 4-4. Sv—Romo (1). HRs—Arizona, D.Peralta (9), Pennington (1).

PADRES 5, ROCKIES 4

Colorado ..... 000 100 210 —4 8 0
San Diego ..... 001 002 20x —5 5 0
Bettis, Friedrich (7), Kahnle (7), Hawkins (8) and Hundley; T.Ross, Maurer (7), Benoit (8), Kimbrel (9) and Hedges. W—Maurer 6-2. L—Friedrich 0-2. Sv—Kimbrel (23). HRs—Colorado, Tulowitzki (11). San Diego, Hedges (2), Barnes (3).

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

HOOKS 9 ROCKHOUNDS 4
at Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi

TOP HITTERS: Colin Moran led an 11-hit attack by the Hooks by going 3-for-4 with three RBI. ... Conrad Gregor was 2-for-4 with a home run, three RBI and two runs scored, while teammate Brett Phillips was 2-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored. ... The RockHounds were led by Chad Pinder, who had two of the team's seven hits, drove in two runs and scored a run.

TOP PITCHERS: Corpus Christi starter Kyle Westwood threw a complete game as he allowed four runs (three earned) on seven hits with two walks and six strikeouts. He did that on 102 pitches, 77 of which for strikes. ... After starter Jake Sanchez struggled through three innings, RockHounds reliever Kris Hall gave his team a chance by pitching four scoreless innings with no hits, one walk and six strikeouts.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Hooks jumped on Sanchez early with five runs in the first inning that was highlighted by a three-run homer by Gregor to right-center field. ... After the Hooks scored a run in the second, they plated three more in the third thanks in part to a two-run single by Moran for a 9-1 lead. ... Midland's biggest inning came in the sixth when the RockHounds scored three runs on five consecutive hits, the biggest of which was a two-run single by Pinder.

NOTES: The loss was the second straight for the RockHounds. ... Pinder extended his hitting streak to 13 games. ... The teams will play the second of a four-game series at 7:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — LHP Dillon Overton (1-1, 4.20 ERA). Corpus Christi — RHP Ruben Alaniz (2-1, 3.91).

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	12	11	.522	—
Tulsa	12	11	.522	—
Springfield	11	12	.478	1
x-Northwest Arkansas	7	15	.318	4½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	14	9	.609	—
Frisco	13	9	.591	½
x-Corpus Christi	12	11	.522	2
San Antonio	10	13	.435	4

x-clinched first half

Sunday's Scores
San Antonio 9, Frisco 1
Tulsa 6, Northwest Arkansas 1
Corpus Christi 9, Midland 4
Arkansas 3, Springfield 2

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

HOOKS 9, ROCKHOUNDS 4

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Corpus	ab	r	h	bi
Brugman cf	4	0	0	0	Phillips cf	5	2	2	1
Walsh 2b	3	1	1	0	Mayfield 2b	4	1	0	0
Ravelo 1b	4	1	1	0	Moran 3b	4	1	3	3
Nunez dh	4	1	1	0	Reed 1b	2	1	2	1
Pinder ss	4	1	2	2	Vasquez rf	2	0	0	0
Olson rf	3	0	1	1	Kemmer rf-1b	3	0	0	1
R.Healy 3b	4	0	0	0	Gonzalez c	3	1	0	0
Whitaker lf	4	0	0	0	Gregor dh	4	2	2	3
Rickles c	3	0	0	0	Heras lf	4	0	1	0
					Mier ss	2	1	1	0
Totals	33	4	7	4	Totals	33	9	11	9

Midland ..... 010 003 000—4
Corpus Christi ..... 513 000 00x—9

2P — Corpus Christi 1. LOB — Midland 4, Corpus Christi 5. 2B — Olson (22), Reed (2). HR — Gregor (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Sanchez L, 7-8	3.0	11	9	9	2	2
Hall	4.0	0	0	0	1	6
T.Healy	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
Corpus Christi						
Westwood W, 7-3	9.0	7	4	3	2	6

WP — Sanchez
T — 2:29. A — 4,721

Astros' Springer supporting camp for children who stutter

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — George Springer is as loquacious as he is outgoing, a 6-foot-3 bundle of chatter and charisma for the Houston Astros.

Currently on the disabled list with a broken right wrist, the outfielder and one of the faces of this up-and-coming team spends games flitting around the dugout making conversation with anyone who will listen, like a bee moving from flower to flower.

It's a stark contrast to a childhood spent with a stutter so severe that he rarely talked to those outside of his close circle of family and friends, days when he wouldn't have dared to chat with a stranger.

"It would be hard to believe for everybody in here, but I didn't like to talk a lot," he said. "I was always kind of quiet because I knew I would stutter. It was worse when I was a kid so I just stuck to myself."

Springer's stuttering has lessened as the years have passed, but he still deals with the issue and is now helping kids navigating the problem. He's become the spokesman for Camp SAY, presented by the Stuttering Association for the Young and tailored for those who stutter.

Today, the 25-year-old Springer is hosting a charity bowling event to raise money to send kids to the two-week camp in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

His involvement with the cause is personal, after experiencing firsthand how isolating and nerve-racking it can be to deal with stuttering.

"I know what it's like to be at school and to not want to talk, and if you do want to talk and then you start to stutter and then you get upset. It's just a snowball effect," he said. "I don't really think there's anybody better to understand what kids are going through just because I've been there before and I know what they're experiencing and what they probably will experience as they get older."

Manager A.J. Hinch shook his head when asked if he could picture Springer as the introverted child he described. Hinch sometimes jokes about not being able to get Springer to hush up and raves about how his sometimes over-the-top personality helps rev up the Astros.

"It is hard to believe the things that George has had to overcome (to) find himself in front of the cameras, in front of reporters, in front of kids, in front of his teammates," Hinch said. "It makes you proud of him to have overcome any issues that were presented to him early."

Astros

From 1C

Banister said. "It looked like our approach got a little too big at times ... when you get behind a pitcher like that it's tough to get anything going against him."

Luis Valbuena had four hits and four RBIs, and Colby Rasmus and Preston Tucker had two-run homers.

Yovani Gallardo (7-9) yielded seven hits and tied a season-high with five runs in four-plus innings for his third straight loss.

Gallardo said he didn't feel good on the mound on Sunday.

"This is the first time I've felt like that in a long time," he said. "Just falling behind guys. Ever since the first hitter of the ball game my command wasn't there."

The Rangers continued to struggle offensively when Gallardo pitches. They haven't scored a run while he was in the game in his last four outings.

Valbuena entered the game in an 0-for-7 slump. He tied a career high for hits and matched his most RBIs.

Tucker finished with three hits and rookie Carlos Correa added two hits and an RBI.

"That's how we retaliate, we win ballgames and that's what we did today," Correa said.

Tucker hit a ground-rule double with one out in the third inning and scored on a double by Correa to put Houston up 1-0 and snap a 24 2-3 inning road scoreless streak for Gallardo. That string had surpassed a run by current Astros pitcher Scott Feldman of 22 2-3 innings in 2009.

Rasmus followed with his homer that sailed over the low fence in right field to push it to 3-0.

BUSCH

From 1C

— but to win it all for Joe Gibbs Racing should he crack the 16-driver field.

"Ever since that injury, he's been on it," Gibbs said. "I don't know what (the deficit is) now but it's sure helping."

With Busch in the field or not, JGR has three other contenders in Carl Edwards, Denny Hamlin and Matt Kenseth. Kenseth finished sixth, Edwards started from the pole and was seventh, and Hamlin 14th. JGR took four of the top-five spots at Kentucky. Busch won and Hamlin-Edwards-Kenseth went 3-4-5.

"I think we're certainly back, closer," Gibbs said. "I don't know that we've turned the corner."

NASCAR granted Busch a waiver upon his return that made him Chase eligible, should he qualify. He has seven races left to crack the top 30 before the Chase opens Sept. 20 at Chicagoland Speedway.

Busch had one of his best performances in his comeback, rallying from a lap down to win. Busch, who led 95 laps, stayed out during a late pit stop to take the lead from contenders Brad Keselowski and Kenseth.

AUTO RACING

Sprint Cup results

Sunday
At New Hampshire Motor Speedway
Loudon, N.H.
Lap length: 1.058 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (4) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 301 laps, 137.2 rating, 47 points, $271,031.
2. (10) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 301, 133.1, 44, $214,416.
3. (12) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 301, 123.9, 42, $184,550.
4. (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 301, 114.5, 41, $161,258.
5. (19) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 301, 104.7, 39, $127,600.
6. (8) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 301, 103.3, 38, $144,026.
7. (1) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 301, 108.6, 38, $107,315.
8. (24) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 301, 81, 36, $137,601.
9. (23) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 301, 96.5, 36, $137,901.
10. (6) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 301, 103.3, 34, $107,415.
11. (26) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 301, 84.5, 33, $124,590.
12. (15) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 301, 95.5, 32, $117,485.
13. (22) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 301, 86.3, 32, $121,898.
14. (5) Danny Hamlin, Toyota, 301, 86.6, 30, $108,615.
15. (29) Aric Almirola, Ford, 301, 75.4, 29, $125,251.
16. (21) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 301, 63.3, 28, $111,548.
17. (32) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 301, 70.6, 27, $95,515.
18. (3) David Ragan, Toyota, 301, 73.2, 26, $115,309.
19. (9) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 301, 85, 25, $100,590.
20. (25) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 301, 63.7, 24, $113,804.
21. (37) David Gilliland, Ford, 301, 52, 23, $112,895.
22. (7) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 300, 76.5, 22, $129,826.
23. (16) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 300, 77.1, 0, $81,665.
24. (20) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 300, 56.7, 20, $92,965.
25. (28) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 300, 61.1, 19, $92,965.
26. (11) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 300, 79.1, 18, $114,356.
27. (14) Greg Biffle, Ford, 299, 56.7, 17, $115,048.
28. (33) Cole Whitt, Ford, 299, 48.2, 16, $95,373.
29. (27) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 299, 43, 15, $109,665.
30. (13) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 299, 61.8, 0, $84,590.
31. (17) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 299, 63.7, 13, $110,298.
32. (31) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 299, 44.3, 12, $124,190.
33. (34) Brett Moffitt, Ford, 297, 45.6, 11, $80,690.
34. (18) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 297, 49.8, 10, $113,348.
35. (35) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 296, 36.3, 9, $88,537.
36. (36) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 296, 36.7, 8, $78,760.
37. (41) Eddie MacDonald, Ford, 295, 32.3, 7, $78,542.
38. (43) Timmy Hill, Ford, 292, 28.3, 0, $73,727.
39. (42) Derek White, Chevrolet, 290, 25.2, 0, $69,655.
40. (30) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 284, 45.8, 4, $73,655.
41. (38) Jeb Burton, Toyota, 238, 30.1, 3, $61,655.
42. (40) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 230, 30.2, 2, $57,655.
43. (39) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, rear gear, 202, 27, 0, $54,155.

Late IndyCar results

Saturday
At Iowa Speedway
Newton, Iowa
Lap length: .875 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1. (9) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 300, Running.
2. (7) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Chevrolet, 300, Running.
3. (10) Sage Karam, Dallara-Chevrolet, 300, Running.
4. (17) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 300, Running.
5. (12) Carlos Munoz, Dallara-Honda, 300, Running.
6. (11) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Chevrolet, 300, Running.
7. (6) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 300, Running.
8. (19) Ryan Briscoe, Dallara-Honda, 300, Running.
9. (34) Sebastien Bourdais, Dallara-Chevrolet, 300, Running.
10. (8) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 300, Running.
11. (1) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Chevrolet, 300, Running.
12. (20) Tristan Vautier, Dallara-Honda, 299, Running.
13. (21) Jack Hawksworth, Dallara-Honda, 299, Running.
14. (5) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Chevrolet, 299, Running.
15. (14) James Jakes, Dallara-Honda, 299, Running.
16. (23) Gabby Chaves, Dallara-Honda, 299, Running.
17. (18) Justin Wilson, Dallara-Honda, 297, Running.
18. (4) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Chevrolet, 293, Running.
19. (15) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 260, Contact.
20. (13) Stefano Coletti, Dallara-Chevrolet, 191, Contact.
21. (2) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chevrolet, 189, Mechanical.
22. (16) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chevrolet, 170, Contact.
23. (22) Pippo Mann, Dallara-Honda, 136, Handling.
24. (3) Juan Pablo Montoya, Dallara-Chevrolet, 9, Contact.

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Jordan Spieth reacts after putting on the eighth during the third round at the British Open Golf Championship at the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, on Sunday.

Spieth embraces the moment in historic Open chase

TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Jordan Spieth was coming off three straight birdies when he trotted off the 13th tee, heading straight to a portable toilet reserved for players only.

Kicking the door playfully, yet firmly, it popped open. His surprised caddie quickly popped out, clearing the way for the boss to go in.

Nothing, it seems, gets in the way of this kid when he wants something. And right now there's nothing Spieth wants more than his name on the claret jug that goes to the British Open winner.

His 6-under 66 Sunday didn't crown a new Open champion, or give him the modern Grand Slam no one has ever won. There's still a day to go on the Old Course, and a PGA Championship to be played before we start talking about Spieth in terms of golf history, or perhaps even golf immortality.

But on Monday he'll play for a third straight major championship win at the tender age of 21. Judging from recent history, there's no reason to think he won't get it done.

Not after an impeccable back nine that pulled him within a shot of the lead. Not when he's so coolly confident that he's embracing the idea of what might be instead of worrying about the magnitude of what it would be.

"I'd like to have a chance to do something nobody has ever done," Spieth said. "To be able to try and go into the last major and accomplish something that's never been done in our sport is something that only comes around to a couple people ever. I'd like to be one of those people to have that happen."

He's Tiger Woods without the hysteria of Tigermania, and he's now on the verge of doing something even Woods wasn't able to do. The run Spieth is on is so special it brings back memories of Woods in 2000-01 when he held all four major championships — thought not in the same year — in what became known as the Tiger Slam.

Look at him, and he seems as non-descript as any other young player in what has become a homogenous game. Look closer, and he burns with the fire that only the greats can somehow find a way to channel.

Spieth won the Masters after leading from almost the moment he stepped on the first tee, then added the U.S. Open when Dustin Johnson 3-putted the last hole. He's not about to be overcome by the moment on Monday, something that those in front of him may not be able to honestly say.

"Right now I feel even more calm than the Open, when I was certainly feeling better than the Masters," Spieth said. "I just think I have a little more experience in this position than I did."

That experience showed when Spieth 3-putted from off the green on the ninth hole for a bogey that pretty much ruined any positive feelings he had about his front nine. He was so upset that he went over and punched his golf bag in anger.

Woods used to do the same kind of thing when he needed to refocus. Woods also used to do the kind of thing Spieth did next — reel off birdies on the next three holes.

"Walking off of nine green was as frustrated as I've been in a tournament other than off of 14 yesterday morning," Spieth said. "I don't normally ever display frustration. I did both times."

By the time he got to the 18th hole, Spieth was in a much better mood. He and Sergio Garcia shared a laugh when Garcia nearly played out of turn, and many in the crowd cheered when he pulled out a driver to replace his 3-wood off the tee.

"Tiger who?" someone screamed out.

Indeed, there was a feeling in the air that in a land of royals, this was golf's new king. People crowded 10 deep behind the fence on the 17th to watch, while John Daly and his fiancée were among those sitting on the veranda of the Old Course hotel to catch a glimpse.

Spieth will go out Monday a stroke behind three players, including Louis Oosthuizen, who won the Open the last time it was held here in 2010. He'll do it knowing he has stood up under pressure in major championships while not all those around him have.

"There's really no downside," Spieth said. "If we have a chance to win and we don't execute tomorrow, then we're going to be OK. And with that attitude, it actually frees me up a little bit to say I can take these extra chances. Maybe just a little more comfort tonight in my sleep."

Sleep shouldn't be a problem for Spieth, who after a late arrival this week — he was busy last Sunday winning the John Deere Classic — has finally adjusted to the time zone.

It's the other players who might toss and turn all night long knowing he's in position to win once again.

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67 and shared the lead for the second straight major, and he has challenged in four of them since 2011.

They were at 12-under 214, one shot ahead of Spieth with plenty of others that cannot be dismissed. Fourteen players were separated by three shots. Half of them were major champions, and there was yet another amateur among them — 21-year-old Jordan Niebrugge of Oklahoma State.

Such an opportunity might not come around again for Spieth. Only three other players won the first two legs of the Grand Slam since the modern version began in 1960. Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods only got one shot at it, and none ever started the final round of the British Open so close to the lead.

And so it was Spieth, a 21-year-old Texan with an uncanny sense of occasion, who brought the gray, old town to life in a mixture of sunshine and rain. He rolled in birdie putts on the 10th, 11th and 12th holes to share the lead. He saved par from the high grass on the 13th, stuffed his approach to 4 feet for birdie on the 15th and made another tough par save on the Road Hole at the 17th.

A victory would send him to the PGA Championship with a shot at the Grand Slam, and at worse put him in elite company. Ben Hogan in 1953 is the only other player to capture the Masters, U.S. Open and British Open in the same year.

"Only one person has ever done it before. That opportunity very rarely comes around," Spieth said. "And I'd like to have a chance to do something nobody has ever done. ... To be able to go into the last major and accomplish something that's never been done in our sport is something that only comes around to a couple people ever. And I'd like to be one of those people to have that happen."

Rarely has the Old Course been as easy as it was Sunday.

One day after raging wind off the Eden Estuary caused a 10-hour delay and forced a Monday finish, the flags were soaked from passing showers and limp from no wind. The leaderboards were loaded with birdies, and seven players had at least a share of the lead at some point in the third round.

That's what made Dustin Johnson's collapse so shocking. With a one-shot lead after powering his way around St. Andrews for 36 holes, he was the last player in the field to make a birdie Sunday, and that wasn't until the 15th hole. He followed with three straight bogeys for a 75 to fall five shots behind.

Spieth, the youngest professional in the field, seemed calm despite the historic moment in front of him.

His goal at the start of the week was to treat the British Open like any other tournament he was trying to win. Even during the long delay on Saturday, he said he hasn't thought much about the slam. There is no escaping it now, and Spieth doesn't see that as a problem.

"If I have a chance coming down the stretch, if it creeps in, I'll embrace it," he said. "I'll embrace the opportunity that presents itself. As far as handling it, I don't look at it as a negative thing. I look at it almost as an advantage. Why should it add more pressure in a negative way?"

GOLF SCORES

British Open

Sunday
At St. Andrews (Old Course)
St. Andrews, Scotland
Purse: $9.25 million
Yardage: 7,297; Par: 72
Third Round
(a-amateur)

a-Paul Dunne	69-69-66—204
Louis Oosthuizen	67-70-67—204
Jason Day	68-71-67—206
Jordan Spieth	67-72-66—205
Padraig Harrington	72-69-65—206
Marc Leishman	70-73-64—207
a-Jordan Niebrugge	67-73-67—207
Sergio Garcia	70-69-68—207
Justin Rose	71-68-68—207
Rafael Gossen	68-72-68—207
Robert Streb	68-71-70—207
Adam Scott	70-67-70—207
Zach Johnson	68-71-70—207
Danny Willett	66-68-73—207
Eddie Pepperell	70-70-68—208
Charl Schwartzel	67-72-69—208
Steven Bowditch	70-69-69—208
Rickie Fowler	70-71-68—209
Ryan Palmer	71-71-67—209
Patrick Reed	70-70-67—209
Stewart Cink	70-71-68—209
Anthony Wall	70-71-68—209
Hideki Matsuyama	72-66-71—209
Marc Warren	68-69-72—209
Dustin Johnson	65-69-75—209
Jim Furyk	75-71-66—210
a-Ashley Chesters	71-72-67—210
Greg Chalmers	70-71-69—210
Brooks Koepka	71-70-69—210
Matt Jones	68-73-69—210
Anirban Lahiri	68-70-71—210
Paul Lawrie	66-70-74—210
David Duval	70-72-67—211
Hunter Mahan	72-70-67—211
Jason Dufner	73-71-67—211
Ben Martin	74-70-67—211
Marcus Fraser	74-69-68—211
Andy Sullivan	72-71-68—211
David Lingmerth	69-72-70—211
Martin Kaymer	71-70-70—211
Webb Simpson	70-70-71—211
Jimmy Walker	72-68-71—211
Geoff Ogilvy	71-68-72—211
Luke Donald	68-70-73—211
John Senden	72-72-68—212
Graham DeLaet	71-73-68—212
Rafael Cabrera-Bello	71-73-68—212
Harris English	71-72-69—212
a-Oliver Schniederjans	70-72-70—212
Kevin Na	67-75-70—212
James Morrison	71-71-70—212
Phil Mickelson	70-72-70—212
David Lipsky	73-69-70—212
a-Romain Langasque	69-73-71—212
Greg Owen	68-73-71—212
Russell Henley	74-69-70—212
Lee Westwood	71-73-68—213
Brendon Todd	71-73-69—213
Ernie Els	71-73-69—213
Thongchai Jaidee	72-71-70—213
Richie Ramsay	72-71-70—213
Brett Rumford	71-71-71—213
Gary Woodland	72-70-71—213
Graeme McDowell	72-72-70—214
Matt Kuchar	71-73-70—214
Henrik Stenson	73-70-71—214
Jamie Donaldson	72-71-71—214
David Howell	68-73-73—214
Brandon Grace	69-73-73—215
Billy Horschel	73-71-71—215
Mark O'Meara	72-72-71—215
Bernd Wiesberger	72-72-71—215
Cameron Tringale	71-71-73—215
Ross Fisher	71-73-72—216
Thomas Aiken	75-69-72—216
Francesco Molinari	72-71-73—216
Paul Casey	70-71-75—216
Scott Arnold	71-73-73—217
Bernhard Langer	74-70-73—217
Ryan Fox	72-68-76—217

Barbasol Championship

Saturday
At Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, Grand National, Lake Course
Opelika, Ala.
Purse: $3.6 million
Yardage: 7,303; Par: 71
Third Round
a-denotes amateur

Scott Piercy	69-66-65—200
Ricky Barnes	67-68-65—200
Jason Gore	65-73-63—201
Will Wilcox	66-70-65—201
Emiliano Grillo	68-66-67—201
Whee Kim	67-68-66—201
Mark Hensby	69-64-68—201
Vaughn Taylor	71-69-63—203
a-Robby Shelton	68-69-66—203
Johnson Wagner	69-68-66—203
Sam Saunders	64-70-69—203
Austin Cook	69-70-65—204
Kyle Stanley	70-67-67—204
Shane Barber	69-67-68—204
Bo Hoskins	67-69-68—204
Alex Cejka	68-68-68—204
Andres Romero	71-64-69—204
Aaron Baddeley	69-72-64—205
Ken Duke	68-68-69—205
Martin Piller	69-68-70—207
Glen Day	72-63-70—205
Steven Alker	69-72-65—206
Alex Prugh	72-68-66—206
Trevor Immelman	70-69-67—206
Bill Lunde	69-69-68—206
Andrew Loupe	68-70-68—206
Andrew Svoboda	71-68-68—207
Ryo Ishikawa	68-69-69—206
Jonathan Byrd	68-68-69—205
Carlos Ortiz	69-68-71—208
J.J. Henry	68-67-71—206
John Merrick	76-65-65—207
Jonathan Randolph	71-69-67—207
Andres Gonzales	69-71-67—207
Mark Wilson	69-70-68—207
Zac Blair	72-66-69—207
Spencer Levin	69-69-70—207
David Toms	68-68-72—207
Duffy Waldorf	72-69-67—208
Roger Sloan	71-69-68—208
Doug LaBelle II	69-71-68—208
Martin Flores	68-74-66—208
Tom Hoge	68-71-69—208
Scott Langley	72-67-69—208
Roberto Castro	69-70-69—208
Michael Thompson	67-70-71—208
Charles Bettes	70-64-74—208
Chesson Hadley	69-72-68—209
Shaun Michael	73-68-68—209
John Peterson	70-70-69—209
Tyrone Van Aswegen	70-70-69—209
Kyle Reifers	68-70-71—209
Arjun Atwal	69-68-72—209
Garrett Willis	71-70-68—210
D.A. Points	71-70-69—210
Parker McLachlin	69-72-69—210
Chris Smith	70-71-69—210
Troy Matteson	70-71-69—210
Erik Compton	67-73-70—210
Chris Stroud	70-70-70—210
Chris Riley	72-69-70—210
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	70-68-72—210
Matt Bettencourt	69-69-72—210
Smylie Kaufman	69-68-73—210
Josh Teater	69-67-74—210
Wes Homan	71-70-70—211
Chad Campbell	70-69-72—211
Charles Howell III	72-68-72—212
Steve Lowery	71-68-73—212
Michael Block	72-67-73—212
Carlos Sainz Jr.	66-71-75—212
Ryan Armour	69-72-72—213
Ricky Werenski	73-68-72—213
Byron Smith	70-70-73—213
Billy Hurley III	72-68-73—213
Brandt Jobe	68-72-74—214
Cameron Beckman	70-71-74—215
Zack Sucher	71-70-78—219
D.J. Trahan	71-70-80—221
a-Maverick McNealy	66-75-82—223

LPGA Marathon Classic

Sunday
At Highland Meadows Golf Club
Sylvania, Ohio
Purse: $1.5 million
Yardage: 6,606; Par: 71
Final
Choi won on first playoff hole

Chella Choi, $225,000	70-65-65-66—270
Ha Na Jang, $139,217	66-67-69-69—270
Lydia Ko, $89,559	71-66-67-67—271
Shanshan Feng, $69,559	69-67-68-67—271
Hyo Joo Kim, $52,465	71-69-67-67—274
Brittany Lang, $52,465	68-71-66-69—274
Q Baek, $52,465	69-67-68-70—274
Azahara Munoz, $34,173	73-68-68-66—274
Angela Stanford, $34,173	68-68-69-69—274
Inbee Park, $34,173	70-67-67-70—274
Cristie Kerr, $26,763	69-72-69-65—275
Hee Young Park, $26,763	71-69-67-68—275
Austin Ernst, $26,763	70-68-68-71—275
Kim Kaufman, $21,570	71-68-71-66—276
Ye Much Rye, $21,570	72-69-67-68—276
Stacy Lewis, $21,570	71-69-69-67—276
Sei Young Kim, $21,570	69-70-69-68—276
Lexi Thompson, $17,874	72-67-71-67—277
Jenny Shin, $17,874	69-73-68-70—277
Mi Hyang Lee, $17,874	71-68-68-70—277
Jaye Marie Green, $17,874	69-70-68-70—277
Amy Anderson, $13,604	68-74-71-66—279
Sakura Yokomine, $13,604	72-68-71-67—278
Danielle Kang, $13,604	73-71-67-68—278
Minjee Lee, $13,604	69-72-69-68—278
Mo Martin, $13,604	72-68-70-68—278
Yani Tseng, $13,604	71-65-71-71—278
Moriya Jutanugarn, $13,604	71-68-69-72—278
Lee-Anne Pace, $13,604	67-70-69-72—278
Alena Sharp, $13,604	69-70-67-73—279
Dewi Claire Schreefel, $13,604	68-68-69-73—278
Paula Creamer, $10,594	71-70-68-69—278
Natalie Gulbis, $10,594	72-71-66-70—279
Xi Yu Lin, $10,594	75-67-67-70—279
Sun-Hee Ji, $9,375	71-71-67-70—280
Mika Miyazato, $9,375	71-71-68-70—280
Caroline Masson, $9,375	68-69-73-70—280
Gerina Piller, $8,013	69-68-73-71—281
Jennifer Song, $7,470	70-72-70-70—282
Amelia Lewis, $7,470	69-74-69-70—282
Karine Icher, $7,470	74-68-67-72—282
Brittany Lincicome, $7,470	69-70-71-72—282
Candie Kung, $7,470	69-71-68-74—282
Sarah Kemp, $7,470	67-69-70-76—282
Alison Lee, $6,250	68-73-71-71—283
Jenny Suh, $6,250	70-69-72-72—283
Wei-Ling Hsu, $6,250	67-72-71-73—283
Brooke Pancake, $5,216	71-72-71-70—284
Nontaya Srisawang, $5,216	73-68-73-70—284
Carlota Ciganda, $5,216	71-72-69-72—284
Ashleigh Simon, $5,216	70-70-70-74—284
Marina Alex, $5,216	70-70-72-72—284
Mirim Lee, $5,216	69-74-69-73—284
Brittany Marcy, $5,216	70-69-69-76—284
Sarah Jane Smith, $4,497	70-71-74-70—285
Elizabeth Nagel, $4,497	73-70-71-71—285
Christina Kim, $4,116	71-72-75-68—286
Dori Carter, $4,116	71-72-72-71—286
Chie Arimura, $4,116	71-69-71-75—286
Belen Mozo, $3,773	69-74-73-71—287
Mi Jung Hur, $3,773	71-72-72-72—287
Kristy McPherson, $3,544	74-68-73-73—288
Ai Miyazato, $3,544	71-72-71-74—288
Joa Young Lee, $3,504	72-71-70-75—288
Min Lee, $3,544	71-72-70-75—288
Sinéh Fong, $3,318	73-70-73-73—289
Paula Reto, $3,318	69-74-73-73—289
Victoria Elizabeth, $3,201	71-69-74-76—290
Katy Harris, $3,125	74-68-73-77—291
Pernilla Lindberg, $3,049	69-74-72-77—292
Alison Walshe, $3,011	73-70-76-75—294

Despite lead, Froome on defensive at Tour

By John Leicester
Associated Press

VALENCE, France — Despite his comfortable lead in the Tour de France, Chris Froome heads into the Alps — the last big hurdle between him and victory in Paris — on the defensive.

Not against other contenders for the podium. They are long gone in the British rider's rear-view mirror. But against skeptics created by the cheating of Lance Armstrong and other dopers, and against the legions of fans they betrayed.

For many of those cycling fans, Froome's performances are so good that they must be too good to be true. The leader of Team Sky said one spectator even hurled a cup of urine at him this weekend, shouting "Doper!"

In short, Froome finds himself in the impossible position of being damned by his own success. No matter how many times he insists that he is clean, the words fall on deaf ears. As they would: After all, Armstrong used to say that, too.

Froome understands that. He knows that the yellow jersey he wears has been so soiled by the deceit of those who wore it before him that some of that dirt, deservedly or not, is going to rub off on him, too.

Associated Press

Chris Froome puts on the overall leader's yellow jersey on the podium of the 15th stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 183 kilometers (113.7 miles) with start in Mende and finish in Valence, France, on Sunday.

Being doubted, being hauled over of the coals of suspicion day-in, day-out, is the bill that must be paid now for winning a post-Armstrong Tour, especially when you're crushing rivals with apparent ease like the American did on the seven Tour victories that were later stripped from him.

Two weeks in, the skepticism is getting under Froome's very thick skin. It's hard to find a more mild-mannered chap in the peloton than the gangly, sometimes awkward, Kenya-born Briton. But as he prepares for the Alps, the ultimate test at this Tour, a hardening in his attitude and tone is unmistakable.

He blames "very irresponsible" media for turning public opinion against him. He started on that theme Saturday after the urine incident and developed it Sunday after safely negotiating Stage 15 that ended with a bunch sprint won by Andre Greipel.

"If people are led to believe that these performances are not legitimate, that's what's going to push them to start booing, and to start punching and spitting and throwing urine on riders," Froome said.

And for those who will still listen, he again repeated that "times have changed" from the Armstrong era.

"This isn't the wild west that it was 10 or 15 years ago," he said. "Of course, there are still going to be riders who take risks in this day and age, but they are the minority.

"It was the other way around 10 or 15 years ago. There is no reason in this day and age for that level of suspicion to continue. There's absolutely no reason."

Still, French police took no chances. Following the urine assault, they posted half a dozen officers around Team Sky's bus at the start of Sunday's 183-kilometer (114-mile) stage from Mende to Valence.

Because of its flat finish, Stage 15 represented the last opportunity for heavy, muscular sprinters to shine before light but strong climbers like Froome take back the spotlight in the Alps in the last week, after a rest day on Tuesday.

It meant that sprinters' teams wouldn't let a breakaway group of riders steal the stage victory from under their noses.

The pack rode so furiously that Mark Cavendish, the only rider to beat Greipel in a massed bunch sprint at this Tour, wasn't able to compete for the win in Valence because he was dropped early in the hilly stage that flattened out at the end. Cavendish said stomach problems kept him up the previous night, leaving him feeling empty.

TOUR DE FRANCE RESULTS

VALENCE, France — Results Sunday from the 183-kilometer (114-mile) Stage 15 from Mende to Valence of the Tour de France:

1. Andre Greipel, Germany, Lotto Soudal, 3 hours, 58 minutes, 35 seconds.
2. John Degenkolb, Germany, Team Giant Alpecin, 3:58:35.
3. Alexander Kristoff, Norway, Katusha Team, 3:58:35.
4. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Tinkoff-Saxo, 3:58:35.
5. Edvald Hagen, Norway, MTN-Qhubeckа, 3:58:35.
6. Ramunas Navardauskas, Lithuania, Team Cannondale-Garmin, 3:58:35.
7. Christophe Laporte, France, Cofidis, Solutions Crédits, 3:58:35.
8. Michael Matthews, Australia, Orica GreenEDGE, 3:58:35.
9. Davide Cimolai, Italy, Lampre-Merida, 3:58:35.
10. Florian Vachon, France, Bretagne-Seche Environment, 3:58:35.
11. Jarlinson Pantano, Colombia, IAM Cycling, 3:58:35.
12. Jan Bakelants, Belgium, Ag2r La Mondiale, 3:58:35.
13. Paul Voss, Germany, Bora-Argon 18, 3:58:35.
14. Paul Martens, Germany, Lotto NL-Jumbo, 3:58:35.
15. Bryan Coquard, France, Team Europcar, 3:58:35.
16. Julien Vermote, Belgium, Etixx-Quick Step, 3:58:35.
17. Brice Feillu, France, Bretagne-Seche Environment, 3:58:35.
18. Gregory Rast, Switzerland, Trek Factory Racing, 3:58:35.
19. Kristijan Koren, Slovenia, Team Cannondale-Garmin, 3:58:35.
20. Serge Pauwels, Belgium, MTN-Qhubeckа, 3:58:35.

Overall Standings

1. Christopher Froome, England, Team Sky, 59 hours, 58 minutes, 54 seconds.
2. Nairo Alexander Quintana Rojas, Colombia, Movistar Team, 60:2:04.
3. Tejay van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing Team, 60:2:26.
4. Alejandro Valverde Belmonte, Spain, Movistar Team, 60:2:58.
5. Alberto Contador, Spain, Tinkoff-Saxo, 60:3:17.
6. Geraint Thomas, Scotland, Team Sky, 60:3:48.
7. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Lotto NL-Jumbo, 60:5:17.
8. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Astana Pro Team, 60:7:11.
9. Tony Gallopin, France, Lotto Soudal, 60:7:17.
10. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Trek Factory Racing, 60:7:47.
11. Warren Barguil, France, Team Giant Alpecin, 60:9:57.
12. Romain Bardet, France, Ag2r La Mondiale, 60:12:04.
13. Mathias Frank, Switzerland, IAM Cyling, 60:12:20
14. Samuel Sanchez Gonzalez, Spain, BMC Racing Team, 60:13:15.
15. Pierre Rolland, France, Team Europcar, 60:13:52.
16. Andrew Talansky, United States, Team Cannondale-Garmin, 60:21:12.
17. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ.fr, 60:29:51
18. Jarlinson Pantano, Colombia, IAM Cyling, 60:33:38.
19. Jakob Fuglsang, Denmark, Astana Pro Team, 60:34:20.
20. Alexis Vuillermoz, France, Ag2r La Mondiale, 60:34:26.

Cuba, US improve relations, but sports defections continue

By Stephen Wade
Associated Press

TORONTO — The manager of Cuba's baseball team at the Pan Am Games wanted nothing to do with questions about defections to the United States.

Cuba has acknowledged that two players defected during warm-up games two weeks ago in the United States, and last week four rowers at the Pan Am Games in Canada left the team and crossed the American border.

Cuban athletes have a history of defecting, and that hasn't changed even as the United States and Cuba open embassies on Monday in the other's country, ending more than 50 years of separation.

"I'm not interested in talking about this," said Roger Machado, manager of Cuba's baseball team. "Talk to me about baseball."

Roberto Ramirez, Cuba's media representative at the games, declined comment about the rowers.

"We're not speaking in regard to this," he told The Associated Press on Sunday. "This is a right that we have."

Many Cuban athletes at the games declined to talk on the record, and those who did defended the government and criticized those leaving.

Cubans living in Canada and attending Pan Am events spoke more openly, acknowledging the pull of big money. But some declined to speak, showing hostility at being asked about an act that some regard as treason.

At a Gold Cup soccer game on Saturday against the United States in Baltimore, Cuba listed five players as absent and gave no reason.

"They've chosen their path," Cuba coach Raul Gonzalez said, without giving details.

Mijain Lopez, the two-time defending Olympic gold medalist in greco-roman wrestling, was reported almost five years ago to have defected to the United States. It's a rumor he denied at the time, and again this week.

"I never thought of leaving Cuba," he told The Associated Press at the Pan Am Games. "I love my people, my country. Those guys (that defected) have betrayed our revolution. I hope they're happy. They have left something beautiful behind, which is socialism and our country's dignity. Let them do what they can in other countries. We will continue doing what we can for the revolution."

A fellow Cuban gold-medal wrestler at the Pan Am Games used a similar tone.

"I don't stick my nose in politics," said Reineris Salas, after defeating American Jake Herbert for gold in freestyle in the 86-kilogram class. "All I know is I won gold and dedicate it to my family, to Fidel Castro and all of Cuba."

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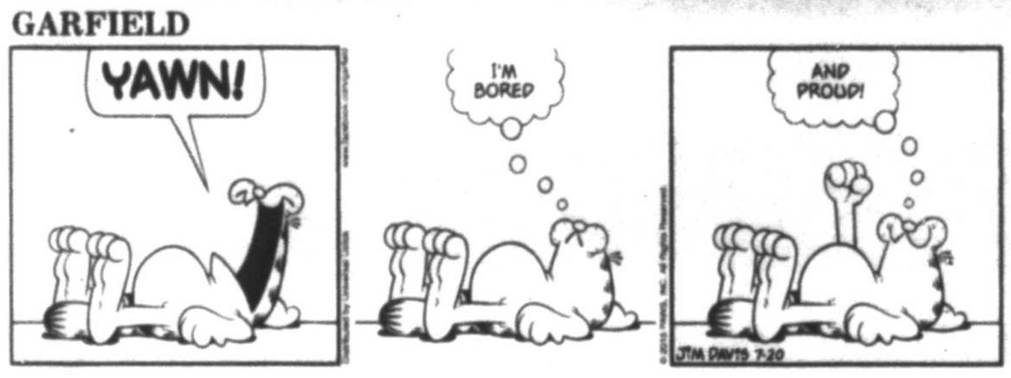

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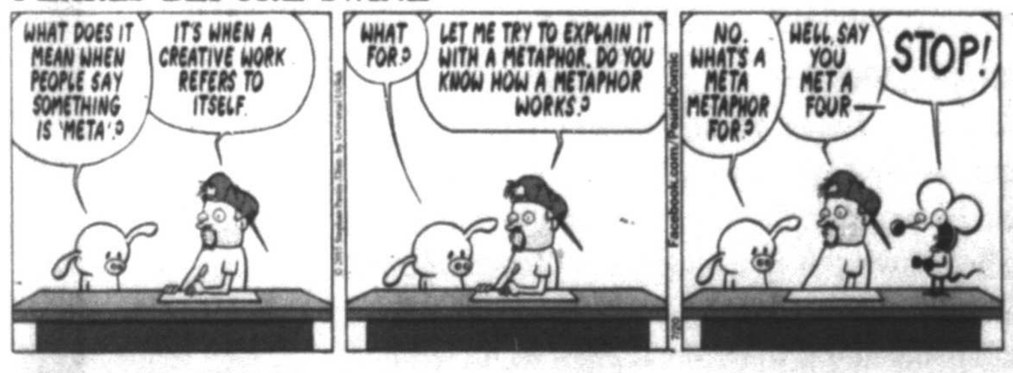

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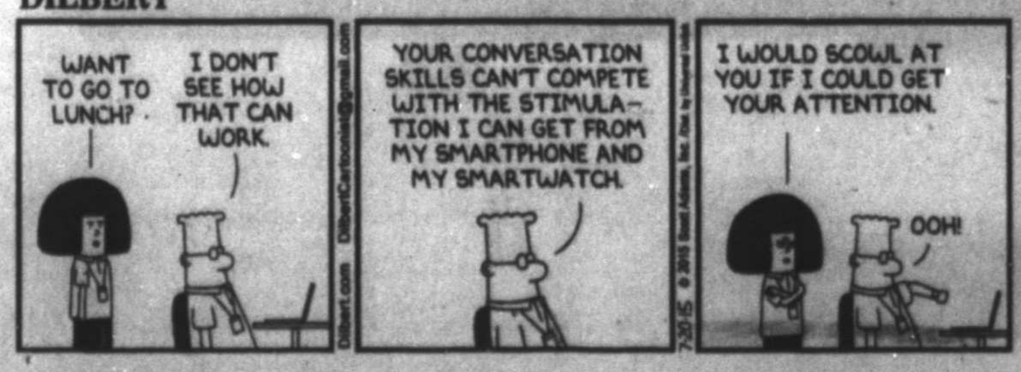

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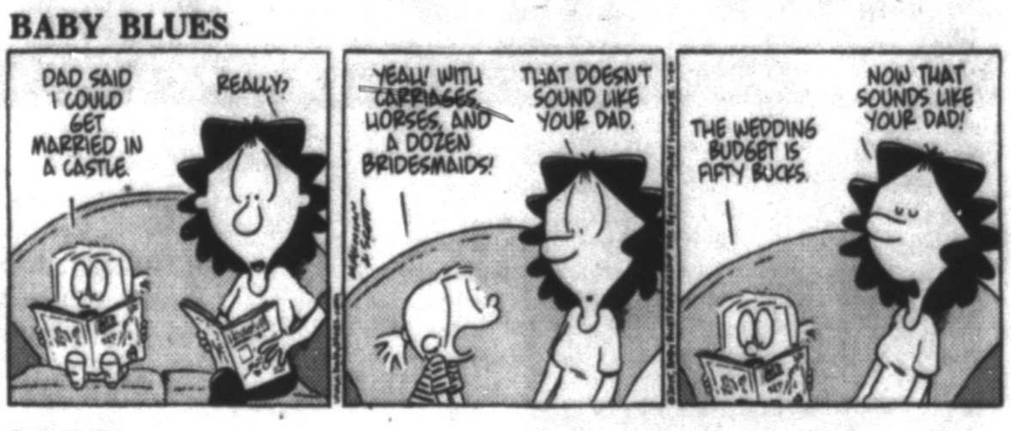

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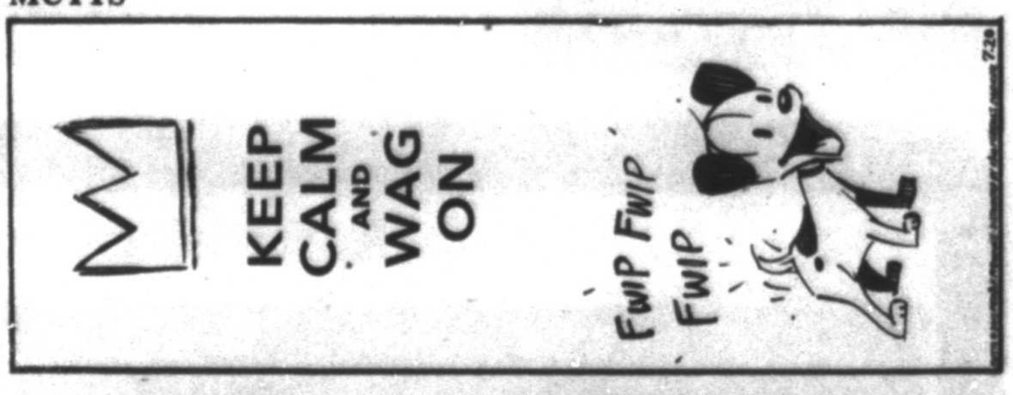

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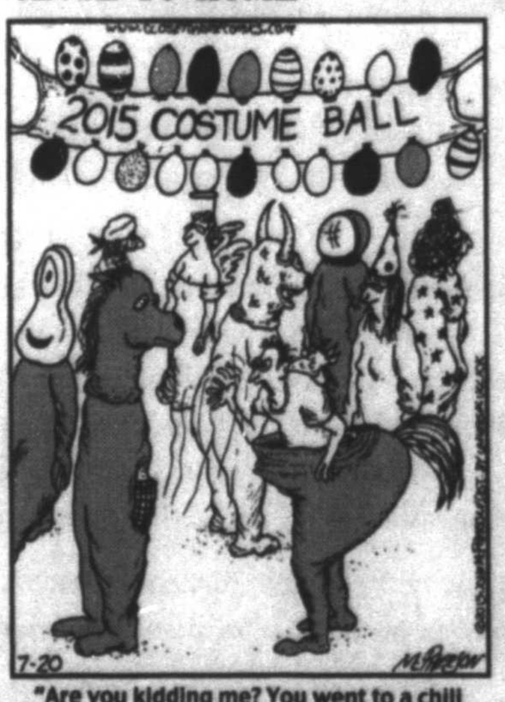

"Are you kidding me? You went to a chili cook-off four hours before we were supposed to get into our costume?!"

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TODAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Mostly sunny	WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny	THURSDAY: Mostly sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny
High: 102 Low: 73	High: 100 Low: 72	High: 99 Low: 75	High: 98 Low: 75	High: 99 Low: 74	High: 98 Low: 75

Local forecast

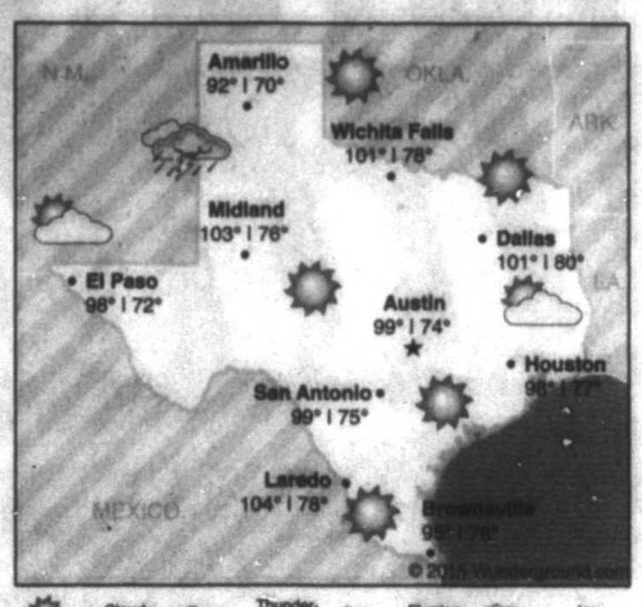
The National Weather Service is calling for another two days of 100-degree heat today and Tuesday. During the rest of the week, expect above-average high and low temperatures and no rain.

The record high for July 19 is 105 set in 1981. The record low is 61 set in 1947. On July 19 of last year, the high was 95 and the low was 69.

National forecast

While thunderstorms will end, the East Coast will not experience any relief from the heat today. Instead, heat and high humidity will affect the region from the Mid-Atlantic on south. Humidity will decrease across eastern New England, but many places will still experience their hottest day of the year. Cooling thunderstorms will dot parts of the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast.

The South and southern Plains will also remain in a hot dome of high pressure. Along the northern rim of the intense heat, strong thunderstorms will rattle the lower Midwest states into the Texas Panhandle. The strongest thunderstorms will be in the afternoon and evening.



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Precipitation

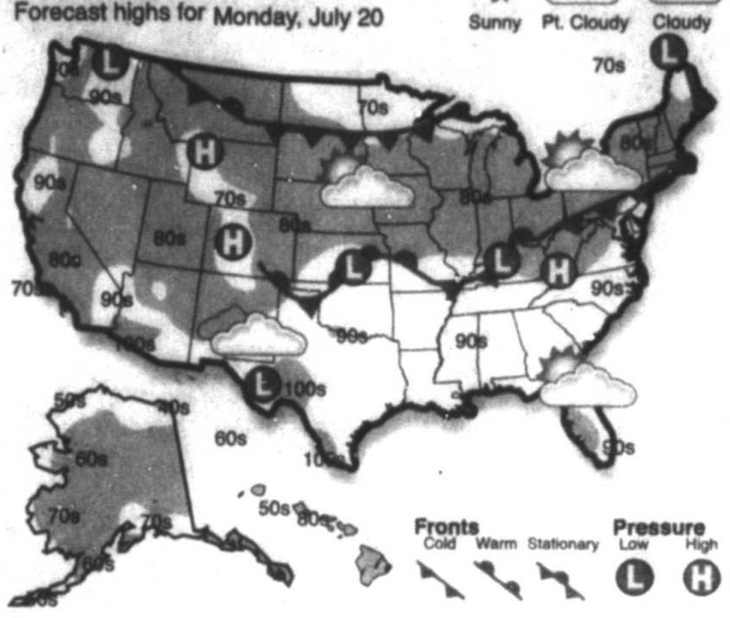
Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.25 in.
Year total	12.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.18 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	100
Low	72
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:51 a.m.
Sunset	8:57 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, July 20



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Curious daughter discovers bombshell in mom's diary

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I recently found a notebook of my mom's. On the outside cover it said, "Disclaimer: Do Not Open Unless You're Me!" Being the curious soul that I am, I opened it despite the disclaimer.

As I flipped through the pages, I learned many things about my mom that I didn't know, like her faith in God and how the things that happened in her life molded her into who she is today. I stopped at the page titled, "The Summer of 10th Grade." As I read it, I learned the truth about how I was conceived. Written in capital letters were the words "I WAS RAPED." It felt like the world had stopped. I had no clue.

I'd always assumed Mom got pregnant at 16 because she made stupid decisions, but I was wrong. I could never imagine how my mom could get through a day without looking at me as a reminder of what happened to her.

Where do I go from here? Should I confront her about it? I have no one to talk to, so I hope you can give me some advice. — CHILD OF RAPE

DEAR CHILD: I'm glad you wrote, because it gives me an opportunity to point out that if you hadn't been wanted, your mother had other alternatives. If you had no clue, it's because you are the daughter she loves, and I'm sure you have been a source of much joy in her life.

If you feel the need to discuss this with her, then you should. Because she left the notebook in a place where it could be discovered, she may have subconsciously wanted it to be found.

DEAR ABBY: At 24, I am fortunate to have loving, functional relationships with my mother, father, stepmother (of 15 years) and stepsister. I attribute my healthy childhood to the fact that my mom and dad have always acted as best friends when we're together, despite having been separated almost my entire life.

However, lately I have been finding my parents' relationship very inappropriate. They have been hanging out together often without me, and almost certainly without my stepmother's knowledge. I have stumbled upon suggestive texts that imply a flirty relationship, and probably more. I don't know whether these are recent developments or if I have just stopped being naive.

I would never want my stepsister to discover anything about my mom and dad the hard way. I especially don't want to see her hurt by becoming a child of divorce. Would I be overstepping my boundaries if I asked my mom and dad to spend less time together and restrict their relationship to being parents to me and that's all? — HURT CHILDWOMAN

DEAR HURT CHILDWOMAN: If you approach it the way you have written it to me, yes, I think you would offend both of your parents. If you are afraid your stepsister may be hurt if her parents separate, be there to comfort and support her, but do not insert yourself into what may or may not be an explosive minefield. This may be the way your mom and dad have always related to each other, your stepmother may be aware of it, and you could come across as extremely presumptuous.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 5 4 2 ♡ 10 8 7 6 ◇ A 10 7 3 2 ♣ Void

Partner opens one diamond and right-hand opponent bids five clubs. What call would you make?

A — You must be aggressive over an opponent's pre-empt or they will steal your shorts. Bid five diamonds. We would also raise to five hearts or five spades had partner opened one of those suits.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 7 4 3 ♡ K Q 10 8 4 ◇ 7 5 ♣ J 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	Pass	1◇	?

What call would you make?

A — Barely holding the values for one bid, should you overcall or make a takeout double? Bid one heart. Stronger spades, compared to the hearts, would lead us to double instead.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K J 7 ♡ 10 ◇ 9 ♣ A K Q J 8 5 4 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♡	Pass	1♠	?

What call would you make?

A — You could not be faulted for a simple two-club overcall, but we like five clubs, instead. We would never defend four hearts with this hand. Bidding five clubs now will put pressure on the opponents.

Q 4 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 10 6 2 ♡ 10 ◇ J 8 5 ♣ K 10 7 4 3

Partner opens one spade and right-hand opponent overcalls two hearts. What call would you make?

A — This hand is worth 11 points in support of spades. Show your invitational strength with a cue bid. Bid three hearts.

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 Monday, July 20, 2015:

This year you can verbalize your thoughts and feelings more clearly than you have in the past. People respond to your efforts. You will be busier and happier than you have been in many years. The period starting mid-August could bring a lot of emotional fulfillment. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone of significance. You won't have to go far to meet this person; it will happen naturally. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy clear and expressive communication. Schedule more dates and weekends away together. VIRGO has a precision that you lack.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You'll feel as if you can handle whatever heads your way. You could be feeling this way all day long, so make the most of it. You likely will be greeted by the unexpected. You will see many fast changes when you go in a new direction. Tonight: Take time to chat with a pal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your creativity encourages you to head down a new path. This new vision is the result of being able to detach. In the next few months, you will see a change in your romantic life. As a result, you will be much happier. Tonight: Add more spice to your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You will appreciate some downtime, even if those around you don't encourage that kind of behavior. You will open up and be more creative once you get some much-needed personal time. Use caution with money matters. Tonight: Let the party go on and on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. How you handle a certain situation could be much more effective if you detach, ask questions and are willing to re-evaluate your perspective about a key person in your life. Tonight: Catch up with a neighbor who has news to share.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Use caution with your finances, and you will avoid trouble. Your sense of humor comes into play when dealing with someone unpredictable who is full of light and energy. Understand what is happening behind the scenes, and move forward. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Relate directly to someone you care about. This person will be delighted to have your time and attention. In general, reactions today will shock you and send you into another dimension. Maintain a sense of humor. Don't overthink a situation. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Know when you need to step back and say little. Close associates seem unpredictable. You might take someone's comments personally and not as they were intended. Keep smiling, and know what results you desire. Life might take an interesting turn. Tonight: Make it a quiet night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your ability to understand where a friend is coming from should be treasured by that individual. Don't push someone too hard right now. You'll have an opinion about what needs to happen, but so will he or she, and you might not concur. Tonight: All smiles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You have the capability to turn a situation around if you so choose. Nevertheless, you can't seem to stay focused on one issue at the moment. Try to be more direct and upbeat in various areas of your life. Let go of what is difficult for now. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You'll push hard to achieve certain benefits, especially in business and financial matters. Remember that emotional security also is a high priority. Listen to what is happening with a friend or associate who might be far away. Tonight: A new vision becomes possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ A partner, friend or loved one seems to want to push you in the direction that he or she would like you to head in. If you don't want to head down that path, speak up — there are different paths follow. Expect a certain amount of flak. Tonight: Be a duo.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might feel out of sorts as you head in a new direction. What you think you want and what you actually receive could be two different things. You need to lie low, even if someone is being fussy. What happens here could be crucial to your well-being. Tonight: Say "yes."

BORN TODAY

Guitarist Carlos Santana (1947), mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary (1919), actress Sandra Oh (1971)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Cager Shaquille
6 Port in southeastern Iraq
11 Butcher's trimmings
14 Actor Gabriel or singer David
15 "Family Matters" misfit
16 Sci-fi aircraft
17 Decision of a courtroom dozen
19 Half an evasive route
20 Noisy pig
21 Poet Pound
22 Business partnership
27 "Snowy" birds
28 Fuse with an alloy
32 Greek Cupid
33 Letter between rho and tau
36 Chicken __ king
37 Fled the scene
38 School's underclass team ... or, initially, what the four longest answers in this puzzle comprise
40 Tennis division
41 Tokyo, once
42 Itty-bitty
43 Donated
44 Hereditary ruler
46 Made amends
48 Words on Monopoly's Jail square
52 Head over heels (over)
55 Bronx baseballer
56 Mimic
57 Vital blood vessel
62 Buddhist sect
63 Supreme Court justice Kagan
64 Pass on, as a message
65 Lumberjack's tool
66 Like toads
67 Japanese cartoon art

DOWN

1 Noun after a vb., generally
2 Big Apple sch.
3 Make a mistake
4 "It's still __ game"
5 "Inception" actor Joseph Gordon-__
6 Actress Delta
7 Shakespearean forest
8 Blouse go-with
9 Camcorder button
10 PC key
11 Peach __
12 Miles off
13 "Julius Caesar" costume
18 Holders of ltrs. or bills
21 Long-bodied swimmer
22 Razzed
23 Sweet Rosie of song
24 Applied with heat, as patches
25 West Point letters
26 Willie Nelson's "On the __ Again"
29 Aquafina rival
30 Late news hour
31 Kid-friendly, TV-wise
33 Govt.-issued ID
34 Mensa stats
35 Fella
38 Bach's "__, Joy of Man's Desiring"
39 November honorees
43 Settled a score
45 1977 Steely Dan album
46 "__ silly question ..."
47 __ del Fuego
49 Blake's "burning bright" big cat
50 Brag
51 Decorative woodwork
52 Disputed Mideast strip
53 Peak
54 Heredity unit
57 Yom Kippur observer
58 Suffix with form
59 Quarterback Manning
60 "__ the Walrus"
61 "Science Guy" Bill

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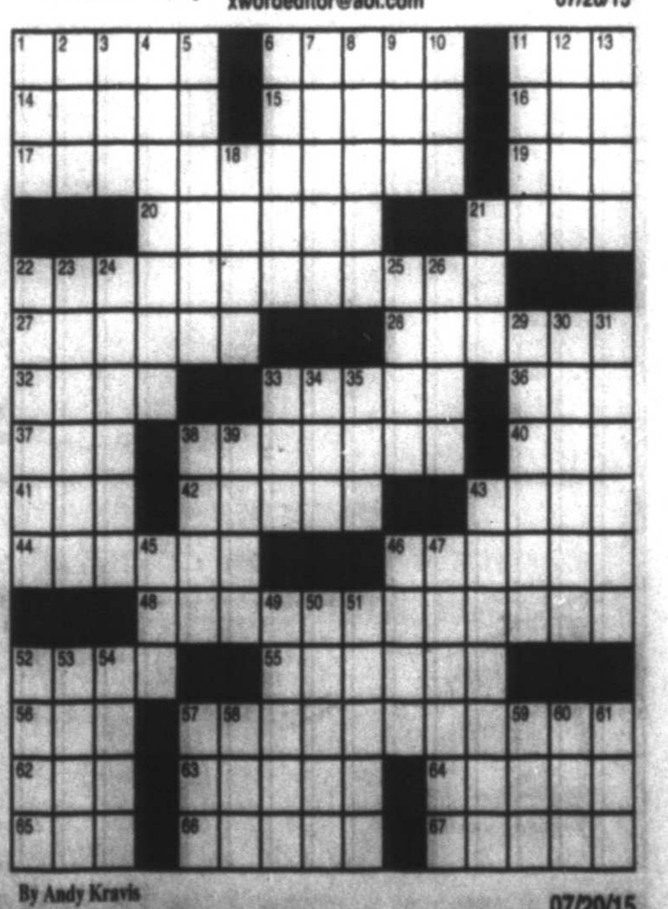

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Applications should be submitted by mail to P.O. Box 10 Stanton, TX 79782 or in person at 119 N St.Peter, Stanton, TX

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Entry level position at local oil company available

Local oil company is seeking a candidate to fill an entry level position. Should lead to an Engineering Assistant position. Applicant should have Word & Excel abilities plus organizational skill. Math degree preferred, but not necessary. Salary DOE. Please send resumes to **Recruiter@bassnet.com**

PT Office Assistant

America' s Storage Center in Midland is currently hiring for a part time office assistant to work less than 30 hours a week. Must have great customer service and be willing to work Monday through Saturday, submit resumes in person or by email to: ascmidland@gmail.com. Please NO phone calls.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

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3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705
Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking staff to fill the following Positions:
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Full benefits
$1,000 SIGN ON BONUS
Apply in person.

LCDC

LCDC/LPC/Intern needed for Addiction medical clinic part time Monday-Friday, 8am-10:30am. Tx planning, case mgmt and therapy. Paid holidays, paid sick days, no health benefits. Midland/Odessa positions. Please send resume to 800-671-8364.

Physician

Physician needed for Addiction Medicine Clinic. Odessa or Midland positions available. 2-3 days per week 6:30am-8:30am. Paid by hourly contract rate. Physical exams, medication adjustments, assist counseling staff with treatment planning. Any medical specialty acceptable, will train. No hospital association, no insurance billing. Texas licensure must be in good standing. Fax cover letter and CV to Dr. Garcia, 214-732-1622

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CHEMIST Environmental Laboratory. BS or better.
Email: lab@traceanalysis.com

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AUTOMOTIVE

TEXAS FORD DEALERS

Rogers Ford Career Opportunities

Available positions: Porters, Drivers, Service Writer, Service Cashier, and a Suspension Technician.

Porter Requirements: Include sweeping, mopping, cleaning technician stalls, cleaning main service drive, parking vehicles, and bringing around vehicles for customers. Help with other misc. task around shop. Clean driving record and valid drivers license.

Driver Requirements: Include delivery, pickup and handling of vehicle parts to/from surrounding areas. Requires ability to secure parts in a timely manner, work efficiently and maintain a friendly attitude at all times. Must have a valid drivers license and clean driving record. Previous parts or delivery experience preferred. Dealership experience preferred. And Excellent customer service skills and multitasking ability.

Service Writer Requirements: Including customer-focused, well organized person, service reception, providing repair estimates, obtaining approvals, keeping your clients updated on service status, invoicing, and service delivery. Must be professional in appearance, have excellent written and verbal communications skills, and have a positive, customer service, team-oriented attitude. Prior dealership, automotive, or other retail experience would be helpful.

Service Cashier Requirements: Includes to greet customer on main service drive, cash customers out, answer phone calls, cover fast lube cashier, and help with other misc. work task.

Suspension Technician Requirements: Must be able to follow work directions, pay attention to detail and diagnose problems and make the necessary repair. Duties include, but are not limited to the following: Verify complaints, follow diagnostic procedures, perform checks and make the necessary repair to vehicles. Identify potential problems, and perform preventative maintenance. Obtain information and keep accurate records. Obtain authorization and perform repair. Must have own tools. Must be able to be on your feet for long periods of time. Call for more details.

****Must pass drug test for all job positions.**

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General

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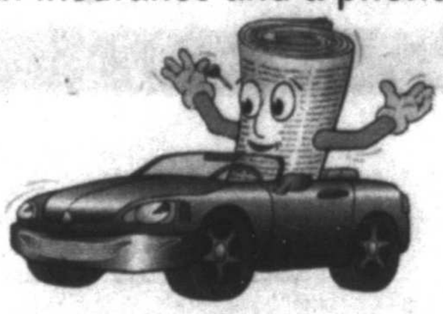

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Family Service Counselor

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Wireline Operators

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Now hiring wireline operators with class B CDL! with hazmat.
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Energetic Detail-Oriented Sales Person Wanted

Local floor covering company is seeking energetic, detail oriented sales person to join our team. We believe that this is not just a sales job but a rewarding career. Must have ability to: Build and maintain strong relationships with current and new customers. Understand customer's flooring requirements, review job site conditions and provide estimates to customers. Floor covering industry experience preferred. Commission plus benefits. Email resumes to: gacbecky@cableone.net

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A&P Services, Inc. - Odessa is looking for a Sales representative . Prefer 3+ years experience and good communication skills. Must pass pre-employment screenings. Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resumes to: pauld@a-pservices.com or call 432-332-4300.

SKILLED LABOR

AC Drive Rig Electricians

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Basin Engine and Pump

Field Mechanic needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Uniforms provided.
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Salary depends on experience.
Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115
or email to Todd@basinengine.com.
Applications may be filled out at 1914 South County Rd 1083-Midland.

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To apply, send contact information to warehousejob475@gmail.com

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers

Horizon Transportation FT

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Class A CDL Driver

Buckley Powder Co.

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The Bottom Line

As household income, education levels and job responsibility increases, so does readership.

Source: Scarborough Research, 2005

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4WD & SUV

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Smart Stop Self Storage located at 1904 West Loop 250 Midland, TX 79705, phone number (432)570-6612 intends to enforce its self-service storage landlord's lien pursuant to the Texas Self-Service Storage Facility Lien Law for non-payment of Rent for the following Units. If a description of property is not listed, the contents are household goods and furnishings.

O630 Jeramy Crook: Desk, File Cabinet, Shelving
N723 Laura Marlon: Dresser, Bed frame, Dryer, Washer, table, totes
I220 Darren Easterling: Table, Boxes, Cabinet Doors
I219 Kayla Stephens: Washer, Dryer, Dresser, Mirror

The items will be sold on Tuesday July 21st at 2:00 o'clock p.m. at www.storagetreasures.com. The winner of the sale is subject to the terms and conditions of the website, preregistration to bid is required.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Smart Stop Self Storage Smart Stop Self Storage located at 5005 Andrews Highway Midland, TX 79703, phone number (432) 694-5959 intends to enforce its self-service storage landlord's lien pursuant to the Texas Self-Service Storage Facility Lien Law for non-payment of Rent for the following Units. If a description of property is not listed, the contents are household goods and furnishings.

Unit 218 Korey Laurence: Coat Rack, Mirror, Fan, Baby Misc., Boxes, Furn.,
Unit 958B Denise Munoz: Suitcases, Clock, Vacuum, Boxes, Desk, End Tables
Unit 965A Christopher Davis: Wheels, Tires, Boxes
Unit 966 Skyler Schrage: Boxes, Tubs
Unit 1038 Amber Russell: Tools, Trunk, Tubs
Unit 1101 Karla Delatorre: Washer, Dryer, Boxes, Baby Misc., Bed frame, Lamp, headboard.
Unit 1103 Jalen McLaughlin: Bedroom furn., mattress

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General Announcements

A PRACTICAL PLAN TO DISSOLVE THE I. R. S. AND SAVE OUR REPUBLIC

(Continued next Monday)

Below is an essay titled "Tax Tide Turnaround" excerpted from the book "Bits of Practical Wisdom" by local author Vernon Gilbert. The book is available from Amazon, Barnes and Nobel and other book dealers. All royalties from sales of the paperback and e book sales accrue to the Gilbertex Foundation which supplies Bibles and Christian literature to churches, prisons and others. The foundation also supports missionaries in Mexico, Asia and Africa. This is one of four essays dedicated to establishing a much better system of tax collection than we presently suffer under.

TAX TIDE TURNAROUND

Continuing our discussion of the idea of returning the control of our nation's purse strings-our expenditures-to the local communities, let's consider a few more good results to be expected. Each state could set policies regarding school curriculum, teaching methods and procedures at appropriate locally approved levels. Immigration and border security can be arranged, staffed, and enforced by each affected state according to locally observed needs. Such federal laws as are needed can be best enforced by the people living in the area without orders originating in a disassociated ivory tower in Washington. The present foolishness of the federal government suing the states for trying to protect their borders will be eliminated. The state police authorities all seem to have more sense, and sense of duty, than to be sending thousands of guns to Mexican drug smuggling gangs. With the federal tax monies originating in the states, we could see the people, the taxpaying people, show their true feelings regarding heavy-handed controls coming from the many ill-advised bureaus and administrations such as the EPA, BATF, OSHA, BLM, FEMA, FDA, and a host of other self-important meddlers who think and act like the IRS. Some of these nightmare agencies act as if no one in management has an ounce of common sense or sense of moral values in their minds. I started to say hearts instead of minds, but they mostly appear to be heartless. According to the best estimates available, the removal of DDT from the arsenal of insecticides mandated by the EPA in 1972 to comply with the Stockholm Agreement of the UN has resulted in the deaths of millions of people due to mosquito borne malaria. It served to help eagle eggs maintain shell strength, but is killing millions of humans, mostly children. Under state scrutiny some semblance of control can be expected in reference to run-amok, rogue agencies. Consider this: the IRS costs billions of dollars of our taxpayer's money to run roughshod over those citizens every year. They act as goon squads for any evil administration, act as if they are above and unaccountable to the laws the rest of us obey. If you lie to them, you go to prison. If they lie to you and the congress, they think it is funny. With the implementation of the changes I'm advocating, we can all join in the fun. No one advocates allowing taxpayers being able to get away with telling the auditor our dog ate our receipts and records. By the same token, the head of the IRS should be laughed into ten-to-life for claiming, with a straight face, that seven hard drives smoked when investigators requested their data. Apparently they mistook the poor taxpayer's good manners under audit as stupidity. Last year they were called down for wasting our money having expensive, wild parties calling them seminars. They wasted millions more on bonuses based, apparently, on nonperformance. When they were called out, they doubled down and started auditing and stonewalling everyone else. Picture this in your mind's eye: we could chase all the money-wasters out of that grand edifice they populate in Washington and make it into a museum. We could fill it with displays of man's inhumanity to man on par with the nearby Holocaust Museum. The Nazi Regime killed millions, but weren't a bit more evil than what we are uncovering in our present equivalent godless slave masters. Perhaps the concept being offered here is an impossible dream. It is, without a doubt, a very difficult plan. The entitlement crowd that votes for a living are a formidable foe and the dishonest, self-centered politicians will poo-poo it vigorously. If our expectations are met, however, we could spread to the taxpayers to get their nose off the government's grindstone long enough to discuss the matter, back candidates who are willing to stand up for a better tomorrow, go to the polls and vote. The Creator of all good things brought our forefathers here facing great dangers and deprivations to establish a nation based on His principles. We cannot allow political correctness to replace our faith in God, and herd us like pigs to their slaughterhouse. We are made in His image, let's act as if we understand our obligations and our inalienable rights as His children. Let's elect men and women who hold faith and valor above expediency and ease. Others did it, and with His help so can we. Let's all pray without ceasing that we might have a second chance to do what is right in His eyes.

Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9453

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 162, WILSHIRE PARK ADDITION, SECTION 9, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, TO BE USED AS A PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (GENERALLY LOCATED NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF BEAL PARKWAY AND LEISURE DRIVE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9455

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE X, "TRAFFIC REGULATIONS", CHAPTER FOUR, "TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES", SECTION 11, "SCHOOL ZONES AND CROSSINGS", OF THE MIDLAND CITY CODE, SO AS TO DESIGNATE EACH SCHOOL ZONE AND SCHOOL CROSSING WITHIN THE CITY AND REGULATE THE SPEED AND MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC THEREIN; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNS AND MARKINGS; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 9304; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($200.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

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City Secretary

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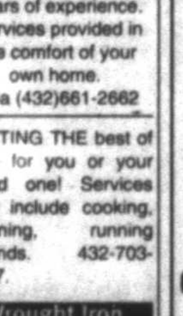

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