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Sheriff Painter: Crudefest arrests down

Police presence at music festival limited because DPS tasked with other duties

By Brandon Mulder
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Crudefest — Midland's annual music festival that revolves around country music and beer — often results in a rise in alcohol-related arrests. But last week's festivities featured significantly fewer arrests than in years past, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

There were 14 arrests by local law enforcement this year, according to the sheriff's office. Two years ago, there were 80 arrests during the course of Crudefest, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports.

The lower number of arrests is not because the crowd had cleaned up its act, but rather because there wasn't sufficient manpower to adequately police the event and make sure drunken drivers didn't get behind the wheel, Sheriff Gary Painter said Monday, which also was the case last year, when 19 arrests were made.

"We usually have 20 or 30 highway patrol officers on the scene. They usually step up and help us a lot with controlling traffic," Painter said. "We didn't have them this year, so the numbers are drastically down because of that."

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers assisted Midland County deputies at past Crudefest events. This year, however, local troopers were allocated to the Texas-Mexico border regions, Painter said.

Typically, the festival is held on a "no refusal" weekend — a weekend-long initiative when people suspected of drunken driving cannot refuse a Breathalyzer test during a traffic stop. But the lack of manpower meant law enforcement couldn't carry out the initiative, Painter said.

Of the 14 festival-related arrests, eight were on public intoxication charges, four were minors charged with consuming

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INTRICATE INVESTMENTS

Associated Press

Downtown El Paso pedestrians can charge their electronic devices for free using 12 solar-powered outlets beneath benches in the Aztec Calendar Pavilion in the city's arts district. The charging station is one of numerous ways El Paso officials are making the city more green.

El Paso goes green in face of dry weather

By Betsy Blaney and Emily Schmall
Associated Press

EL PASO — In the parched Chihuahua Desert, El Paso has pioneered a strategy of resource management that could set the standard for West Texas and arid regions worldwide.

The city's publicly traded utility is divesting from coal in favor of solar energy and plans to build solar farms at neighboring Fort Bliss to help the U.S. Army base consume only as much energy as it creates.

El Paso's Housing Authority is spending about $250 million to bring public housing units up to certified green building standards, and the city is making other environmentally friendly upgrades, such as converting parking lots and roads into green space and pedestrian-only malls.

Perhaps most significant, though, El Paso is embarking on the largest toilet-to-tap municipal water reuse program in the nation.

"In an area where it doesn't rain, you have to explore every viable option, and that's a viable option," resident David Chicka said at a recent public forum on the city's toilet-water reuse project.

A spare ethos infuses El Paso, a mountainous border city of about 675,000 where public employees work 10-hour, four-day work weeks to save on weekly energy costs, the zoo's elephants' dung is used for compost and public charging stations with electrical outlets are powered with solar panels. This do-or-die mindset has paved the way for big investments in resource

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P&Z debates indoor gun range zoning ordinance

By Rye Druzin
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The Planning and Zoning Commission debated a new topic Monday: In what areas are indoor gun ranges appropriate?

The issue surrounding indoor gun ranges is that, up until this point, gun ranges have not specifically fallen under any zoning ordinance, as senior planner Kevin Crosby explained.

"Over the past few months, we've received multiple inquiries from multiple citizens that were testing the waters on opening an indoor shooting range," he said. "The use is currently not classified within our existing zoning ordinance, so we're going through the procedures to figure out where to put it."

More firearms news

Sunday's biker-gang shootout in Waco sparks debate at the Capitol as the state ponders possibly legalizing the open-carry of firearms this legislative session.

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President Barack Obama ended long-running federal transfers of some combat-style gear to local law enforcement on Monday.

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Staff members said that despite their research, there are no set guidelines to zoning gun ranges. Planning Division Manager Bob Baronti said that even the NRA did not have recommendations pertaining to zoning of gun ranges. The staff said their main concern involved issues pertaining to noise.

SK Arms, which opened in Midland in December, announced in April its intention to open an $8 million indoor gun range for upward of .50-caliber weapons, according to a previous article. The announcement came weeks after a now-former part-time employee, Charles Browning, was shot once in the torso while wrestling over a gun with

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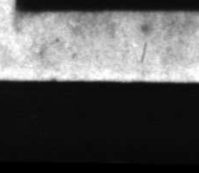

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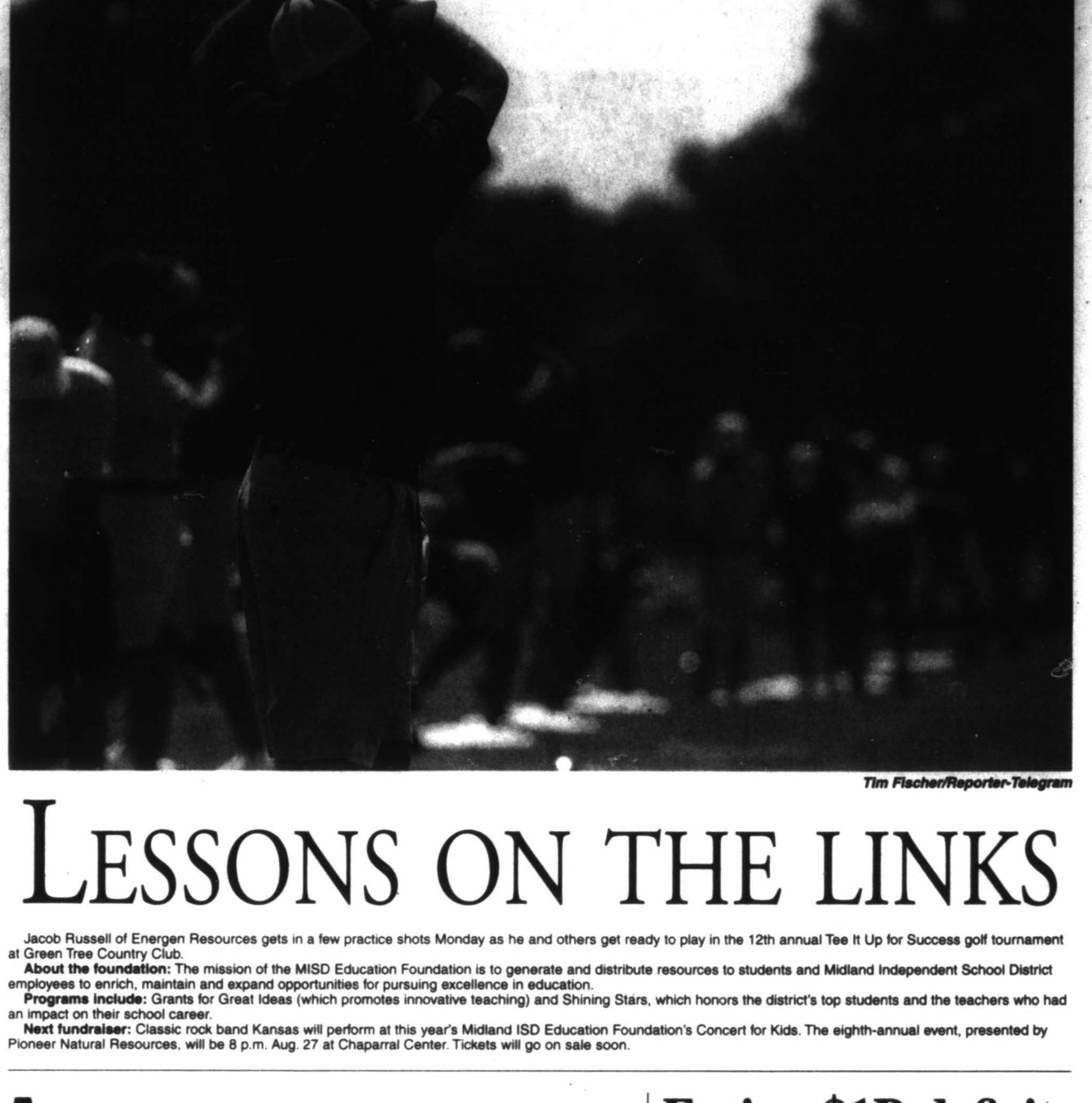

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LESSONS ON THE LINKS

Jacob Russell of Energen Resources gets in a few practice shots Monday as he and others get ready to play in the 12th annual Tee It Up for Success golf tournament at Green Tree Country Club.

About the foundation: The mission of the MISD Education Foundation is to generate and distribute resources to students and Midland Independent School District employees to enrich, maintain and expand opportunities for pursuing excellence in education.

Programs include: Grants for Great Ideas (which promotes innovative teaching) and Shining Stars, which honors the district's top students and the teachers who had an impact on their school career.

Next fundraiser: Classic rock band Kansas will perform at this year's Midland ISD Education Foundation's Concert for Kids. The eighth-annual event, presented by Pioneer Natural Resources, will be 8 p.m. Aug. 27 at Chaparral Center. Tickets will go on sale soon.

ARRESTS

From 1A

alcohol and two were arrests for driving under the influence, according to data from the sheriff's office.

The county jail made extra preparations for the anticipated increase in arrests related to the festival. Deputies set up a preliminary booking station on site, where jailers streamlined the booking process to avoid bottlenecking the county jail system, Painter said.

"We had jailers out there with laptop computers; we had information technology specialists out there; we got started immediately on getting all of their information, and then we took a photograph of them in case they tried to run," he said. "We would have that stuff already input into the computer system so that when they got transported to the jail, those officers could get them into the jail faster and get back on scene quicker. It was a tremendous asset to us."

There had been physical altercations at past Crudefest events, but there weren't any arrests this year related to brawling. But first responders did tend to a "highly intoxicated" 21-year-old man with a stab wound in the buttocks, according to an MCSO press release. No one had been arrested as of Monday afternoon, according to the release.

"Some people get so intoxicated and out of hand that you don't have anything else to do with them," Painter said. "Others were so drunk they were either stumbling or they didn't have anybody to take care of them, so we had to take them into custody for their own safety."

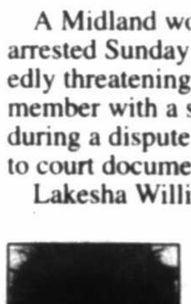
CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Midland woman threatens relative with knife

A Midland woman was arrested Sunday after allegedly threatening a family member with a steak knife during a dispute, according to court documents.

Lakesha Williams, 38, was charged with a first-degree felony of aggravated assault of a family member with a weapon. She was held Monday on a $75,000 bond, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.



Williams

A Midland police officer was dispatched to the 200 block of South Madison Street at about 4 p.m. Sunday in reference to a disturbance with weapons. The alleged victim told the officer that she had confronted Williams about a dispute they had, according to the arrest affidavit.

The woman threw her bag on the bed near Williams, who then grabbed a knife and moved toward the woman, threatening to stab her, according to the affidavit. The woman left the house to call police.

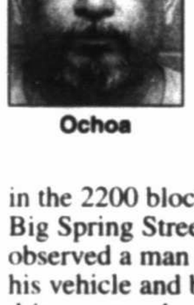
The officer found Williams in the back room of the house and restrained her because she did not follow orders to sit down, according to the affidavit. A knife was found on a dresser, and the woman identified it as the weapon, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Williams faces between two and 99 years in prison.

MPD: Intoxicated man attempts to evade police in vehicle

A 48-year-old Midland man was arrested Friday after he attempted to flee from police in a vehicle while intoxicated, according to court documents.

Vicente Ochoa was held Monday on a third-degree felony charge of evading arrest with a vehicle and a third count of driving while intoxicated, according to his arrest affidavit. Ochoa was held on two bonds totaling $75,000, according to court records.



Ochoa

Midland police responded to a suspicious-person call at the Super Mercado in the 2200 block of North Big Spring Street. Police observed a man get into his vehicle and begin to drive away when they tried to make contact with him, according to the arrest affidavit.

Officers turned on their emergency lights while Ochoa was exiting the supermarket, but he didn't pull over, according to the affidavit. Ochoa then cut through traffic and drove southbound on North Big Spring Street and led officers on a car chase that ended on West Michigan Avenue, according to the affidavit.

Officers noticed a strong odor and retrieved a blood sample after he was transported to the Midland Memorial Hospital.

If convicted of the third-degree felony, Ochoa could face up to 10 years in prison.

Facing $1B deficit, Arizona sharply limits welfare

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Facing a $1 billion budget deficit, Arizona's Republican-led Legislature has reduced the lifetime limit for welfare recipients to the shortest window in the nation.

Low-income families on welfare will now have their benefits cut off after just 12 months.

As a result, the Arizona Department of Economic Security will drop at least 1,600 families — including more than 2,700 children — from the state's federally funded welfare program on July 1, 2016.

The cuts of at least $4 million reflect a prevailing mood among the lawmakers in control in Arizona that welfare, Medicaid and other public assistance programs are crutches that keep the poor from getting back on their feet and achieving their potential.

"I tell my kids all the time that the decisions we make have rewards or consequences, and if I don't ever let them face those consequences, they can't get back on the path to rewards," Republican Sen. Kelli Ward, R-Lake Havasu City, said during debate on the budget. "As a society, we are encouraging people at times to make poor decisions, and then we reward them."

Cutting off these benefits after just one year isn't fair, said Jessica Lopez, 23, who gave birth to her son while living in a domestic violence shelter and has struggled to hold onto jobs because she has dyslexia and didn't finish high school.

"We're all human," said Lopez, who got $133 per month for about a year until she qualified for a larger federal disability check. "Everybody has problems. Everybody is different. When people ask for help, we should be able to get it without having to be looked at wrong."

Most states impose a five-year limit on welfare benefits. Texas has a tiered time limit that can be as little as 12 months but allows children to continue to receive funding even after the parents have been cut, welfare policy analyst Liz Schott said.

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Council to consider adding park in northwest Midland

From staff reports

A new neighborhood park could be closer to reality after today's Midland City Council meeting.

The council will decide on the approval of plans and advertisement for proposals for the Greathouse Park project, according to the City Council agenda packet.

The 6-acre Greathouse Park, according to city documents, will include walking path, lighting, a playground with artificial turf surfacing, a shade canopy and an irrigation system. A homeowners association recreation facility and the Greathouse Elementary School, which has its own playground, will border the park.

The overall project budget is $500,000. Funding for the project was approved in the list of 2014 unobligated funds projects, according to the city.

Greathouse Park would be the city's 32nd neighborhood park, according to the city's website. The city of Midland, according to its website, also boasts four specialty parks, four community parks, one metropolitan park and one regional park totaling 1,172 acres as well as the 23,000 square-foot Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.

Today, the council also will decide on:

■ Approving specifications and authorizing advertisement for bids to replace the asphalt on entrance roads leading to the terminal building at Midland International Air & Space Port.

Way-finding guidance signs also will be refaced and painted.

■ Authorizing the Midland Chamber of Commerce to hold the annual Star-Spangled Salute on the soccer fields south of Christensen Stadium at Hogan Park.

According to city documents, the vote will allow for alcohol to be sold and consumed at the July 4 event.

■ Considering an ordinance for a permit to sell alcohol at the Steak 42 location on South Big Spring Street and West Dakota Avenue in south Midland. The applicant, according to a city document, is requesting a maximum seating capacity of 200 seats.

Abbott signs statewide fracturing law

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Austin American-Statesman/AP

Gov. Greg Abbott, front center, signs a hydraulic fracturing bill into law at the Capitol in Austin on Monday. Abbott has signed into law a prohibition on cities and towns imposing local ordinances preventing fracturing and other potentially environmentally harmful oil and natural gas activities.

Gov. Greg Abbott has signed into law House Bill 40, which governs how Texas municipalities regulate oil and gas operations within city limits.

The bill, from state Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, and state Sen. Roy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, largely prevents cities from banning hydraulic fracturing or other subsurface oil and gas activity. It was introduced in response to Denton voters last November agreeing to ban hydraulic fracturing. Cities would be allowed to regulate surface activity, such as the distance wells must be from residences or businesses. It also upholds such city regulations that have been in effect at least five years.

The new law drew praise from local industry officials.

"The Permian Basin Petroleum Association applauds Gov. Abbott for signing House Bill 40 today," said Ben Shepperd, PBPA president, by email.

He said the association appreciates the hard work put in during the session by Darby, House Energy Resources chairman, and Fraser, Senate Natural Resources chairman, on the bill.

"This legislation strikes a good balance between surface and mineral interests within political subdivision boundaries. It will discourage activist groups from attempts to ban safe, legitimate industry activities while preserving cities' abilities to regulate development," Shepperd said.

"The Midland and Odessa drilling ordinances are great examples of consensus-driven ordinances and should not be impacted in any way," he said.

The legislation has drawn criticism from groups that say it prevents local governments "from adopting many health and safety protections to limit the worst impacts of oil and gas operations."

"By advocating for and signing this bill, Gov. Abbott has succeeded in seizing power away from local governments working to protect us from the real dangers of dirty drilling," said Luke Metzger, director of Environment Texas, in a statement. "In the past, the state of Texas has failed to stop Big Oil from polluting our air and water, causing earthquakes, and putting our families at risk from leaks, spills and explosions. Regrettably, with millions spent by oil and gas in campaign contributions to influence state officials, I don't think they're going to start now."

Environment Texas noted that the bill goes much further than banning fracturing bans, prohibiting any "sub-surface" regulation and any standard that isn't deemed "commercially reasonable."

The group said the bill could undermine oil and gas ordinances in more than 300 Texas communities, including setbacks that limit drilling near homes and schools.

Texas House OKs keeping execution drug suppliers secret

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The identity of Texas' lethal drug supplier would remain confidential under a measure the state House approved Monday — bringing it to the cusp of clearing the Legislature, despite advocates' calls to lift the secrecy surrounding the drugs used for executions in the nation's busiest death chamber.

The bill would prohibit disclosure to the public and even to death row inmates and their attorneys. It sailed through the Texas Senate last week, then passed the lower chamber via a simple voice vote and without debate.

That means the proposal is just a legislative logistical step away from the desk of Gov. Greg Abbott, who is expected to sign it into law.

An ongoing legal challenge already prohibits Texas from disclosing where the state buys execution drugs. That ruling came after manufacturers reported being threatened by death penalty opponents.

But the new measure would permanently keep the names of execution drug suppliers confidential.

The office of Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton has said that execution drug manufacturers won't sell to the state without total confidentiality. Suppliers who have reported being threatened by death penalty opponents say they won't take the risk.

Last year, The Associated Press reported that Texas officials have offered scant evidence to support their claim that compounding pharmacies supplying the state with execution drugs would be in danger of violence if their identities were made public.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice said last week it had purchased from a licensed compound pharmacy a new supply of the powerful sedative pentobarbital large enough to carry out at least the two executions scheduled next month. It did not provide further details.

CAPITOLALMANAC

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Highlights from around the Capitol on Monday:

Open-carry

The restaurant shootout among rival biker gangs in Waco became a last-ditch rallying cry Monday for opponents of a bill that Republican Gov. Greg Abbott is all but certain to soon sign into law: legalizing openly carried handguns in Texas.

The shootout that left nine people dead and 18 wounded happened with only two weeks remaining for the Texas Legislature, where Republicans prioritized expanded gun rights from the get-go after Abbott was sworn into office in January.

Police chiefs and opponents invoked the chaos in Waco and Wild West imagery to make a final protest to a Senate committee before a bill that would allow Texas gun owners to openly carry handguns begins the final approach to Abbott's desk.

"Officers responded quickly, but open carry would or could have provided more confusion," Austin Assistant Police Chief Troy Gay said.

After an hour of testimony — mostly from members of the gun control group Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America — the committee advanced the legislation to the full Senate by a 5-1 vote.

Abbott said concerns that open carry may have only exacerbated Sunday's shootout are off the mark.

"The shootout occurred when we don't have open carry, so obviously the current laws didn't stop anything like that," Abbott said.

Texas is one of only six states that doesn't allow some form of open carry. Abbott has vowed to get Texas off that list, and could sign a bill doing so before June.

Cannabis oil

Marijuana supporters are on the brink of a small victory they say is nonetheless significant in the conservative Texas Legislature.

The Republican-controlled House on Monday approved legalizing trace amounts of a marijuana plant extract for medicinal purposes. The cannabis oil wouldn't produce the high associated with other parts of marijuana.

Parents of children with intractable epilepsy have pleaded with lawmakers all session, saying the oil helps control seizures.

A doctor would have to provide a prescription if the law is signed by Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

E-cigarettes

The Senate sent a bill banning sale of e-cigarettes to minors to Gov. Greg Abbott for his signature. The bill also bans possession of the devices in Texas by anyone under 18.

E-cigarettes are battery-operated smoking devices that vaporize chemicals for inhalation. The bill also directs state health officials to study e-cigarette use statewide.

Supporters pointed to federal studies indicating that children are now trying e-cigarettes more frequently than regular ones. Those opposed suggested the ban was "government overreach."

3-judge panels

The House has preliminarily approved funneling statewide cases, including school finance and redistricting, to special three-judge panels — instead of to the single district judges who currently hear them.

The House approved the measure Monday 91-49. It already cleared the Senate, and one more House vote sends it to Gov. Greg Abbott.

The bill allows the state attorney general to ask the Texas Supreme Court chief justice to appoint three judges to hear qualifying cases. It's meant to prevent plaintiffs filing lawsuits in counties with sympathetic district judges.

Numerous redistricting lawsuits have been filed, and a district judge has declared the school finance system unconstitutional in a case being appealed to the Texas Supreme Court.

Critics worry it lets the state "judge shop" for its own sympathetic panel members.

Abbott veto

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has issued his first veto, striking down a ceremonial resolution saluting mental health professionals statewide.

A House Concurrent Resolution by Nacogdoches Republican Rep. Travis Clardy commended health professionals as part of National Health Month, observed each May.

But Abbott said in a veto proclamation Monday that the Texas Constitution "requires all laws to be passed as bills" and "new law cannot be made by concurrent resolution."

He said the resolution "purports to direct the actions of state agencies in the manner of a law," thus going "beyond the proper bounds of a concurrent resolution."

Up next

The House and Senate reconvene today morning. But it should also be a very busy day in committee for classrooms, with both the upper chamber's Education Committee and the lower's Public Education Committee meetings to consider numerous bills.

Quote of the day

"The shootout occurred when we don't have open carry, so obviously the current laws didn't stop anything like that." — Gov. Greg Abbott, responding to law enforcement concerns that legalized open carry of handguns would have exacerbated Sunday's shootout in Waco.

ORDINANCE

From 1A

now-former part-time employee Howard Holmes. An MPD investigation found that alcohol was involved in the shooting, and neither party wanted to press charges.

Commissioner Jane Wolf brought up the issue of safety when deciding where future gun ranges should be placed, saying that she would "want it to be a great distance from any residential areas." Crosby said that the staff's recommendation is to place gun ranges as permitted by right in C-2 districts and by a specific use permit in LR-2, LR-3 and C-1 districts.

"Firearms are dangerous. Not only do they make noise, they kill people," Wolf said. "I would argue to go with the most conservative possible zoning."

The staff recommendation passed 4-1, with Wolf voting against the measure. The Midland City Council will take up the issue at a future meeting.

In other news:

The Commission approved a zone change that would pave the way for the development of a three-story hotel at the northwest corner of Illinois Avenue and Thomason Drive.

Commissioners brought up concerns that the intersection, which includes Beal Parkway to the south, contains too much traffic and that a potential hotel will add to those problems. City traffic engineer Mike Pacelli said that the intersection will eventually become the first round-about in the city, hopefully alleviating some of the traffic woes.

The Commissioners voted 5-0 to recommend the zone change.

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■ Show of Support volunteer dinner at Horseshoe Pavilion. showof-support.org.

■ "R.E.M. by MTV," 7:30 p.m., Cinemark in Odessa. fathomevents.com.

Community calendar

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

Midland College
4 p.m.
Gibson boardroom
Administration Building, Midland College camp

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club., 8:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave.; 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community calendar

■ Camp Fire West Texas will be providing a summer day camp June 1 through Aug. 14 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

The camp is for kids 5-12 and will be 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Fee is $70 for each child. Children will need to bring lunch; snacks will be provided.

Registration can be done online at www.campfirewtx.org. For more information, call 570-4144.

■ Midland Police Department is taking applications for new students for this year's Kids Academy, which is 8 a.m.-noon June 15-19 at the department, 601 N. Loraine St.

Students new to the class will be considered first for the 25 available spots; those who have been through a previous class may apply for any remaining spots.

The free classes are for children 8-12. Topics include the various divisions of the Midland Police Department and justice system, dealing with bullying and exercise.

Applications are at www.midland-texas.gov/MPDkids or at the police department. A parent's or guardian's signature is required. The deadline to apply is June 11.

City surplus auction

City of Midland vehicles, heavy equipment and furniture currently are on display for an online auction that will last through 10 a.m. today.

Rene Bates Auctioneers is auctioning the items at www.renebates.com, where a detailed list of 30 items for auction is available with instructions for registration.

Funds received from these sales are deposited back into the funds from which the equipment was purchased.

Items in the current auction include a 1986 John Deere 210C BH/FEL, 2001 Elgin Pelican Sweeper, 1995 International S4900 12-yard dump truck, 1995 Ford L8000 12-yard dump truck, tanker truck, two pickups, four trailers, eight automobiles, a seized SUV, emergency vehicle accessories and equipment, light bars, office furniture and equipment and truck vault cabinets.

For more information, contact purchasing@midlandtexas.gov or call 685-7234.

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Shootout puts spotlight on motorcycle club culture

Waco Tribune-Herald/AP

A McLennan County deputy stands guard near a group of bikers in the parking lot of a Twin Peaks restaurant Sunday in Waco. Gunfire erputed between motorcycle gangs, leaving nine dead and 18 wounded.

By Allen G. Breed
Associated Press

Former undercover agent Jay Dobyns says people can be forgiven for thinking Sunday's biker bloodbath in Waco was a throwback to a bad 1970s movie.

The shootout — which killed nine people and wounded 18 — seemed aberrant because the public image of many motorcycle gangs has been burnished in recent years thanks to the many largely benign bike enthusiasts who've co-opted some of the same clothing and style.

"I think, as a society, and to a large extent even in law enforcement, we fall into the sense that these guys are these big, rough-looking teddy bears that do blood drives and toy runs and are harmless," said Dobyns, who infiltrated the notorious Hells Angels Motorcycle Club for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. "These are people that have used the motorcycle culture as camouflage."

Motorcycle culture's image problem goes back at least to 1947, when a race in Hollister, California, descended into two days of bloody riots. The American Motorcycle Association, the race's sponsor, responded to the coverage by declaring that 99 percent of participants were law-abiding.

To this day, gangs like the Outlaws refer to themselves as "1 percenters," said Terry Katz, former commander of the Maryland State Police's organized crime section. Trouble is, it's sometimes hard to tell the dark side of motorcycle groups from the light.

Even the terminology is interchangeable.

Good and bad alike call their organizations "clubs." Both use the term "colors" for the emblems on the backs of their jackets and vests.

Don Chambers, founder of the Bandidos gang, modeled his club's emblem — a sombrero-wearing Mexican caricature carrying a sword and pistol — after the corn chip company's Frito Bandito mascot, said Katz, who went undercover in the 1970s as an associate to two clubs, the Pagans and the Phantoms. Other clubs that want to operate on their turf are required to wear a patch called a "support cookie," so-named because it's the size and shape of a cookie.

"You have a major gang. Then you have, like, a puppet club, or you can call it a farm team that is part of their organization. But they're not a member of the big dogs," Katz said.

The names have also grown more sinister. The Boozefighters and Pissed Off Bastards of Bloomington of 1947 Hollister have given way to the Outlaws, Cossacks and Hells Angels of today.

Katz said bikers maim and kill each other all the time. What's unusual about the Waco confrontation was that it happened in public.

"I get that question all the time: 'Are these guys still around?'" he said. "Of course, they are. But they've lowered their profile because it's bad for business to be involved in something where you're going to attract a great deal of law enforcement attention. They've never gone away. In fact, they've grown."

Some clubs boast chapters on the other side of the globe.

"You look at crime syndicates. They come to America from other places," Dobyns said. "But the biker culture? That is America's export to the ... world of crime syndicates."

Part of the problem, Dobyns said, is that the entertainment world tends to glamorize these groups.

The Hollister riots spawned "The Wild One," Marlon Brando's 1953 classic. But Johnny, with his dungarees turned up at the ankles and cap at a rakish angle, seems quaint compared to FX Networks' "Sons of Anarchy."

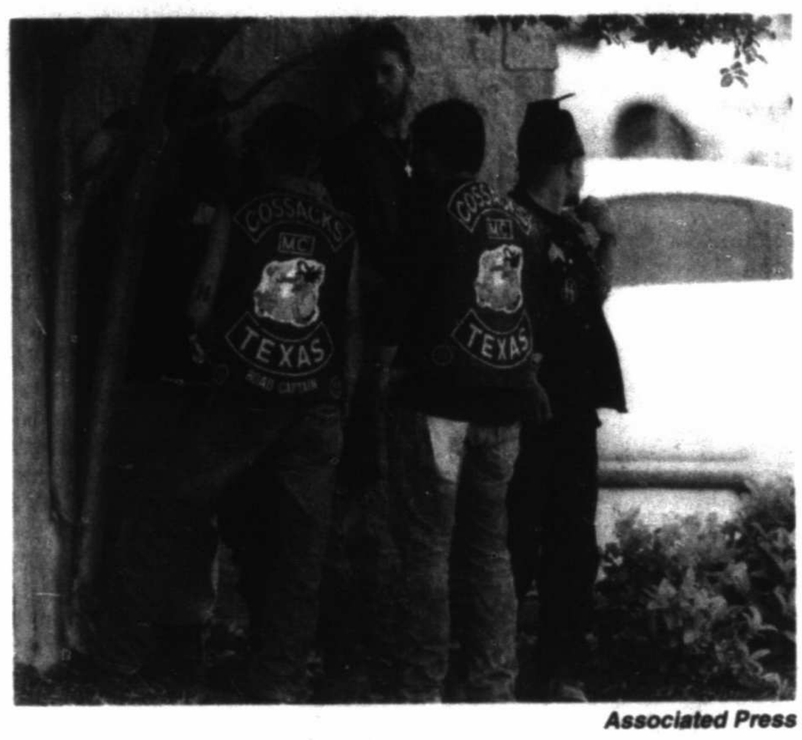
"They prey on the Americana of it," Dobyns said. "And it's sexy, and it's glamorous. The reality of it is that it's a very dangerous world, inhabited by violent men. And the reality of it is that it's very unsexy and it's very unglamorous."

Like the Mafia, motorcycle gangs aren't interested in big public displays, Katz said. But the cornerstone of that culture is a willingness to kill — and die — for your club.

"And that's what you saw yesterday," he said. "I mean, there were marked police cars outside that event ... Once the fight started, it didn't matter."

170 motorcycle gang members charged after shooting that killed 9

Associated Press



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Bikers congregate against a wall while authorities investigate a Twin Peaks restaurant Sunday in Waco.

WACO — About 170 members of rival motorcycle gangs were charged with engaging in organized crime Monday, a day after a shootout at a Texas restaurant that killed nine people and wounded 18.

The crowd of suspects was so large that authorities opened a convention center to hold them all before they were arrested, police said.

Sunday's melee at the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco drew a broad police response that included placing officers atop buildings and highway overpasses to watch for other bikers rushing to the scene to retaliate.

McLennan County Justice of the Peace W.H. Peterson set bond at $1 million for each suspect. He defended the high amount, citing the violence that quickly unfolded in a shopping market busy with a lunchtime crowd.

"We have nine people dead, because these people wanted to come down and what? Drink? Party?" Peterson said. "I thought it was appropriate."

Peterson also performed inquests on the nine dead bikers but declined to identify them pending notification of family. Peterson said all nine were from Texas.

Police acknowledged firing on armed bikers, but it was unclear how many of the dead were shot by gang members and how many were shot by officers.

Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said the Waco Convention Center was used to hold the suspects temporarily as police rushed to secure many parts of the city amid reports of rival bikers going elsewhere to continue the fight. Those at the convention center were later taken to jail.

It's too early to determine how many motorcycle gang members will face murder charges, Swanton said.

Five gangs had gathered at the restaurant as part of a meeting to settle differences over turf and recruitment. Prior meetings had been held at the restaurant, and managers there had dismissed police concerns over the gatherings, he said.

"They were not here to drink and eat barbecue," Swanton said. "They came here with violence in mind."

Twin Peaks — a national chain that features waitresses in revealing uniforms — on Monday revoked the franchise rights to the restaurant, which opened in August.

Company spokesman Rick Van Warner said in a statement that the management team chose to ignore warnings and advice from the company and did not establish the "high security standards" that the company requires.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on Monday issued a seven-day suspension of the restaurant's liquor license, but owners had the option of reopening to serve meals.

Police and the restaurant operators were aware of Sunday's meeting in advance, and 18 Waco officers in addition to state troopers were outside the restaurant when the fight began, Swanton said.

McLennan County Sheriff Parnell McNamara, whose office is involved in the investigation, said the nine dead were members of the Bandidos and Cossacks. However, Swanton has repeatedly declined to identify which gangs were involved in a fight that began with punches then grew to include chains, knives and then guns.

"I am not about to give them the respect of mentioning their names," Swanton said.

Many men detained in the hours after the shooting were seen wearing leather vests that read Bandidos or Cossacks.

More than 100 motorcycles were in the parking lots around the restaurant Monday, along with an additional 50 to 75 vehicles that probably belong to gang members, Swanton said. Authorities were having them towed from the scene.

Swanton said authorities had received threats against law enforcement "throughout the night" from biker groups and stood ready to confront any more violence. Officials stopped and questioned motorcycle riders. Agents from the FBI and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were assisting local and state authorities.

In a 2014 gang-threat assessment, the Texas Department of Public Safety classified the Bandidos as a "Tier 2" threat, the second highest. Other groups in that tier included the Bloods, Crips and Aryan Brotherhood of Texas.

GREEN

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management, and some urban planners are studying how El Paso survives global shocks, including climate change.

"We embrace our adversity and wear our ability to withstand it like a badge. That's an important piece of our culture," said Nicole Ferrini, El Paso's first chief resilience officer, a post supported by the Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities program.

As water sources grow scarce in West Texas, some cities have started treating wastewater for human consumption, either filtering purified wastewater through an environmental buffer, such as a lake or an aquifer, before putting it into a drinking water distribution system or by redirecting treated wastewater straight into potable water supplies.

El Paso's advanced purification plant will be the largest direct water reuse project in the U.S. when it begins operating in 2018. Two other Texas cities, Big Spring and Wichita Falls, have smaller direct reuse operations.

The El Paso plant will take treated sewage water through a four-step purification process that includes ultraviolet light and disinfection before feeding it into the city's drinking water supply. A pilot program will be monitored by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The state agency must sign off before the $82 million plant can begin construction and operation.

When El Paso initially broached the topic of toilet water reuse with residents — in a 2013 telephone survey involving about 1,200 English- and Spanish-speaking residents — 84 percent responded favorably, said Christina Montoya of the city's water utilities department. Some residents said they were concerned about the city running out of water, she said, and were pleased at proactive measures to address possible shortages.

"We can laugh about the toilet water, but look what we can do to this water," said Ellen McDonald, president of the Texas section of the WateReuse Association.

Meanwhile, the El Paso Housing Authority has used American Recovery and Reinvestment Act money to develop the first LEED platinum-certified public housing for seniors in the nation.

Paisano Green, which opened in 2012, is a complex of multi-story buildings powered by wind turbines and solar panels. Energy-saving features like air-tight windows facing away from the sun and a western canopy wall that shields units from afternoon summer heat and cold winter winds mean that residents in the 73-unit compound paid about $8 per month per unit for electricity last year. Excess electricity is sold back to the grid.

Drought-tolerant native plants dot the grounds, and an electric-car charging station is free to residents, and available to the public for a small fee.

In five or six years, all of the city's 6,100 public housing units will be upgraded to LEED standards, said Shane Griffith, former spokesman for the Housing Authority. "It's truly revolutionary," he said. "It's going to make a massive difference to the city's energy use."

For the regional utility El Paso Electric, divesting from coal in favor of solar farms was an obvious business decision.

"We live in a desert climate, and water is always at the forefront of our minds. One of the reasons we love solar is because solar panels don't use water," said Mary Kipp, the utility's president.

Indeed, Texas' fourth-largest city is among the sunniest in North America, making it a "goldilocks" for solar farms, said the utility's chief executive, Tom Shockley.

El Paso Electric has already doubled its solar sources, which now constitute 6 percent of the overall energy mix and power 38,000 homes. By 2016, the utility will not rely on any coal-powered plants — a bold step in a state whose governor, while attorney general, sued the EPA over federal emissions rules.

The utility has also partnered with Fort Bliss, the Army's sprawling 1,750-square-mile base in El Paso, to develop a 200-acre solar farm. Once complete, solar will generate 15 percent of the base's energy needs.

Max Young, a spokesman for the 100 Resilient Cities project, said El Paso's green efforts make it exemplary of a city confronting urbanization and climate change.

"The idea is that cities frequently face the same threats," said Young. "A place like Amman, Jordan, with increasingly frequent water shortages, can learn from El Paso."

Bird flu could cost nearly $1 billion in Minnesota and Iowa

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Bird flu could cost nearly $1 billion in the economies of the two states hardest hit, Minnesota and Iowa, agricultural economists said Monday, and the virus is still spreading.

Iowa, the nation's leading egg producer, has lost about 20 million chickens that lay eggs for food use, more than a third of the total. Minnesota, the top turkey state, has lost more than 8 million birds.

So far, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has confirmed the bird flu has claimed nearly 37 million birds in 15 states, but the number is significantly larger because additional farms in Iowa and Minnesota recently discovered are not yet on the list. The figures include birds killed by the virus and those killed to prevent its spread.

On Saturday, Rembrandt Foods announced that chickens at its second farm, an egg facility in Renville, Minnesota, had tested positive for the virus. About 2 million chickens will be euthanized. The company, one of the largest egg producers in the U.S., had to destroy 5.5 million chickens on its Rembrandt, Iowa, farm after the flu turned up there last month.

"Avian Influenza is a challenge to not only the Rembrandt Foods' business, but also its co-workers, customers, the communities in which it operates, and to the widespread industry as a whole," Jonathan Spurway, a company spokesman, said in a statement.

Minnesota's estimated loss of nearly $310 million in poultry production includes sales losses to feed suppliers, trucking companies, and processing plants, said Brigid Tuck, a senior economic impact analyst with the University of Minnesota in Mankato.

The loss in sales of poultry alone is estimated at $114 million. The estimates were based on the bird losses as of last Monday.

"If the virus affects more farms, as we have seen since May 11, the impact levels will rise," Tuck said.

In Iowa, the estimated economic loss from egg production is estimated at just over $600 million based on figures from Iowa State University economists using current estimates of dead chickens. Egg producers generate more than $2 billion a year in economic activity and the estimate is based on a loss of a third of the flock. Additional losses were reported Monday.

Other agriculture economists believe the economic losses for those two states could be even higher.

The economists said that the estimates are based on annual figures and the exact economic impact won't be known until it's determined how long it takes to declare barns virus-free and safe for restocking after birds are cleared out and facilities are disinfected.

"They are not going to come back all at once. It's going to take one to two years for these layer facilities to be back into full production, it's a gradual process," said Maro Ibarburu, a business analyst at the Egg Industry Center at Iowa State University.

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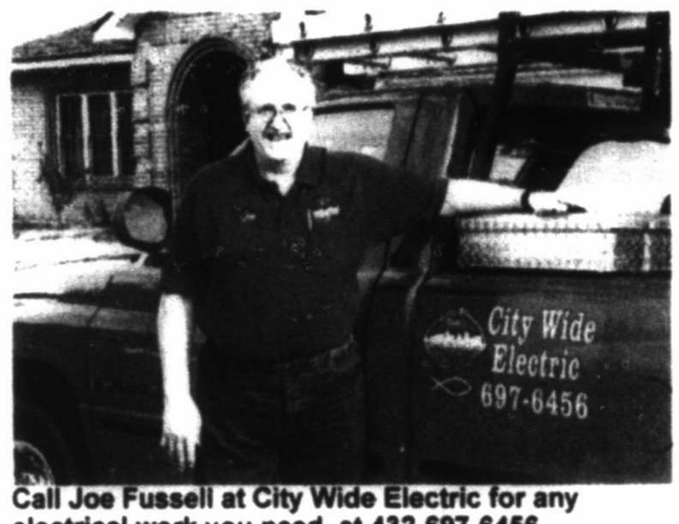

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Spring cleaning is easy when Fashion Cleaners takes care of your big items

As you go through your spring cleaning this year, have you noticed that the bedrooms are the dustiest rooms in the house? Dust just seems to soak down into your bedding and draperies, especially this year with all the dust blowing in the wind.

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Republicans need to understand wars' lessons

■ The issue for GOP presidential nominee is the nation's roles in Iraq and Afghanistan moving forward

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

The exhausting, occasionally horrifying experience of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars still makes it difficult for political figures to say obvious things about the past.

At the time, almost everyone supported the Afghanistan invasion — as close to a unanimous national decision as we've seen since Pearl Harbor. At the time, based on judgments by the intelligence community about Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction, a solid, bipartisan majority favored intervention in Iraq — a majority broad enough to include then-Sen. Hillary Clinton. Yet just about no one would have supported the Iraq War if it had been known that Saddam had suspended his WMD programs. It was the prospect of proliferation that elevated Iraq above a containable regional threat.

So the proper answer for Republican candidates (no matter who their siblings might be) when asked if they would have invaded Iraq while lacking the main strategic justification to invade Iraq: Of course not.

But this historical hypothetical says almost nothing about the foreign policy views of a candidate. A better question: What are the lessons a president should draw from American interventions in Afghanistan and Iraq?

President Obama provided one answer. While accepting a central premise of the Bush Doctrine — the pre-emption of emerging terrorist threats — he regarded the task of occupation and reconstruction as a costly distraction. So he would wind down both wars as quickly as possible while avoiding new commitments. The threat of terrorism would be confronted technically, lethally, from afar, with drones and special operations forces, and by urging allies and proxies to step up and play a larger role. The killing of Osama bin Laden and (just days ago) of Abu Sayyaf are models.

But this understandable shift was used as an excuse for retrenchment and retreat. In leaving Iraq, Obama kept a political promise but did not secure hard-won gains. After helping change a regime in Libya, he had no adequate plan for the restoration of order. He was essentially a bystander for three years in Syria, while American proxies were liquidated (along with a portion of the civilian population) and while a terrorist homeland was founded. And he has allowed a naive belief in diplomacy to undermine his broader strategy — essentially conceding Iranian control of the direction and pace of events in the Middle East.

Obama has accepted a series of what Peter Feaver of Duke University calls "defeats of choice." He has conducted his retrenchment in a manner that conveys weakness. Does this result from some changed, overarching conception of America's role in the world, or some focus on a different region? More likely it is the sum total of risk-aversion, chronic indecision and an emphasis on domestic concerns.

There is plenty here for a Republican presidential candidate to criticize. But a Republican nominee will also need to demonstrate that he or she has learned lessons from America's experience in Afghanistan and Iraq. It is obviously true that occupation and reconstruction proved tragically difficult and unsustainable. And Republican candidates should say this. They should set the bar for intervention high.

But they also need to describe how they would return to the strategic offensive within the boundaries of this recognition. For the foreseeable future, America will need to pre-empt threats from afar, by aggressively strengthening allies and proxies, and by employing advantages in air power, special operations, human intelligence gathering, digital surveillance and cyber warfare. This may well require "boots on the ground" to train and to target — but not American divisions in combat. This effort is unavoidably multilateral — requiring America to re-establish its standing as a reliable partner. Returning to the offensive will also involve the aggressive use of non-military elements of national power: economic engagement, development assistance and the offer of a compelling ideological alternative.

And America will need to take traditional balance-of-power concerns in Europe and the Middle East more seriously. The Obama administration apparently believes that diplomacy can change circumstances on the ground but it is usually circumstances on the ground that set the limits of diplomacy. While America talks about cooperating with Iran toward a more stabilized Middle East, Iran is busy destabilizing the Middle East and filling a regional vacuum of leadership. So any cooperation will be based on a coalition of forces that favors Iran and enshrines its expanding influence.

A serious Republican foreign policy will make this case: The alternative to invasion and occupation is not retreat; it is the determined exercise of power at a distance.

GUEST VIEW

Schools must stress passing still matters despite new option

Beaumont Enterprise

Texas took a big step backward last week when Gov. Greg Abbott signed a bill that allows high school students to fail not just one but two mandatory exams and still graduate. This is the exact kind of social promotion that recent reforms were enacted to prevent. High school diplomas have been seriously devalued for the students who use this gambit.

But there's something very important that parents, teachers and administrators can do. They can emphasize to high school students that this is not a free "get out of jail card." Even though feckless legislators say they can fail one or two exams, they shouldn't. They should strive to pass all of their end-of-course exams — Algebra I, biology, English I and II and U.S. history — because that's the right way to become truly educated.

School districts are now required to set up "individual graduation committees" for failing students, and these must not become rubber-stamp diploma mills. The committees must scrutinize each student's situation and not hand out sheepskins to those who clearly didn't try hard enough.

Despite this setback, high school students shouldn't be told it's OK to fail because "they don't do well on tests" or have "exam anxiety." School is all about taking tests and passing them, regardless of the obstacles. This is the only way to determine if students have mastered the course material.

It's also good training for the real world, where success and promotion go to those who excel. When these students move on to college, the military or a career, they won't be allowed to blow deadlines or miss assignments. They will have to meet certain requirements or suffer the consequences.

High school used to be a good place to instill this basic lesson. Not anymore. The new mantra seems to be "close enough is good enough." That's a shame.

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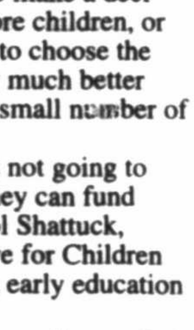
Abbott's pre-K falls well short

■ Governor's "gold standard" pre-K plan is more like corroded bronze



LISA FALKENBERG
Houston Chronicle

Godless. Socialistic. Gold-standard. Necessary. Gov. Greg Abbott's early education plan has been called many things. And, as an avid supporter of high-quality prekindergarten, I'd like to add my own adjective to the mix.

Disappointing.

Now, I know we have to celebrate every little inch toward progress in Texas these days. And I applaud the governor for taking on an issue that's vital to the state's future, and sticking with it even as he faced a barrage of criticisms from the right wing, who seemed to confuse a limited, voluntary program with the establishment of a hundred satellite campuses of the Little Karl Marx Academy.

But, I guess, when Abbott declared early education his highest priority, when he deemed it an "emergency" and urged lawmakers to act, when he called his plan the "gold standard," I expected, well, more.

At best, House Bill 4 by state Rep. Dan Huberty, R-Houston, is a moderately corroded bronze standard.

The version that has passed both chambers and awaits a conference committee to reconcile minor differences adds $130 million to grant funding, or an additional $1,500 per child, as an incentive for districts and charter schools to improve their pre-K programs by meeting such quality benchmarks as certified teachers, more teacher training, family engagement plans and program evaluations.

Sure, $130 million sounds like a lot. But we still come out about $70 million short of where we were with biennial grant funding five years ago before lawmakers cut a devastating $208 million in 2011. I'm counting what lawmakers restored last session.

Texas currently ranks 29th in state spending, according to the National Institute for Early Education Research, and this little boost won't move us anywhere near the top.

Texas' half-day program meets only two of the 10 benchmarks of a high-quality program, according to that same institute. Abbott's "gold standard" bill doesn't address crucial quality benchmarks, such as degreed teachers, minimum class sizes and student-to-teacher ratios.

And although Texas does enroll 52 percent of eligible 4-year-olds, more than many states, the Abbott-backed bill doesn't do anything to expand the number of children served. Right now, the state pays for only students who are homeless, low-income, limited-English speakers, or who come from foster or military families.

Now, as I've acknowledged before, quality is expensive and we as a state need to make a decision whether we'd like to serve more children, or serve fewer better. Abbott seemed to choose the latter option. But I'm not sure how much better we're going to serve the relatively small number of children who will benefit.

"It is significant funding, but it's not going to bring districts to the level where they can fund a high-quality program," said Carol Shattuck, president and CEO of Collaborative for Children and a member of the Houston-area early education advocacy group Early Matters.

Chandra Villanueva, an education policy analyst with the Austin-based think tank Center for Public Policy Priorities, said Texas isn't "moving the needle" with this grant funding.

"We're not increasing to a full-day program. We're not adding more kids into the system," she said. "We're just providing a little bit extra money for people who are already doing good."

That assessment is far from the one Abbott gave in a recent press release lauding lawmakers' achievement in passing the bill through both chambers.

"The process of elevating our state's education system to be first in the nation begins in the critical early learning years of Texas children," he said.

Abbott's goals are ambitious, but his efforts to get there are thus far mediocre.

Researchers at the University of Texas at Dallas and Rutgers found in 2012 that pre-K boosted math and reading test scores for economically disadvantaged and limited-English students.

"Even a mediocre program implemented statewide can have a positive impact on a number of academic outcomes," researchers wrote.

But I'm not satisfied with mediocre.

No proud Texan should be.

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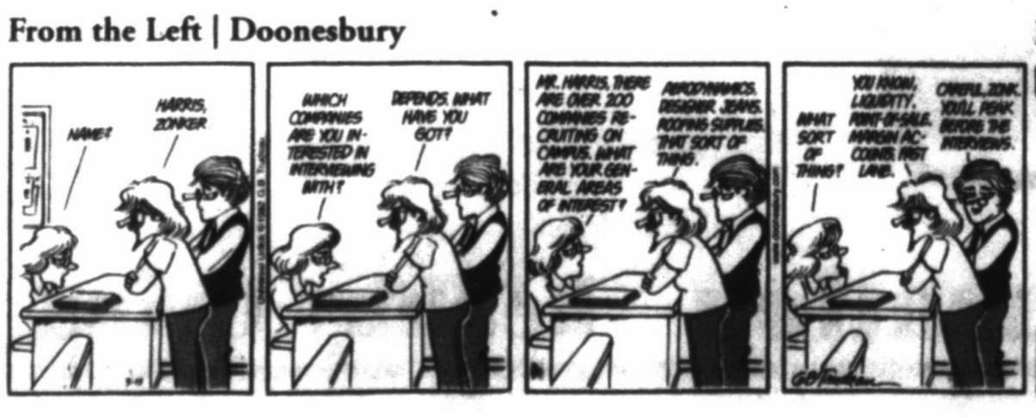


From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Obama restricts police military gear, says it can alienate

By Nedra Pickler
Associated Press

CAMDEN, N.J. — President Barack Obama ended long-running federal transfers of some combat-style gear to local law enforcement on Monday in an attempt to ease tensions between police and minority communities, saying equipment made for the battlefield should not be a tool of American criminal justice.

Grenade launchers, bayonets, tracked armored vehicles, weaponized aircraft and vehicles, firearms and ammunition of .50-caliber or higher will no longer be provided to state and local police agencies by the federal government under Obama's order.

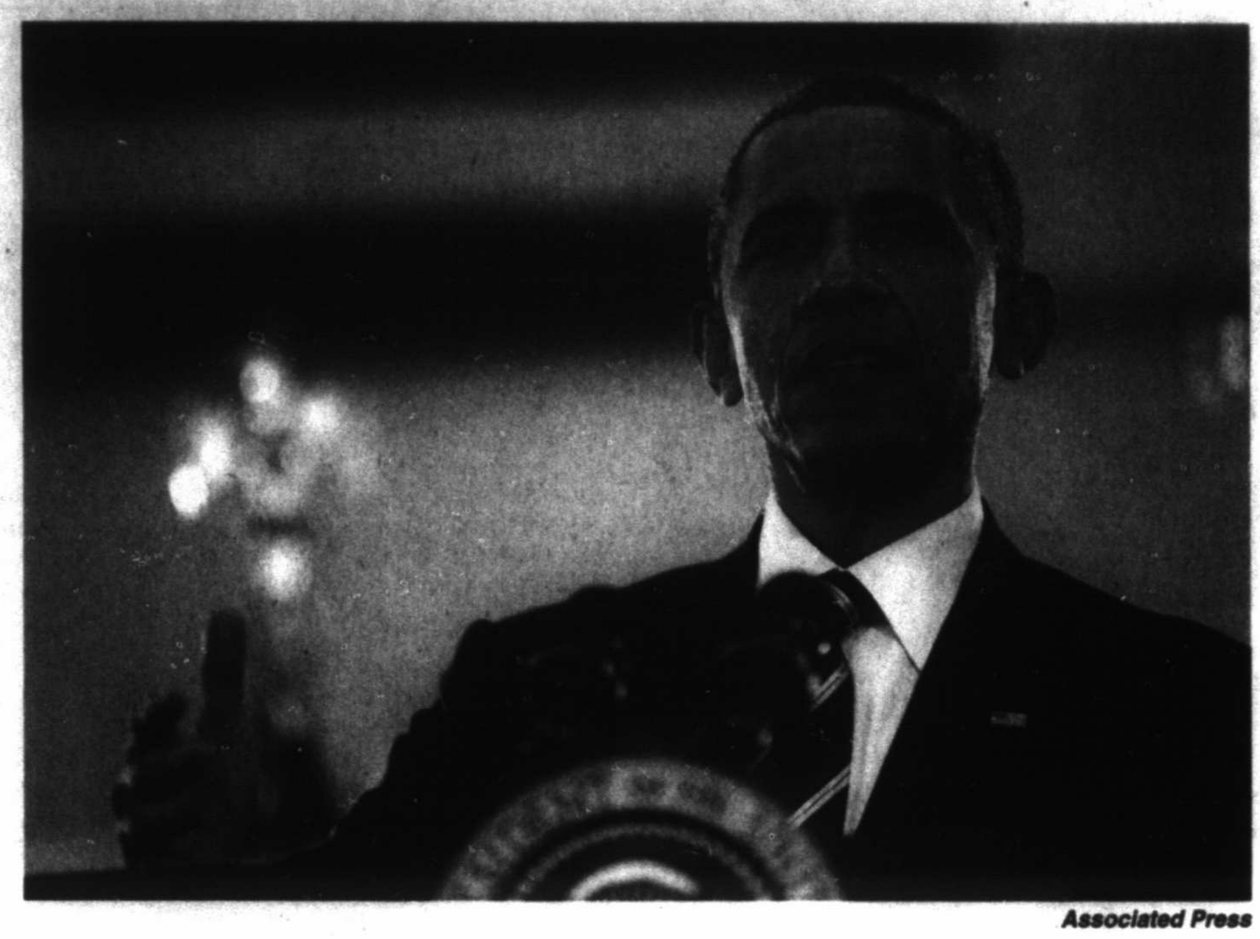
"We've seen how militarized gear can sometimes give people a feeling like there's an occupying force, as opposed to a force that's part of the community that's protecting them and serving them," Obama said, nine months after an outcry over the use of riot gear and armored vehicles by police confronting protesters in Ferguson, Missouri.

"It can alienate and intimidate local residents and send the wrong message," he said.

Obama made his announcement in Camden, New Jersey, where he praised efforts by the police department to improve their relationship with a poor community struggling with violence.

With police under increased scrutiny over highly publicized deaths of black suspects nationwide, Obama also unveiled the final report of a task force he created to help build confidence between police and minority communities. And he issued a broader appeal for Americans to address racial disparities and the needs of poor communities before they erupt into disorder.

He also reiterated his call for overhauling sentencing practices for nonviolent drug crimes.



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President Barack Obama speaks at the Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center on Monday in Camden, N.J. Obama traveled to Camden to visit with local law enforcement, meet with young people in the Camden community and tour the Real-Time Tactical Operation Intelligence Center at the Camden County Police Dept. headquarters. Obama also is announcing that he is prohibiting the federal government from providing some military-style equipment to local departments and putting stricter controls on other weapons and gear distributed to law enforcement.

"We can't ask the police to be the ones to solve the problem when there are no able-bodied men in the community or kids are growing up without intact households," he said.

In Camden, Obama visited the police Real-Time Tactical Operational Intelligence Center and watched live video displays of city neighborhoods being monitored by officers. He also stopped by a community center where he met with young people and local police officers.

Ahead of his Camden remarks, Obama stopped briefly in nearby Philadelphia to praise its police and fire officials for their quick response to last week's deadly Amtrak wreck.

In addition to the prohibitions in his order, Obama also is placing a longer list of military equipment under tighter control, including wheeled armored vehicles like Humvees, manned aircraft, drones, specialized firearms, explosives, battering rams and riot batons, helmets and shields. Starting in October, police will have to get approval from their city council, mayor or some other local governing body to obtain such equipment, provide a persuasive explanation of why it is needed and have more training and data collection on its use.

Programs that transfer surplus military-style equipment from the Pentagon and other federal agencies have been around for decades, but Congress increased spending to help departments acquire the gear in the wake of the 9/11 terror attacks.

The issue of police militarization rose to prominence last year after a white police officer in Ferguson fatally shot unarmed black 18-year-old Michael Brown, sparking protests. Critics questioned why police in full body armor with armored trucks responded to dispel demonstrators, and Obama seemed to sympathize when ordering a review of the programs that provide the equipment.

"There is a big difference between our military and our local law enforcement and we don't want those lines blurred," Obama said in August.

The review, published in December, showed five federal agencies spent $18 billion on programs that provided equipment, including 92,442 small arms, 44,275 night-vision devices, 5,235 Humvees, 617 mine-resistant vehicles and 616 aircraft. At the time, the White House defended the programs as proving to be useful in many cases, such as the response to the Boston Marathon bombing. Instead of repealing the programs, Obama issued an executive order that required federal agencies that run the programs to consult with law enforcement and civil rights and civil liberties organizations to recommend changes that make sure they are accountable and transparent.

The report from the 21st Century Policing task force has a long list of recommendations to improve trust in police, including encouraging more transparency about interactions with the public. The White House said 21 police agencies nationwide, including Camden and Philadelphia, have agreed to start putting out never-before released data on citizen interactions, like use of force, stops, citations and officer-involved shootings. The administration also is launching an online toolkit to encourage the use of body cameras to record police interactions. And the Justice Department is giving $163 million in grants to incentivize police departments to adopt the report's recommendations.

Sacramento, California, Mayor Kevin Johnson, the president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, praised Obama's actions, saying they "show how serious he is about doing this now and doing this right."

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PHILADELPHIA

Republicans clash over NSA surveillance powers

Republicans clashed over the future of government surveillance programs on Monday, highlighting a deep divide among the GOP's 2016 presidential class over whether the National Security Agency should be collecting American citizens' phone records in the name of preventing terrorism.

Republican White House hopeful Rand Paul decried the phone-data program and other post-9-11 domestic surveillance as unconstitutional at a Monday event outside Philadelphia's Independence Hall.

"We will do everything possible — including filibustering the Patriot Act — to stop them," the Kentucky senator charged in front of the building where the Declaration of Independence was signed.

Three hundred miles to the north, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie offered an unapologetic defense of NSA phone records collection as he faced voters in the first-in-the-nation primary state of New Hampshire. Christie, who said he used the Patriot Act as a federal prosecutor, argued that government surveillance powers should be strengthened, not weakened.

"When it comes to fighting terrorism, our government is not the enemy," Christie declared. "Absolutely no one has a single real example of our intelligence services misusing this program for political or other nefarious purposes."

WASHINGTON

McConnell: Senate will vote this week on trade, other bills

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is vowing to postpone the Senate's scheduled Memorial Day recess until lawmakers pass a trade bill that President Barack Obama wants, vote on renewing the Patriot Act and keep highway construction funds flowing.

Both the Patriot Act and contracting authority for federal highway funds expire on June 1. The trade bill is a top priority for Obama.

All three bills are contentious, and the Kentucky Republican on Monday challenged Democrats to cooperate.

He'll need cooperation on his side of the aisle, as well. Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky has said he will try and block renewal of the Patriot Act, which passed in the wake of the terror attacks of 2001.

The Memorial Day break is scheduled to begin at week's end.

WASHINGTON

Obama gets his own @POTUS account, joins Twitter age

President Barack Obama is embracing short-form communication. Twitter has a new @POTUS account.

For years, White House officials have used Twitter to communicate White House policy and occasional personal observations.

But Obama himself pretty much stayed out of the social media fray.

No longer.

With a frugal 92-character message — 48 short of maximum permitted — Obama on Monday declared: "Hello, Twitter! It's Barack. Really! Six years in, they're finally giving me my own account."

The account name — @POTUS — stands for the common acronym used for President of the United States.

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A boy watches Iraq security forces withdraw from Ramadi, Iraq, on Sunday. Islamic State group militants likely killed up to 500 Iraqi civilians and soldiers and forced 8,000 people to flee from their homes as they captured Ramadi, a provincial official said Monday, while the extremists went door-to-door looking for policemen and pro-government tribesmen.

What it means: IS group takes Ramadi

Associated Press

Nearly a year after sweeping across northern and western Iraq, the Islamic State group this weekend seized Ramadi, capital of the western Anbar province, routing Iraqi forces despite heavy U.S.-led airstrikes.

Ramadi is the first major city to fall to the extremist group since last summer, and the takeover came after months of steady progress by Iraqi troops, Kurdish forces and Shiite militias elsewhere in the country.

Here is a look at what the capture of Ramadi means for Iraq and U.S.-backed efforts to roll back the extremist group, which still controls vast swaths of Iraq and neighboring Syria.

Significance of Ramadi

Ramadi is the capital of Anbar, a vast Sunni-majority region where distrust of the Shiite-led government runs deep. U.S. troops fought some of their bloodiest battles since Vietnam in Anbar during the eight-year intervention and only succeeded in rolling back militants when Sunni tribesmen and former insurgents rallied to their side as part of the Sahwa, or Awakening, movement beginning in 2006.

Since U.S. troops withdrew at the end of 2011, the Iraqi government has largely ignored the Sahwas, and Sunni anger at Baghdad has steadily grown. After Iraqi forces dispersed a major Sunni protest camp near Ramadi in late 2013, the Islamic State group and other militants captured parts of Ramadi and all of nearby Fallujah. Iraqi forces have been trying to dislodge the extremists from Anbar ever since, with little success.

Ramadi is just 70 miles west of Baghdad on a major highway linking Baghdad to Syria and Jordan. It had a population of 850,000 in 2003, but most of its people have fled the violence over the last 12 years. Just 5,000 families remained on the eve of the IS takeover, most of whom have likely fled by now.

Campaign against IS

The city's fall comes as a major blow to the Iraqi government, which has been struggling to rebuild its U.S.-trained and equipped army since its humiliating rout last summer. Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, who assumed power after last year's IS offensive, had pledged to restructure the security forces and reach out to Iraq's Kurdish and Sunni minorities. His decision to order Shiite militias into Anbar reflects lingering doubts about the army's effectiveness and could set the stage for a renewed sectarian conflict.

The loss of Ramadi also raises serious questions about the effectiveness of U.S. air power in containing and rolling back the extremists. U.S.-led warplanes carried out 32 airstrikes in Ramadi over the last three weeks, including eight in the past 24 hours.

The defeat in Ramadi breaks a streak of successes by Iraqi forces around Baghdad and in the north, where they retook the city of Tikrit in early April. It will likely further delay the expected battle for the northern city of Mosul, Iraq's second largest, which remains firmly in the grip of the IS group.

Shiite militias

Iran-backed Shiite militias have played a key role on the ground against the IS group, but rights groups say they have also carried out revenge attacks and looted and destroyed property.

The government had hoped to rely on the army and allied Sunni tribesmen in Anbar, including the remnants of the Sahwa. Sending in Shiite militias could further alienate the local population and erstwhile tribal allies, driving them into the arms of the IS group, which presents itself as the defender of Sunni Muslims against Shiite Iran and its allies.

At this point, the government and the people of Anbar may have no other option than to rely on the militias. Already, some Sunnis in Anbar are urging the militias to come to their aid.

U.S. credibility

Senior Iraqi officials have long complained that the U.S. is not doing enough to aid its forces battling the Islamic State group, and Washington will likely share the blame for losing Ramadi.

Such criticism is not entirely fair. Earlier this year, U.S.-led airstrikes broke a weekslong stalemate and gave Iraqi forces a key boost in capturing Tikrit. And the air campaign has helped Kurdish forces advance against the IS group in the north since last summer. The United States has also sped up the delivery of arms to Iraq and in July will deliver the country's first and long-awaited F-16 fighter jets.

Nevertheless, many Iraqis view Iran as their greatest ally against the IS group and see the Shiite militias as the shock troops who have made the biggest difference on the ground. If the Shiite militias succeed in Anbar where the U.S.-backed army failed, Tehran looks to gain even more influence in Baghdad. That would continue a trend dating back to the 2003 toppling of Saddam Hussein, who was Iran's archenemy.

Al-Abadi's power

The loss of Ramadi is a painful setback for al-Abadi, who had pledged a new start last year after succeeding Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, whose sectarian policies are widely seen as having contributed to the rise of the Islamic State group.

Until now, al-Abadi could point to a string of battlefield successes, improved relations with the Kurds and local alliances with Sunnis to argue that he was slowly stitching Iraq together.

He now will be forced to explain the loss of Ramadi despite considerable U.S. and international support. Al-Maliki, who now holds the largely ceremonial post of vice president along with two other officials, remains a major presence on the political scene and makes frequent media appearances. He is widely rumored to be seeking a comeback and did not rule out a return to the premiership in an interview with The Associated Press earlier this year.

Appeals court sides with Google in anti-Muslim film case

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court panel should not have forced YouTube to take down an anti-Muslim film that sparked violence in the Middle East and death threats to actors, a larger group of judges ruled Monday in a victory for free speech advocates.

The 11-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal sided with Google, which owns YouTube, saying the previous decision by a three-member panel of the same court gave "short shrift" to the First Amendment and constituted prior restraint — a prohibition on free speech before it takes place.

"The mandatory injunction censored and suppressed a politically significant film — based upon a dubious and unprecedented theory of copyright," Judge M. Margaret McKeown wrote in an opinion joined by nine other judges. "In so doing, the panel deprived the public of the ability to view firsthand, and judge for themselves, a film at the center of an international uproar."

In a statement, YouTube said it has long believed the previous ruling was a misapplication of copyright law. It did not say whether the movie would go back up.

Actress Cindy Lee Garcia sought the injunction to have "Innocence of Muslims" removed from the website after receiving death threats. Her lawyer argued that she believed she was acting in a different production and had a copyright claim to the low-budget film.

Google countered that Garcia had no claim to the film because the filmmaker wrote the dialogue, managed the production and dubbed over her lines.

Garcia was paid $500 to appear in a movie called "Desert Warrior" that she believed had nothing to do with religion. But she ended up in a five-second scene in which her voice was dubbed over and her character asked if Muhammad was a child molester.

Garcia

Garcia's attorney, Cris Armenta, said in a statement the ruling artificially shrunk copyrights and allowed people to "subjugate" others for "hateful purposes" using the First Amendment.

"The decision shortchanges the threats on the life of Cindy Lee Garcia who did not voluntarily participate in the hateful message that the controversial trailer about the Prophet Mohammed espoused around the world," the statement said.

Garcia will likely not appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court in part because of financial considerations, the statement said.

The film's writer and director, Mark Basseley Youssef, initially posted the nearly 15-minute trailer on YouTube in 2012, according to the appeals court. The film sparked rioting by those who considered it blasphemous to the Prophet Muhammad. President Barack Obama and other world leaders asked Google to take it down.

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Jaekob Mendoza owns Gamerzville, a tiny store within a flea market. Mendoza takes pride in operating the only independent retro game store in Midland.

Game collector helps fellow fans relive childhood at Gamerzville

By Joseph Basco
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Gamerzville on West Front Street may look like a place where old video games go to die, but take a closer look and you'll find products the store's owner claims can't be found anywhere else within a 300 mile radius, looking like they're brand new.

On the store shelves are lost relics of video game history, such as the Nintendo Entertainment System Four Score, a device that allows four controllers to connect to the classic console best known for "Super Mario Bros." and "Duck Hunt," and "Donkey Konga," a music game for the Nintendo GameCube that uses a controller shaped like barrel congos.

And even though everything looks new and clean, don't expect to find new PlayStation 4 or Xbox One systems for sale.

Jaekob Mendoza, owner of Gamerzville, a tiny store within a flea market store, takes pride in operating the only independent retro game store in Midland. He meticulously curates and restores anything video game-related made before 2005.

"I go to Lubbock, Abilene and other places, and while the stores may be bigger, they don't have the kind of stock I have," Mendoza said. "This (stock on shelves) is nothing compared to what I really have."

A collector himself, Mendoza keeps his own personal collection and excess stock at home. The tiny 10-foot-wide storefront can't contain the nearly 3,000 NES games he has ready to sell, he said.

At a young age, Mendoza collected various geek-related items such as video games and "Star Wars" figures. He lost many of his video games in a tornado when he was young.

When Mendoza got older, he wanted to rebuild the collection. It got to the point to where he had multiples of games and he had to get rid of some of it.

"When I moved from making $100-$200 to $500, I noticed that this stuff brings in pretty good money," Mendoza said.

With his store, Mendoza is affording those with similar interests to rebuild their childhood collections. As stated on his business card, Gamerzville is an opportunity for now-adults who grew up playing video games to "relive your childhood!" It's a unique nostalgic demand that has prompted GameStop and Hastings to cash in on the retro games market.

Avid retro gaming fans are willing to pay $30 or more for an old 1993 video game, a contrast to the $0.25 VHS tapes Goodwill or flea markets are desperate to get rid of. At Gamerzville, don't expect to get away with a rare Sega Genesis game for $3.

Mendoza said his prices are a step above eBay because he takes the time to restore and repair systems. Those who still have a Super Nintendo Entertainment System from the early 1990s know that the plastic casing over time goes from pristine gray to tobacco smoke brown-yellow. The SNES consoles Mendoza sell still look pristine gray because he spends days restoring them.

To help offset the collector-tier prices, Mendoza also allows fellow collectors to trade with him. But if someone trades in sought-after games Mendoza has been looking for, he's likely to keep it for his own personal collection.

Centennial library opens up video games for take-home rentals

Although video games have been available for play inside the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch for some time, as of Monday, library patrons have the opportunity to check them out to play at home on their own personal game systems.

With about 60-70 Nintendo Wii, Playstation 3 and Xbox 360 games now available to take home, library clerk Kelly Brashear said patrons will now have even more opportunities to take advantage of the library's video game selection.

While the games will now be available to check out, Brashear said the library's in-house Wii, PS3 and Xbox 360 will still be

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Letterman's retirement ends partnership with Murray

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bill Murray has walked onto David Letterman's show dressed as Liberace, a jockey and a football player, flown onto the set in a Peter Pan outfit, worked out while singing "Let's Get Physical" and dove into a water-filled dumpster strewn with garbage. This week, he'll be saying goodbye.

Murray's 44th and final appearance today will mark the end of late-night television's most unique and enduring host-guest relationship, with years of oddball humor by two comics whose sensibilities seemed perfectly aligned.

Letterman ends his 33-year run as a late-night host the next night.

Murray, the former "Saturday Night Live" player turned movie star, guested on Letterman's first "Late Night" on Feb. 1, 1982, and on the Aug. 30, 1993, debut of CBS "Late Show." Others have appeared with Letterman more times — Marv Albert, Regis Philbin, Tom Brokaw and a few more — but none as indelibly as Murray.

"He is one of the all-time great talk show guests," said Rob Burnett, executive producer of the "Late Show."

Before the first of Letterman's 6,028 nights as host, Murray came to a meeting and mentioned spoofing Olivia Newton-John's hit song, said Paul Shaffer, Letterman's bandleader. Then Murray disappeared, not attending any rehearsals, not even showing up at the studio until after the show's taping began, he said. Much perspiration ensued. Finally, he showed up and performed an exaggerated routine to the song that included pulling a woman from the audience.

"Billy showed us from day one how it could be, how free the show could be," Shaffer said.

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AP file photo

In this March 26, 2011, photo, Bill Murray, left, and David Letterman appear at the "The Comedy Awards" presented by Comedy Central in New York. After 33 years in late night and 22 years hosting CBS' "Late Show," Letterman will retire on Wednesday.

The mysterious case of Neil Gaiman

By Nathaniel Miller
Odessa American

Gaiman

"Never say never" is what Neil Gaiman says during a phone interview about any and all possibilities in life.

Never is a word that does not exist in Gaiman's books; books that include traveling through other dimensions, gods walking around the streets alongside mortals, and fantasy tales of children as they take on tasks no adults could ever imagine. In each book, the protagonist always finds a way to solve the impossible.

But when asked about previous visits to West Texas, Gaiman stops, thinks and said he could not recall any particular stops — but declines to use the word "never."

Instead, the 54-year-old British author remembers making a trip to the San Diego Comic Con on the train from Chicago, and passing through West Texas, noting how long it takes to get out of the state. It's a large state, he comments, but recalled

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Obituaries

Blanche Eva Settles Havercroft

Blanche Eva Settles Havercroft, 86, of Midland, joined our Lord and Savior on Friday, May 15, 2015. The family will be accepting friends from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 pm on Monday, May 18, 2015, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at Fairview Cemetery.

Blanche was born on March 28, 1929 to John and Maudie Settles in Madill, Oklahoma. She and her husband, Bobby Havercroft, were the proud parents of eight children, Lavena, William, Sharon, Carolyn, Robert, Jack, John, and Barbara.

In 1967, Blanche met the love of her life, Sid Lennox. The two shared many happy years together full of love.

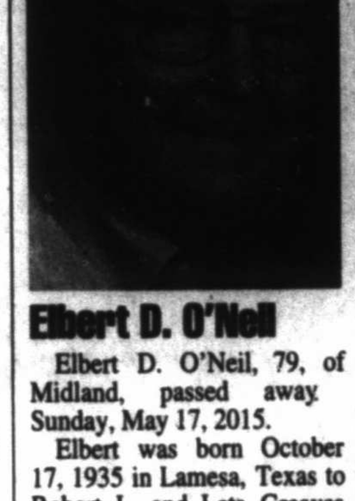
A lot of Blanche's free time was spent gardening and spending time with her family. The one true passion in Blanche's life was reading. She would read anything she could get her hands on. Even after her sight failed, the Books for the Blind furnished her with many enjoyable hours listening to her favorite books on tape.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude towards Hospice Midland and Blanche's step-daughter, Sidney Stevens, for her undying love and assistance.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hospice Midland, *www.hospicemidland.org* .

Blanche is survived by four children, Sharon Rains and husband Donny, Jack Havercroft and wife Samye, John Havercroft and wife Karen, and Barbara Bradford and husband Richard.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Havercroft; four children, Lavena Coats, William Havercroft, Carolyn O'Neal, and Robert Havercroft; and her soul mate, Sid Lennox. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com* .



Elbert D. O'Neil

Elbert D. O'Neil, 79, of Midland, passed away Sunday, May 17, 2015.

Elbert was born October 17, 1935 in Lamesa, Texas to Robert L. and Leta Greaves O'Neil. He moved to Midland, in 1942. Elbert met the love of his life, Betty G. Hensley, and they married on October 24, 1957.

Elbert was employed by Brooks Grocery, and then went to work for Del-Tex Candy until it closed. He started O'Neil's Grocery with his brothers, and after selling out to his brother, he went to work for Basin Candy, and then started A-1 Candy until he retired in 1997. Elbert owned Bowen's Grocery from 1999 until selling in 2009, and retiring once again.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert L. and Leta O'Neil; brothers, R.L. O'Neil, Jr., Olen C. "Sonny" O'Neil, Wilburn R. "Hoot" O'Neil, Delbert E. O'Neil, and James L. "Jimmy" O'Neil.

Elbert is survived by his wife, Betty O'Neil; daughter, Joneta "Jody" Scott, and her husband Monty of Midland; granddaughter, Marsha D. Bivins, and her husband Mark of Mansfield, Texas; grandson, Jared W. Scott, and his wife Jenna of Midland; great granddaughter, Mackenzie L. Bivins; grandsons, Cohen Bivins, Branden W. Scott, and Kasyn R. Scott; one sister, Juanita "Nita" Smith, and her husband Sonny of Midland; sisters-in-law, Joyce O'Neil of Artesia, New Mexico, Betty Bagwell of Midland, Laveta O'Neil of Dallas, and Shirley O'Neil of Midland; and several nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice.

Funeral service is set for today at 11:00 a.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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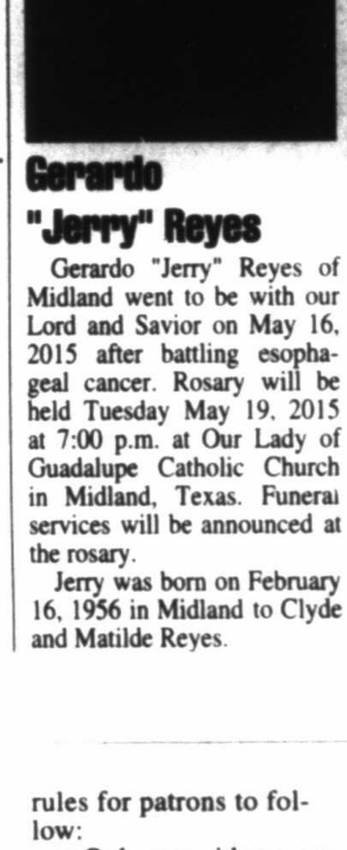

Gerardo "Jerry" Reyes

Gerardo "Jerry" Reyes of Midland went to be with our Lord and Savior on May 16, 2015 after battling esophageal cancer. Rosary will be held Tuesday May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Midland, Texas. Funeral services will be announced at the rosary.

Jerry was born on February 16, 1956 in Midland to Clyde and Matilde Reyes.

He was an avid fisherman and an amazing cook. He had a great sense of humor and is remembered for always taking our noses and his Eskimo kisses "nichis."

He is survived by his loving mother, Matilde Reyes; his children, Jerry Reyes, Jr., Sophia Ramos and her husband Miguel, and Ashley Valdez and her husband Anthony; grandchildren, Gabrielle Reyes, Christian Reyes, Katarina Reyes, Chris Ramos, Donovan Valdez, Nadia Ramos, Santiago Ramos, and Jessie Ramos; great grandson, Zaydrian Rodriguez; his sister, Evangelina "Vangie" Garibey and her husband Walter, Sr.; brothers, Rosendo Reyes, Ruben Reyes and his wife Maria, Roy Reyes and his wife Aurelia, and David Reyes and his wife Charlotte Reyes; and numerous generations of nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Clyde Reyes; sisters, Vicenta Reyes and Dora Sue Reyes; and niece, Elaine Valles.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward Sandra Orona for her loving care in his final month of life, and would also like to thank all of our family and friends for their prayers and support.

Joe Ramos

Joe Ramos, 58, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, passed away May 14, 2015 in Abilene, Texas. Joe was born December 19, 1956 in Lamesa, Texas to Jacob and Delfina (Ramirez) Ramos. He worked for Gandy's for over 35 years in both Midland and Abilene. At his passing, Joe was the Senior Branch Manager. He was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Joe loved bowling and golf, however, his favorite pastime was cheering on his favorite team, the Dallas Cowboys.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Delfina Ramos; sister, Josie Parker and brother-in-law, John Garza. Survivors include his wife, Romelia Ramos; son, Jose Jimenez and wife Estela of Midland; daughter, Priscilla Flores and husband Daniel, Jr. of Abilene; grandchildren, Michael, Lupita, Alejandro, Julianna, Cristian, Francisco, and Elena Jimenez all of Midland; and Jasmine, Leah, and Kirsten Flores all of Abilene; sisters, Elisa Ramos, Gloria Vasquez, Janie Martinez, and Helen Garza all of Midland; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ramon and Socorro Bustamante of Midland; brothers-in-law, Ruben, Roy and Raul Bustamante all of Midland and numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends from 6pm to 8pm Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 5701 Hwy 277 South with a Rosary to be recited at 7pm. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10am Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 837 Jeanette St, Abilene, TX 79602. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe's memory can be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church. To leave an online condolence for the family, go to www.elliott-hamil.com

Death Notices

Homer "Dale" Bryant

Homer "Dale" Bryant, 89, of Midland, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2015. Family services will be held at a later date.

Dale is survived by his wife, Jo Bryant; and their children, Pam Collins, Chellye Tanberg, Kim Moore, and Michael Bryant.

Patricio Aranda Cobos

Patricio Aranda Cobos, Sr., 76, of Ft. Stockton, Texas, passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2015. Visitation will be held at Grace Christian Fellowship in Alpine Texas on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Funeral service will be held at Grace Christian Fellowship in Alpine, Texas on May 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., followed by a burial at Holy Angel Cemetery in Alpine, Texas.

He is survived by five sons, Patricio M. Cobos, Jr., Georgen Cobos, Billy M. Cobos , Jose M. Cobos, and Jerry Luis Cobos; three daughters, Carolyn Sue Flores, Elma Cobos DeLao, and Mary Cobos Gallegos; and by one brother and two sisters.

Gerald Arlington Poole, III

Gerald Arlington Poole, III, 70, passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2015. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79764. 432-563-9767.

He is survived by his three daughters, Toni Putty, Julie Hatfield, and Jeanie Stucks; and by two sisters.

Jerry Alfred Merritt

Jerry Alfred Merritt, 83, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2015. A memorial service will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church in Odessa, Texas on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

He is survived by his son, Mark Merritt; and by two daughters, Karen Kidd and Teresa Bowers.

Martha Agnes Ross

Martha Agnes Ross, 83, of Midland, died on Sunday, May 17, 2015.

A memorial service will be held at St. Stephen's Catholic Church on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Inurnment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

LIBRARY

From 1B

available to use — along with a few new additions, as well.

"We have recently purchased a Playstation 4 and an Xbox One so patrons will be able to use those, too," Brashear said. "Those games won't be available for checkout to the patrons to take home. They will strictly be in-house. All the older games are the ones that will be able to leave. We just figured that since we got the new systems, we would just open up the older games for checkout and see what happens."

While the video game systems in the Centennial library had been set up with a TV for the Wii, PS3 and Xbox 360 each, Brashear said it is now set up so the PS4 and Xbox One each have their own TV and the three older systems share the remaining screen.

When renting the games, Brashear said there will be a few main rules for patrons to follow:

- Only one video game may be checked out at a time per library card;
- Only adult library card holders over of 18 can check out a video game;
- Video games can only be checked out for seven days at a time;
- Video games that have been checked out can only be renewed once before they must be returned to the library.

For those who have video games for the Wii, PS3 or Xbox 360 just collecting dust on a shelf, Brashear said the library is accepting donations to help build up the selection of games it has to offer.

"They can take (the donations) to whatever location is convenient for them," Brashear said. "It really does not matter where they bring them because they'll all come to me and I'll go through them and check their condition. And, of course, if anyone wants to donate their new games for PS4 or Xbox One, we'd be more than happy to take them also."

He added, however, that the library will not accept video games for any other systems such as the Nintendo DS, Playstation Vita and more.

Even if they are in bad or unusable condition, Brashear said the library will find some use for the donations.

"If it's just scratched beyond repair or cracked and there is nothing that we can do about it, then we just won't use it in the collection," Brashear said. "We can use it for other things like crafts, or if it's too bad, we will just discard it."

While video game donations are accepted at both locations, they are only available to check out from the Centennial branch.

Steve Kuhlmann
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GAIMAN

From 1B

seeing both beauty and emptiness all rolled into one.

"The train rumbled through the vast eternity of West Texas," he said. "I would always be amazed at how long Texas goes through. I've been on those trains and seen the glorious nothing going by."

On Wednesday, however, the author will speak Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, being the main attraction for this year's One Book Odessa event. This year, two of Gaiman's books were selected — "The Ocean at the End of the Lane" for adults, and "Coraline" for children.

"The Ocean at the End of the Lane" was a No. 1 New York Times best-seller, and was voted Book of the Year in the British National Book Awards. Similarly, "Coraline" is a Hugo-award-winning book and was made into a stop-motion film in 2009.

The idea of an entire city reading one of his books does not intimidate Gaiman, he said, but makes him excited, calling it "wonderful," and a "fantastic way for people to bond."

"I love it whenever it happens," he said. "There's always this good feeling when people are talking, people are arguing, and people are thinking. And best of all, it's bringing people together."

Gaiman's work expands beyond just books for adults, as he has also written the graphic novel "Sandman" (which is currently being developed into a major motion picture), nonfiction books (a biography on the '80s band Duran Duran), poetry and two episodes of the British science-fiction television show "Doctor Who," just to name a few.

Avid readers of Gaiman (and his fan base is large; the author has more than 2.2 million followers on Twitter), will show one of the topics the author visits time and time again is childhood.

Gaiman said his reasoning is simple, and quotes Maurice Sendak, using the line, "I remember my own childhood vividly ... I knew terrible things. But I knew I mustn't let adults know I knew. It would scare them."

Children perceive things differently than adults, are realistic and unfiltered, he said. Sendak also has an influence on Gaiman when he writes his own children's novels.

"He was an influence on me because he used to be uncompromising," Gaiman said. "He didn't write down to kids."

Gaiman is also an avid reader, saying the last book he read was "The Bone Clocks" by David Mitchell, adding it was "fantastic" and "ambitious."

As for a new novel of his own, Gaiman said he plans to stop touring for about a "year or 18 months" to sit down and write.

Before that, though, his West Texas speaking event is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday. Doors open at 6 p.m. and admission is free, but requires a ticket. Randy Ham, executive director for the Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities, will host the event.

"I am so thrilled that the Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities and the Friends of the Ector County Library have been able to bring world-class authors to the Permian Basin," Ham said. "To have Neil Gaiman headline the Wagner Noël is a dream come true."

Gaiman said he looks forward to actually stopping in West Texas and talking with those who love his books, and reading in general.

"I'm so looking forward to coming out there, not on a train, and stopping and getting to meet everybody," he said. "In my experience, Texans are the most hospitable people."

LETTERMAN

From 1B

A tape of that first appearance also illustrates that there was an off-kilter chemistry between the two men that was apparent from the start. These were two men who understood and enjoyed each other, and loved to push the boundaries of comedy. You never knew what to expect, and Letterman went along for the ride in ways that he wouldn't with anyone else.

"I am going to make every second of your life, from this moment on, a living hell," Murray mock-promised on that first show.

Murray wore the Liberace suit to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the "Late Show," carrying a white poodle and arriving in a white car. He feigned ignorance about what he did 20 years earlier, when he spray-painted "Dave" on the host's desk. Then he pretended to remember leaving something behind, took a box-cutter to rip up the carpet and a drill to tear up the floor and "discover" a time capsule. The deadpan absurdity of the exercise made it priceless.

One fall day, Murray said in seeming sincerity, "You know what I miss? The smell of burning leaves."

Whomp! Brown leaves fall from the ceiling onto Letterman and his desk, and the two men strap on leaf blowers to clean the stage.

"He comes across as silly and disheveled, but there's a very smart, very sophisticated guy under there who understands comedy at the highest

Please see LATE NIGHT/3B

Services set for former councilwoman

From staff reports

A funeral Mass for Pat Schneider, a local businesswoman and former member of the Midland City Council, will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Visitation wil be 6-8 p.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home.

Schneider died May 13 at a Houston-area hospital, according to her obituary. She was 88.

She operated Topat Oil and was involved in the prayer shawl ministry and WOW (widows and widowers) group at St. Ann's.

Schneider was elected to the council in 1993 and served for five years, according to her obituary. Before that, she was appointed to the Airport Planning and Development Board in 1982 and served for six years. Other community involvement included the Texas Attorney General's Office's municipal advisory committee, Midland League of Women Voters and the board of St. Ann's School.

Schneider was born July 26, 1926, in Cincinnati. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Cincinnati and a master's of education from Xavier University. She moved to Midland in 1955 to teach at Midland High School.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom, who was an independent geologist.

Survivors include six children, Thomas Schneider and Molly Clark, both of Midland, Patrick Schneider of Alpine, Maggie Snow of Kerrville, Brian Schneider of San Francisco and Laura Riley of Tampa, Florida, and five grandchildren.

Potential groundcover vulnerable to fungal disease

NEIL SPERRY

Neil Sperry's "Plant Talk Texas" and "Texas Lawn and Garden Hour" can be heard on radio stations across the state. Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Dear Neil: Why isn't ajuga used more commonly as a groundcover? It's so pretty, and it stays compact without shearing.

Answer: You'll see ajuga used primarily as a bed edging plant, also as a groundcover in fairly small spaces. It is extremely vulnerable to a soil-borne fungus called southern blight, also known as crown rot. The disease is most prevalent during wet, warm seasons and in heavy, poorly drained soils. It kills large areas of plantings almost overnight. Affected plants have white spidery webbing on the ground around their crowns. There is no good fungicidal treatment. I lost a large planting within one week one August while we were away on vacation, and ever since I have confined my plantings to a few square feet at a time.

Dear Neil: I planted variegated privet as a decorative shrub three years ago. It has grown well, but I just noticed half of it is solid green. How does that happen?

Answer: The variegated type is not a stable selection. It will revert to solid green rather frequently, and the green portions will be much stronger growers than the variegated form. You must keep the green growth pruned out entirely.

Dear Neil: I will be planting new bermudagrass from seed in the next couple of weeks. What is the recommended mowing height, and would it help it establish faster if I mowed it just a little bit tall for a while?

Answer: Mow common bermuda (the type you most commonly grow from seed) at 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches from the ground. Start that regime the minute you have enough grass to cut. Letting it grow taller than that, even for just a short period of time, will result in weak turf.

Dear Neil: Our weeping willow tree is losing ground. Last year it leafed out normally, but branches were beginning to die over the summer. What would cause that, and what can we do to eliminate the problem going forward?

Answer: That's typical damage done by cottonwood borers. They also attack all types of willows. Unfortunately, there is a nothing you can do to slow its spread. Products we used to recommend are no longer on the market. Life expectancy for these trees is somewhere in the range of 10 to 15 years. I've even seen willows die within their first five years. Rather than spending a lot trying to save the tree, you would be better advised to spend the dollars on the new replacement tree instead.

Dear Neil: I have a live oak tree that has started to split down its trunk. It might have happened in an ice storm this winter. There is a crack a few inches long that seems to be developing straight down between two branches. Can I put a metal band around it to give it support?

Answer: Oh, no! The band wouldn't be strong enough to counteract the pressure the branches would be putting on it. Much more importantly, the band would eventually girdle and kill the tree as the trunk grew larger and lapped over it. The way to help a tree repair a split like you're describing is to drill completely through the trunk at right angles to the crack, then insert all-thread rod through the hole you have drilled and put washers and nuts on each end before cutting the rod to length. You need a winch to draw the top branches together in the process as you tighten the nuts. In fact, you probably will need to drill through the two branches themselves, insert all-thread eyebolts and secure the branches together with cable. Do all of that before releasing the tension on the winch. The cable will allow the tree to regrow without having to put all of the pressure on the all-thread bolt alone. Actually, there is more to all this than I have described, especially if there is any active decay within the trunk. You really ought to have a certified arborist do this work for you.

Dear Neil: Every year the leaves of my sweetgum tree are matted together. I see worm droppings when I peel them apart. What does that, and what can I do to stop it?

Answer: That's damage done by leaf rollers. They're fairly common with redbuds, sweetgums, persimmons, trailing vinca groundcover, cannas and several other plants. Your best means of stopping the damage is to apply a systemic insecticide around the drip line of the roots. The plants will take up the insecticide into their stems and leaves, and the insects will be killed as they try to feed. The females that lay the eggs are so very transitory that spraying is too much of a hit-and-miss situation.

Dear Neil: We have property in Midland, Texas mountain laurels that have failed to bloom for the past two springs. Was the weather cold enough to do damage to their flowers?

Answer: Yes. Mountain laurels are native to Southwest Texas and the Hill Country, and the farther north and northeast you go away from their native homes, the less likely they are to bloom reliably. They also bloom better once they reach a mature size. Be patient. Other years will be better.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

This spring has been like fall in terms of a nice, long, mild period that has been great for plant establishment. Typical West Texas springs generally mean two days of spring and then — wham! — hot, dry, challenging growing conditions hit. But, that never stops the gardener or the hopeful yardener. Here are a few things to consider:

Irrigation. If you have an automated irrigation system, make sure it is in the off setting and being operated manually or the system has rain sensors. There's no need for regular irrigation during cool, rainy periods. Water on an as needed basis for a better landscape, lower water bill and healthier water reserves. Irrigating when it isn't needed is a waste of water and it puts salt back into the rain-cleansed soil.

Bermuda grass. Bermuda grass lawns are a little slow coming around and it has more to do with temperature than anything else. Sunday's early morning temperature was in the low 50s in the area. Those are still sleeping temperatures for Bermuda grass. Once the nighttime temperatures remain above 60 degrees, it will begin to green up, grow and go.

Got leaves? Leftover leaves, pine needles, grass clippings and shredded plant debris can be put in the alley to keep weed growth down. A 3-4 inch layer of organic mulch can keep the weed growth down, greatly reducing your work in an out-of-sight, out-of-mind area. This can bring an end to mowing, weed whipping or spraying in the alley. And what a great place to plant a few purple hyacinth bean vine seeds.

Courtesy photo

Purple hyacinth bean vine.

Vines. Annual vines are great fun to grow in the vertical spaces of the landscape. Vines are easily grown on a garden arch that can be placed over a walkway, at the beginning or end of a walk way or over a bench or seating area. An easy arch to make comes by using stock panels that come from a farm and ranch supply along with about four short T-posts. Secure each end of the panel to the ground to form an arch. Paint the arch black before planting for a really nice look. Now you are ready to grow purple hyacinth bean, cypress, cardinal, moon or morning glory vines. Malabar spinach (Basella alba or ruba), cucumber, vining squash and gourds can also be grown on the arch. Be ready to fashion a sling for heavier vegetables so they can develop to their potential size.

Tomatoes. Watch out for curly top virus on tomato plants. Top leaves that have curled upward, slightly slowed growth and are discolored are some of the symptoms associated with this virus. Pull it out and get rid of it before it is spread to your healthy transplants. Then replant.

Find re-leaf in this atypical West Texas weather.

Debbie Frost is a local horticulturist specializing in regionally appropriate horticulture. Email her at garden.frost@gmail.com.

The whole story: Products coined 'multi-grain' don't necessarily include whole grains

JACQUELYN WARNOCK

Ector County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent

Many people assume the terms multi-grain and whole grain are interchangeable. In reality, they are not. Multi-grain simply means there is more than one grain product found in the food, but it does not mean the grains found in the multi-grain food are whole grains. The same principle holds for food products marketed as "seven-grain."

Be sure to read the food label carefully when choosing grain products. Look for products that list a whole-grain first. Also, check the fiber value. Look for products with at least 10 percent daily value.

Grains provide our bodies with many nutrients, including dietary fiber, folate and several B vitamins. Grains also provide us with needed minerals, such as iron, magnesium and selenium. There are two subgroups of grains: whole grains and refined grains.

Whole grain foods are the healthier choice because they provide more fiber because of their use of the entire grain kernel — the bran, germ and endosperm. Refined grains have been milled, a process that removes the bran and germ. Refined grains have a finer texture and a longer shelf-life, but the dietary fiber, iron and many B vitamins have been removed. Most refined grains are enriched, meaning certain B vitamins and iron are added back after processing, but fiber is not added back to enriched grains.

The amount of grains a person needs to eat daily depends on several factors, including age, gender and level of physical activity. The USDA recommends that half of all the grains eaten should be whole grains. Examples of whole grains include whole wheat flour, bulgur (cracked wheat), oatmeal, whole cornmeal and brown rice.

For more information on whole grains or whole grain recipes, call 498-4071.

Banana Berry Muffins

Makes 12 servings

Nonstick cooking spray
4 tablespoons applesauce
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg
2 ripe bananas, mashed
2 tablespoons water
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup whole wheat flour
1/4 cup quick cooking oats
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup blueberries or strawberries (fresh or frozen)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray. In a medium-size bowl, combine applesauce, sugar, egg, banana and water. Mix well.

In a large bowl, mix flours, oats, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

Add the applesauce mixture to the bowl with the dry ingredients; mix just until batter is moist. Gently add berries into the mixture.

Fill each muffin cup about 3/4 full of batter. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes until lightly brown. Cool for 10 minutes and remove from pan.

Sources: USDA MyPlate www.choosemyplate.gov/food-groups/grains.

AP file photo

Mangos replace the usual tomatoes, and cucumber is added to stretch the sugars in this chilled mango gazpacho. For punches of flavor, add some heat from pepper flakes and red curry powder.

MELISSA D'ARABIAN

Food Network star Melissa d'Arabian is an expert on healthy eating on a budget.

A soup suitable for a picnic? Cue the mango gazpacho please

My daughter, Valentine, fell in love with mango the second she had her first bite of the creamy orange flesh when she was 2, and she dutifully repeated back the name of this wonderful fruit. In fact, she loved mango so much that she started to use the word "mango" as a descriptor to mean "delicious." For years, after eating anything she particularly loved, she called it "mango," with her sweet, deliberate toddler pronunciation.

I agree with Valentine. I love all fresh fruit, but the unique taste of mango reminds me of my childhood when we would travel to Mexico to visit friends and eat mangos around the clock.

This summer fruit is jammed with vitamin C (one mango has almost a full day's recommended supply), and also provides a host of other vitamins. Like other fruits, though, mango gets its great flavor from sugar. Yes, they are natural sugars, and the natural fiber keeps my kids from eating the quantity of mango that they'd probably down if they were drinking, say, just the juice.

Still, we want to be mindful of the fact that 1 cup of ripe mango can have 20 to 25 grams of sugar.

While my whole family most often eats mango simply sliced or sucking straight off the pit, I love the way mango's sweetness balances out spicy dishes. In this mango gazpacho, I swap mangos for the usual tomatoes, and stretch the sugars by bulking up the soup with refreshing cucumber. For punches of flavor, I add some heat from pepper flakes and red curry powder.

It's a perfect chilled summer soup. Serve in small Mason jars for a fun picnic, or even in tiny espresso or shot glasses as soup shooters for a crowd.

Chilled mango gazpacho

Start to Finish: 10 minutes, plus chilling
Servings: 6

3 mangos, peeled, pitted and roughly chopped (about 3 cups flesh)
1 1/2 English cucumbers, peeled, seeded and roughly chopped
1 red bell pepper, halved, cored and chopped
1 cup light coconut milk
1/2 cup vegetable broth
3/4-inch chunk fresh ginger
1 to 2 teaspoons red curry powder, to taste (optional)
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint, plus extra
Kosher salt and ground black pepper

In a blender, combine 1 cup of the mango, 1/2 of the cucumber, 1/2 of the bell pepper, the coconut milk, vegetable broth, ginger, curry powder, pepper flakes and vinegar. Puree until smooth, about 1 full minute. Add the remaining mango, cucumber, bell pepper and 2 tablespoons of mint. Pulse several times to just finely chop, but not puree.

Refrigerate, covered, for at least 2 hours. Stir well before serving, then ladle into canning jars and sprinkle additional mint over the top.

Nutrition information per serving: 100 calories; 25 calories from fat (25 percent of total calories); 2.5 g fat (1.5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 110 mg sodium; 18 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 14 g sugar; 2 g protein

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LATE NIGHT

From 2B

level," Burnett said. "Bill, like Dave, never latches onto the most obvious take. They both in their own way understand the world and have a view that is 10 percent off to the side. In some ways, Bill really embodies the sensibility of the 'Late Show' and knows how to maximize that to great effect."

Perhaps because of his sketch comedy background on "Saturday Night Live," Murray appreciates writers and works with them to make the appearances special, Burnett said.

Steve Martin is similar, and his appearances were precisely scripted. Murray adds unpredictability. One year, Burnett and his team kicked around several ideas with Murray in advance. One was that Murray wanted to give staff members a break, and would do things like operate cameras during the show. Another idea was that Murray, in his "lounge singer" mode, would declare that "there's not enough love in the world." On the show, he grabbed a camera, dubbed it "Bill Murray's love cam" and stalked into the audience.

"Bill's idea was a million times better than either of the two ideas individually," Burnett said. "He turned it into something incredible."

Murray's utter lack of fear and willingness to throw himself completely into what he's doing made him special. Will Ferrell can approach him in the physical comedy, but Murray worked on all levels. "You know how they say you can learn a lot from your defeats?" he said once when things weren't going as well as he'd hoped. "Then this appearance will be very educational for me."

The Liberace get-up notwithstanding, in later years Murray and Letterman have relied less on comic routines and more on just talking, Burnett said.

"There's only a small handful of people that can have a conversation with Dave on a certain level, who are really his equal," he said. "To see Dave and Bill Murray, two comedy icons who share a mutual respect and genuinely like each other ... hang back and have a conversation is in some ways better than anything we can prepare."

MORE FROM CRUDEFEST

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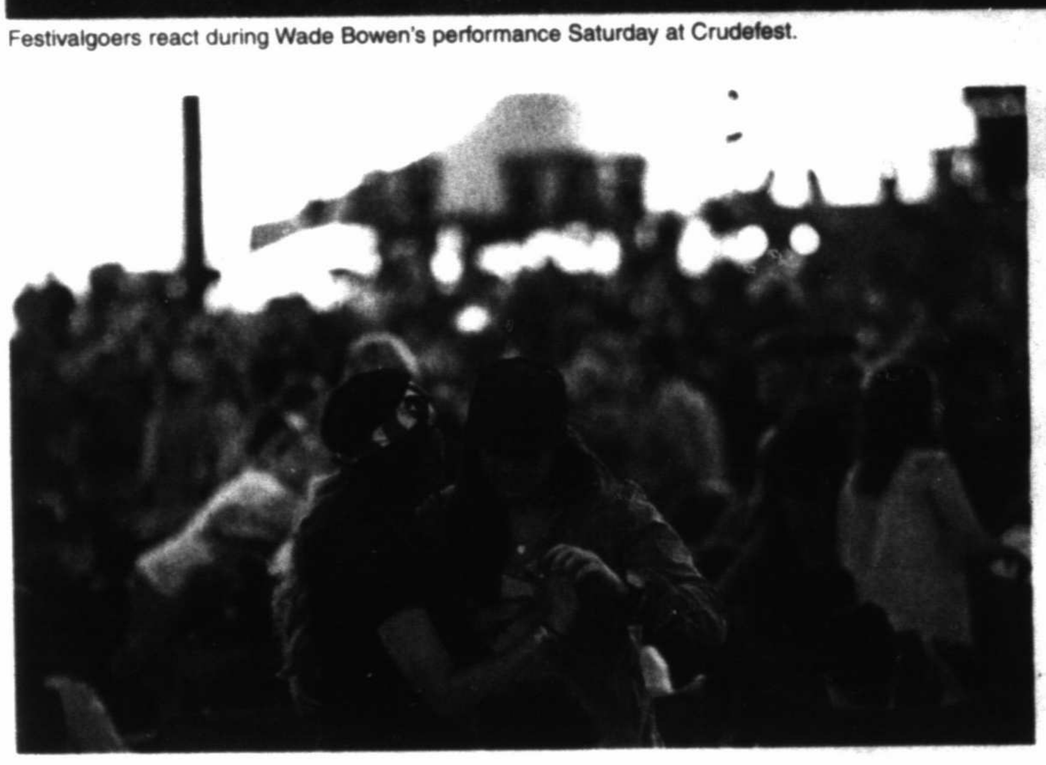
Festivalgoers react during Wade Bowen's performance Saturday at Crudefest.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

Big Spring is home to junior college for deaf students

"The majority of our students would probably take issue with the statement that they have a handicap. They don't view themselves as being handicapped or disabled. They view themselves as being different, but in a good way."

That quote is from Danny Campbell, dean of academic affairs at the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf in Big Spring. It's known as SWID and is a part of Howard College. The school opened in 1980 on the former Webb Air Force Base.

"It was a culture shock for me, because I was the only hearing faculty member," Campbell said. "All the other instructors here were deaf. So, I never saw a hearing person all day long at work. It was a bit of an adjustment that first year."

The campus in Big Spring holds classes for 120 students, but the facility offers online classes in American Sign Language for students all over the state. Campbell is currently teaching a biology class in ASL so deaf students at other colleges can take the course on their own campus.

Forty percent of the students in Big Spring are from Texas. Twenty students are from foreign countries. Campbell said it's the only junior college for the deaf in the world.

"We're quite proud of that. Deaf students have an opportunity to get an education at a place that is affordable and helpful. We constantly track the students' progress and encourage them to do their best. It's a very deaf-friendly environment," he said. Campbell learned sign language because he had a sister with a hearing problem.

The school has basketball and volleyball teams called the Rattlers. The first president of SWID, Dr. Douglas Burke, had a hand in naming the mascot.

"The very first day the school opened in 1980, we were meeting with the first group of students, which numbered somewhere between 15 and 20. Dr. Burke introduced the faculty to the students. We were all sitting in one room and he went around the teaching staff giving their names and fields of study. When he got to me, he introduced me not as Daniel Campbell but as Daniel Boone. He said that I was a direct descendant of the famous Daniel Boone from Kentucky and that he had hired me because I was a specialist in genetics. And he just made this up. I had no idea it was coming.

"He said that I was hired because of West Texas rattlesnakes and the fear that goes along with them. Rattlesnakes warn hearing people but they don't warn deaf people. So he had hired me to mate rattlesnakes with lightning bugs so that the babies' tails would light up instead of rattle, thereby warning deaf people. And he said it was only appropriate because rattlesnakes are deaf. He made up this long tale about why I had been hired and everything. Shortly after that, we picked the rattlesnake as our mascot." An artist painted a picture of a rattlesnake with a light bulb on its tail. It hung in Burke's office.

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TODAY: Showers High: 88 Low: 67

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 86 Low: 62

THURSDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 69 Low: 61

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 81 Low: 67

SATURDAY: Partly sunny High: 84 Low: 64

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 85 Low: 65

Local forecast

The National Weather Service is forecasting a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms — with hail and damaging winds — today and a 50 percent chance tonight. On Wednesday and Thursday, there is a 30 percent to 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, and on Thursday, temperatures will be below average.

The high on Monday reached 90, while the low dropped to 62. The record high for May 18 is 105 set in 2003. The record low is 45 set in 1986 and 1969.

Weather why

Q: Is it true that tornadoes always move in the same direction?

That's not true, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Tornadoes can move in any direction," he said. "Most of them move from the southwest to the northeast, but not all. It used to be thought that all tornadoes moved to the northeast, but now we know that they can move in any direction. Tornadoes develop out of thunderstorms, and they generally move in whatever direction the thunderstorm is moving.

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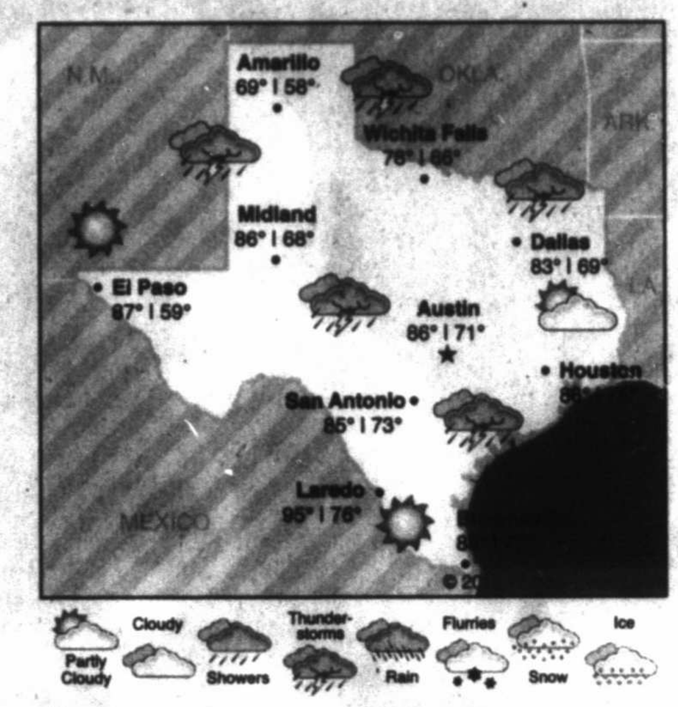


Precipitation

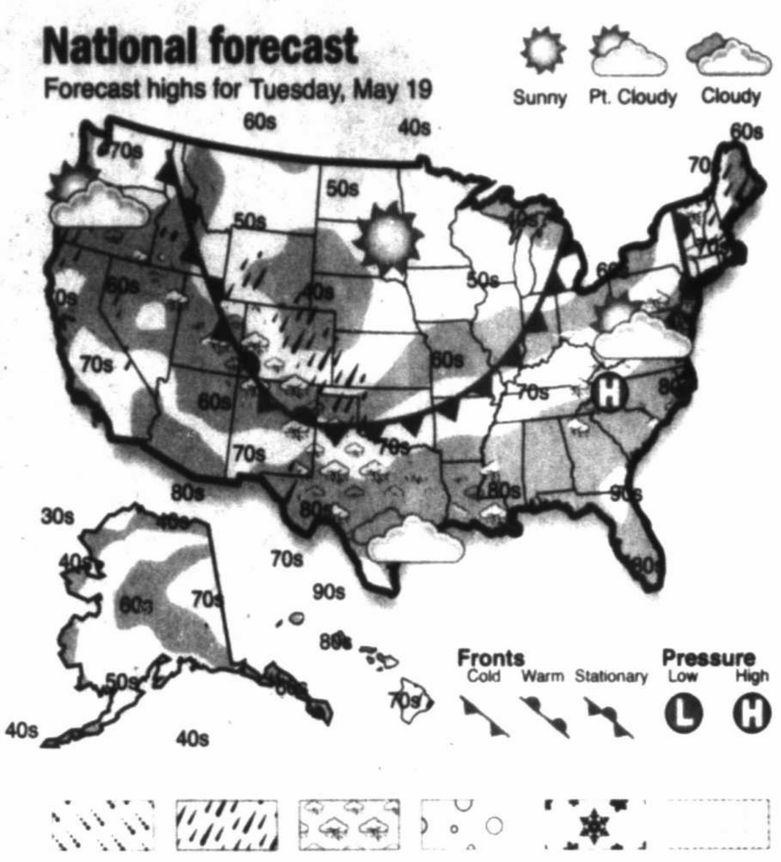
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	trace
Month total	1.85 in.
Year total	7.49 in.
Normal total (year to date)	3.94 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	90
Low	62
Normal high	88
Normal low	60
Sunrise	6:49 a.m.
Sunset	8:42 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, May 19



Husband's caring ministry doesn't extend to wife

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 have been married to the same man for 20 years. He likes having people around ALL the time, and because he is a minister, we often can't avoid it. I have tried to accommodate his friends and hangers-on, but lately it's becoming unbearable. He will say "yes" to people who have been evicted, and I find myself sharing living quarters with perfect strangers or church members without prior notice.

I have tried over the years to make sense of his attitude toward me (also toward those he's offered help). I feel he cares for others and what they think of him more than what I feel or think. When I complain about his latest live-in's attitude — or anything — he brushes every issue aside and basically tells me to be a good Christian.

Right now, we have a family of three sharing our three-room house with us and our three boys. I'm thinking of leaving him when the youngest one is 13. I don't want to hurt my kids. How can I explain to them that their "nice" dad is unreasonable and irresponsible with money, and I can't bear it anymore? — REACHED MY LIMIT IN NIGERIA

DEAR REACHED: I suspect your problems "come with the territory" of being married to a minister. But a caring husband would respect and consult his wife before inviting houseguests into their home.

If you finally decide you are so unhappy you need to leave, be honest with your sons. The way you have expressed your reasons to me are clear and well stated. Because they have grown up with things always having been this way, they may think it is normal. Or, you may find they agree with you.

DEAR ABBY: I am a young woman who proposed to my high school sweetheart after graduating from college. It may seem odd for a woman to do, but I initiated our relationship in high school and then attended an all-women's college. Suffice it to say, he said he wasn't going to be the "one."

I can't understand why he rejected me, and I don't know what to do now. I thought I was making a sound decision choosing my friend because he is an engineer. Could it be that he doesn't regard me as a good enough partner because I have an art degree, or could it be insecurity on his part?

I can't imagine why he doesn't want to marry at this stage in life. We are 23. We were together for four years, and for both of us, this was our longest relationship. Part of me wonders, if I change, will he change his mind? Or does this seem like a hopeless case? — JANE DOE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR JANE: If you would like to know his reasons for not accepting your proposal, the person you must ask is him. While you feel ready to make a lifetime commitment, your boyfriend apparently hasn't reached that stage of life.

I know you're disappointed, but life doesn't always go the way we predict it will. (Sometimes it turns out even better!) So please don't try to change yourself to accommodate someone who is emotionally unavailable. You could twist yourself into a pretzel, but it wouldn't work because you aren't the problem. Accept it and move on.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Imagination

Both vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ 9 6 3 2
♡ A Q 4
♢ J 5 4
♣ A 8 6

WEST
♠ A 10
♡ 8 6
♢ A Q 10 7 6 2
♣ Q J 10

EAST
♠ K 7
♡ J 9 7 5
♢ 9 3
♣ 9 7 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ Q J 8 5 4
♡ K 10 3 2
♢ K 8
♣ K 2

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

The late Tim Seres is a legend in Australian bridge circles. Seres was South in today's deal.

The auction was typically aggressive. Seres (and his partners) always felt he could squeeze out an extra trick if he needed it. This one, however, looked especially grim. The ace of diamonds was sure to be offside from the auction and he was missing the ace and king of trumps. Seres put his great imagination to work and came up with a lie of the cards that gave him a chance.

He won the opening club lead with his king, led a club to dummy's ace and ruffed a club. Next came the ace and queen of hearts with both opponents playing high-low, to give count. Seres decided to believe them, and instead of trying to cash a third heart, he led a low trump from the board and covered East's seven with his eight! West gleefully won with his 10, but found himself end-played. West had to break the diamond suit and Seres had his game.

The defense could have done better. We can't fault West for leading the queen of clubs, or East for playing low on the first round of trumps, but how about West on the first trump? We are sure that, had Seres been sitting West, he would have chuckled as he won the first trump with the ace and got off play with the trump 10. He would never have fallen into one of his own traps.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 19, 2015:

This year your creativity emerges, but it often could cause you to go to extremes. Curbing impulsiveness might be difficult with friends cheering you on! Be aware of a tendency to be possessive or to feel as if others possess you; those feelings point to insecurity. If you are single, you will meet someone who could have a strong influence on your life. This person will be very meaningful to your life's history. If you are attached, the two of you might be quite involved with the quality of your domestic life. Romance builds after summer. GEMINI does not view life from your perspective, so getting along might be challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You'll swing from one position to another with obvious mood changes. Recognize that you are lucky, so it would be wise to pursue a major change. You'll have a lot going for you as long as you don't act erratically. Tonight: Speak your mind, but be diplomatic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Your more possessive side emerges when having a discussion about funds and long-term financial directions. You will gain insight into your motives, as well as others', by heading in a certain direction. You might have a lot to integrate. Tonight: Be reasonable with spending.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You seem to be easygoing despite a disruptive element that runs through your plans. Honor your obligations. You can cover only so much ground. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. Be open to accepting an offer from a friend. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Your instincts will guide you in a new direction. Take charge, and be as effective as possible. If your emotions seem out of control, step back and handle an important matter that could help you calm down. You can't count on others' reactions. Tonight: Not to be found.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You'll be in your element when surrounded by friends who are asking what needs to be done. You exude confidence, and as a result, a meeting will work out in your favor. News from a distance opens you up to new possibilities. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You could feel as if you don't have a choice, as you might be pressured by a boss. You will do what is needed. Your ingenuity is likely to emerge and help you accept disruption as part of the plan, which will keep your schedule intact. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. Though the conversation could be void of intense words of affection, the caring will be evident. You might be shocked by someone else's response. Do some thinking about what you have heard. Tonight: Daydream time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Deal with someone directly. You could be tired of seeing a situation in a certain light. Laughter and caring are the natural outcomes of being more relaxed and detached. Your creativity will prove to be enormously healing. Tonight: Revise a decision.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might be in a position where you'll have to make a decision that you would prefer not to make. Detach and talk to people who know more about the situation than you do. Try not to act impulsively, as someone else involved could be very reactive. Tonight: Let go of problems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Pace yourself. Be sure to make time for a loved one. You are easygoing and will be willing to make an adjustment. An unexpected twist could take you in a new direction. A personal matter is likely to steal center stage. Tonight: Head to the gym or walk the dog.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Your perspective could be changing, even though it might not yet be outwardly expressed. Unexpected news or an off-the-wall comment could ground you and bring you back to the here and now. Use caution with financial dealings. Tonight: Time for fun and games.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You have been going through a lot lately. You might be feeling a bit off-kilter. Tension seems to be building around your personal life. Zero in on what is important to you. Don't sell yourself short. You have what it takes to deal with a problem. Tonight: Lie low.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Grace Jones (1948), entrepreneur Rohan Marley (1972), bassist Dusty Hill (1949)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Netherlands dairy export
5 Needle
10 Car designer Ferrari
14 O'Hara plantation
15 Hunt of "As Good as It Gets"
16 Café au __
17 Bunch of builders?
19 Ferrari, e.g.
20 Salty expanse
21 Peter, Paul and Mary, e.g.
22 White terner, familiarly
24 Finished
25 "He __ Heavy, He's My Brother"
26 Derby drinks
29 Talking heads
32 Adidas rival
33 Magazine unit
34 Bloke
36 Gambling town at the foot of the Sierra Nevadas
37 Found new digs
38 Sonny & Cher surname
39 Took to court
40 Phone button abbr.
41 Historic Vegas hotel, with "the"
42 Before-marriage contracts, briefly
44 Mix at a party
45 Like Santa's cheeks
46 Cottage cheese lump
47 South Dakota's capital
50 Boarding pass information
51 Boxing stat
54 Not pro
55 Bunch of valets?
58 Tend to a pressing task
59 Not from Earth
60 Soccer superstar
61 Bumper defect
62 Scatterbrained
63 Sewer's row

DOWN

1 Hot times in Cannes
2 Take a chance
3 Word with gray or play
4 Scottish name prefix
5 Rose protectors
6 Like many a Poe story
7 Too
8 "What'd I tell you?"
9 Woven together
10 Bunch of contortionists?
11 Ship-related: Abbr.
12 Pasta that sounds like two letters
13 Oklahoma tribe
18 Sporty sunroofs
23 Finish
24 Bunch of cryptologists?
25 Wood shop tool
26 Cookie holders
27 Run out of
28 Ship with staterooms
29 Lays down blacktop
30 Bit of beach footwear
31 Mortgage-issuing inst.
33 Flanders Fields flower
35 One in a model's repertoire
37 Computer user's accessory
41 Warning to pull over
43 Swe. neighbor
44 Crime on the Bounty
46 Bakery array
47 Picked up the tab
48 Crucifix inscription
49 Prince William's alma mater
50 Spunk
51 Swiss surrealist Paul
52 "Return of the Jedi" dancing girl
53 Wineglass feature
56 __ Baba
57 High-tech rte. finder

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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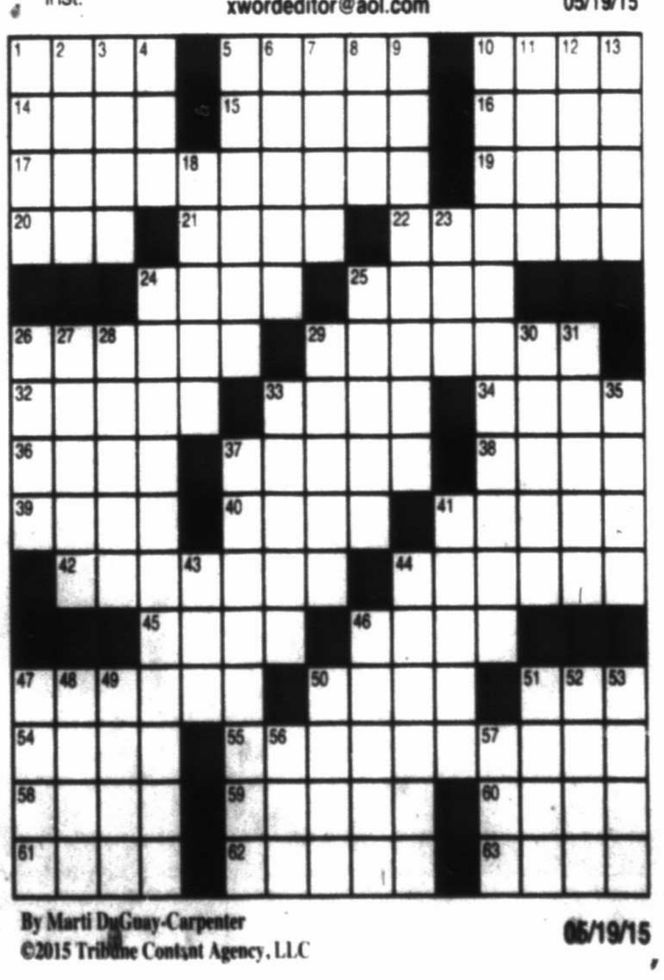

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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK
"Pitch Perfect 2"

Get ready for an avalanche of a cappella, once the "Pitch Perfect 2" juggernaut kicks into high gear.

The sequel to the surprise smash that launched millions of videos of kids singing with plastic cups hit theaters Friday, and the "Pitch Perfect 2" soundtrack reflects the higher stakes.

The first single from the soundtrack is Jessie J's version of "Flashlight," a song co-written by Sam Smith, Sia and others that serves as the movie's theme. It's an inspirational ballad that soars like Beyoncé's "Halo" and is easily Jessie J's best single yet. Of course, as Anna Kendrick's success with "Cups" showed last time, a big-name singer isn't needed to land a song from this franchise on the radio.

In fact, let's hope Rebel Wilson's part-jokey, part-faithful version of Pat Benatar's 1984 classic "We Belong" somehow becomes a radio staple.

The other potential single here is the dance anthem "Crazy Youngsters," performed by Ester Dean, best known for co-writing Nicki Minaj's "Super Bass" and also part of the "Pitch Perfect 2" cast. "Youngsters" feels like it could have come from Lady Gaga's "Born This Way" album, both in sound and theme.

However, the a cappella performances really are the focus here. On "Riff Off," the Barden Bellas and their nemesis, Das Sound Machine, face off on a medley that includes everything from Sisqo's "Thong Song" to Taylor Swift's "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together."

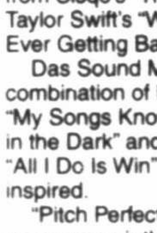
Das Sound Machine's combination of Fall Out Boy's "My Songs Know What You Did in the Dark" and DJ Khaled's "All I Do Is Win" is also quite inspired.

"Pitch Perfect 2" serves more as a souvenir than a hit-filled soundtrack, which should be just fine for the franchise's legions of fans.

Glen Gamboa/Newsday

SNOOP DOGG
"Bush"

Snoop Dogg and Pharrell Williams made magic together more than a decade ago, and now the rapper and producer are doing it again.



Snoop Dogg and Williams, who collaborated on the infectious hit "Beautiful" and the chart-topping "Drop It Like It's Hot," is impressive on "Bush," Snoop Dogg's 13th studio album.

Snoop Dogg continues to venture away from his gangsta rap persona, singing for much of the 10-track album, which is full of easygoing funk melodies. In typical Snoop Dogg form, he sings about the West Coast on the standout songs "This City" and "California Roll," with Williams on the chorus and Stevie Wonder playing the harmonica.

The 43-year-old rapper changed his stage name back to Snoop Dogg after a brief stint as reggae artist Snoop Lion. Kudos to Williams for putting Snoop Dogg in a position to make that happen.

Jonathan Landrum Jr./AP

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

BB King and his band perform Jan. 13, 2013, at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

Blues great B.B. King's legacy lives on in Mississippi

By Adrian Sanz
Associated Press

INDIANOLA, Miss. — Outside Indianola, B.B. King was a blues superstar, a guitar legend who inspired Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton and countless other musicians. But in this small farming town in north Mississippi, he was known as Mr. Riley. And he'd return here each year to meet with friends and relatives, and to play the blues for townspeople out in the sun on Church Street.

"They would come and stand around and listen to him. He would stay there practically all day," said Ruthie King, a 65-year-old who is not related to the bluesman. "You could hear the guitar all over town because he had an amplifier."

B.B. King, born as Riley B. King, died at 89 on Thursday at his home in Las Vegas.

Ruthie King said she found out Mr. Riley had died from her son in a text message Friday morning, which referenced the musician's biggest hit.

"He said 'Good morning, mom, the thrill is gone,'" she said.

The future King of the Blues was born in 1925 to sharecropper parents in a long-gone cabin along a creek in Berclair, a community near the tiny town of Itta Bena. His parents soon split, his mother died young and his grandmother then died, as well, leaving him to raise and pick an acre of cotton by himself in the even smaller town of Kilmichael.

He eventually joined a cousin in Indianola, where he first gained attention singing gospel on a street corner as a 17-year-old. He later made his name playing in Memphis, Tennessee, and then touring the world. But he always came home.

Ruthie King said she first met the bluesman when she was 6 or 7. Mr. Riley would go to her mother's house to visit before performing for the town.

"He would tell his managers or his camp, 'Hands off. I'm going to Indianola and I'm going to do what I want to do and I'm going to see my friends, don't bother me,'" said Bill McPherson, president of the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center. "It was an exhausting three or four days. He was tough. His endurance was unbelievable."

Indianola still has just 10,300 people, but for more than three decades, it's where King hosted the B.B. King Homecoming, a summer music festival that brought big crowds to town.

His life story is told at the museum, which opened here in 2008, attracting visitors from around the world who seek an authentic American roots music experience. But at King's insistence, the small museum has become a community center, hosting music camps for children, offering docent jobs to young adults, and sponsoring seminars on such topics as controlling diabetes, a disease King had for years.

Tourists trickled into the museum Friday to pay their respects. Outside, a black ribbon tied in a bow adorned the neck of a statue of King's guitar "Lucille." Tourists took pictures posing next to it.

A lot of entertainers "denied where they're from because they were ashamed of it," said a longtime King friend, Carver Randle, whose Indianola law office has a mural-sized, black-and-white photo of the young bluesman on an outside wall.

"B.B. has never been ashamed to say he was from Indianola, and he claims Indianola as his home," Randle said. "So, that stands out in my mind, in letting me know the humility of the man."

King's legacy also can be found in a recording studio named in his honor at historically black Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, and in the blues archive at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, where King donated about 8,000 of his recordings — mostly 33, 45 and 78 rpm records, but also some Edison wax cylinders. Archive curator Greg Johnson said some of the recordings were of King himself, but many were of other artists King admired, including the Belgian-born guitarist Django Reinhardt. The collection also includes about 50 foreign language courses from which King learned phrases to use on stage during international tours.

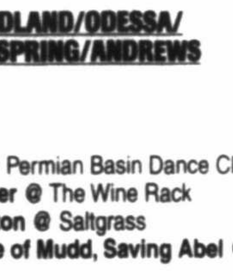
"The sheer number of people who have been influenced by him is pretty staggering," Johnson said. "Also, just his generosity — that sort of transcends everything."

King kept up a grueling schedule, performing 100 nights a year well into his 80s, nearly 18,000 concerts in 90 countries during his lifetime, author Charles Sawyer, who wrote "The Arrival of B.B. King" in 1980, said Friday. He did it partly because aside from "The Thrill is Gone," King lacked the kind of big hits that brought in huge royalties. But he also felt responsible for the livelihood of the people who put his concerts together, and because he simply loved connecting with audiences, Sawyer said.

But King kept coming back.

He frequently performed at the annual Medgar Evers Homecoming, a Jackson-area celebration that honors the memory of the Mississippi NAACP leader slain in 1963.

This week's releases

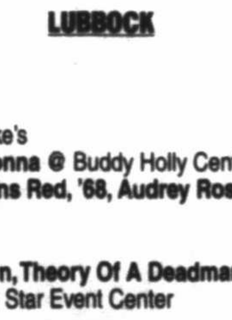


Faith No More 'Sol Invictus'

Sammy Hagar & The Circle 'At Your Service'

Twenty One Pilots 'Blurryface'

Brandon Flowers 'The Desired Effect'



Mariah Carey '#1 to Infinity'

LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

May

19 **Black Gold** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
20 **Brant Croucher** @ The Wine Rack
20 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
21 **Saliva, Puddle of Mudd, Saving Abel** @ Hacienda
21 **Tyler Farr** @ Graham Central Station
21 **Showdown** @ West Texas Dance Club
21 **Lowdown** @ The Wine Rack
21 **Casey Berry, Clayton Gardner** @ Rockin Rodeo
21 **Dan Johnson and the Salt Cedar Rebels** @ Lone Star Bar
21 **Waco & Julie** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
21 **Justin Langston** @ Bottoms Up
21 **Joesph King** @ Basin Burger House
22 **Noel Olivas** @ Lone Star Bar
22 **Uncle Lucius, Tyler and the Tribe** @ Hacienda
22 **Southbound 35** @ The Detour
22 **Possum Posse** @ Blue Max
22 **Keith Owens Band** @ Redneck's
22 **Mike Hernandez Band, The Electric Cowboys** @ Cabana Sports Bar
22-23 **Dirty Glass** @ Hot Shots
22-23 **Forgotten Road** @ The Bar
22-23 **Jenni Dale Lord Band** @ Your Place
23 **Grace Askew** @ Basin Burger House
23 **Wolf 359** @ The Wine Rack
23 **Creed Fisher** @ Corky's
23 **Beau Taylor & Spurr 644** @ The Beer Garden
23 **Flaw, Seasons After, Order 66, First Decree** @ Blue Max
23 **Justin Langston** @ Hotel Settles
24 **Unspoken** @ First Baptist Church
24 **Ronnie Eaton** @ Rockin Rodeo
26 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
26 **Shane Smith** @ Rockin Rodeo
26 **Mothership, Mycah, Chaotic Resemblance** @ Blue Max
26 **Jay Statham Band** @ Redneck's
27 **Motionless in White, Follow the Awakened, All Falls Down, Kilter, Euphoric** @ Club Patron
27 **Lone Star Brass** @ Midland County Public Library Centennial branch
27 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
28 **Brant Travis** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
28 **Thieving Birds** @ Basin Burger House
28 **Lowdown** @ The Wine Rack
28 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club
28 **Justin Langston** @ Bottoms Up
28 **Shane Smith & The Saints** @ Rockin Rodeo
28 **The Rocketz, OC 45, Matthew James, Erik Arvoy/The Drunken Drunks** @ Blue Max
29 **Glove Box** @ The Detour
29 **Cami Maki** @ 10 Sports Bar
29-30 **Who'z Drivun'** @ Your Place
29-30 **Cory Dutton** @ The Bar
30 **Rodney Parker & The 50 Peso Reward** @ Basin Burger House
30 **Murf** @ The Wine Rack
30 **Dolly Shine, Tanner Louis And The Aviators** @ Lone Star Bar
30 **Brad Good Band** @ Redneck's
30 **Cami Maki** @ Beer Garden
30 **Kiel Groove, Matt Woods** @ Blue Max
31 **10 Years, Skytown Riot, Islander** @ Club Patron
31 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Music City Mall

June

2 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
3 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
4 **Jason Eddy** @ Basin Burger House
4 **Steve Miller Band, Justin Langston** @ Wagner Noel
4 **Johnny and Susie Band** @ West Texas Dance Club
5 **Mark McKinney** @ Lone Star Bar
5 **David Lee Garza y Los Musicales, Jimmy Gonzalez y Mazz, Juan P. Moreno** @ Mex-Tex Family Fiesta
5-6 **Santa Fe Band featuring Wilvis** @ Your Place

LUBBOCK

June

7 **Hinder** @ Jake's
11 **Wendy Colonna** @ Buddy Holly Center
16 **August Burns Red, '68, Audrey Rose** @ ake's

July

4 **3 Doors Down, Theory Of A Deadman** @ Amphitheatre @ Lone Star Event Center

MARFA

June

14 **Steve Earle and the Dukes** @ Crowley Theater

NEW MEXICO

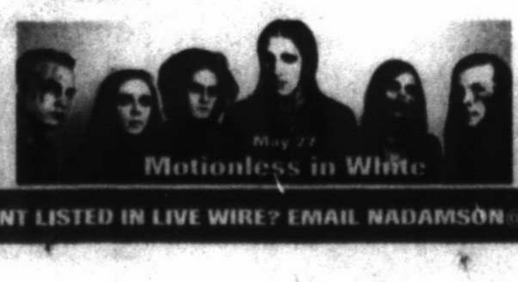
May

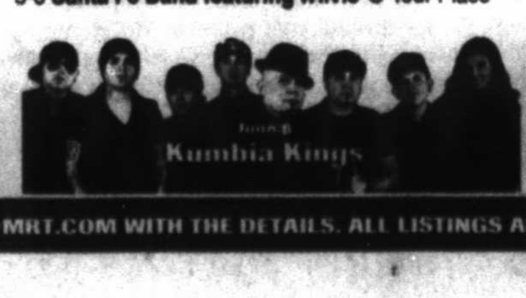
29 **Asleep at the Wheel** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

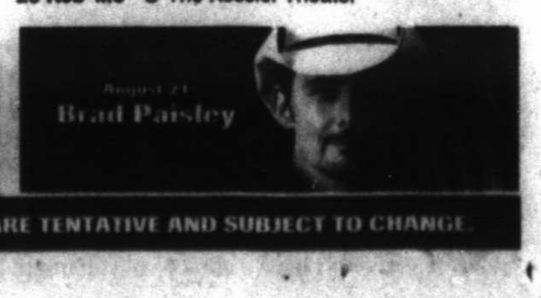
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

May

19 **Paramore, Copeland** @ Verizon Theatre
20 **Built To Spill, Clarke And The Himselfs, Wooden Indian Burial Ground** @ Granada Theater
23 **Keb' Mo'** @ The Kessler Theater







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Tannehill signs $77.7 million, 4-year extension with Miami

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — Big Spring grad Ryan Tannehill stopped the Miami Dolphins' revolving door at quarterback, and on Monday they rewarded him.

Tannehill signed a $77.7 million, four-year extension that keeps him under contract through 2020. He's the first quarterback to receive an extension from the 2012 draft class that also included the Colts' Andrew Luck, the Redskins' Robert Griffin III and the Seahawks' Russell Wilson.

"We are thrilled that we were able to sign Ryan to an extension," said Mike Tannenbaum, executive vice president of football operations. "He is an ascending talent, a team leader and checks all of the boxes you are looking for at the position."

When Tannehill joined the lineup as a rookie, he was the Dolphins' 17th starting quarterback since 2000. With the extension, he becomes their first franchise QB since Dan Marino.

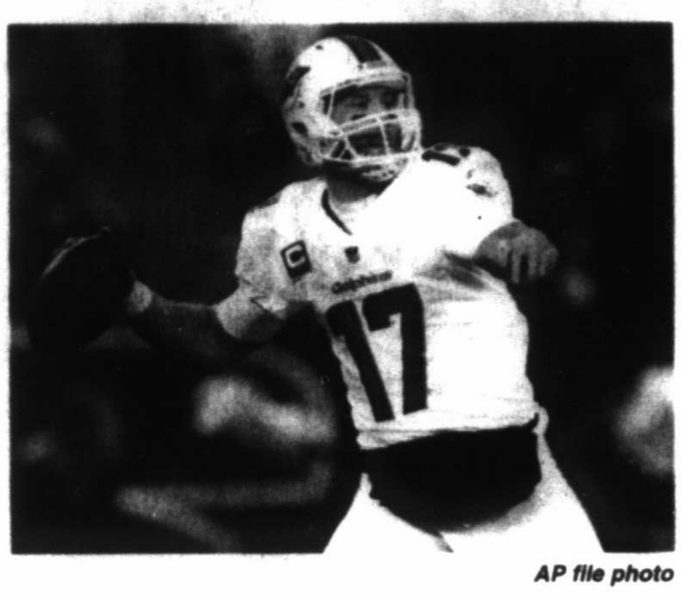
"You look back at all of the great players over the years, and most of them spent a significant amount of time in one place," Tannehill told the team's web site. "I'm blessed to be in this position to be here for the next six years."

Last month the Dolphins exercised their fifth-year, $16.2 million option for 2016 on Tannehill's rookie contract. The eighth overall pick of the 2012 draft, Tannehill has started every game in his first three seasons and improved each year, although he has yet to lead Miami to a playoff berth.

Last season he threw for 4,045 yards with 27 touchdowns, and his passer rating was 92.8. All of those figures were career highs.

"Signing Ryan to this deal is important to our franchise," general manager Dennis Hickey said. "He is a proven quarterback in this league that combines a talented skillset with work ethic, passion, toughness and a team-first mentality. We are committed and believe in Ryan as our quarterback for the long term, and we are excited to be able to sign him to this extension."

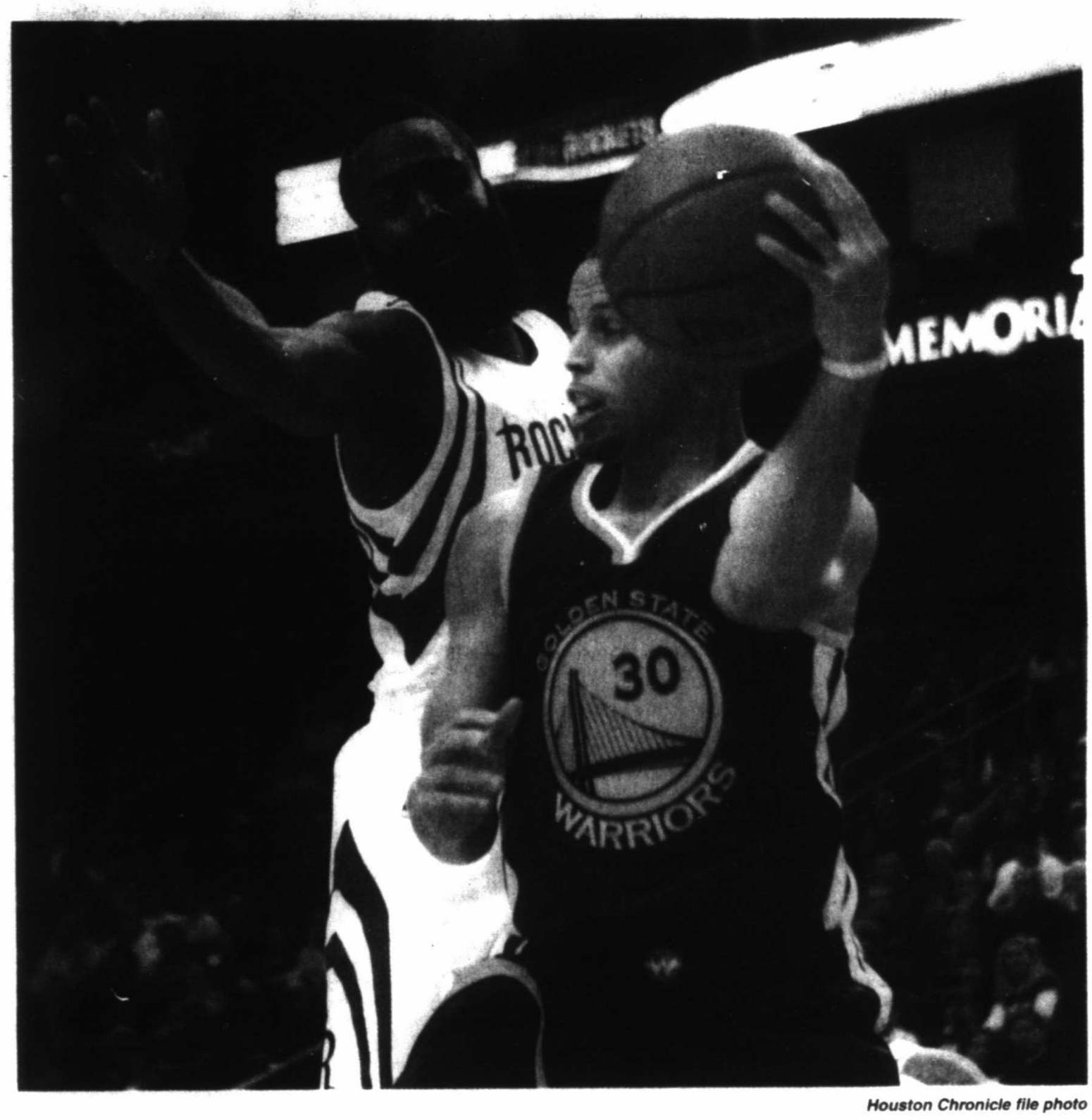
The 2016 salary will be a big increase for Tannehill after making a total of $12.7 million in the first four years of his contract. He said the extension represents a vote of confidence from the Dolphins and owner Stephen Ross.



AP file photo

Miami Dolphins quarterback and Big Spring grad Ryan Tannehill steps back to pass during a Dec. 1 game in East Rutherford, N.J.

Beyond MVP talk



Houston Chronicle file photo

Houston Rockets guard James Harden, left, defends Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry during a Nov. 8 game at the Toyota Center in Houston. The two teams meet tonight in the Western Conference finals

Rockets, Warriors playing for bigger prize

By Antonio Gonzalez
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The MVP race was decided weeks ago. Newly crowned Stephen Curry and runner-up James Harden insist there's a bigger prize they've wanted all along.

Now is their chance to compete for it.

Curry and the top-seeded Golden State Warriors will meet Harden and the rejuvenated Houston Rockets in the Western Conference finals beginning tonight.

The Baby-Faced Assassin starring opposite the Bearded One is a scintillating subplot to a series that should feature a frenetic pace and a ton of 3-point shots. But when the ball is tossed amid a sea of screaming fans in golden-yellow shirts at Oracle Arena, only one thing will be on the minds of the leading men.

"We're four wins away from getting to the Finals and one step closer to our dream," Curry said. "There's one team in our way to get there. That's it."

The Warriors went 4-0 against the Rockets in the regular season, winning by an average of 15.3 points. But a lot has changed for Houston since the teams last played Jan. 21.

Dwight Howard sat out two meetings and is playing as well as he has in years. Josh Smith has found his groove and starters Patrick Beverley and Donatas Motiejunas are out with injuries.

"We're a new team," Harden said. "It's a new series."

The Warriors rolled to a franchise-record 67 wins in the regular season,

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NBA lottery still creates hope and headlines after 30 years

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Phil Jackson remembers watching old teammate Dave DeBusschere pound his fist in triumph, when the Knicks and NBA were dual winners.

The first draft lottery in 1985 gave New York the No. 1 pick and the NBA all the publicity a league could want, plus a way to deter teams from losing on purpose.

Thirty years later, the lottery still creates hope and headlines — though it's debatable if tanking has ever gone away.

"It's unique," Jackson said. "It's a fascinating process."

It returns tonight with the Knicks, now run by Jackson, with the second-best odds of winning, perhaps for the right to choose between big men Karl-Anthony Towns of Kentucky or Jahlil Okafor of national champion Duke.

The Minnesota Timberwolves have the best chance, though they've fallen backward eight times and never won even from the pole position. The team with the worst record rarely has, going winless since the Orlando Magic got the rights to Dwight Howard in 2004.

Howard is now playing in Houston, which is where this whole lottery story begins.

The Rockets nose-dived their way toward the bottom two years running, with longtime Orlando executive and four-time lottery winner Pat Williams once saying they "not so subtly basically packed it in for the last month" on their way to getting Hakeem (then Akeem) Olajuwon in 1984.

The top pick then was determined by a coin flip between the teams with the worst records in each conference, with the remaining teams picking in inverse order of their won-lost records.

The lottery debuted in 1985 with the seven non-playoff teams having equal odds as they vied for Patrick Ewing, and conspiracy theories forever followed when Commissioner David Stern pulled the envelope of the big-market Knicks, triggering the celebration of DeBusschere, their general manager.

Envelopes have given way to ping-pong balls and the format has been tweaked through the years, though it dodged significant change last fall.

Commissioner Adam Silver, concerned about the tanking perception fueled largely by Philadelphia's strategy of angling for high draft

Please see LOTTERY/3C

IndyCar still trying to find answers to frightening crashes

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Questions concerning the level of safety headed into the Indianapolis 500 continued to mount Monday after James Hinchcliffe was injured in a crash.

Hinchcliffe's accident was caused by a suspension failure, and his car spun hard into the wall before sliding back near the apron and nearly flipping over. It titled onto two wheels, then settled back on all four.

IndyCar said Monday night the driver was stable, but in intensive care, following surgery to his left thigh.

Hinchcliffe's accident followed three incidents last week in which cars went airborne, and IndyCar on Sunday scrambled to implement rules changes before qualifying.

Even with slower speeds and reduced horsepower, drivers remain uncertain what will happen when 33 cars are running full throttle Sunday in "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

"Tough day for IndyCar — one of my good friends is hurt and in the hospital. While he's having surgery, we're driving around the track," 2013 winner Tony Kanaan said.

"We need to understand that we went on the track today to understand what we need to make a better race on Sunday for the fans."

Ed Carpenter, the only driver/owner in the series and an Indianapolis Motor Speedway standout, said no one is certain cars won't go airborne this Sunday. It was his rollover that finally led IndyCar to make changes before qualifying.

"I think that's a concern for everybody," said Carpenter, who believes IndyCar "at this point, they're doing the right thing. We're trying to understand what's going on."

Carpenter was one of three Chevrolet drivers who went airborne since last Wednesday. The fence he sailed into required repairs after the collision.

The first Honda car that crashed in practice was driven by Pippa Mann. Her car did not lift after slamming hard into the attenuator at the back end of pit lane. Hinchcliffe's accident was caused by a broken suspension part.

IndyCar CEO Mark Miles and Derrick Walker, the series' president of competition and operations, responded to safety concerns Sunday

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Jimmy Dawson/Indianapolis Star

James Hinchcliffe hits the wall in the third turn Monday during practice for the Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
BOWLING
USBC Queens, 7 p.m., ESPN2
COLLEGE BASEBALL
SEC Game 1: Ole Miss vs. Alabama, 9:30 a.m., SEC
ACC Game 1: Georgia Tech vs. Virginia, 10 a.m., FSSW
SEC Game 2: Missouri vs. South Carolina, 1 p.m., SEC
ACC Game 2: North Carolina vs. Virginia Tech, 2 p.m., FSSW
AAC Game 1: USF vs. Memphis, 2 p.m., CBSSN
SEC Game 3: Kentucky vs. Auburn, 4:30 p.m., SEC
AAC Game 2: Houston vs. Cincinnati, 7 p.m., CBSSN
SEC Game 4: Arkansas vs. Tennessee, 8 p.m., SEC
Oregon at Oregon State, 9 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA
CYCLING
Giro d'Italia, Stage 10: Civitanova Marche to Forli, 7:30 a.m., beIN/beIN2
GOLF
Ladies European Tour: Turkish Airlines Open, Third Round, 6 a.m., GOLF
MLB
Texas at Boston, 6 p.m., FSSW
NY Yan'ees at Washington, 6 p.m., MLB
Oakland at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT
LA Dodgers at San Francisco or Chic. Cubs at San Diego, 9 p.m., MLB
MEN'S SOCCER
Copa Libertadores: CS Emelec vs. Tigres UANL, 8 p.m., FOXDEP
NBA
2015 NBA Draft Lottery, 7:30 p.m., ESPN
Western Conference Finals, Game 1: Houston at Golden State, 8 p.m., ESPN
NHL
Western Conference Finals, Game 2: Chicago at Anaheim, 8 p.m., NBCSN
WHAT'S ON RADIO
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Texas at Boston, 6 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

LOCAL SPORTS

MHS GRAD SAWYER HONORED BY ASC

Midland High grad and Sul Ross State baseball player Shane Sawyer was among 24 student-athletes honored as winners of the American Southwest Conference Scholar Athletes Medals of Honor.

The award is presented to graduating student-athletes who have compiled the most outstanding record in academics, athletics and leadership over their collegiate careers. The award is presented annually by the Faculty Athletics Representative at each conference member institution.

Sawyer, a kinesiology major, has twice earned All-Conference honors in baseball, as well as being named Academic All-Conference. This season, he was named to the d3baseball.com Team of the Week.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed RHP Bud Norris on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 11. Recalled RHP Tyler Wilson from Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Assigned OF/1B Allen Craig outright to Pawtucket (IL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Assigned RHP Raul Fernandez outright to Birmingham (SL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned RHP Austin Adams to Columbus (IL). Reinstated INF Mike Aviles from the restricted list. Sent C Yan Gomes to Columbus (IL) for a rehab assignment. Announced the retirement of LHP Bruce Chen.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed RHP Samuel Deduno on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Thursday. Selected the contract of RHP Lance McCullers from Fresno (PCL). Transferred SS Jed Lowrie to the 60-day DL.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned 1B Kennys Vargas to Rochester (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Agreed to terms with LHP Ohtar Duran on a minor league contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Designated LHP Jeff Francis for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Todd Redmond from Buffalo (IL). Recalled RHP Scott Copeland from Buffalo.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with RHP Seth Webster on a minor league contract. Placed INF infielder Phil Gosselin on the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of INF Adonis Garcia from Gwinnett (IL).
MIAMI MARLINS — Named Dan Jennings manager and Mike Goff bench coach.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned INF Scooter Gennett to Colorado Springs (PCL). Recalled RHP Corey Knebel from Colorado Springs.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed RHP Chad Billingsley on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Recalled RHP Hector Neris from Lehigh Valley (IL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Designated RHP Erik Cordier for assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned RHP Erik Davis to Syracuse (IL). Sent LHP Felipe Rivero to Syracuse for a rehab assignment.
American Association
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Released RHP Cody Fassold and LHP Brian Del Rosso.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed RHP Randy Henry. Released LHP Tyler Fletcher.
LAREDO LEMURS — Released INF Chase Tucker.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Sent RHP Ray Hanson to River City (Frontier) to complete an earlier trade.
Atlantic League
SUGAR LAND SKEETERS — Signed RHPs Ramon Delgado and Josh Geer.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released RHP Keith Bloodieu.
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed INF Jonathan Malo. RHP Karl Gelinas. LHP Jay Johnson and Ca Jean-Luc Blaquiere and Josue Pelay.
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released RHP Andrew R Taylor.
Frontier League
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Released RHP Brandon Hallford and LHP Michael O'Neal.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed RB David Johnson and TE Gerald Christian.
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed LB Tony Steward.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed LB P.J. Dawson. CB Josh Shaw and DT Marcus Hardison.
CLEVEL' \'D BROWNS — Signed WR Vince Mayle and LB Hayes Pullard.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Released FB Jed Collins. Signed FB Tyler Clutts.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed WR Rashad Greene.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed QB Ryan Tannehill to a four-year contract extension.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released CB Chimdi Chekwa. LB Cameron Gordon and WR Devin Gardner. Signed LB Brandon Spikes.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed WRs Josh Morgan and Kyle Prater. LB Henry Coley. PK Zach Hocker and DL Antonio Johnson.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Announced the retirement of DL Justin Smith.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Placed RB Demitrus Bronson on the waived/injured list. Signed WR Deshon Foxx.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with TE Tevin Westbrook and LB Dezmond Johnson. Waived RB Lache Seastrunk and LB Dontay Moch.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Released T Brey Cook. LB James Gayle. QB Connor Halliday. DL LaKendrick Ross and WR Tyler Rutenbeck. Signed OT Tovar Alen. QB Hutson Mason. DL Daryl Ward and LBs Houston Bates. Dasman McCullum and Alonzo Highsmith.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed LB Dericos Allen. Released DB Shea Pierre.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Announced the contracts for their AHL coaching staff Ray Edwards. John Slaney. Trent Whitfield and Alfie Michaud will not be renewed.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled Fs Phillip Danault and Ryan Hartman and Ds Ville Pokka and Viktor Svedberg from the Rockford (AHL) COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Announced the resignation of assistant general manager Chris MacFarland.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Named Dave Hakstol coach.
American Hockey League
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Assigned F Alden Hirschfeld to Toledo (ECHL).
ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Florida F Mitch Wahl for the first six games of the 2015-16 season.
READING ROYALS — Promoted Heather Hefty to vice president of finance.
COLLEGE
BUFFALO — Named Julius Hodge director of men's basketball player personnel.
CARTHAGE — Named Josh Henry men's track and field coach. Jeff Bonfiglio associate head men's and women's track and field coach and Chris Barker director of athletic operations.
CLAYTON STATE — Named Keneshia McKee athletics business manager.
FELICIAN — Named Ivan Lewis men's basketball coach.
HOBART — Announced the resignation of defensive coordinator Nick Grange.
HOFSTRA — Announced F Denton Koon has transferred from Princeton.
ILLINOIS — Promoted women's assistant basketball coach and recruiting coordinator LaKeil Mallone to associate head coach.
LIU BROOKLYN — Named Stephanie Oliver women's basketball coach.
LOUISIANA TECH — Named Eric Konkol men's basketball coach.
MARQUETTE — Announced G Andrew Rowsey will transfer from UNC-Asheville.
NEW JERSEY CITY — Named Gary Preston Jr womens tennis coach.
NORTH DAKOTA — Promoted men's assistant hockey coach Brad Berry to head coach.
POST (CONN.) — Named Ronnie Palmer director of athletics.
PROVIDENCE — Announced C Paschal Chukwu will leave the men's basketball team.
SEATTLE — Fired Dan Powers, softball coach, and Mark Frisby, men's and women's tennis coach.
TEMPLE — Named Dr. Patrick M. Kraft athletic director replacing Kevin Clark who was named executive vice president and chief operating officer.
TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN — Named Lance Morgan general manager of corporate sales and sponsorships.
THE CITADEL — Announced the resignation of assistant wrestling coach Tucker Lane.
UALR — Announced men's basketball G Jermaine Puttley is transferring from Florida A&M.
WASHINGTON (MD.) — Named Aaron Goodman men's basketball coach.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Friday
At Moscow, Grigory Drozd vs. Krzysztof Wlodarczyk, 12, for Drozd's WBC World cruiserweight title; Alexander Povetkin vs. Mike Perez, 12,, heavyweights.
At Omega Products International, Corona, Calif. (ESPN2), Andrey Fedosov vs. Donovan Dennis, 10, heavyweights; Brandon Adams vs. John Thompson, 10, super welterweights.
At The D Hotel & casino, Las Vegas (CBSSN), Richard Commey vs. Bahodir Mamadjonov, 12, for the vacant IBF Inter-Continental lightweight title.
Saturday
At Aggania Arena, Boston (NBC), James DeGale vs. Andre Dirrell, 12, for vacant IBF super middleweight title; Edwin Rodriguez vs. Craig Baker, 10, light heavyweights; Gary O'Sullivan vs. Melvin Betancourt, 10, middleweights.
May 29
At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Spike), Amir Khan vs. Chris Algieri, 12, welterweights; Bryan Vasquez vs. Javier Fortuna, 12, for vacant WBA World junior lightweight title.
At W.C. Handy Pavilion, Memphis (CBSSN), Lateef Kayode vs. Nick Kisner, 10, cruiserweights.
May 30
At O2 Arena, London, Jorge Linares vs. Kevin Mitchell, 12, for Linares' WBC World lightweight title; Evgeny Gradovich vs. Lee Selby, 12, for Gradovich's IBF featherweight title; Kell Brook vs. Frankie Gavin, 12, for Brook's IBF welterweight title; Anthony Joshua vs. Kevin Johnson, 10, heavyweights; Dave Ryan vs. John Wayne Hibbert, 12, for Ryan's Commonwealth junior welterweight title; Scotty Cardle vs. Craig Evans, 12, for the vacant British lightweight title.
At Tijuana, Mexico, Javier Mendoza vs. Milan Melindo, 12, for Mendoza's IBF junior flyweight title; Byron Rojas vs. Eduardo Martinez, 12, minimumweights.
June 4
At Belasco Theater, Los Angeles (FS1), Jayson Velez vs. Daniel Ramirez, 10, featherweights.
June 9
At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. (HBO), Miguel Cotto vs. Daniel Geale, 12, for Cotto's WBC World middleweight title.
At StubHub Center, Carson, Calif., Jesus Marcelo Andres Cuellar vs. Vic Darchinyan, 12, for Cuellar's WBA World featherweight title.
June 13
At UIC Pavilion, Chicago (Spike), Erislandy Lara vs. Delvin Rodriguez, 12, for Lara's WBA World junior middleweight title; Artur Beterbiev vs. Doudou Ngumbu, 10, light heavyweights.
June 19
At Whitchurch Sports Centre, Bristol, England, Lee Haskins vs. Ryosuke Iwasa, 12, for the interim IBF bantamweight title.
At Madison Square Garden Theater, New York (HBO), Nicholas Walters vs. Miguel Maestaga, 12, for Walters' WBA Super World featherweight title; Orlando Salido vs. Ivan Najera, 10, lightweights.

Sockers FC win PDL opener in Albuquerque

From staff reports

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Sockers FC opened the PDL schedule Sunday night with a 2-0 win over the Albuquerque Sol.

The Sockers got a goal from Tucker Hume and then added another goal off a free kick 10 minutes later.

No other details were available from the match.

The match was delayed a day because of the weather.

The Sockers next host the Oklahoma City Energy, of the professional USL, in an U.S. Open Cup match at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Key NFL owners meetings begin this week

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — What offseason?

There hasn't been a week — make that a day — since the Super Bowl that the NFL hasn't made news. As the owners gather this week at their spring meetings, their plate couldn't be much fuller.

While recent headlines have centered on Tom Brady, the Patriots and deflated footballs, there is plenty else the owners will discuss. For sure, Brady's suspension, the Patriots' punishment and the repercussions will be a topic, in many ways an awkward one.

Patriots owner Robert Kraft is among the most influential men in the sport, something of a mentor to Commissioner Roger Goodell through the years. Now, that relationship has hit a significant hurdle.

That the so-called "Deflategate" crisis has come in the wake of so many personal conduct matters means the owners have lots more to think about and talk about than finances, future Super Bowl sites, and extra points.

"The NFL is in an unusual situation at this time and it relates back to the last few years of activities," said Marc Ganis, president of Chicago-based consulting firm SportsCorp and confidant of many owners. "It's part of the double-edged sword of having great success. With great success comes great attention.

"I believe there is now investigation fatigue by everyone: by the fans, by the players, the league office, the owners, the teams."

Still, the deflated football matter won't go away anytime soon, and it won't be ignored in San Francisco.

With Goodell on hand, he won't be hearing Brady's appeal of his four-game suspension until Thursday at the earliest. Goodell can only hope that "Deflategate" doesn't get in the way of other key business.

Such as:

■ Whether the NFL will change how extra points are attempted. Three proposals have been made. The Patriots want PAT kicks to come from the 15-yard line and 2-point conversions from the 2. The Eagles want the same distance on the kick, but the 2-point conversion to come from the 1, and if the defensive teams causes a turnover and take it to the other end zone, it gets the two points.

The powerful competition committee proposes the 15-yard line for the kick, the 2 for the 2-point conversion, and the defensive team being allowed to score on a turnover.

■ Cities seeking to host Super Bowls beyond the 2018 game in Minneapolis will have their bids revealed. The next series of title games were opened for bidding on May 1.

With the success of the New York outdoor game in February 2014, other cold-weather cities without domes are expected to be considered. Conjecture has included Washington, Philadelphia, Kansas City and Denver, but really no city with the proper infrastructure should be discounted.

Also certain to be interested are Indianapolis, which hosted a super Super Bowl week in 2012, and Atlanta, where a new stadium will be ready long before the next available game is bid upon.

■ Television. The Thursday night package on CBS has only this year to run, and there are other potential machinations that could lead to more programming being put up for bidding. Perhaps more playoff qualifiers and games, too.

Which means more billions of dollars for the 32 teams.

■ Los Angeles. Ah, yes, LA, which has not hosted an NFL franchise in two decades. Now, three teams are dickering to relocate there — all of them having already called Hollywood home. The Rams and Raiders both left after the 1994 season, while the Chargers played the first season of the AFL in LA before heading to San Diego.

At long last, it seems a solid stadium project has surfaced. Maybe even two.

St. Louis Rams owner Stan Kroenke is behind a project in Inglewood, California, while the Raiders and Chargers are backing one in Carson. Last month, Goodell said both plans looked "viable."

There won't be any votes taken on how to proceed in LA at these meetings, but the owners will hear progress reports about St. Louis, Oakland and San Diego. Eric Grubman, one of Goodell's executive vice presidents, has said these meetings will play a significant role in educating the other teams on all aspects of bringing the NFL back to Los Angeles.

None of the teams can apply for relocation before Jan. 1, but that window that runs through Feb. 15 could be moved up.

Potential spoilers taking on American Pharoah in Belmont

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dortmund won't be around for this one, but a familiar cast of 3-year-olds are lining up as potential spoilers when American Pharoah attempts to win the Belmont Stakes and give thoroughbred racing its first Triple Crown winner in 37 years.

Dortmund is the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner's stablemate. Both are trained by Bob Baffert. Dortmund, third in the Derby, was given a strong chance to turn the tables in the Preakness — and upend his own trainer's Triple try. He finished fourth, though, and was headed home to California for a break.

American Pharoah is Belmont-bound after splashing his way to a seven-length victory in the Preakness on Saturday. He's heading to Churchill Downs on Monday, then off to Belmont Park in New York on June 3 — three days before the 1 1/2-mile Belmont.

There is no shortage of challengers, including three from trainer Todd Pletcher.

"I understand," Baffert said. "It just shows the respect they have for American Pharoah. It's something you can't control. You have to earn it, just like he earned it in the weather yesterday. I've seen a lot of great horses leave here and (lose) in the Belmont — Smarty Jones, Big Brown, Real Quiet, Silver Charm, Funny Cide. I'll Have Another (in 2012). You just don't know."

Here's a look at some possible spoilers:

MATERIALITY

One of Pletcher's probables, the Florida Derby winner may have had the toughest trip of any Derby horse. He was bumped at the break, and started an unaccustomed last in the 18-horse field. He was again shuffled back on the far turn, but found room near the rail under Javier Castellano and finished strong for sixth place. A two-time Belmont winner (Rags to Riches, 2007; Palace Malice, 2013), Pletcher likely relishes the chance to play spoiler, especially on his home track. Held out of the Preakness, the son of 2005 Preakness and Belmont winner Afleet Alex worked 4 furlongs in 49.03 at Belmont on Saturday. "With the downpour and everything (at the Preakness), I was happy we were safely at home and got a good work into him," Pletcher said.

FROSTED

Not the most dynamic note listed on his Derby chart, but the gray colt still finished fourth despite several issues, including being taken five wide around the far turn under jockey Joel Rosario. Trained by New York-based Kiaran McLaughlin, the Wood Memorial winner has been a project, but his best racing may be ahead of him. He skipped the Preakness and should be fresh for the Belmont. When he's good — Wood Memorial — he's really good. When he's not — fourth in the Fountain of Youth — he's really not. His latest workout was Friday at Belmont, 4 furlongs in 47.64 seconds — the fastest of 31 at the distance.

CARPE DIEM

Tenth in the Derby as the third betting choice at 7-1, Carpe Diem simply faded in the final quarter-mile and was 11 lengths behind American Pharoah. He's probably a much better horse than that, and Pletcher wisely kept him out of the Preakness. A son of Giant's Causeway, the colt comes into the Belmont with four wins in six lifetime starts, including the Tampa Bay Derby and Blue Grass Stakes. Not a bad résumé.

FRAMMENTO

Never count out Nick Zito. The Hall of Fame trainer hasn't had too many top horses the past few years, but he's spoiled a Triple or two. In 2004, it was his 36-1 long shot Birdstone who ran down Smarty Jones in the final 70 yards of the Belmont, and in 2008 it was his 38-1 shot Da' Tara who won after Big Brown was pulled up around the far turn. However, Frammento barely made it into the Derby field, finished 11th and would come into the Belmont with only a maiden win in eight lifetime starts. He will be a long shot for sure, but that's when a Zito-trained horse becomes a threat.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 3, ROUGHRIDERS 0

at Dr Pepper Ballpark, Frisco

TOP HITTERS: Renato Nunez and Carson Blair each went 2-for-3 for the RockHounds.

TOP PITCHER: RockHounds starter Nate Long picked up the win after pitching six shutout innings with three hits, two walks and eight strikeouts.

HIGHLIGHTS: With Midland leading 1-0, the RockHounds scored two insurance runs in the seventh inning. Matt Olson had a sacrifice fly to score Bruce Maxwell, then Chad Oberacker scored on a wild pitch by Victor Payano.

NOTES: The RockHounds snapped a two-game losing streak with the win .... The last three wins for the RockHounds have come on shutouts. ... Frisco starter Alec Asher threw four of his team's five wild pitches. ...The teams will play the second game of a four-game series at 7:05 p.m. today.

Texas League

First half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas	25	12	.676	—
Arkansas	21	15	.583	3 1/2
Tulsa	16	20	.444	8 1/2
Springfield	12	25	.324	13

South Division

Team	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	25	12	.676	—
Midland	20	17	.541	5
San Antonio	16	21	.432	9
Frisco	12	25	.324	13

Monday's Scores

Springfield 7, Tulsa 4
Midland 3, Frisco 0
NW Arkansas 3, Arkansas 2, 10 innings
Corpus Christi 3, San Antonio 1

Today's Games

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

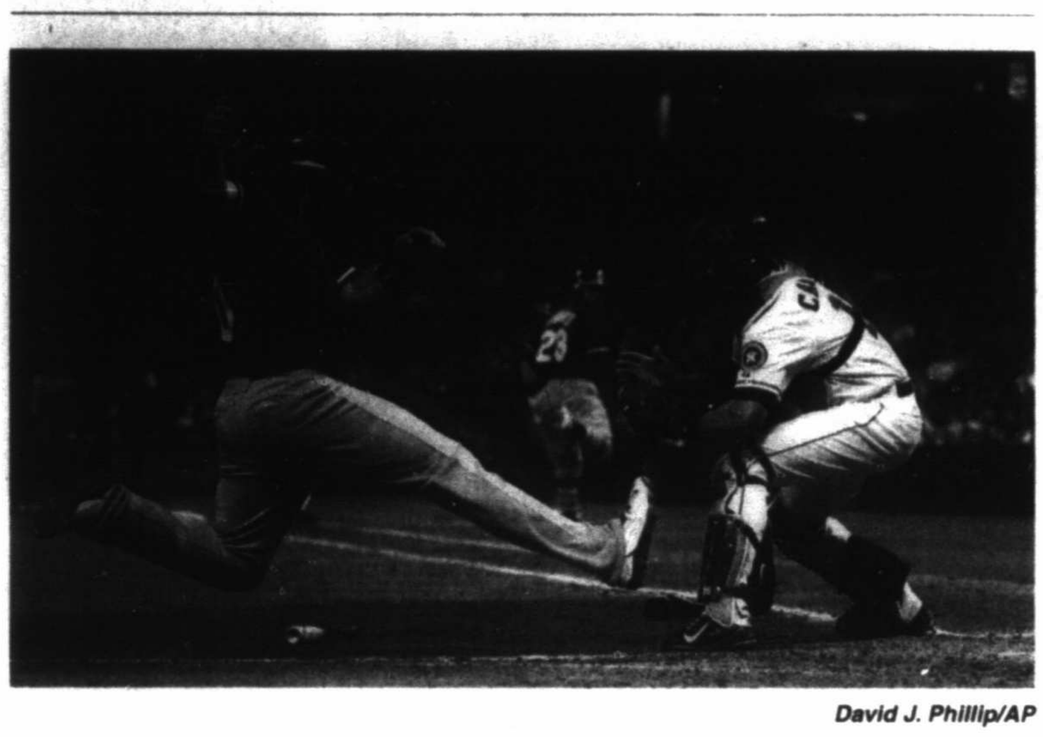
ROCKHOUNDS 3, ROUGHRIDERS 0								
Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h bi
Oberacker d	4	1	0	0	Williams cf	4	0	0 0
Walsh 2b	5	0	1	0	Alfaro c	3	0	0 0
Olson rf-1b	2	0	1	1	Gallo lf	2	0	0 0
Nunez 3b	3	0	2	0	Mazara rf	4	0	1 0
Pinder ss	4	1	1	0	Adams 3b	4	0	2 0
Healy 1b	3	0	1	0	Beck 1b	4	0	0 0
Angle lf	0	0	0	0	Wise dh	3	0	0 0
Brugman lf-cf	4	0	0	0	Robinson ss	3	0	0 0
Blair dh	3	0	2	0	Rodriguez 2b	3	0	2 0
Maxwell c	4	1	1	0				
Totals	32	3	9	1	Totals	30	0	5 0

Midland.....000 100 200—3
Frisco.....000 000 000—0

E — Alfaro (4). DP — Midland 2, Frisco 2. LOB — Midland 8, Frisco 6. 2B — Maxwell (5). Adams (1). SB — Rodriguez (1). SF — Olson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Frisco						
Long W, 2-2	6.0	3	0	0	2	8
Wahl	2.0	0	0	0	0	4
Dull S, 1	1.0	2	0	0	0	2
Midland						
Asher L, 1-4	6.0	5	1	1	3	6
Payano	1.0	2	2	2	1	1
Cabrera	2.0	2	0	0	0	2

WP — Asher 4, Payano. HBP — by Asher (Nunez), by Long (Alfaro).
T — 2:47. A — 3,610



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Oakland's Max Muncy, left, is tagged out by Houston catcher Jason Castro while trying to score during the sixth inning Monday in Houston. Despite the play, the Astros lost to the Athletics, 2-1.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ATHLETICS 2
ASTROS 1

HOUSTON — Brett Lawrie hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the sixth, and the Oakland bullpen combined for 4 2-3 scoreless innings as the Athletics snapped a four-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

The loss snapped Houston's five-game winning streak.

Lawrie's hit came off Will Harris who came on in relief of Joe Thatcher (0-1), who gave up an infield single and two walks to load the bases with no outs.

Edward Mujica (2-1) went 1 2-3 innings for the win, Evan Scribner threw two innings and Tyler Clippard pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Harris escaped further damage in the sixth, getting Sam Fuld to ground back to the pitcher for a force at home and then Eric Sogard to hit into a double play.

BLUE JAYS 10
ANGELS 6

TORONTO — Jose Bautista homered and drove in three runs as the Toronto Blue Jays ended a season-worst five-game losing streak, beating the Los Angeles Angels 10-6 on Monday.

Bautista and Russell Martin, who had a go-ahead single in the sixth inning, each finished with three hits.

Albert Pujols, David Freese and Chris Iannetta hit solo homers for the Angels, who lost their second straight after winning the previous five.

After Toronto loaded the bases in the sixth against Mike Morin (1-1), Martin's two-run single on a full-count pitch from Vinnie Pestano made it 6-5. Danny Valencia followed with a two-run double.

Roberto Osuna (1-0) worked 1 2/3 innings for his first major league win.

WHITE SOX 2
INDIANS 1, 10 INNINGS

CHICAGO — Carlos Sanchez singled home the winning run in the 10th inning to give the streaking Chicago White Sox a 2-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Monday night after a sparkling pitchers' duel between aces Chris Sale and Corey Kluber.

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner, Kluber struck out 12 and allowed five hits and one run while walking one for the Indians. Chicago didn't have a baserunner until the fourth, nor did it get a ball into the outfield until that inning.

Kluber was making his first appearance since his outing Wednesday against St. Louis when he struck out 18 and allowed one hit in eight scoreless innings for his first victory of the season.

In that game, Kluber matched Bob Feller's team record for strikeouts in a nine-inning game, and became one of five pitchers in baseball history to strike out 18 or more without walking a batter.

Interleague

BREWERS 3
TIGERS 2

DETROIT — Back in the lineup a day after being beaned, Carlos Gomez led off the game with a home run and added a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning to lift the Milwaukee Brewers to a 3-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Monday night.

Gomez was hit in the left earflap by a pitch from New York Mets rookie Noah Syndergaard on Sunday, but he played in the series opener at Detroit, and he began the game with a drive to left off Kyle Lobstein (3-4).

With the score tied at 2 and two outs in the seventh, Gomez singled up the middle to score Luis Sardinas from second.

Jeremy Jeffress (1-0) earned the win. Milwaukee's Jonathan Broxton worked through a jam in the eighth, and Francisco Rodriguez finished for his eighth save in as many chances.

National League

DIAMONDBACKS 3
MARLINS 2, 13 INNINGS

MIAMI — David Peralta hit a two-out RBI double in the 13th inning, and the Arizona Diamondbacks spoiled Dan Jennings' managerial debut by beating the Miami Marlins 3-2 Monday night.

Jennings gave up his job as Marlins general manager to move into the dugout and replace Mike Redmond, who was fired Sunday.

Arizona broke a four-game losing streak. The Marlins lost their fourth in a row and their seventh in eight games.

METS 2
CARDINALS 1, 14 INNINGS

NEW YORK — Pinch-hitter John Mayberry Jr. had an RBI infield hit with one out in the bottom of the 14th inning, lifting the New York Mets to a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday night after blowing another lead for Matt Harvey.

Lucas Duda beat a shifted, drawn-in infield with an opposite field hit for a run-scoring single off John Lackey in the fourth, but Jason Heyward had a sacrifice fly in the ninth off closer Jeurys Familia as the Mets wasted another 1-0 lead for their ace.

MLB STANDINGS, BOX & LINESCORES

STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	22	17	.564	—
Tampa Bay	21	18	.538	1
Boston	18	20	.474	3 1/2
Baltimore	16	19	.457	4
Toronto	18	22	.450	4 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	24	14	.632	—
Detroit	23	16	.590	1 1/2
Minnesota	21	17	.553	3
Chicago	18	17	.514	4 1/2
Cleveland	14	23	.378	9 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	25	14	.641	—
Los Angeles	19	19	.500	5 1/2
Seattle	17	20	.459	7
Texas	16	22	.421	8 1/2
Oakland	14	26	.350	11 1/2

Monday's Scores

Toronto 10, L.A. Angels 6
Milwaukee 3, Detroit 2
Chicago White Sox 2, Cleveland 1, 10 innings
Oakland 2, Houston 1

Today's Games

Minnesota (Nolasco 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 3-1) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 3-2), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (T.Walker 1-4) at Baltimore (M. Gonzalez 4-2), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Santiago 2-2) at Toronto (Aa Sanchez 3-3), 6:07 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nelson 1-4) at Detroit (An. Sanchez 3-4), 6:08 p.m.
Tampa Bay (E.Ramirez 1-1) at Atlanta (Folty wicz 2-0), 6:10 p.m.
Texas (Gallardo 3-5) at Boston (Miley 2-4), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 3-3) at Kansas City (Ventura 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Bauer 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Gray 4-1) at Houston (R.Hernandez 1-3), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	23	16	.590	—
Washington	22	17	.564	1
Atlanta	18	19	.486	4
Miami	16	23	.410	7
Philadelphia	16	23	.410	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	25	9	.658	—
Chicago	21	16	.568	3 1/2
Cincinnati	18	20	.474	7
Pittsburgh	18	20	.474	7
Milwaukee	14	25	.359	11 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	24	13	.649	—
San Francisco	20	18	.526	4 1/2
San Diego	19	20	.487	6
Arizona	16	21	.432	8
Colorado	13	21	.382	9 1/2

Monday's Scores

Milwaukee 3, Detroit 2
Arizona 3, Miami 2, 13 innings
N.Y. Mets 2, St. Louis 1, 14 innings
Philadelphia at Colorado, late

Today's Games

Minnesota (Nolasco 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 3-1) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 3-2), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nelson 1-4) at Detroit (An Sanchez 3-4), 6:08 p.m.
Arizona (Pelfickson 1-3) at Miami (Koehler 2-3), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wacha 5-0) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 3-3), 6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (E.Ramirez 1-1) at Atlanta (Folty wicz 2-0), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 3-3) at Kansas City (Ventura 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Harang 4-3) at Colorado (Bettis 0-0), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hammel 3-1) at San Diego (Shields 5-0), 9:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Frias 3-0) at San Francisco (T.Hudson 1-3), 9:15 p.m.

MONDAY'S TEXAS BOX
ATHLETICS 2, ASTROS 1

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h bi
Crisp lf	4	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	3	1	0 0
Semien ss	3	0	1	0	Villar 3b	2	0	0 0
Reddick rf	4	0	0	0	Springer rf	1	0	0 0
BButler dh	4	1	2	0	Gattis dh	3	0	0 1
Vogt c	3	0	0	0	Tucker lf	4	0	1 0
Muncy 1b	3	1	1	0	Carter 1b	2	0	0 0
Lawrie 3b	4	0	1	1	MGonzlz ss	2	0	0 0
Fuld cf	3	0	0	0	CIRams ph	1	0	0 0
Sogard 2b	4	0	1	1	JCastro c	4	0	0 0
					Mrsnick cf	3	0	1 0
Totals	32	2	6	2	Totals	25	1	2 1

Oakland.....010 001 000—2
Houston.....100 000 000—1

E—Semien (15). DP—Oakland 2, Houston 1. LOB—Oakland 8, Houston 7. 2B—Semien (9), B.Butler (8), Muncy (2). SB—Altuve (14), S—Villar, Ma.Gonzalez. SF—Gattis.

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO

Pomeranz	4 1-3	2	1	1	5	2
Mujica W,2-1	1 2-3	0	0	0	1	2
Scribner H,5	2	0	0	0	0	2
Clippard S,4-5	1	0	0	0	0	2
Houston						
McCullers	4 2-3	3	1	1	3	5
Thatcher L,0-1	1-3	1	1	1	2	1
W.Harris	1	1	0	0	0	0
Fields	1	0	0	0	0	2
J.Buchanan	2	1	0	0	0	1

Thatcher pitched to 3 batters in the 6th
HBP—by Pomeranz (Altuve)
T—3:15. A—21,724 (41,574)

MONDAY'S LINESCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 10, ANGELS 6

Los Angeles.....000 302 010 —6 12 0
Toronto.....040 004 20x—10 17 0

C.Wilson, Morin (6), Pestano (6), C.Ramos (7), J.Alvarez (8) and Iannetta; Redmond, Tepera (5), Osuna (6), Loup (8), Delabar (8), Cecil (9) and Ru.Martin. W—Osuna 1-0. L—Morin 1-1. HRs—Los Angeles, Pujols (7), Freese (7), Iannetta (1). Toronto, Bautista (7).

WHITE SOX 2, INDIANS 1, 10 INNINGS

Cleveland.....001 000 000 0 —1 4 0
Chicago.....000 001 000 1 —2 7 0

Kluber, McAllister (10) and R.Perez; Sale, Robertson (9), Duke (10) and Flowers. Solo. W—Duke 2-2. L—McAllister 0-2.

INTERLEAGUE

BREWERS 3, TIGERS 2

Milwaukee.....100 100 100 —3 8 1
Detroit.....110 000 000 —2 9 0

Fiers, Jeffress (6), Broxton (8), Fr.Rodriguez (9) and Maldonado; Lobstein, Nesbitt (7), A.Wilson (9) and J.McCann. W—Jeffress 1-0. L—Lobstein 3-4. Sv—Fr.Rodriguez (8). HRs—Milwaukee, C.Gomez (4), Ar.Ramirez (4).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

DIAMONDBACKS 3, MARLINS 2, 13 INNINGS

Arizona.....000 200 000 000 1—3 9 0
Miami.....000 000 200 000 0—2 6 0

R.De La Rosa, Ziegler (10), Reed (12), Burgos (13) and Gosewisch; Haren, A.Ramos (9), S.Dyson (10), Cishek (12) and Realmuto. W—Reed 1-2. L—Cishek 1-4. Sv—Burgos (1). HRs—Miami, Realmuto (1).

METS 2, CARDINALS 1, 14 INNINGS

St. Louis.....000 000 001 000 00—1 9 0
New York.....000 100 000 000 01—2 10 1

Lackey, Choate (8), M.Harris (8), Siegrist (9), Belisle (10), Maness (12), Tuivailala (14), Rosenthal (14) and Molina; Harvey, Familia (9), Robles (10), Goeddel (11), A.Torres (12), C.Torres (13) and Plawecki. W—C.Torres 2-2. L—Tuivailala 0-1.

NBA PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlanta vs. Cleveland

Wednesday, May 20: Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 22: Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 24: Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 26: Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 28: Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 30: Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
x-Monday, June 1: Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State vs. Houston

Tuesday, May 19: Houston at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 21: Houston at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 23: Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.
Monday, May 25: Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 27: Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-Friday, May 29: Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 31: Houston at Golden State, 8 p.m.

ROCKETS

From 1C

finishing 11 games ahead of second-place Houston. Golden State is in the conference finals for the first time since 1976, a year after winning the franchise's only Bay Area title.

The Rockets are in the conference finals for the first time since 1997. Houston hasn't been to the NBA Finals since winning back-to-back titles in 1994 and 1995.

The offensive sets vary between the teams, but the overall philosophy is similar: make stops, push the pace and spread the floor with shooters.

"That's our brand of basketball," Warriors forward Draymond Green said. "And we feel like we're really good at our brand of basketball."

Both teams rallied from series deficits to win three straight games in the last round. The Warriors overcame a 2-1 hole against Memphis, and the Rockets became the ninth team in NBA history to come back from a 3-1 deficit to win a playoff series when they closed out the Clippers in Game 7 on Sunday.

Whether the Rockets are recovered from that emotional series is unclear. The tight turnaround — and long-distance flight — surely don't work in their favor.

But after fighting back to get this far, this much is clear: the Rockets don't lack for confidence.

"We're going to put the pressure on them," Harden said. "It's the playoffs, anything can happen."

LOTTERY

From 1C

picks, favored reform to the current system that gives the team with the worst record a 25 percent chance of winning. It fell short of approval, and Silver now suggests the lottery will remain as is at least until after the league's new TV contracts begin in 2016-17.

Perhaps by then the 76ers' tactics will have worked, though Silver considers them rebuilding rather than tanking.

"What's interesting in the discussion here, conventionally, when you think of tanking, you think of teams trying to lose," he said. "Here in this case, even the greatest critics of a so-called rebuilding strategy would acknowledge that the team is trying to win. They are trying to win over a longer time period than that particular year."

The 76ers are slotted in the third spot with a 15.6 percent chance of moving up to No. 1 and could land another high pick if the Lakers fall outside the top five and have to give it up as terms of a previous trade. So Los Angeles also ended up on the perceived tankers list while finishing with the NBA's fourth-worst record.

The Knicks and Lakers being so high brings added interest tonight, and usual contenders Miami and Oklahoma City being in the lottery has prospects envisioning a chance to play with a Dwyane Wade, Kevin Durant or Russell Westbrook — who will represent the Thunder on stage.

"It's crazy if you think about that type of stuff," Kentucky's Willie Cauley-Stein said. "Like, those are people that you watched, that's the people that you grew up watching. And getting a chance to play with them, or get to, like, learn under them? That's powerful."

Indiana's Larry Bird and Miami's Alonzo Mourning are some of the other big names who will be on stage in a New York hotel ballroom. Jackson declined, leaving the Knicks' seat to be occupied by general manager Steve Mills.

Jackson also insisted that the Knicks earned their 17-65 mark, not aimed for it.

"There was no tanking involved in any of our expressions to the basketball team or to our coaching staff," he said recently. "The idea wasn't even proposed or talked about."

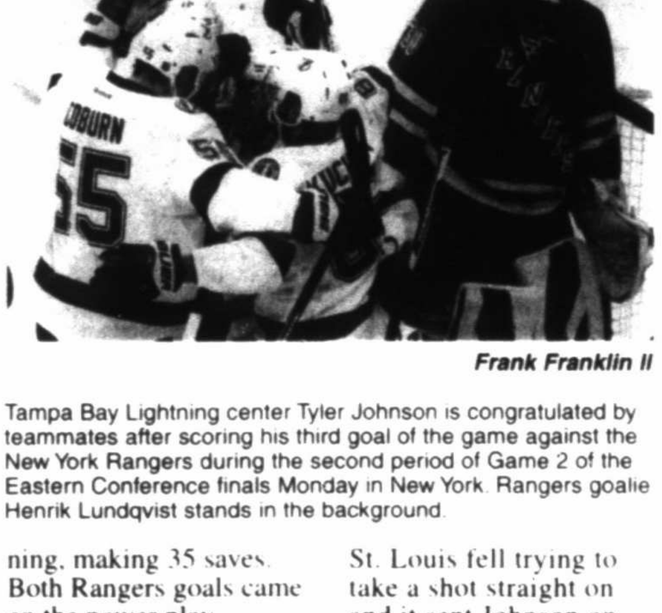
The Knicks had the worst record late in the season, but a few victories dropped their odds of getting the No. 1 pick to 19.9 percent. Jackson shrugged that off, since only four times has the team that finished last or tied for last won the lottery.

Maybe the team needing the most help will find it under future formats. For now, Jackson just hopes the 30th anniversary lottery ends like the first.

"I think the NBA has put some thought in, and had so many discussions over the past. It's really interesting," he said. "We'll submit ourselves to that and go and hope for the best."

Tyler Johnson scores hat trick; Lightning even series

By Tom Canavan
Associated Press



Frank Franklin II

Tampa Bay Lightning center Tyler Johnson is congratulated by teammates after scoring his third goal of the game against the New York Rangers during the second period of Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals Monday in New York. Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist stands in the background.

NEW YORK — Tyler Johnson is carrying the Tampa Bay Lightning in the playoff and making more than a name for himself.

The 24-year-old is becoming one of the front-runners to be the postseason MVP.

Johnson scored shorthanded, even strength and on the power play in tallying the first hat trick in Lightning playoff history and Tampa Bay got its high-scoring offense in gear and evened the Eastern Conference finals with a 6-2 victory over the stumbling New York Rangers on Monday night.

Alex Killorn added two goals and Steven Stamkos had one and the Lightning bounced back from a crushing late loss on Saturday and made the Presidents' Trophy winners pay for every slip, penalty and mistake.

Chris Kreider and Derek Stepan scored for the Rangers in the wide-open, penalty-filled matchup that ended New York's run of playing in 15 straight playoffs games decided by one goal.

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The first was shorthanded as a two-man disadvantage was expiring. The second came on a power play and the last was even strength.

The Rangers were late into a 1:07 two-man advantage when Martin St. Louis fell trying to take a shot straight on and it sent Johnson on a breakaway with St. Louis in pursuit.

Lundqvist stopped Johnson's initial shot, but Johnson poked at the puck as St. Louis crashed into his own goaltender and the puck went in the net. The officials waved off the goal, but it was reviewed the call was overturned.

The Lightning continued to take penalties and Kreider made them pay three minutes later, putting in the rebound of St. Louis' shot.

Johnson's second goal came on a great shot just 15 seconds after Stepan was called for tripping, which was the third minor in a 60-second span. It gave the Lightning a 4-on-3 advantage and Johnson found the top corner of the net in close after getting a 2-on-1 advantage down low.

NHL PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. Rangers 1, Tampa Bay 1

Saturday, May 16: N.Y. Rangers 2, Tampa Bay 1
Monday, May 18: Tampa Bay 6, N.Y. Rangers 2
Wednesday, May 20: N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 22: N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 24: Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, May 26: N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
x-Friday, May 29: Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Anaheim 1, Chicago 0

Sunday, May 17: Anaheim 4, Chicago 1
Today: Chicago at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 21: Anaheim at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 23: Anaheim at Chicago, 7 p.m.
x-Monday, May 25: Chicago at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 27: Anaheim at Chicago, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 30: Chicago at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

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TUESDAY PRIME TIME — MAY 19, 2015

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		G	S	A	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelorette (N)		Dancing With the Stars (SF) (N)				KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "We Build, We Fight"		NCIS:New "Careful What You Wish For"		Criminal Minds "Nelson's Sparrow"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Twilight Zone	Taxi	Taxi	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Fatal Fortune"		McCloud
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Hell's Kitchen "Seven Chefs Compete" (N)		Hell's Kitchen "Six Chefs Compete" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot In Cleveland	Hot In Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Joe McGee	HaYesod	Update News	Mission: M25	Light of the Southwest				Exploring With the Scholars		Ministerios Nueva Vida	
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Voice "Live Finale, Part 2" 2/2 (N)		The Voice "Live Season Finale and Winner is Revealed" (SF) (N)				NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		The Roosevelts: An Intimate History "The Fire of Life (1910-1919)"				Frontline (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Global 3000
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La sombra del pasado		Amores con trampa		Lo imperdonable		Que te perdone Dios... Yo no		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	Law & O: CI "Legion"		Law:CI "Cherry Red"		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H.
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) Restoration		The Illusionist Edward Norton.						A Walk on the Moon		Ask the Dust	
	HBO	300	68	14	14		Draft Day ('14, Spt) Kevin Costner.				Game of Thrones		Real Sports (N)		Silicon	Veep	Vice	Movie
	HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(4:30) Contact		The LEGO Movie			LastWeek	(:15) Bill Maher		(:15) WBC Boxing			
	HBO5	304	70	16	102		(4:55) About Time		Vice (N)	Veep (N)	Endless Love Alex Pettyfer.			1stLook	Non-Stop Liam Neeson.			(:50) Silicon
	MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:40)	25th Hour ('02, Cri) Edward Norton.						Red 2 ('13, Act) Bruce Willis.		SinCity	Movie
	MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:20) Waist Deep Tyrese Gibson.				As Above, So Below			(:40) Zane	(:10) Zane	(:45) Turistas		
	PLEX			96			(5:05) This Propert...		American Anthem				(:45)		Quicksilver Kevin Bacon.		(:35) Force 10 From Navarone	
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(:15) Last Vegas		Robert De Niro.		Nurse J.	HAPPYish	Penny Dreadful		Comedy	HAPPYish	Nurse J.	Comedy
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) The Trip		Return to Me David Duchovny.						Take Care Leslie Bibb.		(:35) Ask Me Anything	
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Married "Adjusting to Married Life"		Married:LoveUnlocked "Conflict" (N)		Married at First Sight "Intimacy" (N)		Married at First Sight "Intimacy"		Married "Adjusting to Married Life"		Married:LoveUnlocked "Conflict"	
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) Sahara		I Am Legend Will Smith.						I Am Legend Will Smith.		Doomsday	
	BET	58	26		40		(5:30) Lottery Ticket Bow Wow.				Nellyville (N)		Single Ladies "New"		Nellyville		Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO	65	63		41		The Real Housewives		New York Social (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives		Watch (N)	Kandi's Ski Trip		Wives
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Profit "SJC Drums"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Report (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Deadliest Catch (N)		Sons of Winter (N)		Deadliest Catch		S.Winter "Lost Boys"	
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	Austin	Bad Hair Day Laura Marano.		Mickey		Jessie	Dog Blog	I Didn't	Girl	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SportC	NBA Countdown (L)			NBADraft		NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)			SportsCenter		
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	SportNat	SportsC.	USBC Bowling Queens		Tournament (L)				Baseball Tonight (L)	SportsC.	Top Ten	Baseball Tonight (L)
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Paul Blart: Mall Cop Kevin James.						Billy Madison Adam Sandler.			The 7:20 Club		Boy MW
	FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	Boy MW
	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Boston Red Sox Site: Fenway Park -- Boston, Mass. (L)								Rangers Live (L)	Longhorn s Preview	Fox Sports Live	The Insider (N)
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	M&M	M&M	Snow White and the Huntsman ('12, Act) Kristen Stewart.							Snow White and the Huntsman		
	HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Waltons	"The Actress"	Waltons "The Fire"		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	House (N)	House (N)	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Tombstone ('93, West) Val Kilmer, Kurt Russell.				Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms		Dance Moms: Chat "Seeing Stars" (N)		Dance Moms (N)		Kim of Queens "The Swimsuit Saga"		To Be Announced		Dance Moms: Chat "Seeing Stars"	
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	39				NHL Live!		NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)						NHL Overtime		EPL Soccer	
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Younger	Younger	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	FreshP.
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(3:30) The Dark Kn...		The Expendables 2 ('12, Act) Sylvester Stallone.						Transporter 2 Jason Statham.			Movie
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(4:00) Terminator ...		Babylon A.D. ('08, Act) Vin Diesel.				Troy: St. Magic (N)		Wizard Wars		Troy: Street Magic	
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. The Hot Tub	Seinf. The Soup Nazi	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Your Family (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Family "S Stages"	Conan
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) The Subject...		Bonnie and Clyde Warren Beatty.						Kramer vs. Kramer		The Late Show	
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Avenida Brasil		Tierra de reyes		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Tierra de reyes	
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	19 Kids and Counting "Anna's Having A..."		19 Kids and Counting (N)		19 Kids "Digging in With the Duggars"		The Willis Family "Power of Love" (N)		19 Kids "Digging in With the Duggars"		The Willis Family "Power of Love"	
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Secret's Safe With Me"		Castle "Murder, He Wrote"		Castle "Probable Cause"		Castle "The Final Frontier"		Supernatural "Black"		Supernatural "Reichenbach"	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Reba	Reba	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Younger	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	Modern "Fears"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Misleader"	
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		National Treasure: Book of Secrets A historian must prove his great-grandfather wasn't involved in the Lincoln assassination.						Salem "The Beckoning Fair One"	Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

PRO GOLF SCORES

Kingsmill Championship Scores
Monday
At Kingsmill Resort (The River Course)
Williamsburg, Va.
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,346; Par: 71
Final
a-amateur

Minjee Lee $195,000 68-67-69-65—269
So Yeon Ryu, $118,120 67-69-68-67—271
Alison Lee, $85,588 66-67-70-69—272
Pernilla Lindberg, $66,286 67-68-67-71—273
Hyo Joo Kim, $44,515 70-69-67-68—274
Suzann Pettersen, $44,515 72-65-69-68—274
Paula Creamer, $44,515 67-71-66-70—274
Candie Kung, $28,994 72-70-68-66—276
Catriona Matthew, $28,994 70-67-73-66—276
Lexi Thompson, $28,994 72-66-67-71—276
Anna Nordqvist, $22,699 70-69-71-67—277
Mi Jung Hur, $22,699 68-73-67-69—277
Jing Yan, $22,699 70-67-69-71—277
Julieta Granada, $19,336 72-66-70-70—278
Angela Stanford, $19,336 68-70-68-72—278
Paula Reto, $16,491 69-70-73-67—279
Eun-Hee Ji, $16,491 70-72-68-69—279
Lydia Ko, $16,491 71-69-70-69—279
Inbee Park, $16,491 72-67-70-70—279
Jacqui Concolino, $13,839 67-72-72-69—280
Ai Miyazato, $13,839 73-71-66-70—280
Maria McBride, $13,839 71-69-69-71—280
Mariajo Uribe, $13,839 68-71-70-71—280
Kris Tamulis, $13,839 70-70-68-72—280
Brooke M. Henderson, $10,218 71-69-74-67—281
P.K. Kongkraphan, $10,218 69-75-69-68—281
Stacy Lewis, $10,218 69-74-70-68—281
Sakura Yokomine, $10,218 74-70-69-68—281
SooBin Kim, $10,218 73-68-70-70—281
Jee Young Lee, $10,218 71-72-68-70—281
Haru Nomura, $10,218 70-71-70-70—281
Pornanong Phatlum, $10,218 70-69-72-70—281
Amy Yang, $10,218 71-72-68-70—281
Sarah Kemp, $10,218 73-69-68-71—281
Kelly Tan, $10,218 74-69-64-74—281
Pat Hurst, $7,178 66-76-71-69—282
Morgan Pressel, $7,178 66-77-70-69—282
Kim Kaufman, $7,178 71-72-69-70—282
Jessica Korda, $7,178 75-69-66-72—282
Christina Kim, $7,178 69-68-72-73—282
Ryann O'Toole, $7,178 70-71-67-74—282
Jennifer Johnson, $5,525 70-71-73-69—283
Joanna Klatten, $5,525 65-75-73-70—283
Danielle Kang, $5,525 72-72-68-71—283
Pernilla Lindberg, $5,525 70-73-69-71—283
Azahara Munoz, $5,525 71-70-71-71—283
Jane Park, $5,525 74-69-69-71—283
Sarah Jane Smith, $5,525 68-73-71-71—283
Sandra Gal, $4,146 71-72-72-69—284
Sei Young Kim, $4,146 69-71-74-70—284
Jenny Shin, $4,146 72-72-70-70—284
Austin Ernst, $4,146 68-71-74-71—284
Mi Hyang Lee, $4,146 72-70-71-71—284
Sydnee Michaels, $4,146 72-71-70-71—284
Amy Anderson, $4,146 72-69-73-72—284
Katherine Kirk, $4,146 73-71-68-72—284
Amelia Lewis, $4,146 71-69-70-73—284
Gabriela Hernandez, a3,363 72-72-71-70—285
Ji Young Oh, $3,363 70-74-71-70—285
Katie Burnett, $3,363 68-72-70-75—285
a-Megan Khang 72-70-68-75—285
Belen Mozo, $3,072 74-70-71-71—286
I K. Kim, $3,072 72-69-73-72—286
Meena Lee, $3,072 74-69-71-72—286
Jane Rah, $3,072 74-67-72-73—286
Cydney Clanton, $2,748 72-71-72-72—287
Kelly W Shon, $2,748 75-69-71-72—287
Christel Boeljon, $2,748 70-72-72-73—287
Alejandra Llaneza, $2,748 75-69-70-73—287
Nannette Hill, $2,748 68-71-74-74—287
Charley Hull, $2,748 71-71-71-74—287
Chie Arimura, $2,506 76-67-74-71—288
Hee Kang, $2,506 72-71-73-72—288
Paola Moreno, $2,506 70-74-72-72—288
Brittany Lincicome, $2,506 69-71-71-77—288
Karin Sjodin, $2,412 74-70-77-68—289
Yueer Cindy Feng, $2,412 69-73-74-73—289
Marissa L Steen, $2,367 72-70-76-73—291
Danah Bordner, $2,336 73-70-74-77—294
Dori Carter, $2,307 71-73-79-75—298
Demi Runas, $2,277 72-72-77-78—299

Minjee Lee wins Kingsmill Championship

By Hank Kurz Jr.
Associated Press

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Minjee Lee didn't expect her rookie season on the LPGA Tour to include a victory. Now that she has proved herself wrong by winning the Kingsmill Championship, she's thinking she can do it again.

The 18-year-old Australian, who turned professional in September, shook off a three-putt bogey on her first hole Monday morning and finished with two pars for a 6-under 65 and 15-under 269 total.

It was her first title as a professional. She became the seventh LPGA Tour player to win before her 19th birthday.

"I didn't think this moment would come this year, so I'm stoked to have won," she said after signing autographs behind the 18th green while waiting to see if her lead would hold up. "Just because I won in my rookie season, I feel like I could probably do it again. It just kind of gives me confidence that I can play out here and win out here." Lee surged into the lead Sunday with a round highlighted by a five-hole stretch that she played in 5 under before darkness halted play.

PGA SCHEDULE AND PRO GOLF LEADERS

PGA Tour Schedule

May 21-24 — Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial, Colonial Country Club Course, Fort Worth.
May 28-31 — AT&T Byron Nelson Championship, TPC Four Seasons Las Colinas, Irving, Texas.
June 4-7 — Memorial Tournament, Muirfield Village Golf Course, Dublin, Ohio.
June 11-14 — FedEx St. Jude Classic, TPC Southwind, Memphis, Tenn.
June 18-21 — U.S. Open Championship, Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash.
June 25-28 — Travelers Championship, TPC River Highlands, Cromwell, Conn.
July 2-5 — The Greenbrier Classic, The Old White TPC, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.
July 9-12 — John Deere Classic, TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.
July 16-19 — The Open Championship, St Andrews Golf Club (Old Course), St. Andrews, Scotland.
July 16-19 — Barbasol Championship, Robert Trent Jones at Grand National-Lake Course, Opelika, Ala.
July 23-26 — RBC Canadian Open, Glen Abbey, Oakville, Canada.
July 30-Aug. 2 — Quicken Loans National, Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, Gainesville, Va.
Aug. 6-9 — Barracuda Championship, Montreux Golf and Country Club, Reno, Nev.
Aug. 6-9 — WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, Firestone Country Club, Akron, Ohio.
Aug. 13-16,— PGA Championship, Whistling Straits-Straits Course, Kohler, Wis.
Aug. 20-23 — Wyndham Championship, Sedgefield Country Club, Greensboro, N.C.
Aug. 27-30 — The Barclays, Plainfield Country Club, Edison, N.J.
Sept. 4-7 — Deutsche Bank Championship, TPC Boston, Norton, Mass.
Sept. 17-20 — BMW Championship, Conway Farms Golf Club, Lake Forest, Ill.
Sept. 24-27 — TOUR Championship, East Lake Golf Course, Atlanta
Oct. 9-11 — The Presidents Cup, Jack Nicklaus GC Korea, Incheon City, South Korea.

PGA Tour FedExCup Leaders
Through May 17

Rank	Player	Points	YTD Money
1.	Jordan Spieth	2,118	$5,173,819
2.	Jimmy Walker	1,693	$3,558,734
3.	Rory McIlroy	1,428	$3,912,533
4.	J.B. Holmes	1,320	$3,116,200
5.	Patrick Reed	1,273	$2,526,786
6.	Bubba Watson	1,188	$2,838,174
7.	Dustin Johnson	1,180	$3,119,710
8.	Charley Hoffman	1,121	$2,384,863
9.	Hideki Matsuyama	1,106	$2,508,524
10.	Robert Streb	1,079	$2,160,272
11.	Jason Day	1,076	$2,400,512
12.	Ben Martin	1,070	$2,261,336
13.	Rickie Fowler	1,048	$2,756,846
14.	Bill Haas	994	$2,195,772
15.	Ryan Moore	985	$2,238,981
16.	Sangmoon Bae	976	$2,016,313
17.	Gary Woodland	956	$2,290,498
18.	Brandt Snedeker	947	$2,079,052
19.	Kevin Kisner	899	$1,987,557
20.	Jim Furyk	894	$2,086,861
21.	Justin Rose	885	$2,337,824
22.	Brooks Koepka	872	$1,833,804
23.	Daniel Berger	835	$1,645,568
24.	Sergio Garcia	817	$2,087,631
25.	Kevin Na	815	$1,869,022
26.	Shawn Stefani	808	$1,442,814
27.	Matt Kuchar	792	$1,424,834
28.	Brendon de Jonge	788	$1,315,164
29.	James Hahn	783	$1,575,341
30.	Paul Casey	774	$1,850,580
31.	Webb Simpson	756	$1,607,014
32.	Henrik Stenson	750	$1,746,864
33.	Harris English	727	$1,275,348
34.	Matt Every	726	$1,480,316
35.	Cameron Tringale	721	$1,378,479
36.	Justin Thomas	711	$1,402,492
37.	Russell Knox	711	$1,328,103
38.	Brendan Steele	690	$1,216,818
39.	Kevin Streelman	693	$1,356,547
40.	Scott Piercy	686	$1,244,289
41.	Russell Henley	669	$1,373,880
42.	Sean O'Hair	664	$1,182,554
43.	Nick Watney	625	$1,284,689
44.	Ryan Palmer	624	$1,241,042
45.	Alex Cejka	620	$1,084,014
46.	Ian Poulter	618	$1,291,957
47.	Phil Mickelson	608	$1,499,029
48.	Boo Weekley	579	$1,288,101
49.	Matt Jones	577	$1,152,802
50.	Pedro Hennington	562	$1,192,539

Also

104.	Chad Campbell	316	$461,133

Champions Tour Charles Schwab Cup Leaders
Through May 17

		Points	Money
1.	Jeff Maggert	834	$547,800
2.	Kevin Sutherland	596	$477,560
3.	Tom Lehman	517	$506,396
4.	Gene Sauers	493	$407,021
5.	Joe Durant	475	$535,356
6.	Bernhard Langer	454	$403,661
7.	Olin Browne	443	$544,489
8.	Ian Woosnam	438	$492,880
9.	Michael Allen	434	$434,718
10.	Bart Bryant	431	$478,667
11.	Mark O'Meara	391	$473,347
12.	Tom Pernice Jr.	351	$436,900
13.	Miguel Angel Jimenez	349	$385,792
14.	Kenny Perry	342	$334,603
15.	Marco Dawson	309	$377,373

LPGA Money Leaders
Through May 17

	Trn	Money
1. Lydia Ko	10	$931,542
2. Inbee Park	10	$826,752
3. Sei-Young Kim	11	$751,288
4. Stacy Lewis	10	$750,188
5. Amy Yang	11	$555,414
6. Brittany Lincicome	10	$533,994
7. Hyo-Joo Kim	9	$522,076
8. Cristie Kerr	11	$473,772
9. Morgan Pressel	11	$443,740
10. Mirim Lee	10	$405,043
11. Na Yeon Choi	11	$373,251
12. So Yeon Ryu	10	$316,826
13. Ha Na Jang	9	$312,886
14. Minjee Lee	11	$309,851
15. Shanshan Feng	7	$305,294

Web.com Money Leaders
Through May 17

	Trn	Money
1. Peter Malnati	9	$197,142
2. Kelly Kraft	9	$192,812
3. Wes Roach	9	$170,364
4. Patton Kizzire	9	$162,099
5. Patrick Rodgers	7	$162,070
6. Smylie Kaufman	7	$159,535
7. Andrew Landry	9	$150,870
8. Rod Pampling	4	$147,460
9. Dawie van der Walt	4	$131,078
10. Kevin Tway	9	$121,122
11. Matthew Goggin	9	$120,299
12. Miguel Angel Carballo	8	$115,873
13. Steve Marino	8	$115,278
14. Harold Varner III	9	$99,547
15. D.H. Lee	8	$99,464

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For each of the three words below, change one letter to an **R** and then rearrange the letters to spell an electronic device.

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Yesterday's Answer: TRULY/WHEAT; MIRTH/ALLOW; ELITE/SWUNG

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IndyCar's accidents have made a mess of the Indy 500

JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

IndyCar had a crisis looming well before James Hinchcliffe was injured in another spectacular accident during preparations for the most esteemed race in motorsports.

Three cars have gone airborne, and one of the series' most popular drivers was in the intensive care unit Monday night after surgery on an injury to Hinchcliffe's left thigh suffered when he crashed following a suspension part breaking. IndyCar said he was in stable condition.

As Hinchcliffe shot back down the track toward the apron, it quickly tilted on its side and seemed headed to a rollover before it snapped back down on all four wheels.

Hinchcliffe's car did not go airborne — oh, it certainly tried to, even after a good bit of speed had been scrubbed from it when it slammed into a wall — and it wasn't a Chevrolet, the automaker under scrutiny since three of its cars took flight during wrecks last week.

But that crash is added to a list that includes Helio Castroneves, the three-time Indianapolis 500 winner, flipping his car last Wednesday. Josef Newgarden went airborne the next day, and finally on Sunday, Ed Carpenter, an Indianapolis standout and an heir to the family that controls all things IndyCar, became the third Chevrolet driver in five days to go airborne.

This was a crisis in the works since the season-opening race two months ago, where a woman suffered a fractured skull when a piece from one of the new aerokits on the cars flew over the St. Petersburg, Florida, grandstands and hit her.

From that very first race, it was clear that there are many unknowns about the bodywork and IndyCar has been reacting nearly every week to situations that no one predicted.

Why? Because they didn't do enough testing, and when any bit of contact was creating debris fields all over the race track, someone should have had the sense to say 'Maybe we should get the speedway kits out and make sure they don't also have any unforeseen problems.'

Alas, the speedway cars didn't hit the track until the beginning of May, and until cars started sailing, no one had any idea that could happen.

Cars aren't meant to leave the racing surface, and when they do, it's a very big deal. Such a big deal that the three flips have overshadowed Pippa Mann's tremendous hit last Wednesday into both an inside wall and then into the attenuator in pit lane.

A day before that, Simona de Silvestro watched her car erupt into flames in a standard incident that made for tremendous photographs but was mundane in the world of racing.

All of these incidents create the images that are drawing worldwide attention to the "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" a full week before the renowned event.

Maybe that's not such a bad thing for IndyCar, the besieged series that just can't seem to get anything right, but stays in business year after year in part because it calls the Indianapolis 500 its own. Some buzz around this crown jewel event can only help.

Not like this, though.

It shouldn't be accidents followed by the appearance of an amateur hour in crisis management from series leadership creating the narrative leading into Sunday's race.

This is a mess — a hold-your-breath-and-hope-for-the-best situation — at a time when IndyCar was so excited to show off the new bodywork on the Chevrolets and the Hondas and the increased speeds around the famed Brickyard.

Instead, it's possible that Chevrolet's design contributed to its three cars going airborne. And even though Honda had yet to have a serious problem — unless, of course, you count the total domination Chevrolet has had of the speed charts — IndyCar ordered both manufacturers to make changes before Sunday's qualifying session.

But as a weary Mark Miles and Derrick Walker met the media Sunday, it was clear series management was overwhelmed with the problem at hand.

Racing is dangerous, we're told that after every wincing wreck, even the ones that end in injury, or, on rare occasion the past decade, death. But it's the responsibility of the series to create the safest conditions possible, and Miles and Walker had a mess on their hands.

IndyCar was badly wounded following the death of two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon in the 2011 season finale. Wheldon was killed racing for a $5 million prize in a gimmick designed to draw more eyeballs to the series.

One of the most charismatic drivers in the undermarketed series was a victim of a rules package that created dangerous pack racing on a high-speed track in which very few competitors in the field had any experience driving.

Many tried to voice their concerns in the days leading up to the accident, but they were shouting in the wind: Leadership was committed to the finale, and when a series is struggling for attention, there aren't very many people to complain about a possible problem.

Four years after Wheldon's underdog Indy 500 victory, people are paying attention and noticing that something seems to be amiss in Indy.

IndyCar learned from Wheldon's death, and everyone understands the series doesn't want to endure another such heartbreak. But the series has only itself to blame for this mess.

Maybe they've hit on something that will keep the cars on the track, and hours after Hinchcliffe's accident brought Monday's action to a halt, the drivers were back on track for a flawless final session filled with interbrand drafting, slingshot passes and the tight racing which fans have come to expect of Wheldon's namesake DW-12 chassis.

Maybe Sunday will be void of any major incidents, and maybe, just maybe, the 99th running will be the greatest Indy 500 in history.

But it's just a guess at this point, and IndyCar officials better be crossing their fingers that they've gotten this right.

CRASHES

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by eliminating the extra horsepower the cars were supposed to have for qualifying. They also required all drivers to run in the slower race setup and turning qualifying into a non-points chase.

The changes resulted in slower speeds and caused more drama off the track than on it as teams thrashed to get ready and IndyCar tried to find a solution.

What IndyCar settled on led to a trouble-free qualifying session, and Hinchcliffe's accident Monday was unrelated to the previous issues. IndyCar suspended Monday's practice while they investigated, and when the session resumed, the drivers staged an impressive, racy, and trouble-free session.

AUTO RACING LEADERS

NASCAR Sprint Cup Leaders
Through May 9
Points

1. Kevin Harvick, 437. 2. Martin Truex Jr., 391. 3. Jimmie Johnson, 389. 4. Joey Logano, 375. 5. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 360. 6. Brad Keselowski, 343. 7. Matt Kenseth, 331. 8. Jamie McMurray, 328. 9. Jeff Gordon, 317. 10. Kasey Kahne, 313.	
11. Aric Almirola, 312. 12. Paul Menard, 306. 13. Ryan Newman, 305. 14. Kurt Busch, 282. 15. Denny Hamlin, 264. 16. Clint Bowyer, 272. 17. Danica Patrick, 270. 18. Carl Edwards, 265. 19. AJ Allmendinger, 259. 20. Casey Mears, 242	
Money	
1. Kevin Harvick, $3,759,107. 2. Joey Logano, $3,296,388. 3. Jimmie Johnson, $2,880,442. 4. Dale Earnhardt Jr., $2,480,260. 5. Jeff Gordon, $2,145,466. 6. Brad Keselowski, $2,101,831. 7. Matt Kenseth, $2,058,986. 8. Martin Truex Jr., $1,983,893. 9. Denny Hamlin, $1,903,568. 10. Ryan Newman, $1,871,893.	
11. Jamie McMurray, $1,799,986. 12. Clint Bowyer, $1,746,663. 13. Aric Almirola, $1,736,556. 14. Trevor Bayne, $1,677,945. 15. Austin Dillon, $1,670,599. 16. Greg Biffle, $1,668,772. 17. David Regan, $1,666,370. 18. Casey Mears, $1,638,342. 19. AJ Allmendinger, $1,580,904. 20. Kasey Kahne, $1,577,866.	

NASCAR XFINITY Money Leaders
Through May 17

1. Erik Jones	$448,583
2. Chris Buescher	$438,434
3. Chase Elliott	$392,342
4. Ryan Reed	$374,609
5. Ty Dillon	$362,820
6. Regan Smith	$362,153
7. Brian Scott	$345,680
8. Brendan Gaughan	$342,809
9. Austin Dillon	$342,038
10. Darrell Wallace Jr	$334,236
11. Daniel Suarez	$320,334
12. Elliott Sadler	$318,101
13. David Starr	$307,404
14. J.J. Yeley	$304,733
15. Jeremy Clements	$298,938
16. Ross Chastain	$297,677
17. Landon Cassill	$295,492
18. Joey Gase	$293,826
19. Dakoda Armstrong	$293,036
20. Cale Conley	$290,711
21. Blake Koch	$290,507
22. Ryan Sieg	$287,655
23. Eric McClure	$285,705
24. Joey Logano	$282,424
25. John Wes Townley	$238,139
26. Harrison Rhodes	$219,324
27. Mike Harmon	$218,558
28. Kevin Harvick	$217,855
29. Mike Bliss	$196,862
30. Brennan Poole	$187,154
31. Mario Gosselin	$186,154
32. Denny Hamlin	$170,868
33. Derek White	$168,310
34. Jeffrey Earnhardt	$165,716
35. Peyton Sellers	$162,646
36. Dennie Cope	$156,551
37. Brad Keselowski	$147,165
38. Dale Earnhardt Jr	$126,730
39. Aric Almirola	$126,718
40. Ryan Blaney	$108,249
41. Kyle Larson	$105,575
42. Carl Long	$91,854
43. Jeff Green	$84,756
44. Matt Kenseth	$81,336
45. Chris Cockrum	$78,192
46. Timmy Hill	$76,129
47. Jamie Dick	$74,258
48. Chad Boat	$71,634
49. Sam Hornish Jr.	$64,171
50. Josh Reaume	$61,850

NASCAR Camping World Truck Money Leaders
Through May 15

1 Matt Crafton	$176,164
2. Tyler Reddick	$169,924
3 Erik Jones	$158,016
4 Johnny Sauter	$99,780
5. Ben Kennedy	$88,597
6. Timothy Peters	$88,117
7. Ray Black Jr.	$87,947
8. Cameron Hayley	$85,608
9. John Wes Townley	$85,566
10. Spencer Gallagher	$84,900
11. Justin Boston	$82,315
12. Daniel Hemric	$81,830
13. Tyler Young	$81,281
14. Korbin Forrister	$78,664
15. Jennifer Jo Cobb	$78,505
16. Scott Lagasse Jr.	$76,390
17. Daniel Suarez	$75,898
18. Matt Tifft	$66,311
19. Norm Benning	$65,980
20. Mason Mingus	$55,793
21. Travis Kvapil	$54,520
22. Joe Nemechek	$51,358
23. Joey Logano	$51,336
24. Austin Theriault	$50,449
25. Kasey Kahne	$48,454
26. Bryan Silas	$48,227
27. David Gilliland	$47,207
28. Ty Dillon	$46,630
29. Brandon Jones	$46,251
30. James Buescher	$44,239
31. Wendell Chevous	$42,920
32. Jordan Anderson	$40,257
33. Caleb Holman	$38,478
34. Ryan Ellis	$35,128
35. Ryan Newman	$33,959
36. Tyler Tanner	$32,318
37. Brad Keselowski	$31,059
38. Justin Jennings	$26,907
39. B.J. McLeod	$25,149
40. Cody Ware	$25,067
41. Cole Custer	$15,769
42. Chris Fontaine	$15,650
43. Kyle Fowler	$15,373
44. Todd Peck	$15,241
45. Garrett Smithley	$14,919
46. Tommy Regan	$14,197
47. Austin Hill	$14,050
48. Gray Gaulding	$13,663
49. Ryan Sieg	$13,446
50. Michael Affarano	$13,072

Formula One Points Leaders
Through May 10

1. Lewis Hamilton	111
2. Nico Rosberg	91
3. Sebastian Vettel	80
4. Kimi Raikkonen	52
5. Valtteri Bottas	42
6. Felipe Massa	39
7. Daniel Ricciardo	25
8. Romain Grosjean	16
9. Felipe Nasr	14
10. Carlos Sainz Jr	8
11. Max Verstappen	6
12. Nico Hulkenberg	6
13. Sergio Perez	5
14. Marcus Ericsson	5
15. Daniil Kvyat	5

IndyCar

Points Leaders
Through May 13

1. Juan Pablo Montoya	171
2. Will Power	166
3. Helio Castroneves	153
4. Scott Dixon	144
5. Graham Rahal	144
6. Tony Kanaan	136
7. Josef Newgarden	129
8. James Hinchcliffe	129
9. Sebastien Bourdais	123
10. Simon Pagenaud	101
11. Carlos Munoz	101
12. Ryan Hunter-Reay	100
13. Marco Andretti	95
14. Charlie Kimball	89
15. Luca Filippi	85
16. James Jakes	75
17. Takuma Sato	72
18. Gabby Chaves	71
19. Stefano Coletti	65
20. Jack Hawksworth	64
21. Simona de Silvestro	44
22. Francesco Dracone	38
23. Sage Karam	35
24. Sebastian Saavedra	33
25. Carlos Huertas	31
26. Conor Daly	13
27. Rodolfo Gonzalez	10
28. J.R. Hildebrand	9
29. Justin Wilson	6

NHRA

NHRA Leaders
Through May 17

TOP FUEL: 1. Antron Brown, 567. 2. Tony Schumacher, 514. 3. Spencer Massey, 475. 4. Doug Kalitta, 445. 5. Shawn Langdon, 437. 6. Richie Crampton, 427. 7. Larry Dixon Jr., 389. 8. Clay Millican, 363. 9. Steve Torrence, 360. 10. JR Todd, 355.

FUNNY CAR: 1. Ron Capps, 523. 2. Matt Hagan, 502. 3. Del Worsham, 435. 4. Robert Hight, 428. 5. Tommy Johnson Jr., 424. 6. Jack Beckman, 413. 7. John Force, 407. 8. Tim Wilkerson, 387. 9. Alexis DeJoria, 361. 10. Courtney Force, 356.

PRO STOCK: 1. Jason Line, 624. 2. Erica Enders, 592. 3. Greg Anderson, 555. 4. Chris McGaha, 464. 5. Rodger Brogdon, 446. 6. Drew Skillman, 392. 7. Larry Morgan, 375. 8. Vincent Nobile, 369. 9. Shane Gray, 348. 10. Allen Johnson, 335.

PRO STOCK MOTORCYCLE: 1. Eddie Krawiec, 286. 2. Andrew Hines, 272. 3. Hector Arana, 201. 4 (tie) Hector Arana Jr. and Karen Stoffer, 195. 6. Scotty Pollacheck, 175. 7. LE Tonglet IV, 165. 8. Angelle Sampey, 161. 9. Shawn Gann, 155. 10. James Underdahl, 128.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

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To fax your information, send to 570-7650.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0086 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Private lessons
For more info: Call Mike Mungia 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Don Eddy Basketball Camp featuring the Shooting Game and the One on One Game
For: Kids age 8 through the 12th grade
When: June 15-19, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily
Where: Trinity School gyms
Cost: $225
For more info: Call Coach Young at 432-528-5208 or go to www.debb.com

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school

For more info: Call 684-7755

Midland High Volleyball Camp
When: June 1-3
Where: Midland High School large gym
For: Incoming 4th-6th graders (8:30-10 a.m.), $50; incoming 7th-8th graders (10 a.m.-noon), $60; incoming 9th graders (1-3 p.m.) $80
Deadline: May 22 to be guaranteed a spot and camp T-shirt.
For more info: Go to www.midlandhighvolleyball.com

Lady Dawgs Basketball "Camp of Champs"
When/where: June 8-11, Midland High School Gym
For: Incoming 2nd-5th graders, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.; incoming 6th-9th graders, 10 a.m.-noon; ninth grade only, noon-12:30 p.m.
Cost: Incoming 3rd-5th graders, $50; incoming 6th-8th graders, $60; incoming 9th graders, $70
For more info: email wesley.torres@midlandisd.net

Midland Christian Football Camp
When/where: May 26-29, 9 a.m.-noon. Mustang Field
For: Boys entering grades 4-8
Cost: $75
For more info: email Greg McClendon at gmcmclendon@midlandchristianschool.org or go to www.midlandchristianschool.org/Athletics/Summer Camps

Midland Christian Girls Basketball Camp
When/where: June 1-4, 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. McGraw Event Center
For: Girls entering grades 1-6
Cost: $75
For more info: email Chris Ryburn at crybum@midlandchristianschool.org or go to www.midlandchristianschool.org/Athletics/Summer Camps

Midland Christian Boys Basketball Camp
When/where: June 1-4, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. McGraw gyms
For: Boys entering grades 1-8
Cost: $75
For more info: email Marks Lanham at mlanham@midlandchristianschool.org or go to www.midlandchristianschool.org/Athletics/Summer Camps

Midland Christian Softball Hitting Clinic
When/where: June 9-11, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m., MCS batting cages
For: Girls entering grades 4-7
Cost: $50
For more info: email Leigh Ann Fierro at leighann.fierro@midlandchristianschool.org or go to www.midlandchristianschool.org/Athletics/Summer Camps

Athletes Edge Strength and Agility training
When/where: June 8-July 16 (Monday through Thursday), 8 a.m.-9:45 a.m. (for boys entering grades 9-12); 9:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (for girls entering 9-12), 8:45-11:30 a.m. (for junior high boys entering grades 5-8), MCS Field House
Cost: $150 per session
For more info: email Greg McClendon at mcmclendon@midlandchristianschool.org or go to www.midlandchristianschool.org/Athletics/Summer Camps

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Ianier for clinics and lessons at janier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Brush Park Ranch House, 5200 W. Wall Street, Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football
YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Golf

17th Annual Midland Christian School Golf Tournament
Four-person scramble
When/where: Tuesday, July 21. Ranchland Hills Golf Club
Cost: $900 per team
For more info: Contact Jeff Leary at jeffmud@icloud.com

Lacrosse

West Texas Lacrosse Open House
When: 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22
Where: First Presbyterian Church, 800 W Texas
For: Boys ages 8-13 (all players must be 13 or younger by Aug. 31)
What: Meet coaches, volunteers and the newly formed high school club teams at MHS. Lee
For more info: go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org or email info@westtexaslacrosse.org

West Texas Lacrosse day camps/clinics
For: Boys divisions — U-9, U-11, U-13
When: 2:30 p.m. Sundays on April 19, April 26

Where: Fields to be determined
For more info: go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org or email info@westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, Ojimenez3@att.net

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday, 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kenpo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school/student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillanc at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up
When/where: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woolers & Tweeters. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred 770-7001 or Sam 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hatley, president at hatleyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m., Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Claws
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunegan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration
What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online
Fees: T-ball ($75), 8U-18U ($100); late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play T-ball. The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division.
To register: go to Midlandfastpitch.com or registration will also be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midland Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times. Monday through Saturday.
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team
What: Emphasizes in-pool diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team. tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
For more info: Call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Central YMCA Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday-Wednesday-Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
For more info: Call 432-310-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Ballboy Tennis 34 ages 3-4 ; Redball 58 (ages 5-8) Orange and Green Ball 410 (ages 9-10) Junior Development (6th-8th grade freshman JV) Junior Select (varsity) RSR Adults (adult beginners) Intermediate Adults 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults) Misc. Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and or call 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
For more info: 559-7208

MTC Tournaments
What: Singles, doubles, mixed
When: June 6, July 18, July 25, Sept. 12, Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 1
To enter: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Track & Field

Midland Crusaders Track Club Summer Track & Field
For: Boys and girls age 7-18
When: 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 21-Aug. 7
Where: Lee High Track, 3500 Neely Ave
For more info: Call Tony Gouyang 432-694-2424 or 349-1125

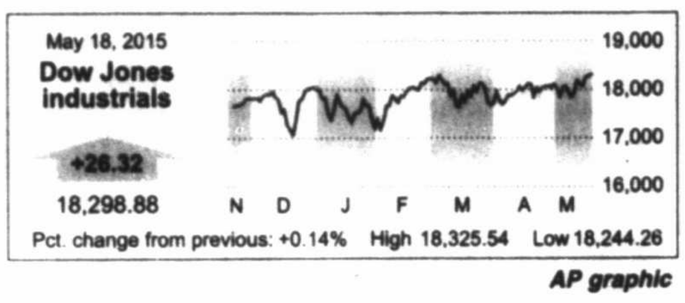
Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimate-frisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W Texas Ave
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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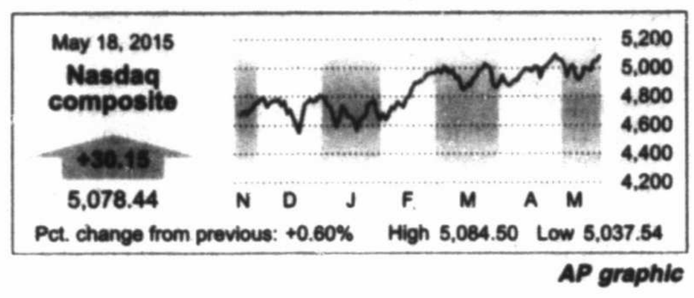

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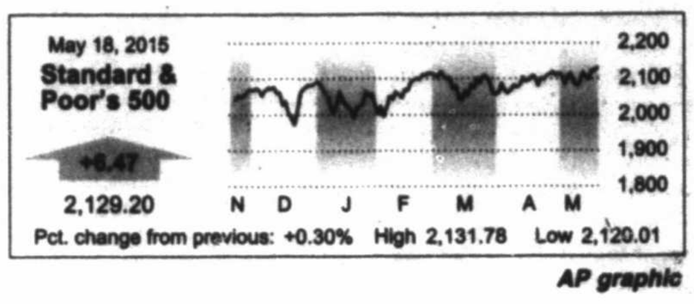

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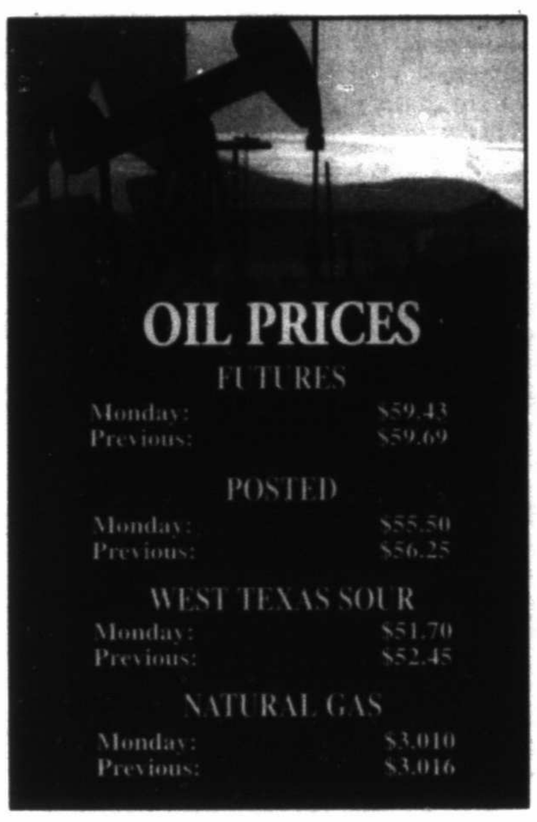

Well deaths lead to warning about inhaling chemicals

Associated Press

DENVER — Federal officials have issued a warning about the danger of inhaling chemicals at oil wells following the deaths of nine workers in the past five years.

All the deaths involved people at crude production tanks. Colorado and North Dakota each had three deaths, and Texas, Oklahoma and Montana each had one death.

Most were initially considered to be natural causes or heart failure, but the men were later found to have all inhaled toxic amounts of hydrocarbon chemicals after tank gauging — taking measurements of oil or other byproducts in the tank — or takings samples of oil for testing, The Denver Post reported Monday.

All the workers were alone or not being watched by anyone when they were stricken.

High concentrations of hydrocarbons can cause disorientation and death in some cases. "Just breathing in these chemicals at the right amount can kill," said Robert Harrison, an occupational medicine physician at the University of California, San Francisco.

Among those who died in Colorado was Joe Ray Sherman, a 51-year-old Texas native who was a diabetic and suffered heart problems. The Weld County coroner ruled that his March 2014 death was caused by heart disease, but the federal Centers for Disease Control looked into it further.

The CDC has not yet definitively determined what caused the deaths.

Sherman's sister, Sherry Tinney of Junction, is still wondering what to make of his death. "The coroner told us he died of an underlying heart condition, and I'm hoping we were told the truth," she said.

The government sounded the alarm about the trend in late April and the CDC, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the industry recently issued recommendations to companies to limit exposure to hydrocarbons. The recommendations include providing training on the use of respiratory protection and using engineering controls to do gauging and venting remotely.

The sudden rise in deaths could be linked to the number of inexperienced workers brought in to work during the energy boom, said Kenny Jordan, executive director of the Association of Energy Service Cos. Jordan pointed to the need to distribute the information about how to prevent more deaths.

Stocks edge higher

The stock market crept to a record high in a quiet session on Monday.

Investors had little news to weigh because most major companies have finished reporting first-quarter results.

The Dow Jones industrial average added 26.32 points, or 0.1 percent, to 18,298.88. The Standard & Poor's rose 6.47 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,129.20 and the Nasdaq composite rose 30.15 points, or 0.6 percent, to 5,078.44.

Among the winners was Apple, which rose $1.42, or 1 percent, to $130.19. Activist investor Carl Icahn published a letter Monday calling for the technology giant to buy back more of its own stock. Icahn said Apple is worth $240 a share. Apple and Icahn have fought the last couple of years, but Icahn has been mostly successful at getting Apple to increase its share buybacks and dividends recently.

While the S&P 500 has notched record highs for three straight days, strategists caution that it will be difficult for the stock market to move substantially higher from here.

First-quarter results are tallied up, and the Federal Reserve appears to be waiting to raise interest rates until later this year.

"We will need to see a clear turnaround in the economic data and start to see earnings growth for investors to find some confidence in this market," said David Lebovitz, a global market strategist with JPMorgan Funds.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	668283213	210	+.66
AT&T Inc	581569	34.87	+.54
Petrobras	542265	9.69	-.44
BkofAm	501384	16.51	+.16
Vale SA	481980	6.68	-.44

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ann Inc	46.40	+7.69	+19.9
Invitae n	15.40	+1.87	+13.8
CastleAM	6.87	+.73	+11.9
SevSevE n	6.14	+.61	+11.0
Whitngtl	4.18	+.37	+9.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ITT Ed	2.51	-.29	-10.4
CrosTim	19.32	-2.06	-9.6
500.com	16.74	-1.64	-8.9
PeabdyE	3.93	-.36	-8.4
WtWatch	6.59	-.59	-8.2

Diary

Advanced	1,759
Declined	1,363
Unchanged	110
Total issues	3,232
New Highs	118
New Lows	31
Volume	2,826,763,891

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	28615	77.11	+1.25
NthnO&G	27851	6.98	+.13
BarcGSOil	25398	12.43	-.05
Globalstar	22569	2.42	-.14
B2gold g	16130	1.78	-.08

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ErinEn n	6.67	+1.19	+21.7
NewConcEn	2.29	+.39	+20.4
Pfenex n	15.87	+2.17	+15.8
RadiantLog	5.84	+.74	+14.5
BioTime wt	2.25	+.27	+13.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ERBA Diag	2.71	-.34	-11.1
AsterasB n	10.64	-.91	-7.9
AvalonHld	3.20	-.27	-7.8
AcbnumP	2.42	-.17	-6.6
FieldPrtl	2.14	-.14	-6.1

Diary

Advanced	176
Declined	223
Unchanged	20
Total issues	419
New Highs	12
New Lows	5
Volume	86,010,697

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc s	4830591	130.19	+1.42
ApldMatl	2423401	20.19	+.01
AscenaRtl	2391381	14.07	+.14
Cisco	2365001	29.76	+.21
Microsoft	2352991	48.01	+.29

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PlasmaT wt	4.21	+1.16	+38.0
ChGerux rs	3.03	+.64	+26.8
OraSure	7.41	+1.43	+23.9
PlasmaTch	9.27	+1.29	+16.2
Achillion	11.03	+1.46	+15.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ElevenBio	3.69	-8.28	-69.2
FifthStA n	8.75	-1.80	-17.1
ChinaJJ h	3.25	-.63	-16.3
RealGSol rs	2.66	-.42	-13.6
CambrC un	9.00	-1.24	-12.1

Diary

Advanced	1,772
Declined	982
Unchanged	150
Total issues	2,904
New Highs	151
New Lows	48
Volume	1,599,809,659

Justices make it easier to sue over 401(k) retirement plans

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Monday in favor of participants in employee retirement plans who object to companies' investment decisions that eat into retirement savings.

The justices revived claims by current and former employees of energy company Edison International. The employees argued that the company chose mutual funds with excessive fees.

Edison offers employees roughly 40 mutual funds to choose from in deciding how to invest. The case involved a few higher-cost funds open to the general public instead of identical investments with lower costs that are open only to institutional investors. The Edison employees contend that the company did not act in their best interests by choosing the higher-cost funds.

Even a modest jump in fees can have a significant effect on earnings. Higher fees of just 1 percent a year would erase $70,000 from an average worker's account over a four-decade career compared with lower-cost options, according to a study last year by the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank.

A federal appeals court dismissed the Edison employees' claims under the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act, known as ERISA. The appeals court said the employees' lawsuit was filed too late to contest the original choice of funds and that executives who make those decisions only have to reconsider them if circumstances change dramatically.

The Supreme Court disagreed with the appellate decision in an opinion by Justice Stephen Breyer. People in charge of investment options have an ongoing responsibility to monitor the situation, Breyer said. "The continuing duty to review investments includes a duty to remove imprudent investments," Breyer said.

The Supreme Court's consideration of the case came amid heightened scrutiny of the management of Americans' retirement investments. The 401(k) accounts, in particular, have increasingly supplanted traditional pension plans. Fifty-three million people held about $4.5 trillion in 401(k) accounts as of Sept. 30, according to the Investment Company Institute, an industry group.

The case is Tibble v. Edison International, 13-550.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $53.66 Up 2.34

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $118.66 Up 2.82

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.84 Up 0.26

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $79.23 Up 0.30

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $11.37 Up 0.13

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.14 Dow 0.05

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.67 Down 0.22

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $29.02 Up 0.15

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.60 Down 0.25

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.37 Down 0.97

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	32	34.87	+.54	+3.8
Abraxas	...	6	3.10	-.06	+5.4
Achillion			11.03	+1.46	-10.0
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	14.34	+.03	+4.8
Alcoa	.12	21	13.40	-.14	-15.1
Alibaba n		55	87.11	-1.35	-16.2
AlonUSA	.60f	19	17.47	+.41	+37.9
Ambev	.24e		6.38	-.16	+3.4
Amgen	3.16	22	163.44	+1.06	+2.6
Anadarko	1.08	...	84.98	+.31	+3.0
Ann Inc		27	46.40	+7.69	+27.2
Apache	1.00	...	63.78	+.36	+1.8
Apple Inc s	2.08f	16	130.19	+1.42	+17.9
ApldMatl	.40	19	20.19	-.01	-19.0
AscenaRtl		21	14.07	-.14	+12.0
Atmel	.16	81	8.88	+.35	+5.8
ATMOS	1.56	18	54.37	+.53	-2.5
AutoData	1.96	30	87.48	-.29	+4.9
Avon	.24		7.18	+.22	-23.5
BP PLC	2.40	47	42.39	-.42	+11.2
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	16.12	+.03	+1.4
BakrHu	.68	33	66.02	+.17	+17.7
BcoBrad s	.42e		10.41	-.34	-6.6
BkofAm	.20	25	16.51	+.16	-7.7
B iPVixST			19.42	-.64	-38.4
BasicEnSv		...	8.84	-.29	+26.1
BerkHa A	...	18219125.00		+485.00	-3.0
BlkHillsCp	1.82	17	47.99	+.30	-9.5
BrMySq	1.48	50	68.00	+.36	+15.2
BrownFA	1.26	32	100.05	+.38	+14.0
BrownFB	1.26	30	95.09	+.04	+8.3
CVS Health	1.40	25	102.44	+.37	+6.4
Cameron		12	53.08	+.72	+6.3
Caterpillar	2.80	14	88.29	-.14	-3.5
Celestic g		15	12.84	+.05	+7.7
CntryLink	2.16	20	34.40	-.10	-13.1
ChesEng	.35	...	14.89	-.11	-23.9
Chevron	4.28	12	106.65	-1.38	-4.9
Chicos	.31	...	17.13	+.13	+5.7
Cimarex	.64	...	116.43	+1.44	+9.8
Cisco	.84f	17	29.76	+.21	+7.7
Citigroup	.20f	22	54.67	+.43	+1.0
CleyEng	...	46	53.66	+2.34	-15.9
CocaCola	1.32	26	41.32	-.20	-2.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm	1.52f	27	68.61	-.02	-.8
Comcast	1.00f	17	56.97	+.33	-1.8
ConAgra	1.00	...	38.52	+.03	+6.2
ConchoRes	...	30	118.66	+2.82	+19.0
ConocoPhil	2.92	16	66.04	+.28	-4.4
CrackerB	4.00	22	135.89	+.53	-3.5
CSVLgNGs	...	...	3.03	+.02	-23.9
CSVLgCrde	...	...	3.66	-.04	-25.2
CSVelIVST	...	...	44.40	+1.41	+42.6
CSVixShrt	...	...	.97	-.07	-64.9
CrosTim	2.24e	8	19.32	-2.06	+11.5
DCP Mid	3.12	15	37.93	+.35	-16.5
DTE	2.76	16	79.73	+.59	-7.7
Dataram h	...	...	2.30	+.12	+35.5
DenburyR	.25	4	7.38	-.03	-9.2
DevonE	.96	...	66.24	+.38	+8.2
DxGldBull	...	...	13.26	+.02	+18.8
DrxSCBear	...	...	9.81	-.33	-18.3
Disney	1.15f	24	110.33	+.03	+17.1
DowChm	1.68	16	51.00	-.51	+11.8
EOG Resrc	.67	17	91.80	+1.33	-3
ElevenBio		...	3.69	-8.28	-68.9
EmpDist	1.04	17	23.70	+.04	-20.3
Energen	.08	41	70.37	+.10	+10.4
EngyTsfr	4.08f	74	57.35	-.07	-11.8
EnPro	.80	88	63.88	+1.71	+1.8
EntPrdPrt s	1.50f	25	34.04	+.32	-5.8
Ericsson	.39e	...	11.51	-.07	-4.9
ExterranH	.60	22	31.43	+.01	-3.5
ExxonMbl	2.92f	13	86.85	-.50	-6.1
Facebook	...	79	80.88	+.46	+3.7
FordM	.60	20	15.58	+.10	+.5
FrptMcM	.20m	...	22.13	-.70	-5.3
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.56	-.08	-16.6
GATX	1.52	11	55.89	+.18	-2.9
GenMotT	1.08e	...	9.29	+.03	-7.2
GAInv	3.50e	...	35.85	+.06	+2.7
GenElec	.92	...	27.31	+.04	+8.1
GenMotors	1.44f	16	35.05	+.14	+.4
GileadSci	1.72	15	111.00	+1.70	+17.8
GtPlainEn	.96	17	26.19	+.30	-7.8
HalconRes	...	...	1.19	-.03	-33.1
Hallibrtn	.72	17	46.72	+.02	+18.8
iShBrazil	1.38e	...	36.13	-1.00	-1.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShJapan	.15e	...	13.25	+.11	+17.9
iShChinaLC	1.04e	...	49.85	-.75	+19.8
iShEMkts	.88e	...	42.71	-.44	+8.7
iS Eafe	2.26e	...	68.19	-.23	+12.1
iShR2K	1.59e	...	125.05	+1.40	+4.5
IntegrysE	2.72	24	72.53	+.30	-6.8
Intel	.96	14	33.41	+.42	-7.9
InterDig	.80	...	57.88	+1.29	+9.0
ItauUnibH	.41e	...	12.38	-.53	-4.8
JPMorgCh	1.80	12	66.42	+.54	+6.8
JohnJn	3.00f	19	103.42	+1.12	-1.1
KimbClk	3.52	28	112.04	+.24	-3.0
LegacyRes	1.40m	...	11.37	+.13	-.5
LexiPhrm	...	...	1.01	...	+11.0
Lightbrdge	...	...	1.80	+.41	+16.1
Lubys	...	...	5.15	-.12	+13.2
MannKd	...	...	4.40	+.41	-15.6
MktVGold	.12e	...	20.75	+.03	+12.9
McDnlds	3.40	21	98.02	-.02	+4.6
Merck	1.80	16	60.01	-.22	+5.7
MerWMed	...	35	20.88	+.04	+19.3
MexcoEn	...	...	5.14	-.05	-5.3
MicronT	...	8	26.78	+.43	-23.6
Microsoft	1.24	20	48.01	-.29	+3.4
Nabors	.24	13	15.67	+.19	+20.7
NatGrid	3.48e	...	70.09	-.36	-.8
NOilVarco	1.84	10	51.18	-.09	-21.9
NokiaCp	.51e	...	6.96	+.06	-11.5
NvMAd	.79e	...	13.48	-.07	-1.3
NvPMI	.82e	...	13.26	-.14	-5.1
NuvPI	.82e	...	13.44	-.11	-3.0
NSTFIG	.89e	...	14.24	-.13	...
NTXCI	.85e	...	13.99	-.05	-3.3
OcciPet	3.00f	20	77.24	+.40	-4.2
PwrTech	...	...	4.34	-.04	-29.3
ParkDri	...	11	3.84	+.01	+18.8
PathUTI	.40	23	21.37	+.48	+28.8
PeabdyE	.01	...	3.93	-.36	-49.2
Penney	...	...	8.55	-.01	+31.9
PennaRE	.84f	...	22.89	-.13	-2.4
Prmian	.72e	10	8.96	-.19	-6.2
PetrbrsA	.85e	...	9.14	-.24	+20.6
Petrobras	.46e	...	9.69	-.44	+32.7
Pfizer	1.12	24	33.98	-.01	+8.1
PioNtrl	.08	32	157.68	+3.01	+5.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PlainsAAP	2.74f	23	49.49	+1.07	-3.6
PwShs QQQ	1.49e	...	110.06	+.48	+6.6
Praxair	2.86	22	121.85	-.55	-6.0
PrmEgy	...	...	56.00	...	-23.0
PUltVixST	...	...	8.47	-.60	-66.3
PrUltCrude	...	...	9.68	-.05	-6.7
ProctGam	2.85f	25	80.74	-.31	-11.4
RangeRs	.16	24	59.78	-1.38	+11.8
RegionsFn	.24f	14	10.21	+.23	-3.3
RiteAid	...	22	8.43	+.14	+12.1
Rowan	.40	...	22.64	-.85	-2.9
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	62.15	-1.08	-7.2
SpdrDJIA	3.53e	...	182.68	+.20	+2.7
S&P500ETF	3.94e	...	213.10	+.66	+3.7
SabnR	3.95e	10	40.40	+.54	+12.9
SanderFm	.88e	7	82.33	-.15	-2.0
SandRidge	...	...	1.17	-.01	-36.7
Schlmbrg	2.00	23	92.75	+.81	+8.6
SeadrillLtd	...	2	13.41	-.41	+12.3
SigmaAld	.92	33	139.10	+.02	+1.3
SiriusXM	...	43	3.90	-.01	+11.4
Smucker	2.56	21	118.67	+.17	+17.5
SPDR Fncl	.41e	...	24.84	+.14	+.4
SP Util	1.51e	...	44.49	+.17	-5.8
SunocoL s	1.88f	...	41.15	+.37	-1.5
SynrgyPh	...	...	3.90	+.38	+27.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	14.72	-.16	+3.6
Tesoro	1.70	13	92.79	+1.43	+24.8
3M Co	4.10	22	162.87	-.43	-.9
Torchmrk s	.54f	14	56.96	+.50	+6.1
Transocn	3.00	...	20.15	-.64	+9.9
TriContl	.78e	...	22.06	+.02	+3.0
21stCFoxA	.30	8	33.68	-.31	-12.3
Twitter	...	...	37.26	+.18	+3.9
TylerTech	...	65	124.72	+1.58	+14.0
UBWV	1.28	20	38.31	+.72	+2.3
US OilFd	...	...	20.44	-.08	+.4
Vale SA	.80e	...	6.68	-.44	-18.3
Vale SA pf	.80e	...	5.84	-.30	-22.3
ValeroE	1.60	8	60.41	+.79	+22.0
VerizonCm	2.20	22	49.60	-.19	+6.0
Vipshop s	...	...	26.59	+.37	+36.1
VulcanM	.40	89	92.18	+.19	+40.2
WalgBoots	1.35	34	86.36	-.11	+13.3
WellsFargo	1.50f	14	55.75	+.23	+1.7
WstnRefin	1.36f	8	46.39	+.58	+22.8
WhitingPet	...	14	34.17	+.01	+3.5
WmsCos	2.32f	96	53.69	-.11	+19.5
XcelEngy	1.28f	19	34.16	+.01	-4.9
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18,288.63	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	18,298.88	+26.32	+.14	+2.67	+10.82
9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,740.88	+59.90	+.69	-4.37	+10.55
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	587.48	+1.74	+.30	-4.95	+10.90
11,248.99	9,366.08	NYSE Composite	11,227.90	-.45	...	+3.59	+6.74
5,119.83	4,035.96	Nasdaq Composite	5,078.44	+30.15	+.60	+7.23	+23.09
2,125.92	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,129.20	+6.47	+.30	+3.41	+12.85
1,543.48	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,543.61	+12.33	+.81	+6.28	+13.49
22,522.83	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	22,492.02	+69.85	+.40	+3.79	+12.72
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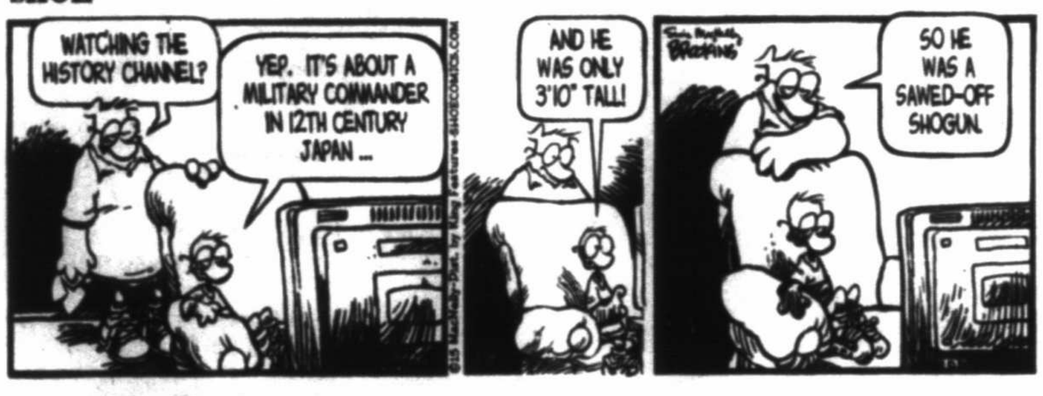

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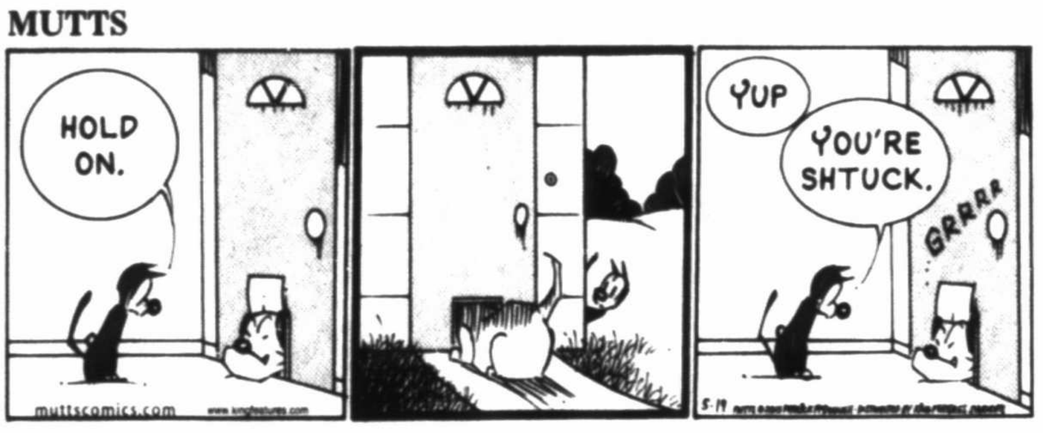

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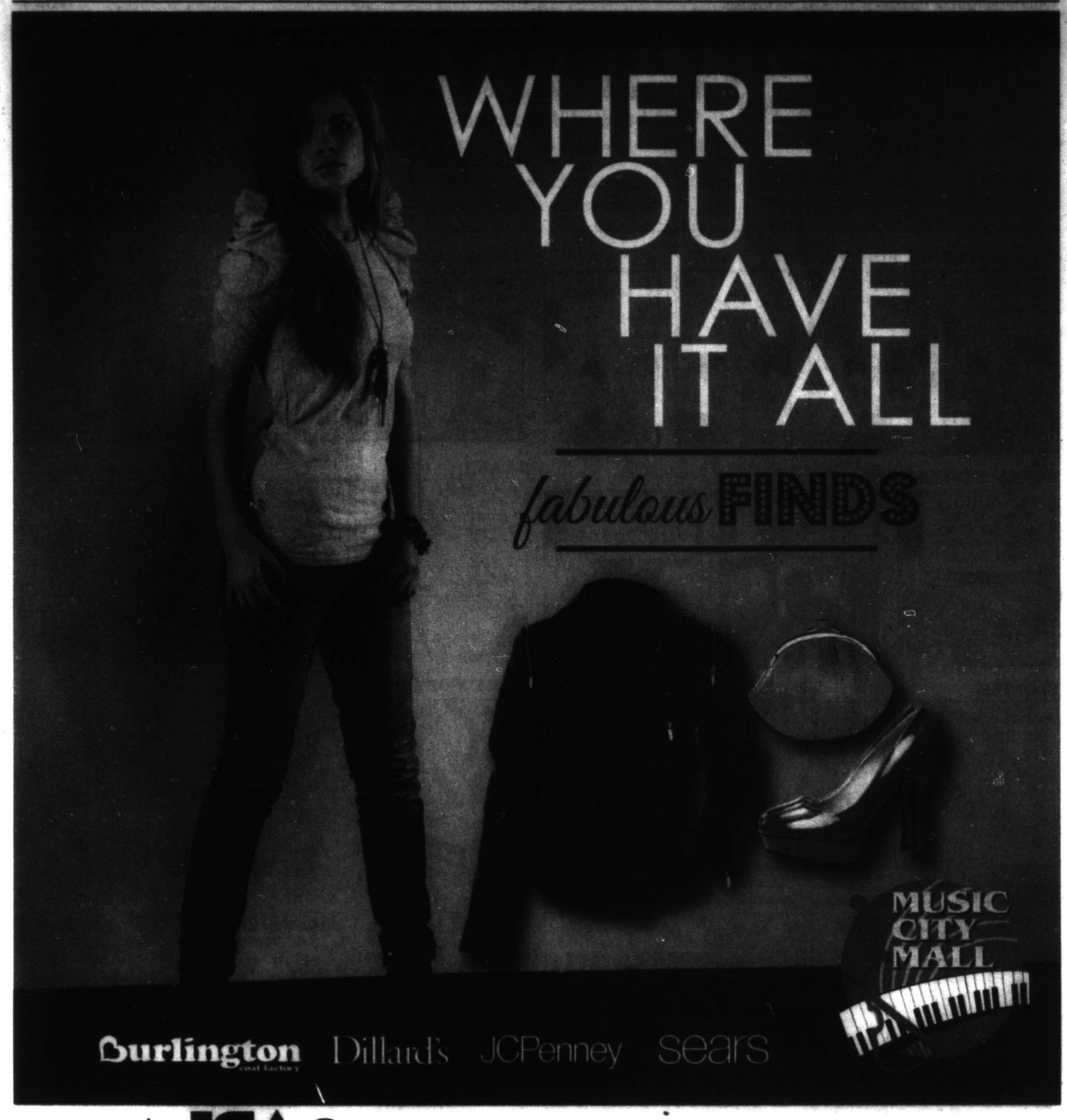

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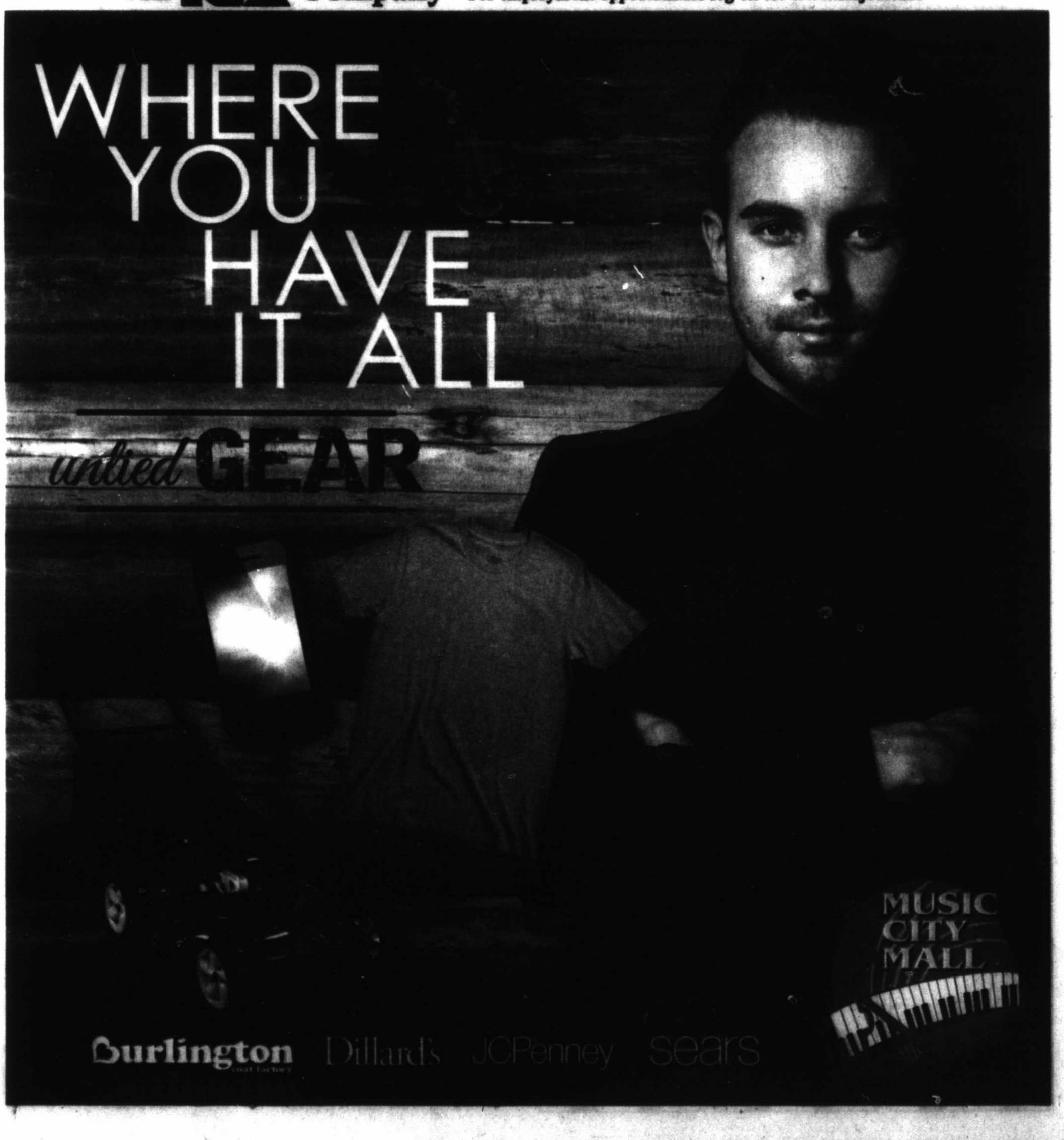

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We need someone who will not only work with reporters to post breaking news immediately on our Facebook page, Twitter and on our website, www.mrt.com. We also want a talented person who can help us take the necessary steps with video, alternative story formats, slideshows, blogs and other digital extras.

We have an expectation to grow our numbers on the website and develop our social media presence.

The previous online editors have taken positions at larger Hearst newspapers -- the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News -- so the position offers opportunities to grow, make an impact and be a part of a product that will be seen by others.

If you are interested in being a part of our newsroom, please send a resume to Editor Stewart Doreen (sdoreen@mrt.com). If you have any questions, please contact Stewart Doreen at 432-687-8856.

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Must be dependable, detailed oriented, mechanically inclined, able to handle multiple tasks and prioritize. Must be able to lift 25 lbs regularly and 50 lbs frequently.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to: unloading and checking in freight, handling of preprinted advertising materials and schedules, set up, preparation and operation of inserting machinery. Machine maintenance and cleaning of work area with a strong emphasis on safety. Ability to stand for long periods of time is a must.

This position will report directly to the Packaging and Distribution Manager

Most shifts are Monday – Friday and Saturday mornings although must be flexible in schedule.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE

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Send resume and salary requirements to: John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. Email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com Midland Reporter-Telegram is part of Hearst Corporation. NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE

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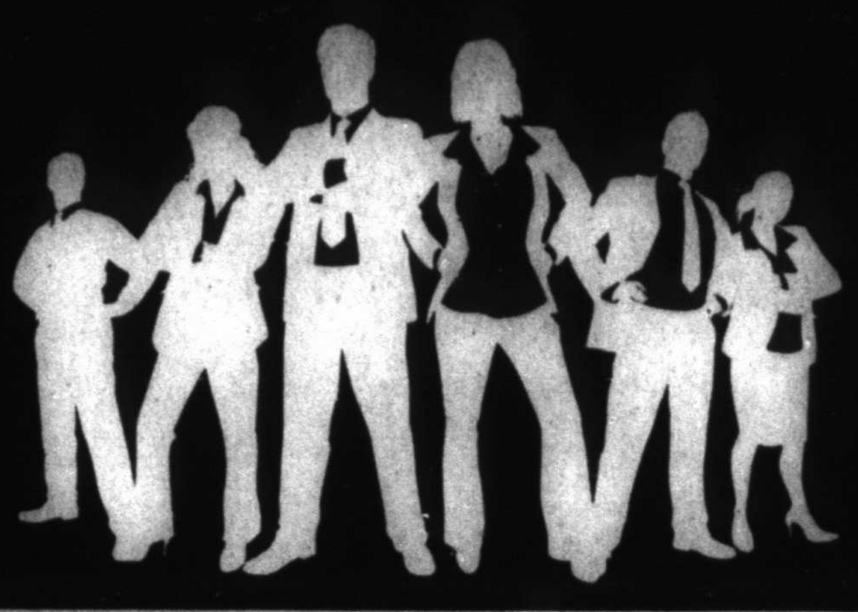

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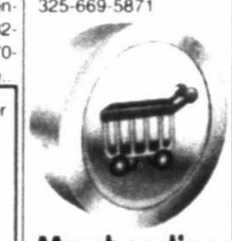

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Estate of Priscilla Hernandez
c/o: Ruben Hernandez
1413 San Francisco Ave.
Midland, Texas 79705

DATED the 13th day of May, 2015

Shonda K. Folsom, Attorney for Ruben Hernandez, Independent Executor for the Estate of Priscilla Romo Hernandez
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Monday, May 25th, 2015

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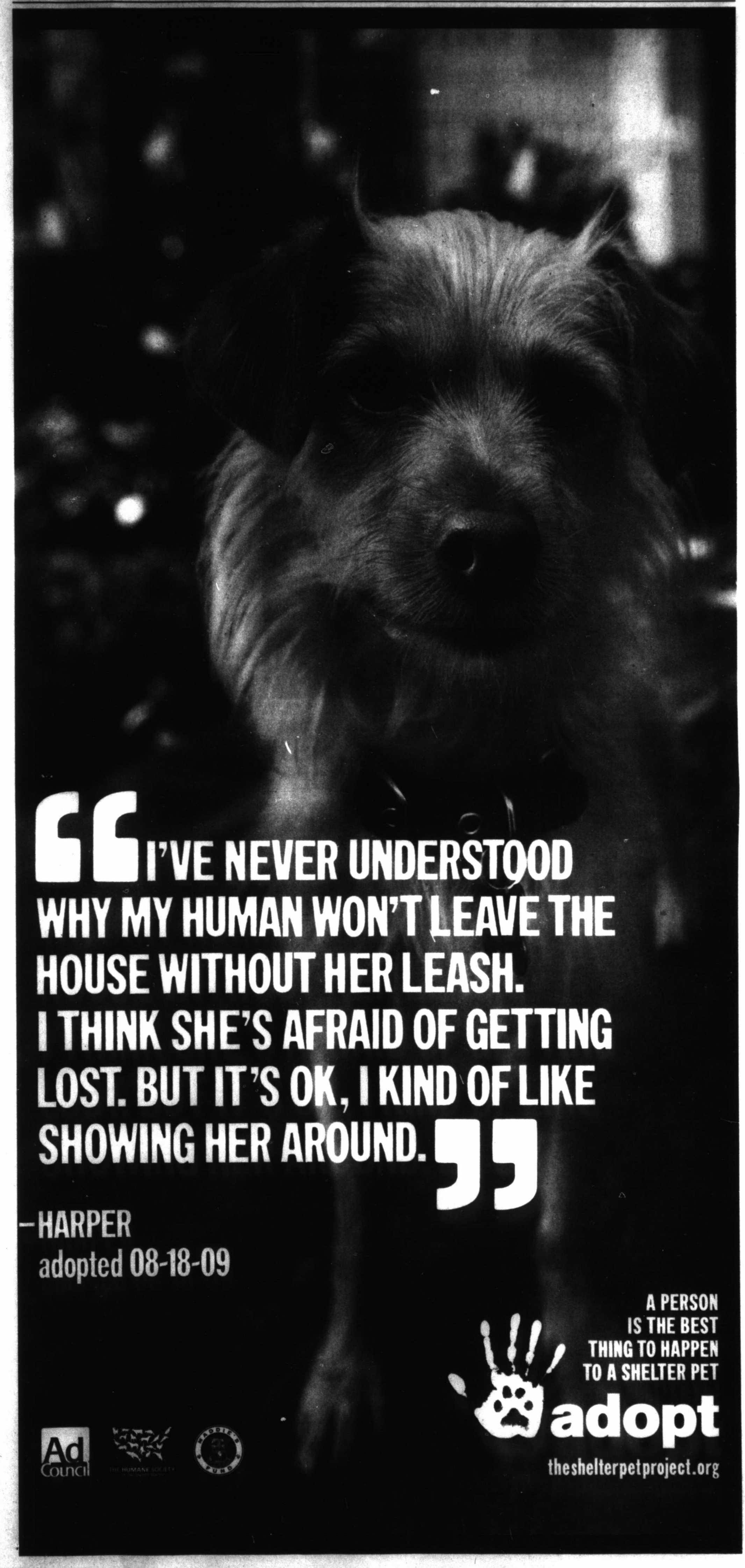
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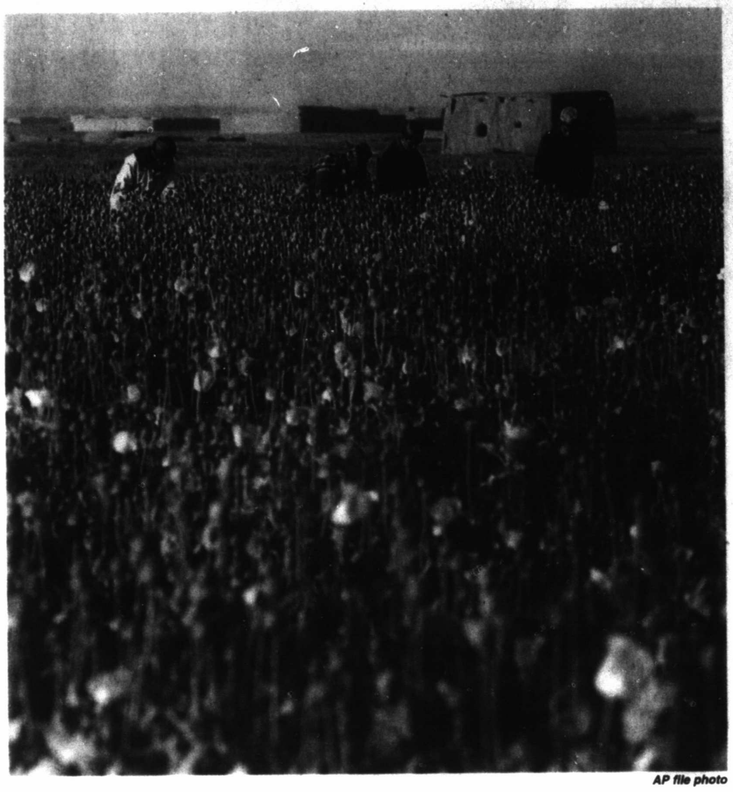

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In this April 11 file photo, an Afghan farmer harvests raw opium at a poppy field in Kandahar's Zhari district, Afghanistan. A team led by researchers at the University of California, Berkeley has identified the steps to make morphine and other painkillers in the laboratory without needing to grow opium poppies. While homemade morphine is not yet a reality, researchers are calling for regulations.

Discovery opens the door for homemade morphine, painkillers

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Scientists have figured out all the steps to make morphine and similar painkillers without using opium poppies, opening the door for home-brewed drugs and even wider abuse

While no one has yet reported making morphine in the laboratory from scratch, some experts are calling for regulations to prevent garage tinkerers from making do-it-yourself morphine, which can be converted into heroin.

Society needs to "think this through now before it becomes a reality," said bioengineer John Dueber of the University of California, Berkeley, who led a team that discovered the final missing link of the process.

Poppy plants have been farmed for centuries for opium, from which morphine is derived. The controlled substance is often used before and after surgeries to relieve severe pain.

For the past decade, various groups of researchers have hacked the DNA of yeast to mimic poppies, in hopes of creating cheaper and less addictive pain relievers. So far, the yeast strains created can only perform the last steps of a long process that can lead to morphine and other narcotic drugs.

A team led by researchers at UC Berkeley discovered the missing piece — the first step in the process — and published the findings Monday in the journal Nature Chemical Biology.

The genetically engineered yeast was able to convert sugar to a chemical that's a precursor to morphine. While the researchers stopped short of producing the drug in the lab, their work lays the foundation for DIY narcotics without the need to grow poppies.

Experts said it's still extremely difficult for people to make homemade morphine because the process is inefficient. Even scientists are years away from lab-made morphine that's strong enough to treat pain.

With technology advancing, some point out that there could come a time when brewing morphine may be as simple as brewing beer.

In a commentary published in the journal Nature, a group of researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and University of Alberta in Canada called for restricting genetically modified yeast strains to licensed facilities so that they won't fall into the wrong hands. They also want current laws to be extended to make such yeast strains illegal to distribute.

Now is the time to act because "you don't want to be doing it afterward. You can't do it afterward," Kenneth Oye, lead author of the commentary and director of the MIT Program on Emerging Technologies, said in a telephone interview.

Others said more discussion is needed to determine what regulatory controls should be in place.

"While there are risks of not acting quickly enough on modifying regulations during early technical development, there are also risks of too hastily solving the wrong problems," Megan Palmer of the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University said in a statement.

The dangers of powdered caffeine

By Murray Carpenter
N.Y. Times News Service

A year ago, Logan Stiner of LaGrange, Ohio, was an honors student and prom king looking forward to his high school graduation. "He was burning the candle at both ends, because he had a couple of projects that he had to finish for finals," said his mother, Kate Stiner.

On May 27, his brother found him unresponsive on their living room floor. In an effort to increase his energy, Stiner had used caffeine powder a friend had purchased on Amazon, but miscalculated the dosage, overdosed and died. The medical examiner said the cause of death was "cardiac arrhythmia and seizure, due to acute caffeine toxicity due to excessive caffeine ingestion."

A few weeks later, 24-year-old James Wade Sweatt, a newly married, recent college graduate living in Georgia, blended a drink with powdered caffeine, also purchased online. Health conscious, he reasoned that pure caffeine and water would be a healthier way to get a lift than the Diet Mountain Dew that he usually drank. He overdosed, fell into a coma and died.

Sold as a dietary supplement, caffeine powder is virtually unregulated and widely available from online vendors, and in some stores often marketed alongside vitamins and protein powders to fitness buffs who blend their own supplements. The packages typically include warning labels, but these are voluntary. And efforts to restrict sales are growing, as lawmakers, consumer groups and the parents of both young men have pushed for better regulation of the drug.

In its pure form, caffeine is quite powerful. A teaspoon of caffeine powder is roughly equal to 16 to 25 cups of coffee. Ten grams, about two-thirds of a tablespoon, is a lethal dose for an adult. A 100-gram package is as much caffeine as 400 tall cups of Starbucks coffee, 1,250 Red Bulls or 3,000 cans of Coke.

The Food and Drug Administration in July advised consumers to avoid the powder. "Pure caffeine is a powerful stimulant, and very small amounts may cause accidental overdose," the statement read.

In December, the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a consumer advocacy group, petitioned the FDA to ban retail sales. A lawyer for the organization, Laura MacCleery, said it was easy to think of caffeine as innocuous because of its ubiquity in coffee, tea and sodas. "It's the public misperception and familiarity with caffeine, which is something we think we know, that makes this product so dangerous in its current form," she said.

Suffolk County, New York, banned the sale of powdered caffeine to minors in November. In January, six Democratic senators, led by Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, asked the FDA to ban retail sales of pure caffeine. In March, the Stiners filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against Amazon and other vendors, as well as the friend who gave Stiner the powder, over the sales and distribution of caffeine powder. The Council for Responsible Nutrition, a dietary supplements trade group, recently asked its members not to sell pure caffeine directly to consumers. And the Illinois and Ohio Senates in April approved bills banning retail sales of caffeine powder. Similar bills have been introduced in Maryland, New Jersey and New York.

The controversy over retail sales is bringing attention to an important but little-understood drug. Caffeine can be extracted from products in which it naturally occurs, like coffee and tea, but it is cheaper to synthesize it in pharmaceutical factories. In 2014, the United States imported nearly 17 million pounds of powdered caffeine, primarily from China, Germany and India.

Most of the powdered caffeine in the United States is used in the $77 billion soft drink industry. Caffeine powder is blended into the five best-selling soft drinks in the United States, and eight of the top 10. A 12-ounce can of Coke uses 34 milligrams, about one-64th of a teaspoon. Based on sales estimates, Coca-Cola needs more than 3 million pounds of caffeine powder to blend into the Coke and Diet Coke it bottles annually in the United States.

Depending on how caffeine is packaged and sold, products made from the powder can be regulated differently: as dietary supplements (in powder form, diet pills or energy shots), as foods (in sodas, energy drinks and gels for athletes), as over-the-counter medications (in such products as NoDoz, Vivarin, Excedrin and Anacin), or as prescription medications, often used to treat migraines.

The future from 'The Jetsons' is quite a long ways off

Dear PropellerHeads: I heard years ago that the writers for The Jetsons really thought we would have flying cars and live in space by the year 2000. So... what happened?!

We're not sure if that's true or not, but give Hanna-Barbera a break — "The Jetsons" was set in 2062, so there's a few years yet to see if their futuristic ideas pan out. The guys you should really be upset with are the ones who wrote "Back to the Future II." I think it's pretty safe to say we won't be scooting around town on hoverboards in the next couple of years.

But lest you think the future holds nothing more than larger phone screens and smaller thumb drives, check out the website for Terrafugia (terrafugia.com). As their homepage explains, "We make flying cars." Their "Transition" car is street-legal and fits in a garage. Oh, and it converts to a plane in about a minute. All for just $280,000 or so. Take that, Prius.

More of a fan of that other Hanna-Barbera hit "Johnny Quest?" You might shop for your very own jetpack at martin-jetpack.com. A Martin jetpack device will set you back about $150 grand, but the personal model won't be available until 2017.

If you don't mind doing all of your levitating over water, there's the JetLev-Flyer (jetlev-flyer.com). This "incredible personal flying machine" uses a four-stroke marine engine to shoot water out of a nozzle at sufficiently high speeds to let you achieve "stable, controlled flights." Save a little dough by purchasing their Jetpack Add-on Kit ($9000) and attaching it to your existing water scooter.

Of course, the coolest technologies are not yet available for purchase — they're still being perfected in the lab. Isn't that always the case?

Take the invisibility cloak — if you can find it! Researchers at UC Berkeley and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory have developed a "carpet" that hides objects placed under-neath by bending visible light (http://bit.ly/15Eph8s). Sadly, we were unable to locate any 60s-era cartoons that predicted cloaking devices, but "Star Trek" fans and Harry "Potterheads" are certainly familiar with the concept. Expelliarmus! (Or something like that.)

We should mention that Google employee Chris DiBona compiled the list of technologies mentioned above. See his Google Plus post at http://bit.ly/16tp9IA for even more links to on-the-horizon futuristic technologies.

To see a video from the 60s that did get much of the future right, check out Doug Engelbart's "The Mother of All Demos" (http://bit.ly/13cPdkt). Presented in 1968 to a technology conference in San Francisco, this 90-minute demo introduced the computer mouse, video conferencing, word processors, and hyperlinked documents.

So the jury's still out on whether or not we'll have flying cars like George, Jane, Judy and Elroy did fifty years ago. But if the accuracy of "The Flintstones" is any indication, the future is going to be pretty boring for fans of "The Jetsons."

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